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FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN
2020-2025



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COVID-19

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the City of Lansing made the decision to shut down its community centers on March 17, 2020. Under the Governor's executive order for the State of Michigan, the facilities have not opened to the public to date.

To assist families in need, the Department of Parks and Recreation operated four weeks of summer camp at Foster Center for 36 youths. When school starts in September, we will be cooperating with the Lansing School District by facilitating Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Learning Labs for Lansing School District students during the school day. This is to provide a safe and supervised place for students whose parent or guardian is working and is unable oversee at home instruction.

In addition, during the worst times of the shutdown a homeless shelter was established at Gier Community Center. Due to the limited space at the shelters throughout the city and the increased number of homeless, utilizing the gym provided additional space for the homeless.

The pandemic has greatly influenced our ability to provide recreational programs for the community. This has caused a significant drop in revenue and cause for concern as to when these programs will be able to operate again and when numbers will reach pre-Covid levels. While the recreation programs have suffered, public parks have become more important to people and more essential to our health and well-being than perhaps any time in our history. Parks and Recreation is known for the benefits of physical fitness, but now more than ever individuals are seeing the benefits to our mental health. For planning purposes, we will need to evaluate park designs and add space to common areas and gathering spots. Drinking fountains may need to be replaced with bottle filling stations. Outdoor fitness stations may have a higher demand with the concerns about shared indoor space. As more individuals transition to outside, we will see an increase for more and different activities designed for outdoors during the fall, winter, and spring months.

We are concerned about our senior population and the programs and services we will be able to offer in the future. Recreational activities for the most vulnerable populations will remain limited possibly until we have a Covid vaccine. Youth sports will also see long lasting impacts. While many may travel and "pay to play" sports, the longer the disconnection from sports lasts, the less attraction youth may have to returning to or even trying organized or team sports.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life through the preservation and maintenance of parklands, the provision of quality leisure time activities and the provision of special facilities, which would otherwise not be available to Lansing residents.

Introduction

The 2020-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed as a guide for the City as they work to fulfill the Department's mission over the next 5 years. The plan will not only provide guidance, but is necessary to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The format of this plan has been established by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources Grants Management Section.

The plan was formulated based on information gathered, analyzed and compiled from the following sources:

1. Input from the citizens of Lansing through:
    - Social media survey
    - Public Meeting
        - Park Board – Draft Review
    - Public Hearing
        - City Council
2. Collaboration with other City planning efforts including:
    - The City-Wide Master Plan
    - The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
    - The AARP Age Friendly Community Plan
    - Middle Grand River Water Trail Development Plan
3. Evaluation of:
    - Demographics
    - Natural Features
    - Parks and Recreation Trends
4. Data compiled from previous Recreation Plans and City Policies



Accomplishments 2015-2020

Park Millage

Over the past five years, the department has been able to accomplish programmatic and capital improvement goals from the 2015-2020 recreation plan, largely due to the successful renewal of the Lansing Park Millage. A new one mil, five-year millage was passed in August of 2015 with a 69% voter approval. Authorized to appear on the August 2020 ballot, the five-year millage passed with a 75% voter approval. The department has been successful in using millage funds as a match for State and County grant funding. The following is a partial list of the projects that have been funded with millage and grant funding from 2015 to 2020.

- **City of Lansing Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund** - Established a $1.2 million dollar endowment with Our Community (Capital Region Community Foundation) to earn interest for park projects for perpetuity.

- **Rotary Park** - Created Rotary Park with a beach, lighted forest, seating, gas fireplace and sea wall docking along Grand River.



- **Risdale Park** - Sports Complex $1.4 million dollar construction project completed, including field installation, bleachers on both sides, restroom and press box, parking lot and playground structure.

- **Kids Camp** - Each year, using park millage funds, the Parks Department sponsors a summer kids' camp.

- **Canoe/Kayak** - Tecumseh Park, Rotary Park and Moores Park: ADA accessible canoe/kayak docks and launches were installed.

- **Land Acquisition** - MNRTF grant application for Lansing Boat Club, East Willard and Hunters Ridge parcel acquisitions recommended by MNRTF Board to Legislation for funding.

- **Non-Motorized Trail** - Design and construction of the non-motorized trail in Fine, Fulton and Hunter's Ridge Parks.

- **Paving** - Parking lot-paving renovations at Davis Park West, Rudolph and Dorothy Wilson Park, Sycamore, cemetery office, pavement improvements at Evergreen and Mt. Hope Cemeteries, Foster Center, Fenner and Groesbeck Golf Course.

- **Burchard Park** - Access walk for pedestrian recreational park users from Caesar Chavez Plaza to canoe launch below dam.

- **Grand River Park -** Boat ramp renovation, installed concrete pad and improved parking area for special events held at the park

- **Crego Park** - Fish restocking at Crego Park to include 400 Catfish, 500 Perch, 500 Sunfish and 200 Large Mouth Bass.

- **Riverside Park** - Completed site prep at Riverside Park for grass planting to include removal of invasive multiflora, honeysuckle and grape vine in the understory. Also removed grass and trees.

- **River Trail** - Repaired Oakland Avenue River Trail Bridge and steel beams on bridge adjacent to Lansing Center.

- **Turner Dodge House** - Installed composite decking on handicap ramp and front porch of Turner Dodge House

- **Reutter Park** - Masonry repairs in upper basin of Reutter Park Fountain, $15,000 and lower basin repairs, $75,000

- **Foster Community Center** - Replaced the handicapped ramp to current ADA requirements and used composite decking. This replaced original decking installed in 1984

- **Scott Park** - Construction completed on the Lansing Board of Water and Light Sub-Station at Scott Park allowing for relocation and improvements of the sunken garden, parking lot repairs and installation of a live flower wall.

- **Scott Park** - Lansing Board of Water and Light established the Scott Garden endowment in the amount of $40,000.

- **Ormond Park** - Construction completed on a new entrance off Grand River Avenue through Ormond Park to Groesbeck Golf Course complete with a lit sign and gate. This will provide safe and direct access to the course.

- **Ingham Park** - In cooperation with Friends of Ingham Park installed a 9-hole Disc Golf course in the natural area. Currently the only disc golf course in Lansing.

- **Moores Park** - Ten yards of material installed along the riverbank at Moores Park to complete bank stabilization along the River Trail and landscape design and shoreline improvements were made at Moores Park dam.

- **Moores Park** - Soccer goals were installed at Moores, Ferris, Comstock and Averill Parks for neighborhood use.
- **Moores Park** - Dam fence replacement, installation of canoe/kayak launch, construction of a new pavilion and installation of a concrete ping-pong table.
- **Burchard Park** - Fish Ladder had the wood retaining wall removed and sidewalk repaving completed.
- **Bancroft Park** - Finished paving to connect to Ingham County drain project at north end of Bancroft Park. This eliminated vehicle traffic in the park area.
- **Graves Park** - Installed new bollards to eliminate cars from driving in the park to prevent damage and enhance safety.
- **Trees** - Worked with LBWL to purchase and install 50 street trees on Lansing's eastside near Foster Center. Trees were planted at Averill, Riverside, Moores, Marshall, Foster, Hunter and Frances Parks.
- **Davis and Riverfront Parks** - Installed adult fitness equipment at Davis and Riverfront Parks. AARP provided $160,000 for a fit lot grant at Riverfront Park.
- **Kendon Park** - Removed old fence from east side property line to provide improved park access and clean up.
- **Burchard Park** - River Trail asphalt replacement and removal of wood retaining wall.
- **Ferris Park Beacon Field** - Drinking fountain and seating area design and construction.
- **Quentin Park** – Fencing, two dugouts and bleachers installed in cooperation with a Baseball Tomorrow grant.
- **Ormond Park** - Installed new playground equipment, basketball court and sidewalk.
- **Osborn Park** - Swing set and tot swing installation.
- **River Trail** - Grants from Ingham County millage totaled over $13.3 million for repaving, bridge repairs and bank stabilization projects in southwest Lansing.
- **Beacon Park** - Established Beacon Park with the installation of a soccer field and playground equipment.
- **Evergreen Cemetery** - Installation of three new benches around the Columbarium, Mt. Hope Cemetery had the addition of a third wall and updated landscaping in the Fratcher Memorial Garden.
- **Foster Park** - Walking path installed, new benches, trashcans and renovation of the basketball court with assistance of Michigan Department of Transportation grant program.
- **Playground Equipment** – Beck, Reutter Parks and Foster Community Center new playground equipment installation.

- **Maguire Park** - Playground boarder and wood fiber installation.
- **Marscot and Moores Parks** - Tennis courts converted into two full basketball courts.
- **Water Trail** - Installation of 13 “Middle Grand River Water Trail” signs along the Water Trail for boaters and paddlers.
- **Turner Dodge** - Pergola over the roses and fountain repaired and painted.
- **Tennis Courts** - Repairs made to courts at Quentin, Ranney, Georgetown, and Clifford Parks.
- **Frances Park** - Tuj Lub court completed.
- **Bike Repair Stations** - Installed along the River Trail at Kalamazoo and Cedar, Hunter, Maguire and Foster Parks.
- **Plants** - Native plants (300) planted along the River Trail between Mt Hope to Waverly Roads.
- **Cemetery Office** - Relocated the Cemetery office to the Administration Offices to cross train staff for organizational efficiency.



- **Gypsy Moth -** Successful aerial spraying of Bancroft, Moores, Oak and Potter Parks to reduce infestation of Gypsy Moth, which substantially reduced defoliation.
- **Washington Park** - Return of Washington Park outdoor ice rink including design, installation and removal.
- **Signs** - Park signs repaired and replaced at Frances Park, Adado Riverfront Park, Quentin, Cooley Gardens, and along River Trail throughout the park system, as well as painted signs and cut back or removed shrubs at 35 parks throughout the city.
- **Recreation** - Installation of concrete ping-pong table at Moores Park and City Hall Plaza, as well as a corn-hole game on City Hall Plaza and life size chess set in City Hall Lobby.
- **Durant Park** - Installation of dog stays and waste bag stations.
- **Trimming** - Served as a summer work site for MDOT youth who assisted in spreading mulch, brush removal, painting, tree trimming and canopy raising throughout the entire city park system.

- **Wentworth Park** - Installed concrete pad for public solar charging station for electronic mobile devices.
- **Frances Park** - Several projects included installation of new signs designating picnic areas; removal of overgrown shrubs at west entrance; addition of landscape beds and renovation of old landscape beds near east entrance; east and west entrance signs painted; east and west gates painted; removal and replacement of overgrown arborvitae shrubs in the panel garden.
- **Turner Dodge House** - Renovated and installed new landscape on east side of the property.
- **Riverfront Park** - Completed the installation of a 4" drain tile to reduce standing water near center of the park on the west side.
- **Evergreen Cemetery** - Planted flowers and two flowering trees in Little Arlington.
- **River Trail** - To enhance security measures, lights were replaced under the bridge at Michigan Avenue.
- **Ferris and Frances Parks** - Sports bins with sports equipment for public use were installed.

Grants Received

- Received over $11 million in funding from Ingham County for River Trail upgrades including bridges, pavement and bank stabilization projects on approximately 10 miles of trail.
- Rotary Park was funded with $1.8 million dollars from Our Community (Capital Region Community Foundation).
- Received $800,000 CDBG grant install an athletic field, restrooms, press box, parking lot, playground and bleachers at Risdale Park.
- Michigan Department Natural Resources grants for Cavanaugh Rd, E. St. Joseph St., River St. parcel acquisitions totaling $210,000.
- Michigan Department Natural Resources approval of Hunters Ridge Drive, Wise Rd, and Willard Ave. parcel acquisitions totaling $121,287.
- Received $160,000 AARP grant for the installation of a Fit-Lot at Riverfront Park.
- Recipient of $69,391 from Baseball Tomorrow Fund for field renovations at Quentin Park to include extending, re-crowning and laser leveling both infields, enclosing both fields with 200-foot fencing new backstops, new dugouts, and new bullpen areas.
- Received an MParks grant of over $7,000 to fund three pieces of fitness equipment installed at Davis Park.
- DNR (Department Natural Resources) Grant - Lansing Boat Club Acquisition received final approval by Governor.

- DNR (Department Natural Resources) Grants – River Trail Kayak/Canoe Launches at Kruger Landing, Moores Park and City Market. Each grant received a score of 380, which is sufficient for funding.
- Received over $264,000 Fratcher Foundation grants for work on the Fratcher Memorial Garden's Columbarium, beautification/maintenance, and asphalt repair at Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- Received a $1,000 Target soccer grant to provide support for player registration fees.
- Received a $250 donation from South Lansing Kiwanis for the youth scholarship fund.
- DNR approval of Lansing Boat Club property acquisition. This will add 7 acres to Fulton Park.
- Received a grant from NRPA to implement a senior walking program "Walk with Ease".
- Grant from Battle Creek Community Foundation for $36,000 for Safe Neighborhoods to initiate a teen basketball program in cooperation with the Lansing Police Department.

Golf

- Successfully transitioned management of Groesbeck Golf Course to Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority. This has permitted a reduction in the Parks Department subsidy to the course resulting in an increase in funding available for additional park projects.

Leisure Services Division

- Installed a climbing wall in the Schmidt Southside Community Center Pool.
- Installed a Bocce Ball court at Schmidt Southside Community Center.
- All four community center game rooms received updates with repairs and/or new equipment.
- Replaced flooring in parts of Gier, Letts and Foster Community Centers. Several rooms painted at each of the community centers.
- Automatic handicap accessible doors installed at Foster (handicap ramp entrance) and Letts Community Centers (front main entrance).
- Renovated the dugouts and infield at Kircher Municipal Ballpark.

Volunteers

The Department is fortunate to have an actively involved network of volunteers to assist with projects throughout the year. These cooperative efforts provide tremendous support to our staff and allow the department to undertake various projects that may not otherwise be within our ability to start and or complete. The volunteer network consists of youth from private and parochial schools, local and national businesses, religious organizations, university students, fraternity and sorority organizations, both current and legacy, scouts, and neighborhood associations. Projects range from park clean-ups, construction, equipment installation, tree trimming, river cleanup and painting to mention a few. The department has a volunteer tool trailer stocked with equipment available for on-site use.

Land Acquisitions

- **Hunter's Ridge Drive**– With the help of a Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition grant, the City was able to purchase the 4000 Hunter's Ridge Drive property. The City developed a network of nature trails and bike trails throughout the Hunter's Ridge, Fulton and Fine Parks

- **Lansing Boat Club** – With the help of a Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition grant, the City was able to purchase the Lansing Boat Club's property to incorporate into Fulton Park.

- **Willard Avenue** – With the help of a Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition grant, the City was able to purchase the property at the end of Willard Avenue to incorporate into Scott Woods Park.

Regionalization

In 2006, the Potter Park Zoo millage passed, providing funding from Ingham County residents. In July 2007, the Zoo officially became an Ingham County run facility. Although the ownership of the Zoo remains with the city of Lansing, passage of a countywide zoo millage put both the funding and management of the zoo under the County. The City and the County are also collaborating to share the maintenance of the River Trail. Currently, the County maintains the portions of the trail in and around Potter Park Zoo as well as the River Trail South segment from the zoo to Maguire Park.

Background

In order to develop the recreation goals, the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department and the Park Board evaluated all of the information gathered throughout the planning process. The evaluation was based upon physical characteristics, demographics, input from the citizens who live in the City, stakeholder survey and other planning efforts in the city and region. All of the information gathered was evaluated and used to develop the general goals and objectives for the Recreation Master Plan.

Many goals and objectives were identified through the process. They are numbered for ease of discussion and do not reflect any particular priority.

Goals and Objectives

GOAL	OBJECTIVE
Goal I: Connected	**Objective A:** Improve access to parks to those travelling by transit, biking, and walking
	Objective B: Expand the River Trail east from Cavanaugh through Fenner Nature Center to the new McLaren complex
	Objective C: Identify current natural areas throughout the city for acquisition, especially along the Grand River, Red Cedar, and Sycamore Creek
	Objective D: Expand Fulton-Fine-Hunters Ridge off road biking and hiking trails utilizing Lansing School District property
	Objective E: Partner with Ingham County for trail connections and maintenance of adjacent properties
	Objective F: Partner with Delta Township to connect Fulton Fine Hunters Ridge Park to Anderson Park across the Grand River
Rationale:	The Lansing parks should be part of the fabric of the city. All residents should easily be able to travel to a nearby park as spending time outdoors can have positive effects on one's health and provide opportunities to connect with one's neighbors. This goal is about making improvements to make it easier to get to parks via walking, biking, or transit riding and reducing the reliance on private automobile transportation.
Goal II: Accessible	**Objective A:** Update the park system printed map, app, and coordinate signage in all parks and along trails – material should include environmental education components where applicable
	Objective B: Improve communication and processes regarding events and activities available to Lansing residents
	Objective C: Establish a plan to improve access to parks and facilities for those with disabilities

	Objective D: Reach out to the refugee community, and other potential new users, to determine recreational needs
Rationale:	All programming, events, and amenities within the Lansing park system should be known to every citizen. This goal is about making it easier to know what is happening within the park system, making it easier to register for events and classes, and making sure the programming reflects the needs of the community
Goal III: Resilient to COVID-19 and Climate Change	**Objective A:** Establish plans for redesigning parks and recreation centers to reduce contact and promote distancing
	Objective B: Identify budget implications for increased staff to participant ratio, reduced participants in programs/decreased revenue and additional costs involved with mandatory cleaning
	Objective C: Identify options to offer different and increased programs outside
	Objective D: Identify programs for most vulnerable participants
	Objective E: Establish plans for healthy lifestyle drop-in facilities
	Objective F: Protect the existing tree population through proper care and pruning
	Objective G: Partner with Ingham County Drain Commission to utilize park land for storm management and enhance park amenities
	Objective H: Install new trees and native plants where space and activities provide
	Objective I: Minimize impervious area on new projects
Rationale:	The Lansing parks system needs to ensure that the effects of our changing world are planned for to ensure the park can continue to serve the needs of the city. As the COVID-19 pandemic forces more people into the parks, but with physical separation, programming should adjust to maintain the health and safety of participants and staff. As the effects of climate change continue to worsen, improvements to the parks should be made with an eye to the future
Goal IV: Diversified	**Objective A:** Conduct equity assessment to understand how facilities and programming are distributed
	Objective B: Partner with YMCA to implement swim lessons - learn to swim with school children
	Objective C: Partner with Lansing School District to offer after school programs and classes
	Objective D: Partner with organizations to fund and continue to develop the downtown and riverfront community, especially Capital Region Community Foundation (Our Community) for development from I-496 to the dam at Burchard Park in North Lansing
	Objective E: Partner with the newly developed Parks Foundation to assist with Capital Improvement Projects
Rationale:	The Lansing parks system needs to understand how it can better serve communities within the city impacted by systemic racism. An equity assessment would allow the city to understand where programming and improvements could be made to better

	serve the surrounding communities. There are many organizations within the city that can help provide needed programming as the recreation needs change over time
Goal V: Placemaking	**Objective A:** Identify parks for small investments to specifically improve health, happiness, and well-being
	Objective B: Identify spots along the River Trail for small investments to specifically improve health, happiness, and well-being
	Objective C: Establish and communicate a plan for increasing the public's access to restrooms in the parks
	Objective D: Establish and communicate a plan for increasing the public's access to trash cans in the parks
Rationale:	As more residents spend more time in parks, it has become clear that more can be done to allow residents to feel comfortable and enjoy their time in the Lansing parks. More and more residents are treating outdoor green space (plenty of which is found in Lansing parks) as their outdoor living room and are missing some key amenities: places to sit and eat, restrooms, and trashcans. This goal is about identify key areas where small investments can be made to improve the health, happiness, and well-being of Lansing's residents

Action 2020-2025

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, neighborhood park renovations, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement projects that are not grant eligible. For example, every year funds are allocated for improvements or replacement of multiple neighborhood playgrounds. These items are not included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or park millage, or they are not eligible for MDNRTF grant funds.

Capital Improvement Projects planned for the next five years may include:

Red Cedar Development – Connect the river trail to the new development and park area.

Fulton Park – Construct an overlook at rivers edge to allow for safe fishing along the bank of the Grand River, path across river to connect to Delta Township, and installation of BMX bicycle training and skill building stations.

Frances Park – Re-design the rose garden with additional plants and enhancements.

Trees – Continue to plant new and replace removed trees in city parks throughout the city.

Washington Park – Replace the old, deteriorating pavilion with a new, more accessible, ADA compliant pavilion.

Turner-Mini Park – Replace the existing pavers to eliminate trip hazards.

Wentworth Park – Replace fence along east side of park to safely separate the park from river and steam pipe.

Dog Park – Establish an off leash dog park in the downtown Lansing area and at Attwood Park.

Ferris Park – Construct a drop-in baseball facility open to the public.

Community Centers – Upgrade flooring, lighting, doors, etc.

Hunters Ridge Park – Installation of an ADA accessible canoe / kayak launch.

Frances Park – Construct and installation of an open to the public Cricket Field.

Ingham Park – Continue improvements at the only Lansing disc golf course with the installation of cement tee pads.

Kimberly Park – Construct disc golf course with the installation of tee pads.

Marscot Park – Repair and upgrade the current basketball court.

Moores Park – Repair and upgrade the current basketball court, and begin phase work on Bintz pool.

Marshall Park – Installation of a perimeter-walking path through the park.

Risdale Park – Installation of a track around the current soccer field.

St. Joe Park – Upgrade tennis courts.

Riverpoint Park – Installation of a fishing dock at the confluent of the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers.

Riverfront Park – Installation of a new destination playground and synthetic ice rink.

Burchard Park – Installation of lights at the Brenke Fish Ladder.

Comstock Park – Renovations and upgrades to the existing community building.

Durant Park – Construction of an outdoor stage to facilitate concerts and neighborhood events.

Reutter Park – Continued upgrades to the fountain.

Ranney Park – In cooperation with the Ingham County Drain Commission storm water management program and walking trail.

Dietrich Park – Reconstruction of the trail head due to erosion issues.

Potter Park – Potter Park Zoo is managed by Ingham County, but owned by the City of Lansing, and County upgrades will be included in the City of Lansing plan.

Grand and Red Cedar Rivers – Cleanup up debris and log jams to provide accessibility and eliminate safety hazards.

Paving Projects – Parking lot repairs at Sycamore, Ben Davis, Gier Parks and Evergreen Cemetery.

Acquire Park Land – The Parks Department is always looking for additional property to acquire or purchase to improve the offering of facilities and activities to the public. There are areas along the River Trail where the City would like to extend it, but are unable to do so because they don't own the property needed.

Fine Park – Acquire land the Lansing School district owns, approximately 66 acres east of Fine Park.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Political Boundaries

Lansing is the capital city of Michigan, and is the sixth largest city in the state. It is located in Ingham County and is bordered by the cities of East Lansing, Holt, DeWitt, and Delta Township. Lansing is an urban area with small areas of undeveloped land which are mainly held by the City of Lansing, Lansing School District and the Board of Water and Light. The city is divided into four political wards.

Land Use Patterns, Development Trends and Zoning

There have been several new developments in Lansing including the construction of a $40 million dollar project in the 600 block of East Michigan Avenue. This mixed-use development will enhance the quality of life downtown and will include a Meijer grocery store, hotel and one and two story residential units. The Red Cedar project is a mixed-use development that will connect the Lansing State Capitol to Michigan State University and adjacent communities along the Michigan Avenue corridor. The project will serve a powerful catalyst for new multi-generational house, vibrant activity, wide-ranging economic impacts and regional pride. Located on the river between the Lansing Center and Shiawassee Street Bridge, is the new Rotary Park. Unlike any other park in the region, Rotary Park features a new ADA kayak launch, a beach, a vibrant plaza with a large fireplace, a magical lighted forest, and a new venue for small concerts and events under the bridge. The Lansing Board of Water and Light completed the new Central Substation on the corner of W. Malcom X Street and S. Washington Avenue in REO Town. The sub-station is part of BWL's plan to replace the Eckert Power Station to provide affordable, clean and efficient power. This project $28 million dollar project renewed Scott Park with public art, historical signs, sunken garden, a live wall, pathway trails and a fishing platform.

The Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development is responsible for building safety, code compliance, economic incentive programs and administration of the zoning code, land use planning and the City Master Plan. Working closely with elected officials, local developers, and local and state agencies, the Planning Department has been successful in continuing to move Lansing forward.

Natural Features

Topography

There is generally very little change in elevation within the city, except for areas that lie on the Mason Glacial Esker. The rivers and creek banks have gradually sloping banks that rise between 0 to 10 feet.

Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife

Lansing has abundant water resources. The Grand and Red Cedar Rivers, as well as Sycamore Creek, flow through the city. The Grand River flows east into the city from the western boundary to the central region of this city where it joins the Red Cedar River and from there it turns and flows north through the downtown. Just beyond downtown, the Grand River turns and flows westward to exit the city. The Red Cedar River enters the city on the eastern boundary at Michigan State University and flows westward until it joins the Grand River. The Sycamore Creek flows from the south end of the city north and joins the Red Cedar River at Shubel Park.

There are four lakes in the city. The department owns Fidelity Lake, located in Crego Park. It was a borrow pit created during the construction of Expressway 127. It has sufficient size and water quality to support aquatic life and a fish

population. There is public access to Jones Lake, a small lake in the northern region of the city, which is also owned by the department. Ingham County operates Hawk Island Park in the southern end of the city. This is another borrow pit that was converted to a small lake with public access for swimming, boating and fishing. The only other lake in the city is Bear Lake, which is owned by Michigan State University and does not currently provide public access.

The floodplains and wetlands associated with the rivers and creeks provide many benefits to the city including a pollution buffer for the waterways, storm recharge areas and wildlife habitat. Many of these areas are associated with city-owned parkland and consequentially preserved from development.

The waterways, and the small and large land holdings, provide valuable habitat within an urban environment that benefit fish and other wildlife. The contiguous green space created from the proximity of several park areas in the city as well as the rivers provide key wildlife corridors in the city. There are two areas where the combined parkland creates large wildlife corridors. One area is over 705 acres and it includes Potter Park, Shubel Park, Fenner Nature Center, Crego Park, Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemetery, Scott Woods and Hawk Island. The other area is over 128 acres and includes Bancroft Park, Groesbeck Golf Course, Ormond Park and Fairview Park.

The abundant water resources provide fishing opportunities as well as wildlife habitat. Natural areas such as the Fenner Nature Center, Crego Park, Shubel Park and Scott Woods provide habitat for wildlife from small rodents to wild turkeys, fox, deer, cranes and other birds.

Soils and Vegetation

The majority of the soils in the city are disturbed urban soil, classified as Marlett-Capac soils. These soils are associated with well drained to poorly drained loamy soils. There is also a large ratio of land within the floodplain of the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers that is subject to periodic flooding and silting. Most of the land, with the exception of Scott Woods, has been disturbed by development. The existing vegetation was primarily planted through the years. The park lands contain a large amount of Oak, Ash and Maple trees in the drier areas and Black Locust, Willow, Box Elder and Cottonwoods along the river banks.

Climate

The city experiences four-seasons, modulated by the effect of the Great Lakes. The climate is typical of most Michigan cities in the Lower Peninsula.

Transportation

There are several different types of transportation routes in the city. There are surface roads, highways and expressways that run through and around the city. Buses for public transportation are owned and operated by the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA). The buses stop near many of the parks and community centers. The Spec-Tran service offered by CATA provides paratransit service for people who are unable to use CATA's fixed route service. There are also non-motorized transportation routes in the city including on-street bike lanes, sidewalks and the River Trail. The River Trail system is the heart of the existing non-motorized trail network consisting of 16 miles.

Planning Initiatives

There are a few key planning initiatives underway in the City. Information is continually shared between the various City departments and their consultants to allow for cohesion of information between the various plans, and to encourage a shared vision for Lansing.

Lansing Comprehensive Plan

- The Design Lansing Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council on April 9, 2012. In this plan, Lansing has shown that it can unite around a new vision – the vision is supported by the Administration and adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council. That vision will not be realized, however, without the continued support of Lansing's citizens. This community support is needed to ensure that:

•The goals, objectives and policies of the plan are put into practice.

•Functional plans, (e.g. corridor improvement plans, streetscape plans, the Consolidated Plan, the Parks and Recreation Plan, etc.) support the comprehensive plan.

•Regulatory realignment is implemented to reflect new realities and the new vision. Place making, quality and community appearance are key elements of Lansing's future success.

•The plan is updated regularly, with a course correction every five years as required by law.

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

The City of Lansing was the first city in Michigan to pass a *Complete Streets Ordinance* when the Lansing City Council approved its adoption in August 2009. In 2011, the Public Service Department adopted the first non-motorized plan for Lansing. In 2012, a bicycle parking ordinance was passed, which required projects to go through site plan approval that provides short and long term bicycle parking. Since the adoption of the first non-motorized plan, the City has constructed: nearly 7 miles of trail, 9.5 miles of bike lanes and 1.5 miles of side paths. These additions bring the entire non-motorized network to over 50 miles.

Adado River Front Park

Capital Region Community Foundation created a leading riverfront development through partnerships and contributions. Rotary Park located on the east side of Riverfront Park is located in downtown Lansing on the river between the Lansing Center and Shiawassee Street Bridge. The park has become a top destination for residents and visitors and features a new ADA kayak launch, a beach, a vibrant plaza with a large fireplace, a magical lighted forest and a new venue for small concerts and events under the bridge. This is the beginning of a development project to enhance the entire area along the east side of the river from I496 north to Lansing's Old Town.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Demographics

The Lansing region, in Michigan, offers a range of opportunity. Incubation and innovation, renowned research capabilities with global connectivity, leading edge employers, incredible talent and abundant resources await you. Located in south-central Michigan, and within a two-hour drive of 90% of the state's population, the Greater Lansing area offers easy access to the Midwest and is one of the region's most affordable places to work and live.

Historically a hub for industry, academia and government, Lansing has broadened its horizons and is now a leader in a wide variety of categories including being a hub for insurance company national headquarters, information technology and nuclear physics. The City of Lansing offers a diverse, well-educated and growing population, plus ready access to one of the world's premier education resources in Michigan State University.

Lansing is the largest population center in the tri-county area, which includes Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties. Lansing, in fact, has a larger population than Clinton or Eaton County. It is a diverse community with most of the population in the working age range of 18 to 65, with the median age being 32. Skilled workers in a variety of occupations live in the City with the top three industries being health care and social assistance, retail trade, and manufacturing.

Most people work within 19 minutes of their home. The majority of people drive to work, but the passage of the Complete Streets Ordinance, the Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Bicycle Parking Ordinance, show public and administrative support of providing infrastructure for non-motorized transportation. The population of Lansing has increased to 115,222. The five largest ethnic groups in Lansing are White 54.9%, Black or African-American 22.3%, Hispanic or Latino 12.5% two or more races 9%, and Asian 3.6%

Top Employers in Lansing, Michigan

Below is a list of Lansing's top employers. The list is quite diverse, with representation from government, manufacturing, health care, retail, and service providers.

Name of Company	Industry Cluster	Number of Employees
STATE OF MICHIGAN	Government	14,390
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	Education	10,253
SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM	Healthcare	7,600
GENERAL MOTORS	Manufacturing	4,549
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE GROUP	Insurance	2,578
LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Education	3,144
MCLAREN HEALTH	Healthcare	3,000
PECKHAM	Manufacturing	2,510
JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	Insurance	2,500
DART CONTAINER CORP	Manufacturing	2,000

Data current as of 27 Aug 2019 and updated annually.

Top Private Industry Employers in Lansing, Michigan

Lansing's top businesses and private industry employers by number of employees.

Name of Company	Industry Cluster	Number of Employees
GENERAL MOTORS	Automotive	4,549
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE GROUP	Insurance	2,578
PECKHAM INC	Apparel	2,510
JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	Insurance	2,500
DART CONTAINER CORP	Foodservice Packaging	2,000
MEIJER DISTRIBUTION CTR	Logistics	1,500
DEAN TRANSPORTATION INC	Transportation Equipment	800
DELTA DENTAL	Insurance	800
MSUFCU	Financial Services	800
MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU FAMILY OF COMPANIES	Insurance	750
QUALITY DAIRY	Food Processing	730
SPARTAN MOTORS CHASSIS INC	Automotive	730
DAKKOTA INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	Automotive	670
MULTI-PACKAGING SOLUTIONS (JOHN HENRY)	Logistics	600
NEOGEN CORP	Biotech	550
BRIDGEWATER INTERIORS (JOHNSON CONTROLS)	Automotive	500
ORCHID ORTHOPEDIC SOLUTIONS	Medical Device	500
PRATT & WHITNEY	Aerospace	500
PNC BANK	Financial Services	500
GESTAMP	Automotive	489
ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE CO	Insurance	445

Name of Company	Industry Cluster	Number of Employees
TECOMET	Aerospace; Medical Device	430
AIR WAY MANUFACTURING	Industrial Equipment	410
MAHLE ENGINE COMPONENTS USA	Automotive	365
MERIDIAN LIGHTWEIGHT TECHNOLOGIES INC	Automotive	360
EMERGENT BIODEFENSE OPERATIONS	Biotech; Defense	310

People

The total population covered by Lansing – East Lansing MSA is 484,758. The median age is 37.517

484,758

Total Population



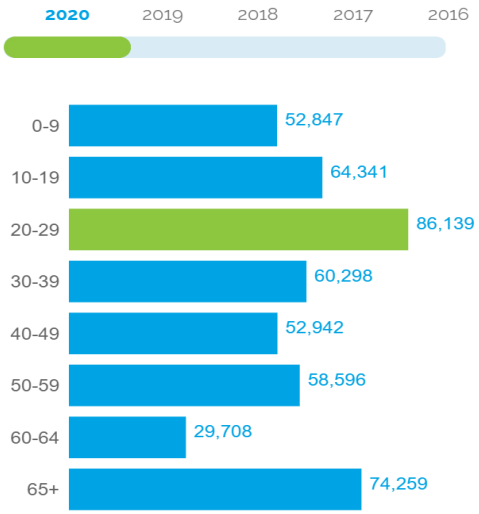
48.95%

Male

51.05%

Female

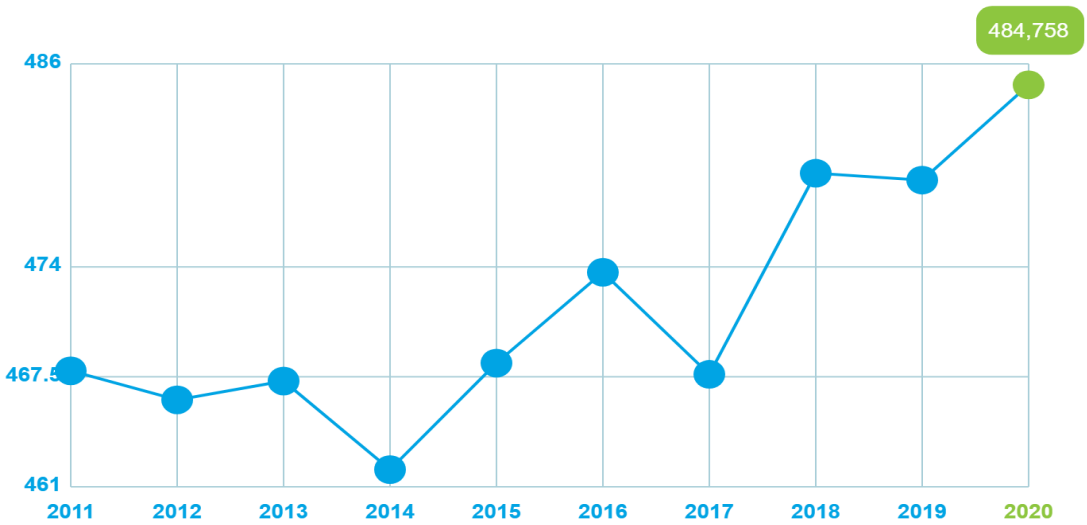
Age Distribution



Median Age

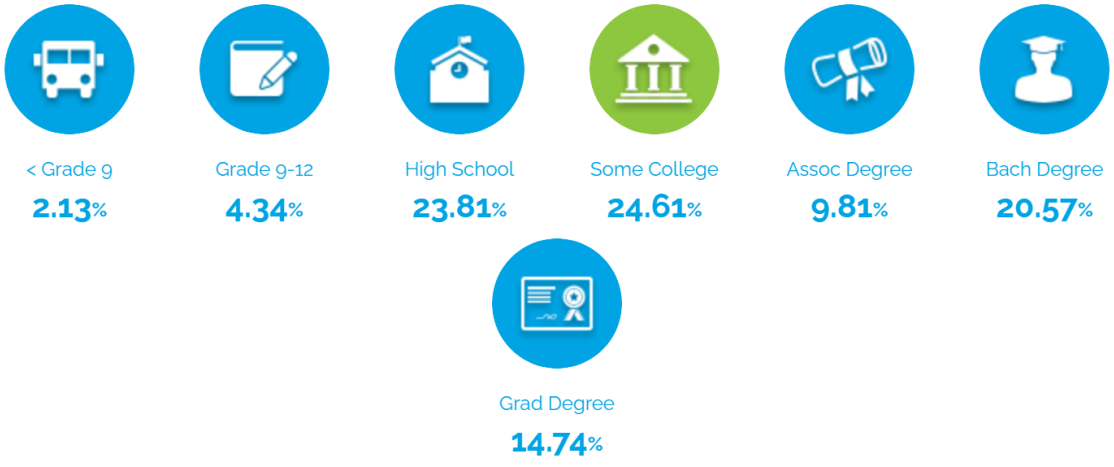
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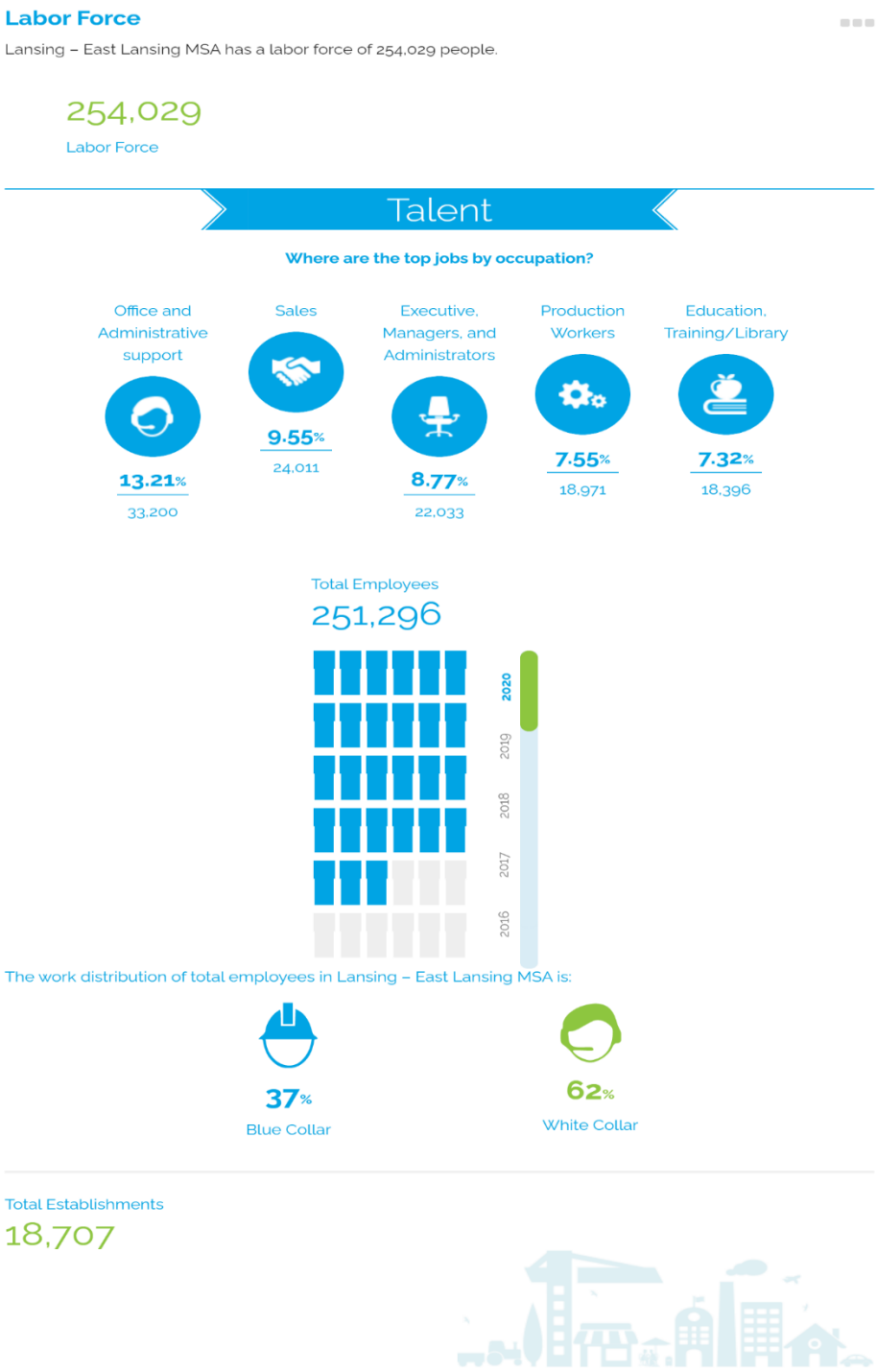
Population Growth (in thousands)



Educational Attainment

45.12% of the population in Lansing – East Lansing MSA have an Associate's degree or higher. 69.73% have completed some college or higher.




Labor Force
Lansing – East Lansing MSA has a labor force of 254,029 people.
254,029
Labor Force
Talent
Where are the top jobs by occupation?
Office and Administrative support
13.21%
33,200
Sales
9.55%
24,011
Executive, Managers, and Administrators
8.77%
22,033
Production Workers
7.55%
18,971
Education, Training/Library
7.32%
18,396
Total Employees
251,296
2020
2019
2018
2017
2016
The work distribution of total employees in Lansing – East Lansing MSA is:
37%
Blue Collar
62%
White Collar
Total Establishments
18,707

Businesses and Jobs

Lansing – East Lansing MSA has a total of 18,707 businesses. In 2019, the leading industries in Lansing – East Lansing MSA were Education, Health Care and Social Services, Retail, and Public Administration.

What are the top industries by jobs?

1 Education

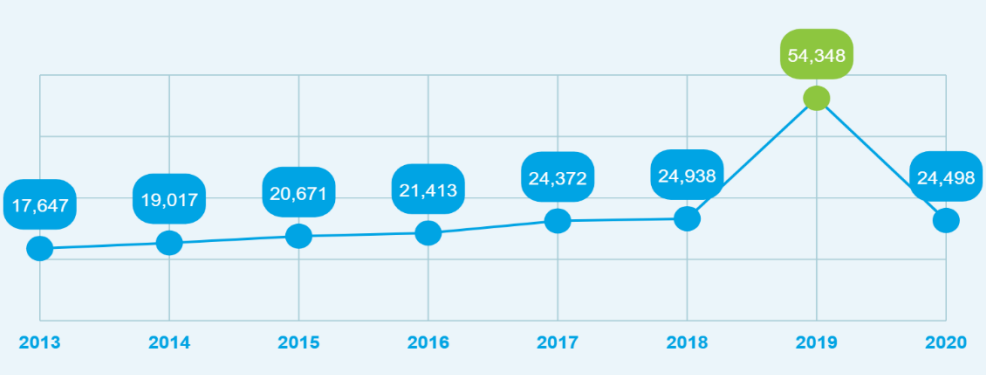
54,348 Jobs

606 Establishments

2 Health Care and Social Services

42,201 Jobs

3,873 Establishments



3 Retail

31,888 Jobs

2,039 Establishments

4 Public Administration

28,887 Jobs

791 Establishments

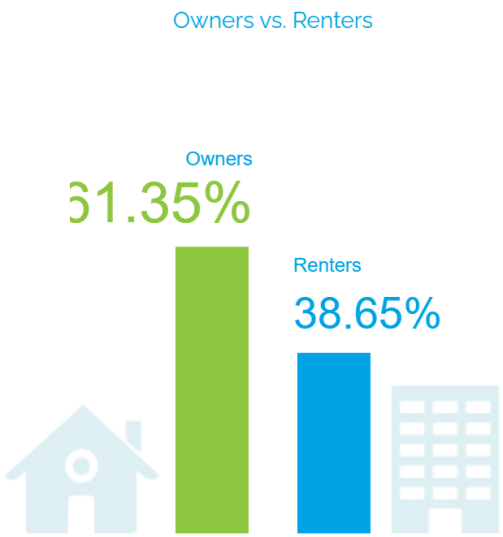
How many employees do businesses in Lansing – East Lansing MSA have?



1-4 Employees	59.79%
5-9 Employees	17.35%
10-19 Employees	11.54%
20-49 Employees	7.24%
50-99 Employees	2.33%
100+ Employees	1.75%

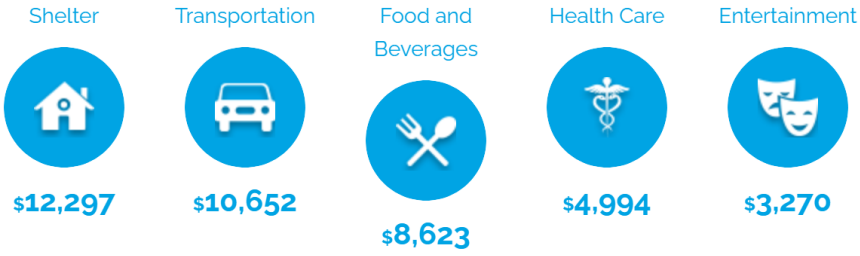
Housing

There are 23% more households who own their homes than there are renters.



How do people spend most of their money?

PER HOUSEHOLD



$58,282

Median Household Expenditure

Administrative Structure

Executive Branch - Mayor
Article 4 of the City Charter establishes the executive branch of government. The Charter establishes the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the City of Lansing. The Mayor is responsible for the implementation and administration of city policy. The Mayor is elected every four years. The office is currently held by Mayor Andy Schor, who was elected in November 2017 to serve from January 2018 to December 2021.

Legislative Branch - City Council
The City Council is comprised of eight members serving four-year terms, whereby four members represent individual political wards and four members are elected at large. Below is a list of each of the members:

1st Ward	Brandon Betz	At large	Kathie Dunbar
2nd Ward	Jeremy Garza	At Large	Peter Spadafore
3rd Ward	Adam Hussain	At Large	Patricia Spitzley
4th Ward	Brian T. Jackson	At Large	Carol Wood

Advisory Board - Park Board
The department is assisted by a citizen based Park Board which serves the department in an advisory capacity. Members of the Park Board are appointed to four-year terms by the Mayor and approved by City Council as provided for under Article 5, Chapter 1 of the City Charter. The Park Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at Foster Community Center. Current members of the park board are as follows:

1st Ward	Mike Dombrowski	At Large	Vacant
2nd Ward	Rick Kibbey	At Large	Brian Daniels
3rd Ward	Erika Poland	At Large	Zoe Ahlstrom
4th Ward	Kimberly Whitfield	At Large	Jennifer Poplar

Regular monthly meetings are held to review the progress and concerns of the department and to ensure that all activities are in accordance with the accepted city policy. The board itself may propose changes in the department's operations for the purpose of making the department or program more effective. Proposed policies and programs, or change in existing policies or programs requiring Council action, must be submitted by the Department Director to the Park Board prior to submission to the Mayor and Council for action. The board in turn submits written recommendations concerning the proposal to the Mayor, along with the department's proposal. When the Mayor submits the proposal to Council for action, the board's recommendations are also forwarded. This same procedure is followed with regard to budgetary matters. Each year, prior to December 1st, the board is required to prepare a written report evaluating the effectiveness of services and analyzing the status of priorities for services and activities of the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Mission and Roles

PARKS & RECREATION

The Department of Parks and Recreation creates community through people, parks and programs. The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance lifestyle opportunities for the citizens of Lansing through the provision of leisure time activities, and the preservation and maintenance of parklands and special recreation facilities. The Department accomplishes this mission in the following ways:

- Organization of youth, adult, and senior citizen recreational programming in parks, community centers, schools, swimming pools, nature center, and historic home;
- Regular maintenance of all parks and natural areas owned by the City of Lansing, including
- Maintenance of Lansing's urban forest areas through regular cycles of tree planting, fertilization, and trimming;
- Providing public golfing opportunities at Groesbeck Golf Course which support recreational and league play in the area;
- Providing burial services and cemetery maintenance at the City's three municipal cemeteries;
- Supporting youth through the teaching of life-skills through The First Tee of Mid-Michigan program at Sycamore Creek Golf Academy
- Provision of special recreation facilities such as Ranney Skate Park, Soldan Dog Park, Gier Park BMX Bicycle Track, Cooley Gardens, Frances Park Rose Garden and the Lansing River Trail linear park.
- Sustaining working partnerships with the Lansing School District, Ingham County Parks and Recreation, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing Community College, Capital Region Community Foundation, Michigan State University, YMCA of Lansing and various community banking organizations.

The Department receives advisory support from the citizens of Lansing by encouraging their involvement in the following citizen groups: City of Lansing Parks Board, Friends of Turner-Dodge, Fenner Conservancy, the individual Community Center advisory boards, the Baseball and Softball advisory boards and neighborhood park "Friends" groups. The Department provides support in policy decisions regarding recreational options and facilities to the Mayor and City Council.

<u>Organization</u>

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of four separate divisions:

- <u>Administration</u>

The Administration Division includes Management and Business Administration, Park Design, Planning and Research, and the staff support for park and pavilion rentals, event planning, and support services for both the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund programs. The Management and Business Administration section is responsible for contracts, license agreements, salary, hourly, Temporary Employment Agreements, and seasonal payroll and time cards. This section also processes procurement card reconciliations, accounts payable and receivable, and processes paperwork for yearly employee evaluations and step increases.

- Field Services

Funding for Field Services includes; Forestry, Grounds and Landscape Maintenance, and Athletic Field and Pool Maintenance. Staffing for these activities now resides in the Public Service Department. Below is a description of these services.

The Forestry Section of the Field Services Division is responsible for maintenance of safe and healthy trees in City parks and on City streets. Care includes trimming and removal of dead, damaged or diseased trees and limbs from these areas. They also maintain and stock a city nursery, which provides trees for residential streets, parks, cemeteries, and golf course plantings as needed. Grounds & Landscape Maintenance Section is responsible for care and maintenance of turf, shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers, as well as planting new growth for the next season. They also handle repair of tables, benches, signs and playground equipment, as well as ice and snow removal on trails, parking areas, and park sidewalks during the winter season. Athletic Fields and Pool Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance of City athletic fields and the public outdoor pools at Hunter and Moores Parks, as well as Cemetery burials and grounds maintenance (see Cemetery Fund).

- Leisure Services

The Leisure Services Division operates recreation programs at four Community Centers (Gier, Foster, Letts, Schmidt), Special Recreation Services (Hunter and Moores Swimming Pools, Kids Camp and Therapeutic Recreation) and Lifetime Sports. The division also operates specialized facilities such as the Turner-Dodge House (historic home) and the Fenner Nature Center. Programming at the Fenner Nature Center is conducted by the Fenner Conservancy.

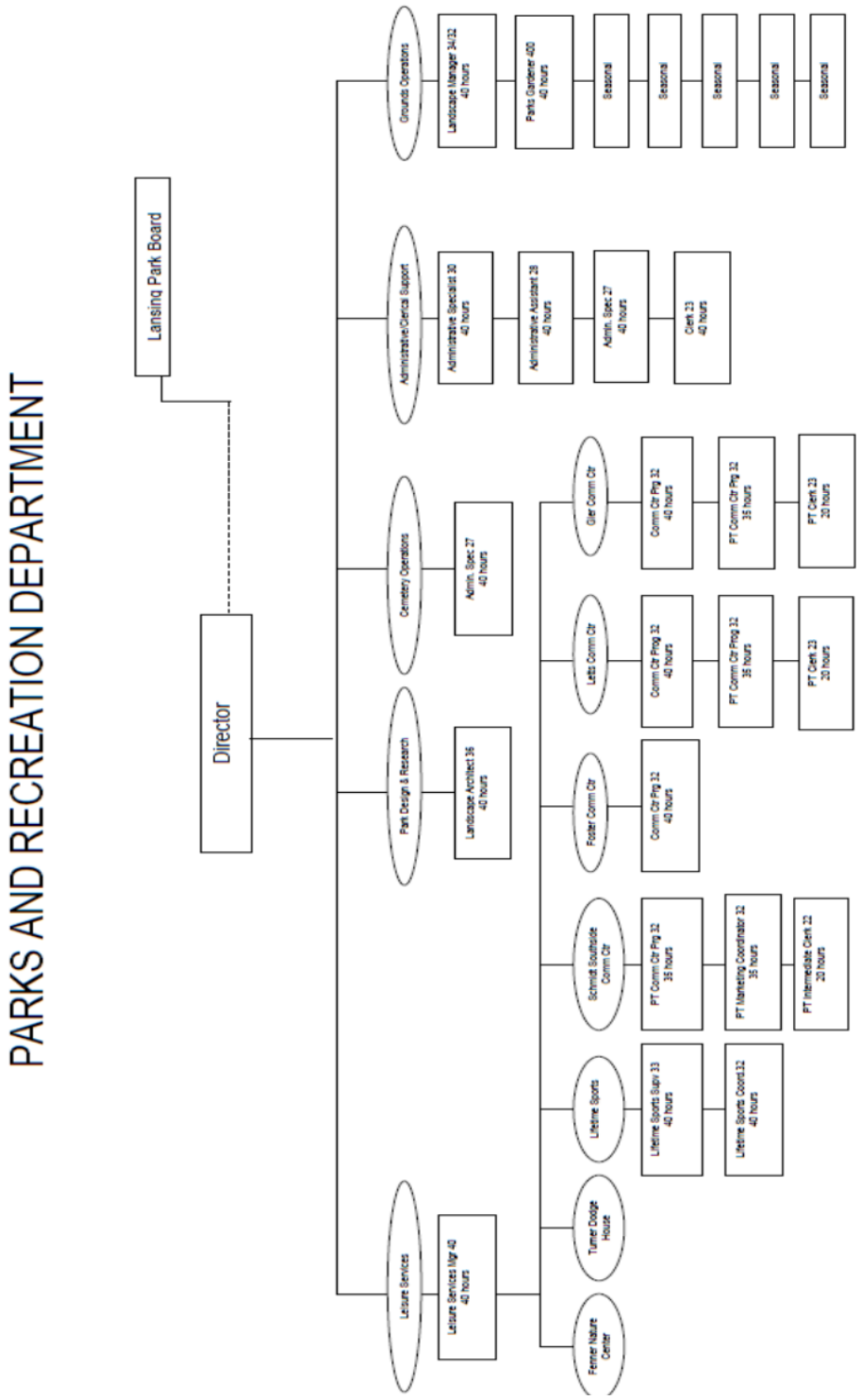
- Golf Operations

The department owns Groesbeck Golf Course an 18-hole golf course located at 1600 Ormond, which is managed by Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority (LEPFA). The Sycamore Driving Range and Practice Facility is operated by The First Tee of Mid-Michigan, and is located at 1526 E. Mount Hope Avenue. This program provides quality instruction on the game of golf for youth and adults. The First Tee of Mid-Michigan operates the driving range, which is open to the public for practice.

Facilities

Programmed recreation sites are Letts, Gier, Schmidt and Foster Community Centers; Groesbeck golf course; Sycamore Golf Academy and Driving Range; Lansing River Trail; Moore's Park and Hunter Park swimming pools; Fenner Nature Center; the Turner-Dodge House; Davis, Gier, Ranney, Sycamore, Davis and Kircher Park ball fields. We have several neighborhood parks and athletic fields throughout the city where recreation programming occurs throughout the year. We also provide several facilities for rental that include Frances Park Rose Garden and Overlook, and Cooley Gardens.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



Relationship with Other Agencies, Departments and Organizations

Regional Directors Group

This group meets on a regular basis to maintain contact with each other in an effort to advance regional goals and discuss a broad range of topics. The group meets on a quarterly basis and includes directors from the City of Lansing, DeWitt, East Lansing, Meridian Township, Eaton County, Ingham County, Delta Township, Delhi Township, and Portland.

Lansing School District

Lansing park property abuts many of the District schools leading to a school/park relationship. In 2009, the South Side Community Center opened at the former Harry Hill High School. The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, Police Department and Lansing School District are sharing the facilities including recreational and meeting spaces. The schools also use many of the park facilities for school athletic functions. The department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities as well. The department is working with the Lansing School District in hopes of improving integration between the school district's numerous facilities and the departments programming ability. The intent is to foster a close integration and cooperation to prevent the duplication of facilities to allow both organizations to better serve the Lansing residents.

Fenner Conservancy

Through a license agreement, the Fenner Conservancy now manages programs at the Fenner Nature Center. The City maintains ownership of the property and provides some funding for staffing and maintenance.

Lansing Boat Club

The Lansing Boat Club manages the Lansing Municipal Marina located at Grand River Park.

Downtown Lansing, Inc

The Downtown Lansing, Inc. promotes the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods in Lansing. They also organize several social and recreational events in downtown Lansing each year, including Downtown Traffic Jam, Drive-in Movie, A Fresh Taste, Trick or Treat on the Square, Silver Bells in the City, and Breakfast with Santa.

Citizen Advisory Groups

The department is assisted by several citizen advisory groups. These groups advocate for a particular facility or recreational activity. During the planning and budgetary process, they advocate for their specific area and throughout the year, they provide many hours of volunteer support, as well as funding for many development projects and equipment at various park facilities. The size and membership of these groups vary from a few to several hundred. Each has established its own set of by-laws and several of them operate as non-profit corporations.

Department Sponsored Boards

Organization	Park or Facility
Foster Center Advisory Board	Foster Community Center
Gier Park Advisory Board	Gier Community Center
Letts Advisory Board	Letts Community Center
Schmidt Center Advisory Board	Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center

Friends Groups

Organization	Park or Facility
Friends of Cooley Gardens	Cooley Gardens
Friends of Frances Park	Frances Park
Friends of Turner Dodge House	Turner Dodge House
Friends of Ferris Park	Ferris Park
Friends of Durant Park	Durant Park
Friends of Lansing Regional Trail	River Trail
Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries	Evergreen, Mt. Hope and North Cemeteries
Friends of Hunter Park	Hunter Park
Friends of Bancroft Park	Bancroft Park
Friends of Reutter Park	Reutter Park
Friends of Ranney Park	Ranney Park

Other Organizations

Organization	Park or Facility
Lansing Community College	Westside and Ranney Park
Old Town Commercial Association	Burchard and Turner-Mini Park
Lansing Garden Club	Scott Sunken Gardens
Greater Lansing Food Bank	Various City Parks
MSU Crew Club	Grand River Park
J & K Steamboat	Grand River Park
Lansing Boat Club	Grand River Park
Mid-Michigan Mountain Bike Association	Fulton-Fine-Hunter's Ridge Park
Capitol City Family BMX	Gier Park
Moores Park Neighborhood Association	Moores Park
The People's Pool	Moores Park
Friends of Fenner Conservancy	Fenner Nature Conservancy
Michigan State University Softball Club	Ranney Park
Mid-Michigan Turf, LLC	Hope Soccer Complex
Southside Community Coalition	Beacon Park South

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Policies

Charter of the City of Lansing

Establishment:

The Charter of the City of Lansing, Michigan, was approved by the voters on August 8, 1978. Article 1, Chapter 1, Section 101 states, "The people of the City of Lansing, by adoption of this home rule Charter, create and continue a body corporate known as the 'City of Lansing' and provide for continuing control of their municipal corporation."

Sale of Land:

Section 403.6 of the Charter states, "No park, recreation, cemetery, or waterfront land may be sold without the approval, by a majority vote, of the electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special election."

Grants:

City Council Grants Policy (Resolution 357 of 11/23/98) states, "Any grant shall be subject to the same budgetary policies required of other City expenditures as required in Sections 7-107 through 7-110 of the City Charter. Applications for grants requiring the addition of City staff or a City match of $10,000 or more, or exceeding $100,000 or exceeding one year in length, shall require a financial impact statement and approval of the City Council. Any grant funded position shall terminate upon the expiration of elimination of grant funding. No grant, which is subject to these provisions, shall be accepted without the approval of City Council."

City Council Policy Resolutions

Park Land Policy:

Adopted by City Council in 1979, this policy covers policies and procedures for the acquisition, development, encroachment and disposal of parkland. In April 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution classifying City properties as dedicated parkland. City ordinance states that the Mayor shall designate whether or not property acquired shall be added to the written inventory. When the Park Board is advising the Mayor on acquisitions, they need to recommend whether the land should be dedicated as parkland and recommend a classification for the acquisition (i.e. neighborhood, community, city-wide or special use park).

Funding and Budget

Operating Budget

The Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget is funded through the general fund of the City. The department also administers two enterprise funds for the Golf and Cemetery operations. The enterprise funds are used to cover operating and capital costs. Service and program fees are charged to offset the general fund operations.

Infrastructure Budget

The capital improvement projects for the Parks and Recreation Department are funded in the City's infrastructure budget. The Parks and Recreation portion of this infrastructure budget is also known as the Lansing Park Millage. The city of Lansing's definition of a capital improvement project is a project that has a useful life of at least ten years and costs no less than $15,000. Capital improvement projects must meet accounting definitions for items that can be capitalized. Generally, professional services and free-standing equipment are not considered to be capital improvements.

Current and Projected Budget 2019-2021

	FY2020 (7/1/19-6/30/20) Actual	FY2021 (7/1/20-6/30/21) Adopted
Parks and Recreation		
General Fund	$8,371,761	$8,094,706
Cemetery Subsidy Fund	595,000	560,000
Golf Subsidy Fund	169,000	100,000
Capital Improvements	2,145,000	2,342,000
Totals	**$11,280,761**	**$11,096,706**

Recreation Inventory

The Parks and Recreation Department's recreation inventory is an essential item to the City. It allows the Department to assess the quantity and type of facilities and where they are located, identify where new facilities should be built, where ADA upgrades are needed. It also allows the Department to showcase the variety of programs and events offered, and opportunities for programs and events. The City regularly performs on-site inspections of each park. This continually updates the Facilities Inventory as renovations and additions occur. It is a continuing goal of the Department to bring all facilities into compliance with these standards.

After the Americans with Disabilities Act went into effect in 1992, the Parks and Recreation Department developed a Transition Plan. The process involved completing accessibility assessments of the Lansing Park system and its facilities. The plan targeted barriers that hinder the availability of services, facilities, programs and activities for people with disabilities. The plan was completed and adopted by the City Council in 1993. The Parks and Recreation Department's recent projects have been constructed to comply with all federal and state statutes regarding barrier-free compliance, including a universally accessible canoe and kayak launch at Moores Park and Rotary.







PARK FACILITIES INVENTORY

LANSING PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

INDEX	PARK NAME	WARD	ACRES	LEAGUE DIAMOND	NEIGHBORHOOD BALLFIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	FOOTBALL/SOCCER	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEY BALL	PLAY EQUIPMENT	PICNIC AREA	PICNIC SHELTER	WALKWAYS & TRAILS	RESTROOMS	SLEDDING/SKIING	BOAT RAMP OR DOCK	PARKING	RIVER - WATER FRONTAGE	RIVER TRAIL ACCESS POINT	CANOE & KAYAK LAUNCHES	SPECIAL PARK FEATURES
E-8	ATTWOOD	3	28.80							2	●	●									LARGE OPEN FIELD
C-6	AVERILL	3	8.00		●					●											
H-2	BANCROFT	1	42.43		●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●			KETTLE LAKE
F-5	BARB DEAN TOT LOT	1	0.89						●	●	●										
E-2	BASSETT	4	3.40		●	●			●	●											
F-8	BECK	2	10.50							●							●				
H-3	BEACON	3	1.31				●			●											LIGHTED SOCCER FIELD
F-8	BLUEBELL	2	2.71			●				●											
F-3	BURCHARD	1&4	5.10							●	●					●	●	●	●	●	FISH LADDER, N. DAM, CANOE PORTAGE
G-5	CAESAR-DONORA	1	2.90							●	●										
F-7	CAVANAUGH	2	25.10							●					●						
G-4	CHERRY HILL	4	4.97							●		●				●	●	●		●	
G-5	CLIFFORD	1	5.44					3		●							●				COMMUNITY GARDEN
E-3	COMSTOCK	4	8.29	2		●				●	●			●	●		●				
F-4	COOLEY GARDENS	4	1.40								●	●		●			●	●			FORMAL GARDEN
I-5	CREGO (LARGEST)	2	200.70										●			D	●	●	●		LAKE FRONTAGE, NATURAL SETTING, KRUEGER LANDING
C-8	DAVIS	3	45.80	4	●	2	●			●	●		●	●			●				FARMERS MARKET
F-2	DIETRICH	4	5.00								●	●	●				●	●	●		
F-2	DODGE	4	8.69											●			●	●	●		HISTORIC HOUSE, INDOOR MEETING CENTER
D-3	DUNNEBACK	4	6.00							●	●	●									
F-3	DURANT	4	3.00							●	●										HISTORIC SITE, ARCH
F-2	EDMORE	4	0.62							●								●			
G-4	ELM	1	5.60	●		●				●							●	●	●		
D-5	ELMHURST	3	5.30			●		2		●											
G-6	EVERETT	2	3.00			●	●														
I-3	FAIRVIEW	1	4.20										●					●			MSU OAKETUM

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I-5	FENNER NATURE CENTER	2	129.52								●		●	●			●	●			ARBORETUM, TOURS
F-3	FERRIS	4	5.92			2	●			●	●										LIGHTED SOCCER FIELD
A-7	FINE	3	35.99										●					●			MOUNTAIN BIKING & TRAILS
I-6	FOREST VIEW	2	8.10			2			●	●	●	●			●		●				
I-4	FOSTER	1	4.00			2				●	●	●	●	●							COMMUNITY GARDEN, BIKE REPAIR STATION
I-3	FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER	1	2.30							●	●			●			●				ADMINISTRATION CEMETERY OFFICE, GYM
C-5	FRANCES	4	57.80		●	3	●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●		FORMAL FLOWER GARDENS, RIVER OVERLOOK
A-6	FULTON	3	44.30							●	●						●	●			RIVER OVERLOOK
E-9	GEORGETOWN	3	11.20					2		●	●	●									
G-1	GIER	1	36.22	3		●			●	●				●	●		●				COMMUNITY CENTER, GYM, SOFTBALL COMPLEX, BMX TRACK
I-6	GLEN EDEN	2	2.50																		
C-5	GRAND RIVER	4	41.62											●			●	●			MICHIGAN PRINCESS
C-8	GRAVES, GERALD W.	3	8.74			●				●											
F-5	GREENCROFT	2	1.50																		
B-7	HILLBORN	3	6.20							●											
E-4	HILLSDALE	4	3.20							●											
D-6	HOLLY	3	5.00							●											
D-1	HORSEBROOK	4	4.37			●				●											
E-3	HULL COURT	4	1.30							●											
H-4	HUNTER	1	14.00							●	●	●	●	●			●				OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL, SPRAY PARK, GREEN HOUSE
A-6	HUNTERS RIDGE	3	31.69										●				●	●			MOUNTAIN BIKING & TRAILS
C-6	INGHAM	3	11.80			●				●											DISC COURSE
G-5	IRVING	1	0.40																		
F-1	JONES LAKE	4	2.38															●			LAKE FRONTAGE
G-4	KALAMAZOO PLAZA	4	0.83								●							●			R.E. OLDS MEMORIAL
G-8	KAYNORTH	2	2.55							●								●			
G-7	KENDON	2	5.72			●															
I-2	KIMBERLY	1	19.50																		NATURAL MARSH ECOSYSTEM

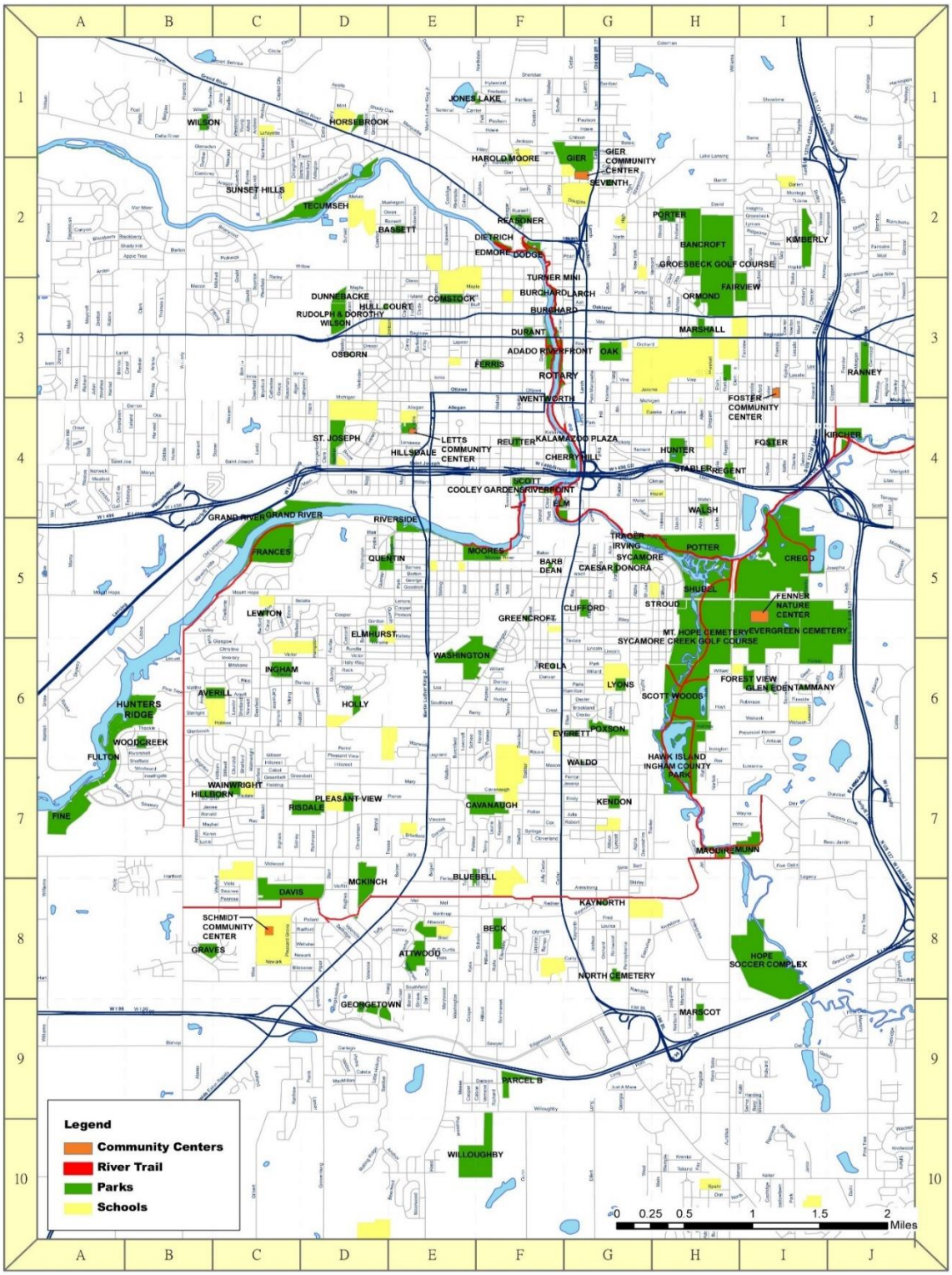
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J-4	KIRCHER	1	6.70	●						●	●			●			●	●	●		BASEBALL STADIUM
G-3	LARCH	1	0.50																		
E-4	LETTS COMMUNITY CENTER	4	4.60					4		●	●	●		●			●				COMMUNITY CENTER, GYM, PICKLEBALL
C-5	LEWTON	3	1.70										●								
G-6	LYONS	2	5.00			●	●														
H-7	MAGUIRE	2	8.86							●	●	●					●	●	●		TRAILHEAD, BIKE REPAIR STATION
H-9	MARSCOT	2	5.00							●											
H-3	MARSHALL	1	11.40	2		●	●		9	●	●	●		●			●				SAND VOLLEYBALL
E-8	McKINCH	3	22.50			●				●											
F-1	MOORE, HAROLD	4	2.20			●			●	●	●	●									
F-5	MOORES	4	22.90			●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	SOUTH DAM, OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL, LABYRINTH
I-7	MUNN	2	14.36															●	●		
G-3	OAK	1	16.70			●	●			●	●			●	●		●				
H-3	ORMOND	1	8.20			●				●											
D-3	OSBORN	4	0.60							●											
D-7	PLEASANT VIEW	3	7.40																		
H-2	PORTER	1	10.70			●			●	●											
G-5	POTTER	1	98.50		●	●				●	●	●		●			●	●	●		MANAGED BY INGHAM COUNTY ZOO – FEE
G-6	POXSON	2	16.70							●											
D-5	QUENTIN	4	10.30	2				2		●					●						
J-3	RANNEY	1	19.10	●				2						●	●		●				SKATEBOARD PARK, HANDBALL
F-2	REASONER	1	6.62			●				●	●										
H-4	REGENT	1	4.90							●											
F-6	REOLA	2	0.60			●				●											
F-4	REUTTER	4	3.00							●	●										FOUNTAIN
F-3	RIVERFRONT, L. ADADO	1&4	14.68								●										
D-7	RISDALE	3	17.60			2	●			●				●			●				ATHLETIC STADIUM & RESTROOMS STORAGE BUILDING

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F-4	RIVERPOINT	1	4.37							●	●	●				●	●	●	●		RIVER CONFLUENCE
E-5	RIVERSIDE	4	7.30															●			
F-3	ROTARY	1	3.74														●	●	●	●	BEACH & SEATING AREA
D-4	ST. JOSEPH	4	18.80		●	●		6		●				●			●				
F-4	SCOTT	4	5.50											●			●	●			SUNKEN GARDEN
H-6	SCOTT WOODS	2	90.27			●				●	●	●	●				●	●	●		NATURAL SETTING, DOG PARK
G-2	SEVENTH	1	1.58			●				●											
C-8	SCHMIDT COMMUNIITY CENTER	3	NA			●				●							●				LEASED FROM LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT - GYM, POOL
H-5	SHUBEL	2	55.50															●	●		
H-4	STABLER	1	1.30			●				●											
C-2	SUNSET HILLS	4	0.40																		
G-5	SYCAMORE	2	10.00	●			●			●				●			●				
I-6	TAMMANY	2	1.60							●											
D-2	TECUMSEH	4	39.00		●	●				●	●	●				●	●	●		●	
G-5	TRAGER	1	0.60															●	●		
F-2	TURNER (SMALLEST)	1	0.04								●										MINI PARK
C-7	WAINWRIGHT	3	5.40					2			●	●									
G-7	WALDO	2	0.50			●				●											
H-4	WALSH	1	4.00		●	●				●		●									
F-6	WASHINGTON	4	44.01	●						●	●	●		●			●				
F-4	WENTWORTH	4	0.90															●			911 MEMORIAL
F-10	WILLOUGHBY	2	50.00																		
B-1	WILSON	4	4.92			●				●	●	●									
D-3	WILSON, RUDOLPH & DOROTHY	4	15.50	●			●				●			●			●				HORSE SHOES & CONSCESSIONS
B-6	WOODCREEK	3	4.43		●			2		●											

TOTAL PARK ACREAGE 1658.78 AVERAGE PARK SIZE 16.9 ACRES

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GOLF COURSES																					
C-6	GROESBECK	1	74.00											●		●	●				18 HOLES, SHOWERS, LOCKERS, FEE*
F-6	SYCAMORE	2	53.20											●			●	●			DRIVING RANGE
TOTAL G.C. ACREAGE			127.20		AVERAGE G.C.SIZE						63.6 ACRES										
CEMETERIES																					
G-7	EVERGREEN	2	103.90																		
G-6	MT. HOPE	2	84.20															●			
J-6	NORTH	2	14.40																		
TOTAL CEM. ACREAGE			202.5		AVERAGE CEM. SIZE						67.5	ACRES									

RIVERTRAIL 16 MILE LENGTH AS OF 2020



Lansing Parks and River Trails

Comparison to Recreation Standards

The City of Lansing parkland was classified using the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for mini, neighborhood, community, or linear Park and the Cities definition of a city-wide park based on size, equipment, facilities and location.

Lansing has 17.8 acres of parkland per 1,000 people going beyond the NRPA guidelines of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of land per 1,000 people. The various park types are distributed throughout the four city wards. The quantity of neighborhood parks is above the minimum recommended acreage. The acreage for community parks is below the recommended amount.

City of Lansing Parks

Park	Mini-Park (0.25-.5 A/1000)	Neighborhood Park (1-2 A/1000)	Community Park (5-8 A/1000)	City-Wide (no NRPA recomm.)	Linear Park (no NRPA recomm.)	City Total
No. Park	**8**	**51**	**24**	**23**	***1**	**106**
Park Acreage						
Ward 1	1.34	85.37	83.0	256.14	X	343.83
Ward 2	0.8	78.14	38.4	334.36	X	654.29
Ward 3		107.87	62.5	45.8		303.16
Ward 4	0.9	86.76	227.42	169.12	X	357.50
Total Acres By Type	3.04	358.1	411.3	806.36	16 Miles	**1658.78**
Acres 1000 people	**328.9**	**2.8**	**2.4**	**1.2**		
Cemeteries				3	Cemetery Acreage	202.5

*Lansing River Trail not included in total number of parks.

National Recreation and Park Association, recommends 6.25-10.5 Acres/1000 people. Population of 118,427 based on 2018 US Census Bureau data.
The City of Lansing has 106 designated parks, 2 golf course facilities, and 3 cemetery facilities for a total of 111 designated park facilities operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The city also has a lease agreement with the Lansing School District for use of the Schmidt Community Center.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY RATING	SPECIAL ADA FEATURES
ATTWOOD	3	
AVERILL	1	
BANCROFT	3	
BARB DEAN TOT LOT	3	
BASSETT	2	
BECK	3	
BEACON	4	
BLUEBELL	3	
BURCHARD	3	
CAESAR-DONORA	3	
CAVANAUGH	2	
CHERRY HILL	3	Kayak launch designed to principals universal design
CLIFFORD	3	
COMSTOCK	2	
COOLEY GARDENS	2	Parking lot designed to principals universal design
CREGO (LARGEST)	5	Park was designed using principals universal design
DAVIS	3	Restroom/Concession & Ballfields built to Unv Dsg
DIETRICH	2	
DODGE	2	
DUNNEBACK	2	
DURANT	3	
EDMORE	1	
ELM	2	
ELMHURST	1	
EVERETT	1	
FAIRVIEW	1	No facilities at the park site
FENNER NATURE CENTER	3	
FERRIS	2	
FINE	2	
FOREST VIEW	2	
FOSTER	3	
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER	5	Renovated design using principals universal design
FRANCES	3	
FULTON	3	
GEORGETOWN	2	
GIER	3	
GLEN EDEN	1	No facilities at the park site
GRAND RIVER	3	

GRAVES, GERALD W.	2	
GREENCROFT	1	No facilities at the park site
HILLBORN	2	
HILLSDALE	3	
HOLLY	3	
HORSEBROOK	1	
HULL COURT	2	
HUNTER	3	
HUNTERS RIDGE	2	
INGHAM	2	
IRVING	1	No facilities at the park site
JONES LAKE	1	No facilities at the park site
KALAMAZOO PLAZA	4	
KAYNORTH	1	
KENDON	1	No facilities at the park site
KIMBERLY	1	No facilities at the park site
KIRCHER	3	
LARCH	1	No facilities at the park site
LETTS COMMUNITY CENTER	5	Renovated to design using principals universal design
LEWTON	1	No facilities at the park site
LYONS	1	
MAGUIRE	5	Access design using principals universal design
MARSCOT	3	
MARSHALL	3	
McKINCH	1	
MOORE, HAROLD	2	
MOORES	3	
MUNN	2	ADA access to River Trail pathway
OAK	3	
ORMOND	3	Playground designed using principals universal design
OSBORN	1	
PLEASANT VIEW	1	
PORTER	2	
POTTER	3	
POXSON	2	
QUENTIN	2	
RANNEY	3	
REASONER	2	
REGENT	2	
REOLA	1	
REUTTER	3	
RIVERFRONT, L.F. ADADO	3	
RISDALE	3	Stadium designed using principals universal design
RIVERPOINT	4	
RIVERSIDE	1	No facilities at the park site

ROTARY	5	Designed using principals universal design
ST. JOSEPH	3	
SCOTT	3	Parking lot access to Cooley designed PUD
SCOTT WOODS	3	
SEVENTH	1	
SCHMIDT COMMUNIITY CENTER	5	Designed using principals universal design
SHUBEL	1	No facilities at the park site
STABLER	2	
SUNSET HILLS	2	No facilities at the park site
SYCAMORE	2	
TAMMANY	2	
TECUMSEH	3	
TRAGER	1	No facilities at the park site
TURNER (SMALLEST)	4	
WAINWRIGHT	2	
WALDO	2	
WALSH	2	
WASHINGTON	2	
WENTWORTH	4	
WILLOUGHBY	1	No facilities at the park site
WILSON	2	
WILSON, RUDOLPH & DOROTHY	3	
WOODCREEK	3	

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Scale for Evaluating Park Accessibility

"Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plans"

Accessibility Assessments - An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

Scale of 1 to 5

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Scholarships

The City offers partial scholarships to assist Lansing residents under 18 years of age who meet Federal HUD low-income guidelines for the Lansing area. Scholarships may be used for Parks and Recreation sponsored programs and do not include team fees, supply costs, out of town trips or one-day activities.

Aquatics
Youth Swim Lessons
Adult Swim Lessons
Water Aerobics
Adapted Aquatics
Aqua Zumba
Open Swim (Indoor & Outdoor)

School Year
After School Program (Grades K-6)
Late Start Wednesday
Tutoring (Ages 6-18)
Learning Labs
Spring Break Camp

Open Recreation
Teen Nights
Family Open Gym
Tot Time
Volleyball
Basketball
Pickleball
Table Tennis
Climbing Wall
Batting Tunnel

Dance
Creative Dance
Ballet
Acrobatics
Latino Dance
Hustle
Line Dance
Ballroom Dance
Belly Dance (Beginning to Master)

General Enrichment
Teddy Bear Chefs
Young Chefs
Make a Painting
Balloon Smash
Flash Fiction
Travelogue

Fitness & Wellness
Taste of Keto
Boxing Fitness
Cardio Kickboxing
Low Impact Aerobics
Yoga
Zumba
Stretch & Tone
Power Sculpting
Fitness Center
Enhanced Walking

Martial Arts
Karate for Kids
Family Karate
Adult Self Defense
Judo/Jujitsu
Aikido
TaeKwonDo
Classical Japanese Swordsmanship
GungFu

Homeschool Classes
Dance
Art
History
Zoology
Cooking
Science

Sports
Floor Hockey (Youth League)
Gymnastics (Youth)
Archery (Youth – Adult)
Sports Sampler (Youth)
Volleyball (Youth, Girls, Adult, Co-Ed, Sand)
Basketball (Youth, Men's, Age 50+)
Tennis (Youth Lessons – Adult Leagues)
Soccer (Youth)
Flag Football (Youth – Adult)
Disc Golf (Youth – Adult)
Adult Baseball (Wooden Bat, Ages 30 & Over; Ages 40 & over)
Youth Baseball (Junior, Wildcat, Tee Ball)
Lacrosse (Youth)

Turner-Dodge House
Public Visitor Hours
Guided Tours, Tours & Tea
Seasonal Teas
Wedding Rentals
Special Event Rentals
Festival of Trees
Mayors River Walk Destination
Concert on the Lawn site
Music in the Manor
Tea and Ballet
Victorian Halloween
Valentine Love & Chocolate

Virtual Programs
5K Runs
Mayor's Virtual Riverwalk
Mayor's Senior Fair
Belly Dance
Youth Tennis
Tutoring

Special Programs
Kids Camp Program/Field Trips
Easter Egg Hunt
Carnival
Holiday Road Rally
Indoor Rummage Sale
Cardboard Classic Sled Contest
Volunteen
Mayor's Annual Riverwalk
Fishing Derby
Scavenger Hunt
4th of July Parade
Concerts in the Park
Drive-In Movie
Mother/Son & Daddy/Daughter Dance
Mayor's Senior Fair

Co-Sponsored Capital Area District Library (CADL) Programs:
Pre-school Story Time
Early Literacy Playtime
Toddler Story Time
Baby Story Time
Holiday Crafts
Minecraft Game Night
Escape Room
Adult Book Discussion
Movie Discussion Club
Daily Summer Activities

Seniors
Tri-County Office on Aging – Meals on wheels
Walking Program
Safe-n-Fit
Crafts
Holiday Events
Billiards and Pool Tournament
Picnics
Holiday Dinners
Bingo
Bridge

Programs Supported at City Facilities

Fenner Nature Center

Programs funded through the Friends of Fenner Nature Center:
Nature Education Tours
Apple Butter Festival
Twilight Treks
Citizen Science
Nature Wreath Making
Summer Camps

Lansing Events

Various events are held in Lansing and at Lansing parks and facilities throughout the year. When events are held at Lansing parks and facilities the Department schedules the facilities, makes sure that the site is prepared and cleaned up afterwards. The Department also rents a Showmobile to groups in the Lansing area that can be used as a portable stage for events.

Women's March
Lumberjack Festival
Stations of the Cross
Beerfest at the Ballpark
Recyclerama
Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day
Komen Race for the Cure
Neogen 5K
Run for the Son
Sikh Day Parade & Festival
MI Cops Candlelight Ceremony
Roush 22 Mile Hike for Awareness of Veteran Suicide
Multiple Sclerosis Walk
VOA Stand Down for Homeless Veterans
Cristo Rey Fiesta
Margarita Festival
Sparrow Michigan Mile
Hawk Island Triathlon
Dapper Dads Fashion Show
Juneteenth Parade & Festival
Lansing Old Town Beer Fest
Michigan Pride Parade & Festival
Lansing Lugnuts All Star Game Block Party
Off the Grid Party
Three Stacks Music Festival
MLEOM 1st Annual 5K Run
Common Ground
July 4th Celebration
Scrapfest
Run for Fame
Car Capitol Auto Show
Foster Center 100th Year Celebration
Michigan Jazz Fest
St Casmir 5K
Dewpoint Private Client Event
BWL Hometown Power 5K
ArtFeast
Reo Town Art Festival
Michigan Chicken Wing Festival
Beers Barfood & Bands
Relentless Positive 5K
Prime Fest
Taste of Downtown
Michigan Blues Fest
Eucharist Procession
Alzheimer's Walk
Capital City River Run
Oktoberfest
Chili Cook Off
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Crop Walk
Hot Cider Hustle
Trick or Treat on the Square
Silver Bells Parade & 5K
Lansing Turkey Trot
St Patrick's Day Run
Spring Equinox Gathering
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Battlefield Brawl
Arbor Day Event
MSU Rowing Competition
Lids for Kids
Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow
Kids Walks
Twilight Run
Bridge Fest
Sycamore Neighborhood Ice Cream Social
Epilepsy Summer Stroll 5K
Bikes in the Park

Lansing Events (continued)

Men Making a Difference
Neighborhood National Night Out
Neighborhood Family Festival
Bless Fest
Movie on the River
Lansing Harmony Celebration
Michigan Remembers Run
Cafecito Caliente 5K
Back the Blue
Capital Area Anti Trafficking Alliance 5K
Run for Food
Race to Restore
Scrooge Scramble
Governor Whitmer's Inauguration
Lansing School District Showcase
Whiskey Warmer
Copa De La Diversion
RED for Ed Rally for Public Education
Women's Veteran 5K
Michigan Law Enforcement Officers 5K
Friends of Lansing Regional Trail Pie K

Department of Natural Resources - Recreation Grant History

Project No	*Application Year*	*Project Title*	*Grant Amount*	*Grant Status*	*Project Description*
26-00045	1966	Sheffield Park (formerly Southwest River Park)	$69,615.00	Closed	Acquire 26.78 A for park development & scenic drive extending Moores River Dr.
26-000550	1974	Lansing Outdoor Ice Rink	$190,063.00	Closed	Building addition, ice making equipment, fencing, batter boards, lighting, walks, parking and site development
26-00693	1976	Lansing Riverfront Park	$82,812.31	Closed	Wharf and starter deck, 2 lighted deck tennis courts, viewing deck, site furniture, signs, landscape, LWCF sign
26-00926	1977	Dietrich Park Development	$38,714.31	Closed	Develop 5 acres for parking, pedestrian/bike path, landscape, site preparation, LWCF sign, 2 docks with stairs and entry woodwork
26-01023 J3	1977	Davis Park	$38,781.05	Closed	Well, vault toilets, decking & steps, pathway, fence, parking, road, bench, landscape, picnic tables, fire circle, LWCF sign
26-01023 K3	1977	Lansing Tennis courts at four Parks	$46,317.49	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts at Marscott, River Street, Wilson and Woodcreek Parks
26-01023 L3	1977	Forest View Park	$14,312.91	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts
26-01023 M3	1977	Gier Park	$60,438.00	Closed	Lighting & fencing for 3 existing ball diamonds, LWCF sign
26-01060 C4	1975	Theo Fulton (Sheffield) Park	$30,454.31	Closed	Overlook dock, play area, parking, picnic area, LWCF sign
26-01134	0	Lansing Riverpoint Park (formerly Elm St. Park)	$31,300.00	Withdrawn	Development of dock, boat ramp and parking lot
26-01221	1981	Chadwell Launch	$53,297.83	Closed	Develop canoe launch, demolition, earth moving, retaining walls, asphalt path, landscape, dock, LWCF sign

26-01296	1984	Lansing Urban Recreation Trail	$68,407.00	Closed	Trail, demolition, site development, landscape, boardwalks, furniture, signs, asphalt path, LWCF sign at Elm and Cedar Street.

Project No	***Application Year***	***Project Title***	***Grant Amount***	***Grant Status***	***Project Description***
TF86-229	1986	Urban Recreation Trail	$262,500.00	Closed	Construction of 2 links to Riverfront Trail. Commence at Elm St. east of S. Cedar.
TF87-244	1987	Lansing Urban Rec. Trail	$250,000.00	Closed	Continue trail east of Potter Park Zoo towards MSU.
TF88-138	1988	River Trail	$375,000.00	Closed	Continue walkway along Grand River with observation decks, fishing & canoe access
TF88-139	1988	Lansing River Trail	$80,250.00	Withdrawn	
TF89-187	1989	Lansing River Trail '89	$375,000.00	Closed	Continue River Trail from Turner Dodge Mansion to Brenke Fish Ladder. Boardwalk, stairs, grading, walls/handrails, paving and landscape
BF89-405	1989	Moores Park Renovations	$272,325.00	Closed	Rebuild restroom, renovate and resurface 12 concrete shuffleboard courts, renovate picnic shelter and stairs, resurface 2 tennis courts, parking, play equipment and landscape.
BF89-407	1989	Potter Park Renovations	$200,000.00	Closed	Renovation of pavilion including new restroom facilities and renovation of farmyard area in the zoo.
TF90-261	1990	Lansing River Trail '90	$316,500.00	Closed	Construction of asphalt pedestrian path with wooden decks along the Grand River from Grand River Ave. to the Dodge Mansion
BF90-262	1990	Fenner Natural Area	$187,500.00	Closed	Redevelopment of existing trail system, new barrier-free loop, interpretive signs, educational exhibits in the center and paving existing parking lots.

BF91-096	1991	Tennis Court Repairs	$97,500.00	Closed	Test 3 methods of repairing cracked asphalt at Clifford, St. Joseph and Ranney and replacement of fence.
BF91-097	1991	Riverpoint Park	$159,300.00	Closed	Develop the River Trail from Elm St. to Washington Ave. and Riverpoint Park and from Clippert St. to Kalamazoo St.
BF93-270	1993	Neighborhood Play Equip.	$210,000.00	Closed	Adding modern accessible play structures at Davis, Washington, Frances and Hunter Parks
26-01536	1993	Frances Park Renovations	$101,537.51	Closed	Restoration of pavilion and overlook structures and removal/replacement of roads and parking lot surfacing/curb cuts for accessibility
TF95-122	1995	River Trail West-Phase 2	$375,000.00	Closed	Link existing River Trail from Spring St. to Riverpoint Park and from Riverpoint Park to Washington Ave.
TF95-125	1995	Fenner Arboretum In holding Acquisition	$360,000.00	Closed	Acquire 10 acre parcel, a commercial inholding, and return it to its natural setting
TF96-102	1996	Frances Park Shoreline	$408,900.00	Closed	Provide improved parking areas, fishing docks and riverbank stabilization along the Grand River.
TF97-027	1997	River Trail Moores Park - Elm Street	$500,000.00	Closed	Construction of 1,600 feet of asphalt and boardwalk paths, bridge over Grand River and, on adjacent property, wooden stairs and walkway.
CM00-099	2000	Kircher Park Renovations	$360,000.00	Closed	Construction of new restroom/concession/equipment storage building, paved parking lot, fencing improvements and accessibility improvements.
TF02-127	2002	Moores Park Improvements	$247,800.00	Closed	Develop an extension to the Grand River Trail through Moores Park with riverbank stabilization and improved fishing access and canoe launch.
TF03-106	2003	River Trail South Extension	$226,500.00	Closed	Southern extension of the Lansing River Trail from Shubel Park to Hawk Island County Park.

					Ten foot wide, paved trail to connect residential neighborhoods to existing park land.
TF04-078	2004	River Trail South Extension	$500,000.00	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide asphalt trail to include a 14 foot wide bridge and site amenities which provides 8,100 linear feet of access to Sycamore Creek.
TF05-071	2005	Lansing River Trail South Extension	$426,500.00	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide, 4,100 linear foot bituminous trail, boardwalk and bridge along the Sycamore Creek from Hawk Island Park to Maguire Park.
TF06-050	2006	Hunter Pool Renovation	$500,000.00	Closed	Improvements to Hunter Park Pool including installation of splash park, upgrades to existing pool with zero depth entry.
TF08-147	2008	Hunter's Ridge Land Acquisition	$785,300.00	Active	Acquisition of 28.47 acres of property with 500 feet of frontage on the Grand River to be used for walking trails, wildlife viewing, fishing opportunities and habitat protection.
TF10-050	2010	Crego Park Development	$500,000.00	Closed	Improvements to Crego Park included permeable pavement parking lot, universally accessible kayak/canoe launch, walking paths, fishing docks, site amenities.
TF12-019	2012	Frances Park Trail Improvement	$300,000.00	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes fishing docks, benches, bike racks, and viewing platform
TF16-081	2016	Lansing Boat Club Acquisition	$90,000.00	Closed	Acquisition of a 9-acre parcel located on the Grand River. The river front parcel will be incorporated into Fulton Park and become a connection of Hunters Ridge and Fulton Parks.
TF17-079	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Moores Park	$35,000.00	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes a canoe and kayak launch below the dam along the Grand River.

TF17-090	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Riverfront Park	$48,000.00	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes a canoe and kayak launch at the City Market in downtown Lansing along the River Trail.
TF17-098	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Krugers Landing	$35,000.00	Active	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes a canoe and kayak launch east of Potter Park on the Red Cedar.
TF18-029	2018	East Willard Avenue Acquisition	$17,300.00	Closed	Acquisition of this 3.47 parcel was incorporated into Scott Woods Park and gives the City of Lansing the properties on both sides of the trail head at the end of Willard Avenue.
TF18-030	2018	Wise Road Acquisition	$20,500.00	Active	Acquisition of this 0.59 parcel will be incorporated into Davis Park and provide a buffer between residential and park.
TF18-033	2018	Cambridge to Frances Park River Trail Extension	$300,000.00	Active	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes a third of a mile extension of the River Trail north of Frances.
TF18-133	2018	Hunter's Ridge Drive Acquisition	$82,500.00	Active	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes a third of a mile extension of the River Trail north of Frances.

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The Department has maintained the facilities constructed with grant funds to allow for aesthetically pleasing sites and safe use for the public.

RECREATION INVENTORY

Non-City Owned Recreation Opportunities

Billiards

Nuthouse Sports Grill, Lansing
Nimbus, East Lansing
The Riv, East Lansing
The Roadhouse Pub, East Lansing
Coach's Pub and Grill, Lansing
Limit Pool & Karaoke Club, East Lansing
Dispatch Sports Pub & Grill, Lansing
LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, Lansing
Art's Pub, Lansing
The Green Door Bar & Grill, Lansing
Reno's East, East Lansing
Westgate Tavern & Grill, Lansing
Buddies Grill, Holt
Midtown Brewing, Lansing
Lucky's, Lansing

Bowling

Spare Time Entertainment Center, Lansing
MSU Union Spartan Lanes, East Lansing
Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing
City Limits East, East Lansing
Char-Lanes, Charlotte
City Limits, Mason
Lan-Oak Lanes, Lansing

Campgrounds

Cottonwood Campground, Lansing
Der Happy Hallow, Lansing
Sleepy Hollow State Park, Laingsburg
Taylor's Beach Campground, Howell
Heartland Woods Family Resort, Stockbridge
Campgrounds-R-Us, LLC, Owosso
Lakeside Resort and Campground, Ionia

Camps

Okemos Kids Club, Okemos
Girl Scouts Camp Mill Run, Grand Ledge
Girl Scouts Camp Holiday Haven, Wacousta
Woldumar Nature Center, Lansing
Camp Pa-Wa-Pi, Williamston
YMCA Mystic Lake, Lake

Canoe / Kayak Rental

River Town Adventures, Lansing
Dimondale Canoe & Kayak, Dimondale
The Power of Water, Lansing

Clubs & Organizations

Boys & Girls Club, Lansing
Lansing Spartans Youth Organization, Lansing
Lions Clubs of Michigan, Lansing/surrounding area
Rotary Club, Lansing and surrounding area
American Legions Posts, Lansing/surrounding area
Kiwanis Club, Lansing and surrounding area
Curling Club, Lansing
University Club, Lansing
Lansing Table Tennis, Lansing
Lansing Boat Club, Lansing
Liederkranz Club, Lansing
Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan, Lansing
Capital Area Soccer, Lansing
Greater Lansing Aikido, Lansing
Demmer Shooting Sports/Education, E. Lansing
Tri-County Bike Association, Lansing
Michigan Trap Shooting, Mason

Dance and Gymnastics

Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts, Lansing
Patsy Watson School of Dance, Lansing
In Motion Dance Center, Lansing
Karyn's Dance Place, Holt
Platinum Dance Academy, East Lansing
Kick it Out!, East Lansing
The Studio Performing Arts Center, East Lansing
Elite Dance Company, East Lansing
Center for Social Dance, Okemos
Greater Lansing Academy of Dance, Lansing
Dance City West, Lansing
Red Cedar Gymnastics, Lansing
Capital Cheer Legends, Lansing
Geddert's Twistars, Dimondale
WILDCATS Cheer Pride, Lansing

Fitness & Yoga

Hilltop Yoga, Lansing
EmPOWer Lansing, Lansing
Just B Yoga, Lansing
Old Town Pilates, Lansing
Center for Yoga, East Lansing
Bikram Yoga Capital Area, East Lansing
FLEXcity Fitness, Lansing
I.Q. Fitness & Wellness Center, Lansing
State of Fitness, East Lansing
Westside Fitness, Lansing
Court One Athletic Clubs, Lansing
YMCA, Lansing
Crunch Fitness, East Lansing
Polistic Fitness, Holt
Spartan Fit Center, East Lansing
Elite Fitness, Lansing
Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing

Golf Courses – Miniature / Disc

Kramer-Ruthruff Disc Golf, Lansing
Zap Zone, Lansing
Funtyme Adventure, Grand Ledge
Funtyme Adventure, Mason
Grand Woods Park Disc Golf, Lansing
Birtchfield Disc Golf, Holt
Valley Farms Disc Golf, DeWitt

Golf Courses – Practice Ranges

Funtyme Driving Range, Grand Ledge
Forest Akers West, Lansing
Timber Ridge Golf Club, East Lansing
Woodside Golf Course, Lansing

Eldorado Golf Course, Mason
Ledge Meadows Golf Course, Grand Ledge
DeWitt Golf Center, DeWitt
Royal Scot, Lansing
Meridian Sun Golf Club, Haslett

Golf Courses – Private

Country Club of Lansing, Lansing
Grand Ledge Country Club, Grand Ledge

Golf Courses – Public

Chisholm Hills Golf Club, Lansing
Indian Hills, Okemos
Forest Akers, East Lansing
Meridian Sun Golf Club, Haslett
Ella Sharp Park Golf Course, Jackson
Ledge Meadows, Grand Ledge
College Fields Golf Club, Okemos
The Falcon, East Lansing
Royal Scot Golf, Lansing
Eagle Eye, Bath
Woodside Course, Lansing
Lake O' the Hills, Haslett
Timber Ridge, East Lansing
Maple Brook, Charlotte
Eldorado, Mason
Prairie Creek, DeWitt
Branson Bay, Mason
Willow Wood, Portland

Golf Courses – Public (continued)

Eagle View, Mason
Brookshire, Williamston
University Club of MSU, Lansing

Museums

Abrams Planetarium, MSU East Lansing
Impression 5, Lansing
Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing
Broad Art Museum, MSU East Lansing
Kresge Art Gallery, MSU East Lansing
MSU Museum, MSU East Lansing
R. E. Olds Transportation Museum, Lansing

Nature Centers

Woldumar Nature Center, Lansing
Harris Nature Center, Okemos

Skating Rinks

Suburban Ice, East Lansing
Edru Skate, Holt
The Summit Sports and Ice Complex, Dimondale
Munn Ice Arena, MSU East Lansing

Theatres - Cinema

NCG Cinema, Lansing
Celebration Cinema, Lansing
Regal RPX, Lansing
Xtreme, Lansing
Studio C, Okemos
Sun Theatre, Grand Ledge

Theatres – Performing Arts

Wharton Center, MSU East Lansing
The Robin Theatre, Lansing
Riverwalk Theatre, Lansing
All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre, E. Lansing
LCC Dart Auditorium, LCC Campus, Lansing
Peppermint Creek Theatre, Lansing
Fairchild Theatre, East Lansing
Ruhala Performing Arts Center, East Lansing
Mid-Michigan Family Theatre, Okemos
Children's Ballet Theatre, Lansing
Starlight Dinner Theatre, Lansing
The Murder Mystery Company, Lansing
Williamston Theatre, Williamston

Lansing School District Facilities

The Lansing School District and the Parks Department share many facilities and programming choices. The schools use some park facilities for school activities and the Department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities. The Parks Department also runs the school aquatic programs.

The Lansing School District covers 52 square miles and is the 5th largest school district in the state of Michigan. It is a public school district serving grades Pre-K through 12th with over 11, 000 students in 25 buildings offering Magnet school options in STEM, STEAM, Spanish Immersion/Global Studies and New Tech High. They also offer specialty schools including Chinese immersion, Leadership, Law and Government, International Baccalaureate, Visual and Performing Arts and Montessori. It is one of twelve school districts within the Ingham Intermediate School District.

Non-Public Schools

There also private and public academy schools available consisting of parochial, Montessori and charter schools. A few of the schools in the Lansing area include: Cole Academy, Emmanuel Lutheran School, Greater Lansing Adventist School, Hope Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir, Lansing Baptist School, Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing Christian Schools, Harley Franks Early Childhood Center, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, Mid-Michigan Public School Academy, Montessori Children's House, Mosaica Education, New City Academy, New Covenant Christian School, Our Savior Lutheran School, Pam's Academy of Champions, Resurrection Catholic School, St. Gerard Catholic School and Windemere Park Charter Academy.

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

Burchfield Park and Riverbend Natural Area, Ingham County

Burchfield Park contains the Riverbend Natural Area within it, making Burchfield Park the county's largest park. The park contains over 540 acres and is located along the central western edge of the county, south of Lansing between Dimondale and Holt, along the Grand River. The land is mostly wooded with some grass areas. The park also contains the McNamara Canoe Landing, which is state owned land that Ingham County has a long-term operating agreement for.

Existing features include: more than 6 miles of hiking trails, over 10 miles of mountain bike trails, a softball diamond, bank and boat fishing, a beach with swimming on a natural spring fed pond, canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals, horseshoe pits, nature day camp, picnic grounds & shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, a stocked fishing pond, 6.9 miles of cross-country ski trails with rentals and lessons, two sledding hills, dual 700 foot toboggan runs and a warming lodge and snack bar.

Hawk Island Park, Ingham County

Hawk Island Park is Ingham County's most recent development. The park is located in the city limits of Lansing, between Aurelius and Pennsylvania with access to the park on the north side of Cavanaugh Road. The north end of this park connects to Scott Woods, a City of Lansing park. It is also where the Soldan's off leash Dog Park is located.

The park was built on the former Solomon Gravel Pits, reaching completion in 2001. Facilities at the park include: a 35 acre lake, beach, bath house, boat rental, fishing with the lake stocked, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through the park and, cooperatively with the City, into Scott Woods Park and Sycamore Golf Course. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park.

Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex, Ingham County

The Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex is a premier soccer complex in the tri-county area. The complex consists of six state-of-the-art fields that have earned World Cup ratings. The complex officially opened September 9, 2000. Located at 5801 Aurelius Road, between Jolly and Miller Roads in Lansing the complex will be utilized for youth recreational soccer, adult leagues and tournaments as well as city-wide special events.

Lake Lansing Park - South, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – South contains 30 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Lake Lansing and Marsh Roads in Meridian Township. The park is formerly the site of a popular amusement park. The old carousel building was preserved and remains on location. The park is very popular during the warm months because of its sandy swimming beach. Overcrowding is typical during warm weekends with swimmers and boaters. Currently, the County Parks Department owns and leases out the house at the southwest end of the property. Access to the picnic shelter is paved and also handicap accessible.

Existing facilities include: an amphitheater/band shell, beach and bath house, horseshoe pits, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds and tricycle track, shuffleboard courts, snack bar, volleyball courts, and ice fishing.

Lake Lansing Park – North, Ingham County

Lake Lansing Park – North consists of 530 acres of natural recreation area, woods and trails and is operated by Ingham County Parks Department. It is located to the northeast of Lake Lansing in Meridian Township, with a majority of the park lying north of Lake Drive. Only a small boat launch links Lake Lansing Park – North with Lake Lansing. A good portion of the park is wooded upland consisting of mature oaks and maples. Much of the park is marshlands, consisting of pine plantations and transitional field grasses.

Existing facilities include: softball diamonds, a boat launch, over 5 miles of hiking trails and boardwalk, nature study area, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, basketball court, cross country skiing, ice fishing and winter warming lodge.

East Lansing Soccer Complex, East Lansing

The East Lansing Soccer Complex includes 2 stadium fields and 6 recreational fields that are available for use for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, Frisbee, kickball, shelter, concession, restrooms and team rooms. It is located at 3700 Coleman Road, just off Chandler Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Softball Complex, East Lansing

The East Lansing Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. It is located at 410 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

Potter Park Zoo, Ingham County

Potter Park Zoo is a 102-acre zoo located in Lansing, Michigan, within Potter Park and open to the public 364 days a year. Potter Park Zoo is the oldest public zoo in Michigan and is currently home to over 500 animals and 160 different species. The zoo is owned by the City of Lansing, and operated by Ingham County. The zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participates in over 40 Species Survival Plans (SSP) designed to manage and conserve threatened or endangered animals. The Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine partners with the zoo veterinary team to provide medical care for its animals.

Our mission: "Inspiring Conservation of Animals and the Natural World."

Grants Received for the Park
2019 – Lansing Neighborhood Grant ($3,220.40), used to plant native plants around the Tiger Den, install an accessible table and bench for a dedicated quiet area, and installed an accessible grill near the Tiger Den.
2020—ReLeaf grant of $1,500.00 for trees planted within the zoo. The zoo has been doing a significant amount of tree remediation and planting native trees.

Recreation Inventory
Potter Park – Acres 102 total (Zoo 20, Park 82), Picnic Area, Play Equipment, Restrooms, Parking, River – water frontage, and River trail access point.

Rental Facilities in the Park
Tiger Den – Capacity 300
Eagle Landing - Capacity 80
Penguin Cove - Capacity 60

Programs Supported at City Facilities: Potter Park
Programs funded through the Potter Park Zoological Society: The Potter Park Zoological Society is a private, 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization that supports Potter Park Zoo through educational programming, public and private events, and fundraising.

FALCONERS is a free program designed to allow children or adults of all ages with special needs and unique challenges (such as autism or developmental disabilities) and their whole family to have an enriching educational experience in a safe and welcoming environment. There is one event per month each year.

- Safe and welcoming environment with sensory friendly activities
- Inclusive for the entire family/support group
- Up close experiences with ambassador animals
- Each session includes hands-on stewardship activity
- This program will be shared with other institutions in the community

Zoo In Your Neighborhood Program – zoo passes (includes parking and admission) are available to check out at the following community partners:

CADL - Aurelius
CADL - Dansville
CADL - Downtown Lansing
CADL - Foster
CADL - Haslett
CADL - Holt/Delhi
CADL - Leslie
CADL - Mason
CADL - Okemos
CADL- South Lansing
CADL - Stockbridge
CADL - Webberville
CADL - Williamston
LNCC - Schmidt
LNCC - Foster
LNCC -Gier
LNCC - Letts
CALC - Mt. Vernon
CALC - LaRoy Froh
CALC _ Mobile Library
Community Mental Health

CALC - Hildebrandt Park
SIG - Reo School
Bath Twp. Library
Briggs District Library
Cristo Rey Community Center
Delta Twp Library
Eaton Rapids Public Library
East Lansing Public Library
Refugee Development Center
Dewitt YMCA
Downtown YMCA
Parkwood YMCA
Oak Park YMCA
Westside YMCA
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Charlotte Library
Ronald McDonald House
STVCC Children's Home
Dimondale Library
Friendship House
Allen Neighborhood Center

Zoo in Your Neighborhood partners also receive two free animal centered educational programs at their site each year.

Potter Park Zoo Proposed CIP Expenditures

Year	Description	Estimated Cost	Total
	Zoo Paths	$ 250,000.00	
	Boiler Replacement – Feline Primate Building	$ 150,000.00	
	Discovery Center HVAC Controls	$ 20,000.00	
	Browse Freezer – Moose & Rhino	$ 30,000.00	
	Restaurant Fryer	$ 17,000.00	744,000.00
	Increased Electrical Capacity – Bird & Reptile Building	$ 50,000.00	
	New Gators x 2	$ 30,000.00	
	New Golf Carts x 2	$ 16,000.00	
	Tree Remediation	$ 25,000.00	
	Small Moat Demolition – Fill, Exhibit Transition	$ 125,000.00	
	Penguin Exhibit Pool Repairs	$ 25,000.00	
1	Adult Changing Station	$ 6,000.00	$
	Zoo Paths	$ 250,000.00	
	Retaining Walls- Tiger Den & Restaurant	$ 100,000.00	
	Large Animal Crates (Animal transfer or evacuation)	$ 50,000.00	
	Storage Barn (Animal crates and gift shop merchandise)	$ 30,000.00	
	North End Building Repairs- Reptile Building	$ 75,000.00	680,800.00
	Farmyard Renovation	$ 100,000.00	
	Tree Remediation	$ 25,000.00	
	Bongo Barn Roof	$ 15,000.00	
	Veterinary Equipment – X-ray Projector	$ 5,800.00	
2	New Gators x 2	$ 30,000.00	$
	Zoo Paths	$ 250,000.00	
	New Dump Truck	$ 45,000.00	
	New Van (Animal transport)	$ 30,000.00	
	New Golf Carts x 2	$ 16,000.00	
	Tree Remediation	$ 25,000.00	
	Feline Primate Roof	$ 100,000.00	672,000.00
	New Pick-up Trucks x 2	$ 46,000.00	
	Lion Yard Erosion Prevention	$ 30,000.00	
	Gutter Guards – Discovery Center	$ 5,000.00	
	Playground Repair – Poured Rubber	$ 75,000.00	
3	Welcome and Discovery Center Carpet	$ 50,000.00	$
	Zoo Paths	$ 250,000.00	
	Portable Generator	$ 40,000.00	
	Cover Amphitheater	$ 20,000.00	
	New Pick-upTruck x 2	$ 46,000.00	
	Snow Removal Brooms	$ 10,000.00	
	Otter Viewing Window Leak	$ 5,000.00	601,000.00
	Restaurant Water Heater/Furnace	$ 25,000.00	
	Tree Remediation	$ 25,000.00	
	Outdoor Drinking Fountains	$ 15,000.00	
	Vehicle Entrance Gates	$ 15,000.00	
	Otter Bag Filter System	$ 5,000.00	
	Pavilion 2 Deck Repair	$ 15,000.00	
	New Gators x 2	$ 30,000.00	
4	ADA Viewing Areas – Kangaroo, Large Cat, Primate	$ 100,000.00	$
	Parking Lot Repair/Sealing	$ 400,000.00	
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	Parking Lot Repair/Sealing	$ 400,000.00	
			$ 800,000.00
6			
	TOTAL	**$**	**3,497,800.00**

Non-City Owned Parks:

Alliance Lake Softball Complex, Potterville

Alliance Lake Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball and seating for over 500 spectators. The complex is located southwest of Lansing in Potterville at 515 Alliance Drive.

Fitzgerald Park, Eaton County

Fitzgerald Park is a 78-acre park operated by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive, in Grand Ledge, along the Grand River and is on top of ancient sedimentary rocks known as the "Ledges." The park offers picnicking, trails, a Nature Center, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a playground, disc golf, sledding, and skateboard park. The park also rents canoes and cross-country skis seasonally.

Naturalist services are offered at the park, by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Naturalist, for civic groups, school groups, and any other organization. These services include presentations on ecology (i.e. trees, plants, wildlife, and natural history).

Lincoln Brick Park, Eaton County

Lincoln Brick Park is historically named after the decade of brick production that once took place on the site. The park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, one mile west of M-100 off State Road. The park consists of 90 acres and is positioned just across the river from Fitzgerald Park. The park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. The park provides pavilions and picnicking, a tot lot, nature trails, cross country skiing, fishing, archery range and diversified wildlife. The park has proposed developments, which would provide access across the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park.

Harris Nature Center, Meridian Township

Harris Nature Center is a recently developed nature center located at 3998 Van Atta Road and is operated by the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department. The center consists of over 200 acres of land dedicated to promoting and interpreting the Red Cedar River and the surrounding ecosystems. The center provides programs and exhibits intended to assist in the learning process. Renovated buildings and facilities are used to complement hiking and nature observation opportunities. The nature center opened its doors in the summer of 1997.

Woldumar Nature Center, Nature Way Association

Woldumar Nature Center was established in 1966 when a land donation of 177 acres was made to the Nature Way Association; the governing body of Woldumar. It is located at 5539 Lansing Road, in Lansing, and currently maintains 188 acres of land. The Nature Way Association is a private, non-profit educational organization, providing outdoor education to 1,500 school children annually. Over 40,000 guests visit during the same period. The nature center provides an educational trail system through woodlands, fields, prairie, pine forests, orchards, and along the Grand River. There are over 5 miles of trails and at least 1 mile of river shoreline.

Non-City Owned Parks:

Sleepy Hollow State Park, State of Michigan

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located in Clinton County off Price Road and US-27, between St. Johns and Laingsburg. The park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and contains over 2600 acres, with a 410 acre lake, Lake Ovid, which was developed from the Little Maple River.

The Park has a modern campground with 181 sites and restroom accommodations. Also available is a rustic youth organization site for youth groups, scouts and church and school group use. The camp sites are within a short walk to the park's beach area. Day use facilities at the park include a ½ mile beach with beach house and concessions, shelters and picnicking, play equipment, restroom facilities, ball fields, trails for hiking and mountain biking, groomed cross-country ski trails, and activities such as snowmobiling, hunting and trapping (during appropriate seasons) and year round bird watching.

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area, State of Michigan

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is 4,140 acres located in Bath and Woodhull Townships with parking off Bath, Clark, Peacock, Robson, State, Stoll and Upton Roads. The park is operated by the MDNR and contains Rose Lake, Potter Lake and a portion of Mud Lake.

Existing facilities provide opportunities to study wildlife habitats, and activities such as hunting, rifle/archery/ skeet range, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and trails for hiking and mountain biking. Most of the facilities provide limited access. Parking and roadways are around the perimeter with facilities located in the middle.

City Planning Efforts

The City staff began the preparation of their five-year recreation plan in April of 2020. Utilizing their in-house staff of professional recreation planners, landscape architects, engineers, and operations staff, they looked at what was accomplished over the past five years and what they were looking to accomplish in the next five years.

The Parks staff routinely follows up with participants in their recreational programs to get user feedback. Input varies from parents who have children in the soccer program to children who were involved in the annual Kids Camp. Data gathered from these follow-up surveys was used in the development of this plan.

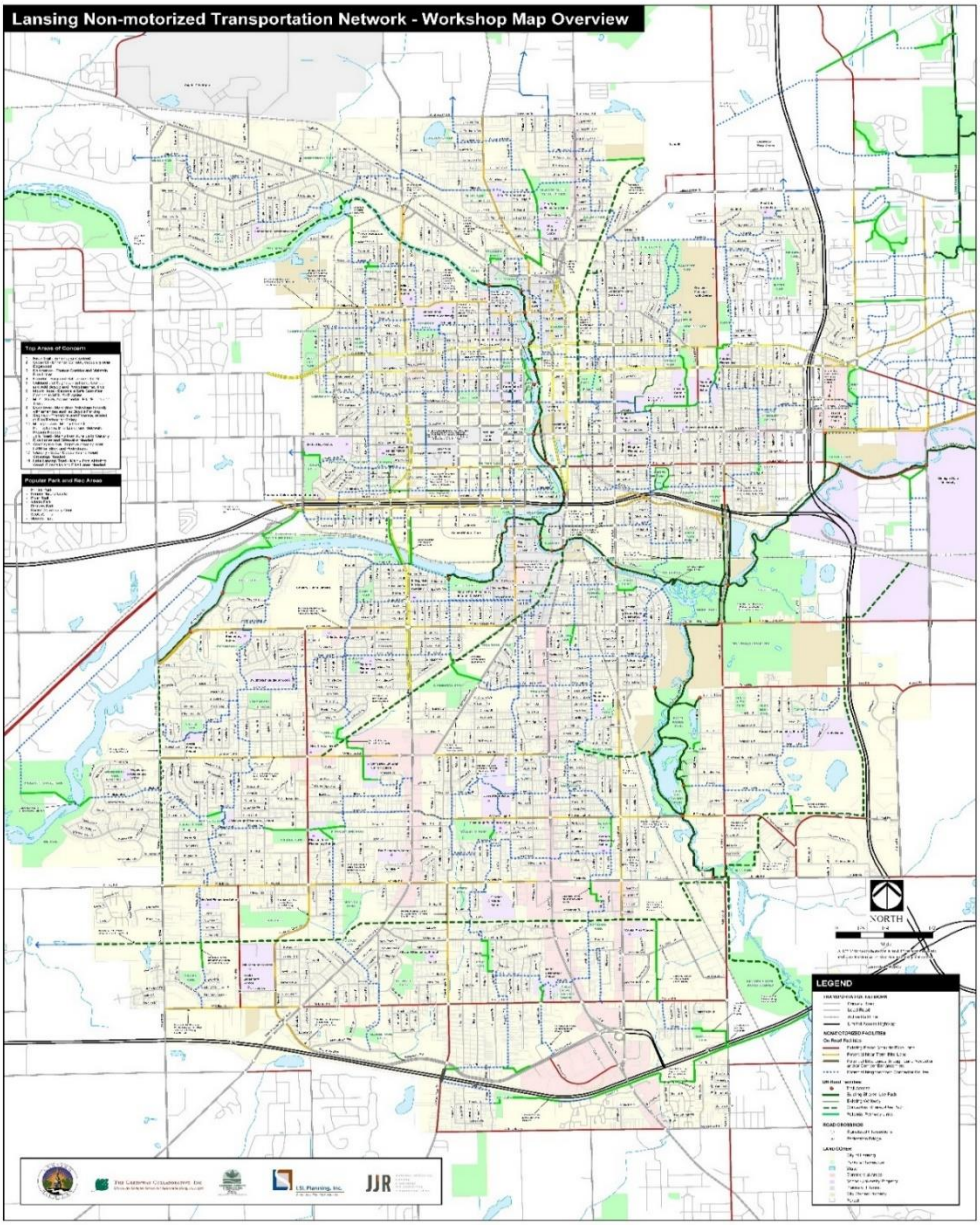
Other City departments such as the Public Service, Transportation, and Property Management work on planning efforts of their own. In 2020, the Transportation Department will be updating the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. This plan focuses on the City's non-motorized bike lanes, paths, and trail systems including the River Trail. The City of Lansing is in the process of improving the non-motorized connections within the southeastern section of the city adjacent to East Lansing, Michigan State University and Delhi Township. This process began with multiple public input meetings that were used to identify potential non-motorized connections throughout the city. The community comments were then incorporated into the Public Service's non-motorized plan.

A significant gap in our non-motorized connections were identified in the area bound by Mount Hope on the north, Collins Road on the East, Jolly Road on the south and Aurelius Road on the east. The bounded area is both commercial and residential having single unit homes and apartment units.

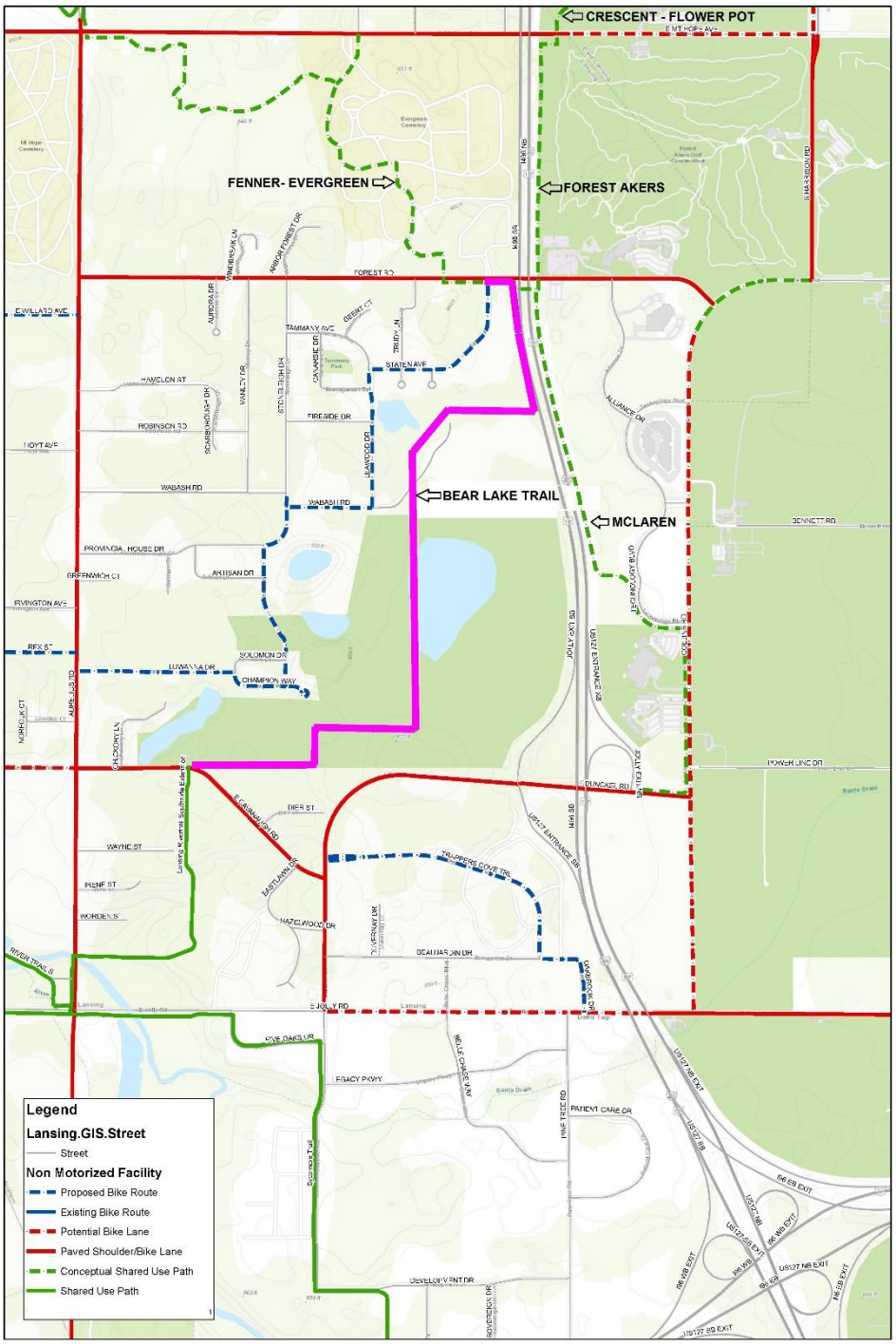
Development is underway within this area. McLaren Hospital is relocating their Lansing Campus to south of Forest Road between US-127/I-496 and Collins Road. Redevelopment is also underway on Dunkel Road just west of Collins Road where new residential apartments are planned. Both developments are currently under construction. The addition of non-motorized connections would allow alternative modes of transportation that provide a regional connection to Delhi Township, East Lansing, MSU and downtown Lansing.

Additionally, these connections would provide both commuter access to businesses and learning institutions and provide recreational access to: Lansing's parks and trails, Delhi Township's Sycamore Trail, and MSU and East Lansing's non-motorized network.

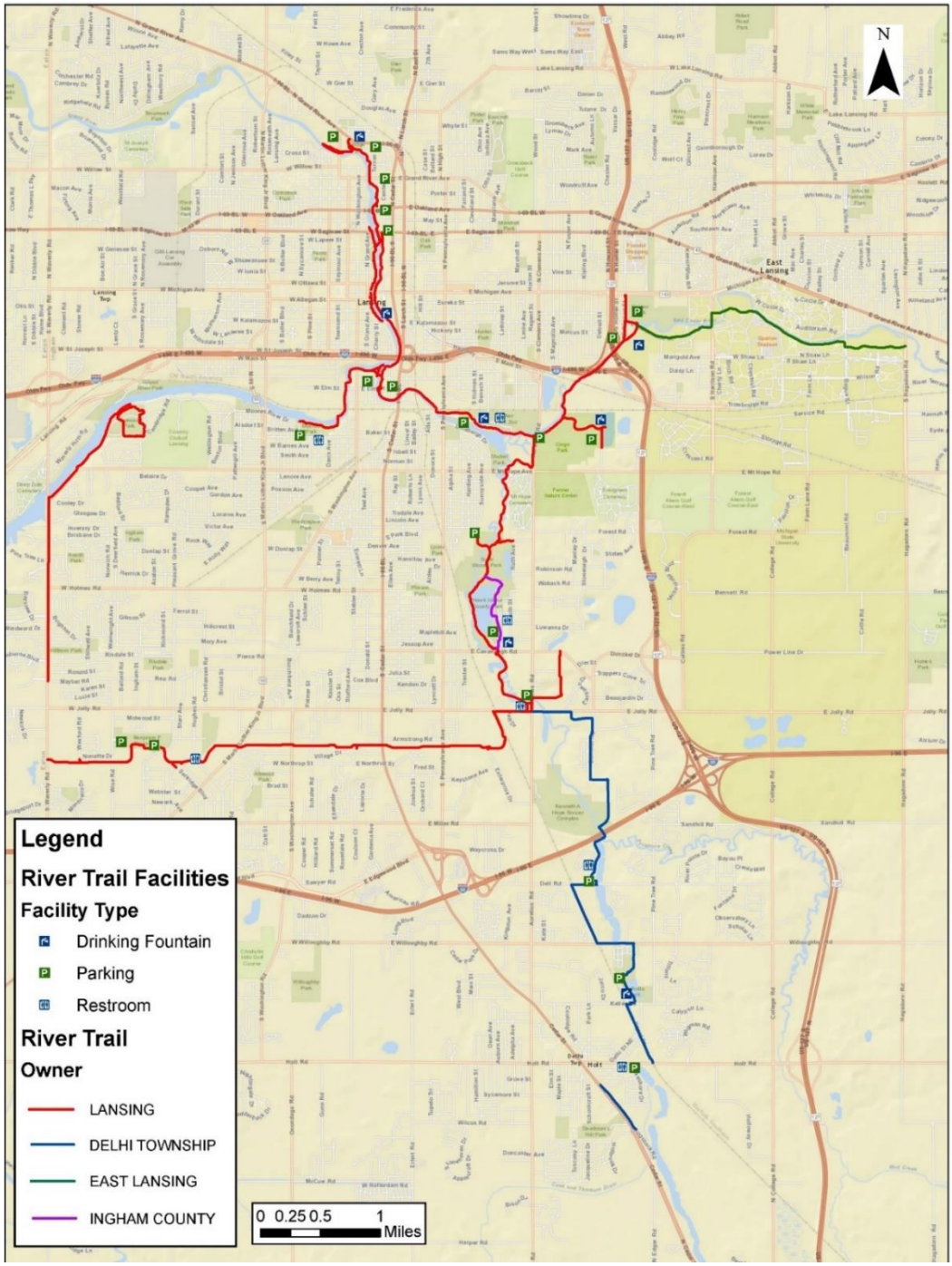
Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Network - The City of Lansing believes the existing and proposed connections provide a significant improvement to the south and east side of Lansing. The connections provide student access to and from school or work, provide commuter opportunities to Downtown Lansing, East Lansing, MSU, Delhi and Delta that otherwise would require a vehicle. The connections also provide access to the many recreational activities the existing trails offer such as biking, fishing, kayak rental access and nature viewing.



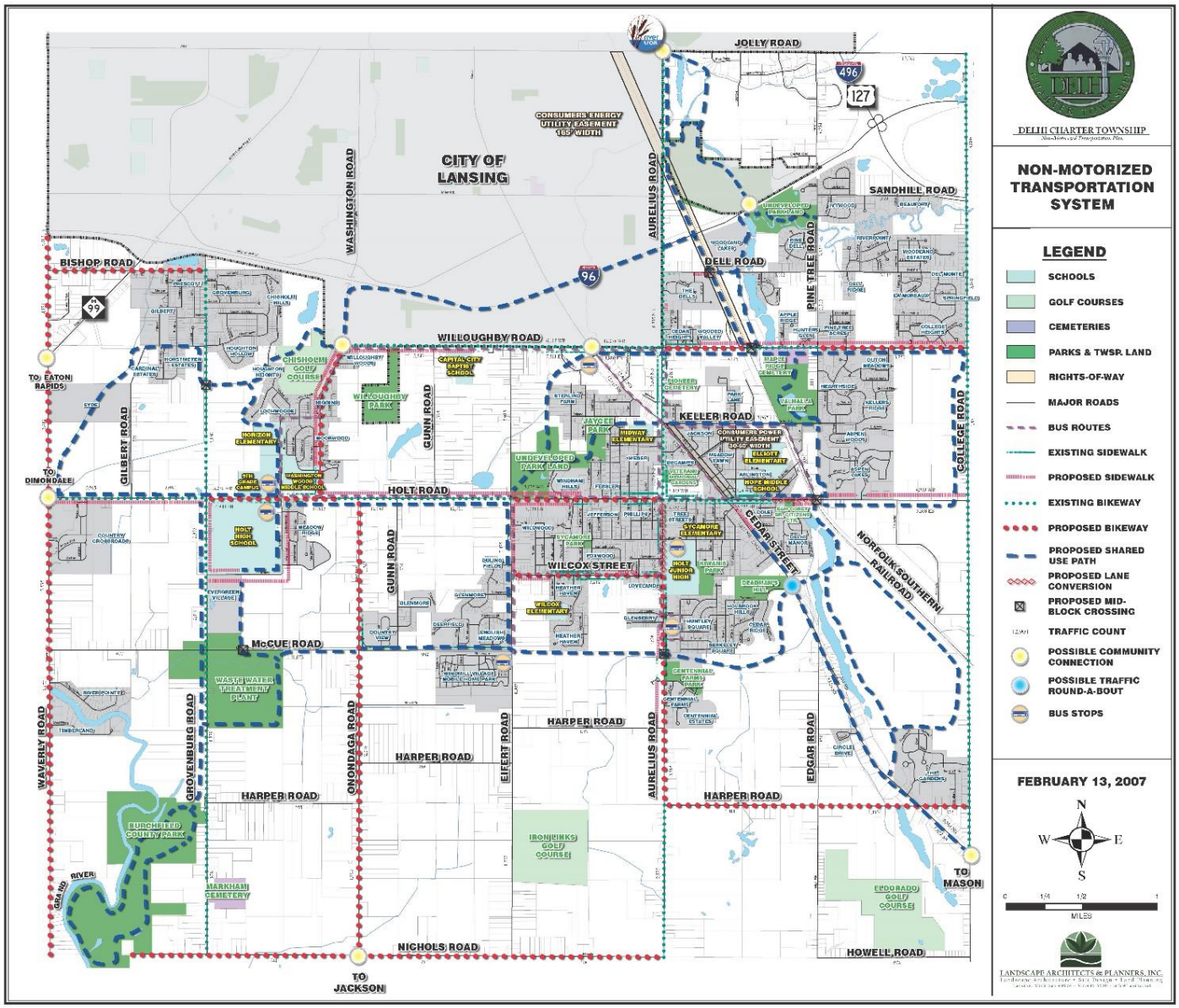
South East Non-Motorized Transportation - The City of Lansing is in the process of improving the non-motorized connections within the southeastern section of the city adjacent to East Lansing, Michigan State University and Delhi Township. Community comments from public input meetings were incorporated into the Public Service's non-motorized plan.



Lansing River Trail - The Lansing River Trail is comprised of 16 miles of pathways, bridges and boardwalks. The New South Extension of the Lansing River Trail starts at Cavanaugh Street and ends at Waverly Road in Lansing.



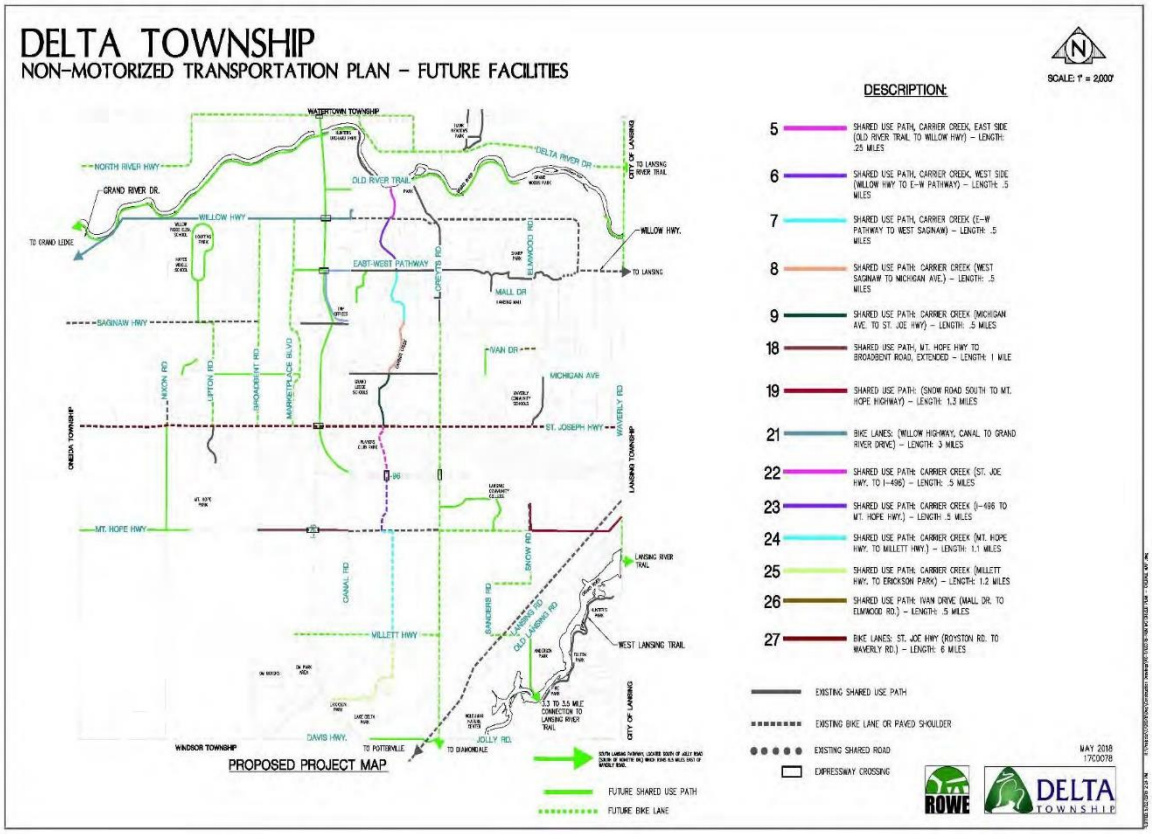
Delhi Township – Delhi Township borders the south side of Lansing. The Township adopted a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in 2007 and has implemented a portion of the Plan to Willoughby Road, 1 mile south of the Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex. In 2014, the Township completed a significant trail connection to the Lansing River Trail.



COMPLETED PROJECTS FROM 2007 NMTP More than 6.7 miles of paths, 3 miles of sidewalks, and 1.5 miles of bike lanes, among other improvements, were installed between 2007 and 2016. This plan shows the projects as originally identified in the 2007 plan with actual completed projects shown in red.

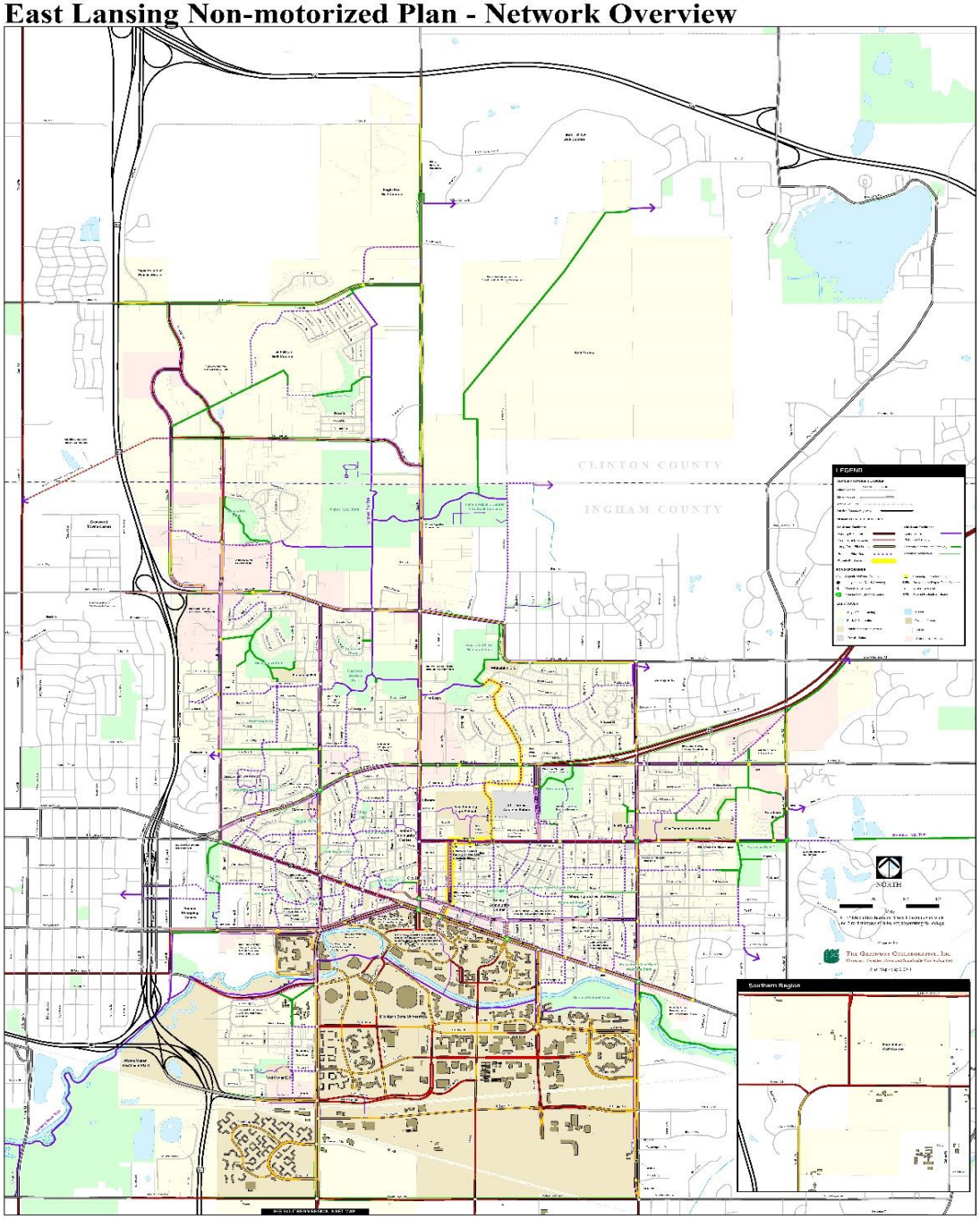
Delta Township – Delta Township borders the west side of Lansing. The Township has a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan adopted in 2003 and updated in 2018. Connections to Lansing on Willow Highway, Michigan Avenue and near the intersection of Mt. Hope and Old Lansing Road have been completed or are in process.

Future Facilities Map

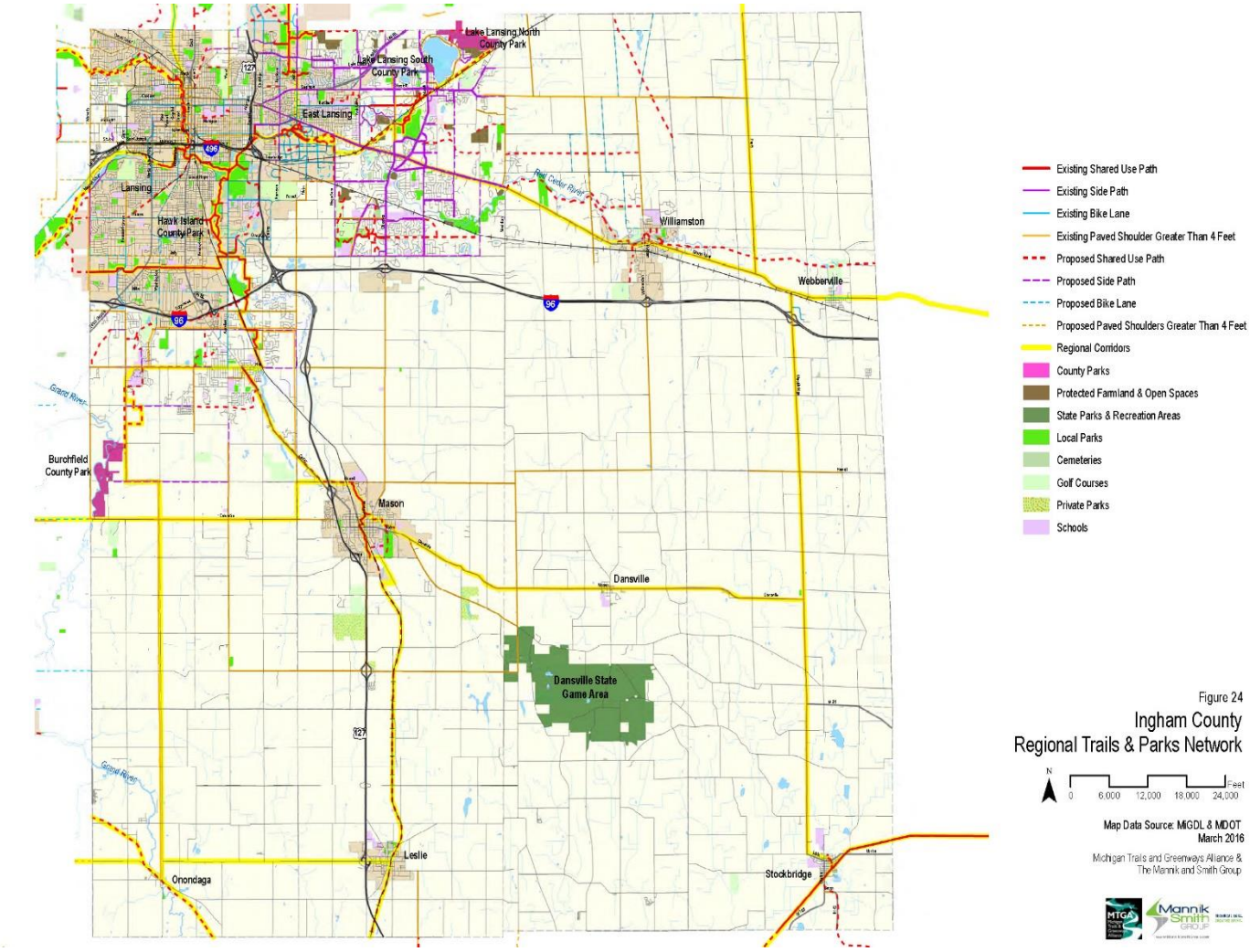


East Lansing – East Lansing borders the east side of Lansing. They have been a partner in various projects with the City of Lansing in the past including Ranney Skate Park and the River Trail construction and maintenance. The East Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan shows connections from Lansing to East Lansing in various locations.

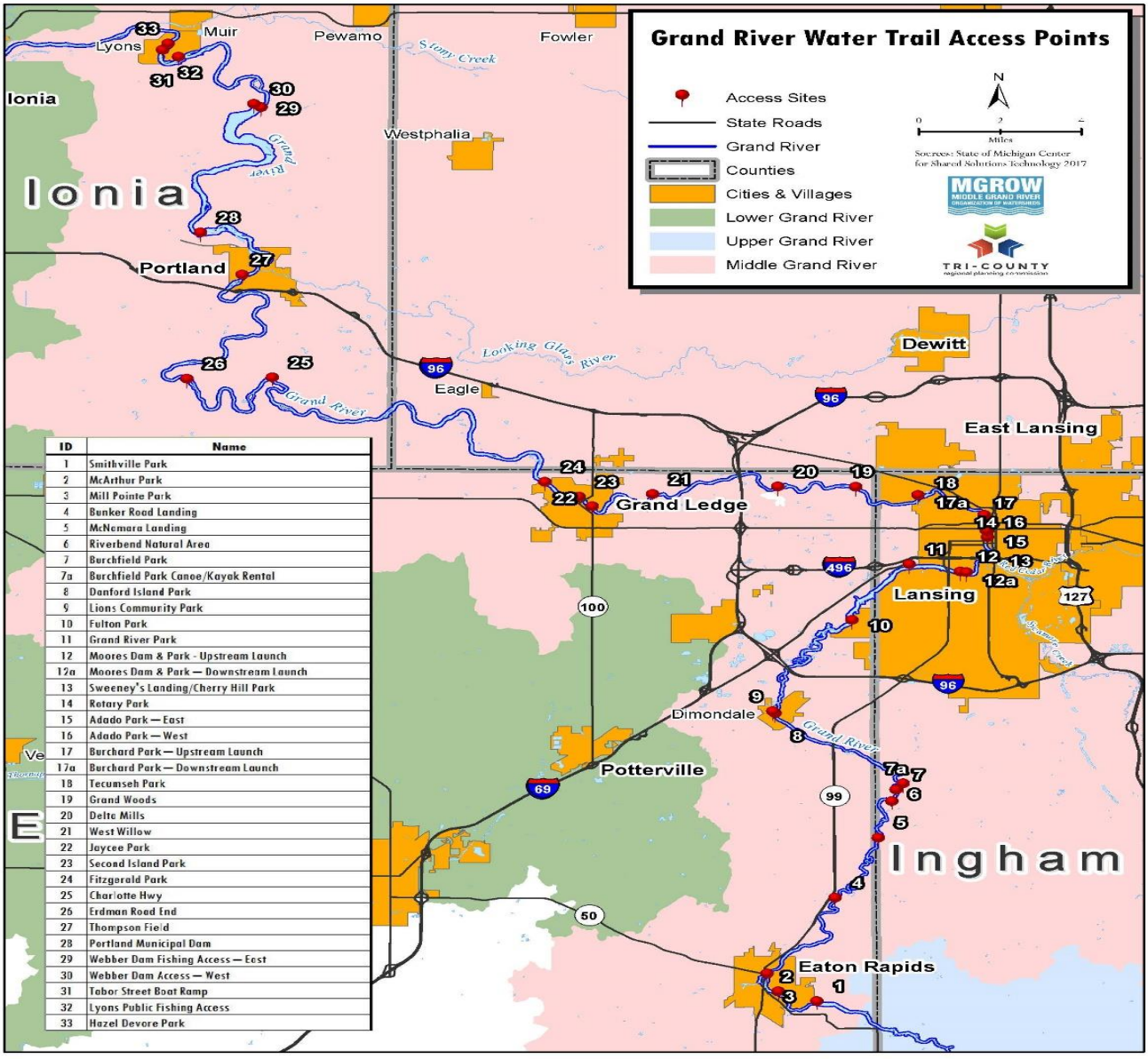
East Lansing Non-motorized Plan - Network Overview



Ingham County – In March 2020, Ingham County voters approved renewing the millage to support the development of a county-wide regional trails and parks system. The Ingham County Regional Trails and Parks Plan document was created, and detailed projected/estimated costs for trail construction, maintenance, or repair, and identified a method for project ranking and selection. A 6-year capital improvement plan was formulated, including a method for project evaluation and selection of trails and park projects. Maximizing millage dollars by leveraging available grant funds was an important consideration of the process. This last phase included recommendations for spending percentages of the identified millage categories. The Regional Trails and Parks Plan document was developed through a series of drafts, incorporating the comments of the Task Force over several months. The final draft with supporting graphics was be presented to the Task Force for final approval and adoption.



MGROW - The Middle Grand River Water Trail is an officially designated MDNR water trail beginning in Eaton Rapids, MI and ending in Lyons, MI. The following map has been created to help users find access points and amenities, locate river hazards, and share information about Middle Grand communities. MGROW also has a waterproof spiral bound guide book that includes detailed launch information, maps, and historical information from Smithville Dam upstream of Eaton Rapids, through downtown Lansing, to the Lyons Dam in Lyons.



Red Cedar Water Trail - The Red Cedar River is a tremendous water resource, stretching from Livingston County to the Grand River in Lansing. With a watershed of approximately 472 square miles, it provides many opportunities for recreation, education, nature observation and serves as an important drain way for the communities along the way. Experience the 23 mile – 14 hour Red Cedar River Water Trail from Williamston Township to the Grand River confluence and Cherry Hill Park boat launch in Lansing.



	Launch Point	Distance to Next Launch	Accumulated Distance	Time to Next Launch	Accumulated Time	Seasonal Restroom
1	McCormick Park	6 miles		2 hours		Yes
2	Red Cedar Roadside Park	1.8 miles	6 miles	1 hour	2 hours	Yes
3	Harris Nature Center	2.4 miles	7.8 miles	1.5 hours	3 hours	Yes
4	Ferguson Park	4.8 miles	12.6 miles	3 hours	6 hours	No
5	MSU	3.2 miles	17.4 miles	3.5 hours	9 hours	No
6	Aurelius Road/Kruger Landing	1.9 miles	20.6 miles	1 hour	12.5 hours	No
7	Confluence with Grand River	.3 miles	22.5 miles	0.25 hours	13.5 hours	Yes
8	River Street Park/Sweeney's Landing		22.8 miles		13.75 hours	No

Red Cedar Development Connection



Park Board Meetings

The Park Board attended a working session in January to formulate recommendations for the Master Plan. Their recommendations and results are as follows:

Lansing Park Board
Recommendations: 2020-2025 Master Plan Working Session
January/February 2020

Following are the results from a January 2020 working session held by the majority of the Lansing Park Board. Results and reflections are listed under each agenda item, and recommendations and action items are listed at the end of this report.

In attendance were: Zoe Ahlstrom, Mike Dombroski, Veronica Gracia-Wing, Sean Hammond, Michael Ruddock and Kimberly Whitfield.

I. IDENTITY & VALUES

A. What three words come to mind when you reflect on the "community" part of the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department's tagline of *"Creating community through people, parks and programs?"*
   1. Connection, identity, opportunity.
   2. Closeness, neighbors, niche.
   3. Diversity, unity, families.
   4. Accessible, anchor, unique.
   5. Comfortable, connected, rare.

B. *What does that community experience bring to your life?*
   1. Not about the space itself, but a proxy for people getting together and spending time with each other.
   2. Makes me feel good to watch or see.
   3. There's something very pure about a park. There aren't a lot of frills. They provide the most basic form of connection.
   4. You meet people with similar interests that you may not have known already.
   5. Parks allow for people to say things like "good morning," which you might not otherwise have the opportunity to say.
   6. Parks = friends.
   7. People are attracted to these spaces, and have casual interactions.
   8. Shrinks the city; makes you see and interact with more people than you would otherwise.

II. PRIORITIES & STRATEGIC VISIONING

A. *"What do you see looking ahead five years?"*

1. **It is easy to use parks and to recreate.**
    a) Make it easy to find that these things exist in Lansing.
    b) Making it easier for people to get to parks not by driving.
    c) Easier, more welcoming of people with disabilities.
2. **Broadened definition of recreation.**
    a) Expanding non-traditional partnerships, i.e. with the Lansing Maker Network, Tri-County Office on Aging
    b) Team rec sports, skate park, BMX, disc golf, cooking classes; access to 3D printers; blacksmithing; etc.
    c) Being on-trend, not trendy.
3. **Prioritized programming and opportunities for seniors.**
    a) More courses for mind development
4. **Prioritized inclusion of young people (3 to 17) in planning processes.**
    a) Our plan should be molded by the people who are the future.
5. **Connected, both within the City of Lansing and beyond.**
    a) Includes places, as well as natural spaces.
    b) All modes of transportation.
    c) We're lacking greater connection beyond the central spine of the River Trail.
    d) Better connection of our greenspaces, in a green way.
6. **Increased and better utilized greenspaces and waterways.**
    a) More greenspace Downtown; reclaiming and making more walkable where possible from sidewalks or roadways.
    b) Prioritized health, connectivity and use of our waterways.
7. **Greater engagement with and amenities and investments in neighborhood parks.**
    a) Benches, walking paths, etc.
    b) A clear path for neighborhood or community driven projects.
8. **Greater coordination with outside agencies.**
    a) NRTF/DNR priorities.
    b) Developers/economic development
9. **An engaged, informed citizenry.**
    a) Intentional engagement of Lansing residents, including expanding feedback opportunities in parks and beyond and leveraging social media trends.
    b) Shedding skepticism or cynicism of the department - establishing trust.
10. **A well-inventoried park system and related assets.**
    a) Maintenance or sustainability plans for each asset.
    b) More intentional approach to historical assets and decision-making.
11. **A funded, efficient, celebrated park department and system.**
    a) Celebrating the people who make LPR what it is.
    b) Efficient and engaged processes and oversight.
    c) Residents understand how to contact and connect with the LPR board, adding more value to the board meetings and community interactions.
    d) Five year plan that residents feel like they were a part of and understand.
    e) Better understanding of what the millage is, what those dollars mean to families.

f) Useful, up to date technology.
g) Increase in the millage?

III. REVIEW OF 2015-2020 PLAN: *What did we learn from the outcomes? How can we improve?*

A. General Ideas

1. Make the Master Plan more accessible and easier to consume.
2. Include more photos.
3. Regularly planned updates to LPR board and community on results and plan progress.

B. Naturalization Feedback

1. Interested in keeping as a goal area, but reframe what naturalization is with the public and plan for more successful outcomes.
2. Start smaller and have success in one naturalized space to demonstrate to the public, then branch out from there.
3. Include pollinating factors.

C. Trees Feedback

1. Interested in keeping as a goal area, but with SMART goal development.
2. Board has little understanding of the activities of forestry.
3. This department ought to be more engaged and well-reported on.
4. Highly disagree that this goal was accomplished -- contentious on replacing or addressing dead or dying trees
5. Major safety threat

D. Rivers/Waterways Feedback

1. Interested in keeping as a goal area, but prioritizing health and use, not just connections.
2. Should the department or City add a water health position?

E. Foundation Feedback

1. Maintain, but redefine as strategically growing friends groups and partnerships.

F. Non-motorized Trails Feedback

1. Maintain, but regional connection, mapping and partnerships should become a priority.

G. Diversify Recreational Opportunities Feedback

1. Interested in keeping as goal area, but work needs to be done to understand what this means: do we mean diversity or diversified experiences and where is the overlap?
2. We must better understand who is using parks: who is and who isn't using parks and recreation assets? HOW are they using them?
3. How are we partnering with talent attraction and economic development initiatives?

IV. PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

A. Priorities and values to be reflected in the 2020-2025 Master Plan goal-setting:

1. This board wants Lansing Parks and Recreation to be, with our preliminary action ideas following:
   a) Connected
      (1) Plan to move easily between parks
      (2) Continued River Trail improvements and extension
      (3) Enhanced partnerships/regionalism
      (4) Technology in the parks and on our trails
   b) Accessible

(1) Mapping
(2) Addressing all forms of transportation
(3) Website/registration improvements
(4) Youth-->Senior programming

c) Resilient

(1) Inventoried
(2) Maintained/maintenance plans
(3) Ecology plan (trees, water)

d) Diversified

(1) Increased recreation opportunities, non-traditional
(2) Partnerships with Lansing providers

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. RATIONALE

1. The board believes meetings should be on days and at times that are easy to attend.
2. The board believes that meeting at accessible, culturally-relevant community venues will result in increased engagement.
3. The board believes engaging residents in visioning and value-based feedback forums -- rather than reacting to previously established goals as has been done in the past -- will result in increased engagement, both in attendance and in master plan buy-in.
4. The board believes the electronic survey should be an extension of the visioning and value-based feedback sessions, and composed in a way that
5. The board believes a multi-prong engagement effort is critical to gather feedback that actually informs and inspires the Master Plan.

B. PUBLIC MEETING DATES/TIMES

1. Meeting One: Weekday morning
2. Meeting Two: Weekday evening
3. Meeting Three: Weekend morning
4. Meeting Four: Weekend afternoon

C. PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS

1. Impression 5
2. Gregory's Soul Food
3. Eastern High School
4. Cristo Rey Church

D. PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

1. Introduce what the plan is, how it is to be used, what will be done with public feedback and what they can expect about implementation, accountability and opportunities for further feedback.
2. At each meeting, a prompt of "We want Lansing Parks and Recreation to be…" will be presented to the group.
3. Five tables will have the following value themes posted on large sticky notes, with space available for people to write on them directly, or note cards nearby:

a) Connected
b) Accessible
c) Resilient
d) Diversified
e) ???

4. After the introduction, residents will be asked to visit each table to provide input on what kinds of things, actions or opportunities would need to be reflected for those statements to be true.
5. The ??? table is a place for people to add another value statement if they'd like.
    a) The prompt will be: "What's missing? What more should Lansing Parks and Recreation be?"
6. A time limit should be placed on the group table work, and staff should be present to listen in and help facilitate group conversations.
7. At the end of the time period, wherever people have left-off is where they'll stay for the next segment, which will be to report back as a table group on themes they've noticed, or items they'd like to prioritize; opening the discussion up to the rest of the group for additional input.
8. Feedback from the tables and group discussion should be reviewed for recurring themes, and translated into goals for the Master Plan.

E. SURVEY

1. The survey should reflect the above questions, in addition to a few of the traditional use/features questions usually asked.
2. Veronica Gracia-Wing will offer her counsel on survey question development in partnership with the LPR department, pending department and platform requirements.

F. OTHER OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT TOUCHPOINTS

1. Develop a pop up plan and partner toolkits to:
    a) Engage in mini public engagement sessions, replicating and scaling the above format, or;
    b) Distributing information on the social media/paper survey.
    c) Partners could include:
        (1) Farmers markets
        (2) Neighborhood associations
        (3) Churches
        (4) Schools
        (5) Sports/team/league nights
        (6) Community centers
        (7) Lugnuts
        (8) Festivals
        (9) City Hall, etc.

G. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide on-site child care at public meetings.
2. Provide food and beverage at public meetings.
3. Purchase advertisements on social media and traditional outlets to promote a) public meetings and b) social media surveys.
    a) $1,000 total to
        (1) Boost a series of 10 social media posts at $50 each;
        (2) Divide the remaining $500 between print and other digital ads.

Surveys

The Leisure Services division of the Parks Department is responsible for the planning and programming of all recreational activities for youth and adult including, but not limited to fitness, sports, arts and culture, dance, therapeutic recreation, special events, after school programs and summer camps. The Leisure services division also oversees the use and upkeep of four community centers, a historical mansion, two outdoor pools, and several athletic fields.

Program Surveys

Part of the programming process includes following up with those who use the facilities and participate in the programs. The recreation staff administers surveys throughout the year after some programs like their Kids' Camp in the summer, and after every major event such as the Mayor's River Walk, Concerts in the Park and the Daddy Daughter and Mother Son Dances.

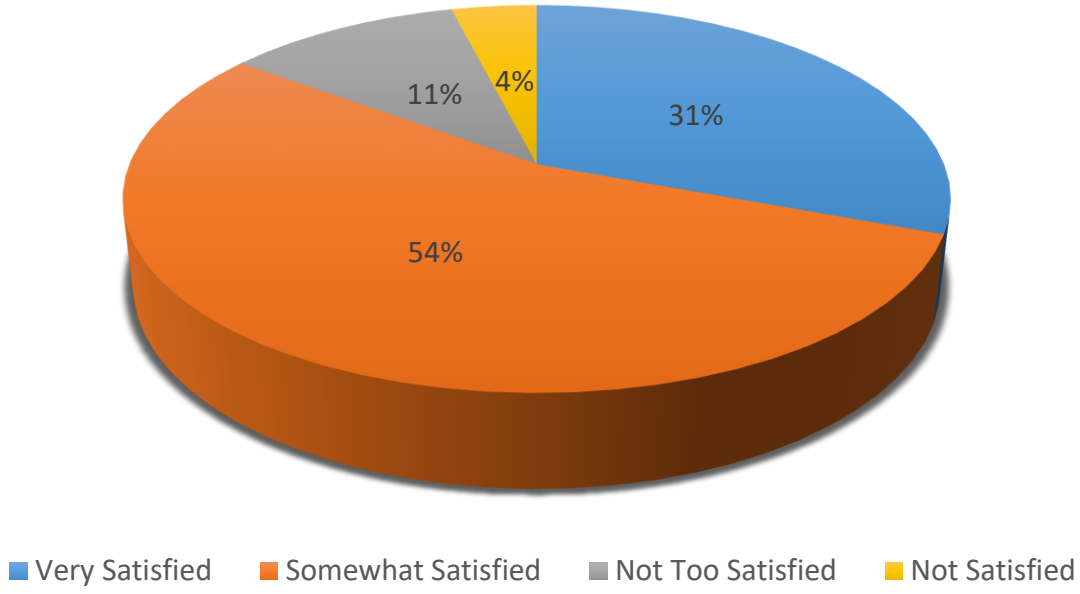
Data gathered from these surveys directly reflect the goals set by the department, as well as how to direct millage funding. For example, following Summer Kids Camp a survey was sent to parents to complete. Of those surveyed, 92% said they programs were good to excellent in meeting the needs of their children and 93% rated all the activities provided as good to excellent.

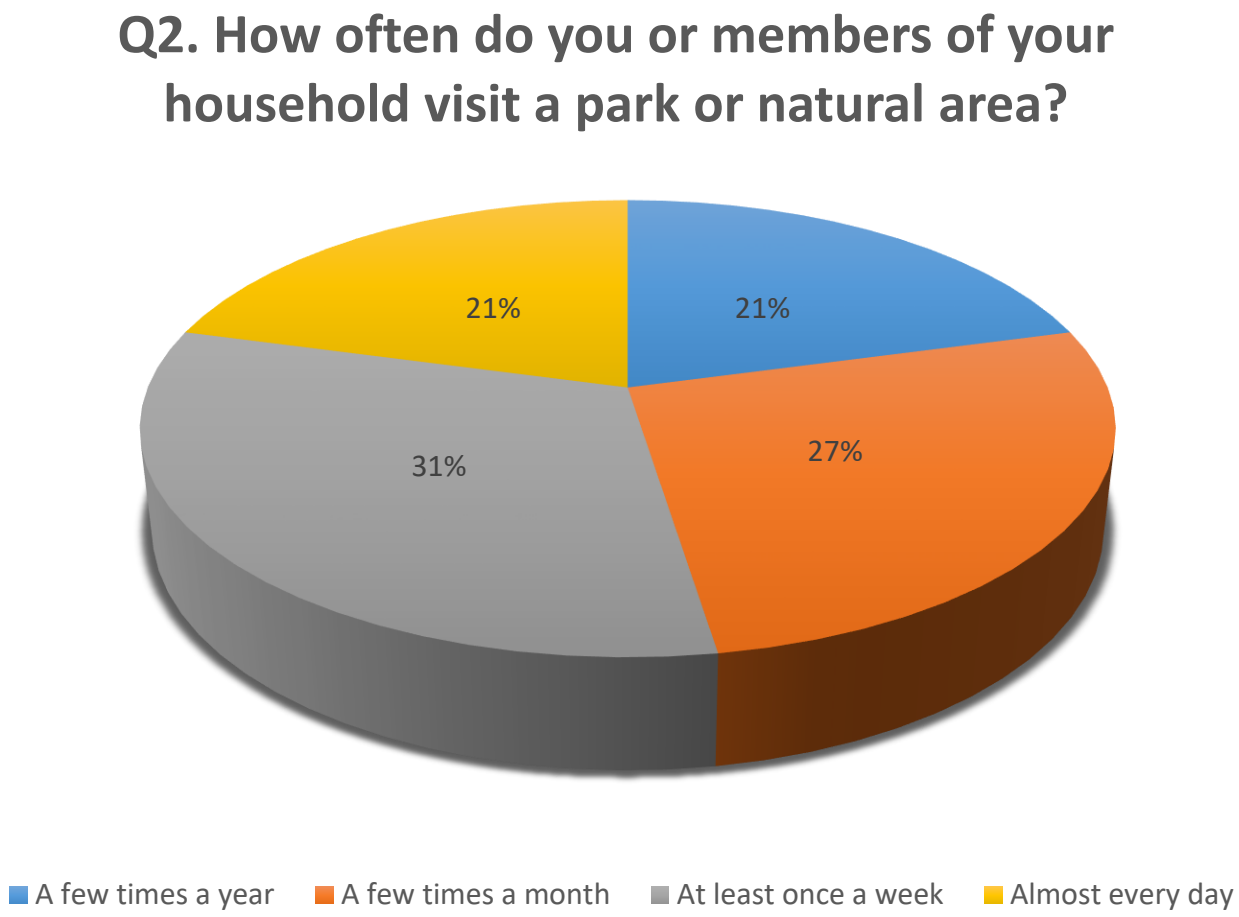
Recreation Opinion Survey

A recreation and parks opinion Master Plan survey was made available from May through August on the Parks and Recreation website and Facebook page at https://www.lansingmi.gov/masterplansurvey

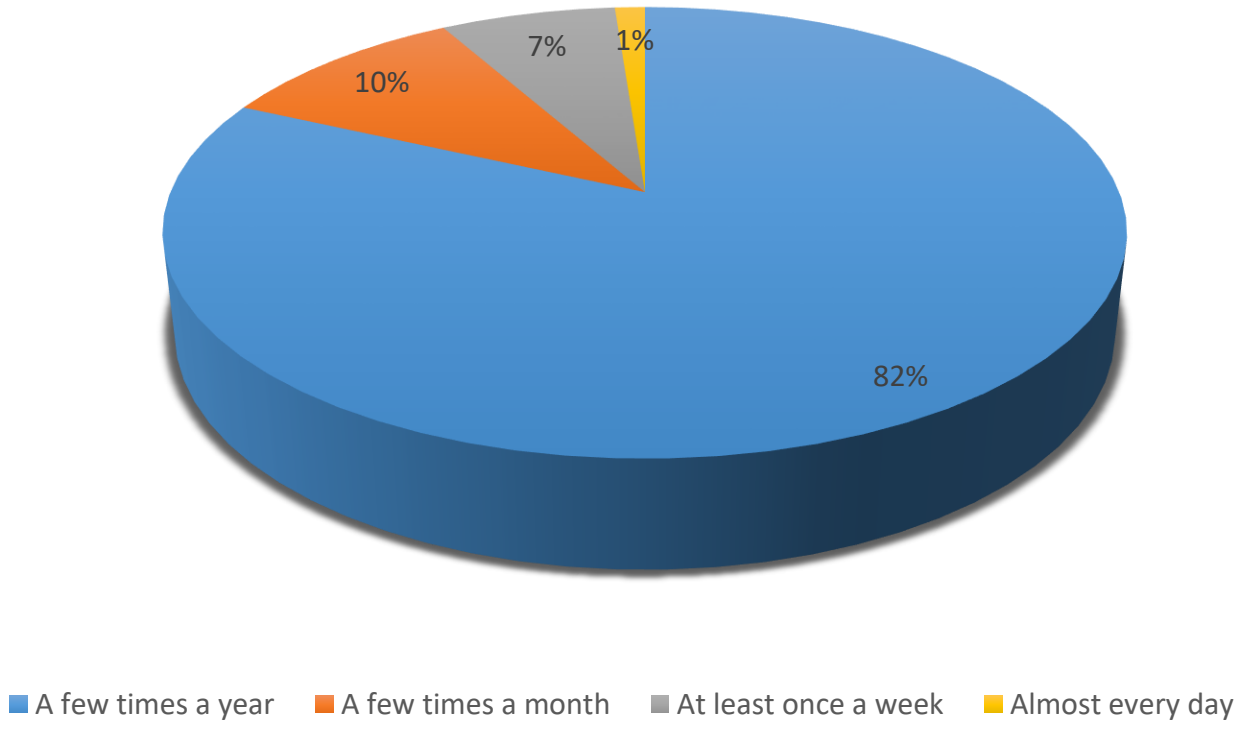
Over six hundred surveys were collected. The results represent people in all wards of the community. The following results do not include the free form question answers.

Q1. How would you rate your satisfaction with the City of Lansing's parks, community centers and pools?

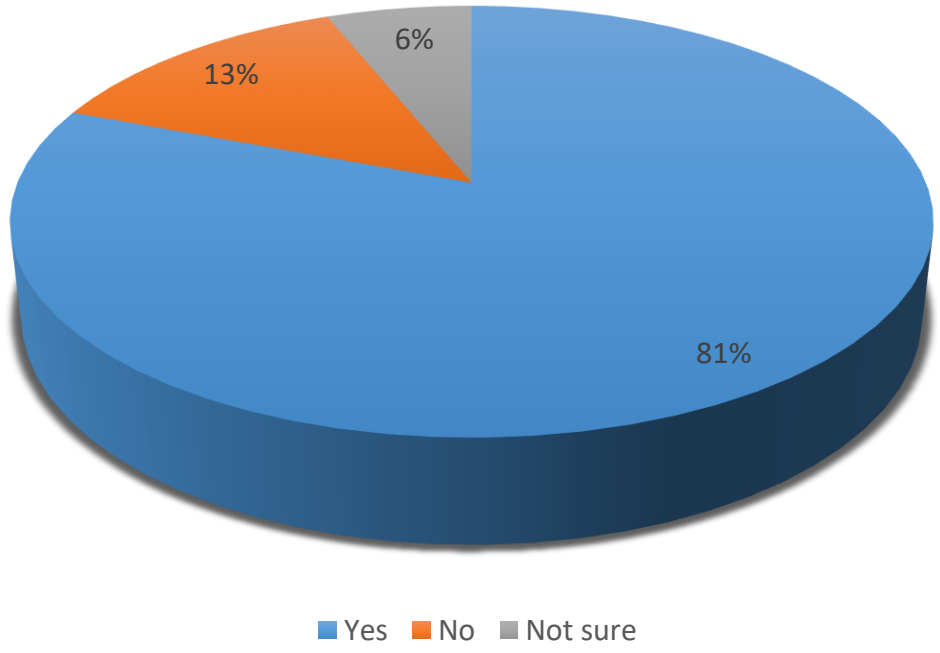



Q2. How often do you or members of your household visit a park or natural area?
21%
21%
27%
31%
A few times a year
A few times a month
At least once a week
Almost every day

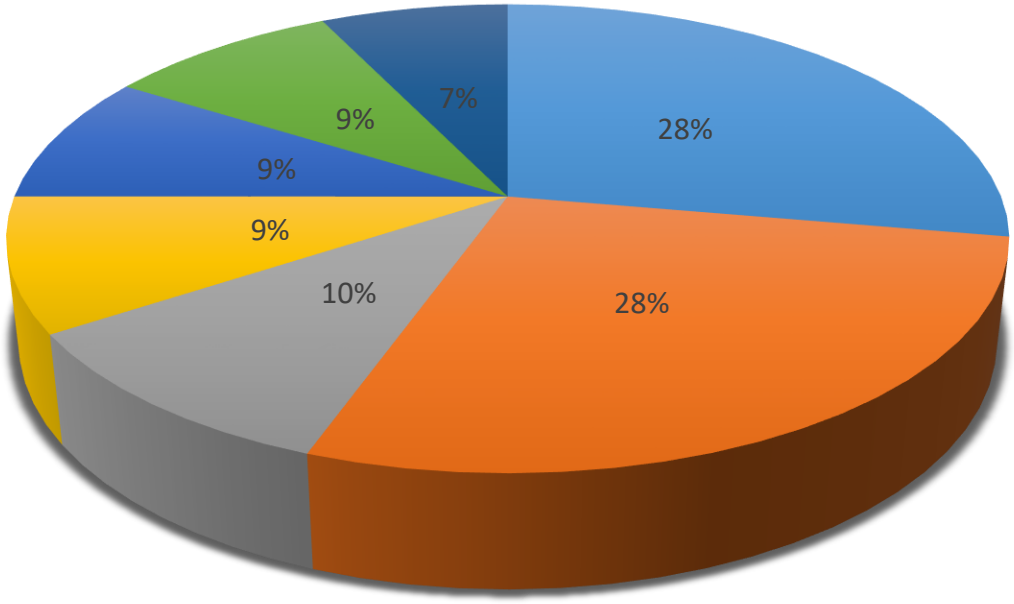
Q3. How often do you or members of your household visit a community center or pool?



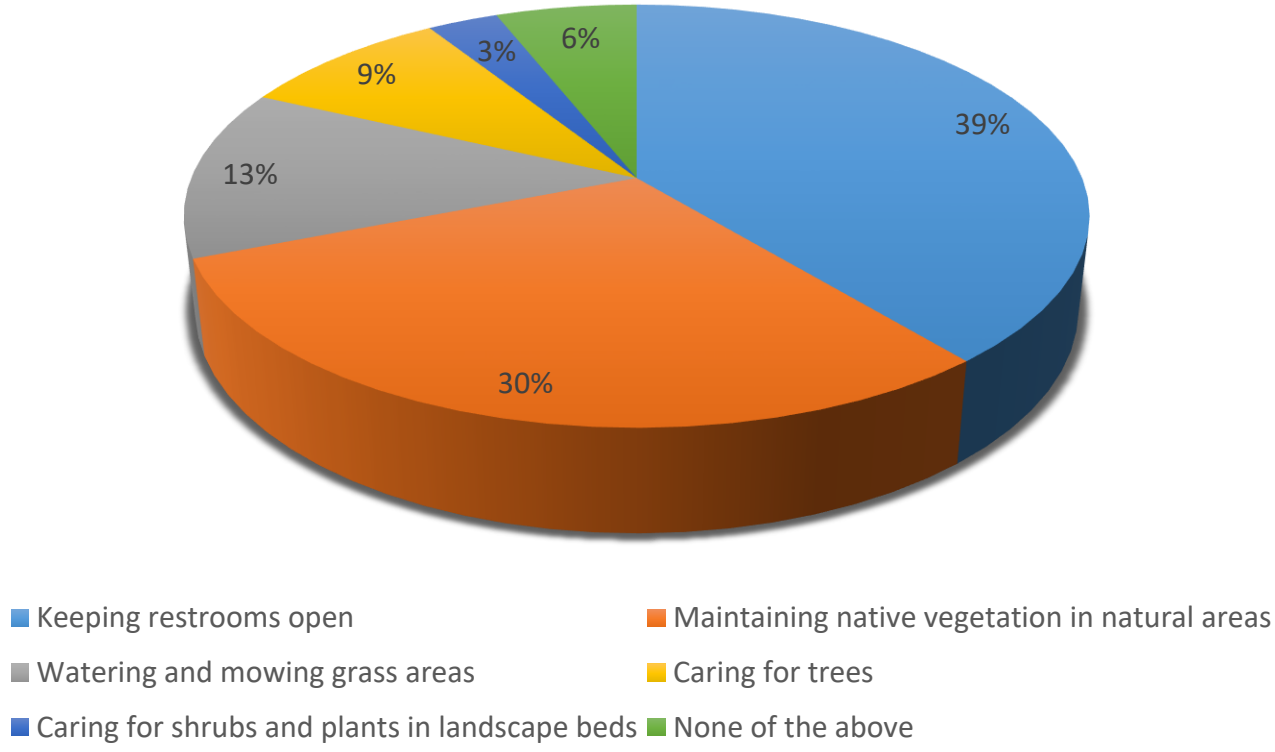
Q4. Is there a park, community center, or pool that you can easily access near your home?

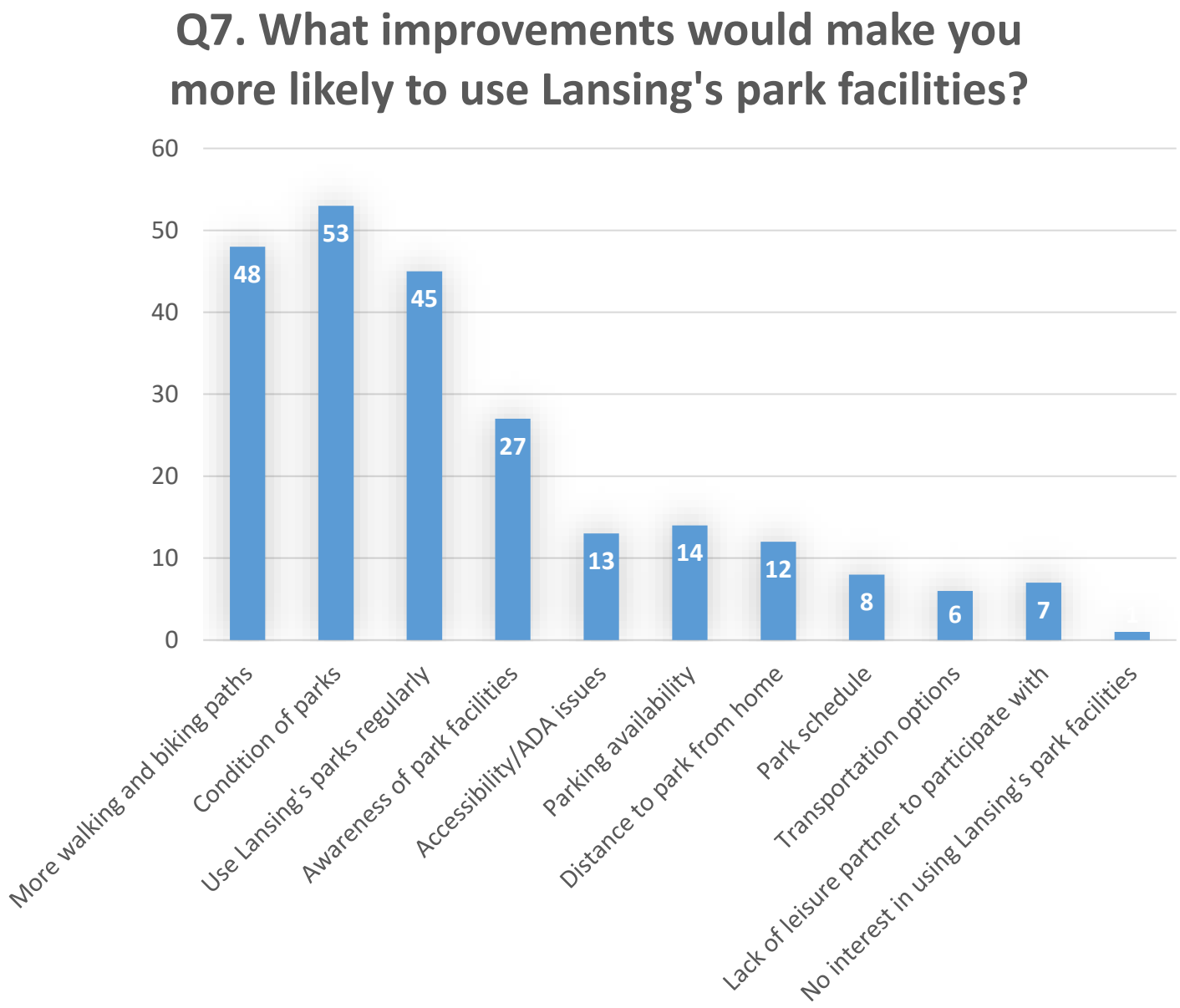


Q5. Which of the following activities would you say are most important to you and members of your household?

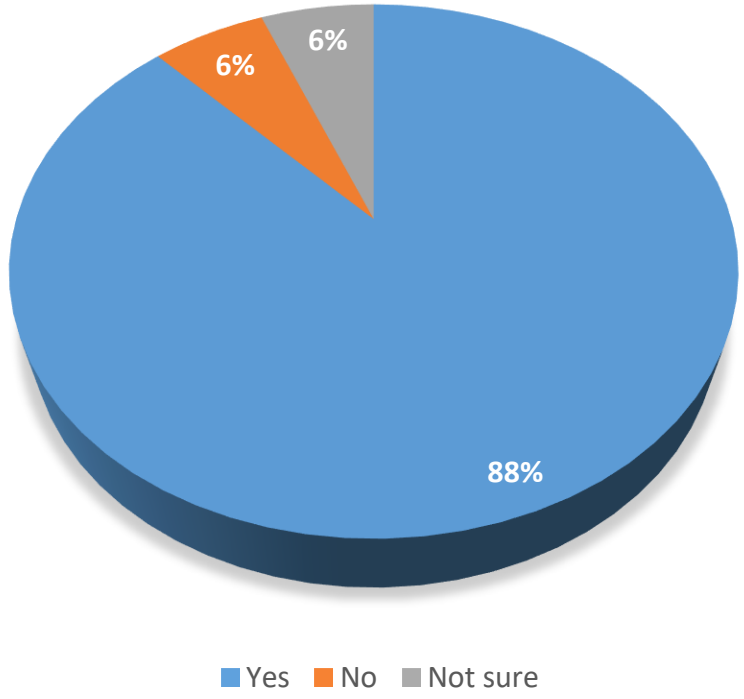


Q6. Please select the park maintenance activity you think is most important.

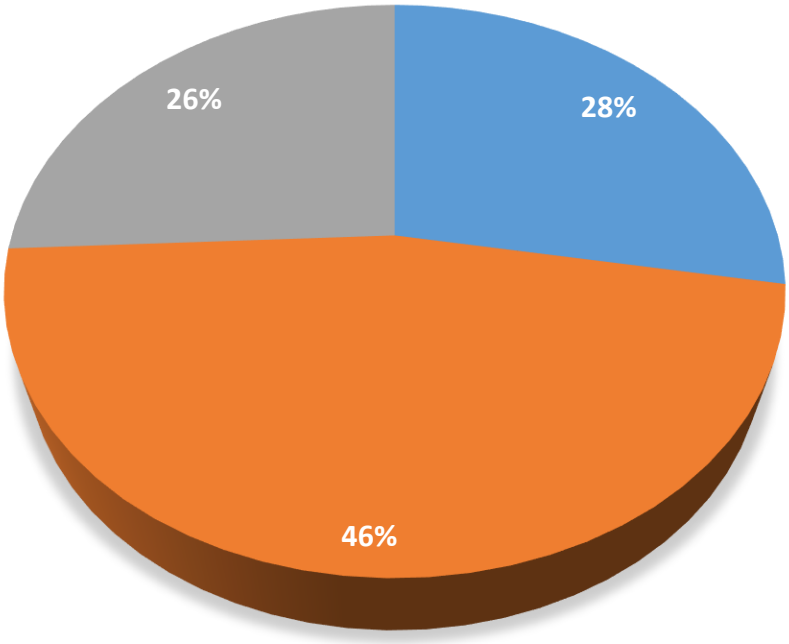



Q7. What improvements would make you more likely to use Lansing's park facilities?
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
48
53
45
27
13
14
12
8
6
7
More walking and biking paths
Condition of parks
Use Lansing's parks regularly
Awareness of park facilities
Accessibility/ADA issues
Parking availability
Distance to park from home
Park schedule
Transportation options
Lack of leisure partner to participate with
No interest in using Lansing's park facilities

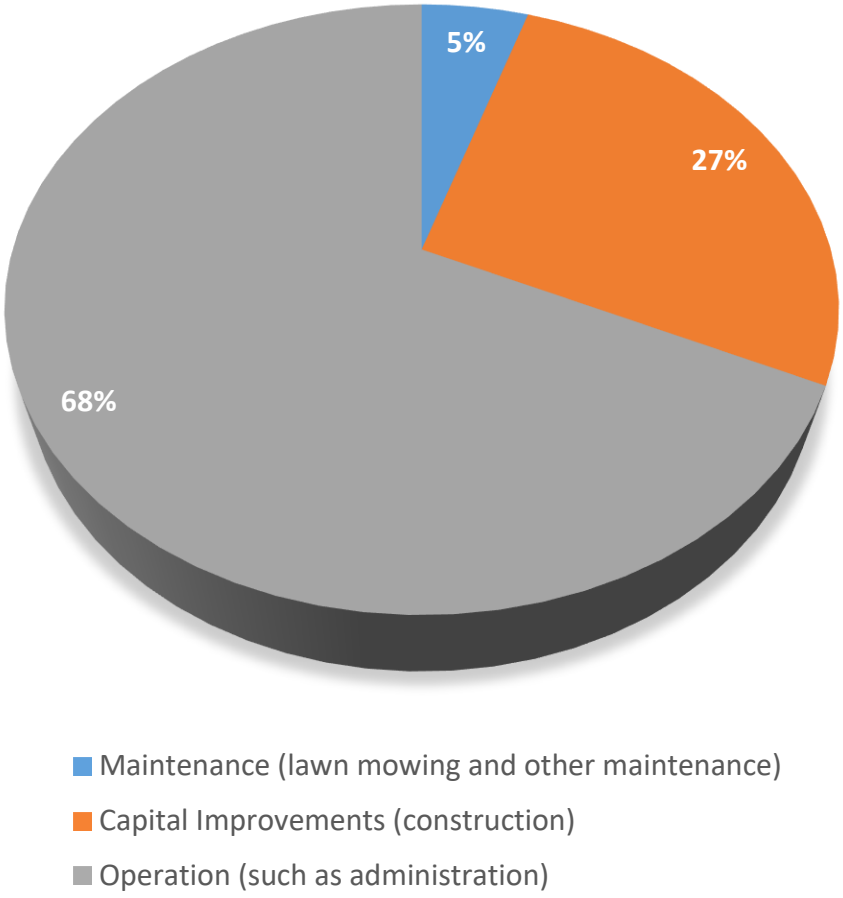
Q8. The City of Lansing has a park millage, which means that for every $1,000 of taxable property value, $1.00 is dedicated to parks. The funds generated from the millage are used for capital improvements, leverage for grant funding, operations and mainte



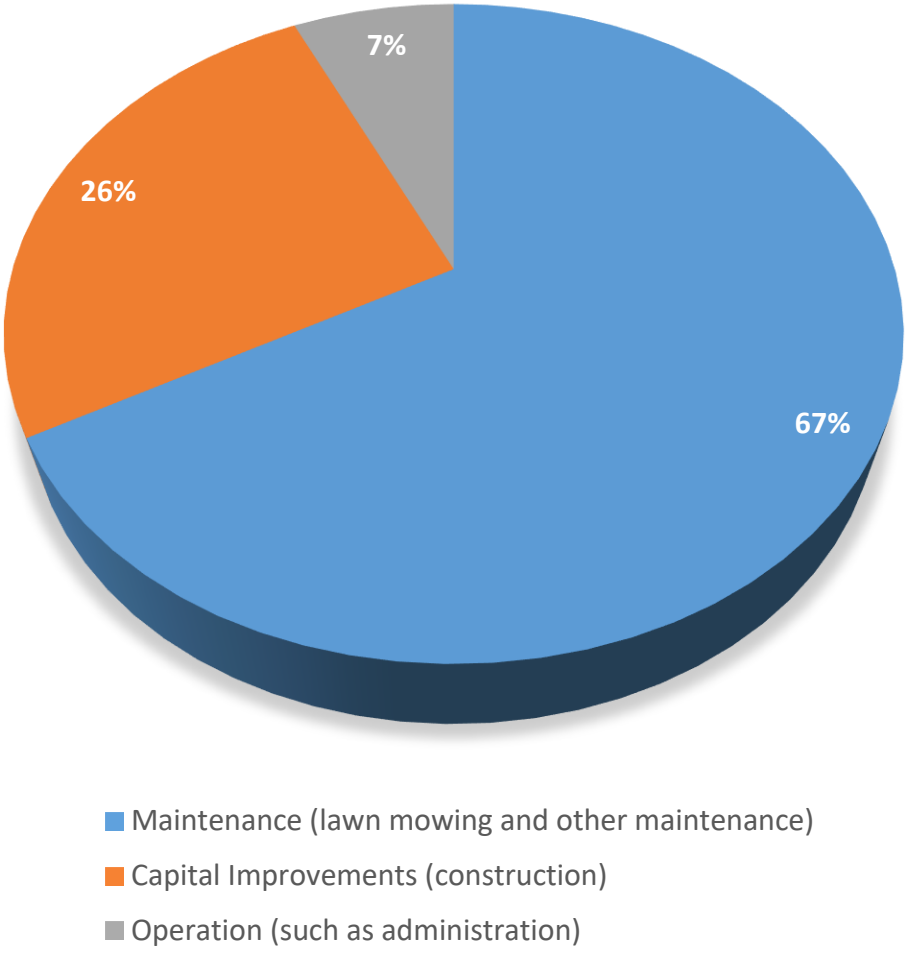
Q9. Which of the following should be prioritized with millage funds? First Choice



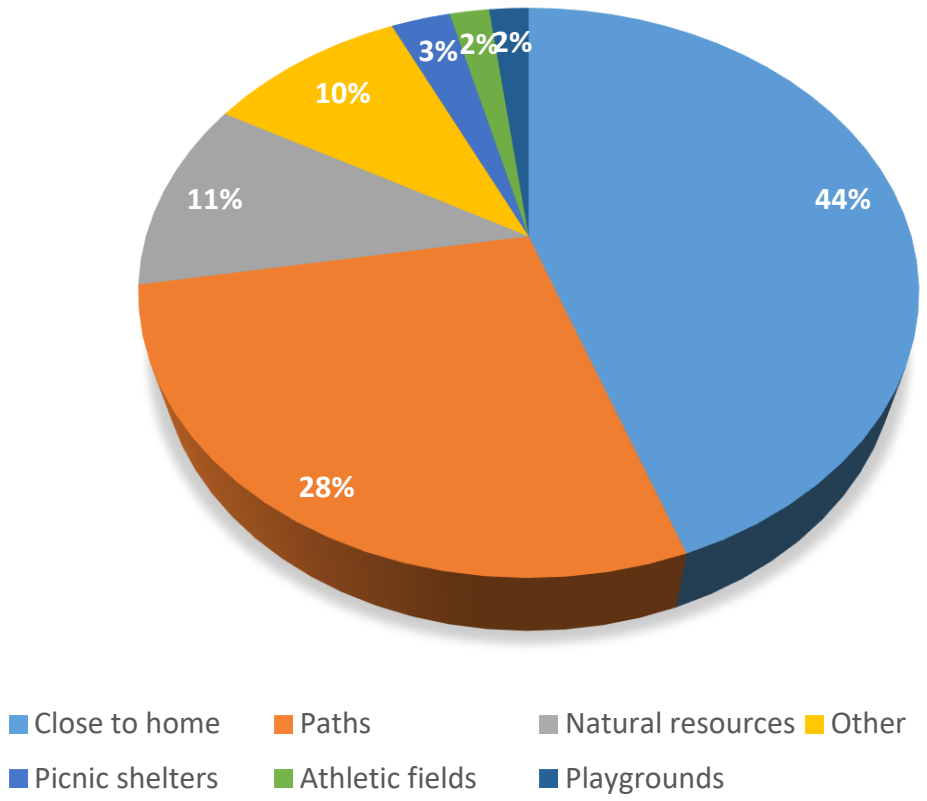
Q9. Which of the following should be prioritized with millage funds? Second Choice

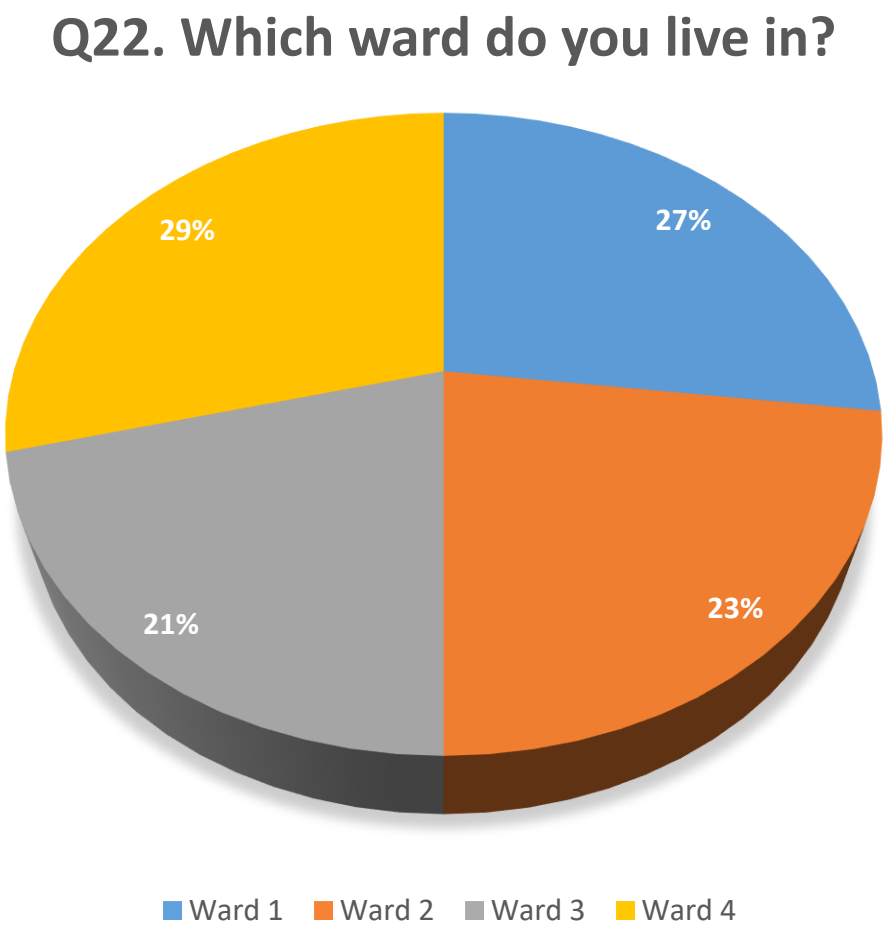


Q9. Which of the following should be prioritized with millage funds? Third choice

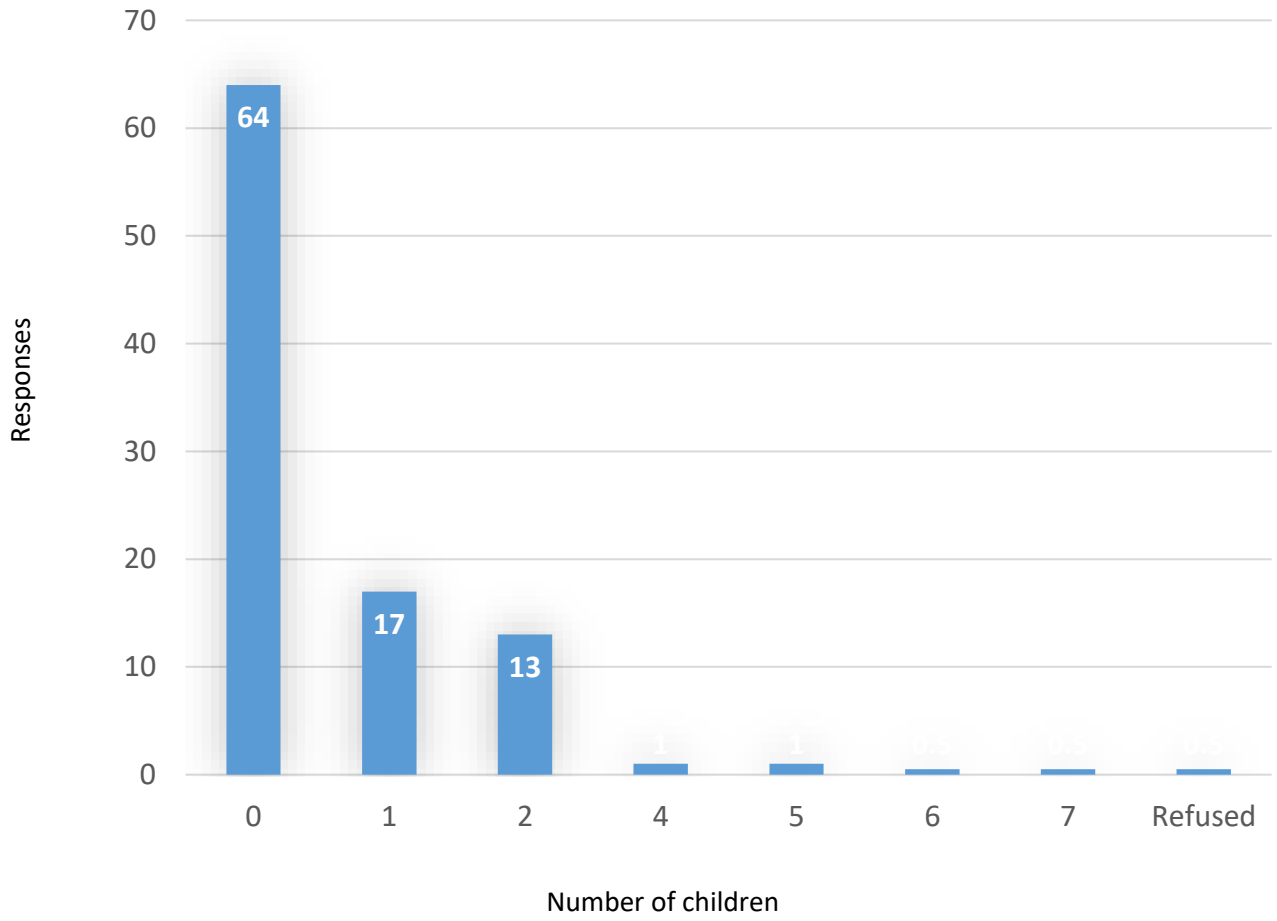


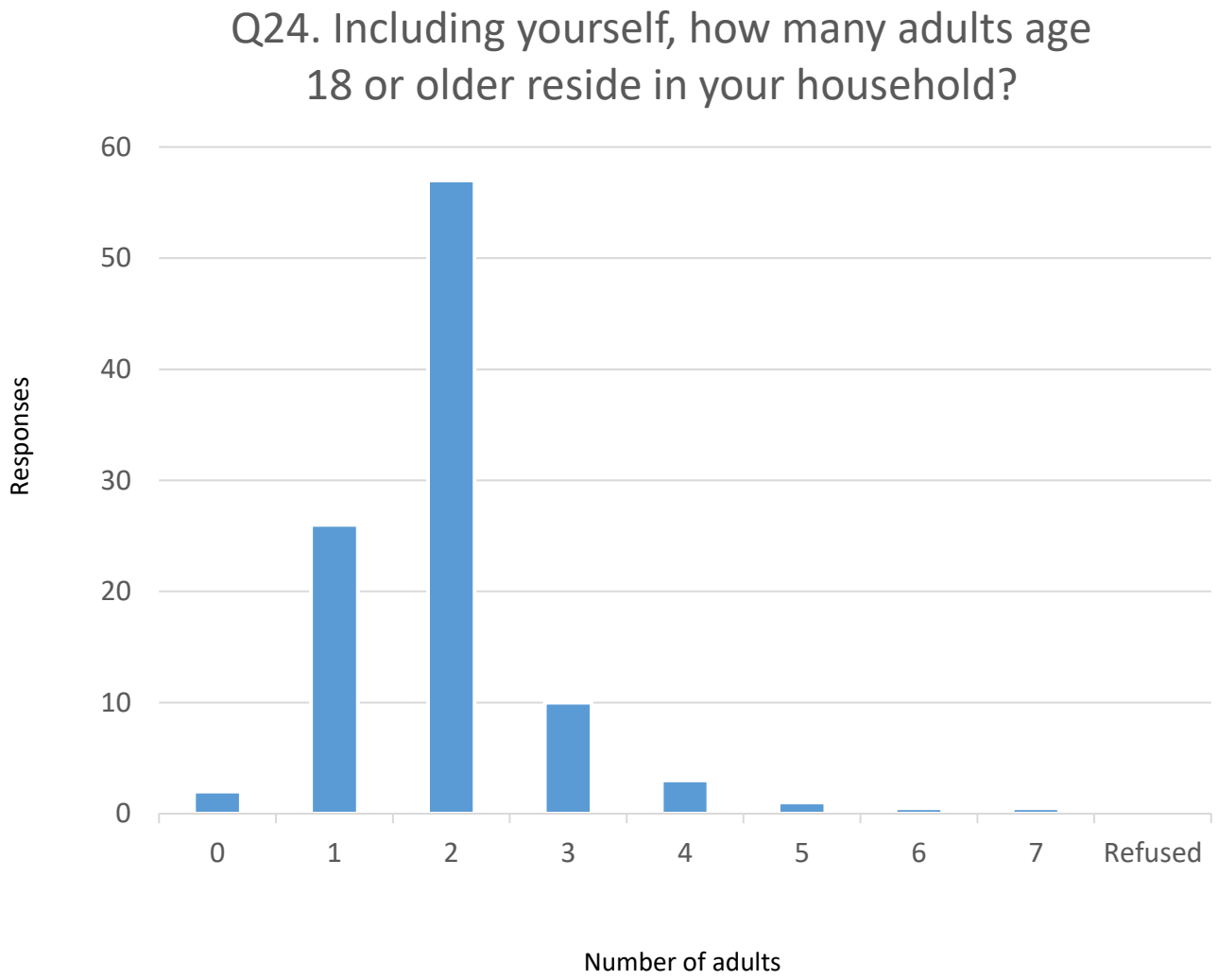
Q21. What are the reasons you use these parks?




Q22. Which ward do you live in?
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27%
21%
23%
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4

Q23. Including yourself, how many children under the age of 18 reside in your household?




Q24. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older reside in your household?
Responses
60
50
40
30
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10
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Refused
Number of adults

Social Media Outreach (screenshots)

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We think it's safe to say that now, more than ever, we are all understanding the role parks and recreation plays in our lives a little differently. While this survey is a little on the longer side, we hope you'll stick with it to help us create a plan that reflects your values.

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Park Board Meeting

The Park Board regularly meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public to receive input from the community. The Board held a public meeting in October to receive public input and provide comments on the draft Master Plan. After the October meeting the plan will be available for review and public input for the Board to vote on the final plan at its November meeting to recommend submission to Lansing City Council.

City Council

Committee will review the Plan at their November 23, 2020 meeting and make the referral to Lansing City Council for the November 30, 2020 meeting. At the December 14, 2020 Lansing City Council meeting, a public hearing will be set for January 11, 2021 to receive final public comment prior to Council voting on the final plan.

Public Meeting / Hearing

Park Board - A public meeting was advertised and held before the Park Board on October 14, 2020 and November 10, 2020. The Park Board adopted the plan, and recommended adoption by the Lansing City Council on January 11, 2021.

Lansing City Council – A public hearing was advertised and held before the Lansing City Council on January 11, 2021. The Lansing City Council adopted the plan on January 25, 2021.

ACTION PLAN

Introduction

The action plan was developed as a way to identify how the City intends to meet the goals and objectives set forth in Recreation Master Plan in the next 5 years. The actions are not listed in any particular order. The basis for the following actions are consistent with information gathered through the Parks and Recreation Survey, public input meetings, interviews, city-wide planning efforts, demographic data, land use trends and recreation master plans of adjacent communities. All projects will be subject to the availability of funding through the Lansing Park Millage, general fund and the approval of the Lansing Park Board, Mayor and City Council.

The action plan is divided into two separate focus areas including the Capital Improvement Schedule and Planning Projects. Development projects that were identified as meeting the Recreation Master Plan goals and objectives, are grant eligible, and capable of being completed in the next five years, are included in the Capital Improvement Schedule. Master plans, studies and marketing strategies that meet the goals and objectives and will be funded through the park millage, general fund and partnerships are included on the Planning Program.

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, neighborhood park renovations, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement projects that are grant eligible. For example, every year funds are allocated for improvements and maintenance of five to six neighborhood playgrounds. These items are not included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or park millage, or they are not eligible for MDNRE grant funds.

Action 2020-2025

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Capital Improvement Project Descriptions

Acquire Park Land – The Parks Department is always looking for additional property to acquire or purchase to improve the offering of facilities and activities to the public. There are areas along the River Trail where the City would like to extend it, but are unable to do so because they don't own the property needed. Property has been obtained to expand park property at Hunters Ridge, River and St. Joseph Streets, Willard Avenue, Boat Club property, and land adjacent to Edmore and Davis Parks.

Canoe and Kayak Launch – Lansing has one lake, two rivers, and one creek that offer great canoeing and kayaking experiences. There are currently eight locations where one can put in and take out a boat. Both activities are becoming popular. Launches have been put in at Tecumseh Park, Moores Park, Rotary Park, Krueger Landing and we are looking two additional locations.

River Trail, Extend Northern Route to Delta Township – The existing River Trail ends on the northwest side of Lansing at Dietrich Park. The proposed extension would run to Tecumseh Park and connect to Delta Township's non-motorized system. Delta Township has a non-motorized transportation plan that includes a connection to Lansing in this location. The proposed project includes: boardwalk, bridges, paved trail, signs, benches and trash receptacles.

Bear Lake – The River Trail currently terminates at a point near Cavanaugh Road. The City is working with the City of East Lansing and Michigan State University to extend the trail from that point into campus. The proposed Bear Lake Pathway is approximately 1.5 miles in length beginning at Cavanaugh Road then heading northeast through Consumers Energy corridor, MSU, residential property, Hospice, the Lansing School District and Tammany Hills Apartments before ending along Forest Road where the pathway will connect to Staten Road at Forest Road.

Forest Aker's & Crescent – Flower Pot – Completing this segment of the trail would connect the Bear Lake/ Fenner Evergreen trail extensions to the River Trail just south of Kircher.

River Trail, Fenner-Evergreen – The River Trial runs just northeast of Mt. Hope Cemetery will extend through Fenner and Evergreen Cemetery and continue along Forest Road to the Bear Lake connection.

River Trail, Frances Park to Cambridge Road – Completing this segment of the trail would allow those who live in the subdivision surround Frances Park to walk safely to Frances Park, the France Overlook, and to connect to the Waverly Road Path, which leads to the newly constructed River Trail South Extension.

Trees – Continue to plant new and replace removed trees in city parks throughout the city.

Washington Park – Replace the old, deteriorating pavilion with a new, more accessible, ADA compliant pavilion.

Turner-Mini Park – Replace the existing pavers to eliminate trip hazards in this highly utilized area.

Wentworth Park – Replace fence along east side of the park to safely separate the park from the river and steam pipe.

Dog Park – Establish an off leash dog park in the downtown Lansing area and at Attwood Park providing additional areas for pet owners.

Ferris Park – Construct a drop-in baseball facility open to the public where youth and adults may play.

Community Centers – Upgrade flooring, lighting, doors, and paint for cleaner and more energy efficient facilities.

Fulton Park – Construct an overlook at rivers edge to allow for safe fishing along the bank of the Grand River and installation of BMX bicycle training and skill building stations.

Frances Park – Construct and installation of an open to the public Cricket Field.

Ingham Park – Continue improvements at the only Lansing disc golf course located within a neighborhood with the installation of cement tee pads.

Marscot Park – Repair and upgrade the current basketball court.

Moores Park – Repair and upgrade the current basketball court, and begin phase repair work on the last Bintz pool.

Marshall Park – Installation of a perimeter-walking path around the park, further extending walking areas within the city.

Risdale Park – Continue expansion of the sports complex with the installation of a track around the current soccer field.

St. Joe Park – Upgrade the current tennis courts that are utilized by the Lansing School District, Todd Martin Youth Development Fund and neighborhood residents.

Riverpoint Park – Installation of a dock providing another access point to the Grand River.

Riverfront Park – Installation of a playground and equipment to further enhance the development along the river in downtown.

Red Cedar Development – Connect the river trail to the park and new development connecting Lansing, East Lansing and Michigan State University.

Burchard Park – Installation of lights at the Brenke Fish Ladder further enhancing the area for use as a special event venue.

Comstock Park – Renovate and upgrade the existing community building located in a heavily utilized park.

Durant Park – Construction of an outdoor stage to facilitate concerts and neighborhood events.

Reutter Park – Continue repairs and upgrades to the fountain to a downtown park.

Potter Park – Potter Park Zoo is managed by Ingham County, but owned by the City of Lansing, and County upgrades will be included in the City of Lansing plan.

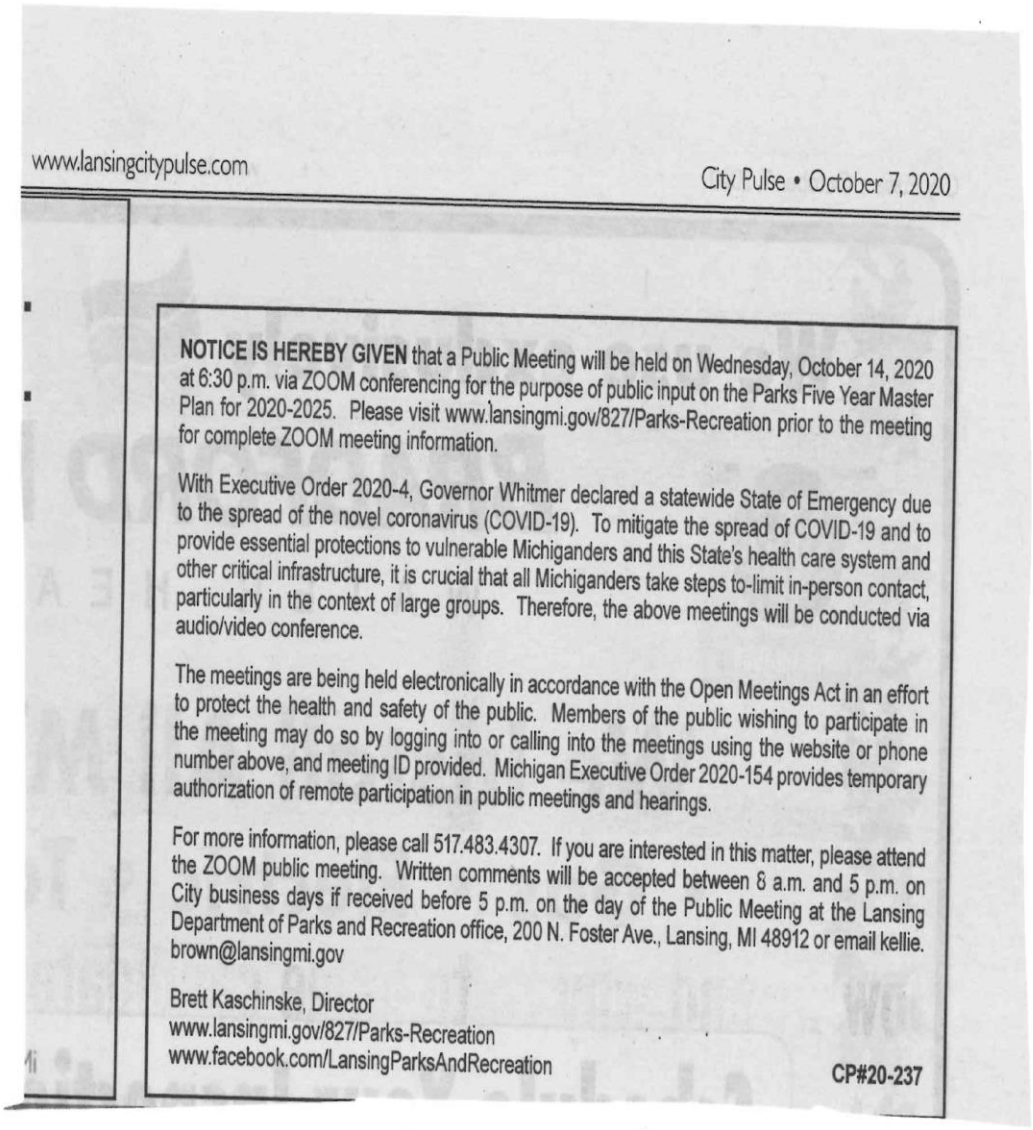
City wide Maintenance and Sustainability of Neighborhood Parks – In addition to the annual allocation of funds for park maintenance and improvements, these funds will be set aside specifically for Neighborhood Parks. The intent is to locate matching funds to increase the dollar value that can be allocated to these types of projects.



The City of Lansing has released its first Climate Action Plan for City operations. As a part of the plan, Mayor Schor has issued an Executive Order to establish and create the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Sustainability, who will help guide the City in its climate action and sustainability efforts. The goals of the plan include reducing the City's carbon impact, increasing energy efficiency, reducing waste and looking at other areas that lead to long-term operational savings, while protecting the natural environment.

To view the entire plan, visit

https://www.lansingmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11081/City-of-Lansing-Climate-Action-Plan



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM conferencing for the purpose of public input on the Parks Five Year Master Plan for 2020-2025. Please visit www.lansingmi.gov/827/Parks-Recreation prior to the meeting for complete ZOOM meeting information.

With Executive Order 2020-4, Governor Whitmer declared a statewide State of Emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders and this State's health care system and other critical infrastructure, it is crucial that all Michiganders take steps to-limit in-person contact, particularly in the context of large groups. Therefore, the above meetings will be conducted via audio/video conference.

The meetings are being held electronically in accordance with the Open Meetings Act in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may do so by logging into or calling into the meetings using the website or phone number above, and meeting ID provided. Michigan Executive Order 2020-154 provides temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

For more information, please call 517.483.4307. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the ZOOM public meeting. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m. on the day of the Public Meeting at the Lansing Department of Parks and Recreation office, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 or email kellie.brown@lansingmi.gov

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APPENDIX

PARK BOARD MEETING
Foster Center
October 14, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zoe Ahlstrom, Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Rick Kibbey (arrived 7 p.m.), Erika Poland, Brian Daniels, Jennifer Poplar (zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Emily Farrell, Parks and Recreation Communications Coordinator; Julia Stoutjesdyk, Parks and Recreation Intern

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

BOARD MEETING MINTUES: Kimberly Whitfield moved to approve the September 9 minutes as submitted; seconded by Mike Dombroski. 5 yeas; 0 nay

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Policy

Kaschinske stated on the River Trail north of Rotary Park there was a Black Lives Matter mural along the trail that someone has spray painted over.

The city covered the graffiti with gray paint and there is an artist who wants to repaint the mural but at this time, the weather is an issue.

Kaschinske stated the first mural was not presented or approved by the board but he wants to be sure this one is. We are asking for an anti-graffiti coating on the new mural and asking the artist to maintain the mural.

Dombrowski inquired if anti-graffiti coating is slippery when wet since this is on the trail. Kaschinske stated that is being checked into.

Ahlstrom inquired if this could move forward without the coating. Kaschinske stated yes, but the artist would need to maintain it.

Dombrowski stated the George Floyd mural was tagged and redone, and asked if it was tagged again. Kaschinske stated he was not aware if it had been again.

Erica Poland approved the repainting of the mural, Brian Daniels seconded. 5 yeas; 0 nays

Motion carried.

Ahlstrom asked for an update in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Five-Year Plan

Kaschinske stated staff has put a lot of time into the plan. He would first like to look at the goals to see if this what the board was looking for.

Dombrowski stated he moved objectives to other goals, added some goal and an additional goal of place making and put together the rationale.

Kaschinske commented on goal number two, objective E about expanding facilities and stated with everything that has happened with Covid that if we could get to where we used to be before it, he would be ecstatic. He also inquired as to what types of fields the board was looking to expand.

Poplar commented she would like to see more education and explanation, such as signs, when turning an area into a natural area.

Ahlstrom inquired if there was anything in the action plan for Adado Riverfront Park.

Discussion took place about the plan and Dombrowski stated he would reword the goals and update.

Ahlstrom asked for an explanation of Our Foundation.

Kaschinske stated Our Foundation, formerly known as Capital Region Community Foundation, funded and received corporate donations for Rotary Park and their next place making effort is 496 to Burchard Park. They are looking at a possible destination playground ($500,000) at Riverfront Park in the north end and developing Burchard Park with lighting similar to 5:01 event lighting.

Poplar mentioned goal 3 and redesigning parks and mentioned possible splash pads that have the option for a person to start and then they shut off after a certain time.

Kaschinske stated we have not heard from citizens that they are interested and Moores Park neighborhood does not want one, although they are lower maintenance than pools.

Ahlstrom recommended the ideas and passion for place making be incorporated into CIP project planning.

Kaschinske stated that could be done at board meetings. There are 111 parks to improve upon.

Ahlstrom inquired if there is anything in the goals or plan for utilizing CDBG funds. Kaschinske stated no, but he is always looking at CDBG funding for projects.

Poland inquired if there are specific ideas for CIP projects.

Ahlstrom asked members to think about specific plans for CIP projects and to come to the November meeting with some ideas.

Kaschinske reviewed the draft plan.

UPDATES

Kaschinske reviewed the updates: an outdoor, concrete table tennis table was installed and gates for the parking lot at Moores Park. Contractor WTA has begun an assessment of Moores Park pool. The bathroom has seen homeless activity as well as graffiti. Risdale Park also had a significant amount of graffiti on the building.

Foster Center is serving as a site for the Lansing School District learning labs, currently over 40 students are enrolled.

Parking lots are being striped, seal coated or crack sealed.

Davis Park trail loop has been sealed.

Moores River Drive trail has been repaired.

STATEMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Whitfield mentioned park awareness with a community page to highlight individuals in the community.

Kaschinske stated that could be done, many parks are named after community individuals.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kellie Brown, Board Secretary
Approved November 10, 2020

APPENDIX

PARK BOARD MEETING
Zoom Conference Meeting #869-9515-6741
November 10, 2020

VIRTUAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Zoe Ahlstrom, Lansing Michigan; Mike Dombrowski, Lansing Michigan; Kimberly Whitfield, Lansing Michigan; Brian Daniels, Lansing Michigan; Jennifer Poplar, Lansing Michigan; Rick Kibbey (6:50 p.m.) Lansing Michigan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erika Poland

VIRTUAL OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Emily Farrell, Parks and Recreation Communications Coordinator, Julia Stoutjesdyk, Parks and Recreation Intern; Jim Perkins

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Kimberly Whitfield moved to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes as submitted; seconded by Mike Dombrowski. 5 yeas; 0 nay

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renaming drive in Grand River Park

Kaschinske asked board members to refer to their packets. Jim Perkins is heavily involved with the MSU Crew and there are three buildings they utilize at the east end of Grand River Park and he would like to rename the road leading to them.

Kaschinske needs to know the exact location of the drive he wishes to rename. West Main is the entrance to the park and there are three businesses and the Michigan Princess that have a West Main address. He needs clarification of the location because renaming a street with businesses on it would cause the businesses to incur costs.

If Mr. Perkins wishes for the entire street to be renamed, he would need the businesses to sign off. If it is only the dirt section there is no issue and a sign could be placed.

Kaschinske is not sure how the businesses would make the changes with Google, GPS, etc.

Dombrowski stated the map is confusing because there are two beginning points indicated.

Kaschinske stated yes, if the beginning is the second point there would not be an issue, however if it is the first point it concerns the businesses and we would need them to authorize the change.

Jim Perkins agreed it would not be fair to the businesses.

Kaschinske stated the businesses face Old Lansing Road; however, you cannot enter from Old Lansing Road but instead need to enter in from the park.

Daniels stated the second beginning point would be easier logistically and would be fair to the businesses who would not need to make changes.

Kaschinske asked Perkins if the intent is to rename the dirt section of the road.

Perkins stated they would be happy with the start of the gravel road to be renamed as it serves the three buildings that house the rowing groups.

Kaschinske inquired who it would affect.

Perkins stated he spoke with the groups and no one has an issue with changing the name. He explained recently there was an attempted burglary and the Lansing Police had a difficult time finding the location and he hopes the name change would clarify the location. It would be changed with Google and for GPS purposes.

Kaschinske stated part of the issue is Main Street in Lansing has been changed to Malcolm X and this area is in Lansing Township and they did not make the change so it is still known as Main Street.

Kaschinske stated he is concerned about the three businesses and he does not want this to cost them to change advertising, letterhead, business cards, etc. Other concerns would be how Google, 911, etc. would distinguish the location.

Perkins stated they would cover all bases to ensure the start of Boathouse Parkway would start at the beginning of the gravel road and gate. MSU has provided a large piece of granite that would be engraved and placed at the entrance to mark the start of the drive and it would not affect the other businesses. The gate is a prominent start to the road and would differentiate the entrance.

Ahlstrom inquired if GPS is inaccurate so people do not know where to go.

Perkins stated the problem seems to be the two parallel West Main Streets that run by the park and tracks. This would not cost anyone and he would ensure Google and GPS would be changed.

Ahlstrom inquired if some of the problems could be eliminated with better signage at the park entrance.

Perkins stated yes and he is surprised there is still an area named Main Street since it has the two parallel section. They only want to change the small section that services the three boathouses. The area has a gated entrance, a straight section and an end.

Dombrowski stated Google doesn't recognize the gravel section and it would need to be recognized.
Perkins stated yes that is the intent and he will take the responsibility to ensure it is done.

Dombrowski inquired if the township is responsible to map it.

Kaschinske stated he would check with Public Service and would want to have that added to the recommendation.

Ahlstrom stated there are three groups, but only two signatures on the petition.

Perkins stated the three groups are in support and he has emails, but no signature, from the Lansing Rowing Club in support. He was not able to meet with them and he would provide the emails.

Ahlstrom asked to have the emails for the record. Kaschinske asked Perkins to send to the board secretary.

Perkins stated they have made improvements, such as planting trees, putting down crushed stone in the parking lot and they are striving to continue to improve the area.

Ahlstrom stated the board could vote with the contingency on receiving the emails. Whitfield concurred.

Dombrowski stated he rowed at University of Michigan and understand the support of one team and not another.

Ahlstrom moved to accept the renaming beginning at the gravel entrance and upon receipt of the emails from the Lansing Rowing Club supporting the name change and City working with Google to recognize the road. Supported by Kibbey, seconded by Poplar. 6 yeas; 0 nay

Motion carried.

Kaschinske stated this still needs to go to Mayor and Council for approval. Also inquired how many trees were planted; Perkins stated six.

Ahlstrom asked Kaschinske once Mayor and Council approved to advise the board and Mr. Perkins.

OLD BUSINESS

Five-Year Plan

Kaschinske stated the change was to goal 2 to add an environmental component. Also added to the plan were screen shots of social media posts, media ad for public meeting and accessibility ratings. The next step is to go to committee, Council public meeting and approval.

Poplar inquired about accessibility at Moores Pool.

Kaschinske stated it meets requirements because you can access it from the parking lot, access the locker room and access the pool. It is not easily done and it is being addressed with the consultants. He receives concerns from the local fishermen who want parking closer to the fishing area, however that area is close to the trail and presents safety issues.

Ahlstrom moved to approve the five-year plan; Daniels seconded. 6 yeas; 0 nay

Motion carried.

Annual Report

Ahlstrom stated Mike Dombrowski completed the report last year and asked him to review the process.

Dombrowski stated he and former board member Michael Ruddock worked on it and they utilized the departments accomplishments report and minutes from the year to summarize the accomplishments and hot topics.

Kaschinske stated the department is working on the 2020 Accomplishments Report and will focus on the five-year plan and the millage passing with 75% approval. He will get a preview copy to the board.

Dombrowski and Daniels volunteered to work on the annual report.

UPDATES

Kaschinske thanked staff, Greg Satterfield, Kellie Brown and Emily Farrell for their work on the plan. A city the size of Lansing would pay $25,000 to $30,000 for a firm to do the plan.

Moores Pool – The consultant is on board and there have been several meetings.

Drive-thru Halloween – 500 cars went through Frances Park.

Fulton Park – The playground is being re-done.

Trees – 143 trees are being planted at Hunter, Foster, Dunneback and Clifford Parks.

River Trail – Projects have wrapped up for the season. Bridges will be worked on next year by PPZ.

Veteran's Day – City offices are closed tomorrow.

Centers – City offices and community centers are planning, depending on Covid numbers, to open January 11 to the public.

Learning Lab – There are over 50 kids enrolled at Foster. The first semester has ended and resulted in a change to the schedules. There have been no Covid outbreaks.

Ice Rink – Still looking at an artificial ice rink. Washington Park was not frozen once last year.

Mowing – Wrapping up for the season. Some parks may still be mowed to mulch leaves.

Whitefield inquired how likely the artificial ice rink will happen. Kaschinske stated he is about 90% sure. Having an outdoor rink is important, especially due to Covid.

Ahlstrom inquired if it would be bring your own skates. Kaschinske stated yes, unless there would be a vendor to rent from.

Whitefield inquired if an RFP would be required. Kaschinske stated he would need to check, but if a vendor was available maybe not.

Black Lives Matter Mural – The mural has been redone, however, the anti-graffiti cover cannot be done in this weather. When it is done, it would not be slippery. Also, since it is post-election, hoping there will be no issues with vandalism.

Park Board member – Have not heard anything and it would probably be at least January.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.