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The mission of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department is to provide excellence and equal opportunity in leisure, cultural and recreational services to all of the residents of Southfield. Our purpose is to provide safe, educationally enriching, convenient leisure opportunities, utilizing public open space and quality leisure facilities to enhance the quality of life for Southfield's total population.

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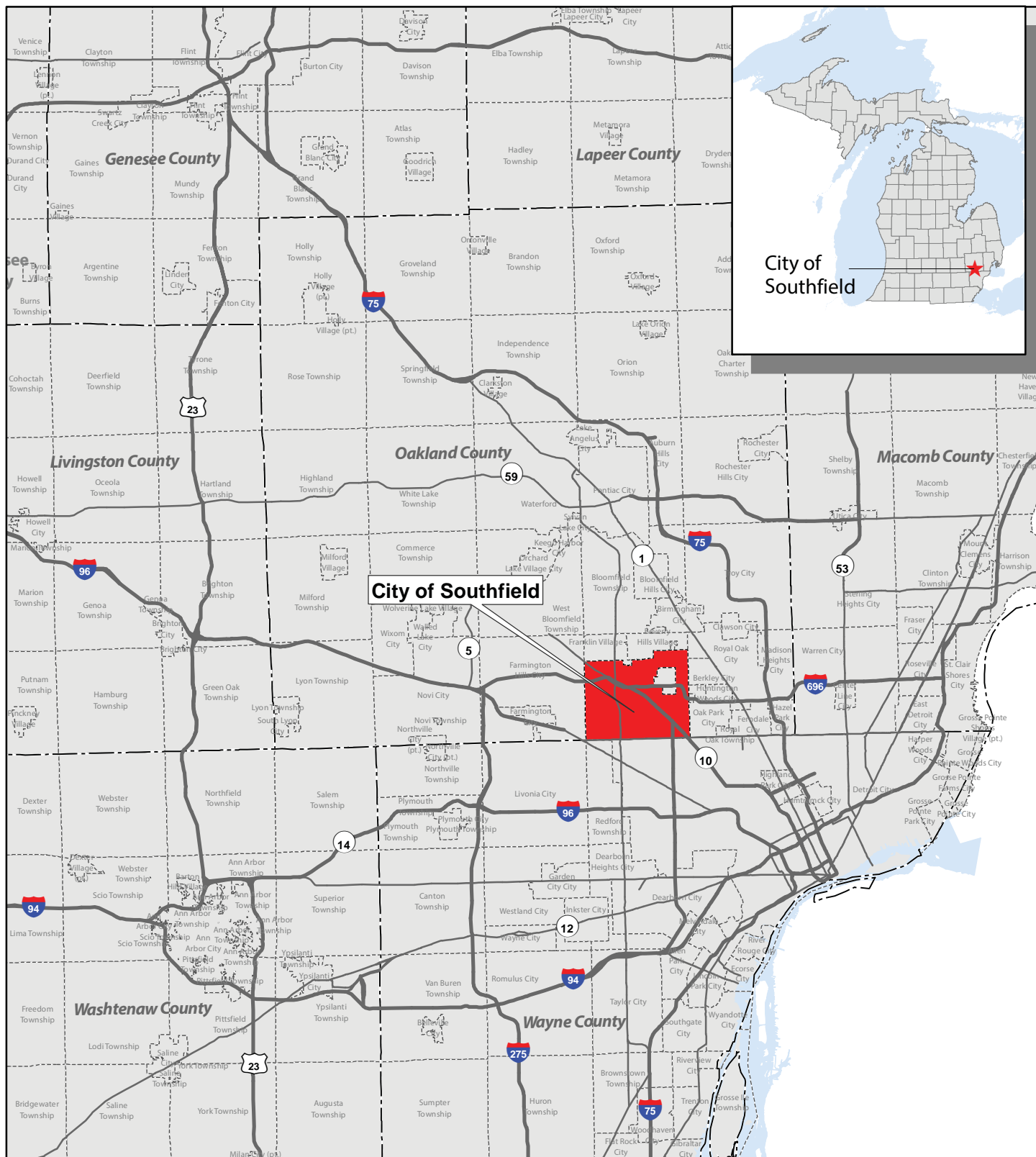


INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the City of Southfield's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for the future of the parks, recreational facilities, historic structures, and natural areas of Southfield.

The Parks and Recreation Board coordinated this open, public planning process to create a comprehensive vision for Southfield's parks, satisfying the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a road map for parks and recreation decisions (including facilities and programming) made in the next five years, as well as projected future needs. The Plan includes all of the required elements of a Parks and Recreation Plan and therefore qualifies Southfield for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The process taken to prepare the Plan gives the City a better understanding of the needs and wants for parks, recreation, historic and cultural facilities, and programming going forward.



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Map 1 Regional Location

City of Southfield, Michigan

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Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework,
Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 8a.



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Southfield is a residential community and business center in southeastern Michigan. Comprised of over 26 square miles, Southfield is bordered by the City of Detroit, as well as several other communities in Oakland and Wayne Counties, including Farmington Hills, Redford Township, Franklin, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Berkley and Oak Park.

With over 780 acres of parkland, two public golf courses, an indoor ice skating rink, Beechwood Activity Center, Mary Thompson Farm, and miles of nature and fitness trails, Southfield truly has something for everyone.

DEMOGRAPHICS



The Southfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan was created to determine the needs and opportunities that exist within the City in consideration of how many people will use recreational amenities, which programs they will participate in, and what type of facilities they want and need. By understanding the existing conditions and past trends, the City can appropriate / anticipate and plan for the future needs of the community.

The data presented comes from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, as gathered by the City of Southfield. This survey samples a percentage of the community on topics such as population, economics, housing, etc.

Population

Trends in the number of people residing in a community are an important indicator for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities have different parks and recreational needs than communities with stable or declining populations. Table 1 shows the relative populations of Southfield and comparison nearby communities.

Table 1: Population

Population	Southfield	Berkley	Beverly Hills	Bingham Farms	Detroit	Farmington Hills	Franklin	Oak Park	Redford Township
2000	78,296	15,531	10,437	1,030	951,270	82,111	2,937	29,793	51,622
2010	71,739	14,970	10,267	1,111	713,862	79,740	3,150	29,319	48,362
2015	72,859	15,178	10,403	1,158	690,074	80,971	3,198	29,727	47,652

Source: US Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The City of Southfield experienced a decline in population between 2000 and 2010 of approximately 9.1 percent. The decrease in population during this time period was experienced across several municipalities, with the exception of Bingham Farms and Franklin Village. However, the City experienced a higher percentage loss than all surrounding communities, except for Detroit. The population decline across several communities is indicative of the effects of the Great Recession (2007-2009), which saw residents moving out of their communities.

As the nation recovers from the economic crisis, growth has returned. The City of Southfield has welcomed over 1,000 new residents since 2010, a near two percent increase in the population. All surrounding municipalities, except for Detroit, also experienced a population increase after 2010.

Households

This section analyzes the composition and characteristics of households in Southfield. Household growth has a different impact on demand for recreation services than does population growth. If the population is growing faster than the number of households, this typically suggests that more children are being born to existing households. If households are growing faster than population, this typically suggests that more singles or couples without children (often newly married or older) are residing in the community. Figure 1 shows the total population and households by decade, beginning in 1960.

As a first ring suburb of Detroit, the City of Southfield experienced major growth during the auto-dominated 1960's. As a matter of fact, Southfield was the fastest growing community in Michigan during this period. At the same time as the population increased, so too did the number of households in the City. The number of households and population trending in similar directions indicates that household sizes are stable in the community. As reflected in Figure 2, the average household size has remained relatively steady since 1980.

Figure 1: Population and Households by Decade

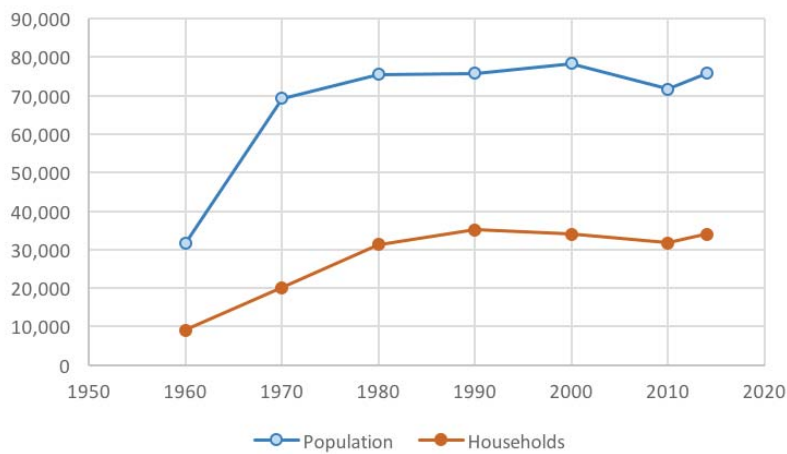
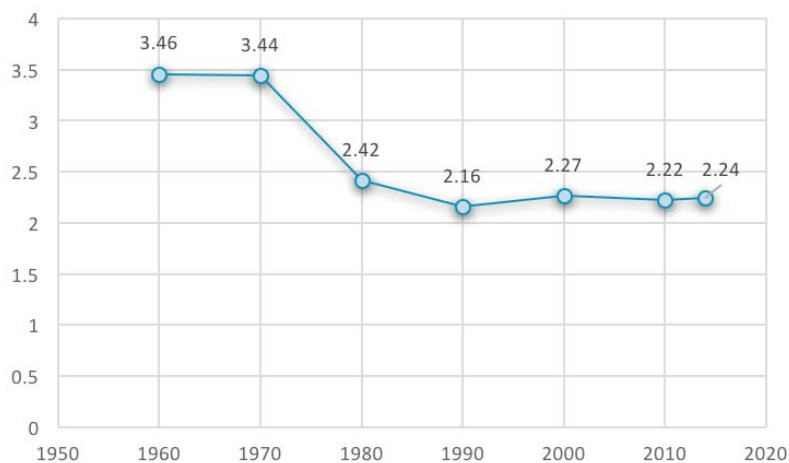


Figure 2: Average Household Size by Decade



Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes have been shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population.

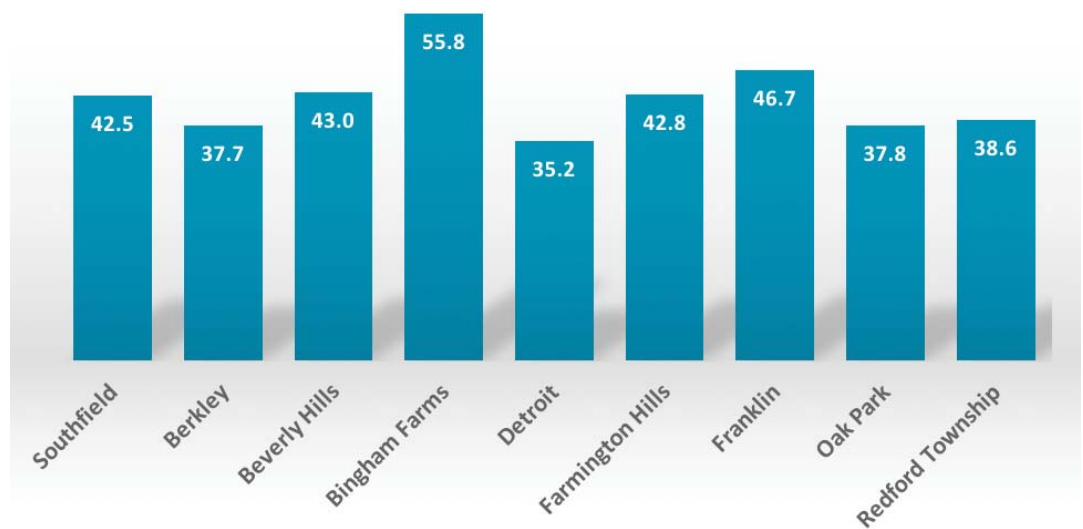
Age

The age of a community's population is extremely important when planning for parks and recreation improvements. Older residents have vastly different needs than childless 20-somethings, or with those who have families with children.

Figure 3 compares the median ages of Southfield residents to surrounding communities (2015). Residents of the City are a healthy mix of all age groups. When combined with the household data on previous page, this indicates that the City of Southfield has a stable and sustainable population base.

The City should plan improvements to its parks and recreational facilities accordingly, ensuring that proposed projects are dispersed equally among all age groups, from toddlers to senior citizens.

Figure 3: Median Age in Southfield and Surrounding Communities



Age structure (analyzing which proportions of a municipality's population are in which stages of life) gives a nuanced view of the makeup of a community. To compare age structure, the percentage of the population is divided into the following age groupings:

- Under 5 (Pre School) 5.4%
- 5 to 19 (School Aged) 17.3%
- 20 to 44 (Family Forming) 30.5%
- 45 to 64 (Mature Families) 28.5%
- Over 65 (Retirement) 18.1%

The majority of the population of the City of Southfield are family forming and mature family members. The demographics imply that the City could potentially see an increase in population due to the nature of the age distribution. However, with 46.6% of the population composed of mature families and those of retirement age, services to senior adults will be an important component of the City's mission.

Income

Understanding the income distribution, employment, poverty level, and number of disabled residents in Southfield is vital to parks and recreation planning because of the need to consider how residents will interact with provided amenities, afford various amenities, and how they will get to parks or other locations that provide recreational opportunities.

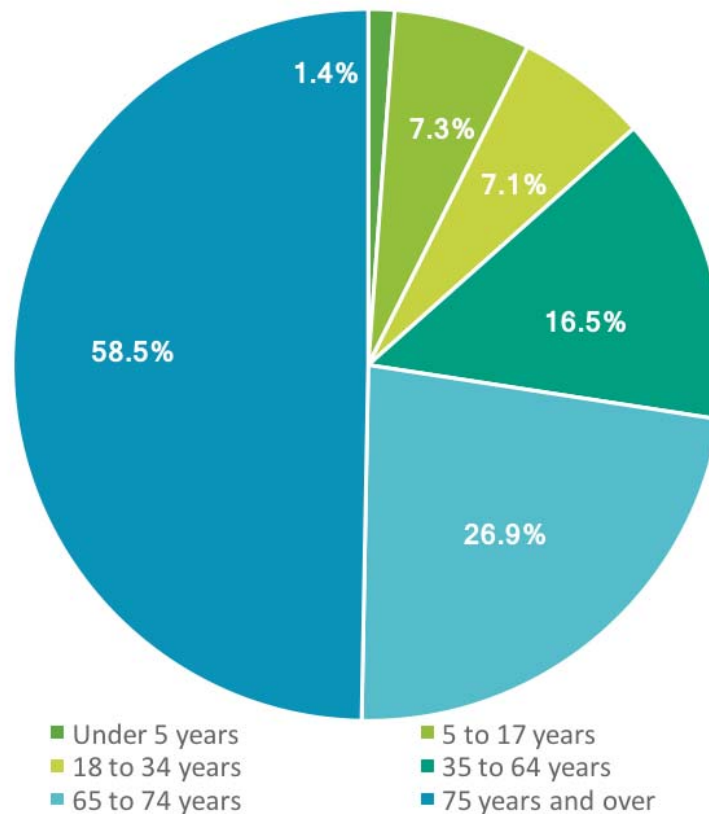
Southfield's residents are primarily middle-class. From 2000 to 2010, the median household income fell approximately 25 percent, causing the City to have a lower median household income than the Detroit metro area. The decline during the early 2000's is reflected in communities nationwide, as the economic crisis affected all communities and demographics.

Disabilities

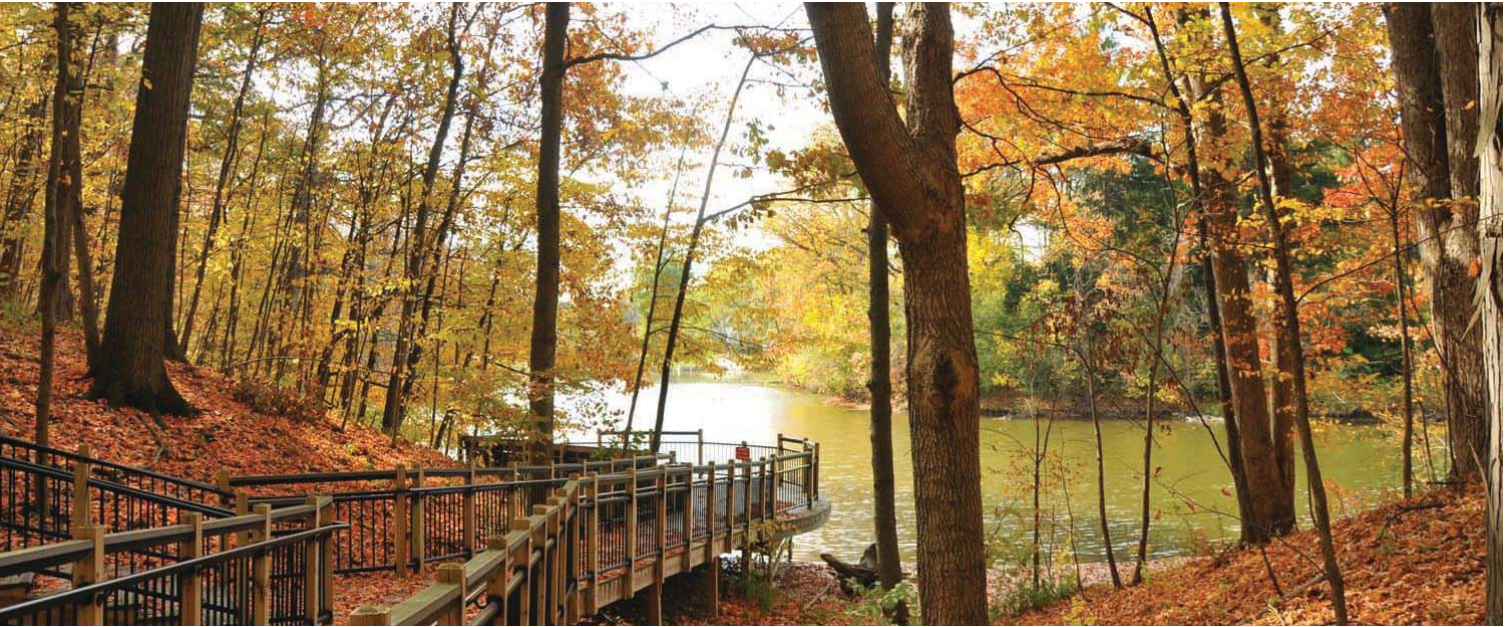
The type of disability and number of residents impacted by disabilities will inform the design and accommodations made for them on the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Census Bureau reports that approximately 16.7 percent of residents have a disability of some sort in Southfield, with the most impacted populations being 75 and over subgroup. The most prevalent disabilities within the population are ambulatory and cognitive difficulties, followed by hearing difficulty.

Planning for parks and recreation could result in positive health outcomes for a population that already experiences difficulty on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, or installing audible and visually assisted cross walks that assist those who may be visually or hearing impaired.

Figure 4: Disability Population Percentage



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



Carpenter Lake
Nature Preserve

Topography and Soils

The topography of Southfield is almost entirely flat, sloping gently to the southeast resulting from its glacial history as a lake plain. The elevation for the City is approximately 575 feet above sea level. The flat character of the lake plain is altered by the valleys of the Rouge River and its tributaries and, to some extent, a series of former lake beaches.

Soils range from silty to clay loams, with some areas of sand and blue clay. Many areas are poorly drained with high water tables being typical. The City's agricultural history has created some areas of deep topsoil, while the rapid development of the 1960's and 1970's caused extensive soil disturbance and topsoil loss.

Water Resources

The most significant water resource in Southfield is the Rouge River and its tributaries. The main branch of the Rouge River flows south from the northern border, crossing under I-696 and Telegraph Road and exiting at the southern boundary into the City of Detroit at Eight Mile Road. River tributaries include the Rummell Drain, Evans Branch, Tamarack Drain and Pebble Creek. Land adjacent to these waterways is characterized by steeply-sloped valley walls and wooded floodways. Unlike much of Oakland County, no natural lakes exist in Southfield, although some wetlands remain. Artificial drainage of natural wetlands was used to accommodate development resulting in a net loss over time. Remaining wetlands are regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as well as the City's own local wetlands protection ordinance.

Vegetation

The City of Southfield is located within a deciduous eastern forest zone. Due to the rise of urban development and prior history as an agricultural community, few remnants of mature natural vegetation remain. A few properties retain some significant vegetation. Some woodlots have progressed from old field associations to mixed hardwoods.

Many parcels containing woodlands are in public or quasi-public ownership. A degraded wet prairie association located between the Freeway Park and Lincoln Woods has been restored as part of a wetlands mitigation project. Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve, Bauervic Woods Nature Preserve, and Valley Woods Nature Preserve all contain large caliper, native canopy trees and understory. Berberian Woods, within Valley Woods, is an excellent example of near pre-settlement forested valley and is considered botanically significant on a statewide basis. Woodland preservation has also occurred in neighborhoods of large lot development, particularly along the Rouge River floodplain. The remaining woodlands have been mapped and tree removals are now regulated by the City's woodland ordinance.

Wildlife

Most common Michigan animal species can be found in Southfield, if in somewhat lesser numbers than rural areas. Deer are plentiful throughout the City and are found on larger tracts and along the river corridors. Other mammal species include fox, raccoons, muskrats, opossum, mink, rabbits, squirrels, and mice. In recent years coyotes have been sighted in Southfield. Garter snakes are common. Snapping turtles are frequent in Carpenter Lake and soft shell turtles bask on the mud banks of the Rouge River in Valley Woods Nature Preserve. Migrating songbirds and waterfowl such as ducks and geese utilize the larger tracts and nature preserves as they travel across metro Detroit. Resident hawks preside over larger tracts, along the river corridor and highways.

Climate

The climate of Southfield and southeast Michigan is influenced by its location with respect to major storm tracks, the overall influence of the Great Lakes and the urban "heat island" of metro Detroit. The most pronounced lake effect occurs in the winter when arctic air moving across the lakes is warmed and moistened producing excess cloudiness and moderated temperatures. Throughout Michigan most winter storms originate to the northwest except in metro Detroit where much of the heaviest precipitation comes from southwest winds. This is a result of the location of the normal wintertime storm track south of Detroit, which brings on average, three inch snowfalls. Occasional heavy snowfalls, freezing rain and sleet are also typical of southern Oakland County.

According to U.S. Climate Data (www.usclimatedata.com) the average temperature for Detroit is 48.7°F, ranging from a high/low of 31°F / 19°F in January to 82°F / 63°F in July. The growing season averages 180 days with a last frost date in early May and a first frost date in late October.

In the summer, most storms pass to the north or may dissipate as they approach the City. Summer weather is typified by intervals of warm, humid, sunny skies with thunderstorms followed by mild, dryer weather. Temperatures of 90°F or higher are commonly reached in the summer months, and temperatures below freezing are occurring more frequently during the winter months. The annual average snowfall for the area is 42.7 inches.

During the 2013-14 winter season, 94.9 inches of snow was measured, topping the previous record snowiest season, 93.6 inches in 1880-81.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE & FUNDING



ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

Southfield's local government representation is provided by elected City officials. The seven-member Southfield City Council, elected at-large, decides municipal budget and legislative matters. Council members are responsible for determining policy and adopting the annual municipal budget, which provides funding for parks and recreation programs and services. The Council president is chosen by Council members and presides over Council meetings. The mayor, an elected official, is not a voting member of council. The mayor reviews and presents the budget and has the power to veto Council actions, with five affirmative votes required to override a veto. Daily City operations are directed by the City Administrator, who is appointed by and accountable to City Council. The Administrator is responsible for ensuring that Council-mandated policies are implemented by City staff.



By City Charter, the Director of Parks and Recreation oversees the department and receives operational direction from the City Administrator and the Parks and Recreation Board. The five-member Parks and Recreation Board, which meets monthly, is an advisory board and reviews department policy and budget. Board members are appointed by the mayor for three-year terms. There may also be up to two youth representatives. The Parks and Recreation Department consists of six functional divisions. They are administration, golf, park services, recreation, cultural arts, and seniors.

PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING

Budget

The primary funding source for the Southfield Parks and Recreation budget is a 1.75 mill property tax levy. It is projected to account for 60% of the department's revenues in 2017. The balance is made up largely of rents and charges for service. Historically, capital expenditures have been funded by outside grants and budget carryovers from prior years. The department anticipates that this basic structure will continue during the life of this plan.

Once adopted by Council, the Parks and Recreation Department budget constitutes a legally binding financial plan, in accordance with the Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. The department's functional divisions operate out of their own budget and are responsible for coordinating activities between divisions.

The Southfield City Council has adopted the following budget for the Parks and Recreation Fund (Fund 208) for fiscal year 2017.

Table 2: Parks and Recreation Budgeted Revenues / Expenditures for 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year

REVENUES						
Agency	Code	Millage	Service Charges	Rent & Interest	Other	Total Revenue
Administration	551	\$ 4,115,953	\$14,000	\$ 37,313	\$413,212	\$4,580,478
Golf	553		\$573,000	\$130,000		\$703,000
Park Services	554		\$10,000	\$35,395	\$73,035	\$118,430
Recreation	555		\$906,629	\$199,673		\$1,106,302
Cultural Arts	556		\$60,618	\$ 15,000		\$75,618
Seniors	557		\$91,228		\$163,460	\$254,688
Dept. Total	208	\$4,115,953	\$1,655,475	\$417,381	\$649,707	\$6,838,516

EXPENDITURES						
Agency	Code	Operating	Capital	Debt Service	Other	Total Expenses
Administration	551	\$2,105,230	\$23,600	\$102,769		\$2,231,599
Golf	553	\$738,864		\$174,369		\$913,233
Park Services	554	\$2,191,719	\$192,600			\$2,384,319
Recreation	555	\$982,304				\$982,304
Cultural Arts	556	\$81,734				\$81,734
Seniors	557	\$245,327				\$245,327
Dept. Total	208	\$6,345,178	\$216,200	\$277,138	—	\$6,838,516

Source: City of Southfield

Fees & Charges

Southfield park sites are free and open to the general public. Certain facilities: the golf courses, ice arena, and outdoor swimming pool, are fully staffed and require an admission fee. These facilities are open to Southfield residents and persons who have purchased resident leisure cards or business leisure cards. Non-resident fees are nominally higher than resident fees.

While some facilities are available on a “per-use” basis, other facilities are available as rentals by reservation. Such facilities include room rentals in the Parks & Recreation Building at the Civic Center and the Beech Woods Recreation Center. Picnic shelters are available for rental at the Civic Center, Beech Woods, and Pebble Creek Park. The Burgh Church, gazebo, and the Miller Barn are also available for rental for weddings and private parties. Fees are set for the utilization of park facilities by the Parks and Recreation Board and are reviewed annually.

Loans & Bonds

In order to fund two major projects the Department of Parks & Recreation has two LIRF loans which are being paid back to the city’s General Fund over several years. The first loan was to reconstruct Evergreen Hills Golf Course and the second loan was to pay the department’s contribution for the Carpenter Lake Restoration and Park Development Project. These costs were shared with the Department of Public Works and supported by over 1.5 million dollars in state and federal grants for the project. Parks and Recreation has no bonded indebtedness. The last bond was paid off in 1998.

GRANT HISTORY

The City of Southfield has received several grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to fund the renovation or development of City parkland and natural areas. These funds include the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust (formerly known as the Michigan Land Trust Fund), and the Clean Michigan Initiative Grant.

Table 3: Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Grant History

Project Year / Project Number	Park Name / Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Description
1975 / 26-00616	Bedford Woods & Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$50,404	Acquire 15.4 acres of land located in northwestern section of Southfield, for public outdoor recreation.
1977 / 26-00935	Beech Woods Park Tennis Court	\$25,708	Develop 1 acre for lighted and fenced tennis courts, area landscaping, and LWCF sign.
1981 / 26-01170	Section 25 Mini Park	\$22,680	Acquire 3.81 acres for outdoor recreation.
1983 / 26-01285	Inglenook Park	\$60,800	Develop: grading and seeding, 2 softball fields, 3 soccer fields, foot paths, play lot/ picnic area, parking lot, boundary fencing, landscaping, and LWCF sign.
1984 / 26-01354	Section 25 Park (Statford Woods)	\$27,525	Develop: woodform playlot, grading, and seeding an open play field, picnic tables, sitting area, sidewalks, asphalt pathway and tree shrub plantings.
1986 / TF86-191	Meyer Leib Property	\$108,000	To acquire approximately 10 acres of lightly wooded land in the City.
1989 / BF89-466	Pebble Creek Park Development	\$376,500	Park development including: tennis, softball, soccer, playlot, entrance road, parking, landscaping, restroom facility, picnic area w/shelter, walking trail, and fitness stations.
1989 / TF89-237	Section 24 Wetlands	\$218,800	To acquire approximately 13 acres of land as natural open space area.
1990 / TF90-393	Valley Woods Trail	\$120,000	Construction of trails, benches, fishing/viewing station, pedestrian bridge, stream bank stabilization and landscaping on the Rouge River.
1991 / TF91-833	Evergreen Woods Park	\$950,000	Acquire 35 acres of land adjacent to 45 acres of City-owned nature preserve. The expanded park would provide additional open space and natural areas for passive recreation use.
1993 / 26-01530	Civic Center Playscape	\$142,378	Develop adventure playscape for community-wide use utilizing universal design to be accessible to both handicapped and able-bodied children, at the city's major recreation and civic property.
1999 / CM99-271	Civic Center Tennis Complex	\$455,000	Reconstruct tennis complex at Civic Center site including 9 lighted tennis courts and 3 handball courts, related walks, signage, site furnishings, and landscaping.
2002 / TF02-148	Berberian Property Acquisition	\$1,753,500	Acquisition of 16 acres of natural property on the Rouge River to provide fishing access, protect wetland habitat, and complete the trail and wildlife corridor of Valley Woods Nature Preserve.
2003 / 26-01614	Inglenook Park Playscape Project	\$300,000	Develop new accessible playground at large community park. Work and improvements include new play equipment, resilient safety surfacing, walkways and site furnishings.
2004 / TF04-112	Carpenter Lake Park Development and Lake Restoration	\$500,000	Development of a new public fishery and park site, including restoration of 6-acre Carpenter Lake, wetlands enhancement, barrier-free trail, fishing dock, and parking.
2014 / 26-01744	Pebble Creek Play Area Project	\$100,000	Renovation of play area including new accessible play equipment, safety surfacing, upgraded drainage, site furnishings, and native landscaping.
2014 / RP14-0115	Beech Woods Group Picnic Area Improvement Project	\$45,000	Improvement of the large group picnic area adjacent to the Beech Woods Recreation Center. Provide new picnic site furnishings, repair accessible ramp.
2014 / TF14-0275	Inglenook Park Renovation Project	\$280,000	Renovate Inglenook Park ball field complex. Replace back stops, player's benches, fencing and bleachers. Paved walkways. Construct playlot, restrooms, parking, and central shelter. Native tree plantings and permeable pavements will be incorporated.
2014 / TF14-0288	Horsetail Woods Acquisition Project	\$99,800	Acquire 5.9 acres of natural land adjacent to the 22-acre Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve.

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

In addition, the City has received a variety of other grants and donations to fund parks and recreation projects. Several were joint projects with the Southfield Storm Water Management Division of Department of Public Works. They are noted with an asterisk in the below table.

Table 4: Grant details for Parks and Recreation projects

Funding Source	Project Year	Park Name / Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Description
Michigan Equity Grant	1986	Burgh Historic Park	\$85,000	Fountain courtyard
Community Development Block Grant	1990	Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve	\$218,000	Land acquisition
Michigan Recreation Board	1991	Pebble Creek	\$376,500	Park development
National Park Service Land for Parks Program Approval for Land Exchange of Optimist Park for 30 acres of Carpenter Lake	2004	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$1,000,000	Acquisition of 30 acres of parkland
GreenWays Initiative Grant	2004	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$95,000	Berberian Woods acquisition
Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan Six Rivers Land Conservancy Donation	2004	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$17,070	Berberian Woods acquisition
Landowner Donation of Land Value	2004	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$520,582	Berberian Woods acquisition
Kellogg Foundation - Able to Play Grant	2006	Inglenook Park	\$25,000	Playscape
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Grant	2008	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$965,000	Restoration and park development
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant (Fish Management)	2008	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$65,000	Restoration and park development
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant	2008*	Beech Woods Golf Course	\$49,250	Stream bank stabilization
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant	2008*	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$63,000	Streamwood Streambank Erosion Mitigation Project
Community Development Block Grant	2009	Miller Park	\$178,768	Play area
Community Development Block Grant	2010	Bedford Woods Park	\$40,000	Park development

Funding Source	Project Year	Park Name / Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Description
Community Development Block Grant	2010	Burgh Historic Park	\$90,000	Renovation of Art Center
Alliance of Rouge Communities Gro-Zone Grant	2010	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$5,000	Meadow planting
Walgreens Donation	2010	Simms Park	\$18,500	Play equipment addition
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant	2010 - 2012	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$160,000	Nature Interpretive Center
Denso Donation	2010 - 2012	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	\$140,000	Nature Interpretive Center
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Round IX Grant	2010*	Beech Woods	\$100,000	Greening project, Phase 1
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Round X Grant	2010*	Beech Woods	\$79,000	Greening project, Phase 1
EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Grant Round IX	2010*	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$63,650	Trailhead and storm water improvement project
Sub-grant from Alliance of Rouge Communities Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant	2010	Valley Woods Nature Preserve	\$270,000	Wetlands restoration project

Source: City of Southfield

- * In 2010, the City of Southfield received partial funding via a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant for the Valley Woods Nature Reserve Wetlands Restoration Project. The primary goal of the project was to restore the natural wetlands by removing invasive species, reintroducing plant diversity and restoring wetland hydrology. A joint effort between the City of Southfield and the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), the project received state-wide recognition and was awarded the 2013 Project of the Year Award from the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).
- + Partnership grants with the Storm Water Management Division of the Department of Public Works, partially funded through the division.

PARTNERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Annual Rouge River
Clean-Up Day
volunteers

Partnerships

Partnerships between the Department of Parks and Recreation and other entities facilitate and enhance the delivery of services to the public. Other entities may be other departments within the City, other agencies, such as adjacent municipalities, and state and federal agencies, but also non-profits and private businesses, and individuals.

Non-Profits

The City has partnered with the Six Rivers Land Conservancy to oversee volunteer stewardship activities within natural areas, such as enlisting an AmeriCorps crew to remove invasive plant species at Berberian Woods, or directing volunteers from Lawrence Technological University in invasive removal along the Rouge River in Valley Woods. A long-standing relationship with Friends of the Rouge fosters community-wide and corporate volunteerism for the annual Rouge River Clean-Up.

Lawrence Tech

Lawrence Technological University (LTU) is a private university located in Southfield that offers its students a variety of recreational facilities for intramural and team sports. LTU's expanded sports programs present an interesting opportunity for future collaboration. At the Public Hearing held by the City Planning Commission on December 14, 2016, a number of representatives of LTU Athletics spoke regarding their interest in partnership opportunities to expand and improve athletic facilities for their sports programs.

A partnership between Southfield Parks and Recreation and LTU would prove equally beneficial, as it would provide additional rental revenue for the City, a boost in Southfield economy as travel teams come into the City, less travel time for LTU athletes, future facility upgrades, as well as showcasing Southfield's parks and facilities during practices and competitions. LTU has outgrown its existing campus facilities.

The University currently has 24 competitive teams with only seven teams able to practice and compete within the City. More than half of LTU's students must travel outside of Southfield for practices and competitions. LTU hosts over 150 competitions as a home team each year, and would be able to host additional competitions if partnerships with City facilities were established. By 2019, LTU projects a 79 percent increase in student athletics participation with expansions of football, hockey programs, and possibly track and field.



Interagency Relationships

The City of Southfield works with many different agencies to benefit the Parks and Recreation Department. A multi-agency partnership with the City of Birmingham, Village of Beverly Hills, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development (OCPED), Oakland County Water Resources Commission, Six Rivers Land Conservancy and the Friends of the Rouge serve together to manage and promote the resources of the Rouge Green Corridor. The City participated in Oakland County's development of its Green Infrastructure Plan. The City also participates with OCPED and Oakland County Parks groups for Oakland Trails Advisory Council, Natural Areas Advisory Council, and the annual Heritage Conference.

Southfield Public Schools are the primary school district in Southfield. Other school districts, such as Birmingham and Royal Oak, extend into Southfield. Private, parochial, and charter school are also located in Southfield.

Business Partnerships

Important partnerships with business organizations within the City include those with the City Centre Advisory Board and the Southfield Downtown Development Authority. Both have been important in establishing a vision for parks and recreation in the City.

At the Beech Woods Golf Course, the City's golf professional operates as a private contractor to provide golf lessons, group and individual classes.

Health Alliance Plan (HAP), a Detroit-based HMO, sponsors Southfield's water exercise program. With HAP's sponsorship, Southfield is able to offer this very popular program to the public free of charge.

Southfield Sports Arena (left)

Golf Lessons at Beech Woods Golf Course (right)



Southfield Parks and Garden Club

Volunteers

The Parks and Recreation team will investigate the potential of developing a volunteer program that will provide a menu of opportunities ranging from park projects, special events, park clean-ups, and stewardship projects. This menu will give organizations, businesses, partners and residents the opportunity to choose a volunteer experience that will match their interest and/or passion.

Volunteers continue to be a valuable team play for our parks and recreation team and will be proactively recruited retained and rewarded by our community members.

Sponsorships

The Southfield Parks and Recreation Department offers several sponsorship opportunities for individual facilities and special events, from co-sponsorships of concert series to memorial trees and benches in a City park.

Sponsorship packages and opportunities are detailed on the City website and are coordinated through the Parks and Recreation Department.



RECREATION INVENTORY

Developing a complete inventory of parks and recreation facilities and programs is an essential component of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Understanding what parks, facilities, and programs are available to Southfield residents will assist in decision-making and is the basis upon which future improvements and plans will be built.

An inventory of park amenities and equipment was developed and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, quantity, quality, accessibility, and condition. The City does not have any regional recreation facilities, yet there are a number of regional recreational areas within an hour drive. These regional facilities offer a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages.



Rouge River and Valley Woods Trail

The City is responsible for the management of 775 acres of parkland and historic and cultural sites. Of the total, 407 acres (53%) represent developed park or historic sites and 344 acres (44%) include open space and nature preserves. The remaining 3% contain undeveloped sites. The 126 acre Valley Woods Nature Preserve, the City's flood plain property along the Rouge River corridor, accounts for 37% of all nature preserve properties and 16% of all park properties.

Map 2 details all natural features and the location of all parks and recreation facilities in the City.

Map 2 Natural Features, Parks & Open Space

City of Southfield, Michigan

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LEGEND

- Woodlands
- Wetlands
- Historical & Cultural Sites
- Community Parks
- Nature Preserves
- Neighborhood Parks & Recreation Centers
- Small/Mini Parks
- Waterbodies
- Floodplain

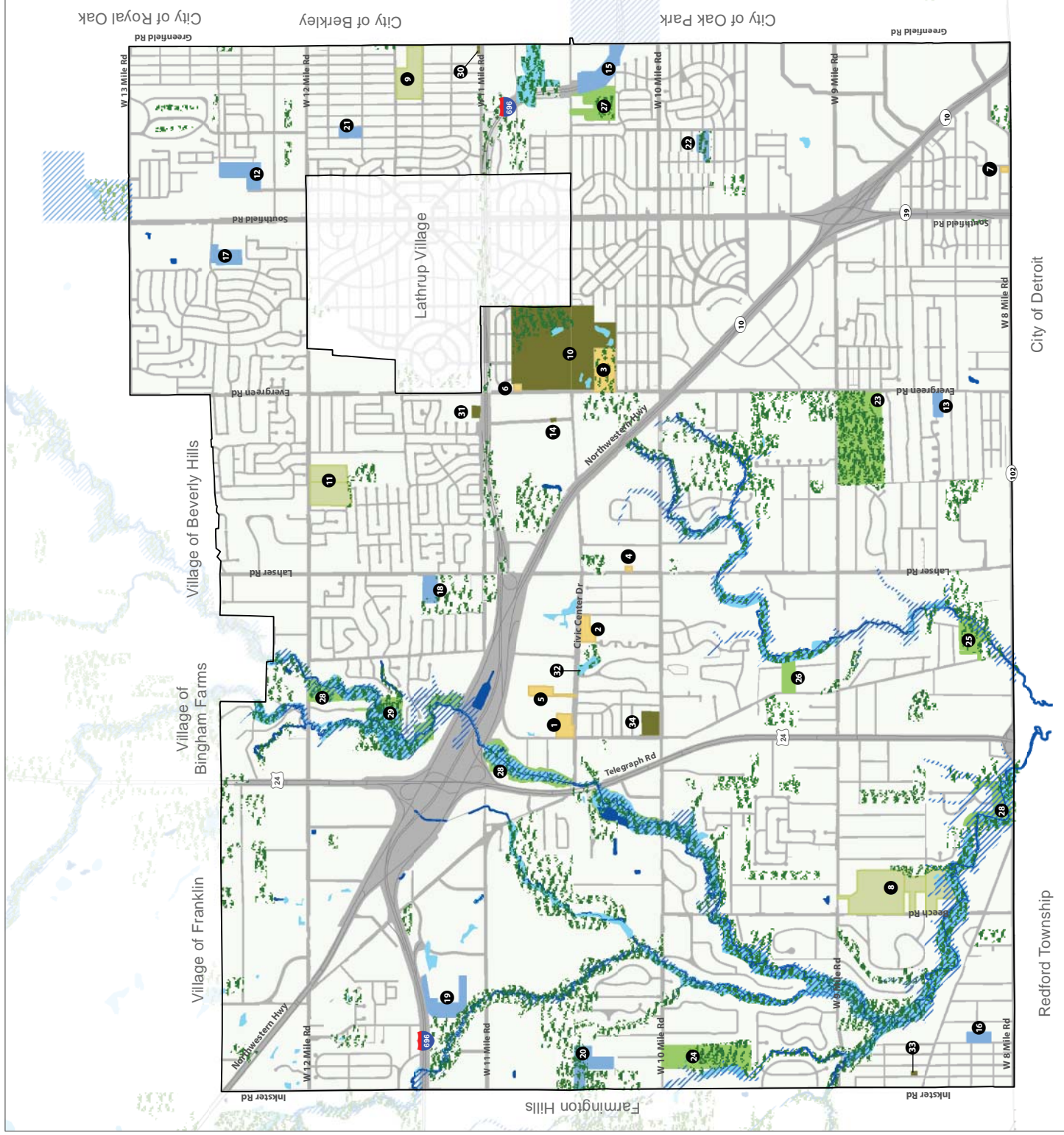
Parks & Open Spaces

- Burgh Historical Park
- Code House
- Mary Thompson House & Farm
- Pioneer Cemetery
- Southfield Cemetery
- Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church
- Baseline Plaza
- Beech Woods Park
- Catalpa Oaks, Oakland Co. Park
- Civic Center Park, SFD Municipal Campus
- Inglebrook Park
- Bedford Woods Park
- Brace Park
- City Centre Plaza
- Freeway Park
- John Grace Park & Community Center
- John R. Miller Park
- Lahser Woods Park
- Pebble Creek Park
- Robbie Gage Memorial Park
- Simmis Park
- Stratford Woods Commons
- Bauervic Woods Park
- Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve
- Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve
- Hunter's Lane Woods Nature Preserve
- Lincoln Woods
- Valley Woods Nature Preserve (VWNP)
- Berberian Woods in VWNP
- Eleven Mile/Greenfield Park
- Evergreen/I-696 Park
- Mulberry Park
- Seminole Street Park
- Southfield Ten

0 2,000 4,000 FEET



Data Source: Oakland County GIS, 2016



CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES



Southfield Sports Arena

The City classifies its parklands into five categories based on their size and function. While particular uses and purposes are described for each category, it is important to bear in mind that any of the City's types of parklands can use an integrated design approach. All of Southfield's parks can incorporate landscaping and green infrastructure features suitable for the types of recreation, conservation or uses in each park, but can also provide water quality, air quality, and resilience benefits. For example, playing fields can be designed and constructed to serve as storm water detention facilities during rainstorms, relieving flooding in adjacent neighborhoods. Parking lots and playing surfaces may incorporate permeable surfacing, and soil amendments can be used to enhance the capacity of lawn areas and fields to retain storm water.

The description of each park or facility includes an assessment of its condition for barrier-free access (see following section). A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described in more detail below and the accessibility rankings can be found in the list below.

Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.



Community Parks and Recreation Facilities (25 Acres or greater)

Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of City residents. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in small or neighborhood parks. The focus of these parks is to meet community-based recreation needs, as well as preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are generally 25 acres or greater in area and serve residents within one-half to three miles. Community parks may also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community. The City of Southfield has three parks and facilities that can be classified as Community Parks.

Front Lawn Loop brings fitness and accessibility to the Southfield Municipal Campus in the City Centre

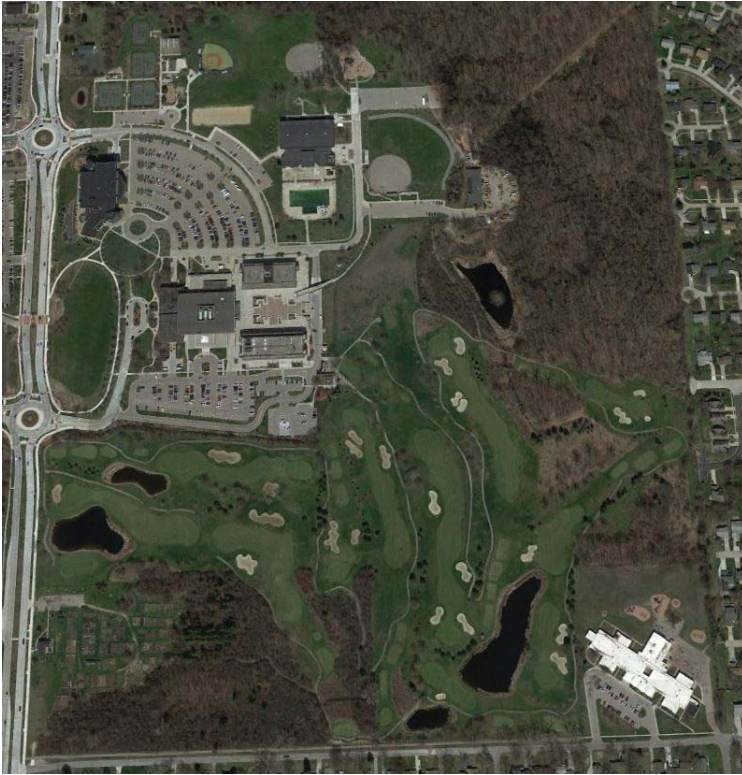
**Beech Woods Parks and Recreation Center
(81.85 Acres)**

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Beech Woods Park is an 81 acre park which serves the entire community with its fitness center, sports arena, tennis courts, golf course and driving range, including portions that are heated and lighted year round. The play area and picnic shelter are popular throughout the summer months.

A bioswale and the north porous paver parking lot demonstrate sustainable stormwater features to the public.





Civic Center Park (154.84 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 3

City's main civic property. Park activities share the site with library, civic and court buildings. The Civic Center is home to the Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices, the Southfield Pavilion (a 28,152 sq. ft. public event space, built in 1978, that can seat up to 2,000 for banquets, lectures and other special events), the Arts & Activities Building, meeting rooms, the pool and ice arena, and park maintenance operations. Outdoor recreational facilities include Evergreen Hills Golf Course, nature area, picnic area with shelter, play lot, sand volleyball courts, and ball fields, including Miracle Field (an adaptive baseball field utilized by The Miracle League, a charitable organization that provides children with disabilities an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league) and the lighted handball and tennis complex. In 2014, a three and a third mile Front Lawn Loop was installed to provide greater accessibility to events and to promote healthy activity.



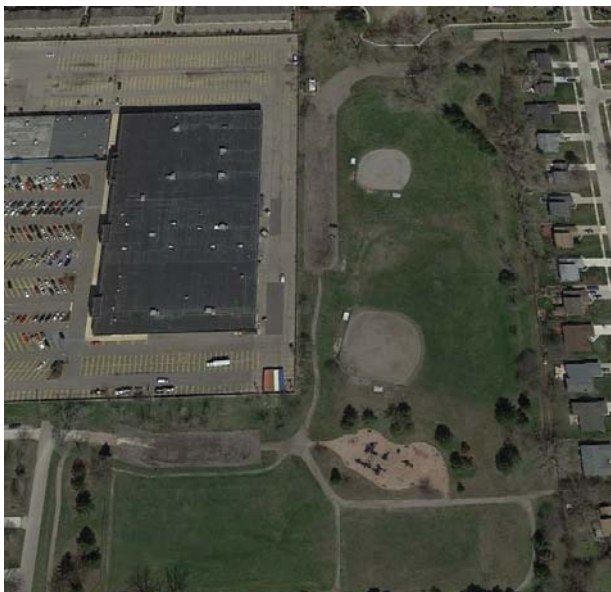
Inglenn Park (42.41 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 3

Southfield's most popular park, Inglenn is heavily used for softball, the fitness trail and the universally accessible play lot. Over 200 parking spaces, restrooms and a concession building support the high levels of use at the park. Miller Barn and a ten-acre wooded natural area are also features enjoyed by residents and visitors.



Neighborhood Parks and Community Centers (3-24 acres)

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the focus of recreation activity for the more immediate neighborhood around the park; typically a one-mile square township section, bounded on four sides by major roadways. Facilities may or may not include a small parking lot, playlot, seating, picnic facilities and some athletic facilities such as ballfields or basketball courts.



Bedford Woods Park (14.71 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Bedford Woods Park features a playlot, softball and Little League fields and two large gravel parking lots.



Brace Park (10.36 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 2

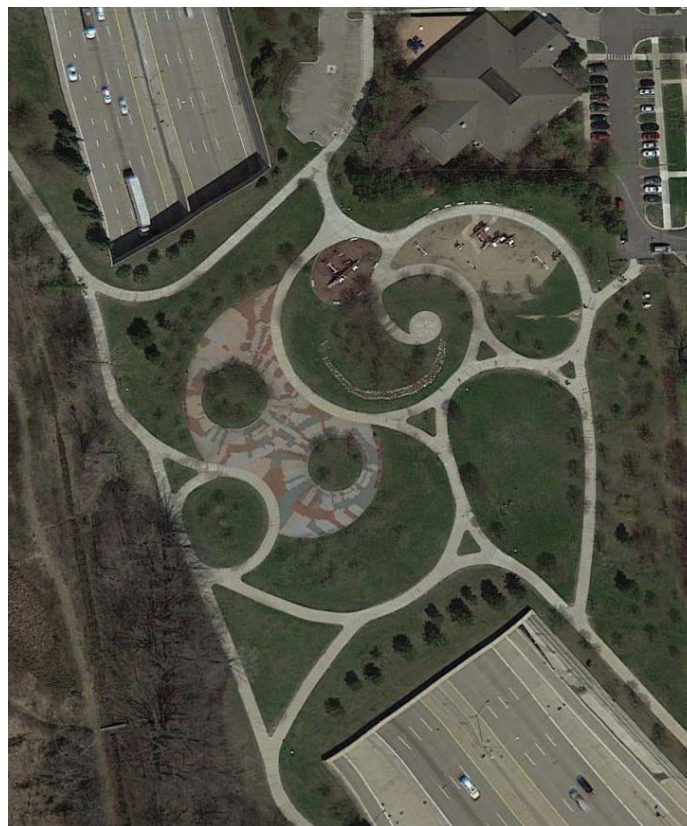
Brace Park is owned almost entirely by Southfield Public Schools. It contains ballfields.



Freeway Park (11.51 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Freeway Park can be considered one of Southfield's most unique park sites. The 11 acre property is actually an overpass on the I-696 expressway which connects residential neighborhoods to schools, religious institutions and commercial areas along the highway.

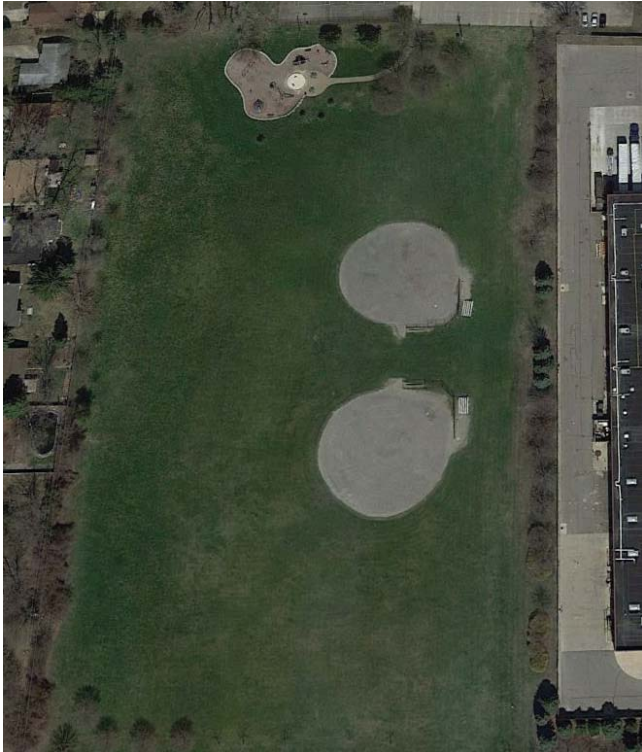


John Grace Park and Recreation Center (4.61 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 3

John Grace Park and Recreation Center is a small neighborhood park with a recreation center in a renovated school building. The building has been primarily used as a regional employment center.





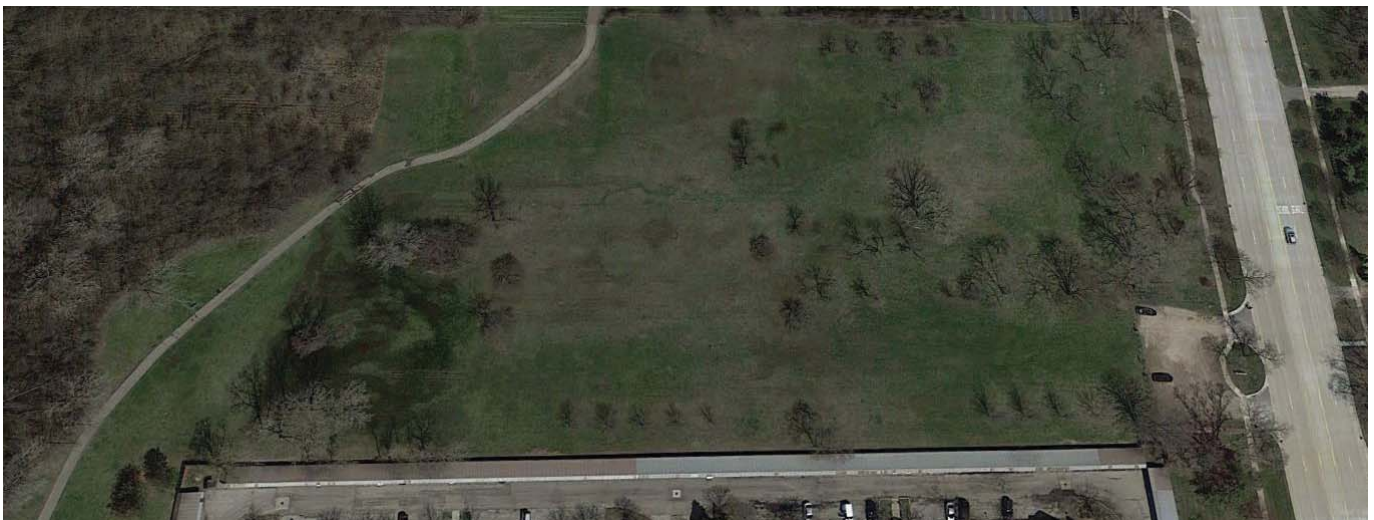
John R. Miller Park (13.56 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 3

John R. Miller Park is a small neighborhood park with basketball courts, neighborhood ballfields, a playlot, tennis court, and a picnic area.



Lahser Woods Park (15.79 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 2

Lahser Woods has limited development with only a paved walkway and a very small gravel parking lot. The paved walkway is heavily used by the adjacent neighborhood to traverse the site to get to the adjoining school and synagogue.



Pebble Creek Park (15.42 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 2

Pebble Creek Park is a popular park site for large group picnics and adult soccer clubs.



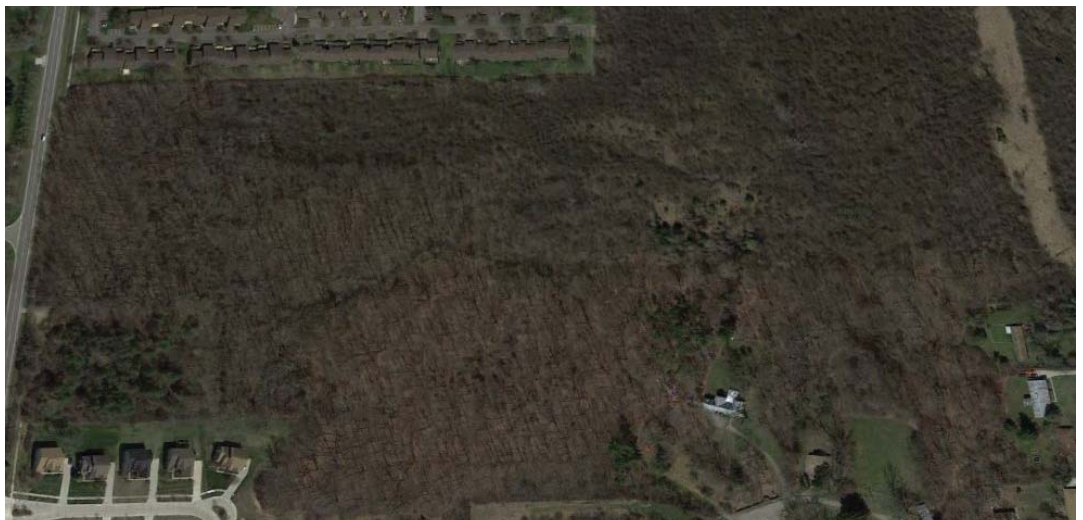
Robbie Gage Memorial Park (16.77 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Robbie Gage Memorial Park is located on the City's west border with Farmington Hills.

Robbie Gage was the son of the late Judge Hilda Gage. The park was dedicated in his memory.

The site is wooded and undeveloped.





Simms Park (4.04 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Simms Park is a four acre neighborhood park with accessible play areas, picnic shelter and tennis courts.



Stratford Woods Commons (5.1 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 4

Stratford Woods Commons is a pedestrian only neighborhood park.



Small Parks (Less than 3 Acres)

Small parks or mini-parks are three acres or less in size and may represent only a single lot. Their purpose is dependent on their location, size and the needs of the immediate area. They may be developed as urban parks, neighborhood play areas, community gardens or as passive green space.

The majority of Southfield's small parks are undeveloped.

City Centre Plaza (.68 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 5

City Centre Plaza is part of existing road right-of-way on Central Park Boulevard which has been upgraded with landscaping and street furnishings. It has been the venue for numerous programs, including Eat-to-the-Beat concerts and food truck rallies.



Civic Center Drive Park (2.17 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 2

Civic Center Drive Park is an undeveloped lot.



Eleven Mile / Greenfield Park (.72 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Eleven Mile / Greenfield Park is an undeveloped City lot at the intersection of two major roadways in a commercial area.



Evergreen / I-696 Park (.38 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Evergreen / I-696 Park is a vacant City lot located at the north edge of the City Centre District.



Mulberry Park (.93 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Mulberry Park is an undeveloped park site on Civic Center Drive.



Seminole Street Park (.63 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Seminole Street Park is in a residential subdivision.



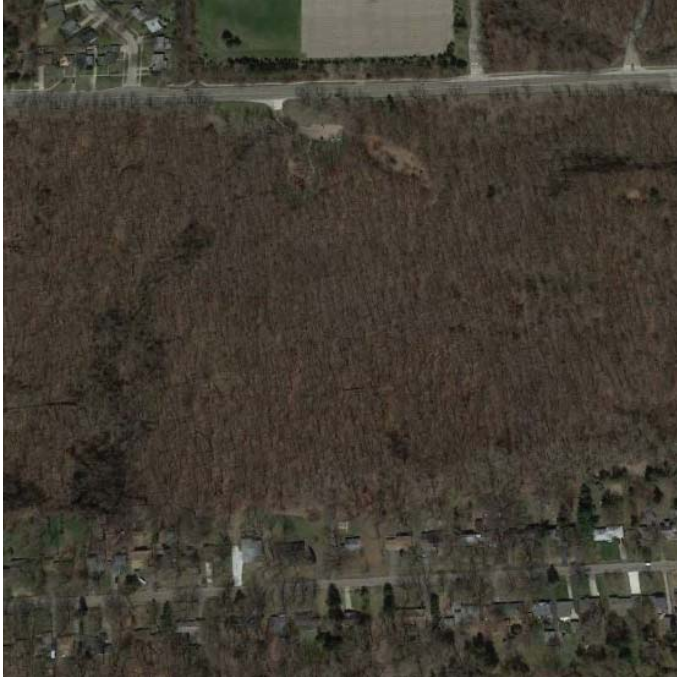
Southfield Ten (2.00 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 1

Southfield Ten was once part of the Southfield Ten school site which was converted to office use. The two-acre buffer is bermed open lawn.



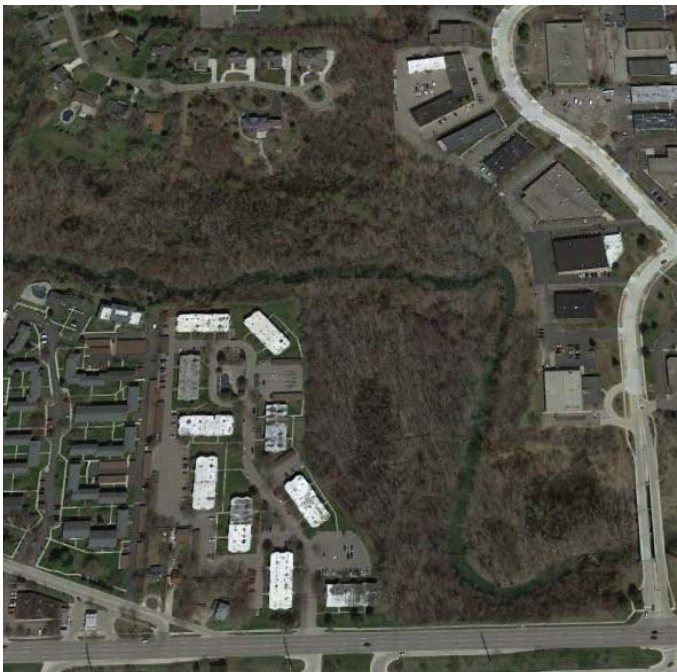
Nature Preserves and Open Space

Nature preserves (e.g. Carpenter Lake) may be of a variety of sizes, and have a primary focus of preserving and protecting natural areas in the City while still providing access to nature by the public. Other recreational facilities may exist on a nature preserve property if they do not conflict with the parks primary purpose, including parking areas, trails, nature centers, wildlife observation areas, fishing piers, picnic areas, rest room facilities, and small play areas. Some natural areas may be left undeveloped and held as open space only for green buffers, wildlife and floodplain recharge areas.



Bauervic Woods Nature Preserve (80.44 Acres) *Accessibility Assessment = 3*

Bauervic Woods Nature Preserve is one of Southfield's major nature preserves. There are extensive trails throughout the park.



Bridge Street Nature Preserve (24.18 Acres) *Accessibility Assessment = 1*

Bridge Street Nature Preserve is currently undeveloped, located on both sides of Bridge Street and north of Eight Mile. The Main Branch of the Rouge River traverses the property and enters the City of Detroit at this location.

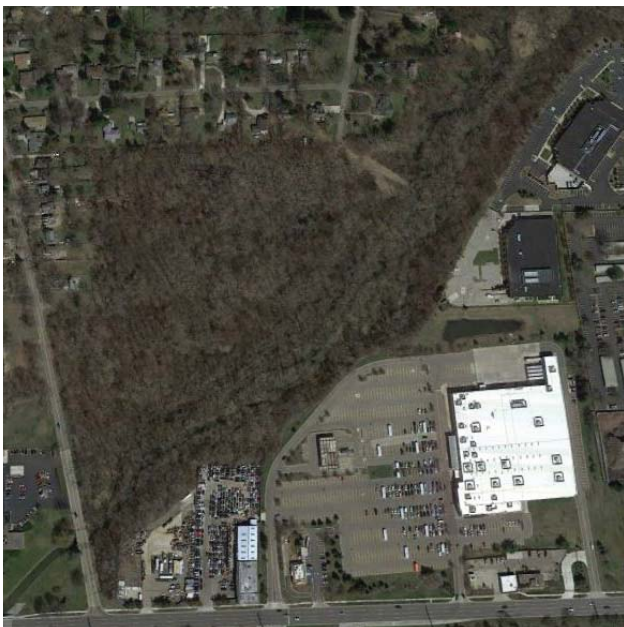
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve (43.58 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 5

Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve features interpretive nature trails and lake fishing access. The parking lot is constructed with porous pavement with a bioswale to handle surface water run off. The lake serves fish and wildlife habitat.



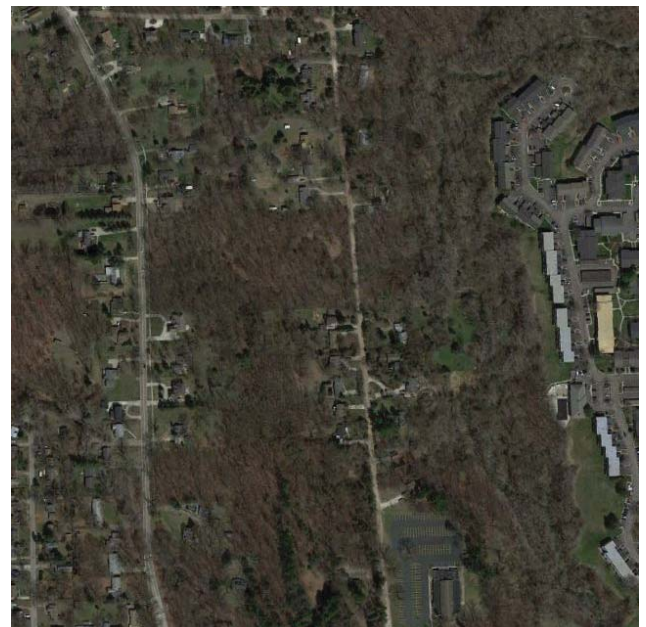
Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve (23.11 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 1

Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve is located on a Rouge River tributary. The park is heavily wooded.



Hunters Lane Nature Preserve (22.66 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 1

Hunters Lane Woods Nature Preserve is a nature preserve on a tributary of the Rouge.



Industrial Park Nature Preserve (3.14 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 1

Industrial Park Nature Preserve was created to buffer the industrial park from the adjacent residential district.



Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve (21.71 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 1

The Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve is managed by the City but is half owned by MDOT as part of a wetland mitigation project.



Valley Woods Nature Preserve (61.46 Acres)
Accessibility Assessment = 2

Valley Woods Nature Preserve is one of the most significant natural areas in the City. The linear park is located along the Main Branch of the Rouge River. Over 1,500 feet of walkway currently exist along the river near the center of the park, with the opportunity to extend it and create linkages to the north and south.

Berberian Woods is located in the Valley Woods Nature Preserve.



Historical and Cultural Sites

Southfield historic and cultural sites are primarily utilized for passive areas and specialized recreation such as the gazebo concert series and senior gardens.

Burgh Historic Park

Accessibility Assessment = 3

Burgh Historic Park is one of Southfield's most popular destinations for concerts, weddings, and enjoyment of the period gardens. Several restored historical structures are preserved on the property which was the original seat of Southfield Township, including the original township hall, fire hall, and public works garage. Other historical structures have been moved to the property, such as the Simmons House, 1854 Church, and the Parks House.



Code House Historic Site

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Code House is Southfield's highest quality historic structure. An example of mid-19th century Green revival architecture, the structure was restored and served as a residence for a recent city administrator. The house does not have a public use.



Mary Thompson Farm

Accessibility Assessment = 2

The Mary Thompson Farm is the 19 acre remains of the original homestead of one of the City's pioneer benefactors. The farm provided the land for the development of the Civic Center in the 1970's. The farmhouse has been restored and the site is used for senior garden plots. Expanded restrooms and shelter areas have recently been added.





Pioneer Cemetery (0.7 Acres)

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Pioneer Cemetery is a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre historic cemetery.



Southfield Cemetery

Accessibility Assessment = 1

Southfield Cemetery is a historic cemetery which is still available for new burials.



Baseline Plaza

Accessibility Assessment = 5

The historical marker was installed in 2016 near Eight Mile and Rutland to commemorate Michigan's role in the implementation of the Public Land Survey System. The 10-foot obelisk is part of the larger "Coasting the Baseline" project, which is a series of markers that celebrates Eight Mile Road (Baseline Road), which was the first successfully surveyed road in the United States using modern surveying methods. Michigan was the first state to be fully surveyed using modern practices.

ACCESSIBILITY



Southfield is honored to be the home of Michigan's first Miracle League baseball field (located at the north end of the Municipal Complex)

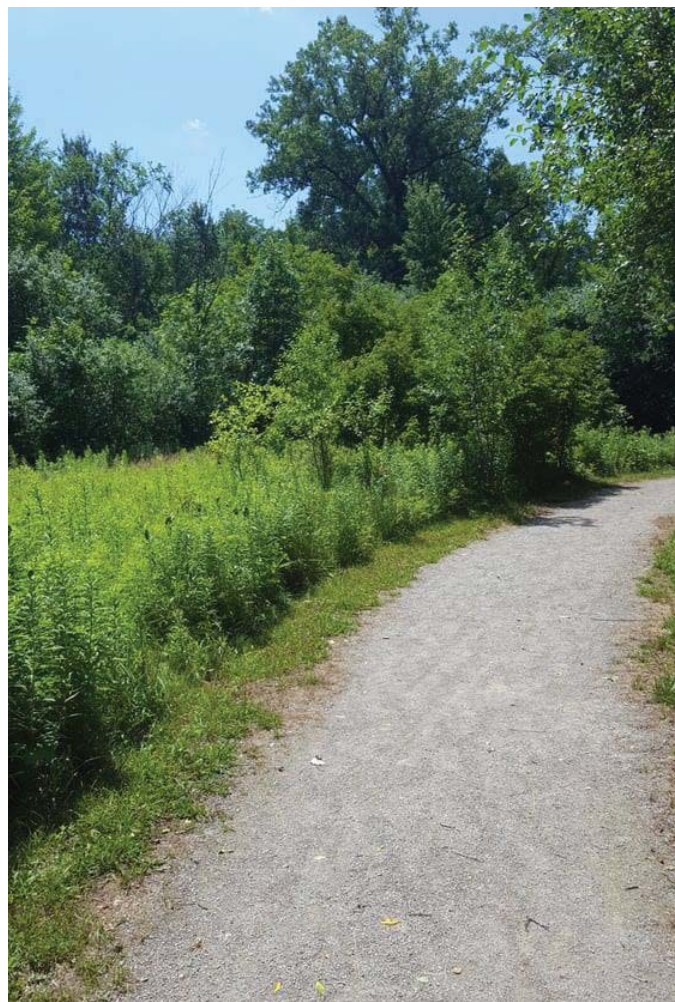
The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreational facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of Southfield's parks and recreation facilities has been conducted. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

The five-point evaluation system, as described on page 24, was used.

Table 5: Accessibility Ratings for Southfield's Parks and Facilities

Community Parks	Accessibility Rating
Beech Woods Park & Recreation Center	3
Civic Center Park	3
Inglenook Park	3
Neighborhood Parks	
Bedford Woods Park	3
Brace Park	2
Freeway Park	3
John Grace Park & Recreation Center	3
John R. Miller Park	3
Lahser Woods Park	2
Pebble Creek Park	2
Robbie Gage Park (undeveloped)	1
Simms Park	3
Stratford Woods Commons	4
Small Parks	
City Centre Plaza (ROW)	5
Civic Center Drive Park (undeveloped)	2
Eleven Mile / Greenfield Park (undeveloped)	1
Evergreen / I-696 Park (undeveloped)	1
Mulberry Park (undeveloped)	1
Seminole Street Park	3
Southfield Ten (undeveloped)	1
Nature Preserve and Open Space	
Bauervic Woods Nature Preserve	3
Bridge Street Nature Preserve	1
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	5
Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve	1
Hunters Lane Woods Nature Preserve	1
Industrial Park Nature Preserve	1
Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve	1
Valley Woods Nature Preserve	2
Historical and Cultural Sites	
Baseline Plaza	5
Burgh Historic Park (Burgh Historic District)	3
Code House Historical Site	1
Mary Thompson Farm	2
Pioneer Cemetery	1
Southfield Cemetery	2



Trail at Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve

CITY CENTRE OPEN SPACE (EVERCENTRE)



Location Photo of the
EverCentre Site

The Southfield City Centre Vision & Redevelopment Plan, adopted in 2016, provides planning guidance related to the 8.15 acre parcel of land the City has acquired across Evergreen Road from the Southfield Municipal Campus. It envisions a linear park that is intended to serve as a central gathering place for the new development and the district as a whole, seamlessly integrating architecture and public life. The park provides +/- 28,300 SF of public open space activated by ground-floor retail and regular programming. Opportunities for additional open space within the development include plazas for outdoor seating and dining along the wide sidewalks. A non-motorized, multi-use path, connecting Civic Center north to Corporate Drive, is also envisioned as part of this plan. The City should take all appropriate steps to accomplish this vision.

The goal of the “EverCentre” plan is to create a walkable pedestrian friendly urban “place” adjacent to the Southfield Municipal Campus that combines the aspirations of a high-profile business climate with a commitment to walkability, community and sense of place.

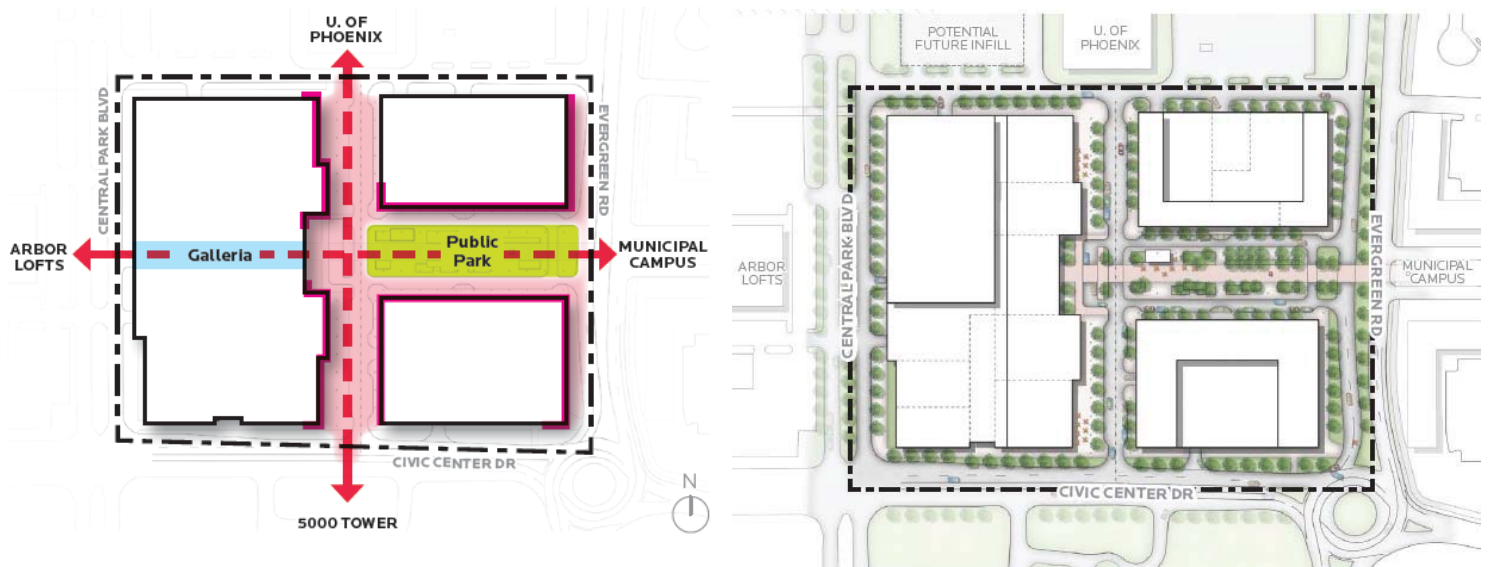


Figure 5: Concept plan of EverCentre site (left) / Concept plan with Landscaping (right)
Hamilton-Anderson & Gibbs Planning Group



Figure 6: Proposed character of the City Centre mixed-use development (bird's eye view looking west)
Image: Hamilton-Anderson & Gibbs Planning Group



Figure 7: Proposed character overlooking the park from the hotel (view from above looking northeast toward City Hall)
Image: Hamilton-Anderson Associates



Figure 8: Proposed character at the Evergreen pedestrian crossing to the site (looking west).
Image: Hamilton-Anderson Associates

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NORTHLAND MALL REDEVELOPMENT



The original Hudson's building is an iconic structure that was a focal point of the Mall

In December 2015, the City of Southfield in cooperation with the Southfield Downtown Development Corporation acquired the 125-acre Northland Center with the goal of facilitating the coordinated development of the site. The Northland Redevelopment Plan, adopted in 2016, calls for a 7+ acre central park tying into a linear greenway through several, radial connections. The City should take all appropriate steps to accomplish this vision.

Figure 10: Northland Greenspace Plan – Source: Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan, prepared by OHM





Figure 11: Greenfield Promenade, Final Plan – Source: *Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan*, prepared by OHM



Figure 12: Urban Plaza, Final Plan – Source: *Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan*, prepared by OHM



Figure 13: Central Civic Core, Final Plan – Source: *Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan*, prepared by OHM



Figure 14: Lifestyle District, Final Plan – Source: *Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan*, prepared by OHM

4TH WARD PARK



Figure 15: Park Network – Source: Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan, prepared by OHM



Figure 16: Greenspace District, Representative Character – Source: Northland Concept Vision Redevelopment Plan, prepared by OHM

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSIT



Southfield has taken great strides to incorporate non-motorized, multi-modal transit opportunities for its residents. The City's planning and policy documents that have been adopted in the past five years; include the Non-Motorized Pathway and Public Transportation Plan, the Southfield City Centre Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, the Southfield DDA Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, the Non-Motorized Pathways and Pedestrian Amenities Plan, the 2016 Sustainable Southfield Plan, the Southfield City Centre Vision and Redevelopment Plan, and the Northland Redevelopment Plan.

Each of the above adopted plans incorporates sound planning principles to provide connectivity throughout the City. The existing and proposed pathways, as shown on Map 3, are designed to provide multiple methods for City residents to travel from one part of Southfield to the other.

Map 3

Non-Motorized Transit

City of Southfield, Michigan

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LEGEND

Neighborhood with Sidewalk

Parks

Bike Route Signs

Bike Route Signs (130)

Bike/Walk Wayfinding Signs (8)

Black & White Bike Route Signs (3)

Double Sign (8)

Routes

Bike Path (10ft wide)

Proposed Bike Path

Multi-Use Path (5-10ft wide)

Proposed Multi-Use Path

Paved Shoulder/Bike Lane

Proposed Paved Shoulder/Bike Lane

Road Route

Road Route (no signs)

Proposed Road Route

Sidewalk Route (5ft wide)

Proposed Sidewalk Route

Proposed (Type TBD)

Education Facilities

Southfield Public Schools Administrative Center

Early Childhood Development

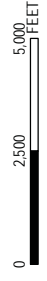
College/University

Private School

Private School (Charter)

Public School

Closed



Data Source: Oakland County GIS, 2016

City of Royal Oak

City of Berkeley

City of Oak Park

Village of Beverly Hills

Village of Bingham Farms

Village of Franklin

Lathrup Village

City of Detroit

Redford Township

Farmington Hills

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PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES



Southfield A & T

Although school facilities are designed and intended for school use and are not available to the public all the time, they do satisfy some community recreational needs. The City is served by the Southfield Public School District. Southfield school facilities provide conventional recreation facilities targeted for the specific use and benefit of the enrolled school population. To a limited extent, the school facilities supplement the broader range of recreational opportunities provided to the public by the City.

All school sites provide some recreational facilities on their grounds as well as indoor facilities such as classrooms, auditoriums, and gymnasiums in the school buildings. The grounds serve a neighborhood park function by providing public open spaces for nearby residents to utilize.

The public school facilities located in the City are:

1. **Adler Elementary (6.00 Acres).** Adler Elementary is located on Filmore Street, north of 10 Mile Road and east of Evergreen Road. The school has a playlot, two baseball diamonds and basketball courts, and an indoor gymnasium.
2. **Birney K8 (19.00 Acres).** Birney K8 is located on Evergreen Road north of 11 Mile Road. The school has a fitness trail, gymnasium, ballfield and soccer field.
3. **Bussey Center for Early Child Education (9.01 Acres).** Bussey Center is located on Frederick Street, south of W 9 Mile Road and east of Beech Road. The facility has a play lot, a baseball diamond, and a gymnasium.
4. **Levey Middle School (15.10 Acres).** Levey Middle School is located on W 9 Mile Road, east of Beech Road. The school has three athletic fields, gymnasium, and an indoor swimming pool.
5. **MacArthur K8 University Academy (10.00 Acres).** MacArthur K8 University Academy is located on 12 Mile Road east of Evergreen Road. The school includes a play lot, three baseball diamonds, a gymnasium, and basketball courts.
6. **McIntyre Elementary (7.00 Acres).** McIntyre Elementary is located on Saratoga Boulevard, between 11 Mile Road and 12 Mile Road and east of Evergreen Road. The school has a playlot, a Little League field, and a gymnasium.
7. **Thompson K8 International Academy (29.49 Acres).** Thompson K8 is located on Lincoln



Dr west of I-696. The school has a multi-recreation court, a playlot, three athletic fields, one baseball diamond, two basketball courts and a gymnasium.

Southfield A & T athletics

8. **Southfield A & T (44.00 Acres).** Southfield A & T is located on Lahser Rd south of W 10 Mile Rd. The school has an athletic field, three baseball diamonds, six tennis courts, a gymnasium, an indoor swimming pool, a fitness trail and a track.
9. **Southfield Regional Academic Campus (42.00 Acres).** Southfield Regional Academic Campus is located on 12 Mile Rd east of Evergreen Rd. The school has an athletic field, two baseball diamonds, tennis courts, an indoor swimming pool, a gymnasium, fitness trail and a track.
10. **Stevenson Elementary (8.00 Acres).** Stevenson Elementary is located on Lahser Road between 11 Mile and 12 Mile Roads. The school has a playlot, two Little League fields, a gymnasium, and four basketball hoops.
11. **Vandenberg Elementary (9.45 Acres).** Vandenberg Elementary is located on Edwards Ave, north of 12 Mile Road and west of Greenfield Road. The school has a playlot, an athletic field, a baseball diamond and a gymnasium.

REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES



Catalpa Oaks Play Structure

Regional parks serve a multi-community area and often offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also use active play areas such as ball fields or basketball courts. While the City of Southfield does not use these parks for the City's recreation programs, they do provide active and passive recreational opportunities for the residents of the community. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Oakland County provide regional parks and facilities. The only regional park in Southfield is Catalpa Oaks (see Map 4). Other regional parks within 60 miles of the City are shown on Map 4.

Map 4 Regional Parks and Recreation Facilities City of Southfield, Michigan

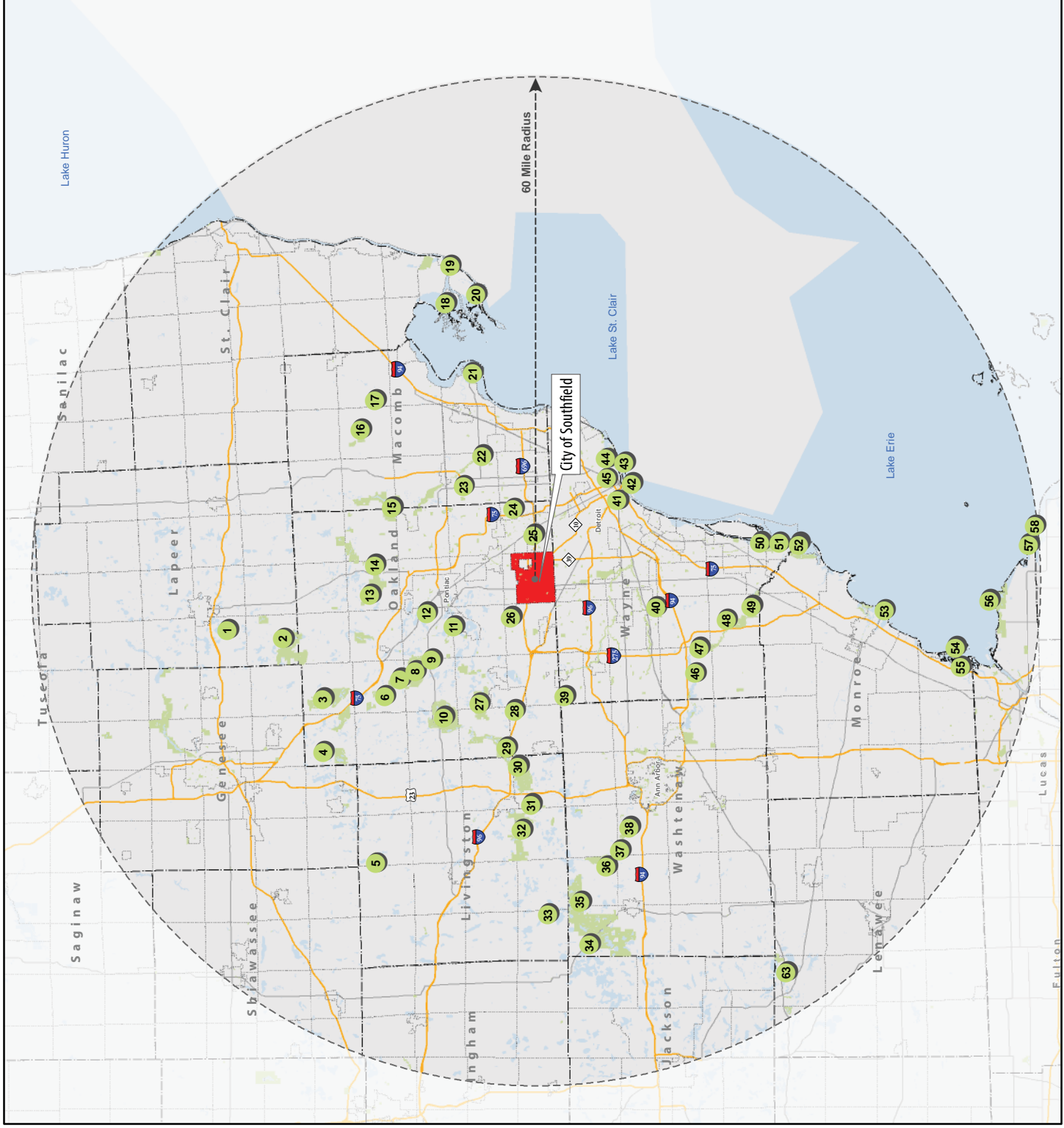
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Regional Parks and Recreation Facilities

- 1 Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area
- 2 Ortonville State Recreation Area
- 3 Holly Recreation Area
- 4 Seven Lakes State Park
- 5 Oak Grove State Game Area
- 6 Springfield Oaks County Park
- 7 Indian Springs Metropark
- 8 Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- 9 White Lake State Recreation Area
- 10 Highland State Recreation Area
- 11 Dodge Brothers State Park #4
- 12 Waterford Oaks County Park
- 13 Orion Oaks County Park
- 14 Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- 15 Stony Creek Metropark
- 16 Wolcott Mill Metropark
- 17 Wetzel State Park
- 18 St. Johns Marshland Recreational Area
- 19 Algonac State Park
- 20 St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area
- 21 Metrobeach Metropark
- 22 Freedom Hill County Park
- 23 Rochester-Utica State Recreation Area
- 24 Red Oaks County Park
- 25 Detroit Zoological Park
- 26 Glen Oaks County Park
- 27 Proud Lake State Recreation Area
- 28 Lyon Oaks County Park
- 29 Kensington Metropark
- 30 Island Lake State Recreation Area
- 31 Huron Meadows Metro Park
- 32 Brighton Recreation Area
- 33 Gregory State Game Area
- 34 Waterloo State Recreation Area
- 35 Pinckney State Recreation Area
- 36 Hudson Mills Metro
- 37 Dexter-Huron Metropark
- 38 Delhi Metropark
- 39 Maybury State Park
- 40 Ford Motor Company's M.I. Arboretum
- 41 Belle Isle Fishing Pier
- 42 Whitecomb Conservatory
- 43 Belle Isle Bench
- 44 East River Front Loop Bikeway
- 45 Detroit Garden Center
- 46 Belleville Lake Boat Launch
- 47 Lower Huron Metropark
- 48 Willow Metropark
- 49 Oakwood Metropark
- 50 Lake Erie Metropark
- 51 Elizabeth Park Boat Launch
- 52 Pointe Mouillee State Game Area
- 53 Plum Creek Bay Wildlife Area
- 54 Woodtick Peninsula Park
- 55 Erie Marsh Game Area
- 56 Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge
- 57 Cane State Park
- 58 Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area



Data Source: Michigan Geographic Framework
Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Version 14a



1. **Michigan State Parks.**

Several Michigan state parks within 60 miles offer recreational opportunities for Southfield residents. These state facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding. There are no state parks in the City.

2. **Oakland County Parks.**

The Oakland County park system consists of 13 parks including 67 miles of paved and natural trails for walking, jogging, skating, biking, and equestrian riding. The County parks offer year-round recreational opportunities including camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, cross-country skiing, boating/canoeing/kayaking, and golf. Catalpa Oaks is maintained by Oakland County, but is located in Southfield.

- **Catalpa Oaks** features baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, playscape and swings, and picnic pavilions. Visitors can enjoy various activities, including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, relaxing, and geocaching.

3. **Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.**

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park district that encompasses the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston. Since its inception in 1940, the HCMA has obtained over 20,000 acres of parkland, all located in the metro Detroit region. The parks provide a variety of outdoor recreation and educational activities including picnicking, hiking, golf, winter sports, water-related activities, horseback riding, and special programs. There are no metroparks located in the City.

4. **Lathrup Village.**

Lathrup Village operates four primary parks. Because the Village is located in the middle of the City of Southfield, residents of both communities are able to enjoy these parks. Descriptions of the Village's parks from the Lathrup Village website are provided below.

- **Annie Lathrup Park.** Approximately two acres, Annie Lathrup Park's amenities include both active and passive recreation activities; including a walking/jogging asphalt path, two outdoor skating rinks, open green space and benches.
- **Goldengate Park.** Approximately 2 ½ acres, Goldengate Park's amenities include both active and recreation activities; including playlots, swings, picnic tables, and grills. The Park also provides trash cans, split rail fencing, and parking availability.
- **Lathrup Municipal Park.** Approximately two acres, Lathrup Municipal Park includes passive recreational activities; including picnic shelter and tables, children's garden, gazebo, brickpaver walkway, and open green space for resting and relaxing.
- **Sarrackwood Park.** Approximately ¾ of an acre, Sarrackwood Park has playground equipment, picnic tables, trash cans, split rail fencing, and a garden area.

PARKS AND RECREATION AMENITIES



The parks and recreation facilities in the City each have different types of amenities and opportunities for a wide variety of recreational experiences. Amenities such as picnic tables, grills, bike racks, benches, and park signs are enjoyed at several facilities throughout the City. The following table lists some of the amenities currently available at each park and recreation facility:

Play structures can be found in many Southfield parks

Table 6: Facility Amenities

Facility Name	Parking Lots	Concessions / Vending	Restrooms (Indoor or Outdoor)	Basketball Courts (Indoor or outdoor)	Skate Park	Tennis Courts	Pavilion or covered picnic area	Stage/Band Shelter/Amphitheater	Ball Diamonds (Ball Fields)	Pathway / Trails	Multiple Purpose Field	Outdoor Pool	Sand or Grass Volleyball Court	Soccer	Play equipment	Fitness Center	Gymnasiums	Ice Skating Rink	Handball	Swings
Baseline Plaza																				
Bauervic Woods Park	X									X					X					
Bedford Woods park	X								X						X					
Beech Woods Park	X	X	X			X	X						X		X					X
Berberian Woods in VWNP										X										
Brace Park	X								X											
Bridge Street in VWNP																				
Burgh Historical Park	X		X				X	X												
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	X									X										
Catalpa Oaks, Oakland Co. Park	X	X	X				X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X
City Centre Plaza																				
Civic Center Park Municipal Campus	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Code House			X																	
Freeway Park	X									X					X					X
Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve										X										
Inglennook Park	X		X				X	X	X	X					X					X
John Grace Park & Comm. Ctr.	X		X		X				X						X		X			X
John R. Miller Park	X			X		X			X						X					
Lahser Woods Park	X									X										
Lincoln Woods																				
Mary Thompson House & Farm	X																			
Nature Preserve on Prescott																				
Pebble Creek Park	X		X			X	X			X			X	X						
Pioneer Cemetery																				
Robbie Gage Memorial Park																				
Seminole Park															X					X
Southfield Reformed Pres. Church	X			X											X					
Simms Park				X		X	X				X				X					X
Southfield Cemetery																				
Stratford Woods Common										X					X					X
Valley Woods Nature Preserve (VWNP)										X										

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



Several parks have been designed utilizing green infrastructure or LID techniques. Green infrastructure is an approach to managing stormwater runoff issues that can negatively impact the environment and provides community benefits. Green infrastructure techniques are intended to soak up rain water where it falls, so as to not overburden the community's water main system.

Green infrastructure practices include pervious pavement, rain gardens, roof gardens, bioswales, planter boxes, and land conservation. Table 7 details the green infrastructure techniques that the City has implemented in its parks.

A bioswale was constructed as part of the Inglenook Park project. A bioswale is a landscape element that aids in filtering silt and other contaminants from stormwater runoff.

Source: <http://www.ectinc.com/inglenook-park-project-award/>

Map 5 Green Infrastructure

City of Southfield, Michigan

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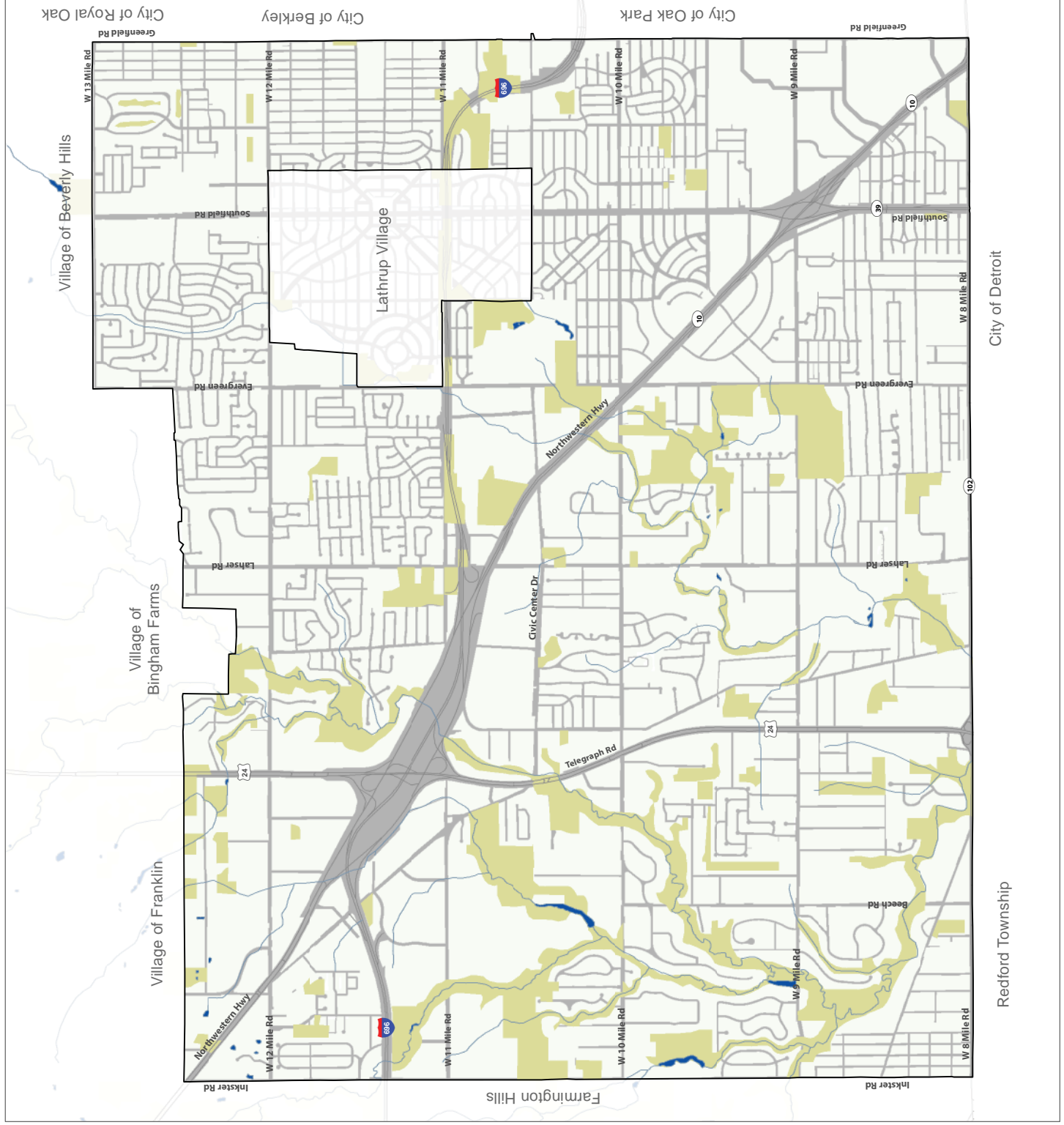
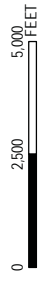




Table 7: Green Infrastructure in Southfield Parks

Facility Name	Wetland/ Vernal Pond	Pervious Paving	Stormwater Features
Bauervic Woods Park		Gravel	
Beech Woods Park		Pavers	Bioswale
Berberian Woods in VWNP	X		
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	X	Pavers	Parking Lot
Catalpa Oaks, Oakland County Park		Gravel	Rain Garden
Civic Center Park Municipal Campus	X	Porous Asphalt and Gravel	Rain Gardens and Bioswale
Code House		Gravel	
Inglenook Park		Pavers	Bioswale
Lahser Woods Park		Gravel	
Mary Thompson House & Farm		Gravel	
Pioneer Cemetery		Gravel	
Southfield Cemetery		Gravel	

Nearly 5,000-square-feet of pervious pavement was installed to be used as additional parking at Inglenook Park.

Source: <http://www.ectinc.com/inglenook-park-project-award/>

NEARBY PARKS AND FACILITIES



Paws in the Hills dog park in Farmington Hills (left)



Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak (right)

Surrounded by the City of Farmington Hills, City of Farmington, Redford Charter Township, City of Royal Oak, City of Detroit, City of Oak Park, City of Berkley, Village of Beverly Hills, and the City of Lathrup Village, Southfield residents benefit from the proximity of neighboring communities' parks and recreation facilities. These parks and facilities supplement those located in the City with offerings such as active recreation, athletic fields, educational programs, golf, nature centers, playgrounds, and swimming. The following local parks and facilities are located within a short distance of the City:

Berkley

- Berkley Ice Arena
- Jaycee Park
- Kiwanis Tot Lot
- Merchants Park

Beverly Hills

- Beverly Hills Athletic Club
- Beverly Park
- Riverside Park

Detroit

- Belle Isle
- Campus Martius
- Charles H. Wright Museum
- Comerica Park
- DIA
- Ford Field
- Little Caesar's Arena

Farmington

- Franklin Hills Country Club
- George F. Riley Park
- Shiawassee Park

Farmington Hills

- Detroit Tennis and Squash Club
- Farmington Hills Dog Park
- Farmington Hills Golf Club
- Farmington Hills Nature Center
- Forest Park Swimming Pool
- Founders Sports Park
- Heritage Park
- Memorial Park
- Olde Town Park
- Riley Archery Range
- Woodland Hills Nature Park



Lathrup Village*

- Annie Lathrup Park
- Goldengate Park
- Lathrup Municipal Park
- Sarrackwood Park

Redford

- Allison Park
- Bell Creek County Park
- Detroit Memorial Park
- Eliza Howell Park
- Glenhurst Golf Course
- Handy Park
- Jaycee Park
- Lola Valley Parkway
- Manning Park
- Phoenix Park
- Redford Park
- Vandenburg Park
- Volney-Smith Park
- Western Golf and Country Club

Royal Oak

- Barton Park North
- Barton Park South
- Bassett Park
- Cummingston Park
- Detroit Zoo
- Dickinson Park
- Dondero Park
- Eagle Plaza
- Elks Park
- Exchange Park
- Franklin Park
- Fred Piper Optimist Park
- Gunn-Dyer Park
- Grant Park
- Hudson Park
- Kenwood Park
- Lockman Park
- Maddock Park
- Marais Park
- Mark Twain Park
- Marks Park
- Maudlin Park
- Meininger Park
- Miller Park
- Realtor Park
- Red Run Golf Club

- Red Run Park
- Royal Oak Golf Center
- Quickstad Park
- Starr Jaycee Park
- Sullivan Park
- Upton Park
- VFW Park
- Wagner Park
- Waterworks Park
- Wendtland Park
- Westwood Park
- Whittier Park
- Worden Park
- Worden Park East

Belle Isle, Detroit

**(see Regional Parks and Facilities)*

PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES



Plum Hollow Country Club

Many of Southfield's local recreational facilities are provided through the private sector. These facilities may be open to the general public and they may also require a membership fee. The following represents a listing of private recreation facilities in Southfield.

- **Franklin Athletic Club.** Located on Northwestern Highway between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Roads, the Franklin Athletic Club has facilities for court sports (racquetball, squash, wally ball), as well as personal trainers, swimming lessons, basketball and sports camps. Memberships can be purchased based on type of program or level of interest.
- **Cranbrook Swim Club.** Located on Evergreen Road south of 13 Mile Road, Cranbrook Swim Club offers amenities for swimming and tennis for members of all ages. Memberships are not guaranteed based on interest, but on Club capacity. It is common for potential members to be on a waitlist.
- **Plum Hollow Country Club.** Located on Lahser Road and W 9 Mile Road, the Plum Hollow Country Club is a private membership club with amenities extending beyond the golf course. Members can enjoy swimming, tennis, social events, dining facilities, and snack bar.

PROGRAMMING



The Department of Parks and Recreation offers over 1,000 different classes, programs and special events throughout the year. Athletics, cultural arts, and senior citizen programming represent major components of Southfield's offerings.

Daddy Daughter Dance

The recreation programming team will explore and be proactive in designing and implementing programs and events that reflect the needs of the community. Program areas may include, but not limited to:

- Nature Education
- Health and Wellness Initiatives
- Outreach Programming in our Parks
- Nature Interpretation
- Stewardship
- Biking Programs
- Age Friendly Programs
- Expansion of Camps
- Travel Programs

Athletics

Southfield Parks and Recreation offer many athletic and league opportunities for all ages. They include golf, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, football, footgolf, volleyball, ice skating, hockey, swimming; just to name a few. These activities are available for people of all ages and abilities.

The City of Southfield is the home of Michigan's first baseball field for children with any physical or mental disability. The Miracle League is a charitable organization that provides children with mental and/or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as team member in an organized league. Other adaptive programs include wheelchair basketball, golf, and tennis.

In addition to the many athletic programs offered by Southfield Parks and Recreation Department, some programs are made available due to partnering with community youth sports organizations. These programs take place at both City and school facilities.



Gazebo Concert at Burgh Historical Park

Special Events

Special events allow opportunities for the community to come together and enjoy various activities that enhance their quality of life. These events also have an economic impact on the Community with so many people gathered in one location and spending monies on food, souvenirs, and lodging. It provides families with activities to share together. Special events promote feelings of being a part of a community and sharing an experience with other participants in a relaxed atmosphere. A great deal of interest in special events has been demonstrated via the public engagement process.

The vast majority of special events take place on the Civic Center site, either in the Pavilion, at the ball fields or the arena and pool. Other events are held at Beech Woods Park and Recreation Center, Mary Thompson Farm and the Burgh Historical Park. The redevelopment of Northland Mall will provide new space for special event programs.

Many public events are also held at the Pavilion, which are sponsored by outside groups and organizations. They include art exhibits, antique shows, and international festivals, as well as trade shows and charity events. At 28,800 square feet, the Southfield Pavilion represents the 10th largest convention facility in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Some Southfield Parks and Recreation special events include:

- Arbor Day
- Boo at the Burgh
- Burgh Tree Lighting
- Daddy-Daughter Dance
- Eat to the Beat concerts
- EGGS'travaganza
- Family Movie Under the Stars
- Fishing Derby
- Gazebo concerts
- Marshmallow Drop
- Ride with Santa
- Visits with Santa



Special events continue to be a high priority in our community. The parks and recreation team will continue to be creative and innovative in designing events that create an environment that is safe and brings a sense of community to Southfield. Potential future events include:

- Kite Festival
- Jazz Concerts
- Nursery School Olympics
- Olympic Day
- Birds of Prey Day
- Health Fair
- Monarch Festival
- Camp In/Camp Out Events
- Dog Events
- Water Festival
- Autumn Festival

Southfield Open - City Golf Tournament (left)

FootGolf at Beech Woods Golf Course (right)

Cultural Arts

The Cultural Arts Division concentrates its efforts on cultural enrichment programming including classes in the visual and performing arts and special interests. Classes include dance (ballet, jazz, tap, Motown, ballroom, etc.), ceramics, painting, drawing, and creating writing.

Golf

The Golf Division, in addition to operating two nine-hole courses, a pro-shop, and a year-round driving range with heated tees, offers several programs to area golfers including tournaments, golf leagues, and golf outings. A PGA Professional offers both private and group lessons and golf clinics.

The Beech Woods Golf Course is a 2,778 yard, par 35 course that includes a 50-tee, lighted driving ranges with 30 tees covered and heated, and a PGA Professional on staff. Evergreen Hills Golf Course, located at the Southfield Municipal Complex is a 2,904 yard, par 34 course. Both 9-hole courses offer clubs, pull-carts, and power carts for rent.

FootGolf is available at Beech Woods Golf Course and is one of only 24 courses in Michigan certified by the American FootGolf League. FootGolf is a combination of soccer and golf, with players kicking a soccer ball on a golf course facility with 21-inch diameter cups. Closely resembling the rules of golf, players must make their way down the green in as few shots as possible.

Senior Adult Programs

The Adult Recreation Center offers comprehensive programs for adults aged 50 and up, including classes, trips, nutrition, outreach programs, and other services. The Center is located within the Parks & Recreation Building.

TOSS (Transportation of Southfield Seniors) provides transportation services five days a week for doctor's appointments, dialysis, shopping, or other outings. The Senior Gardens at the historic Mary Thompson Farm are home to over 100 garden plots for enthusiastic gardeners. Senior golf league, softball league, and two bounce volleyball teams offer 50+ aged residents the opportunity to participate in region-wide athletic competitions.



PARKLAND ANALYSIS & SERVICE AREAS

SERVICE AREA ANALYSIS

When evaluating parks and recreation service areas, it is important to closely consider where residents in the City live. The MDNR offers a recommended service area for each type of park. The recommended service radius for each park type was used to determine the areas in Southfield that lack easy access to parks and facilities. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

- Mini Parks Less than 0.25 miles
- Neighborhood Parks 0.25 – 0.5 miles
- Community Parks 0.5 – 3.0 miles
- Regional Parks 30 minute driving time

The parks and recreation service areas are shown on Map X – Existing Facilities Service Areas. For purposes of evaluation, a radius of 0.25 miles was used for mini parks, 0.5 miles for neighborhood parks, and 1.5 miles for community parks and natural resource areas.

PARKLAND ANALYSIS

Table 8 (on the following page) evaluated Southfield's park acreage in comparison to the guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983, 1995). However, the standards are general in nature and do not reflect the quality of the facilities, the character of the community, or other local differences that impact community recreation facility needs. Thus in evaluating the results, the actual conditions and trends present in the City must be taken into account.

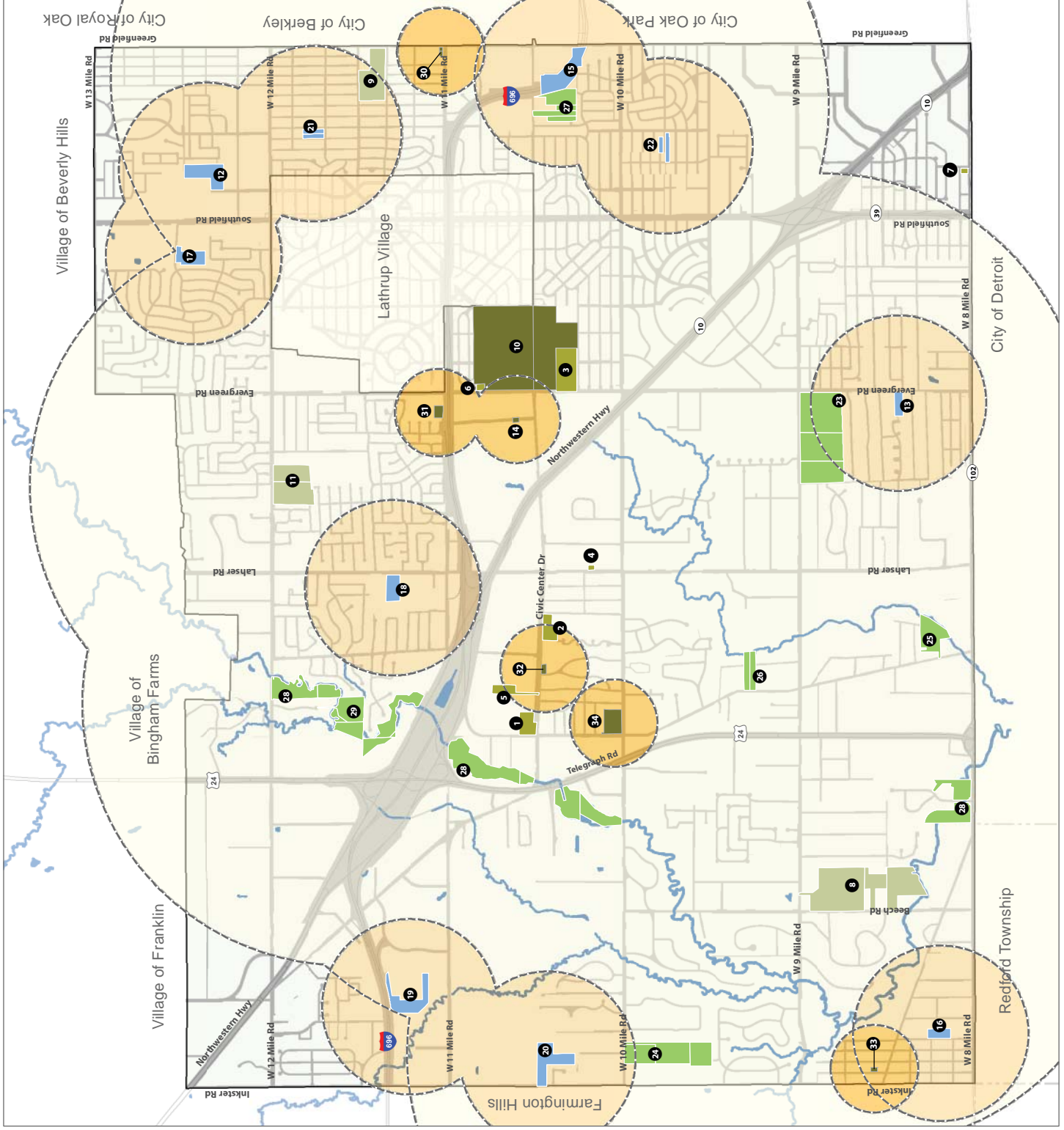
Map 6 Southfield Service Area Analysis

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- LEGEND**
- Historical & Cultural Sites
 - Community Parks
 - Nature Preserves
 - Neighborhood Parks & Recreation Centers
 - Small/Mini Parks
 - 0.25 Radius
 - 0.5 Radius
 - 1.5 Radius

- 0 Parks & Open Spaces
- 1 Burgh Historical Park
- 2 Code House
- 3 Mary Thompson House & Farm
- 4 Pioneer Cemetery
- 5 Southfield Cemetery
- 6 Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church
- 7 Baseline Plaza
- 8 Beech Woods Park
- 9 Catalpa Oaks Oakland Co. Park
- 10 Civic Center Park, Sfid Municipal Campus
- 11 Inglenook Park
- 12 Bedford Woods Park
- 13 Brace Park
- 14 City Centre Plaza
- 15 Freeway Park
- 16 John Grace Park & Community Center
- 17 John R. Miller Park
- 18 Lahser Woods Park
- 19 Pebbie Creek Park
- 20 Robbie Gage Memorial Park
- 21 Simms Park
- 22 Stratford Woods Commons
- 23 Bauervic Woods Park
- 24 Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve
- 25 Horsetail Woods Nature Preserve
- 26 Hunter's Lane Woods Nature Preserve
- 27 Lincoln Woods
- 28 Valley Woods Nature Preserve (VWNP)
- 29 Berberian Woods in VWNP
- 30 Eleven Mile/Greenfield Park
- 31 Evergreen/I-696 Park
- 32 Mulberry Park
- 33 Seminole Street Park
- 34 Southfield Ten





Tennis courts at
Southfield Civic Center

Table 8: Southfield Park Land Acreage Analysis

Park Classification	NRPA Acreage Guideline ¹	Recommended Acreage ²	Existing Acreage	Surplus / Deficiency
Small Parks	0.25 acres	17.93 acres	7.3 acres	-10.63 acres
Neighborhood Parks	2.00 acres	143.48 acres	155.22 acres ³	11.74 acres
Community Parks	5.00 acres	358.70 acres	307.80 acres	-50.90 acres
Regional Park	10.00 acres	717.39 acres	24 acres	-693.39 acres
Natural Resource Areas	Variable		344.09	N/A

**The above table pertains to existing park land within the City, and does not take into account future planned parkland developments such as Northland or City Centre.*

The guidelines for recommended acreage of park land in a community is based upon population. Southfield has a very large population and not enough acres of park space to accommodate the large population. Private and special use facilities, such as Plum Hollow Country Club and Golf Course are not included in the land acreage analysis.

Development of the City Centre Northland Mall sites will assist in providing park land acreage for Southfield, however, additional parks or expansion of existing parks should be considered in the future in order to accommodate the large population of Southfield.

¹ Source: Lancaster, R.A., Ed. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983; Mertes, J.D. and J.R. Hall. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995. Based on minimum acres/1,000 residents.

² Based on City population of 71,739 as of the 2010 US Census.

³ For the purposes of evaluating recommended acreage for Neighborhood and Community Parks, school facilities are counted at one-third (1/3) of their acreage for comparison purposes. Middle School and under are considered Neighborhood Parks and High Schools are considered community parks, due to the increase in size of the campus.

FACILITIES ANALYSIS

The City's existing recreation facilities were compared against the guidelines set by the NRPA and MDNR to determine if the existing facilities are adequate to meet the needs of residents in comparison to national standards. Table 9 identifies the NRPA guideline for each facility type, the recommended number of facilities and the existing number of facilities in the City, and the surplus or deficiency.

Table 9: Park Facility Analysis

	MDNR Standard	Recommended Facilities	Existing Facilities	Surplus / Deficiency
Badminton	1 per 5,000	14	—	-14
Ball Fields	1 per 5,000	14	16	2
Basketball Court (indoor)	1 per 5,000	14	3	-11
Beach Areas	Varies	—	—	—
Football Field	1 per 20,000	4	—	-4
Golf-Driving Range	1 per 50,000	1	2	1
Golf Course (9-hole standard)	1 per 25,000	3	2	-1
Handball (3-4 wall)	1 per 20,000	4	3	-1
Ice Hockey (indoor)	1 per 100,000	1	1	—
Multi-Purpose Athletic Field	1 per 10,000	7	3	-4
Soccer Field	1 per 10,000	7	6	-1
Swimming Pool	1 per 20,000	4	2	-2
Tennis Court	1 court per 2,000	36	14	-22
Trails	1 system per region	1	11	10
Volleyball Court	1 court per 5,000	14	7	-7
Running Track	1 per 20,000	4	—	-4

With a large population such as Southfield, a number of amenities are needed to accommodate the residents. As funding allows, the following facilities should be considered based on the public request for additional facilities:

- **Swimming Pools.** Public input from the online survey and the Field Day engagement indicate that an indoor swimming pool is needed in the City. The outdoor pool receives a great deal of use in the summer months, but an indoor pool would allow children and adults to enjoy swimming and engage in water therapy all year round.
- **Event Space.** Throughout the public engagement processes, special events and space for public events was highly desired. Development of the parks planned for the City Centre area and as part of the Northland Mall redevelopment will be important in meeting this need.
- **Volleyball Courts.** Outdoor volleyball courts should be considered in future park developments.
- **Tennis Courts.** The City should consider construction additional tennis courts at existing parks or include them in future park developments. Tennis courts can be adapted for use in pickleball, a sport that is growing in popularity.
- **Basketball Courts.** Indoor/outdoor basketball courts were also listed as “wishes” during the Field Day public engagement. The City should consider development additional basketball courts to meet the demands of the public.
- **Football Fields.** Several individuals expressed desire for football fields in the City. The City should consider development of multi-use fields on existing or for future development.
- **Other Facilities.** Other facilities requested during the public input process include, but were not limited to, a waterpark / splash pad, a dog park, a roller skating rink, and chartered bike and running trails.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

After the completion of the 2016 Sustainable Southfield Comprehensive Plan, the City undertook an update to its Parks and Recreation Plan. Citizen input played a crucial role in the development of this plan. As an initial matter, attention was paid to the substantial public engagement undertaken by the City's Planning Commission as part of the process of developing the Sustainable Southfield Plan, which contains a number of policies and priorities relevant to this plan. Attention was also paid to other important planning documents that the City has developed, that are germane to the scope of this plan. These include the Non-Motorized Pathway & Public Transit Plan adopted in 2012 as well as the Northland Redevelopment Plan and the Southfield City Centre Vision and Redevelopment Plan that were both adopted in 2016. Recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those stakeholders who have participated throughout these processes and especially those who use the City's parks and recreation facilities. The process for developing this plan included seven tasks that are described below.

Task One: Community Description. The first task was to obtain a description of Southfield's physical and social features. These features include land use, community facilities, environmental and natural features, as well as population characteristics including age distribution, household size, and income. The Community Description can be found in Chapter 2.

Task Two: Parks and Recreation Inventory. The parks and recreation inventory includes written descriptions of facilities in Southfield. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of recreation facilities, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's facilities. The Inventory can be found in Chapter 4.

Task Three: Administrative Structure and Funding. The administrative structure of the City's parks and recreation facilities and programs, as well as budget and funding information, can be found in Chapter 3.

Task Four: Public Participation. The following public participation methods were conducted as part of the process of preparing this plan.

- **Master Plan Survey** – Southfield created an online survey which was widely advertised to City residents. The survey included questions on parks, recreation facilities, programs, as well as preferences and ideas for the redevelopment of the former Northland Mall site. Hard copies of the survey were also available at City Hall. Well over 200 people took the survey. Survey summary results can be found in Chapter 7 and full survey results can be found in the Appendix.
- **Field Day** – A Field Day was scheduled December 10, 2016 in the Parks and Recreation Lobby at Southfield City Hall. The public engagement opportunity was set up in conjunction with a special event at City Hall that was projected to attract over 800 attendees. Two public comment boards were available for attendees to tell us: What is your Big Idea for Southfield Parks and Recreation. Palm cards with the web address for the Master Plan Survey were also distributed. Results from all comment boards can be found in the Appendix.
- **Idea Boards in Multiple Facilities** – Additional public comment boards were set up in multiple recreation and City facilities for further opportunities for residents to express their opinions.
- **City Centre Advisory Board** – The Board discussed the plan on December 13, 2016 and their comments are included in the Appendix.
- **Planning Commission Public Hearing** – On December 14, 2016, the Southfield Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the parks and recreation issues in Southfield including projects that were identified in the Sustainable Southfield Master Plan (adopted 2016) and other planning documents, specifically those at the City Centre and Northland Mall sites. Several residents commented on what they would like to see in the future for Southfield parks and facilities, and representatives from Lawrence Technological University Athletic Department spoke about their activities and opportunities for partnerships. A transcript of meeting minutes can be found in the Appendix.
- **Review Period** – On January 18, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Board authorized distribution of the plan. The Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was made available for public review and comment from January 23, 2017 through February 22, 2017. The Draft Plan was available at the Parks and Recreation office, various satellite locations, as well as on the City website.
- **Planning Commission Recommendation** – The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan on February 22, 2017.
- **Parks & Recreation Board Recommendation** – The Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval of the plan on February 23, 2017.
- **Public Hearing** – After conducting a public hearing on February 28, 2017, the Southfield City Council approved the plan.

Task Five: Analysis. This process builds upon the foundation laid by the City's Non-Motorized Pathway and Public Transportation Plan, adopted in March 2012, the Southfield City Centre Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, adopted in April 2013, the Southfield DDA Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, adopted in May 2013, the Valley Woods Senior Campus Community Revitalization Plan, adopted in May 2014, the Non-Motorized Pathways and Pedestrian Amenities Plan, adopted in April 2015, the Capital Improvement Program, adopted in December 2015, the 2016 Sustainable Southfield Plan, adopted in June of 2016, the Southfield City Centre Vision and Redevelopment Plan, adopted in November 2016, and the 2016 Northland Redevelopment Plan. From that basis, and utilizing the data collected in tasks one through four, relevant information was analyzed in accordance with national and state guidelines, local needs, the experience of City staff and consultants, the desire of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task Six: Action Plan. Taking into account the analysis, goals and objectives and public input results, a five-year plan was created. The Plan provides the City with a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources. The Goals and Objectives of this Plan can be found in Chapter 8. The Five-Year Capital Improvement List can be found in Chapter 8.

Task Seven: Plan Completion and Adoption. The Public Review Period lasted from January 23, 2017 to February 22, 2017. A Public Hearing was held on February 27, 2017 and the Plan was adopted by the City Council.

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PUBLIC INPUT

ONLINE SURVEY

In order to garner public input related to Southfield's parks and recreation facilities, the City conducted an online survey of residents, business owners, and frequenters of City facilities. 226 responses were received and its responses have been used to guide the recommendations of this Plan.

The first five questions of the survey were meant to garner a broad overview of the entire Parks and Recreation Department, while the subsequent 23 questions were more specific, but also required more time and attention for completion. Key results of the survey are detailed below with full results included in the Appendix.

Most frequent visits to Southfield Parks

The most frequently visited parks and recreation facilities within the City are listed below.

- Inglenook Park 44%
- Civic Center Park 27%
- Freeway Park 15%

The following were not used by respondents.

- Simms Park 87%
- John R. Miller Park 82%
- Bedford Woods Park 81%
- Brace Park 80%

However, the majority (65%) said that there were satisfied with the number and types of recreation facilities available in Southfield. Similarly 91% of respondents supported the amount of property tax

revenue devoted to Parks and Recreation.

The reasons that prevented respondents from using the City's facilities, programs or parks were:

- Facilities are not well maintained 33%
- I do not know enough about what is available 31%
- Insufficient security 28%
- Lack of programs of interest 26%
- Lack of facility equipment 21%

Recreation Programs

Respondents were asked to identify the Parks and Recreation programs that are most important to them. Those ranked Extremely Important are listed below.

- Athletics & Leagues 44%
- Special Events 38%
- Fitness classes 34%

The level of interest in the above programs is reflected in the Field Day public engagement described in the next section. People were most interested in expanded or updated athletic facilities and equipment, a continuation of city-wide special events, and fitness classes (especially for seniors).

Northland Development

In light of the recent re-development plans for Northland Mall, respondents were asked to indicate which type of facilities or amenities that the City should consider. They responded:

- Paved pathways for walking, running 78%
- Concerts in the park 56%
- Children's play equipment 55%

Several write-in requests included an indoor pool and a dog park.

Special Events

As identified above, special events in Southfield are a big draw for those who do not normally frequent parks or recreational programs. It will also bring people from neighboring communities to enjoy what Southfield has to offer. Among the most popular special events that respondents would like to see include: music concerts in the park; winter festivals with ice sculptures, hot cocoa, sleigh rides; fall festivals with hayrides; and movies in the park. All are family events and could be enjoyed at one of several parks in the City.

Several respondents included requests for special events to be held on another day rather than Saturday in order to allow Southfield's Jewish population to enjoy the festivities.

Future Recreational Amenities and Programs

Participants indicated that they would prefer to the City pursue the following policies / objectives:

- Update existing facilities 48%
- High quality of park and facility design 38%
- Securing funding improvements or additions to the parks system 32%

On December 10, 2016 McKenna Associates attended the Black Santa Photo Experience holiday event at the Southfield Pavilion in order to garner public input regarding the parks, programs, facilities, and overall experiences with Southfield Parks and Recreation. Two poster boards were set up in the Parks and Recreation Department with the overall question: **"What's your Wish for Southfield Parks and Recreation?"** The open question allowed individuals to articulate their hopes or wishes.

FIELD DAY



In addition, attendees were offered palm cards with the website address to the survey, and McKenna staff visited other Southfield Parks and Recreation facilities to distribute the palm cards.

Field Day Events

By the end of the event, two boards were filled with people's wishes for Southfield Parks and Recreation. Among the most frequented suggestions were:

- More special events like Black Santa
- Water park / splash pad
- Mother / son dance
- Toddler park

The event brought families from all over the metro Detroit area, with one family traveling from Cincinnati, OH specifically for the event.

In order to continue to garner public input, two additional boards were delivered to the City and all four were set up at various locations (library, Beech Woods Recreation Center, in front of the Planning and Building department, and one remained in the Parks and Recreation Department). The boards were set up at the facilities during the same period as the online survey (December 10, 2016 – January 3, 2017).

In total, 157 responses were written on the "Idea Boards" and calculated at the completion of the public engagement. All responses are available in the Appendix.

The most frequented responses included:

- Indoor pool, waterpark, splash pad
- More special events, including film festivals, fireworks, mother/son dance, new residents' welcome tours, Autism sensitive events
- Updated parks, building, amenities to include sensory toys at parks, big slide, maintain machines at Wellness Center
- Additional programs, including football, bingo, acting, fencing, senior exercise, coding camps, Segway and bike rentals
- New facilities, such as dog park, toddler park, skating rink, nature, bike, and running trails, and rollercoasters

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives formulated by the community are the cornerstone of the recreation planning process as they form the framework for public and private decision making. The purpose of this Plan is to provide a basis for public policy decisions and technical coordination in recreational development and to inject long-range consideration into the determination of short-range actions.

The goals and objectives, as outlined in this chapter, were revised and edited from the 2011-2016 Park Acquisition and Development Master Plan, and developed through the Parks and Recreation Committee and confirmed by the results of the public engagement process.

Goals address general needs and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives measure results that the community works towards accomplishing. The following goals and objectives are numbered for identification purposes only.

Each goal is considered to carry an equal degree of importance.

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GOAL: PURSUE THE PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES SET FORTH IN THE CITY'S SIGNIFICANT PLANNING AND POLICY DOCUMENTS,

including the Non-Motorized Pathway and Public Transportation Plan, adopted in March 2012, the Southfield City Centre Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, adopted in April 2013, the Southfield DDA Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, adopted in May 2013, the Valley Woods Senior Campus Community Revitalization Plan, adopted in May 2014, the Non-Motorized Pathways and Pedestrian Amenities Plan, adopted in April 2015, the Capital Improvement Program, adopted in December 2015, the 2016 Sustainable Southfield Plan, adopted in June of 2016, the Southfield City Centre Vision and Redevelopment Plan, adopted in November 2016, and the 2016 Northland Redevelopment Plan, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

- A.** Plan and implement improvements to further the policies embodied in these important planning documents.
- B.** Plan and implement improvements to extend and eliminate gaps in the City's non-motorized trail system.
- C.** Develop the 28,000 SF plaza space envisioned northwest of Civic Center Drive and Evergreen Road.
- D.** Develop approximately a mile and a half of shared use pathway from Northland Drive to Nine Mile Road, to provide connectivity for the greenspaces to be developed with at the Northland Mall site.
- E.** Assure that the Northland Mall redevelopment incorporates the greenspace elements of the redevelopment plan for that site.
- F.** Develop programming and events appropriate to newly developed or redeveloped locations and the interests of users.
- G.** Develop funding sources to accomplish this goal.

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GOAL: PLAN AND IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE UTILIZATION OF UNDEVELOPED OR UNDERDEVELOPED PARKS.

- A.** Engage in future visioning sessions related to individual parks needs.
- B.** Plan for the improvement of parks and related facilities envisioned by the plans discussed above.
- C.** Develop programming appropriate to these locations that reflect resident interests.
- D.** Develop funding sources to accomplish this goal.

GOAL: PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSE EXPERIENCES.

3

- A.** Provide special events and programs that are desired by and reflect the interests of the community.
- B.** Provide additional space for public events by bringing the visions for new park development at the City Centre and Northland Mall sites to fruition.
- C.** Develop new parks and facilities for the benefit of all residents, such as indoor pool, splash pad, and dog park.
- D.** Establish partnerships with organizations and neighboring communities.
- E.** Provide affordable opportunities and experiences for all residents.
- F.** Communicate with user groups through word of mouth, surveys, and evaluations to ensure we are meeting expectations.
- G.** Maintain fiscal responsibility.
- H.** Identify current uses of Southfield's facilities, programs, and events.
- I.** Communicate with user groups through word of mouth, surveys, and evaluations to ensure we are meeting expectations.

GOAL: PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

4

- A.** Preserve native species and remove invasive species within natural areas working with Friends of the Rouge and other community partners.
- B.** Educate the public regarding the natural resources within the community.
- C.** Continue to implement green infrastructure practices in order to manage stormwater runoff at parks and facilities.
- D.** Preserve mature woodlands, wetlands, and water resources along Rouge River and tributaries.
- E.** Develop parks in an environmentally sustainable manner which demonstrates innovative design, including maintaining tree cover on public and private lands.
- F.** Follow environmental regulations and utilize green friendly practices.

GOAL: ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

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- A.** Maintain cooperative efforts between City Departments, Boards, and Commissions.
- B.** Partner with local sports teams (local youth sports organizations, college teams, and professional teams).
- C.** Partner with county, state, and adjacent communities.
- D.** Partner with local school districts, colleges and universities, private organizations, non-profits, and National programs.

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GOAL: CONTINUE BEST BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL PARKS AND FACILITIES IN SOUTHFIELD.

- A. Maintain and expand first-rate customer service practices / continue to evaluate and train.
- B. Continue fiscal responsibility by allocating resources properly and seeking alternative funding sources, when applicable.
- C. Incorporate effective uses of technology.
- D. Extend professional development of staff to promote training, workshops, classes, conferences, etc.
- E. Ensure the use of quality products to maintain standards with services, staff, and facilities.
- F. Continue to evaluate service delivery of programs and events.

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GOAL: CREATE AND MAINTAIN ACCESSIBILITY AT ALL PARKS AND FACILITIES IN SOUTHFIELD.

- A. Inventory current buildings, facilities, and parks for accessibility.
- B. Promote current facilities for accessibility.
- C. Update existing facilities using universal design practices.
- D. Convene listening sessions with advocacy groups for persons needing accommodations.
- E. Continue to partner with users in evaluating ease of accessibility.

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GOAL: FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES.

- A. Assess and promote special events that create economic gains for Southfield businesses.
- B. Support multi-modal transportation efforts throughout the City, including a community-wide bikeable / walkable trail and mass transit network.
- C. Promote curb appeal by encouraging placemaking efforts throughout the City.

GOAL: MARKET AND PROMOTE SOUTHFIELD'S PARKS AND FACILITIES TO ATTRACT VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

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- A.** Develop parks and recreation brochure to highlight amenities and services at each facility.
- B.** Develop a Parks and Recreation “branding” strategy that contributes to the overall identity that is unique to Southfield.
- C.** Promote the department and broaden the parks and recreation outreach through City website and social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- D.** Educate the public on existing facilities and potential future developments.
- E.** Develop annual report to highlight successes, improvements that have transpired during the previous year, as well as promote the value of facilities, parks and events.
- F.** Convene a marketing committee to develop strategies for promoting awareness of parks and recreation opportunities in Southfield amongst residents, businesses, and the community at large.
- G.** Develop department magazine / brochure to distribute seasonally; three to four times per year.
- H.** Update logo and create themes and initiatives in marketing programs and events.
- I.** Develop monthly cable program and video library of activities and events.

GOAL: ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE CITY.

10

- A.** Establish partnerships for historic preservation activities.
- B.** Identify and access all historic sites in parks and recreation facilities.
- C.** Seek certification for local historical sites for granting opportunities.
- D.** Find and maintain adaptive uses for historic buildings.
- E.** Promote use of historical sites for rental opportunities such as weddings, banquets, or meeting space.

GOAL: ENCOURAGE METHODS AND PRACTICES THAT WILL IMPROVE RESIDENTS' OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE.

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- A.** Promote total wellness and healthy living lifestyle through special events, programs, and facilities.
- B.** Support the development / expansion of multi-modal trails that promotes Southfield as a bikeable / walkable community.
- C.** Encourage security at parks and facilities, including through lighting and security patrols.
- D.** Facilitate residents' ability to share knowledge and facilitate partnerships.
- E.** Develop sense of community through placemaking design.
- F.** Develop sense of community through events offered collaboratively with partners and stakeholders.

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ACTION PLAN

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR EXISTING FACILITIES

The analysis below summarizes specific improvements to individual parks that are deemed priorities, beyond those separately identified in the City's adopted Capital Improvement Program. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require large monetary investment. Table 10 identifies infrastructure needs for existing facilities that may require capital spending in the next five years.

Table 10: Capital Improvements Projects Analysis

LOCATION	PROJECTS	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	SUBTOTALS
Bauveric Woods	Park Redevelopment					\$750,000	\$750,000
Bedford Woods	Park Redevelopment			\$200,000			\$200,000
Beech Woods	Cart Paths		\$100,000				\$100,000
	Golf Course Irrigations Heads		\$120,000				\$120,000
	Greening Phase II		\$225,000		\$600,000		\$825,000
	Greening Phase III				\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000
	HVAC Replacement						\$0
	Splash Pad & Group					\$850,000	\$850,000
Burgh	Park Benches	\$2,500					\$2,500
	Picket Fence		\$6,000				\$6,000
Carpenter Lake	Interpretative Center			Phase I	Phase II	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
	Redress Pathways		\$10,000	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	\$10,000
City Centre	28,000 SF Plaza Space			\$450,000	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$1,060,000
Civic Center	#4 Backstop and Fencing		\$20,000	\$20,000			\$40,000
	Cement Curbs and Road Repairs			\$300,000			\$300,000
	Domes Over Salt Bins		\$12,500				\$12,500
	Gas Shed		\$10,000				\$10,000
	Laser Level of Ball Diamonds		\$12,000				\$12,000
	New Basketball Courts (Site TBD)		\$100,000				\$100,000
	Play Area Renovation	\$500,000					\$500,000
	Indoor Pool				\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000
	Recreation Center				\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
	Regrade Soil to Curb						\$0
	Replacement of Pool Lights			\$40,000			\$40,000
	Splash Pad				\$300,000		\$300,000
	Tennis Courts	\$40,000					\$40,000
Department Wide	Non-Motorized Trail System Connections / Extensions				\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
	New Stage			\$135,000			\$135,000
	P&R Software Upgrade		\$40,000				\$40,000
Dog Park	Site TBD			\$100,000			\$100,000
Evergreen Hills Golf	Bathrooms		\$175,000				\$175,000
	Cart Paths		\$100,000				\$100,000
	Evergreen Hills & B Woods Rinse Pads		\$100,000				\$100,000
Freeway Park	Freeway Park Renovations		\$150,000	\$750,000			\$900,000

LOCATION	PROJECTS	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	SUBTOTALS
Ice Arena	80 Inch Flat Screen TV's		\$10,000				\$10,000
	Boiler		\$200,000				\$200,000
	Front Door Replacement		\$20,000				\$20,000
	Front Office Update		\$5,000				\$5,000
	New Skates		\$5,000	\$5,000			\$10,000
	Tables and Chairs		\$12,000				\$12,000
	Tiling / Footers Of Showers		\$5,000				\$5,000
	Zamboni	\$100,000					\$100,000
Inglennook	Ball Field Lighting		\$75,000				\$75,000
	Laser Level of Ball Diamonds	\$22,000					\$22,000
	New Backstop	\$2,500					\$2,500
	Park Improvement Project		\$500,000				\$500,000
	Pole Barn				\$100,000		\$100,000
	Rubberized Surface	\$30,000					\$30,000
Lahser Woods	Black Top Walks				\$12,500		\$12,500
Lincoln Woods	Park Benches	\$2,500					\$2,500
	Playstructure		\$250,000				\$250,000
	Site Development				\$600,000		\$600,000
	Wood Chips	\$2,000					\$2,000
Miller Park	Resurface, Lighting, Backboards, Fencing		\$200,000	\$50,000			\$250,000
Northland	1.2 Mile Shared Use Path from Northland to 9 Mile				\$355,000	\$355,000	\$710,000
	Implement Greenspace Plan						TBD
P&R Building	Building Upgrades					\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Pebble Creek	Park Improvement Project		\$500,000				\$500,000
	Pole Tops	\$1,000					\$1,000
Robbie Gage	Park Development					\$600,000	\$600,000
Valley Woods	Nature Preserve Site				\$850,000		\$850,000
	Freeway Underpass and 10 Mile to Civic Center						\$0
	Nature Preserve Site					\$650,000	\$650,000
	Twelve Mile to Northwestern Hwy						\$0
Simms Park	Lighting				\$7,500		\$7,500
Stratford Woods	Blacktop Walks				\$12,500		\$12,500
Seniors	Seniors						\$0
	P&R Building Front Entrance Step Repair			\$50,000			\$50,000
	Lighting, ADA Doors, etc.						
TOTALS		\$702,500	\$4,732,500	\$2,800,000	\$10,962,500	\$4,900,000	\$24,097,500

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APPENDIX

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WHAT'S YOUR WISH FOR SOUTHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION?

- Things for teenagers to do!
- Things for toddlers fun/educational
- Great events
- Wonderful events like today.
- We love black santa
- For Southfield to continue to bless the community
- I want a water park
- Waterpark
- Karaoke for kids
- Splash Pad
- Basketball Team
- Ice skating
- Mother and son dance
- I love the Southfield Parks and Southfield does not have roller skating rink and they should bring back fireworks
- They should add on waterparks
- Update park at Beechwood location
- Dream house
- Seniors in the Park activities
- I had a great time with Santa
- Football court
- I had a great time at the barn park
- Make a football team
- Snowboard
- Pokemon Playground
- Football court
- Pebble Creek – more things to do
- Girl Scout – Day in the park
- Put parks and recreation in old target bldg. at Northland pool, senior center, etc. Use old Parks and Recreation for municipal offices.
- Please bring bingo back (I know someone who will call the numbers)
- Indoor pool for seniors and all ages
- Outdoor camp adventure e.g. connect DNR
- Coding camps please!
- Bingo
- Programs for teens/youth to give back to their community
- Please bring Bingo back at least 2x/week!!!
- Have acting classes
- To have fencing with swords, for kids
- Cut deposit checks rather than mail, more jobs.
- Give new resident's a tour around Southfield
- Better open gym hours for 18+ at Beechwood
- Outdoor/Indoor basketball courts
- Bike trails
- Bring fireworks back

- Make a football field
- Indoor pool program (youth and adults)
- To keep up the good work
- ACH-EFT payroll check deposit please for part time or contractors – Claudette Bond
- “Music” while walking inside, indoor pool would be so nice
- Make a good stand and a football field
- Handicap accessible doors at Parks and Recreation
- Invest in Southfield becoming a food district
- For everyone to live a safe, healthy and prosperous life
- Yes to indoor pool
- New Rec Center with indoor pool and track
- Fireworks
- Daytime senior exercise classes – smooth jazz please
- Weekly Bingo Historic Outings
- Indoor pool, roller skating rink, basketball court
- Splash Pad
- Bring back smooth jazz weekend series
- Remodel entire Parks and Recreation bldg.
- More senior chair exercise classes
- Repair/replace stairs, Parks and Recreation Bldg.
- Coffee and food place
- Mow lawns in parks regularly
- Patrol public parks after dark all year
- More flower beds
- More teen events
- Doo will see this county through for the next 4 years
- Charted Bike and Running Trails. Bike racks located at all shopping malls, city offices, bus stops with maps to show where located. More walkable neighborhoods that are charted and accessible. Indoor running locations.
- Health Conscious Living
- Make the parks like the old parks
- Jazz concerts
- Fireworks
- Renovate and become more updated
- Inglenook Park – Repair jogging/fitness trails and new picnic tables
- Kayak delivery on the Rouge
- Dog parks, bike lanes, more trails
- Need Bingo at least 2x per week
- What about a feasible transportation (mass transit) network that as a sustainable project coinciding with smart runs all night and is quintodian?
- Indoor pool, chess classes for children
- A dog park
- Bike lanes
- Peace on earth, Good will to men
- More trails along the Rouge River
- Dog parks – at least two
- Better/stronger ties to Southfield’s Corporations
- Southfield games
- Nature Trails
- Roller Rink

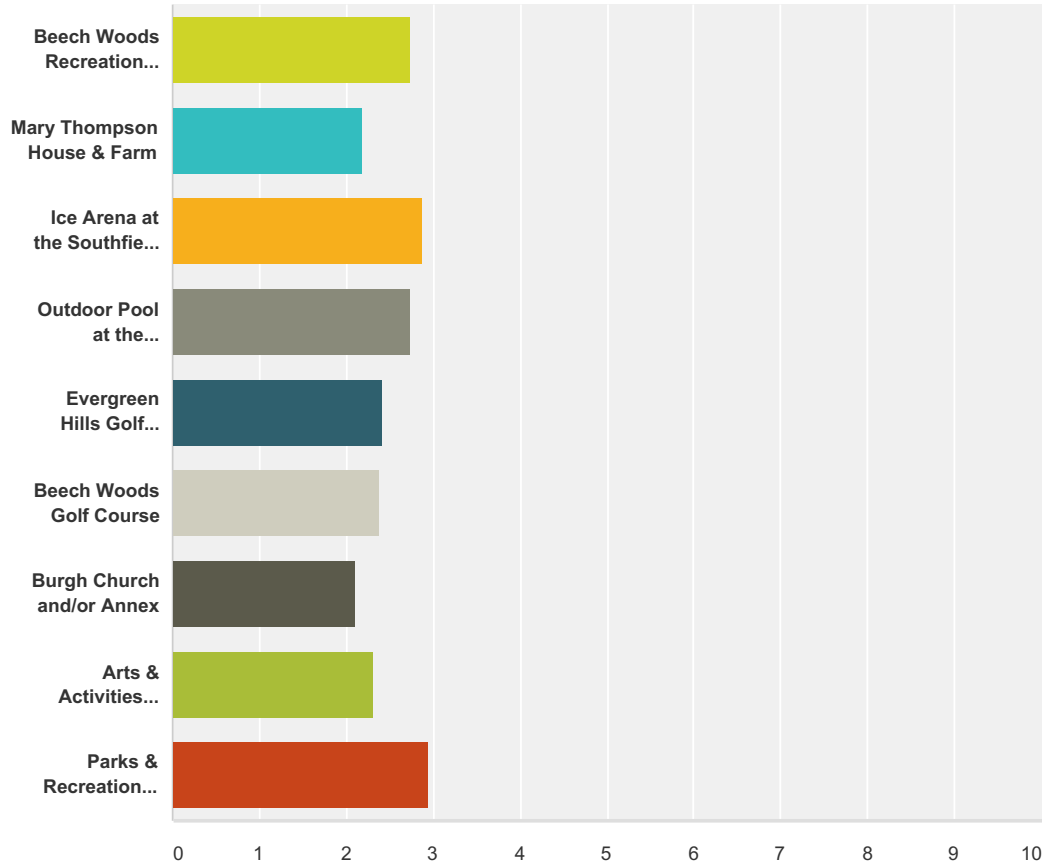
- New lobby
- More butterflies – SaNiya Doctor
- Keep library open at all normal working hours – just like Farmington Hills library
- Let's rename Freeway Park to "Lantz Park" in honor of Councilman Sidney Lantz!!!
- Continue to expand bike paths and multi-use pathways, especially around Northland Mall site
- More retail, upscale restaurant in Northland
- A indoor pool is vital for our active community
- Film festival
- Bike path and club
- Zero depth indoor pool for everyone to enjoy all year!
- All things made or not made love as love loves you
- Better advertisement of events to the surrounding cities
- Kid friendly restrooms
- More toddler swings
- Love it all, shorter lines more them events
- More Christmas events
- More children activities
- More events where everybody comes together
- Rollercoasters
- Segway and bike rentals
- Splash Pad
- I want to play football
- A place where everyone can come together everyone and all
- Events, like Black Santa event are great
- Indoor waterpark
- Toddler park
- Things to get teens out of the house
- Any toddler events
- Indoor water park
- My children and I had a wonderful time with Santa, hope to see many more events like this.
- Mother and son dance
- Autism Day with Santa. Autism movie night
- Sensory toys at the park. 12 Mile between Lahser and Telegraph and but all parks.
- I would like to see a big slide
- I would like to see an interactive event related to MLK Day weekend
- Disney World
- New Refs
- Indoor lap pool (4-5 lanes)
- Early hours 5 a.m. – 8 a.m.
- Change or remove Wellness Center carpeting
- Lower the temp. in the gym, it's too hot
- Early extended hours
- New refs
- New building
- All-star weekend for b-ball youth leagues
- Pool for all my teams to win
- All men volleyball
- Basketball Program for retirees
- New updated machines

- Keep the machines in the wellness center maintained
- New locker rooms and showers
- Arcade or games room
- Personal trainer on staff everyday
- Fix the broken machines in Wellness Center
- Preferential Parking, big vehicles to perimeter after dark
- Fitness program allowing 10 year olds
- Indoor Pool
- Ref's everybody cheat
- New Refs
- More pickall ball court
- Adult Beginner Volleyball
- More indoor Tennis courts
- Keep cardio machines in Wellness Center
- New locker rooms and showers

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Q1 Please rate the following Southfield recreation facilities in order of importance to you:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0



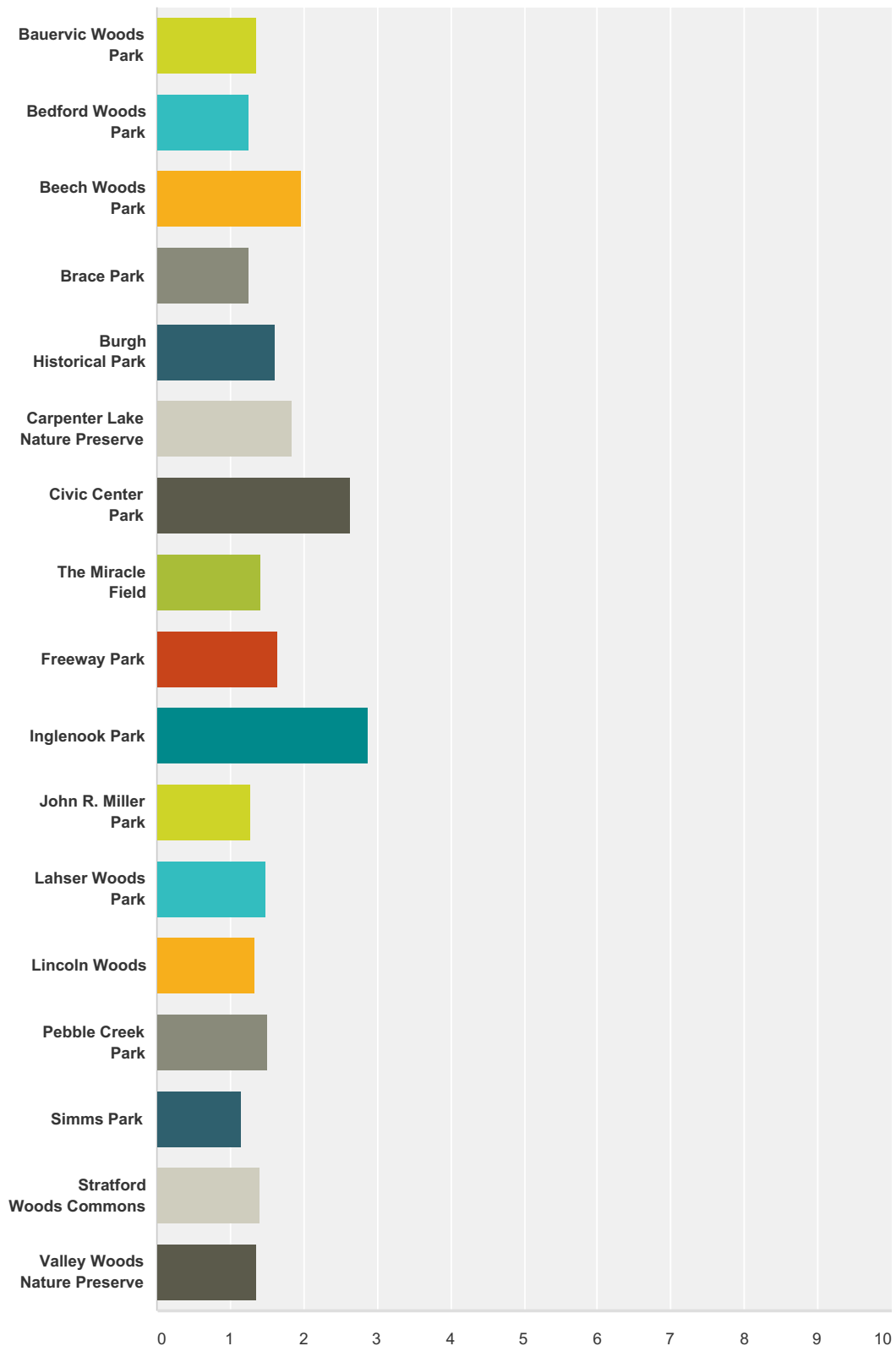
	No Opinion	Not Important At All	Somewhat Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Beech Woods Recreation Center	28.64% 63	7.27% 16	25.45% 56	38.64% 85	220	2.74
Mary Thompson House & Farm	37.73% 83	17.73% 39	32.27% 71	12.27% 27	220	2.19
Ice Arena at the Southfield Sports Arena	18.55% 41	11.76% 26	33.03% 73	36.65% 81	221	2.88
Outdoor Pool at the Southfield Sports Arena	22.37% 49	15.53% 34	28.31% 62	33.79% 74	219	2.74
Evergreen Hills Golf Course	34.09% 75	15.00% 33	24.55% 54	26.36% 58	220	2.43
Beech Woods Golf Course	34.26% 74	17.13% 37	25.93% 56	22.69% 49	216	2.37
Burgh Church and/or Annex	41.55% 91	19.18% 42	26.94% 59	12.33% 27	219	2.10
Arts & Activities Building	37.61% 82	14.22% 31	26.61% 58	21.56% 47	218	2.32

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Parks & Recreation Building	23.18% 51	6.36% 14	23.64% 52	46.82% 103	220	2.94
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Q2 Which of the following Southfield parks do you regularly frequent?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0

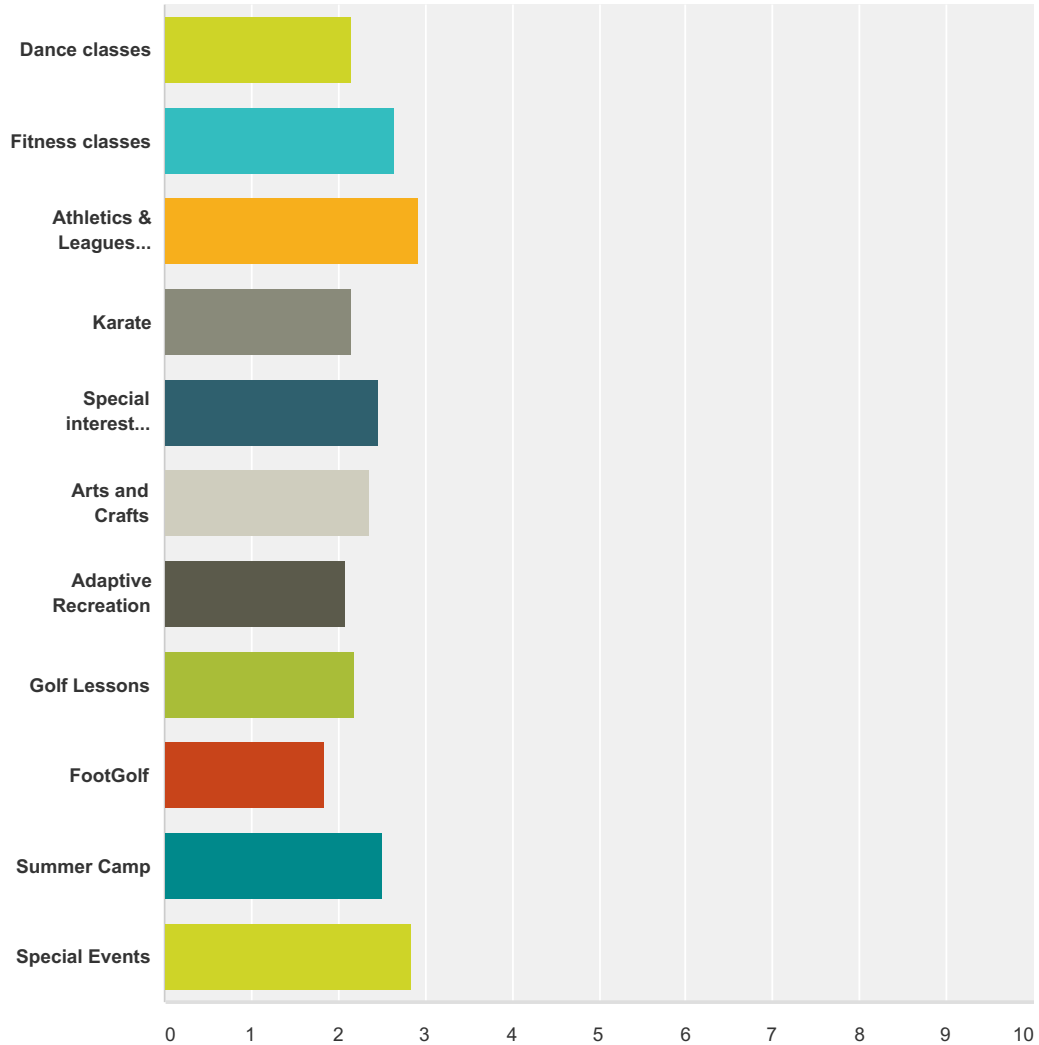


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	Never	Occasionally	Fairly often	Very frequently	Total	Weighted Average
Bauervic Woods Park	75.25% 152	17.82% 36	3.96% 8	2.97% 6	202	1.35
Bedford Woods Park	81.00% 162	13.50% 27	3.50% 7	2.00% 4	200	1.26
Beech Woods Park	44.93% 93	27.05% 56	14.01% 29	14.01% 29	207	1.97
Brace Park	80.61% 158	14.29% 28	4.59% 9	0.51% 1	196	1.25
Burgh Historical Park	57.64% 117	29.56% 60	8.37% 17	4.43% 9	203	1.60
Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	50.24% 105	26.32% 55	12.44% 26	11.00% 23	209	1.84
Civic Center Park	14.81% 32	34.26% 74	24.07% 52	26.85% 58	216	2.63
The Miracle Field	70.24% 144	20.00% 41	6.34% 13	3.41% 7	205	1.43
Freeway Park	71.72% 142	8.59% 17	4.04% 8	15.66% 31	198	1.64
Inglenook Park	17.97% 39	18.43% 40	19.82% 43	43.78% 95	217	2.89
John R. Miller Park	82.05% 160	10.26% 20	6.15% 12	1.54% 3	195	1.27
Lahser Woods Park	72.33% 149	15.05% 31	5.34% 11	7.28% 15	206	1.48
Lincoln Woods	76.62% 154	16.42% 33	4.48% 9	2.49% 5	201	1.33
Pebble Creek Park	66.50% 135	20.69% 42	9.36% 19	3.45% 7	203	1.50
Simms Park	87.44% 174	11.56% 23	0.50% 1	0.50% 1	199	1.14
Stratford Woods Commons	78.54% 161	9.76% 20	4.88% 10	6.83% 14	205	1.40
Valley Woods Nature Preserve	76.33% 158	14.98% 31	5.80% 12	2.90% 6	207	1.35

Q3 Please rate the Southfield Parks and Recreation programs in order of importance to you:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0



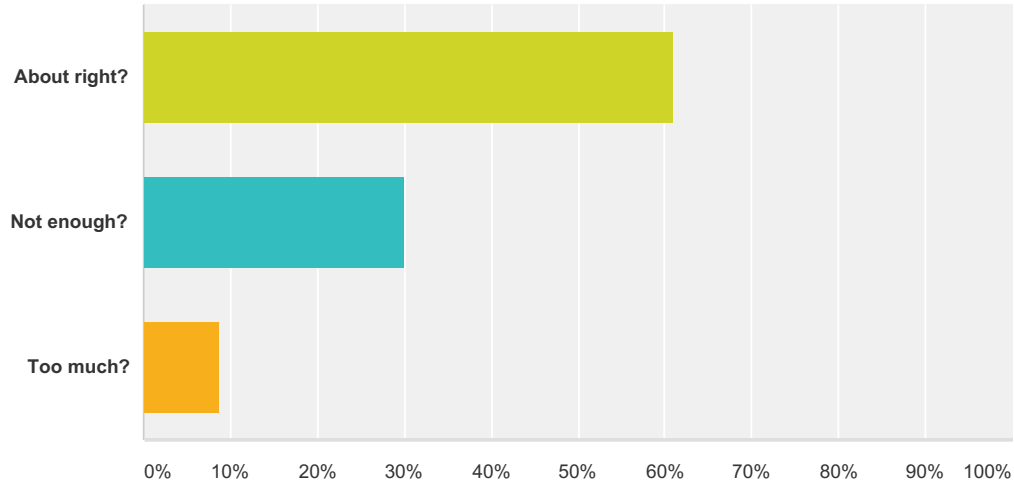
	No Opinion	Not Important At All	Somewhat Important	Extremely Important	Total	Weighted Average
Dance classes	41.67% 90	18.52% 40	23.15% 50	16.67% 36	216	2.15
Fitness classes	29.36% 64	9.17% 20	27.52% 60	33.94% 74	218	2.66
Athletics & Leagues (basketball, soccer, open gym, tennis, volleyball, pickleball)	21.10% 46	8.72% 19	26.61% 58	43.58% 95	218	2.93
Karate	39.72% 85	18.22% 39	28.04% 60	14.02% 30	214	2.16
Special interest (computer classes, planetarium series)	34.72% 75	7.41% 16	34.26% 74	23.61% 51	216	2.47

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Arts and Crafts	36.15% 77	10.33% 22	36.15% 77	17.37% 37	213	2.35
Adaptive Recreation	47.57% 98	11.17% 23	26.70% 55	14.56% 30	206	2.08
Golf Lessons	40.93% 88	15.35% 33	27.91% 60	15.81% 34	215	2.19
FootGolf	46.70% 99	27.83% 59	20.75% 44	4.72% 10	212	1.83
Summer Camp	35.19% 76	12.50% 27	18.98% 41	33.33% 72	216	2.50
Special Events	24.54% 53	6.02% 13	31.48% 68	37.96% 82	216	2.83

Q4 Approximately 2.4% of your property tax dollars go to support the City's parks and recreation activities. Do you feel this is:

Answered: 226 Skipped: 0

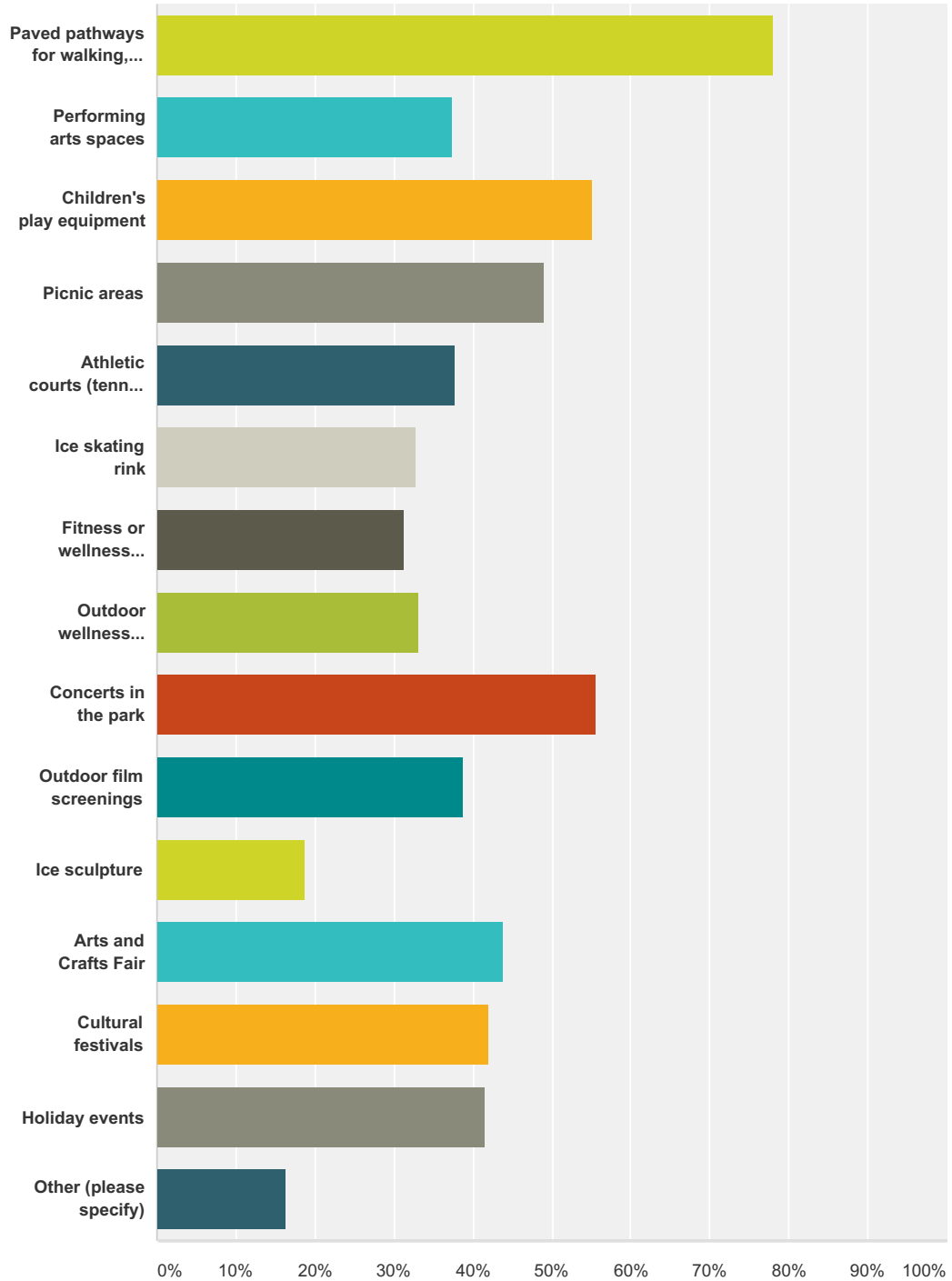


Answer Choices	Responses	
About right?	61.06%	138
Not enough?	30.09%	68
Too much?	8.85%	20
Total		226

Q5 The City has some significant redevelopment visions and plans for the former Northland Mall site. These include a central park and perimeter greenways. Please let us know which of the following facilities, programs, and special events you would like the City to consider in these public spaces.

Answered: 214 Skipped: 12

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Paved pathways for walking, running, and biking	78.04%	167
Performing arts spaces	37.38%	80
Children's play equipment	55.14%	118
Picnic areas	49.07%	105
Athletic courts (tennis, basketball, etc.)	37.85%	81
Ice skating rink	32.71%	70

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Fitness or wellness equipment	31.31%	67
Outdoor wellness programs (tai chi, yoga, meditation, fitness boot camp, etc.)	33.18%	71
Concerts in the park	55.61%	119
Outdoor film screenings	38.79%	83
Ice sculpture	18.69%	40
Arts and Crafts Fair	43.93%	94
Cultural festivals	42.06%	90
Holiday events	41.59%	89
Other (please specify)	16.36%	35

Total Respondents: 214

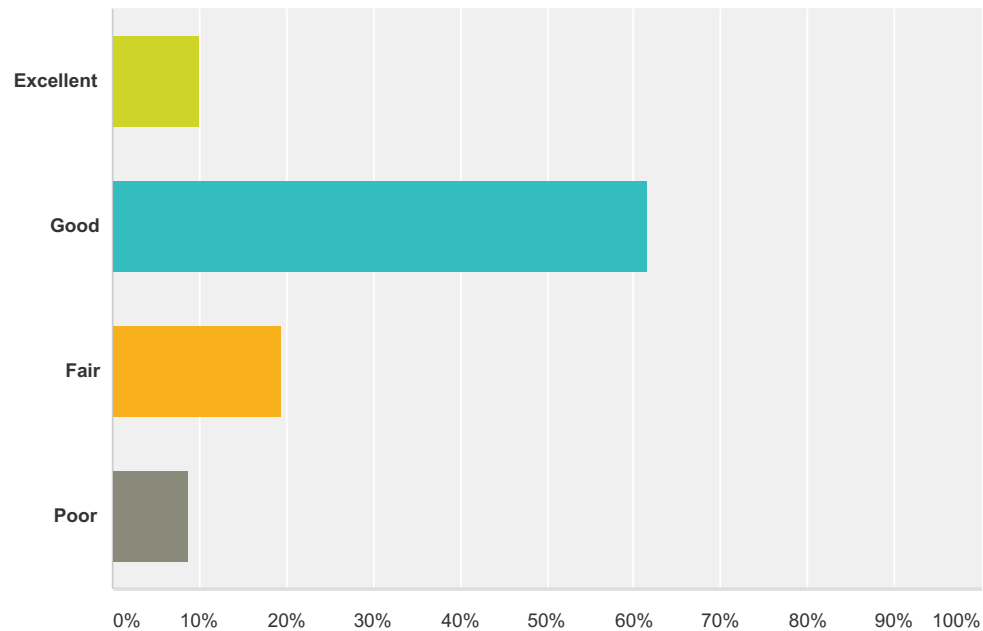
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	"appropriately" paved pathways for walking, running and biking;	1/9/2017 9:55 PM
2	farmers market	1/6/2017 9:21 AM
3	Put a 2000 meter bark chip or cinder trail like inglenook but twice the size and we could host college races as well as community events for every age	1/5/2017 4:23 PM
4	City should not have been or be involved in Northland Mall	1/5/2017 2:04 PM
5	Sell it and make a profit as it was claimed when purchased.	1/5/2017 12:52 PM
6	a supervised year round indoor pool with classes for all ages	1/4/2017 11:48 AM
7	no answer	1/4/2017 11:24 AM
8	no answer	1/4/2017 11:04 AM
9	softball fields/camps	1/3/2017 3:35 PM
10	Dog park section for pets to roam freely with other pets.	1/3/2017 3:30 PM
11	Indoor/outdoor pool with separate hours for women & men.	1/3/2017 2:39 PM
12	n/c	1/3/2017 1:41 PM
13	improvement of the Freeway Park and a play structure in the peice of land off of fairfax south of 10 mile by George Washington and New Hampshire	1/3/2017 9:55 AM
14	dog park (not necessarily there but somewhere in Southfield!)	1/2/2017 9:23 PM
15	I think this area should be used as an indoor creative space for practicing and displaying art. I think a lot of the other options will a waste, because people are scared to recreate in an area that has a history of crime. But art classes and art displays usually attract a healthier type of crowd, and are less likely to be a crime target.	1/2/2017 8:21 PM
16	Indoor swimming pool	1/2/2017 8:08 PM
17	fitness center with indoors pool, upscale condos and apartments with security entrances	1/2/2017 1:02 PM
18	Natural areas both landscaped and also areas left to native plants and animals.	12/31/2016 10:11 AM
19	Youth Baseball and Southball Diamonds with covered dugouts for kids 5-14 years old.	12/30/2016 10:53 PM
20	I would like the city to utilize the inside of the old Southfield City building empty space. Could be used as a indoor running track or basketball for kids during the winter months.	12/30/2016 7:18 AM
21	Not likely to use it	12/29/2016 7:03 PM
22	I think they should build good quality, fenced softball fields in this area. Our group could consistently bring youth baseball/softball events to the diamonds. Thanks!	12/27/2016 2:48 PM
23	A separate dog park only area	12/27/2016 4:41 AM

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24	stop spending \$ on property that our sthflid residents wont really be using, they all go north & west, you will be fixing it up for detroiters to come in to our town & cause crimes.	12/23/2016 3:46 PM
25	Events not on Saturday only to accommodate the Jewish population	12/23/2016 8:51 AM
26	SECURITY AND SAFETY ISSUES HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED FIRST	12/22/2016 8:59 PM
27	Lit and security	12/22/2016 1:11 PM
28	Indoor handicap accessible pool	12/22/2016 11:02 AM
29	In addition to the above, it would be nice to have a venue in Southfield that caters to both adults and children. More specifically, a restaurant and entertainment business which would offer video arcade type gaming. This would be entertaining for all ages. Residents would not have to LEAVE the city and spend money elsewhere for this type of service.	12/22/2016 11:01 AM
30	pickelball	12/21/2016 12:44 PM
31	Indoor Lap Pool	12/18/2016 10:26 PM
32	Make it like inglenook	12/15/2016 6:40 AM
33	Softball lights at Inglenook	12/14/2016 7:06 PM
34	Lighting for Sports Fields (i.e. at Inglenook)	12/14/2016 11:25 AM
35	community garden	12/13/2016 9:35 PM

Q6 How would you rate the condition and maintenance of the City's existing parks ?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 67



Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	10.06% 16
Good	61.64% 98
Fair	19.50% 31
Poor	8.81% 14
Total	159

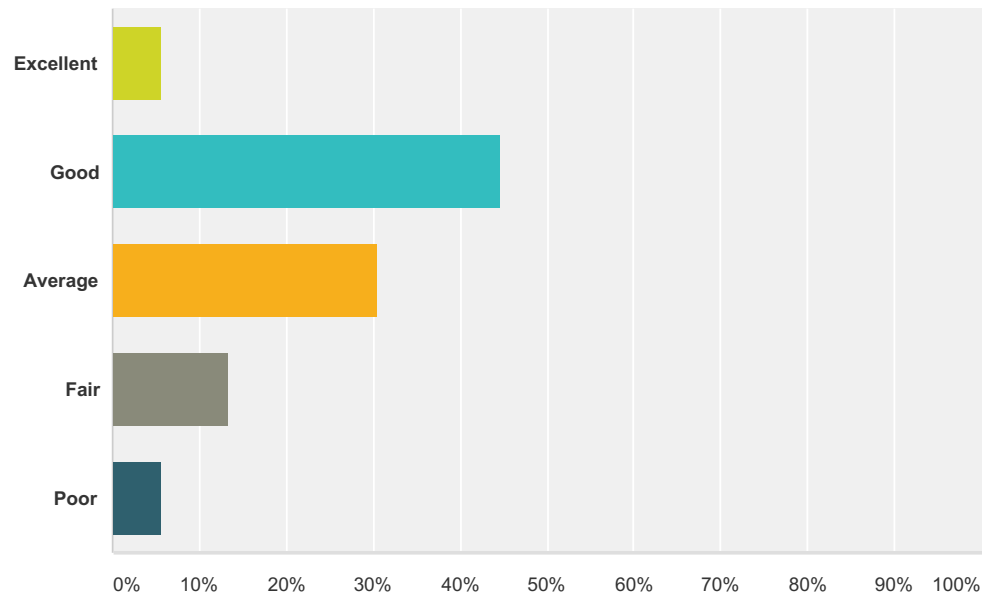
#	Comments:	Date
1	I moved to Southfield in 2012 so i'm still getting to know parks & rec spaces	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	need trash can at Inglenook walking trail	1/6/2017 1:06 PM
3	some are great, a few horrible	1/6/2017 9:26 AM
4	The Beauvric(?) park on nine mile needs lighting and more police supervision year round and at all hours to avoid sexual and drug activity	1/4/2017 12:08 PM
5	my first time here	1/4/2017 11:25 AM
6	Some Parks are in need of updates to the play equipment	1/3/2017 1:37 PM
7	Things are falling apart because money wasn't invested back into things over time	1/3/2017 1:34 PM
8	Please update Freeway Park!	1/3/2017 12:05 PM
9	don't know	1/3/2017 11:44 AM
10	Freeway Park is old, rusty, and might be dangerous even though it is used a lot	1/3/2017 9:07 AM

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11	There are very nice facilities, but there is graffiti on the equipment of the park on Pierce, south of 10 mile, and there are some equipment that is worn out at the park by Lincoln/696. Also, in the woods by the Lincoln/696 park, there have been incidences of people smoking weed. This also used to be a problem at the Pierce park, and when I called the police to mention it, I was told I should call right then and there, which I felt would then be a safety issue for me. I think there should be some sort of safety patrol in these areas.	1/3/2017 12:32 AM
12	I live near the Freeway Park and it is an eyesore, an embarrassment, and a hideous excuse for a park! My small children would love to enjoy a nice park nearby, but there is nothing good about that particular "park."	1/2/2017 11:13 PM
13	Generally, the Southfield area parks seem pretty well taken care of. The one exception that I've come across is the freeway park, just south of Lincoln. It's in really bad shape. I understand that it gets a lot of use, but isn't that kind of the point? I'd love to see it in better shape.	1/2/2017 8:29 PM
14	Trails don't seem very well maintained. Ice arena is old.	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
15	They all need updating	1/2/2017 8:06 PM
16	Inglenook is horrible. Needs to be cleaned a lot better than what they do now.	1/2/2017 3:42 PM
17	Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	12/31/2016 4:29 PM
18	Playground, fencing and barriers need repair at some parks	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
19	Don't know never been to one	12/30/2016 7:27 AM
20	They are very dated.	12/28/2016 6:42 PM
21	keep them.	12/27/2016 2:11 PM
22	Mowing schedule and spraying for bugs are not up to par.	12/22/2016 1:14 PM
23	The lights at Civic Center baseball field need to be fixed. The benches at Inglenook softball fields need to be secured to the ground	12/22/2016 1:01 PM
24	no comments	12/21/2016 8:25 PM
25	Inglenook should be dog free. people don't cleanup after their dogs	12/12/2016 3:57 PM
26	My car was broken into at Carpenter Lake Park. There needs to be additional security/cameras there!	12/10/2016 1:52 PM

Q7 How would you rate the condition of the City's recreation facilities?

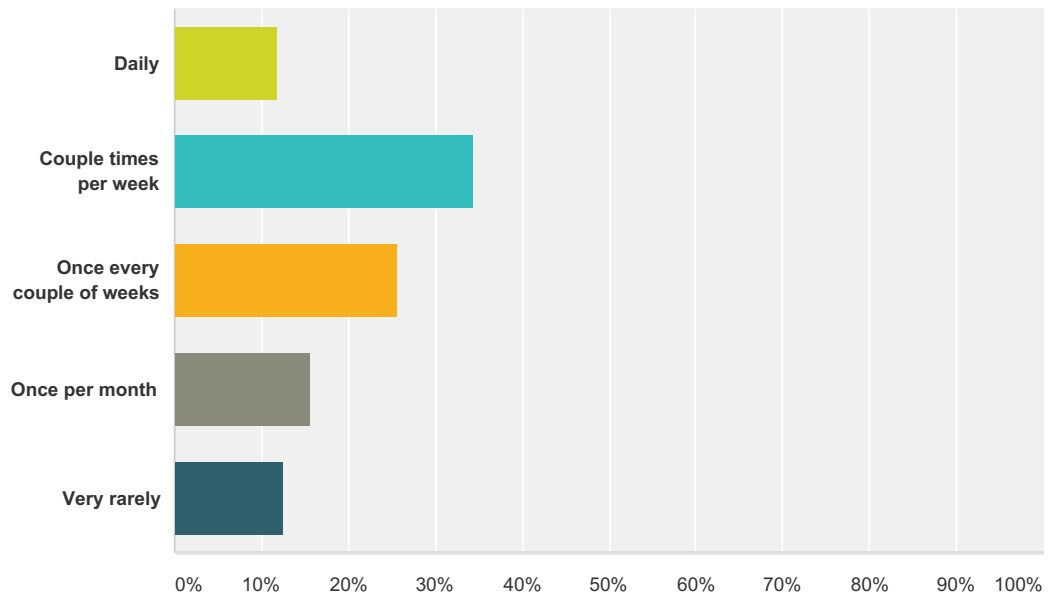
Answered: 157 Skipped: 69



Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	5.73%	9
Good	44.59%	70
Average	30.57%	48
Fair	13.38%	21
Poor	5.73%	9
Total		157

Q8 How often do you frequent one of the City's parks or recreation facilities?

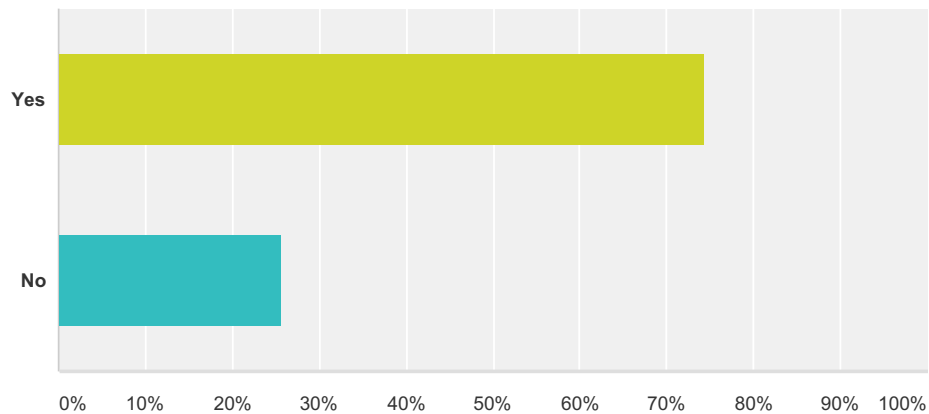
Answered: 160 Skipped: 66



Answer Choices	Responses	
Daily	11.88%	19
Couple times per week	34.38%	55
Once every couple of weeks	25.62%	41
Once per month	15.63%	25
Very rarely	12.50%	20
Total		160

Q9 Are you satisfied with the number and type of parks available in Southfield?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 66



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	74.38% 119
No	25.62% 41
Total	160

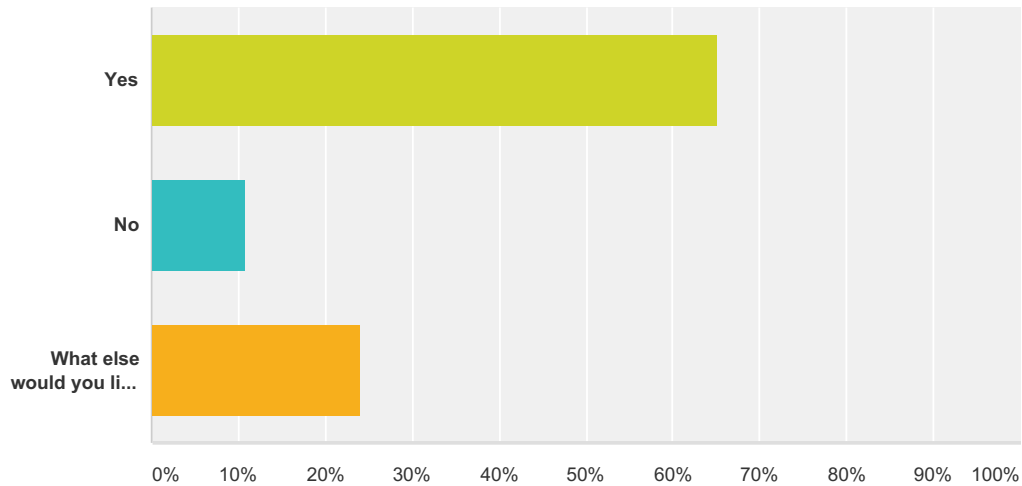
#	What else would you like to see?	Date
1	more walk and bike-ability in them.	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	more picnic areas	1/6/2017 11:40 AM
3	2000 meter trail to run races	1/5/2017 4:46 PM
4	no comment	1/4/2017 11:25 AM
5	Utilize the Northland properties	1/4/2017 11:21 AM
6	A park at the Kentfield Manor Island on Fairfax between Addison and Arbor Place	1/3/2017 11:52 PM
7	I would like to see more parks with play equipment for children - especially near Fairfax and George Washington	1/3/2017 10:39 PM
8	A new park in Kentfield Manor. There is an island along Fairfax and New Hampshire that would be a perfect spot.	1/3/2017 8:25 PM
9	I would like to see improvement in the fair fax south of 10 mile and Pierce south of 10 area improved with better lighting, walkway and equipment.also wheel chair accessibility improved. Also would like improvement in the Stafford woods commons with updated play equipment and improved lighting	1/3/2017 3:45 PM
10	Restrooms ,handicap accessible	1/3/2017 2:44 PM
11	have been in southfield over twenty years and never been to any park	1/3/2017 11:44 AM
12	parks in great condition near us	1/3/2017 10:15 AM
13	improvement of the freeway park and play structure on the piece of land off of Fairfax between New Hampshire and George Washington south of 10 Mile	1/3/2017 9:59 AM
14	Upgrades made to Freeway Park - at least paint and fix it is a sore eye for the city	1/3/2017 9:07 AM
15	In the above-mentioned Freeway Park, I'd like to see new equipment, shady places for parents to sit, drinking fountains, and a suitable material for the playground (not gravel, or sand, or whatever that garbage is!)	1/2/2017 11:13 PM
16	A park on the island by new hampshire and george washington and fairfax	1/2/2017 10:12 PM
17	fewer ball fields and more dedicated actual woodlands	1/2/2017 9:36 PM

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18	Fairfax south of 10 mile by george washington	1/2/2017 8:24 PM
19	More racquet Ball quartz	1/2/2017 8:12 PM
20	Clean, well-maintained trails for running and walking.	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
21	Much more climbing structures and updated swing , slides etc.	1/2/2017 8:06 PM
22	More parks in subs	1/2/2017 7:34 PM
23	More "green space" of any type. Too much steel, glass and brick.	1/2/2017 6:06 PM
24	More walking paths that are not paved, more like the surface of the walking path at Ingenook Park. Pavement is not the best surface for running/walking.	1/2/2017 4:40 PM
25	more picnic shelters	1/2/2017 1:19 PM
26	Dog park, interesting walking paths connecting facilities and activities.	1/2/2017 1:08 PM
27	more parks like Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve	12/31/2016 4:29 PM
28	Longer hiking trails in wooded setting, longer walking paths in park setting, native areas in more parks	12/31/2016 10:18 AM
29	Skate Park, biking trails and baseball and softball diamonds with covered dugouts similar to the Civic Center Fields.	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
30	Bicycle path	12/30/2016 9:29 PM
31	Would like a park with a walking patch and maybe a lake to swim in	12/30/2016 7:27 AM
32	More basketball outdoor courts. Indoor swimming pool.	12/28/2016 7:01 PM
33	A Skate Park	12/28/2016 6:42 PM
34	To many little parks	12/27/2016 12:05 PM
35	A separate dog park.	12/27/2016 4:57 AM
36	Splash pad	12/23/2016 7:11 PM
37	More maintenance at our local park. Also there always seems to be one car with a person sitting and it make me suspect something fishy going on. I wish the police would cruise by more often.	12/23/2016 3:58 AM
38	GROUP PLAY IS NOT ENCOURAGED-UNDERSTAND GROUPS WERE A PROBLEM	12/22/2016 9:03 PM
39	Nature trails	12/22/2016 12:06 PM
40	More parks with benches, we'll lighted area ,paved pathway	12/22/2016 11:13 AM
41	I think Carpenter Lake park is excellent...would like to see more like this (walking trails in a nice setting)	12/22/2016 11:12 AM
42	Innovative award winning parks	12/22/2016 8:55 AM
43	Hammock communities, wifi in parks, speaker systems for music in major parks (inglenook)	12/21/2016 8:45 PM
44	I would like to see a park, in my forgotten subdivision Pinewood Manor, located near 13 Mile and Southfield road(between Pierce and Southfield road). There are an abundance of chidren, but don't have anywhere to play.	12/19/2016 1:09 PM
45	more visible and safe walking trails	12/16/2016 10:29 AM
46	Better exercise equipment. More updated	12/15/2016 2:25 AM
47	More basketball courts & improve some softball fields	12/14/2016 11:08 AM
48	An indoor park option	12/12/2016 10:29 PM

Q10 Are you satisfied with the number and type of public recreation facilities available in Southfield.

Answered: 158 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.19%	103
No	10.76%	17
What else would you like to see?	24.05%	38
Total		158

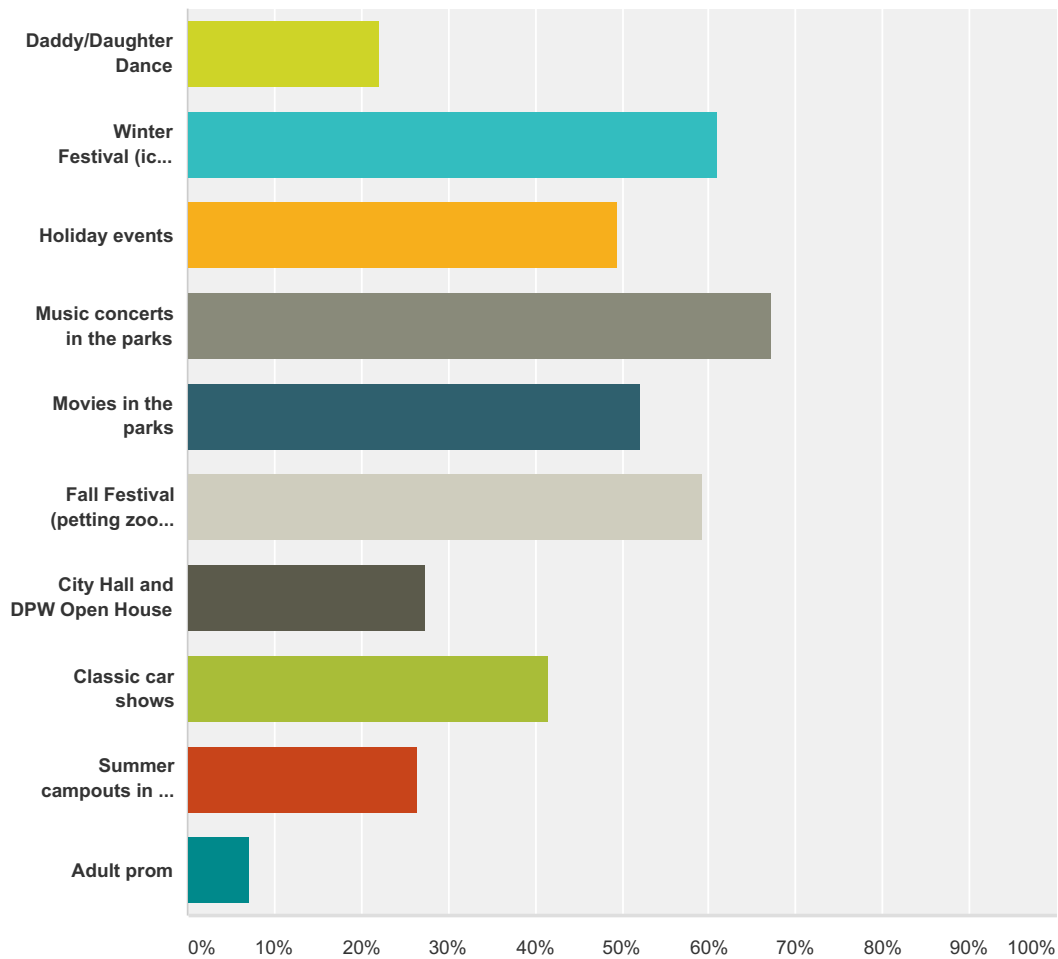
#	What else would you like to see?	Date
1	I think of the library as recreational and want to maintain it as well	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	Would like a performing arts center on Northland site	1/9/2017 5:37 PM
3	more walking, running places	1/6/2017 11:40 AM
4	Indoor pool	1/5/2017 4:46 PM
5	All Inclusive Recreation Center	1/4/2017 12:49 PM
6	I use the civic center for walking daily, because as a 73 year old I do not like to walk outside,because I feel vulnerable to theft and weather. I feel safe there. I feel the Northland area would not work, because it would attract crowds for certain purposes.	1/4/2017 12:08 PM
7	more basketball courts	1/4/2017 11:29 AM
8	no comment	1/4/2017 11:25 AM
9	A community swimming pool with separate swimming hours for men and women.	1/3/2017 8:25 PM
10	I would very much like to see more exercise classes for the elderly. Particularly chair and low impact aerobic classes. It would be nice to see some needlepoint or knitting classes offered for the retired or elderl.	1/3/2017 3:45 PM
11	Indoor Pool. Outdoor bball	1/3/2017 3:39 PM
12	Indoor / outdoor pool with separate hours for women & men	1/3/2017 2:44 PM
13	roller skating rink	1/3/2017 11:45 AM
14	A park on the island by new hampshire and george washington and fairfax	1/2/2017 10:12 PM

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15	dog park!	1/2/2017 9:36 PM
16	Indoor pool with gender specific swim hours please	1/2/2017 8:25 PM
17	More picnic areas.	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
18	An 18 hole golf course.	1/2/2017 6:06 PM
19	indoor pool	1/2/2017 1:19 PM
20	Would love to see a reasonably priced rec center like Livonia or Troy. Indoor and outdoor pool.	1/2/2017 1:08 PM
21	I'd like more tennis and pickleball courts	1/1/2017 5:12 PM
22	Indoor swimming facility--could the pool in the former Lathrup Village high school become a community facility?	12/31/2016 10:18 AM
23	Indoor pool and wellness center, similar to Livonia or Warren Recreation Center.	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
24	Dog park	12/30/2016 7:42 PM
25	indoor swimming pool	12/29/2016 6:34 PM
26	Indoor swimming pool	12/28/2016 7:01 PM
27	An Indoor Aquatic Center	12/28/2016 6:42 PM
28	We homeschool and would like to go to open gym during the day in the winter. We were told children were not allowed during the day at beechwood.	12/23/2016 3:58 AM
29	more areas for biking	12/22/2016 8:21 PM
30	I like to see facilities updated	12/22/2016 6:10 PM
31	More diamonds with lights	12/22/2016 3:37 PM
32	Bike trails (un paved)	12/22/2016 12:38 PM
33	Indoor handicap accessible pool, shower area, handicap accessible family restrooms	12/22/2016 11:13 AM
34	We need more soccer and volleyball fields,	12/19/2016 1:09 PM
35	Shooting range	12/14/2016 7:24 PM
36	An expanded Wellness Ctr. and a second exercise facility on the city's northeast side.	12/14/2016 12:00 PM
37	concerts	12/12/2016 6:47 PM
38	Indoor swimming pool	12/11/2016 3:08 PM

Q11 What type of special events would you most like to see in Southfield?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 113



Answer Choices	Responses	
Daddy/Daughter Dance	22.12%	25
Winter Festival (ice sculptures, hot cocoa, sleigh rides)	61.06%	69
Holiday events	49.56%	56
Music concerts in the parks	67.26%	76
Movies in the parks	52.21%	59
Fall Festival (petting zoo, hayrides)	59.29%	67
City Hall and DPW Open House	27.43%	31
Classic car shows	41.59%	47
Summer campouts in the parks	26.55%	30
Adult prom	7.08%	8

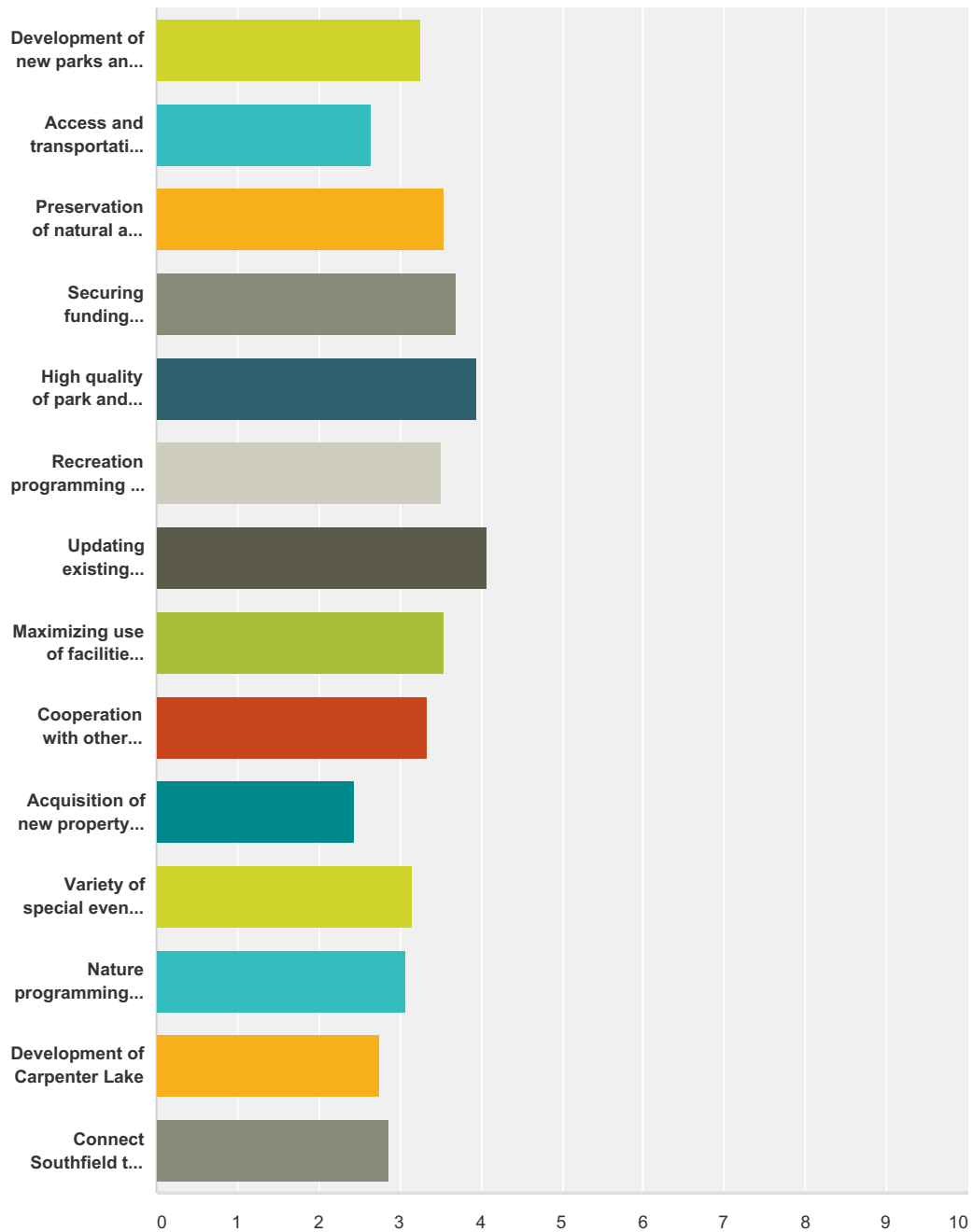
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	1-parade where local high/jr. high school bands can play; 2 -combined activities with Lathup Village	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	more swimming; free exercise	1/6/2017 11:40 AM
3	Runs	1/5/2017 4:46 PM
4	art exhibits and fairs. Please prohibit fireworks at all times, the rules are not being adhered to, and they sound like gunfire. It would be nice to have guided park visits and tours.	1/4/2017 12:08 PM
5	no comment	1/4/2017 11:25 AM
6	Invest in the current Parks	1/3/2017 9:07 AM
7	events on days other than exclusively saturdays	1/2/2017 9:36 PM
8	I'd rather see less money spent on special events, and more on changes that will benefit the community year round.	1/2/2017 8:29 PM
9	Venue for more charity events like runs.	1/2/2017 1:08 PM
10	More kid friendly activities soccer games, volley ball games that's free	12/30/2016 7:27 AM
11	Concerts featuring current locale jazz and R&B artist	12/23/2016 7:11 PM
12	nothing, quiet, no crime.	12/23/2016 3:58 PM
13	Special Events that are not on Saturday's and that offer food choices for everyone such as Kosher Food	12/23/2016 3:47 PM
14	Events that are accommodating to all - on Sunday, kosher food option	12/23/2016 8:57 AM
15	Sunday Funday - which would be a fundraiser for Southfield Neighborhood Associations and Non-Profits. Booths would be provided at a nominal fee where the various groups would have games, food, craft items. There would be kids entertainment, jump rope competitions, pie eating contests, bring in the frog jumping vendor where kids pick a frog and they place them around a bullseye target to see which child's frog gets to the center the fastest. It would be held on the city plaza.	12/22/2016 12:50 PM
16	i think we have a good mix of events today, good work!	12/22/2016 12:38 PM
17	I would like for the city to consider allocating funding to events such as the FIREWORKS and possibly having a parade sponsored by many of our local business. Please review the City of Saline Michigan as it relates to their annual Christmas parade. I would love to see our city offer more family oriented events like the same.	12/22/2016 11:17 AM
18	Zombie runs, color runs, outdoor yoga, bike sharing program	12/21/2016 8:45 PM

Q12 Please rank the following goals for the Southfield Parks and Recreation Plan:

Answered: 134 Skipped: 92



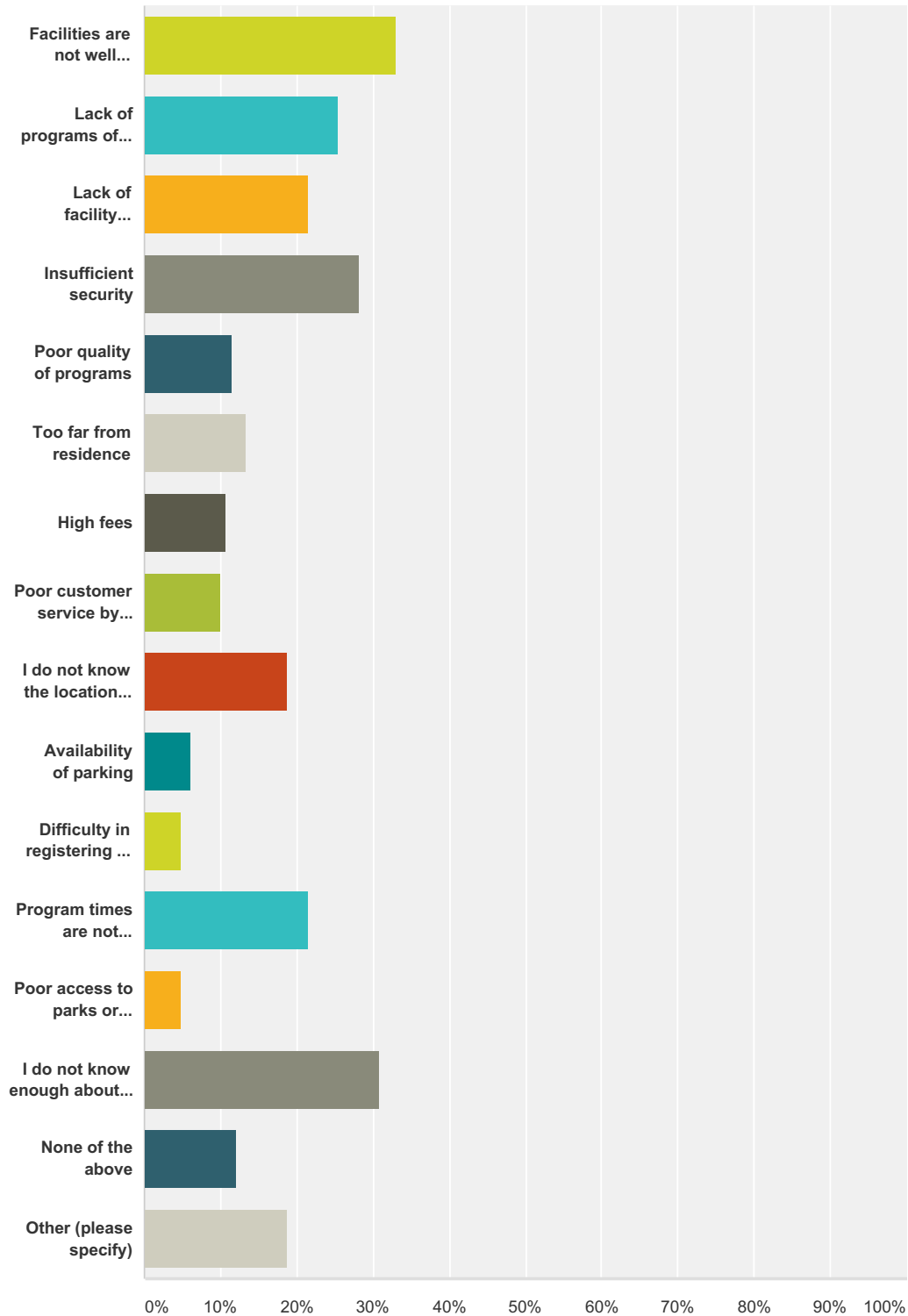
	Of the highest importance	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Total	Weighted Average
Development of new parks and recreation facilities	25.95% 34	20.61% 27	20.61% 27	19.08% 25	13.74% 18	131	3.26
Access and transportation to parks	8.59% 11	25.00% 32	16.41% 21	23.44% 30	26.56% 34	128	2.66

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Preservation of natural and cultural resources	28.13% 36	30.47% 39	19.53% 25	12.50% 16	9.38% 12	128	3.55
Securing funding improvements or additions to the parks system	32.03% 41	27.34% 35	23.44% 30	11.72% 15	5.47% 7	128	3.69
High quality of park and facility design	37.69% 49	33.85% 44	16.92% 22	7.69% 10	3.85% 5	130	3.94
Recreation programming for residents	29.01% 38	29.01% 38	19.08% 25	8.40% 11	14.50% 19	131	3.50
Updating existing facilities	47.73% 63	25.00% 33	18.18% 24	4.55% 6	4.55% 6	132	4.07
Maximizing use of facilities by both active and passive users	25.20% 32	28.35% 36	28.35% 36	11.81% 15	6.30% 8	127	3.54
Cooperation with other providers of recreation services	20.00% 25	27.20% 34	31.20% 39	11.20% 14	10.40% 13	125	3.35
Acquisition of new property for parkland	13.39% 17	11.81% 15	12.60% 16	30.71% 39	31.50% 40	127	2.45
Variety of special events at parks facilities	16.94% 21	32.26% 40	16.94% 21	16.13% 20	17.74% 22	124	3.15
Nature programming activities at parks	11.81% 15	29.13% 37	28.35% 36	14.96% 19	15.75% 20	127	3.06
Development of Carpenter Lake	9.84% 12	22.13% 27	23.77% 29	22.95% 28	21.31% 26	122	2.76
Connect Southfield to Valley Woods Trail	18.33% 22	18.33% 22	18.33% 22	20.00% 24	25.00% 30	120	2.85

Q13 Please check all the reasons that prevent you and/or members of your household from using any of the City's recreation facilities, programs, or parks.

Answered: 149 Skipped: 77



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Answer Choices	Responses
Facilities are not well maintained	32.89% 49
Lack of programs of interest	25.50% 38
Lack of facility equipment	21.48% 32
Insufficient security	28.19% 42
Poor quality of programs	11.41% 17
Too far from residence	13.42% 20
High fees	10.74% 16
Poor customer service by staff	10.07% 15
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	18.79% 28
Availability of parking	6.04% 9
Difficulty in registering for programs	4.70% 7
Program times are not convenient	21.48% 32
Poor access to parks or facilities	4.70% 7
I do not know enough about what is available	30.87% 46
None of the above	12.08% 18
Other (please specify)	18.79% 28
Total Respondents: 149	

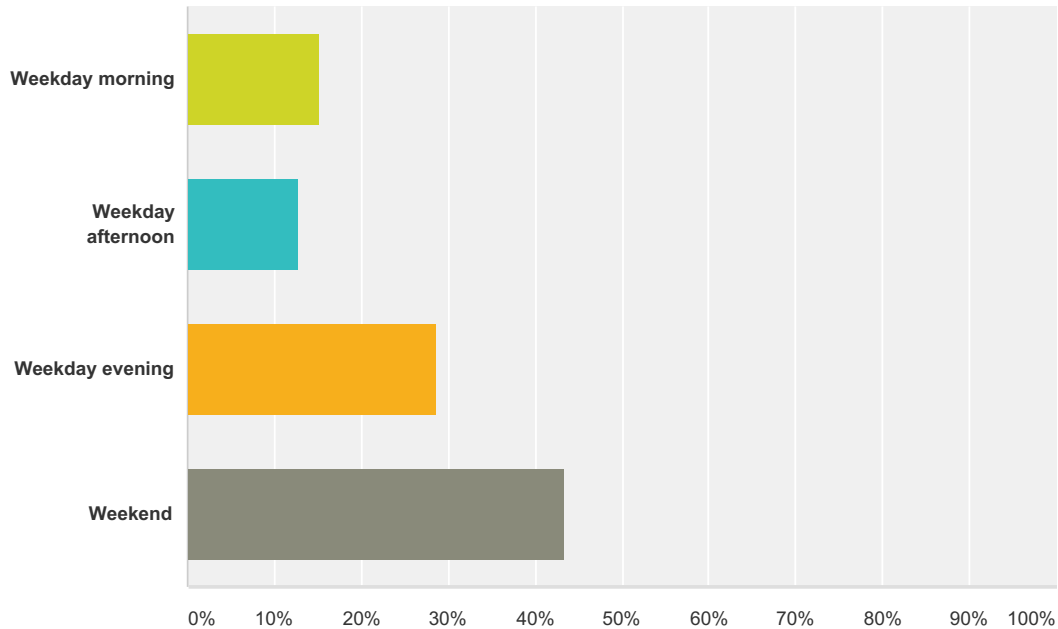
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	Beechwoods wellness center does not have adequate space for the way it is being used. Needs a multi-purpose area where people not using weight machines can exercise.	1/4/2017 4:52 PM
3	Ice skating info not published	1/4/2017 10:55 AM
4	More senior transportation to facilities is needed	1/3/2017 3:45 PM
5	Poorly maintained Freeway Park - also lacks security	1/3/2017 9:07 AM
6	Just like other programs, P&R should send out an e-mail blast or announcements on the intranet about up coming family programs. Giving time enough to register. We don't get the brochures so we don't know what is offered.	1/3/2017 7:27 AM
7	The Freeway Park is poorly lit, and the equipment is old. It is nearby, though, and with improved lighting and structures, we would frequent it often!	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
8	I use facilities frequently	1/2/2017 6:06 PM
9	Little to no maintenance of fitness equipment at Beechwood Wellness Center. Many of the machines are in poor repair or not useable. No trained staff.	1/2/2017 4:40 PM
10	Non Southfield residents (specifically Detroiters) truly just do not know how to behave and they smell like weed	1/2/2017 3:42 PM
11	Beechwoods needs to be upgraded and maintained	1/1/2017 5:12 PM
12	No biking trails.	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
13	Need more activities for teens. 15 older	12/30/2016 7:42 PM
14	NO walking trails parks look dirty	12/30/2016 7:27 AM
15	Older, outdated, equipment	12/27/2016 12:05 PM

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16	I use the recreational facilities, however the equipment is outdated as well as the buildings	12/27/2016 4:57 AM
17	I cannot attend Saturday programs	12/25/2016 1:48 PM
18	Can't attend Saturday Events or sign up for Saturday programs.	12/23/2016 3:47 PM
19	Religious Jews are not able to participate in Saturday events.	12/23/2016 8:57 AM
20	We live far away from beechwood rec like a 17 min drive. I wish there was an indoor facility in the north part of town for my kids to play indoors.	12/23/2016 3:58 AM
21	Occasionally on the Jewish Sabbath (Friday night, Saturday)	12/22/2016 2:43 PM
22	My kids have hit those teen years where they are less interested in doing the P&R programs.	12/22/2016 12:38 PM
23	I'm noticing an influx of inner city crimes that are happening in Southfield that are similar to the crimes that happens in the city of Detroit. We need more of a police presence in the community.	12/22/2016 11:17 AM
24	I need to visit the parks and see what they are like. I like to walk or bike in a pleasant, peaceful environment (love walking at Carpenter Lake)	12/22/2016 11:12 AM
25	The facilities need a facelift. They were built many years ago and feel old.	12/15/2016 9:23 AM
26	n/a	12/14/2016 10:56 AM
27	Lack of time & energy!	12/11/2016 3:08 PM
28	Not enough publicity for parks and nature trails. Where are they?	12/10/2016 1:52 PM

Q14 What is the most convenient time for you and/or members of your household to participate in recreational programs or activities?

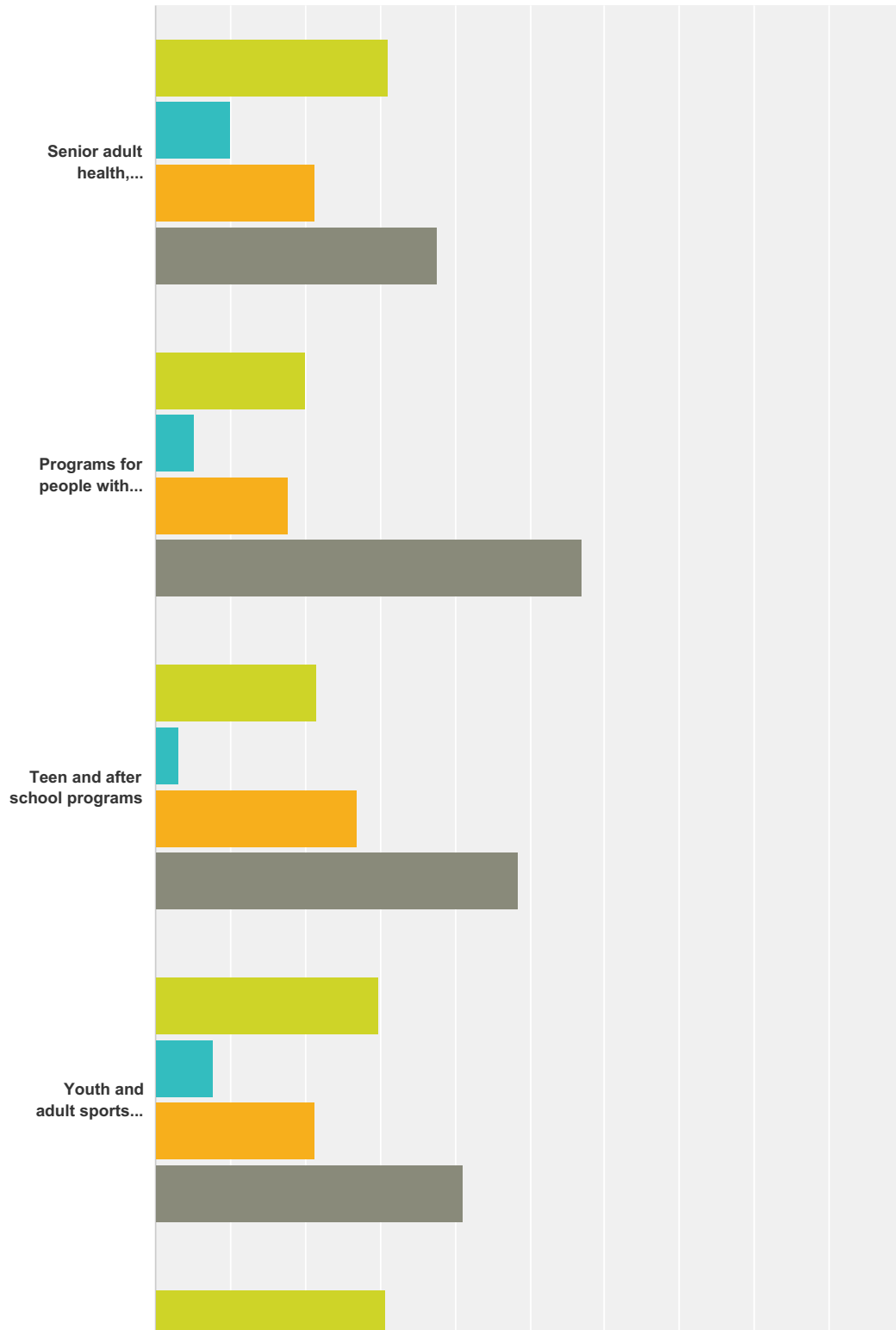
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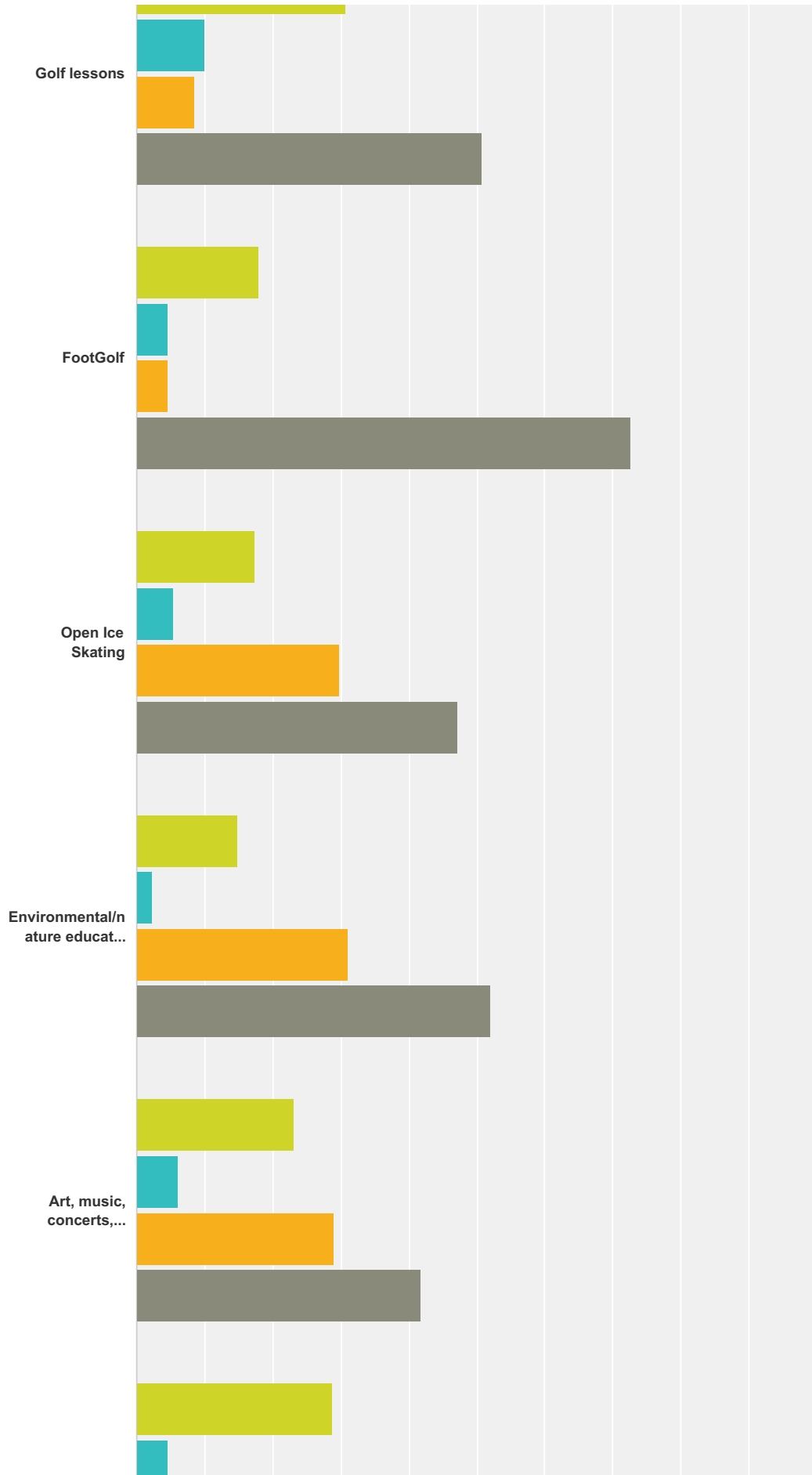
Answer Choices	Responses	
Weekday morning	15.33%	23
Weekday afternoon	12.67%	19
Weekday evening	28.67%	43
Weekend	43.33%	65
Total		150

Q15 Please tell us if you feel the programs/activities currently available within the City meet the needs of the community, exceed what is needed, or falls short of meeting those needs.

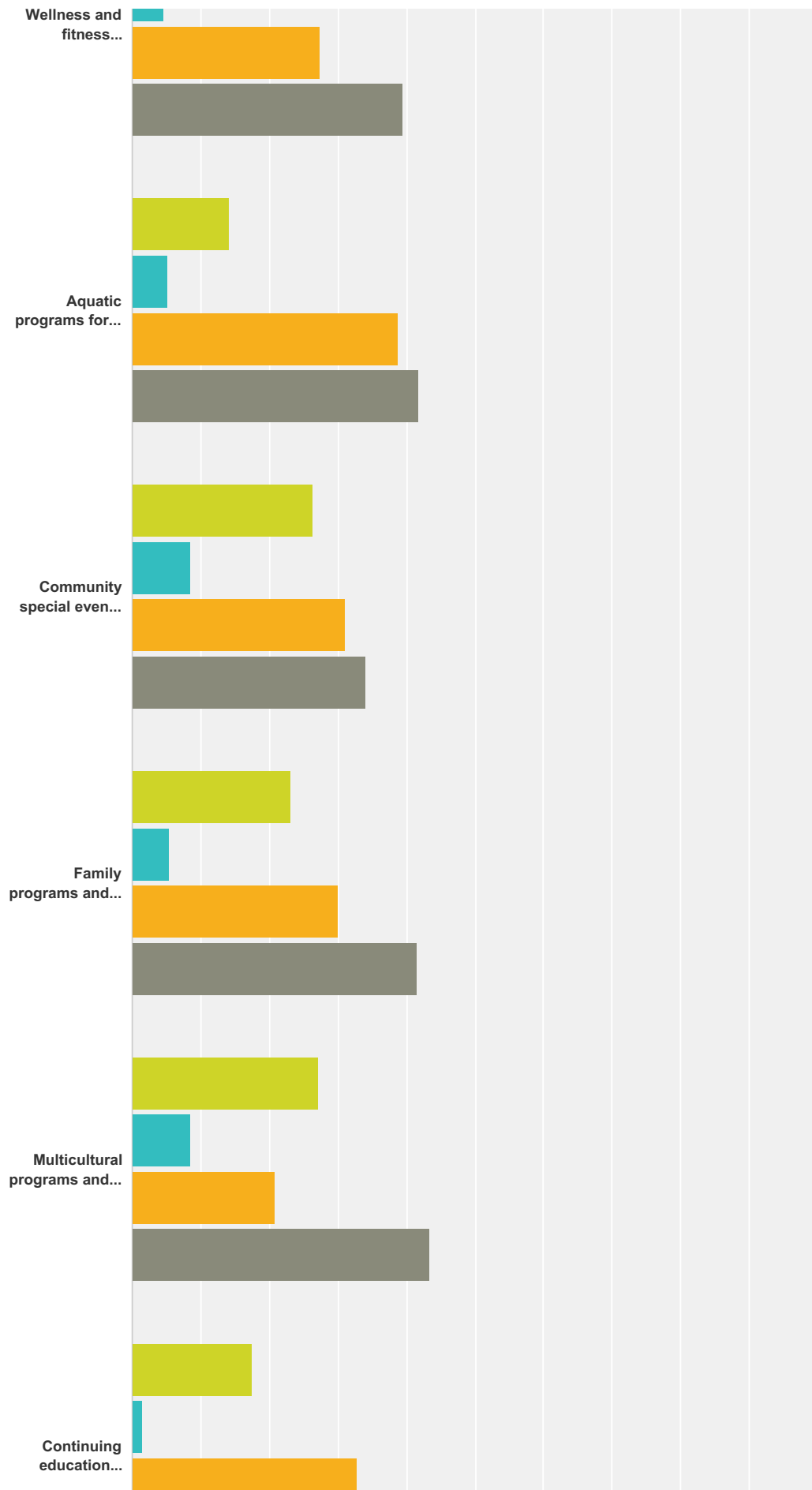
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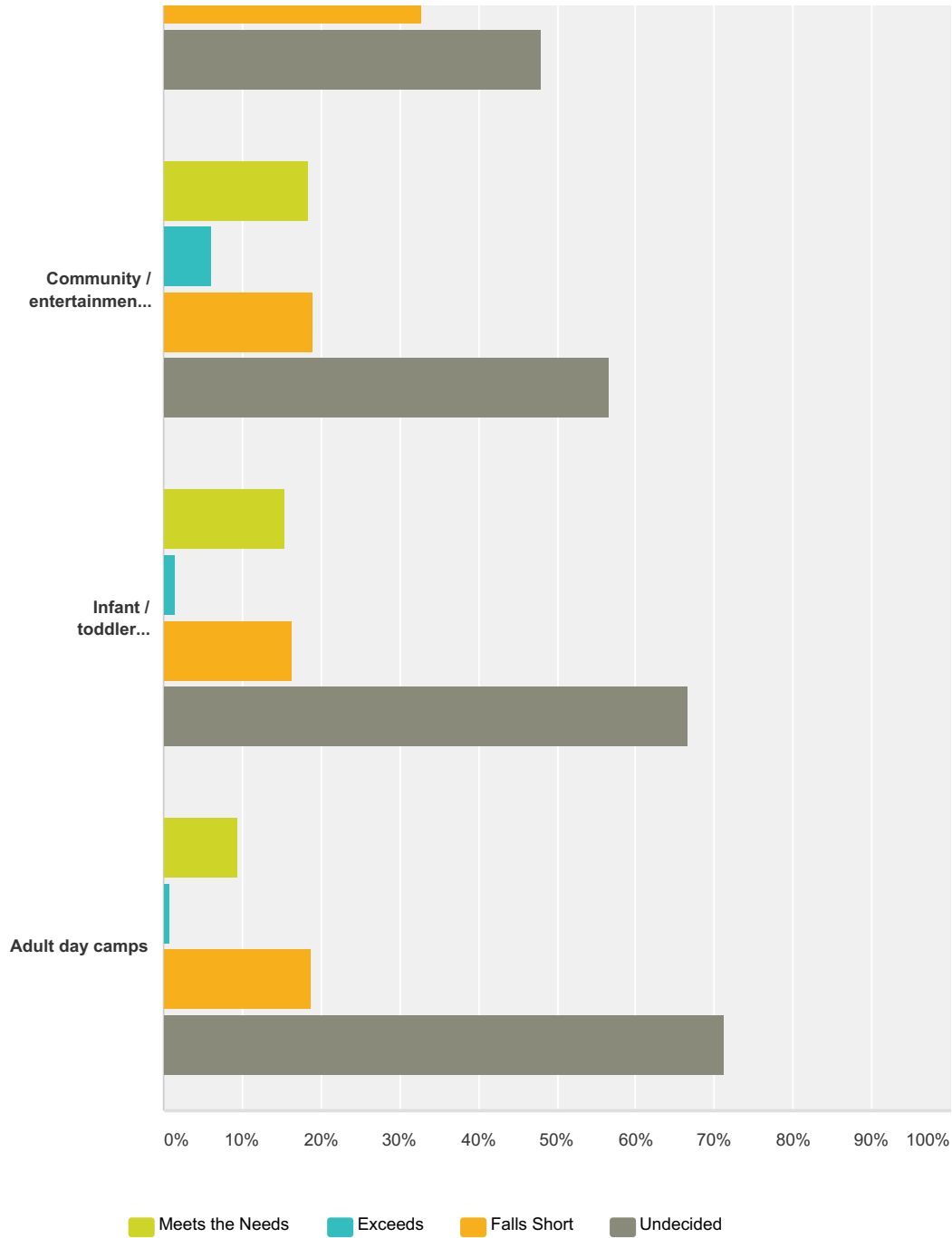
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	Meets the Needs	Exceeds	Falls Short	Undecided	Total
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs, and assistance	31.21% 44	9.93% 14	21.28% 30	37.59% 53	141
Programs for people with disabilities/Adaptive Recreation	20.00% 27	5.19% 7	17.78% 24	57.04% 77	135
Teen and after school programs	21.54% 28	3.08% 4	26.92% 35	48.46% 63	130
Youth and adult sports programs	29.77% 39	7.63% 10	21.37% 28	41.22% 54	131
Golf lessons	30.77% 40	10.00% 13	8.46% 11	50.77% 66	130

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FootGolf	17.97% 23	4.69% 6	4.69% 6	72.66% 93	128
Open Ice Skating	17.32% 22	5.51% 7	29.92% 38	47.24% 60	127
Environmental/nature education programs	14.73% 19	2.33% 3	31.01% 40	51.94% 67	129
Art, music, concerts, theater and dance programs	23.13% 31	5.97% 8	29.10% 39	41.79% 56	134
Wellness and fitness programs	28.79% 38	4.55% 6	27.27% 36	39.39% 52	132
Aquatic programs for all ages	14.18% 19	5.22% 7	38.81% 52	41.79% 56	134
Community special events and festivals	26.36% 34	8.53% 11	31.01% 40	34.11% 44	129
Family programs and activities	23.08% 30	5.38% 7	30.00% 39	41.54% 54	130
Multicultural programs and offerings	27.13% 35	8.53% 11	20.93% 27	43.41% 56	129
Continuing education courses	17.56% 23	1.53% 2	32.82% 43	48.09% 63	131
Community / entertainment clubs (books, knitting, games)	18.32% 24	6.11% 8	19.08% 25	56.49% 74	131
Infant / toddler education and socialization programs	15.50% 20	1.55% 2	16.28% 21	66.67% 86	129
Adult day camps	9.38% 12	0.78% 1	18.75% 24	71.09% 91	128

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Q16 What could we do to improve existing programming/activities in the City? (Please be specific)

Answered: 59 Skipped: 167

#	Responses	Date
1	More marketing particularly on social media	1/9/2017 10:07 PM
2	Wellness Center at Beechwood could use a facelift. Get rid of the dirty carpet as well as the equipment that sits (for years) in disrepair.	1/9/2017 5:37 PM
3	Love BeechWoods! One of Southfield's best kept secrets!	1/6/2017 1:12 PM
4	Promote Events	1/6/2017 9:26 AM
5	Create running program	1/5/2017 4:46 PM
6	Due to the high # of people using Beechwoods wellness center with a personal trainer, it is difficult for everyone else to get access to the machines. There needs to be a large space for people doing stretches, jump rope, mat exercises, etc.	1/4/2017 4:52 PM
7	Hold programs in safer, cleaner, newer facilities.	1/4/2017 12:49 PM
8	lower the resident fee, increase non resident fee	1/4/2017 12:08 PM
9	Provide gender specific swimming times at the Southfield pool	1/3/2017 10:39 PM
10	Update facilities in Freeway Park (the large color paving area is ridiculous), replace seating in more practical groupings, add walks where actually needed by users, lighting at night for safe transit thru park, equipment for self-directed phys ed, address dead/dying trees.	1/3/2017 4:27 PM
11	Please add more classes particularly chair exercises, needlepoint, computer, low impact aerobic, a game room or cafe geared towards the seniors in the community	1/3/2017 3:45 PM
12	More activities on Sunday	1/3/2017 1:37 PM
13	More cultural, community special events, indoor pool, use the ice rink for roller skating, have cultural festivals, up to date bands at Burgh	1/3/2017 11:45 AM
14	Update facilities- specifically the hockey arena. It is old, cold, and looks run down.	1/3/2017 11:35 AM
15	Improve Freeway Park which we use often but find very old, outdated, and not maintained	1/3/2017 10:15 AM
16	Make a better effort to connect with the residents this is the first survey I have done in just about 17 years in my home and 40 years living in the city - I used to play in Southfield Little League but I take my kids to another city to play as Southfield is so rigid and has no flexibility for not playing on the Jewish Sabbath - when I was growing up it was respected and the league was flexible	1/3/2017 9:07 AM
17	I am not aware of what the P&R offers so I cannot comment. When we lived in Southfield we took advantage of many of the activities. Including concerts and plays at the Burgh, petting farms at family days, swimming and ice skating.	1/3/2017 7:27 AM
18	Provide programs which include ALL Southfield residents (including the Orthodox Jewish ones). This would also consist of separate gender classes & swim times.	1/2/2017 8:25 PM
19	No comment	1/2/2017 8:24 PM
20	Add picnic tables to multiple parks. Better maintain trails.	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
21	Publicize more.	1/2/2017 6:06 PM
22	Regular schedule of maintenance for all equipment. Currently the maintenance is minimal, mostly limited to cleaning and trash removal.	1/2/2017 4:40 PM
23	Need to hire an outside consultant to revamp the programs and the advertising material. Maybe look at what other cities that are successful with their programs do to make it a success (i.e. Livonia Rec).	1/2/2017 3:42 PM
24	improve appearance of existing facilities; wellness center equipment at Beechwood is old and out dated	1/2/2017 1:19 PM

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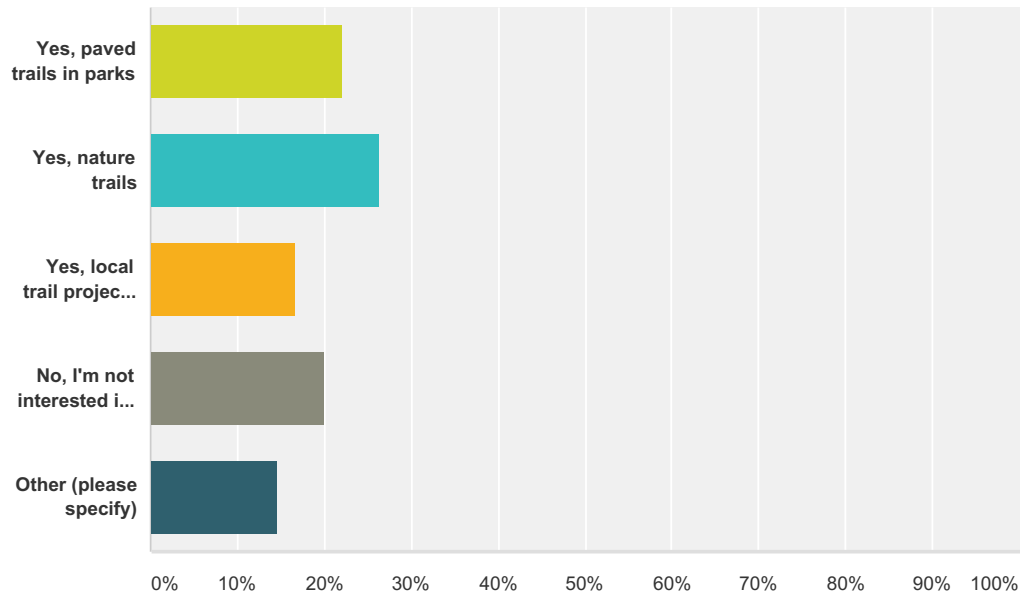
25	Special needs adult programs. Respite care and activities seems there are programs for physically challenged individuals but not for cognitively challenged.	1/2/2017 1:08 PM
26	Provide more information to residents	1/1/2017 7:35 PM
27	Provide more art classes at affordable rates. Also have gardening, cooking and craft demonstrations for affordable fees. Charge nonresident fees.	1/1/2017 5:12 PM
28	An indoor pool facility would be nice.	12/31/2016 12:44 PM
29	Build a state of the art recreation, community and wellness center.	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
30	Re do inglenook softball fields	12/30/2016 4:24 PM
31	Maintain equipment at Beechwoods wellness center, both aerobic and strength equipment. Better seating for AARP Tax Aide volunteers Feb-April annually.	12/30/2016 10:22 AM
32	We're not really interested in organized activities. We enjoy visiting parks according to our schedule. We wonder if it would be possible to coordinate a fitness/pool facility between the city and high schools (perhaps like Livonia, or Holland?). Years ago, community swim time at the high school used to be one hour on Saturday after swim lessons ended. Summer lap swim at the civic center pool used to be a few days a week early in the morning. Not exactly user friendly. We no longer have a sled hill, or cross country skiing on the golf courses. We find ourselves going to Farmington Hills to do many of those activities. Tennis courts are great when available. More extensive bike trails would make that activity safer, so we wouldn't have to put bikes in the car to drive to a place for biking.	12/29/2016 7:32 PM
33	More adult fitness programs after 6:00 p.m. More adult/kids programs offered at Civic center.	12/28/2016 7:01 PM
34	I would love to take a yoga or pilates class, however most of the classes are offered at times that don't fit with my schedule. I also have not committed to a class yet because I'm hesitant to spend \$45-50 for six sessions without knowing if I like the instructor/workout. Perhaps you could try offering a free session to interested residents? I also took workout classes (such as Zumba) before, outside the city of Southfield, and the classes were closer to \$5 a session, as opposed to \$7.50 - \$8 and were offered either as a membership (6 weeks like you currently have set) or drop-in. It would be nice to have the ability to drop-in to a class when my schedule permits, as opposed to making a 6 week commitment.	12/28/2016 4:07 PM
35	Promotion via Cable 15/City news magazine.	12/27/2016 2:11 PM
36	It would be nice to participate in some of the events on the weekends or utilize the programming for kids but the programs are more often on a Saturday then Sunday which means I can't participate. The events outside of this past year (1) don't have Kosher food options.	12/23/2016 3:47 PM
37	Add more Sunday activities as well as kosher food options at events. Free hot dogs for events is great but some attendees, who are residents, are unable to enjoy.	12/23/2016 8:57 AM
38	The website is hard to access from a phone and makes it hard to find info.	12/23/2016 3:58 AM
39	Ensuring best practices using examples from around the region.	12/22/2016 6:10 PM
40	I like mountain biking, but have to drive out to Novi or Clarkston for a good trail. We don't have the hills for a top notch trail, but a moderate trail could be put in at some of our parks which could get good use due to their convenience. MMBA could help make trails.	12/22/2016 12:38 PM
41	ㄣ(ˊ)ㄣ	12/22/2016 11:19 AM
42	I don't feel that this information is reaching the community. I feel that the city should consider sending emails to residents who may have overlooked the publication that advertises the events.	12/22/2016 11:17 AM
43	More playgrounds, update existing playgrounds o	12/22/2016 8:55 AM
44	Keep maintaining the building	12/21/2016 8:25 PM
45	We need more bike paths; especially along 13mile and Southfield road, not just Evergreen. We have a tone of bikers, in our area, but no bike path. This is extremely important for our busy roads, for avoid injuries.	12/19/2016 1:09 PM
46	more safe and secure bike, running and walking trails...wider paths with detailed lines.	12/16/2016 10:29 AM
47	The input of the residents is a great start with this survey.	12/15/2016 9:56 AM
48	Fix your softball diamonds, they're in poor condition.	12/15/2016 6:45 AM
49	Enclose the pool and offer year round aqua-aerobics	12/14/2016 4:51 PM
50	Improve softball fields. Lights for softball fields	12/14/2016 2:38 PM

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51	1.) The renovation and remodeling of the Beechwood Rec Center should be top priority and focus. It is in dire need of a facelift, from floors to ceilings. 2.) Offer qualified trainers and employees who are actively engaged in the promotion of and the needs of the members of the Beechwood Wellness Center. 3.) Discontinue subcontracting to private trainers to use Wellness Center for personal enterprise. The Center has no control of the clientele of the contractors, if they are not Wellness Center members. People using the facility need to be vetted for the safety of both employees and members. In addition, the Center is not large enough to hold training sessions in the aisles and walkways of the exercise areas.	12/14/2016 12:00 PM
52	develop a teen and after school program at a specific meeting site.	12/14/2016 8:54 AM
53	Get some one who cares about Marketing the City of Southfield. Great place to live, non residents in programming positions don't care.	12/13/2016 10:19 PM
54	More bike paths and trails. Include cross country skiing on golf courses.	12/12/2016 11:24 PM
55	I feel like the option for an indoor swimming facility would both benefit the community by way of offering an exercise outlet that could potentially be year round, and if done right could be a lucrative business option in regards to revenue in the winter from residents of neighboring communities.	12/12/2016 10:29 PM
56	Fitness Center - get updated equipment and new type of equipment.	12/12/2016 6:47 PM
57	Groomed trails for XC skiing and snowshoeing at Inglenook Park, Evergreen and Beech Woods golf courses, please.	12/12/2016 3:16 PM
58	Provide more funding for the summer camp programs. If kids can get involved early in life, then I believe they will be more inclined to stay involved with the city programs as they get older.	12/12/2016 12:20 PM
59	The Beech Woods Wellness Center is very beat-up. Carpet is dirty, some equipment is broken. The hours are too limited. It needs an upgrade.	12/10/2016 1:52 PM

Q17 Would trail initiatives be something that Southfield should invest in as a priority?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 82



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes, paved trails in parks	22.22%	32
Yes, nature trails	26.39%	38
Yes, local trail projects to connect destinations	16.67%	24
No, I'm not interested in trails	20.14%	29
Other (please specify)	14.58%	21
Total		144

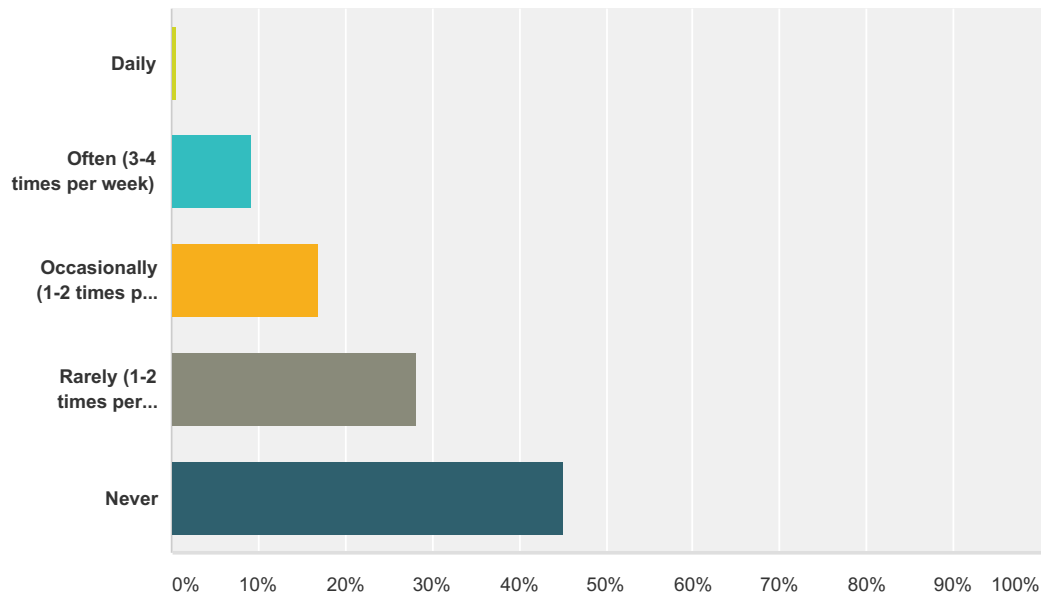
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Our roads really need bicycle lanes!	1/6/2017 1:12 PM
2	Bike lanes needed on roads	1/6/2017 1:06 PM
3	Absolutely again 2000 loop	1/5/2017 4:46 PM
4	All of above	1/3/2017 1:27 PM
5	trails do not necessarily have to be paved, but e.g. at inglenook, it seems the paths are icy or muddy; it is a rare day when one can walk without having to worry about where to step. and speaking about where to step, trying to walk the dog around the civic center complex is a study in frustration. besides all the goose poop on every sidewalk and grassy area, there's no real convenient contiguous walking path.	1/2/2017 9:36 PM
6	Clearer trails with clear markers would be wonderful	1/2/2017 8:10 PM
7	A combination of both paved and unpaved trails, including paved bike trails and enforcement of no bikes on non-paved trails.	1/2/2017 4:40 PM
8	yes very important	12/31/2016 4:29 PM

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9	Biking trails.	12/30/2016 11:21 PM
10	Yes to any of the 3 suggestions above. Perhaps bike trails as well!	12/29/2016 7:32 PM
11	Most trails venture onto property of residents	12/23/2016 7:11 PM
12	yes but only if it is well lit & security is not an issue ?	12/23/2016 3:58 PM
13	Yes paved trails but ensuring they are secure and not behind trees like Inglenook	12/23/2016 3:47 PM
14	Mt Bike trails	12/22/2016 12:38 PM
15	yes to all 3	12/22/2016 12:30 PM
16	O	12/22/2016 11:42 AM
17	Paved trails, nature trails and local trail projects to connect destinations	12/22/2016 11:12 AM
18	Add more nature and bike trails	12/19/2016 1:09 PM
19	Security would be my biggest concern	12/15/2016 9:56 AM
20	As for the question below, I can't ride my bicycle work and my children in my own neighborhood since we don't have sidewalks. Every neighborhood off of Bell Rd., East and West is dangerous for bicyclists	12/15/2016 6:45 AM
21	More bike paths and trails.	12/12/2016 11:24 PM

Q18 How often do you ride a bicycle to get around the City?

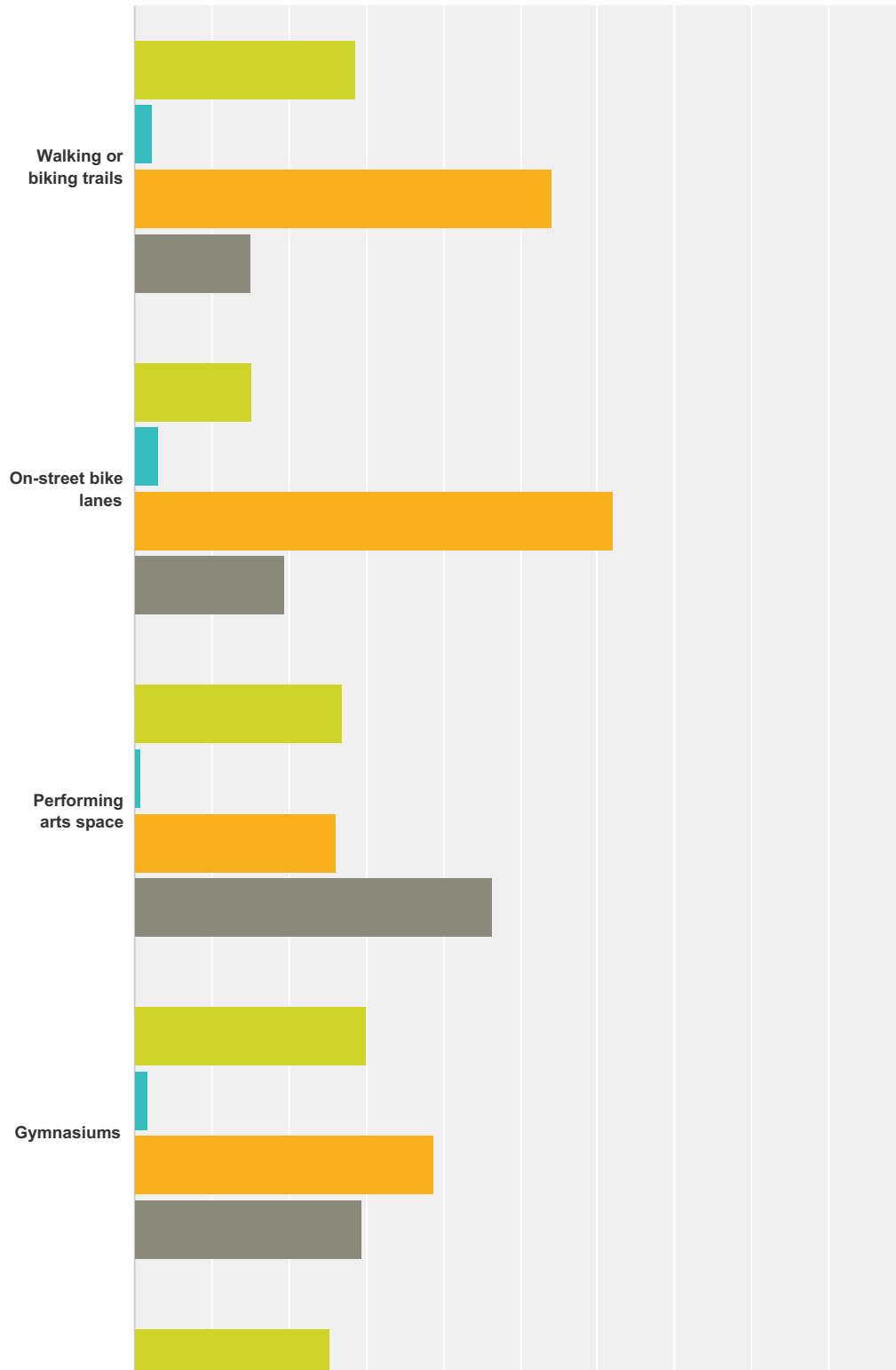
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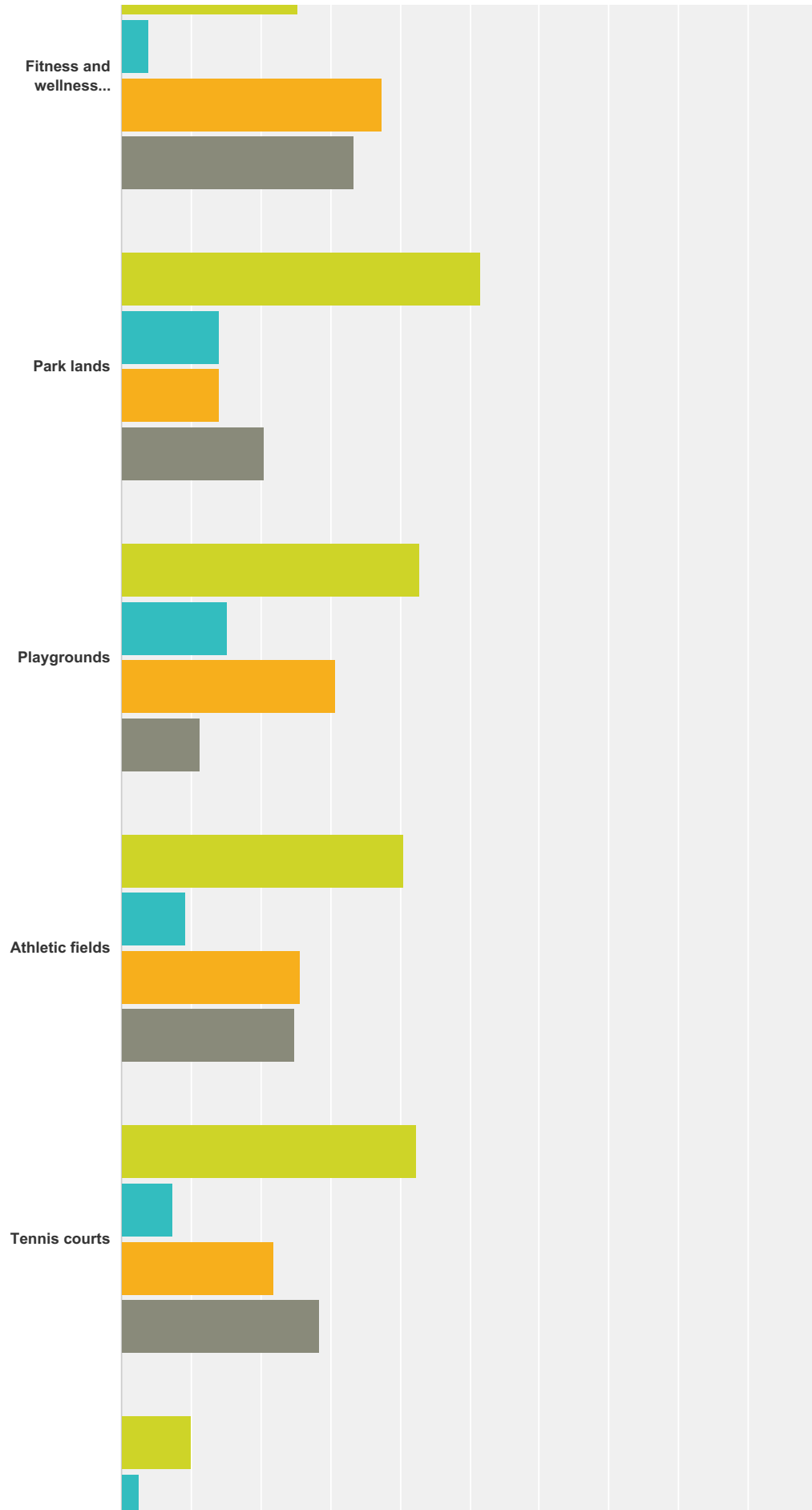
Answer Choices	Responses	
Daily	0.65%	1
Often (3-4 times per week)	9.15%	14
Occasionally (1-2 times per week)	16.99%	26
Rarely (1-2 times per month)	28.10%	43
Never	45.10%	69
Total		153

Q19 Please tell us if you feel the facilities currently available in the City meet the needs of the community, exceeds what is needed, or falls short of meeting those needs.

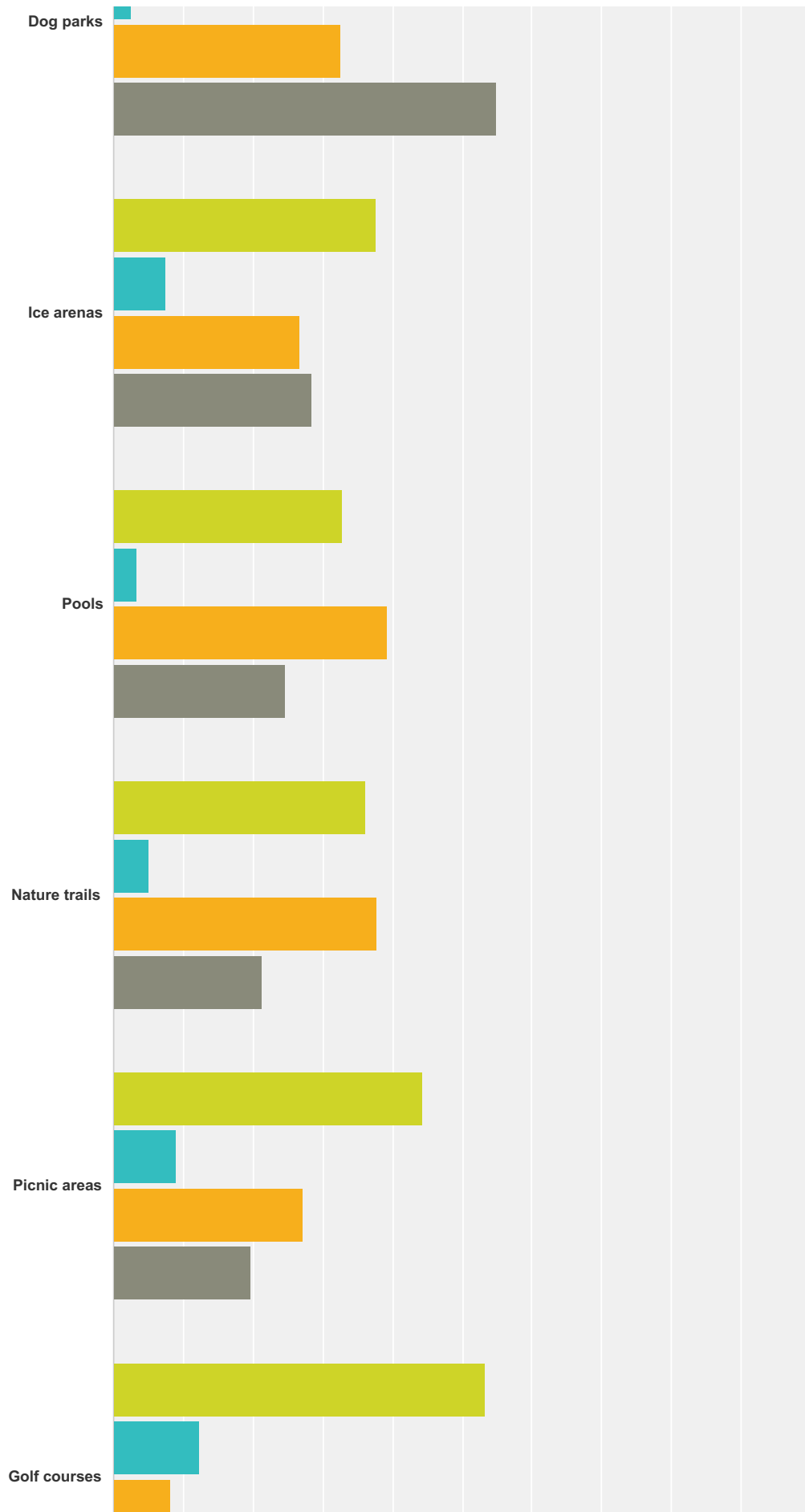
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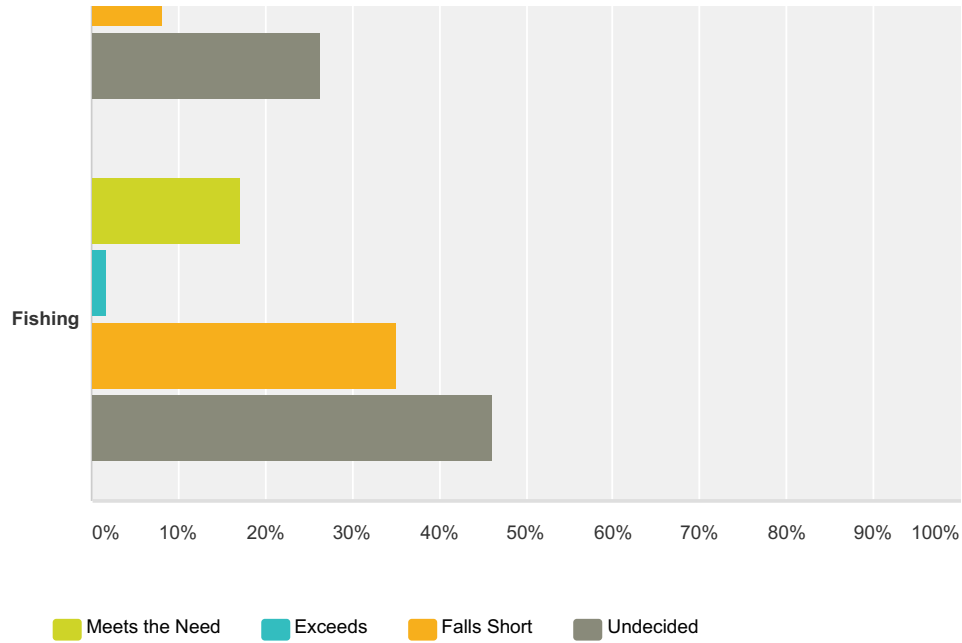
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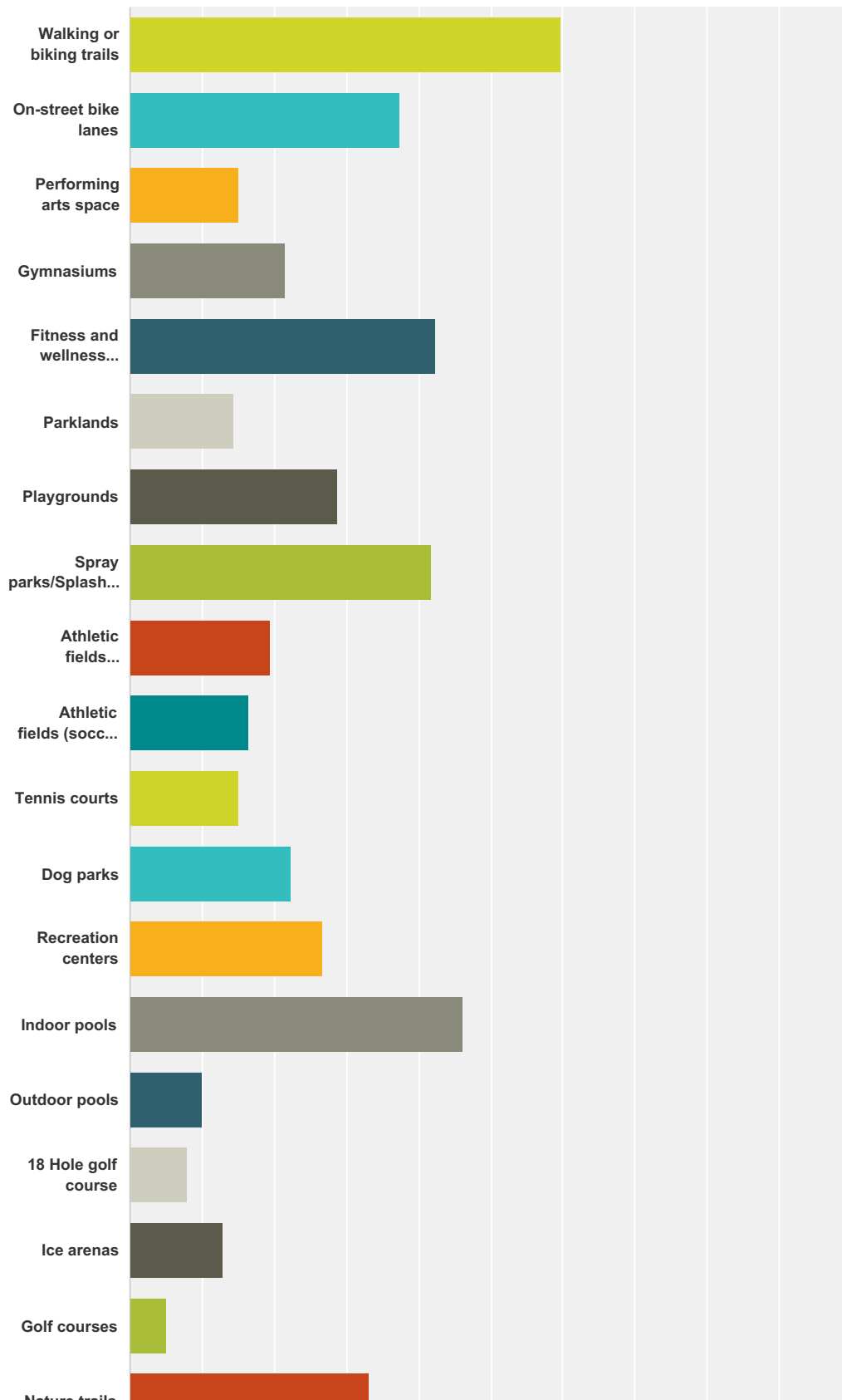
	Meets the Need	Exceeds	Falls Short	Undecided	Total
Walking or biking trails	28.57% 36	2.38% 3	53.97% 68	15.08% 19	126
On-street bike lanes	15.32% 19	3.23% 4	62.10% 77	19.35% 24	124
Performing arts space	26.83% 33	0.81% 1	26.02% 32	46.34% 57	123
Gymnasiums	30.16% 38	1.59% 2	38.89% 49	29.37% 37	126
Fitness and wellness program area	25.20% 31	4.07% 5	37.40% 46	33.33% 41	123
Park lands	51.64% 63	13.93% 17	13.93% 17	20.49% 25	122
Playgrounds	42.74% 53	15.32% 19	30.65% 38	11.29% 14	124
Athletic fields	40.50% 49	9.09% 11	25.62% 31	24.79% 30	121
Tennis courts	42.28% 52	7.32% 9	21.95% 27	28.46% 35	123
Dog parks	10.00% 12	2.50% 3	32.50% 39	55.00% 66	120
Ice arenas	37.50% 45	7.50% 9	26.67% 32	28.33% 34	120
Pools	32.79% 40	3.28% 4	39.34% 48	24.59% 30	122
Nature trails	36.07% 44	4.92% 6	37.70% 46	21.31% 26	122
Picnic areas	44.26% 54	9.02% 11	27.05% 33	19.67% 24	122

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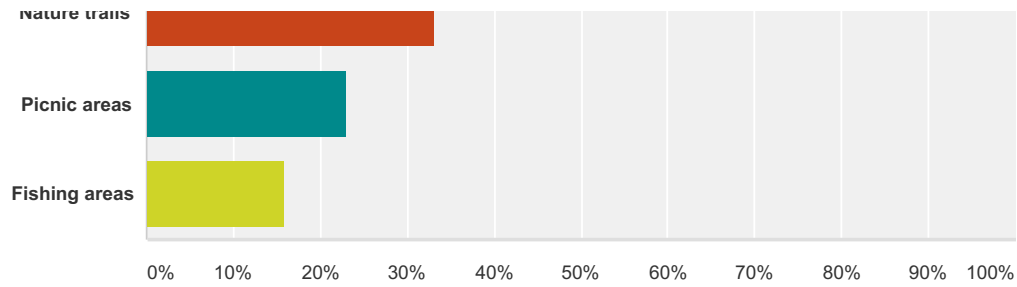
Golf courses	53.28% 65	12.30% 15	8.20% 10	26.23% 32	122
Fishing	17.09% 20	1.71% 2	35.04% 41	46.15% 54	117

Q20 Which facilities/amenities would you like to see more of in the City?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 87



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Walking or biking trails	59.71%	83
On-street bike lanes	37.41%	52
Performing arts space	15.11%	21
Gymnasiums	21.58%	30
Fitness and wellness program areas	42.45%	59
Parklands	14.39%	20
Playgrounds	28.78%	40
Spray parks/Splash pads	41.73%	58
Athletic fields (baseball, softball)	19.42%	27
Athletic fields (soccer, football, lacrosse)	16.55%	23
Tennis courts	15.11%	21
Dog parks	22.30%	31
Recreation centers	26.62%	37
Indoor pools	46.04%	64
Outdoor pools	10.07%	14
18 Hole golf course	7.91%	11
Ice arenas	12.95%	18
Golf courses	5.04%	7
Nature trails	33.09%	46
Picnic areas	23.02%	32
Fishing areas	15.83%	22
Total Respondents: 139		

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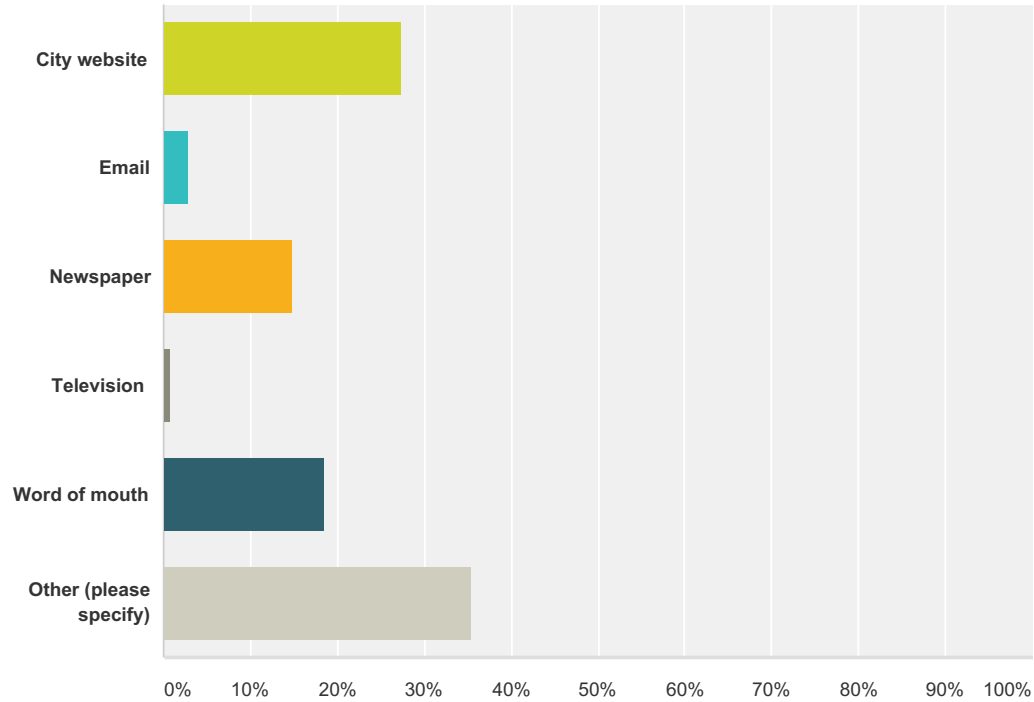
Q21 Are there any facilities not mentioned that you would like to see offered? (Please be specific)

Answered: 25 Skipped: 201

#	Responses	Date
1	A facility devoted to seniors	1/6/2017 1:34 PM
2	Driving ranges	1/4/2017 12:14 PM
3	Stafford Woods Commons is in need of a major overhaul the park has gone by the wayside for too long	1/3/2017 9:45 PM
4	We would love to see better lighting at parks for evening activities. It would make walking much safer. The freeway park could use some updates too. Thanks!	1/3/2017 2:03 PM
5	roller skating	1/3/2017 11:47 AM
6	No	1/3/2017 11:37 AM
7	One thing that's really important - as far as i can tell from old maps, the woods behind the civic center is the only natural area in Southfield that hasn't been farmed at one point (again, as far as I can tell). This would make it a very rare and precious natural resource, as most wooded areas in the city were previously used as farmland. It would also mean that runoff from the golf course into this area would be particularly damaging to the ecosystem. I'm curious if the city has every had a naturalist look at the site and determine whether or not it's virgin forest, and if so, what the best way to preserve it would be.	1/2/2017 8:35 PM
8	No	1/2/2017 8:25 PM
9	No	1/2/2017 8:12 PM
10	Pilates classes or nice environment for preteens	1/2/2017 3:45 PM
11	improved golf practice facilities	1/1/2017 7:40 PM
12	Lap swimming hours and lanes for adults at pool in summer. Indoor water park--see Farmington Hills and Warren facilities for example with areas for older adults as well as young people and therapy connections to hospitals.	12/31/2016 10:24 AM
13	Bike trail along the river!	12/30/2016 9:34 PM
14	Banquet	12/30/2016 7:45 PM
15	see #18	12/29/2016 7:37 PM
16	Roller skating rink	12/23/2016 7:17 PM
17	The open skate hours at the ice arena at civic center drive is not conducive for residents to enjoy.	12/23/2016 9:00 AM
18	Indoor play area or indoor soccer field. We just went to 2/42 community church in Brighton it was all indoors and pretty awesome.	12/23/2016 4:02 AM
19	Indoor facilities like the Livonia Rec Center with pool, running track, fitness/weightlifting equipment, multi-use gyms, dance, billiards, table tennis, and daycare space.	12/22/2016 6:18 PM
20	No	12/22/2016 11:20 AM
21	no	12/21/2016 8:27 PM
22	Fitness gym, Livonia has a nice recreational center, observe their programs and facility	12/15/2016 9:59 AM
23	More bathrooms at parks	12/14/2016 7:25 PM
24	n/a	12/14/2016 10:57 AM
25	More senior programs.	12/10/2016 1:55 PM

Q22 How do you find out about the programs, facilities, and special events at Southfield Parks and Recreation?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 91



Answer Choices	Responses
City website	27.41% 37
Email	2.96% 4
Newspaper	14.81% 20
Television	0.74% 1
Word of mouth	18.52% 25
Other (please specify)	35.56% 48
Total	135

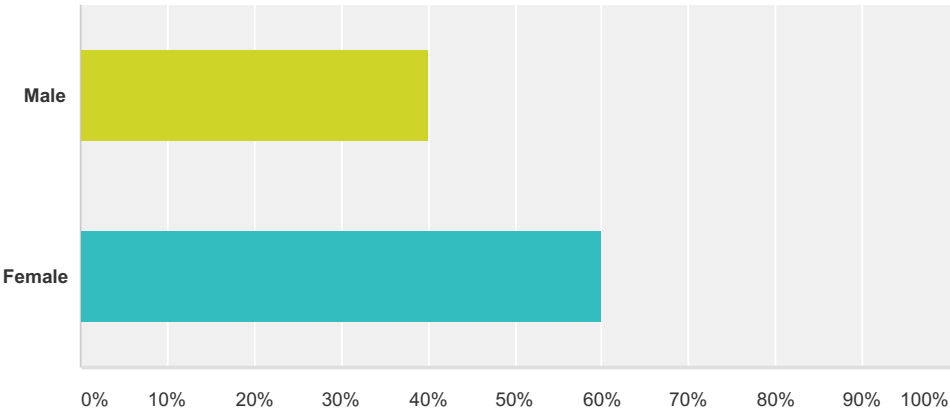
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	City brochure	1/9/2017 5:38 PM
2	OVCA news emails	1/7/2017 10:22 AM
3	Sfld Park/Rec semi-annual booklet	1/6/2017 1:14 PM
4	Southfield Parks and Rec mailing	1/6/2017 1:07 PM
5	Southfield Parks and Rec Book	1/6/2017 11:41 AM
6	Ltu	1/5/2017 4:50 PM
7	Social Media	1/4/2017 12:51 PM

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8	Rec center	1/4/2017 10:56 AM
9	City mailings	1/3/2017 3:47 PM
10	brochure, social media	1/3/2017 11:47 AM
11	Usually see activity to late to register	1/3/2017 7:43 AM
12	The booklet that is mailed to each house	1/3/2017 12:35 AM
13	southfield sun or guide to classes and events mailed to southfield residents	1/2/2017 9:40 PM
14	Social Media	1/2/2017 8:35 PM
15	We don't know what programs are available	1/2/2017 8:29 PM
16	Signs/flyers	1/2/2017 8:12 PM
17	Beechwood	1/2/2017 1:29 PM
18	Parks and rec annual program booklet	1/1/2017 6:12 PM
19	Parks and Recreation program guide	12/30/2016 11:28 PM
20	Mailing	12/30/2016 9:34 PM
21	City of Southfield booklet	12/30/2016 7:45 PM
22	City newsletter, word of mouth.	12/30/2016 10:26 AM
23	Southfield Living Magazine	12/28/2016 4:09 PM
24	Facebook	12/27/2016 7:43 PM
25	Book that's mailed twice a year	12/27/2016 5:03 AM
26	Southfield living	12/23/2016 7:17 PM
27	FB	12/23/2016 3:48 PM
28	Facebook feed	12/22/2016 9:47 PM
29	SOUTHFIELD BOOKLET	12/22/2016 9:05 PM
30	Facebook	12/22/2016 8:28 PM
31	Mailing	12/22/2016 7:04 PM
32	City P&R Guide	12/22/2016 6:18 PM
33	City newsletter	12/22/2016 3:41 PM
34	annual P&R catalog mailed to home	12/22/2016 12:42 PM
35	Facebook	12/22/2016 11:44 AM
36	publication	12/22/2016 11:36 AM
37	City Facebook	12/22/2016 11:20 AM
38	website and southfield annual calendar	12/22/2016 11:14 AM
39	Google	12/21/2016 9:17 PM
40	In passing, signs in the community	12/15/2016 9:59 AM
41	Social Media	12/15/2016 9:25 AM
42	Southfield Living annual publication (Should be made accessible online.)	12/14/2016 12:09 PM
43	n/a	12/14/2016 10:57 AM
44	city brochures and activities book.	12/14/2016 8:58 AM
45	Visit to rec center	12/12/2016 11:27 PM
46	Southfield Guide	12/12/2016 6:52 PM
47	P&R booklet	12/12/2016 3:18 PM
48	City Southfield Living mailer	12/10/2016 1:55 PM

Q23 What is your gender

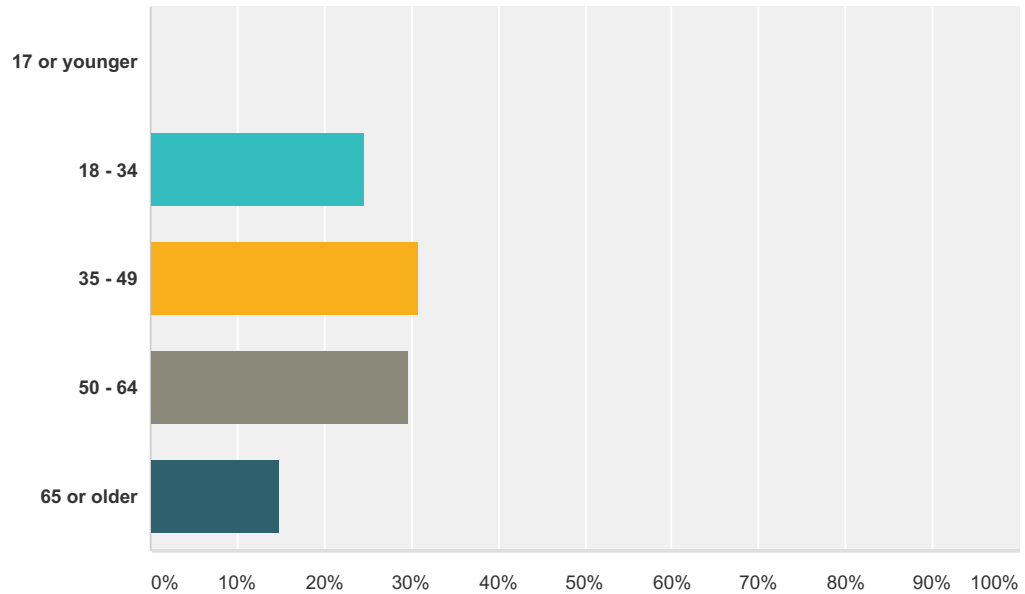
Answered: 140 Skipped: 86



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	40.00%	56
Female	60.00%	84
Total		140

Q24 What is your age?

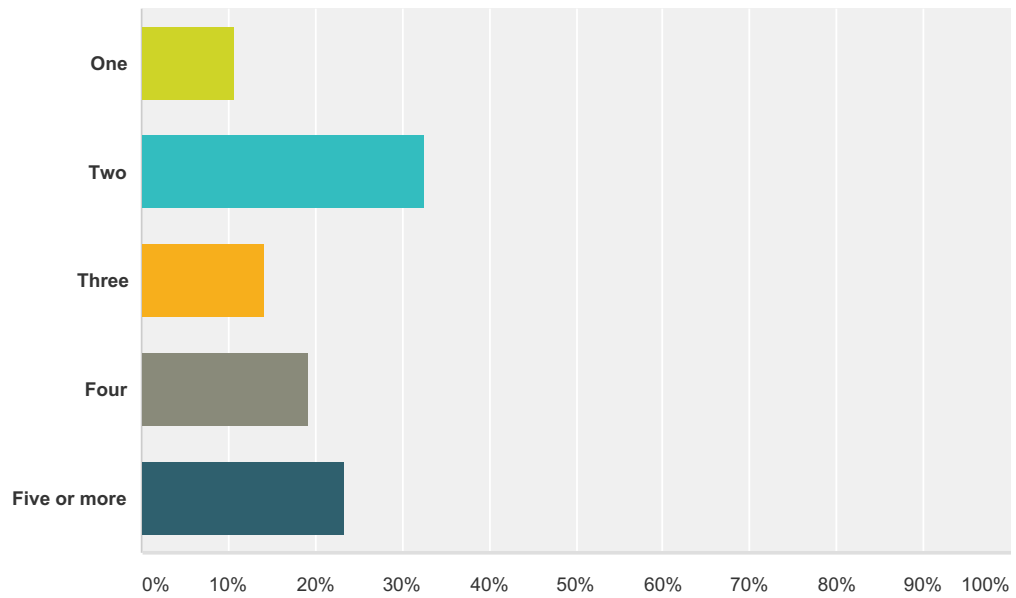
Answered: 142 Skipped: 84



Answer Choices	Responses	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18 - 34	24.65%	35
35 - 49	30.99%	44
50 - 64	29.58%	42
65 or older	14.79%	21
Total		142

Q25 How many people live in your household?

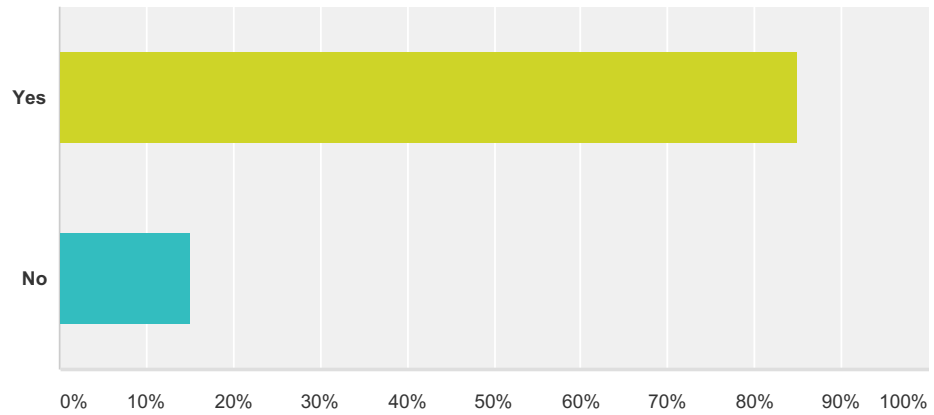
Answered: 141 Skipped: 85



Answer Choices	Responses	
One	10.64%	15
Two	32.62%	46
Three	14.18%	20
Four	19.15%	27
Five or more	23.40%	33
Total		141

Q26 Do you currently live in Southfield?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 86



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	85.00%	119
No	15.00%	21
Total		140

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Q27 If you do not live in Southfield, where do you live?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 202

#	Responses	Date
1	Clawson	1/9/2017 8:52 AM
2	Farmington but I coach at Itu	1/5/2017 4:50 PM
3	Commerce Township	1/3/2017 11:37 AM
4	Pontiac	1/3/2017 10:57 AM
5	West Bloomfield	1/3/2017 7:43 AM
6	oak park	1/2/2017 10:45 PM
7	I lived in Southfield for 10 years, recently moved to a Berkley senior apartment building.	1/2/2017 4:42 PM
8	████████████████████	1/2/2017 1:29 PM
9	Bell Rd. -Pontchaatrain Estates	1/1/2017 7:40 PM
10	On Bell Rd	1/1/2017 6:12 PM
11	Lathrup Village	12/31/2016 10:24 AM
12	12 and Southfield roads	12/30/2016 7:30 AM
13	Detroit - former resident of southfield	12/27/2016 2:13 PM
14	Live in Livonia, but work in Southfield	12/27/2016 12:13 PM
15	Farmington Hills I grew up in Southfield	12/23/2016 7:17 PM
16	Beverly Hills	12/22/2016 2:50 PM
17	Birmingham	12/22/2016 12:54 PM
18	Pinewood Manor Subdivision, Near 13Mile and Southfield Road. (Between Pierce and Southfield road.) There is absolutely NO excitement in my neighborhood.... I sit on the board of the Homeowners Association for the Pinewood Manor; therefore, I hear all the complaints, that there is no activities in our area.	12/19/2016 1:15 PM
19	Waterford	12/15/2016 4:59 PM
20	Commute to Southfield from Detroit	12/15/2016 9:25 AM
21	Detroit	12/14/2016 10:57 AM
22	Redford, MI	12/13/2016 5:46 PM
23	Detroit	12/12/2016 11:27 PM
24	Just outside of Southfield	12/12/2016 12:23 PM

Q28 Thank you for participating in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey! Please provide any additional comments that you have for the Parks & Recreation Plan that are not addressed in the above statements.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 222

#	Responses	Date
1	Would like to have a facility devoted to senior activities.	1/6/2017 1:34 PM
2	I singularly credit the Wellness Center @ the Beech Woods Rec building for maintaining my fitness. The carpet needs changing. Sewage backed up over it a couple years ago. It should have been replaced. Every employee there is knowledgeable and friendly. The turnover is low. Fred is the most engaged and knows every member by name. He is able to coach members re: proper use of the equipment too. Some stationary bikes are in disrepair. Another elliptical machine would be wonderful. Investment in the equipment, the space and the Wellness personnel will pay off in a healthier community. I'd want the good word to be put out about this high potential facility, so it's no longer a secret to Southfield citizens.	1/6/2017 1:16 PM
3	The equipment at the Beech Woods Rec center needs upgrading and repairing. Carpeting in the wellness gym should be removed. Fred should be highly rewarded for his service in the wellness facility. He knows how to use the equipment. He is welcoming. He cleans the equipment when it's not being used. Amazing!	1/6/2017 1:08 PM
4	Bathrooms should be cleaned at night when sports are not in session. Tennis courts at Beech Woods Rec should be lit for evening.	1/6/2017 12:05 PM

CITY CENTRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016

Parks & Recreation Master Plan discussion:

- LTU is looking for public/private partnerships to expand and improve athletic facilities for their expanded sports programs.
- LTU was recently recognized with a bronze Bicycle Friendly University award from the League of American Bicyclists. Continue to partner with the City to expand the bike route and facility network.
- Provide better communication to residents, businesses and students regarding special events, programs and leagues.
- Market recreation facilities & programs' access to business tenants.
- Promote corporate driven leagues, such as but not limited to: volley ball, soft ball and golf.
- Since there is a focus on active living and competition with other communities, continue to expand trails and multi-use pathways throughout the district.
- Promote healthy living through parks & recreation facilities and programs.

1 CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
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4 The Planning Commission Meeting,
5 Taken at 26000 Evergreen Road,
6 Southfield, Michigan,
7 Commencing at 6:31 p.m.,
8 Wednesday, December 14, 2016,
9 Before Earlene Poole-Frazier, CSR-2893.

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1 APPEARANCES:

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3 LINNIE TAYLOR, Chairperson

4 DONALD CULPEPPER, Vice Chairperson

5 LATINA DENSON

6 JEREMY GRIFFIS

7 STEVEN HUNTINGTON

8 ROBERT WILLIS, JR.

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10 TERRY CROAD, City Planner

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1 Southfield, Michigan

2 Wednesday, December 14, 2016

3 6:31 p.m.

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5 MS. TAYLOR: I'd like to call this meeting to
6 order. Would everyone please rise for the Pledge of
7 Allegiance.

8 (Pledge of Allegiance recited at 6:31 p.m.)

9 MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Croad, would you please call
10 the roll?

11 MR. CROAD: Madam Chair, Ms. Taylor?

12 MS. TAYLOR: Here.

13 MR. CROAD: Mr. Culpepper?

14 MR. CULPEPPER: Here.

15 MR. CROAD: Mr. Griffis?

16 MR. GRIFFIS: Here.

17 MR. CROAD: Mr. Huntington?

18 MR. HUNTINGTON: Present.

19 MR. CROAD: Ms. Denson?

20 MS. DENSON: Present.

21 MR. CROAD: Ms. Peoples-Foster is excused.

22 Mr. Willis?

23 MR. WILLIS: Here.

24 MR. CROAD: You do have a quorum to conduct
25 business this evening.

1 call our office for the actual dates. It will be in
2 January. Then you'll come to the regular meeting, I
3 believe it's January 23rd, for your final approval.

4 MR. DRANE: Thank you very much.

5 MR. CROAD: Madam Chair, our next item is a
6 public hearing regarding the proposed Parks and
7 Recreational Master Plan update. I do have a brief
8 PowerPoint presentation, and I would like to make some
9 introductory comments before you hold the public
10 hearing. After the public hearing has been closed, we
11 have received a half dozen letters from homeowner
12 residents, associations, and I'm going to ask the
13 Commission to help read those in the record.

14 Then I want to spend a few moments relating
15 Parks and Recreation comments that we obtained during
16 our Sustainable Southfield Master Plan update. If you
17 could give me a couple minutes to get setup, I'd
18 appreciate it. Thank you.

19 Tonight is the first public hearing on the
20 proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The city's
21 last Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in
22 2011, and the State requires communities to have a
23 five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan approved by
24 the State and Natural Resources to be eligible for
25 future grants, acquisition and development grants.

1 As part of the process, the City has to
2 prepare a draft plan that is made available for 30-day
3 public comment. The plan has to be approved by the
4 City and submitted by March 1st, 2017, to be eligible
5 for an April 1st grant round for funding. Thus, the
6 draft plan will need to be prepared by the end of
7 January, made available for public review, and then the
8 second public hearing will be held at the end of the 30
9 days before it gets moved onto Council for adoption, I
10 believe, at their February 27th meeting.

11 So tonight is the first opportunity for the
12 public to give preliminary comments on the Parks and
13 Recreation facilities, good, bad and ugly. These
14 comments will be incorporated by the Parks and
15 Recreation Department and their consultant, McKenna
16 Associates to prepare a draft plan. They will also be
17 reviewing existing plans such as Sustainable
18 Southfield, our trail plan, other plans that have been
19 prepared by the Planning Commission that are still
20 relevant.

21 I also want to note to the public that there
22 is a comment board in the lobby. You can make
23 additional comments on the way out. And there is an
24 online survey that is available that there's these
25 little note cards available here and in the back where

1 the public can go online and give more in-depth
2 comments towards this Master Plan.

3 As I stated, after a brief presentation and
4 the public hearing, we do have some letters that have
5 been submitted and I'm going to summarize comments that
6 we took during the Sustainable Southfield Master Plan.
7 What my hope here is, to take a minute or two to review
8 potential Parks and Recreation facilities that weren't
9 necessarily covered in the Master Plan, because they've
10 been very fluid projects.

11 The first is the City Centre parcel concept
12 plan. As you're aware, the City purchased the vacant
13 property located across the street at Evergreen,
14 Central Park and Civic Center Drive. There's three
15 parcels that equal approximately 8.15 acres. The City
16 Centre site is an opportunity to build on Southfield's
17 high profile business climate by adding a walkable
18 mixed use destination for shopping, dining,
19 entertainment and new residents.

20 The City Centre parcel concept plan was based
21 on a marketing study, both a commercial marketing study
22 and a residential marketing study. And based on that
23 marketing study, there's a series of mixed-uses that
24 could be developed as part of this project.

25 Now, the focus tonight is on the mixed use,

1 it's on a linear park that was identified as a center
2 gathering space for public engagement, for pedestrian
3 amenities, and for the opportunity to provide special
4 programming and events.

5 Here is a concept of what that mixed-use
6 division could look like with mixed use of four-story
7 buildings, retail on the first floor, residential
8 above, boutique hotel, convention center with glass
9 atrium. But the main east/west access actually comes
10 out of City Hall's front entrance, goes across the
11 yard, across Evergreen through the new development to
12 where Arbor Loft is. This concept seems to evoke the
13 sense of Main Street culture and acting existing assets
14 of the walkable mixed-use development.

15 Here's a rendering of a vision of what this
16 park, this is urban center could look like with a
17 number of amenities, green space seating, programming,
18 potentially a restroom and small kiosk facility, and
19 some flexible programming space. It's surrounded by
20 the mixed-use development with on-street parking with
21 sidewalk seating and integrated into the fabric of this
22 concept vision. Then here's a night vision, looking
23 across the mid block crossing into this new urban park
24 and space. This is the kind of space that I would like
25 to see developed in the City. And we're going to need

1 a little help looking at creative ways of financing.
2 And one potential way of financing is to seek some
3 additional park recreation funding to help build this
4 public space.

5 Also, as you're aware, the City Centre
6 Advisory Board has been working on continuing our
7 pathway network throughout the City Centre. One of the
8 projects is to develop a new non-motorized bike path
9 and multi-use path from Civic Center north to Corporate
10 Drive. This is phase one development with an entrance
11 to Towne Square.

12 Now, these were the concept plans that were
13 adopted with some vision of what it could look like.
14 And there's a series of outdoor routes as you move
15 along the pathway which includes art installations,
16 environmental features, natural habitats and other
17 urban space. And these are pictures that were taken as
18 recently as last Thursday and Friday when the sod was
19 being installed. And as of Monday, this pathway is now
20 open to the public. In the spring, we'll come back and
21 do some additional landscaping and additional
22 amenities. The single-digit weather today, these guys
23 were out there putting bikes and pathway signs in.

24 This section of Northwestern Highway, which
25 was formally a path now has a ten-foot wide meandering

1 bike path, multi-use bike path that connects Civic
2 Center up to northern Lahser Road, and eventually will
3 link a new greenway corridor up and down Northwestern
4 Highway, building upon the more than 12 linear miles of
5 sidewalk, bike paths and multi-use paths that have been
6 developed in the City for the last five years.

7 Finally, another of our exciting
8 opportunities for redevelopment is the former Northland
9 Mall site, which is approximately 120 acres. And here
10 we're just going to focus on the Department of
11 Recreation component of this. But the overreaching
12 goals is to establish an iconic local and regional
13 destination, define a dynamic public space network
14 which unifies the development and creates strong
15 pedestrian networks, connecting the fabric of the
16 community, incorporating innovative and sustainable
17 development solutions, and identifying an integrated
18 depth of reuse opportunities.

19 The districts include green space and street
20 lamp establishing a framework. Creating central green
21 space, capitalizing on existing site grade to be
22 programmed for a variety of uses, and residential land
23 uses located in the interior of the site adjacent to
24 the open space.

25 So this is the former Hudson's/Macy's

1 building, and the City is investigating adaptive reuse
2 of this building in creating a seven and a half acre
3 Central Park with a stormwater feature that would be
4 utilized year-round.

5 This is that lower parking area outside of
6 the former Macy's building. It will drain all the
7 water from the 120 acres and create an amenity or an
8 acre. Also, part of the plan is to create a 1.5 mile
9 linear greenway and park, and then have the spokes of
10 the wheel with greenway infrastructure coming into the
11 center with the proposed development including a 7.5
12 park.

13 Part of the features is to develop
14 residential and mixed use around this green space,
15 creating a series of passive and active parts
16 throughout the development.

17 Here's an example of Fourth Ward Park in
18 Atlanta. They had severe flooding issues. They dealt
19 with that with stormwater mitigation. They created
20 this amenity, which is programmed as an amphitheater, a
21 passive park and year-round activities, and this has
22 become an anchor for new mixed use development around
23 this site. And that's what we envision for this
24 portion of the property.

25 Here's a final rendered plan of a 120 acre

1 mixed-use development. You see the green, Central
2 Park, perimeter of green space, and then a series of
3 these smaller green spaces located throughout the
4 development. And here are concept renderings, what the
5 promenade could look like, what the urban glasses could
6 look like. Civic Center corridor with a stormwater
7 feature here. Ice skating in the winter. Possibly
8 swan boats in the summer. A venue for special events
9 and activities, and then the lifestyle district, which
10 just incorporates small parks out.

11 So I wanted to set that as a framework for
12 potential new Parks and Recreation facilities as well
13 as our existing Parks and Recreation facilities.

14 So with that, Madam Chair, I'm going to turn
15 it over to you to open the public hearing, and then
16 I'll have a few final comments afterwards.

17 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. I now declare the
18 public hearing open for Parks and Recreation Master
19 Plan. If there's anyone in the audience that would
20 care to speak to this topic, please come forward and
21 speak your name and give any comments that you have.

22 MR. MISON: My name is Walter Mison, I live
23 at 22030 Rougewood. I've been part of the Beech Woods
24 Homeowner Association, which is across from Beech Woods
25 Park. I'm here, first of all, to compliment the Parks

1 and Recreation Department for developing Beech Woods
2 Recreation Center. My granddaughter lives at Carnegie
3 Park off of 11 Mile Road at American Center and visits
4 me once a week for babysitting, and she loves the tot
5 lot. It is marvelous. And we're still looking for it
6 to be developed there. Every time we go over there,
7 there's something new and exciting. Personally with
8 the Beech Woods Center, my wife and I enjoy the
9 Wellness Center. It's excellently run, many, multiple
10 facilities there and our health is improved for it.

11 We're looking forward to uniting Carnegie
12 Park condos off of 11 Mile and American Center is the
13 park, which they have -- Parks and Recreation Center
14 have removed the tot lot facilities there, because they
15 play on the play lot. And with the promise that that's
16 going to be developed, too, we're certainly looking
17 forward to that.

18 As the homeowners association, we're looking
19 forward to, hopefully, the plan that was developed for
20 a nature center and the lake. I haven't heard that
21 mentioned tonight. I'm hoping that that can be brought
22 into the plan. There were plans in the drawings and
23 models and things of it for the last couple of years,
24 but for lack of funds that has not been able to be
25 developed. Perhaps it will be in the near future with

1 your help.

2 In our subdivision itself we have a vacant
3 lot, which is at the corner of Beech Woods and
4 Maplewood or Rougewood and rather and Maplewood. It
5 was a residence at one time and failed to disuse and
6 was vacated. The property was offered for auction on
7 two occasions by the Oakland County. Not having had
8 any people bid on it, it became property of the City of
9 Southfield.

10 MS. TAYLOR: Excuse me, you have ten seconds
11 left.

12 MR. MISON: Carl said that each subdivision
13 by the City decree was hoping to develop private parks.

14 MS. TAYLOR: Sir, your time is up.

15 MR. MISON: We would like you to consider a
16 private park in that location.

17 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 MS. Bell: Good evening, my name is Jerry
19 Bell. My question is, the plan sounds real good, what
20 you're planning on doing with Northland. But I hear
21 that Triumph, I don't know if that's true, is that
22 still going to be part of J.C. Penny's, how's that
23 going to fit into the plan? Does anybody know, have
24 you heard that Triumph Church is going to be the owner
25 of the J.C. Penny's building?

1 MS. TAYLOR: I can't answer that at this
2 particular time. That would be referred to
3 administration. We're only taking comments on the
4 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

5 MS. Bell: The plan sounds really good.

6 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 MR. TRUDEAU: Hello, I'm Scott Trudeau, the
8 athletic director at Lawrence Tech University in
9 Southfield. I'm here to work with the Parks and Rec
10 Department and to enhance our partnership that we
11 currently have, keep our students safe, loosen the
12 economy of the City and help out the Parks and Rec
13 Department by renting their facilities for practices
14 and competition.

15 I've been at Lawrence Tech for 15 years and
16 we've gone through a lot of growth in those 15 years.
17 We started with athletics in 2011 with five teams. We
18 currently have five teams competing on our campus. Not
19 our campus, that's kind of why I'm here. We have over
20 350 student athletes at Lawrence Tech. The problem is
21 we only have seven of our 24 teams that practice or
22 compete 100 percent on our campus, or in the City of
23 Southfield, I should say.

24 For example, our woman's lacrosse team has 18
25 players traveling to Farmington Hills five days a week

1 for six weeks. That's 540 different times a week they
2 can keep an athlete in the City of Southfield, possibly
3 eat at a local restaurant and what have you. So
4 approximately 230 students from Lawrence Tech travel
5 outside the City of Southfield to practices and to
6 competitions, which is half of student athletes. We've
7 obviously outgrown our current facilities, we have one
8 gym, one turf field and one very small weight room. So
9 that's why we're here.

10 We have 150 home competitions a year that we
11 host, and they're not all within the City of
12 Southfield, but we'd like to up that number in
13 partnering with the Parks and Rec Department to keep
14 our competitions within the City. In 2019, as we look
15 to expand, already football teams on campus, possibly
16 two more hockey teams, and a possible track and field
17 teams. So we will get 625 athletes at that time.

18 MS. TAYLOR: Your time is up, sir.

19 MR. TRUDEAU: Thank you.

20 MS. TAYLOR: I'm sorry, I should tell you
21 that you have three minutes to speak.

22 MR. ELDRIDGE: Madam Chair, thank you and
23 Commission Members for providing us a chance to speak
24 with you. My name is Stan Eldridge, I'm the head
25 baseball coach at Lawrence Tech University. I'm

1 approaching my second year there. And when I was
2 hired, I was tasked with a number of things, starting a
3 brand new program from the ground up. Again, my 18th
4 year of coaching at the collegiate level, and this was
5 a questionable and more enjoyable but difficult tasks
6 in putting this together this for student athlete.

7 One of the tasks was, first of all, to get us
8 to the point where we had a student athlete that was
9 willing to move to Southfield and play with us. We
10 were able to accomplish that. We have well over 30
11 players moving towards 35 shortly,ly after a year and a
12 half.

13 The second task was to make sure that we were
14 able to provide them the equipment, the apparel and
15 necessities to get at collegiate level. We were able
16 accomplish that.

17 Task number three for us was to provide them
18 facilities on or near our campus so that they could
19 practice and compete and have their families and
20 friends come in and witness their collegiate
21 experience. That is the task that we're here with you
22 tonight that we're trying to accomplish, to see if we
23 can partner with the community to do that and move us
24 much closer to our home on campus. Currently, we are
25 traveling to local municipalities, Farmington Hills,

1 Wixom, Uniden and a number of other places. Those
2 combined travels have taken us away for approximately
3 450 hours worth of hour of competition and practice,
4 over the course of 24 to 32 weeks, when you add in
5 everything that we do.

6 While it's a difficult of course to travel,
7 my primary concern as a coach and as a parent, not only
8 with my own children but as a quasi parent to these
9 young men is the risk and liability that we incur
10 travelling these busy roads in our community here. So
11 we're hoping that as we move forward, that the parking
12 bring those facilities closer to home, and as well what
13 would be the financial benefits of having us do that so
14 our young men and their families are spending the money
15 within the City of Southfield and not giving it to
16 municipalities that we reside and call our home.

17 I've brought some documents to give you. If
18 there's some questions I can answer later, I will
19 certainly be more than happy to come back and do that.
20 Thank you.

21 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 MS. BALL: Thank you for the opportunity to
23 speak today. My name is Anna Ball. I am the head
24 softball coach at Lawrence Tech. As Coach Eldridge
25 mentioned, we were tasked with starting a baseball and

1 softball team at Lawrence Tech. This is our first year
2 of competition. I have a little bit different of a
3 task. If you have been over to Lawrence Tech, you know
4 we're predominantly male, so my job was to bring in 22
5 female student athletes, in which we did bring in 22.
6 Eighteen of which are freshmen, three are from
7 California, one from Wisconsin, one from Canada, and
8 the rest are from Michigan. We have three coaches on
9 staff, one who is a Southfield School employee, and we
10 are really excited about being able to participate and
11 play softball at Lawrence Tech and in the City of
12 Southfield and promote the values that each stand for.

13 We're allowed 24 weeks out of the academic
14 year to compete in sports specific competition and
15 practice. Out of those 24 weeks, the softball team
16 hosts eight home games, of which we are participating
17 at Novi High School in Novi, Michigan for those. We do
18 spend about 25 percent of our time in the City of
19 Southfield for practices at Inglenook and at the
20 Southfield Civic Center. Those facilities,
21 unfortunately, do not meet the NCLA required dimensions
22 to participate fully for our program.

23 So of the 42 days in the fall and the 102
24 days of practice in the spring, we find ourselves -- we
25 tried to go to North Farmington and it was not feasible

1 for us, that's why we ended up coming back to Inglenook
2 and Civic Center. We participated in the round-robin
3 in Novi that we could potentially host in the City of
4 Southfield, if we were able to have the dimensional
5 facilities. We hosted our camp at a park in Novi,
6 Michigan. We are now practicing, moving from the
7 winter to spring at Oakland Yard in Waterford,
8 Michigan, Troy, Michigan, and Strike Zone in Novi,
9 Michigan, Novi High School and Total Sports in Wixom,
10 Michigan.

11 It is the heart, I know, of our athletic
12 department and also need to really be able to
13 participate fully in the City of Southfield. We have
14 been working with a number of different people,
15 principals and the like to really try and be more
16 involved in the City of Southfield in terms of trying
17 to become tutors during the day for students,
18 elementary, middle school, high school. Trying to be
19 involved with girls on the run, trying to be involved
20 in your celebrity readers program. That's the heart of
21 our institution, the heart of our athletic department,
22 the heart of our program, and we would love to be able
23 to play in the City of Southfield.

24 When we did practice at Inglenook, I did have
25 a couple of community members come up to me and they

1 did acknowledge the fact that they were excited to see
2 softball at Inglenook Park, they were asking a bunch of
3 questions and they were really excited to see there is
4 softball and baseball now in the City at the collegiate
5 level and wanted to be a part of that. And I also have
6 documents.

7 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 MR. LaRUE: Hello, I'm Jonathan LaRue, I'm
9 the assistant golf coach at Lawrence Tech. Lawrence
10 Tech golf utilizes three off-campus facilities in
11 Southfield. Evergreen here, Plum Hollow, and Beech
12 Woods. We would have a great interest in more
13 opportunities at Evergreen Golf Course to make
14 collegiate golf more feasible. We have some ideas that
15 can increase our usage within Metro Detroit. We
16 utilize Farmington Hills Golf Club for the driving
17 range golf course approximately 40 percent of our
18 practice. Farmington Hills provides the best rates of
19 any area courses, with the exception of Plum Hollow.
20 On the days we're allowed to be there, approximately
21 ten percent of our practice will vary, based on
22 availability of the course in the area. The other
23 30 percent of our local practice is on campus and/or
24 our facility.

25 We posted one event locally in our two and a

1 half years of the program. Typically, we average ten
2 events. These events generate an estimated \$500,000 in
3 local economy growth and impacts the communities. This
4 year we're hosting five events in Michigan that will
5 have an impact of \$150,000. Wisconsin, two events.
6 150, Illinois, Alabama and Kentucky.

7 The only real opportunity to create impacts
8 in this manner in Southfield would be Plum Hollow.
9 Only a small portion of the impact seen in these
10 communities are paid to the hotels, golf course, and
11 restaurants are the biggest winners when the City
12 tournament is held in the City. Thank you.

13 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 MR. GAFFNEY: Is it okay just to give you a
15 handout. There's one for each of you if you want to
16 pass them down. Thank you for having the opportunity
17 to address the Planning Commission. I'm Ken Gaffney,
18 the head coach with the Lawrence Tech men's hockey
19 program. As our athletic director Scott had mentioned,
20 we currently have two men's programs here on campus,
21 but we have plans to have a third men's team and a
22 woman's program. So the plan is to have four teams
23 sooner, rather than later, targeted for the 2018
24 season, which is just one planning year away.

25 At the top of the page, I gave you a little

1 bit of information about, a couple of years ago, the
2 hockey program was a single program, roughly 26 kids.
3 They would draw maybe 1200 fans in a year. Last year
4 we launched the second team. This year we still have
5 two teams running. We have 56 student athletes in the
6 program. We'll have about 3500 fans that will come
7 through the Southfield Civic Centre arena. When we add
8 the third and fourth team, we'll have 100 student
9 athletes in the hockey program alone, and we'll expect
10 8,000 people to come through the building and watch all
11 the various games.

12 Our problem with the hockey program is a
13 little bit different from the story you just heard from
14 softball, baseball and the feel of programs on campus.
15 Again, we have a home, Southfield Civic Arena. We've
16 been there since early 1990s, we're the longest running
17 athletic program on campus. I've been there eight
18 years. We love our home. We feel it's an on-campus
19 experience for our students, our fans. The problem
20 that we're running into now is it's becoming obsolete
21 for the growth of our program. We need a locker room
22 facilities. We need a training room, meeting room. We
23 need a presence in the building as well.

24 So our approach with the hockey program is to
25 match our vision of four teams. Right now as the

1 Southfield Civic Arena stands, it would be problematic
2 for us with a third team or fourth team. Our students
3 have to take their gear home in the dorms. We don't
4 have room right now for our two teams, even when we
5 have back to back games on a single night. So really
6 we're looking to partner with the City. We've been in
7 contact with people within the City of Southfield for
8 the past couple years with great interaction with the
9 manager and also the director with some of these ideas.
10 And we're looking to partner with the City and get some
11 form of a green light to go in there and say allow LTU
12 to start upgrading the facility. We have resources
13 that we feel we can access, possibly paint the interior
14 of the building, to maybe upgrade the lobby, maybe add
15 locker room facilities. And we're going to need this
16 for expansion of our program.

17 MS. TAYLOR: Your time is up, sir.

18 MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you very much. I
19 appreciate it. Thank you.

20 MR. SPRINGER: My name is Courtney Springer,
21 and I'm a resident of Southfield. A couple things that
22 I would like, that my friends and I talked about,
23 beyond children, as far as parks and things that we
24 were interested in, maybe some kind of an indoor pool,
25 I think that's something that maybe Council or Parks

1 and Recreation with Council can agree on and look into.

2 Also, another thing that my friends and I
3 spoke about was a roller skating opportunity for kids
4 and adults. It's just something I think that our
5 demographic in our City would look forward to and could
6 enjoy. And one more thing is I enjoy playing
7 basketball at Beech Woods. But my friends and I
8 sometimes would like to play outside. With the element
9 that the City may be worried about, as far as some
10 things with outside basketball courts, but I think that
11 having that option somewhere in the City would be
12 interesting and would bring something to just the
13 overall City, and because I know my friends and I would
14 enjoy things we have talked about as parents and as
15 young men that live in the City.

16 MS. TAYLOR: Before you leave, could you give
17 us your address?

18 MR. SPRINGER: 25435 Saint James.

19 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Is there anyone else
20 that would like to comment on the Parks and Rec Master
21 Plan?

22 MS. GARRETT: Good evening, ladies and
23 gentlemen, my name is Keroline Garrett, I'm a resident
24 of the City of Southfield. I would like to present a
25 bulletin program to the committee. We have been at the

1 recreation center for about five years. We're a close
2 group of 12 people. We'd like to open it up to more
3 people. We cater to seniors and we provide an outlet
4 for seniors to network with other people, with other
5 seniors, because when you get to age of retire, you're
6 in a situation where you don't socialize with as many
7 people as you did when you were working. So what we
8 provided is a quilting, art and opportunities for
9 neighborhood kids as well. We'd like to continue to be
10 part of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan
11 going forward, and we hope we can get a bigger facility
12 so we can have more people in the program. Thank you.

13 MS. TAYLOR: Could we have your address?

14 MS. GARRETT: 28783 Everett Street,
15 Southfield. Thank you.

16 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing
17 none, I declare the public hearing closed.

18 MR. CROAD: Madam Chair, I did hand out some
19 comments that were received in writing. I would ask if
20 we could go through and have those read into the record
21 before I go through my synopsis.

22 MS. TAYLOR: Okay. We'll start with
23 Commissioner Huntington.

24 MR. HUNTINGTON: Okay. I have a letter here
25 from John Adams, president of the Southfield Parks and

1 Rec Club and also founder of Friends of Carpenter Lake.
2 He had two concerns he had listed here. Number one
3 states that the plans for a nature and visitor center
4 at Carpenter Lake which was shelved due to the economic
5 downturn should be dusted off and put back on the
6 agenda.

7 Number two, he mentions that the trails at
8 Bauervic and Evergreen Woods should be rehabbed and
9 paved such as the ones at Inglenook and Carpenter Lake.
10 Throwing down wood chips every once in a while is
11 futile and doesn't address the problem of the crossing
12 of those streams. That's his input for the moment, and
13 he'll try to attend this meeting.

14 MS. TAYLOR: Commissioner Willis?

15 MR. WILLIS: Thank you. This letter I will
16 read. Dear Mr. Croad, my name is Cynthia Bernardi(ph),
17 a Southfield homeowner at 5000 Town Center. As a
18 seasoned resident, I've enjoyed gardening in the
19 historic site of at Mary Thompson Farms for more than
20 12 years, which is the reason I'm writing your this
21 letter. In past years in the park, repeatedly at the
22 peak of growing season in the park, that date was set
23 aside by the Parks and Recreation Department for all
24 residents of Southfield and their families to visit the
25 gardens. It was called Autumn Festival. The people

1 could either walk or enjoy hayrides through the gardens
2 or get a bird's-eye view of what we seniors have grown.
3 But due to the financial restraints in the City, the
4 festival was discontinued at the gardens and the name
5 was changed to some water fest and combined with other
6 activities on the grounds of the Civic Center.

7 Would it be possible as part of our annual
8 senior citizens group to reinstate the Autumn Festival
9 so our residents could once again tour this restored
10 gem of Southfield? Thank you.

11 MS. TAYLOR: Okay. I have a letter from Ken
12 Petersen. It says I am unable to attend the public
13 hearing to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, and
14 I am therefore providing my preliminary thoughts in
15 this written form. When updating the 2011 Parks and
16 Recreation Master Plan, I hope that planners will draw
17 extensively from Sustainable Southfield Master Plan
18 using the Mind Mixer Research to help set priorities.

19 Special events are, for example, at or near
20 the top of wish lists of activities that please
21 residents and attract visitors. Attracting visitors to
22 Southfield, we can have festivals and special events,
23 restaurants, shopping, retail, parks, rec, options,
24 plays, live theater, museums and art shows, movie
25 theaters, sports events and others. Special events are

1 or should be tactics strategically designed to improve
2 amenities for those who live and work in Southfield,
3 while making the City a destination that attracts
4 visitors.

5 Success as measured by attendance
6 participation is driven by promotion, marketing and
7 communication. Resident sources of information
8 reported in the 2011 Parks and Rec Master Plan were
9 pre-digital. How often do we hear I didn't know about
10 it. Master Plan updates should include a strategic
11 marketing review and an evaluation of media
12 alternatives.

13 Desperate entities within the City of
14 Southfield currently plan and promote special events.
15 In addition to Parks and Rec, in updating the Parks and
16 Rec Master Plan, planners should consider ways to
17 encourage collaboration among Parks and Rec, the
18 Southfield Public Library, the City of Southfield, the
19 Downtown Development Authority, the City Centre
20 Advisory Board and Lawrence Tech.

21 When silos are torn down, collaboration can
22 invite pooling of resources. Coordination of event
23 timing, consistency in communication messages, graphics
24 and media are more effective marketing tactics.
25 Respectfully submitted, Ken Petersen, President of 5000

1 Condominium Association.

2 MR. CULPEPPER: This letter is from the
3 Southfield Downtown Development Authority. On behalf
4 of the Southfield Downtown Development Authority Board
5 of Directors, I'm writing to express our unequivocal
6 support of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Master
7 Plan update. This very important process will not only
8 impact the entire City, but specifically we will have
9 an effect on the future development of the Northland
10 Mall, as you may be aware. The City will be applying
11 for assistance through the State of Michigan Department
12 of Natural Resources to assist with public and green
13 space at the mall.

14 As part of this effort, an updated plan is
15 essential to receive the most maximum attention and,
16 hopefully, approval for future funding. Recently, OHM
17 advisors completed the Master Plan for the Northland
18 Mall Development. An essential component of this is a
19 green space network that needs the dynamic misuse
20 designation of a Central Park, shopping, lifestyle and
21 innovation district. It will provide a unique space to
22 live, work, and place for businesses, workers and
23 citizens to enjoy.

24 As such, the DDA is proud to support the
25 efforts of the city's Parks and Recreation Department,

1 and hopes that the Commission approves the plan this
2 evening so as to better the City of Detroit.

3 Any questions or concerns, I may be reached
4 at 248-796-5194. Thank you, Sincerely, Executive
5 Director, Al Aceves.

6 MR. GRIFFIS: I have a document, it's a
7 bullet point format. It's a City Centre Advisory Board
8 Meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Parks and
9 Recreation Master Plan Discussion. LTU is looking for
10 a public/private partnership to expand and improve
11 athletic facilities for there extended sport programs.

12 LTU was recently recognized with a Bronze
13 Bicycle Friendly University Award from the League of
14 American Bicyclists, continue to partners with the City
15 to expand the bike route and facility network. Provide
16 better communication to residents, businesses, and
17 students regarding special events, programs and
18 leagues. Market recreation facilities and programs
19 access to business tenants. Promote corporate driven
20 leagues such as, but not limited to, volleyball,
21 softball and golf.

22 Since there is a focus on active living and
23 competition with other community tills, continue to
24 expand trails and multi-use pathways throughout the
25 district, promote healthy living through Parks and

1 Recreation facilities and programs.

2 MR. CROAD: I believe that concludes the
3 letters that we received from residents. I would like
4 to take a few minutes just to highlight some of the
5 comments that were received through the Sustainable
6 Southfield Master Plan. Under community priorities:
7 In the overall vision of Southfield, one of the most
8 important issues facing our community, improve
9 pedestrian bicycle connections. Preserve open space
10 and green belts, and expand recreation facilities were
11 among the top responses.

12 Additional comments included creating
13 hang-out places, more landscaped trees and more bicycle
14 trails.

15 How can we create a more connected
16 Southfield? Number one, comments received were bike,
17 sidewalk and walking path connectivity, more community
18 events, create an urban park, gathering space,
19 encourage outdoor activity, expand Valley Woods Trail
20 along the Rouge River, and more ethnic festivals.

21 With regard to what does sustainability mean
22 to you? The number two most highest response was more
23 green spaces, more bike, sidewalk and walking path
24 connectivity, and more community events.

25 Under Northland Center Redevelopment, indoor

1 recreation facility including basketball, paint ball,
2 archery, soccer, swimming, climbing walls, track and a
3 water park, and a minor league ballpark were some of
4 the comments received during input.

5 With regards to economic development and the
6 arts, what can we do to highlight and promote the
7 theaters and art galleries to support our local
8 artists? Number one was additional city-sponsored art
9 events, competitions and shows, create a large art
10 event festival like ArtPrize. Focus on INDIE, meaning
11 independent craft scenes and festivals, and bring back
12 the art show at Evergreen Hills.

13 With questions dealing with walkability and
14 trails and non-motorized transit, how important is
15 trail development to you in the next five years? Of
16 those that responded, 98 percent said it was important
17 or somewhat important. Projects to enhance trails and
18 walkability in the next ten years? Almost 70 percent
19 said additional bike trails and facilities or
20 pedestrian connections, specifically Civic Center,
21 Eleven Mile adjacent to the Rouge River, and pedestrian
22 connections along Northwestern Highway, the City Centre
23 to the DDA area.

24 Getting to the park, how do you and your
25 family get to your favorite Southfield Park from home?

1 Sixty-five percent drive, 20 percent walk, and
2 15 percent bicycle.

3 Walking and biking in Southfield. Are
4 existing sidewalks and trails serving your needs?
5 Twenty-seven percent said no, 27 percent said yes, and
6 almost half had other. But the specific comments
7 included improving bicycle conditions, routes and
8 safety, filling in gaps in the sidewalk system and
9 maintenance.

10 What would encourage you to bike more
11 frequently? Number one was additional bike racks.
12 Number two was bike share program. And create more and
13 upgraded existing bike trails and path.

14 As far as attracting visitors to the City of
15 Southfield, three of the top responses included more
16 festivals, special events, create Parks and Recreation
17 opportunities and sports events. Other comments
18 included walkability, paint ball and outdoor events.
19 When promoting our cultural gems, large scale art
20 displays and event promotion were listed.

21 With regard to photo share, gardens, and The
22 Berg, Mary Thompson Farm and Northland Art were all
23 shared.

24 What are your thoughts on public art in the
25 City? One suggestion was to add more art to the public

1 parks.

2 When asked what your favorite cultural gem is
3 in Southfield? The baseball field, Mary Thompson Farm,
4 the Rouge River Trail, Carpenter Lake, and the Nature
5 Preserve were all mentioned.

6 There was several comments regarding
7 improving water quality. When asked about preservation
8 of environmental resources, is it important to preserve
9 environmental resources, our floodplains, wetlands,
10 woodlands, lake river quality? Seventy-five percent
11 strongly agreed, 17 percent agreed. And additional
12 comments included native plantings, preservation of
13 rivers, wetlands and accessibility and connectivity to
14 those sites.

15 As far as from which community can we draw on
16 inspiration if we were to preserve the environment?
17 There were several communities that were listed,
18 including Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Troy, West Bloomfield,
19 Farmington and Heritage Park. But specific items
20 include more trees, accessibility to parks, connecting
21 green ways, incorporating green space, creating central
22 gathering spaces, preservation of water features,
23 having a bike share program, creating no ozones,
24 balancing development.

25 How can we strike balance between residential

1 and preservation development by residential and
2 developing more resources? Implement small parks,
3 provide more pedestrian amenities, develop a City Green
4 Master Plan and incorporate more outdoor into
5 development.

6 When the question was asked about going
7 green, what is the simplest thing you can do to go
8 green in your own life? Native plantings was
9 mentioned.

10 As far as urban design inspiration, as we
11 continue to focus on the revitalization of the City
12 Centre District, where should our efforts be
13 concentrated? More pedestrian activity, providing more
14 special events, more biking activity, creating more
15 gathering spaces, providing more pedestrian amenities.

16 What other city or design elements could be
17 used in Southfield? Walkability and connectivity was
18 number one. Bikeability was number three. Creating
19 more green space, creating exciting projects like the
20 Highland Park in New York City, more gathering spaces,
21 special events and an tennis club.

22 What do you think are the most distinctive
23 characteristics of our architecture in Southfield?
24 Parks, Carpenter Lake, balance of urban and green
25 space, the Rouge River basin and wildlife were

1 mentioned.

2 What are your favorite parks in Southfield?
3 The top four were Inglenook Park with 25 percent of
4 respondents; Civic Center Park with 92 percent;
5 Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve with 13 percent, and
6 Beech Woods Park with ten percent. Favorite park
7 pastimes included walking and running was number one.
8 Sports was number two, bicycling number three, and
9 observing or photographing wildlife was number four.

10 What specific sports do you engage in at our
11 parks? Indoor fitness, baseball, softball, swimming,
12 golf, volleyball, tennis all had about equal comments.

13 What amenities would you like to see at our
14 parks? Restrooms, water fountains, trash receptacles,
15 seating and shade were number one. A dog park was
16 number two. Longer additional travel for walking,
17 running and bicycle trails. Green improvements
18 including recycling bins, recycled river walk is a,
19 solar-powered barbecues, charging stations and water
20 pumps.

21 When asked what would make the biggest impact
22 in the way of space making? Top responses included
23 improve pedestrian activity, more pedestrian amenities,
24 more social and community events and more gathering
25 spaces. When someone uses the term place making what

1 do you think of? Streetscaping, pedestrian amenities
2 was number one. Concert and bandshell was number two,
3 public and green spaces was number three, walkability,
4 connectivity, accessibility and more recreation
5 opportunities, programs and events were in the top six.

6 How would you redevelop Evergreen/Civic
7 Center Drive? Creating a plaza, park, green space for
8 concerts and amphitheater and better walkability.

9 Which would you rate as excellent, good and
10 why? Park facilities was number three. Recreational
11 programs was in the top ten.

12 Which would you rate poorly and why?
13 Recreation programs was one of the responses. Do you
14 think Southfield existing programs and facilities
15 reflect the interest of current residents? Beech Woods
16 needs improvement. And there's additional comments.

17 Why do you choose to live in Southfield?
18 Parks and Recreation opportunities was one of the top
19 responses.

20 How do you encourage student engagement in
21 our community? Garden Club Community Gardens, City
22 projects, and additional volunteer opportunities.

23 With regard to health, which of these
24 health-related statements resound with you? More
25 sidewalks, bike lanes, more public spaces, activities.

1 What can we do to make our community a
2 healthier one? Build an indoor recreation center with
3 a pool, more group activities, facilitate biking,
4 walking, establish a dog park, create a Farmers Market,
5 more walking. And there's discussions about continuing
6 to fill in the gaps in our sidewalk and pathway system.

7 I think that's it on the highlights of the
8 comments that were received during the Master Plan.

9 There also are a number of very specific
10 goals and action items that are listed in Chapter 11,
11 implementation. And for the sake of time, I won't read
12 through those, but we will make sure that the Parks and
13 Recreation Department and our consultants get a copy of
14 those action plans. They're specific to Parks and
15 Recreation facilities. Thank you.

16 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioners?

17 MR. CULPEPPER: To the Chair?

18 MS. TAYLOR: Commissioner Culpepper?

19 MR. CULPEPPER: Let me say this is, in my
20 opinion, a Master Plan. In this plan it covers the
21 quality of life for each and every resident, visitor or
22 friend in the City of Southfield, in my opinion. This
23 plan covers maintenance, parks, facilities. It has
24 programs for senior citizens. It has programs for
25 kids, along with the marketing promoting. To me, the

1 most impressive is the quality of work life that this
2 plan has set aside. We've got bike trails. We're
3 trying to make the City walkable for more people. It
4 also would have improve the property values. And as we
5 heard, almost to a T, everyone that came forward that
6 talked, basically, talked about partnership. In this
7 plan is steps and goals. There is a part in here for
8 establishing partnership.

9 I think we have an excellent director of
10 Parks and Recreation. I know that she will do
11 everything and anything she can to make this a very,
12 very prosperous and workable business. This is what
13 she does. She's good at what she does. So the things
14 that we need to do for the goals and the next steps, I
15 know with her leadership and guidance we can do this.

16 So, in my opinion, we're going to establish a
17 partnership with local sports team. We're going to
18 establish a partnership with local school districts. I
19 know she will make this happen, if possible. But this
20 plays out everything that we could possibly ask to be
21 done in Parks and Recreation. Our facilities are
22 great. They're upgraded and we try to keep them
23 running. Again, I applaud this. This is a Master
24 Plan, in my opinion. Thank you.

25 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Anyone else?

1 Commissioner Griffis?

2 MR. GRIFFIS: When I think about Master
3 Plans, a lot of times we're talking about something
4 that's really far off in the future. I think
5 personally seeing Evergreen Road develop with the
6 roundabouts and the bike trails has been really
7 amazing. I live just south of here. I can literally
8 go out my front door, get on a bike trail and go for
9 miles. And I saw that the last two years, I have two
10 young daughters, they're six and eight, they learned
11 how to ride their bikes recently. That's their
12 personal bike trail, as far as they're concerned. They
13 think it's the coolest thing in the world that they can
14 just go and we don't have to cross major lanes of
15 traffic and it's really exciting to them.

16 So years ago there wasn't this kind of
17 activity, sidewalks. You'd have to jump hills and, you
18 know, there's 300 or thousands of feet of no sidewalks,
19 that you have to go across broken parking lots to get
20 to a restaurant. Now you can get to 30 restaurants all
21 on foot or bike. It's been really amazing to see that
22 development happen. And now there's this physical
23 building experience that you can point to when a new
24 developer comes in and says, you know, continue on this
25 trend, this is a real positive trend that's started

1 here. And the developers want to be around that
2 activity.

3 It's great because Lawrence Tech is right
4 here, too. So now you've got Lawrence Tech connecting
5 with the City Centre and going to all these other
6 athletic facilities. There's really a lot more
7 activity in the four to five years. They're used to be
8 zero activity around here. Barely, anybody walking,
9 barely anybody on bikes. And it's really exciting to
10 see it continue to grow. And I think with a couple of
11 these new projects, the new potential development
12 across the road from City Hall here, there's a really
13 big opportunity for community gathering space. It
14 could be a really interesting park. It could be a
15 really interesting amphitheater. That would be, I
16 think, the natural spot for the festivals to expand and
17 become more dynamic. And although personally I think
18 it's a little further off than the Northland
19 Redevelopment, this big idea, and it's a huge idea,
20 perhaps a lake in the center and a Central Park that
21 everything develops around could be really great. And
22 I'm excited for that one, for the long distance bike
23 trail that gets around that entire development.

24 So I would maybe get in my car and take my
25 bike down there and spend a little more time and expand

1 on the short distant bike trails that I have here.
2 There's been a lot of positive momentum in Parks and
3 Recreation, and I think adopting this new Master Plan
4 can keep everything moving forward in the right
5 direction.

6 MS. TAYLOR: Commissioner Willis?

7 MR. WILLIS: Thank you. I, too, think it's a
8 great plan. I want to make sure that we're not
9 overlooking things. I have a son who's now in his
10 twenties who was raised in the City of Southfield. He
11 always talks about the absence of basketball courts,
12 where he can go to play basketball with friends. That
13 seems to be not emphasized. Like the gentleman was
14 saying, they would like somewhere to play basketball.
15 Where's the specific attraction for them, too, and I
16 want to make sure while we go forward, that we include
17 that.

18 I love the plan. It addresses seniors. I
19 love the opportunity to partner with institutions like
20 Lawrence Tech. So it seems to be comprehensive itself.
21 So I want to make sure that we can ensure that all our
22 kids have the exercise and the sports opportunity and
23 we not overlook it.

24 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner
25 Huntington?

1 MR. HUNTINGTON: I, too, think the Master
2 Plan is very good. It's definitely headed in the right
3 direction. It's good to hear from other people in the
4 audience here, because it makes me think about a few
5 other things that we hadn't even thought about, such as
6 basketball. Because you played basketball as a kid in
7 your backyard. Indoor swimming pool, something like
8 that. I know it's something in the picture and it's
9 possible to do, but it is a great idea that could
10 happen.

11 I'd like to see more events in Southfield
12 such as, you know, we're trying to be more bike
13 friendly. I went to Milford one time and they had a
14 big bike race there. It brought a lot of communities,
15 they had a lot of people together. It was a really fun
16 afternoon. They closed off some of the streets and
17 they had serious biking going on, all ages, from four
18 on up. It was a really nice day for everybody. It
19 brought a lot of new people to the community. We need
20 a lot of special events like that. The city's to the
21 point where we can accommodate something like that with
22 the new bike trails coming in. So I think we're headed
23 in the right direction, and I do like the plan.

24 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Denson?

25 MS. DENSON: Thank you. I agree with

1 everybody in saying that I like the idea of the bike
2 rack -- I mean, bike trails and the walkable
3 communities. Also, I had my list of wants as an indoor
4 pool, but also I want to focus on special programmings
5 for the disabled and seniors. And also think about the
6 cost considerations of the seniors and disabled.

7 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. I have the, I guess,
8 distinction where I was involved or had comments on the
9 current Parks and Rec Master Plan in 2011. I was on
10 Council and I had input into that Master Plan, and now
11 I'm having input into this Master Plan, which I feel
12 very blessed to be able to do. At the time, in 2011,
13 some of the same concerns and ideas that are brought up
14 tonight were brought up then, such as an indoor pool,
15 outdoor basketball courts, and things of that nature,
16 partnerships and that.

17 What I like about the Master Plan and what's
18 continuing to happen is through the Sustainable
19 Southfield and the Master Plan for Southfield, the
20 Parks and Rec Master Plan is just tying into that.
21 It's like a blend with the walkable community, with the
22 bike communities, all the new projects that's coming in
23 now are having bike racks.

24 When you look at Evergreen Road, it's paved
25 with the curve cut for bikes if you want to ride down

1 the streets. We're taking into consideration all of
2 the things that Southfield wants and needs. Not just
3 the residents, but also the businesses as they come
4 into the City.

5 I like we're utilizing the green initiatives
6 that are set out in the Master Plan, so now the Parks
7 and Rec are going to be using that in their Master Plan
8 as well as using green products, integrating like pest
9 management, using energy efficiency, creating like
10 landscaping, flowers, gardens and all that kind of
11 stuff for green friendly projects and things of that
12 nature.

13 I also would like to see Parks and Rec
14 partner with the transportation needs that are in the
15 City of Southfield that we need from one part to
16 another, from one end of Southfield to another. They
17 could partner some kind of way maybe with SMART bus or
18 something, I'm not sure. But I, too, wanted to see
19 Parks and Rec create, update and maintain the building
20 and the facilities not just for everyday people, but
21 also for our handicapped and disabled, to make them
22 more accessible.

23 For the indoor pool, I use the pool for
24 exercising in the summertime for water aerobics, and a
25 lot of times the classes are just packed. We were

1 trying to encourage the City of Southfield as well as
2 Parks and Rec to see if it was some way we can get an
3 indoor pool to continue those kinds of activities so
4 that we can have it year-round. And another discussion
5 was on the seniors, they were looking for a senior
6 adult center type of thing. So that was something that
7 was considered in 2011, and I'm asking that that be
8 continued to be considered in this Master Plan, because
9 as we all know AARP is now saying 50 and older are
10 seniors. So we have a lot of seniors in the City of
11 Southfield. So we'll be using those facilities and
12 those kinds of things.

13 So I'm really glad to be able to have input
14 on this Parks and Rec Master Plan, seeing that I also
15 had that input in 2011, and seeing things come to
16 fruition on the things that we did there, we still have
17 a lot to do, but I'm so thankful that I have this
18 opportunity to at least express some of the concerns
19 and some of the interests that I have.

20 Beech Woods has really been improved with the
21 tot lot for the kids. A lot of kids go out there and
22 play. The golf, the driving range. I mean, it's just
23 really nice, a lot of improvements that we can see. So
24 I know that with the right partnerships, with the right
25 grants, all of the proposals that we have we're going

1 to be going towards the right direction altogether. So
2 thank you again for this opportunity. Thank you for
3 listening to us and, hopefully, we gave you some good
4 input.

5 MR. CROAD: Could I make a few comments as
6 well?

7 MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

8 MR. CROAD: Thank you. Again, we talked a
9 lot about doing the Sustainable Southfield, about what
10 sustainability is, its economics, environmental and
11 social sustainability. And I can see a better partner
12 with programming and recreation to let Parks and
13 Recreation help us fulfill that sustainability goal. A
14 lot of talk nowadays is about active living and having
15 access to Parks and Recreation facilities. And simple
16 things like having the sidewalks and the multi-use path
17 and bike paths are a cheap and affordable way to get
18 some active living. We talk about the benefits of the
19 front lawn loop, three and a half times around is a
20 mile, that's about 20 minutes of healthy activity for
21 the average person. You go around, do a mile and a
22 half, that meets that goal of the activity.

23 We've seen the benefits of the bike trail and
24 the connectivity with the businesses and our residents
25 and our students and getting them out of the buildings

1 and out into active living. It gives us the ability to
2 strengthen our community because it gives us the
3 ability to engage our fellow man and woman on the
4 street and have a conversation, that you don't get when
5 you're driving in opposite directions in the car.

6 I think that the Rouge River and the
7 potential travel to work is another one of those
8 diamonds in the rough that could be expanded. The City
9 owns about 90 percent of the greenway from Twelve Mile
10 down to Ten Mile, and I think that's another potential
11 area that not only would be of benefit for our
12 residents and our business commuters, but would attract
13 people from the region.

14 Again, I think we've seen the benefits of our
15 walking and biking network that can connect the green
16 spaces, that can connect the neighborhoods to the park.
17 The safe walk routes to school that allows kids to be
18 able to walk safely from their home to the schools and
19 try to fight that childhood obesity epidemic that we're
20 having.

21 I think there's great partnership
22 opportunities with Lawrence Tech. I was fortunate to
23 come here the year before they added the sports. And
24 I've seen what the student athletes have done for our
25 community, changing that campus from a commuter campus

1 to a full-service residential university. About
2 25 percent now, a thousand students live on the campus.
3 And that has tremendous economic benefit to our
4 community not only for those kids to spend there
5 dollars at our restaurants and our stores, for their
6 parents to come. The opportunities to bring in
7 traveling teams that are going to stay in our hotels
8 and use our restaurants. And the potential upgrades to
9 our athletic facilities that would benefit our
10 residents and our business community.

11 So I think this is an exciting time to be
12 updating the Master Plan. I don't want to forget about
13 the opportunities to create some new park spaces, to
14 create more opportunities for programming, both at
15 Northland and across the street at the City Centre.
16 Because both of those projects give us the
17 opportunities to meet the goal sustainability. They're
18 good for the environment. They're good for economic
19 development, and they're certainly good for our social
20 fabric within our community. So I'm glad that this
21 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is coming on the heels
22 of Sustainable Southfield. It would put us in a
23 position to seek additional funding.

24 Again, tonight was the first full opportunity
25 to get public comment in partnership with the online

1 survey. I believe there was a Field Day here this last
2 Saturday. They were engaging public comment. We have
3 some stations set up throughout City Hall Complex where
4 people can write their comments on the Board. All of
5 this we'll be taking under consideration as they
6 develop the Draft Master Plan. Once that Draft Master
7 Plan has been completed, they will be provided for
8 30-day public comment, and Commissioners and staff will
9 have an opportunity for future comment.

10 So I look forward to partnership with Parks
11 and Recreation and City staff and working with you to
12 get a dynamic plan put in place. Thank you. Is there
13 anyone, did you want --

14 MS. FIELDS: Yes, please. Terry Fields,
15 Parks and Recreation Director for the City of
16 Southfield. On behalf of our team in the back of the
17 room, we want to thank you for creating an environment
18 here where folks can come and share and give their
19 comments and post challenges for our team. We do have
20 challenges going forward. But those are challenges
21 that we do not face alone. We have boards and
22 commissioners here who are very dedicated, who are very
23 concerned about ultimately serving our residents. And
24 we do that with sponsorships and with those
25 partnerships and then creating some new relationships

1 and cultivating the ones that we currently have. So
2 we're really looking forward to the public being
3 engagement that we're currently in the process of
4 conducting, both formally and informally.

5 Terry talked about some of those comment
6 boards. They are here in the Municipal Building and
7 also the Parks and Recreation Building. They're also
8 on City sites. City Ice Arena, Beech Woods and our
9 public library. So we encourage the input as we move
10 forward, and we just want to thank you for your time
11 and your dedication and your partnership with our Parks
12 and Recreation Department. And thank you, Terry, more
13 than I can explain. Thanks, I appreciate it.

14 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 MR. CROAD: So there's no action tonight.
16 All of this will be incorporated into the record and we
17 will forward that onto the appropriate parties, and
18 then we'll have another opportunity for comment in
19 January and February. But I would encourage you, if
20 you haven't, to get on and take that online survey for
21 more complete input, based on the questions that are
22 being asked.

23 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Okay. Next on the
24 agenda?

25 MR. CROAD: It's approval of the minutes

1 November 2, 2016, Study Meeting, and November 16, 2016,
2 Regular Meeting.

3 MR. CULPEPPER: To the Chair?

4 MS. TAYLOR: Commission Culpepper?

5 MR. CULPEPPER: I so move that October 19,
6 2016, Regular Meeting, November 2nd, 2016, Study
7 Meeting, November 16th, 2016, Regular Meeting be
8 approved?

9 MR. HUNTINGTON: Support.

10 MS. TAYLOR: It's been moved by Commissioner
11 Culpepper, supported by Commissioner Huntington for
12 approval of the minutes. Are there any questions,
13 comments?

14 MS. DENSON: On the November 16th, I think.
15 Where is it? The 16th, just my name is Latina Denson
16 not Denison. Okay.

17 MR. CULPEPPER: Let the motion be with the
18 necessary corrections to the November 16th meeting.

19 MR. CROAD: And our recorder, you picked up
20 the spelling. Thank you.

21 MS. TAYLOR: No other comments. All in
22 favor?

23 (All stated aye.)

24 MS. TAYLOR: Any opposed? Thank you. Any
25 miscellaneous?

1 MR. CROAD: I just want to remind the
2 Commission that you had some homework that was assigned
3 to you, based on the last study session, to review the
4 design standards and guidelines for Northland and be
5 prepared to discuss them at your January 11th workshop.
6 But if you could get us those comments, I believe we
7 set a date of January 5th or 4th so we can pass them
8 out to the consultant before he comes back. And the
9 goal is to have a public hearing and make a
10 recommendation at our January 25th meeting to the
11 Council and get them adopted in February. And soon
12 following that it will be the City Centre Design
13 Guidelines and Overlay Development District
14 Regulations. And with that, I want to wish everybody a
15 happy holidays and enjoy your time with your family and
16 friends.

17 MS. TAYLOR: Same to you. This is our last
18 meeting for this year?

19 MR. CROAD: That's correct.

20 MS. TAYLOR: Happy holidays everyone and the
21 meeting is adjourned.

22 (The meeting was concluded at 8:20 p.m.)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

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Notary Public,

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My Commission expires: March 4, 2018



OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

ORCHARD, HILTZ & McCLIMENT, INC.

34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48150

Telephone: (734) 522-6711 FAX: (734) 466-4557

PROJECT: City Centre
LOCATION: Evergreen and Civic Center
WORK: +/- 28,000 SF plaza space northwest of Civic Center Drive and
Evergreen Road

DATE: February 16, 2017
PROJECT #: 0153-17-0010
ESTIMATOR: ARP
CHECKED BY: VVW
CURRENT ENR:

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	COST
1500001	Mobilization, Max. 10%	LS	1	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
2020002	Tree, Rem, 19 inch to 36 inch	Ea	5	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2030011	Dr Structure, Rem	Ea	3	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2030015	Sewer, Rem, Less than 24 inch	Ft	300	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,000.00
2040020	Curb and Gutter, Rem	Ft	150	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,500.00
2040050	Pavt, Rem	Syd	500	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
2040055	Sidewalk, Rem	Syd	50	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
2050010	Embankment, CIP	Cyd	250	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,000.00
2050016	Excavation, Earth	Cyd	2500	\$ 15.00	\$ 37,500.00
2090001	Project Cleanup	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3020001	Aggregate Base	Ton	2250	\$ 30.00	\$ 67,500.00
4020987	Sewer, CI IV, 12 inch, Tr Det B	Ft	1000	\$ 40.00	\$ 40,000.00
4020993	Sewer, CI IV, 24 inch, Tr Det B	Ft	32	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,920.00
4021207	Sewer Tap, 24 inch	Ea	2	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
4030025	Dr Structure Cover, Type D	Ea	10	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00
4030210	Dr Structure, 48 inch dia	Ea	10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
4030312	Dr Structure, Tap, 12 inch	Ea	2	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
4040083	Underdrain, Subgrade, Open-Graded, 6 inch	Ft	2244	\$ 10.00	\$ 22,440.00
5010033	HMA, 13A	Ton	314	\$ 80.00	\$ 25,120.00
6020100	Conc Pavt, Nonreinf, 6 inch	Syd	1667	\$ 40.00	\$ 66,680.00
6020200	Joint, Contraction, Cp	Ft	1000	\$ 15.00	\$ 15,000.00
8020004	Curb, Conc, Det E4	Ft	980	\$ 20.00	\$ 19,600.00
8020036	Curb and Gutter, Conc, Det F2	Ft	2244	\$ 20.00	\$ 44,880.00
8030010	Detectable Warning Surface	Ft	10	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
8030044	Sidewalk, Conc, 4 inch	Sft	100	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,000.00
8030050	Sidewalk, Clay Brick Pavers	Sft	300	\$ 23.00	\$ 6,900.00
8037010	Decorative Concrete Crosswalk, 9 inch	Sft	2404	\$ 15.00	\$ 36,060.00
8037010	Decorative Concrete Crosswalk, 5 inch	Sft	13724	\$ 12.00	\$ 164,688.00
8157051	Ornamental Deciduous Trees	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
8167051	Ground Cover	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
8197051	Lighting	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
8357051	Pavilion	LS	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
8357051	Artwork	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
8357051	Ornamental Planters	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
8357051	Water Feature	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
8507051	Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
					\$ 1,050,288.00
TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$ 1,060,000.00



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Telephone: (734) 522-6711 FAX: (734) 466-4557

PROJECT: Northland Mall Trail
 LOCATION: NB NW Hwy.
 WORK: Approximately 1.2 miles of shared use path from Northland Drive
 to 9 Mile Road

DATE: February 16, 2017
 PROJECT #: 0153-17-0010
 ESTIMATOR: ARP
 CHECKED BY: VVW
 CURRENT ENR:

ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	COST
1500001	Mobilization, Max. 10%	LS	1	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
2020002	Tree, Rem, 19 inch to 36 inch	Ea	50	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,000.00
2030011	Dr Structure, Rem	Ea	5	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2030015	Sewer, Rem, Less than 24 inch	Ft	150	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,500.00
2040020	Curb and Gutter, Rem	Ft	640	\$ 10.00	\$ 6,400.00
2040050	Pavt, Rem	Syd	1500	\$ 10.00	\$ 15,000.00
2040055	Sidewalk, Rem	Syd	3500	\$ 5.00	\$ 17,500.00
2050010	Embankment, CIP	Cyd	25	\$ 25.00	\$ 625.00
2050016	Excavation, Earth	Cyd	250	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,750.00
2090001	Project Cleanup	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4020987	Sewer, CI IV, 12 inch, Tr Det B	Ft	150	\$ 40.00	\$ 6,000.00
4030050	Dr Structure Cover, Type K	Ea	5	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
4030210	Dr Structure, 48 inch dia	Ea	5	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
8010007	Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 8 inch	Syd	1500	\$ 60.00	\$ 90,000.00
8020038	Curb and Gutter, Conc, Det F4	Ft	640	\$ 20.00	\$ 12,800.00
8030010	Detectable Warning Surface	Ft	200	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,000.00
8030036	Sidewalk Ramp, Conc, 6 inch	Sft	6000	\$ 10.00	\$ 60,000.00
8060010	Shared use Path, Aggregate	Ton	3000	\$ 30.00	\$ 90,000.00
8060030	Shared use Path, Grading	Ft	6400	\$ 10.00	\$ 64,000.00
8060040	Shared use Path, HMA	Ton	1300	\$ 80.00	\$ 104,000.00
8157050	Deciduous Trees	Ea	75	\$ 350.00	\$ 26,250.00
8167011	Turf Establishment, Performance	Syd	6000	\$ 5.00	\$ 30,000.00
8197051	Utility Conflicts	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
8507051	Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
					\$ 705,825.00
TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$ 710,000.00



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