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INTRODUCTION



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**Wurster Farm in Manchester,
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Joint Village of Manchester / Manchester Township Parks and Recreation Plan is to guide park planning and development efforts of the communities over the next five years, through 2022.

Recreation plays an important role in the lives of Manchester area residents. The Village of Manchester and Manchester Township recognize the desirability of having recreation options in their communities, and for the first time have joined together to create a Master Plan which addresses the recreation needs and desires of their residents. For purposes of this plan, “Manchester” will refer to the combined Village and Township area. “Village” and “Township” will be used to indicate information for the individual communities when appropriate.

The Village most recently updated their Parks and Recreation Plan in 2012. It included both short and long-term goals, some of which were accomplished in the following years. Significant accomplishments realized since the last plan have included the new play structures at Carr, Chi-Bro, and Kirk parks as well as the pond dam improvements completed at Chi-Bro Park.

This plan builds on the previous plan to incorporate both Township and Village goals. It will guide park planning and development efforts of the Village over the next five-year planning period, through 2022. The Plan meets state standards for community Parks and Recreation Planning which is necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

WHAT THIS PLAN CONTAINS

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

- The first chapter provides a description of the two communities, including a summary on both the social and physical characteristics of the area as well as a discussion of current planning initiatives affecting Manchester.
- The Administrative Structure chapter includes a description of how parks services are administered in Manchester including budget and funding information.
- Recreation Inventory describes the existing Village parks as well as those of the county and state located in the Township. It includes an accessibility assessment and a description of previously grant-assisted park projects.
- The Public Participation and Needs Assessment portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents, which helped in formulating the Goals and Objectives and Action Program chapters.
- The Action Program chapter outlines an action plan with strategies for implementation.
- The final chapter, Supporting Documents, includes some of the detailed information gathered through the planning process as well as the official resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by Village Council and Township Board.

PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the Joint Plan consisted of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development. Background studies involved gathering and updating data from existing documents, plans, and surveys. The information is organized under the first three chapters: community description, administrative structure, and recreation inventory.

The second phase in the planning process included an evaluation and analysis of the gathered data as well as community input to determine recreation facilities and program needs.

Finally, the last phase in the process involved plan development and adoption. Goals, objectives, and an action program were formulated based on the input gathered. The following diagram illustrates this process and the corresponding requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



The Joint Plan was developed with input from members of the Village Parks Commission, Village and Township officials, and the residents of Manchester. All meetings were open to the public and input was sought during all phases of the planning process. In particular, a public input meeting took place on August 17, 2017.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

Manchester is located in the southwest corner of Washtenaw County, along the River Raisin. It is about 20 miles from the cities of Ann Arbor, Chelsea, and Adrian (Lenawee County), and about 65 miles from Lansing, Detroit, and Toledo. The Village provides many central services for the Township, as well as residents located in adjacent Sharon, Freedom, and Bridgewater townships. Washtenaw County is a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), a seven-county planning region encompassing the Detroit metropolitan region.

Figure 1: Washtenaw County, MI



Figure 2: Washtenaw County & Environs

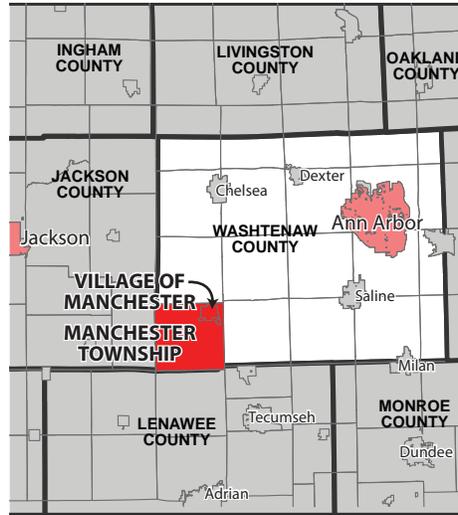
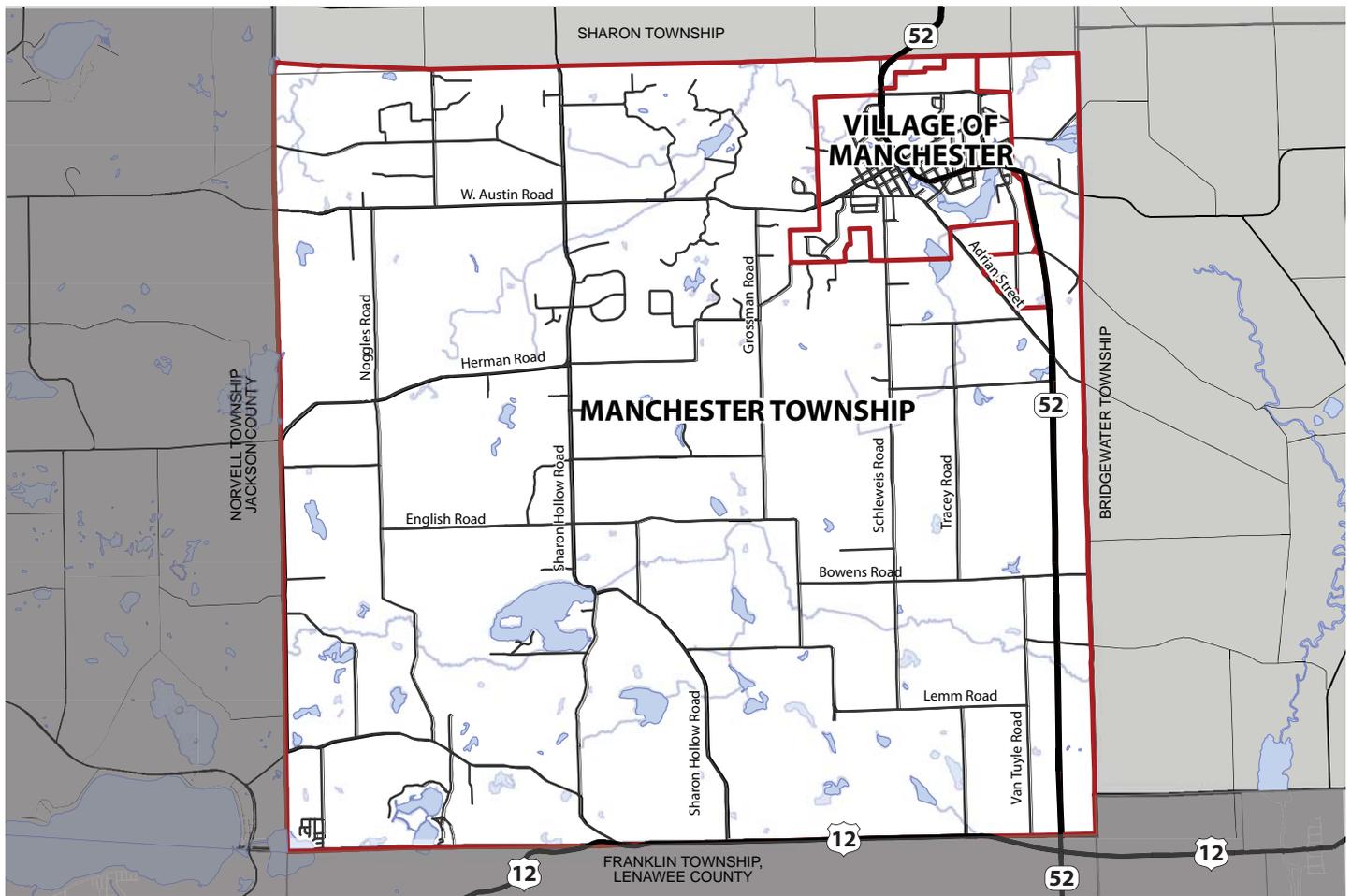


Figure 3: SEMCOG Region



Figure 4: Manchester Region



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COMMUNITY BACKGROUND



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The Run Manchester Race is held annually as part of the Manchester Street Festival.

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CHAPTER ONE: COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

The first three chapters of the Joint Plan provide information on the social and physical characteristics of Manchester, the administration of parks and recreation services, and the existing park facilities to gain an understanding of the opportunities the community has to offer.

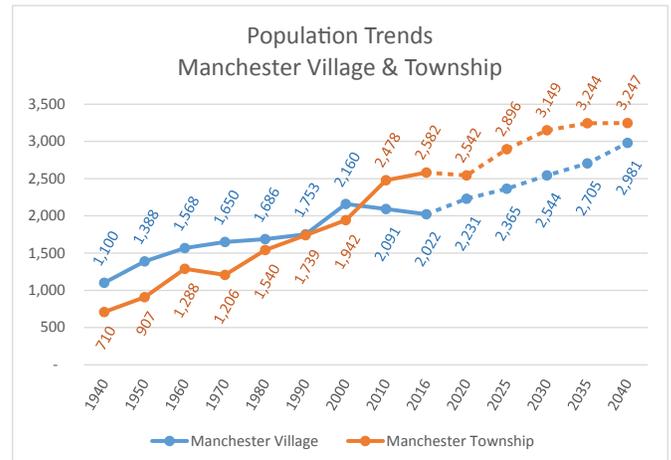
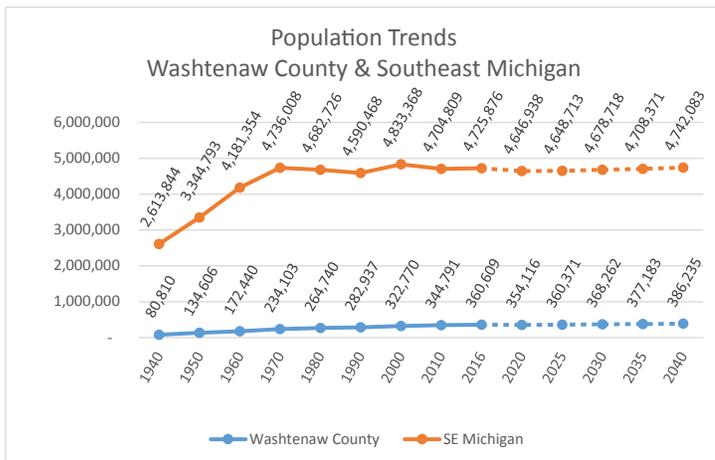
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The Manchester area, like most of Washtenaw County, has shown steady growth over the past several decades. The region has been able to avoid the population declines noted in much of southeast Michigan and the state in general. Population forecasts for the indicate a nearly 70% increase between 2000 and 2040; the Village can expect to see 42% growth, while the Township could more than double in population (105%). The Township actually surpassed the Village’s population around 2010, and is forecast to maintain a narrow population advantage through 2040.

Adjacent townships are expected show minimal growth or population losses. Freedom Township , located to the northeast of Manchester, is the only adjacent community expected to show population growth (3.9%). Bridgewater and Sharon Townships, also in Washtenaw County, are projected to lose residents as is Norvell Township in Jackson County. Population forecasts are not available for individual Townships in Lenawee County, but Michigan Department of Transportation models indicate that the county as a whole is expected to lose 1.4% of its population between 2015 and 2040.

Figure 5: Population Trends for Washtenaw County & Southeast Michigan

Figure 6: Population Trends for Village of Manchester & Manchester Township



Source: US Census, American Factfinder, SEMCOG

Table 1: Historical Population Data, Manchester and Environs

Community	1990	2000	2010	2016	% Change 1990 - 2016	# Change 1990 - 2016
Manchester Village	1,753	2,160	2,091	2,022	13.3%	269
Manchester Township	1,739	1,942	2,478	2,582	32.6%	843
Washtenaw County						
Bridgewater Twp	1,304	1,646	1,674	1,639	20.4%	335
Freedom Twp	1,486	1,562	1,428	1,433	-3.7%	-53
Sharon Twp	1,366	1,678	1,737	1,686	19.0%	320
Jackson County						
Norvell Twp	2,657	2,922	2,963	2,956	10.1%	299
Lenawee County						
Cambridge Twp	4,429	5,299	5,733	5,678	22.0%	1,249
Clinton Twp	3,557	3,624	3,604	3,545	-0.3%	-12
Franklin Twp	2,473	2,939	3,174	3,172	22.0%	699
Tecumseh Twp	1,539	1,881	1,972	1,817	15.3%	278
Tecumseh City	7,462	8,574	8,521	8,393	11.1%	931
Regional						
Washtenaw County	282,937	322,770	344,791	360,609	21.5%	77,672
SE Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,725,876	2.9%	135,408

Source: US Census, American Factfinder, SEMCOG, Region 2 Planning Commission

Table 2: Population Projections, Manchester & Environs

Community	2010	2016	2030	2040	% Change 2016 - 2040	# Change 2016 - 2040
Manchester Village	2,091	2,022	2,544	2,981	47.4%	959
Manchester Township	2,478	2,582	3,149	3,247	25.8%	665
Washtenaw County						
Bridgewater Twp	1,674	1,639	1,631	1,609	-1.8%	-30
Freedom Twp	1,428	1,433	1,412	1,482	3.4%	49
Sharon Twp	1,737	1,686	1,520	1,568	-6.8%	-118
Jackson County						
Norvell Twp	2,963	2,956	n/a	2,934	-0.7%	-22
Lenawee County						
Cambridge Twp	5,733	5,678	n/a	5,599	-1.4%	-79
Clinton Twp	3,604	3,545	n/a	2,495	-1.4%	-50
Franklin Twp	3,174	3,172	n/a	3,128	-1.4%	-44
Tecumseh Twp	1,972	1,817	n/a	1,792	-1.4%	-25
Tecumseh City	8,521	8,393	n/a	8,275	-1.4%	118
Regional						
Washtenaw County	344,791	360,609	368,262	386,235	21.5%	25,626
SE Michigan	4,704,809	4,725,876	4,678,718	4,742,083	2.9%	16,207

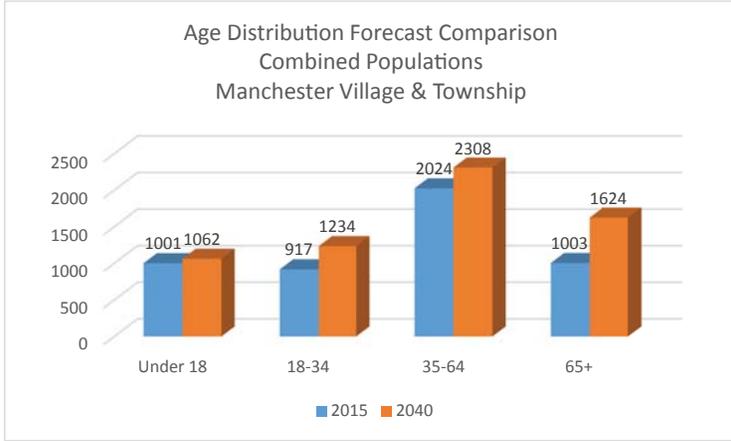
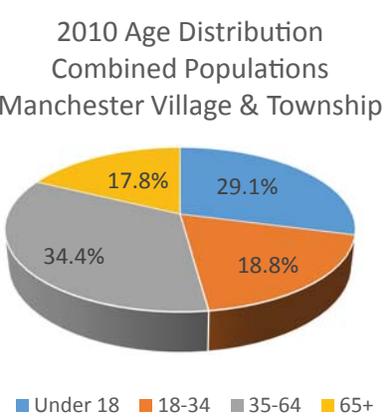
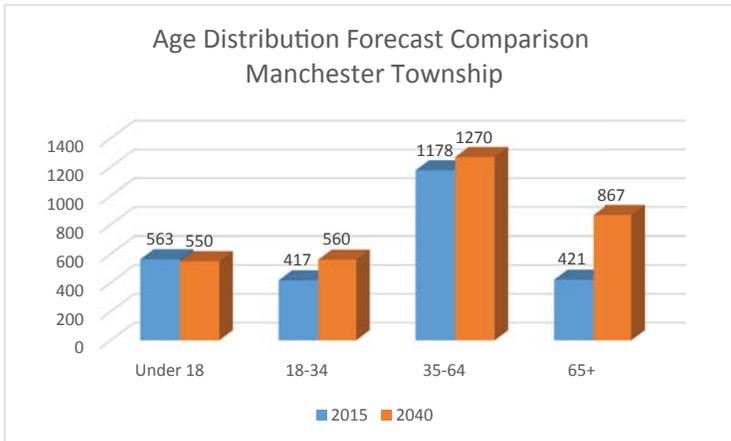
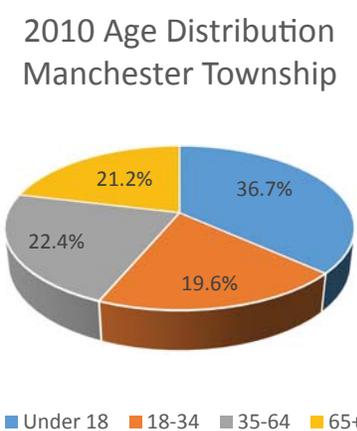
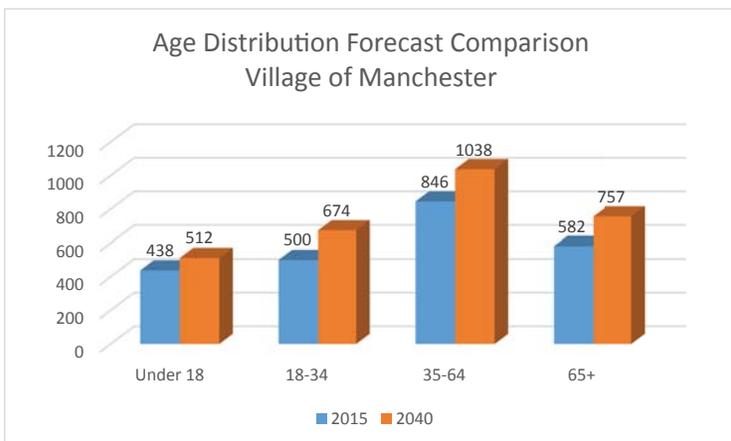
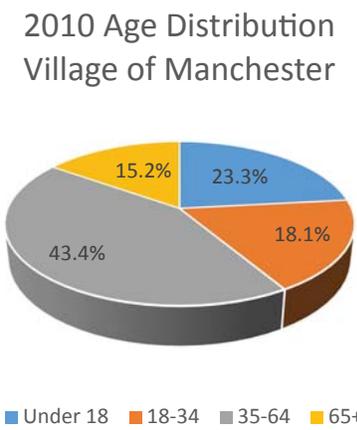
Source: US Census, American Factfinder, SEMCOG, Region 2 Planning Commission, MDOT, Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study, Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

Note: 2040 projections for individual communities are not available for Lenawee County. Population numbers in this table are estimates based on a projected county-wide population loss of 1.4%.

Children below the age of 18 make up about 23 percent of the total population in Manchester area. The percentage of children under 18 is significantly higher in the Township (36.7%) than in the Village (29.1%). The area is projected to see a decrease in the percentage of children from 20.2% to 17.1% percent by 2040. The fastest growing segment of the population will be seniors. The percentage of people over 65 years of age is projected to increase from 20% in 2015 to 26% in 2040. The median age for the Village in 2010 was 41.3 years, while the Township's median was 44.7. Both the Village and Township saw increases in median age from the 2000 Census (40.5 to 44.7 for the Township, 36.4 to 41.3 for the Village).

This aging trend is consistent with those seen in communities across Michigan and the United States. Michigan's median increased from 25.5 to 38.1 years, while the US increased from 35.3 to 37.2 years. An aging population has significant implications for recreation planning. As seniors look to "age in place", they look for new programs and facilities which meet their needs. Manchester will need to carefully balance their recreation portfolio to both meet the demands of an aging population while attracting young families to the area.

Figure 7: Age Distribution Comparisons, Manchester Township & Village of Manchester



Source: US Census, American Factfinder, SEMCOG

LAND USE PATTERNS

Land use patterns in existence today are largely the result of the early platting of Manchester. The oldest section of Manchester is centered on the River Raisin. The Village generally developed northeast and southwest of the river. Today, the predominant land use in Manchester is residential with single-family residential land uses encompassing over half of the Village's land area at 58 percent. Government and institutional uses, the second highest category, make up 13 percent of the Village. Industrial, commercial, and multi-family residential land uses amount to 9 percent, while transportation and utility corridors, and water comprise about 13 percent. Agricultural uses measure less than 2 percent. Finally, park, recreation, and open space land uses amount to 5 percent of the Village area.

The Township is a much more rural community, with 43% of the area dedicated to agricultural uses. Like the Village, single-family residential makes up the largest land use at nearly 50%. Park, recreation, and open space encompasses 2.6% of the Township area, and consists primarily of County preserve space.

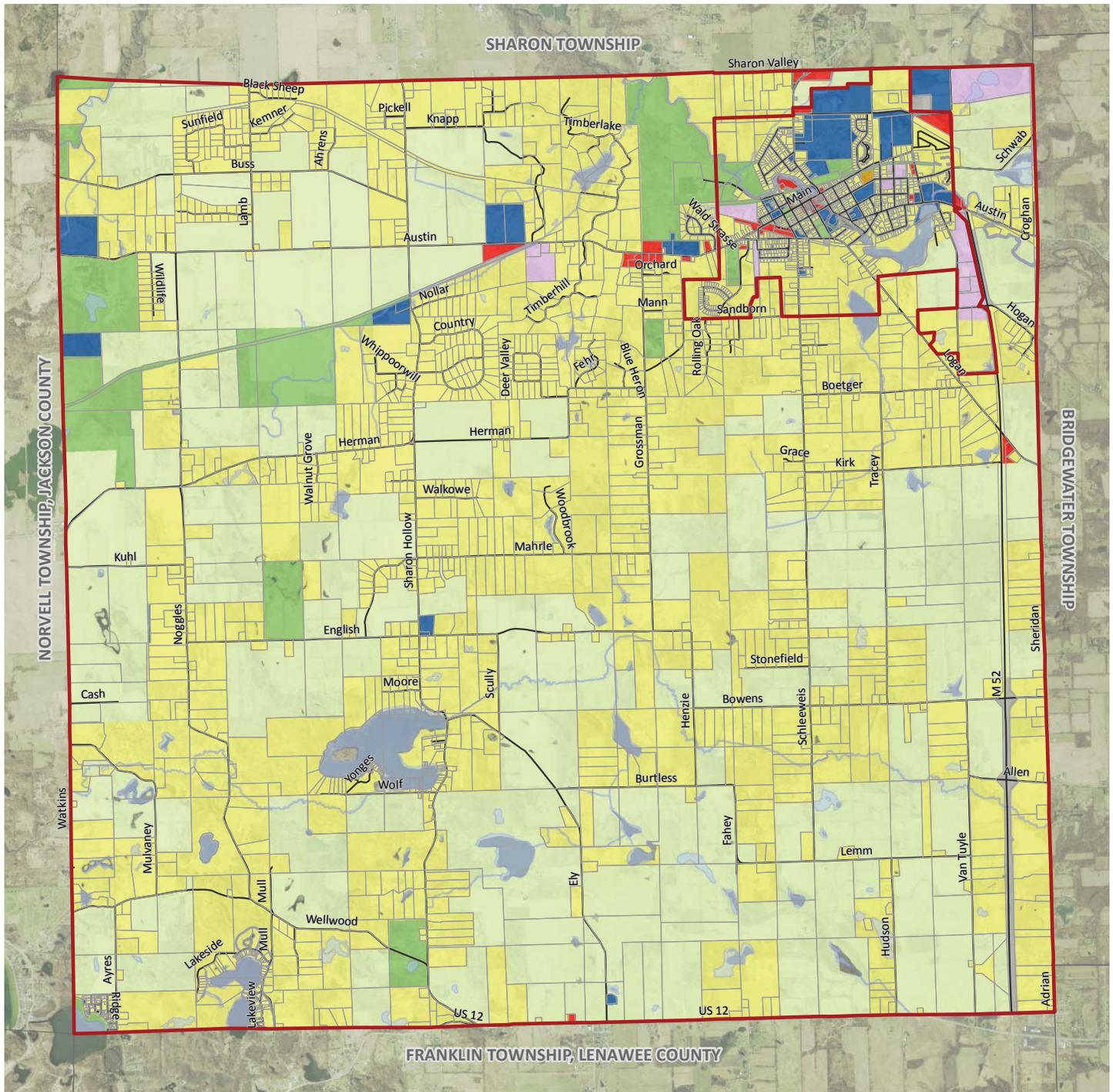
The Village and Township recently completed an update to their regional Manchester Community Master Plan. This joint plan represents the second intergovernmental effort between the two communities. The plan was officially adopted in January 2017.

Table 3: Existing Land Use Percentages

Land Use	Village		Township	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Agricultural	26.7	1.8%	10,074.2	43.1%
Single-family residential	834.3	57.8%	11,607.2	49.7%
Multiple-family residential	4.3	0.3%	0	0%
Commercial	41	2.8%	61.2	0.3%
Industrial	85.2	5.9%	96	0.4%
Governmental/Institutional	191.6	13.3%	197.4	0.8%
Park, recreation, and open space	68.8	4.8%	603.3	2.6%
Airport	0	0%	0	0%
Transportation, Communication, and Utility	121.7	8.4%	162.5	0.7%
Water	70.1	4.9%	558.6	2.4%
Total	1,443.6		23,360.6	

Source: SEMCOG

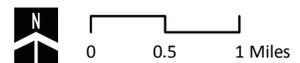
Map 1: Existing Land Use Patterns



- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Governmental / Institutional
- Industrial
- Multiple-family residential
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- Single-family residential
- TCU
- Rivers and Streams
- Lakes and Ponds

EXISTING LAND USE

Manchester Township
Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County



Source: Washtenaw County GIS
SEMCOG

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The natural and cultural features of the Manchester area have played a major role in influencing and attracting growth and development in the region. Like much of Michigan's southern lower peninsula, the Manchester's landscape was formed through glacial action. The glacier's movement shaped the topography and created many different types of soils. Plant communities, in turn, developed in response to soil conditions.

TOPOGRAPHY

The glacial geology of the area has resulted in a topography characterized as generally rolling terrain. The highest point in the Township, at 1,151 feet above sea level, is located on the Township's western border. The Township's higher elevations form ridgelines which help to define the boundaries of the Evans Creek, Iron Creek, and River Raisin watersheds.

The Village sits at a relatively low point within the Township; the Village's high point of 980 feet is located in the extreme southwest corner of the community. Other high areas can be found in the northeast corner, at Ann Arbor Hill near M-52, and in the County's Leonard Preserve in the northwest corner. The lowest point, at 850 feet, is found on the bank of the Raisin at the eastern most limits of the Village. The river exhibits a 40-foot drop in elevation through the Village.

SOILS AND VEGETATION

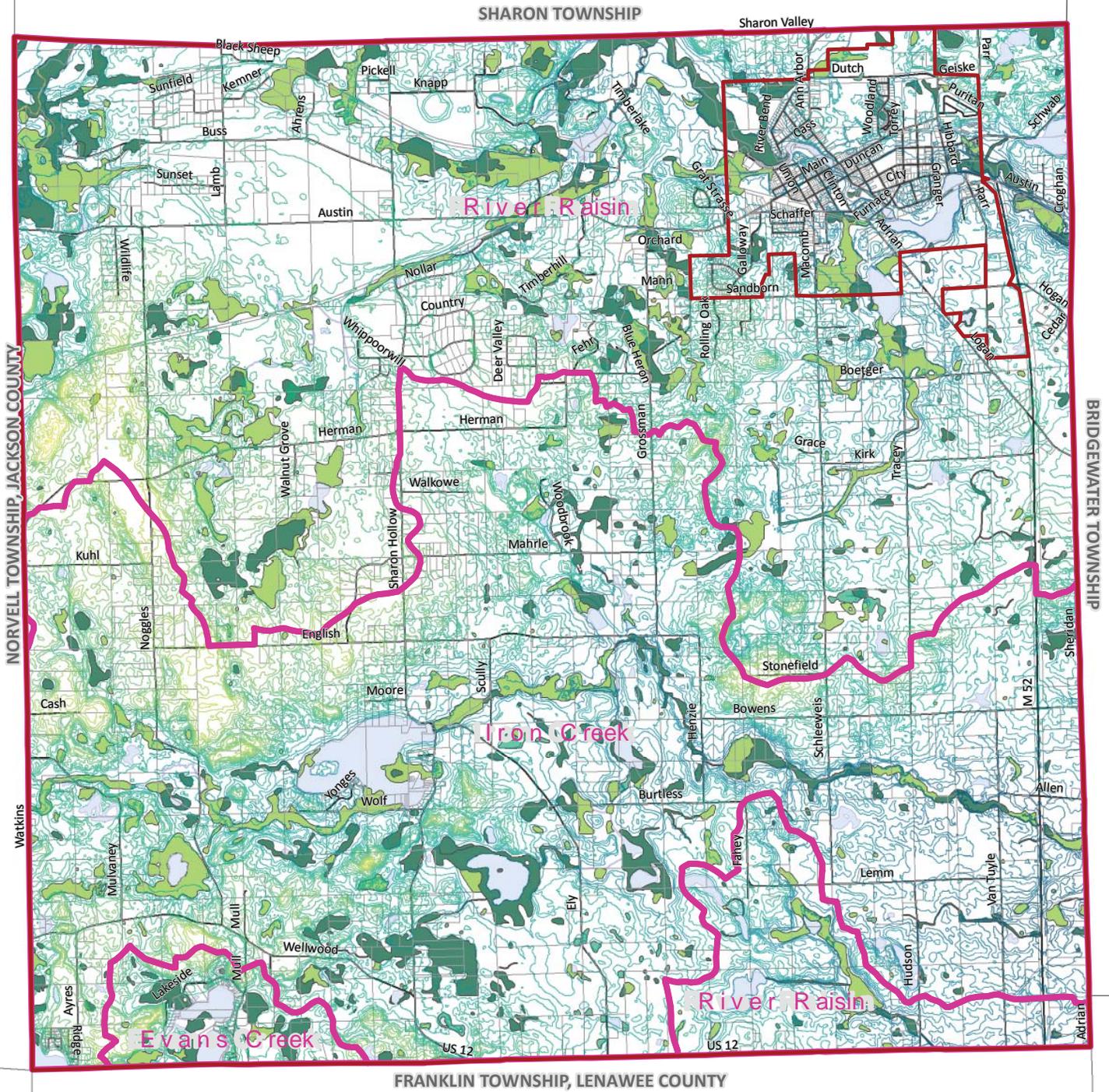
According to the U.S. Conservation Service, the soils found in the Village are part of the Fox-Boyer-Fox soil series and are composed primarily of sandy loam, loam, and loamy sand, a rich soil composed of clay, sand and some organic matter as well as gravel.

Woodlands are found largely in preserved open spaces and in areas that have been unsuitable for development such as steep slopes and low lying areas. The Leonard Preserve, located in the northwest portion of the Village, is preserving and restoring the native plant communities of woodlands and prairie that made up the original landscape of the Manchester. Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, on the western edge of the Township, is part of a larger park and preserve system continuing on in Jackson County. This connected open space system represents a unique partnership between Washtenaw County and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and will present significant recreational opportunities for the region.



Source: [alltrails.com](https://www.alltrails.com)

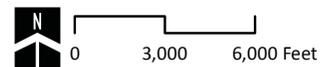
Map 2: Natural Features



NATURAL FEATURES

Manchester Township
 Village of Manchester
 Washtenaw County

-  Major Watershed Subbasins
- <all other values>
-  Riverine
-  Other
-  Forested/Shrub Wetland
-  Emergent Wetland
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Lakes and Ponds



Source: Washtenaw County GIS
 SEMCOG

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HOUSING & BUILDING TRENDS

The entire SEMCOG region experienced a decline in residential construction over the past decade, due in no small part to the recession of 2008. Table 5 demonstrates that this is also true for the Manchester Area. Housing growth remained essentially flat in the Village between 2006 and 2017. The Township saw a similar lull between 2008 and 2017.

Vacancy rates were 9% for the Village and 11% for the Township in 2010, somewhat lower than the 14.6% rate experienced across Michigan. Vacancy rates have been dropping since that time, with the Midwest 11.1% in 2010 to 7.8% in 2017. With the forecast increase in population for the two communities and the decrease in available housing stock, it might be assumed that residential building will increase in the coming years.

Table 4: Housing Types

	Village				Township			
	2000	2010	Change 2000 - 2010	New Units Permitted 2010-2016	2000	2010	Change 2000 - 2010	New Units Permitted 2010-2016
Single Family Detached	528	685	3	3	761	963	202	202
Duplex	69	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Townhouse / Attached Condo	51	44	0	0	0	10	0	0
Multi-Unit Apartment	175	216	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mobile Home / Manufactured Housing	110	117	0	0	16	0	-16	-16
Other	0	0	0	0	6	0	-6	-6
Total	933	1,093	3	3	785	973	188	20

Source: SEMCOG, U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, and 2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Table 5: Residential Building Permits 2000 - 2017

Year	Village							Township						
	Single Family	Two Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total	Single Family	Two Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	35	0	0	0	35	1	34
2001	8	0	4	0	12	0	12	32	0	0	0	32	0	32
2002	11	2	10	0	23	0	23	41	0	0	0	41	1	40
2003	14	0	0	0	14	0	14	43	0	0	0	43	0	43
2004	15	0	3	0	18	0	18	22	0	0	0	22	0	22
2005	14	0	0	0	14	0	14	20	0	0	0	20	0	20
2006	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	14	0	0	0	14	0	14
2007	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	0	0	8	1	7
2008	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
2009	0	0	4	0	4	0	4	3	0	0	0	3	2	1
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
2011	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
2013	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	1
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	2
2016	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
2017	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	76	2	21	0	99	3	96	241	0	0	0	241	10	231

Source: SEMCOG

WATER RESOURCES

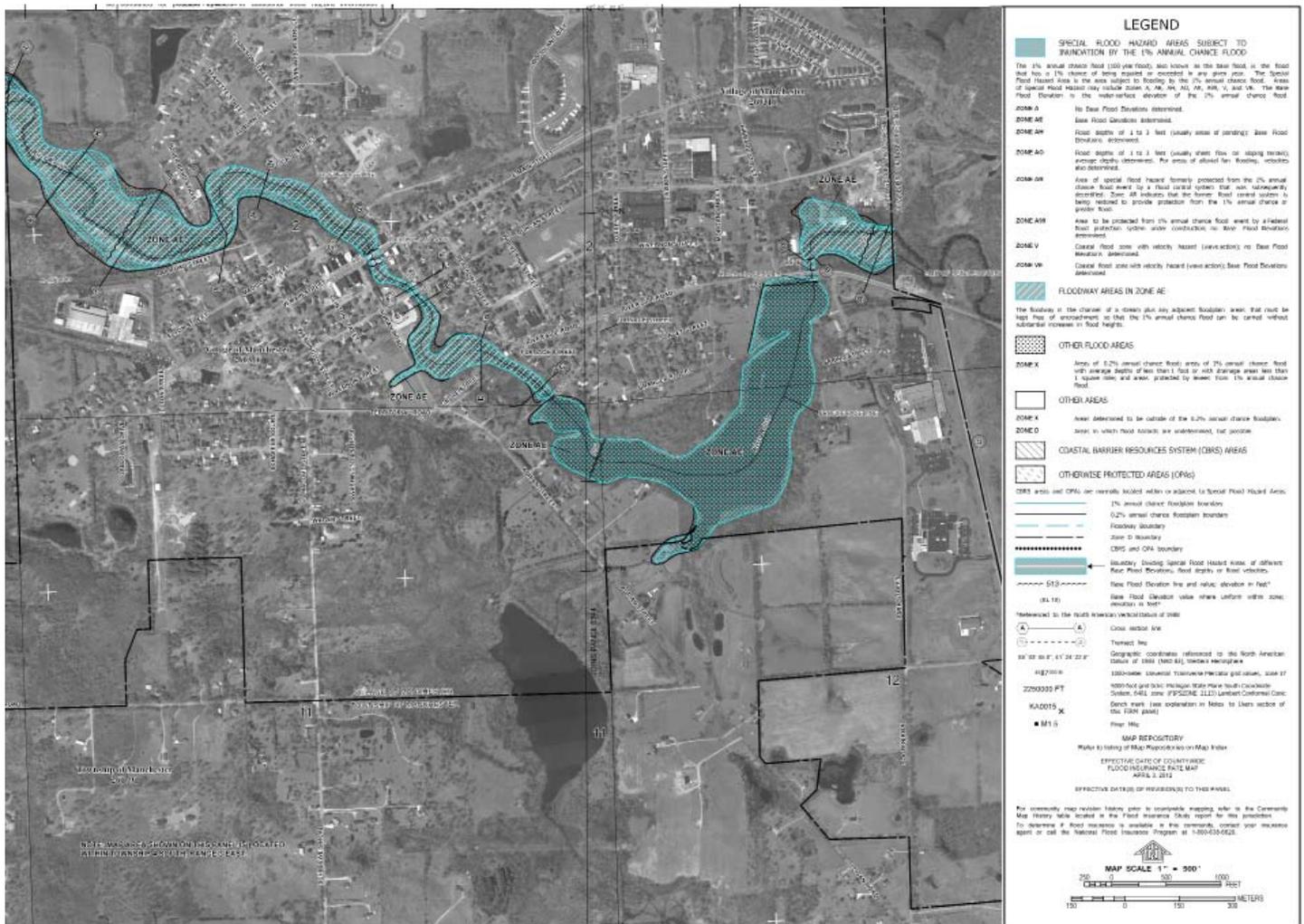
Manchester is part of Washtenaw County’s highlands and part of the main ground water recharge area for the County. The most important water feature of the community is the River Raisin. The River Raisin watershed covers portions of five Michigan counties, with a total area of approximately 1,072 square miles. The river flows north through section 6 in the northwest corner of the Township, to the Sharon Mills Preserve, after which it shifts south through residential areas and the Village Center in sections 1, 2, and 3. The river was historically used to run the turbine at the Manchester mill, where a dam is located.

The Iron Creek subwatershed covers most of the southern half of the Township. The creek runs from Mud Lake in Norvell Township and continues east until it meets up with the River Raisin in Bridgewater Township. A spur of the Great Sauk Trail crossed over the creek just west of M-52. The area was heavily utilized by native Americans for fishing and hunting purposes. Iron Mill Pond was created by damming the creek, combining five separate lakes into one. The pond was the site of a sawmill, and is now the largest body of water in the Township.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) creates floodplain maps which identify areas with greater than 1% chance of flood incidences within a given year. The floodplains located within the Village are fairly compact. Areas within this “100-year floodplain” generally recognized as unsuitable for development due both to the frequency of flood events and the general nature of the soils. FEMA’s floodplain maps are centered on the River Raisin in the Village; the agency does not currently offer floodplain maps for the Township.

These water resources could be important recreational amenities in years to come. There are over 3,000 existing miles of water trails across Michigan, and there has been a strong push in recent years to develop more. The 139-mile long River Raisin in particular stands to become a tourist destination as more boating facilities and other amenities are developed.

Figure 8: Village of Manchester Floodplain Map



Source: Adapted from FEMA Floodplain Maps

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Wetland areas are found throughout Manchester, primarily following the course of the River Raisin and Iron Creek. In addition to scenic beauty, the area's waterways provide nesting and feeding areas for wildlife, and function as critical stormwater management features. Essentially acting as giant sponges, the wetlands hold excess water, reducing the impact of storm events. They also help to clean stormwater runoff by slowing water, allowing sedimentation to clear, and removing some heavy metals and other toxic substances via phytoremediation.

The woods and fields of the area host a variety of animals such as rabbits, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, skunks, rodents, fox, deer, quail, pheasants, hawks, owls, and songbirds. The river areas also attract an assortment of wildlife, especially ducks, geese, and blue herons. There is a large fish population in the two impoundments of the River Raisin.

The banks of the Raisin, just east of the Village provide prime habitat for a snail, *Pomatopsis cincinnatiensis*, which is important in the study of Schistosomiasis. The soil from the riverbanks is used to raise these peculiar snails in medical laboratories all over the world. In addition, the river is home to a rare fish called the silver shiner.

HISTORIC RESOURCES

The Manchester Historical Society has been very active in the area to obtain historic site designations for a number of buildings in the Village. It restored the Schneider Blacksmith Shop and offers demonstrations of the blacksmith's art. Other historic sites include the former Library, the Emanuel United Church of Christ, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the Fountain House which are State Historic Sites with markers. The Fountain House is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



PLANNING INITIATIVES

The Village of Manchester and Manchester Township are committed to managing future growth to enhance recreation opportunities and overall quality of life for all residents. A number of planning initiatives related to parks and recreation have taken place in the Village and the region that have relevance to the current plan.

WASHTENAW COUNTY NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Voters in Washtenaw County renewed a county-wide ¼ mill tax to fund the Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP) in 2010 through 2021. NAPP allows the purchase and preservation of unique natural areas for the ecological, recreational, and educational benefit of County residents. The Leonard Preserve, located just west of the Village in Manchester Township, is NAPP's largest preserved property.

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) also recently established the 1,122-acre Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve. Over 400 acres of the park are located in the western portion of Manchester Township. The preserve area includes Watkins Lake, which offers habitat for migratory birds, as well as wetland, wooded and grassland areas. The Conservation Fund, an environmental non-profit with which pursues environmental preservation and economic development, was also involved in the Washtenaw County portion of the land purchase.

LEGACY LAND CONSERVANCY

The Legacy Land Conservancy, formerly known as the Washtenaw Land Trust (WLT), was formed by the merger of the Washtenaw County Land Conservancy and the Potawatomi Land Trust in 1999. The Conservancy protects land primarily through conservation easements and title donations. Legacy Land Conservancy holds conservation easements on over 200 acres of land in Manchester Township.

RAISIN VALLEY LAND TRUST (RVLT)

The RVLT is a local, private, non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of natural areas and farmland in the River Raisin watershed. The RVLT holds two conservation easements within Manchester Township.

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The County's 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan has identified several goals, objectives, and actions relating to parks and recreation. While all of the County's goals and objectives are directly applicable to Manchester Residents, two items are of particular note.

Goal 4: Connectivity through Trails and Greenways: Develop an interconnected network of open space, recreation facilities, bikeways/ pathways, and nature trails, where appropriate, to enhance quality-of-life, increase health benefits, and provide a non-motorized transportation alternative.

- Prioritizing opportunities creating links between publicly accessible natural areas and parks.
- Assisting local communities to complete trail and other projects of county-wide significance.
- Identifying and implementing supplemental forms of recreational experiences that focus on improving the health of the County residents; and

Goal 5: Partnerships: Seek opportunities to cooperate and collaborate with a variety of partners to ensure the efficient development, operation, maintenance, and stewardship of parks, preserves, and facilities and to enhance the health and well-being of Washtenaw County residents.

- Work with local municipalities and organizations in providing neighborhood and community-scale recreation services, and provide assistance to these groups.
- Assist local recreation providers in offering programs in areas of the County that are currently underserved.
- Actively pursue opportunities to leverage funding to assist in programming, site development, property acquisition, and to facilitate implementation of the capital improvement program.
- Increase volunteer participation within the park system.

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT MASTER PLAN

The Joint Master Plan, officially adopted in December, 2016, lays out a number of goals, objectives, and policies which relate to parks and recreation in the Manchester area. They include:

- Preserve the rural character of the area through growth management and preservation of natural resources;
- Conserve and enhance the area's natural resources, and protect the River Raisin watershed corridor;
- Provide for pedestrian and non-motorized circulation throughout the Manchester Community. Promote bicycle and pedestrian circulation systems as part of the transportation network;
- Coordinate park and open space development with the Manchester Parks Master Plan and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Master Plan;
- Provide accessible recreational options for all residents;
- Support the acquisition of land as a conservation measure to preserve or to provide access to specific natural features, such as the River Raisin and woodland areas;
- Encourage donations of land to a local unit of government or to public or private land trusts for open space, recreational, or agricultural use;
- Develop an open space vision that connects open space and ecological systems throughout the Manchester area;
- Provide recreation programs and facilities to meet the future needs of all Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission (MCJPC) area residents, and to enhance community character and the Manchester experience;
- Encourage cooperation with civic organizations, businesses, and governmental entities in providing recreational facilities and programs;
- Use a green infrastructure approach to the development of parks and facilities;
- Utilize natural features for recreation facilities sites wherever feasible and appropriate;
- Design parks to be compatible with the environment;
- Preserve distinctive park natural features;
- Design parks to contribute to the MCJPC area aesthetic and historic quality; and
- Utilize existing significant historic structures as part of recreation facilities.

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER DDA IMPROVEMENTS

The DDA recently completed a series of streetscape enhancements on M-52 and Main Street in conjunction with the reconstruction of M-52 by the Michigan Department of Transportation, The DDA's efforts were critical in helping to construct the multi-use trail in the old Michigan Central Railroad right-of-way, and will continue to be important as future phases are developed.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL NON MOTORIZED EFFORTS

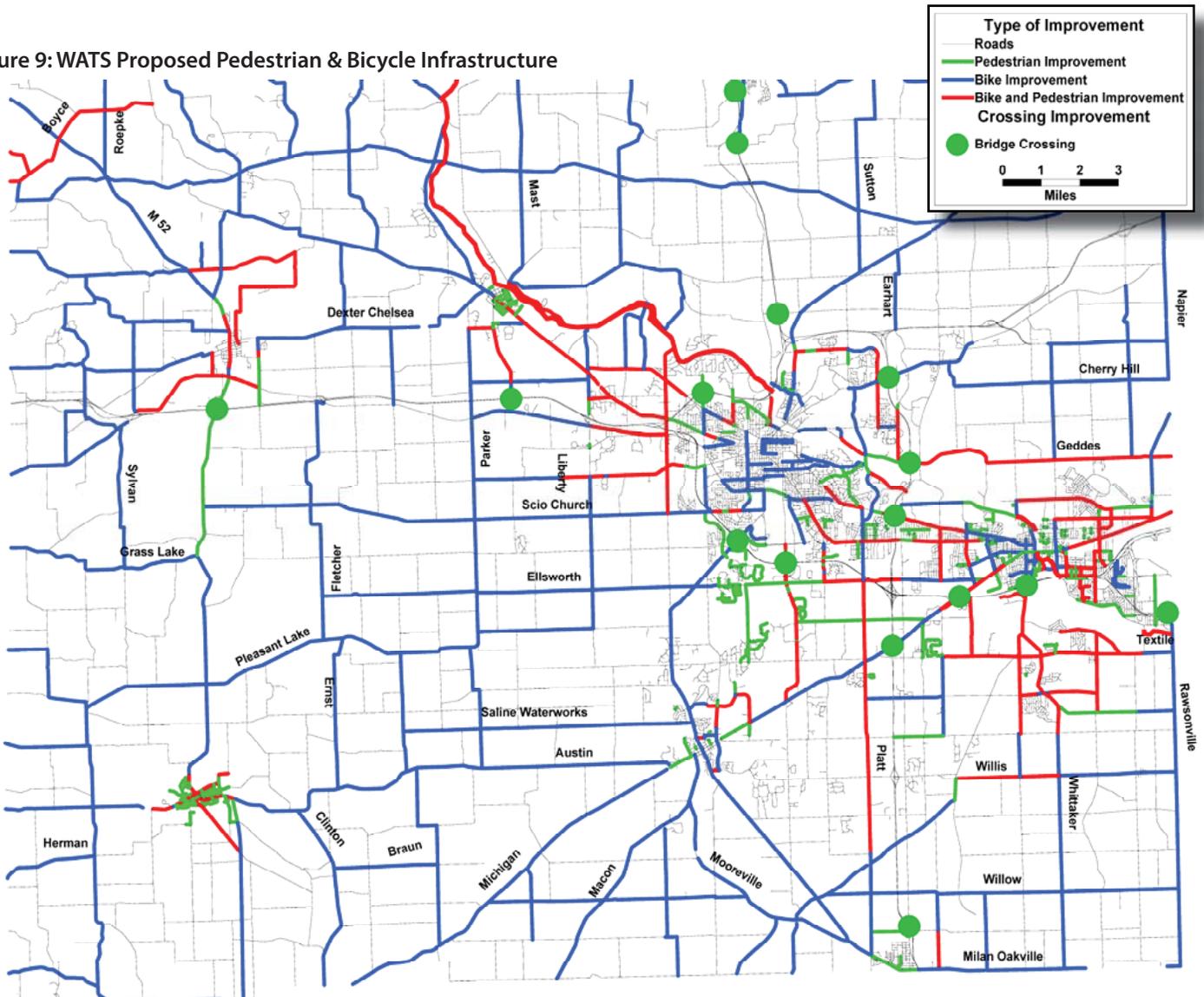
Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) developed a county-wide non-motorized transportation plan for Washtenaw County in 2006. The 2006 plan focused on countywide facility inventory and future investments. The plan includes an inventory of existing walking and bicycling facilities and identifies non-motorized transportation deficiencies across the County. WATS identified over 60 miles of roadways that warranted bicycle or pedestrian improvements in the Manchester Area. The deficiencies were identified for only the major transportation corridors using the National Functional Classification (NFC) System as well as a set of policy guidelines.

In response to these deficiencies, WATS established a list of potential future non-motorized transportation improvements. Figure 9 depicts the location of the proposed improvements for the Manchester area.

A revised WATS plan is under development in 2017. The new plan will focus on the identification of primary and secondary countywide transportation commuting corridors.

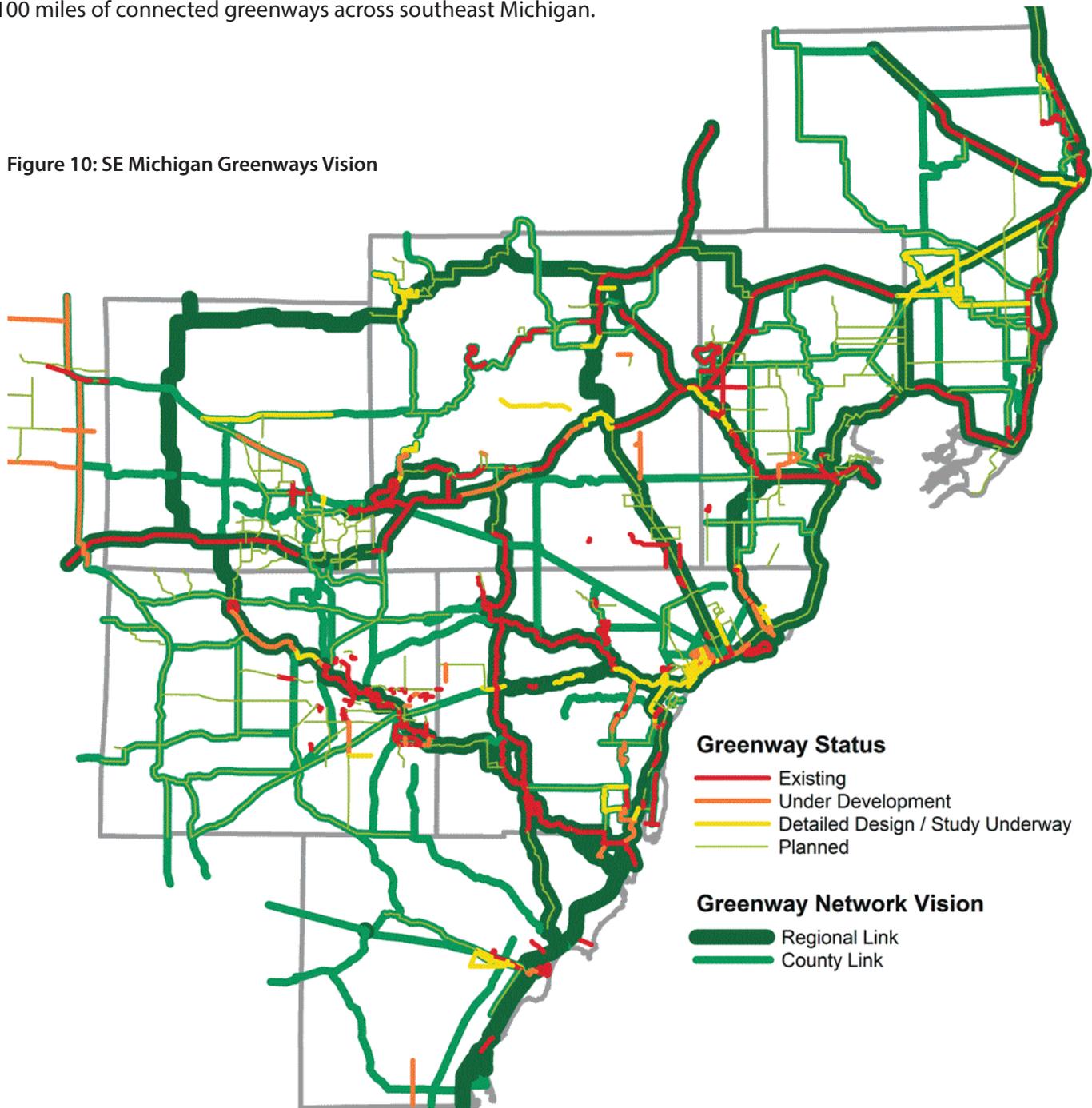
Figure 9: WATS Proposed Pedestrian & Bicycle Infrastructure



Michigan Greenways Vision

In the late 1990s, the seven-county region of southeast Michigan developed a Michigan Greenways Vision for the establishment of an interconnected system of greenways and trails. In 2006, this southeast Michigan vision was refined and updated to reflect the existing and desired greenway and trail connections in the region. This initiative was facilitated by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Counties worked together with local municipalities and community interest groups to develop a long-term vision for an interconnected system of greenways and trails. The GreenWays Initiative has helped more than 80 municipalities plan, design, finance and build more than 100 miles of connected greenways across southeast Michigan.

Figure 10: SE Michigan Greenways Vision



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

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

SEMCOG's 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan highlights one primary regional corridor running along M-52. The plan also identifies existing secondary routes along the City Road/Main Street/Austin Road corridor, along Sharon Hollow Road, and a proposed loop connecting Hermann, Watkins, and Wellwood Roads back to Sharon Hollow.

2004 Washtenaw County Comprehensive Plan

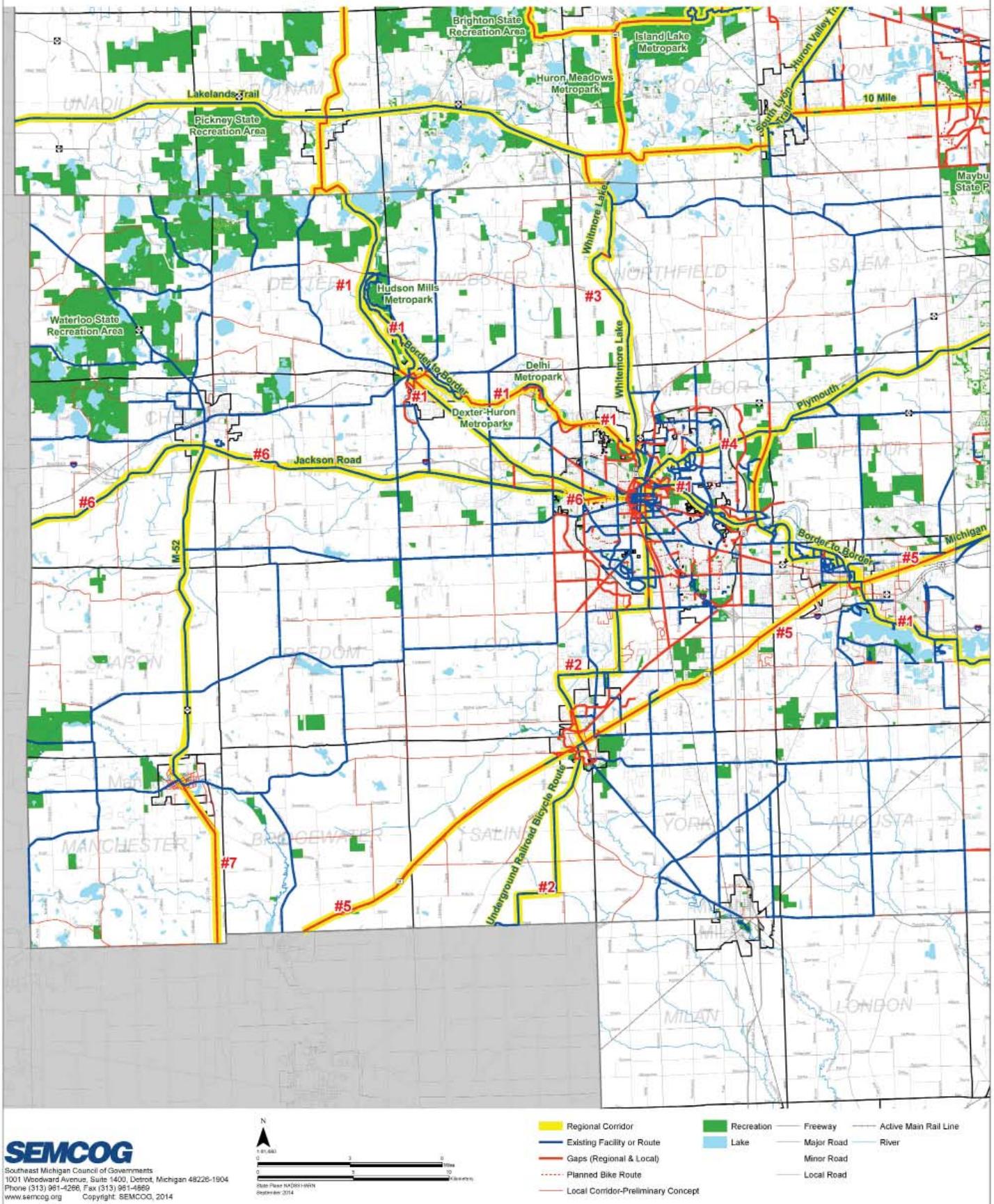
Washtenaw County identified a clear and compelling vision for its future and developed a comprehensive set of goals and actions to reach that vision. One such goal is to provide adequate and accessible parks and recreation for all County residents and to develop a regional open space system and county-wide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

The objectives and recommendations set to achieve this goal include:

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

Figure 11: SEMCOG Regional Non-motorized Corridors and Gaps

Regional Nonmotorized Corridors & Gaps Washtenaw County

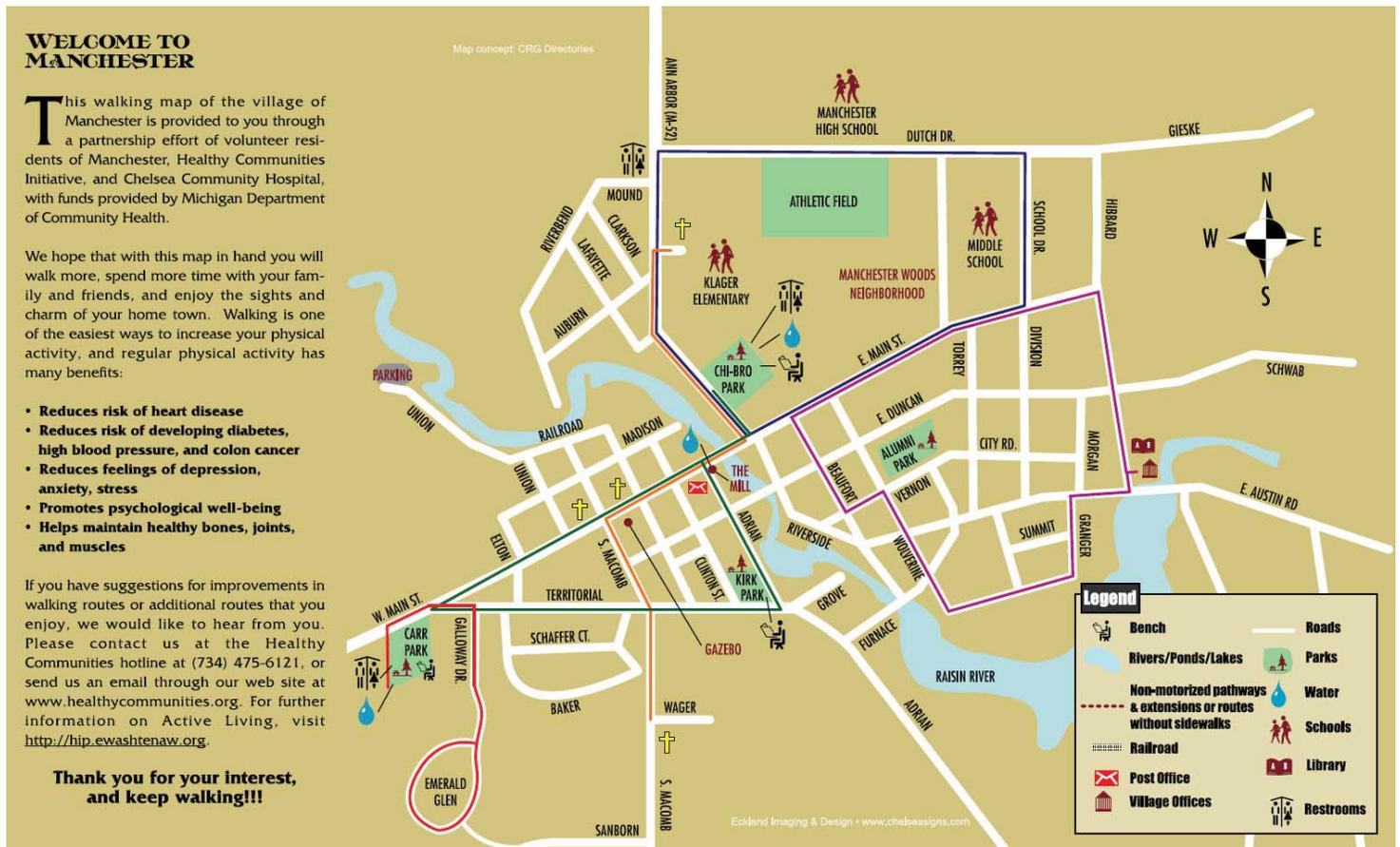


Local Efforts

Locally, the Village of Manchester has built a number of sidewalks and crosswalks. A Complete Streets ordinance was formulated to encourage more people to walk and bike around the community. The Village of Manchester has also achieved a Silver Level through the Promoting Active Communities Program assessment which recognized Manchester as a community that has taken important steps toward making it easy for people to be active.

The walking map below was made possible through the Washtenaw County Healthy Communities Program with funds provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health. It depicts five walking loops around the Village.

Figure 12: Village of Manchester Walking Map



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

An ambitious project spearheaded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) would connect a series of trails from Detroit's Belle Isle to Ironwood in the far west of the Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) includes a 1,273-mile long hiking route which winds along the west side of the Lower Peninsula and parallels Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. A 791-mile bike trail uses existing multi-use trails and follows US-2, a designated national bicycling route running just north of Lake Michigan in the Upper Peninsula.

While the IBT is not planned to pass through Manchester, it is slated to run through Jackson to the west and Stockbridge, Pinckney, Dexter, and Ann Arbor to the north. Trail segments are operated and maintained by local communities and recreation authorities.

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

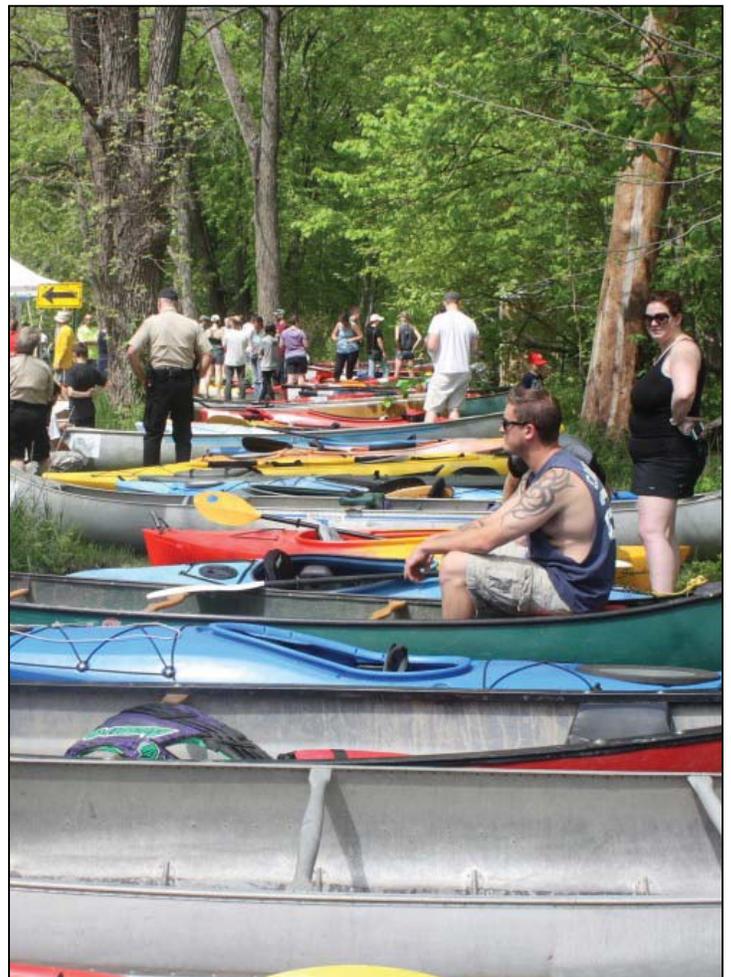


Figure 13 (above): North Country National Scenic Trail

Figure 14 (below): Iron Belle Trail Preliminary Route

The **Great Lake-to-Lake Trail** follows many of the same trails as the Iron Belle Trail as it crosses southern lower Michigan. The primary differences are the western spur from South Haven to Kalamazoo which utilizes the Kal-Haven Trail State Park, and the eastern section which turns north at Pinckney on its way towards Port Huron. The trail would pass west of Manchester in Jackson County.

Figure 15: Great Lake-to-Lake Trail Route

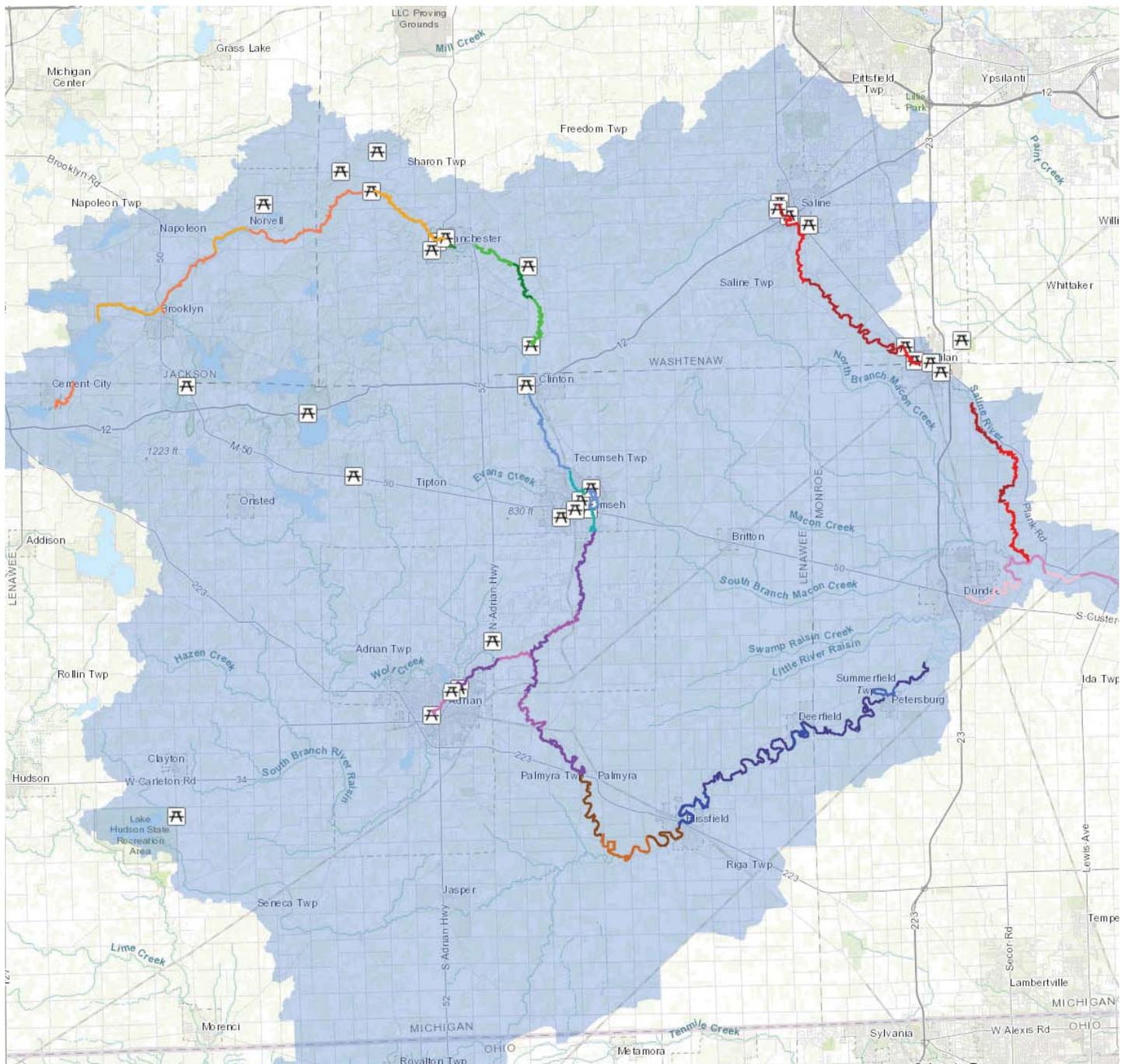


Michigan Blueways & Water Trails

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

The Michigan Watertrails website does not currently show any trails existing in the Manchester area. The River Raisin Watershed Council, however, details a number of segments along the River Raisin from Cement City in Jackson through to Lake Erie. The River Raisin is also the primary route for the Michigan Watertrail's "Monroe County Trail", which runs from Petersburg east to Lake Erie. A proposed water trail from Saline to Milan utilizing the Saline River suggests a desire for expanded water trails throughout the region.

Figure 16: River Raisin Watershed Council Water Trail Routes



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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



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**The Manchester Men's Club
sponsors an annual ice skating
party at Chi-Bro Park.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

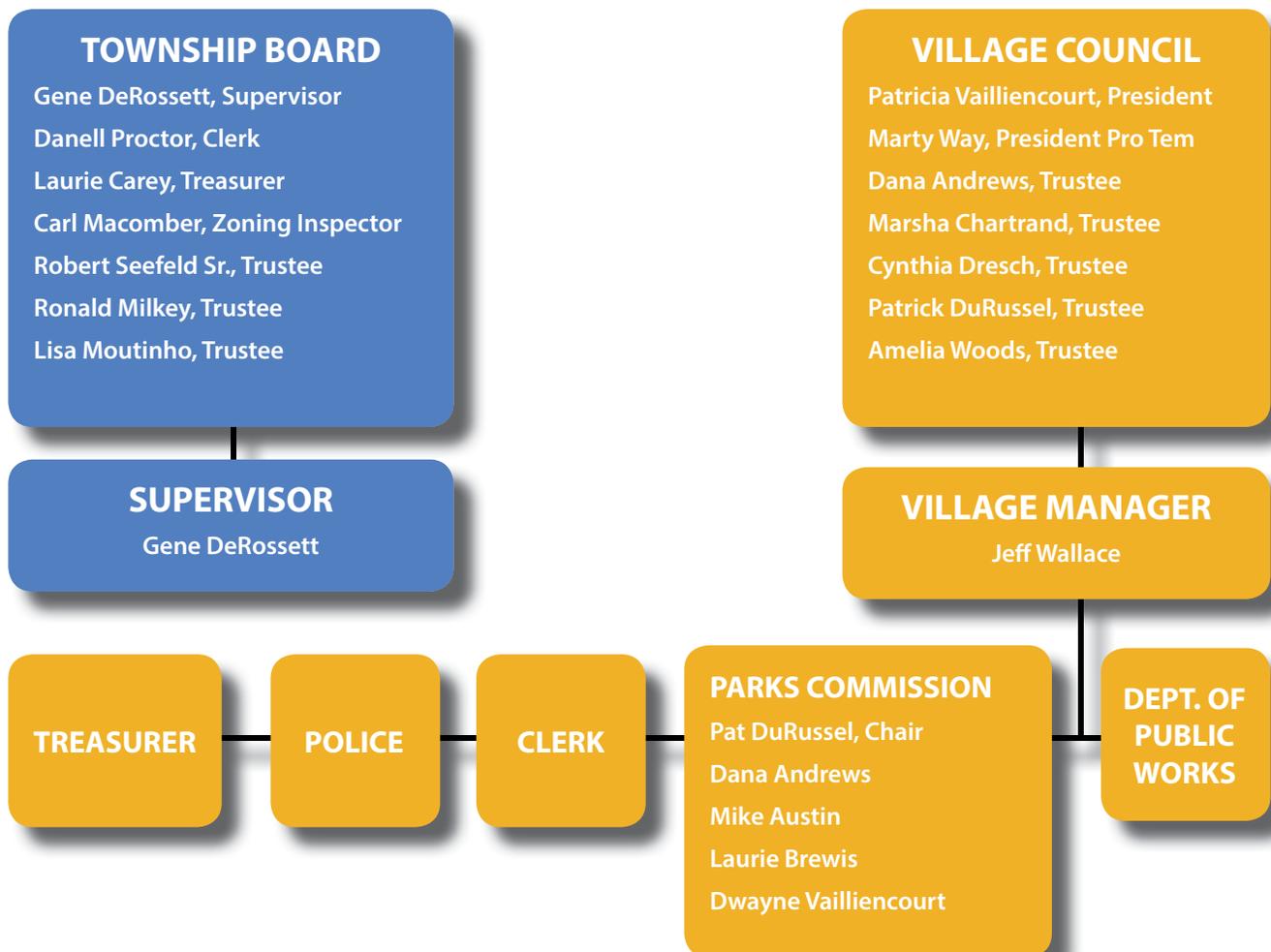
The Manchester Village Council is the governing elected body which has authority over all Village operations including parks and recreation. Recreation activities in the Township are regulated by the Township Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATION

The Parks Commission was established in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Manchester Code of Ordinances as enabled by Public Act 156 of 1917 (Recreation and Playgrounds). The Commission has six members, each appointed for a 3-year term by Village Council, with one member being part of Council. The Commission meets monthly, oversees the management of Village parks through the approval of expenditures, contract awards, and park use and policies. The Parks Commission is also responsible for park improvement recommendations and the development of its five-year Parks and Recreation Plan outlining proposed enhancements to Manchester's parks system.

Park maintenance functions are carried out through the Public Works Department. The Department includes a superintendent who supervises a work crew of four in water and wastewater treatment, street, and park maintenance and improvements.

Figure 17: Organizational Charts, Manchester Township & Village of Manchester



FUNDING AND BUDGET

Park maintenance and improvements are supported by the Village Park and Recreation Fund and by user fees, grants, and donations. The Village general fund dedicates .6278 mill for parks, which generated over \$39,000 in 2011. A summary of revenues and expenditures for 2015 - 2018 is presented in Table 6.

Table 6: 2015 - 2018 Park and Recreation Budgets

	2015 - 2016 Actual	2016 - 2017 Actual	2017 - 2018 Budgeted
Revenues			
Tax Collection	\$ 39,303	\$ 37,209	\$ 37,667
Personal Property Tax Replacement	\$ -	\$ 6,100	\$ 3,400
Park Reservation Fees	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 140
Interest - Checking	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Interest - CDAR	\$ 215	\$ 300	\$ 50
Interest - CD	\$ 327	\$ -	\$ 150
Interest - Delinquent Taxes	\$ 69	\$ -	\$ 50
Contributed Capital	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -
Shared Use Trail	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
Kirk Park - 5 Healthy Comm.	\$ 42,051	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Riverfront Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Come Out & Play	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ -
Contribution from General Fund - Riverfront Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance Usage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,953
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 157,285	\$ 84,719	\$ 678,420
Appropriations			
Shared Use Trail	\$ 144,588	\$ -	\$ -
Kirk Park	\$ 80,836	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,000
Riverfront Development	\$ 2,560	\$ -	\$ 620,000
Come Out & Play	\$	\$ 34,000	\$ -
Parks & Recreation	\$ 48,953	\$ 35,670	\$ 44,420
Total Expenses	\$ 276,937	\$ 79,670	\$ 678,420
Net of Revenues/Appropriations	(\$ 119,652)	\$ 5,049	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 193,861	\$ 74,210	
Total Expenses	\$74,209	\$ 79,259	



MANCHESTER AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



MEN'S
MANCHESTER
CLUB



MANCHESTER
DISTRICT LIBRARY

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Village of Manchester recognizes the importance of developing successful long-term relationships in the community. Current partnerships include: government agencies (Townships, County, and State), public schools, volunteers, service clubs, community groups, and private businesses.

The Manchester School District athletic fields, game courts, and indoor facilities including the gymnasiums and classrooms are used for programming by the schools' recreation programs. Volunteer parent organizations run some of the youth sports. They include the Manchester Little League, Manchester Soccer Association, and the Manchester Area Youth Soccer (MAYS) club. These organizations use the facilities offered by the Village and the schools.

The Manchester Wellness Coalition (MWC) is a group of community members interested in developing and guiding a coordinated Manchester-area approach to healthy living practices. The MWC is sponsored and funded by the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation. Their efforts focus on community programs, activities, and facilities.

The Gateway Communities Initiative brings leaders from the communities bordering the Waterloo Recreation Area and other public lands including Manchester, Dexter, Pinckney, Stockbridge, and eastern Jackson County to promote a greater awareness and appreciation for these areas as a source for tourism, economic development, and community pride.

Private businesses contribute to community, recreation, and special event programs through sponsorships and donations. Service clubs and community groups also play an active role in supporting parks and recreation in Manchester. Current civic and service groups, as well as other initiatives include:

Civic Organizations:

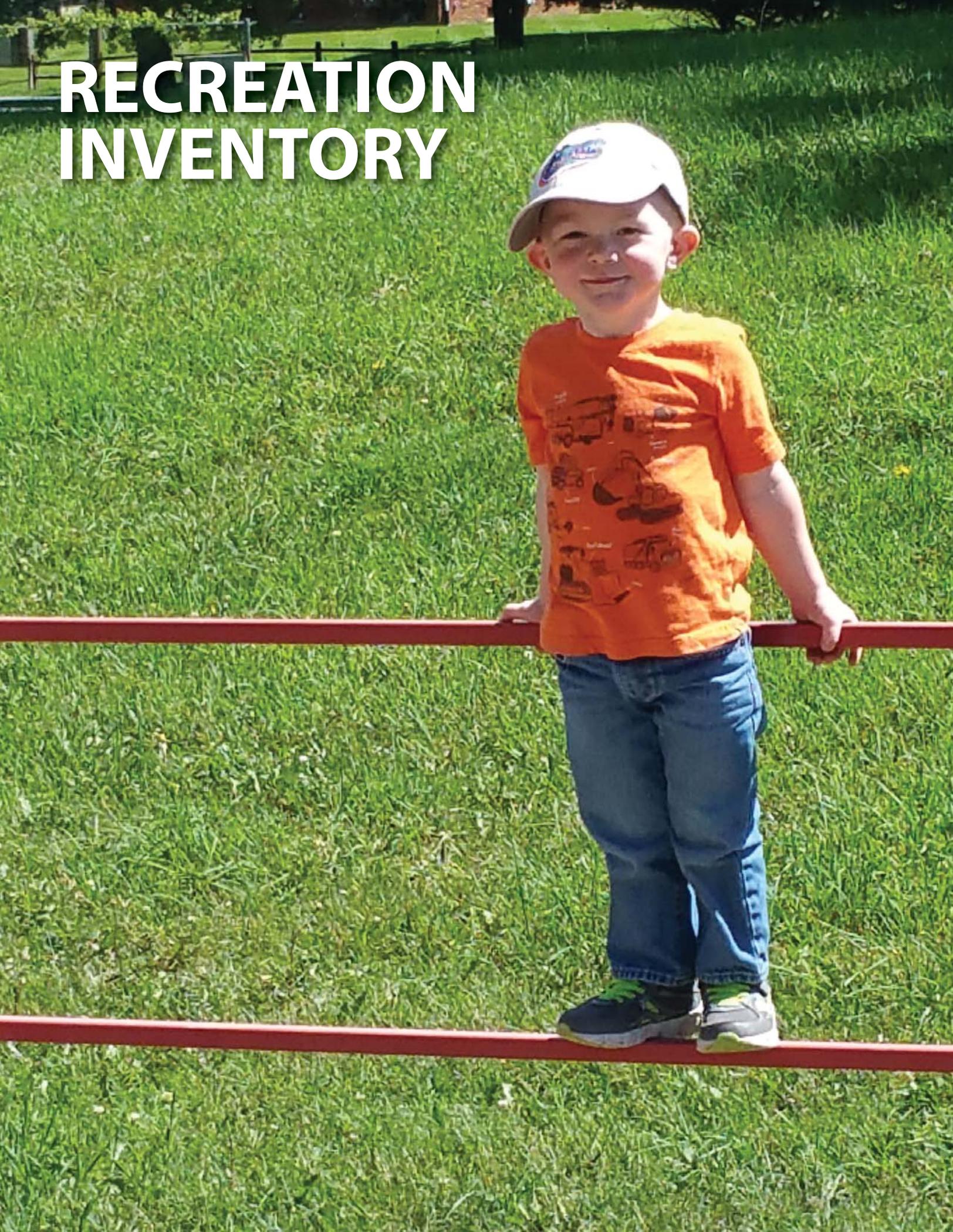
- Community Resource Center
- Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Manchester Area Historical Society
- Manchester District Library
- Senior Citizens Council
- Manchester Civic Club

Service Groups and other Initiatives:

- Kiwanis Club
- Lions Club
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Manchester Chamber of Commerce
- Manchester Little League
- Manchester Soccer Association
- Manchester Area Youth Soccer
- Manchester Men's Club
- Five Healthy Towns
- Manchester Wellness Coalition
- Gateway Communities Initiative
- Manchester Area Friends

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RECREATION INVENTORY



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**A young gentleman enjoying the
playground at Carr Park.**

Image Source: Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc.

RECREATION INVENTORY

The Village of Manchester serves as the unofficial recreation center for southwest Washtenaw County, attracting visitors from Manchester Township as well as the surrounding communities of Bridgewater, Freedom, and Sharon Townships. Village and Township residents are able to take advantage of a variety of recreational resources at the regional, county, and local levels. This chapter describes these resources.

MANCHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

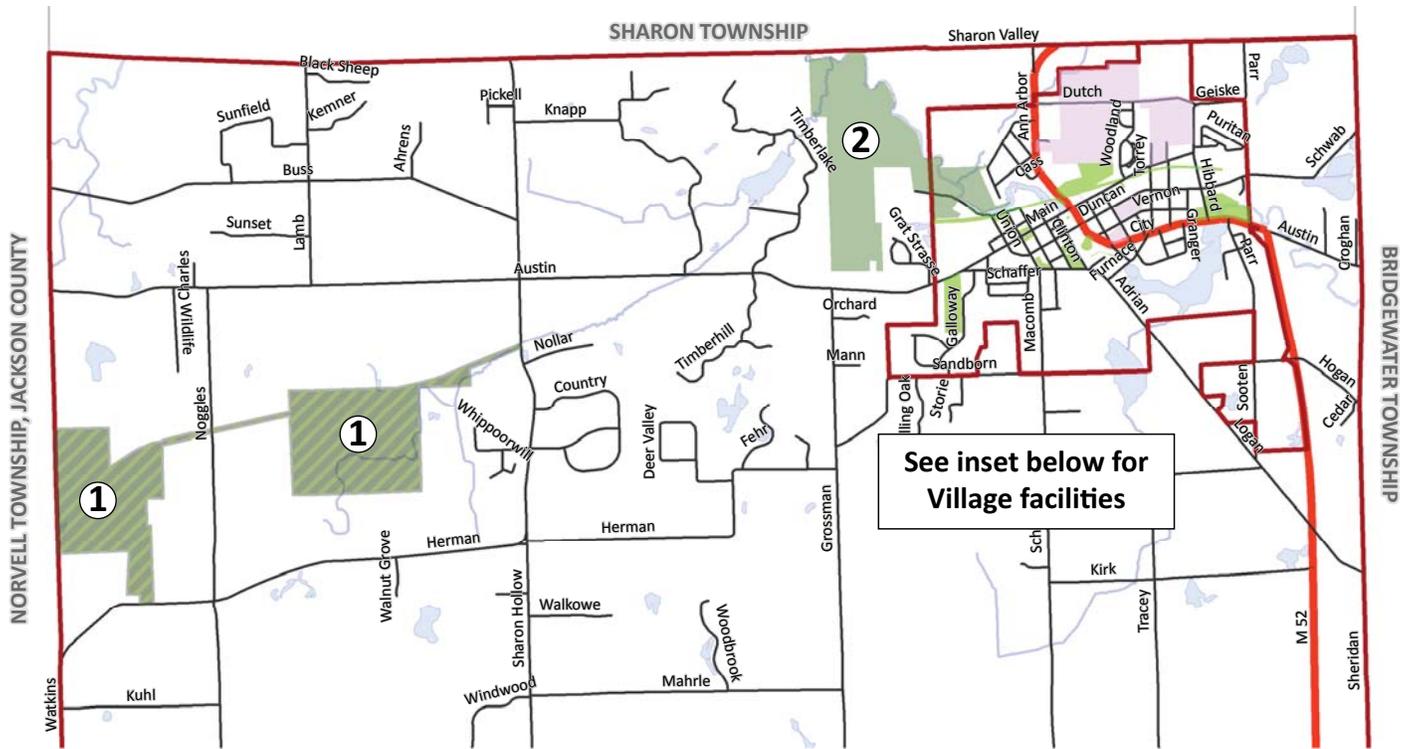
The Village owns and operates five community parks: Carr, Chi-Bro, Kirk, and Wurster parks, as well as the new River Raisin Park which is currently under development. These parks provide both active and passive-use amenities, and are gathering places for a variety of cultural events.

The Village also owns other properties throughout the community which include the 1 ½ mile of abandoned railroad bed with some properties along the River, and the Village office and Wastewater Treatment Facility properties. These properties present opportunities to extend a river walk system.

Manchester Township does not currently own or maintain any public recreation facilities. However, the Township does contain many open spaces that are highly desirable in terms of habitat protection, protection of the River Raisin, and the overall aesthetic quality of the community. Additionally, several land preserves and land trusts are located within the Township. For a further description, see the section on Planning Initiatives beginning on page 11.



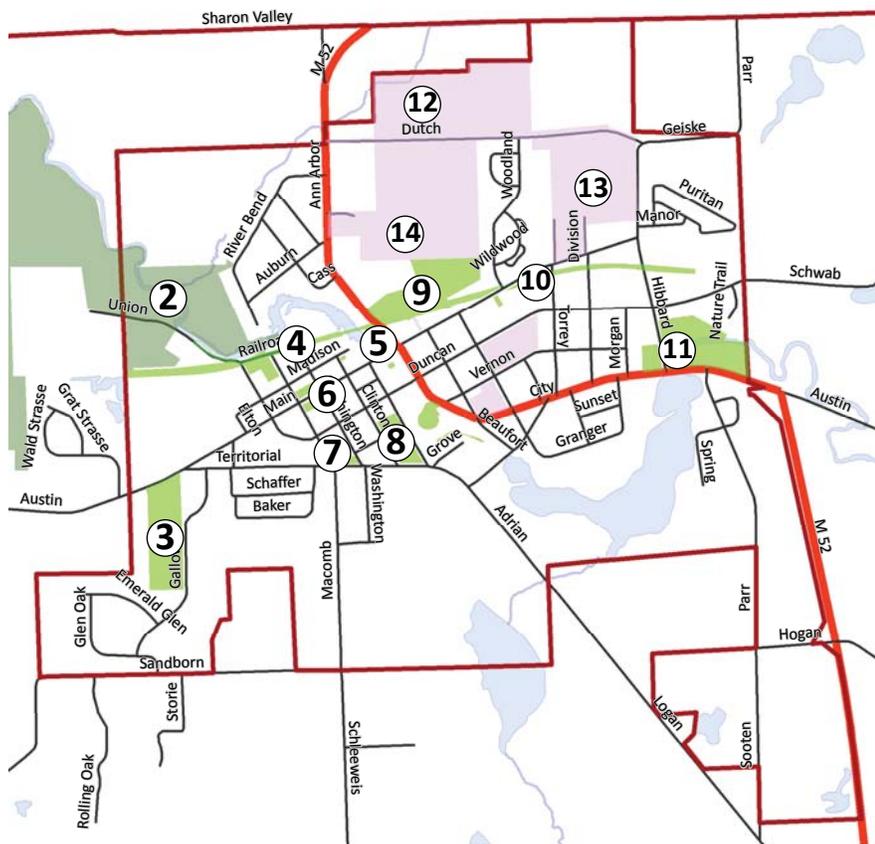
Map 4: Manchester Area Community Facilities



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP - NORTH



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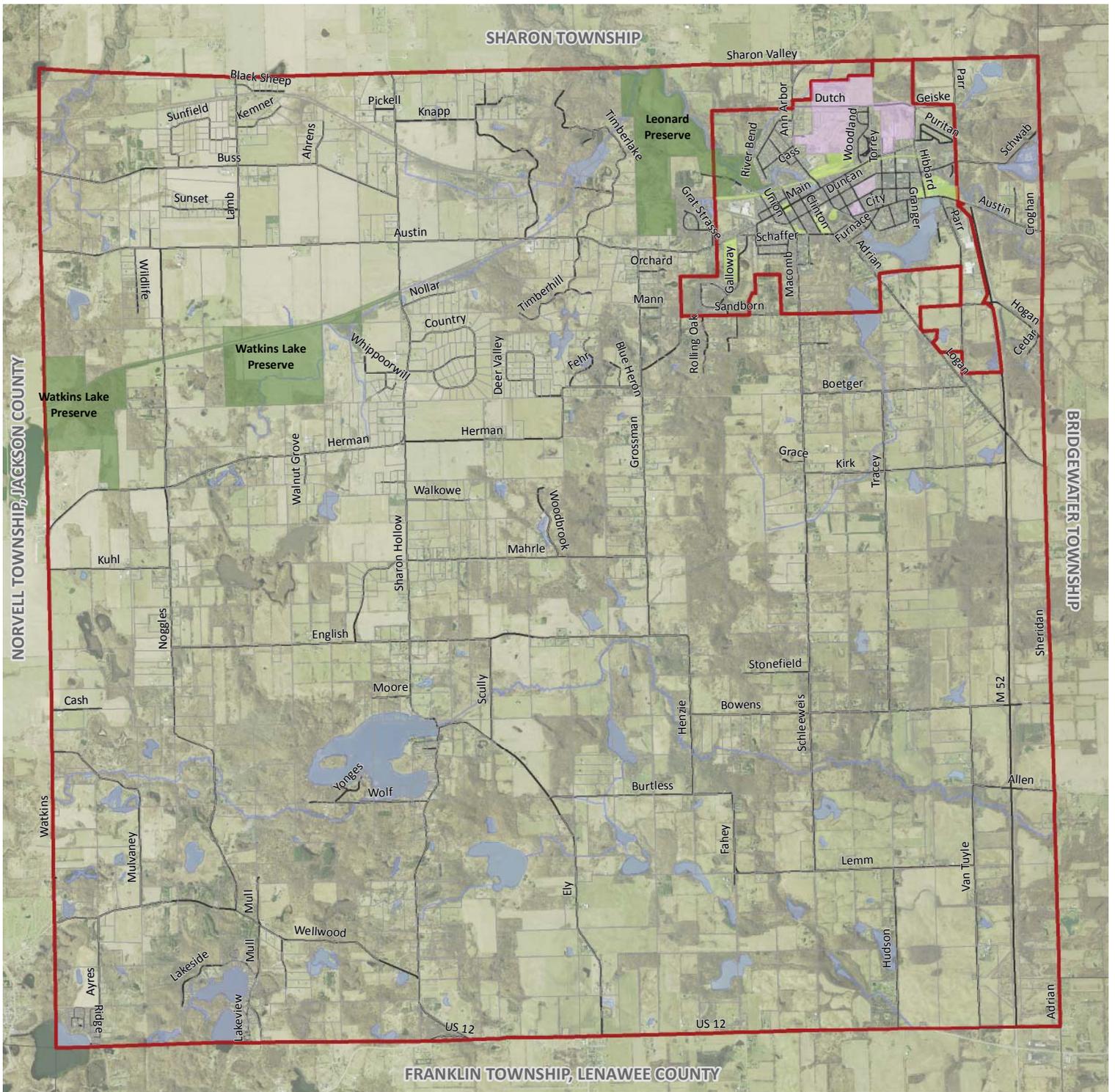
VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

1. Watkins Lake State Park
2. Leonard Preserve
3. Carr Park
4. Proposed Rail-Trail
5. Proposed Riverside Park
6. Wurster Park
7. Township Offices
8. Kirk Park
9. Chi-bro Park
10. Existing Rail-Trail
11. Village Offices
12. Manchester High School
13. Manchester Middle School
14. Klager Elementary

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manchester Township
 Village of Manchester
 Washtenaw County

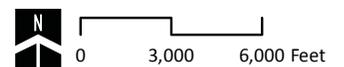
Map 5: Manchester Area Community Facilities



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manchester Township
Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County

- Washtenaw County Parks
- Village Parks and Properties
- Schools
- Rivers and Streams
- Lakes and Ponds



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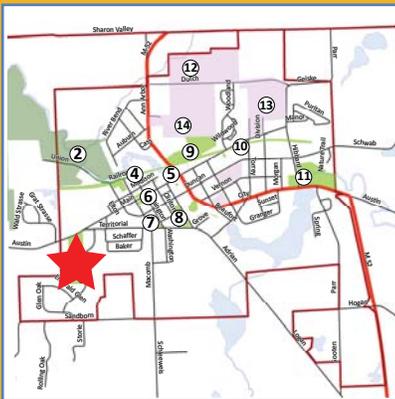


CARR PARK

Located on the west side of town, Carr Park is a popular play and picnic spot. The park's gently rolling terrain provides an added level of interest. Amenities include paved parking, bicycle racks, a ball field with backstop and bleachers, two sand volleyball courts, drinking fountains, four picnic pavilions, benches, grills, a barn scape play structure, playground equipment (two swing sets and one jungle gym), and a pond and marsh area. Carr Park is the site for the Fourth of July community picnic, games, fireworks, and an Easter Egg hunt among others. The baseball diamond is used by the Summer Recreation Programs for PeeWee and T-Ball.



- 20.8 acres
- Active & Passive Use
- Paved parking
- Ball field
- Sand volleyball courts
- Picnic pavilions
- Grills
- Playground equipment



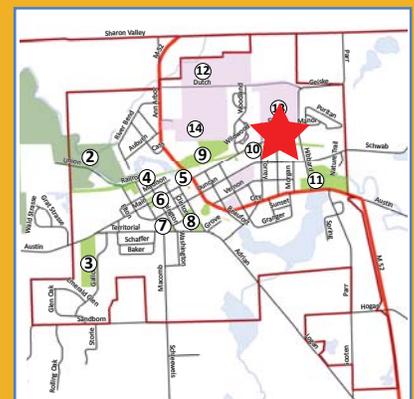


CHI-BRO PARK

As the home of the Farmer's Market, Chi-Bro Park has become one of the most important gathering points in the Village. The Park sees activity throughout the year, with ice skating popular in the winter months. The property features a 3.5-acre spring-fed pond with one small dam. The park includes paved parking, basketball courts, an ice rink, sand volleyball, a portable restroom, a picnic pavilion, grills, benches, play structures, and trails.

A newly developed trail extends through the park. The 0.3-mile long trail follows an abandoned railroad bed which crosses the Village. The trail may be extended from a point 500 feet east of Hibbard Street to the western Village limit for a distance of 1.5 miles, and potentially on to Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve.

- 9.3 acres
- Active & Passive Use
- Picnic pavilion
- Grills
- Play equipment
- Sand volleyball courts
- Basketball courts / ice rink
- Nature trails / pond
- Paved multi-use trail

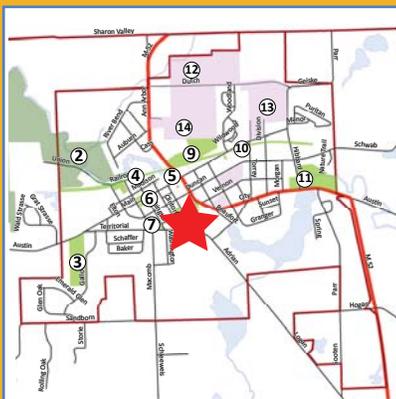


KIRK PARK

Kirk Park, in the south central portion of the Village, is a traditional neighborhood park with two parking areas, two fenced baseball diamonds with four dugouts and bleachers, a basketball court, two tennis courts, a picnic pavilion, and playground equipment. In 2017, the ball diamonds were completely rebuilt with new infields, dugouts, and fencing, and a new play structure for 2 to 5-year olds was added. The Manchester Little League Program uses the baseball fields.



- 3.75 acres
- Primarily active-use
- Paved and gravel parking
- Ball fields
- Tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Picnic pavilion
- Playground equipment



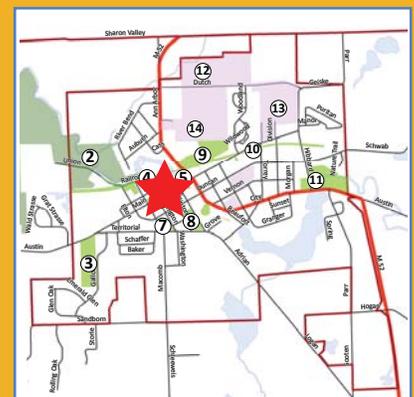


WURSTER PARK

Wurster Park is located in the center of the Village on Main Street and contains 1.5 acres of land. It includes a 19th century-style gazebo, a war memorial stone, flagpole, and landscaping. It is the site for weekly concert series in the summer and is used for special events such as craft demonstrations, games, speeches, and weddings.



- 1.5 acres
- Passive Use
- Gazebo
- War memorial
- Landscaping



River Raisin Park

The Village's newest park will be developed in 2018 with a MDNR Trust Fund Grant in cooperation with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation. The park will include a boardwalk, boat launch, and fishing pier among other items. The park will give residents unprecedented access to the River Raisin from downtown, and could be an attractive spot for tourists paddling along the River Raisin Water Trail from Sharon Mills to downtown Manchester.

- 0.8 acres
- Primarily passive-use
- Boardwalk
- Boat launch
- Fishing pier

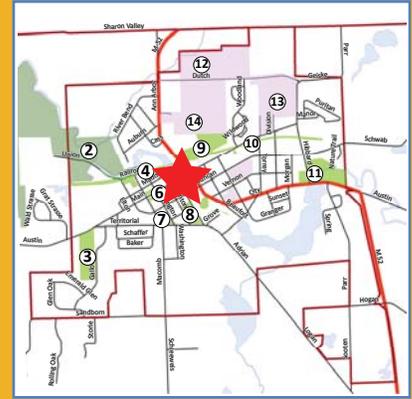


Figure 18: River Raisin Park Conceptual Design



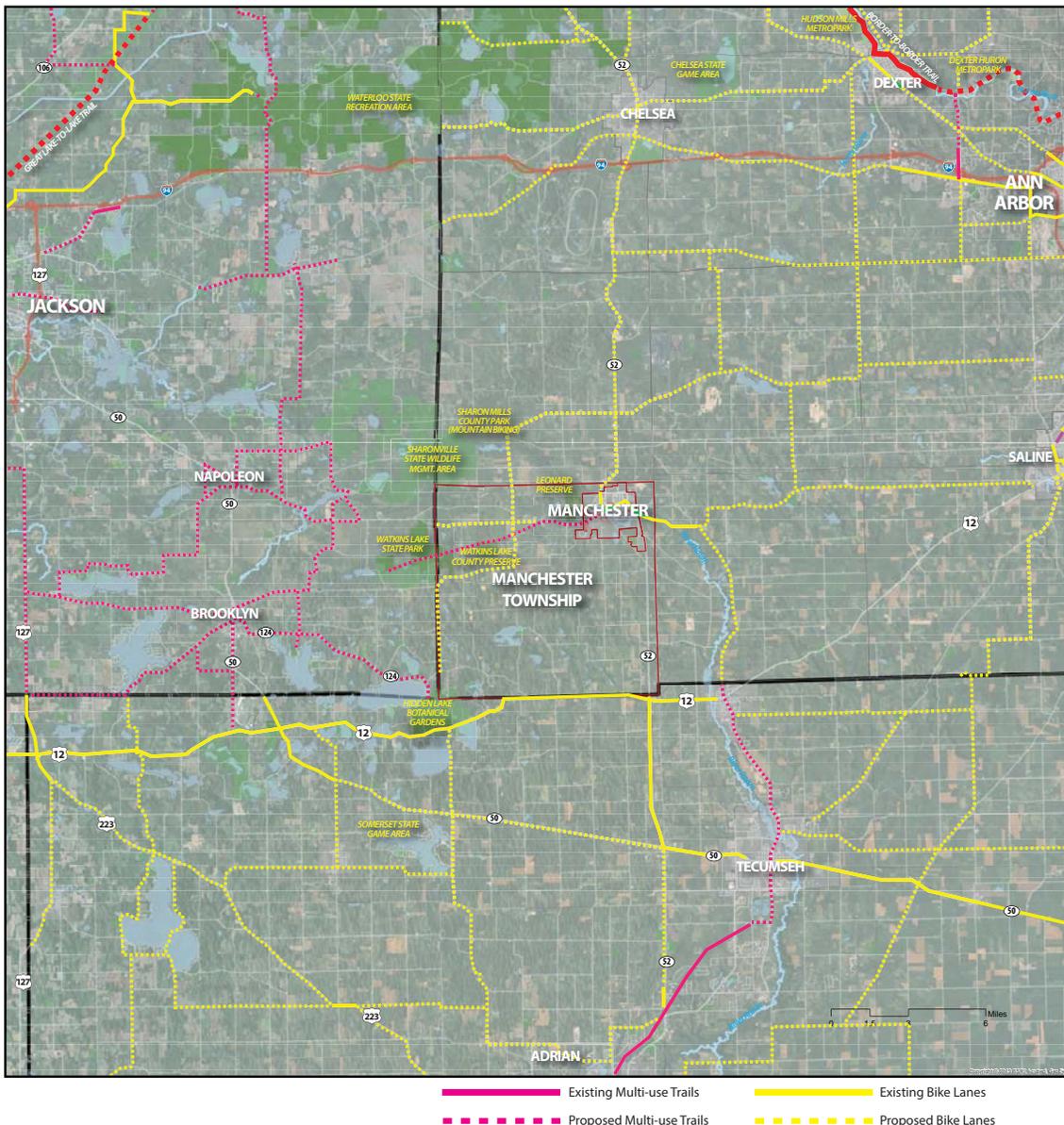
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND PATHS

The Village and Township recognize the importance of providing access to safe non-motorized transportation routes for their residents. In recent years, the Village has introduced bike lanes along Ann Arbor Street, Riverside Drive, and City Road, and developed a multi-use trail through Chi-Bro Park. The Chi-Bro Trail, which utilizes an existing railroad easement, will be expanded further east to Hibbard Street and west to the Village limits.

In addition to the asphalt segment of the Shared-Use Trail in Chi-Bro Park, a segment of the railbed from Union Street west to the Village limits was also completed as a compacted stone segment in 2015. Approximately 45% of the village-owned railbed length was completed as Phase 1 of the Shared-Use Trail in 2015. This compacted stone segment runs alongside the Leonard Preserve, and is a possible connecton point to the proposed Watkins Lake Trail. The Village has been pursuing additional grant funding to add to existing funding commitments from WCPARC and the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, in order to complete the remaining 55% of the Shared-Use Trail railbed length within the Village limits.

The Village, Township, and Washtenaw County have begun preliminary partnership discussions regarding development of a trail from Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve to downtown Manchester. The trail would extend from Sharon Hollow Road south of Austin Road and could potentially use abandoned rail beds for at least a portion of its route. Manchester Township was awarded a Connecting Communities grant to develop a Feasibility Study for the trail. The Study is expected to be completed in early 2018.

Map 6: Regional Trail Network



OTHER LOCAL RECREATION FACILITIES

LEONARD PRESERVE

Washtenaw County owns and operates the Leonard Preserve on the northwest corner of the Village. It encompasses 259 acres of land and protects over one mile of the River Raisin shoreline. The project is the result of a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and Washtenaw County Parks. The Preserve features prairie remnants, woodlands, wetlands, and over four miles of hiking trails. A small parking area at the end of Union Street provides access to nature trails.



ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD

The Alumni Memorial Field located north of the School Administration Building, encompasses 8 acres of land and offers soccer fields, a picnic pavilion, and various small buildings. It is the site of the Annual Chicken Broil and the Manchester Community Fair. The Manchester Soccer Association uses the fields for games and its annual summer soccer camp.



Considered the largest event of its kind, the Chicken Broil has been an important fund raiser for the Manchester area. Net proceeds from the event have been used to construct the Barnyard playground structures and children's area redevelopment at Carr Park, to fund Manchester Middle School playground equipment, and for major renovations to the Kirk Park ball diamonds, infrastructure and children's playground equipment.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

In addition to Alumni Memorial Field, the Manchester Community School District owns and operates a High School/Middle School, an elementary school, and an administration building in the Village. The school properties provide recreation facilities for Village residents and include athletic fields, playgrounds, open space, and indoor facilities for both students and Village residents.



The High School Athletic Complex, on the north side of the Village, contains about 55 acres of land with outdoor athletic fields, a gymnasium, and a greenhouse. The athletic complex features a lighted fenced football field with electric scoreboard, flagpole, concession stand, restroom, grandstand, press box, bleachers, and track. It also includes two soccer practice fields, a baseball diamond and a softball field with enclosed dugouts, as well as four practice ball fields. The gymnasium offers gym space and an indoor walking/running track. The High School varsity and junior varsity sports teams use these facilities, and the six-lane asphalt track is open to the public for walking, jogging, and running.



The Middle School property, located on the northeast side of the Village, contains 30 acres of land with a softball field with backstop, practice football field, and soccer fields. The Five Healthy Towns Foundation operates a wellness center on this property in a separate building.

Klager Elementary School is part of the High School Athletic Complex and provides an asphalt play area with a painted map of the United States, four squares and other games, a play structure, playground equipment, and a sledding area.

The Administration Building, formerly Ackerson School, includes 5 acres of land in the central portion of the Village. The property includes two basketball backboards, hoops and nets, and a play area for preschool children.





WATKINS LAKE STATE PARK AND COUNTY PRESERVE

Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, located in both Washtenaw and Jackson counties, is the first state facility to be jointly managed with a county recreation agency. Located in sections 7, 8, and 18 on the western side of the Township, the park contains a mixture of open prairies, hardwood forests, wetlands, and open water. Royal and Sally Carpenter Watkins, who first farmed the land, played a key role in the Underground Railroad, providing an interesting historical element to the park.

The 1,122-acre facility is currently largely undeveloped and provides opportunities for hiking, bird watching, and wildlife viewing. A 4.5-mile former railroad corridor runs through the site and has the potential for development as a non-motorized trail. As mentioned previously, the trail could likely be expanded to connect the villages of Manchester and Brooklyn.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Village parks and school properties provide the space for many recreation programs offered to both Village residents and residents of the adjacent townships. The following programs and community events are organized and sponsored by civic groups, sports organizations, and others.



Manchester Little League

This program organizes spring and summer baseball and softball for area youth. It is run by a volunteer Board of Directors who organizes Pee Wee T-ball, T-ball, Little League, Pony League, and softball leagues. Baseball diamonds at Kirk and Carr Parks as well as the schools' ball fields are utilized for this program. Participant fees, business sponsorships, and advertising revenue fund the program.

Manchester Soccer Association

The Manchester Soccer Association is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, and offers instructional and competitive soccer at age appropriate levels. It is funded by participant fees.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors a number of activities throughout the year including Christmas in the Village, when Santa Claus rides into town in a horse-drawn wagon. Other events include a summer golf outing, the Manchester Community Business Expo, a summer Farmers Market featuring local merchants and growers, and a Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast at the beginning of the school year. The Chamber also hosts a Halloween Caramel Apple Tradition in cooperation with the Manchester Civic Club, the Manchester Lions Club, the Manchester Kiwanis, and Dr. Monty and Joann Okey.



Manchester Area Friends

Manchester Area Friends is a volunteer group of citizens whose goal is to sponsor local events and raise money to directly support activities, clubs, and causes in the Manchester community. Since 2008 this group has sponsored "Run Manchester" which features a 10k, 5k, and 1 mile run/walk event. They also sponsors six fish fry dinners during the Lenten season and donate the proceeds back into the community.

Senior Citizens Programs: The Senior Citizens Council, guided by an elected Board, sponsors twice-weekly meals (and home delivery for shut-ins), a physical fitness program, card parties, speakers, and a transportation program, which includes visits to doctors, dentists, shopping areas, as well as special day trips and overnight excursions. The Senior Citizens program operates from the community center located in the Village Hall.

Scouting: The Boy Scout program has Tiger Cub packs, Cub Scouts, Webelos, and a Boy Scout Troop. The Girl Scout program includes Daisy Scout, Brownie Scout, and Junior Girl Scout troops.

Manchester District Library: In addition to circulation of books, magazines, audio books, and movies, the Library offers a variety of programs including study groups, special speakers, a summer reading program and story hours for children. It also provides computers as well as wireless internet access to the public.

Manchester Area Historical Society: The Society's monthly meetings are open to the public and feature speakers and demonstrations. The Historical Society has restored the Schneider Blacksmith Shop, and periodically offers demonstrations of the blacksmith's art. In addition, the Society owns and operates the KJ House on the corner of Main Street and M-52.

League Sports: Golf and volleyball leagues draw from Village and Township residents. These are all privately organized, with volunteers drawing upon previous participants and sometimes soliciting new participation through notices in the local weekly newspaper.

REGIONAL PARKS

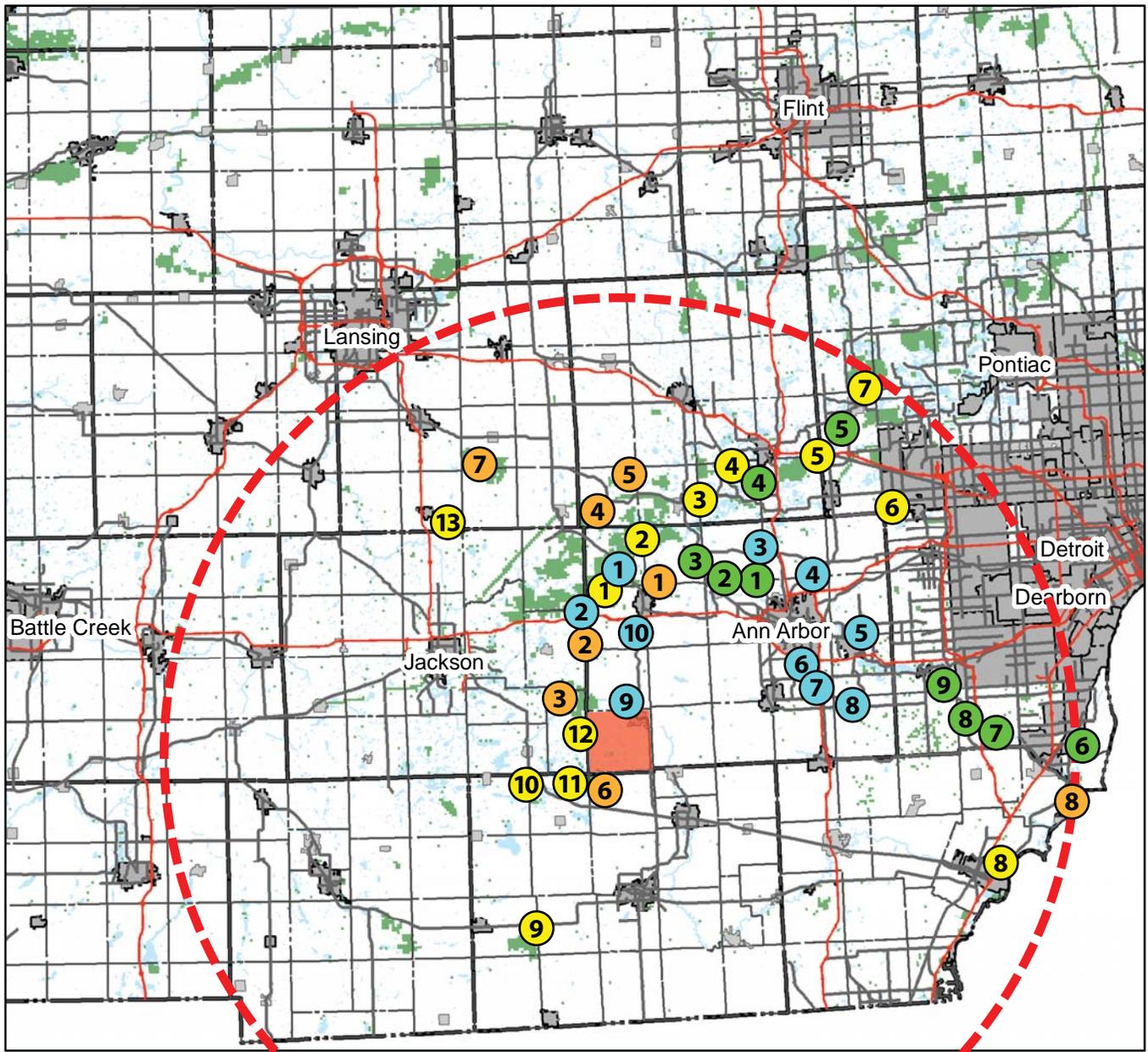
In addition to the local parks and recreation facilities, there are over 37,000 acres of parkland owned by Washtenaw, Jackson, and Lenawee counties and the State of Michigan within an hour drive of Manchester. These regional recreational facilities are large facilities that provide opportunities such as camping, swimming, boating, hiking, and golfing which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. They are often associated with natural features such as lakes, rivers, wooded areas, or fragile ecosystems.

Washtenaw County owns two additional preserves nearby in the region. They include the Brauer Preserve, a 226-acre property in the northeast corner of Freedom Township and the Ervin-Stucki Preserve, a 126-acre property in Bridgewater Township. The latter preserve includes trails and boardwalks along the River Raisin with access from both Clinton and Austin roads.

The map on page 43 identifies some of the major regional parks and recreation facilities within the area and Table 7 lists the recreational activities they offer.



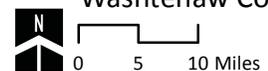
Map 7: Regional Recreation Opportunities



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MI State Parks & Rec. Areas 1. Waterloo Recreation Area 2. Pinckney Recreation Area 3. Lakelands Trail State Park 4. Brighton Recreation Area 5. Island Lake Recreation Area 6. Maybury State Park 7. Proud Lake Recreation Area 8. Sterling State Park 9. Lake Hudson Recreation Area 10. Cambridge Junction Historic State Park 11. Hayes State Park 12. Watkins Lake State Park & County Preserve 13. Meridian-Baseline State Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MI State Game Areas 1. Chelsea 2. Goose Lake 3. Sharonville 4. Unadilla 5. Gregory 6. Onsted 7. Dansville 8. Pointe Mouillee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washtenaw County Parks 1. Park Lyndon 2. Cavanaugh Lake 3. Independence Lake 4. Park Northfield 5. Parker Mill 6. County Farm Park 7. Rolling Hills 8. Swift Run Dog Park 9. Sharon Mills 10. Pierce Lake Golf Course |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huron-Clinton Metroparks 1. Delhi 2. Dexter-Huron 3. Hudson Mills 4. Huron Meadows 5. Kensington 6. Lake Erie 7. Oakwoods 8. Willow 9. Lower Huron | | |

Regional Recreation Opportunities within 45 mile radius

Village of Manchester & Manchester Township
Washtenaw County



Source: Michigan Geographic Data Library
Carlisle/Wortman Associates
June 8, 2017



TABLE 7: Regional Park and Trail Amenities

Category	Key	Facility Name	ACTIVE-USE ACTIVITIES										PASSIVE-USE ACTIVITIES														
			Baseball / Softball Fields	Cricket	Disc Golf	Golf	Mini Golf	Horseshoes / Shuffleboard	Sand Volleyball	Skate Park	Soccer	Tennis & Pickleball	Zip Line	Banquet Facilities	Visitors Center	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Parks / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Radio Control Flying	Watchable Wildlife / Birding	
STATE PARKS & REC AREAS	1	Waterloo Rec. Area			•									•	•	•		•			•	•	•		•		
	2	Pinckney Rec. Area													•		•	•			•	•	•		•		
	3	Lakelands Trail																									
	4	Brighton			•										•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
	5	Island Lake															•	•				•	•			•	
	6	Maybury											•		•			•			•	•	•				
	7	Proud Lake													•		•	•			•	•	•				
	14	Sterling													•			•			•	•	•			•	
	15	Lake Hudson															•	•				•	•			•	
	16	Cambridge Junction																				•					
	17	Hayes													•		•	•			•	•	•			•	
	18	Watkins Lake																								•	
	19	Meridian Baseline																									
	COUNTY PARKS	1	Park Lyndon																				•	•			•
		2	Cavanaugh Lake																			•	•	•			
		3	Independence Lake			•															•	•	•	•			
		4	Park Northfield																				•	•			
		5	Parker Mill																				•	•			•
		6	County Farm Park																		•	•	•	•			•
7		Rolling Hills			•				•	•							•			•	•	•	•				
8		Swift Run Dog Park																	•								
9		Sharon Mills																				•	•				
10		Pierce Lake Golf				•																				•	
METROPARKS	1	Delhi													•	•					•	•	•				
	2	Dexter-Huron	•												•	•					•	•	•				
	3	Hudson Mills			•	•		•	•		•			•	•						•	•	•			•	
	4	Huron Meadows				•		•		•				•	•						•	•	•				
	5	Kensington	•		•	•							•		•	•					•	•	•			•	
	8	Lake Erie	•			•											•	•			•	•	•			•	
	9	Oakwoods														•	•				•	•	•			•	
	10	Willow	•													•	•				•	•	•			•	
	11	Lower Huron	•													•	•				•	•	•			•	

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT & GRANT-ASSISTED PROJECTS

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of all people, including disabled individuals. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines (2016) to determine accessibility was used to evaluate the Village parks. The ranking system, described below, ranges from 1 to 5:

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

Each park was evaluated using the MDNR ranking system noted. The specific elements that were evaluated include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, support facilities such as restrooms and surfacing. Table 8 presents the results of this evaluation.

Current and future park projects are designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Table 8: Accessibility Assessment

Park	Rank	Description
Carr Park	2	Need for accessible routes from parking lots to picnic shelters, playgrounds, and other amenities.
Chi-Bro Park	3	Accessible routes to playground equipment and shelter are in place, but additional routes and accessible equipment such as swings could be considered.
Kirk Park	2	Needs accessible routes and playground equipment. Gravel lot should include handicapped parking and accessible route to playground.
Wurster Park	3	Consider accessible route to and into the gazebo.
River Raisin Park	n/a	Park under development.

Since 1977, the Village of Manchester has been awarded three MDNR grants. Grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been instrumental in developing recreation facilities on park properties. Table 9 presents a description of all MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities.

Table 9: MDNR Grant Assisted Projects

Park / Grant Number	Description	Grant Amount	Current Use / Condition
Chi-Bro Park 1977 LWCF 26-00980	Chi-Bro Park Land Acquisition	\$17,441	Highly used park in excellent condition
Kirk Park 1989 BF89-081	Kirk Park Development; 2 tennis courts, one basketball court, and paved parking lot	\$40,500	The tennis court and basketball court have exceeded their life expectancy and, although well used, the park needs renovation.
River Raisin 2016 MNRTF TF-16-0076	Development of River Raisin Park	\$300,000	Park currently under development.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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**Residents from the Township
and Village participating in a
Community Open House on August
25, 2017.**

Image Source: Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc.

Public Participation & Needs Assessment

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community as a basis for an action plan. This can be accomplished simply by asking people what they desire. A community can also compare itself to established recreational standards based on the size of the community.

PARK ACREAGE COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends a minimum amount of park land and park facilities to adequately serve a given population size. The purpose of the NRPA guidelines is to provide minimum park land and facility development standards that are applicable nationwide for recreation planning purposes. While the NRPA standards are a helpful guide in determining minimum needed park acreage and facility, it should not be interpreted to be the only measure of whether the Village's needs are being met. A parks and recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

According to the NRPA, parks are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities. All the Village parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the suggested amount of close-to-home parkland is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks serve a broader area (about one hour drive or 40-mile radius) and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique areas. For the Village of Manchester, regional parks include the state and county-owned parks and recreation areas described in the preceding chapter. The NRPA also recognizes other types of parks such as school properties which can contribute to the local parks and recreation system.

Table 10 presents a comparison of the NRPA suggested park land acreage standards based on the combined Village and Township population of 6,228 in 2040 (2,981 Village, 3,247 Township). According to this, the Village meets and exceeds the suggested amount of "close to home" park land for its population. However, the Village parks fall short of meeting the needs of the area's population. School properties and regional parks alleviate this shortage.

Table 10: Comparison to Suggested Parkland Standards

Type of Park	NRPA Standard (Acres/1,000 Population)	Acreage per NRPA Standard Combined Village and Township	Acreage per NRPA Standard Village Only (2,981)	Acreage per NRPA Standard - Township Only (3,247)	Existing
Close to Home	6.25 to 10.5 Ac.	38.9 - 65.4 Ac.	18.75 - 31.5 Ac.	38.9 - 65.4 Ac.	36.2 Ac.
Public Schools	-	-	-	-	148 Ac.
Regional Parks	15 to 20 Ac.	93 - 124 Ac.	45 - 60 Ac.	48 - 64 Ac.	37,000 Ac.

RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 11 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

TABLE 11: National Sports Participation, 2016

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

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2016

Trail related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (87.5 to 106.3 million), running/jogging (28.8 to 44.5 million), hiking (31.0 to 42.2 million) and kayaking (5.9 to 9.2 million). Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, showed significant declines in participation.

TABLE 12: Top 10 Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

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

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

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

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the area can be summarized as follows:

- Recreation facilities should respond to the expected increase of seniors.
- Development of pathways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable community continues to be a priority.
- The continued collaboration and partnerships between public, private, and non-profit agencies as well as with adjacent local municipalities for the provision of parks and recreation programs and facilities will be critical to the future success of the Manchester area.

RESIDENT SURVEY

An online survey was made available to area residents from June 23 through September 5, 2017. 171 individual responses were received. Respondents primarily resided in the Village of Manchester (50%) and Manchester Township (31%), with the majority of the remaining participants coming from Sharon (9%) and Bridgewater (6%) townships. The typical respondent was a working adult earning between \$50 – 100,000 annually. They reside in a single-family home with acreage, and have lived in the area for more than ten years. They are between 35 and 54 years of age, married, and have children.

Residents were generally satisfied with Village parks. Participants stated they were either “highly satisfied” or “satisfied” the four existing parks at the following levels: Carr Park 81%, Chi-Bro Park 88%, Kirk Park 67%, and Wurster Park 68%. The lower rating for Kirk Park may be related to suggested improvements (see below). Both Wurster and Kirk park had comparatively low usage rates; approximately 36% of residents had not visited either park in the past year, as compared to 10% for Chi-Bro and 13% for Carr Park.

Residents had a number of suggestions for general recreation improvements across the Manchester Area. In response to question 5, “What can the community do to better meet your recreation needs?”, the top five responses were:

1. Provide more trails	25.5%
2. Dog park	12.4%
3. Improved access to river/water trail	10.2%
4. Community pool	8.8%
5. Provide restrooms at parks	5.8%

Specific park improvements mentioned include:

- Carr Park: General maintenance, remove or improve ball field, add basketball courts
- Kirk Park: Resurface tennis and basketball courts,
- Chi-Bro: Add additional benches

When asked in question 11, “What kind of recreation amenities should be considered for park properties?”, the top six participant responses were:

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| 1. Multi-use paths (e.g. 10’ paved) | 73.3% |
| 2. Rustic paths (e.g. crushed limestone) | 65.0% |
| 3. Community pool | 48.4% |
| 4. Playground structures | 40.1% |
| 5. Picnic facilities | 39.5% |
| 6. Splash pad | 37.6% |

TRAIL FACILITIES

Development of trail facilities received overwhelming approval from both Township and Village residents. 85% of respondents stated they were interested in trails development; 50% of the comments regarding desired routes specifically mentioned completing the Watkins Lake to Manchester trail and/or an extension of the rail trail. Most of the remaining comments revolved around development of trails and sidewalks within the Village limits. When asked in question 21 if the participant would be in favor of the Watkins Lake trail, 85% indicated yes. Of the yes votes, 48% came from Village residents, 29% from Township residents, and 23% from surrounding communities. Of the no votes, 45% were from Township residents, 41% from Village residents, and 14% from surrounding communities.

COMMUNITY-WIDE MILLAGE

79% of respondents indicated that they would support a millage to help develop, improve, and maintain area recreation facilities. The majority of respondents (39%) would support up to 0.25 mills; 25% would support up to 1.0 mills. Of the yes votes, 40% came from the Village, 29% from the Township, with the remainder coming from surrounding communities.

Community	No	Yes / 0.25 mills	Yes/0.50 mills	Yes/1.0 mills
Village	15	29	10	25
Township	14	19	7	10
Other	4	12	6	7
% of total votes	21%	38%	15%	26%

A millage could be applied to general maintenance and upkeep, or to a specific project. The next section covers a few “big ticket” items that were popular with participants. One respondent suggested that any proposed millage should be extended to the adjacent townships of Bridgewater, Freedom, and Sharon, as they are frequent visitors to Manchester parks and would be beneficiaries for any additional services a millage might provide.

“BIG TICKET” RECREATION DESIRES

The survey attempted to gauge interest on a few large items that are not currently provided by the Village. These items will likely be beyond the desired scope of the upcoming five-year plan, but the Village and Township may want to consider studies to determine the feasibility of implementing these popular items. Funding for some of the items could be covered by grants, but ongoing costs would likely require a dedicated millage to cover costs.

- 78% of respondents (46% Village, 31% Township, 23% other communities) would like to see recreation programming offered by the Township or Village. Popular programs spanned a variety of activities, from general fitness to arts and crafts. The level of programming respondents indicated would require a dedicated programming staff and on-going funding to cover expenses.
- 72% of respondents (46% Village, 30% Township, 24% other communities) would like access to a community center. 86% want an indoor swimming pool included in the facility, 53% would like a senior center incorporated into the building, and 54% would like weight rooms or exercise facilities included. Four participants mentioned the existing Wellness Center; one suggested repurposing existing school facilities adjacent to the Wellness Center.
- A splash pad and/or community pool were frequently mentioned throughout the survey. Each of these items require significant up-front capital outlay, and have ongoing maintenance and operation costs to consider. Ongoing costs could be offset by user fees. Initial capital expenses could be offset by grants and donations, although matching funds are typically required.
- Playground structures can easily cost in excess of \$100,000, depending on the complexity of the project. General safety and liability considerations and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations will lead to other infrastructure costs that are often not considered by communities when developing playground facilities. Careful planning can help reduce some of those incidental costs, and lead to better opportunities for grant funding.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

An Open House held on August 25, 2017 was well attended and very informative. Participants started walking into the room at 5:45 and most of the visitors stayed through the end of the meeting. Roughly 40 people took time to voice their views and cast 184 votes on a variety of topics. Based on the votes cast, approximately 70% of the participants were Village residents, 20% Township residents, and the remainder from surrounding communities.

Unsurprisingly, trails were the most discussed topic of the evening. Almost 40% of the votes cast were related to general trail topics and the Watkins Lake connector. 23% of the votes involved the water trails and the river, including River Raisin Park. 10% of the comments were in favor of a potential millage, and 9% were pro-dog park.

Residents clearly indicated a support for the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve connector trail. The preferred alignment of the trail, however, was not as clear. A few votes seemed to indicate a desire to move away from using the rail-trails and instead use right-of-way access along Sharon Hollow and Austin Roads. On the other hand, several voters indicated a desire to use multi-use trails that were “set well apart from motorized traffic”.

As with the survey, the introduction of a community-wide millage to support recreation in the Manchester area received surprisingly high support. Participants expressed confusion regarding the amount of money a typical homeowner would pay for the various rates, but were generally in favor as they gained a better understanding about how the millage might work. Village residents were willing to pay a higher amount than Township residents. One participant suggested expanding the millage pool to the four adjoining townships (presumably Manchester, Sharon, Freedom, and Bridgewater) as all four communities utilize Village parks.

Water trails, especially the trail between Sharon Mills and downtown Manchester, were very popular. Many voters indicated a desire to see a boat launch on Adrian Street. Based on the responses received, development of the river as a recreation amenity should remain a priority.



Most Frequently Discussed Topics

- Trails – general
- Watkins Lake Trail specific comments
- Boat launch / River Raisin Park
- Millage
- Water trail
- Dog park
- Bathrooms in park (typically Carr Park)

PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

Once a draft Parks and Recreation Plan was completed, it was made available for a 30-day public review. The availability of the draft plan for public review was advertised in the local paper and copies were placed at various locations in the area including Village Hall, the Library, and the Village and Township websites.

After the Parks Commission considered all the comments received, minor changes were made to the document and the plan was recommended for Council's adoption.

The public input into the plan culminated in advertised public hearings at the Village on February 5 and the Township on February 13. After the hearings, both the Village Council and Township Board of Trustees adopted the plan by resolution.

SUMMARY OF PARKS AND RECREATION ISSUES

The following issues and themes summarize all the information gathered. It reflects public input as well as the input received from Village officials and staff. It considers demographics, forecasted development, the Village recreation resources, and national and state recreation trends. The issues and needs can be summarized under by the following six central themes.

- Park maintenance and improvement
- River Raisin recreation
- Area-wide bike/walk way
- Cooperation and support
- Administration

PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

There is a need to ensure that existing park facilities are safe, functional, and well-maintained. This includes the continued replacement and upgrade of aging park equipment and furnishings, ensuring safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones, removing barriers to universal access, maintaining and refurbishing parking, walkway, and court game pavement surfaces, athletic field care, and general park upkeep and stewardship.

In addition, there is a need to continue developing new park facilities that respond to the needs of Manchester residents. This includes the renovation of Kirk Park, the continued development of Chi-Bro, Carr, and Wurster parks, and the development of River Raisin Park.

RIVER RAISIN RECREATION

One of the strong themes is improving access to the River Raisin for parks, open space, and recreation. The idea of recognizing the River Raisin as the focal point for Manchester's open space system is not new. It had been an objective of both the previous Parks and Recreation Plans.

The idea is to provide a continuous system of pathways, boardwalks, and open spaces along the River for picnicking, fishing, and nature viewing which would connect Chi Bro Park to Main Street, and south to Furnace Street. This River Raisin greenway would serve both recreational and ecological functions.

AREA-WIDE BIKE/WALK WAY

The continued establishment of walkways and bikeways both within parks and throughout the Village to form an interconnected, non-motorized system linking parks, community facilities, schools, and neighborhoods had been discussed in previous plans. A desire to see these trail networks form connections between communities and to regional trail networks is a newer concept. Coordination between the Village, Township, and regional authorities will be necessary to complete a non-motorized system between nearby communities.

The Watkins Lake Trail and its connection to the Village center is a clear priority for residents. Continued consideration should also be placed on the implementation of complete streets infrastructure improvements which would include establishing bike lanes, safe pedestrian crossings, and pedestrian amenities.

COOPERATION AND SUPPORT

While the Village of Manchester strives to provide facilities which respond to residents' desires and interests, it cannot continue to act as a regional recreation provider without the support of the Township. Continued dialogue between the two communities will become more important as the communities grow and evolve. Demographic and recreation trends indicate an increase in the number of active mature adults as well as an increase in the popularity of exercise and fitness-related activities.

Manchester should continue to develop and nurture partnerships with community groups, surrounding townships, and the schools for the recreational use of parks and recreation facilities.

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

A quality park system is dependent on the prudent use of available funds. Keeping park maintenance and upgrade project costs at a reasonable level while taking advantage of grants will be important to realize park projects. Financing the development of new facilities will have to be funded through grants, land donations, and alternative sources of funding, and will be dependent on the continuing support of the Manchester Village Council.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES



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Downtown Manchester.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Village of Manchester Parks Commission, in coordination with Township officials, has formulated goals and objectives for the future of parks and recreation in the Manchester area. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, Village officials, and staff, as well as respond to the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources. They also consider demographics, current growth and forecasted development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

GOALS:

The Village of Manchester should provide outdoor recreational opportunities for persons of all ages and all abilities that are clean, safe, functional, and attractive.

The focus of parks and recreation in Manchester should continue to be on the maintenance and improvement of existing parks, as well as the development of the River Raisin greenway, the establishment of a community-wide bike/walk way network, the development of partnerships, and the effective administration of parks.

OBJECTIVES

1. MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING PARKS

The continued maintenance and update of park facilities is important to the quality of parks and recreation in Manchester. Park facilities should be safe, functional, and well-maintained. This includes upgrading aging facilities, removing barriers to accessibility, improving and maintaining existing parks and facilities.

2. ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTINUOUS COMMUNITY-WIDE BIKE/WALK WAY SYSTEM

The establishment of a network of bike and walk ways to form a continuous system tying parks, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and community facilities is a continued priority for Manchester. This system should be tied to the new complete streets policy for the Village of Manchester. Development of a Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve to downtown Manchester trail should also be a key component of this system. Coordination with the Village and Township officials with regional recreation authorities will be necessary to develop and implement the system.

3. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS AND RECREATION PROVIDERS

The continued collaboration and coordination with the area community groups and recreation providers including Washtenaw County, the schools, civic groups, and business organizations, is important to maximize the area's recreation potential. The Parks Commission should consider establishing a joint parks committee between the Village and adjacent townships for purposes of jointly coordinating and financing parks and recreation services.

4. PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A RIVER RAISIN GREENWAY

Future land acquisition and parkland development should focus on a continuous River Raisin greenway. Current riverfront properties along the River should be developed to provide public access to the River, contact with nature, and opportunities for physical activity. This River Raisin greenway would serve recreation as well as ecological goals by protecting and enhancing riverfront habitat and biodiversity.

5. PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE PARK ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

A quality parks system is dependent on available funds. Park improvements and operations have been funded through the Village Park and Recreation Fund which is limited to a proportion of the Village general fund. A means of generating revenues through grants, millage, and other means must continue to be a priority to provide for park capital improvement projects.

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**Leonard Preserve in Manchester
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ACTION PROGRAM



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ACTION PROGRAM

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific improvement projects as well as strategies for implementation.

ACTION PLAN

The following outlines a list of specific projects and actions which are recommended for accomplishment during the planning period. They are based on the needs identified in the previous section and by observation of the parks.

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

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

- Upgrade park equipment, pathways, and amenities to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards;
- Remove/replace outdated play equipment;
- Maintain safety surfaces under play structures to regulated depth and fall zones;
- Refurbish parking area and walkway pavement surfaces as needed;
- Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, and other as needed;
- Refurbish/replace park signs as needed;
- Maintain buildings, structures, and picnic shelters in good condition with roof repair, exterior painting, and other; and
- Remove dead trees and replace with tree/shrub plantings.

2. SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE BIKE/WALK WAY SYSTEM

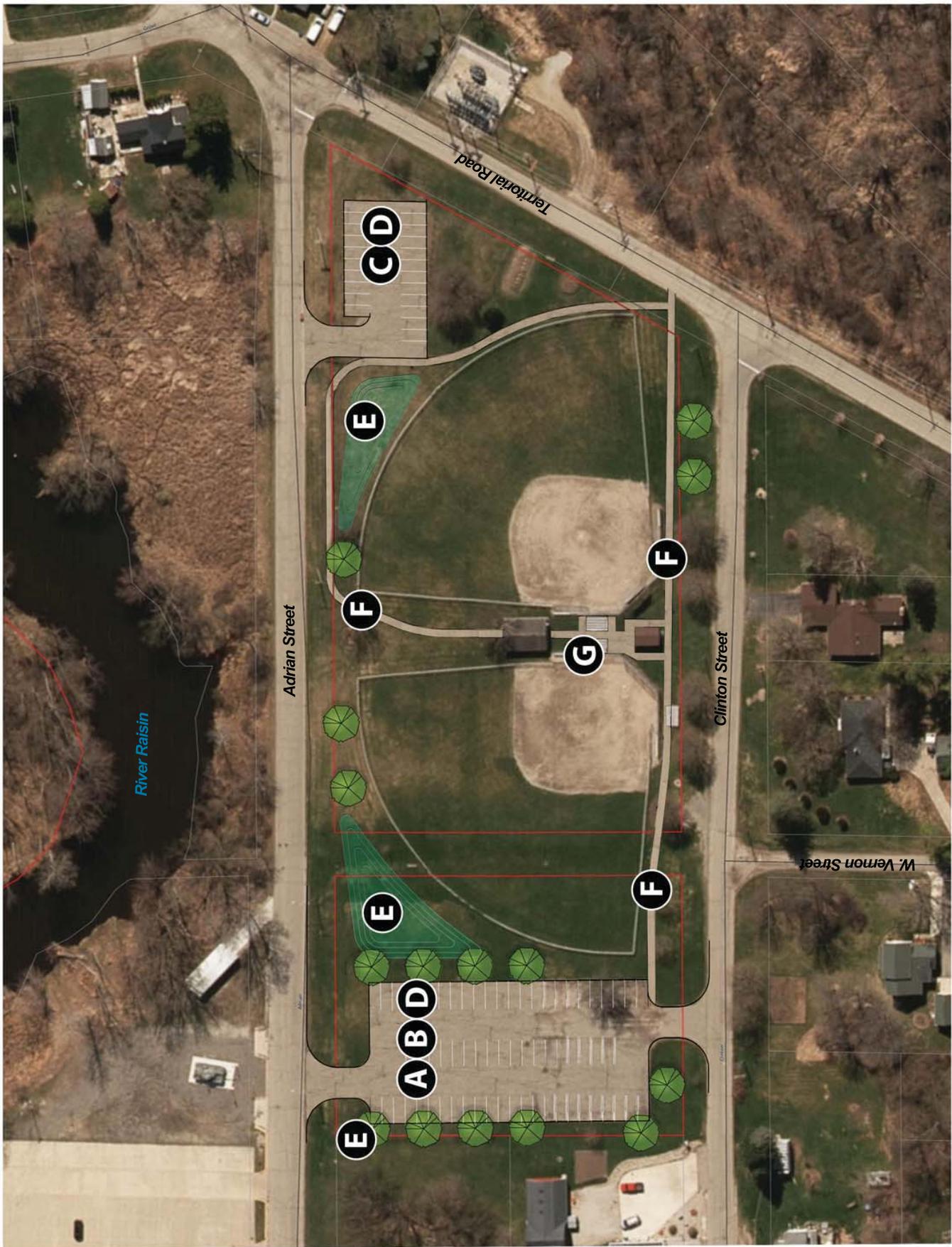
Work with the Village Council and Planning Commission to develop the multi-modal pathway system by developing missing links, providing connections, and adding complete streets features. Actions include:

- A. Work with Township, Village, County, and State recreation authorities to develop a multi-use pathway from Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve to downtown Manchester;
- B. Continue to refine the Village vision for an interconnected system of bike/walk ways;
- C. Support the development of the main Village loop with:
 - the planned shared-use pathway along the abandoned railroad bed corridor, excluding the bridge, and
 - the establishment of both pedestrian and bicycle facilities as needed and feasible along Macomb, Main, Adrian, Furnace, City, and Hibbard streets;
- D. Upgrade the “Promoting Active Communities” assessment from the State Department of Community Health, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Health, 5 Healthy Towns, the Michigan State Department of Health, MSU, and the Prevention Research Center of Michigan;
- E. Consider the feasibility of dedicating bike lanes along Village and Township primary arteries in accordance with the Village bike/walk way plan;
- F. Provide safe pedestrian crossings with pedestrian signals and other safety features in accordance with the Village bike/walk way plan; and
- G. Install site amenities along the bike/walk system including maps, benches, trash receptacles, mile markers, bike racks, and a way finding system.

3. IMPROVE KIRK PARK

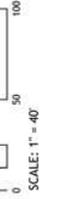
Proposed actions include:

- A. Remove tennis and basketball courts, and consider potential relocation sites in other Village parks;
- B. Consider expansion of parking area over existing court area;
- C. Pave lower parking lot surface;
- D. Evaluate feasibility of utilizing pavers or other permeable surfaces to help address site drainage issues for all parking areas;
- E. Construct rain gardens and install floodplain tree species to help control excess water;
- F. Provide accessible routes around the park connecting to activity areas and the downtown; and
- G. Replace bleachers, picnic tables, and benches with accessible alternatives.



KIRK PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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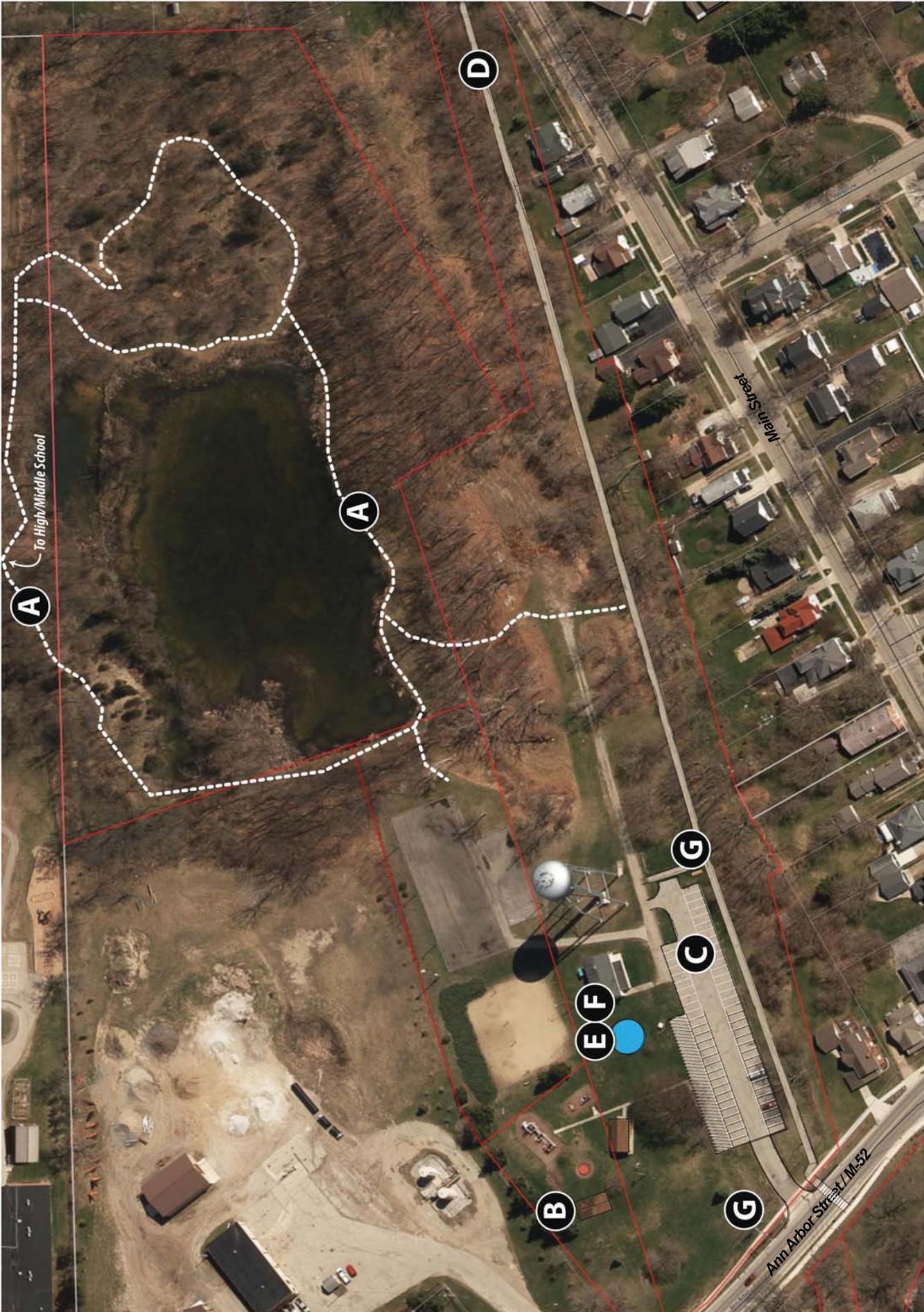
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4. IMPROVE CHI-BRO PARK

Proposed improvements include:

- A. Establish a pathway around the pond and connect to the school property with the school's cooperation on the north side and to the multi-use pathway along the abandoned railroad bed on the south side;
- B. Consider adding a new picnic shelter and area with utility services and grills;
- C. Reconfigure and expand parking area;
- D. Complete Phase II of trail project, extending trail from Main Street to Hibbard Street;
- E. Consider addition of a splash pad;
- F. Add permanent bathroom facilities; and
- G. Improve park signage and trailhead kiosk.

Map 9: Chi-Bro Park Concept Plan



CHI-BRO PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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5. IMPROVE CARR PARK

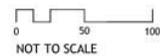
Proposed improvements include:

- A. Add accessible routes to activity areas with connection to Galloway Drive;
- B. Add accessible site amenities including benches, picnic tables, and upgraded water fountains;
- C. Consider replacement alternatives for ball diamond;
- D. Add play structure for ages 2 to 5;
- E. Explore options for acquisition of adjacent property to the west;
- F. Consider alternatives for placement of a small dog park;
- G. Add or refurbish existing bathroom facilities; and
- H. Improve drainage in lower areas.



CARR PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County, Michigan



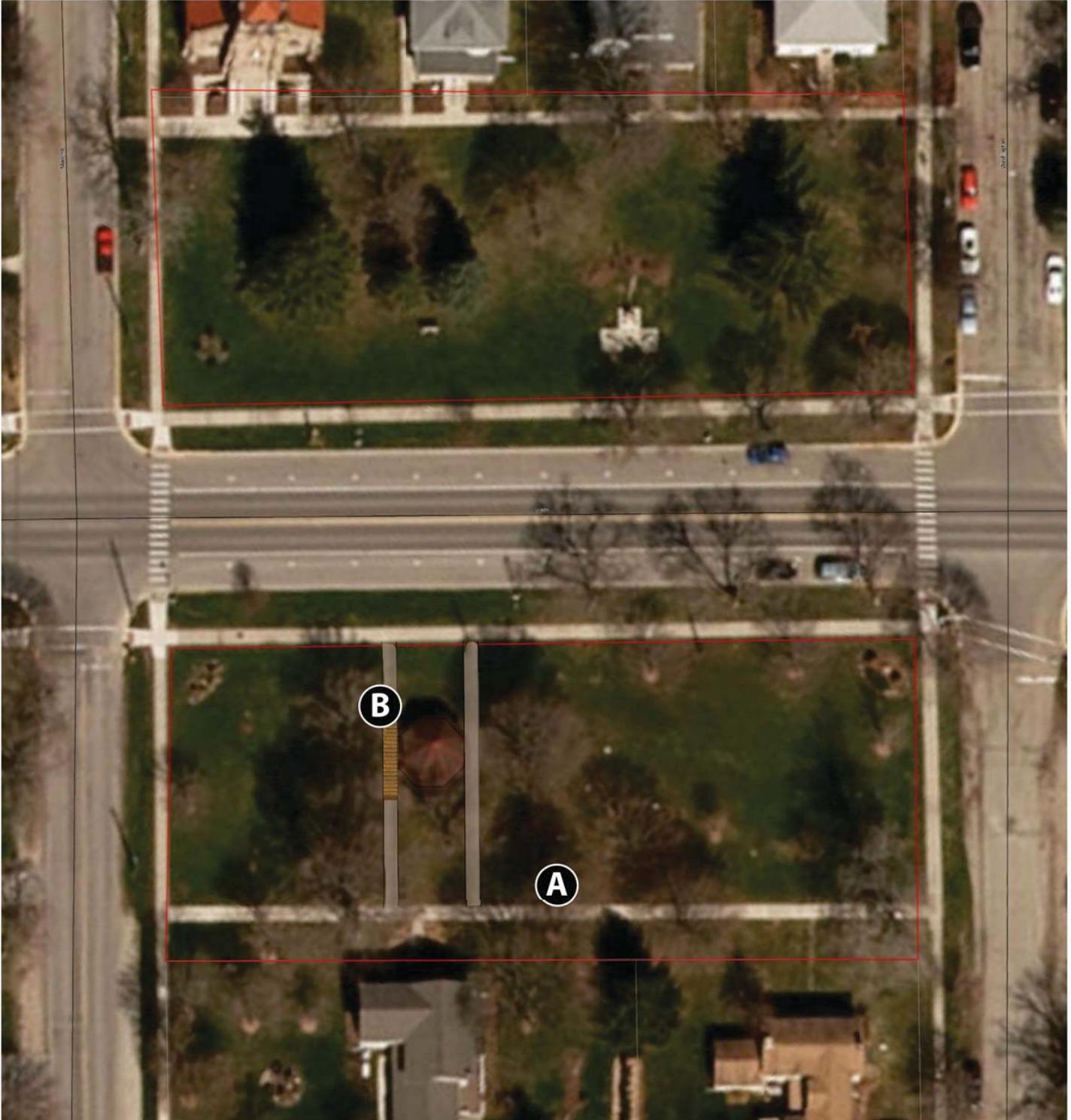
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6. IMPROVE WURSTER PARK

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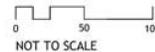
- A. Add accessible site amenities such as benches; and
- B. Provide accessible routes and a wheelchair ramp for access into gazebo.

Map 11: Wurster Park Concept Plan



WURSTER PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County, Michigan



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7. DEVELOP River Raisin Park

- A. Utilize existing conceptual park plans to develop the property and provide access to the River Raisin.

Figure 19: River Raisin Park Concept Plan



8. OTHER FUTURE PARK DEVELOPMENTS

Other potential improvements include:

- A. Consider the development of a bridge behind Village Hall connecting to land across the River with possible trails/walkways and river access for canoe/kayak and fishing, as well as a possible picnic area and playground equipment on the Village Hall property;
- B. Consider installation of a pedestrian bridge at Furnace Street to replace demolished bridge;
- C. Consider expansion of Township facilities for use as a family/community recreation center;
- D. Evaluate how vacated school facilities can be utilized to meet community recreation needs;
- E. Consider developing a park, sledding hill, and shuffleboard courts where feasible; and
- F. Consider the acquisition of Township property for recreation and preservation purposes, especially those in high quality areas or those which are contiguous to existing or proposed future recreation properties.

9. ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIVER RAISIN GREENWAY

- A. Continue to develop the riverfront Village property by Chi Bro Park for a riverwalk with gathering area, picnic facilities, fishing pier, and canoe/kayak launch;
- B. Work to acquire and develop park land and open spaces along the River Raisin as follows: and
- C. Continue to acquire and develop land for establishing a continuous riverwalk along both sides of the River Raisin.

10. DEVELOP COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Continue to facilitate the use of Village parks by community groups including seniors, sports leagues, and others. Increase coordination and involvement with other area recreation providers and community groups such as the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, the Wellness Coalition, and the Gateway Communities Initiative. Recommended actions include:

- A. Continue to facilitate the use of facilities for area sports organizations, public schools, civic groups, and others;
- B. Consider the development of a Recreation Authority with input from the Village, Township, Manchester Area School District, and adjacent townships for the purpose of jointly coordinating and financing parks and recreation services.

11. PROVIDE FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF PARKS

Financing development projects will have to be supported with grants and other sources of funding.

- A. Continue to pursue state, federal, and other grants for park land acquisition and development; and
- B. Consider inclusion of a Township Trustee on the Village Parks Board.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 13 lists the individual capital improvement projects along with the specific tasks to be accomplished, the project goal/objective reference, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term projects (ST) are recommended for completion within one to two years, medium-term (MT) within two to five years while long-term projects (LT) may take longer to complete, within five to six years. There are also tasks that are on-going (OG).

TABLE 13: Capital Improvement Schedule

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Community-wide Trail System			
Develop trail from Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve to downtown Manchester	To be determined	LF, G, P, D	ST
Develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Macomb, Main, Adrian, Furnace, City, and Hibbard Streets	\$ 50,000	LF, G, D	ST
Install site amenities along the bike/walk system including maps, benches, trash receptacles, mile markers, bike racks, and wayfinding signs	\$ 100,000	LF, G, D	MT
Develop walkway behind Village Hall	To be determined	LF, G, D	LT
Kirk Park			
Remove tennis and basketball courts	\$ 4,000	LF	ST
Pave lower parking area	\$ 50 - 70,000	LF	ST
Construct rain gardens	\$ 20 - 25,000	LF, G	MT
Install floodplain trees	\$ 4,500	LF, G	MT
Install accessible walkways	\$40 - 45,000	LF, G	MT
Replace site furnishings with accessible alternatives	\$ 30,000	LF, G, D	LT
Chi-Bro Park			
Install limestone walkway around pond with connection to schools	\$ 15 - 20,000	LF, G, P, D	ST
Add new picnic shelter and amenities	\$ 20,000	LF, G	MT
Improve park signage and kiosk	\$4,000	LF	MT
Complete Phase II of trail from Main to Hibbard Street	\$ 80 - 100,000	LF, G, D	MT
Expand parking area	\$ 50 - 70,000	LF, G, D	LT
Install splash pad	\$150 - 200,000	LF, G, D, P	LT
Install bathroom facilities	\$50,000	LF, G, D, P	LT

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

TABLE 13: Capital Improvement Schedule, continued

Project / Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Carr Park			
Refurbish bathroom facilities	\$ 20,000	LF	ST
Install accessible walkways	\$ 60 - 70,000	LF, G, D	MT
Add accessible site amenities such as benches, water fountains, and picnic tables	\$ 40 - 50,000	LF, G, D	MT
Add play structure for ages 2 to 5	\$ 30 - 50,000	LF, G, D	MT
Acquire adjacent property for park expansion	To be determined	LF, G, D	LT
Develop small dog park	\$ 10 - 20,000	LF, G, D, P	LT
Wurster Park			
Add accessible benches and other site amenities	\$10 - 15,000	LF, G, D	MT
Add accessible routes and ramp to allow access into gazebo	\$ 7 - 15,000	LF, G, D	MT
River Raisin Park			
Develop River Raisin Park per conceptual drawings	To be determined	LF, G, D	ST

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

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

Apply for Federal Funding

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

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses;
2. Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage; and
3. Preservation, conversion, and use of abandoned railway corridors for acquisition, development, planning, design, and construction of multi-use trails, as well as purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

Apply for State Funding

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local units of government may use the **Forest Stewardship program** to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. A total of \$2,000 may be granted with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due in September. Non-game Wildlife Fund Grants have also been offered in the past to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, and other natural features.

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

Apply for Other Grant Funding

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

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

1. *Recreation Access Matching Grant* provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and
2. *Accessible by Design Awards* is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

Increase Support for Parks

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

Seek Other Sources of Funding

The Village and Township should continue to search for additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.

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APPENDICES



The Village and Township of Manchester made every effort to gather input from their constituents during the planning process. Key dates include:

- An Open House was held at the Village Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 23. Flyers were posted at both the Village and Township Halls, an advertisement was placed in the Manchester Mirror, and notices were run on both the Village and Township websites.
- An online survey was available from June 23 through September 1, 2017. Hard copies of the survey were available at both the Township and Village Hall, and business cards with links to the survey were made available at the Open House.
- A 30-day review period was advertised in the Manchester Mirror on December 6, 2017, and ran through January 20, 2018. The review period was also advertised on both the Village and Township websites.
- Public Hearings were held at the Village on February 5, 2018, and at the Township on February 13, 2018. The hearings were advertised in the Manchester Mirror on January 8, 2018, and were advertised on both the Village and Township websites.

Affidavits of Publishing for the 30-day review period and Public Hearings are included in this appendix. Minutes of the Public Hearings are included in Appendix C.1 and C.2, while results from the survey are included in Appendix F.

Manchester Township

News

Public Input-Manchester Area Recreation Master Plan

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The draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:
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Leaf Collection

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Calendar

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MON 04 Farmer's Market Committee Meeting
December 4 @ 6:00 pm

MON 04 Village Council Meeting
December 4 @ 7:00 pm

WED 06 Downtown Development Authority
December 6 @ 7:30 pm

THU 07 Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission
December 7 @ 7:30 pm

WED 13 Southwest Washtenaw Council of Government
December 13 @ 7:30 pm

Community Organizations

Area Local Governments

The Village Offices will be closed on these days in 2017:
 Good Friday, Apr. 14, noon to 4:30 pm
 Memorial Day, May 28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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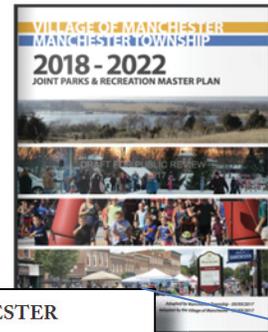
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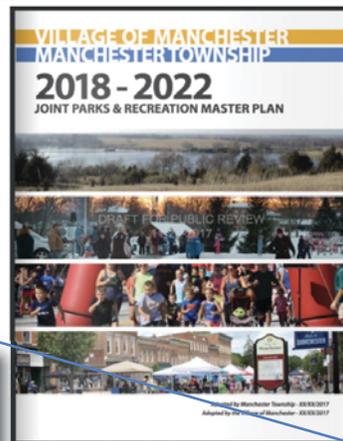
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MANCHESTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

January 22, 2018

**Resolution in Support of the Adoption of the Village of Manchester/
Manchester Township 2018-2022 Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

At a regular meeting of the Village of Manchester Parks Commission, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, held in said Village on the 22nd day of January 2018, there were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Sue Anderson and seconded by David Davis:

Whereas, the Village of Manchester and Manchester Township have undertaken the update of their five-year recreation plans which describe the community's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve the parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022; and

Whereas, the Village of Manchester Parks Commission reviewed the Village of Manchester/Manchester Township 2018-2022 Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of a public meeting held on January 22, 2018; and

Whereas, the Village of Manchester/Manchester Township 2018-2022 Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified by a public input meeting held on August 25, 2017 and an on-line Public Survey; and

Whereas, The Village of Manchester/Manchester Township 2018-2022 Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been made available by the Village of Manchester for public review in a manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Village of Manchester Parks Commission.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Village of Manchester Parks Commission recommends the adoption of the Village of Manchester/Manchester Township 2018-2022 Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Village of Manchester Village Council.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2018

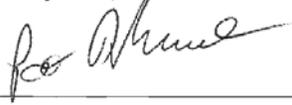
YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Parks Commission of the Village of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, and State of Michigan, at a meeting held on January 22nd, 2018.



Chairperson
Village of Manchester Parks Commission

Minutes of Public Hearing - Village of Manchester

02/05/2018

APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 5TH, 2018
7:00 PM Village Room

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Vaillencourt, Dresch, Way, Chartrand, DuRussel and Woods. Council members absent: Andrews. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Sue Gleason (Parks Commission) and Chris Nordstrom (CWA).

The minutes of the January 15th, 2018 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods. Vaillencourt abstained.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Old Business; adding New Business C) DDA Appointment and D) Farm to Table Discussion; and deleting Reports: A) Sheriff; B) Parks Commission; C) Planning Commission; D) Downtown Development Authority E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Joint Planning Commission, G) Building Committee; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

PUBLIC HEARING- Joint 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

President Vaillencourt called the hearing to order at 7:05pm. Chris Nordstrom of Carlisle/Wortman, explained that the master plan is necessary to provide guidance over the next five years and to be eligible for grant funding.

Andrews entered at this time.

Hearing no questions, comments or concerns, President Vaillencourt closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION- Council directed the Clerk to write a resolution adopting the 2018-2022 Manchester Village and Manchester Township Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan for consideration at the next meeting.

DDA APPOINTMENT- Vaillencourt recommended that Sue LaRocque be named to the Downtown Development Authority to replace Russel Rhoton who has not been attending meetings. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Woods, that the appointment be made as recommended. Motion passed.

FARM TO TABLE DINNER- Dresch and Chartrand reported that they had attended planning meetings for this year's event to be held in Manchester. They requested permission for the event location at Carr Park on either September 9th or 16th. They explained that this is a back-up location if the first choice is not possible. Council agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Two notices of hearings for Consumers Energy customers.

- Announcement of a 5K fundraiser for the River Raisin Watershed Council.
- Information regarding the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management Plan. Council requested that a representative be invited to attend a Council meeting.
- Summary of the January 8, 2018 Farmer's Market meeting.
- The Washtenaw County Sheriff Report for January 2018.
- A thank-you note from the Pistol Prodigies.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables lists. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, to approve for payment the lists dated 01/22/2018 and 02/05/2018 totaling \$59,023.83. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried

REPORTS

DPW- Wallace reviewed the report. He also noted that there will be a minimum bid placed on the truck that will be offered at the United Producers auction.

MANAGER– Wallace reviewed his report. Chartrand reported that she will be a member of the Manchester Township broadband initiative investigative committee. Way reported that both the building inspector and mechanical inspector have left the WWCA and applications are being reviewed. Also, the fee schedule will be reviewed this summer.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 19TH, 2018
7:00 PM Village Room

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Vaillencourt, Andrews, Dresch, Way, Chartrand, DuRussel and Woods. Council members absent: None. Also present were Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Brent Jones (DPW), Seth Klinker (Sun Times News), Kathy O'Mara (5 Healthy Towns), Jordan Holbrook and Joe Lawson (Consumers Energy).

The minutes of the February 5th, 2018 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by DuRussel.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Old Business Items A) Wolverine Sculpture Donation, and C) Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management; adding New Business E) Chamber Membership and F) Tree Order; and deleting Reports: B) Parks Commission; C) Planning Commission; E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition; F) Joint Planning Commission, G) Building Committee; H) Personnel Committee; I) Finance Committee on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Andrews.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Kathy O'Mara, representing 5 Healthy Towns, reported generous funding from Michigan fitness Programs for the Walk to School Program. They have purchased two banners advertising the program and would like to hang them at the Gazebo and Chi Bro-Fence for the duration of the program. O'Mara described the walking incentives, program successes and local business involvement. She agreed to work with the Gazebo Concerts and Farmer's Market and their banners. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Woods, to allow the Walk to School Program to display the banners as described. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS-

JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION- A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Andrews, that Resolution No.18-0219, 2018-2022 Joint Village of Manchester and Manchester Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan be adopted. Roll call vote: yeas-all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSUMERS ENERGY SITE PLAN-Joe Lawson and Jordan Holbrook of Consumers Energy presented the site plan to widen the driveway of the Consumers sub-station on Territorial Street. They will be widening the parking pad to 35' x 70' to accommodate a mobile transformer that is used while the permanent transformer is updated. They will also be removing contaminated soils along the old railroad bed there. Council studied the plan and noted the special haul route needed during construction. Council also noted their satisfaction with the Consumers response to Carlisle/Wortman questions regarding fence covering, lighting, signage, security cameras and storm water routing. Council discussed landscaping possibilities. Lawson and Holbrook explained limitations with regards to fall

zones, lot lines, overhead power lines and other buffer zones. Council suggested a non-deciduous planting that is deer resistant, possibly a non-trimmed boxwood that would grow to 5 feet. Lawson and Holbrook indicated Consumer's willingness to look at other plantings that would provide year-round screening and be deer resistant. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Dresch, that the site plan be accepted with the minimum requirements of 5 boxwood plantings, staggered on 5-foot centers with a two-foot starter height. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

RIVER RAISIN PARK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT-Wallace presented the Smith Group JJR contract to construct the River Raisin Park. He reported that Neal Billetdeaux will be present at the next meeting to discuss the proposal with Council. Wallace also reported that he is pushing for a dredging bid with a start date prior to April 1.

AMICUS BRIEF-CHELSEA HEALTH AND WELLNESS- Wallace presented an amicus brief for the Chelsea Health and Wellness Foundation v. Township of Scio court case. He explained that this is the 2nd case and the brief will be paid for by the Wellness Foundation. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Woods, that Wallace be directed to sign the brief. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

KIRK PARK FENCE-Jones presented bids for protective fencing at the new play structure in Kirk Park. A motion was made by Andrews, seconded by Woods, that the bid be awarded to Allen Brothers Fence as presented at a cost not to exceed \$1500. Roll call vote; ayes-all. Motion passed.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP- Wallace presented the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce membership information. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the Chamber membership be continued with the \$100 dues payment for 2018. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed.

TREE ORDER- Wallace reported that \$4500 has been budgeted for tree plantings this fiscal year and the pre-season order deadline is nearing to get the best prices. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, that 25 bare root trees be purchased at \$100 each with planting sites in addition to 10 trees at Kirk Park to be determined. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Minutes of the Feb. 7th Manchester Downtown Development Authority meeting.
- Minutes of the Feb. 7th Manchester Joint Planning Commission meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Council reviewed the payables lists. A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Chartrand, to approve for payment the list dated 02/19/2018 totaling \$63,101.00. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT- The January 2108 Treasurer's Report was acknowledged.

REPORTS

SHERIFF- Vaillencourt reported that she, Wallace and Jan Godak had met with WCSD Lt. King with regards to shift bids and Sgt. Cook's retirement. It was agreed that a new sargent will be named in May and be available for intermittent training with Sgt. Cook until his retirement in September. The group discussed future requirements for police presence in the townships. Sharon Township has new medical marijuana facilities and Manchester Township will have a RV resort and campground. These uses may require police services that are not and will not be provided for in the Village contract.

DDA- Vaillencourt reported that the CTAP grant will no longer fund the Community Update

Book done in conjunction with the Schools and other community groups. A motion was made by Chartrand, seconded by Andrews, that the book become a Village Council/Staff project funded by the Village at approximately \$1000. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion passed. Vaillencourt also reported that the DDA would be applying for a CTAP grant to fund canoe/kayak storage lockers and brochures promoting canoeing/kayaking. Council agreed to provide the \$2,000 match for the \$10,000 grant. Vaillencourt reported the momentum that the DDA has gained over the last years and the increased business participation. She expressed the Authorities frustration in lack of funding due to decreased property values since the DDA formation. Council discussed reforming the Authority at today's valuations noting that it would likely cost around \$20,000. It was suggested that as an alternative to reforming, the Village fund the DDA at some level. Council members asked about the DDA's short and long-term plans/projects and agreed that support of the Authority is essential.

DPW- Jones presented his report he thanked the DPW employees and on-call employees for their hard work during the recent snow storms. Jones reported that they had repaired a water main at Torrey Street.

MANAGER- Wallace reviewed his report. He also reported on a meeting he had attended with the Manchester Community Schools regarding the closing of Nellie Ackerson school and Alumni field. All planned activities for 2018 can take place, but the schools will no longer be using the facilities for school functions. No further decision regarding the facilities have been made. The Schools are looking at the best ways to get community input on the final disposition. Wallace also reported that bids for janitorial services at the Village Hall and painting of the block and wood buildings on Hibbard Street are being sought. He noted that staff is beginning to work on the 2018/2019 budget. Wallace confirmed the \$60,000 estimate for the new parking that has been requested at ChiBro Park. \$18,000 can be saved if the area is lime-stoned rather than paved.

There being no further business, President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Schaible, Village Clerk

Minutes of Public Hearing - Manchester Township

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday February 13, 2018

DRAFT

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Milkey called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clerk Danell Proctor, Treasurer Laurie Carey, Trustee Lisa Moutinho, Trustee Ron Milkey, Trustee Carl Macomber and Trustee John Seefeld. Absent: Supervisor Gene DeRossett

Motion Carey seconded Seefeld to appoint Milkey to run the February and March meetings. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.**

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Scully along with other guests.

ADDITIONS & DELTIONS TO AGENDA: Add c) under OB AshKay Island Resort Motion Carey seconded Moutinho to accept the changes to agenda. Ayes: all. **CARRIED.**

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MINUTES: Board received the minutes of the regular meeting of 1/9/18 and closed session of 1/9/18. Moved by Seefeld, seconded Carey to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting of 1/9/18 and closed session of 1/9/18 as presented. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.** The board accepted Fire Department minutes of 1/31/18 and Planning Commission minutes of 2/1/2018.

OTHER MINUTES ON FILE: Manchester Village Council and River Raisin Watershed Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Payroll, Checking & Savings - \$1,036,276.16. Motion Moutinho, seconded Macomber to accept Treasurers report. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.** Last day to collect taxes is February 14, 2018. 15 residents have used the website to pay their taxes. Laurie thanked everyone for their input for the new website.

PRESENTAION OF BILLS: Bills to be paid \$37,015.84 from the General Fund. Motion Carey, seconded Seefeld to approve payment of bills from the General Fund for \$37,015.84. Ayes: Carey, Proctor, Milkey, Moutinho, Macomber, Seefeld. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Fire Department Activity Report: 33 total calls for service. Report on file.
- Fire Chiefs Report. Accepted.
- Motion Proctor, seconded Macomber to approve the termination of Amanda Farmer from the fire department. Ayes: All. **CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/BUSINESS:

- a) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Report Given.
- b) PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given.
- c) SUPERVISOR: No Report.
- d) FACILITIES-BUILDING/GROUNDS: Report given.
- e) BOARDS/MEETINGS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Solid Waste Management Plan 2017 Amendment. Discussed and will have Resolution at the March meeting to approve.

PUBLIC HEARING;

Motion Proctor seconded Seefeld to open the Public Hearing for Joint 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Chris Nordstrom of Carlisle/Wortman, explained that the master plan is necessary to provide guidance over the next five years and to be eligible for grant funding. There were no questions, comments or concerns. Motion Seefeld seconded Carey to close the Public Hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution No. 18-01 Manchester Township & Village of Manchester 2018-2022 Joint Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Motion Seefeld seconded Carey to adopt as amended Resolution No. 18-01 Manchester Township & Village of Manchester 2018-2022 Joint Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Ayes: Milkey, Carey, Moutinho, Seefeld, Macomber, Proctor. **CARRIED.**
- b) Property Committee. Laurie gave an update from the property committee.
- c) AshKay Island. Residents around AshKay Island have filed a lawsuit against the island. Discussion on how the township wants to move forward with legal actions against AshKay Island. Motion Milkey seconded Macomber to table until March for the board to take time to review how we want to move forward. Ayes: 5, Nays: 1. **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Washtenaw County Road Commission Staff & Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Carey seconded Proctor to Adjourn. Voice vote: Ayes: all. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Danell Proctor, Clerk
Approved:

Manchester Village Council Resolution

Resolution No. 18-0219
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 19, 2018

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER & MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
2018 – 2022 JOINT MANCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, held in said Village on the 19th day of February 2018, there were:

PRESENT: Andrews, Chartrand, Dresch, DuRussel, Way, Woods, Vaillencourt
ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Dresch and seconded by Andrews:

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester and Manchester Township have undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester has entered into this planning process in collaboration with Manchester Township, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the 2018 – 2022 Joint Manchester Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of Manchester were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 5, 2018 at Village Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Joint Manchester Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Manchester Area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Manchester hereby adopts the 2018 – 2022 Joint Manchester Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2018.

YEAS: Dresch, Andrews, Chartrand, DuRussel, Way, Woods, Vailliencourt

NAYS:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, and State of Michigan, at a meeting held on February 19th, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: 02/19/2018



Village Clerk

Manchester Township Board Resolution

RESOLUTION No. 18-01

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER 2018 – 2022 JOINT PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Motion by Seefeld, Support by Carey

Manchester Township Board of Trustees February 13, 2018

At a regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 275 South Macomb, Manchester, MI, on the 13th day of February, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Milkey, Proctor, Carey, Moutinho, Macomber, and Seefeld

ABSENT: DeRossett

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Seefeld and seconded by Caret.

WHEREAS, Manchester Township and the Village of Manchester have undertaken a five-year Recreation plan which describes the communities' physical and social characteristics, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve recreation facilities during the period from 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Manchester's Parks Commission reviewed the 2018 Village of Manchester and Manchester Township Joint Recreation Plan at a public meeting held on January 22, 2018; , and

WHEREAS, residents of the Manchester Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 13, 2018 at the Manchester Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2018 Village of Manchester and Manchester Township Joint Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Manchester Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Manchester voted to adopt said 2018 Village of Manchester and Manchester Township Joint Recreation Plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Manchester Township hereby adopts the 2018 Village of Manchester and Manchester Township Joint Recreation Plan.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member Seefeld and supported by Board Member Carey.

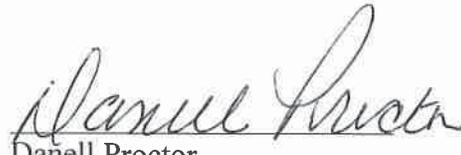
A roll call vote on the above Resolution was taken and was as follows:

ADOPTED: Ayes: Milkey, Carey, Proctor, Moutinho, Macomber, Seefeld

Nays:

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Township Clerk of the Township of Manchester hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Manchester held on February 13, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given, and the meeting was conducted, pursuant to and in compliance with the Act No. 267, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.



Danell Proctor
Manchester Township Clerk



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APPENDIX E

Letters of Transmittal

February 23, 2018

Erin Campbell
Grants Coordinator
Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The Village of Manchester and Manchester Township recently completed the Manchester Area Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Village Council held a public hearing on February 5, 2018 and officially adopted the plan on February 19, 2018; the Township Board of Trustees adopted the plan at a meeting held on February 13, 2018. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for your review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Manchester Township Board of Trustees, the Village of Manchester Village Council, and the Village of Manchester Parks Advisory Board.

Please feel free to contact the Manchester Township, the Village of Manchester, or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.

Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
Landscape Architect

cc. Gene DeRossett, Township Supervisor
Danell Proctor, Township Clerk
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February 23, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Klifman:

The Village of Manchester and Manchester Township recently completed the Manchester Area Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Village Council held a public hearing on February 5, 2018 and officially adopted the plan on February 19, 2018; the Township Board of Trustees adopted the plan at a meeting held on February 13, 2018. A PDF of the plan has been emailed to you. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Manchester Township Board of Trustees, the Village of Manchester Village Council, and the Village of Manchester Parks Advisory Board.

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February 23, 2018

Coy Vaughn
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Dear Mr. Vaughn:

The Village of Manchester and Manchester Township recently completed the Manchester Area Joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Village Council held a public hearing on February 5, 2018 and officially adopted the plan on February 19, 2018; the Township Board of Trustees adopted the plan at a meeting held on February 13, 2018. A PDF of the plan has been emailed to you. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Manchester Township Board of Trustees, the Village of Manchester Village Council, and the Village of Manchester Parks Advisory Board.

Please feel free to contact the Manchester Township, the Village of Manchester, or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

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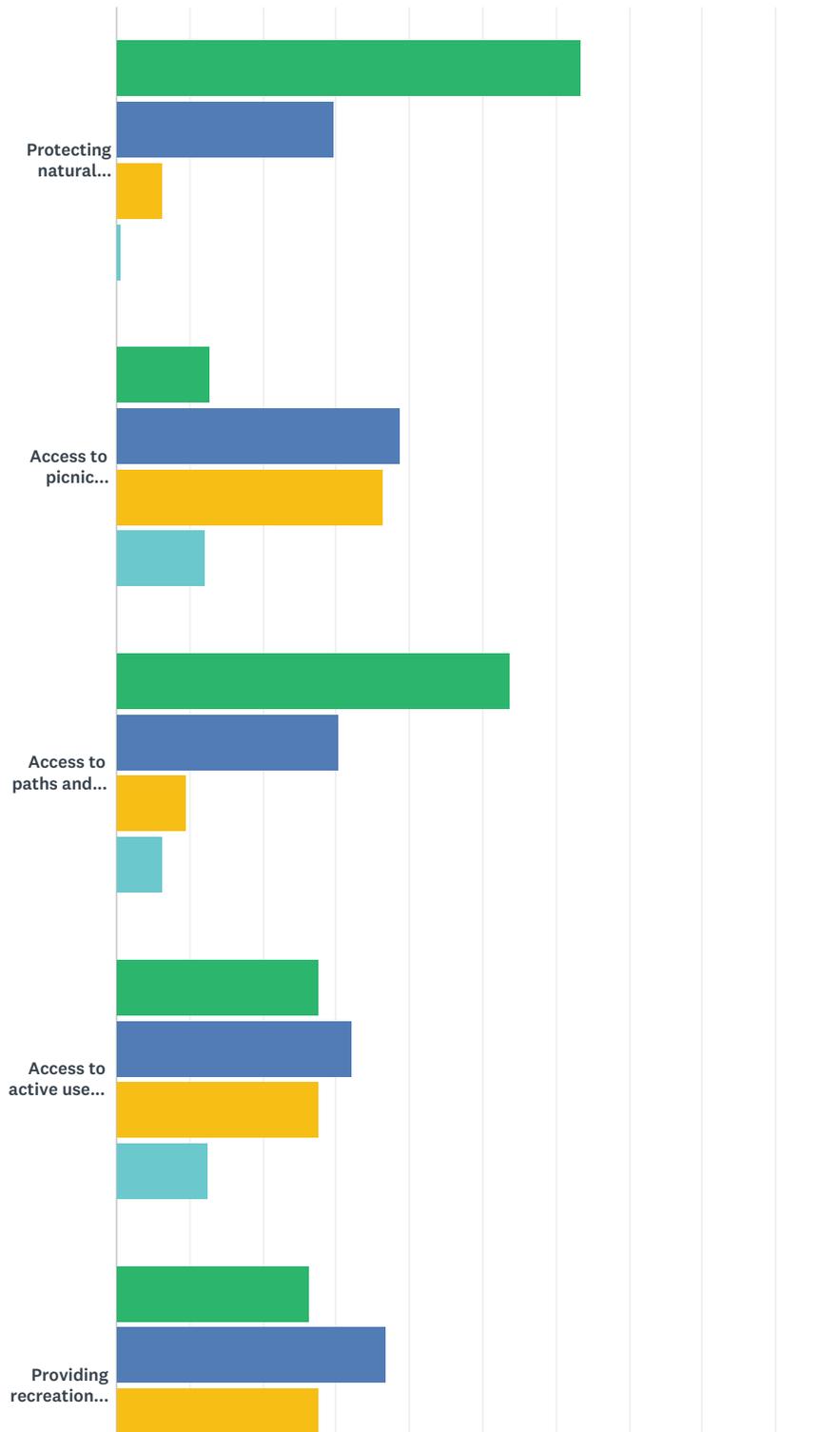
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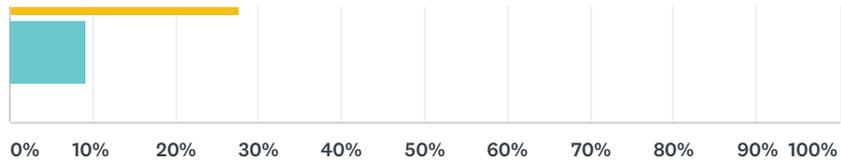
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Q1 How important are the following items to you and your family?

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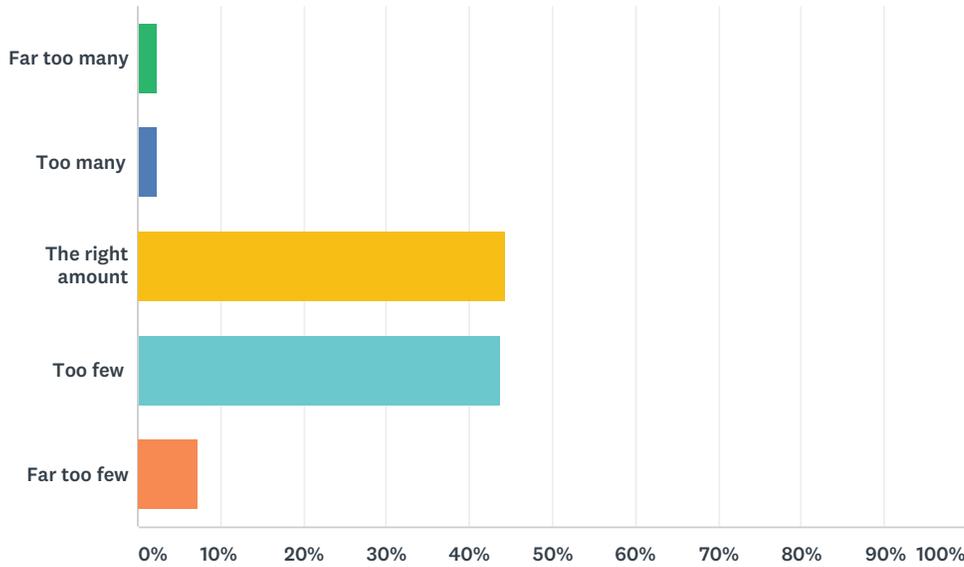


■ Very important
 ■ Important
 ■ Somewhat important
 ■ Not important

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Protecting natural resources and features	63.43% 111	29.71% 52	6.29% 11	0.57% 1	175
Access to picnic facilities	12.72% 22	38.73% 67	36.42% 63	12.14% 21	173
Access to paths and trails	53.71% 94	30.29% 53	9.71% 17	6.29% 11	175
Access to active use facilities (e.g. sports fields)	27.59% 48	32.18% 56	27.59% 48	12.64% 22	174
Providing recreation programming (e.g. special events, classes, sports leagues, etc.)	26.44% 46	36.78% 64	27.59% 48	9.20% 16	174

Q2 Does Manchester have too many, too few, or about the right number of recreation facilities?

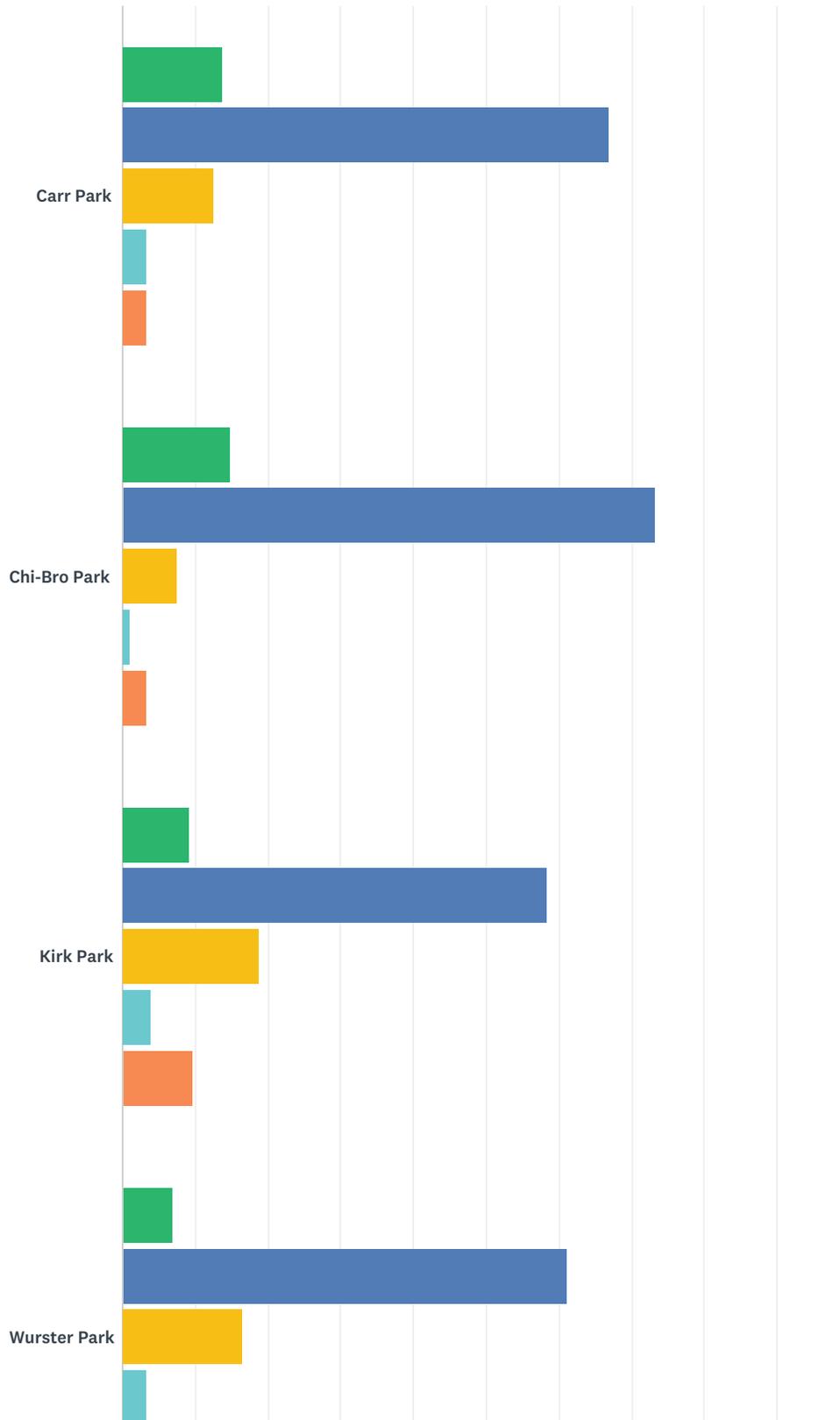
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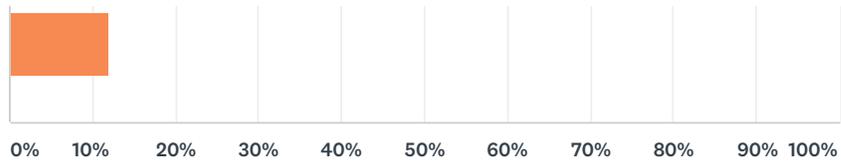
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Far too many	2.27%	4
Too many	2.27%	4
The right amount	44.32%	78
Too few	43.75%	77
Far too few	7.39%	13
TOTAL		176

Q3 How satisfied are you with existing recreation facilities?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 3



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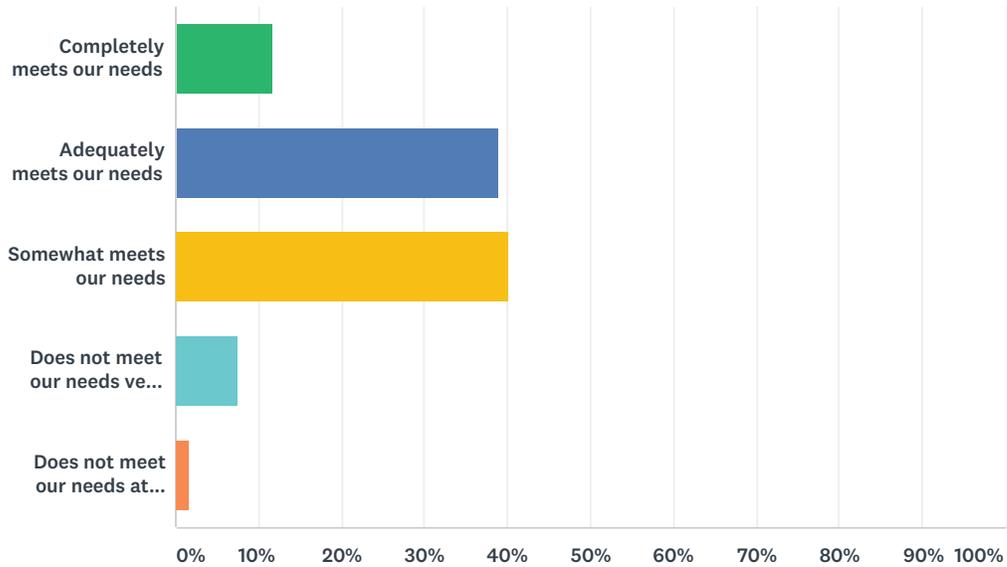


■ Highly satisfied
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Unsatisfied
 ■ Very unsatisfied
■ No opinion / have not visited

	HIGHLY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	UNSATISFIED	VERY UNSATISFIED	NO OPINION / HAVE NOT VISITED	TOTAL
Carr Park	13.71% 24	66.86% 117	12.57% 22	3.43% 6	3.43% 6	175
Chi-Bro Park	14.86% 26	73.14% 128	7.43% 13	1.14% 2	3.43% 6	175
Kirk Park	9.14% 16	58.29% 102	18.86% 33	4.00% 7	9.71% 17	175
Wurster Park	6.86% 12	61.14% 107	16.57% 29	3.43% 6	12.00% 21	175

Q4 Do existing recreation facilities meet your family's recreation needs?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Completely meets our needs	11.63%	20
Adequately meets our needs	38.95%	67
Somewhat meets our needs	40.12%	69
Does not meet our needs very well	7.56%	13
Does not meet our needs at all	1.74%	3
TOTAL		172

Q5 What can the community do to better meet your recreation needs?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 72

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A community pool!	9/5/2017 9:44 PM
2	There are many trails in and around Manchester, more than most small towns in Michigan. We do not need to charge higher taxes and upset property owners' to make more. I use the trails at all times and for all occasions. It is extremely rare to see another person even on the trail. We have more than the residents even know about, except the teens who use them to smoke marijuana because they are easy places to go where no one will be watching.	9/5/2017 7:35 AM
3	Make them nicer.	9/4/2017 7:57 PM
4	Extend the sidewalk on Austin Road heading east.	9/4/2017 3:29 PM
5	a recreation center for everyone would be great	9/4/2017 3:20 PM
6	Bathrooms	9/2/2017 4:48 PM
7	Hiking and bike trails	9/1/2017 3:43 PM
8	Walking trails is our preferred activity. Just walking is what I do every day and sidewalks have been added and/or replaced recently, which I greatly appreciate!	9/1/2017 10:36 AM
9	Handicap (wheelchair) fishing access to raisin river	8/31/2017 10:56 PM
10	Upgrade the Trail, either mow and fill in holes, or pave - not the gravel, to difficult to walk on.	8/29/2017 1:54 PM
11	would love to have a dog park	8/29/2017 1:41 PM
12	Paved multi-use trails connecting Manchester to existing trails.	8/29/2017 9:11 AM
13	Complete a paved trail.	8/29/2017 5:48 AM
14	We love the new portion of the trail that is paved. We would love the entire trail be usable for bikes!	8/28/2017 9:29 PM
15	More paved trails and bicycle lanes to make biking longer distances safer	8/27/2017 8:53 AM
16	Township doesn't really have a recreation focus. It would be great if the Village and Township coordinate an effort to get Villagers into Twp and Township folk into Village.	8/25/2017 2:03 PM
17	More in-town walking trails - preferably black-topped as I am a senior and winter is problematic. Hopefully in-town trails would be maintained by the Village.	8/25/2017 1:51 PM
18	More walking trails	8/25/2017 1:39 PM
19	Dog park	8/25/2017 1:33 PM
20	more walking trails & paths please. Connecting the east path to the piece on the other side of the river would be great. Extending the west instead of it being a dead end!	8/24/2017 10:01 PM
21	Provide additional walking trails.	8/24/2017 2:09 PM
22	More places to walk and bike safely.	8/24/2017 1:15 PM
23	Complete the trail segment from Manchester west to the Brooklyn/Watkins Lake/Grass Lake area.	8/23/2017 11:36 AM
24	more benches especially at Chi Bro	8/21/2017 9:23 PM
25	More access to kayaking in town. Increase in organized recreational activities.	8/18/2017 10:04 PM
26	Easy, safe access to water and trails	8/18/2017 9:06 AM
27	We want more biking and running trails, better access to the river, and a pool.	8/17/2017 8:48 AM
28	a splash pad for kids or a pool	8/17/2017 8:32 AM
29	Make an outlet to the river for kayakers and more walking trails right bike trails in the woods	8/16/2017 10:28 AM
30	Nothing.	8/16/2017 6:14 AM

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31	First they need a barrier free park for kiddos w disabilities and mobility issues. Second a great splash pad for the warm/hot months w recycled (eco friendly) water system. There is the possibility of others coming into town from other areas with equipment like this, then hopefully spend \$ in town at local businesses. Events like a food truck event with maybe pony rides and bounce houses for the kiddos.	8/15/2017 9:53 PM
32	Finish multi-use trail through Village, build walking bridge over river, trail to Watkins Lake	8/15/2017 9:50 PM
33	Add a dog park	8/15/2017 7:26 PM
34	Place charcoal grills at the pavilions where there are none.	8/15/2017 4:37 PM
35	Please fight to have Leonard preserve allow dogs on a leash like Watkins Lake.	8/15/2017 3:47 PM
36	Physical restrooms with plumbing and electricity. A community pool. A recreation department with youth sports.	8/15/2017 2:56 PM
37	Stop complaining all the time about how everything isn't good enough	8/15/2017 1:07 PM
38	I realize the expense is too great at the moment, but our family needs access to a public swimming pool.	8/15/2017 11:09 AM
39	Toilet facilities are a must for young children. They cannot always "hold it" especially when potty training and that leaves our excursions to the parks limited at the moment.	8/15/2017 10:36 AM
40	Provide restrooms	8/15/2017 9:36 AM
41	I would *love* a canoe/kayak/paddleboard livery. And more trails!	8/15/2017 9:20 AM
42	Dog park	8/15/2017 9:18 AM
43	Get the river more accessible for activity.	8/15/2017 9:08 AM
44	Indoor facilities for basketball etc	8/15/2017 8:29 AM
45	Freezing and maintaining a sheet of ice at one or more of the parks would be very welcome for those that like to ice skate. This is lacking in our community. Would also like to see the ball field at Carr park upgraded or eliminated altogether as it's in horrible shape. River access in town for kayaking and canoeing would be great as well as a system of interconnected trails for walking and biking.	8/15/2017 7:51 AM
46	Bathroom facilities	8/15/2017 7:47 AM
47	Jogging trails, dog parks	8/15/2017 7:43 AM
48	Longer bike and walking path. Easier access to the river for canoes.	8/15/2017 6:33 AM
49	I have six suggestions. My first suggestion is to allow kayaks and canoes to load and unload on Furnace Street, at the old bridge site. There is such a beautiful and peaceful part of the Raisin River there and no safe public access to it. I don't see any need to restrict people from enjoying it by posting a sign that says no boat loading or unloading. That basically means there is no safe way to enter that part of the river, if you don't own property on the river. Two: Allow dogs on the nature trails, on leashes. This is the country and country lovers love dogs. Why restrict dog owners from enjoying the nature trails without their beloved furry friends? Three: Make a dog park as other's have suggested. Four: clear the River Raisin better of logs and trees for better use of the river in kayaking and canoeing. Five: start a canoe and kayak livery. Six: build an outdoor or indoor community pool and splash pad.	8/15/2017 2:10 AM
50	Add a dog park and/or more walking trails, preferably surrounding the river	8/15/2017 12:24 AM
51	Carr park needs some work	8/14/2017 11:15 PM
52	Greater access to paths and trails	8/14/2017 10:28 PM
53	The tennis courts need to be resurfaced. We could use a longer multi use trail.	8/14/2017 10:20 PM
54	More trails and bike paths	8/14/2017 10:15 PM
55	Add tennis courts (6 courts for a tennis team)and a community pool.	8/14/2017 9:55 PM
56	Canoe/Kayak rental on river	8/14/2017 9:48 PM
57	Nothing	8/14/2017 9:37 PM
58	Dog park would be amazing.	8/14/2017 9:32 PM

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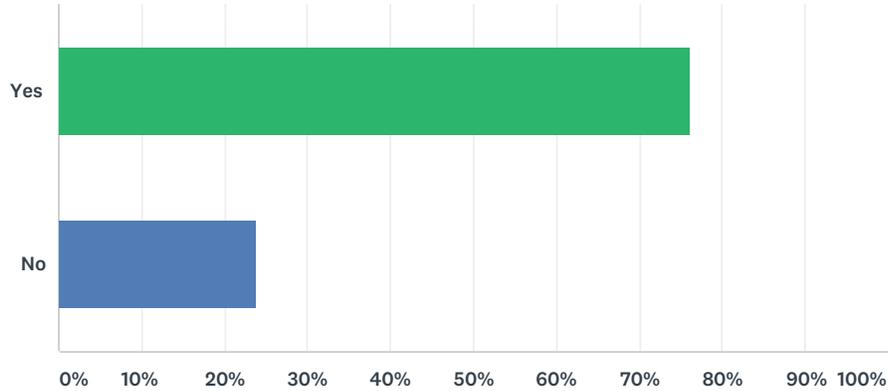
59	I think walking paths in a wooded setting would be nice	8/14/2017 9:28 PM
60	Be sure to have adequate funding to maintain - not just build them. This should not be left to village residents to pay for. We have roads and sidewalks that need to be upgraded, trees that need to be trimmed, etc.	8/14/2017 9:19 PM
61	My only issues with any of the parks is the bathroom upkeep... even just a port-o-potty needs to be checked out every once in a while. Eeeeeek. Also, part of Carr park looks as though they attempted to create a toddler area but instead it's just a fenced in area of mulch next to the play structure for bigger kids. Sort of weird and incomplete looking.	8/14/2017 8:55 PM
62	Dog park	8/14/2017 8:53 PM
63	Would love more sidewalks, walking trails, etc. Being able to more readily use the river for kayaking and canoeing would be great too!	8/14/2017 8:39 PM
64	Carr park baseball field needs to be kept up much better. The fenced in area at the playground is a waste. It would be nice to have a basketball court on that side of town.	8/14/2017 8:36 PM
65	Permanent bathroom facilities at all parks, develop and incorporate the river into parks	8/14/2017 8:25 PM
66	Complete the trail from Manchester to Watkins State Park.	8/14/2017 7:56 PM
67	We would love to see additional hiking/walking paths.	8/14/2017 7:09 PM
68	Public restrooms	8/14/2017 6:41 PM
69	Have more walking trails, bike trails, lake with boat rentals, beach, pool	8/14/2017 6:22 PM
70	Need to have indoor rec for the winter months.	8/14/2017 5:54 PM
71	Make the soccer fields at the high school handicap accessible	8/14/2017 5:41 PM
72	Create an open stretch of the Raisin for kayaking from Sharon Mills to town. Public Bathrooms open during events.	8/14/2017 5:30 PM
73	Set up an exercise circuit at a park and increase the trail maintenance around the pond behind Klager.	8/14/2017 5:18 PM
74	Would love a longer hike/bike trail.	8/14/2017 5:00 PM
75	A pool	8/14/2017 4:47 PM
76	Community splash pad or pool. (I believe many would be agreeable to fundraising and/or an increase to our taxes in order to cover construction, ongoing maintenance, and the high cost of liability insurance. Families go out of town for access to water activities.	8/14/2017 4:45 PM
77	Walking biking running trail, repave basketball court and tennis court, pool at the high school, decent soccer field	8/14/2017 4:42 PM
78	More age range for all parks.	8/14/2017 4:37 PM
79	We wish there were more hiking or bike trails. Also we moved here from a southern village in NC that had a community pool. We miss that greatly. Wish Manchester had something like that to draw people here, esp families with young kids.	8/14/2017 4:34 PM
80	More walking/ bike paths.	8/14/2017 4:33 PM
81	FLUSHING bathrooms at the parks.	8/14/2017 4:29 PM
82	Add more working water fountains in town	8/14/2017 4:16 PM
83	Put the horseshoe pits back up under the water tower. Kind of bummed when I went up there this summer and they were gone... :(Fix the tennis courts and basketball courts at Kirk Park	8/14/2017 4:06 PM
84	Have exercise type equipment, basketball courts, more walking paths	8/14/2017 4:02 PM
85	Fix tennis courts, access to track for running, better maintain current facilities	8/14/2017 4:01 PM
86	More water usage - canoe/kayak livery. River cleanup. More bike trails.	8/14/2017 4:00 PM
87	The community can't meet all our needs but it would be nice to have a youth rec center or something. As well as sports availability for teens who do not attend the local high school.	8/14/2017 4:00 PM

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88	A dog park would be wonderful. So many of the great places to hike/walk nearby do not allow dogs. I live on main St and I can't let my dog be in my yard without a leash for fear he'll chase a squirrel into the street/traffic. Also, the tennis courts in Kirk park are dismal. We need good tennis courts. A pool would also be great since the school and wellness center don't have one. Kids especially should have a community pool to enjoy in the summer. We would love to have a place to take him to run freely and socialize with other dogs.	8/14/2017 11:39 AM
89	Splash pad!	8/13/2017 3:44 PM
90	Maintain the tennis courts, build a dog park	8/10/2017 5:30 PM
91	Access to the river for paddling & a place to bicycle away from traffic.	8/10/2017 1:47 PM
92	We need a facility to exercise dogs off leach safely, and to provide better socialization for them.	8/8/2017 11:38 PM
93	We would like to see a multi-use rail to trail from Manchester to Watkin's Lake State Park and a dog park in Manchester.	8/8/2017 5:10 PM
94	We would really like a dog park in Manchester, the ability to have an off-leash place for dogs to safely play and socialize would be great, we currently have to drive to Ann Arbor for that option.	8/8/2017 1:17 PM
95	Would be wonderful to have a dog park in Manchester.	8/8/2017 1:05 PM
96	We need a dog park.	8/8/2017 9:51 AM
97	Provide safe bicycle and walking trails where motorists do not pose a safety threat. A swimming facility would be wonderful, too.	8/8/2017 9:19 AM
98	install childrens play center @ Kirk Park. Install BBQ grills @ Carr Park. Install dip station, pull up, & push up station @ Chi=Bro Park	8/8/2017 7:17 AM
99	We need a Dog Park. More extensive Bike Trails. I go to Dexter to ride.	8/7/2017 10:28 PM
100	Real bathrooms and access to the river	8/7/2017 8:39 PM
101	have a community pool	8/7/2017 6:00 PM
102	Nothing.	8/7/2017 5:41 PM
103	complete the shared use trail.	8/7/2017 1:17 PM
104	Establish adult recreation leagues, eg., softball	8/2/2017 4:59 PM
105	Walk trails from village to our new State Park Watkins Lake.	7/14/2017 8:11 AM
106	Splash park, better Tennis Courts	6/25/2017 8:38 AM

Q6 Do you or your family visit neighboring community, county, state, or other regional recreation facilities?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.16%	131
No	23.84%	41
TOTAL		172

#	IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT?	DATE
1	Gebhart Woods, Illinois	9/6/2017 9:16 AM
2	Waterloo recreation area	9/5/2017 9:44 PM
3	Dexter bike trail.	9/5/2017 7:35 AM
4	Ann Arbor area.	9/4/2017 7:57 PM
5	Lake Michigan Recreation Area. Hayes State Park Waterloo Pickney Trail Discovery Center Chelsea	9/4/2017 3:29 PM
6	Watkins, Leonard preserve, metroparks, state camp grounds, Waterloo trails, Potawatomi trail, yurts	9/2/2017 4:48 PM
7	The Adrian Trail	9/1/2017 10:36 AM
8	Lake facilities and state parks.	8/31/2017 5:23 PM
9	Clarke Lake and other lakes in surrounding areas	8/30/2017 8:25 AM
10	Waterloo, Clinton, Sleeping Bear, other trails - Leelanau County	8/29/2017 1:54 PM
11	waterloo park, timbertown,	8/29/2017 1:41 PM
12	Kiwanis Trail (Tecumseh to Adrian), Falling Waters Trail (Jackson), Dexter trail	8/29/2017 9:11 AM
13	Pickrel, strawberry lakes, dexter park& b to b trail, fuller pool, hudson mills park, vets park, potawami trail	8/29/2017 7:07 AM
14	B2B trail in Dexter	8/29/2017 5:48 AM
15	Eddy Discovery Center Hidden Lake Gardens Leslie Nature Center Hayes State Park Waterloo Recreation Area Sharon Mills County Park Bike trails Hiking trails	8/28/2017 9:29 PM
16	Cobble stone farm Waterloo recreation Nan Weston preserve	8/28/2017 7:14 PM

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17	Pierce Park and Timber Town in Chelsea, Kiwanis Trail in Tecumseh / Adrian, Silver Lake in Pinckney State Rec Area, Discovery Center at Waterloo State Rec Area, Indian Trails Crossing Park in Tecumseh	8/27/2017 8:53 AM
18	Watkins, Hayes, Walker Tavern	8/25/2017 2:03 PM
19	Area campgrounds	8/25/2017 1:57 PM
20	Waterloo camping	8/25/2017 1:39 PM
21	Paved trail in Dexter that connects to Huron Metro Parks, paved trail between Tecumseh & Adrian, B2B trail in Ann Arbor, walking paths in Chelsea,	8/24/2017 10:01 PM
22	Chelsea and Hayes state Park.	8/24/2017 2:09 PM
23	Walking and biking trails through natural areas.	8/24/2017 1:15 PM
24	Grass Lake Township Sports and Trails Park, Waterloo Recreation Area, Pinckney Recreation Area, Ann Arbor parks facilities, Lakelands Trail State Park, Kensington Metropark.	8/23/2017 11:36 AM
25	Hudson Mills Metropark	8/18/2017 10:04 PM
26	Hudson Mills Metro Park	8/18/2017 9:06 AM
27	We go to all the preserves for hiking. We camp at state parks, and visit beaches.	8/17/2017 8:48 AM
28	mill pond park in saline	8/17/2017 8:32 AM
29	Kayaking in Ann arbor	8/16/2017 10:28 AM
30	Chelsea and Saline pools. The splash pad park in Techumseh. Also timber town playground in Chelsea is awesome!	8/15/2017 9:53 PM
31	county nature preserves, state parks	8/15/2017 9:50 PM
32	Parks	8/15/2017 7:26 PM
33	State parks	8/15/2017 4:37 PM
34	Watkins Lake, Dexter bike trail, Tecumseh bike trail, Tecumseh parks	8/15/2017 3:47 PM
35	State parks, community pools, public beaches...	8/15/2017 2:56 PM
36	Public pools in Saline, Chelsea, Dexter and Ann Arbor. We also use hiking trails throughout the county.	8/15/2017 11:09 AM
37	Saline, Ann Arbor- they have bathrooms at most parks.	8/15/2017 10:36 AM
38	Parks in Adrian	8/15/2017 10:04 AM
39	Metro parks in Dexter, a lot. Kensington Parks	8/15/2017 9:36 AM
40	Pinckney Recreation Area, Hayes State Park	8/15/2017 9:20 AM
41	Parks in chelsea. River walk in dexter. Beaches at larger lakes. Splash pads in nearby towns such as Tecumseh.	8/15/2017 9:08 AM
42	Saline rec center	8/15/2017 8:29 AM
43	Isalnd Lake recreation Area, Waterloo Recreation Area, Watkins Lake, Wamplers Lake, several metroparks.	8/15/2017 7:51 AM
44	Tate park Clinton, timber town , Saline park	8/15/2017 7:47 AM
45	Clinton. Other Huron parks. Pinckney rec area	8/15/2017 7:43 AM
46	Dexter path to Hudson mills Pinckney Rec Area Portage Lake WAmplers Lake	8/15/2017 4:03 AM
47	Wamplers Lake, Silver Lake Park in Pinckney, Tecumseh and Clinton Parks, Hudson Mills in Dexter and the border to border trails in Dexter, Arise Church Dog Park in Pinckney, Vineyard Lake Park.	8/15/2017 2:10 AM
48	Walter j hayes	8/15/2017 2:06 AM
49	Dexter Boardwalk trail	8/15/2017 12:24 AM
50	Hudson mills Adrian Cascades in Jackson	8/14/2017 11:15 PM

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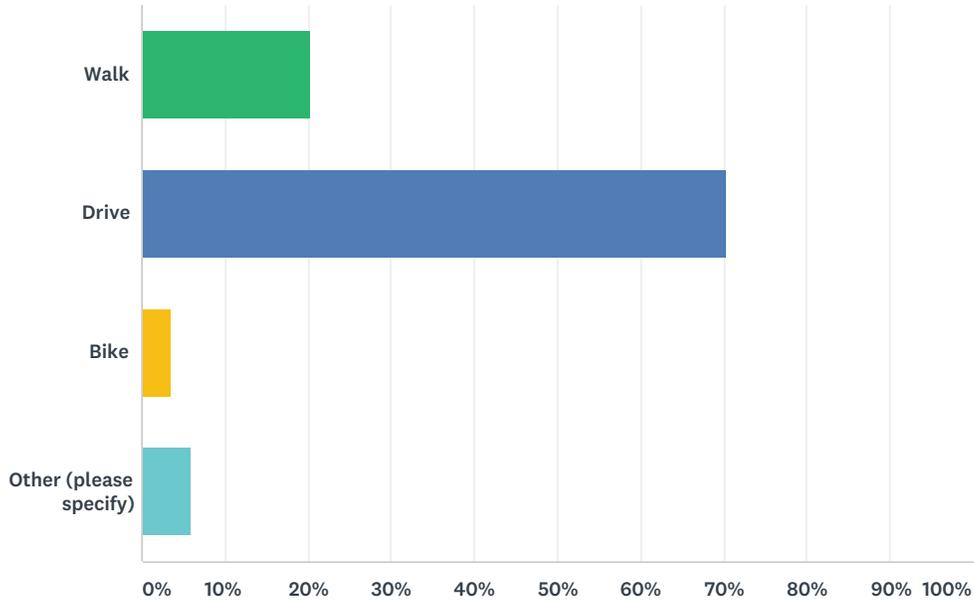
51	Chelsea pool Clinton paved bike trails	8/14/2017 10:44 PM
52	Gallup Park, Argo Canoe Livery, Hudson Mills--any facility that has access to water and water recreation or biking/hiking trails	8/14/2017 10:28 PM
53	Falling Waters trail in Jackson. The trail in Dexter.	8/14/2017 10:20 PM
54	Clark lake beach club	8/14/2017 10:12 PM
55	Leonard Preserve and many state parks	8/14/2017 10:05 PM
56	We visit all over the state.	8/14/2017 9:55 PM
57	Dog parks, pools / ponds,	8/14/2017 9:37 PM
58	Saline Mi Dogpark Millpond dogpark	8/14/2017 9:32 PM
59	Tecumseh along river path	8/14/2017 9:28 PM
60	I don't go.	8/14/2017 9:19 PM
61	Timbertown in Chelsea is a favorite of ours. As well as Mill Pond park in Brooklyn... it's location on the river is fun for the little ones to sash around in (with close supervision of course.)	8/14/2017 8:55 PM
62	Carr	8/14/2017 8:53 PM
63	State parks	8/14/2017 8:51 PM
64	Wamplers Lake, Clark lake beach and boat club.	8/14/2017 8:39 PM
65	Saline, Brighton/Novi and Tecumseh area parks	8/14/2017 8:36 PM
66	State campgrounds	8/14/2017 8:25 PM
67	Clinton and Chelsea	8/14/2017 8:21 PM
68	Many Sate parks throughout Michigan including Waterloo in Chelsea.	8/14/2017 7:56 PM
69	Metroparks, Chelsea parks, Waterloo Rec center	8/14/2017 7:44 PM
70	Dexter bike/walk trail	8/14/2017 7:16 PM
71	Saline Rec center, washtenaw county Rec, Hudson mills, parks	8/14/2017 7:09 PM
72	dexter saline and chelsea	8/14/2017 6:03 PM
73	State parks, community pools	8/14/2017 5:54 PM
74	State parks occasionally	8/14/2017 5:30 PM
75	Saline and Chelsea fair grounds	8/14/2017 5:03 PM
76	Waterloo, Watkins Lake, Kiwanis bike path, Falling Water bike path, Dexter bike path	8/14/2017 5:00 PM
77	Michigan beach/lakes areas and waterparks/pools.	8/14/2017 4:45 PM
78	All of the above	8/14/2017 4:42 PM
79	We go up to Dexter Rec areas. Wish we had more hiking or bike trails here.	8/14/2017 4:34 PM
80	Bike path to Adrian, Walter J Hayes	8/14/2017 4:33 PM
81	Tate Park in Clinton, Mill Pond Park in Saline, Dexter Trails, TimberTown in Chelsea	8/14/2017 4:29 PM
82	None	8/14/2017 4:16 PM
83	Chelsea and Clinton	8/14/2017 4:02 PM
84	Chelsea pool, Chelsea tennis courts, Ann Arbor parks	8/14/2017 4:01 PM
85	Bike paths. Nicer playgrounds.	8/14/2017 4:00 PM
86	Hockey arenas, parks, trails, swimming facilities.	8/14/2017 4:00 PM
87	Watkin State park, Chelsea tree wood structure, Tecumseh splash pad	8/14/2017 3:58 PM
88	Hidden Lake Gardens, nature Trails - Nan Weston, Sharon Mills, Leonard Preserve. We dont go as much as we'd like to some of these especially Leonard Preserve because they do not allow dogs even on a leash.	8/14/2017 11:39 AM

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89	Rolling Hills	8/13/2017 11:07 PM
90	Walter Hayes State Park, Mill Pond Park in Saline, Waterloo Rec Area	8/10/2017 5:30 PM
91	State parks and Gallop Park.	8/10/2017 1:47 PM
92	Waterloo and Pinckney Recreation areas, Ann Arbor, and Saline city parks, and Huron/Clinton Metroparks	8/8/2017 11:38 PM
93	We visit the following places on a weekly basis: DTE Energy Foundation trail in Chelsea for mountain biking, Pinckney and Waterloo Recreation areas for mountain biking, hiking, and paddling, Saline and Ann Arbor weekly for their dog parks.	8/8/2017 5:10 PM
94	Ann Arbor and Saline Dog parks	8/8/2017 1:17 PM
95	Tecumseh parks with water.	8/8/2017 9:51 AM
96	Area state parks. Wampler's Lake.	8/8/2017 9:19 AM
97	to numerous to name. Example. Wednesday I will be @ King Lake State CG	8/8/2017 7:17 AM
98	Bruin Lake, Lakeland Trail. Dexter Trail, Falling Waters Trail	8/7/2017 10:28 PM
99	Clinton	8/7/2017 8:39 PM
100	All state parks.	8/7/2017 5:41 PM
101	Numerous county natural areas, Legacy Land Conservancy preserves, Waterloo, Sleeping Bear Dunes + several state parks	8/7/2017 3:19 PM
102	Multiple state parks.	8/7/2017 1:27 PM
103	State Parks Hayes Pinckney Rec Area Sterling State Park	8/7/2017 1:27 PM
104	Sharonville	8/7/2017 1:17 PM
105	Wash County parks	7/14/2017 8:11 AM
106	State park	6/25/2017 8:38 AM

Q7 How do you typically travel to your community recreation facilities?

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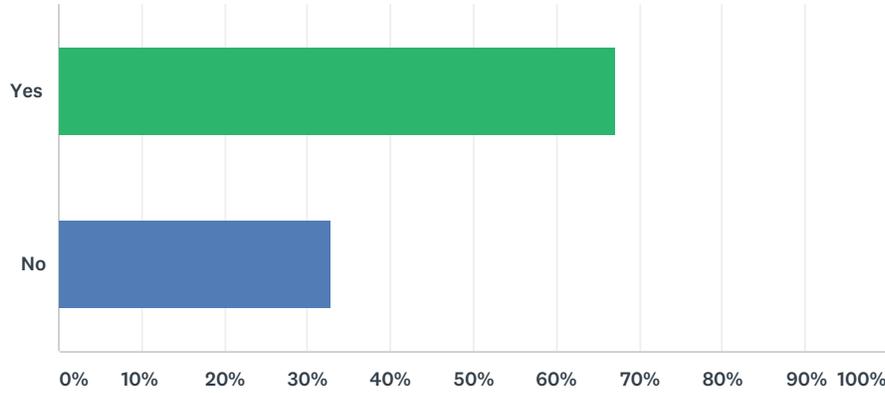


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	20.35%	35
Drive	70.35%	121
Bike	3.49%	6
Other (please specify)	5.81%	10
TOTAL		172

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walk, Drive, and Bike	9/6/2017 9:16 AM
2	Walk or drive	9/4/2017 3:29 PM
3	I walk if I can. We drive to Adrian to walk on that trail.	9/1/2017 10:36 AM
4	Walk, but sometimes drive	8/25/2017 1:51 PM
5	Once a week	8/16/2017 10:28 AM
6	Walk to Leonard, but drive to state parks	8/14/2017 10:05 PM
7	Or walk since I live in town.	8/14/2017 4:06 PM
8	All of the above	8/10/2017 5:30 PM
9	All of the above!	8/8/2017 5:10 PM
10	walk & drive	8/8/2017 7:17 AM

Q8 Are you aware of Watkins Lake State Park, a new park operated jointly by the State of Michigan and Washtenaw County?

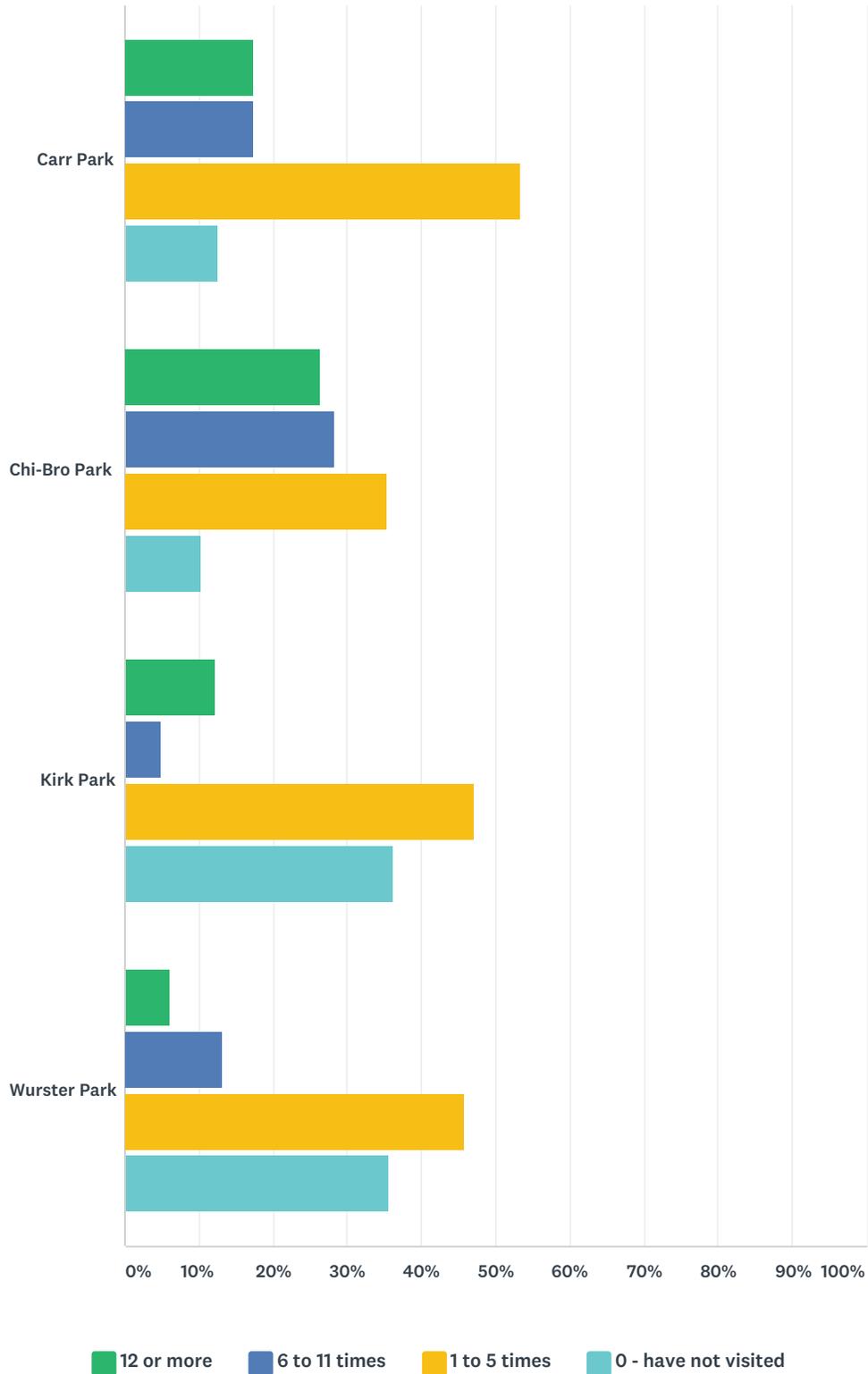
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.24%	117
No	32.76%	57
TOTAL		174

Q9 In the past 12 months, how many times have you visited Manchester recreation facilities?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 11

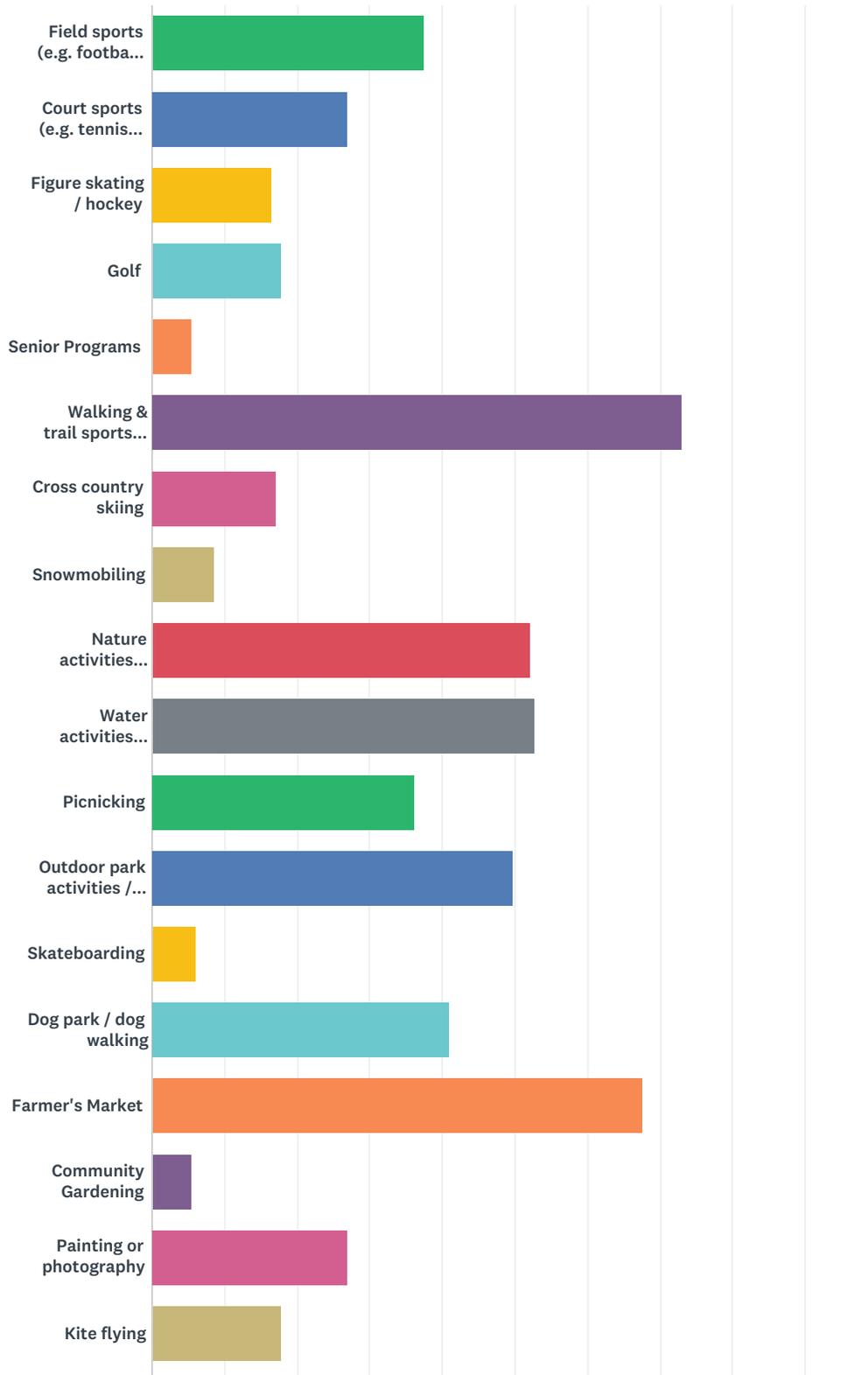


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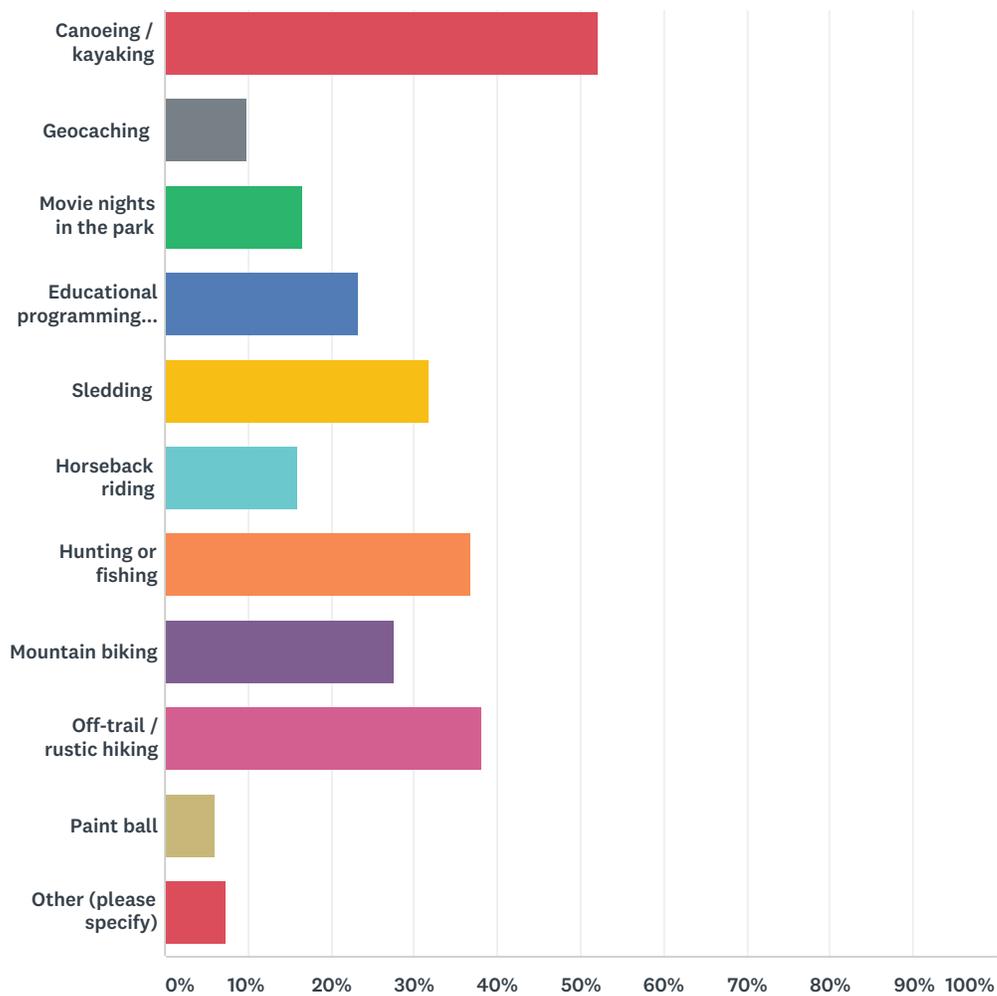
	12 OR MORE	6 TO 11 TIMES	1 TO 5 TIMES	0 - HAVE NOT VISITED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Carr Park	17.37% 29	17.37% 29	53.29% 89	12.57% 21	167
Chi-Bro Park	26.35% 44	28.14% 47	35.33% 59	10.18% 17	167
Kirk Park	12.05% 20	4.82% 8	46.99% 78	36.14% 60	166
Wurster Park	6.02% 10	13.25% 22	45.78% 76	35.54% 59	166

Q10 What types of activities do you or your family members regularly participate in? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 163 Skipped: 15



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, softball, soccer, etc.)	37.42%	61
Court sports (e.g. tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, etc.)	26.99%	44
Figure skating / hockey	16.56%	27
Golf	17.79%	29
Senior Programs	5.52%	9
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, running, bicycling, rollerblading, etc.)	73.01%	119
Cross country skiing	17.18%	28
Snowmobiling	8.59%	14
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing etc.)	52.15%	85
Water activities (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	52.76%	86
Picnicking	36.20%	59
Outdoor park activities / playground	49.69%	81
Skateboarding	6.13%	10

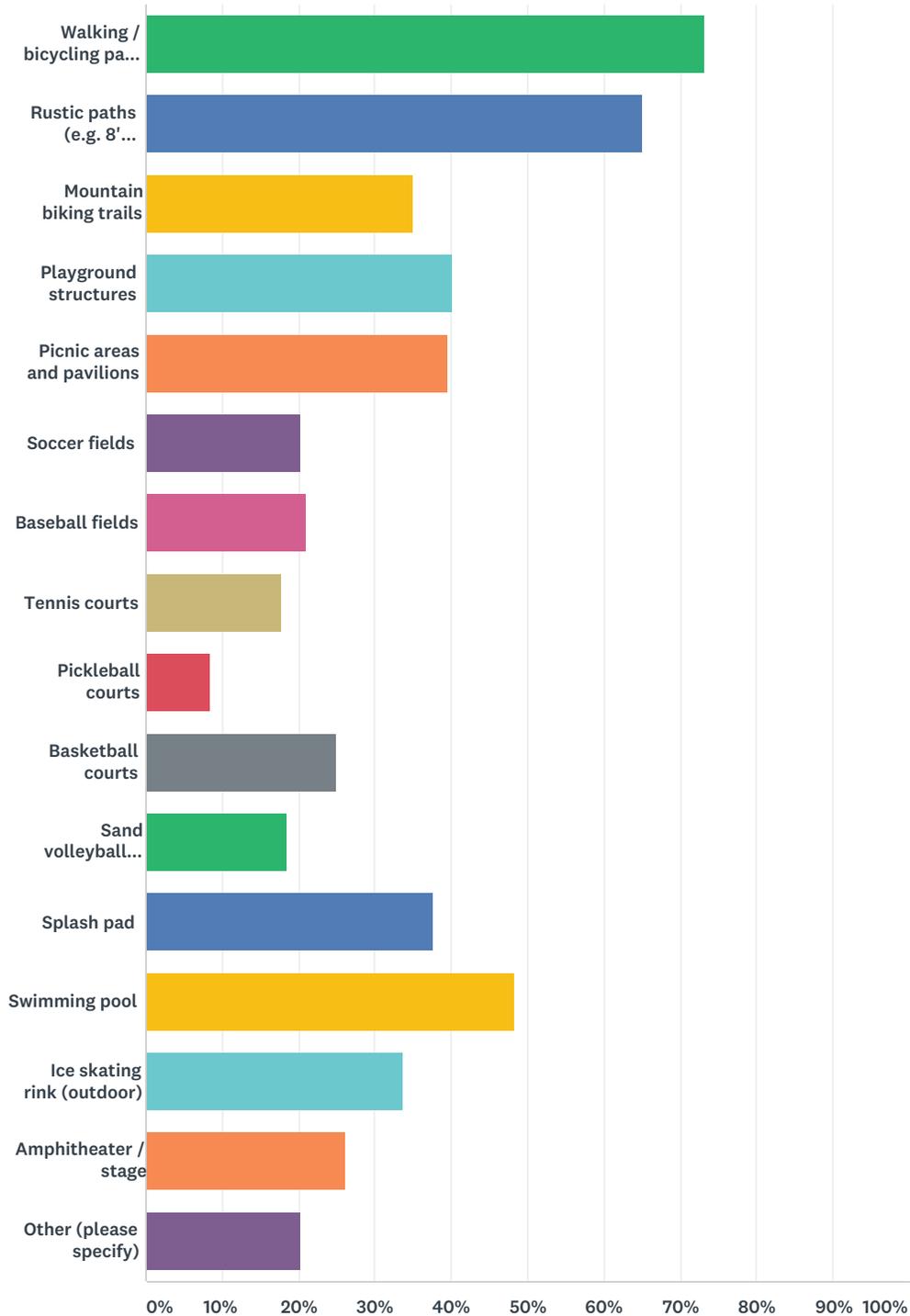
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Dog park / dog walking	41.10%	67
Farmer's Market	67.48%	110
Community Gardening	5.52%	9
Painting or photography	26.99%	44
Kite flying	17.79%	29
Canoeing / kayaking	52.15%	85
Geocaching	9.82%	16
Movie nights in the park	16.56%	27
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature identification, etc.)	23.31%	38
Sledding	31.90%	52
Horseback riding	15.95%	26
Hunting or fishing	36.81%	60
Mountain biking	27.61%	45
Off-trail / rustic hiking	38.04%	62
Paint ball	6.13%	10
Other (please specify)	7.36%	12
Total Respondents: 163		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Biking/ Bike trails	8/28/2017 9:31 PM
2	Pokemon Go	8/25/2017 8:21 PM
3	Yoga and tai chi	8/18/2017 10:09 PM
4	None	8/15/2017 8:10 PM
5	Tennis	8/15/2017 2:58 PM
6	concerts in the park	8/14/2017 10:32 PM
7	Tennis and swimming	8/14/2017 9:59 PM
8	Na	8/14/2017 8:42 PM
9	Would be great to have a bigger park for larger events such as 4th of July fireworks. Drive in for movies to bring people in ,	8/14/2017 6:27 PM
10	regular biking	8/14/2017 5:03 PM
11	Bird watching	8/8/2017 5:13 PM
12	Kayaking	8/2/2017 5:01 PM

Q11 What kind of recreation amenities should be considered for park and preserve properties? Please choose all that apply.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
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Walking / bicycling paths (e.g. 10' wide paved pathways)	73.25%	115
Rustic paths (e.g. 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths in nature areas)	64.97%	102
Mountain biking trails	35.03%	55
Playground structures	40.13%	63
Picnic areas and pavilions	39.49%	62
Soccer fields	20.38%	32
Baseball fields	21.02%	33
Tennis courts	17.83%	28
Pickleball courts	8.28%	13
Basketball courts	24.84%	39
Sand volleyball courts	18.47%	29
Splash pad	37.58%	59
Swimming pool	48.41%	76
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	33.76%	53
Amphitheater / stage	26.11%	41
Other (please specify)	20.38%	32
Total Respondents: 157		

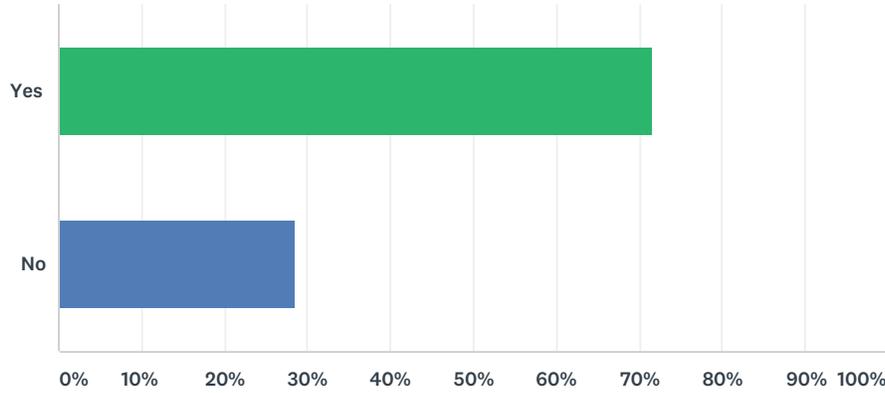
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1	Equestrian trail access	9/5/2017 9:46 PM
2	We don't need more than we have. We already have parks. Just fix the basketball courts and tennis court so they are usable and not dangerous. Make what we have better instead of adding more.	9/5/2017 7:38 AM
3	Skate park	9/2/2017 4:51 PM
4	single track - dirt trails in preserve properties. crushed limestone and wood chip trails are not pleasant to walk or run on.	8/31/2017 5:30 PM
5	Path - wood chip / not crushed limestone	8/29/2017 2:10 PM
6	Dog park	8/25/2017 8:21 PM
7	More interpretive signs in and around the community and along the trails. Outdoor exercise equipment.	8/23/2017 11:44 AM
8	The town needs a barrier free structure so kiddos with mobility issues or special needs can access as well. I think a splash pad would be great!!	8/15/2017 10:01 PM
9	None	8/15/2017 8:10 PM
10	Horse trails	8/15/2017 10:06 AM
11	Restrooms	8/15/2017 9:38 AM
12	Canoe/kayak livery	8/15/2017 9:22 AM
13	Dog park	8/15/2017 7:49 AM
14	Dog Park, canoe/ kayak livery	8/15/2017 2:19 AM
15	Dogpark	8/14/2017 9:36 PM
16	Na	8/14/2017 8:42 PM

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17	Dog park	8/14/2017 6:43 PM
18	Batting cages would be fun	8/14/2017 6:27 PM
19	Kayaking drop ins	8/14/2017 5:43 PM
20	I don't think a community the size of ours needs any additional resources available in the village. Maintain what we have. If others feel the need to take their dog to a dog park there's one 7 miles south in Tecumseh..... I don't want to pay taxes on something that I will never use nor do I think most of the community would use.	8/14/2017 5:12 PM
21	Soccer	8/14/2017 4:44 PM
22	Skatepark, martial arts studio	8/14/2017 4:08 PM
23	The furnace st bridge needs to be replaced with a walking bridge structure. The property the village purchased next to Furnace street should be improved for small boat and kayak loading access to the waters between the dams for fishing and kayaking. We have a great resource in town with little to no access to it.	8/14/2017 4:02 PM
24	Dog park	8/14/2017 11:47 AM
25	Off-leash dog park	8/10/2017 5:34 PM
26	Dog park	8/8/2017 11:42 PM
27	Fenced in land for dogs to run and exercise. Hiking trails.	8/8/2017 5:13 PM
28	dog park	8/8/2017 2:22 PM
29	Dog Park.	8/8/2017 1:09 PM
30	Dog park	8/8/2017 9:55 AM
31	Dog park	8/8/2017 7:50 AM
32	More trails for disabled people to access.	8/7/2017 11:30 PM

Q12 Would you be interested in the development of an indoor community center / recreation facility?

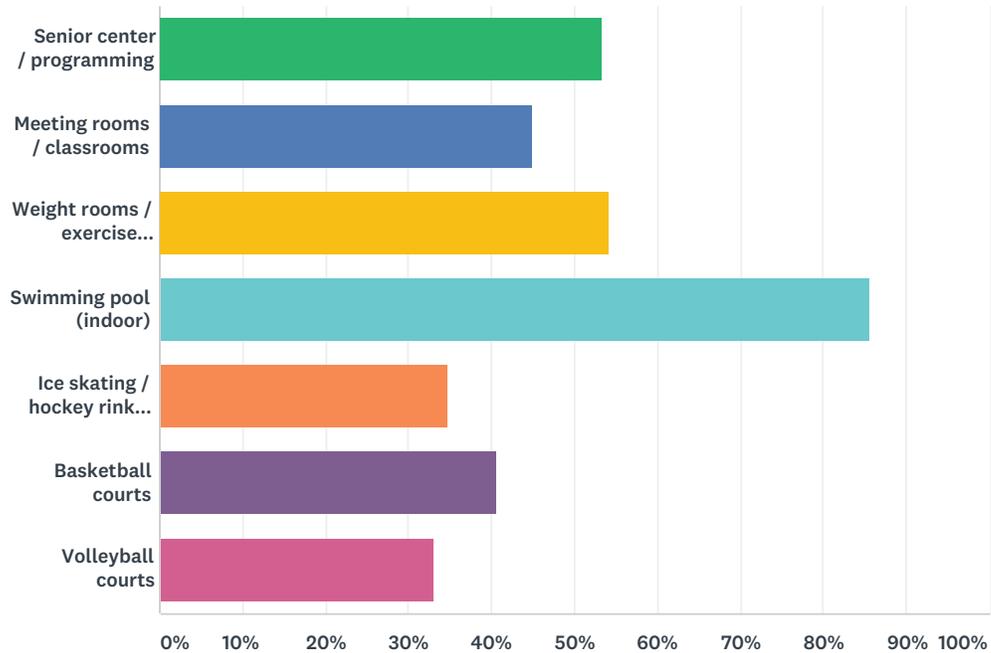
Answered: 165 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.52%	118
No	28.48%	47
TOTAL		165

Q13 If you said yes to the previous question, what features would you like to see included? Check all that apply.

Answered: 118 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Senior center / programming	53.39% 63
Meeting rooms / classrooms	44.92% 53
Weight rooms / exercise equipment	54.24% 64
Swimming pool (indoor)	85.59% 101
Ice skating / hockey rink (indoor)	34.75% 41
Basketball courts	40.68% 48
Volleyball courts	33.05% 39
Total Respondents: 118	

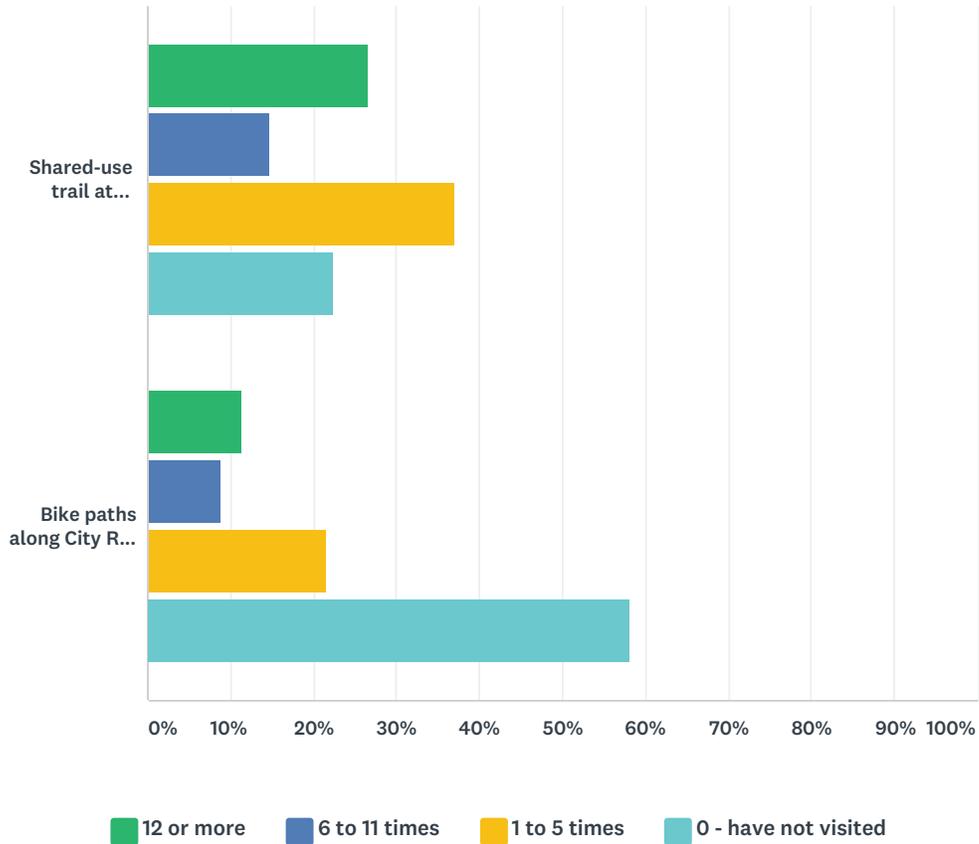
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	American ninja warrior course	9/2/2017 4:51 PM
2	For seniors, especially helpful during severe winter weather.	8/25/2017 1:52 PM
3	Wallyball courts, pool for exercise classes	8/25/2017 1:34 PM
4	Going along the idea of the weight room/exercise equipment would be to add fitness classes like Spinning.	8/25/2017 1:04 PM
5	How much of this could be accomplished by re-purposing one of the school buildings? The middle school could easily be refitted through a mileage. It already has a gym, the wellness center is next door and there is abundant parking.	8/23/2017 11:44 AM

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6	I think the town rec. Dept should also offer a summer day camp program once it has some decent facilities like a splash pad indoor pool and recreation center.	8/15/2017 10:01 PM
7	(don't we have the rest at the Wellness Center/ Ackerson gym/ library?)	8/15/2017 9:53 PM
8	None	8/15/2017 8:10 PM
9	Art groups and classes for adults and kids, indoor and outdoor pool too.	8/15/2017 2:19 AM
10	Indoor performance space for entertainment, theatre, programs.	8/14/2017 10:32 PM
11	Let's remember- we already have a WELLNESS CENTER. It is not the responsibility of a small village to have ALL of the amenities that a city or suburb may have. We are a VILLAGE!	8/14/2017 9:23 PM
12	I am not a senior but have many in my family who are local. I worry there really isn't much to offer them around town... other than Gazebo concerts.	8/14/2017 8:58 PM
13	board games. Foosball. billiards. snack bar	8/14/2017 6:51 PM
14	Soccer	8/14/2017 4:44 PM
15	Indoor track, racquetball court, game room where people could play pool, air hockey, etc or board/card games.	8/14/2017 4:08 PM
16	Youth gathering place	8/14/2017 4:04 PM
17	Tennis courts	8/14/2017 4:03 PM
18	We use the Manchester wellness center for exercise equipment and classes like yoga.	8/14/2017 11:47 AM
19	Whatever facilities would get the most use from the public.	8/8/2017 5:13 PM

Q14 In the past 12 months, how many times have you used the Manchester trail and bike path facilities?

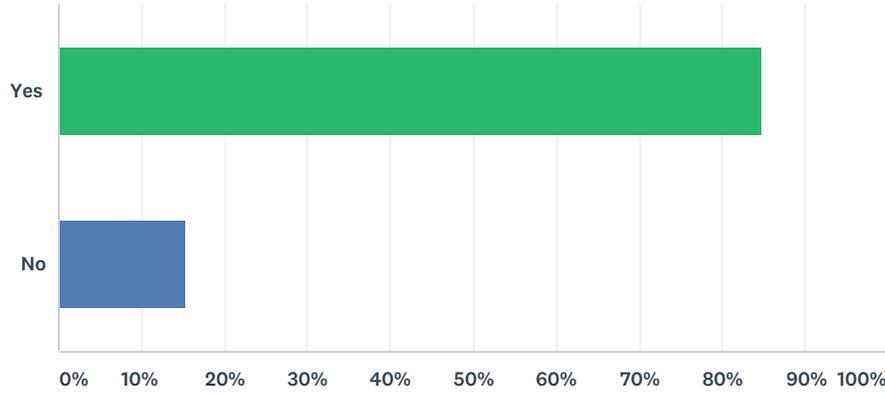
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	12 OR MORE	6 TO 11 TIMES	1 TO 5 TIMES	0 - HAVE NOT VISITED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Shared-use trail at Chi-Bro Park (Phase I)	26.67% 44	14.55% 24	36.97% 61	22.42% 37	165
Bike paths along City Road between East Duncan Street and M-52	11.39% 18	8.86% 14	21.52% 34	58.23% 92	158

Q15 Would you like to see a trail system developed or expanded in Manchester?

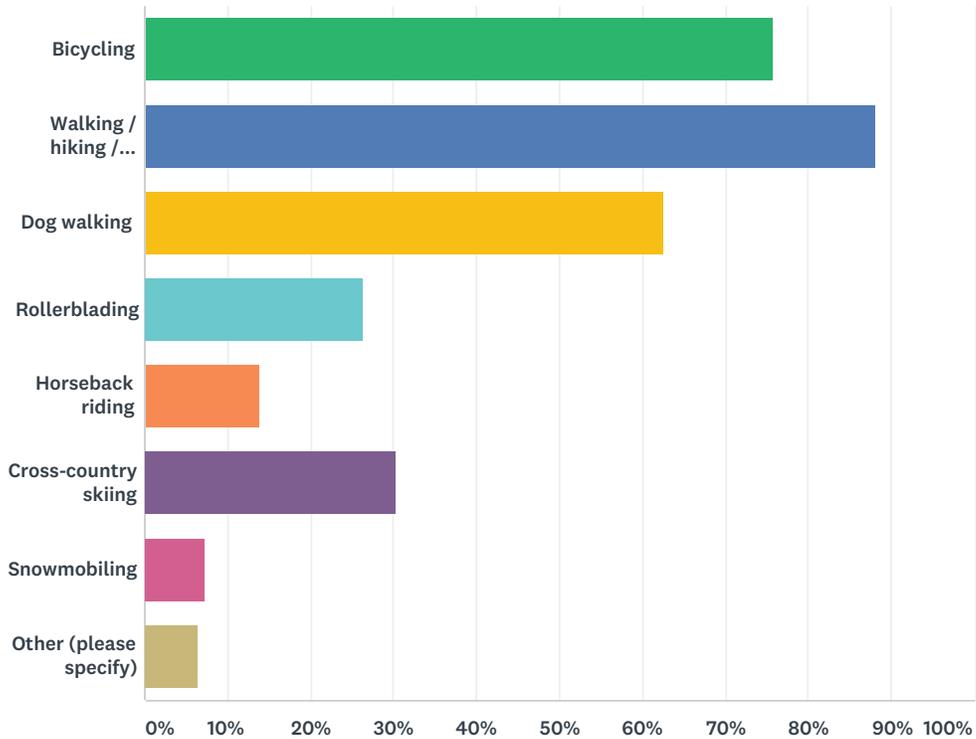
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.76%	139
No	15.24%	25
TOTAL		164

Q16 What types of activities would you want to see accommodated on area trail networks? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 152 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Bicycling	75.66% 115
Walking / hiking / jogging	88.16% 134
Dog walking	62.50% 95
Rollerblading	26.32% 40
Horseback riding	13.82% 21
Cross-country skiing	30.26% 46
Snowmobiling	7.24% 11
Other (please specify)	6.58% 10
Total Respondents: 152	

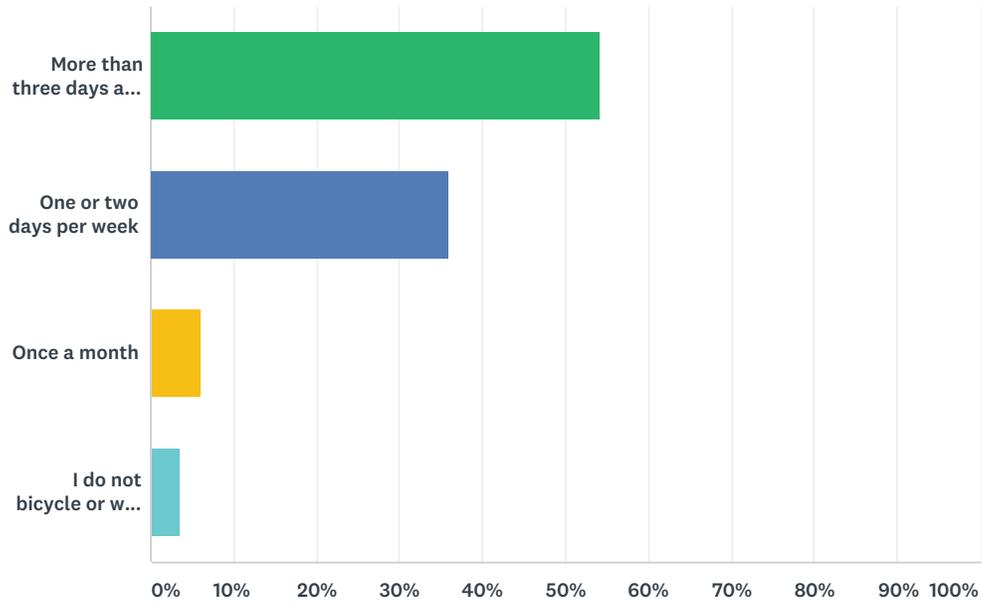
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1	I support a continued trail along Austin Road NOT on the old Rail road bed.	9/4/2017 3:35 PM
2	Interpretive signage along the route.	8/23/2017 11:58 AM

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3	Interactive educational trail walk. It could be as simple as identifying local flowers and plants in the area as well as historical info about the area. We once went to a trail walk in another state and it was an interactive experience. It was about an Indian tribe and a young girl preparing for a traditional party among her tribe, it took you through her gathering various items she needed to bring back to prepare for the party.	8/15/2017 10:06 PM
4	None	8/15/2017 8:12 PM
5	NO DOGS on the trails please	8/15/2017 9:41 AM
6	keep bikers off of the streets . They don't even use bike lanes when available	8/14/2017 4:55 PM
7	Hi	8/14/2017 4:49 PM
8	Hunting	8/14/2017 4:37 PM
9	More that are useable for disabled persons.	8/7/2017 11:33 PM
10	No motors, no horses.	8/7/2017 3:23 PM

Q17 How frequently do you bicycle or walk for exercise?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than three days a week	54.27%	89
One or two days per week	35.98%	59
Once a month	6.10%	10
I do not bicycle or walk for exercise	3.66%	6
TOTAL		164

Q18 Are there any specific routes you would like to see developed? Please describe them below.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 127

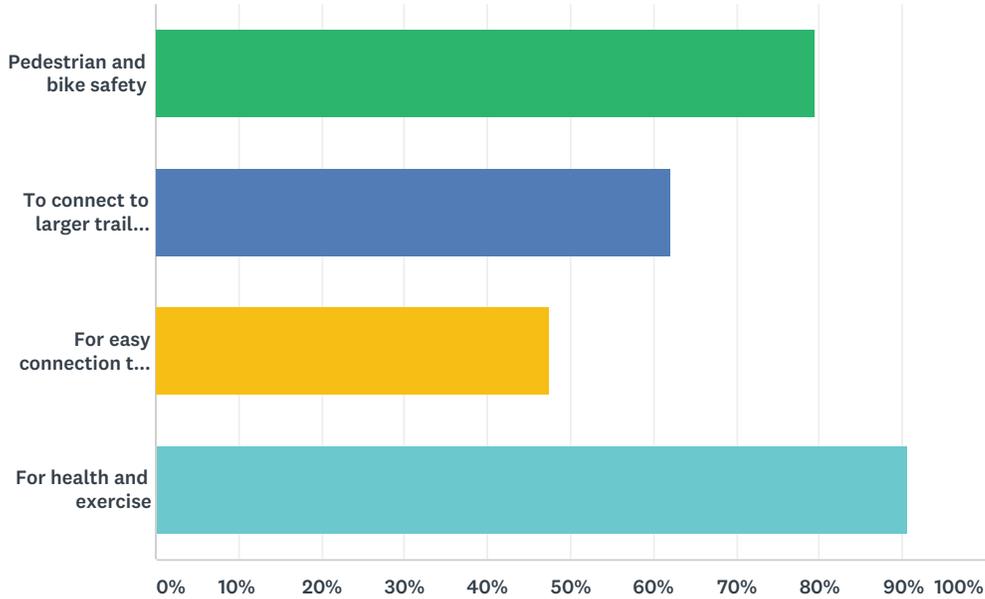
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No more development. Clean up what we have.	9/5/2017 7:40 AM
2	Paved bike paths along Austin Rd	9/4/2017 4:23 PM
3	Austin Road heading East past the feed mill.	9/4/2017 3:35 PM
4	Connect to Watkins. Not paved. See Lakeland State Park from Stockbridge to Hamburg.	9/2/2017 4:54 PM
5	Paved trail along Austin Rd. to Watkins lake trail.	8/31/2017 5:33 PM
6	Finish the trail thru Manchester (Old railroad bed)	8/29/2017 2:19 PM
7	Connection with nature areas	8/29/2017 8:12 AM
8	The old railroad would be a wonderful bike trail!!	8/28/2017 9:34 PM
9	The old railroad beds	8/25/2017 1:54 PM
10	Finish walking trails in town	8/25/2017 1:47 PM
11	To Watkins Lake. Finish our trail	8/25/2017 1:42 PM
12	Any where, would use them all	8/24/2017 10:07 PM
13	As many trails as possible through Manchester where you don't have to deal with uneven sidewalks. Ability to walk/talk with friends rather walk in a row on narrow sidewalks.	8/24/2017 1:25 PM
14	A water trail down the River Raisin, Manchester to Watkins Lake, Manchester to Grass Lake, Manchester to Chelsea.	8/23/2017 11:58 AM
15	bike trail connecting the Leonard Preserve with Watkins Lake	8/21/2017 9:32 PM
16	The route to Watkins lake needs finished, the pedestrian bridge over the river needs built, and the path should be connected to routes in neighboring communities.	8/17/2017 8:52 AM
17	Would like to see old rail bed/ multi-use trail connected & paved (or graveled) in all parts and eventually extended to Watkins Lake, would also like walking trail to Leonard Preserve	8/15/2017 9:56 PM
18	None	8/15/2017 8:12 PM
19	The rail beds to the west.	8/15/2017 4:41 PM
20	Extend the path from Leonard preserve to Watkins Lake	8/15/2017 3:50 PM
21	I would love to be connected to other trails like to the trails leading to dexter /ann arbor	8/15/2017 9:42 AM
22	A trail to Watkins Lake would be spectacular. Any trail that could connect to the Washtenaw B2B trail would be fantastic as well.	8/15/2017 9:25 AM
23	No	8/15/2017 8:32 AM
24	NA	8/15/2017 7:56 AM
25	Along the river	8/15/2017 4:11 AM
26	I would like a walking bridge to go up on Furnace Street where the old bridge used to be.	8/15/2017 2:23 AM
27	Routes along the river	8/15/2017 12:31 AM
28	I would like there to be a path built that you don't have to stop and cross the road every few feet	8/14/2017 11:20 PM
29	The existing trail needs to be made longer. A bridge across the river would be a great start	8/14/2017 10:29 PM
30	West of town to Watkins lake	8/14/2017 10:18 PM
31	Town to Watkins Lake state park	8/14/2017 9:52 PM

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32	Connector to Watkins Lake then onto Brooklyn	8/14/2017 8:31 PM
33	Out to townships	8/14/2017 8:24 PM
34	Manchester to Watkins Maybe Manchester to Saline via old rail if possible.	8/14/2017 8:10 PM
35	Continuation of the shared use trail... across the river and to the Leonard preserve would be wonderful! And extending to the library.	8/14/2017 7:14 PM
36	Be nice to have trails that went places, connect to others area-towns	8/14/2017 6:33 PM
37	ORV	8/14/2017 6:09 PM
38	Would love to see our town use the river more. A river walk would be really nice.	8/14/2017 5:11 PM
39	anything away from traffic if possible	8/14/2017 5:06 PM
40	The shared use trail connected to something significant like the reserve. But PAVED!!!	8/14/2017 4:33 PM
41	No	8/14/2017 4:19 PM
42	Woodland	8/14/2017 11:50 AM
43	Rail trail to Watkins Lake, Duncan to Schwab bike route. Pedestrian bridge at Furnace street	8/8/2017 11:47 PM
44	A rail to trail from Manchester to Watkin's Lake would be ideal. I would also like to connect to the Huron Pathways trail network connecting us to Chelsea, Dexter, Stockbridge and Pinckney.	8/8/2017 5:17 PM
45	from Manchester to Watkins Lake	8/8/2017 7:22 AM
46	Watkins Lake to Manchester to Brooklyn	8/7/2017 9:14 PM
47	Close Adrian street, then expand the park to the river and put a walking bridge on furnace Street	8/7/2017 9:11 PM
48	No	8/7/2017 5:44 PM
49	Manchester to Watkins Lake	8/7/2017 3:23 PM
50	shared use trail plus mapped routed within the village.	8/7/2017 1:22 PM
51	Village to New State Park	7/14/2017 8:18 AM

Q19 Why do you want a trail network in your community? Check all that apply.

Answered: 137 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Pedestrian and bike safety	79.56% 109
To connect to larger trail networks	62.04% 85
For easy connection to local attractions (schools, businesses, etc.)	47.45% 65
For health and exercise	90.51% 124
Total Respondents: 137	

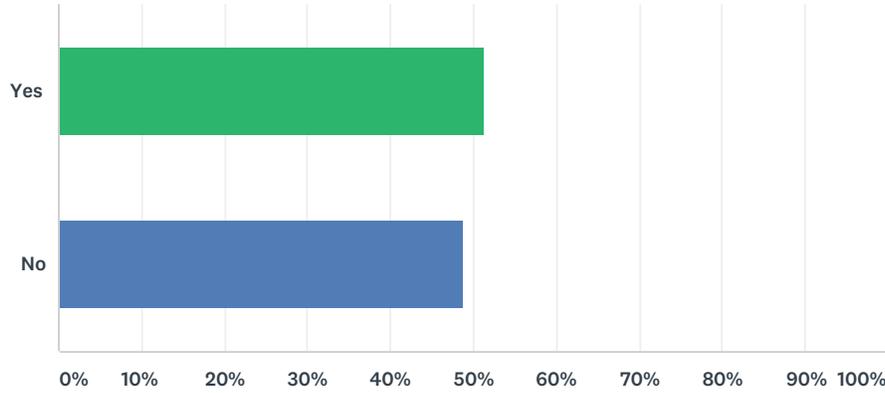
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1	We have enough. Just improve the basketball courts and tennis courts. The trails are nice. Let's use what we have.	9/5/2017 7:40 AM
2	I do not want.	9/4/2017 8:02 PM
3	To make walking/biking a more feasible alternative to driving. To increase access to the outdoors for people with disabilities/impairments that require them to use scooters or wheelchairs to move around. To increase the variety of outdoor areas that provide exercise opportunities which don't require extra equipment to enjoy (i.e. balls, racquets, sleds, etc.)	8/27/2017 9:00 AM
4	Socialability. You tend to start seeing the same people on trails, and after awhile start talking with them, thus connecting with other locals.	8/24/2017 1:25 PM
5	Economic development and tourism.	8/23/2017 11:58 AM
6	It's too hard to bike the roads without worrying about getting hit by a car. Would love more trails even paved ones	8/16/2017 10:32 AM
7	None	8/15/2017 8:12 PM
8	To enjoy nature.	8/15/2017 2:23 AM
9	A more scenic route is nicer than sidewalks in the village	8/14/2017 8:43 PM

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10	It would bring business to Manchester in which the local businesses need. To many vacant buildings.	8/14/2017 8:10 PM
11	A safe pathway to commute to and from Chelsea would be ideal. Bikers are not safe on M-52.	8/8/2017 5:17 PM
12	Tourism and economic development	8/7/2017 3:23 PM

Q20 Are you aware of a proposed trail linking Watkins Lake State Park with downtown Manchester?

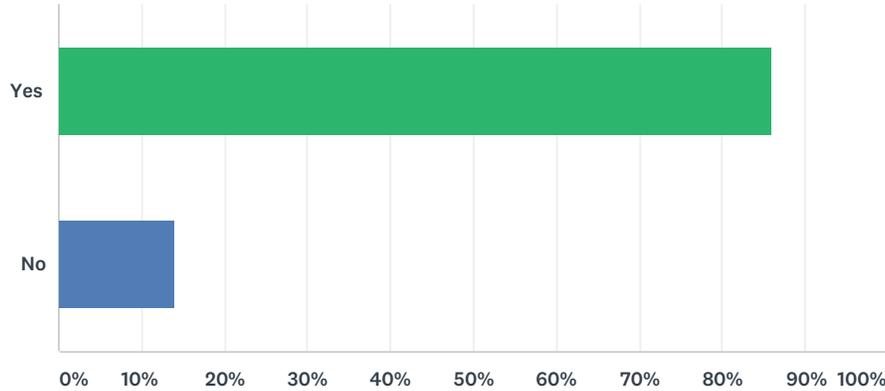
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.20%	85
No	48.80%	81
TOTAL		166

Q21 Would you be in favor of the proposed Watkins Lake State Park Trail?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.90%	134
No	14.10%	22
TOTAL		156

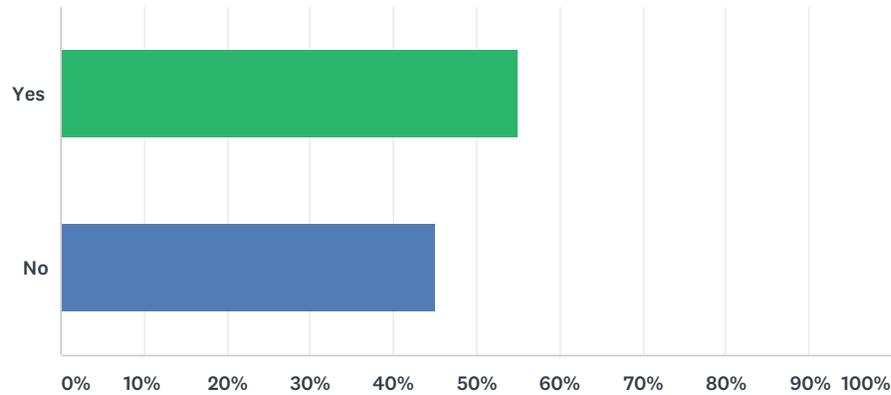
#	WHY OR WHY NOT?	DATE
1	Higher taxes to pay for it. And, invasive for property owners. We do not need more. The trails we have are not even being used by enough community members. They end up becoming great places for teen drug use.	9/5/2017 7:40 AM
2	It cuts through to many private residential areas. It should be along Austin Road all the way.	9/4/2017 8:02 PM
3	As long as the path does not use private Residential property, then would be ok	9/4/2017 6:17 PM
4	I do not like the unpaved paths and would prefer that the paths follow a traffic area for safety and visibility, rather than cutting through private property	9/4/2017 4:23 PM
5	I do not want it through my backyard.	9/4/2017 3:35 PM
6	If it passes through the Timberlake subdivision, we are not in favor.	9/4/2017 3:31 PM
7	It would encourage us to visit more often.	9/1/2017 10:48 AM
8	I'd like to see a proposal map and property owners should be notified of all proposals.	8/31/2017 5:33 PM
9	If they are paved which offers use for more people	8/29/2017 9:15 AM
10	It would be great for creating a healthy town as well as bring in visitors to our village.	8/28/2017 9:34 PM
11	It would help make natural areas (and all their attendant physical and emotional health benefits) accessible to more people	8/27/2017 9:00 AM
12	Gives more people a chance to connect to nature and good for local economy	8/25/2017 2:06 PM
13	Not sure	8/25/2017 1:59 PM
14	Just found out this evening	8/25/2017 1:54 PM
15	It would be great.	8/24/2017 10:07 PM
16	Need additional walking trails	8/24/2017 2:16 PM

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17	Greater distances to walk...increase walking length. Bring walkers into our downtown stores and restaurants.	8/24/2017 1:25 PM
18	None	8/15/2017 8:12 PM
19	Don't know the specifics	8/14/2017 11:20 PM
20	The wildlife needs to be preserved in Watkins park. The state is ruining the area!!	8/14/2017 8:43 PM
21	Maybe	8/14/2017 4:46 PM
22	If it is paved.	8/14/2017 4:33 PM
23	I don't know. Probably.	8/14/2017 4:14 PM

Q22 Do you use regional trails or trails in neighboring communities?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.94%	89
No	45.06%	73
TOTAL		162

#	IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY	DATE
1	Bicycle paths, Munith	9/6/2017 9:18 AM
2	Adrian and Stockbridge rails to trails	9/5/2017 9:48 PM
3	Dexter bike trail.	9/5/2017 7:40 AM
4	The Dexter paved path through town	9/4/2017 4:23 PM
5	Waterloo Pickney Trail	9/4/2017 3:35 PM
6	Potowatomi, waterloo, Adrian Kiwanis trail	9/2/2017 4:54 PM
7	Adrian	9/1/2017 10:48 AM
8	Leelanau County trails - Traverse City to Suttons Bay and the new sleeping bear trail (not regional but those are the ones I use).	8/29/2017 2:19 PM
9	Dexter, Jackson, Tecumseh	8/29/2017 9:15 AM
10	B to b trail/ metroparks trails / gallop park trail / potawawmi trail	8/29/2017 8:12 AM
11	Bike trails and hiking trails	8/28/2017 9:34 PM
12	Waterloo	8/28/2017 7:17 PM
13	Kiwanis Trail in Tecumseh	8/27/2017 9:00 AM
14	Pinckney	8/25/2017 1:35 PM
15	See above	8/24/2017 10:07 PM
16	Chelsea, Tecumseh and Adrian	8/24/2017 2:16 PM
17	Love Chelsea and Dexter's boardwalks.	8/24/2017 1:25 PM
18	Chelsea, Stockbridge, Grass Lake, Dexter, Brighton, Ann Arbor, Milford, South Lyon.	8/23/2017 11:58 AM
19	KalHaven trail	8/18/2017 10:10 PM
20	The trails in Jackson county	8/17/2017 8:52 AM

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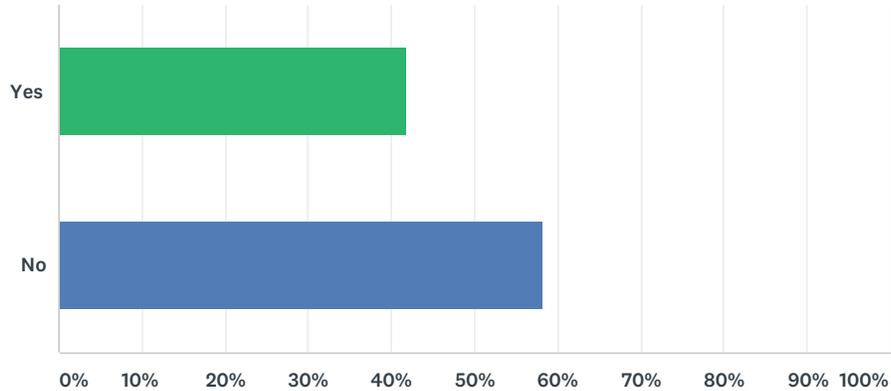
21	the trail that goes through brecon park in saline	8/17/2017 8:38 AM
22	We hike on trails in county nature preserves & state parks	8/15/2017 9:56 PM
23	Clinton	8/15/2017 9:19 PM
24	None	8/15/2017 8:12 PM
25	Tecumseh and Dexter	8/15/2017 3:50 PM
26	Ann Arbor, Hines Park	8/15/2017 12:33 PM
27	Waterloo horse trails, snowmobile in upper Michigan	8/15/2017 10:08 AM
28	I annually get the metropark passes for my cars. I frequently use meteoparks all year round. Mostly in Dexter	8/15/2017 9:42 AM
29	Pinckney Recreation Area	8/15/2017 9:25 AM
30	Adrian bike trail	8/15/2017 7:56 AM
31	Dexter Hudson Mills trail - Tecumseh Adrian trail	8/15/2017 6:41 AM
32	Dexter, Chelsea, adrian-Tecumseh	8/15/2017 4:11 AM
33	Dexter Border to Border, Hudson Mills Park in Dexter	8/15/2017 2:23 AM
34	Dexter	8/15/2017 12:31 AM
35	Adrian/jackson	8/14/2017 11:20 PM
36	Clinton chelsea	8/14/2017 10:50 PM
37	Ann Arbor, Chelsea DTE trail	8/14/2017 10:34 PM
38	Falling Waters Trail in Jackson The train system in Dexter	8/14/2017 10:29 PM
39	Tecumseh to adrian	8/14/2017 10:19 PM
40	Tecumseh- Adrian trial	8/14/2017 10:18 PM
41	Chelsea DTE energy bike trail and Hudson mills metro park	8/14/2017 10:01 PM
42	Waterloo	8/14/2017 9:52 PM
43	My children have for a nice inexpensive date	8/14/2017 9:32 PM
44	Rails to Trails throughout Michigan.	8/14/2017 9:25 PM
45	Waterloo State Park trails	8/14/2017 9:03 PM
46	Ann Arbor and Dexter trail systems.	8/14/2017 8:45 PM
47	Dexter has a nice path by the river	8/14/2017 8:43 PM
48	Chelsea and Adrian	8/14/2017 8:27 PM
49	Waterloo Falling Water Trail (Concord to Jackson)	8/14/2017 8:10 PM
50	I love the boarder to boarder trail on dexter. It's wonderful!!	8/14/2017 7:14 PM
51	Dexter	8/14/2017 6:09 PM
52	Chelsea	8/14/2017 5:44 PM
53	Saline rec center walking path.	8/14/2017 5:11 PM
54	Border to Border trail, Kiwanis trail in Tecumseh/Adrian, Falling water trail/Jackson, many rails to trails around the state of Michigan	8/14/2017 5:06 PM
55	Dexter rec area	8/14/2017 4:41 PM
56	We frequently pack our family and use the trails in Dexter.	8/14/2017 4:33 PM
57	There are trails at Tecumseh Park, Eddy's Discovery Center, Tecumseh Paddling Center as well as some nature preserve trails we've checked out.	8/14/2017 4:14 PM
58	Ann Arbor parks	8/14/2017 4:05 PM
59	Watkins lake, hidden lake garden trails, Nan Weston trail and the one near Sharon mills	8/14/2017 11:50 AM

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60	Chelsea, Ann Arbor	8/13/2017 11:12 PM
61	White Pine Trail	8/10/2017 1:54 PM
62	Kiwanis trail from Adrian to Tecumseh. Many local mountain bike trails. The border to border trail in Dexter, Ann Arbor, and Ypsilanti...	8/8/2017 11:47 PM
63	We use the DTE Foundation trail, Boarder to Boarder, Potowatomi, Waterloo-Pinckney, Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center, and we visit a LOT of the Washtenaw County Parks. We frequent Leonard Preserve several times/week, Sharon Hills Preserve, and Nan Weston, but those are local trails.	8/8/2017 5:17 PM
64	Lakelands Trail, Border-to-Border	8/7/2017 3:23 PM
65	Wash County walk trails	7/14/2017 8:18 AM

Q23 Do you take advantage of programs provided by neighboring communities?

Answered: 158 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	41.77% 66
No	58.23% 92
TOTAL	158

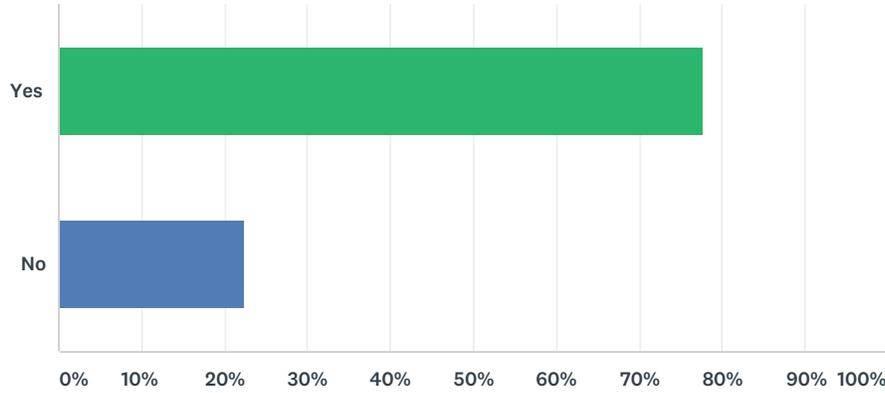
#	IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE.	DATE
1	Ypsi Township Center, Jackson Crouch Center	9/6/2017 9:21 AM
2	Recreation	9/4/2017 8:03 PM
3	University of Michigan programs.	8/31/2017 5:35 PM
4	When I can	8/30/2017 8:32 AM
5	The Discovery Center, Chelsea	8/29/2017 2:23 PM
6	Eddy Discovery Center Hidden Lake Gardens	8/28/2017 9:37 PM
7	Open swim at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, open swim at Saline Rec Center	8/27/2017 9:01 AM
8	Rarely	8/25/2017 2:07 PM
9	Water aerobics	8/25/2017 1:37 PM
10	Chelsea Well was center community classes and activities	8/18/2017 10:13 PM
11	the free yoga in saline	8/17/2017 8:40 AM
12	None	8/15/2017 8:13 PM
13	Ann Arbor, saline	8/15/2017 7:32 PM
14	Both saline and Tecumseh swimming, tennis and gymnastics	8/15/2017 3:02 PM
15	Swimming pool in Chelsea.	8/15/2017 12:35 PM
16	I have in the past... dexter mills has kids programs	8/15/2017 9:44 AM
17	Swimming pool in chelsea. Library in chelsea. Ice skating in chelsea. Gymnastics in clinton.	8/15/2017 9:30 AM
18	Tecumseh Community Recreation	8/15/2017 2:29 AM
19	Ann Arbor	8/15/2017 2:12 AM

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20	Swimming lessons, hockey in chelsea	8/14/2017 10:52 PM
21	Chelsea, Ann Arbor	8/14/2017 10:36 PM
22	Swim opportunities and rec sports with more regular season schedules or better opportunities (basketball, soccer), martial arts.	8/14/2017 10:23 PM
23	Soccer	8/14/2017 10:16 PM
24	Tennis in saline and Chelsea. Swimming in Ann arbor	8/14/2017 10:03 PM
25	Not yet but we plan for swim lessons when our kids are a bit bigger	8/14/2017 9:45 PM
26	Whatever I'm interested in that works with my schedule.	8/14/2017 8:46 PM
27	Theater programs, swimming	8/14/2017 8:33 PM
28	Farm Markets in Saline and Chelsea Waterloo, Watkins	8/14/2017 8:17 PM
29	Eddy discovery center	8/14/2017 7:51 PM
30	Swim lessons	8/14/2017 7:16 PM
31	Saline rec center.	8/14/2017 5:14 PM
32	nature programs at Waterloo, Leslie Science center, Hudson Mills	8/14/2017 5:08 PM
33	Pools basketball soccer bicycle	8/14/2017 4:47 PM
34	We have done hockey stuff in Ann Arbor, Adrian, and Chelsea. We've taken art classes in other towns. Golf lessons in Ann Arbor. Bowling in Ann Arbor, Saline, Chelsea, and Adrian.	8/14/2017 4:20 PM
35	Library programs, others	8/14/2017 4:07 PM
36	Bird watching, star gazing	8/14/2017 11:55 AM
37	Chelsea	8/13/2017 11:13 PM
38	Chelsea Rec & Ed	8/10/2017 5:42 PM
39	Educational programs through the Washtenaw County Parks	8/8/2017 11:50 PM
40	Nature hikes, bird watching walks, bike rides.	8/8/2017 5:19 PM
41	Lakes, walking paths, nature programs	8/8/2017 10:01 AM
42	Art exhibitions / planetarium in Jackson	8/7/2017 9:16 PM

Q24 Would you like to see recreation programming provided by the Township or Village?

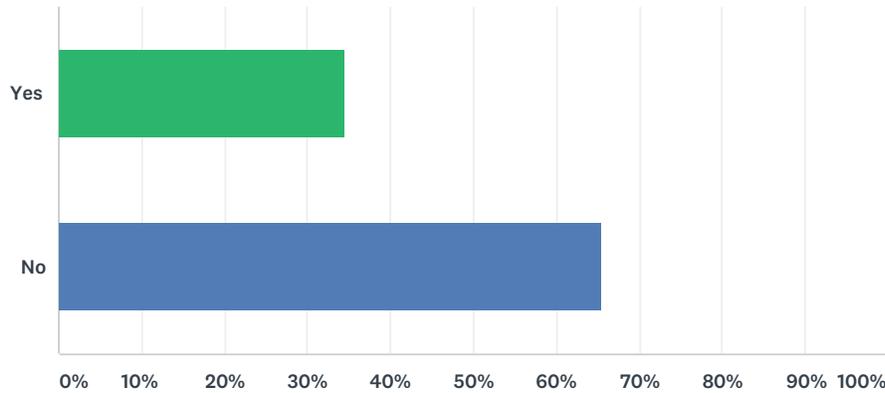
Answered: 156 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.56%	121
No	22.44%	35
TOTAL		156

Q25 Are there any specific programs you'd like to see offered?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.59%	46
No	65.41%	87
TOTAL		133

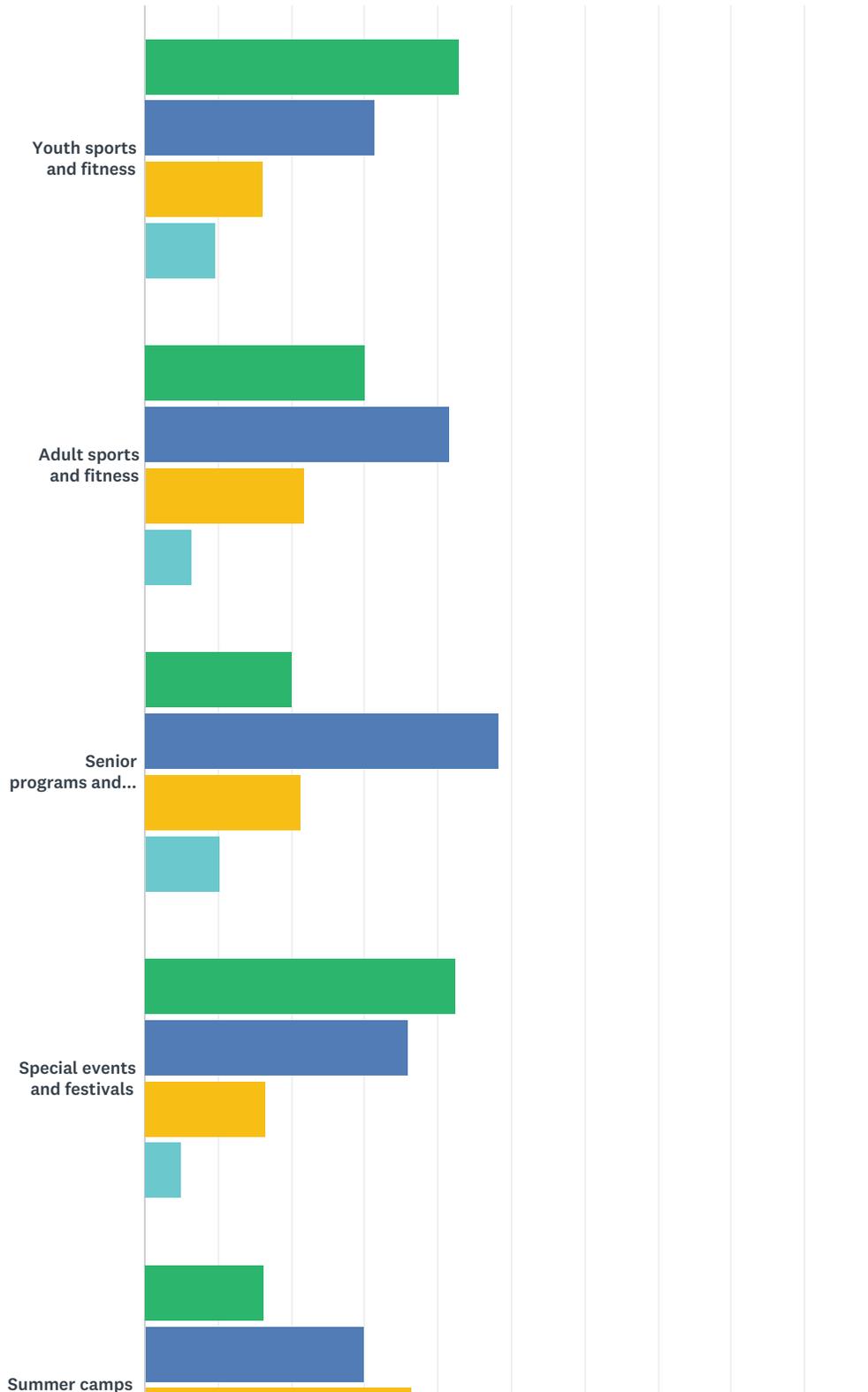
#	IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE.	DATE
1	Swimming, weights.	9/4/2017 8:03 PM
2	Running club for kids	9/4/2017 3:37 PM
3	Nature awareness	8/29/2017 2:23 PM
4	Birding Biking Kayaking Children's programs	8/28/2017 9:37 PM
5	Yoga, nature walks, kids outside activities	8/25/2017 2:07 PM
6	Activities for seniors	8/25/2017 1:55 PM
7	More exercise programs	8/25/2017 1:37 PM
8	Dances	8/24/2017 10:11 PM
9	Educational programs related to nature i.e. birding, natural plantlife. Exercise programs such as the MMLB program that we have now.	8/24/2017 1:29 PM
10	Tai chi Tennis lessons	8/18/2017 10:13 PM
11	More fitness classes maybe craft classes	8/15/2017 3:51 PM
12	Swimming, tennis. Really a parks/rec department hosting a variety of programs that would appeal to our residents of all ages	8/15/2017 3:02 PM
13	Soccer fields	8/15/2017 12:35 PM
14	I would like to see some art classes available specifically kid friendly such as drawing, painting, sewing, etc. I've looked for these programs elsewhere and can't find them for children, only adults.	8/15/2017 9:30 AM
15	Drop in basketball	8/15/2017 8:34 AM
16	Nature programs	8/15/2017 7:48 AM
17	I	8/15/2017 4:15 AM
18	Arts and crafts groups for kids and adults, walking groups, bike riding groups, canoe and kayak groups, swimming, aerobics and organized sports	8/15/2017 2:29 AM

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19	Swimming	8/15/2017 12:32 AM
20	Canoe Livery	8/14/2017 10:36 PM
21	Youth sports, softball, baseball and soccer Walking programs for adults	8/14/2017 10:33 PM
22	Senior and coordinated youth rec. maybe open gym (basketball) for youth.	8/14/2017 10:23 PM
23	Tennis	8/14/2017 10:03 PM
24	Art, crafts, and theater workshops and classes.	8/14/2017 9:42 PM
25	Rec sports	8/14/2017 8:25 PM
26	More nature and outdoor lifestyle programs.	8/14/2017 8:17 PM
27	Nature, wildlife	8/14/2017 7:51 PM
28	Plants-planting, trees, doing classes for ,maple syrup, maybe some great day camps	8/14/2017 6:37 PM
29	Kayaking events	8/14/2017 5:45 PM
30	Zumba or dancing	8/14/2017 5:35 PM
31	Yoga, swimming. Strength training. Senior classes	8/14/2017 5:14 PM
32	environmental awareness and natural resource education	8/14/2017 5:08 PM
33	Swimming (we need a pool), Fitness Center with more accessible hours, community classes such as computer basics	8/14/2017 4:54 PM
34	All of the above. You keep asking the same question	8/14/2017 4:47 PM
35	Kids summer camps	8/14/2017 4:34 PM
36	Community classes on various topics. Sports for anyone. Community dances.	8/14/2017 4:20 PM
37	Something besides soccer and baseball	8/14/2017 4:07 PM
38	Creativity workshops, dog obedience, wellness classes and workshops	8/10/2017 5:42 PM
39	Nature hikes, historical walking tours, birding hikes through Leonard Preserve, wildflower identification, running groups, biking groups...	8/8/2017 5:19 PM
40	exercise classes	8/8/2017 1:23 PM
41	A place for my dog's to play and socialize off leash with other dog's.	8/8/2017 1:16 PM
42	walk and bike trails	7/14/2017 8:21 AM

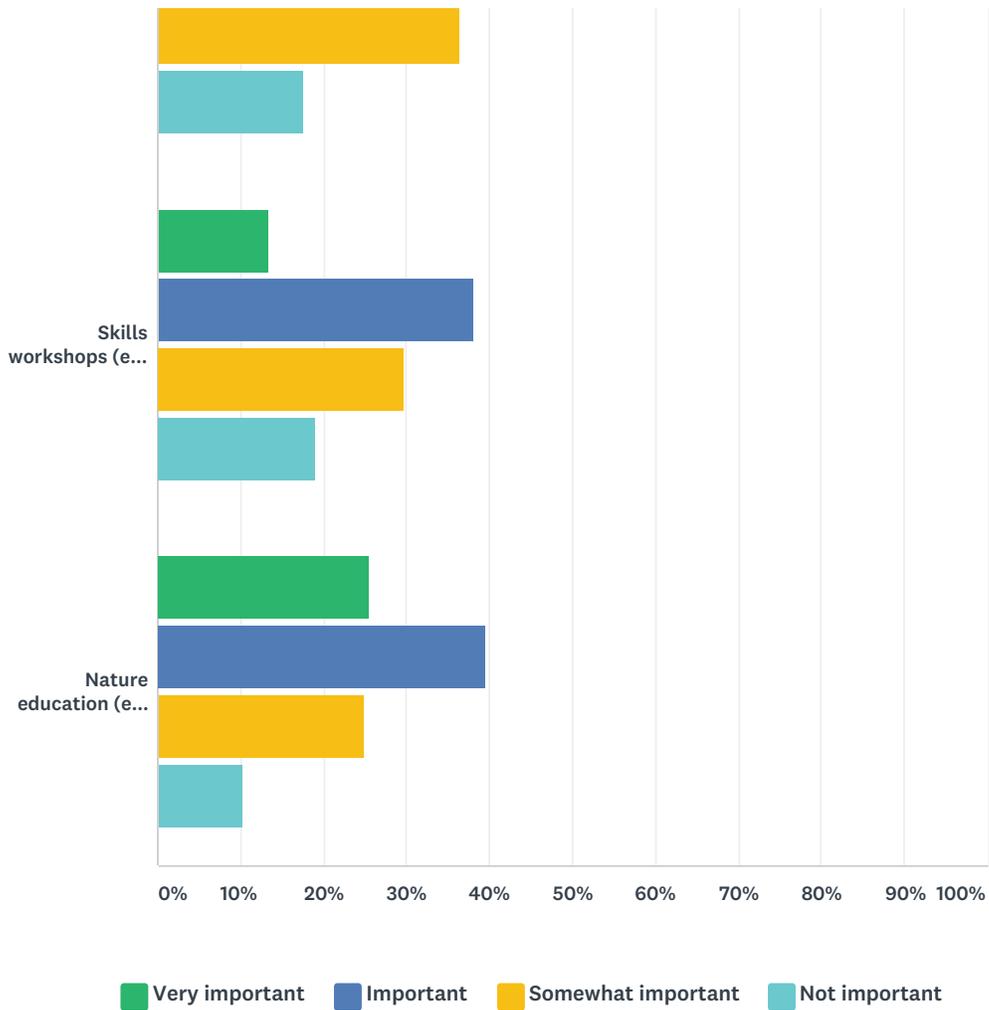
Q26 How important are the following recreation programs to you and your family?

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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Youth sports and fitness	42.95% 67	31.41% 49	16.03% 25	9.62% 15	156
Adult sports and fitness	30.13% 47	41.67% 65	21.79% 34	6.41% 10	156
Senior programs and trips	20.00% 31	48.39% 75	21.29% 33	10.32% 16	155
Special events and festivals	42.41% 67	36.08% 57	16.46% 26	5.06% 8	158
Summer camps	16.23% 25	29.87% 46	36.36% 56	17.53% 27	154
Skills workshops (e.g. computer education, accounting, etc.)	13.29% 21	37.97% 60	29.75% 47	18.99% 30	158
Nature education (e.g. stargazing, bird watching, plant identification, etc.)	25.48% 40	39.49% 62	24.84% 39	10.19% 16	157

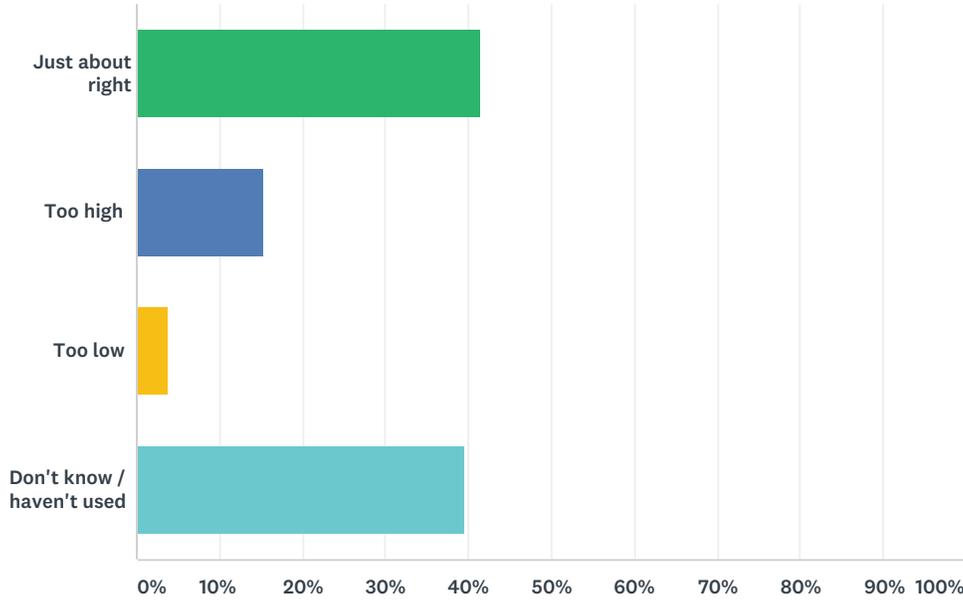
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pool and swim classes are extremely important.	8/28/2017 9:37 PM
2	Art and music	8/15/2017 2:29 AM

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3	Visual and Performing Arts	8/14/2017 10:36 PM
4	My young adult enjoys the cardio drumming	8/14/2017 9:34 PM

Q27 How do you feel about fees charged for existing recreation programming (for neighboring communities)?

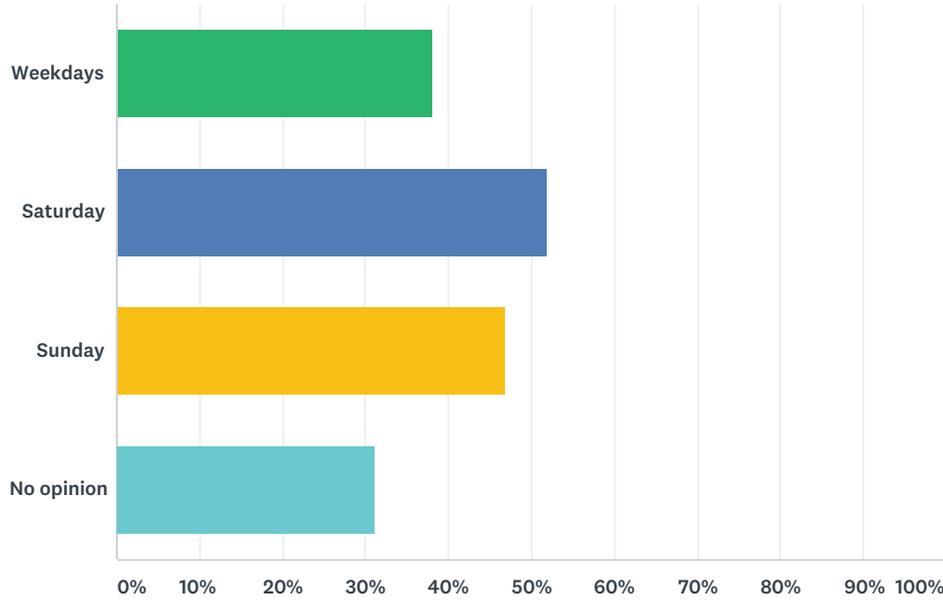
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just about right	41.40%	65
Too high	15.29%	24
Too low	3.82%	6
Don't know / haven't used	39.49%	62
TOTAL		157

Q28 What are the best days for your family to participate in recreation programs? Check all that apply.

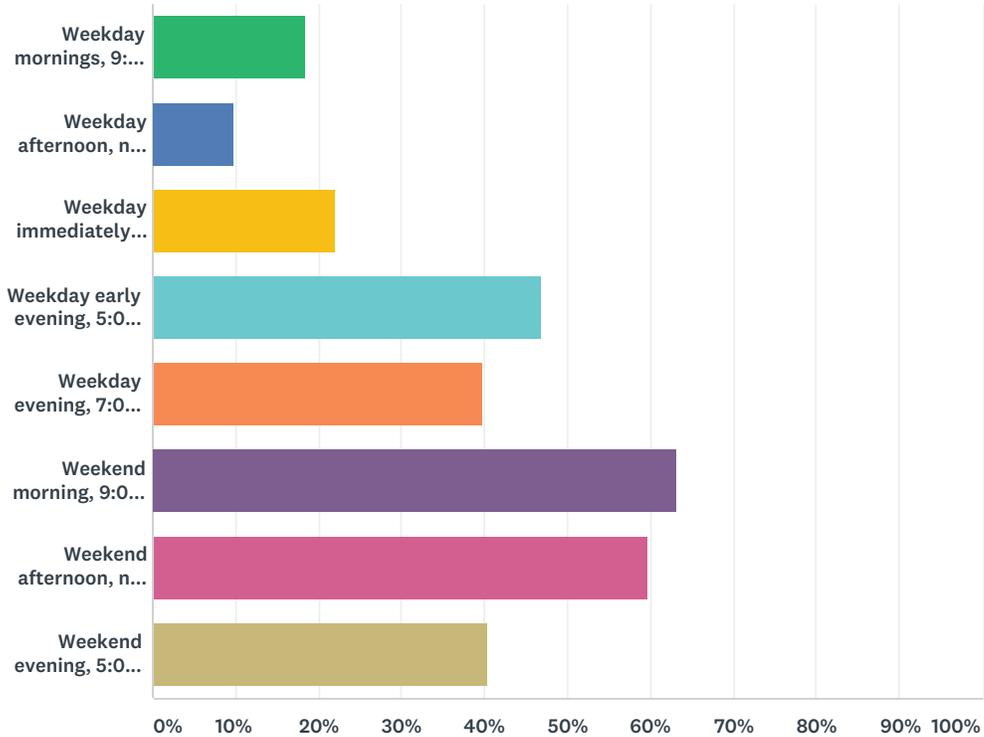
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekdays	38.13%	61
Saturday	51.88%	83
Sunday	46.88%	75
No opinion	31.25%	50
Total Respondents: 160		

Q29 What are the best times for your family to participate in recreation programs? Choose all that apply.

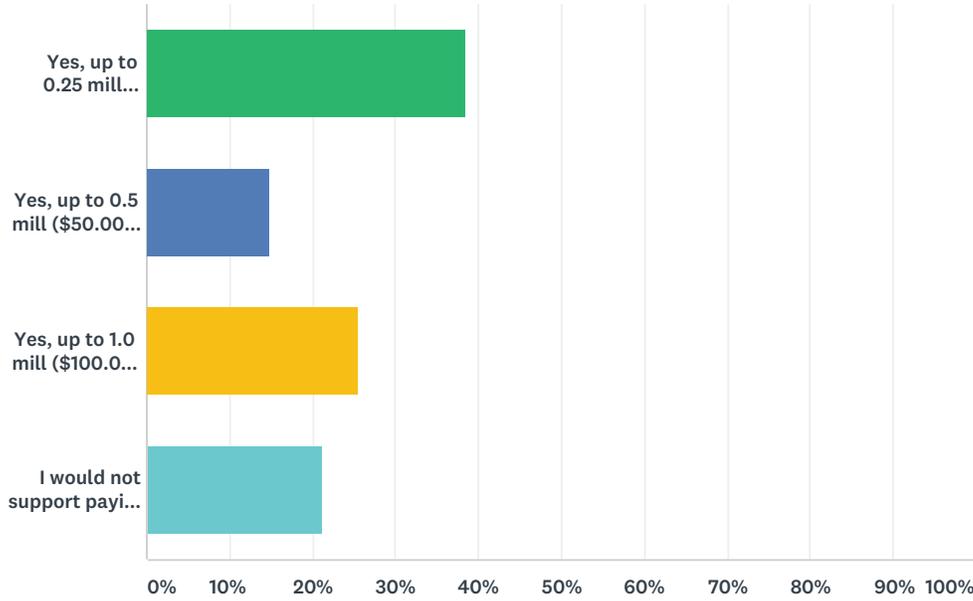
Answered: 141 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - noon	18.44%	26
Weekday afternoon, noon - 3:30 p.m.	9.93%	14
Weekday immediately after school, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	21.99%	31
Weekday early evening, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	46.81%	66
Weekday evening, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	39.72%	56
Weekend morning, 9:00 a.m. - noon	63.12%	89
Weekend afternoon, noon - 5:00 p.m.	59.57%	84
Weekend evening, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.	40.43%	57
Total Respondents: 141		

Q30 Would you support a community-wide millage to help develop, improve, and maintain recreation facilities?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	38.51%	62
Yes, up to 0.5 mill (\$50.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	14.91%	24
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100.00 annually for a \$100,000 property)	25.47%	41
I would not support paying a millage	21.12%	34
TOTAL		161

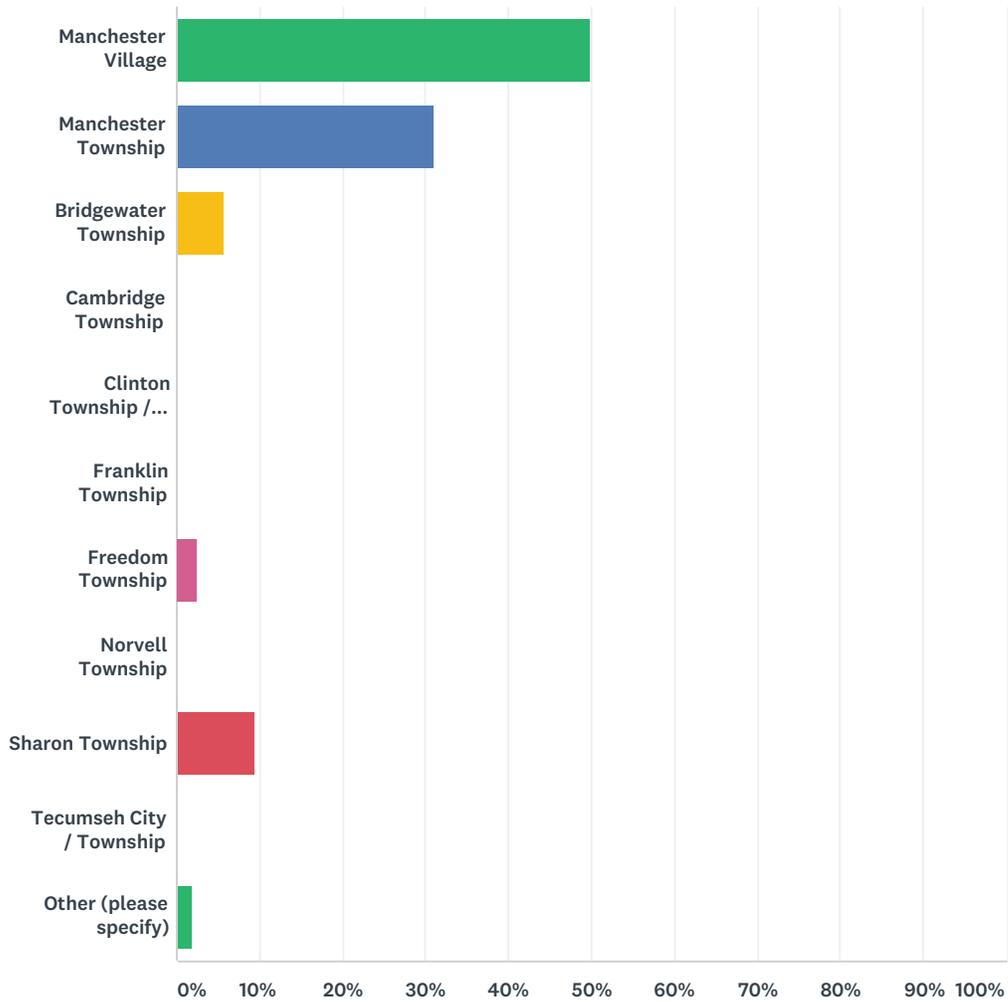
Q31 If you answered no to the previous question, please let us know why.

Answered: 26 Skipped: 152

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Existing funds are enough for current recreation. Washtenaw taxes are quite a burden. Expanded funds draw well dressed do-gooders.	9/6/2017 9:22 AM
2	We already have enough trails and parks. We do not need more.	9/5/2017 7:42 AM
3	Taxes are already sky high in Manchester. We do not need to pay for more. The population is only 2,000 with only a fraction that may use the trail.	9/4/2017 8:05 PM
4	Enough millages already Too often millages are used like a bludgeon	9/4/2017 6:19 PM
5	I pay enough taxes now	9/4/2017 4:25 PM
6	The village and Township of Manchester are not being transparent with landowners, prior to moving forward with proposals.	8/31/2017 5:36 PM
7	I already struggle to make ends meet and don't need anything else to factor into my budget. The fees for utilities have increased over the past few years and that's already a burden.	8/25/2017 8:24 PM
8	Millage should include all 4 townships. They use the facilities.	8/25/2017 1:43 PM
9	Not fair. Many non taxing paying people would be using them, must be some way that wouldn't burden land owners	8/24/2017 10:14 PM
10	taxes are high enough as it is	8/21/2017 9:36 PM
11	Developing recreation in Manchester will help my health, and be essential to our growth as a community.	8/17/2017 8:54 AM
12	Already pay too much and I utilize my own land for recreation	8/15/2017 9:10 PM
13	Cannot afford to pay more	8/15/2017 10:10 AM
14	I am unsure how a tax increase would affect my budget at this time	8/14/2017 9:48 PM
15	Be sure to include townships not just the VILLAGE.	8/14/2017 9:27 PM
16	Can't afford	8/14/2017 9:06 PM
17	Keeping our village quaint yet providing resources to fill our needs is what keeps us alive.	8/14/2017 6:46 PM
18	We don't need a doggie park! We need to have the roads repaired, downtown parking, affordable housing for the elderly, a small medical center etc.	8/14/2017 5:49 PM
19	We have more than enough opportunities for the size of our community. If you want more move to a larger city that can easily afford such things.	8/14/2017 5:14 PM
20	No, unless I had specific information as to what it was paying for. A dog park and bike trails alone is not enough to make people willing to pay higher taxes.	8/14/2017 4:56 PM
21	We have more then enough now.	8/14/2017 3:53 PM
22	I have to pay both village and township taxes on limited income.	8/7/2017 11:36 PM
23	Our taxes are already out of control. I cannot afford an increase	8/7/2017 10:33 PM
24	No more taxes.	8/7/2017 5:47 PM
25	Tax money is usually wasted and contributes to the creation of bureaucracy.	8/2/2017 5:05 PM
26	Great investment in our community	7/14/2017 8:23 AM

Q32 Please tell us where you live.

Answered: 161 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Manchester Village	49.69%	80
Manchester Township	31.06%	50
Bridgewater Township	5.59%	9
Cambridge Township	0.00%	0
Clinton Township / Village	0.00%	0
Franklin Township	0.00%	0
Freedom Township	2.48%	4
Norvell Township	0.00%	0
Sharon Township	9.32%	15
Tecumseh City / Township	0.00%	0

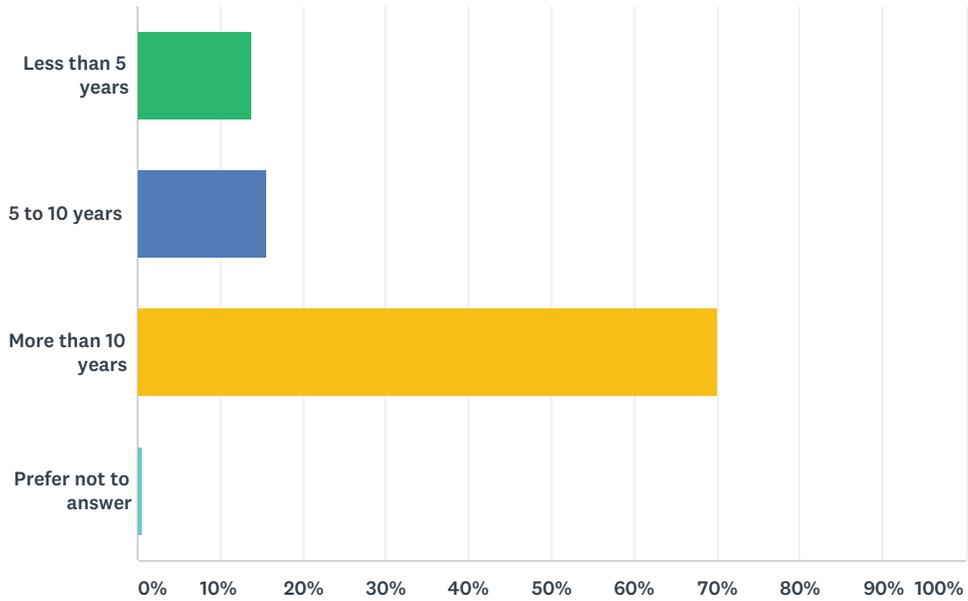
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Other (please specify)	1.86%	3
TOTAL		161

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dexter	8/23/2017 12:30 PM
2	city of saline	8/17/2017 8:41 AM
3	We also have a rental in the village	8/14/2017 8:47 PM

Q33 How long have you lived in the community?

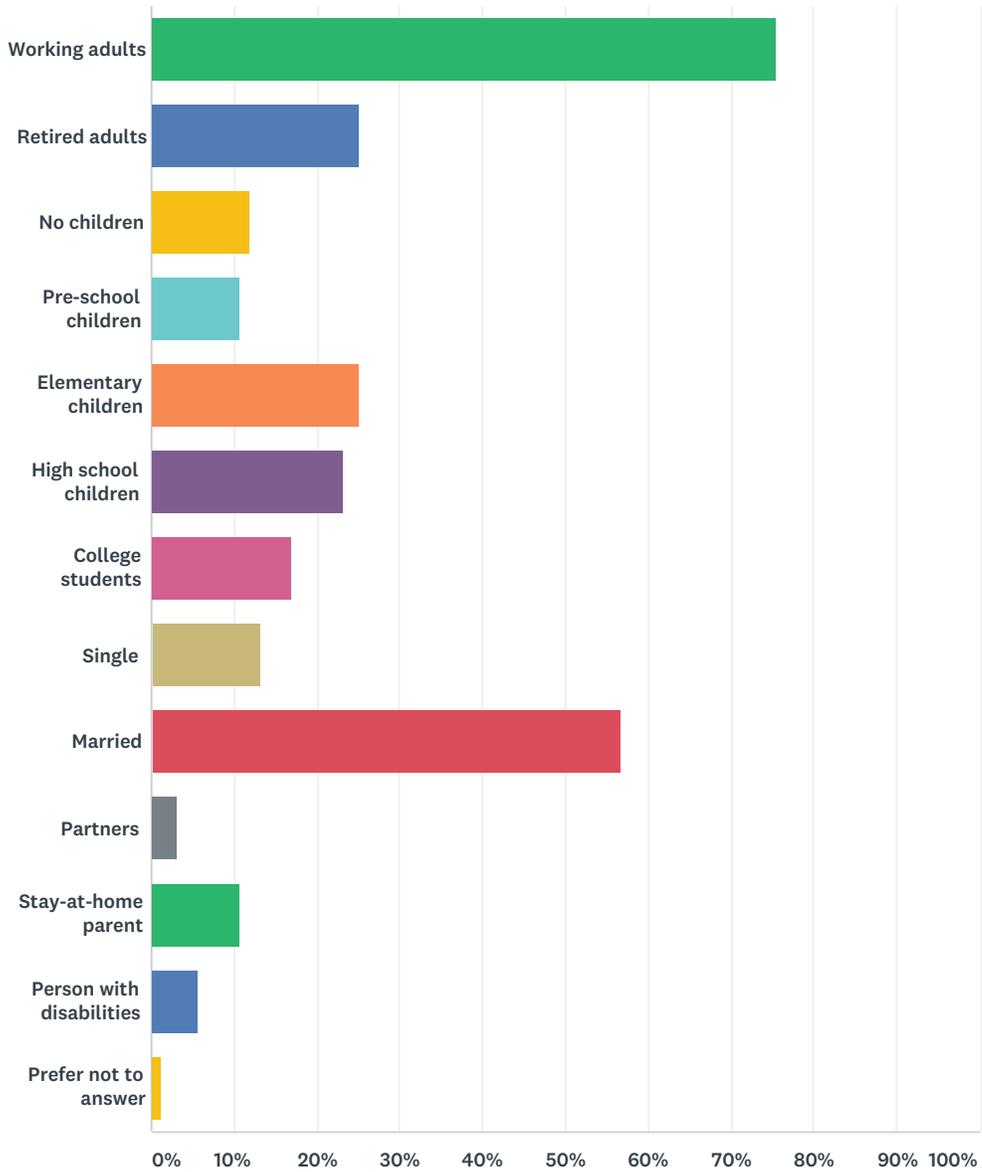
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 years	13.75%	22
5 to 10 years	15.63%	25
More than 10 years	70.00%	112
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	1
TOTAL		160

Q34 Please describe your household. Check all that apply.

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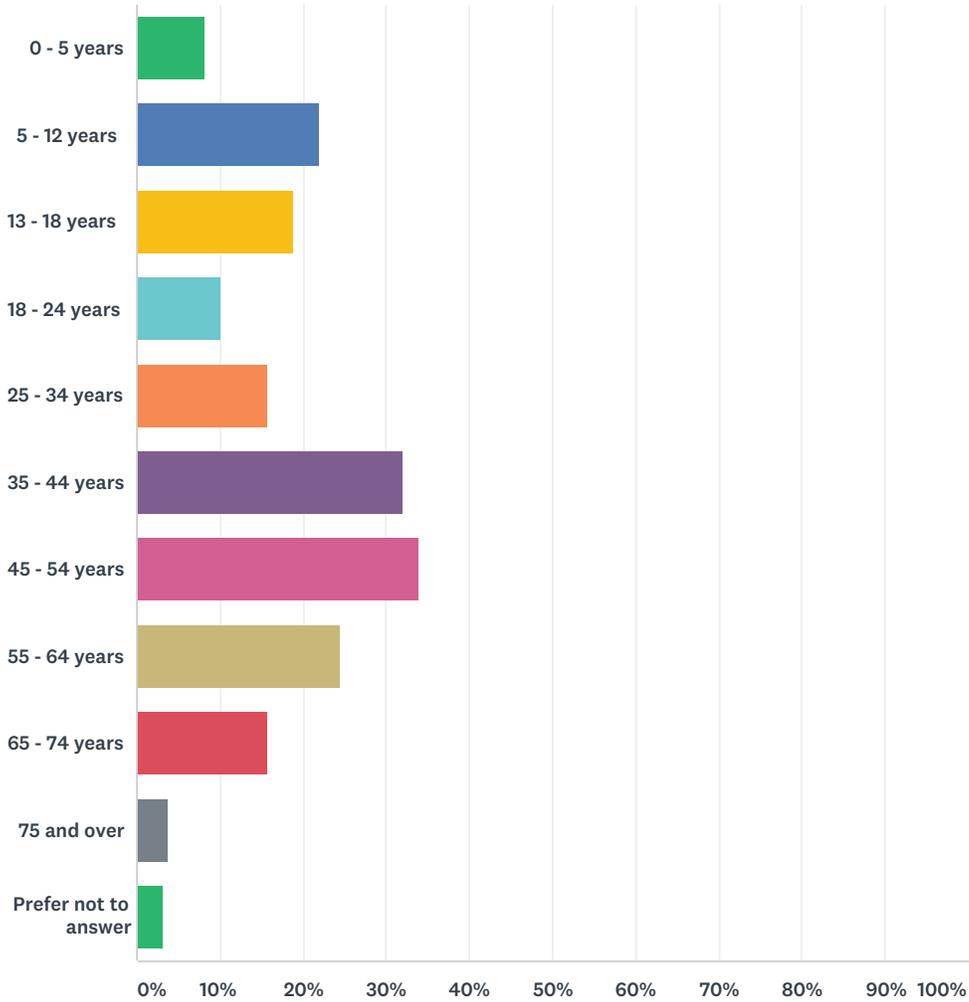
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Working adults	75.47%	120
Retired adults	25.16%	40
No children	11.95%	19
Pre-school children	10.69%	17
Elementary children	25.16%	40
High school children	23.27%	37

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College students	16.98%	27
Single	13.21%	21
Married	56.60%	90
Partners	3.14%	5
Stay-at-home parent	10.69%	17
Person with disabilities	5.66%	9
Prefer not to answer	1.26%	2
Total Respondents: 159		

Q35 Please tell us your age. For households with multiple family members, check all that apply.

Answered: 159 Skipped: 19



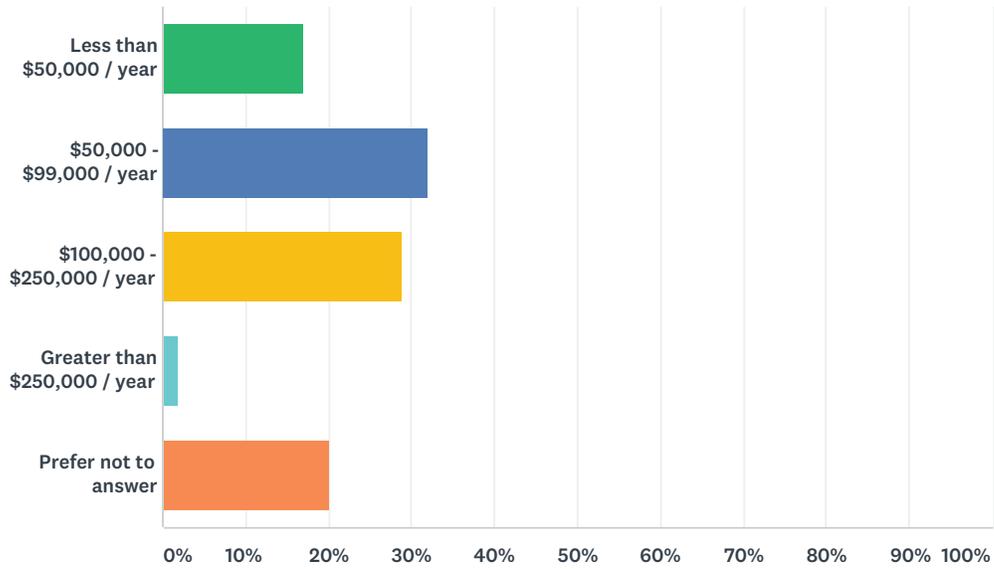
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 - 5 years	8.18%	13
5 - 12 years	22.01%	35
13 - 18 years	18.87%	30
18 - 24 years	10.06%	16
25 - 34 years	15.72%	25
35 - 44 years	32.08%	51
45 - 54 years	33.96%	54
55 - 64 years	24.53%	39
65 - 74 years	15.72%	25

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75 and over	3.77%	6
Prefer not to answer	3.14%	5
Total Respondents: 159		

Q36 What is your annual household income?

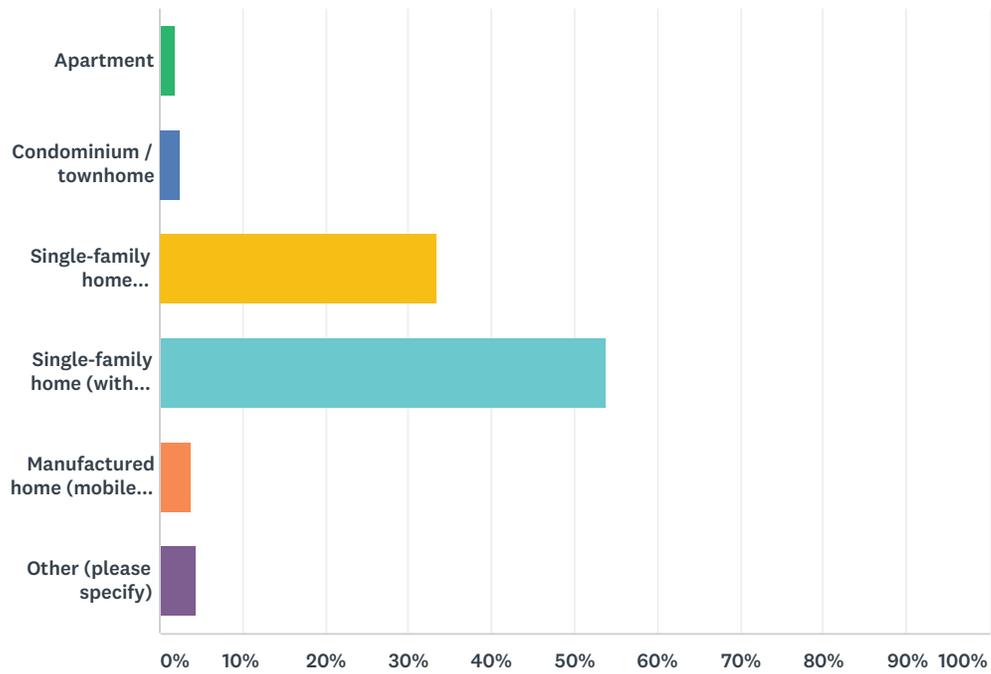
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$50,000 / year	16.98%	27
\$50,000 - \$99,000 / year	32.08%	51
\$100,000 - \$250,000 / year	28.93%	46
Greater than \$250,000 / year	1.89%	3
Prefer not to answer	20.13%	32
TOTAL		159

Q37 Please describe your living situation.

Answered: 158 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Apartment	1.90% 3
Condominium / townhome	2.53% 4
Single-family home (subdivision)	33.54% 53
Single-family home (with acreage)	53.80% 85
Manufactured home (mobile home) community	3.80% 6
Other (please specify)	4.43% 7
TOTAL	158

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Single family - village	8/29/2017 2:26 PM
2	In Manchester Village	8/28/2017 9:41 PM
3	single family home (village lot)	8/15/2017 9:59 PM
4	Single family home on village lot	8/15/2017 7:34 PM
5	Single family (not in a sub)	8/14/2017 9:28 PM
6	owner occupied home NOT in a subdivision or with acreage	8/14/2017 5:16 PM
7	Single family within village	8/2/2017 5:06 PM

Q38 Please let us know about any other recreation issues that weren't covered in the previous questions.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 155

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please do not add more. We do not need more. Clean up what we have.	9/5/2017 7:43 AM
2	B2B trail connecting Manchester would be amazing.	9/2/2017 4:57 PM
3	Transparency with landowners is necessary to maintain trust.	8/31/2017 5:38 PM
4	It would be wonderful for Manchester to have a pool and offer swim lessons! So many parents in the community have voiced this opinion. Thank you!	8/28/2017 9:41 PM
5	build pedestrian bridge over river connecting multi-use trail sections!	8/15/2017 9:59 PM
6	As a pet owner, I don't feel that public dog parks are safe. So many issues regarding healthy animals. Dog parks are in my opinion better suited when privately owned (by a vet for example). Vaccinations, dog waste, ugh so much to consider. Please use our resources to enhance our parks in a manner that will benefit the majority vs the vocal minority.	8/15/2017 3:09 PM
7	Please connect us with other parks. Long trails... thank you	8/15/2017 9:46 AM
8	Better access to the Raisin river, allowing dogs to walk in Leonard Nature Preserve, build a dog park, canoe/ kayak livery, build walking bridge on Furnace Street, indoor/ outdoor pool and Splash Pad,	8/15/2017 2:34 AM
9	Tennis!	8/14/2017 10:05 PM
10	Dog park	8/14/2017 6:47 PM
11	I just visited Colorado. They had so many activities. One was a water area that kids could run through. It was beautiful and at the library. Really brings people together. It was nice to see a town that was alive with happy people old and young.	8/14/2017 5:19 PM
12	Not interested in a dog park. I have a dog and live on Main Street. I see dog poop on the sidewalks daily from irresponsible dog owners. Who is going to monitor the dog park clean up???	8/14/2017 4:22 PM
13	I do want a dog park close to my house. Not a fan of dogs and don't want them running around by my house or where I walk around town.	8/14/2017 4:15 PM
14	We need to use our greatest natural resource - the River Raisin. Also, a lengthy bike path will bring younger families to Manchester. Look what the bike path did for Dexter. Raised property values. Everyone wants to live there! Be careful about raising taxes. We are all feeling the crunch right now.	8/14/2017 4:12 PM
15	The furnace st bridge needs to be replaced with a walking bridge structure. The property the village purchased next to Furnace street should be improved for small boat and kayak loading access to the waters between the dams for fishing and kayaking. We have a great resource in town with little to no access to it.	8/14/2017 4:08 PM
16	I would love a dog park!	8/13/2017 11:15 PM
17	I am against a dog park. Every other one that I have seen has not been maintained well, and some have already been removed. It would be a complete waste of resources.	8/11/2017 8:35 AM
18	Please consider a dog park!	8/10/2017 5:44 PM
19	There was no mention of the proposed canoe/kayak launch in town or the possibility of a river pathway from Main street to the library	8/8/2017 11:54 PM
20	It is important to highlight that keeping young families here in Manchester will require offering amenities, such as trail systems, wellness centers, and sporting facilities. This has to be a critical piece to downtown development.	8/8/2017 5:21 PM

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21	I would be interested in a dog park. It was mentioned at the beginning of this survey, however there were no questions regarding it. It would be wonderful if it could be added to the parks and recreations 5 year plan.	8/8/2017 1:20 PM
22	rustic camping @ Watkins Lk SP.	8/8/2017 7:25 AM
23	They need the rivers cleaned out where the canoes can go down it there's too many trees that's down in the rivers	8/7/2017 9:18 PM

From: J W []
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:52 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org; mtpw_supervisor@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Connector trail to Watson Lake State Park

Dear Jeff, Gene,

I understand comments regarding potential trail paths between Manchester Village and Watkins Lake State Park are still being solicited. One previously suggested connector path is through the Timberlake housing development, likely along an old railway bed.

Of course, that route and property is now private property (although some easements may still exist) and also a community subdivision paved vehicle road. Creating a path along this route is not viable for multiple reasons. There is no willingness among the community members for a public trail through this private and community property and attempts to create such a route will be met with too much resistance.

We assume this option has been rejected but will continue to provide comments on this issue so the option does not come back to life.

-J W

-----Original Message-----

From: c n [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:23 PM
To: mtwp_supervisor@sbcglobal.net; jwallace@vil-manchester.org
Subject:

Gene and Jeff,

I am the President of the Timber Trails Association in the Timberlake Subdivision. Our entire association strongly opposes the proposed trail coming through our properties. No one has contacted myself or any other board members regarding this proposal. No one has inquired about an easement or even mentioned this to any one in our sub. We heard of this proposal on the street.

I sent out an email regarding this proposal last fall with no response. It makes me question the intentions of the township.

In the future please contact me with any further information regarding any proposed "ideas" that will include our association.

Best,

C N

From: W , Gi [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Jeff Wallace <jwallace@vil-manchester.org>; Gene DeRossett <mtwp_supervisor@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Manchester Connector Trail

I live in the Timberlake subdivision. I do not support the construction of a connector trail through our subdivision for a number of reasons.

1. SAFETY: A trail through our subdivision would be less visible to the public than one along Austin Road. Less visibility could contribute to nefarious behaviors and activities. We do not have regular law enforcement to police such a trail. Currently the only people having business in Timber lake community are the people living there. A public trail would allow strangers to walk through my backyard day and night, every day of the year without question. As a mother with young children playing in the yard, their safety concerns me. How many in Manchester and the surrounding community would want strangers in the yard their children play in?

2. PRIVACY: Increased pedestrian, car traffic, and parking along our private road would be inevitable. Trail access points are always used to congregate with groups for use along trails. Even when "no parking" signs are posted, parking along trail access points will be a constant issue. Timberlake community has no public roads. Our road is private and is paid for and maintained by its residents. The proposed public trail would literally run though the backyards of a number of Timberlake community residents. How many in Manchester and surrounding community would like a public trail with groups parking and meeting up in their backyard ?

3- Environmental impact. Along every public road there is litter; bottles, cans, papers, trash. A public trail though Timerlake backyards will bring the same and there will be nothing the residents can do about it but clean it up! Would you want strangers littering in your backyard?

THERE IS A BETTER WAY!

As a woman with young children, I would prefer to use a connector trail along Austin Road because it would be more visible to the public. We moved from the village to Timberlake to have greater privacy, less pedestrian and automotive traffic. I cannot and will not support a trail through the Timberlake Subdivision.

Regards,
G W

Jeff Wallace

From: J. W
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 2:42 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org; mtwp_supervisor@sbcglobal.net
Cc:

Subject: New Trail to Watkins State Park

Jeff Wallace, All,

I am contacting you regarding an article from The Manchester Mirror (*One step closer to connecting village to Watkins State Park*) that came to multiple people's attention yesterday. In particular:

"The possibility of building a trail along one of the two old rail beds running west out of the village. This trail would connect the Village of Manchester's multi-use trail and the trail running through the whole length of Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, both of which are on the same dis-used rail bed."

Further in the article there is a section:

"The township will either need to purchase the sections of the rail bed from residents whose property it crosses, acquire easements from them, or create a whole new trail separate from the rail bed on property, to which they can acquire rights. In one case, a section of the old rail bed has been turned into a subdivision road, which presents one of the challenges."

It has just become clear to the properties on Timber Lake Trail, and other properties in the Timber Lake Development, that the planned trail traverses directly through the private property of the Development. While I am sure the agencies involved try to get the word out, no one in the Development was aware of this plan or the meeting held on August 23.

We cannot currently envision how this trail could pass through such private property (e.g., through people's yards) and would like an opportunity to understand more. What would be the best method to meet with the proper people to understand the planned Trail?

Please feel free to reply all to include all the Board of Directors and a selection of those directly affect in the Timber Trails Association.

Sincerely,

-J. W
Member, Board of Directors, Timber Trails Association

Jeff Wallace

From: C P
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 9:16 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org
Subject: New trail

Hello,

As a former home owner in the Timberlake subdivision I would like to express my dissatisfaction with a trail going to Watkins lake. This would not only destroy the beauty and value of this neighborhood but create a real nuisance to the owners. I have previously lived next to the Kiwanis trail in Adrian / Tecumseh and can share the annoyance this creates. Not only do you find the homeless living on the trail but also the higher rate of drug use going on. This township only has 2,000 citizens and that really is to small to warrant this trail. If anything how bout a bike lane heading west on Austin to Watkins Rd? Bike lanes allow for enough room for safe travels. In the end, most in this community will visit the larger communities anyways for any sort of hiking / bike riding we may do.

Thanks,
C P

Sent from my iPhone

Jeff Wallace

From: K M
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 8:15 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org
Cc: B M
Subject: Trail through the Timberlake Subdivision

Hello,

This email is in reference to the proposed trail connecting Manchester to the Watkins Lake Nature Trail via the Timberlake subdivision.

As property owners in the Timberlake subdivision who would likely be directly affected by this trail, we would like to voice our opposition to the proposed use of this subdivision as a location for the trail. While we fully support the development of public nature trails in general, we feel that building the trail on the land of multiple property owners in this subdivision would be detrimental to the very peaceful and secluded nature of this area and would potentially introduce issues of noise and other disturbances into our back yards.

We trust that you will take into consideration the concerns of the property owners of the Timberlake subdivision as you finalize plans for this trail.

Sincerely,

W and K M

Jeff Wallace

From: B P < >
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 5:23 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org; mtwp_supervisor@sbcglobal.net
Cc:
Subject: Path to connect the Village of Manchester to Watkins State Park

Manchester Township Administration:

My name is B P and my address is : Timberlake Trail, Manchester, MI. I am writing to let you know my disagreement on the proposal of the Manchester Township to consider acquiring property either along the Timberlake Trail road or through the property of the Timber Trails Association.

I understand you are in the discovery phase of this project. I would like to be able to voice my concerns. Please respond with the date and time of the next meeting the Township will be discussing this initiative.

Sincerely,

B P
Timberlake Trail
Manchester, MI 48158

Jeff Wallace

From: C N
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 3:17 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org
Subject: walking trail

Hi Jeff,

I am writing in regard to the proposed new walking trail. As a homeowner in the Timberlake Subdivision. I am concerned about this path. What would the liability be for our subdivision? Noone in our sub has been contacted regarding this path, yet it appears it would come through here. Can you give me some information regarding this please? We have many questions and concerns about this happening.

Thank you!
C N

Jeff Wallace

From: C Cc
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Jeff Wallace; mtpw_supervisor@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Village to Watkins Lake Proposed Routes.

Hello Gentlemen,

I am a property owner in the Timberlake subdivision that would be impacted by one of the proposed routes shown at the Village to Watkins Lake State Park meeting. I spoke with Gene the other day and I am still trying to figure out who generated the map in image 7757 on the below link? Gene, you said you were unaware of a map of the two proposed routes, but this map was at the meeting you attended. I'm guessing Chris Nordstrom at Carlise-Wortman created it?. The Mirror article and the meeting minutes reflect the desire of property owners to be informed, but the survey seems to only look for interest in amenities. I am simply looking for some transparency in this process, as I was unaware of the proposal that could potentially affect my property. The proposed route along Austin Road would be my preference, along with many of the neighbors I have spoken with.

As this process moves forward, I hope residents and affected property owners will be actively included in the conversation prior to final project decisions. It would also be nice to have an online source of information with meeting dates and times for township residents.

http://themanchestermirror.com/2017/08/28/one-step-closer-to-connecting-village-to-watkins-state-park/img_7757/

Best Regards,

C C

Jeff Wallace

From: W: G
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 2:25 PM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org
Subject: Trail connecting Manchester to State Park

Greetings-

I have been a village and now township residents for 12 years. We live in the Timberlake subdivision that would be impacted by the proposed rail road trail route. Why haven't we been notified that this is an option? I have talked to many neighbors and we prefer the proposed Austin Road route for a couple of reasons. #1-We moved out of town and purchased property to have privacy. We do not want strangers biking and walking through our yards. #2-Safety. The Austin Road route is more in the public eye. People will use it more often if they feel safe. Trails tucked back in the woods will be avoided by women and children. The fact that there is no police presence only makes safety a bigger issue.

Moving forward I would like to be included in the process that concerns my neighborhood.

Regards,
G

Jeff Wallace

From: dk , , - -
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 8:50 AM
To: jwallace@vil-manchester.org; mtpw_supervisor@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Connecting Village to Watkins Lake

Hello,

In filling out the survey, I expressed great interest in connecting to Watkins lake. Although I was not able to attend the meeting, I have found out more details regarding the proposal of pathways. I originally leaned toward the idea of rail to trail, but have since put more thought into it than is possible in clicking buttons on a survey. We border the Leonard Preserve and see regularly what happens when watchful community eyes are not around. Although our family would love easier and bike-able access to town and Watkins Lake, we would rather not see money invested in this unless it is along the roads.

While the rails to trails sounds like a wonderful idea, and there are some more populated communities that it works very well, it also opens for danger and trouble- especially when it isn't highly-trafficked in a rural setting such as ours. When my son played soccer in Tecumseh, I spent a lot of time there and looked for places to run while he was practicing. I ran many times on the rail trail there. I didn't feel safe and frequently saw kids on the trail that were up to no good as they had easy access to be out of watchful eyes. Definite drug use happening there. I believe I saw evidence that someone could be living along side the trail for a little while as well. Although I always carried pepper spray, I felt incredibly vulnerable going through the woods there. In speaking with other local parents, they all said to never go alone. My husband ran it a few times too and turned back early on his runs and said the same thing. I ended up running a sidewalk route around their high school similar to what we have here in Manchester. I know for a fact that it would be much appreciated by local runners, dog walkers, and many families to have the sidewalk extended beyond the feed store. And how great to have it go to Watkins Lake?!

The cost to maintain a rail trail may be cheaper, but at what cost to establish it? Besides the initial cost, I believe it will upset many residents with a path going through their property and, therefore, have a human cost to factor in. I know one neighbor, who is so grateful to have attained their dream of quiet property, is very upset at the thought of this. Undoubtedly many more will be upset. Most of us that live on the outskirts of town are there because we wanted property to have more natural surrounding and to have more space from neighbors. Having people, families, trouble making teenagers, and who knows what kind of riff-raff coming through is nerve wracking and will undoubtedly upset many. While the rail trail would not go through my property, it is close, and would be too close for comfort from what we've seen of the Tecumseh-Adrian trail on weeknights and what we've seen in the Preserve.

Would there be any presence by the Sheriff or some other authority biking a rail trail regularly? A roadside sidewalk has many eyes and would naturally be part of regular patrol keeping our kids and community safer. Everyone living on a main road is well aware there is an easement and I believe most wouldn't find it objectionable to have a sidewalk along side as well. And a good stretch of that is not residential, but farmland. I believe its quite possible many would be grateful for walking/biking access to town.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and thank you for all you are doing to make our community a wonderful place to call home!

D: K
Timberlake Rd