

**EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY**

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ENCOMPASSING THE COMMUNITIES OF

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City of Grand Haven
Grand Haven Charter Township
Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake**

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Introduction

There are many potential benefits to coordinated recreational planning amongst governmental agencies including increased efficiencies in providing park and recreation opportunities, access to increased funding sources, greater protection and identification of natural resources, greater potential for identifying creative ways of accomplishing recreation goals, public media coverage, expanded public support, economic advantages, and shared long term vision and goals. In striving to begin to plan and understand the local community recreational opportunities available, as well as the planning efforts underway, five communities have joined together within this plan to develop a joint five year community recreation plan. These communities include the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake. This is the first joint recreational planning effort of these five communities as a unified plan.

To facilitate the planning process, the five communities established a Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee in which each community could assign one or two representative individuals. The Committee was chaired by Spring Lake Township who hosted the meetings and oversaw the development of the planning document. The five communities determined that the best way to complete a joint recreation plan was to retain a recreation consultant to assist in the plan development. The five communities jointly retained the firm of PM Blough, Inc. to assist in the development of the recreation inventory, public input, the planning process, and the writing of the plan document. The Committee met periodically throughout the process to guide the planning effort and the Committee members served as liaisons between the Committee and their respective communities.

A comprehensive inventory was completed of the recreational facilities within the five governmental jurisdictions. The results of this inventory are included in the Recreation Inventory section of this document and are broken into resources by each governmental unit as well as summarized as a whole community. Of significant relevance was the creation of an overall regional mapping of public park sites onto one map and the creation of a unified park facilities inventory chart, both of which had previously not existed and will also be used as community information resources. Individual park sheets were also created for each park in a unified manner which can also be used for additional uses beyond the plan such as local websites and informational handouts.

The five communities have voluntarily decided to incorporate all five communities into one area-wide recreation plan in order to better plan and provide recreation facilities on a community-

wide basis. The communities are not bound by an authority, but rather are jointly approving this plan individually. When adopted, this plan will replace the existing Five Year Community Recreation Plans in each of the five communities.

The document is based on the format provided by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for community recreation planning. It contains plan sections that include the Community Description, Administrative Structure, Recreation Inventory, Goals and Objectives, and Action Plan, and Planning Process. It is the intent of this document to provide a foundation for recreational planning and development within the Community.

Community Description

Jurisdiction of the Plan

This plan provides a cooperatively developed plan for the communities of the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, all located within northwest Ottawa County. These communities all share a common link to the Grand River, and a focus on its connecting waters of Spring Lake, adjacent bayous, and Lake Michigan. Together, these communities comprise approximately 57 square miles and a consolidated population of roughly 42,752 persons based on the 2010 US Census.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Total Square Miles in Size</u>
City of Ferrysburg	3.6 Square Miles
City of Grand Haven	7.4 Square Miles
Grand Haven Charter Township	28.6 Square Miles
Spring Lake Township	16.5 Square Miles
<u>Village of Spring Lake</u>	<u>1.1 Square Miles</u>
Total Area:	57.2 Square Miles

Historically the community developed as three separate cities, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg with each of these communities located independently on different sides of the Grand River and Spring Lake. As development and modern construction developed, the communities were connected with bridges making access between them quick and easy. Over time, the communities have grown together as well as outward into the neighboring townships of Spring Lake Township and Grand Haven Charter Township. Many of the recreational activities, festivals, and programs are offered as community wide opportunities. Recently this cooperative atmosphere has continued to grow and thrive. As a result, these communities determined it would be best to expand this to planning for the future vision collectively for the northwest Ottawa County region, being referred to here as the Grand Region.

This Recreation Plan has been developed to provide for cooperative planning regarding recreational facility needs and development.

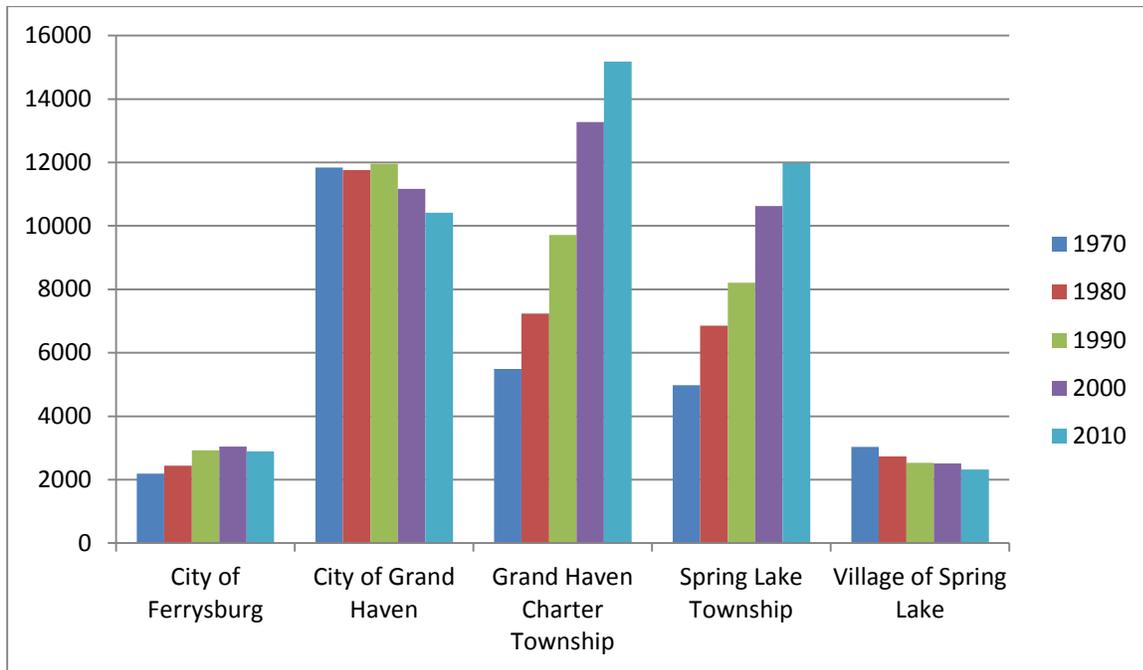
Community Population

Northwest Ottawa County overall continues to show growth with the greatest growth within Grand Haven Charter Township and Spring Lake Township with slight declines in the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, and the Village of Spring Lake. Based on the 2010 US Census data, the combined population of the five communities is:

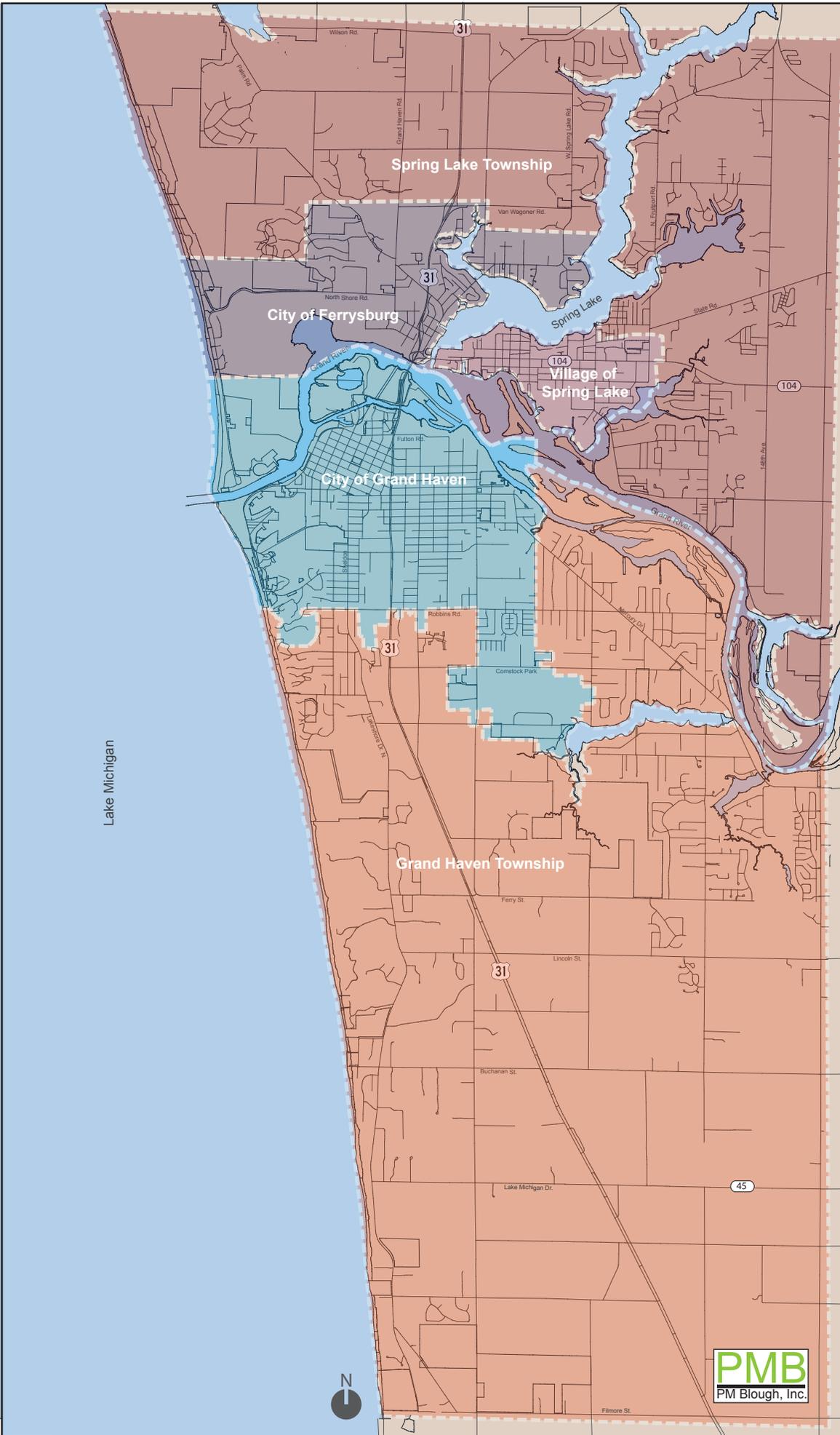
<u>Community</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
City of Ferrysburg	2,892 persons
City of Grand Haven	10,412 persons

Grand Haven Charter Township	15,178 persons
Spring Lake Township	11,977 persons
<u>Village of Spring Lake</u>	<u>2,323 persons</u>
Total for 2010 US Census	42,782 persons

Comparison of Total Population by Community 1970-2010



Grand Region Plan Jurisdiction Area



- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
- Grand Haven Township
- Spring Lake Township
- Village of Spring Lake



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Administrative Structure section of the plan provides a description of the administrative framework within each community for providing parks and recreation services. All of the governmental units within this plan operate as independent administrative units who often chose to work together cooperatively for the betterment of the community. As each unit is separate, each participating community's Administrative Structure is described independently within the plan section.

City of Ferrysburg Administrative Structure

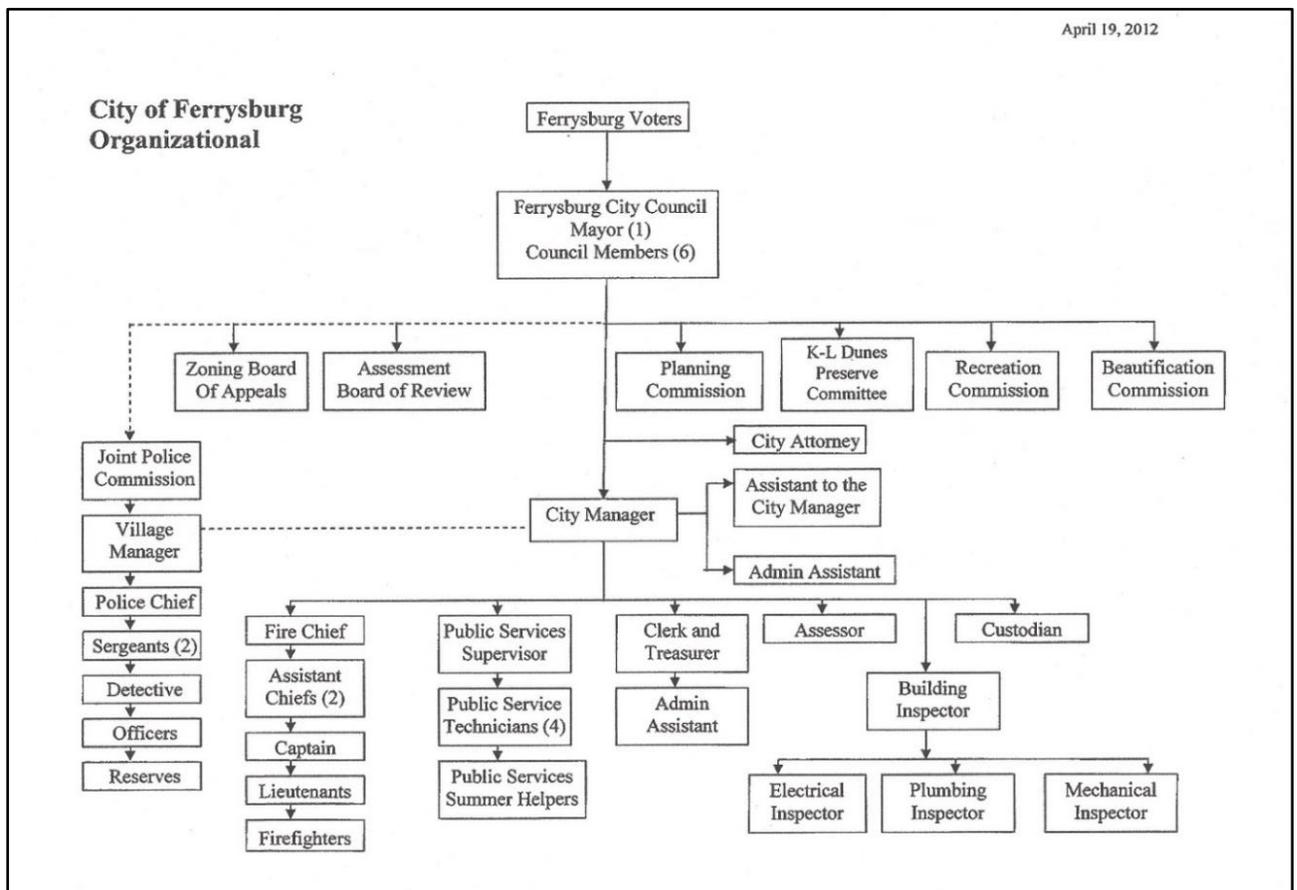
Administrative Structure

The City of Ferrysburg is administered by a seven member City Council lead by the Mayor. The Mayor's term is for two years and City Council Member terms are for four years. Regarding parks and recreation, the City Council approves the yearly budget, acquisition of lands, oversight of capital development projects, approval of City acceptance of grants, and establishment of park policy's and ordinances.

City Staff and Administration

The daily operation of the City and oversight of the City staff is the responsibility of the City Manager who is appointed by the City Council. The City parks are administered by the Public Services Department with four full-time and two seasonal employees who are assigned to parks and recreation facility maintenance.

Organization Chart



Recreation Commission

The Ferrysburg City Council established, by ordinance, a seven member Recreation Commission that advise the City Council regarding parks and recreation matters. The Recreation Commission meets as needed to provide guidance to the planning, development, and operation of the parks within the City. The Michigan Enabling Legislation for the establishment of a Recreation Commission is 1929 PA312 Metropolitan District Act which provides for Charter Commissions.

Funding for Parks

Funding for the development and maintenance of the parks is provided by the City's General Fund which has a 2014-2015 parks budget of \$138,300, broken into with a budget for park operation and maintenance of \$136,500, and a capital development budget of \$1,800. The General Fund includes an additional budget item of \$8,500 for programming as a contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The City of Ferrysburg is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities included within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is also a supporting entity through the use of school facilities and oversight of the NORA staff and funds. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits

Local Non-profits & Volunteers

Local Non-profit organizations providing recreational programming are included in the Recreation Inventory Section of the Plan as they encompass the entire community.

City of Grand Haven Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure and City Council

The City of Grand Haven, by charter, operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Grand Haven City Council is comprised of a Mayor and four Council members elected at large who serve two and four year terms respectively. The City Council appoints a Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) whose responsibility is to carry out priorities and goals of the City Council including the fiscal budgeting for parks operation and maintenance, park capital development, land acquisition, grant acceptance and recreation within the community. Park rules and policies are set by the City Council as part of the City Ordinances with recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Parks and Recreation Board

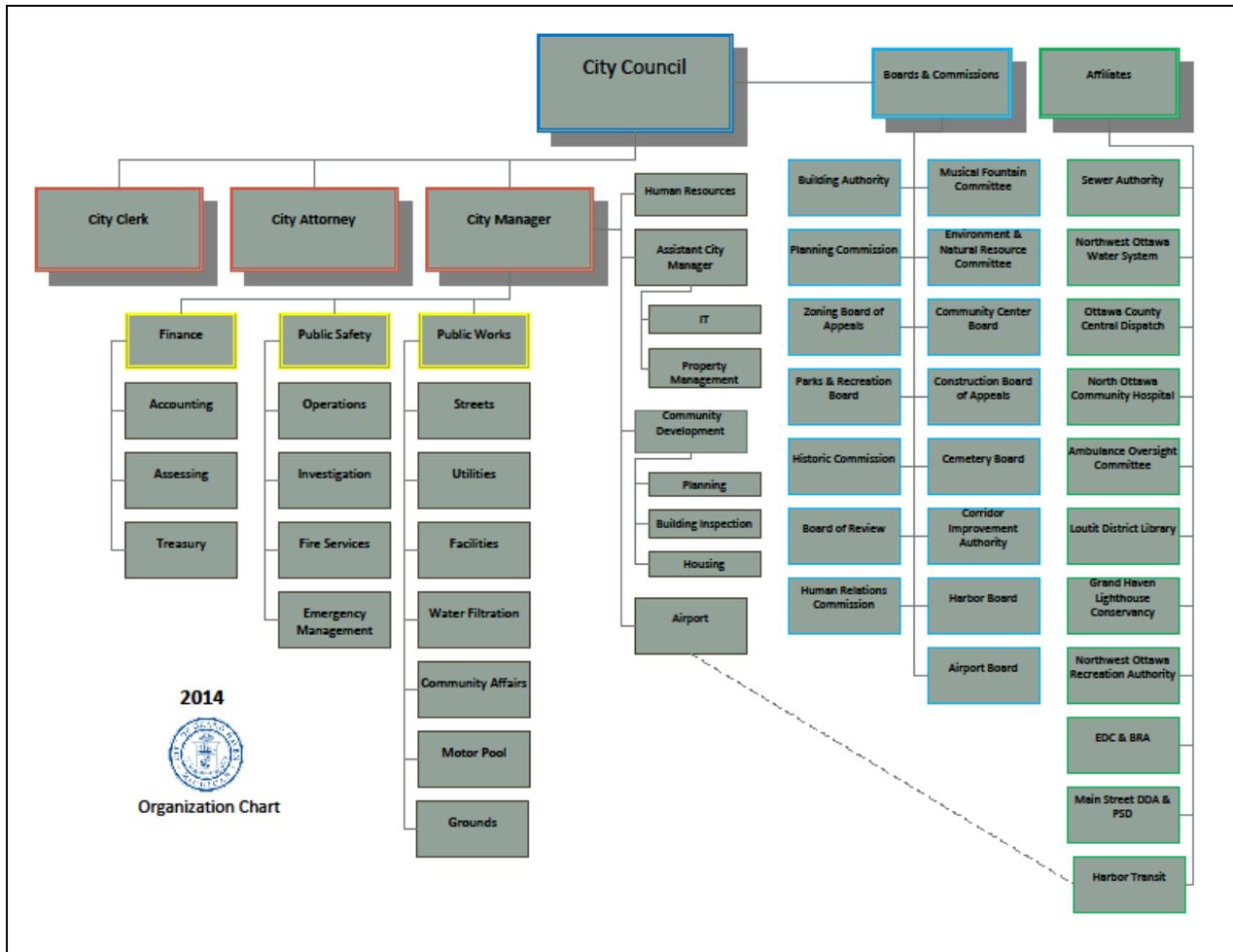
The City Charter “affords citizen participation in the affairs of the city government for the purpose of determining community needs and means of meeting such needs through the government of the city.” (City charter Section. 7.14) The Parks and Recreation Board is one of the boards listed in the Charter and is comprised of five Grand Haven citizen volunteers who are appointed by the City Council for a term of five years. The establishment of the Parks and Recreation board is allowed through the Michigan enabling legislation 1917 PA 156 Recreation and Playgrounds. The Parks and Recreation Board meets monthly to provide guidance regarding the planning, development, and operation of the City’s parks by making recommendations to the City Council for final approval.

City Staff

The parks are maintained and operated by the Grounds Service Area and the Maintenance Service Area of the Department of Public Works with nine full time employees and up to thirty-five summer seasonal employees dedicated to the parks, as well as one SWAP crew. These employees assist with community volunteers and maintain the parks infrastructure year round. The Public Works Director assigns the Special Projects Manager as the staff liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Organization Chart

An organization chart depicting the functions and lines of authority is shown on the following page.



Funding for Parks and Recreation

Funding for the development and maintenance of the parks is provided by the City's General Fund, with a 2015 budget for park operation and maintenance of \$721,435, and a capital development budget of \$183,500. The General Fund includes a budget of \$33,034 for programming as a contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The City of Grand Haven is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is also a supporting entity through the use of school facilities and oversight of the NORA staff and funds. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits

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Grand Haven Charter Township Administrative Structure

Township Board

The Grand Haven Charter Township Board is the main legislative body of the Township. It is comprised of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees elected at large. Each of the officials is elected to serve four-year terms. The role of the Board is to develop legislative policies which include the adoption of all planning documents and the establishment of the yearly fiscal budget. In regards to Parks and Recreation, the Township Board approves all park planning documents, policies and financial budgets as well as capital development. One member of the Township Board serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Township Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is comprised of nine members who are appointed by the Township Board. One member is a member of the Township Board, and a second member is a Zoning Board of Appeals member. The Planning Commission reviews and makes formal recommendations to the Township Board regarding site plan development, planning policies, ordinances, and master plans. One member of the Planning Commission serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee to provide insight to the committee and provide a liaison to the Commission regarding recreational planning and interface of park properties with surrounding land uses. The Planning Commission will review the Five Year Community Recreation Plan prior to approval by the Township Board.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee members are appointed by the Township Board. The committee was formed in 1988 to involve the community in the development of Mercury Park. Since that time, the Committee has continued to assist in the overall direction and development of the entire park system. The Committee acts in an advisory role to the Township Board and includes one Township Board member.

Township Staff and Organization

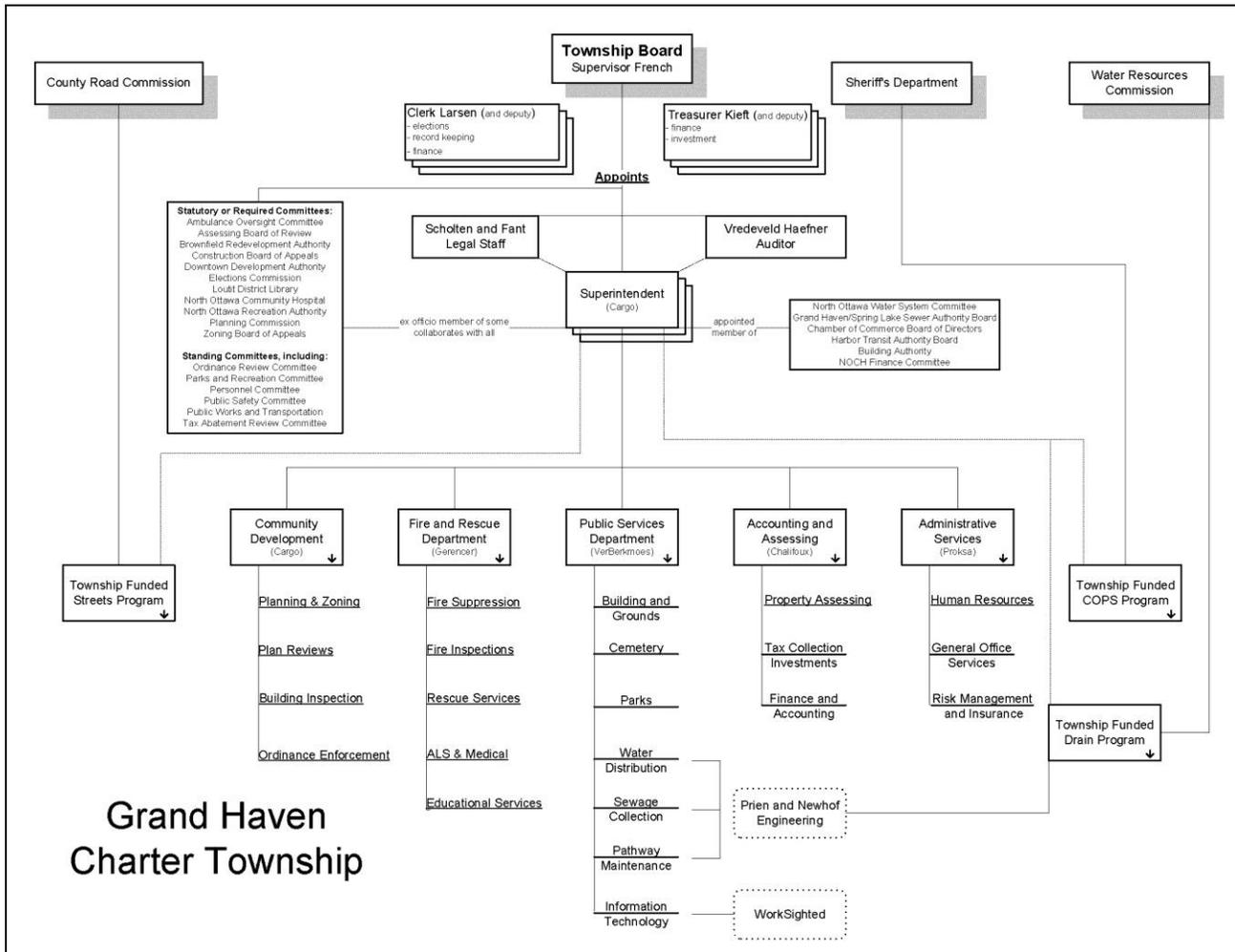
Administration of the Township's operations is the responsibility of the Township Superintendent. The Superintendent is contracted as an employee by the Township Board. The Superintendent implements the board's legislative policies through the day to day operations. The Township has forty-seven staff persons involved in the day to day operations including the Township public services, parks, finances, building and zoning, as well as public safety.

The care of the parks is by one full-time employee assigned to the maintenance of the parks who is assisted by four part-time employees. The Public Services Department provides additional assistance for year round maintenance such as mowing, repairs to facilities, and cleaning. They are also responsible for overseeing the development of capital improvement projects. The Public Services Director also serves as a staff person to the Park and Recreation Committee. The Ottawa County Sheriff and the Township Fire and Rescue Department provide security for the parks. The

non-motorized pathway system, considered separate from the parks system has one full-time staff person assigned to the care and maintenance of the pathways.

Township Organization Chart

An organization chart depicting the functions and lines of authority is shown below.



Parks and Recreation Funding

The total budgeted General Fund expenditures for Grand Haven Charter Township for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$3,328,280. Additional funds are budgeted for the Fire Fund, Sewer Construction Fund, Non-Motorized Path Fund, and the Water Service Fund.

Funding for the care and development of the parks is within the General Fund. In the 2014 Fiscal Year, the projected annual expenditures for parks are \$336,350. Expenses against these funds are projected at \$140,700 for two Township employees and administration, \$50,870 as

the Township's contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority Program, \$29,560 for general maintenance and projects, and \$55,900 in capital improvements.

The development phase of the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System was funded by an initial ten-year 0.90 mil levy, which was approved by the voters in 1990. The second phase was approved by Township voters in 1998, when the Township proposed a \$1,732,000 general obligation unlimited tax bond. The second debt rate expired in 2008. Construction was completed based on the initial bond sales. For Fiscal Year 2013, \$79,920 was budgeted for continued maintenance of the existing system. On-going maintenance is currently funded through the Township's General fund.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The Grand Haven Charter Township is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities included within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is also a supporting entity through the use of school facilities and oversight of the NORA staff and funds. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits

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Spring Lake Township Administrative Structure

Township Board and Administrative Structure

Spring Lake Township is a General Law Township incorporated in 1849 that is led by a seven member elected Board of Trustees comprised of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees elected at large. Each of the officials is elected to four year terms. The role of the Board is to develop legislative policies which include the adoption of all planning documents and the establishment of the yearly fiscal budget. The Board employs a Township Manager that serves as liaison between the Township staff and Board. In regards to Parks and Recreation, the Township Board approves all park planning documents, policies and financial budgets as well as capital development.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee is comprised of seven volunteer members of the community appointed by the Township Board who serve in an advisory role. The Committee is assisted by the Township Community Development Director and Parks Department. The Parks and Recreation Committee provides input to the Township Board and staff regarding planning and development for the parks and community policies.

Township Staff for Park Operation

The care and operation of the parks are under the care of the Department of Public Works which includes full-time Grounds Maintenance staff as well as seasonal assistance which are dedicated to the care of the parks.

Organization Chart

An organization chart of the Township staff appears on the following page.

Organization Chart

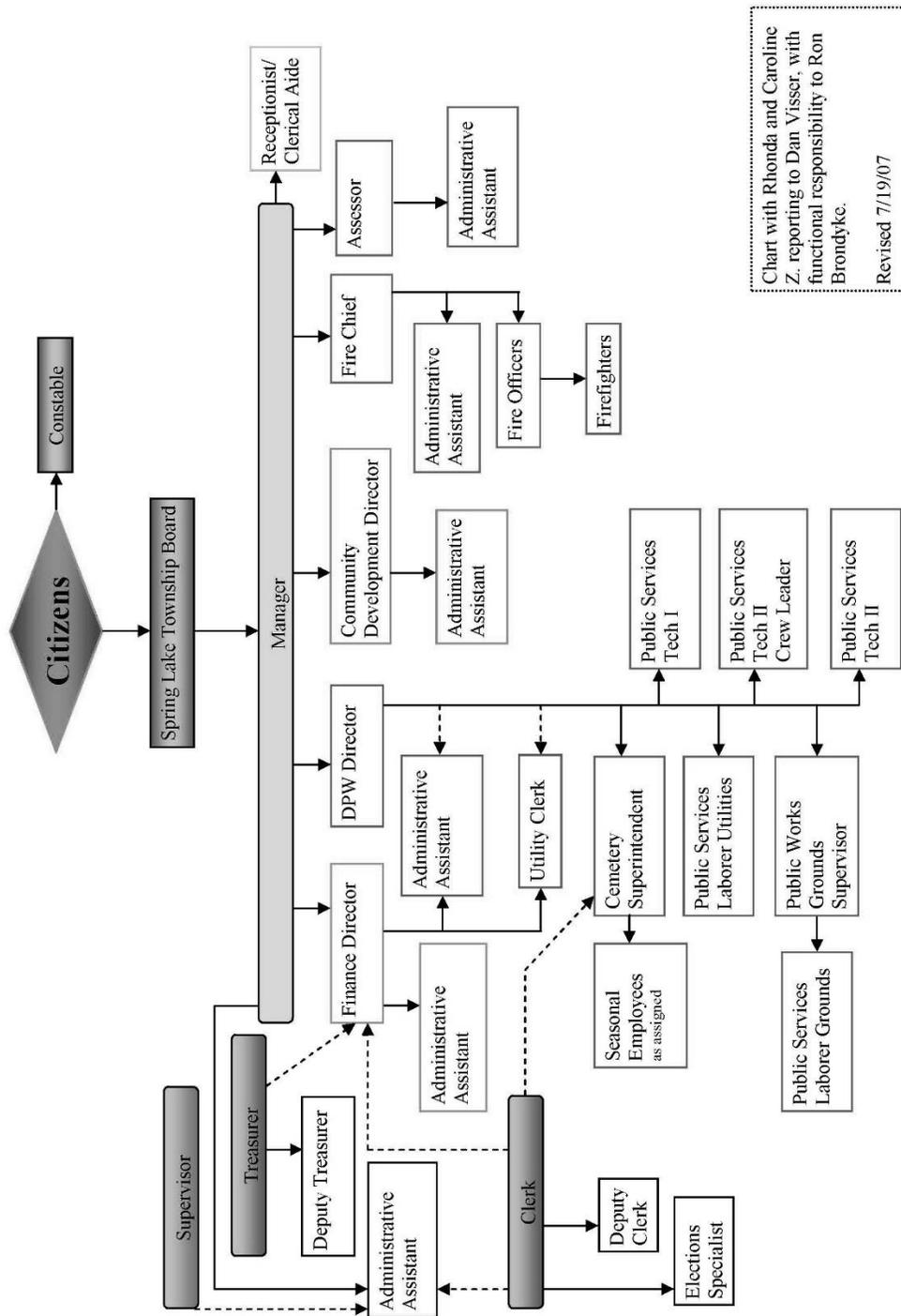


Chart with Rhonda and Caroline Z. reporting to Dan Visser, with functional responsibility to Ron Brondykc.
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General Fund Recreation Budget

The Spring Lake Township Recreation budget is funded through the General Fund of the Township. Proposed budgets for the fiscal year 2014-2015 for the Township General Fund includes \$202,600 for Parks and Recreation of which \$32,500 is contributed towards recreational programming. No other capital development projects are planned through the General Fund although maintenance projects are included in the above number. The Township has two full time parks and recreation staff and three part-time/seasonal staff.

Bike Path Millage

The first bike path millage was passed in the 1980's by the Spring Lake Township residents, followed by a second millage in 2004. These funds have been used to create over 26 miles of bike paths throughout the Township over the last 15 to 20 years. The bike path millage is currently used to pay back bonds at a rate of approximately \$200,000 per year with about \$50,000 a year available for maintenance and improvements.

Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission

The Greater Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission was established in cooperation with the contributing entities listed below. When established the entities felt it was in the best interest of their citizens to establish the commission to plan, promote, coordinate, and operate programs of indoor and outdoor public recreation. Over the many years the Commission has been able to offer these programs at low cost to the citizens. The Commission offers a variety of programs, including many sports camps, swim lessons, computer classes, theater programs as well as new and varied programs. This fund also provides funding for summer employees at Rycenga Park to ensure compliance with park rules and assist with organizing shelter rentals. Funding is provided by contributions from Crockery Township, Spring Lake Public Schools, and Spring Lake Township, as well as user fees, and donations.

Village of Spring Lake Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure and Village Council

The Village of Spring Lake is a duly incorporated municipal subdivision of the State of Michigan with operations of the Village controlled by State enabling legislation and the Village Charter. The Village Council is comprised of six councilmembers elected at-large to four year terms, and a Village President who serves a two year term. The Village Council oversees the development of the City budget, including that of the parks for operation and maintenance, capital development, acquisition, acceptance of grants, and programming. The Village Council retains the Village Manager to oversee the day to day operation of the Village.

Village Park Committee

The Village Park Committee was instituted by Village Council resolution on January 16, 1979 to assist the Village Manager with the Planning, development, and operation of park and recreation facilities and programs. The Committee is comprised of seven members appointed by the Village Council to 4 to year terms. The Committee serves in an advisory manner to the Village Manager and Village Council.

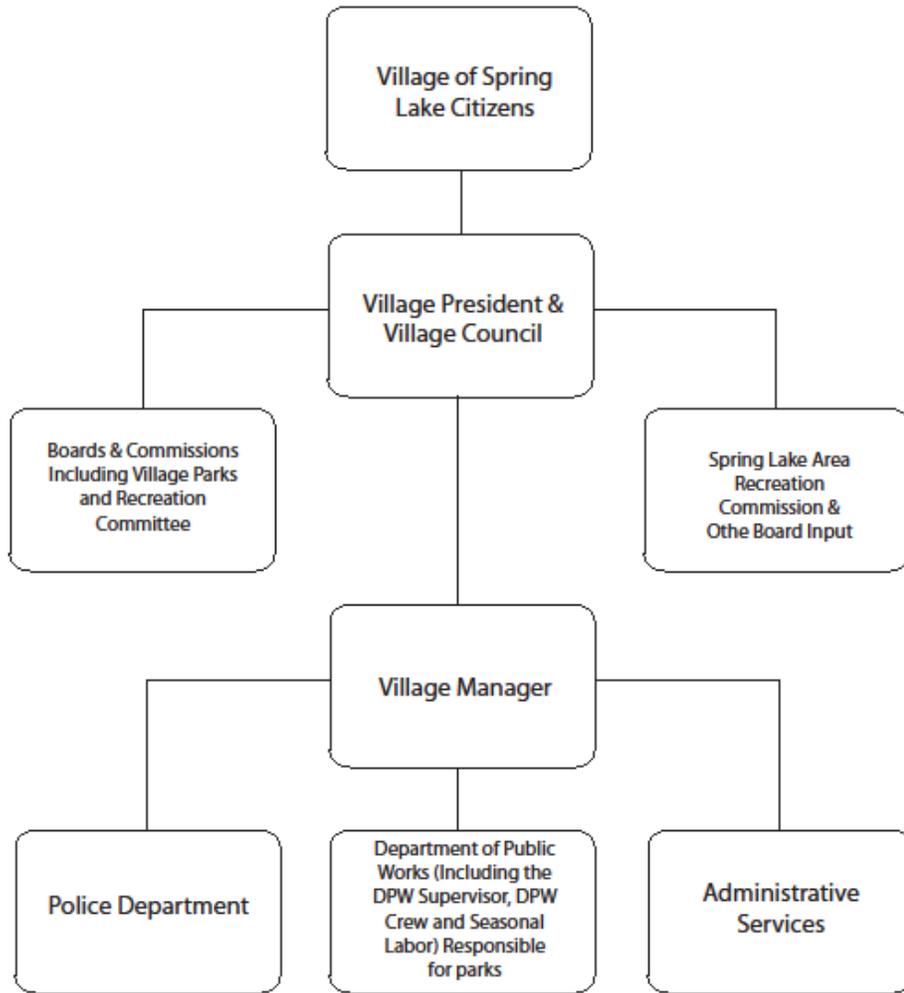
Village Staff

The Village Manager directs the Department of Public Works with overseeing the care and operation of the parks that provides these services with four full time and one part time employees. Security within the parks is provided by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department

Organization Chart

An organization chart appears on the following page which provides information regarding administrative roles and responsibilities within the Village.

Administrative Organizational Chart
Village of Spring Lake



In the event project activities including planning, design, construction and/or outside source funding assistance, recommendations and basic advisory support will be provided by the Parks Committee. Similarly, the Parks Board will inform and advise the Manager and Council on matters of direct operation and maintenance of park facilities and programs.

Funding

Funding for parks is provided through the General Fund which has a 2014-2015 budget of \$1,415,404 of which \$ 272,759 is budgeted for parks maintenance and operation, and \$0 for capital development, and \$0 for recreation programming. The Village does not have a separate budget line item for capital development. All park improvements therefore fall under maintenance for each respective park.

Relationship with Spring Lake Recreation Authority

On July 31, 2014 Council elected to discontinue funding of SLARA. As residents of Spring Lake Township, the elected officials felt that funding from Spring Lake Township General Fund covered the entire township (to include the Village.)

Local Non-profits & Volunteers

Local Non-profit organizations providing recreational programming are included in the Recreation Inventory Section of the Plan as they encompass the entire community.

Recreation Inventory

The Recreation Inventory section of the plan documents the existing recreational resources available within the Grand Region Consolidated Plan Area, as well as neighboring areas. The section includes descriptions of the facilities within the five municipalities, and neighboring public facilities. A review of the parks in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act is included for each park within the Plan Area.

Consolidated Plan Area Parks

The Consolidated Plan area includes 57 parks covering approximately 1100 acres of park land.

The name and location of each of the parks is shown on the Park Location Map and Park Facilities Chart on the following pages. Descriptions and additional information for each of the parks is provided in this plan section.

Public Recreation Lands and Facilities

The Recreation Inventory focuses on public recreation facilities. Public recreation facilities are defined as recreational facilities which are owned by governmental agencies such as the local cities, village, townships, Ottawa County, and the State of Michigan. These facilities have rules and regulations regarding public usage which are established by the unit which owns the facility.

Public School Lands and Facilities

The public school facilities owned by the Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Spring Lake Public Schools are sometimes available for public recreation use on a limited basis. The primary use of these facilities is for education and athletics sponsored by the schools. The Districts maintain full control and scheduling of these facilities. Private and religious based schools are not considered public schools although they may choose from time to time to offer facilities on a limited basis.

Non-Profit Lands and Facilities

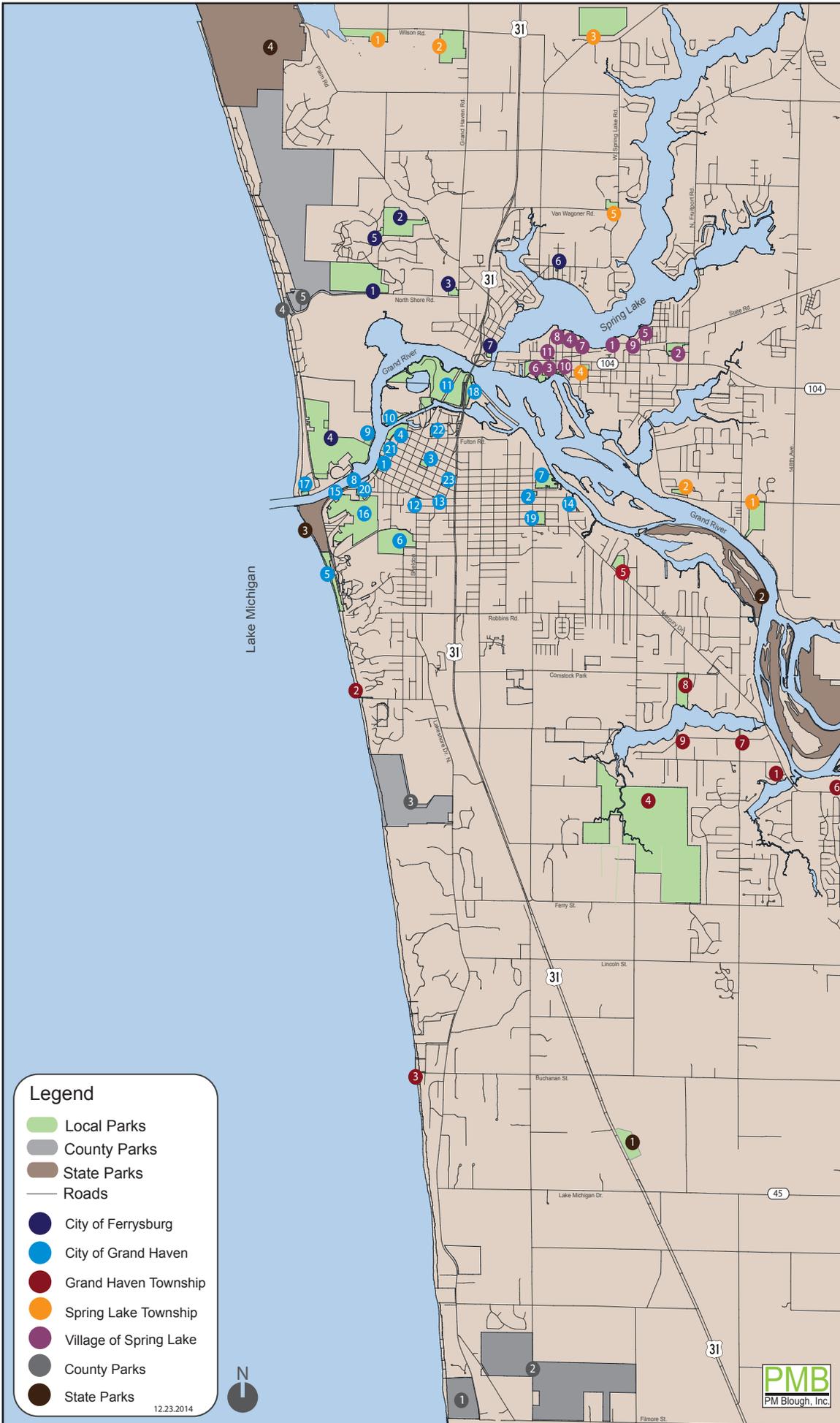
Lands owned or under the control of non-profit organizations such as Boy Scouts land conservancy's, church camps, religious organizations, gun clubs, and other non-profits, may choose to offer lands and/or facilities for public use or may choose to limit use to their own membership. These lands often provide for undeveloped green space within the community, but use is subject to the permission and rules of the organization.

Private For-Profit Recreation Facilities

Private for-profit recreation facilities are privately owned facilities that charge a fee for usage. Examples of these might be golf courses, campgrounds, bowling alleys, etc. These have not been inventories within this document.

Park Location Map

Parks of the Grand River Harbor Region



City of Ferrysburg

1. Coast Guard Park
2. Ferrysburg Nature Preserve
3. Firebarn Park
4. Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserve
5. Mike Herman Park
6. Sunnyside Prk
7. William Montague Ferry Park

City of Grand Haven

1. Bicentennial Park
2. Bolt Park
3. Central Park
4. Chinook Pier
5. City Beach Park
6. Duncan Woods
7. East Grand River Park
8. Escanaba Park
9. Grand Haven Musical Fountain
10. Harbor Island Linear Park
11. Harbor Island
12. Johnston Park
13. Klaver Park
14. Klempel Park
15. Lighthouse Connector Park
16. Mulligan's Hollow
17. North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot
18. Rix Robinson Park
19. Sluka Field
20. Veterans Memorial Park
21. Waterfront Stadium
22. William Hatton Park
23. Willow Park

Grand Haven Township

1. Bignell Park
2. Brucker Access
3. Buchanan Access
4. Hofma Park & Preserve
5. Mercury
6. Odawa Battle Point Park
7. 152nd Access
8. Pottawattomie Park
9. Shiawassee Access

Spring Lake Township

1. Black Lake Park
2. Disc Golf Course
3. Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve
3. River Run Park
4. Rycenga Park
5. Spring Lake Township Park
6. Water Tower Park

Village of Spring Lake

1. Alden Street End
2. Central Park
3. Cutler Street Park
4. Jackson Street End
5. Lakeside Beach
6. Mill Point Park & Boat Launch
7. N. Buchanan Street End
8. N. Division Street End
9. Parkhurst Street End
10. Tanglefoot Park
11. Whistle Stop Playground

County Parks

1. Kirk Park
2. Hiawatha Forest
3. Rosy Mound Natural Area
4. North Beach Park
5. North Ottawa Dunes

State Parks

1. Agnew Roadside Park
2. Grand Haven State Game Area
3. Grand Haven State Park
4. PJ Hoffmaster State Park

Legend

- Local Parks
- County Parks
- State Parks
- Roads

- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
- Grand Haven Township
- Spring Lake Township
- Village of Spring Lake
- County Parks
- State Parks

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Park Facilities Chart

Park Facilities Chart

Recreation Inventory Chart	Park Name								Comments
		Acres	Restrooms	Playground	Picnic Shelter	Ball Field	Soccer Field	Water Access	
City of Ferrysburg	Coast Guard Park	80	1	1	1	1	1	No	Tennis Courts/Volleyball/Dog Park
City of Ferrysburg	Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	43	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
City of Ferrysburg	Firebarn Park	5	1	1	0	1	0	No	Tennis/Basketball
City of Ferrysburg	Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Preserve	112	0	0	1	0	0	No	Trails/Outdoor Classroom
City of Ferrysburg	Mike Herman Park	1.75	1	0	0	1	1	No	Tennis/Basketball
City of Ferrysburg	Sunnyside Park	0.5	1	1	0	0	0	No	
City of Ferrysburg	William Montague Ferry Park	1.8	1	1	1	0	0	Spring Lake	Boardwalk
City of Grand Haven	Bicentennial (Riverview) Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Art/Shops/Restaurants
City of Grand Haven	Bolt Park	0.95	0	0	0	0	0	No	Stone Memorial/East Town Market
City of Grand Haven	Central Park	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	No	Fountain/Memorials
City of Grand Haven	Chinook Pier	1	1	1	0	0	0	Grand River	Shops/Mini Golf/Commercial Dock/Train
City of Grand Haven	City Beach Park	19.6	1	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach/Dog Beach/ADA Beach Access
City of Grand Haven	Duncan Woods	37.8	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
City of Grand Haven	East Grand River Park	5.5	1	1	1	1	1	Grand River	Boat Launch/Basketball/Dog Park/Dock
City of Grand Haven	Escanaba Park	0.92	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Interpretive Exhibits
City of Grand Haven	Grand Haven Musucal Fountain	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Lighting Systems/Fountain
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island Linear Park	5.5	0	0	1	0	0	Grand River	Paved Pathway/Boardwalk/Fishing Decks
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island	23	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Boat Launch/Open Field/Fishing Docks
City of Grand Haven	Johnston Park	0.11	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Klaver Park	0.23	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Klempel Park	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Lighthouse Connector Park	4	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Art/Boardwalk/Shops
City of Grand Haven	Mulligan's Hollow	80.5	1	1	1	1	1	No	Skate Park/Ski Hill/Basketball/Lodge/Ice Rink/Tennis
City of Grand Haven	N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot	1.7	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Parking Lot
City of Grand Haven	Rix Robinson Park	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Paved Pathway/Foot Bridge
City of Grand Haven	Sluka Field	5.5	0	1	0	1	1	No	Ice Rink (Winter)
City of Grand Haven	Veterans Memorial Park	1.14	0	0	0	0	0	No	Memorial
City of Grand Haven	Waterfront Stadium	0.53	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Bleachers
City of Grand Haven	William Hatton Park	0.88	0	1	0	0	0	No	Gazebo
City of Grand Haven	Willow Park	0.022	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
Grand Haven Township	Bignell Park	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	
Grand Haven Township	Brucker Access	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach
Grand Haven Township	Buchanan Access	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach
Grand Haven Township	Hofma Park & Preserve	447	2	2	2	1	1	Bayou	113 Acres of donated land shall be added 2023
Grand Haven Township	Mercury Park	7	1	1	1	1	0	No	In-Line Rink
Grand Haven Township	Odawa Battle Point Park	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Boat Launch
Grand Haven Township	152nd Access	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	Pathway/Benches
Grand Haven Township	Pottawattomie Park	21	1	1	3	0	1	Bayou	Volleyball/Beach/Canoe & Kayak/Fishing Pier
Grand Haven Township	Shiawassee Access	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	
Spring Lake Township	Black Lake Park	30	0	0	0	0	0	Black Lake	To Be Developed
Spring Lake Township	Disc Golf Course	40.24	0	0	0	0	0	No	Disc Golf
Spring Lake Township	Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve	24	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
Spring Lake Township	River Run Park	2.67	0	0	1	0	0	Grand River	Boardwalk/Pathway
Spring Lake Township	Rycenga Park	80	1	1	4	2	2	No	Trails/Basketball/Volleyball
Spring Lake Township	SL Township Community Park	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	No	Michigan Historical Marker
Spring Lake Township	Water Tower Park	5.33	0	0	0	0	0	No	2 Tennis Courts/Practice Field
Village of Spring Lake	Alden Street End	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	Kayak/Conoe Launch/Viewing Deck
Village of Spring Lake	Central Park	8.4	1	2	2	2	0	No	Tennis Courts/In-Line Rink/Dog Park
Village of Spring Lake	Cutler Street Launch Ramp	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Kayak/Conoe Launch
Village of Spring Lake	Jackson Street End	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	Boat Tie Ups/Fishing Deck
Village of Spring Lake	Lakeside Beach	1	1	0	0	0	0	Spring LAke	Beach/Deck
Village of Spring Lake	Mill Point Park & Boat Launch	4.5	1	1	1	0	0	Grand River	Floating Boat Docks/Boat Launch
Village of Spring Lake	N. Division Street End	0.08	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	Beach/Canoe & Kayak Access
Village of Spring Lake	Parkhurst Street End	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	
Village of Spring Lake	Tanglefoot Park	1.4	1	1	1	0	0	Grand River	30 Full Hookup Campsites
Village of Spring Lake	Whistle Stop Playground	0.3	0	1	1	0	0	No	Paved Pathway
Trails	Grand Haven Waterfront Trail	2.5mi							Grand Haven
Trails	Lakeshore Connector Path	20mi							Grand Haven to Holland
Trails	Lakeside Trail	25.9mi							Fruitport/Ferrysburg/Spring Lake
Trails	Linear Trail Park	16.9mi							Grand Haven
Trails	North Bank Trail	3.3mi							Spring Lake Township

Coast Guard Park

City of Ferrysburg
18161 North Shore Road
80 Acres



Overview

Coast Guard Park is Ferrysburg's primary community park on land which until 1973 was owned by the United States Coast Guard as a shooting range. The park is currently about 50% developed with significant opportunities for additional facilities. The park also serves as a trail head for the North Ottawa Dunes Ottawa County Park. Coast Guard Park is a short ½ mile from the shores of Lake Michigan. Facilities include a balance of active sports, picnic facilities, and passive nature trails.

Amenities and Facilities

- Softball and Two Soccer Fields
- Four Basketball Courts
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- Nature Trails
- Two Tennis Courts –Also Striped for Pickleball
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Play Area
- Dog Park

ADA Review

Many of the facilities at the park are ADA accessible including the new North Ottawa Dunes County Park trailhead, picnic pavilions, parking, basketball, and tennis; while others were constructed prior to the current ADA codes require upgrades such as the restrooms and athletic fields. The Dog Park also requires additional upgrades.

Ferrysburg Nature Preserve

City of Ferrysburg
Dogwood Dr.
43 Acres



Overview

The area is an undeveloped dune habitat nature preserve. The parcel is L shaped and is located west of Dogwood Drive and North of Mohawk Drive. The preserve is undeveloped.

Amenities and Facilities

Undeveloped, there are no park facilities.

Accessibility Review

There are currently no facilities at the Nature Preserve.

Fire Barn Park

City of Ferrysburg
North Shore Rd at 174th Ave
5 Acres



Overview

The park is located adjacent to the firehouse, at the corner of 174th Avenue and North Shore Road. Local area youth sports leagues use the facilities. The park has no formal parking lot, but a paved parking area is included in the City's short term Capital Improvement Plan. The park has no potential for additional facilities without acquisition of land.

Amenities and Facilities

- Two Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Children's Playground
- Baseball Field with Shared Soccer Field
- Restrooms

Accessibility Review

The park facilities are all older and were constructed prior to the current ADA codes. All of the facilities except for the restroom will require ADA upgrades when the facilities are renovated.

Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve

City of Ferrysburg
20001 Berwyck Street
112 Acres



Overview

The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve is a natural dune area located just south of the City and East of North Shore Drive within the City of Grand Haven City. The property is characterized by primary dunes undergoing active dune formation, secondary dunes covered with mature hardwoods, and interdunal areas of rolling sand. A Master Plan has been prepared for the property that outlines measures for long-range protection of the dune environment and minimal improvements to foster low impact public use. Restrictions in the deeds that conveyed the land to the City require the City to maintain the preserve in its current natural state as a natural, aesthetic and educational resource. Existing facilities include an entrance identification sign, a small paved parking area, an outdoor classroom structure with restrooms and three marked trails.

Amenities and Facilities

- Outdoor Classroom Structure
- Paved Parking Area
- Marked Trails
- Restrooms (Open for Special Events Only)

Accessibility Review

The parking, restrooms, and outdoor classroom structure are accessible. The trails are natural dune and woodland surfaces and would not be considered accessible by current standards.

Mike Herman Park

City of Ferrysburg
17742 Hiawatha Drive
1.75 Acres



Overview

Tragically, in November 2005 a fifteen year old boy named Mike Herman perished in a car accident. Mike was a very active young man, who participated in many different sports, and spent many hours practicing at this field. In honor of Mike's life and passion for sports, the community came together to renovate the local field and neighborhood park.

Amenities and Facilities

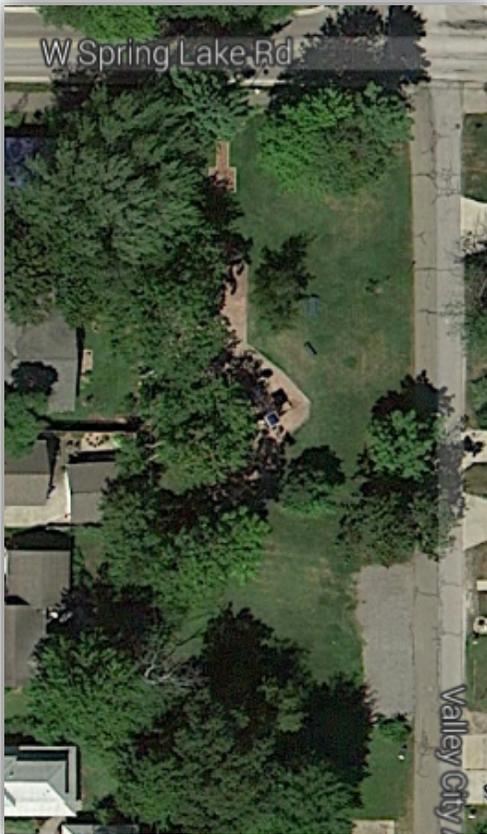
- Baseball/Soccer Field
- Tennis Court /Basketball Hoops
- Lacrosse Nets
- Volleyball Court
- Portable Toilet

Accessibility Review

None of the facilities meet current accessibility standards.

Sunnyside Park

City of Ferrysburg
17200 Valley City Avenue
0.5 Acres



Overview

Sunnyside Park is a half -acre park located on the southwest corner of West Spring Lake Road and Valley City Avenue, on the east side of the city. Sunnyside Park is a small community park that was designed to give the immediate neighborhood a park they could walk to, and where children could play safely. By being set adjacent to the bike path that runs along West Spring Lake Road, the park is accessible to residents that do not live in the immediate area and serves as a trail rest stop.

Amenities and Facilities

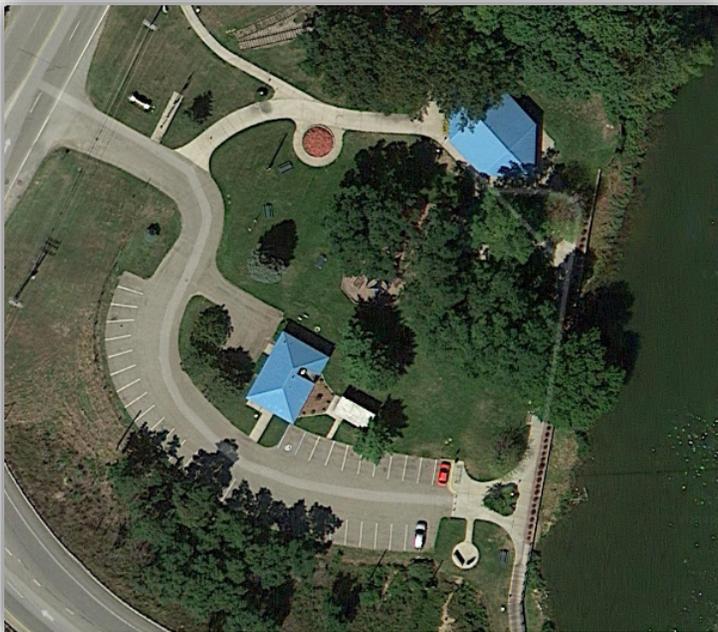
- Large Play Structure
- Swing Set
- Benches
- Picnic Table
- Restroom

Accessibility Review

All of the facilities are ADA accessible.

William Montague Ferry Park

City of Ferrysburg
110 Pine ST
1.8 Acres



Overview

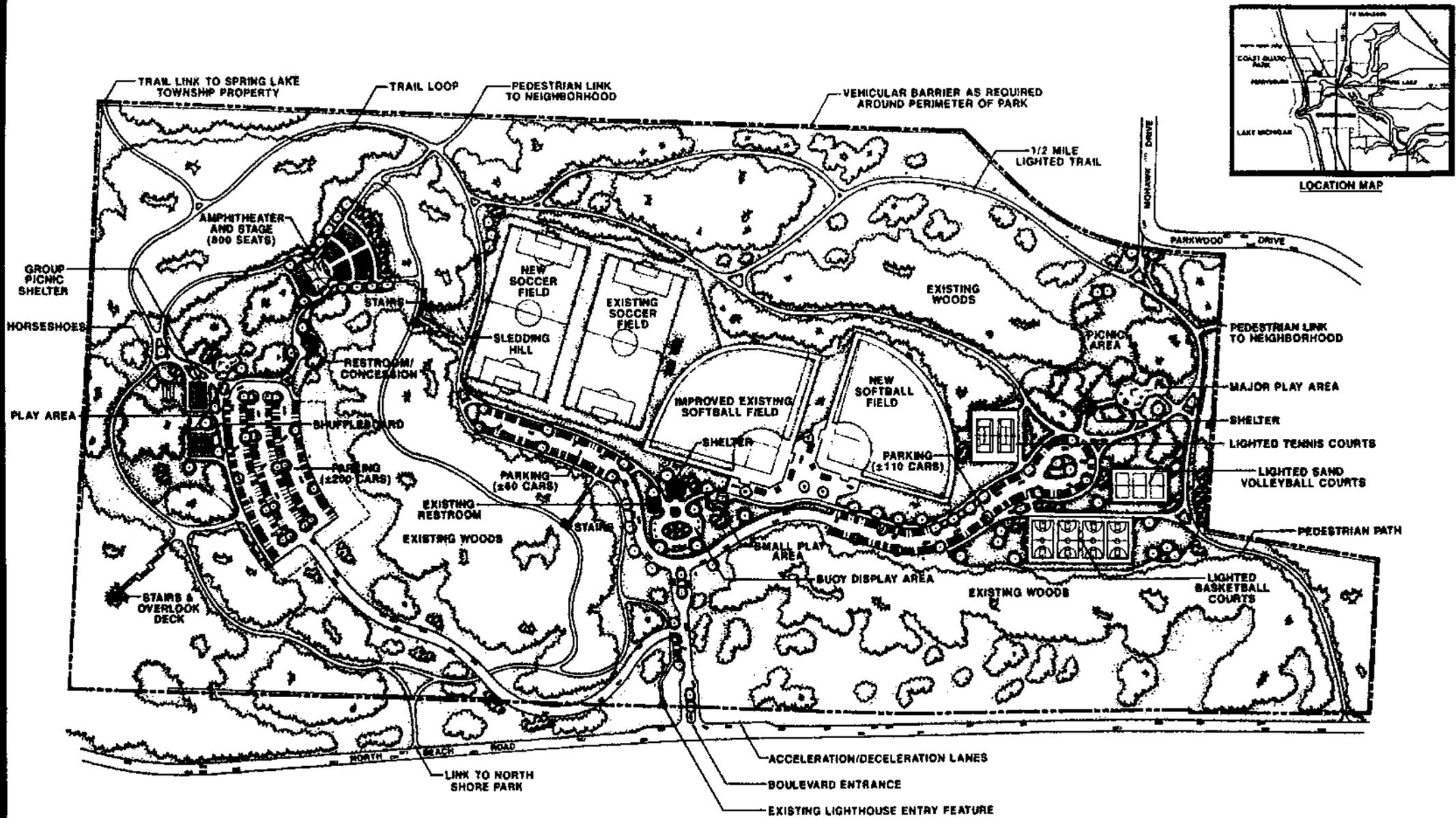
William Montague Ferry Park is located on the Spring Lake waterfront in the City of Ferrysburg, north of the M-104 off-ramp. The park occupies a highly visible location at a major entryway to the City. Its importance also lies in its provision of public access to waterfront. William Montague Ferry Park is conveniently connected to bike trails leading into the Village of Spring Lake and City of Grand Haven.

Amenities and Facilities

- Restroom
- 400ft Waterfront Boardwalk
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Tables
- Two Play Structures
- Paved Parking Lot

ADA Review

The Park includes accessible parking, picnic areas, and boardwalk areas. The restrooms do not meet the modern codes and would require renovating to bring them up to code.

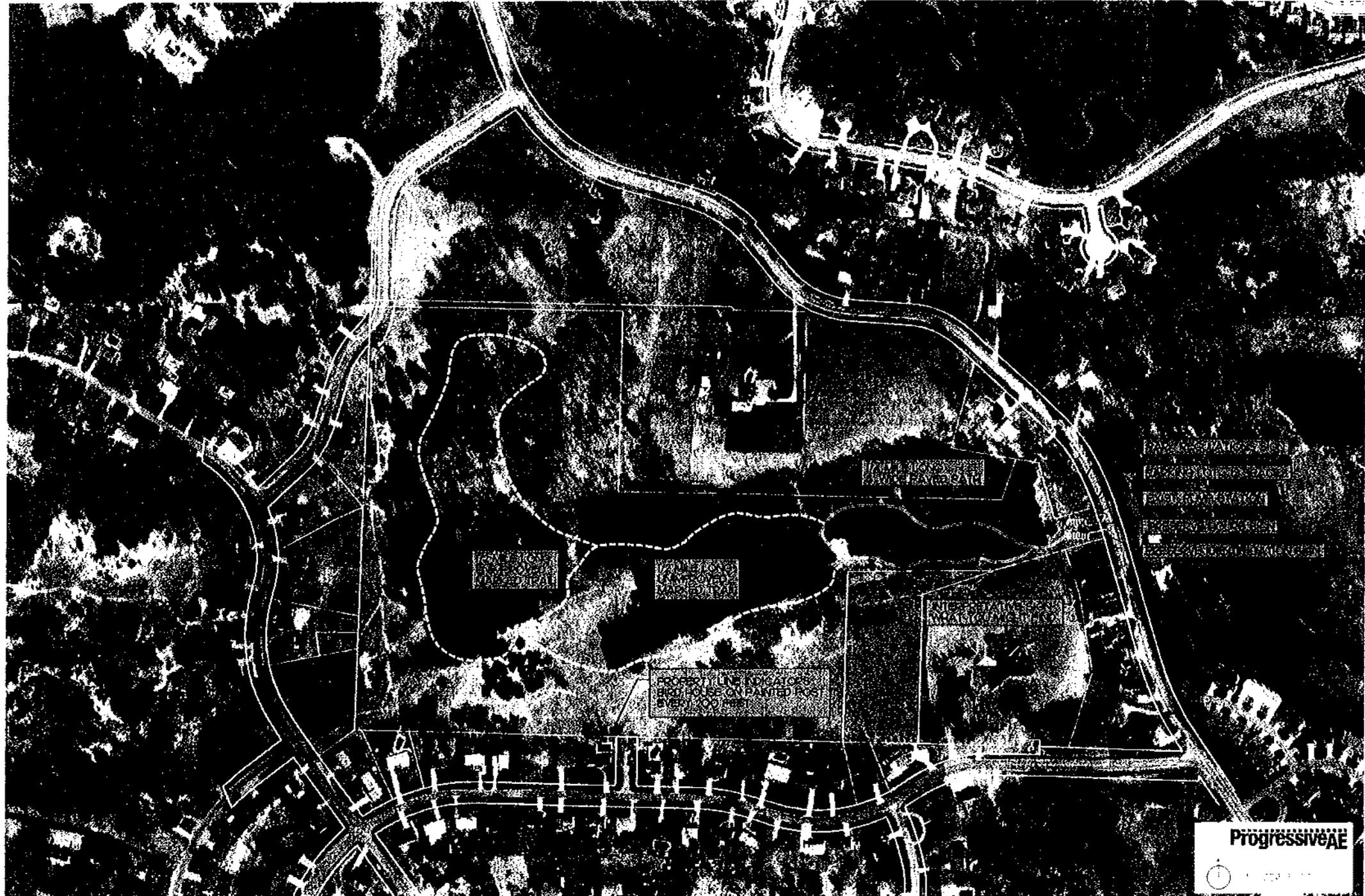


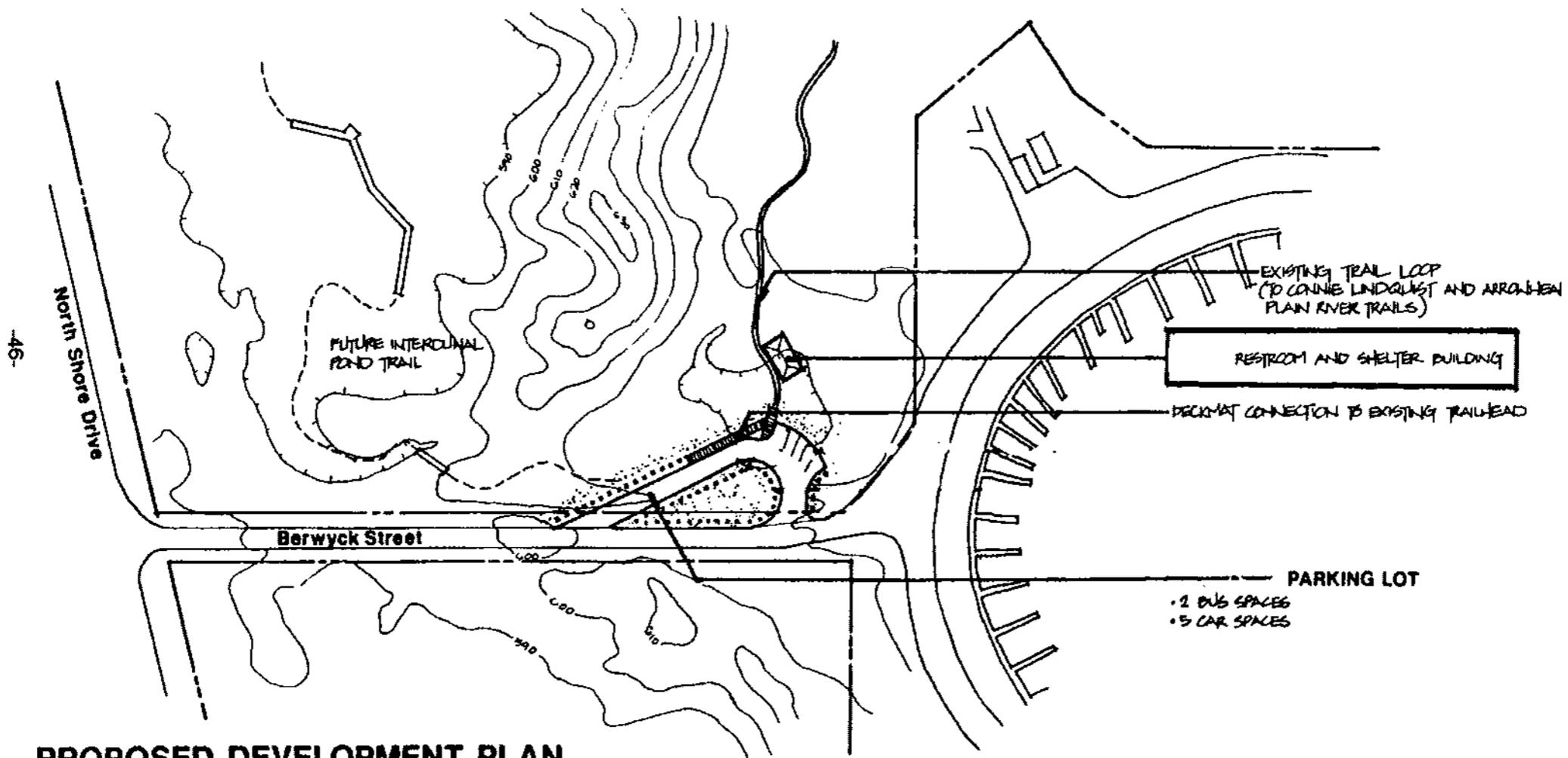
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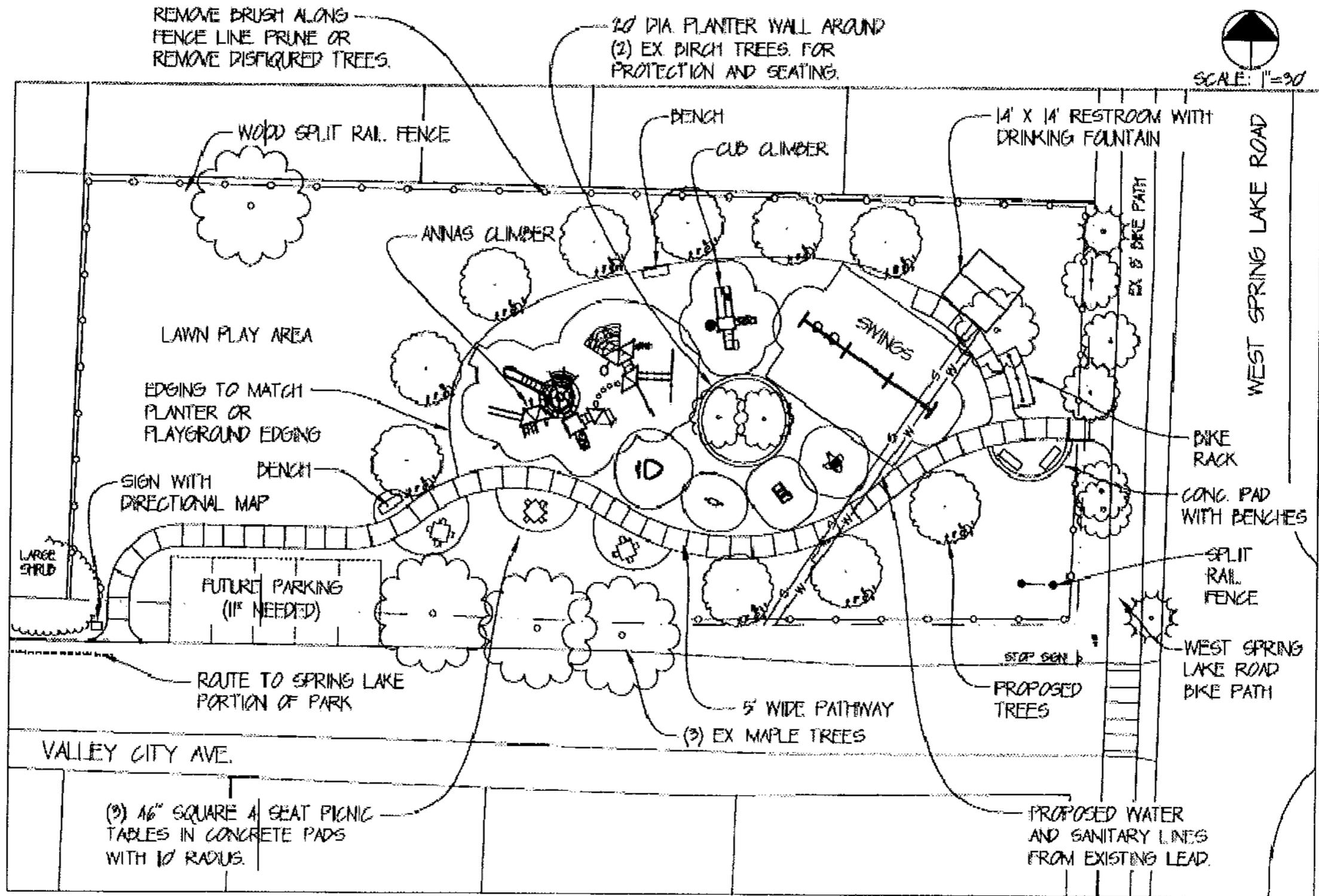


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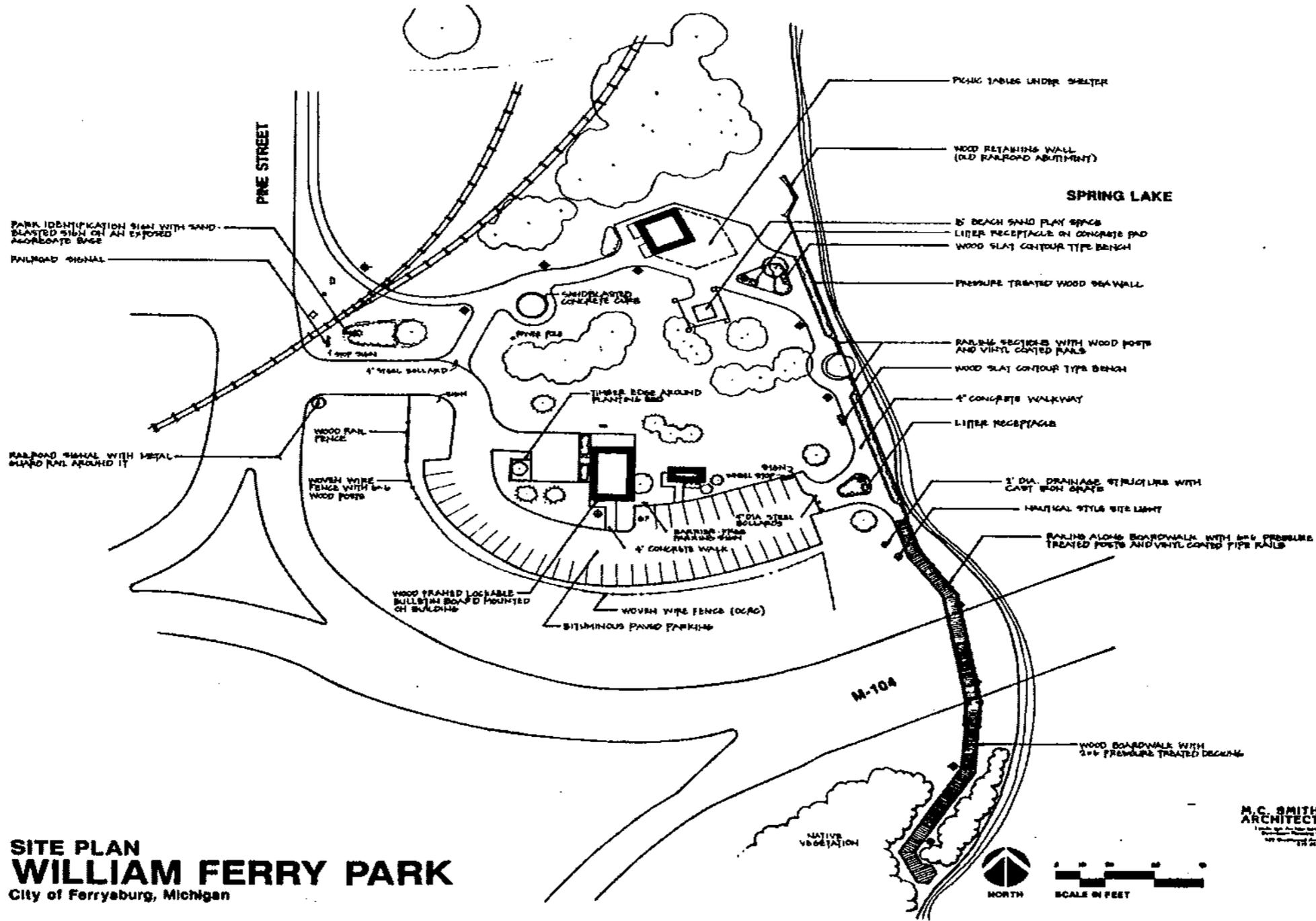


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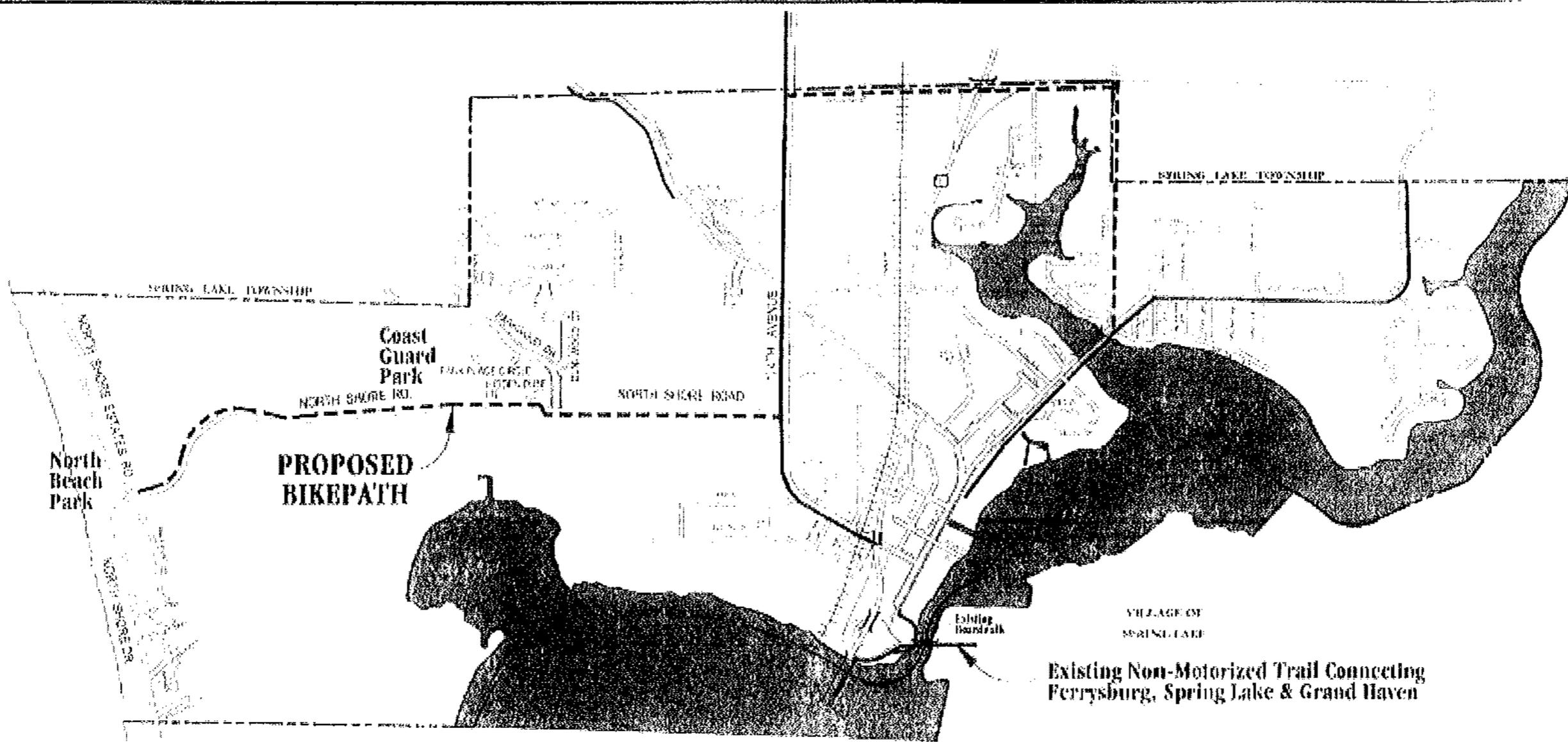
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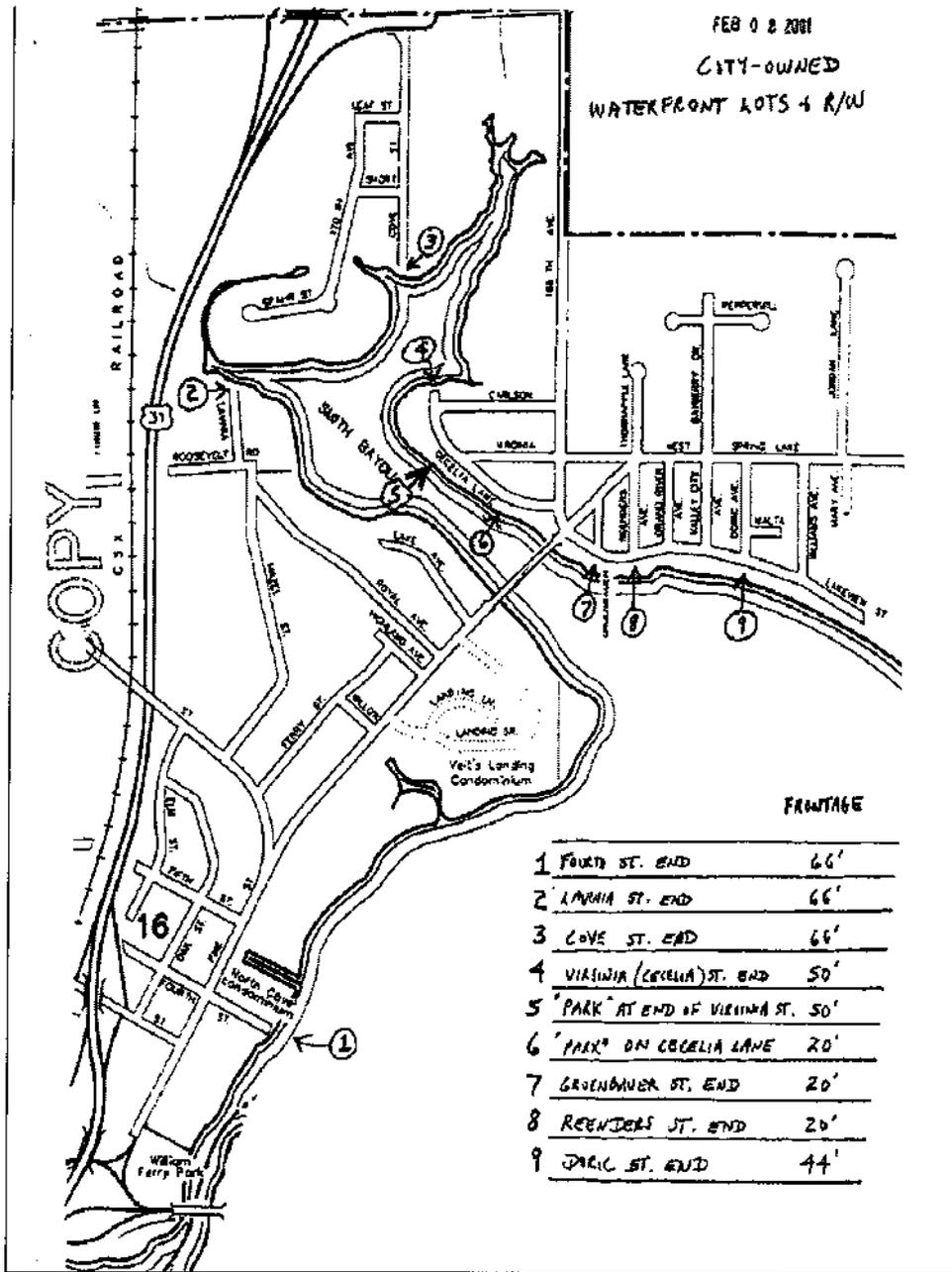
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Bicentennial (Riverview) Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue (Franklin St to Howard St)
1.0 Acre



Overview

Located on the Grand River Channel on Harbor Drive, Bicentennial Park is a linear linkage along the public Grand River waterfront. The park includes a riverfront walkway with benches, boat tie-offs, a retail/food vendor area with rooftop viewing deck, public art and linkages to curb side parking along Harbor Drive. The lawn area is a popular informal sitting and blanket picnic area.

Amenities and Facilities

- Walkways
- Benches
- Food Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- New Deck (2015)
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The main riverfront walkway is ADA accessible with access from connecting parks. Connecting walkways between Harbor Drive and the riverfront exceed 5% due to the steep natural hill and it was constructed prior to ADA accessibility requirements. The public restrooms are barrier free.

Bolt Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. and Beechtree St.
0.95 Acres



Overview

Bolt Park is a well-maintained lawn space with large trees and flower beds. The park provides a much needed green space with the community. During the spring, summer, and fall a community market is available for local vendors produce and local goods. A play structure is proposed for future construction.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lawn and Trees
- Home to the East Town Market
- Parking

ADA Review

The public parking and sidewalks are accessible. No other facilities are located within the public greenspace.

Central Park

City of Grand Haven
Washington Ave. & Fifth St.
2.4 Acres



Overview

Central Park is located on Washington Avenue in the center of the City providing a traditional downtown public green. Significant features include a central fountain and two memorials. As the central green, it is a focus for numerous events, including weekly summer music concerts, art fairs, and holiday events. Daily the park is enjoyed as a cool shady space to walk through and sit. The park is located adjacent to the Louit District Library, Grand Haven Community Center, Ottawa County Courthouse, and U.S. Post Office. The park and fountain is also a popular location for weddings. Many weddings and social gatherings are held in the park during the summer months.

Amenities and Facilities

- Pathways
- Benches
- Historic Fountain
- Veterans Memorials

ADA Review

The park is predominately ADA accessible. Additional concrete at benches and the drinking fountain will increase accessibility in the park. The benches are historic and are not as accessible.

Chinook Pier

City of Grand Haven
N. Harbor Avenue & First St.
1.0 Acre



Overview

Located along Harbor Avenue on the Grand River channel, Chinook Pier is approximately one acre in size. It is a special use park. Within the park is the commercial fishing marina with a fish cleaning station. Adjacent to the park is a City owned commercial building with seasonal food and retail shops. An “old fashioned” miniature golf facility is operated by the City. The Chamber of Commerce operated Farmer’s Market is open Saturdays and Wednesdays, generally from May through November. Within the park the historic steam train Engine No. 1223 is on exhibit. The play area was renovated in 2014 by a joint effort of the City and Coast Guard members stationed in Grand Haven.

Amenities and Facilities

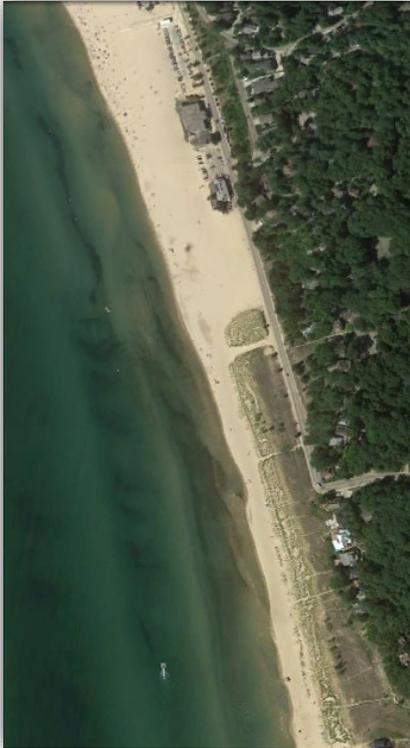
- Public Restroom Building
- Farmers Market
- Miniature Golf
- Children’s Play Area
- Splash Pad
- Commercial Boat Marina
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Historic Steam Train
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The main walkways, restrooms, Farmer’s Market, splash pad, and marina areas are generally ADA accessible. Some of the facilities which were built prior to the current ADA standards, such as the Fish Cleaning station, are not ADA accessible for all persons.

City Beach Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue south of State Park
19.6 Acres



Overview

Located along Harbor Avenue south of Grand Haven State Park on Lake Michigan, City Beach Park is approximately 19.6 acres. This is a primarily public beach of approximately 3,250 lineal feet. Leashed dogs are allowed on the City owned beach before and after the summer swimming season and year-round south of the swim buoys to the City limits (south of Grand Avenue). Dogs are not allowed north of the southernmost swim buoy during the summer. See signs for specifics. Many special events are held in the park, including sand castle building contests, kite events, pole vaulting, and beachfront weddings. The City Beach parking lot is also a prime Lake access point for surfers, kite surfers, paddle boards and kayaks.

Amenities and Facilities

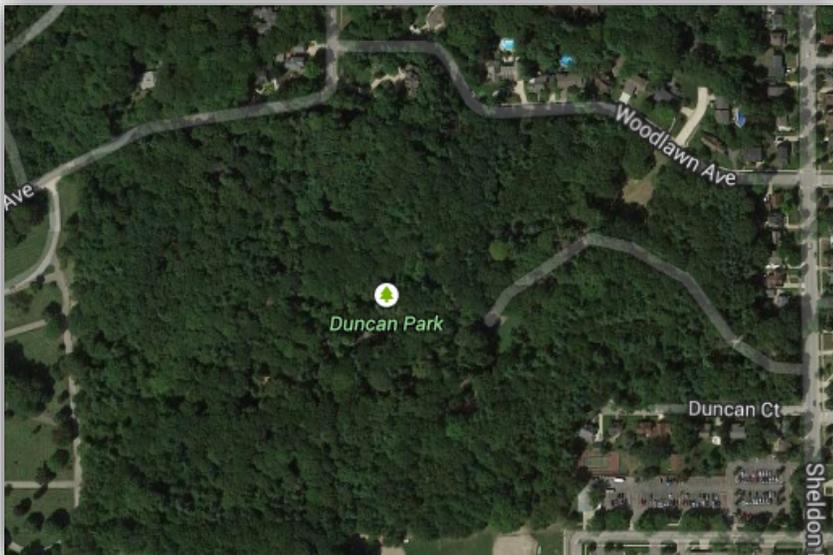
- Sand Beach
- Buoy Marked Swim Area
- Parking
- Restroom Facility
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- ADA Beach Access Walkway
- Viewing Deck and Stairway
- Leashed Dogs in Established Areas
- Picnic Table

ADA Review

An accessible walkway within the sand beach is provided to within several feet of the water. Accessible parking, restrooms, and picnic tables are provided. Due to extensive sand, some activities are limited for those with disabilities.

Duncan Woods

City of Grand Haven
Sheldon Road & Duncan Ct.
37.8 Acres



Overview

Located off Sheldon Road, Duncan Woods is a beautifully wooded nature preserve of beech and hemlock trees. The park is enjoyed extensively throughout the year. A portion of the paved drive has been closed from car access which provides a primary walking area through the forested back dune. The park is popular year round.

Amenities and Facilities

- Paved Parking & Drive
- Rustic Walking Trails
- Scattered Picnic Tables
- Connected to trails in Mulligans Hollow

ADA Review

The park is undeveloped other than the paved parking and drives, making ADA access limited. The portion of the roadway closed to vehicles that is used by pedestrians and bicyclists, has slopes which exceed 5%. An ADA picnic table and parking are provided.

East Grand River Park

City of Grand Haven
End Franklin St and Eastern Ave
5.5 Acres



Overview

East Grand River Park is located adjacent to the Grand River in the northeast area of the City. The Scott Flahive Boat Launch ramp provides a public boat access, while the park provides shoreline, wetland, and dock access to the Grand River. Improvements in 2010 revitalized the park and improved ADA accessibility.

Amenities and Facilities

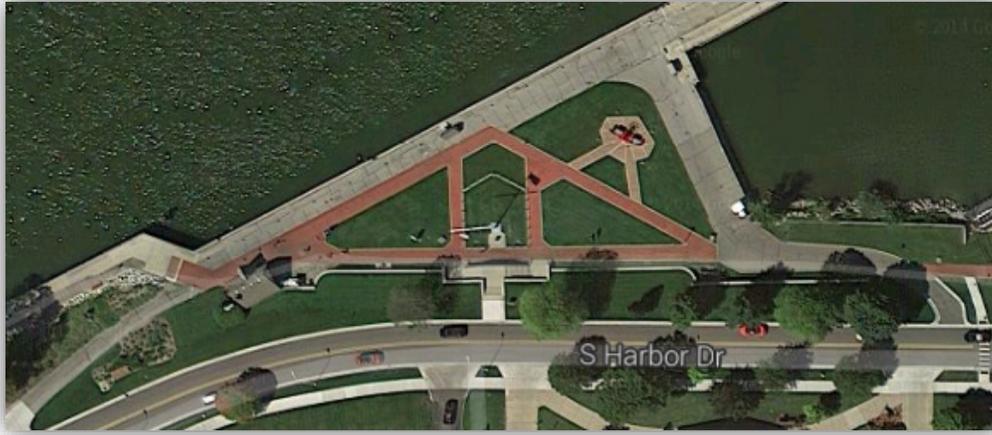
- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Baseball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

ADA Review

The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded.

Escanaba Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue (within Lighthouse Connector Park)
0.92 Acres



Overview

Escanaba Park is incorporated within Lighthouse Connector Park on the Grand River Channel. It is a designated historic site and memorial to the men and women that have served in the U.S. Coast Guard. There are walks, interpretive exhibits, commemorative plaques and memorials.

Amenities and Facilities

- Walks
- Historic Exhibits
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The plaza and exhibits are accessible. The ramped walkway from S. Harbor Dr. exceeds a 5% grade. Access along the channel from the south is accessible.

Dewey Hill & Musical Fountain

City of Grand Haven
Dewey Hill (Within North Shore Dunes)
3.7 Acres



Overview

Dewey Hill is 3.7 acres within the city-owned North Shore Dunes which includes the Musical Fountain. The lighted musical fountain performs during the summer months each evening with prime viewing from the Riverfront Stadium and adjacent waterfront parks. The park and fountain works are not accessible to the public.

Amenities and Facilities

- Musical Fountain

ADA Review

Park land is not open for public use and does not have ADA accessible facilities.

Flahive Boat Launch

City of Grand Haven
End Franklin St and Eastern Ave
0.5 Acres



Overview

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee. The launch is located entirely with the East Grand River Park, a unique riverfront park, which was renovated in 2010 utilizing funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City.

Amenities and Facilities at the Launch and in East Grand River Park

- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Softball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

ADA Review

The Flahive Boat Launch does not meet current ADA standards as it was constructed prior to the current codes. The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded.

Grand Haven Municipal Marina

City of Grand Haven
N. Harbor Dr.
2 Acres



Overview

The Municipal Marina is located on the Grand River in the heart of the City (101 N. Harbor Drive) near Chinook Pier. Grand Haven is a favorite destination of sailors and power boaters who want access to and from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. This is the closest public marina to Lake Michigan on the Grand River. Since 2008, the City and the DNR have invested over \$2 million in upgrades. Phase 1 consisted of a complete reconstruction of the fixed docks and their utilities. Phase 2 focused on much needed shoreline improvements in the floating dock section and a third phase to upgrade the floating docks is anticipated within the next 2-4 years.

Amenities and Facilities (Please refer to description of Chinook Pier for additional amenities)

- Water and electrical hookups for each dock
- Marina guest-only restrooms and showers
- Fishing cleaning station
- Grills/picnic tables
- On-demand public transportation to shopping, laundry and marine supply stores within and beyond the City limits.

Harbor Island Linear Park

City of Grand Haven
Franklin St & Third St.
5.5 Acres



Overview

Linear Park contains a paved non-motorized path 250 feet in length along the Grand River South Channel. Facilities include a trailhead with a paved parking lot, fishing decks, and a small picnic shelter. Located adjacent to the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, it provides an environmental buffer between the coal yard and the Grand River.

Amenities and Facilities

- Bike Path
- Picnic Shelter
- Benches
- Fishing Decks
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The existing paved pathway is generally ADA accessible except where some areas are may have cracks or aged pavement. The picnic pavilion and fishing decks were constructed prior to current ADA standards and have limited access.

Harbor Island

City of Grand Haven
Beacon Blvd/US-31 and Coho Dr.
23 Acres



Overview

Harbor Island is located along US-31 and Coho Drive near the Northwest edge of the City. Given its location along the Grand River and South Channel, along with the wide-open spaces, this 23 acre area provides many recreational opportunities. The north side of the island includes a boat launch and transfer dock facilities. The wide-open spaces allow for community events, local organized football and soccer, as well as a multitude of other special events. A paved bicycle/pedestrian path loops from one end of the island to the other, while various bodies of water provide barrier free observation platforms for viewing the wildlife.

Amenities and Facilities

- Boat Launch with vehicle/trailer parking lot
- Open Field utilized for festivals and soccer/football
- Viewing and Fishing Docks
- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- Pond
- Grand River public access
- Restroom Building

ADA Review

Facilities within the park are predominantly ADA accessible including the restroom building. Accessible access into boats is limited.

Johnston Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & Sheldon Rd.
0.11 Acres



Overview

Johnston Park, located on the east and west sides of Sheldon Rd is an open green space for the surrounding neighborhood. It is popular for tossing a football or Frisbee and accommodates many users who view the annual Coast Guard Parade.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lawn and Trees

ADA Review

No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

Klaver Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & S. Seventh St.
0.23 Acres



Overview

Klaver Park is located at the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and South Seventh Street. It is considered a lawn green space for the neighborhood.

Amenities and Facilities

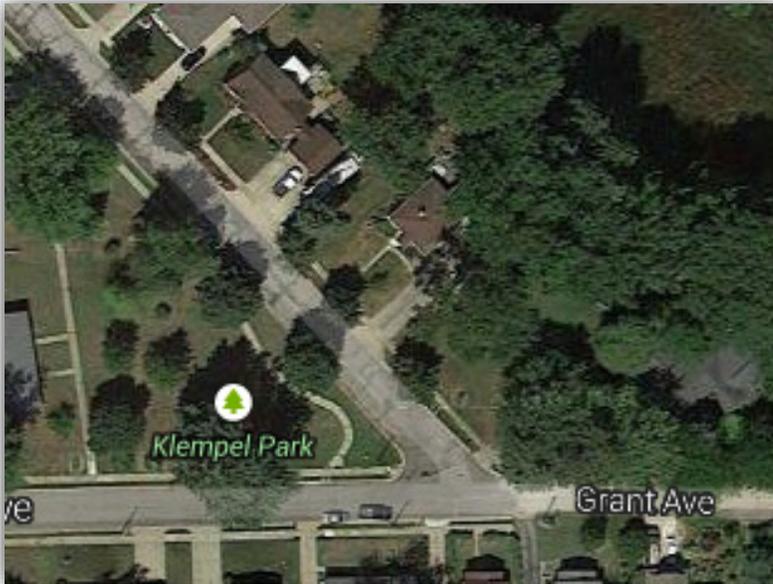
- Lawn, trees and a flower bed

ADA Review

No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

Klempel Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & Grant St.
0.17 Acres



Overview

Located on the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and Grant Street, Klempel Park serves the surrounding neighborhood as a green space

Amenities and Facilities

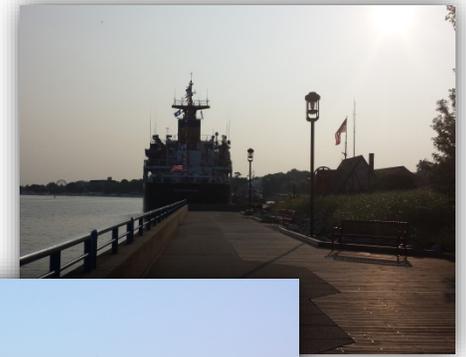
- Lawn and Tress

ADA Review

No public facilities are provided with the green space. The public sidewalk is accessible.

Lighthouse Connector Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue
1,700 L.F. (+/- 4.0 Acres)



Overview

Lighthouse Connector Park, 1,700 feet in length, located along the Grand River between Harbor Drive and the channel, provides a connection between Bicentennial Park and the Lake Michigan South Pier. The primary function is a linear walkway which is active with a mix of walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Benches are popular for resting and channel views. A few parking spaces are located along Harbor Drive which all have views of the channel, making them popular year round.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lighted Walkways
- Ice Cream Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- Connected to Grand Have Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The entire walkway is ADA accessible. Benches are user friendly with arms and backs, located on concrete and wood deck sections. Accessible parking is signed.

Mulligan's Hollow Park

City of Grand Haven
Mulligan Drive
80.5 Acres



Overview

Mulligan's Hollow is a popular recreational area which includes the Tri-Cities YMCA. Winter facilities include the Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl with lodge, fire pit, two rope tows and an outdoor ice skating rink. Non-winter activities include an adult softball diamond, soccer field, a large Imagination Station play area, two basketball courts, picnic area, two tennis courts, six pickle ball courts, lighted in-ground skate park, and parking. A new master plan for the park was developed in 2012.

City Amenities and Facilities

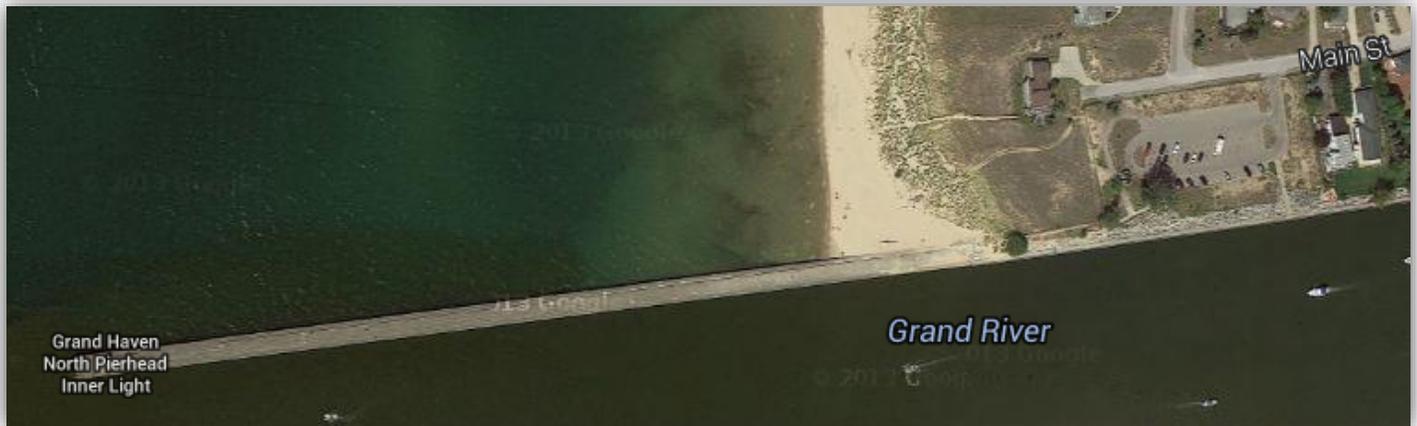
- Lighted Skate Park
- Ice Rink in Winter
- Softball Field
- Ski Hill with Tow Ropes
- Imagination Station Play Area
- Two Basketball Courts
- Lodge with Restrooms and Fire pit
- Off Leash Dog Area
- Four Tennis Courts
- Trails connected to trails in Duncan Woods
- Picnic Area
- Grills
- Sitting Areas
- Six Pickle Ball Courts
- Five Mile Hill Deck

ADA Review

The Lodge, fire pit, skate park, basketball, and parking are barrier free. Older facilities will be improved for accessibility as they are renovated. Facilities require connecting access pathways.

North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot

City of Grand Haven
Main Street
1.7 Acres



Overview

Located at the end of Main Street off North Shore Road on the north side of the Grand River Channel, the North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot provides paved parking for people wanting to fish or visit the north pier head.

Amenities and Facilities

- Parking Lot
- Pit Toilets

ADA Review

The parking lot is asphalt pavement and the pier is constructed of concrete surfaces. There are un-level surfaces and raised edges as the pier was not constructed for pedestrian use.

Rix Robinson Park

City of Grand Haven
Grand Isle Dr. & Harbor Island Dr.
5.5 Acres



Overview

Located along Harbor Island and Grand Isle Drive, Rix Robinson Park is a historic site. 5.5 acres in the size, the park has a foot bridge and open lawn area. The Tri-Cities connector pathway traverses the park on the south side of the bascule bridge, linking pedestrian and bicycle traffic between Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg.

Amenities and Facilities

- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to the Grand Haven Waterfront Trail. Main connection point over the bascule bridge to connect to the 25.9 mile Lakeside Trail.
- Foot Bridge
- Lawn
- Pond

ADA Accessibility

The existing pathway is accessible. No other facilities are present.

Sluka Field

City of Grand Haven
Waverly Ave. & Beechtree St.
5.5 Acres



Overview

Sluka Field is a full size baseball facility, utilized by Tri-Cities Kids League. The outfield fence is temporarily installed in the spring for baseball and is removed each summer so the outfield area can be utilized by organized soccer as a full-sized soccer field. A neighborhood play area has been updated with new equipment and surfacing.

Amenities and Facilities

- High School Regulation Baseball Field
- Soccer Field (Fall)
- Parking Lot
- Play Area

ADA Review

The parking lot has accessible parking and connecting walkways to the baseball field and play area. Barrier free surface for seating is provided at the ball field. The field and dugouts are not accessible. The play area is accessible.

Veterans Memorial Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Dr.
1.14 Acres



Overview

Located along Harbor Drive, Veterans Memorial Park with an eternal flame which honors American Veterans of all wars.

Amenities and Facilities

- Memorial
- Benches

ADA Accessibility

The memorial area is accessible.

Waterfront Stadium

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Drive & Washington Ave.
0.53 Acres



Overview

Located on Harbor Drive in the downtown area, the Waterfront Stadium provides a riverfront performing arts venue and seated viewing of the musical fountain. This stadium is used daily throughout the summer for a wide range of musical fountain performances, concerts, shows, memorials, and other significant community events.

Amenities and Facilities

- Spectator Bleachers
- Waterfront Pathway
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The performance area within the stadium is accessible. The existing bleacher seating is not, but chair spaces are provided in front of the bleachers.

William Hatton Park

City of Grand Haven
Jackson Street
0.88 Acres



Overview

William Hatton Park is a neighborhood green space which provides a small park and buffer between the railroad tracks and the neighborhood. The park is an attractive addition with a gazebo, play area and open lawn.

Amenities and Facilities

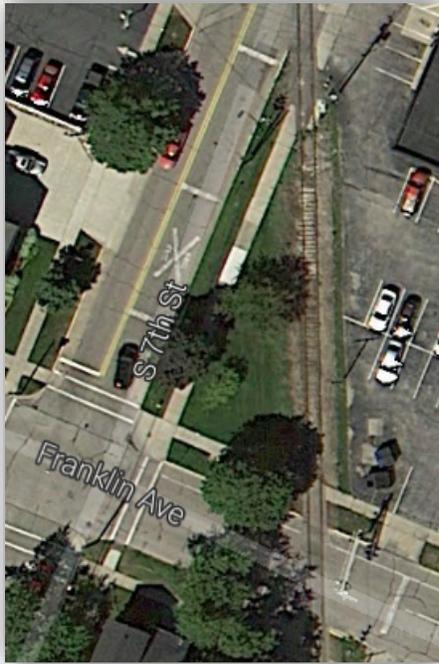
- Gazebo
- Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Play Area

ADA Review

The park facilities were constructed prior to ADA requirements and are not accessible. They will be improved as the park is renovated.

Willow Park

City of Grand Haven
Franklin St & Seventh St.
0.022 Acres (967 Sq. Ft.)



Overview

Willow Park is a green space located at the corner of Franklin Street and Seventh Street.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lawn and Trees

ADA Review

No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

Recreation Harbor/Marina Facilities

The City of Grand Haven, located on the Grand River, provides public water access to the Grand River and nearby Lake Michigan through recreational harbor and marina facilities located at the following facilities:

Grand Haven Municipal Marina

Municipal Marina is located on the Grand River in the heart of the City (101 N. Harbor Drive) near Chinook Pier. Grand Haven is a favorite destination of sailors and power boaters who want access to and from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. This is the closest public marina to Lake Michigan on the Grand River. Since 2008, the City and the DNR have invested over \$2 million in upgrades. Phase 1 consisted of a complete reconstruction of the fixed docks and their utilities. Phase 2 focused on much needed shoreline improvements in the floating dock section and a third phase to upgrade the floating docks is anticipated within the next 2-4 years.

Amenities and facilities include water and electrical, marina guest-only restrooms and showers, fish cleaning station, grills/picnic tables, on-demand public transportation to shopping, laundry and marine supply stores within and beyond the City limits.

Flahive Boat Launch

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee. The launch is located entirely within the East Grand River Park, a unique riverfront park, which was renovated in 2010 utilizing funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City.

Facilities include at the adjacent East Grand River Park restrooms, picnic shelter and facilities, parking, children's play area, floating fishing dock, dog park, and play fields.

Harbor Island Boat Launch

Harbor Island Boat Launch provides a launch on the Grand River, transfer dock facilities, with vehicle and trailer parking. Adjacent park facilities include restrooms, pathways, and open play fields.

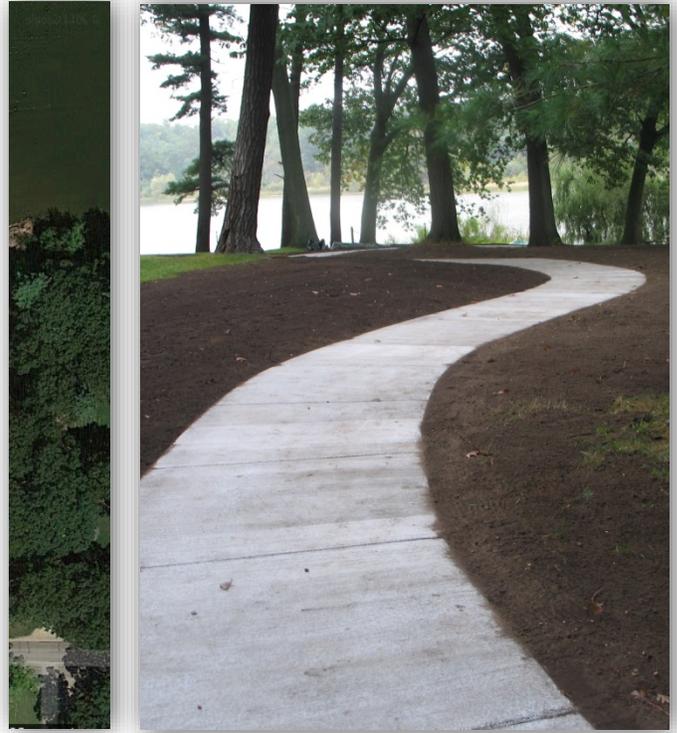
Grand Haven Charter Township

152nd Access & Shiawassee Access

Grand Haven Township
152nd Ave & Shiawassee Drive
0.25 Acres Each



Shiawassee Access



152nd Access

Overview

Both of these access sites are located at the end of 152nd Avenue and Shiawassee Drive providing public access to Pottawattomie Bayou. Neither site has designated parking, although parking is allowed within the public right-of-ways along the streets. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby non-motorized pathway system. The 152nd Access was completed in 2013 and the Shiawassee Access was completed in 2014. Both provide ADA accessible walkways, benches and bayou viewing.

Amenities and Facilities

- Pottawattomie Bayou Access

ADA Review

Accessible walkways, benches, and bayou viewing.

Bignell Park

Grand Haven Township
Bignell Drive
0.5 Acres



Overview

Bignell Park is a small one-half acre park located on the Millhouse Bayou of the Grand River. Although small, the park provides public access to the bayou. As the park provides informal access to the bayou, its service area includes the entire Township and neighboring City of Grand Haven.

The park is undeveloped with informal pull-off parking from the street with room for three to four cars. The area of the park at street level is approximately 15' above Millhouse Bayou with a sloping bank to the water's edge. The park is currently utilized by ice fishermen in the winter and for passive viewing of the bayou.

Park is 100 yards west of the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System which is an accessible walkway.

Amenities and Facilities

- Undeveloped, there are no facilities
- Millhouse Bayou Access

Brucker St & Buchanan St Access

Grand Haven Township
Brucker St & Buchanan St
0.5 Acres Each



Buchanan St. Access



Brucker St. Access

Overview

These two small sites, of approximately one-half acre each are public right-of-way land areas at the end of Brucker and Buchanan Streets that extend into Lake Michigan. These road ends provide public access within the road right-of-ways to the sand beach and Lake Michigan. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby non-motorized pathway along Lakeshore Drive.

Amenities and Facilities

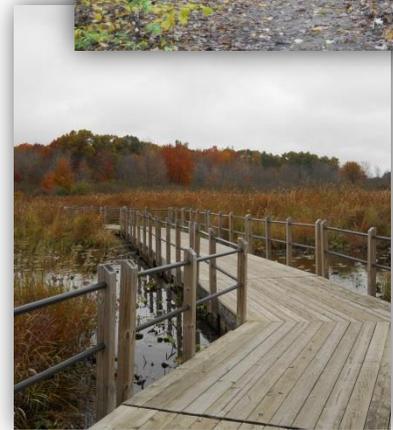
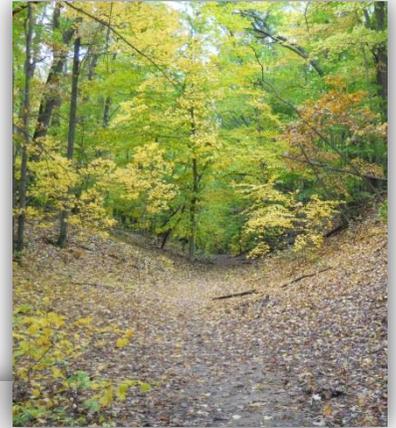
- Lake Michigan Access

ADA Accessibility

There are no public facilities at these sites and they are not accessible.

Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

Grand Haven Township
15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)
447 Acres



Overview

Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve are located adjacent to each other on the Pottawattomie Bayou encompassing approximately 447 acres. An additional one hundred and thirteen acres, known as the Witteveen Property, has been placed in trust for the Township and will become available no later than October of 2023 for public recreation use in the future. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board has approved the Township's receipt of \$276,500 in grant funding to acquire an additional forty acres of contiguous land abutting the west property line of Hofma Park. The acquisition is expected to be completed in 2015.

The Ferris Street Park entrance provides access and parking areas for the active sports area. A trailhead is located at the north end of the parking lot providing access to the preserve. The Ferris Street Park entrance has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System. There is a second parking area and trailhead at the Hofma Preserve entrance on Sleeper Street which also has access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

Grand Haven Township
15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)
447 Acres

With its extensive size and quality of natural areas, the park serves a larger population than Township residents, including visitors from not only Ottawa, but surrounding counties. The park and preserve contain several miles of trails, including a boardwalk which traverses Pottawattomie Bayou and surrounding wetlands. The trail system allows visitors to enjoy a variety of wetland and upland wooded ecosystems.

Amenities and Facilities

Hofma Park

- Soccer Field (used for league play)
- Adult Softball Field (used for league play)
- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Basketball court
- Restrooms

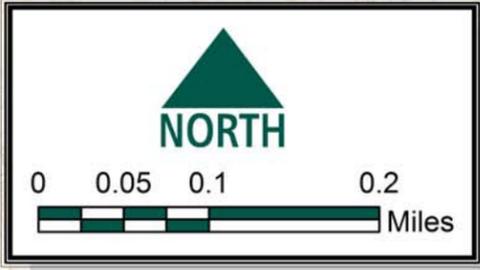
Hofma Preserve

- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Restroom
- Foot trails
- Boardwalk

ADA Accessibility

The public parking, restrooms, picnic, and play areas are all accessible. The trails are natural materials and are not fully accessible for all persons. The ball diamonds and soccer field were constructed prior to ADA accessibility considerations and are not accessible for play, but are accessible for most viewing options.

Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve Nature Trails



Map Legend

- Intersection

Trails

- Nature Trail
- Boardwalk
- Private Trail

Facilities

- Observation Deck
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Restroom

Park Rules and Regulations

- Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Dogs permitted if under immediate control
- No hunting or trapping
- Open burning permitted in designated areas only
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited

Grand Haven Charter Township
 13300 168th Avenue
 Grand Haven MI, 49417
 616.842.5988 - www.gh.org/parks

Mercury Park

Grand Haven Township
16715 Mercury Drive
6.71 Acres



Overview

Mercury Park, seven acres in size, is the oldest Township Park located on the northern edge of the Township adjacent to the City of Grand Haven. It is located within a residential neighborhood and serves as a neighborhood park as well as a regional park providing local recreational facilities. The park facilities include a softball field and in-line hockey rink both utilized for league and open play, a restroom building, play equipment, picnic tables, and a parking lot. The park has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

Amenities and Facilities

- In-line Hockey Rink
- Picnic Shelter
- Softball Field
- Playground
- Restrooms

ADA Review

Most of the parks facilities are accessible including parking, walkways and seating area at the softball field, restrooms, and the in-line skate rink. The play area surfacing is not accessible.

Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch

Grand Haven Township
14091 144th Avenue
2.5 Acres



Overview

This 2.5 acres park is located on the Grand River. Completed in 2001, the boat launch facilities include two launches, vehicle and trailer parking, and a restroom facility. The Grand River provides waterway access into Lake Michigan to the west or towards Grand Rapids to the east. The launch is a very busy site and attracts boaters from throughout the West Michigan area. The launch site has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

Amenities and Facilities

- Boat Launch
- Restroom

ADA Accessibility

Parking and restroom facilities are ADA accessible. The launch facilities do not meet the new 2013 ADA boat launch design accessibility requirements.

Pottawattomie Park

Grand Haven Township
15600 Comstock Street
20.83 Acres



Overview

Pottawattomie Park is a twenty-one acre park located on the Pottawattomie Bayou of the Grand River. The park, a former 4-H camp, was donated to the Township in 1989. The park serves as a neighborhood park as well as a regional park providing large group picnic facilities and soccer facilities. The non-motorized path was extended into the park from Comstock Street to link the park with the pathway network. The park is also a very popular site for access by ice fishermen in the winter onto the Bayou.

Amenities and Facilities

- Three Picnic Pavilions
- Boardwalk Fishing Pier
- Small Wading Beach
- All Purpose Field
- Drop-in Canoe & Kayak Area
- Restrooms
- Play Equipment
- Parking
- Sand Volleyball

ADA Review

The park facilities are ADA accessible except for the canoe and kayak facilities and into water wading.

Spring Lake Township

Black Lake Park

Spring Lake Township
Wilson Rd
30 Acres



Overview

Black Lake Park is currently undeveloped and has no facilities.

ADA Review

The park is undeveloped and has no facilities.

Disc Golf Course

Spring Lake Township
Wilson Rd
40.2 Acres



Overview

Located at 925 Wilson Road is an eighteen hole disc golf course.

Amenities and Facilities

- Disc Golf Course

Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve

Spring Lake Township
Leonard Rd, East of 152nd, West of 148th
24 Acres



Overview

Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve is a 24 acre park open for public visitation with the following guidelines: foot travel only, no hunting, and no camping or camp fires. All pets must be leashed to protect wildlife.

Migratory birds find food and refuge during spring and fall migrations in the forests of Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve. Spicebush, viburnums and wild grapes provide ripe fruit for migrant thrushes each fall. Nesting birds include: wood thrush, ovenbird, blue-winged warbler, black-throated green warbler, scarlet tanager, rose breasted grosbeak, vireos, and a variety of wood peckers, to name just a few.

Amenities and Facilities

- Trails Parking is encouraged at the Spring Lake High School just east of the trailhead.

Accessibility Review

Rustic trails. None of the trails meet accessibility standards for trail surfaces.

River Run Park

Spring Lake Township
Leonard Road
2.76 Acres



Overview

River Run Park is located on Leonard Road adjacent to the River Run Subdivision with public access to the Grand River. This park includes a section of the Leonard Road Bike Path that extends from the Village of Spring Lake to Jeffers Elementary School at the Township's eastern border. The park is open green on the west side of Leonard Road and natural area along the river.

Amenities and Facilities

- Shelter with river views
- Non-motorized Pathway
- Demonstration Rain Garden

ADA Review

The existing pathway and shelter are ADA accessible.

Rycenga Park

Spring Lake Township
16401 Hemlock Drive
80 Acres



Overview

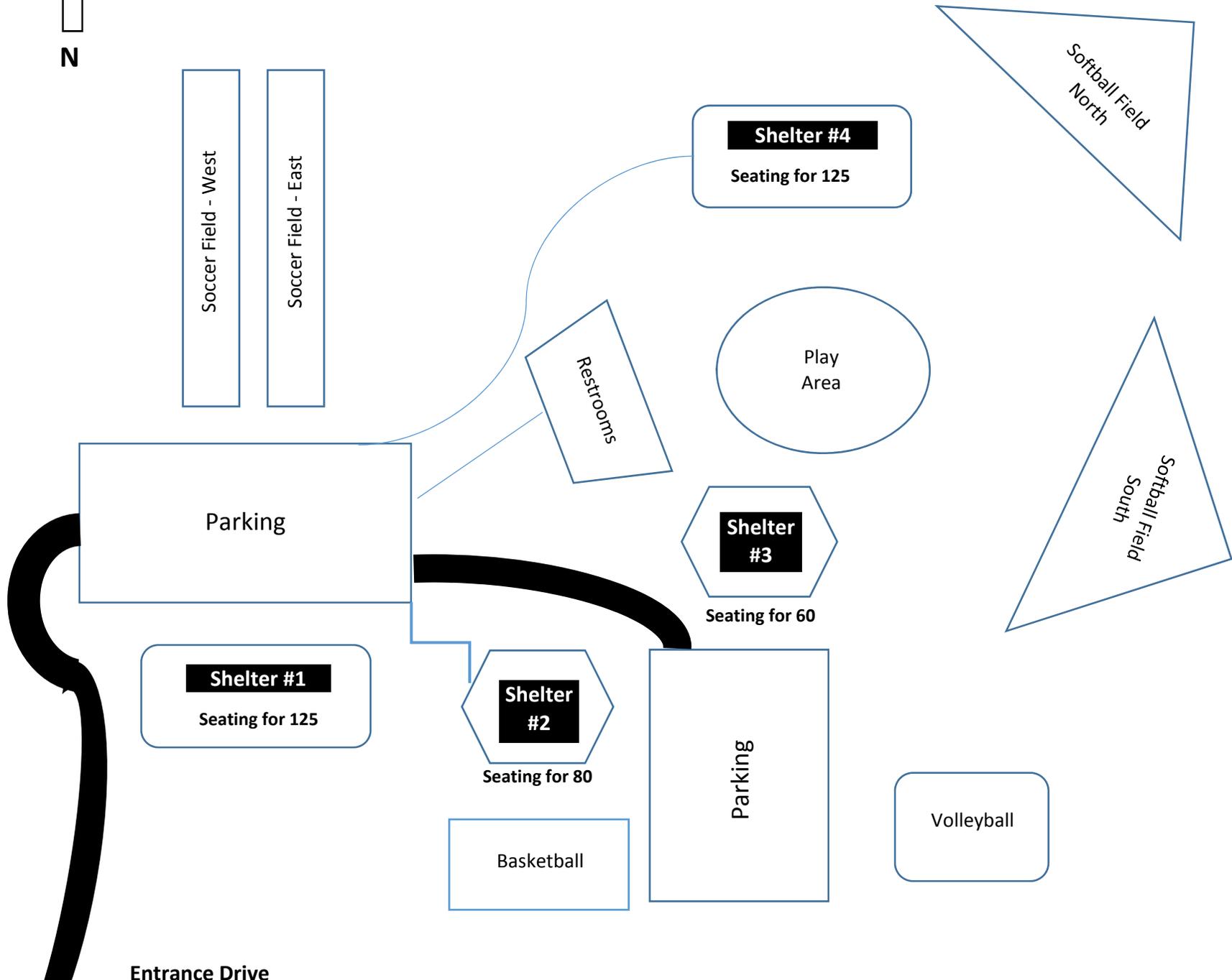
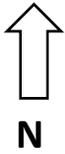
Rycenga Park is located within both Spring Lake Township and Fruitport Township along Hemlock Road. The park was developed by Spring Lake Township on 40 acres gifted to the Township by John Rycenga, with 40 acres leased the township by Fruitport Community Schools. Rycenga Park is the focus for recreational activities for Township residents.

Amenities and Facilities

- 2 Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- Nature Trails
 - 0.75 gravel nature trail with boardwalks
 - 1.25 mile woodchip nature pathways
- 4 Basketball Courts
- Play Area
- 2 Soccer Fields
- Parking and Restrooms
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts

ADA Review

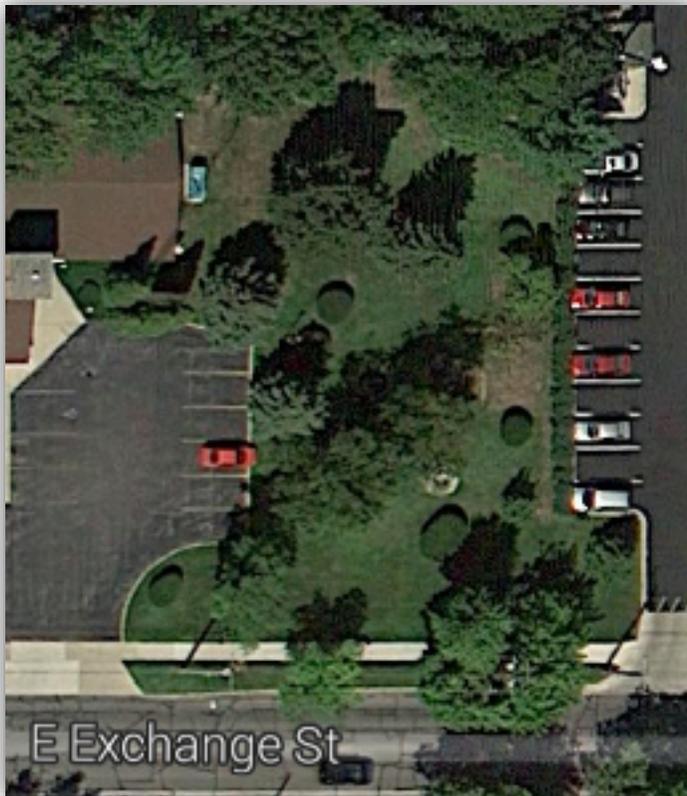
Most all of the park facilities are ADA accessible. Walkways with concrete seating surfaces would improve access to the soccer fields.



Entrance Drive

Spring Lake Township Community Park

Spring Lake Township
Exchange Street
0.5 Acres



Overview

Spring Lake Township Community Park is a one-half acre of land situated between the Spring Lake District Library and Spring Lake Township Hall. The open shady green space includes lawn, trees and landscape plantings. Amenities include a picnic table and a Michigan Historical paying tribute to Winsor McCay the “father of animation”.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Table
- Michigan Historical Marker

Accessibility Review

None of the areas are ADA accessible at this time. Parking at the adjacent Township Hall does provide accessible parking.

Water Tower Park

Spring Lake Township
Van Wagoner Rd & W Spring Lake Rd
5.33 Acres



Overview

Water Tower Park is located at the intersection of Van Wagoner Road and West Spring Lake Road across West Spring Lake Road from the Lakeside Trail pathway. The park functions mostly as a neighborhood green space including pick-up games of soccer and for exercising dogs.

Amenities and Facilities

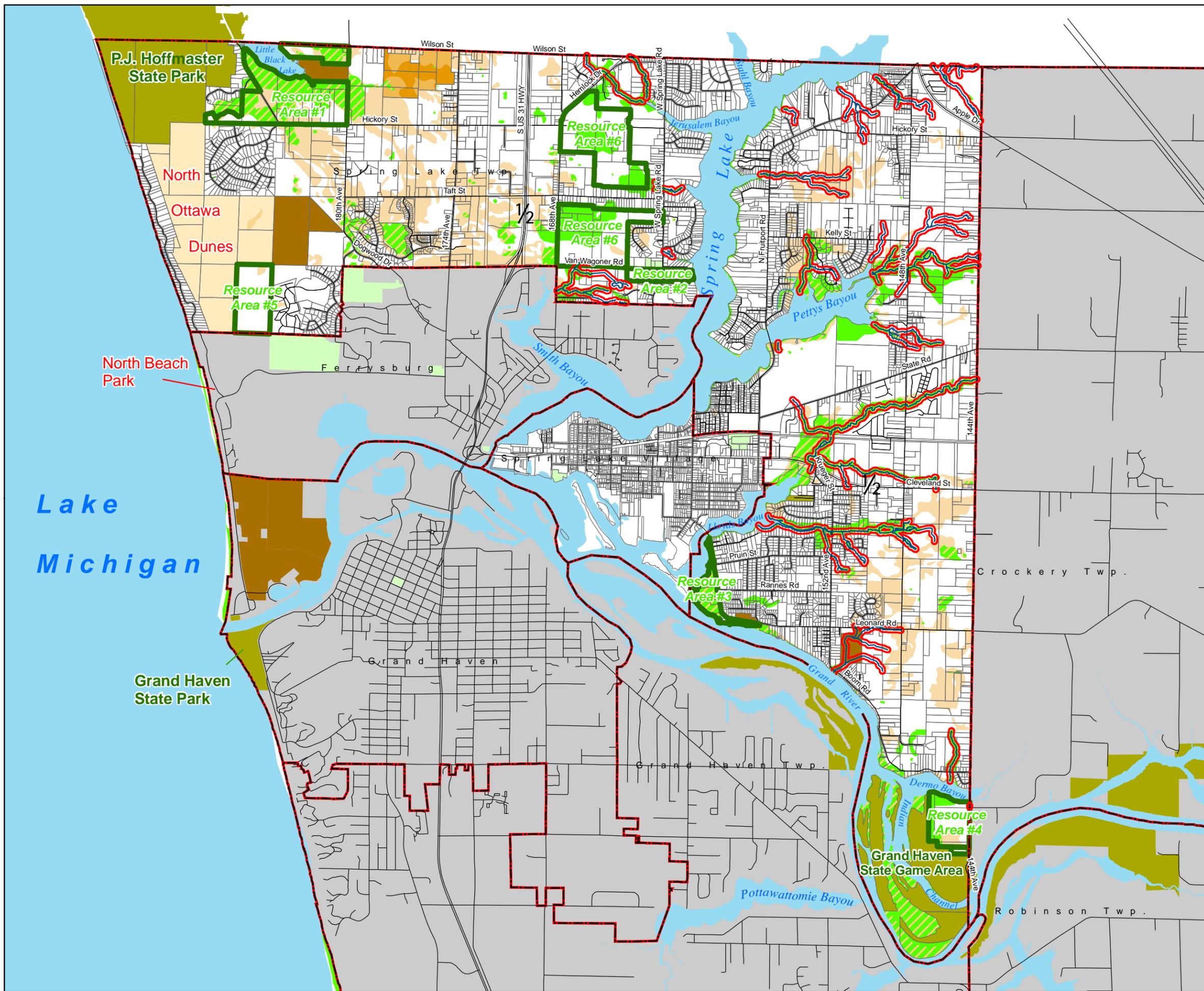
- Practice Field
- Two Tennis Courts

ADA Review

The park does not include parking or walkways. Improvements to existing facilities would include ADA parking and connecting walkway to the tennis courts; however, the courts are little used and most likely will be removed once they require replacement. Newer courts are available at the Spring Lake High School.

Spring Lake Township

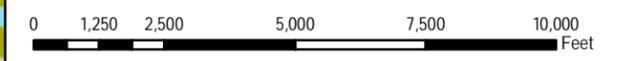
Resource Inventory



Legend

- 100' Stream Buffer
- Municipal Boundaries
- Resource Areas
- Roads
- Parcels
- Open Water
- State-Owned Land
- Other Open Space
- Wetland as identified on NWI and MIRIS maps and soil area which include wetland soils
- Soil areas which include wetland soils
- Wetlands as identified on NWI and MIRIS maps
- Other Township Property

1 inch equals 3,500 feet



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Village of Spring Lake

Alden Street End Park

Village of Spring Lake
End Alden Street
2,600 Sq. Ft.



Overview

This street end located on Spring Lake is attractively landscaped. A sidewalk access and wood deck provide pedestrian access, lake viewing and shoreline fishing area. Bollard lights and benches provide year round lake viewing. Drop in kayak launching is allowed.

Amenities and Facilities

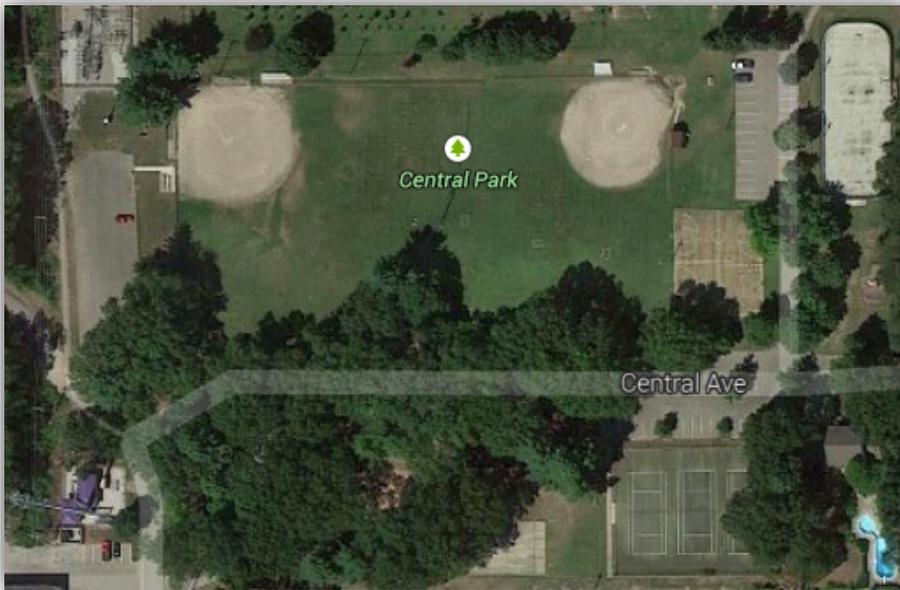
- Lake Viewing Deck
- Benches
- Kayak/Canoe drop in area

Accessibility Review

The overlook and walkway areas are accessible from the street. The railings are open for fishing, but were constructed prior to current ADA fishing handrail standards. The drop-in kayak/canoe area is not accessible.

Central Park

Village of Spring Lake
East of Fruitport Rd Via Central Ave, North of M-104
8.4 Acres



Overview

Central park is the largest park within the Village of Spring Lake. The park is a focus for active recreation. Central Park has direct access from M-104 on the South and East of Fruitport road via Central Ave. It is also adjacent to and accessible from the Lakeside Trail Linear Park.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Play Areas
- Restroom
- Shelter/Storage Building
- Tennis Courts (3)
- In-Line Skate Rink
- Adult and Youth Softball/Baseball Diamonds
- Basketball Courts (2)
- Dog Park

Accessibility Review

Central Park facilities have been constructed over several decades and many prior to the current ADA accessibility codes and standards and therefore most all of the facilities are not accessible. The park does have accessible parking, access to the tennis and basketball courts, and to the adjacent Lakeside Trial Linear Park. The restroom buildings, play areas, ball diamonds, picnic tables, and other facilities are not considered accessible. As the park is updated through renovations, these facilities can be renovated and brought up to current codes.

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY



PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN
CENTRAL PARK

DATE OF PLAN: 6.28.09
SPRING LAKE, MICHIGAN

Jackson Street Dock

Village of Spring Lake
End Jackson Street
2,600 Sq. Ft.



Overview

Jackson Street Dock is a public street end. This Spring Lake waterfront is improved with landscaping, sidewalks, dockage for boat tie ups (including the Harbor Steamer), picnic tables and viewing/fishing deck. It was renovated in 2003.

Amenities and Facilities

- Viewing/Fishing Deck
- Picnic Tables
- Boat Tie Ups

Accessibility Review

The facilities were constructed to be ADA accessible in 2003.

Lakeside Beach

Village of Spring Lake
Corner of N. Lake St and Beach Drive
1 Acre



Overview

This public swimming beach, about one acre in size, is located at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Beach Avenue. This facility is the main public beach on Spring. Sidewalks along Lake Street provide good pedestrian access to the park site. Parking at this location is provided along the adjacent street. The Spring Lake Area Recreation Authority provides lifeguards at the beach during the summer months. The beach provides public swimming during the summer and fishing access the remainder of the year. Residents also use the beach during non-summer months for drop in kayak access.

Amenities and Facilities

- Sand Beach
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Deck overlooking Spring Lake

Accessibility Review

The walkways, picnic tables, and overlook deck with benches are all ADA accessible. The restroom building is partially accessible. The swimming beach water access has not been made accessible, although the adjacent walkway and tables are.

Mill Point Park Preserve & Boat Launch

Village of Spring Lake
School St & Exchange St
13.5 Acres



Overview

This waterfront park contains 13.5 acres of land with Grand River frontage and wetland. The park is the site of the “Music at the Point” summer concert series, held on Thursdays, entertainment tent for festivals, fireworks during the annual Spring Lake Heritage Festival and annual Spring Lake Wooden Boat Show. The boat launch has dual launch ramps with floating docks. Parking is available for 50 truck & trailer combinations, as well as 15 auto parking spaces. Facilities include, public restrooms a boardwalk and viewing/fishing decks. The Rotary Clubs Centennial Band Shell provides a performance venue. A nine acre wetland preserve provides a nature walk and direct access to Savidge St.

Amenities and Facilities

- Restrooms and Venue Shelter
- Picnic Tables and Grills
- Benches
- Deck overlooking Grand River
- Play Area
- Wetland Boardwalk
- Boat Launch and Small Marina
- Floating Boat Dock

ADA Review

All of the facilities within the park are ADA accessible except for the boat launch and small marina facilities. These are connected by walkways and parking, but do not meet the current ADA standards as they were constructed prior to the standards.

North Division Street End

Village of Spring Lake
End N. Division Street
3,500 Sq. Ft.



Overview

This street end includes a small sand swimming area on Spring Lake. A guardrail at the street end blocks ingress to the 3,500 square foot open area. The site slopes downward from the street approximately eleven feet in elevation to the water's edge. Recent improvements include addition of timber edging to separate the sand beach from the adjacent grassy area. This area was signed for canoe/kayak access in 2007.

Amenities and Facilities

- Beach
- Canoe/Kayak Access

Accessibility Review

None of the facilities are ADA accessible.

North Division Street End

Village of Spring Lake
End N. Division Street
3,500 Sq. Ft.



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Amenities and Facilities

- Beach
- Canoe/Kayak Access

Accessibility Review

None of the facilities are ADA accessible.

Parkhurst Street End

Village of Spring Lake
End Parkhurst Street
8,950 Sq. Ft.



Overview

Access is by a bituminous walkway from Buena Vista to this street end. The large street end contains 8,950 square feet, 0.2 acres of lawn area.

Amenities and Facilities

- Water access

Accessibility Review

The pathway to the water is accessible.

South Buchanan Street End Park

Village of Spring Lake
End S. Buchanan Street
1.3 Acres



Overview

This street extends to the north shore of the Grand River and is contiguous to undeveloped Village land, comprising a total estimated area of 1.3 acres. This wetland viewing location has good potential and is improved with a pathway for wildlife viewing. It will eventually be connected to South Street via the Grand River Greenway.

Amenities and Facilities

- Pathway

Accessibility Review

The pathway is accessible, although access onto the pathway is limited.

S. Cutler Street Launch Ramp

Village of Spring Lake
End S. Cutler St.
0.2 Acres



Overview

Cutler Street right-of-way provides access to the Grand River. This site is east of and contiguous with Mill Point Park with a pathway connecting to Tanglefoot Campground. A gravel access drive and unimproved parking serve the site. This area is very valuable as a staging location for dredge spoils to dry out from the annual boat launch dredging just to the west. An existing fishing and river observation deck provide excellent views of the Grand River. A drop-in canoe and kayak launch is located next to the deck.

Amenities and Facilities

- Kayak/Canoe Launch
- Viewing Deck

Accessibility Review

Currently the facilities do not meet accessibility standards and are for the most part unimproved areas.

Tanglefoot Park

Village of Spring Lake
312 W Exchange St
1.4 Acres



Overview

Operated seasonally as a recreational vehicle trailer park, this well maintained facility contains 30 full hookup (water, sewer, electric, and WIFI) campsites. Along the shoreline are common lawn areas and ten wooden boat docks that provide small boat dockage for approximately ten boats. The site contains a service building with community room, washer and dryer and bathroom with showers. Eleven overflow parking spaces are provided, 6 on Park Street and 5 on the east portion of the site adjacent to the municipal well house – off the division street end. This park was renamed Tanglefoot in 2004 to recognize the flypaper invented by the Thum family who gave the Village the land for recreational and educational purposes in 1927.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Tables
- Service Building
- Parking
- Community & Laundry Room
- Boat Docks
- Restroom with Showers
- 30 Full Hookup Campsites

ADA Review

The facilities are ADA accessible.

Whistle Stop Playground

Village of Spring Lake
Grand Trunk Trail, Between Cutler St & Park St
0.3 Acres



Overview

Whistle Stop Playground is part of the Lakeside Trail Linear Park and is located between Cutler St and Park St.

Amenities and Facilities

- Playground
- Pavilion

Accessibility Review

The picnic pavilion is accessible. The play area is partially accessible. The aging equipment does not meet current accessible standards, but as the equipment is replaced the accessibility in the park can be improved.

ADA Accessibility Assessment of Existing Park Facilities

The *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Management Division requires the completion of an Accessibility Assessment.

ADA Park Review and Assessment

This assessment was completed in each park during the individual park tours and the information has been incorporated into the planning process.

Individual Park Inventory Sheets

A brief description of the accessibility of each park is included for public information on the individual park inventory sheets within the Recreation Inventory section of the plan. These sheets will be available for public viewing and use on the community websites.

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

An ADA accessibility Assessment Chart is included in this section which summarizes the accessibility of the parks within the five communities based on the MDNR Accessibility Ranking System further discussed below

Goals and Objectives:

Each of the communities included future Goals and Objectives for improving ADA accessibility within the parks through renovation and future development projects. These are included in the Goals and Objectives Section

Action Plan and Future Projects

Each of the communities embraces the commitment to make the parks more accessible. As they renovate and improve the existing parks the facilities are being upgraded and made more accessible. New facilities are incorporating the principals of Universal Design from the initial design through construction. These projects are being accomplished as funding is available for park improvements.

MDNR ADA Accessibility Ranking System

The MDNR planning booklet provides a ranking system to be utilized in evaluating public parks and open spaces. This ranking system is based on the following:

- 1= none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2= some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3= most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4= the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5= the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Appendix D. Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks, within the guidelines booklet, provides the following written comments regarding parks and accessibility.

"Recreational areas, facilities, and programs play an important role in the life of the community; therefore it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these areas and any programs provided. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, and these laws apply to parks and other recreation lands and programs controlled and operated by local units of government. The DNR has a strong commitment to barrier free recreational opportunities in our Department-managed programs and facilities. This commitment extends to those communities that receive recreation grants.

Under the state Utilization of Public Facilities by the Physically Limited Act (Public Act 1 of 1966, as amended) all facilities, including improved areas used for recreation, must meet the barrier free design requirements contained in the state construction code. Under this act, the administration and enforcement related to barrier free design requirements are vested in the local or state government agency responsible for issuing a building permit. If the project does not require a building permit, administration and enforcement of barrier free design requirements are vested in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Any request for an exception to the barrier free design requirements of the state construction code must be submitted to the Barrier Free Design Board, with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (517-241-9300). The Barrier Free Design board has the responsibility to receive, review, and process requests for exceptions to barrier free design specifications; require appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted; and receive, process, and make recommendations for barrier free design rules.

Because the state construction code does not apply to many recreation facilities, it is essential that you also be aware of and understand the existing federal guidelines covering these types of facilities. In July 2004, the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (known as the Access Board) issued updated guidelines, entitled the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), for new or altered facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) or the Architectural barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480). These guidelines should eventually be adopted as enforceable standards. Until that occurs, the existing ADAAG standards must be followed when the two conflict. "

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

The ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart is included on the following page.

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

Municipality	Park Name	1	2	3	4	5	Key: MDNR Ranking System
City of Ferrysburg	Coast Guard Park						1 = None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
City of Ferrysburg	Ferrysburg Nature Preserve						2 = Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
City of Ferrysburg	Firebarn Park						3 = Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
City of Ferrysburg	Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Preserve						4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
City of Ferrysburg	Mike Herman Park						5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals
City of Ferrysburg	Sunnyside Park						of Universal Design
City of Ferrysburg	William Montague Ferry Park						
City of Grand Haven	Bicentennial (Riverview) Park						
City of Grand Haven	Bolt Park						
City of Grand Haven	Central Park						
City of Grand Haven	Chinook Pier						
City of Grand Haven	City Beach Park						
City of Grand Haven	Duncan Woods						
City of Grand Haven	East Grand River Park						
City of Grand Haven	Escanaba Park						
City of Grand Haven	Grand Haven Musucal Fountain						
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island Linear Park						
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island						
City of Grand Haven	Johnston Park						
City of Grand Haven	Klaver Park						
City of Grand Haven	Klempel Park						
City of Grand Haven	Lighthouse Connector Park						
City of Grand Haven	Mulligan's Hollow						
City of Grand Haven	N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot						
City of Grand Haven	Rix Robinson Park						
City of Grand Haven	Sluka Field						
City of Grand Haven	Veterans Memorial Park						
City of Grand Haven	Waterfront Stadium						
City of Grand Haven	William Hatton Park						
City of Grand Haven	Willow Park						
Grand Haven Township	Bignell Park						
Grand Haven Township	Brucker Access						
Grand Haven Township	Buchanan Access						
Grand Haven Township	Hofma Park & Preserve						
Grand Haven Township	Mercury Park						
Grand Haven Township	Odawa Battle Point Park						
Grand Haven Township	152nd Access						
Grand Haven Township	Pottawattomie Park						
Grand Haven Township	Shiawassee Access						
Spring Lake Township	Black Lake Park						
Spring Lake Township	Disc Golf Course						
Spring Lake Township	Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve						
Spring Lake Township	River Run Park						
Spring Lake Township	Rycenga Park						
Spring Lake Township	SL Township Community Park						
Spring Lake Township	Water Tower Park						
Village of Spring Lake	Alden Street End						
Village of Spring Lake	Central Park						
Village of Spring Lake	Cutler Street Launch Ramp						
Village of Spring Lake	Jackson Street End						
Village of Spring Lake	Lakeside Beach						
Village of Spring Lake	Mill Point Park & Boat Launch						
Village of Spring Lake	N. Division Street End						
Village of Spring Lake	Parkhurst Street End						
Village of Spring Lake	Tanglefoot Park						
Village of Spring Lake	Whistle Stop Playground						
Trails	Grand Haven Waterfront Trail						
Trails	Lakeshore Connector Path						
Trails	Lakeside Trail						
Trails	Linear Trail Park						
Trails	North Bank Trail						

Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission, funded through public millage, including residents of Grand Haven Township, has an extensive system of parks. The list below does not include all of the County Parks, but does include parks located in surrounding Townships and Cities, which are used more frequently by Township residents.

Kirk Park-(Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

Kirk Park is located in the southern region of Grand Haven Township. The 68 acre park is located on Lake Michigan with 1,850 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach. The land is comprised of beach front, sand dunes and wooded back dune areas. Facilities include a picnic pavilion, playground, restrooms, Kirk Park Lodge, open picnic areas, swimming beach, hiking trails and un-groomed cross country ski trails, and horseshoe pit. New to the park is an off-leash dog beach.

Hiawatha Forest (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

Hiawatha Forest, located on Fillmore, is a 365 acre flat natural site with both hardwood stands and red pine plantations with a very limited, unmarked trail system. A small parking area and information kiosk is the only developed facilities. Off-trail hiking and cross-country skiing is allowed as well as both on or off leash dog use.

Rosy Mound Natural Area- (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

Rosy Mound Natural Area is 276 acres of unique sand and wooded dunes with .65 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Facilities include extensive walkways and stairways within the dunes and woodlands to Lake Michigan, picnic facilities, restrooms near the parking area and beach, a unique shade canopy near the beach, interpretive signs, and parking. The park is connected along Lakeshore Drive to the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System.

North Beach Park

North Beach Park is a popular 7 acre park located north of the Grand River channel in the City of Ferrysburg. The park includes 745 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach with a large natural dune formation with a dune stairway and observation platform for lake viewing. The beach is open for swimming and public access. Park facilities also include a large picnic shelter, barrier free beach

walkway, seasonal vending concession, play area, sand volleyball court, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms.

North Ottawa Dunes

The North Ottawa Dunes encompasses 513 acres of natural dunes areas between the Grand River and the southern boundary of P.J. Hoffmaster State Park. Ten miles of hiking trails provide access to the dunes as well as North Ottawa Beach Park, P.J. Hoffmaster State Park, Ferrysburg's Coast Guard Park, and other undeveloped land owned by Spring Lake Township. Access to the dunes ten miles of informal trails are through the trailhead and parking at Coast Guard Park with trailhead facilities including picnic tables, restrooms, and hiking trails.

Olive Shores

The mostly wooded 20-acre site includes a steep sand dune formation with 738' of Lake Michigan frontage. Facilities include a parking area, restrooms, picnic tables, a barrier free trail loop, and a boardwalk through the dunes with overlooks of Lake Michigan and beach access including swimming.

Tunnel Park

Tunnel Park is a 22 acre park located south of the Township on Lake Michigan. It offers beach swimming, picnic facilities, restroom building, four sand volleyball courts, two picnic shelters, playground, horseshoe pit, and dune stairway. A unique tunnel provides access to the Lake Michigan beach.

Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend

Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend are a combined 239 acres of woods and wetlands along the Pigeon River. The parks offer over 6 miles of trails for hiking and cross country skiing. Trails connect also to Pine Bend on the west end of the property. Facilities include parking, a Nature Education Center, a unique pedestrian bridge, scenic overlooks along the trails, two small picnic shelters with tables and grills, modern restrooms, hiking and un-groomed cross country ski trails, and a canoe and kayak launch. The adjacent Pine Bend Park offers additional parking, picnic tables and grills, the Weaver House, historic interpretation, rustic toilets and trails.

Port Sheldon Lake Michigan Property

Located in Port Sheldon Township, this is a small 6.68 acres of land located on Lake Michigan with 200 feet of shoreline. The park land is forested dune land and is currently undeveloped.

Riverside Park

This is a 64 acre park located in Robinson Township on the Grand River with approximately 4,350 feet of waterfront. Facilities include a boat launch, picnic shelter, fishing docks, and rustic toilets.

Connor Bayou Property

This parcel of land has nearly a mile of Grand River frontage within 142 acres of land. Facilities include a Woodland Cabin, parking areas, ADA accessible walkways, rustic toilets picnic tables, hiking trails and boardwalks, kayak and canoe launch, rover overlook decks and fishing dock.

Pigeon Creek Park

Pigeon Creek is a 282 acre natural area along Pigeon Creek with another 130 adjacent acres of County Open Space land. The natural areas include over ten miles of trails through the wooded and wetland areas. The trail system includes designated trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use, and a 0.9 mile trail barrier free trail loop. Winter sports include trails groomed for classic and ski skating, and a sledding hill. Three miles of the trails are lighted for winter night use. A large indoor Pigeon Creek Lodge provides for programming, ski rental, and serves as a winter warming building. A group camping area can be reserved by recognized organizations.

Deer Creek

Deer Creek is a two acre public site located on the Grand River. A boat launch for small fishing boats, canoes, and kayaks with picnic tables and rustic toilets are the available facilities..

Parks

- 1 [Adams Street Landing \(map\)](#)
- 2 [Connor Bayou \(map\)](#)
- 3 [Crockery Creek Natural Area \(map\)](#)
- 4 [Deer Creek Park \(map\)](#)
- 5 [Eastmanville Farm \(map\)](#)
- 6 [Grand River Park \(map\)](#)
- 7 [Grose Park \(map\)](#)
- 8 [Hager Park \(map\)](#)
- 9 [Hemlock Crossing \(map\)](#)
- 10 [Historic Ottawa Beach Parks \(map\)](#)
- 11 [Kirk Park \(map\)](#)
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- 15 [Pigeon Creek Park \(map\)](#)
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- 19 [Rosy Mound Natural Area \(map\)](#)
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- 21 [Tunnel Park \(map\)](#)
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- 23 [Bur Oak Landing \(map\)](#)
- 24 [Eastmanville Bayou \(map\)](#)
- 25 [Grand River Ravines](#)
- 26 [Hiawatha Forest \(map\)](#)
- 27 [Johnson Street Forest \(map\)](#)
- 28 [Jubb Bayou \(map\)](#)
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- 30 [Ripps Bayou \(map\)](#)
- 31 [Robinson Forest \(map\)](#)
- 32 [Van Buren Street Dunes \(map\)](#)
- 33 [Bend Area \(map\)](#)

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks & Lands

The State of Michigan owns several acres of land that provide recreational resources within the regional area. They include the following:

Grand Haven State Park

Grand Haven State Park is located on both the north and south ends of the channel at the mouth of the Grand River as it enters Lake Michigan. The north end provides a parking area and access to the pier for fishing. The southern portion of the park is the largest and is located directly adjacent to the City of Grand Haven and links to the channel side path. The state park includes 160 camping spaces located directly on the beach as well as a large public beach. The park is very popular and is filled to capacity almost daily in the summer months.

P.J. Hoffmaster State Park

Hoffmaster State Park is located five miles north of Grand Haven directly on the shores of Lake Michigan. The park is unique and features environmentally sensitive sand dunes. The park facilities include hiking trails, camping, a large beach and picnic facility. Of particular interest is the E. Genevieve Gillette Sand Dune Interpretive Center offering both static and changing exhibits featuring the formation of Michigan sand dunes, plant life, and wildlife.

Grand Haven State Game Area

Several hundred acres of natural area located within and along the Grand River at the north edge of Grand Haven Charter Township.

West Michigan Land Conservancy

The West Michigan Land Conservancy has three preserves with Northwest Ottawa County; Palomita Reserve (40 acres), DePersia South Highlands Nature Preserve (13 acres), and Minni Skwark Nature Preserve (26 acres). The locations and more information can be found on the Conservancy's website.

Duncan Woods Private Land Trust

Duncan Woods is a private trust of wooded, natural land located within the City of Grand Haven. The trust provides for public use and enjoyment of the woods and is open and operated by a private trust fund board.

North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club

The North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club is located at 13064 160th Avenue within Grand Haven Township. The non-profit club provides opportunities for skeet and trap fields, an outdoor rifle range, a 3-D archery course, and an indoor pistol range. The public and members are invited to utilize these facilities based on club fees. The Club provides classes in youth and hunter safety, concealed carry CCW/CPL, outdoor education instruction for Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Saturday youth programs, and shooting opportunities for area residents.

School Facilities within the Planning Area

The following public school facilities are located within the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, Spring Lake Township & Village of Spring Lake. The recreation facilities that are available are noted.

Spring Lake Junior High

Village of Spring Lake, 21 Acres

Facilities include two soccer fields, Football and training field, one adult and one children's ball field.

Spring Lake High School

Spring Lake Township

Facilities include 8 tennis courts, large field, baseball field, and Spring Lake Community and Aquatic Center.

Holmes Elementary School

Village of Spring Lake, 6.6 Acres

Facilities include a large playground, tennis courts, small ball field and low basketball hoops.

Jeffers Elementary School

Spring Lake Township

Facilities include a playground, basketball court.

Lake Hills Elementary School

Spring Lake Township

Facilities include a large playground. The school is also adjacent to 100 acres of Township owned dune land.

Grand Haven High School

Grand Haven Township

The High School on 129 acres is located centrally in the Township and opened in September of 1997. The building houses a gymnasium field house for 3,000 spectators, an aquatic center with a pool open for community use, and a large performing arts auditorium as well as other inside gymnasiums and facilities. The outside facilities include eight tennis courts, a soccer & lacrosse stadium, a football stadium with track

facilities, a football practice field, two baseball diamonds, two softball fields, and a cross country trail.

Peach Plains Elementary School

Grand Haven Township

Peach Plains Elementary School is located in the northeastern region of the Township on 14 acres of land. The recreational facilities include a playground, combined basketball/tennis courts, a play field, and a softball field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

Rosy Mound Elementary School

Grand Haven Township

Rosy Mound Elementary School is located along Lakeshore Drive in the western regions of the Township. The school is located on a smaller school site with 10 acres of land. The school facilities available for recreation include a playground, basketball courts, a softball field, outdoor shelter, exercise course and a play field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

Lakeshore Middle School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include a football and track field, tennis courts, shared tennis/basketball courts, and two open fields.

Ferry Elementary School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include a large playground, two softball fields, and basketball courts.

Mary A. White Middle School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include two softball fields, basketball courts and a playground.

White Pines Middle and Griffin Elementary School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include tennis courts, combined football/soccer/track facility, two baseball fields and a large playground area.

Area Trail & Pathway Maps

Trails

Ferrysburg / Grand Haven / Spring Lake
68.6 Miles



Grand Haven Waterfront Trail / 2.5 Miles

The Grand Haven Waterfront Trail provides a scenic route from the shores of Lake Michigan to Harbor Island and Coho Drive, past the Grand River and area shops.

Lakeshore Connector Path / 20 Miles

The Lakeshore Connector Path is a beautiful trail near the shoreline connecting Grand Haven with Holland.

Lakeside Trail / 25.9 Miles

With the over 25 miles of trails, the Lakeside trail is an expansive trail around Spring Lake, running through Fruitport Township, the City of Ferrysburg, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake.

Linear Trail Park / 16.9 Miles

The Linear Trail Park runs through many of Grand Haven's neighborhoods, from the east and connects at two points of the Lakeshore Connector Path on the west sides.

North Bank Trail / 3.3 Miles

The North Bank Trail is still in the processes of being completed. It will eventually be 18 miles, running from Spring Lake to Coopersville.

ADA Review

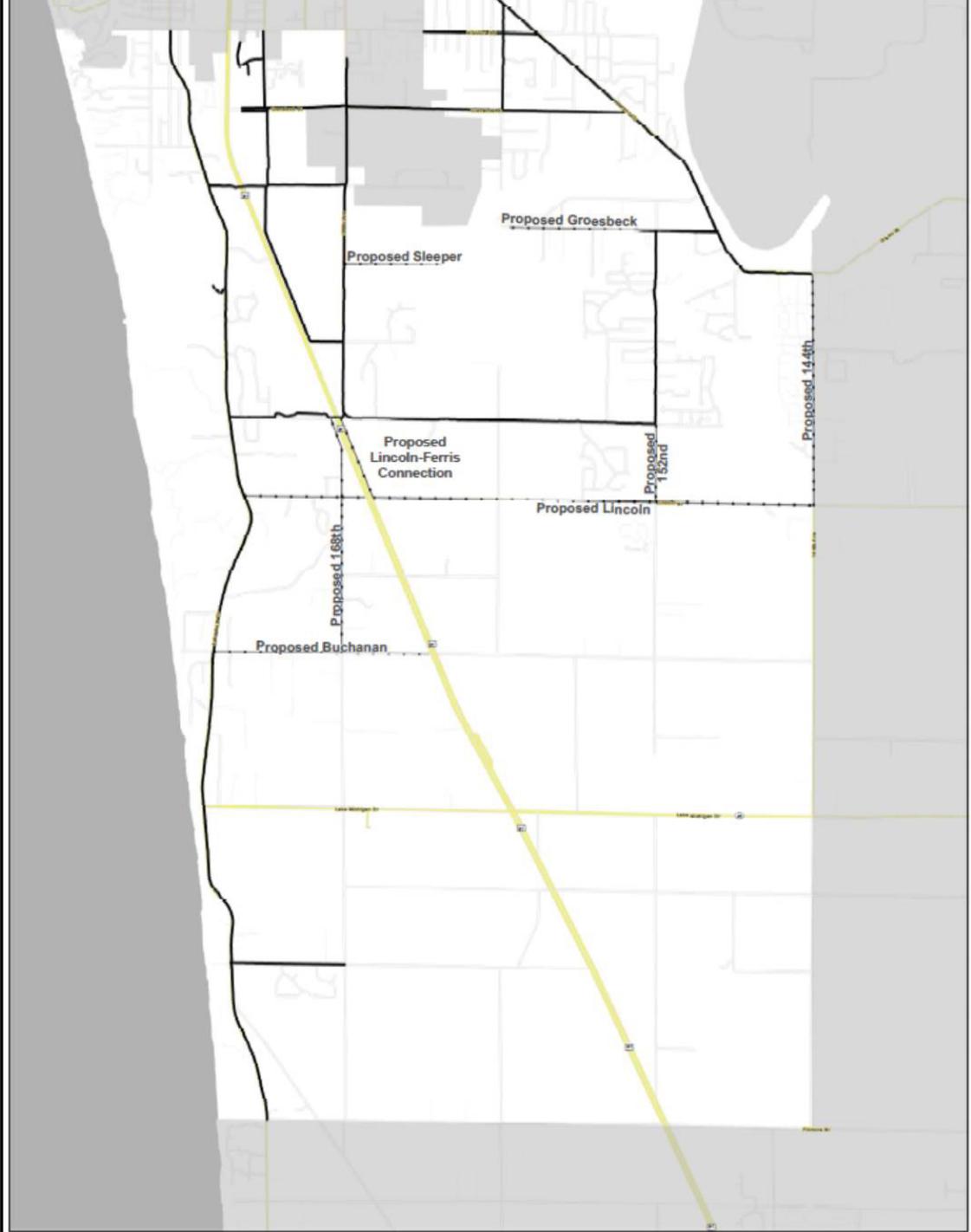
Portions of the pathway are accessible, while other portions exceed 5% slope based on existing natural slopes and driveways.

Trails

Ferrysburg / Grand Haven / Spring Lake
68.6 Miles



Grand Haven Charter Township
 Non-Motorized Pathway System
 Existing and Proposed Segments



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Non-Motorized Paths Proposal

1 inch = 1,500 feet



Legend

- Constructed
- - - Proposed



Grand Haven Township

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Spring Lake Township

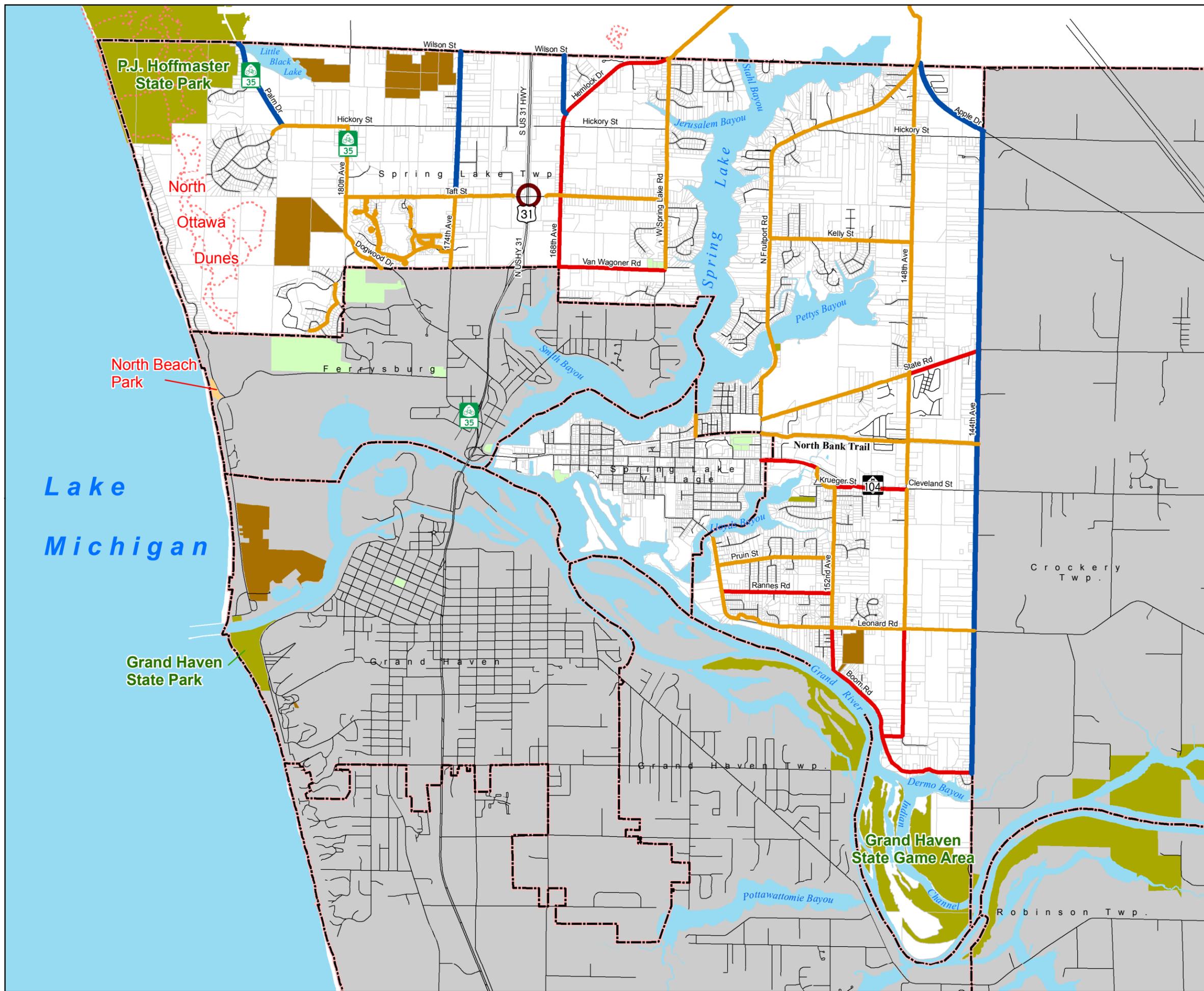
Bike Paths

Existing bike path: 22.85 Miles
 Proposed bike path: 7.57 Miles
 Proposed widened shoulder: 7.35 Miles

Legend

Trail Type

-  Bike Path
-  Hiking Trail
-  Proposed Trail
-  Proposed Paved Shoulder
-  Bridge with No Bike Path
-  Roads
-  Municipal Boundaries
-  Parcels
-  Open Water
-  State-Owned Land
-  Local Parks
-  Other Township Property
-  Other Open Space



1 inch = 3,500 feet



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Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Documentation

Each of the communities have receive previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants which are listed below. These projects have been vital additions to recreation within the community and are enjoyed daily. The communities have completed the required Post Completion Self Certification forms are included in Appendix A.

City of Ferrysburg Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00345

Municipal Park (Fire Barn Park)

Development of 4.8 acres of park including one ball diamond, two tennis courts, parking, fencing, landscaping and site improvements. This park remains active within the community with these facilities still in use.

Grant Project TF 17

Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve

Purchase of additional sand dune property for the Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve.
\$300,000

Grant Project BF93-291 1993 Coast Guard Park

The project included improvements and developments to the entrance, site preparation, drives, parking, walks, paved walkway, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, picnic shelter, and play area. These facilities remain active components of the park.

City of Grand Haven Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00391

Grand River Boat Launch Area (East Grand River Park)

Boat launch construction within the park. The boat launch is maintained and is open for public use.

Grant Project 26-01023S

Eastern Park Development (East Grand River Park)

Restroom building, parking lot, playground, and boardwalk. The restroom building and parking lot are still in use. The playground area has been renovated with new play equipment. The boardwalk has been replaced. The playground area and new boardwalk are Universal Accessible and include a new floating fishing dock.

Grant Project 26-01438**Chinook Pier Park**

Development of a new public park with a picnic pavilion, playground area, lawn, and walkways. The playground equipment has been replaced.

Grant Project 26-01639**Mulligan's Hollow Park**

Grant funds provided for the installation of a skate park which remains a popular facility within the park. The earlier small facility was expanded into a larger permanent concrete skate park.

Grant Project BF 83-262 1993**Mulligan's Hollow Park**

The Bond Fund grant provided funding for new picnic tables, ball field improvements, lighting, tennis court repairs, and removal of older park facilities. The improvements are still in use and the park facilities have been expanded through additional park improvements.

Grant Project BF98-100 1998**Harbor Island Observation Deck**

Construction of a floating observation deck and walkway on Harbor Island to provide for wildlife viewing and water access. These facilities are still in use by the public.

Grant Project TF08-076 2008**East Grand River Park Improv.**

Renovation of the existing park which included new playground equipment, improvements to the picnic pavilion, new walkways, new wetland walkway, floating fishing dock, interpretive signage, and irrigation. All of the new improvements are constructed to be Universal Accessible.

Grant Project TF09-099 2009**City Beach Restrooms**

Construction of a restroom facility at the City Beach including restrooms, concession, picnic tables, and foot wash facilities. All of the facilities are Universal Accessible.

Grand Haven Charter Township Previous Grants**Grant Project 26-00429 1973****Mercury Drive Park**

The grant provided funding for the development of the softball diamond. Since this grant, the Township has continued to expand development in the park with the addition of a playground, picnic facilities, restroom building, inline hockey rink and parking lots. The park is used by open community use as well as softball and hockey leagues sponsored through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority Programs. . \$32,812.79

Grant Project 26-00777 1976

Hofma Nature Park

This grant provided for the purchase of the Sleeper Street property and the adjoining property totaling approximately 400 acres contiguous to the existing Hofma Park and is known today as Hofma Preserve. The park is a significant resource and today has a picnic area, playground, and restroom building as well as an extensive trail system. \$23,697.56

Grant Project 26-01358 1984

Hofma Trust Park Dev.

This grant provided for several improvements to Hofma Preserve including the restroom building, floating bridge, and elevated/floating observation platform, wooded boardwalk, nature trails with markers and directional maps. These facilities are all in use and used daily by park visitors. \$164,161.73

Grant Project BF89-483 1989

Hofma Park Recreation

This project included the construction of a soccer field, picnic shelter, restroom building and paved parking. The soccer field is utilized for league play and all of the park facilities are in operation. \$112,000.00

Grant Project TF90-254 1990

Pottawattomie Park

This initial phase of Pottawattomie Park included 3 shelters, restroom building, floating fishing/observation platform, sidewalks/nature trails, fixed boardwalk, paved parking, two volleyball courts, and children's play equipment and sprinkling. These facilities are all in operation. The playground was recently upgraded with new equipment. \$300,000.00

Grant Project TF94-258 1994

Pottawattomie Park

This project included the addition of paved and soft surface nature trails, individual picnic areas with tables, grills, and waste cans, a new soccer field, and two additional parking areas. All of these facilities are in operation. The soccer field is utilized for league and pick up play. The park remains very popular and is often full to capacity. Additional improvements have been made for a small drop in boat launch on the bayou and security cameras were added to the park. \$100,000.00

Grant Funding TF97-112 1997

144th Ave. Land Acq.

This grant provided funding for the purchase of a property adjacent to an existing public street right-of-way that ended at the Grand River. The property was acquired for the

Village of Spring Lake Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00576 1975

Central Park

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop site improvements including parking, and access road, three tennis courts, 6 shuffleboard courts, a picnic area, and the purchase of a LWCF sign. \$15,000

Grant Project No. 26-00850 1977

Central Park

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop an additional two acres of park land including a restroom building, relocate and upgrade the tot lot, landscaping and the purchase of a LWCF sign. \$17,000

Grant Project No. TF88-112 1988

Spring Lake Bikeway

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1.5 miles of 9 foot wide paved bicycle/pedestrian trail. \$128,000

Grant Project No. TF97-267 1997

Community Boardwalk

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1,650 feet of boardwalk, 736 linear feet of concrete pathway, 364 linear feet of bituminous pathway, and public access to the Village's waterfront for fishing and observation. \$64,360

Grant Project No. CM99-439 1999

Central Park Renovation

The Clean Michigan grant provided funding for the renovation of Central Park including ballfield lighting, regarding and reseeding of the playing surface, fencing and new bleachers. \$47,280

Grant Project No. TF09-015 2009

**Grand River Greenway
Non-Motorized Trail**

Development of a trail within the Village of Spring Lake and recreation facilities including 16 new boat slips, restroom, canoe/kayak launch, and four wildlife viewing/fishing areas along the Grand River and the Grand River marsh. \$465,000

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Goals and Objectives provide the overriding ideas and thoughts regarding the planning, development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities and recreational opportunities within the community. Goals and Objectives were developed independently by each community to reflect the uniqueness of each governmental area, while also including goals and objectives for cooperative support and development of regional and overlapping recreational opportunities.

This section includes Goals and Objectives for the communities of:

- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
- Grand Haven Charter Township
- Spring Lake Township
- Village of Spring Lake

City of Ferrysburg Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.*

Objectives:

- a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

Goal Number 2: *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities.*

Objectives:

- a. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c. To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment for all.

Objectives:

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.
- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the priorities as determined by the City of Ferrysburg.

Goal Number 4: *As residential growth continues within the City, the parks and natural areas owned continue to grow in significance. The City will continue to provide and expand diversified recreational and natural experiences for the residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands.
- b. To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.

Goal Number 5: *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.*

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b. To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 6: ***To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the City for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages to Coast Guard Park, North Ottawa Dunes, North Beach Park, and the proposed 100 acre Spring Lake Township Park to the north.

- b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.

- c. To maintain a master plan for pathway development which includes both the City pathways and regional proposed pathways.

- d. To improve orientation, route and information signage along the pathways.

- e. To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.

Goal Number 7: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to support the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority, NORA, which provides public recreation programming for the community.

- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the “Blue Water Trail” system along the Grand River including kayak launches, signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

Goal Number 8: *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the City residents and visitors.*

Objectives:

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the City’s website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

Goal Number 9: *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.*

Objectives:

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

City of Grand Haven Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

- a. To provide facilities and open park lands for recreational opportunities for all ages.
- b. To allow for persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy nature preserves, parks, and recreational facilities and programming.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all mental and physical abilities.***

Objectives:

- a. To renovate existing facilities and develop new facilities that meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To renovate existing facilities that integrate accessible accommodations to be used seamlessly by all community users and not cause a separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: ***As growth continues with and surround the City, our public outdoor areas continue to grow in significance and usage. The City will continue to provide diversified outdoor experiences for the residents.***

Objectives:

- a. The City will retain all dedicated park lands for the use and enjoyment of community users. The City will not convert existing park lands into non-recreational uses.

- b. The City will continue to protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas including woodlots, natural vegetation, and river and lake frontage.

- c. The city will purchase, or receive as gifts, additional park lands as deemed appropriate to continue to expand recreational lands for the use of City residents.

Goal Number 4: ***To continue to provide, as much as possible, maximum use of the parks and facilities by residents.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission to the facilities.

- b. To provide for general public recreational opportunities for all community users regardless of economic status.

- c. To minimally charge for special events, private events and athletic field maintenance in order to keep the facilities available for general public use.

Goal Number 5: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to support public recreation programming for the community through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA).

- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.
- g. To encourage the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway, Sidewalk, and On-Street Systems within the City and surrounding communities for the purpose of facilitating healthy lifestyles through exercise and enjoyment of the environment, as well as link neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas.

Goal Number 6: *To support, as appropriate, non-profit organizations and citizens who choose to provide recreational facilities and programming for the residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To provide a balance of programming for all ages, cultures and abilities within the community.
- b. To provide programming to address social concerns such as senior and preschool populations, after school programs, and community health.

- c. To continue to support programs and special events which are jointly supported by public schools, non-profits, and civic organizations.
- d. To encourage recreational and cultural events which also support economic development within the community.
- e. To encourage and support park facility development within the parks by citizens and non-profits organizations.

Grand Haven Charter Township Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives section of the plan provides goals for the future of parks and recreation within the community. These goals have been written for the plan based on public input for current and future recreational opportunities. Each goal is further defined by the Objectives that follow. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these goals. These goals are not given in a priority order, and the numerical numbering is for identification only.

Goal Number 1: *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages.*

Objectives:

- a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally gather and enjoy the parks.

Goal Number 2: *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.*

Objectives:

- a. To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To develop and upgrade new and existing facilities that will meet the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c. To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: *To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain, to the best of its ability, the existing park facilities.
- c. To enhance and make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

Goal Number 4: *As residential growth continues within the Township, the natural areas owned by the Township continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The Township will continue to provide diversified natural experiences for the residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas within all of the Township's parks, recreational facilities, and natural preserves.
- b. To seek property acquisitions in order to expand the existing parks, recreation facilities, and natural preserves within the Township, as well as create new parks, recreation facilities, and natural preserves.
- c. To develop a plan that will encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for additional park lands and preserves.

Goal Number 5: *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.*

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.

- b. To minimally charge, as required, for the boat launch operation, special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 6: ***To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway System within the Township for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages.
- b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department in 2008. The study shows proposed regional routes along Lake Michigan Drive, and Mercury Drive along the Grand River as well as more newly proposed US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.
- c. To support future ballot issues for additional funding for pathway system development and maintenance.
- d. To maintain a master plan for pathway development which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.

Goal Number 7: ***To continue to support Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) which is jointly supported by the regional governmental agencies and public schools. Encourage non-profit organizations to provide recreational programming, maintenance and special events within the community.***

Objectives:

- a. To assist, as funds allow, the non-profit organizations through the development and maintenance of recreational facilities that support the athletic leagues and special events.

Goal Number 8: *Seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing public parks and recreation facilities.*

Goal Number 9: *To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission and continue to nurture the relationship between the Township and the County.*

Objectives:

- a. To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along Lake Michigan known as the North Coastal Greenway. Within Grand Haven Charter Township, these parks currently include Rosy Mound Natural Area and Kirk Park. The County parks along Lake Michigan provide lake access to all Township residents as well as attract users from throughout the larger West Michigan community.

- a. To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along the Grand River known as the Grand River Greenway.

- b. To support the County efforts to retain Hiawatha Forest, a 365 acre site east of Kirk Park, as a natural area with hardwoods and pines.

Goal Number 10: *To support and encourage the discussion of an expanded regional recreation authority with neighboring cities, townships, and school districts.*

Objectives:

- a. To plan and provide for active and passive recreational facilities based on regional need and use through the authority.

- b. To provide programming staff and community recreation programs through a regional recreation authority.

- c. To provide funding to support the regional recreation authority.

Goal Number 11: *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the township residents and visitors.*

Objectives:

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the Township's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

Goal Number 12: *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.*

Objectives:

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

Spring Lake Township Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Vision: ***Spring Lake Township strives to be the location of choice to live, learn, work, and recreate.***

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

- a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.***

Objectives:

- a. To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c. To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: *To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.
- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

Goal Number 4: *As residential growth continues within the Township, the parks and natural areas owned by the Township continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The Township will continue to provide and expand diversified natural experiences for the residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands.
- b. To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.
- c. To develop a plan, consistent with the *Spring Lake Township Resource Inventory*, that will encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for additional parklands and preserves.
- d. To create and maintain a Green Infrastructure Plan based, in part, on a natural features inventory.
- e. To continue to seek out opportunities to enhance waterfront access to Spring Lake, Lake Michigan, Little Black Lake, and the Grand River.

Goal Number 5: *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.*

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b. To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 6: ***To continue the development and maintenance of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the Township for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages as determined by the Spring Lake Township bike path map approved by the Recreation Committee and Township Board.
- b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.
- c. To maintain a master plan for pathway development and maintenance, which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.
- d. To improve orientation, route and information signage along the pathways.
- e. To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.
- f. To participate in "Trail Towns" program to promote local businesses located near the pathways.

Goal Number 7: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

- a. To continue to support the Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission, who provides public recreation programming for the community.
- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River

Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.

- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River, Spring Lake and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To continue to work cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding state owned recreation properties within the Township.
- g. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

Goal Number 8: *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the township residents and visitors.*

Objectives:

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the Township's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

Goal Number 9: *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.*

Objectives:

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

Village of Spring Lake Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Village is comprised of persons of all ages.*

Objectives:

- a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

Goal Number 2: *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.*

Objectives:

- a. To develop facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b. To renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c. To integrate ADA accommodations in all new facilities in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: *To retain and maintain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.*

Objectives:

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.

- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

Goal Number 4: *To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.*

Objectives:

- a. To continue to support public recreation programming for the community.
- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand river and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

Goal Number 5: *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the Village residents and visitors.*

Objectives:

- a. Maintain and improve promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize technology to provide access to and promote recreational opportunities.

Goal Number 6: *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.*

Objectives:

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes specific projects, desired land acquisitions, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

Within this document, an Action Plan is provided for each of the five communities which includes a Capital Improvement Schedule of projects as well as other relevant action items for the communities. These have also been combined in order to provide a community-wide view of the Action Plans.

Consolidated Land Acquisition List

A consolidated list of potential desired land acquisitions has been prepared and is included on the following pages. These are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plans.

Consolidated Capital Improvement Project List

A consolidated list of potential capital improvement projects has been prepared and is included on the following pages. These projects are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plan sections.

Grand River Harbor Park Location Map

The Grand River Harbor Park Location Map has been re-included within this section of the plan in order to provide a reference map for proposed project locations.

Community Potential Property Acquisitions List

The community has identified several pieces of property that are desired to expand the recreational resources and opportunities. Some of these are very specific parcels, such as parcels adjacent to existing parks, while others are desired resources without specific parcels identified. This list consolidates all of the parcels allowing them to be viewed as a whole in hopes that through expanded knowledge, greater opportunities and awareness for acquisition may be gained.

Community-Wide Recreation Complex

For more than fifteen years, the community as a whole, through various venues, has been discussing the need for a large sports complex with a combination of athletic fields, tournament facilities, and potentially an indoor active sports facility. In all of these discussions, the need for a large tract of land is needed ranging in size from approximately 80 to 100 acres depending on the land configuration, soil conditions, natural resources on the site that require protection, as well as the number of facilities to be constructed. Identifying and acquiring this land is a major part of determining the potential success of such a facility.

City of Ferrysburg

Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

City of Grand Haven

Parking Lot property to provide additional public parking for Bicentennial Park, waterfront and stadium.

Acquisition of the residential property adjacent to East Grand River Park which will allow for the construction of a new expanded ADA accessible restroom building and expand the existing parking lot. The park currently surrounds the house on three sides.

Acquisition of the parking lot located adjacent to the park at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for the park.

A new neighborhood park location in the southeast area of the City at a location yet to be determined.

Grand Haven Charter Township

Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township.

Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

Spring Lake Township

Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Land parcels to be determined along M104 to provide a viewshed to Lloyd's Bayou and to provide a trailhead parking area.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

Village of Spring Lake

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to purchase additional park lands at this time, as they are currently focus on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks.

Community Potential Projects List

Below is the consolidated list of potential projects for the five communities that allow for viewing the projects on a community-wide basis. Each of these lists are also provided in individual governmental write ups which consolidate the property acquisitions, projects, short summaries, and other relevant information for each agency.

Action Program City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional Parking Connecting Accessible Pathways Accessible Seating Options at Fields Additional Seating Irrigation of Sports Fields Small Picnic Shelter Play Area Replace Court Surfaces Improve Lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase 2 Improvements Entrance Area Improvements West Park & Amphitheater Park Equipment Splash Pool	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches Van Wagoner Road	
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	Parking and Trails	
Street End Improvements	4th Street Observation Deck Lavinia St. End Cove St. End Virginia (Cecelia) St. End Park at the end of Virginia St. Park on Cecelia Lane Gruenbauer St. End Reenders St End Doric St. End	
Site to be Determined	Kayak Launch	
City Hall Park	Site Master Plan New Play Area Benches Connecting Accessible Pathways Small Picnic Shelter Lawn Play Field	

**Action Program
City of Grand Haven**

Park	Project	Comments
Bicentennial Park	Parking Lot	Property Acquisition to serve park, waterfront and stadium
Bolt Park	Play Structure and Sidewalk Modification	
Chinook Pier Park	Accessible walk to playground	
Chinook Pier Park	Lighting Upgrade	
Chinook Pier Park	Drinking Fountain	
City Beach Park	Replace Accessible Beach Mat	
East Grand River Park	Property Acquisition	Property Acquisition for barrier free restrooms and parking
East Grand River Park	Accessible Restrooms & Parking	
Flahive Boat Launch	Complete Boat Launch Per Design	
Harbor Island	Non-motorized Path Repair	Includes Extension, Landscaping, and Irrigation
Harbor Island	New Campground	
Lighthouse Connector Park	Accessible Restrooms	Replace outdated restrooms and utilities at location of current restrooms
Lighthouse Connector Park	Pier Accessibility Improvements	
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Master Plan Redevelopment	Core Area Drives and Parking, Pedestrian Routes, and Green Spaces
North Shore Fisherman's Lot	Resurface Parking Lot	
Olde Towne Pocket Park	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Old Shell Property on south side of South Channel of Grand River
Sluka Park	Property Acquisition	Lot at Beechtree and Waverly
Waterfront Stadium	Replacement of Stadium	
BMX Park	New BMX Facility	Location to be Determined
East End Waterfront Trail	Non-Motorized Pathway	Connector pathway from East Grand River Park
Linear Park (South Channel)	Pathway Renovation	Replace bike path, landscaping, irrigation (Art Park), picnic tables, grills
Linear Park (South Channel)	Art Park	Construct seven concrete pads with or without lights for sculptures
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Enhance Skate Park	Modify existing fencing, add lighting, increase flat surface, "Dog Bowl"
Off Leash Dog Parks	Fenced parks in north & south ends	Location to be Determined
Five Mile Hill	Signage & Trail Development	
Harbor Island	Fish Cleaning Station	
Highland Park Reserves	Trail System, Decks, Steps, Signage	
Klemple Park/Grant St.	Overlook Deck	Includes property survey
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Refrigerated Ice Rink	
North Shore Dunes	Nature & Hiking Trails	
Sluka Park	In-Line Skating Rink	
Sluka Park	Park Facilities	Basketball, Picnic area, Landscaping, Outfield Fence, Parking, Lighting
Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property Acquisition	Location to be Determined
William Hatton Park	Lighting & Site Amenities	

**Action Program
Grand Haven Charter Township**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Hofma Park	Stabilize Retaining Wall On Park Drive	
Bignell Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Pottawattomie Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Mercury Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Hofma Preserve	Update Grills	
Launch	Power Off/On Enforcement Signs	
Hofma Park	Additional Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Park	Accessible Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Preserve	Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance	
Hofma Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Walk to Play Equipment	
Hofma Preserve	Accessible Trail Loop	
Hofma Park	Accessible Trail Loop	
Pottawattomie Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
Hofma Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
Mercury Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
All	Park Brochures	
Hofma Park	Winter Informal Parking at Ferris St.	
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**Action Program
Spring Lake Township**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Master Plan	Joint Plan with Norton Shores
Black Lake Park	Natural Features Inventory	Joint Inventory with Norton Shores
Vacant Grand River Lands	Development of Master Plan	
Non-Motorized Pathway	M104 from Krueger St. to Fruitport Rd	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Improve Wayfinding Signage	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Create Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$50,000 per year for 10 years
All Parks	Universal Access Audits & Strategy	Develop Implementation Strategy
Rycenga Park	Restroom Renovation & Expansion	
Rycenga Park	Water Outlets at Shelters	
Rycenga Park	Expanded Irrigation System	
Rycenga Park	Walkway to Basketball Surface	
Rycenga Park	Resurface entrance drive & parking lot	
All Parks	Secure Storage of Equipment	
Water Tank Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing	Community served by school courts

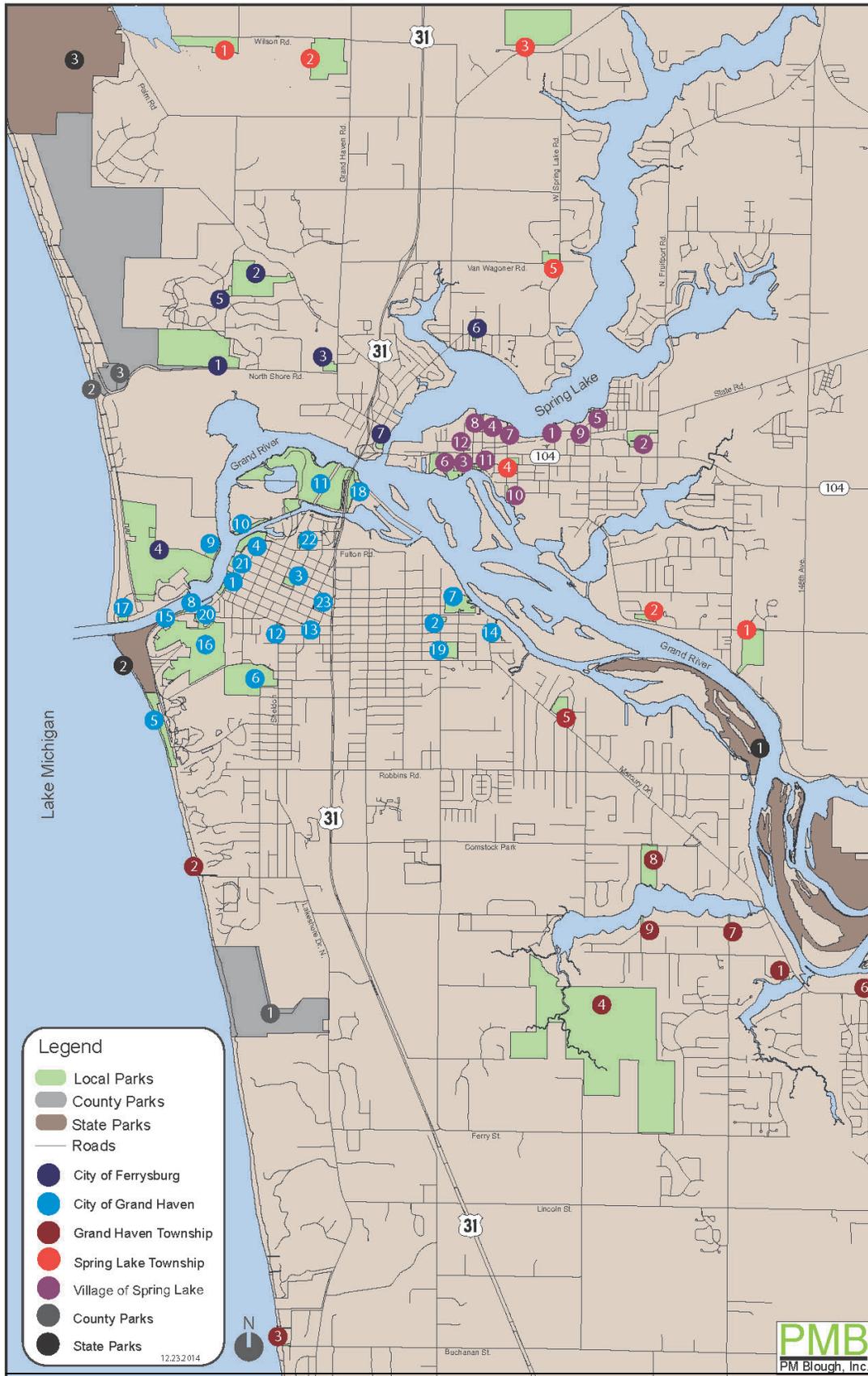
Other Planning Items

- Conduct an annual joint meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee
- Complete Green Infrastructure Plan and/or Natural features Inventory to identify important natural elements of the Township
- Work with other municipalities home to the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund.
- Support adjacent municipalities to complete regional bike path systems that benefit Spring Lake Township.
- Work with the Road Commission to make the Township roads more bike and pedestrian friendly.

**Action Program
Village of Spring Lake**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Central Park	Park Redevelopment	
	Pickleball	
	Basketball	
	Hockey	
	General Park Improvements	
	Accessible Restrooms	

Parks of the Grand River Harbor Region



Legend

- Local Parks
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- City of Ferrysburg**
 - 1. Coast Guard Park
 - 2. Ferrysburg Nature Preserve
 - 3. Firebarn Park
 - 4. Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserve
 - 5. Mike Herman Park
 - 6. Sunnyside Prk
 - 7. William Montague Ferry Park
- City of Grand Haven**
 - 1. Bicentennial Park
 - 2. Bolt Park
 - 3. Central Park
 - 4. Chinook Pier
 - 5. City Beach Park
 - 6. Duncan Woods
 - 7. East Grand River Park
 - 8. Escanaba Park
 - 9. Grand Haven Musical Fountain
 - 10. Harbor Island Linear Park
 - 11. Harbor Island
 - 12. Johnston Park
 - 13. Klaver Park
 - 14. Klempel Park
 - 15. Lighthouse Connector Park
 - 16. Mulligan's Hollow
 - 17. North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot
 - 18. Rib Robinson Park
 - 19. Sluka Field
 - 20. Veterans Memorial Park
 - 21. Waterfront Stadium
 - 22. William Hatton Park
 - 23. Willow Park
- Grand Haven Township**
 - 1. Bignel Park
 - 2. Brucker Access
 - 3. Buchanan Access
 - 4. Hofma Park & Preserve
 - 5. Mercury
 - 6. Odawa Battle Point Park
 - 7. 152nd Access
 - 8. Pottawatomie Park
 - 9. Shiawassee Access
- Spring Lake Township**
 - 1. Black Lake Park
 - 2. Disc Golf Course
 - 3. Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve
 - 4. River Run Park
 - 5. Rycenga Park
 - 6. Spring Lake Township Park
 - 7. Water Tower Park
- Village of Spring Lake**
 - 1. Alden Street End
 - 2. Central Park
 - 3. Cutler Stree Park
 - 4. Jackson Street End
 - 5. Lakeside Beach
 - 6. Mill Point Park & Boat Launch
 - 7. N. Buchanan Street End
 - 8. N. Division Street End
 - 9. Parkhurst Street End
 - 10. S. Buchanan Street End
 - 11. Tanglefoot Park
 - 12. Whistle Stop Playground
- County Parks**
 - 1. Rosy Mound Natural Area
 - 2. North Beach Park
 - 3. North Ottawa Dunes
- State Parks**
 - 1. Grand Haven State Game Area
 - 2. Grand Haven State Park
 - 3. PJ Hoffmaster State Park

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City of Ferrysburg Action Plan

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Potential Property Acquisitions

The City of Ferrysburg has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

Potential Projects List

Below is a list of the potential projects identified through the Planning Process for the community's parks.

Action Program City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional Parking Connecting Accessible Pathways Accessible Seating Options at Fields Additional Seating Irrigation of Sports Fields Small Picnic Shelter Play Area Replace Court Surfaces Improve Lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase 2 Improvements Entrance Area Improvements West Park & Amphitheater Park Equipment Splash Pool	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches Van Wagoner Road	
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve Street End Improvements	Parking and Trails 4th Street Observation Deck Lavinia St. End Cove St. End Virginia (Cecelia) St. End Park at the end of Virginia St. Park on Cecelia Lane Gruenbauer St. End Reenders St End Doric St. End	
Site to be Determined City Hall Park	Kayak Launch Site Master Plan New Play Area Benches Connecting Accessible Pathways Small Picnic Shelter Lawn Play Field	

Potential Project Summaries

Fire Barn Park

Fire Barn Park is an active park located adjacent to the City's Fire Barn with facilities that were constructed for the most part, several decades ago, and are in need of revitalization. The park is very busy on a daily visit and is used for league athletic play as well as individual resident recreation. The renovation of the park will bring the worn facilities up to current standards, increase ADA accessibility, increase overall usability, and complete much needed upgrades.

Coast Guard Park Phase II Improvements

Phase II Improvements will continue the development of Coast Guard Park based on the Master Plan. This next phase of improvements will include entrance area improvements, a new amphitheater to provide an outdoor performance venue, a splash park, and additional park equipment. Coast Guard Park is a popular park and is busy daily for league recreational

activities, group picnics and events, as well as individual recreation within the park. All of these new facilities will expand the opportunities for recreational visitors.

Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements

Continued improvements to the Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements including the addition of benches along the pathway to provide for resting points as well as the expansion of the pathway along Van Wagoner Road.

Ferrysburg Nature Preserve

The Ferrysburg Nature Preserve is currently a beautiful wooded nature preserve that has limited access. The proposed projects will provide for a small vehicle entrance off from Dogwood Drive into a small parking lot and the development of a trail system. These developments will provide greater access for the public to these natural resources.

Street End Improvements

The City has identified nine street ends that are located on Spring Lake that provide public access to the water for the residents. The City continues to strive to develop these street ends to expand public access to the water throughout the City.

Kayak & Canoe Launch

The City would like to develop a canoe and kayak launch located on either Spring Lake or the Grand River in order to provide public drop-in boat launch access to the water. Currently the City does not have any facilities of this type. A piece of waterfront property large enough in size to provide for the launch and parking needs to be acquired.

City Hall Park

City Hall is located in a former elementary school building which is serving well as a City Hall and community center. The City Hall also includes a large parking lot and the "old playground" from the school. The City plans to redevelop the playground into a City park beginning first with a new master plan for the site which will convert the playground into a park with suitable public facilities such as a play area, small picnic shelter, lawn play field, benches, picnic areas, outdoor court, and accessible walkways.

City of Grand Haven Action Plan

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Potential Property Acquisitions

The City of Grand Haven has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Parking Lot property to provide additional public parking for Bicentennial Park, waterfront and stadium.

Acquisition of the residential property adjacent to East Grand River Park which will allow for the construction of a new expanded ADA accessible restroom building and expand the existing parking lot. The park currently surrounds the house on three sides.

Acquisition of the parking lot located adjacent to the park at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for the park.

A new neighborhood park location in the southeast area of the City at a location yet to be determined.

Potential Projects List

Action Program City of Grand Haven

Park	Project	Comments
Bicentennial Park	Parking Lot	Property Acquisition to serve park, waterfront and stadium
Bolt Park	Play Structure and Sidewalk Modification	
Chinook Pier Park	Accessible walk to playground	
Chinook Pier Park	Lighting Upgrade	
Chinook Pier Park	Drinking Fountain	
City Beach Park	Replace Accessible Beach Mat	
East Grand River Park	Property Acquisition	Property Acquisition for barrier free restrooms and parking
East Grand River Park	Accessible Restrooms & Parking	
Flahive Boat Launch	Complete Boat Launch Per Design	
Harbor Island	Non-motorized Path Repair	Includes Extension, Landscaping, and Irrigation
Harbor Island	New Campground	
Lighthouse Connector Park	Accessible Restrooms	Replace outdated restrooms and utilities at location of current restrooms
Lighthouse Connector Park	Pier Accessibility Improvements	
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Master Plan Redevelopment	Core Area Drives and Parking, Pedestrian Routes, and Green Spaces
North Shore Fisherman's Lot	Resurface Parking Lot	
Olde Towne Pocket Park	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Old Shell Property on south side of South Channel of Grand River
Sluka Park	Property Acquisition	Lot at Beechtree and Waverly
Waterfront Stadium	Replacement of Stadium	
BMX Park	New BMX Facility	Location to be Determined
East End Waterfront Trail	Non-Motorized Pathway	Connector pathway from East Grand River Park
Linear Park (South Channel)	Pathway Renovation	Replace bike path, landscaping, irrigation (Art Park), picnic tables, grills
Linear Park (South Channel)	Art Park	Construct seven concrete pads with or with/out lights for sculptures
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Enhance Skate Park	Modify existing fencing, add lighting, increase flat surface, "Dog Bowl"
Off Leash Dog Parks	Fenced parks in north & south ends	Location to be Determined
Five Mile Hill	Signage & Trail Development	
Harbor Island	Fish Cleaning Station	
Highland Park Reserves	Trail System, Decks, Steps, Signage	
Klemple Park/Grant St.	Overlook Deck	Includes property survey
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Refrigerated Ice Rink	
North Shore Dunes	Nature & Hiking Trails	
Sluka Park	In-Line Skating Rink	
Sluka Park	Park Facilities	Basketball, Picnic area, Landscaping, Outfield Fence, Parking, Lighting
Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property Acquisition	Location to be Determined
William Hatton Park	Lighting & Site Amenities	

Potential Projects Summaries

Bicentennial Park Parking Lot

Acquisition of the nearby parking lot to provide additional parking for the park, waterfront, and waterfront stadium, as public parking is often limited during busy days and during events.

Bolt Park Play Structure and Walkway

Installation of a new neighborhood play structure with connecting walkway to provide a play space within the park for neighborhood children to enjoy.

Chinook Pier Park Lighting Upgrade and Drinking Fountain

Improve the existing site lighting to provide for better year round use and provide a new drinking fountain for public use.

City Beach Accessible Beach Access

Currently the City provides a beach mat walkway system for improved ADA accessibility into the beach and provide greater access near the Lake Michigan water's edge. The walkway is in need of replacement due to the walkway's deterioration. The new walkway will also improve the ADA accessibility with a more even surface.

East Grand River Park Restroom, Parking Expansions, & Boat Launch Completion

Acquisition of the adjacent residential property and removal of the house to create additional parkland will allow for the development of a new expanded restroom building providing for better ADA accessibility. The additional land area will also allow for additional parking and vehicle circulation for the Flahive Boat Launch.

Harbor Island Bike Path Repair

The bike path on Harbor Island is reaching an age where the surface is in need of repairs and resurfacing. This project will repair and resurface the pathway where needed.

Harbor Island Campground

This project is the construction of a new campground to be owned and operated by the City to provide for additional camping within the City. The campground would be in walking distance of the downtown, beach, and have access to the Grand River.

Lighthouse Connector Park Restrooms & Improved Accessibility

Two projects will improve this popular waterfront public park. The current restroom facility, operated by the MDNR, is an old building that is in need of renovation and does not meet current ADA standards. A new building in the same location will provide newer facilities which meet the current standards which are also easier to maintain. The existing walkway surface has numerous areas that are uneven or raised edges which require renovations to increase ADA accessibility.

Mulligan's Hollow Park Redevelopment

Based on the new park master plan, the City is redeveloping the park. The inner core of the park is the vehicle circulation and parking which requires upgrading in order to better organize and separate the traffic, parking, and pedestrians. The park features are located around this inner core and the renovation of these facilities are also included in the master plan and will be phased in as funds allow.

North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot Resurfacing

The North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot is an asphalt paved parking lot that is in need of resurfacing. It is used daily by people accessing the north pier at the mouth of the Grand River to walk out on the pier to view Lake Michigan or to fish.

Olde Towne Pocket Park Kayak & Canoe Launch

This park is located on the old Shell property on the south side of the South Channel of the Grand River. A new kayak & canoe launch will provide a launch in the downtown area with access to both the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

Sluka Park Parking Lot Expansion

Acquisition of the adjacent parking lot at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for Saluka Field as parking is often limited during league play.

Waterfront Stadium Replacement

Waterfront stadium is a popular downtown venue for a variety of events including viewing for the Musical Fountain as well as a concert and events seating for performances that take place on the "stage area" between the seating and the river. The replacement of the stadium will provide a more modern performance venue.

BMX Park

A new BMX Park is desired for pedal bike action within the community. A location for the facility has not been determined.

East End Waterfront Trail

The East End Waterfront Trail will be the construction of a trail along the Grand River from East Grand River Park to the Harbor Island area.

South Channel Linear Park Renovations and Art Park

The park is in need of renovation due to its age and the fact that it remains a popular park and linkage along the Grand Haven waterfront. Renovations will include repaving of the pathway, landscaping with irrigation, picnic tables, grills, and a new Art Park sculpture area. The Art Park will include seven concrete pads for outdoor sculptures with or without lighting.

Mulligan's Hollow Skate Park Enhancements

Enhance the existing skate park with modifications to the existing fencing, the addition of lighting, increasing the flat surface area, and adding a "Dog Bowl".

Off Leash Dog Park

Provide a new Off Leash Dog Park in the community at a location yet to be determined.

Five Mile Hill Trails

The Five Mile Hill area is used informally by the community for outdoor recreation hiking. Proposed are the addition of formalized trails with signage.

Harbor Island Fish Cleaning Station

Harbor Island has a boat launch and dock facility which includes usage by many fishing boats. The addition of a fish cleaning station will provide a location for fisherman to clean their catch upon their return.

Highland Park Reserves

The Highland Park Reserves is a wooded natural area with informal trails used recreationally by the local community. Proposed are a more formalized trail system with trails, boardwalks, observation decks, signage and maps.

Klemple Park/Grant St. Overlook Deck

Klemple Park is a .17 acre mini-park that includes Grand River water frontage. The addition of an overlook deck will enhance waterfront access.

Mulligan's Hollow Park Refrigerated Ice Rink

Currently Mulligan's Hollow Park annually floods an ice rink that is a naturally cooled ice rink enjoyed for community skating and hockey. Skating is often limited by weather conditions. A formal refrigerated ice rink will expand usage by stabilizing the weather conditions with the refrigerated rink and provide a more formal rink size and shape.

North Shore Dunes Nature Trails

The North Shore Dunes property is a beautiful wooded sand dune property. The addition of formalized trails with signage and maps will enable expanded usage by the community.

Sluka Park Development

Additional facilities are proposed for Sluka Park to further develop it as a neighborhood park including an in-line skating rink, basketball court surfaces, small shelter and picnic area, outfield fence, lighting, and other related park facilities.

William Hatton Park

Improvements to the park to include lighting and additional site amenities.

Grand Haven Charter Township Action Plan

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Potential Land Acquisitions

Grand Haven Charter Township has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township.

Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

Potential Projects List

The Potential Project List provides a list of each of the projects identified within the planning process in a priority order, with the projects of highest priority listed first. This list will assist the Township in the identification of needed funds for the development of park facilities and recreational opportunities and is meant as a guideline that may be adjusted to meet changing recreational goals and objectives.

Action Program Grand Haven Charter Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Hofma Park	Stabilize Retaining Wall On Park Drive	
Bignell Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Pottawattomie Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Mercury Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Hofma Preserve	Update Grills	
Launch	Power Off/On Enforcement Signs	
Hofma Park	Additional Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Park	Accessible Parking at Soccer Field	
Hofma Preserve	Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance	
Hofma Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Picnic Tables	
Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Walk to Play Equipment	
Hofma Preserve	Accessible Trail Loop	
Hofma Park	Accessible Trail Loop	
Pottawattomie Park	Baby Changing Stations in Restroom	
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All	Park Brochures	
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Other	Splash Pad	
Other	Zip Line	
Other	Ropes Courses	
Other	Shuffleboard	

Potential Project Summaries

Hofma Park Stabilization along Entrance Drive

Installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the entrance drive will reduce erosion and stabilize the vegetation along the drive.

Mercury, Bignell, & Pottawattomie Parks: Tree Plantings

Each of these three parks has large older trees providing an existing shady canopy. As these trees age, and die, there are currently limited trees to take their place to maintain the shade canopy. The grass is currently mowed, eliminating new seedlings from growing naturally. Each of these parks requires new tree plantings to insure the future of the shade canopy.

Hofma Preserve Update of Grills

New updated grills with ADA accessible surfaces will be installed at the pavilion to provide better grilling opportunities. The current grills are out dated and are not ADA accessible.

Boat Launch Power Off/On Enforcement Signs

Install signage to increase the awareness regarding the damage to the launch caused by boat owners powering their boats on and off their trailers. Signage will also include the required rules prohibiting these actions.

Hofma Park Additional and ADA Parking at Soccer Field

Construct additional parking at Hofma Park to accommodate athletic field use. Currently park users are parking off the roads into the natural areas in undesignated parking areas due to the lack of adequate parking. This unauthorized parking also creates access issues along the road by narrowing the travel area on the road surface. Provide ADA accessible parking within the redesign of the site parking.

Hofma Preserve Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance

Install a larger more visible sign at the Sleeper Street entrance to provide better public visibility and access to the park.

Hofma Park and Pottawattomie Park Barrier Free Picnic Tables

Provide barrier free picnic tables on an accessible surface to provide expanded picnic facilities within the parks. The current individual tables are not accessible tables.

Pottawattomie Park Barrier Free Access to Play Equipment

New, barrier free play equipment with transfer stations was installed approximately 5 years ago. This will provide barrier free access from the parking area to the play equipment. Proper landings around the transfer stations will also be included.

Hofma Park and Preserve: Barrier Free Accessible Trail Loop

Create a barrier-free trail loop within the preserve connecting to existing parking and restroom facilities. Currently there are not any barrier-free trails within Hofma Park and Preserve. Additional benches are needed along all of the trails for resting as well as offering opportunities to view wildlife and plants. An expansion to the existing Hofma Park parking is required to provide for concurrent uses of the trail areas as well as the active sports areas. The current parking has also increased from vehicles coming to use the park as a trailhead for the larger non-motorized pathway system that runs along the south boundary of the park.

Baby Changing Stations in Park Restrooms

Baby Changing Stations will be added to the park restrooms at Mercury, Pottawattomie, and Hofma Preserve and Park to provide the public with a location to change baby diapers.

Park Brochures

Park brochures for each of the parks or for the parks as a whole would be useful in communicating to the residents what facilities and recreational opportunities are available in each of the parks. These brochures could be posted in the parks, printed as handouts, and available as PDF's on the Township's website.

Hofma Park: Additional Winter Parking

Additional parking during the winter months is needed due to increased usage of the trails. The current area is small due to current snow plowing practices. Solutions need to be reviewed and planned.

Hofma Park: Restripe Parking for Angled Parking

The current drive is configured as one-way traffic. Restriping the parking for angled parking could increase the number of parking spaces within the park and increase the ease of vehicle circulation.

Hofma Park: Ferris Entrance Drinking Fountain and Picnic Table

The Township's Non-Motorized Pathway runs through the park along Ferris Street. Creating a rest stop along the pathway will provide residents an opportunity to find water as well as a place to rest and picnic along the pathway. There are no other rest stops along this pathway in this area of the Township.

Signage at Park Entrances Identifying Amenities

Additional signage at all of the park entrances identifying the park facilities and recreational opportunities will provide residents better knowledge regarding the parks and the potential that they may visit the parks more often.

Pottawattomie Park Additional Parking

Pottawattomie Park is a very popular and busy park within the Township providing; three large rental pavilions, access to Pottawattomie Bayou, fishing, picnic facilities, play areas, and a soccer field. The intensive overlapping facility use often fills the parking lots to overflowing. Additional parking will provide for the growing use and keep vehicles from spilling over into the natural areas or blocking drives.

Hayes Street Drop-in Boat Launch

This project will require a joint effort with the City of Grand Haven and will provide a new boat launch for small drop in water craft such as kayaks and canoes. Public access is limited to the Grand River, and this site would provide a unique location for small boat launching. This project has been listed in three previous plans and remains a project of interest.

Hofma Park and Preserve: Interpretive Center & Signage

This proposed project would be the construction of an interpretive center within the preserve to provide outdoor educational opportunities at the park. To further this project, a study needs to be completed regarding facilities that are desired, programming and staffing requirements, as well as funding alternatives. This center could be as simple as a series of outdoor signs or a nature center building. The Hofma Preserve provides over six miles of nature trails and is the primary natural area within the central area of the Township. It is the primary natural area owned by the Township which contains a variety of ecosystems and native plant areas. Interpretive signage will provide educational opportunities as residents explore the natural areas along the existing trail system.

Shiawassee Avenue, Brucker Street, & Buchanan Street - Street End Improvements

The northern end of Shiawassee Avenue right-of-way provides access to Pottawattomie Bayou. The current public access will be renovated to provide an ADA accessible pathway and seating within the right-of-way for residents to gain access to the southern side of the Pottawattomie Bayou. The access is utilized primarily by the surrounding neighborhood to gain access to viewing the Bayou or fishing.

Both Brucker and Buchanan Street ends provide public access to the Lake Michigan beach. Both currently have limited development, but are popular public access points. Both beach sites will benefit from better access and the public will benefit from increased ADA accessibility. Preliminary site design will determine the actual proposed development at these sites.

Location Undetermined: Multi-Use Fields and Park

The development of a larger multi-use sports park has been desired as a need to support the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority programs as well as the local non-profit athletic associations for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. The current area-wide facilities

are inadequate to meet the current and growing athletic needs. The facility will most likely be funded as an area wide facility, and is therefore rated as a lower priority when prioritized directly with Township development priorities.

Location Undetermined: Disc Golf Course

As part of the recreation planning process it was determined that the construction of a new disc golf course is desirable. However, there currently are not any public disc courses in the area, with the nearest in either Muskegon or Grand Rapids. The facility can be open to the public at most times, and will not require an admission fee, thereby furthering the goals to provide multi-generational opportunities, recreation for all ages, and at low or no cost to the visitor.

A possible location for the course is the sixty acre property adjacent to Hofma Preserve which will become the property of the Township through a trust. Construction of a course in this location would allow for the utilization of existing parking, restroom, and picnic facilities.

Location Undetermined: Dog Park

Increased pressure is being placed on the Township parks by both resident and non-residents dogs as other parks within the area continue to ban dogs. This increased usage has developed an interest in further investigating the development of a dog park within the community.

Mercury Park Lighting of Softball Field

The existing softball field at Mercury Park is utilized by adult softball league play. The lighting of the field will allow for extended seasonal play in the spring and fall for after work leagues.

Mercury Park Higher Fences Around Player Areas

Higher fences around the player areas will provide additional protection to the players from foul or miss thrown balls.

Update On-Line Reservation System

Updating the On-Line Reservation System on the Township's Website will allow for better public access to information regarding shelter availability, ability to place a rental reservation, as well as pay for the rental. It will also help to reduce staff time in assisting persons with reservations.

Hofma Park Softball Field Lighting

The existing softball field at Hofma Park is utilized by adult softball league play. The lighting of the field will allow for extended seasonal play in the spring and fall for after work leagues.

Pottawattomie Park Historical Interpretation Signage

The history of Pottawattomie Park has a historical background which includes Native Americans, early fur traders, settlers, and Girl Scouts prior to becoming a public park. Interpretive signs will provide public information and education regarding these previous land uses.

Pottawattomie Park Kayak and Canoe Launch

The existing park facilities and the park's location on the Pottawattomie Bayou provide a good location for the installation of an ADA accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch. The launch would provide access to the Bayou, the connecting Grand River, the developing Grand River Water Trail, as well as extended paddle trips even out to Lake Michigan. The launch would be for non-motorized hand launched water craft.

Memorial Viewing Platform under the Mercury Drive Bayou Bridges

Construct and dedicate a memorial viewing platform under both bayou bridges along Mercury Drive.

Non-Motorized Pathway Retaining Wall Stabilization along Lakeshore Drive

Stabilize the existing retaining wall on the east side of the non-motorized pathway along Lakeshore Drive. This will reduce further erosion and stabilize the pathway.

Grand Haven Charter Township Non-Motorized Pathway Planning

The existing Non-Motorized Pathway System is an extremely popular and important transportation system within the Township. The pathway system serves both as a recreational resource for activities such as walking and biking, but also as a transportation network, as the Township does not have public sidewalks.

Planning discussions included looking at priorities for future expansion of the system. The map of the current system was overlaid with the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Plan for review. Priorities from the Parks and Recreation Committee include:

1. Adding a pathway on 144th Avenue from Mercury Drive south to Lincoln Street.
2. Adding a pathway on Buchanan St from US-31 west to Lakeshore Drive.
3. Adding a pathway connector on 152nd Avenue between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street.
4. Adding a pathway connector on 168th Avenue between Buchanan Street and Ferris Street.
5. Adding a pathway on Groesbeck Avenue from 152nd Avenue west to the end.
6. Adding a pathway on Sleeper St from 168th Avenue to Hofma Preserve.
7. Adding a pathway on Lincoln Street from Lakeshore Drive west US-31.
8. Adding a pathway on Lincoln Street from US-31 east to 144th Avenue
9. Adding a pathway connector on US-31 between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street.

10. Adding paved shoulders on M-45 from Lakeshore Drive east to US-31.

Regional Recreational Planning

Since the last planning document the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Programs, NORP, has become the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), and continues to provide recreational programming for area residents. NORA is financially assisted by the Township and utilizes Township ball fields, soccer fields, and in-line rink. Additionally, several volunteer programs including the Tri-Cities area soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse and football are provided. The YMCA also provides organized leagues for basketball and swim team. Most of these activities utilize either facilities of the various governmental agencies or the public schools. NORA is currently strategizing towards the development of additional Northwest Ottawa Area facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Committee continues to support the efforts of NORA in the concept of regional facility planning and for the shared development of a regional active sports park to provide additional needed sports fields for existing leagues, and newly developing sports.

Strengthen Relationships with Neighboring Governmental Agencies

The Parks and Recreation Committee continues to support the strengthening of relationships with neighboring governmental agencies, and in particular with the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission. Ottawa County has several park properties within the Township and has included expansion of recreation lands within the Township as a County goal. The Township is also seeking the acquisition of additional park land in the southwest quadrant of the Township and would like to request any assistance that the County might be able to give in locating an available piece of land.

Relationships with the City of Grand Haven and neighboring Townships are also important to seek benefits from shared development and political support.

Spring Lake Township Action Plan

The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes desired land acquisitions, potential projects, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

Potential Property Acquisitions

Spring Lake Township has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Land parcels to be determined along M104 to provide a viewshed to Lloyd's Bayou and to provide a trailhead parking area.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

Potential Projects List

The Potential Projects List provides a list of the projects identified by the Township during the planning process as potential projects that will improve the recreational opportunities within the community.

Action Program Spring Lake Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Master Plan	Joint Plan with Norton Shores
Black Lake Park	Natural Features Inventory	Joint Inventory with Norton Shores
Vacant Grand River Lands	Development of Master Plan	
Non-Motorized Pathway	M104 from Krueger St. to Fruitport Rd	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Improve Wayfinding Signage	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Create Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$50,000 per year for 10 years
All Parks	Universal Access Audits & Strategy	Develop Implementation Strategy
Rycenga Park	Restroom Renovation & Expansion	
Rycenga Park	Water Outlets at Shelters	
Rycenga Park	Expanded Irrigation System	
Rycenga Park	Walkway to Basketball Surface	
Rycenga Park	Resurface entrance drive & parking lot	
All Parks	Secure Storage of Equipment	
Water Tank Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing	Community served by school courts

Other Planning Items

Conduct an annual joint meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee
 Complete Green Infrastructure Plan and/or Natural features Inventory to identify important natural elements of the Township
 Work with other municipalities home to the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund.
 Support adjacent municipalities to complete regional bike path systems that benefit Spring Lake Township.
 Work with the Road Commission to make the Township roads more bike and pedestrian friendly.

Potential Project Summaries

Black Lake Park

Black Lake Park is a newly acquired parcel of land adjacent to the existing Black Lake Park of Norton Shores. The first step will be the development of a new master plan for the park including an inventory of the natural features and relationship to the adjacent park.

Vacant Grand River Lands

The Township currently owns undeveloped parcels along the Grand River. A new master plan for these parcels will be completed to determine the appropriate uses, resource protection, and facility development.

Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements

The Township's non-motorized pathway system is well established with a next phase of development planned along M104 from Krueger Street to Fruitport Road. Additionally it is desired to improve wayfinding signage regarding pathway routes, distances, nearby parks, businesses, and attractions. As the pathway ages, there are concerns regarding the long term

maintenance and upkeep of the pathway. It is desired to create a Pathway Maintenance Endowment Fund to plan for the perpetual care of the system.

Universal Access Audits & Strategy

The Township continues to improve Universal accessibility within its parks. To this end, the goal is to complete a thorough Universal Access Audit in each park and to then create an in-depth strategy for designing, funding, and implementing the improvements to upgrade the recreational accessibility.

Rycenga Park Improvements

Rycenga Park is a large active use park within the community. The Township continues to improve ADA accessibility within the park as well as expand recreational facilities. Proposed improvements include renovating and expanding the restrooms to improve ADA accessibility and to better serve the busier days in the park. New water outlets are desired at the shelters to provide water for public use, as well as use for cleaning of the shelters. An expanded irrigation system will improve the turf surfaces on the play surfaces. A new walkway connecting to the basketball court to the existing pathway system will provide ADA accessibility to the courts. Also being planned is the resurfacing of the entrance drive and parking lot.

Secure Storage

To improve the park maintenance operations additional secure storage is needed for the storage of equipment and materials.

Tennis Court Resurfacing at Water Tank Park

The tennis courts at Water Tank Park have aged and are need of resurfacing.

Other Recreational Planning Items

Annual Joint Meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee

Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake are located adjacent to each other, and continue to jointly share in providing services for residents where it is mutually beneficial, it is a goal to annual hold a joint meeting to discuss recreational goals and objectives, as well as share information regarding future parks and recreational efforts.

Green Infrastructure Plan

Complete the development of a Green Infrastructure Plan complete with a Natural Features Inventory to identify important natural elements within the Township for the purpose of making better decisions regarding land acquisitions, parks, land development, and greenway preservation.

Multi-purpose Pathways and Bike Lanes

The Recreation Committee identified the following multi-purpose pathways and bike lanes as priorities within the community. The Committee emphasized that safety, density served, and linkages were the critical factors in determine the most important bike paths, and that the M104 pathway from Krueger to Fruitport Road was the top priority over the other path segments.

M104 from Fruitport to Krueger-Separated multi-purpose pathway (High Priority).

168th Ave. from W. Spring Lake Rd. to Van Wagoner Rd-Separated multi-purpose pathway only if partially developed privately via adjacent new development (Medium Priority).

174th Ave from Taft to Wilson-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Grand Haven Rd. in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Palm Drive-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Blake Lake Road in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Rannes Road-Separated multi-purpose pathway (Low Priority).

M104 from Krueger east to 148th Avenue-Separated multi-purpose pathway on south side of M104 (Low Priority).

Cooperative North Bank Trail Maintenance Fund

The North Bank Trail, 18 miles in length, extends from Spring Lake to Coopersville. The desire is to work cooperatively with the other governmental units which jointly own portions of the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund to secure the perpetual repair and maintenance funds needed to sustain the trial long term.

Support Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Routes

Continue to support adjacent governmental agencies to complete the regional non-motorized pathway systems that link to the Township's pathways and provide benefits to the community.

Support the Non-Motorized Transportation Efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission

The Ottawa County Road Commission continues to integrate Non-Motorized transportation facilities into the overall transportation system of the County. Spring Lake Township supports these efforts and intends to continue to support these efforts in order to create roads within the Township which are more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Village of Spring Lake Action Plan

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Potential Property Acquisitions

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to purchase additional park lands at this time, as they are currently focus on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks.

Potential Projects List

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Action Program
Village of Spring Lake

Park Location	Project	Comments
Central Park	Park Redevelopment Pickleball Basketball Hockey General Park Improvements Accessible Restrooms	

Potential Project Summaries

Central Park Redevelopment

The potential projects identified are for the redevelopment of Central Park which has been a focus for recreation within the Village for many decades. The park and facilities are utilized for a variety of league activities, family picnics, special events, and daily recreation. The current facilities have out lived their life expectancy and a master plan has been completed for the redevelopment of the park with new modern facilities which also improve the ADA accessibility for the park. The new park facilities will be phased into the park as funding allows.

PLANNING PROCESS

Regional Joint Planning Effort

There are many potential benefits to coordinated recreational planning amongst governmental agencies including increased efficiencies in providing park and recreation opportunities, access to increased funding sources, greater protection and identification of natural resources, greater potential for identifying creative ways of accomplishing recreation goals, public media coverage, expanded public support, economic advantages, and shared long term vision and goals. In striving to begin to plan and understand the local community recreational opportunities available, as well as the planning efforts underway, five communities have joined together within this plan to develop a joint five year community recreation plan. These communities include the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake. This is the first joint recreational planning effort of these five communities as a unified plan.

Establishment of Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee

The five communities established a Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee in which each community could assign one or two representative individuals. The Committee was chaired by Spring Lake Township who hosted the meetings and oversaw the development of the planning document. The five communities determined that the best way to complete a joint recreation plan was to retain a recreation consultant to assist in the plan development. The five communities jointly retained the firm of PM Blough, Inc. to assist in the development of the recreation inventory, public input, the planning process, and the writing of the plan document. The Committee met periodically throughout the process to guide the planning effort and the Committee members served as liaisons between the Committee and their respective communities.

Recreation Inventory

A comprehensive inventory was completed of the recreational facilities within the five governmental jurisdictions. The results of this inventory are included in the Recreation Inventory section of this document and are broken into resources by each governmental unit as well as summarized as a whole community. Of significant relevance was the creation of an overall regional mapping of public park sites onto one map and the creation of a unified park facilities inventory chart, both of which had previously not existed and will also be used as community information resources. Individual park sheets were also created for each park in a unified manner which can also be used for additional uses beyond the plan such as local websites and informational handouts.

Community Recreation Survey

As part of the planning process to gather public input, a public survey was developed and made available to the public. The format of the survey was an electronic survey, facilitated through Survey Monkey, with paper copies also available upon request. The link to the survey was shared via public announcements, direct emails, Facebook, newspaper articles and public advertisements. The electronic format allowed residents direct access to providing input without requiring attendance at preset meeting dates or times, or means of transportation.

A total of 25 questions were offered for resident responses, with many of the questions offering opportunities for open ended responses. The survey was open for public comment for approximately six weeks in 2014 from mid-August through the end of September. A total of 803 responses were received with respondents from all of the governmental units, ages primarily over the age of 18 to over 75 years of age, and included many thoughtful comments from residents.

The full survey results are included in Appendix A of this document.

Documentation of Administrative Structures for Each Community

The five communities each operate under their own independent administrative structures which provide for administration, funding, operation, programming, development, and planning of the parks within the community. Based on this autonomy, independent summaries of each of the governmental unit structures was documented and written. These appear in the Administrative Structure section of the plan.

Development of Goals & Objectives

As each of the five communities are independent and uniquely different, they each developed a series of Goals and Objectives for providing for parks and recreation within their communities. These goals and objectives often share similar characteristics and wording from community to community which further emphasis the unity felt within the expanded community in providing the best opportunities for the residents and visitors. The Goals and Objectives for each of the communities are shown in the Goals and Objectives Section of this plan.

Development of the Action Plan

Independent Action Plans were developed for each community through processes which included staff, community, and elected official input. These resulted in the development of a consolidated community wide Potential Property Acquisition List and a Consolidated Potential Project List, as well as individual Action Plans for each community. The consolidated lists allow for the communities to readily view the thoughts and planning for recreation on a community-wide basis.

Development and Review of Draft Plan

A draft plan document was written and compiled for public review and comment prior to formal adoption by the local units of government.

Thirty Day Public Comment Period

Once the draft document was completed, the plan was made available for not less than thirty days for public review by all of the residents in all five of the communities. This was made possible by a joint public notice in the local Grand Haven Tribune newspaper and placement on local governmental public notice posting sites. Draft copies of the plans were made available at all five governmental offices and electronic copies were available on city, village, and township websites.

Public Notice for Thirty Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearings

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A NEW JOINT FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Entitled: "Explore the Grand Region, A Community Parks & Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019" for the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and Village of Spring Lake.

The public is invited to offer comment on the proposed new joint five year recreation plan for northwest Ottawa Grand River area which includes the communities listed herein. The public comment period will be open from January 9, 2015 to February 9, 2015. Comments may be submitted in writing by residents to any of the communities listed, or given publicly at any of the public hearings. A public hearing will be held in each of the communities prior to final plan adoption on the following anticipated dates during their regularly scheduled City Council, Village Council, and Township Board Meetings.

Grand Haven Charter Township
February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Spring Lake Township
February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.
City of Ferrysburg
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.
City of Grand Haven
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Village of Spring Lake
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.
At the conclusion of the public comments and hearing, it is the intent to adopt the plan by all five communities and submit the plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval. Draft copies of the plan can be viewed during normal business hours at the office of:

Grand Haven Charter Township- 13300 168th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Spring Lake Township- 106 S. Buchanan St., Spring Lake, MI 49456

City of Ferrysburg- 17290 Roosevelt Rd, Ferrysburg, MI 49409

City of Grand Haven- 519 Washington, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Village of Spring Lake- 102 W. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456

Each municipality will also place an electronic copy on their website for viewing. Written comments will be received at the municipal offices as listed above between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The municipality will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this hearing, such as signers for hearing impaired persons and audio tapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of three days' prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the municipality by contacting the respective Clerk of their municipality.

Dated: January 5, 2015
January 9, 2015

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

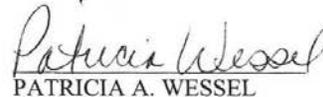
STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OTTAWA

JENNIFER HOSMAN, being first duly sworn, says that she is the OFFICE CLERK of the Grand Haven Tribune, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper. And that annexed thereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published.

JANUARY 9, 2015


JENNIFER HOSMAN

Scribed and sworn before me on
the 12th day of JANUARY, 2015


PATRICIA A. WESSEL

Notary public in and for Ottawa County
State of Michigan
My commission expires: August 31, 2017

Public Hearings and Plan Adoption

A public hearing was held at each of the five governmental units prior to formal adoption. Copies of the public notices, minutes of the public hearings, and the formal adoption resolutions are compiled in the following pages by Community.

Transmittal of the Plan to the MDNR

The plan was transmitted to the MDNR by each of the five communities. Completed "Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Certification Checklist." are included for each community with the Public Hearing and Plan Adoption Information.

Transmittal to Regional Planning and County

Copies of the plan were transmitted to West Michigan Regional Planning and Ottawa County Planning Department. Copies of the transmittal letters appear later in



February 27, 2015

Mr. David Bee, Director
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
1345 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 255
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670

RE: Transmittal of Community Recreation Plan
Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan
in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019

Dear Mr. Bee,

PMB respectfully submits the following Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019 on behalf of the City of Ferrysburg, the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

PM Blough, Inc.

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Pamela Blough, PLA, FASLA

Cc: City of Ferrysburg
City of Grand Haven
Grand Haven Charter Township
Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake

PM Blough, Inc. PO Box 102, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417 Phone: 616.402.2398

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February 27, 2015

Mr. Mark Knudsen, Director
Ottawa County Planning Commission
12220 Filmore Street, Rm 260
West Olive, MI 49460

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City of Ferrysburg

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

Support of the Ferrysburg Recreation Commission

Ferrysburg Recreation Commission
Meeting Notes
January 15, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Chairperson Gitchell at 5:30 p.m.
2. Present: Jean Gitchell, Rebecca Hopp, Ann Holman
Absent: Vince Deur.
3. Public comments: None.
4. The consensus of Commission Members was to approve the November 13, 2014, meeting notes as printed.
5. Commission Members reviewed the draft 2015-2019 Community Recreation Plan. Members commented that it was a good and helpful having the five (5) communities Recreation Plan in one document.
6. The consensus of Commission Members was to schedule a public hearing at the February 16 City Council meeting on the 2015-2019 Recreation Plan.
7. Chairperson Gitchell indicated her 25th anniversary of serving on the Recreation Commission will be in April 2015.
8. Public Comments: None.
9. Members' report/comments: None.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Craig Bessinger
Acting Secretary

Additional Notice of Public Hearing

CITY OF FERRYSBURG
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED RECREATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given of a Public Meeting to be held by the Ferrysburg City Council on Monday, February 16, 2015, at or after 7:30 p.m. at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road, Ferrysburg, Michigan.

The City of Ferrysburg and the Ferrysburg Recreation Commission, with the assistance of consultant Pam Blough, have completed a draft Recreation Plan. The proposed Recreation Plan will serve as a guide in making decisions about parks and recreation facilities acquisition and development.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to receive comments and suggestions on the draft five (5) year Recreation Plan for years 2015-2019 regarding the community's parks and recreation needs.

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Public Meeting and to participate in the discussion.

Debbie Wierenga
City Clerk

February 9, 2015

Minutes of Public Hearing

CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Mayor Pro-tem Hopp at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Present: Rebecca Hopp, Regina Sjoberg, Kathleen Kennedy, Scott Blease, Michael DeWitt.

Council Member Absent: Dan Ruiter, Chris Larson

Also present: City Manager Bessinger, City Clerk Wierenga and twelve citizens.

15-014 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Blease, moved to excuse Mayor Ruiter. The motion passed unanimously.

15-015 Council Member Kennedy, seconded by Council Member Blease, moved to approve the January 19, 2015, City Council meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

15-016 Mayor Pro-tem Hopp opened at 7:39 pm a public hearing on a Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019. Comments were given. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp closed at 7:47 pm the public hearing.

15-017 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Blease moved to approve a resolution to adopt the Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019. The motion passed, 4 yeas, 1 nay (Sjoberg).

15-018 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Sjoberg, moved to approve a request filed by Daniel Downs to amend the Special Land Use Permit for Bilz Plumbing and Mechanical to construct a 30' by 50' addition on the north side of the existing building, parcel no. 70-03-16-326-018, commonly known as 235 Second Street. If approved, this will amend the site plan previously approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting held on May 4, 2000, and by City Council at their meeting held on May 15, 2000. The motion passed unanimously.

15-019 Council Member Blease, seconded by Council Member Kennedy, moved to approve a recommendation from the Harbor Transit Multi-Modal Transportation System (HTMMS) to approve the 2015/2016 millage rate at .60000 mills. The motion passed unanimously.

15-020 Council Member Kennedy, seconded by Council Member DeWitt, moved to adopt a resolution regarding leasing a portion of the premises at 17290 Roosevelt Road to Jen Bradshaw and to authorize the Mayor Pro-tem and City Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement. Roll call vote: 5 yeas. Motion Passed.

CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2015
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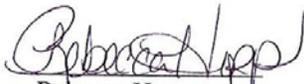
15-021 City Council Members discussed the Keeping of Animals. Public comments were given. Consensus of City Council Members was to revise the draft ordinance presented to allow goats, chickens and rabbits.

15-022 City Council Member discussed the water/sewer rates.

The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor reported on several current items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Hopp
Mayor Pro-tem


Debbie Wierenga
City Clerk

Adoption Resolution by the Ferrysburg City Council



CITY OF FERRYSBURG

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IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY
2015-2019

For City of Ferrysburg
Ottawa County

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has 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 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, and

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

WHEREAS, the Ferrysburg City Council is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members 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 planning area 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 16, 2015 at Ferrysburg City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Ferrysburg, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Ferrysburg City Council voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ferrysburg City Council hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

Offered by Council Member DeWitt.

Seconded by Council Member Blease.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 1

Absent: 2

Resolution Adopted



I, Debbie Wierenga, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Ferrysburg, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Ferrysburg City Council at its regular meeting held on February 16, 2015, at or after 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Wierenga
Debbie Wierenga, City Clerk

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City of Grand Haven
Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015
(Excerpt)

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. concerning the final draft of "EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019."

Mr. Terry Casey, 838 S. Harbor owner, noted the recreation plan included restroom facilities in the Lighthouse Connector Park. The goal for restrooms was met with the plan to rebuild the current facilities in the state park. He asked that references to the Lighthouse Connector Park restrooms be removed from the recreation plan.

Ms. Pam Blough, PMB PLaCE Studios, assured council the draft recreation plan had already been updated to reflect the correct restroom location.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

15-041 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Monetza, to approve the final draft of "EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019." This motion carried unanimously.

Council thought it was wise to have a comprehensive regional plan. It was a good vehicle for grant applications and would give direction to the Parks & Recreation Board. Costs for the plan were kept down due to the collaboration of other communities. The plan would also help the North Ottawa Recreation Authority.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 16, 2015, and that notice of the meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.


Linda L. Browand, City Clerk

Adoption Resolution of City Council

**EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY
2015-2019**

*For City of Grand Haven
Ottawa County*

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has 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 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grand Haven is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members 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 planning area 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 16, 2015, at Grand Haven City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

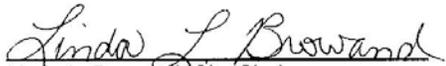
WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Grand Haven, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City Council of the City of Grand Haven voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Grand Haven hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

Yeas: Monetza, Hierholzer, Scott, Fritz, and McCaleb
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE

I, Linda L. Browand, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Haven at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of February, 2015.


Linda L. Browand, City Clerk
City of Grand Haven, Michigan



Grand Haven Charter Township

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: French, Larsen, Behm and Kieft.

Board members absent: Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Planner Fedewa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 26, 2015 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve February 4, 2015 Special Joint Board/Planning Commission Minutes
3. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$236,481.13 (*A/P checks of \$124,651.29 and payroll of \$111,829.84*)
4. Approve Sounds of Summer License Agreement with "Walk the Beat", a local, non-profit organization
5. Approve Millhouse Court Water Main Construction Bid to Northern Pipeline Contactors, Inc. (*\$32,115.50*)
6. Approve Appointment of David Gignac to Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2017

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015 - 2019

Supervisor French opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) spoke regarding the proposed regional recreation plan and recommended specific changes to the document.

Planner Fedewa reviewed the plan and recommended certain amendments/additions to

the draft.

Supervisor French closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt the proposed rezoning of parcels 70-07-12-300-033 and 70-07-12-300-036 from R-2 Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the attached report. This approval is conditioned upon the following:
 - a. Approval and compliance with all requirements of the OCRC, OCWRC, and MDEQ. Copies of approvals and/or permits must be submitted to staff and made part of the file. No building permits shall be issued until all permits have been obtained.
 - b. Sidewalk shall be installed within 5 years of the first occupancy permit issued in Phase 1, or prior to the issuance of the first occupancy permit for Phase 2—whichever is later.
 - c. Individual certificates of occupancy shall not be granted until the sidewalk and landscaping for that unit is installed. Sidewalks and landscaping shall comply with the plan dated 12/30/2014.
 - d. Combine parcels 70-07-12-300-033 and 70-07-12-300-036.
 - e. The Developer shall enter into a PUD Contract with the Township. The Contract shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.
 - f. The Developer shall enter into a Special Assessment Lighting District (SALD) Agreement with the Township. The Agreement and Resolution adopting the SALD shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.
 - g. The Developer shall enter into a Special Assessment Agreement for private road maintenance with the Township. The Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.

This is the second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Kieft, French, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 15-02-01 approving a one-year license agreement with Republic Services for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, French, Larsen, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

2. The Board instructed staff to postpone a vote adopting the Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015 – 2019 until the amendments discussed at the public hearing were incorporated.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Clerk Larsen noted that the Personnel Committee Meeting for February was cancelled.
 - ii. Clerk Larsen noted that the Ottawa County Clerks Association is meeting on February 13th.
 - iii. Clerk Larsen noted that a lunch meeting with election workers will be held on February 18th.
- c. Manager's Report, including:
 - i. Cargo noted his decision to waive bids pursuant to Administrative Policy 5.11a for Flygt pumps at a cost of \$15,745.
 - ii. Cargo provided the January Ordinance Enforcement Report.
 - iii. Cargo provided the January Building Report.
- d. Others

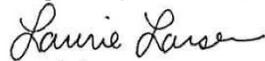
X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor

Township Board Meeting Minutes

GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.

1. The Board discussed Retiree Medical Health plan and instructed staff to complete the following:
 - a. Discontinue the retiree health insurance program through a buyout of the current program of the seventeen (17) full-time, non-union staff currently covered;
 - b. Utilize the buyout figures calculated by Watkins Ross as delineated on page six of the February 5th memorandum;
 - c. Allow the employees a choice of either placing the monies in a pension account or a Retirement Health Savings Account;
 - d. Meet individually with each employee to assist them in a choice and assist the employees to avoid any potential tax liability;
 - e. Determine a pay-out period of between one and three years based upon budget considerations, employee tax liability, and other factors; and,
 - f. Prepare the necessary budget amendments to implement the aforementioned.
 - g. Report back to the Board within a month of options employees choices and appropriate paperwork.

The Board also noted that it would continue the current Retiree Medical Health plan for the four (4) current retirees and the six (6) full-time IAFF union members and instructed staff to transfer the monies necessary to cover these OPEB costs from the existing special revenue account into a trust account.

2. The Board reviewed the 2015 Project List with Superintendent Cargo and added the following amendments:
 - a. Deadline for “Review of Internal Controls” will be June of 2015; and,
 - b. Deadline for the “Purchase of hand-held GPS location device” will be July of 2015.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Redick and Kieft.

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo.

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IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Larsen and seconded by Hutchins to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February 9, 2015 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$232,587.40 (*A/P checks of \$147,463.71 and payroll of \$85,123.69*)
3. Approve Appointment of Trustee Behm to Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending 11/30/2016
4. Approve 2015 Dust Palliative Contract with "Michigan Chloride Sales" (*\$30,560*)
5. Approve Contract with "Utility Financial Solutions" for 2015 Water/Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study (*\$17,600*)

Motion by Kieft and seconded by Meeusen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Behm to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-02-02 which approves the "Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015 – 2019". **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, and French

Nays:

Absent:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Hutchins to enter closed session at 7:05 p.m. both to consider the contents of a written opinion from the Township attorney, and to consider the purchase or lease of real property. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, French, and Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

Motion by Larsen and supported Behm to exit closed session at 7:28 p.m. **Which motion carried**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Larsen noted that a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30 in the main conference room.
- c. Managers Report, which included:
 - i. January Legal Review

- ii. January Law Enforcement Review
- d. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) thanked staff for following through on amendments to the regional Parks and Recreation Plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Larsen and seconded by Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor

Adoption Resolution of the Township Board

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, held on the 23rd day of February 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Township of Grand Haven, 13300 168th Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan.

PRESENT: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Redick and Kieft.
ABSENT:

After certain matters of business had been discussed, Supervisor French announced that the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution to adopt the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*. Following discussion, the following resolution was offered by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-02

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has 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 2015 through 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Grand Haven is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*; and,

WHEREAS, the governmental members 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 planning area 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 9, 2015 at Grand Haven Charter Township Board Room to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township; and,

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Grand Haven Charter Township Board voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Grand Haven Charter Township Board hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019, as amended*.

Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, and French
Nays:
Absent:

RESOLUTION DECLARED: Adopted
ADOPTED ON: February 23, 2015



Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 23rd day of February, 2015. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.



Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk

Spring Lake Township

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

Minutes of Public Hearing

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 9, 2015**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at the Spring Lake Township Hall at 106 S. Buchanan, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

6:00pm Work session: 2015/16 Budget; Fire Department Capital Replacement Plan

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board:

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledge:

Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with a spiritual reading and the pledge of allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 7:10pm and closed at 7:11pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 13a Closed Session to Discuss Potential Leasing of Property; and minor changes to correct the agenda, switch items 8 and 11, change the second item 10 to 10a. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the consent agenda. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve January 12 & 26, 2015 Regular/Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive January 2015 Financials

6. Dutch Girl Brewery Liquor License Request

Kelly Rozema Finchem would like to open a micro-brewery at 14964 Cleveland St, next to Alles Tire. A preliminary step to obtaining the necessary liquor license from the state is a public hearing and an approved resolution by the Township Board. Kelly Finchem was present to describe her new venture and answer any questions the Board may have. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Homan to set the public hearing for the 2/23/2015 Board of Trustees meeting, at 7:00pm, to be held at Fire Station #2 at 14964 174th Ave, Spring Lake, MI 49456. The motion carried unanimously

7. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Chickens

The Planning Commission had drafted, and sent to the Board for consideration, a zoning text amendment ordinance specifically pertaining to the regulation of animals. The amendment would take the special use process out of the keeping of chickens (hens). After some discussion, some clerical changes were made to the section relating to the keeping of chickens as follows: C2 – change parcel to lot; C4 – had in the first sentence “in the side or rear yard” after enclosure and delete the second sentence; C6 – Take out “and fenced enclosure” from the first sentence. Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to adopt the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance as revised. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Boards and Commission Appointments

Supervisor Nash re-appointed Dennis Masson to the Planning Commission, term to expire on 3/31/2018. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Mierle to approve the appointment. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to re-appoint Doug Noren to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to re-appoint Joan Board to the Recreation Committee, term, to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Nash, support by Lindquist to appoint Crystal Morgan to the Recreation Committee, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to re-appoint Margaret Shay to the Wetland Review Board, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Reports

A time for information sharing was given to various Board members.

10. Board Salary Resolutions

Every year, 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the Board passes salary resolutions for compensation to be considered and voted on by the electors at the annual meeting. This year again, the Board approved all resolutions with no change to the salaries.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the Supervisor remain at \$15,600.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to have the salary for statutory duties of the Clerk remain at \$30,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the Treasurer remain at \$12,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the 4 Trustees remain at \$4,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

10a. 2015 Goals

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist to accept as presented the Spring Lake Township 2015 Strategic Plan with Goals and Objectives. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Recreation Plan Public Hearing

The 5 units of government that comprise northwest Ottawa County collaboratively hired PM Blough, Inc to create a 5 year community parks and recreation plan. This also included a parks and recreation plan for each individual municipality. The next step in the process is to hold a public hearing to give residents a chance to voice their thoughts on the plan. The plan was available for viewing on line and at the administrative offices of all municipalities involved. Pam Blough, from PM Blough, Inc was presented the document, specifically as it pertained to Spring Lake Townships section.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 8:14pm. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to close the public hearing at 8:15pm. No comments were received.

After some discussion a **motion** was made by Lindquist, with support by Mierle to approve the section on the Spring lake Township Goals and Objectives with the inclusion of the Township mission statement; 4e – add Little Black Lake; 7e – add Spring Lake; and include a provision for maintenance. A roll call vote carried with Nash being the dissenting vote. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to adopt the Resolution of “A Community Parks and Recreation Plan of Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019”. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Cemetery Road Bids

Bids for extending the cemetery drive to the west were received and opened. Kevin Kieft from Prein & Newhof prepared the bid tabulation and Notice of Award. The recommendation is to award the contract to Tiles Excavating, who was also the low bidder at \$31,722.60. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to award the bid to Tiles excavating for \$31,722.60. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Reports

A time for information sharing was given to the Supervisor and Manager.

13a. Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session at 9:20pm to discuss potential leasing of property was made by Lindquist and supported by Mierle. With a roll call vote the motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:29pm.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk

Adoption Resolution

15-4

EXCERPTS OF MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at the Spring Lake Township Hall, 106 South Buchanan Street, Spring Lake, Michigan, on the 9th day of February, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None.

The Supervisor stated the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution concerning the adoption of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*. The following resolution was offered by Lindquist and supported by Terpstra:

Resolution Adopting *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*

WHEREAS, Spring Lake Township has 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 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, Spring Lake Township has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Township is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members 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

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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 9, 2015, at Spring Lake Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, Spring Lake Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Spring Lake Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Township voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

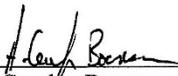
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Township hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

YES: Boersma, Koster, Homan, Lindquist, Mierle, Terpstra.

NO: Nash.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

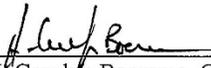
Dated: February 9, 2015



H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution relative to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, which Resolution was adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 9th day of February, 2015. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.



H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk

Village of Spring Lake

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday February 16, 2015
7:00 P.M., Barber School
102 West Exchange Street
Spring Lake, Michigan

1. Call to Order

President **MacLachlan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Bennett, MacLachlan, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: Meyers and Miller.

On a motion by **Nauta**, seconded by **Bennett**, to excuse the absence of Council Members **Meyers** and **Miller**.

Yes: 5 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by **VanStrate**, seconded by **Bennett**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 5 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved payment of the bills (checks numbered 56351 – 56433) in the amount of \$395,255.62.

B. Approved the minutes for the January 19, 2015 Council meeting.

C. Approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Dull to the CBDDA Board with a term expiring 11/2019.

D. Approved a contract with Hydro Designs, Inc. to perform the Village's Cross Connection Control Program for an amount not to exceed \$4,752 over the course of 36 months.

- E. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015-02, a Resolution approving a disbursement policy for accounts payable checks.
- F. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015-03, a Resolution approving the Harbor Transit millage rate of .6 mills.
- G. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015 – 04, a Resolution to establish a “Beautification Committee” to oversee volunteer efforts, annual and perennial plantings, rain garden maintenance and tree inventory throughout the Village.
- H. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015 – 05, a Resolution to establish a “Friends of Barber School” committee to oversee volunteer efforts and make recommendations regarding the oversight and management of Barber School.
- I. Approved the annual Waste Hauler licenses.
- J. Approve a grant submission to the MDNRTF for improvements to Central Park.

On a motion by **Nauta**, seconded by **Bennett**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 5 No: 0

6. General Business

- A. Council held a Public Hearing for a Joint 5-year Community Recreation Plan

The Village collaborated with Spring Lake Township, Grand Haven Township, as well as the Cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg to hire PM Blough to formulate a comprehensive plan. This collaborative effort will better position NW Ottawa County for future grants. The deadline to complete the plan and submit it to the State of Michigan is March 1, 2015 so the timeline is rather tight.

President **MacLachlan** opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, the Village Council closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, Village Council adopted Resolution 2015 -01, a Resolution to Adopt a Multi-jurisdictional Parks &

Recreation Master Plan titled: Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019.

Yes: 5 No: 0

7. Department Reports

- A. Village Manager
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director
- C. OCSO
- D. 911
- E. Fire
- F. DPW
- G. Sewer

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

No old business to discuss at this time.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

No new business to discuss at this time.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

No report from the Village Attorney

11. Statement of Citizens

Amanda Price gave a brief update regarding the House of Representatives and what is going on in Lansing.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **VanStrate**, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

James MacLachlan, Village President

Christine Burns, Village Manager

Adoption Resolution

**VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**COUNCIL MEMBER BENNETT, SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER NAUTA, MOVED THE
ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

RESOLUTION NO: 2015-01

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN TITLED:**

**EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY
2015-2019**

WHEREAS, the Village of Spring Lake has 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 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Spring Lake has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, and Spring Lake Township, and

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Spring Lake is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members 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 planning area 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 16, 2015 at Barber School to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Spring Lake has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Village of Spring Lake, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Village of Spring Lake voted to adopt said Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Spring Lake hereby adopts the Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019.

Yes: 5

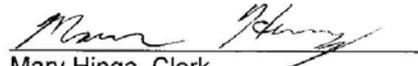
No: 0

Absent: Meyers & Miller

I, Marv Hinga, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Spring Lake at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of February, 2015.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: February 16, 2015


Marv Hinga, Clerk
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Craig Bessinger  February 27, 2015
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

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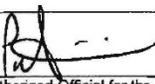
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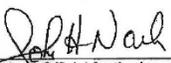
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By: _____ Date _____
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks & Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Ferrysburg	Ottawa	February 2015
City of Grand Haven	Ottawa	February 2015
Grand Haven Charter Township	Ottawa	February 2015
Spring Lake Township	Ottawa	February 2015
Village of Spring Lake	Ottawa	February 2015

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations <p style="text-align: center;">Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of Notice January 9, 2015

Type of Notice Grand Haven Tribune Public Notice

Plan Location Each Community Government Office, Websites

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) Not Less Than 32 Days

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 9, 2015

Name of Newspaper Grand Haven Tribune Public Notice

Date of Meeting February 9, 2015 and February 6, 2015 (Five Meetings Total)

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to **both** the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 16, 2015
- 2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 27, 2015
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 27, 2015

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Village of Spring Lake _____ includes the required content, as indicated
(Local Unit of Government)
 above and as set forth by the DNR.

Christine Burns February 27, 2015
 Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
 RESOURCES
 PO BOX 30425
 LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

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Appendix A: Community Parks & Recreation Survey

**Community Wide Recreation Survey
for the
Community Wide Five Year Recreation Plan**

Communities of

**City of Ferrysburg
City of Grand Haven
Grand Haven Charter Township
Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake**

Summary Issued October 7, 2014

Recreation Survey Background

The communities of the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and Village of Spring Lake embarked in the summer of 2014 on the development of a Community Wide Five Year Recreation Plan. As part of the planning process to gather public input, a public survey was developed and made available to the public. The format of the survey was an electronic survey, facilitated through Survey Monkey, with paper copies also available upon request. The link to the survey was shared via public announcements, direct emails, Facebook, newspaper articles and public advertisements.

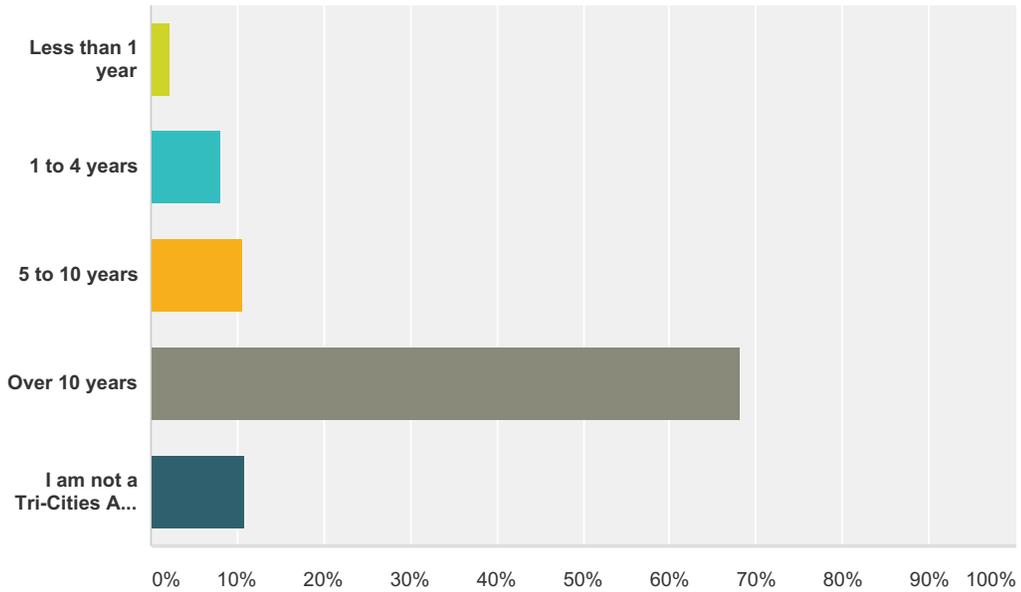
A total of 25 questions were offered for resident responses, with many of the questions offering opportunities for open ended responses. The survey was open for public comment for approximately six weeks in 2014 from mid August through the end of September. A total of 803 responses were received with respondents from all of the governmental units, ages primarily over the age of 18 to over 75 years of age, and included many thoughtful comments from residents.

Included in this summary are detailed results of each question including the written responses received to each of the questions.

The survey and the summary was developed as part of the overall planning effort being coordinated by the firm PM Blough of Grand Haven, MI.

Q1 How many years have you been a resident of the Tri-Cities Area? (Includes City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township, and City of Ferrysburg)

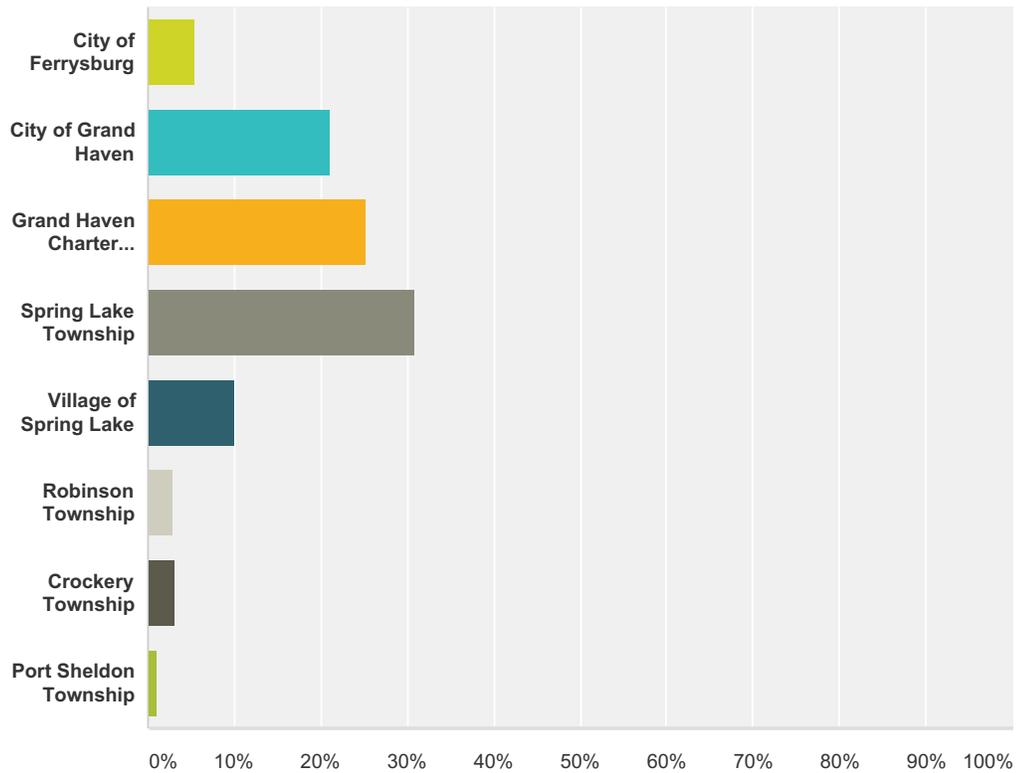
Answered: 796 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 1 year	2.26% 18
1 to 4 years	8.04% 64
5 to 10 years	10.55% 84
Over 10 years	68.22% 543
I am not a Tri-Cities Area resident	10.93% 87
Total	796

Q2 In which governmental area do you live?

Answered: 711 Skipped: 92



Answer Choices	Responses
City of Ferrysburg	5.49% 39
City of Grand Haven	21.10% 150
Grand Haven Charter Township	25.18% 179
Spring Lake Township	30.94% 220
Village of Spring Lake	9.99% 71
Robinson Township	2.95% 21
Crockery Township	3.23% 23
Port Sheldon Township	1.13% 8
Total	711

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Ludington	9/4/2014 10:48 AM
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3	City of Muskegon	8/25/2014 11:39 AM
4	Fruitport	8/25/2014 11:33 AM

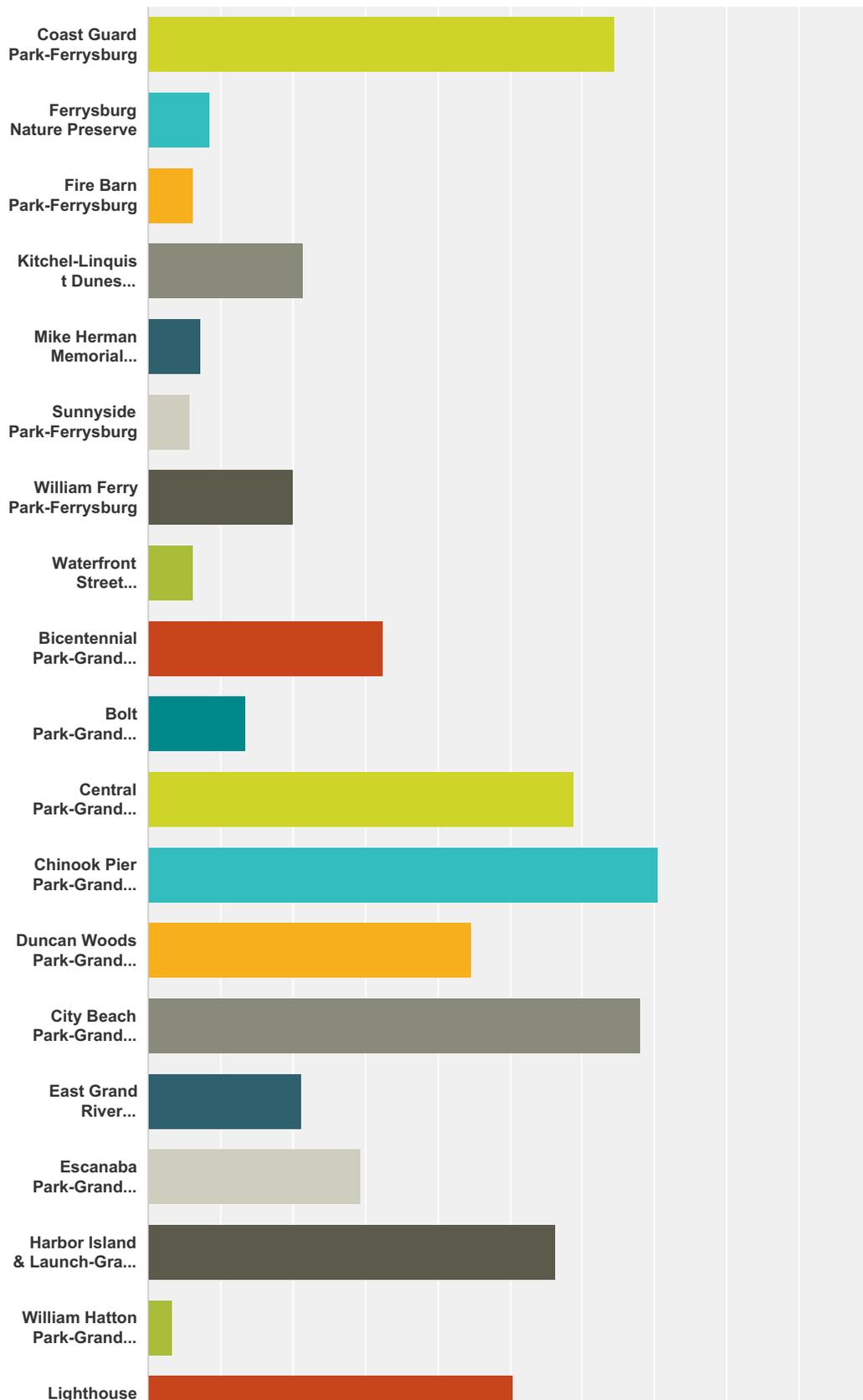
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22	Norton Shores	8/19/2014 8:18 PM
23	City of Walker	8/19/2014 8:16 PM
24	Boston township	8/19/2014 8:06 PM
25	on Spring Lake in Village of Fruitport	8/19/2014 7:47 PM
26	Norton Shores	8/19/2014 7:40 PM
27	allendale	8/19/2014 8:03 AM
28	Muskegon, but I play tennis in the Tri-Cities	8/18/2014 3:52 PM
29	Village of Fruitport	8/18/2014 2:25 PM
30	Moving to Ferrysburg in September	8/18/2014 1:02 PM
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36	Muskegon Township	8/15/2014 3:37 AM
37	city of Fremont	8/14/2014 10:51 PM
38	Roosevelt Park	8/14/2014 4:03 PM
39	None	8/14/2014 2:07 PM
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41	Norton Shores	8/14/2014 8:44 AM
42	norton shores	8/14/2014 8:02 AM

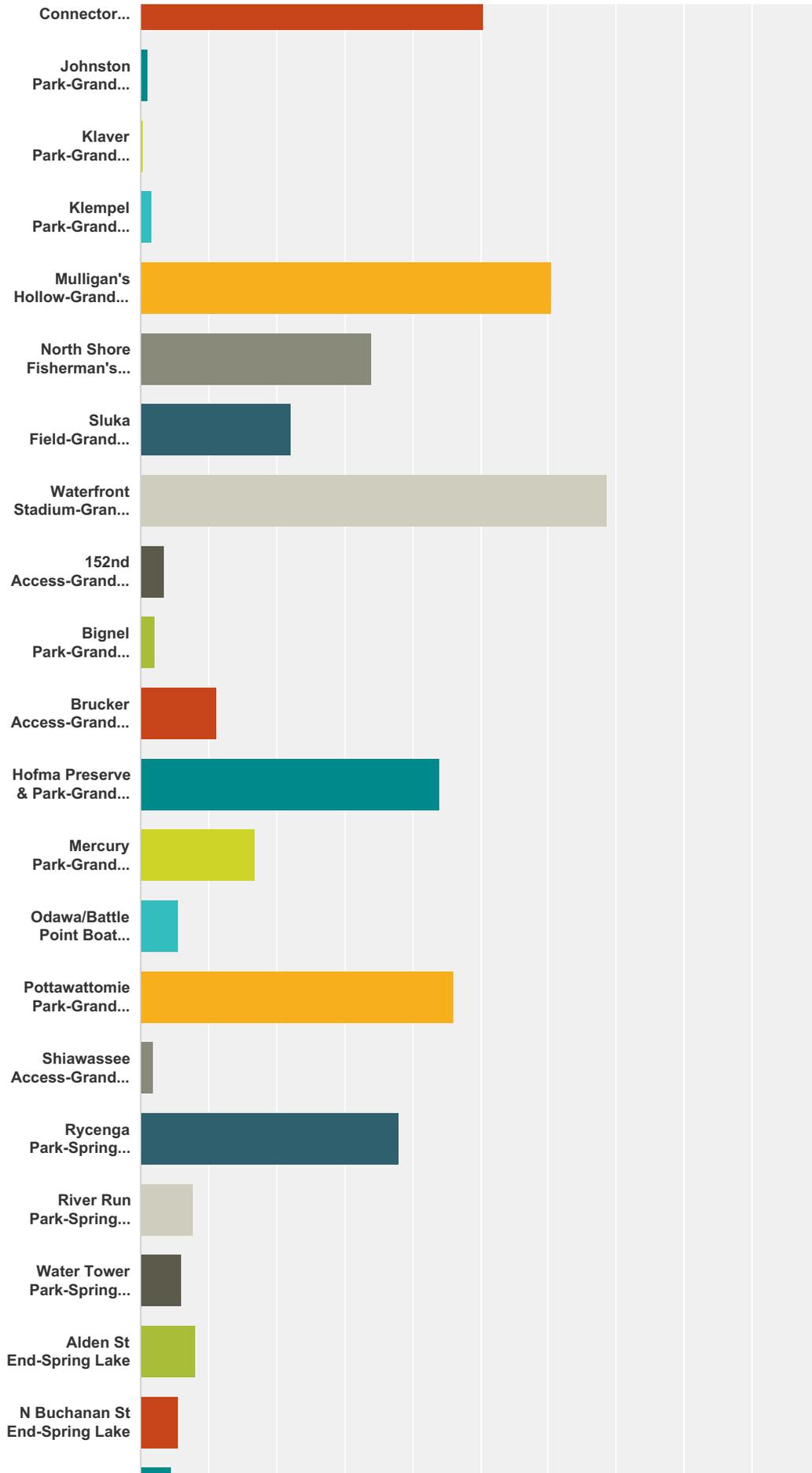
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77	Dalton Township	8/13/2014 3:18 PM
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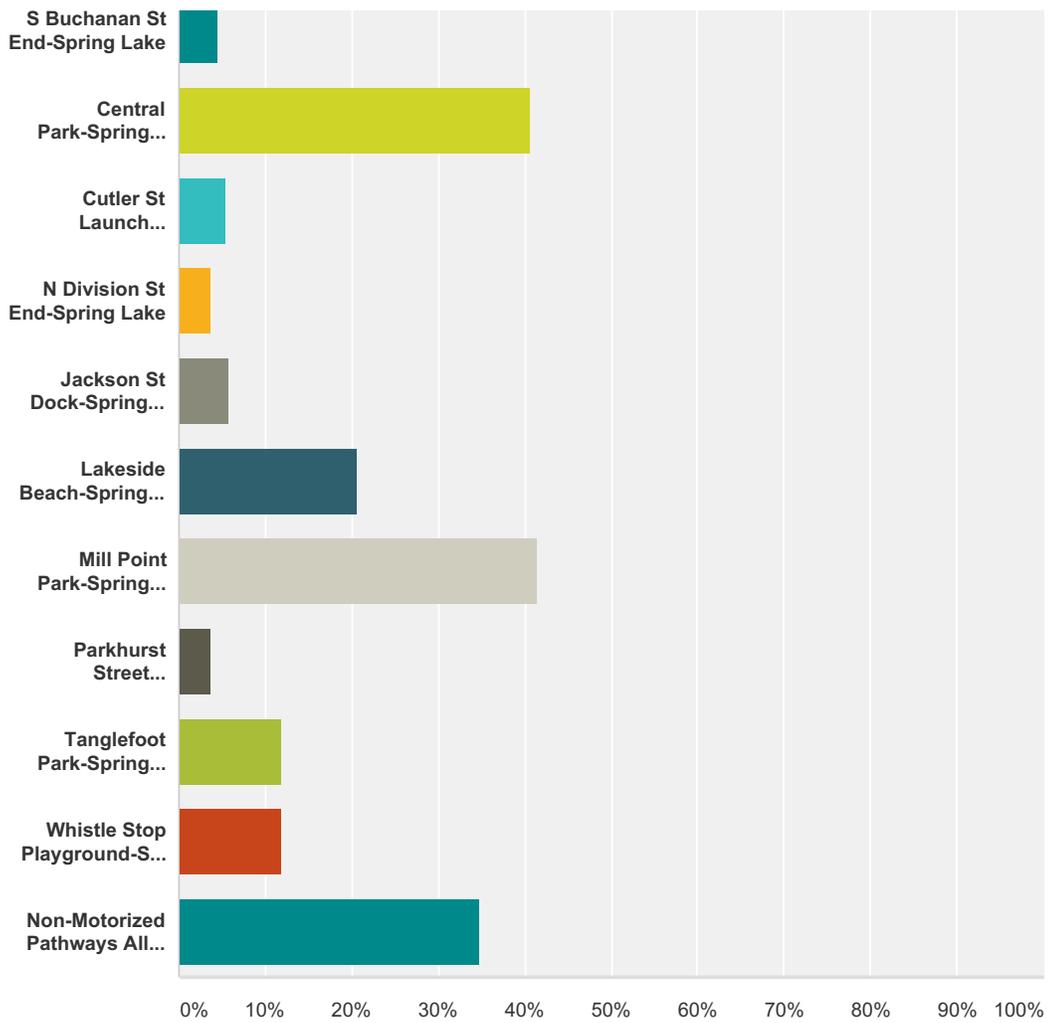
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83	Non-Resident	8/13/2014 12:20 PM

Q3 Which parks have you visited during the last year? (select all that you have visited)

Answered: 757 Skipped: 46







Answer Choices	Responses
Coast Guard Park-Ferrysburg	64.60% 489
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	8.59% 65
Fire Barn Park-Ferrysburg	6.34% 48
Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve	21.40% 162
Mike Herman Memorial Field-Ferrysburg	7.40% 56
Sunnyside Park-Ferrysburg	5.81% 44
William Ferry Park-Ferrysburg	20.08% 152
Waterfront Street Ends-Ferrysburg	6.21% 47
Bicentennial Park-Grand Haven	32.63% 247
Bolt Park-Grand Haven	13.47% 102
Central Park-Grand Haven	58.78% 445
Chinook Pier Park-Grand Haven	70.54% 534

Duncan Woods Park-Grand Haven	44.65%	338
City Beach Park-Grand Haven	68.03%	515
East Grand River Park-Grand Haven	21.27%	161
Escanaba Park-Grand Haven	29.46%	223
Harbor Island & Launch-Grand Haven	56.41%	427
William Hatton Park-Grand Haven	3.43%	26
Lighthouse Connector Park/Boardwalk-Grand Haven	50.46%	382
Johnston Park-Grand Haven	1.06%	8
Klaver Park-Grand Haven	0.40%	3
Klempel Park-Grand Haven	1.59%	12
Mulligan's Hollow-Grand Haven	60.50%	458
North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot-Grand Haven	34.08%	258
Sluka Field-Grand Haven	22.19%	168
Waterfront Stadium-Grand Haven	68.69%	520
152nd Access-Grand Haven Twp	3.57%	27
Bignel Park-Grand Haven Twp	2.11%	16
Brucker Access-Grand Haven Twp	11.23%	85
Hofma Preserve & Park-Grand Haven Twp	43.99%	333
Mercury Park-Grand Haven Twp	16.91%	128
Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch-Grand Haven Twp	5.55%	42
Pottawattomie Park-Grand Haven Twp	46.10%	349
Shiawassee Access-Grand Haven Twp	1.85%	14
Rycenga Park-Spring Lake Twp	38.04%	288
River Run Park-Spring Lake Twp	7.66%	58
Water Tower Park-Spring Lake Twp	6.08%	46
Alden St End-Spring Lake	8.06%	61
N Buchanan St End-Spring Lake	5.68%	43
S Buchanan St End-Spring Lake	4.62%	35
Central Park-Spring Lake	40.69%	308
Cutler St Launch Ramp-Spring Lake	5.42%	41
N Division St End-Spring Lake	3.83%	29
Jackson St Dock-Spring Lake	5.94%	45

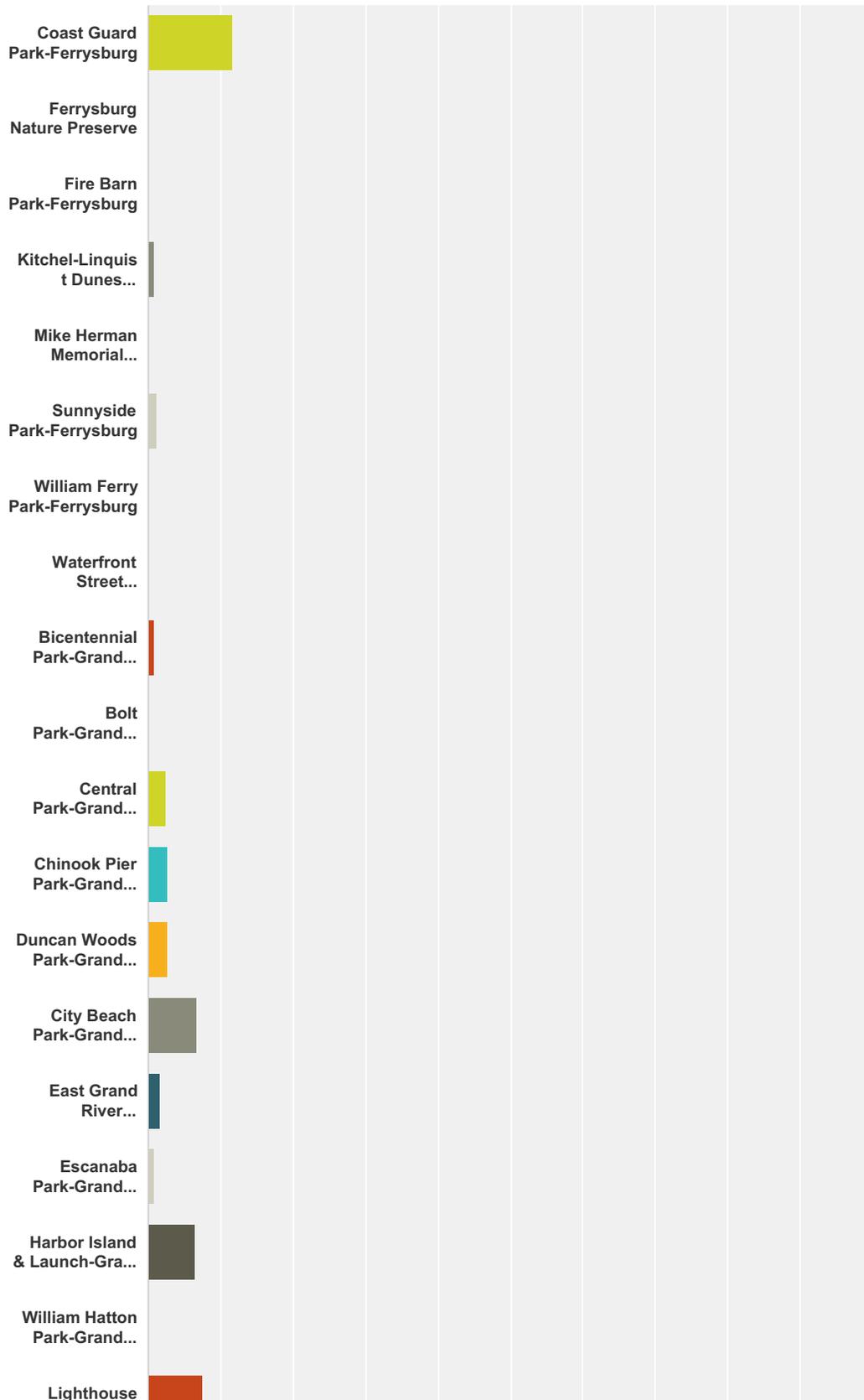
Lakeside Beach-Spring Lake	20.61%	156
Mill Point Park-Spring Lake	41.61%	315
Parkhurst Street End-Spring Lake	3.70%	28
Tanglefoot Park-Spring Lake	11.89%	90
Whistle Stop Playground-Spring Lake	11.89%	90
Non-Motorized Pathways All Locations	34.87%	264
Total Respondents: 757		

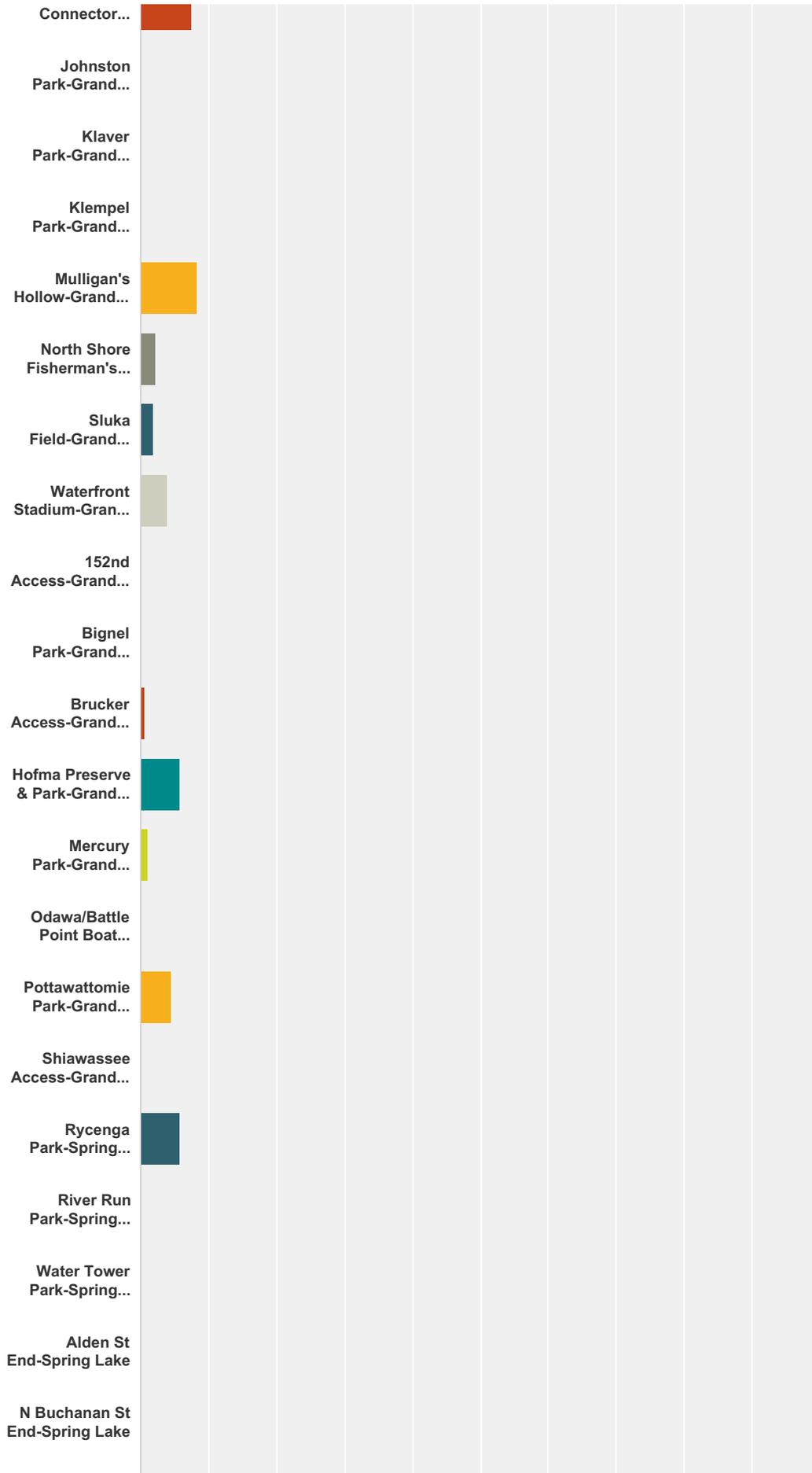
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3	Rosy Mound	8/28/2014 10:31 PM
4	Rosy Mound	8/27/2014 6:08 PM
5	Robinson TWP park	8/25/2014 3:52 PM
6	rosy mound county park	8/25/2014 11:36 AM
7	Rosey Mound - Grand Haven	8/24/2014 11:02 AM
8	Robinson Township Park	8/24/2014 7:40 AM
9	Robinson Twp park	8/23/2014 11:09 PM
10	Kirk park, pigeon creek park! Conner bayou	8/23/2014 10:08 PM
11	Grand haven dog park and dog beach	8/23/2014 9:48 PM
12	pine park	8/23/2014 9:29 PM
13	Rosy mound	8/23/2014 6:45 PM
14	Kirk park	8/22/2014 1:30 AM
15	Dog parks, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg .	8/22/2014 12:44 AM
16	SLPC Childrens Playgroung Park	8/21/2014 6:03 PM
17	Rosy Mound Park	8/21/2014 6:01 PM
18	rosy mound natural area ... please put this on your list.	8/21/2014 4:11 PM
19	Pettys bayou	8/21/2014 12:54 PM
20	non-no time have tio work to pay taxes	8/21/2014 12:06 PM
21	Grand Haven State Park	8/20/2014 4:19 PM
22	North Beach Park, Hemlock Crossing, Pigeon Creek, Olive Shores, Kirk Park, Rosy Mound	8/19/2014 9:13 PM
23	Robinson Twp Park	8/19/2014 5:54 PM
24	none	8/19/2014 3:44 PM
25	North Beach in Ferrysburg (Ottawa County Park)	8/19/2014 3:30 PM
26	ottawa county park on northshore	8/19/2014 2:08 PM
27	Mulligan's hollow off leash dog area	8/19/2014 1:14 PM
28	Conner Park, Rosy Mound, Hemlock (all County)	8/19/2014 12:23 PM

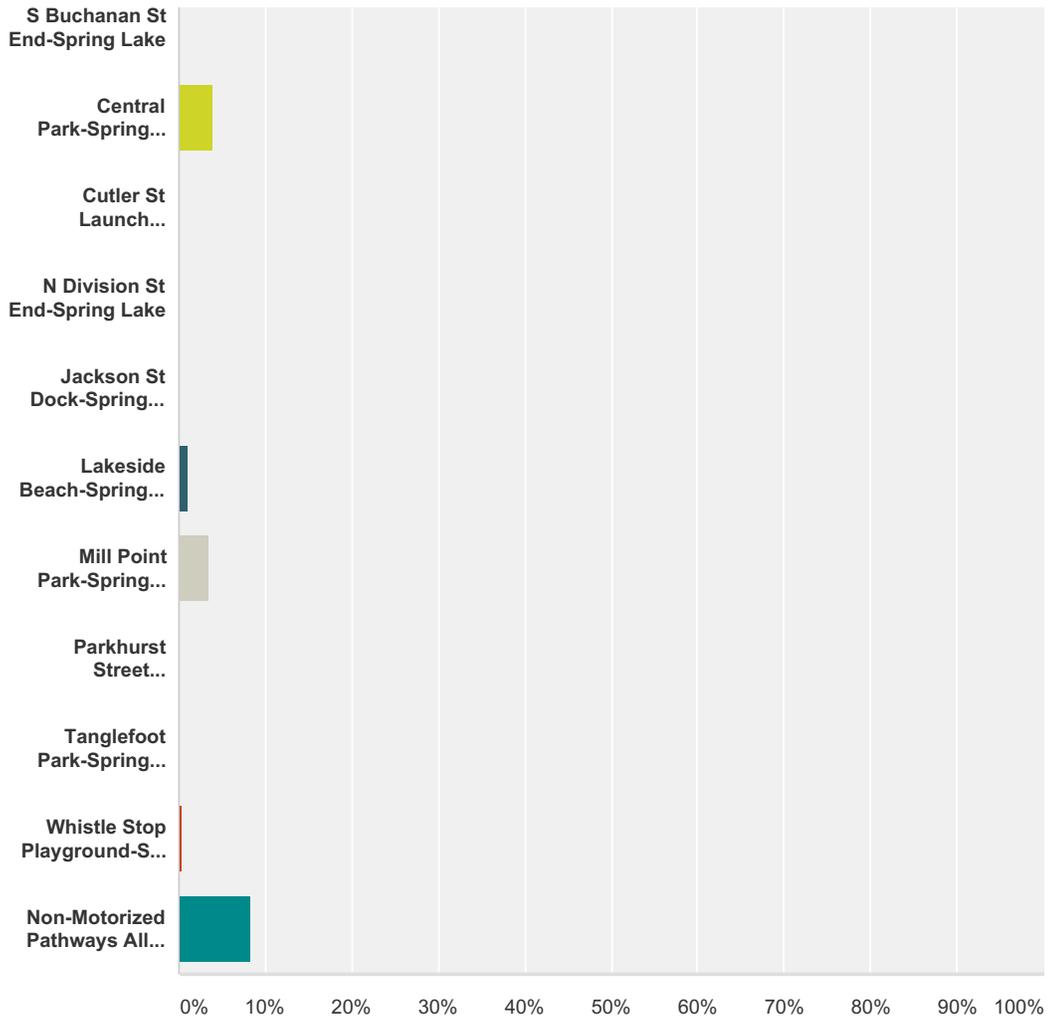
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33	Central Park Dog Park	8/17/2014 10:06 AM
34	North Beach Park, Hemlock Crossing, Pigeon Creek, Connor Bayou, Grand River Park, Grand River Ravines North, Kirk Park, Upper Macatawa Natural Area,	8/17/2014 8:46 AM
35	rosy mound	8/17/2014 8:03 AM
36	riverside park, Robinson park	8/17/2014 7:50 AM
37	Robinson Park- Robinson Twp.	8/17/2014 6:48 AM
38	North Shore Beach and Grand Haven State Park.	8/16/2014 9:46 PM
39	Dog Beach	8/16/2014 6:05 PM
40	Rosy Mound Natural Area, Connor's Bayou	8/16/2014 3:39 PM
41	Rosy Mound	8/15/2014 12:40 PM
42	none	8/14/2014 9:42 PM
43	kirk park	8/14/2014 8:52 PM
44	Buchanan Access - Grand Haven Township	8/14/2014 10:55 AM
45	Rosy Mound Natural Area	8/14/2014 7:09 AM
46	Both Spring Lake Dog Park and Ferrysburg Dog Park	8/13/2014 11:48 PM
47	Minnie skwa	8/13/2014 7:00 PM
48	Hoffmaster, Duck Lake State Park	8/13/2014 6:05 PM
49	Kirk Park	8/13/2014 5:28 PM
50	Rosy mound	8/13/2014 4:30 PM
51	County Parks	8/13/2014 1:23 PM
52	North Ottawa Dunes,Rosey Mound and Kirk Park (Ottawa County Parks)	8/13/2014 12:37 PM

Q4 Which park did you visit the MOST during the last year? (select ONLY one)

Answered: 714 Skipped: 89







Answer Choices	Responses
Coast Guard Park-Ferrysburg	11.62% 83
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	0.00% 0
Fire Barn Park-Ferrysburg	0.28% 2
Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve	0.84% 6
Mike Herman Memorial Field-Ferrysburg	0.14% 1
Sunnyside Park-Ferrysburg	1.26% 9
William Ferry Park-Ferrysburg	0.28% 2
Waterfront Street Ends-Ferrysburg	0.00% 0
Bicentennial Park-Grand Haven	0.84% 6
Bolt Park-Grand Haven	0.28% 2
Central Park-Grand Haven	2.52% 18
Chinook Pier Park-Grand Haven	2.66% 19

Duncan Woods Park-Grand Haven	2.66%	19
City Beach Park-Grand Haven	6.72%	48
East Grand River Park-Grand Haven	1.68%	12
Escanaba Park-Grand Haven	0.84%	6
Harbor Island & Launch-Grand Haven	6.44%	46
William Hatton Park-Grand Haven	0.00%	0
Lighthouse Connector Park/Boardwalk-Grand Haven	7.56%	54
Johnston Park-Grand Haven	0.00%	0
Klaver Park-Grand Haven	0.00%	0
Klempel Park-Grand Haven	0.00%	0
Mulligan's Hollow-Grand Haven	8.40%	60
North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot-Grand Haven	2.24%	16
Sluka Field-Grand Haven	1.82%	13
Waterfront Stadium-Grand Haven	4.06%	29
152nd Access-Grand Haven Twp	0.14%	1
Bignel Park-Grand Haven Twp	0.00%	0
Brucker Access-Grand Haven Twp	0.70%	5
Hofma Preserve & Park-Grand Haven Twp	5.74%	41
Mercury Park-Grand Haven Twp	0.98%	7
Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch-Grand Haven Twp	0.14%	1
Pottawattomie Park-Grand Haven Twp	4.62%	33
Shiawassee Access-Grand Haven Twp	0.00%	0
Rycenga Park-Spring Lake Twp	5.88%	42
River Run Park-Spring Lake Twp	0.00%	0
Water Tower Park-Spring Lake Twp	0.00%	0
Alden St End-Spring Lake	0.14%	1
N Buchanan St End-Spring Lake	0.00%	0
S Buchanan St End-Spring Lake	0.14%	1
Central Park-Spring Lake	3.92%	28
Cutler St Launch Ramp-Spring Lake	0.00%	0
N Division St End-Spring Lake	0.14%	1
Jackson St Dock-Spring Lake	0.28%	2

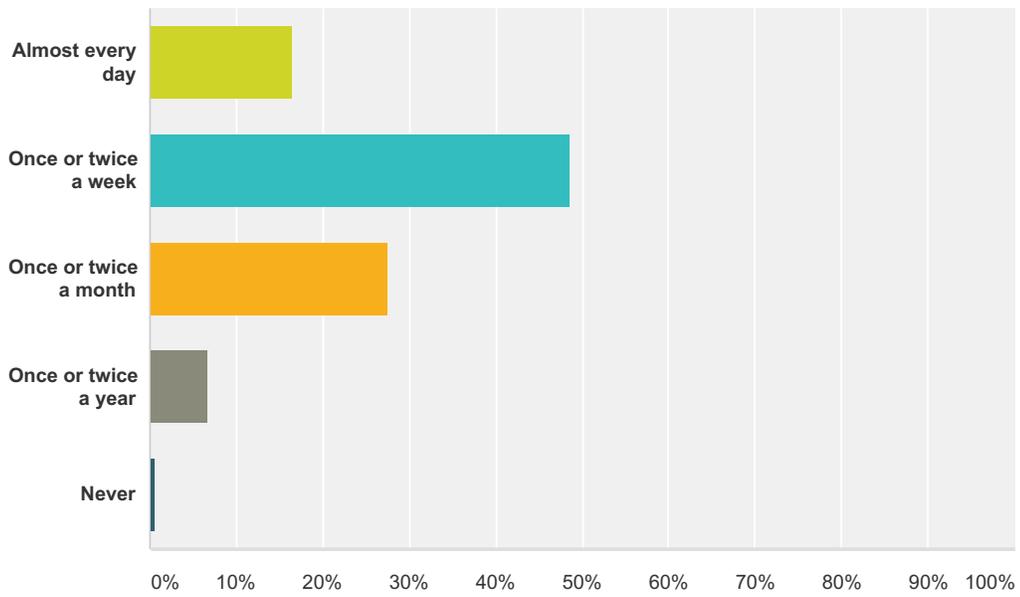
Lakeside Beach-Spring Lake	1.12%	8
Mill Point Park-Spring Lake	3.64%	26
Parkhurst Street End-Spring Lake	0.14%	1
Tanglefoot Park-Spring Lake	0.28%	2
Whistle Stop Playground-Spring Lake	0.42%	3
Non-Motorized Pathways All Locations	8.40%	60
Total		714

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	North Shore Beach	9/12/2014 12:33 AM
2	i have been to many more but unsure of names.	8/29/2014 12:14 PM
3	Rosy Mound	8/28/2014 10:31 PM
4	Robinson Twp park	8/23/2014 11:09 PM
5	Kirk park	8/23/2014 10:08 PM
6	Dog park and dog beach	8/23/2014 9:48 PM
7	pine park	8/23/2014 9:29 PM
8	Rosy mound	8/23/2014 6:45 PM
9	Kirk park	8/22/2014 1:30 AM
10	Dog park	8/21/2014 11:43 PM
11	rosy mound was the number one place we visited.	8/21/2014 4:11 PM
12	Pettys bayou	8/21/2014 12:54 PM
13	Grand Haven State Park	8/20/2014 4:19 PM
14	North Beach Park	8/19/2014 9:13 PM
15	Robinson Twp Park	8/19/2014 5:54 PM
16	none	8/19/2014 3:44 PM
17	North Beach in Ferrysburg	8/19/2014 3:30 PM
18	Duncan Woods Dog Run (off leash)	8/19/2014 11:01 AM
19	pigeon creek	8/18/2014 12:15 PM
20	Rosy Mound	8/18/2014 10:52 AM
21	Mulligan hollow dog park	8/17/2014 11:53 AM
22	Would love a park on South end of Grand Haven	8/17/2014 10:27 AM
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26	none	8/14/2014 9:42 PM
27	kirk park	8/14/2014 8:52 PM
28	Buchanan Access - Grand Haven Township	8/14/2014 10:55 AM

29	None more than any other	8/14/2014 8:51 AM
30	Rosy Mound Natural Area	8/14/2014 7:09 AM
31	Spring Lake Dog Park	8/13/2014 11:48 PM
32	Reese Park, Muskegon	8/13/2014 8:23 PM
33	Minnie skwarek preserve (Lcwm), north beach, rosy mound; pigeon creek, north Ottawa dunes.	8/13/2014 7:00 PM
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35	North shore beach	8/13/2014 11:52 AM

Q5 How often would you say you visit a local park?

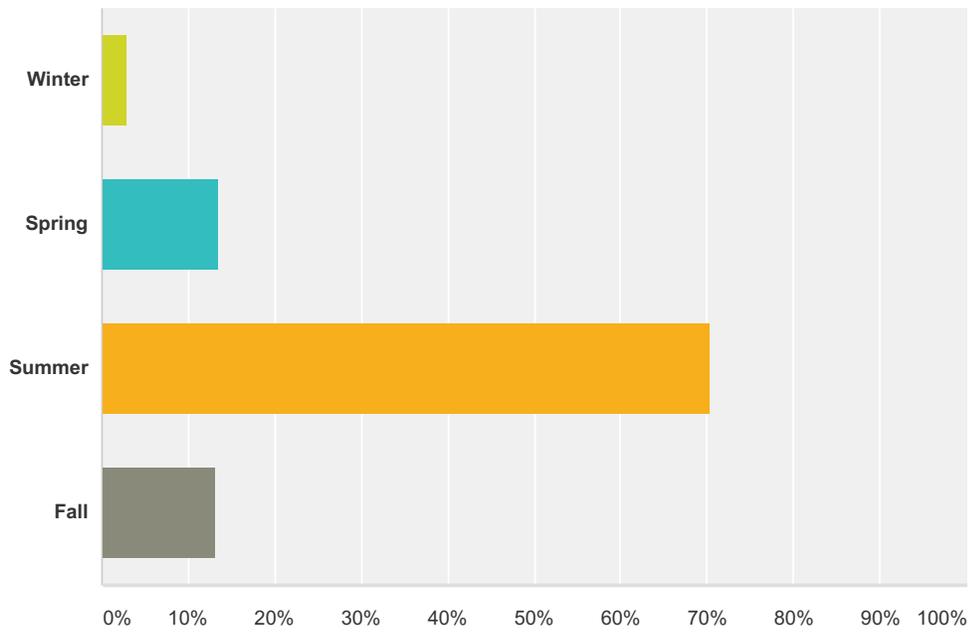
Answered: 760 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Almost every day	16.45%	125
Once or twice a week	48.68%	370
Once or twice a month	27.63%	210
Once or twice a year	6.58%	50
Never	0.66%	5
Total		760

Q6 During which season of the year did you visit the parks most?

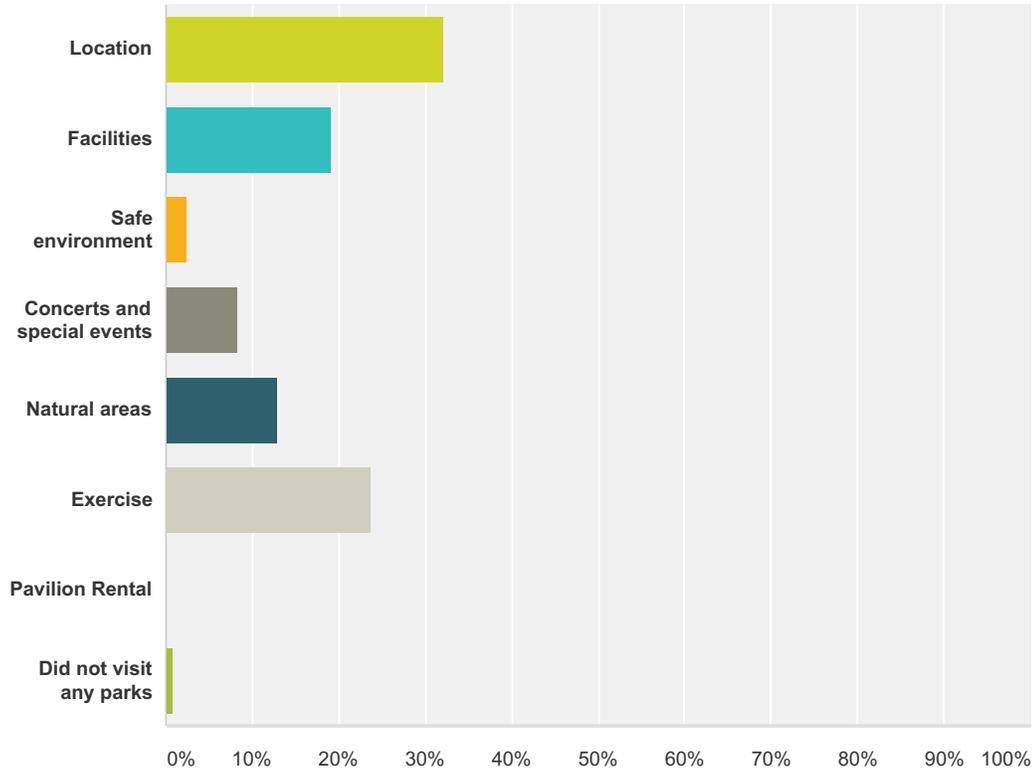
Answered: 742 Skipped: 61



Answer Choices	Responses
Winter	2.83% 21
Spring	13.61% 101
Summer	70.35% 522
Fall	13.21% 98
Total	742

Q7 Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision to visit a park in the last year?

Answered: 664 Skipped: 139



Answer Choices	Responses
Location	32.08% 213
Facilities	19.28% 128
Safe environment	2.41% 16
Concerts and special events	8.43% 56
Natural areas	12.95% 86
Exercise	23.80% 158
Pavilion Rental	0.30% 2
Did not visit any parks	0.75% 5
Total	664

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	the parks are a great place to take visiting grand kids	9/15/2014 7:48 PM
2	Weather	9/12/2014 12:35 AM

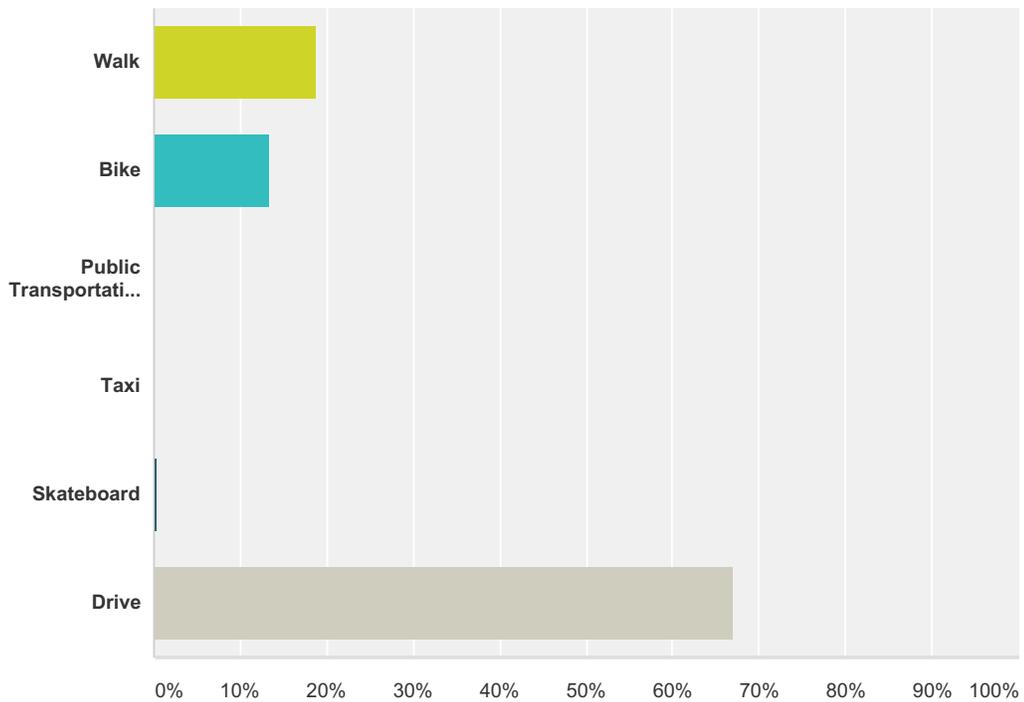
3	skiing	9/4/2014 9:02 PM
4	Working to eradicate invasive plants	8/30/2014 9:43 PM
5	Pet friendly where there cared for and maintained! With responsible pet owners	8/29/2014 12:17 PM
6	The weather	8/27/2014 5:46 PM
7	no particular reason	8/27/2014 4:08 PM
8	Allows pets	8/27/2014 2:32 PM
9	baseball	8/26/2014 3:43 PM
10	Events, sports or parties	8/26/2014 12:06 PM
11	Sports for children	8/25/2014 7:16 PM
12	Softball games	8/25/2014 3:53 PM
13	Children's play equipment	8/25/2014 12:37 PM
14	sports	8/25/2014 10:45 AM
15	Dog friendly	8/25/2014 9:35 AM
16	soccer	8/25/2014 8:47 AM
17	As a park we visit Duncan's Woods most often. We attend Harbor Island for sport practices.	8/25/2014 8:11 AM
18	Soccer practice :)	8/24/2014 8:38 PM
19	My three children all play baseball as much as possible	8/24/2014 4:58 PM
20	sports events	8/24/2014 1:38 PM
21	tennis and walking	8/24/2014 11:04 AM
22	Open area or field for baseball or football. Or the beach.	8/24/2014 7:47 AM
23	Baseball	8/23/2014 11:10 PM
24	Dog activities.	8/23/2014 9:49 PM
25	If I can bring my dog there.	8/23/2014 9:44 PM
26	Beach	8/23/2014 3:29 PM
27	Ability to bring my dog.	8/23/2014 1:08 PM
28	Bring my dog to the beach	8/23/2014 11:56 AM
29	Dog friendly	8/23/2014 10:34 AM
30	Playground equipment	8/22/2014 10:02 PM
31	Pet friendly areas	8/22/2014 7:37 PM
32	Dog parks	8/22/2014 2:45 PM
33	Dog parks.	8/22/2014 2:01 PM
34	kirk park and rose mound	8/22/2014 12:20 PM
35	Dogs allowed	8/22/2014 1:32 AM
36	If I can bring my dog.	8/22/2014 12:48 AM
37	Ability to bring dogs year round	8/22/2014 12:33 AM
38	Dogs allowed.	8/21/2014 11:00 PM
39	Dog friendly	8/21/2014 10:32 PM
40	Sports Practice	8/21/2014 12:20 PM

41	and walking	8/21/2014 12:12 PM
42	I visit 3 times a day all seasons	8/21/2014 11:22 AM
43	pickleball	8/21/2014 6:42 AM
44	Pickel Ball at Mulligans Hallow	8/20/2014 4:49 PM
45	pickleball courts	8/20/2014 2:15 PM
46	Natural areas, exercise, safe environment, facilities, location all are factors for my visit.	8/20/2014 1:29 PM
47	Pickleball courts	8/20/2014 12:33 PM
48	enjoy scenery and environment	8/20/2014 12:13 PM
49	Soccer	8/20/2014 10:41 AM
50	Pickleball and Tennis	8/20/2014 9:35 AM
51	The lake, the dunes, nature.	8/19/2014 10:44 PM
52	Pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:21 PM
53	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:08 PM
54	Pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:00 PM
55	Soccer, baseball and softball	8/19/2014 6:40 PM
56	BEACH	8/19/2014 3:31 PM
57	Just to see the parks	8/19/2014 3:02 PM
58	Also natural areas	8/19/2014 1:08 PM
59	allows dogs	8/19/2014 11:03 AM
60	Playgrounds for our young children.	8/19/2014 10:16 AM
61	Walk the dogs	8/18/2014 8:51 PM
62	Enclosed off-leash dog park	8/18/2014 3:31 PM
63	I run with people from the Grand Haven Running Club. We use North Ottawa Dunes and the bike paths most frequently.	8/18/2014 3:09 PM
64	Depends on the park, very poorly structured question.	8/18/2014 2:07 PM
65	I run Mulligans and Duncan Woods weekly - all year.	8/18/2014 1:06 PM
66	tennis courts	8/18/2014 11:57 AM
67	FEAST OF THE STRAWBERRY MOON	8/18/2014 8:05 AM
68	If dogs are allowed or not- I bring my dogs	8/18/2014 7:48 AM
69	Sports	8/17/2014 9:46 PM
70	Exercise dogs	8/17/2014 11:55 AM
71	Playgrounds for kids	8/17/2014 7:52 AM
72	Take dog to natural area	8/17/2014 7:31 AM
73	Use options,	8/16/2014 7:20 PM
74	Dog park at coast guard park	8/16/2014 5:54 PM
75	bike path	8/16/2014 12:41 PM
76	In charge of Music at the Point every Thursday in the summer	8/15/2014 4:51 PM
77	Soccer practices and games	8/15/2014 2:15 PM

78	Soccer practice	8/15/2014 10:30 AM
79	Dog friendly	8/15/2014 9:06 AM
80	Kid's sporting events	8/15/2014 8:12 AM
81	Soccer events	8/15/2014 7:40 AM
82	Kids sports	8/15/2014 7:19 AM
83	Baseball and soccer games scheduled there	8/15/2014 7:06 AM
84	Youth sports. Family outings.	8/15/2014 5:53 AM
85	kids sports	8/15/2014 5:15 AM
86	Soccer	8/15/2014 3:40 AM
87	Children's activities	8/14/2014 10:42 PM
88	Youth sports	8/14/2014 8:09 PM
89	Soccer fields	8/14/2014 1:23 PM
90	sporting events	8/14/2014 1:09 PM
91	Baseball games for most visited park (Sluka). Thereafter, location, exercise and natural areas.	8/14/2014 11:05 AM
92	Soccer Practice // Games	8/14/2014 8:41 AM
93	Soccer practice.	8/14/2014 8:07 AM
94	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 6:03 PM
95	soccer practices	8/13/2014 5:49 PM
96	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 5:04 PM
97	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 4:59 PM
98	Soccer practice at harbor island	8/13/2014 3:53 PM
99	Soccer practice was held at the park	8/13/2014 3:52 PM
100	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:43 PM
101	Sporting events/ practices	8/13/2014 3:40 PM
102	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 3:27 PM
103	Kid's soccer practice	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
104	Sports	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
105	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 12:21 PM
106	Paved areas for stroller	8/13/2014 12:09 PM
107	Baseball soccer youth activities.	8/13/2014 11:58 AM
108	Youth Sporting events/practice	8/13/2014 10:57 AM

Q8 What mode of transportation do you most often use to travel to a park?

Answered: 737 Skipped: 66



Answer Choices	Responses
Walk	18.86% 139
Bike	13.43% 99
Public Transportation (Harbor Transit)	0.14% 1
Taxi	0.14% 1
Skateboard	0.41% 3
Drive	67.03% 494
Total	737

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Boat	8/24/2014 10:29 AM
2	Scooter	8/20/2014 4:49 PM
3	Pending the distance, I may drive to the park first, then walk.	8/20/2014 1:29 PM
4	Unless I'm on the bike path	8/19/2014 2:53 PM
5	Running	8/18/2014 3:09 PM
6	Run	8/18/2014 1:28 PM
7	Run	8/18/2014 1:06 PM

8	If we had ways to access parks closer to where we live (bike paths), we could ride our bikes. That would be my preferred method of transportation!	8/17/2014 8:57 AM
9	run	8/16/2014 12:41 PM
10	Run	8/13/2014 8:32 PM
11	Boat	8/13/2014 5:42 PM
12	car	8/13/2014 2:25 PM

Q9 What is your favorite recreational activity?

Answered: 629 Skipped: 174

#	Responses	Date
1	Dog walking, dog park, biking	10/2/2014 1:01 PM
2	walking	9/18/2014 12:03 PM
3	walking	9/15/2014 7:48 PM
4	Golf or boating	9/12/2014 2:50 PM
5	swinnibg	9/12/2014 12:35 AM
6	Swimming	9/8/2014 11:27 AM
7	Waterfowl hunting.	9/8/2014 11:20 AM
8	walking/hiking	9/8/2014 11:03 AM
9	Walking in the Parks and Using the Playground equipment	9/5/2014 2:01 PM
10	skiing	9/4/2014 9:02 PM
11	Cross Country Skiing!	9/2/2014 12:06 PM
12	walking	9/2/2014 11:10 AM
13	hiking, beach time, dune climbs, soccer, ice skating	9/2/2014 10:34 AM
14	Hiking, skiing	9/2/2014 10:32 AM
15	Boating	9/2/2014 9:50 AM
16	biking and kayaking	9/2/2014 9:48 AM
17	Walking	8/30/2014 9:43 PM
18	Softball	8/29/2014 10:31 PM
19	Camping	8/29/2014 12:17 PM
20	I like to swim, bike, run and row	8/29/2014 11:11 AM
21	Soccer	8/29/2014 9:59 AM
22	Pickleball	8/29/2014 7:56 AM
23	pickle ball and golf	8/29/2014 7:40 AM
24	Exercising	8/28/2014 10:32 PM
25	Hiking and beach time	8/28/2014 2:34 PM
26	WALKING	8/28/2014 8:38 AM
27	Water activities	8/28/2014 6:59 AM
28	Walking and biking	8/27/2014 10:07 PM
29	boating	8/27/2014 6:38 PM
30	Walking & hiking in beautiful natural settings	8/27/2014 6:09 PM
31	bike riding	8/27/2014 5:46 PM
32	Biking	8/27/2014 4:11 PM

33	walking	8/27/2014 4:08 PM
34	Pickleball	8/27/2014 3:13 PM
35	In the morning before my commute I sit and have a cup of coffee and watch the water. I also take the dog often to many parks.	8/27/2014 2:42 PM
36	Walking in warm months, cross country skiing in winter months	8/27/2014 2:32 PM
37	baseball, soccer, swimming	8/27/2014 1:51 PM
38	Baseball	8/27/2014 12:01 PM
39	Kayaking	8/26/2014 10:32 PM
40	running, biking	8/26/2014 7:29 PM
41	Jogging	8/26/2014 5:07 PM
42	Walking and baseball	8/26/2014 3:43 PM
43	Walking	8/26/2014 2:12 PM
44	snowboarding	8/26/2014 1:09 PM
45	Water/boats	8/26/2014 11:06 AM
46	running through trails, biking	8/26/2014 10:59 AM
47	Bike or Walking evenly tied	8/26/2014 10:22 AM
48	hiking	8/26/2014 10:03 AM
49	Concerts etc.	8/25/2014 7:56 PM
50	Walking or hiking	8/25/2014 7:16 PM
51	Walking	8/25/2014 5:21 PM
52	pickleball	8/25/2014 5:07 PM
53	Playing softball	8/25/2014 3:53 PM
54	Biking!	8/25/2014 3:35 PM
55	Watching the boat traffic, etc, with my wife or walking the boardwalk by myself.	8/25/2014 2:49 PM
56	Walking	8/25/2014 2:33 PM
57	Biking	8/25/2014 1:28 PM
58	Running but my child loves the play sets	8/25/2014 12:37 PM
59	reading	8/25/2014 11:41 AM
60	walk	8/25/2014 11:37 AM
61	Bicycling	8/25/2014 11:36 AM
62	soccer	8/25/2014 11:15 AM
63	sports	8/25/2014 10:45 AM
64	walking	8/25/2014 9:35 AM
65	Walking	8/25/2014 9:09 AM
66	running	8/25/2014 8:55 AM
67	paddle board, cross country ski	8/25/2014 8:47 AM
68	Hiking, Youth Sports, Water access (swimming, canoeing, etc)	8/25/2014 8:11 AM
69	tennis and pickleball	8/25/2014 7:45 AM

70	baseball	8/24/2014 10:53 PM
71	Pickleball and geocaching.	8/24/2014 9:29 PM
72	Biking	8/24/2014 8:38 PM
73	Walking, jogging and riding my bike	8/24/2014 8:09 PM
74	Biking and walking	8/24/2014 8:01 PM
75	Fishing	8/24/2014 7:38 PM
76	Walking my Golden Retrievers	8/24/2014 7:18 PM
77	Soccer Walking in the parks	8/24/2014 6:36 PM
78	Watching youth baseball and walking	8/24/2014 4:58 PM
79	hiking	8/24/2014 1:38 PM
80	Hiking	8/24/2014 12:45 PM
81	Watching sports	8/24/2014 12:03 PM
82	tennis	8/24/2014 11:04 AM
83	Walking/hiking - photography	8/24/2014 11:03 AM
84	Boating	8/24/2014 10:29 AM
85	Boating	8/24/2014 8:02 AM
86	Beach and baseball activities.	8/24/2014 7:47 AM
87	Biking	8/24/2014 7:39 AM
88	Mountain bicycling	8/24/2014 12:20 AM
89	Baseball	8/23/2014 11:10 PM
90	Pickleball	8/23/2014 10:37 PM
91	Walking with dogs	8/23/2014 10:09 PM
92	Hiking	8/23/2014 9:44 PM
93	Baseball	8/23/2014 9:30 PM
94	Baseball	8/23/2014 9:09 PM
95	Taking kids to playground	8/23/2014 7:59 PM
96	Bikeing	8/23/2014 6:45 PM
97	watching people	8/23/2014 6:44 PM
98	pickle ball	8/23/2014 5:25 PM
99	bike ride	8/23/2014 4:48 PM
100	Kayaking	8/23/2014 3:29 PM
101	Beach and geocaching.	8/23/2014 2:56 PM
102	Hangin at the Beach.	8/23/2014 1:35 PM
103	Running	8/23/2014 1:15 PM
104	Hiking. Walking my dogs.	8/23/2014 1:08 PM
105	Hike/walk	8/23/2014 12:35 PM
106	Reading at the beach, playing with my dog	8/23/2014 11:56 AM
107	Dog parks	8/23/2014 11:39 AM

108	looking at he view or looking for deer	8/23/2014 11:08 AM
109	Walking Swimming	8/23/2014 10:41 AM
110	Camping. Sunning on the beach	8/23/2014 10:34 AM
111	My kids like the playgrounds	8/22/2014 10:02 PM
112	Walking and enjoying all the great scenery	8/22/2014 9:54 PM
113	Pickleball	8/22/2014 7:46 PM
114	Hiking	8/22/2014 7:37 PM
115	Running	8/22/2014 6:17 PM
116	Sailing	8/22/2014 5:46 PM
117	Walking	8/22/2014 4:53 PM
118	Walking	8/22/2014 4:42 PM
119	boating	8/22/2014 3:11 PM
120	Walking/hiking with dogs	8/22/2014 2:45 PM
121	Walking the dogs.	8/22/2014 2:01 PM
122	Rding Motorcycle	8/22/2014 1:55 PM
123	golf	8/22/2014 1:16 PM
124	Walking	8/22/2014 1:04 PM
125	running	8/22/2014 12:51 PM
126	Anything outside	8/22/2014 12:36 PM
127	boating	8/22/2014 12:17 PM
128	Walking with my dog	8/22/2014 10:16 AM
129	skiing/boating	8/22/2014 9:54 AM
130	dog walk	8/22/2014 9:51 AM
131	pickleball	8/22/2014 9:48 AM
132	Bike Run Walk, Walk Dogs	8/22/2014 9:31 AM
133	Tennis	8/22/2014 9:31 AM
134	fishing, hiking/walking	8/22/2014 8:04 AM
135	beach and hiking	8/22/2014 7:23 AM
136	Walking/jogging	8/22/2014 6:58 AM
137	Nature walks, scenic areas suitable for families with younger children	8/22/2014 6:50 AM
138	Kayaking	8/22/2014 6:16 AM
139	walking/hiking	8/22/2014 1:34 AM
140	Going to the beach and throwing the ball and watching my dog and others do the same!!! Otherwise boating , swimming , snow skiing ,camping .	8/22/2014 12:48 AM
141	Swimming, Jogging, and Hiking	8/22/2014 12:36 AM
142	Walking dogs	8/22/2014 12:33 AM
143	Biking	8/21/2014 11:44 PM
144	Sledding	8/21/2014 11:38 PM

145	Walking and hiking with the dog.	8/21/2014 11:00 PM
146	Walking and biking	8/21/2014 10:48 PM
147	Hiking/playing with my dogs	8/21/2014 10:32 PM
148	Walking	8/21/2014 9:30 PM
149	Pickleball	8/21/2014 8:36 PM
150	hunting	8/21/2014 8:18 PM
151	walk	8/21/2014 6:03 PM
152	hiking	8/21/2014 6:02 PM
153	Running	8/21/2014 5:47 PM
154	Hiking trails	8/21/2014 4:56 PM
155	Walking	8/21/2014 4:41 PM
156	running rosy mound in gh	8/21/2014 4:11 PM
157	Walking	8/21/2014 4:09 PM
158	walking	8/21/2014 3:38 PM
159	solitude and enjoying nature	8/21/2014 3:08 PM
160	Camping	8/21/2014 3:06 PM
161	Mountain Biking	8/21/2014 2:09 PM
162	Running	8/21/2014 2:00 PM
163	Taking a walk along the boardwalk through the State Park/beach	8/21/2014 1:45 PM
164	Walking	8/21/2014 1:41 PM
165	Walkig	8/21/2014 1:26 PM
166	Boating and biking	8/21/2014 12:56 PM
167	Hiking	8/21/2014 12:48 PM
168	Walking	8/21/2014 12:22 PM
169	Walking	8/21/2014 12:20 PM
170	walking	8/21/2014 12:12 PM
171	Walking	8/21/2014 12:07 PM
172	just one? beach/swimming, biking, kayaking	8/21/2014 11:23 AM
173	Going to the beach and walking the dogs 3 times a day	8/21/2014 11:22 AM
174	Golf	8/21/2014 10:26 AM
175	Biking, swimming, walking.	8/21/2014 10:21 AM
176	Hiking/walking for exercise in a pleasant physical environment	8/21/2014 10:12 AM
177	watching community artists and events	8/21/2014 10:08 AM
178	Walking	8/21/2014 10:02 AM
179	pickleball and dancing	8/21/2014 6:42 AM
180	Pickle Ball	8/21/2014 1:08 AM
181	Walking	8/20/2014 9:42 PM
182	Walking/biking the bike path!	8/20/2014 7:14 PM

183	pickleball & tennis	8/20/2014 5:17 PM
184	Mulligan's Hollow Pickleball	8/20/2014 4:52 PM
185	Pickel Ball	8/20/2014 4:49 PM
186	beach volleyball	8/20/2014 4:20 PM
187	boating	8/20/2014 4:11 PM
188	pickleball	8/20/2014 3:33 PM
189	walking - may drive to the parks but use them as places to walk as well as picnic and use playgrounds	8/20/2014 3:02 PM
190	pickleball	8/20/2014 2:15 PM
191	Softball	8/20/2014 1:49 PM
192	walking and volleyball	8/20/2014 1:29 PM
193	kayaking	8/20/2014 1:27 PM
194	Pickleball and table tennis	8/20/2014 12:33 PM
195	Pickleball	8/20/2014 12:32 PM
196	Walk/Hike	8/20/2014 12:23 PM
197	Dog park	8/20/2014 12:20 PM
198	fishing	8/20/2014 12:13 PM
199	Biking	8/20/2014 11:37 AM
200	pickleball	8/20/2014 10:58 AM
201	camping	8/20/2014 10:41 AM
202	Walking and Biking	8/20/2014 10:39 AM
203	Pickleball	8/20/2014 9:44 AM
204	Pickleball and Tennis	8/20/2014 9:35 AM
205	bike paths	8/20/2014 9:18 AM
206	Pickleball and Biking	8/20/2014 8:54 AM
207	Pickleball and hiking	8/20/2014 7:48 AM
208	cycling	8/20/2014 7:12 AM
209	Pockleball	8/20/2014 6:54 AM
210	Running	8/20/2014 6:45 AM
211	Pickleball	8/20/2014 6:44 AM
212	dog walking and horse back riding	8/20/2014 5:35 AM
213	Pickleball	8/20/2014 12:25 AM
214	Pickle ball and Tennis	8/19/2014 11:25 PM
215	Kayaking	8/19/2014 10:44 PM
216	Biking	8/19/2014 10:44 PM
217	Walking	8/19/2014 10:33 PM
218	Running	8/19/2014 10:02 PM
219	Biking	8/19/2014 9:55 PM
220	Tennis	8/19/2014 9:44 PM

221	walk/run/soccer	8/19/2014 9:42 PM
222	tandem biking, snow shoeing, swimming, boating, cross country skiing, walking	8/19/2014 9:16 PM
223	walking	8/19/2014 9:15 PM
224	Walking	8/19/2014 9:10 PM
225	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:58 PM
226	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:51 PM
227	walking and pickleball	8/19/2014 8:50 PM
228	Pickleball/Tennis	8/19/2014 8:46 PM
229	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:31 PM
230	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:21 PM
231	pickleball	8/19/2014 8:20 PM
232	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:19 PM
233	Pickleball and walking	8/19/2014 8:15 PM
234	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:12 PM
235	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:10 PM
236	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:08 PM
237	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:00 PM
238	Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:59 PM
239	Walking with family.	8/19/2014 7:56 PM
240	biking	8/19/2014 7:51 PM
241	Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:51 PM
242	Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:48 PM
243	Walking, golf, & pickle ball.	8/19/2014 7:45 PM
244	Pickle ball	8/19/2014 7:45 PM
245	Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:42 PM
246	pickleball	8/19/2014 7:38 PM
247	nature	8/19/2014 7:33 PM
248	Walking/bikeing	8/19/2014 7:01 PM
249	Fishing	8/19/2014 6:40 PM
250	Biking/skiing	8/19/2014 6:13 PM
251	Baseball	8/19/2014 5:56 PM
252	Boating	8/19/2014 5:03 PM
253	trail hiking..dog walking	8/19/2014 4:47 PM
254	Walking, fishing	8/19/2014 4:42 PM
255	Bikeing	8/19/2014 4:31 PM
256	running	8/19/2014 4:01 PM
257	Alpine skiing, Sailing	8/19/2014 3:45 PM
258	Pickleball, walking, bike riding	8/19/2014 3:42 PM

259	Biking on bike paths and walking on the beach	8/19/2014 3:31 PM
260	Boating	8/19/2014 3:18 PM
261	Hiking,Hunting,&Fishing	8/19/2014 3:16 PM
262	Back Country Hiking	8/19/2014 3:02 PM
263	Bike riding	8/19/2014 2:53 PM
264	Walking	8/19/2014 2:52 PM
265	hiking and birding	8/19/2014 2:45 PM
266	biking	8/19/2014 2:08 PM
267	Yoga	8/19/2014 1:41 PM
268	Running	8/19/2014 1:33 PM
269	Walking	8/19/2014 1:15 PM
270	Walking and bicycling	8/19/2014 1:08 PM
271	running	8/19/2014 12:30 PM
272	waterskiing	8/19/2014 12:27 PM
273	Biking #1 Snow shoing #2	8/19/2014 12:23 PM
274	Golf	8/19/2014 12:10 PM
275	Sports	8/19/2014 12:01 PM
276	Fishing	8/19/2014 11:29 AM
277	Biking	8/19/2014 11:29 AM
278	walking	8/19/2014 10:57 AM
279	Kayaking	8/19/2014 10:46 AM
280	Tennis !!	8/19/2014 10:45 AM
281	Fishing	8/19/2014 10:34 AM
282	picnics	8/19/2014 10:31 AM
283	Hiking with family and pets.	8/19/2014 10:28 AM
284	Geo caching	8/19/2014 10:24 AM
285	Walking	8/19/2014 10:24 AM
286	walking	8/19/2014 10:23 AM
287	Camping	8/19/2014 10:23 AM
288	Bycicling	8/19/2014 10:16 AM
289	Running	8/19/2014 10:10 AM
290	boatin	8/19/2014 10:09 AM
291	biking	8/19/2014 10:05 AM
292	Walk the dog.	8/19/2014 10:05 AM
293	Backpacking	8/19/2014 10:04 AM
294	hiking	8/19/2014 10:02 AM
295	hiking	8/19/2014 9:45 AM
296	Biking and tennis	8/19/2014 9:42 AM

297	walking	8/19/2014 8:19 AM
298	Playground equipment, swim area	8/19/2014 7:43 AM
299	running	8/19/2014 7:29 AM
300	Biking	8/19/2014 6:31 AM
301	tennis	8/18/2014 10:17 PM
302	Biking	8/18/2014 9:59 PM
303	Soccer!!!!!!	8/18/2014 9:41 PM
304	Avoiding large crowds from out of town	8/18/2014 8:51 PM
305	Bicycling on trails to parks	8/18/2014 8:41 PM
306	Tennis	8/18/2014 8:08 PM
307	Biking	8/18/2014 6:09 PM
308	Biking, Tennis	8/18/2014 4:15 PM
309	Swimming	8/18/2014 3:39 PM
310	Running	8/18/2014 3:09 PM
311	Walking	8/18/2014 3:03 PM
312	Swimming	8/18/2014 2:07 PM
313	Jogging	8/18/2014 2:07 PM
314	Running	8/18/2014 1:28 PM
315	Pickleball	8/18/2014 1:15 PM
316	Running hills.	8/18/2014 1:06 PM
317	tennis	8/18/2014 12:30 PM
318	Cross Country Skiing	8/18/2014 12:24 PM
319	Walking	8/18/2014 12:21 PM
320	just being out!	8/18/2014 12:16 PM
321	tennis and swimming	8/18/2014 11:57 AM
322	Hiking	8/18/2014 11:53 AM
323	Tennis. But also hike and cross-country ski frequently.	8/18/2014 11:31 AM
324	Hiking/running	8/18/2014 10:54 AM
325	City Beach	8/18/2014 10:54 AM
326	walk/jog	8/18/2014 10:01 AM
327	Walking	8/18/2014 9:25 AM
328	walking	8/18/2014 9:24 AM
329	Exercise with dogs- swimming, hiking, dog park	8/18/2014 7:48 AM
330	Walking	8/18/2014 7:25 AM
331	Sports	8/17/2014 9:46 PM
332	biking	8/17/2014 9:10 PM
333	Mountain biking	8/17/2014 8:32 PM
334	Dog Parks & beaches and waterfront stadium	8/17/2014 6:30 PM

335	Bicycle riding	8/17/2014 5:18 PM
336	Anything (walking, biking, kayaking, boating, etc.) that involves being outdoors with natural surroundings.	8/17/2014 5:09 PM
337	fishing	8/17/2014 5:01 PM
338	Swimming	8/17/2014 4:44 PM
339	Going to the beach.	8/17/2014 4:40 PM
340	Bike Riding	8/17/2014 4:27 PM
341	Hiking and/or canoeing	8/17/2014 3:38 PM
342	Walking and running	8/17/2014 3:06 PM
343	Hunting	8/17/2014 2:05 PM
344	kayak, run, walk	8/17/2014 12:10 PM
345	running, kayaking, sports, swim	8/17/2014 11:59 AM
346	Walking	8/17/2014 11:55 AM
347	Swimming	8/17/2014 11:38 AM
348	Bike riding	8/17/2014 11:09 AM
349	Walking my dog	8/17/2014 10:59 AM
350	Walking	8/17/2014 10:27 AM
351	Soccer games for the kids club	8/17/2014 10:27 AM
352	kids sports at the parks and fields	8/17/2014 10:23 AM
353	beach, walking	8/17/2014 10:07 AM
354	Boating	8/17/2014 9:47 AM
355	biking, walking, hiking, swimming	8/17/2014 9:03 AM
356	walking, swimming, biking, hiking	8/17/2014 8:57 AM
357	Hiking	8/17/2014 8:47 AM
358	Walk	8/17/2014 8:14 AM
359	Trail running	8/17/2014 8:06 AM
360	Running	8/17/2014 7:57 AM
361	Taking kids to play	8/17/2014 7:52 AM
362	Biking	8/17/2014 7:39 AM
363	walking/running and skiing	8/17/2014 7:31 AM
364	Hiking	8/17/2014 7:28 AM
365	picnicing	8/17/2014 6:49 AM
366	beach volleyball	8/17/2014 6:16 AM
367	Boating, biking, walking, running, tennis	8/17/2014 4:38 AM
368	Dancing	8/16/2014 11:05 PM
369	Walking and biking	8/16/2014 10:42 PM
370	Kayaking	8/16/2014 9:48 PM
371	Hiking	8/16/2014 9:43 PM
372	Hiking	8/16/2014 9:28 PM

373	Beach	8/16/2014 9:27 PM
374	Walking	8/16/2014 9:18 PM
375	Walking with dog	8/16/2014 8:49 PM
376	anything with water	8/16/2014 7:54 PM
377	Water sport, biking	8/16/2014 7:20 PM
378	Walking/running	8/16/2014 7:14 PM
379	Hiking	8/16/2014 7:07 PM
380	Biking	8/16/2014 6:24 PM
381	Biking the trails in the village of spring lake, spring lake township and GH	8/16/2014 6:19 PM
382	tennis, walking the paved bike trails, enjoy all the available parks as watch a lot of tennis, baseball, x country, soccer Track.	8/16/2014 6:10 PM
383	Bike riding, golf, walking,	8/16/2014 6:09 PM
384	Walking the beach with the dogs	8/16/2014 6:05 PM
385	Biking	8/16/2014 5:54 PM
386	Biking	8/16/2014 5:28 PM
387	Running	8/16/2014 4:55 PM
388	volleyball	8/16/2014 4:15 PM
389	walking	8/16/2014 4:11 PM
390	Fishing	8/16/2014 4:09 PM
391	tanning	8/16/2014 3:46 PM
392	biking	8/16/2014 3:32 PM
393	running	8/16/2014 12:41 PM
394	biking, hiking	8/16/2014 11:19 AM
395	bike	8/16/2014 11:01 AM
396	Hiking in natural surroundings.	8/16/2014 10:45 AM
397	Walk	8/15/2014 5:46 PM
398	Walking or Biking	8/15/2014 4:51 PM
399	soccer	8/15/2014 2:39 PM
400	Bicycling	8/15/2014 1:26 PM
401	Usually visit for kids soccer games.	8/15/2014 12:43 PM
402	kayaking	8/15/2014 12:41 PM
403	soccer	8/15/2014 11:15 AM
404	Hiking and trail running	8/15/2014 10:58 AM
405	Running	8/15/2014 10:46 AM
406	Beach	8/15/2014 10:30 AM
407	Soccer softball	8/15/2014 10:24 AM
408	Swimming	8/15/2014 10:05 AM
409	Soccer	8/15/2014 10:00 AM

410	Skiing	8/15/2014 9:41 AM
411	Biking	8/15/2014 9:16 AM
412	Soccer	8/15/2014 9:15 AM
413	Taking dog for a walk	8/15/2014 9:06 AM
414	Biking	8/15/2014 8:18 AM
415	Soccer	8/15/2014 8:13 AM
416	Swimming	8/15/2014 8:12 AM
417	Bike riding	8/15/2014 7:47 AM
418	walking	8/15/2014 7:40 AM
419	Walk/run/bike, soccer	8/15/2014 7:20 AM
420	Walking	8/15/2014 7:19 AM
421	Golf	8/15/2014 7:06 AM
422	Beach	8/15/2014 7:05 AM
423	Anything active and outdoors.	8/15/2014 5:53 AM
424	hike/walk/jog	8/15/2014 5:15 AM
425	Soccer	8/15/2014 3:40 AM
426	Soccer	8/15/2014 12:34 AM
427	Soccer	8/14/2014 11:51 PM
428	swimming	8/14/2014 10:53 PM
429	Walking	8/14/2014 10:42 PM
430	Soccer	8/14/2014 10:37 PM
431	golfing- boating- walking	8/14/2014 9:43 PM
432	Walking, biking and water activities	8/14/2014 9:31 PM
433	Gardening and being outdoors in nature	8/14/2014 8:56 PM
434	Soccer	8/14/2014 8:09 PM
435	walking	8/14/2014 6:16 PM
436	Walking	8/14/2014 5:50 PM
437	Beach	8/14/2014 5:43 PM
438	walking	8/14/2014 4:46 PM
439	kayaking	8/14/2014 4:14 PM
440	walking	8/14/2014 3:36 PM
441	YMCA	8/14/2014 3:17 PM
442	Soccer and snowboarding	8/14/2014 2:41 PM
443	Bike	8/14/2014 2:08 PM
444	Soccer	8/14/2014 1:23 PM
445	Soccer and Running	8/14/2014 12:02 PM
446	Golf	8/14/2014 11:56 AM
447	Running/walking	8/14/2014 11:45 AM

448	Walking	8/14/2014 11:40 AM
449	Hiking.	8/14/2014 11:05 AM
450	Walking and biking	8/14/2014 10:56 AM
451	Baseball	8/14/2014 10:30 AM
452	fishing/hunting	8/14/2014 10:26 AM
453	soccer	8/14/2014 10:24 AM
454	Biking	8/14/2014 10:20 AM
455	Beach	8/14/2014 10:09 AM
456	Kayaking	8/14/2014 10:09 AM
457	Walking	8/14/2014 10:00 AM
458	Hiking, photography	8/14/2014 9:39 AM
459	walking/hiking/trails	8/14/2014 9:26 AM
460	running, biking	8/14/2014 9:14 AM
461	Mountain Biking	8/14/2014 8:59 AM
462	Golf	8/14/2014 8:52 AM
463	biking/walking	8/14/2014 8:48 AM
464	soccer and running	8/14/2014 8:46 AM
465	Walking	8/14/2014 8:41 AM
466	Baseball	8/14/2014 8:34 AM
467	Running	8/14/2014 8:27 AM
468	Nature hikes with dogs	8/14/2014 8:21 AM
469	Soccer	8/14/2014 8:07 AM
470	Biking	8/14/2014 8:01 AM
471	Soccer	8/14/2014 7:56 AM
472	Walking Path	8/14/2014 7:46 AM
473	Soccer	8/14/2014 7:43 AM
474	Hiking	8/14/2014 7:38 AM
475	Playground for kids- i have 4	8/14/2014 7:33 AM
476	Playground	8/14/2014 7:32 AM
477	Biking	8/14/2014 7:18 AM
478	Running/hiking	8/14/2014 7:14 AM
479	Soccer	8/14/2014 7:10 AM
480	Beach	8/14/2014 6:08 AM
481	Jogging	8/14/2014 2:49 AM
482	Running	8/14/2014 12:50 AM
483	Walking	8/13/2014 11:49 PM
484	Walking & hiking	8/13/2014 11:45 PM
485	biking	8/13/2014 11:23 PM

486	Soccer	8/13/2014 11:06 PM
487	running	8/13/2014 10:53 PM
488	walking	8/13/2014 10:37 PM
489	walking & biking	8/13/2014 10:36 PM
490	Hiking	8/13/2014 10:25 PM
491	Biking	8/13/2014 10:19 PM
492	Pickleball	8/13/2014 10:16 PM
493	Walking/hiking	8/13/2014 10:11 PM
494	Cross country skiing	8/13/2014 10:10 PM
495	Biking soccer	8/13/2014 10:07 PM
496	Wallking	8/13/2014 9:51 PM
497	bike, run, walk	8/13/2014 9:26 PM
498	Cross country skiing	8/13/2014 9:26 PM
499	fishing	8/13/2014 9:14 PM
500	Walking or baseball	8/13/2014 9:14 PM
501	Walking	8/13/2014 9:05 PM
502	biking	8/13/2014 8:52 PM
503	walking	8/13/2014 8:41 PM
504	Biking	8/13/2014 8:41 PM
505	going to the beach	8/13/2014 8:40 PM
506	Running	8/13/2014 8:39 PM
507	Running	8/13/2014 8:32 PM
508	soccer, tennis, walking	8/13/2014 8:25 PM
509	Walking	8/13/2014 8:18 PM
510	Pickleball	8/13/2014 8:12 PM
511	running	8/13/2014 8:02 PM
512	Hiking soccer	8/13/2014 8:00 PM
513	Concerts	8/13/2014 7:58 PM
514	Soccer	8/13/2014 7:47 PM
515	Biking	8/13/2014 7:34 PM
516	Kids sports	8/13/2014 7:29 PM
517	Walking boardwalk or trails in the woods or dunes	8/13/2014 7:11 PM
518	Hiking	8/13/2014 7:02 PM
519	Soccer and mountain biking	8/13/2014 6:58 PM
520	Walking, swimming,	8/13/2014 6:54 PM
521	walking	8/13/2014 6:22 PM
522	Biking	8/13/2014 6:11 PM
523	Running	8/13/2014 6:06 PM

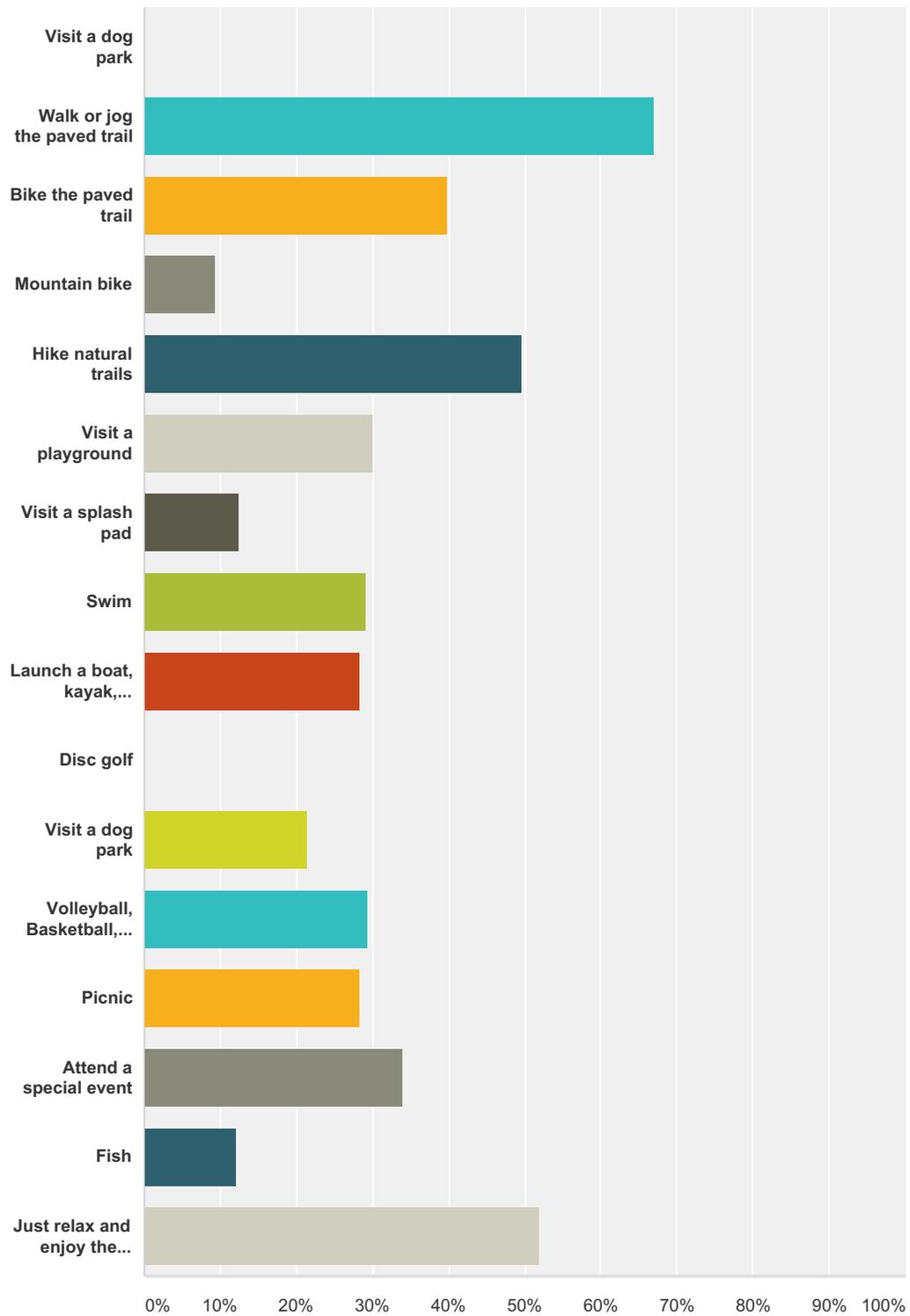
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525	soccer	8/13/2014 5:51 PM
526	any sports mostly soccer, trail running	8/13/2014 5:49 PM
527	walking	8/13/2014 5:48 PM
528	Boating	8/13/2014 5:42 PM
529	Biking/running	8/13/2014 5:42 PM
530	Soccer	8/13/2014 5:33 PM
531	walking/dogs	8/13/2014 5:30 PM
532	Soccer	8/13/2014 5:30 PM
533	soccer	8/13/2014 5:04 PM
534	Running	8/13/2014 4:59 PM
535	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:48 PM
536	running	8/13/2014 4:45 PM
537	Hiking	8/13/2014 4:45 PM
538	Walking	8/13/2014 4:45 PM
539	bike riding	8/13/2014 4:43 PM
540	soccer	8/13/2014 4:42 PM
541	Looking for butterflies, birds and caterpillars	8/13/2014 4:35 PM
542	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:35 PM
543	Hiking	8/13/2014 4:30 PM
544	soccer	8/13/2014 4:26 PM
545	walking/running	8/13/2014 4:25 PM
546	walking now recovering from injury	8/13/2014 4:24 PM
547	Hiking with my family	8/13/2014 4:20 PM
548	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:18 PM
549	Kayak	8/13/2014 4:16 PM
550	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:15 PM
551	Soccer and running	8/13/2014 4:14 PM
552	I love walking or biking on the recreational trails. We love to go boating also.	8/13/2014 4:13 PM
553	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:09 PM
554	Walking	8/13/2014 4:07 PM
555	biking	8/13/2014 4:05 PM
556	mountain biking	8/13/2014 4:02 PM
557	Soccer	8/13/2014 4:00 PM
558	Walking	8/13/2014 3:59 PM
559	beach and kayaking	8/13/2014 3:59 PM
560	Hiking	8/13/2014 3:48 PM
561	Enjoying the whole tri-cities area.	8/13/2014 3:48 PM

562	soccer	8/13/2014 3:45 PM
563	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:45 PM
564	Hiking	8/13/2014 3:43 PM
565	Hiking	8/13/2014 3:40 PM
566	Beach, paddle surfing, swimming	8/13/2014 3:29 PM
567	golf	8/13/2014 3:29 PM
568	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:27 PM
569	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:27 PM
570	Soccer/ boating/ biking	8/13/2014 3:25 PM
571	soccer	8/13/2014 3:23 PM
572	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:22 PM
573	soccer	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
574	Going to the Beach	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
575	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
576	hiking and biking	8/13/2014 3:21 PM
577	Mountain Biking	8/13/2014 3:20 PM
578	Soccer	8/13/2014 3:20 PM
579	soccer	8/13/2014 3:20 PM
580	Swimming	8/13/2014 3:11 PM
581	Jogging	8/13/2014 2:58 PM
582	swimming	8/13/2014 2:31 PM
583	Biking	8/13/2014 2:25 PM
584	Running, Golf	8/13/2014 1:43 PM
585	bike riding	8/13/2014 1:32 PM
586	Walking	8/13/2014 1:23 PM
587	running	8/13/2014 12:59 PM
588	Music and events	8/13/2014 12:40 PM
589	Walking	8/13/2014 12:37 PM
590	walking	8/13/2014 12:34 PM
591	Golf	8/13/2014 12:29 PM
592	Boating	8/13/2014 12:27 PM
593	Walking biking running	8/13/2014 12:27 PM
594	walking	8/13/2014 12:23 PM
595	Beach/playground	8/13/2014 12:21 PM
596	sailing	8/13/2014 12:18 PM
597	Walking	8/13/2014 12:11 PM
598	Biking and walking	8/13/2014 12:09 PM
599	Eating	8/13/2014 12:07 PM

600	Walking	8/13/2014 12:07 PM
601	biking	8/13/2014 12:07 PM
602	Running	8/13/2014 11:58 AM
603	hiking	8/13/2014 11:57 AM
604	Biking	8/13/2014 11:56 AM
605	Hiking with dogs	8/13/2014 11:55 AM
606	Walking on channel in grand haven going to beaches	8/13/2014 11:53 AM
607	Walking	8/13/2014 11:53 AM
608	Baseball/Softball	8/13/2014 11:40 AM
609	Baseball games	8/13/2014 11:38 AM
610	Soccer	8/13/2014 10:57 AM
611	Hiking	8/13/2014 10:53 AM
612	Walking	8/13/2014 10:53 AM
613	Walking	8/13/2014 10:50 AM
614	nature observation	8/13/2014 10:25 AM
615	walking	8/13/2014 10:24 AM
616	Biking	8/13/2014 10:14 AM
617	just being outdoors	8/13/2014 9:56 AM
618	golf	8/13/2014 9:56 AM
619	Biking	8/13/2014 9:54 AM
620	Hiking	8/13/2014 9:44 AM
621	Biking	8/13/2014 9:39 AM
622	biking	8/13/2014 9:39 AM
623	Walking	8/13/2014 9:28 AM
624	walking	8/13/2014 9:19 AM
625	Walking	8/13/2014 9:14 AM
626	Walking, bike riding	8/13/2014 9:13 AM
627	Jogging on bike paths or walking in large parks with our dog	8/13/2014 9:03 AM
628	Concerts & Artwalk & Frozen In Time	8/13/2014 8:35 AM
629	walking	8/13/2014 7:48 AM

Q10 What do you do when you visit a park? Check all that apply

Answered: 713 Skipped: 90



Answer Choices	Responses
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Visit a dog park	0.00%	0
Walk or jog the paved trail	67.04%	478
Bike the paved trail	39.97%	285
Mountain bike	9.40%	67
Hike natural trails	49.65%	354
Visit a playground	30.01%	214
Visit a splash pad	12.48%	89
Swim	29.31%	209
Launch a boat, kayak, paddleboard or canoe	28.33%	202
Disc golf	0.00%	0
Visit a dog park	21.60%	154
Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball	29.45%	210
Picnic	28.47%	203
Attend a special event	34.08%	243
Fish	12.20%	87
Just relax and enjoy the outdoors	52.03%	371
Total Respondents: 713		

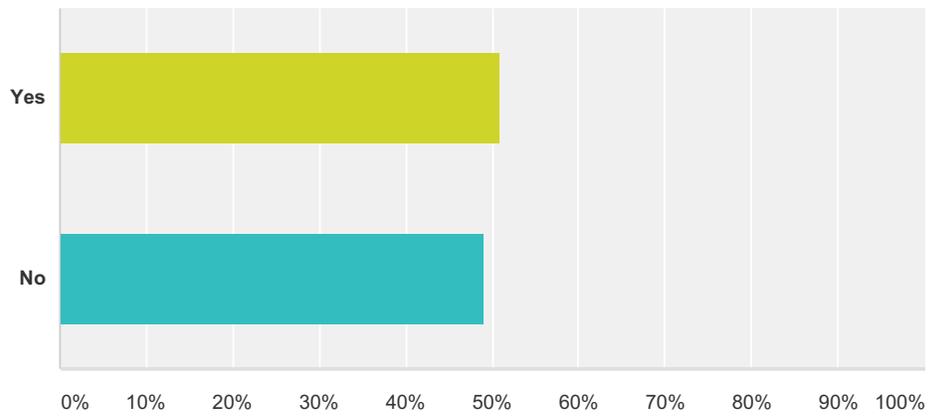
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Eat my lunch. It's annoying when park staff decides it is time to mow the grass right at lunch time between noon and 1:00 p.m.	9/8/2014 11:25 AM
2	ski	9/4/2014 9:03 PM
3	cross country skil	9/2/2014 12:07 PM
4	Walk my dogs.	9/2/2014 11:10 AM
5	pull garlic mustard, spotted knapweed	8/30/2014 9:44 PM
6	Pickleball	8/29/2014 8:51 AM
7	Pickleball	8/28/2014 7:56 AM
8	Play pickleball	8/27/2014 3:14 PM
9	pickel ball	8/26/2014 2:12 PM
10	watch sporting events	8/26/2014 12:30 PM
11	tennis	8/25/2014 7:46 AM
12	geocache and pickleball	8/24/2014 9:30 PM
13	tennis	8/24/2014 11:06 AM
14	Take photographs	8/24/2014 11:04 AM
15	Pickleball	8/23/2014 10:40 PM

16	pickle ball	8/23/2014 5:26 PM
17	Tennis	8/22/2014 10:03 PM
18	Play Pickleball	8/22/2014 7:47 PM
19	walk the dog	8/22/2014 12:51 PM
20	Play Pickleball	8/21/2014 8:36 PM
21	Watch grandkids sporting events	8/21/2014 4:42 PM
22	pickleball	8/21/2014 6:43 AM
23	Pickle Ball	8/21/2014 1:09 AM
24	play sports,pickleball & tennis	8/20/2014 5:18 PM
25	Pickleball at mulligan's Hollow	8/20/2014 4:53 PM
26	Play pickel Ball	8/20/2014 4:51 PM
27	play pickleball	8/20/2014 3:34 PM
28	pickleball	8/20/2014 2:15 PM
29	Nature photography	8/20/2014 1:32 PM
30	Pickleball	8/20/2014 12:34 PM
31	play pickleball	8/20/2014 12:34 PM
32	Fireworks	8/20/2014 11:38 AM
33	play pickleball	8/20/2014 10:59 AM
34	baseball, soccer	8/20/2014 10:42 AM
35	Pickleball	8/20/2014 9:45 AM
36	pickleball	8/20/2014 8:55 AM
37	Pickleball	8/20/2014 7:49 AM
38	Pickleball	8/20/2014 6:55 AM
39	Pickleball	8/20/2014 6:45 AM
40	Tennis	8/19/2014 9:44 PM
41	snow shoe, cross country ski	8/19/2014 9:18 PM
42	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:59 PM
43	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:52 PM
44	Pickleball-----Tennis	8/19/2014 8:48 PM
45	Play Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:32 PM
46	Play pickleball	8/19/2014 8:22 PM
47	play pickleball	8/19/2014 8:21 PM
48	Play pickleball	8/19/2014 8:20 PM
49	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:16 PM
50	Play pickleball	8/19/2014 8:11 PM
51	Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:09 PM
52	Play Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:00 PM
53	play Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:00 PM

54	Play Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:51 PM
55	Play pickleball	8/19/2014 7:49 PM
56	Pickleball	8/19/2014 7:46 PM
57	pickleball	8/19/2014 7:43 PM
58	cross country skiing	8/19/2014 12:31 PM
59	Kayak	8/19/2014 12:23 PM
60	Soccer Fields	8/19/2014 10:24 AM
61	Frisbee Golf	8/19/2014 10:17 AM
62	Tennis	8/19/2014 9:44 AM
63	tennis	8/18/2014 10:18 PM
64	Soccer	8/18/2014 9:42 PM
65	Excerise my dog	8/18/2014 3:31 PM
66	Run the trails	8/18/2014 3:10 PM
67	Play pickleball	8/18/2014 1:15 PM
68	Run trails and paved -- whatever goes up and down.	8/18/2014 1:07 PM
69	Cross Country Ski, Downhill Ski,	8/18/2014 12:25 PM
70	cross country ski	8/18/2014 12:17 PM
71	tennis	8/18/2014 11:57 AM
72	walk the shoreline	8/18/2014 10:55 AM
73	jog with dog	8/18/2014 7:33 AM
74	Walk the dog on a leash if allowed	8/17/2014 5:10 PM
75	Watch ball games	8/17/2014 9:42 AM
76	Nature Photography	8/17/2014 8:47 AM
77	cross country ski	8/17/2014 8:09 AM
78	Soccer games	8/15/2014 12:44 PM
79	Walk - watch my boys play soccer	8/15/2014 7:42 AM
80	Family Photos	8/14/2014 8:58 AM
81	Soccer Practice // Games	8/14/2014 8:41 AM
82	Cross country ski	8/13/2014 10:10 PM
83	pickleball	8/13/2014 8:13 PM
84	watch soccer	8/13/2014 8:03 PM
85	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 6:59 PM
86	soccer	8/13/2014 5:04 PM
87	Soccer practice	8/13/2014 3:52 PM
88	SOCCER	8/13/2014 3:22 PM
89	Sit and enjoy music	8/13/2014 8:36 AM

Q11 Do you or someone in your family participate in an organized league?

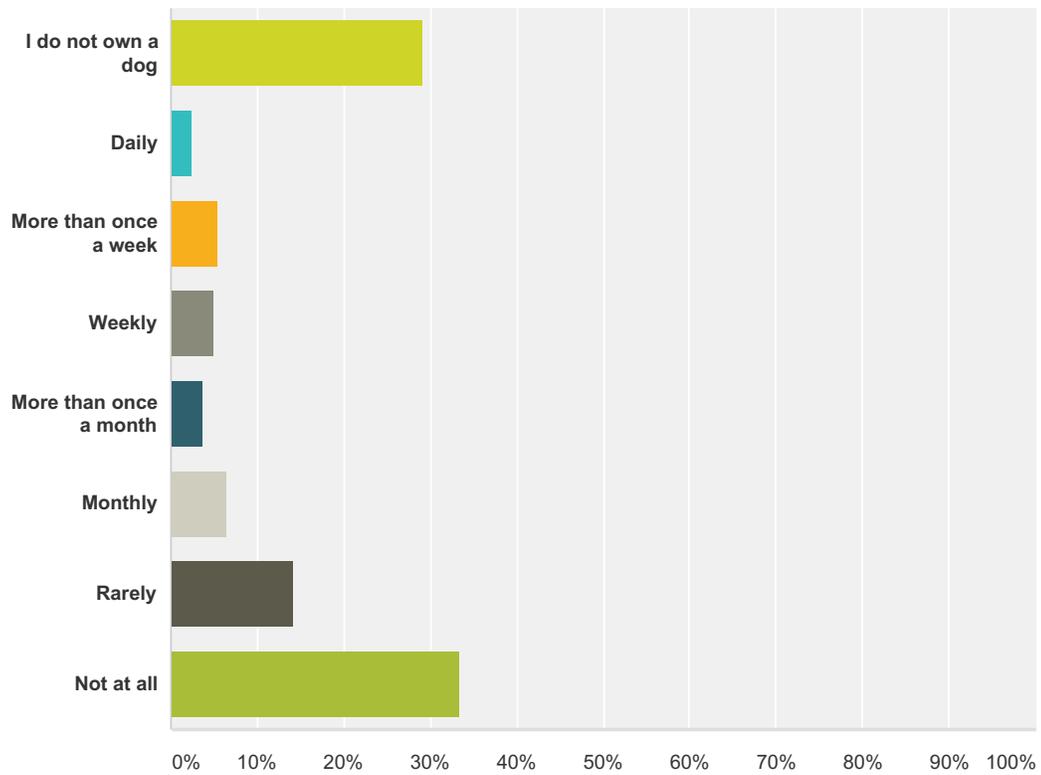
Answered: 730 Skipped: 73



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	50.96% 372
No	49.04% 358
Total	730

Q12 How often do you generally visit a dog park in the Tri-Cities area?

Answered: 733 Skipped: 70



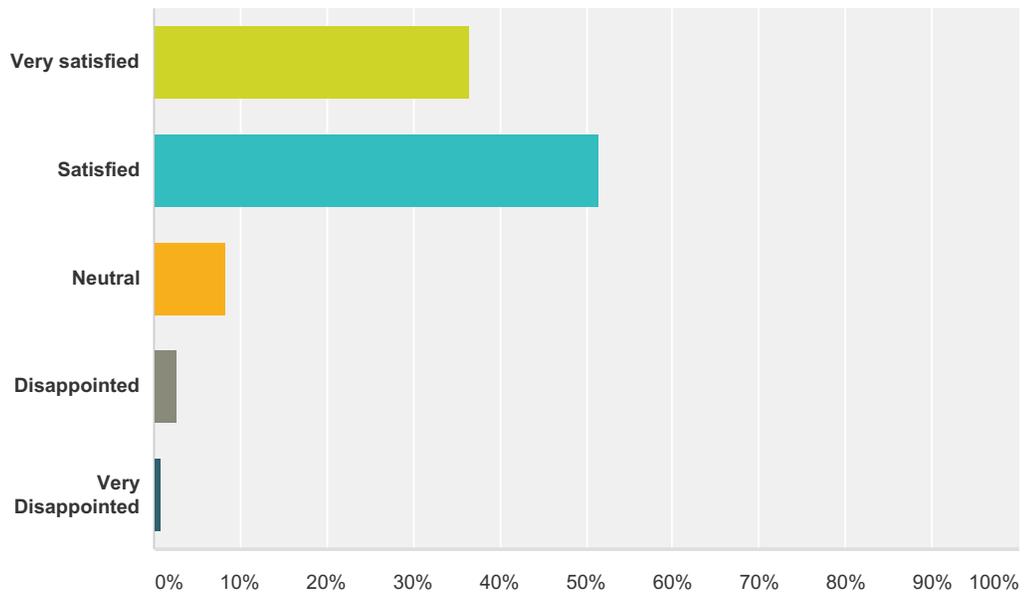
Answer Choices	Responses
I do not own a dog	29.20% 214
Daily	2.46% 18
More than once a week	5.46% 40
Weekly	5.05% 37
More than once a month	3.68% 27
Monthly	6.55% 48
Rarely	14.19% 104
Not at all	33.42% 245
Total	733

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	4-5 days a week	8/29/2014 12:19 PM
2	Before my dog died, about 3 times per week	8/27/2014 6:10 PM
3	But I like to watch dogs	8/22/2014 9:55 PM

4	Would be happy to pay a fee for my dog to be able to swim and be with me at the beach !!!!!	8/22/2014 12:50 AM
5	Our dog recently just passed. But when we had her we would walk the nature trails. Some parks don't allow dogs, which was discouraging. Especially for responsible dog owners that always have their dog on a leash and pick up after them. Some humans aren't that responsible, should they be limited to some parks. lol	8/20/2014 1:32 PM
6	When I take care of neighbor's dog	8/19/2014 7:52 PM
7	We own a dog but don't go to dog parks	8/19/2014 2:46 PM
8	Have an old dog who doesn't socialize well.	8/18/2014 9:42 PM
9	I like having dog parks and facilities open to dogs	8/18/2014 2:09 PM
10	I did not know it existed	8/17/2014 10:59 AM
11	dogs should not be allowed in parks	8/17/2014 12:03 AM
12	Dogs should not be allowed in area parks until their owners take responsibility and clean up after them	8/16/2014 7:55 PM
13	But if we get a dog, we would definitely use these parks	8/15/2014 10:59 AM
14	Dogs reduce the park experience especially unleashed	8/15/2014 7:42 AM
15	Will not given past experience with other dog owners. Fenced in my back yard for that reason.	8/14/2014 8:49 AM
16	live on 60 acres - don't need a dog park for our dog	8/13/2014 9:20 AM

Q13 What is your overall impression of the parks you visit?

Answered: 729 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses
Very satisfied	36.49% 266
Satisfied	51.58% 376
Neutral	8.37% 61
Disappointed	2.74% 20
Very Disappointed	0.82% 6
Total	729

#	Comments	Date
1	Could use a small dog park in Spring Lake.	9/2/2014 11:10 AM
2	I would use Central Park more often if it weren't so run down (spring lake village).	9/1/2014 9:33 AM
3	We need more pet friendly places where unruly pet owner and animals are better monitored	8/29/2014 12:22 PM
4	It would be nice to see breaches combed and cleaned of debris... perhaps a partnership with the state.	8/28/2014 2:36 PM
5	When we moved to the area 18 months ago I was really disappointed by central park. and The beach was so small with no parking. I love the views from Mill Point but I wish that I coul dhave that kind of view a facilities where the beach is located for Spring Lake.	8/27/2014 2:46 PM
6	Waterfront Park needs some upgrades without losing the open feel of it.	8/25/2014 2:34 PM
7	Dog parks really need to be kept cleaner	8/25/2014 11:38 AM
8	Soccer fields need updating. Fix the holes.	8/24/2014 6:38 PM
9	soap could be provided and the bathrooms could be open earlier in the spring!	8/24/2014 1:41 PM

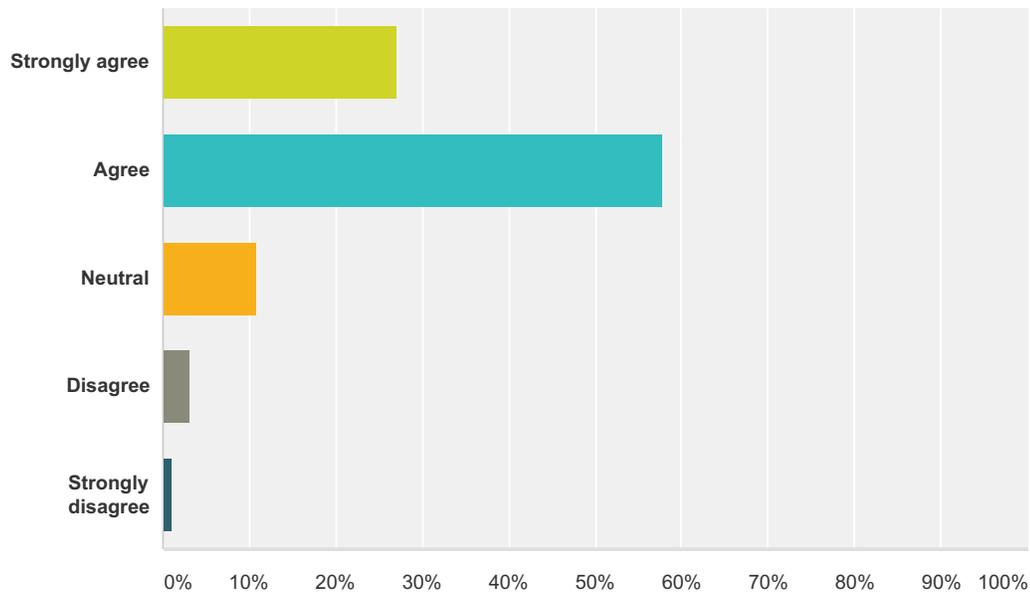
10	Firebarn Park tennis courts need to be cleaned more often...lots of leaves and twigs. Central Park in Spring Lake tennis courts have large cracks in the pavement.	8/24/2014 11:11 AM
11	Bathrooms at pottawatomie not so good.	8/24/2014 8:04 AM
12	Need better/safer baseball diamonds.	8/24/2014 7:56 AM
13	playground equipment broken/missing	8/23/2014 6:45 PM
14	trails should be marked better and cleared better	8/23/2014 4:50 PM
15	Ferrysburg & Spring Lake could benefit from separate little dog park	8/23/2014 11:41 AM
16	Holland's dog park (Quincy park) is 5 acres fenced in and has a paved walking path that is lit for year round walking with water inside the fence. It is a long drive, but much nicer than Ferrysburg, Spring Lake or Grand Haven's dog parks put together. When I'm short on time I settle for the dog park closest to me.	8/22/2014 2:04 PM
17	we need more pickleball court	8/22/2014 9:51 AM
18	Some Great others not so great!!	8/22/2014 9:32 AM
19	Disappointed in the lack of accommodations for me to bring my dog along on hiking trails (water dishes, etc)	8/22/2014 12:38 AM
20	I like having lifeguards at Lakeside Beach. Central Park in SL needs more upkeep	8/21/2014 1:44 PM
21	I would love Pottawatomie Park to allow dogs.	8/21/2014 9:22 AM
22	portable out house sometimes not very clean and always smelly.	8/21/2014 6:43 AM
23	The Pickel Ball club down there get it very clean	8/20/2014 4:52 PM
24	Grand Haven State Park infrastructure is rapidly deteriorating.	8/20/2014 4:23 PM
25	Really depends upon the park--some quite dissatisfied due to run-down conditions...but most meet my basic needs.	8/20/2014 2:17 PM
26	We are very fortunate to live in this beautiful community. Our parks are wonderful. We could use some more parks with athletic fields located in one complex. Ei soccer, lax, softball, baseball. Those facilities are limited in our community.	8/20/2014 1:34 PM
27	I would like to see more Pickleball courts. I would like to see less skateboards and fast bikes on the GH boardwalk for safety reasons.	8/20/2014 12:36 PM
28	Central park spring lake could be best place in tri cities but needs much work.	8/20/2014 8:57 AM
29	My husband's job relocated us from Grosse Pointe Farms....We couldn't be happier, absolutely LOVE Grand Haven!	8/19/2014 11:12 PM
30	There does not seem to be enough tennis facilites	8/19/2014 9:45 PM
31	We need more pickleball courts.	8/19/2014 8:23 PM
32	Long waits in the morning on the pickleball courts. However, Great courts and in a perfect location	8/19/2014 8:11 PM
33	City of Grand Haven built 6 pickleball courts at Mulligans Hollow. City should have built 10 courts.	8/19/2014 7:51 PM
34	Central Park needs...lots of help	8/19/2014 7:45 PM
35	I don't like the dog dropping along side the pathways.	8/19/2014 7:03 PM
36	Some facilities seem dated, dirty bathrooms	8/19/2014 6:14 PM
37	Very clean. Bike path looks great too!	8/19/2014 2:55 PM
38	We have plenty of Parks and they are all nicely maintained for my needs.	8/19/2014 12:23 PM
39	Need to cut the grass shorter at Rycenga Park	8/19/2014 12:11 PM
40	Dog cramp along route	8/19/2014 10:47 AM
41	Central Park in SL seems to not well cared for. tennis courts are in terrible shape !!	8/19/2014 10:47 AM
42	The parks and their facilities appear well kept and clean.	8/19/2014 10:26 AM

43	I love all the parks available. However, I may be biased because I live by Central Park in SL, but I feel that it could stand to be updated. The playgrounds feel outdated.	8/19/2014 10:20 AM
44	Love that the bike paths are even maintained/cleared in the winter.	8/19/2014 10:12 AM
45	tennis courts could be maintained better	8/18/2014 10:18 PM
46	Very impressed with how well kept the grounds, docks, playgrounds, pavilions are!	8/18/2014 8:43 PM
47	It is wonderful to have so many park choices in our community.	8/17/2014 5:16 PM
48	Except for Central Park in Spring Lake. It was a beautiful place at one time. It would be great if it could be restored to being something that SL residents could take pride in.	8/17/2014 8:58 AM
49	Some parks need some oversight.	8/16/2014 8:50 PM
50	I think they are moderately maintained	8/16/2014 7:22 PM
51	It is nice to see improvements being made- new playground at the GH State Park and Chinook Pier, overall improvements at Connor's Bayou, addition of the splash pad, etc. Would be nice to see a larger playground and family friendly facility. We frequent Pottawatomie Park, one of the nicer park, and many times the playground is very crowded. Also, it would be nice to have more picnic tables available.	8/16/2014 3:39 PM
52	Always dirty, parking lots is usually a mess, restrooms are rarely clean, missing toilet paper, doors are very dirty ... no one wants to touch that, sprinkler system has several broken valve covers a serious trip hazard.	8/15/2014 4:59 PM
53	We are very short on soccer fields in the tri-cities area	8/15/2014 11:16 AM
54	Please consider creating new, readable signage at Hofma.	8/15/2014 11:00 AM
55	Better entry signage would be nice	8/15/2014 10:25 AM
56	Bathrooms need soap Fenced in playgrounds	8/15/2014 8:19 AM
57	We feel very fortunate and blessed to live in such a wonderful community that cares about their natural spaces	8/14/2014 8:56 PM
58	Wish we had a better fully fenced dog park. I'm aware of fenced dog parts at East End and coastguard park. Meh - only so-so.	8/14/2014 11:07 AM
59	Not enough baseball diamonds.	8/14/2014 10:32 AM
60	I would like to see more regulation-sized baseball fields (90 foot baselines; 60 foot pitchers mound).	8/14/2014 8:37 AM
61	Some parks are very well maintained while others need updating.	8/14/2014 8:29 AM
62	The main reason we visit parks in GH is for soccer practices at Harbor Island. The surface it's not level, and not safe for the players. I have seen a number of injuries caused by the uneven surface.	8/14/2014 8:12 AM
63	Parking can sometimes be a problem.	8/14/2014 2:51 AM
64	Especially love the County parks	8/13/2014 11:46 PM
65	Lots of drifting sand not cleaned up making it hard to bike and walk on North Shore Drive.	8/13/2014 9:54 PM
66	Would like to bring the dog to more parks	8/13/2014 6:56 PM
67	Too much goose, deer and turkey droppings	8/13/2014 5:05 PM
68	too many rules and signs	8/13/2014 4:46 PM
69	I am satisfied with the nature or natural aspects of the parks, however the practice and play fields for activities like soccer, baseball, softball and football are very poor.	8/13/2014 4:45 PM
70	Need to leave more natural areas... Too much mown down	8/13/2014 4:36 PM
71	Bathrooms are nice.	8/13/2014 4:14 PM
72	There is often alot of goose 'droppings' in the fields we practice in. Pretty nasty when dealing with cleats and soccer bags that sit on the ground.	8/13/2014 3:49 PM
73	Harbor island is loaded with goose poop that is never cleaned up.	8/13/2014 3:41 PM
74	Need to provide more space for recreation, ball fields, volleyball and basketball	8/13/2014 3:01 PM

75	We are always surprised to see how many great amenities are provided in the public parks. There's always something new to discover.	8/13/2014 1:33 PM
76	Would like more dog friendly options, Grand Haven is particularly uptight about dogs compared to Allegan or Muskegon counties	8/13/2014 12:30 PM
77	not all parks are equal. some have much better facilities & features than others...	8/13/2014 9:58 AM

Q14 The park facilities are clean and well maintained:

Answered: 731 Skipped: 72



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	27.22%	199
Agree	57.73%	422
Neutral	10.81%	79
Disagree	3.15%	23
Strongly disagree	1.09%	8
Total		731

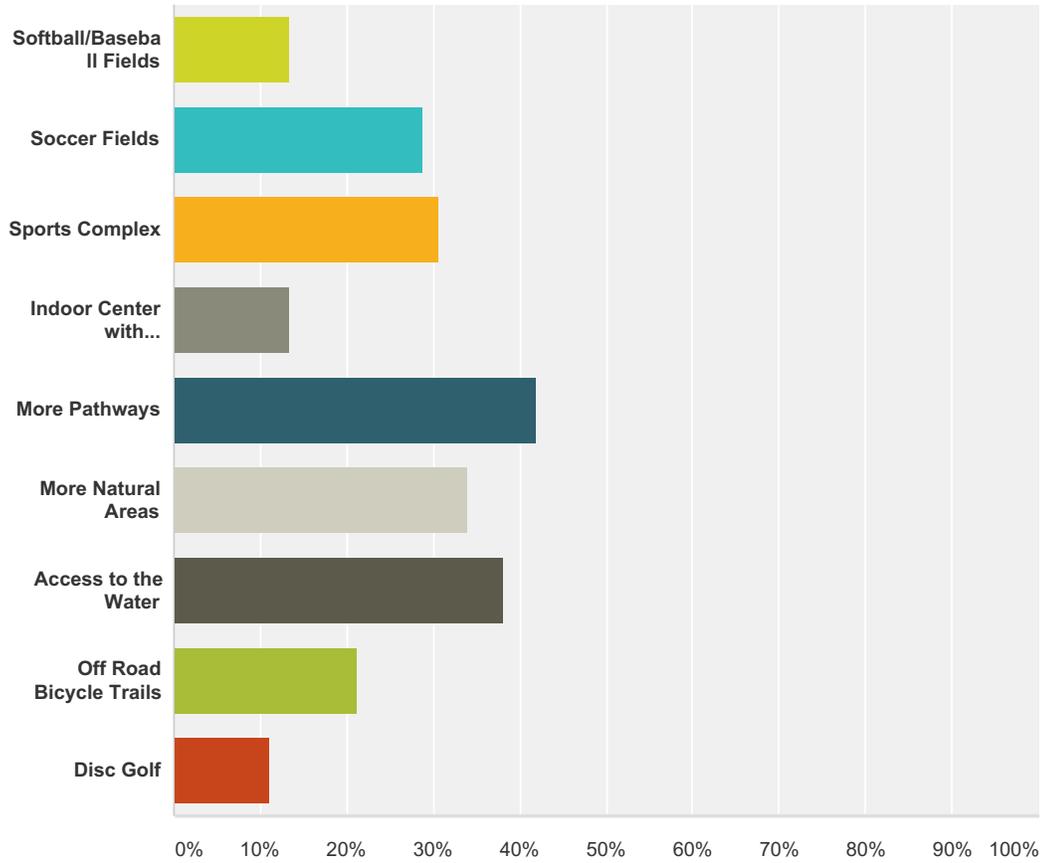
#	Comments	Date
1	Hoffma preserve is a dog litter box especially visible during the winter. I will NEVER X-country ski there again. Dogs off leash who owners say are under "immediately control" according to sign really aren't. Rules should be LEASHED! I would say all other parks deserve a Strongly agree and Hoffma preserve deserves a strongly disagree.	9/2/2014 12:13 PM
2	I thinks years of funding neglect are starting to take their toll on all of our community parks	9/1/2014 9:33 AM
3	Was disappointed to see trash left on the beach at Buchanan St. Beach.	8/30/2014 9:45 PM
4	The pet park at S.L. Central Park is for the most part wonderful	8/29/2014 12:22 PM
5	Last time I was at Pottawatomie park the bathrooms were out of toilet paper & soap.	8/27/2014 2:34 PM
6	city workers do a fantastic job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/25/2014 5:09 PM
7	To an extent	8/24/2014 6:38 PM
8	Could use more drinking fountains...especially at Bi-centennial park in Grand Haven	8/24/2014 11:11 AM
9	Trash and weeds visible.	8/24/2014 7:56 AM

10	Sometimes restrooms are not sanitary	8/22/2014 2:47 PM
11	the city of GH and Ferrysburg do a super job	8/22/2014 9:51 AM
12	As Above	8/22/2014 9:32 AM
13	Dogs are the least of your problems!!!!	8/22/2014 12:52 AM
14	Goose poop sometimes is disturbing in millpoint park	8/21/2014 3:40 PM
15	facilities are clean most of the time. The City should have stronger enforcement with their vendors at City Beach to require bathroom cleanup at the end of the day in preparation for early morning visitors. There should also be a time requirement for bathrooms to be open when the park is open.	8/21/2014 1:48 PM
16	Except for Central Park in SL	8/21/2014 1:44 PM
17	City beach gets a tremendous amount of traffic. Restrooms could be better maintained in summer	8/21/2014 12:24 PM
18	Some of the bathrooms could be cleaned better	8/21/2014 11:32 AM
19	some are better than others	8/21/2014 11:24 AM
20	Not relevant to the questionnaire, but the State Park is disgusting!	8/21/2014 10:39 AM
21	Need some additional goose control--their poop is awful...	8/20/2014 7:15 PM
22	Same as above	8/20/2014 4:52 PM
23	Grand Haven State Park is a disgrace. Staff does very little but ride around passing time.	8/20/2014 4:23 PM
24	Millpoint needs more grooming and goose poop is everywhere	8/20/2014 4:12 PM
25	kayak launch at end of cutler in sl is poorly maintained a mess most of the time	8/20/2014 9:19 AM
26	I think it's great that there are community service people (or jail release men) who are often out doing organized cleanup (e.g. pulling invasive species plants) and painting benches along the boardwalk (and whatever else they do).	8/19/2014 8:55 PM
27	Bathrooms not so great. Would be nice to have restrooms at the pickleball courts	8/19/2014 7:45 PM
28	Some are good but some are neglected	8/19/2014 7:40 PM
29	Every time I go into a bathroom it is disgusting	8/19/2014 6:14 PM
30	we think neighborhood kids drink late in the park; they leave beer cans near benches.... that are cleaned up within the week....	8/19/2014 2:08 PM
31	I typically do not visit rest rooms. When I do they are adequate for a park	8/19/2014 12:23 PM
32	some are. some are very disappointing.	8/19/2014 11:04 AM
33	Very enjoyable to visit and we appreciate pet parents who clean up after their pets.	8/19/2014 10:26 AM
34	some bathrooms need better care	8/19/2014 10:11 AM
35	Bathrooms can always be cleaner	8/18/2014 2:29 PM
36	The parks I visit seem to be used heavily and are somewhat worn looking. Landscaping unimpressive.	8/18/2014 11:32 AM
37	Unfortunately, there is probably little that can be done to enforce the very few number of people who refuse to pick up after their pets who make all the rest of us look bad. I often pick up after other dogs at the city beach dog park, hoping the rude owner gets the hint.	8/17/2014 5:16 PM
38	Bathrooms are usually a little gross. Would love to ban smoking in all parks. Don't want my family inhaling the smoke or my young children picking up cigaret butts.	8/17/2014 3:08 PM
39	Restrooms in Central Park Spring Lake could use work. Maintenance and upkeep.	8/17/2014 9:43 AM
40	Except 90% of dog owners believe the lease law and pick up dog waste rules do NOT apply to them. That needs to be enforced more.	8/17/2014 8:49 AM
41	All except No. Shore parking lot along the Pier. City of GH should take a good look at that site. Restrooms are a bad always dirty and messy.	8/16/2014 6:14 PM

42	Coast guard dog park not mowed often enough	8/16/2014 5:56 PM
43	In general, the parks are well maintained. The busiest times of the summer season could use more frequent janitorial upkeep at many of the parks. Many of the bathrooms in the area are small/dark/dingy.	8/16/2014 3:39 PM
44	More could be done to this park, the geese are a menace and more should be done to minimize their droppings.	8/15/2014 4:59 PM
45	The parks are always clean but some park's play equipment needs to be updated.	8/14/2014 8:29 AM
46	This summer I attended a summer concert series concert at Millpoint Park and there was goose droppings all over the walkways, cement pad for the performers, grass etc. Some park restrooms have been locked early in the season leaving visitors with no other options.	8/13/2014 9:30 PM
47	Too much goose, deer and turkey droppings	8/13/2014 5:05 PM
48	Hofma could use some video surveillance to deter gangs and graffiti.	8/13/2014 4:33 PM
49	The grass could use cutting a bit more often.	8/13/2014 3:49 PM
50	Bathrooms need attention.	8/13/2014 12:01 PM
51	They are old and need much attention. The port-o -potties are sad and never attended to. The baseball fields are in very poor condition. Mill Point Park is the only one that I go to that is impressive	8/13/2014 11:39 AM
52	Except sometimes the women's bathrooms are not so clean, nNOT your fault, filthy, lazy women!	8/13/2014 8:37 AM

Q15 What type of facilities or improvements would you like to see added to area parks? (Select all that you are interested in)

Answered: 614 Skipped: 189



Answer Choices	Responses
Softball/Baseball Fields	13.36% 82
Soccer Fields	28.83% 177
Sports Complex	30.78% 189
Indoor Center with Basketball/Volleyball Courts	13.36% 82
More Pathways	42.02% 258
More Natural Areas	34.04% 209
Access to the Water	38.27% 235
Off Road Bicycle Trails	21.34% 131
Disc Golf	11.07% 68
Total Respondents: 614	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	More dog parks	10/2/2014 1:02 PM
2	none	9/18/2014 12:05 PM
3	More parks that are friendly to dogs would be nice.	9/8/2014 11:28 AM
4	Natural areas are truly natural areas not areas with sidewalks, paths, boardwalks, mowed grass, bike paths, etc.	9/8/2014 11:26 AM
5	The biggest need in the area is for a swimming pool. Swimming is growing in the area and the limiting factor now is pool time. With all this water recreation in the area, it is embarrassing that more kids don't have swimming instruction and the chance to compete if they desire to.	9/5/2014 2:03 PM
6	love to see more bike paths!	9/2/2014 12:14 PM
7	Dogs allowed in parks on leashes. More tennis courts.	9/2/2014 10:36 AM
8	I feel you can indoor facilities from private clubs like norton pines or spring lake aquatic center	9/1/2014 9:35 AM
9	Pet friendly areas with clean water access for swimming, trails and picnic areas	8/29/2014 12:26 PM
10	I think our current system is good just not well coordinated and / or utilized	8/29/2014 11:13 AM
11	Indoor pickleball	8/29/2014 8:52 AM
12	Tennis Courts	8/28/2014 10:34 PM
13	We have a well rounded variety as it is.	8/28/2014 5:34 PM
14	Event areas	8/28/2014 2:37 PM
15	we currently have great options	8/28/2014 8:40 AM
16	Expand pickleball courts	8/28/2014 7:57 AM
17	Very great need for additional dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Mulligan's Hollow cannot handle summer demand/	8/27/2014 3:16 PM
18	More water views and access to water and boat parking and docking areas. It would be nice to tie in the village so it feels connected to the parks and not just placed around them.	8/27/2014 2:49 PM
19	Allow dogs	8/27/2014 2:35 PM
20	Competition Swim facilities	8/27/2014 1:52 PM
21	We are in dire need of more baseball fields. There aren't enough in the area and it's hard to get one dedicated to one team.	8/26/2014 3:45 PM
22	more playground equipment for children, more pickleball courts.	8/26/2014 2:16 PM
23	Dog areas	8/26/2014 12:07 PM
24	Not sure	8/25/2014 7:58 PM
25	NA	8/25/2014 1:29 PM
26	More baby/toddler swing/play sets	8/25/2014 12:40 PM
27	cleaner restrooms	8/25/2014 11:03 AM
28	more ski paths (winter)	8/25/2014 8:50 AM
29	pickelball courts	8/25/2014 7:47 AM
30	more places to play pickleball indoors and outdoors, either for free or a nominal fee	8/24/2014 9:32 PM
31	drinking fountains	8/24/2014 11:14 AM
32	I would like to see a senior softball league.Play in one in FL but there are none close to GH	8/24/2014 10:31 AM
33	Gaga ball pits, more tennis courts.	8/24/2014 8:05 AM

34	Baseball/softball indoor facilities that aren't controlled by the school sports teams. More access to practice and play baseball year round. In the Spring and Summer the high school fields are not accessible for all age groups for games or practices.	8/24/2014 8:02 AM
35	Dog friendly areas.	8/23/2014 9:50 PM
36	More dog friendly areas	8/23/2014 9:46 PM
37	More bike paths along busy streets. For example along Lincoln or m45	8/23/2014 2:58 PM
38	Like to see the bike path extended especially from 152nd to Fruitport Rd.	8/22/2014 10:04 PM
39	Pickleball courts!	8/22/2014 7:48 PM
40	Large dog / small dog separate areas.	8/22/2014 7:39 PM
41	Some sort of free or very inexpensive fitness center type center which would allow inexpensive day passes for guests/people who are new to fitness, and some sort of free access for lower income families so they might find ways to fight obesity. Include classes on diet, stress reduction, family fitness, healthy habits..etc	8/22/2014 4:58 PM
42	East end dog park needs benches and ground cover that doesn't make it a mud hole for the larger dogs	8/22/2014 9:53 AM
43	More Trash Containers!!	8/22/2014 9:33 AM
44	outdoor/indoor pool athletic complex with other courts etc. Not everyone likes the crowds at the beach. Be nice to go swimming in a more controlled environment with kids.easy access for locals only	8/22/2014 7:31 AM
45	A place where dogs can swim !!!	8/22/2014 12:55 AM
46	Disc golf is a huge trend so it would be a beneficial addition to some of the parks for both the young people and the older generations	8/22/2014 12:40 AM
47	More areas that dogs are allowed year round. The beaches in other resort towns like Ludington allow dogs on all their beaches instead of a small portion that doesn't even have parking and isn't accessible to residents due to tourist traffic for a large portion of the summer.	8/22/2014 12:37 AM
48	More areas where dogs are allowed!	8/21/2014 11:01 PM
49	Pickleball Courts	8/21/2014 8:37 PM
50	Dog friendly	8/21/2014 6:05 PM
51	we need more places for the youth to gather to play basketball. Getting court time in GH is VERY hard even with the schools when school is out its difficult to get a decent time early enough for students to practice out of season. The Y only has limited times bc of their organized basketball season as well. A place dedicated to BASKETBALL with lots of courts indoors would be AWESOME. They could also use it for indoor hockey/volleyball for their off season. Plus it could host tournaments to offset carrying costs.	8/21/2014 4:16 PM
52	Better landscaping/grounds keeping , more visually pleasing to residents and tourists Use those inmates!!!	8/21/2014 3:43 PM
53	Leave nature alone, creating a more natural and safe environment away from any motorized vehicles, including bicycles.	8/21/2014 3:11 PM
54	Bathrooms	8/21/2014 11:25 AM
55	more fenced dog parks	8/21/2014 11:25 AM
56	More outdoor parks that dogs on leashes are allowed to hike with the owners.	8/21/2014 10:23 AM
57	Dogs allowed	8/21/2014 9:22 AM
58	more pickleball courts. There are too many of us that play at my leTheres a perswon who dictates when people can use the court and it's only 3 mornings a week for all of us..	8/21/2014 6:46 AM
59	indoor pickleball courts	8/20/2014 5:20 PM
60	More Pickleball courts	8/20/2014 4:55 PM
61	More Pickle Ball courts, they are frequently very busy and the tennis courts are rarely used.	8/20/2014 4:54 PM
62	Current facilities are more than adequate.	8/20/2014 4:25 PM
63	In winter we need low cost indoor places to play pickleball.	8/20/2014 3:36 PM

64	pickleball courts needed, or painting over current tennis courts	8/20/2014 2:19 PM
65	Our community has out grown our facilities and there is a need to expand the current facilities.	8/20/2014 1:39 PM
66	More Pickleball courts.	8/20/2014 12:37 PM
67	More pickleball courts	8/20/2014 12:35 PM
68	ATV Trails!	8/20/2014 12:21 PM
69	Seems to be plenty.	8/20/2014 12:14 PM
70	indoor pickleball courts for the fastest growing sport in the USA	8/20/2014 11:01 AM
71	Camping facilities	8/20/2014 10:42 AM
72	Inside pickle ball facility to go with indoor center from above.	8/20/2014 8:58 AM
73	More pickleball courts	8/20/2014 7:51 AM
74	More pickleball courts	8/20/2014 6:56 AM
75	Pickleball Courts; especially in Spring Lake Central Park	8/20/2014 6:47 AM
76	Pickleball	8/20/2014 12:26 AM
77	Pickle ball courts in Spring Lake	8/19/2014 11:28 PM
78	TENNIS COURTS	8/19/2014 9:46 PM
79	paved bike trails, night lighted snow shoe/cross country ski trails	8/19/2014 9:20 PM
80	Pickleball	8/19/2014 9:00 PM
81	Indoor Center with pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:56 PM
82	Pickleball Courts	8/19/2014 8:50 PM
83	More Pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:34 PM
84	More pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:24 PM
85	additional pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:22 PM
86	More Pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:20 PM
87	Also indoor for pickleball	8/19/2014 8:19 PM
88	More pickleball courts	8/19/2014 8:14 PM
89	Pickleball. We have roughly 200 plus local players. I have seen many tennis courts in the area never being used like the one at the fire station in ferrysburg or the courts by the water tower off west spring lake road. I think adding two to four pickleball courts per tennis court will easily draw people to those parks.	8/19/2014 8:13 PM
90	Indoor Pickleball Courts	8/19/2014 8:12 PM
91	Indoor Pickleball for the winter	8/19/2014 8:01 PM
92	improve pickleball courts in Spring Lake	8/19/2014 8:01 PM
93	Dog Park in Central Park SL should have a divided area where small dogs can safely play. When big dogs are there (which is every time I go), small dogs can't use park without getting trampled and hurt.	8/19/2014 7:55 PM
94	More pickleball courts. Get rid of two worthless tennis courts at Mulligans Hollow.	8/19/2014 7:53 PM
95	indoor pickleball courts	8/19/2014 7:52 PM
96	Indoor courts also to be used for pickle ball.	8/19/2014 7:47 PM
97	More pickleball courts	8/19/2014 7:45 PM
98	pickleball courts (indoor and outdoor)	8/19/2014 7:41 PM
99	Public outdoor pool/larger splash pad	8/19/2014 6:15 PM

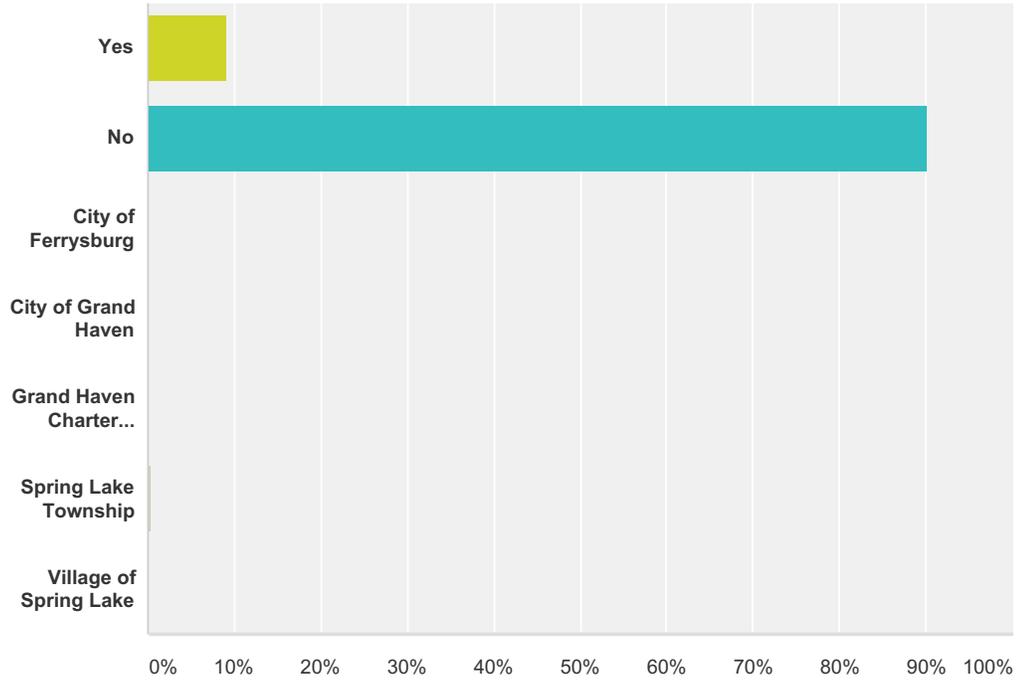
100	Need an indoor practice/event area for baseball/football/soccer that allows for indoor practices and events in the colder months.	8/19/2014 6:00 PM
101	pickleball	8/19/2014 4:44 PM
102	Tennis, pickleball, shuffleboard, biketrails	8/19/2014 3:43 PM
103	Better facilities	8/19/2014 3:04 PM
104	None	8/19/2014 12:24 PM
105	Tennis courts in Central Park in SL need to be repaired !!	8/19/2014 10:48 AM
106	A skatepark in Spring Lake(doesn't have to be as elaborate as Grand Haven skatepark)	8/19/2014 10:32 AM
107	I like Mountain Biking, but I need to drive to Bass River Recreation Area to access a decent trail. It would be awesome to have options closer to Spring Lake. The other stuff I selected is just because I'm being greedy, and would always enjoy more pathways, natural areas, access to water, and disc golf. However, I think what you have is nice.	8/19/2014 10:28 AM
108	Perhaps areas set aside for fishing with a fish cleaning station.	8/19/2014 10:27 AM
109	Tennis courts	8/19/2014 9:45 AM
110	Cleaner swim areas for families	8/19/2014 7:44 AM
111	Let's work to keep our community healthy and active!	8/19/2014 6:52 AM
112	tennis courts	8/18/2014 10:19 PM
113	It would be nice to see the Tri-Cities Area have a multi-field/sport park similar to some of our neighboring communities.	8/18/2014 9:43 PM
114	Citizen only parking and access areas	8/18/2014 8:53 PM
115	Continuing the excellent signage and pathways to preserve dunes and natural areas take priority.	8/18/2014 8:45 PM
116	Tennis courts	8/18/2014 8:10 PM
117	Fenced in off-leash dog parks	8/18/2014 3:32 PM
118	Continued protection of trails in the natural areas, as well as the excellent markings/signage.	8/18/2014 3:12 PM
119	Please do not add any more volleyball nets, soccer nets or other structures that take away space from using the beach.	8/18/2014 2:12 PM
120	More pickleball courts	8/18/2014 1:16 PM
121	more tennis courts	8/18/2014 12:32 PM
122	Really hard to think of something. . . Perhaps year round restrooms at Coast Guard Park.	8/18/2014 12:27 PM
123	Improved surfaces on tennis courts and additional pickleball courts	8/18/2014 12:24 PM
124	better maintained tennis courts	8/18/2014 11:58 AM
125	Existing tennis courts at local parks are in serious need of resurfacing. They have been neglected, or if they've been resurfaced, the work that was done was not done correctly and has not lasted.	8/18/2014 11:34 AM
126	More places where dogs are allowed in the water. I always have to go all the way to Muskegon for the off-leash dog beach	8/18/2014 7:49 AM
127	Off Road motor vehicle trails	8/18/2014 7:26 AM
128	bathrooms	8/18/2014 2:05 AM
129	Extension of existing paved bike paths!	8/17/2014 5:18 PM
130	If community wants more sports facilities that is fine. The leagues should fund them. Not the parks / tax payers.	8/17/2014 3:09 PM
131	For dogs	8/17/2014 11:59 AM
132	Dog friendly	8/17/2014 11:00 AM

133	I am really in favor for everything above, I love the idea of more recreation opportunities.	8/17/2014 8:59 AM
134	Restrooms Better marked and longer running trails (like coast guard park has)	8/17/2014 8:11 AM
135	more Playgrounds	8/17/2014 7:55 AM
136	More natural, dog-friendly areas.	8/17/2014 7:33 AM
137	this is too vague and if used to determine future building plans/revenue is flawed. We all can check what we would like without attaching costs or what is currently available and actually used.	8/17/2014 6:19 AM
138	More bike paths connecting parks, more restrooms	8/17/2014 4:40 AM
139	None	8/16/2014 7:16 PM
140	Larger playgrounds with activities for younger and older children	8/16/2014 3:39 PM
141	kayak launch	8/16/2014 3:33 PM
142	climbing walls	8/16/2014 11:20 AM
143	We are short on soccer fields in the area. It would be nice to have more mountain biking around the tri-cities area.	8/15/2014 11:17 AM
144	Bike Path connector to Musketawa Trail	8/15/2014 9:20 AM
145	Soccer complex	8/15/2014 8:15 AM
146	Competition swimming pool	8/15/2014 8:14 AM
147	Kayaking	8/14/2014 10:45 PM
148	They all do a great job now	8/14/2014 3:38 PM
149	I do no desire specific improvements.	8/14/2014 12:04 PM
150	Grand Haven Township has everything that's needed.	8/14/2014 9:02 AM
151	Nothing. I'm satisfied.	8/14/2014 8:23 AM
152	more pickleball courts	8/13/2014 10:19 PM
153	cross country skiing	8/13/2014 9:31 PM
154	Port-a-johns on bike path	8/13/2014 8:44 PM
155	All	8/13/2014 8:18 PM
156	Better maintained pickleball courts (excluding Mulligans Hollow(8/13/2014 8:16 PM
157	Indoor soccer	8/13/2014 7:48 PM
158	Trash cans. I see too much litter and no trash cans to be seen!	8/13/2014 7:13 PM
159	Dog accessible	8/13/2014 6:57 PM
160	Pickleball courts	8/13/2014 5:44 PM
161	Rest rooms	8/13/2014 3:50 PM
162	restrooms	8/13/2014 3:50 PM
163	Clean dog park	8/13/2014 3:24 PM
164	more bathroom facilities and covered shelter area with picnic tables and grills	8/13/2014 3:23 PM
165	although we have some great natural areas I think it's time to focus on a sports complex with fields for all forms of recreational activities	8/13/2014 3:04 PM
166	ADA playground equipment	8/13/2014 12:42 PM
167	Love the new dog friendly drinking fountain at Mill Point ! More of those would be great	8/13/2014 12:32 PM
168	Golf	8/13/2014 12:30 PM
169	love the idea of an indoor community center. this would be ideal for our area with the LONG winters.	8/13/2014 10:00 AM

170	Wedding ceremony facilities	8/13/2014 9:49 AM
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Q16 It is a goal to strive to make each park as barrier-free/ADA accessible as possible for the convenience and enjoyment of visitors with disabilities. Do you have a household member with a disability?

Answered: 716 Skipped: 87



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	9.22% 66
No	90.22% 646
City of Ferrysburg	0.14% 1
City of Grand Haven	0.00% 0
Grand Haven Charter Township	0.00% 0
Spring Lake Township	0.42% 3
Village of Spring Lake	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 716	

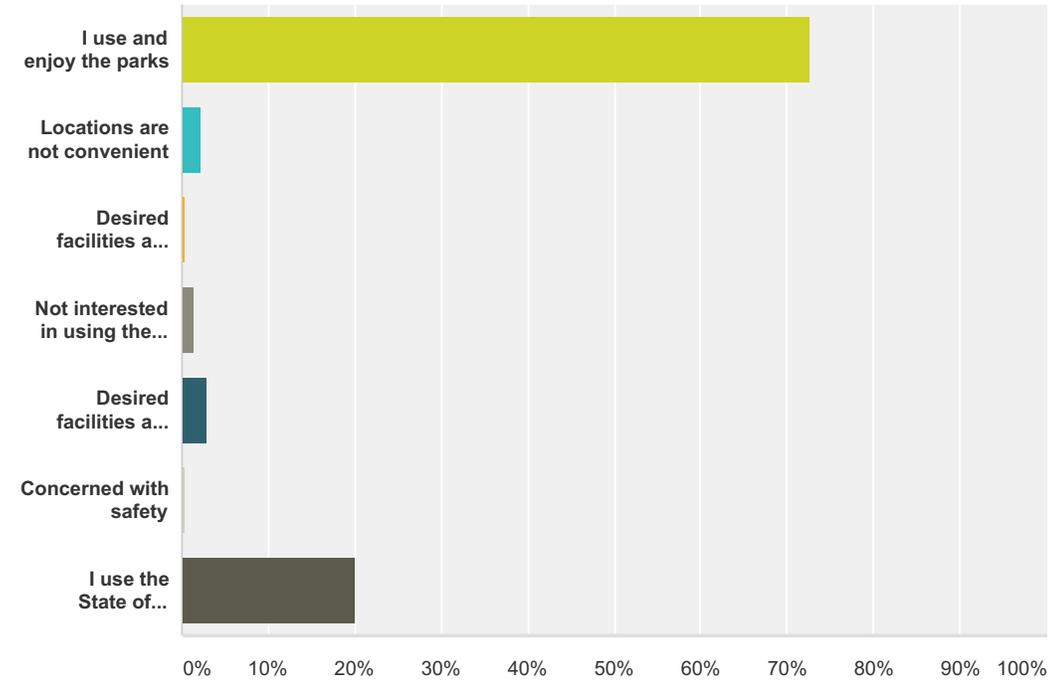
#	If yes, please help us by specifying the disability	Date
1	Mobility...I need wheelchair accessibility.	9/12/2014 12:40 AM
2	chronic pain	9/2/2014 9:52 AM
3	unstable gait, balance problems	8/30/2014 9:46 PM
4	va disability from viet nam	8/25/2014 5:10 PM

5	Multiple Scerosis	8/24/2014 11:05 AM
6	COPD	8/24/2014 10:31 AM
7	Multiple Sclerosis	8/23/2014 12:37 PM
8	Autism	8/22/2014 7:48 PM
9	Wheelchair boynd	8/22/2014 2:48 PM
10	no physical disability	8/22/2014 9:53 AM
11	Not at this time . But , have had in the past . Parking in Grand Haven . Very difficult!!!!	8/22/2014 12:55 AM
12	mother in law is bound by a motorized scooter	8/21/2014 3:43 PM
13	Unable to do physical activities or run for any length of time.	8/21/2014 3:11 PM
14	However, this is a great need in our area. There are many residents that have expressed the need for improvements in this area even through they are not related to me.	8/21/2014 1:49 PM
15	Walking a problem. Uses Motorized vehicles	8/21/2014 12:28 PM
16	Difficulty walking	8/21/2014 11:25 AM
17	limited mobility due knee problems	8/21/2014 11:25 AM
18	impaired ambulation and hard to go up and own stairway at Mulligans Hollow some days.	8/21/2014 6:46 AM
19	I'm surprised there's no wheelchair accessibility for the courts at Mulligan's hollow for family members who might want to watch.	8/20/2014 3:36 PM
20	Temporarily disabled due to knee surgery -- hopefully...	8/20/2014 2:19 PM
21	We don't have someone living our house hold, but when my father visits us, he has Parkinson's and uses a wheel chair. It's nice to be able to take him to the park with barrier free access.	8/20/2014 1:39 PM
22	Degenerative disc disease and progressive RA	8/19/2014 3:04 PM
23	I do have a good friend, though, with MD; recreation requires wheelchair access.	8/19/2014 10:04 AM
24	blind, limited mobility	8/19/2014 8:19 AM
25	Afraid of rude outsiders	8/18/2014 8:53 PM
26	Multiple sclerosis/ stiff legs	8/18/2014 3:42 PM
27	Please keep the sidewalks free of sand for disabled, and all of us.	8/18/2014 2:12 PM
28	Difficulty walking	8/17/2014 5:20 PM
29	Frailty brought on by old age (102 yoa)	8/17/2014 5:18 PM
30	walking	8/17/2014 2:49 AM
31	Not applicable to this question's intent.	8/16/2014 9:51 PM
32	Down syndrome adult.	8/16/2014 6:27 PM
33	Father uses walker, mother uses cane, Father-in-law is wheel chair bound	8/15/2014 7:43 AM
34	difficult walking	8/14/2014 10:28 AM
35	Barrier free is great for strollers too. When our boys were babies we used a lot of barrier free facilities with our strollers.	8/13/2014 7:05 PM
36	We don't have a household member, but we do have a brother who is in a wheelchair	8/13/2014 4:24 PM
37	Wheelchair-bound.	8/13/2014 4:18 PM
38	MS	8/13/2014 3:23 PM
39	MS	8/13/2014 3:23 PM

40	the question and answers for this question do not match ;) you asked a yes or no question, then gave locations as the choices for answers	8/13/2014 10:00 AM
41	None	8/13/2014 9:41 AM
42	This is a yes/no question. Why are potential answers locations?	8/13/2014 9:30 AM

Q17 If you do not use any of the parks, which of the following is the PRIMARY reason impacting your decision?

Answered: 585 Skipped: 218



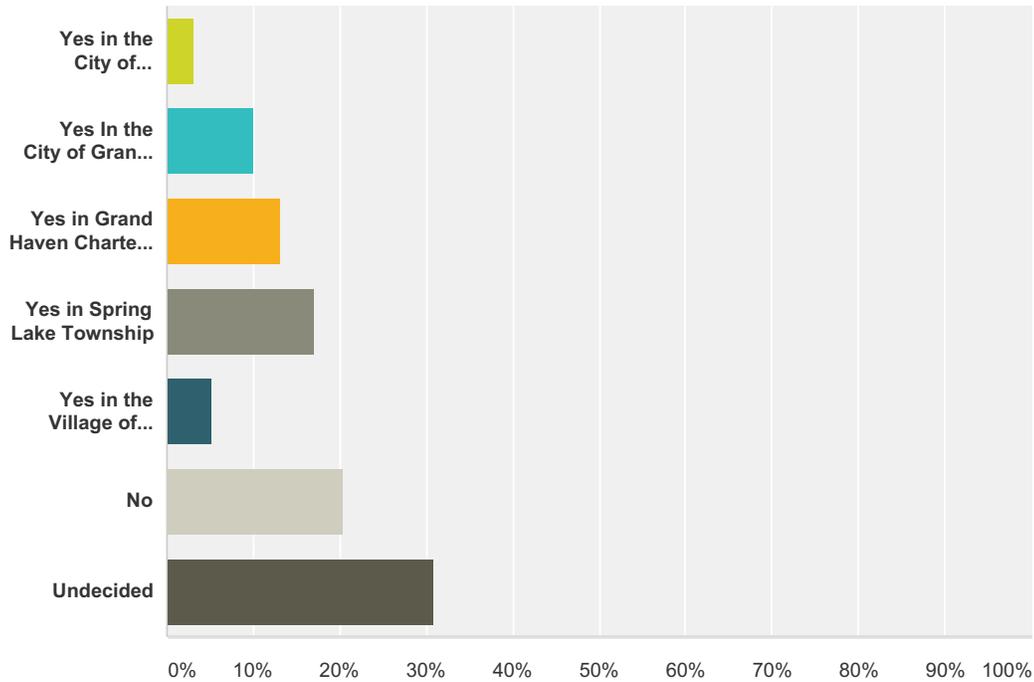
Answer Choices	Responses
I use and enjoy the parks	72.65% 425
Locations are not convenient	2.22% 13
Desired facilities are not ADA Accessible	0.51% 3
Not interested in using the parks	1.37% 8
Desired facilities are not available	2.91% 17
Concerned with safety	0.34% 2
I use the State of Michigan and Ottawa County Parks	20.00% 117
Total	585

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We would enjoy more if we knew of them. Tri-cities need updated website containing current info and clearly marked dog friendly areas and locations	8/29/2014 12:29 PM
2	Don't allow dogs	8/27/2014 2:35 PM
3	Bugs	8/26/2014 12:08 PM
4	BORING.	8/24/2014 7:57 AM
5	But the state and Ottawa parks are better	8/23/2014 6:48 PM

6	parks should be safe and user freindly for everybody	8/23/2014 4:52 PM
7	I go to Quincy Park in Holland whenever I can.	8/22/2014 2:05 PM
8	I am not from the area so do not know about all of the locations and what they have to offer	8/22/2014 6:53 AM
9	No dos allowed	8/22/2014 5:54 AM
10	Not dog friendly, not people friendly , no where to park.	8/22/2014 12:59 AM
11	I love where I live because of these parks and nature trails	8/21/2014 12:29 PM
12	I would visit them more if I had more free time available.	8/21/2014 10:11 AM
13	ATV riding trails would be awesome	8/20/2014 12:21 PM
14	I do use.	8/20/2014 8:59 AM
15	Out of town too much.	8/19/2014 10:47 AM
16	Too many people	8/18/2014 8:54 PM
17	I don't like the harassment of locals at the Bilmar section of the GH city beach. A policeman regularly "parks himself" at the BilMar beach and hangs out there for hours. He doesn't go to the crowded areas of the actual city beach, or to check on dogs, or to check on safety. Just sits there like a creep for hours on his ATV, staring at everyone and making it impossible to relax and enjoy the day. Talk about a waste of tax money!!!!	8/18/2014 2:17 PM
18	i use muskegon parks	8/18/2014 7:34 AM
19	Would like to see a mountain bike trail system	8/17/2014 8:34 PM
20	But, I do use the State of Michigan and Ottawa County Parks more often.	8/17/2014 9:00 AM
21	I use these as much btw	8/17/2014 4:41 AM
22	Most parks are not convenient	8/16/2014 7:25 PM
23	work too much , too much traffic in Spring Lake and Grand Haven during the summer	8/14/2014 9:45 PM
24	Would love to see a soccer complex added so the Tri-Cities could hold large tournaments. Its a beautiful place that I think tournaments would go over very well at.	8/14/2014 11:29 AM
25	I live on the water so most times we visit parks for special occations	8/14/2014 10:32 AM
26	Parks are too busy and no parking.	8/14/2014 8:59 AM
27	I live in Norton Shores.	8/13/2014 10:11 PM
28	use of parks as time permits and travel to many soccer tournaments out of the area. It would be nice to have quality soccer fields in the Tri-Cities.	8/13/2014 8:06 PM
29	Use playgrounds with toddler and a lot of playgrounds don't provide shade or the equipment is old and rusty.	8/13/2014 6:58 PM
30	I am Older	8/13/2014 5:49 PM
31	I use the Ottawa County Parks more often	8/13/2014 4:48 PM
32	Use the parks closer to my home	8/13/2014 3:46 PM
33	Clean dog park	8/13/2014 3:25 PM
34	Weather prohibits or too crowded GH City Beach parking lot not cleaned from sand to see parking lines	8/13/2014 11:56 AM
35	Don't have the opportunity.	8/13/2014 10:15 AM

Q18 Is there a need to acquire additional public green space and recreation areas? (Select 1 answer by the location in which you live)

Answered: 687 Skipped: 116



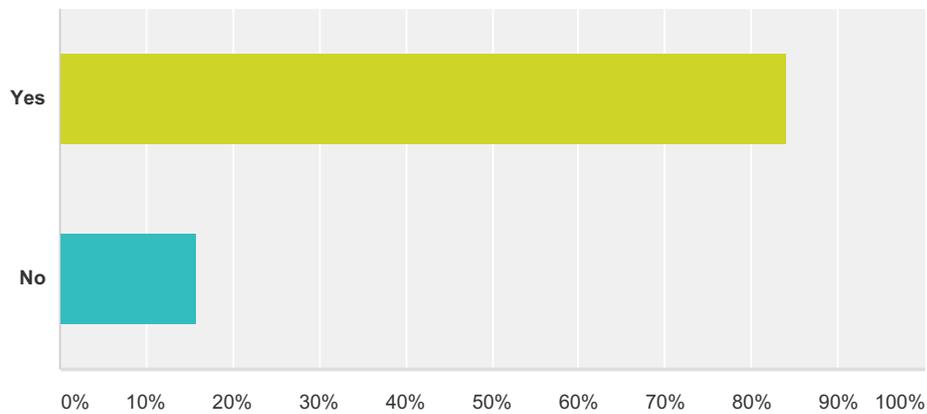
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes in the City of Ferrysburg	3.20% 22
Yes In the City of Grand Haven	10.04% 69
Yes in Grand Haven Charter Township	13.10% 90
Yes in Spring Lake Township	17.03% 117
Yes in the Village of Spring Lake	5.24% 36
No	20.52% 141
Undecided	30.86% 212
Total	687

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Not if it involves destroying wetlands to cut a useless shortcut through the marsh to build a boardwalk few people use.	9/8/2014 11:30 AM
2	I would like to see the greenspace managed rather than acquire more.	9/5/2014 2:04 PM
3	it would be great if coast guard park expanded more NE to cut off that private property area and connect more to N.Ottawa Dunes	9/2/2014 12:16 PM

4	No specific area - the general area	8/29/2014 11:15 AM
5	location of green space/recreation areas should be made based on regional need	8/26/2014 10:29 AM
6	not sure	8/25/2014 7:59 PM
7	Robinson Twp if only available space for a real baseball facility.	8/24/2014 8:06 AM
8	Yes, Montcalm	8/24/2014 7:57 AM
9	More inner city playground type areas w picnic type shelter	8/22/2014 5:01 PM
10	This dogpark could be MUCH bigger with better entrance gates that dogs can't push open.	8/22/2014 2:06 PM
11	SL could use updated parks	8/22/2014 9:57 AM
12	Meaning?	8/22/2014 1:03 AM
13	If available purchase!	8/21/2014 12:30 PM
14	improve what we have.	8/20/2014 5:23 PM
15	Even though I live in GHT. I would go to a new public green space in Ferrysburg, City of GH, SP Lk.	8/20/2014 1:41 PM
16	all areas could benefit from this.	8/19/2014 8:57 PM
17	In the north side of spring lake/ferrysburg	8/19/2014 6:16 PM
18	Lots of green space is important to me	8/19/2014 3:43 PM
19	Harbor Island - Sports Complex (Soccer Volleyball)	8/19/2014 1:45 PM
20	Always important to acquire and conserve as much green space as possible. as much green s	8/19/2014 1:16 PM
21	We are too new to the area to speak to this.	8/19/2014 10:30 AM
22	There are some "public areas" along Lakeview Ave in Spring Lake. They are marked with signs and are ridiculous. No one will ever use these. What a waste and embarrassment! Whoever approved this should be fired in my opinion. Give that land back to the neighbors. Note: I'm not one of the neighbors, just walk down that road from time to time.	8/19/2014 10:29 AM
23	Not sure if this applies to the Village or Township, but would love to see the boardwalk that starts just East of the Holiday Inn extended further East along the river	8/18/2014 4:25 PM
24	I feel it is important to acquire and preserve green space in all of our communities for us, and our future generations to enjoy.	8/18/2014 9:20 AM
25	Expand Kitchel-Lindquest dunes North to Coast Guard Park.	8/17/2014 5:29 PM
26	depends on cost/benefit	8/17/2014 6:23 AM
27	Bike path expansion in Crockery Township going down State road just like Spring Twp has and plans to continue towards 144 th Ave. Crockery needs to expand east on State from 144th to 130th Ave	8/16/2014 10:48 PM
28	Or expand some	8/16/2014 7:28 PM
29	ferrysburg has quite a few green spaces	8/16/2014 5:59 PM
30	We need more soccer fields	8/15/2014 11:19 AM
31	Expand the greenway	8/13/2014 10:31 PM
32	Yes muskegon	8/13/2014 10:09 PM
33	yes, in the dune preserve.	8/13/2014 9:57 PM
34	Saving green space important everywhere.	8/13/2014 7:07 PM
35	I do not live in the tri-counties area, but highly support public green space and recreational areas	8/13/2014 4:21 PM
36	In the northern part of the county	8/13/2014 3:24 PM
37	yes - use availability, quality of site, access to determine location	8/13/2014 9:23 AM

Q19 NORA-Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority provides recreational programming for areas within the Grand Haven Public Schools District and Spring Lake Recreation Commission provides recreational programming for areas within the Spring Lake Public Schools District. Would you support the merging of these two entities into one Recreation Authority which provides programming throughout the Tri-Cities area?

Answered: 651 Skipped: 152



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.18% 548
No	15.82% 103
Total	651

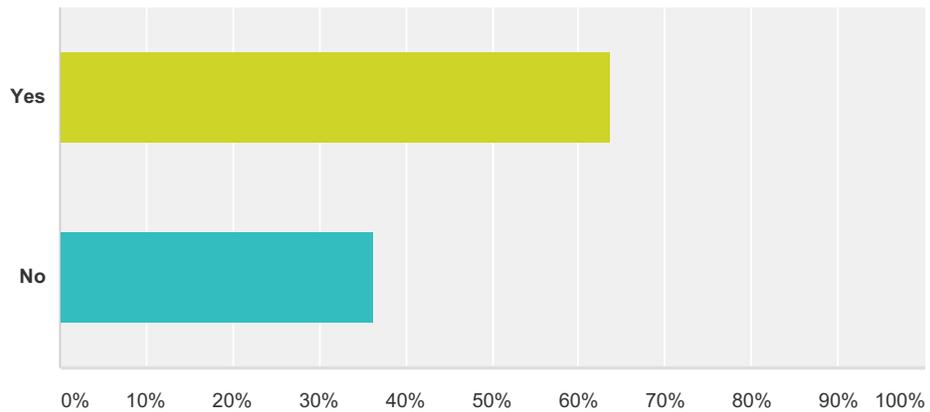
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	not sure. would need to know how sports programming would be impacted. Like ease, size and accessibility of Spring Lake summer sports programs.	9/2/2014 10:37 AM
2	beaware some S.L. township children attend Fruitport schools your lacking getting the word out to them!	8/29/2014 12:33 PM
3	I would need to do more research on this subject	8/28/2014 5:36 PM
4	what does this have to do with the state five year plan i thought this was to make it easier for the park boards	8/27/2014 4:12 PM
5	The focus needs to be on adding more baseball fields before a merge would be possible. We can't find a way to share fields within our own community, so adding another would complicate that factor.	8/26/2014 3:48 PM
6	I would support so long as the Y and other organizations that provide recreation are part of the long term recreation plan for Northwest Ottawa County	8/26/2014 10:29 AM
7	Don't know	8/25/2014 7:59 PM
8	way way long overdue!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/25/2014 5:12 PM

9	grand haven does not keep facilities in good condition	8/25/2014 7:49 AM
10	not under the current political and physical set up	8/24/2014 8:06 AM
11	not sure	8/23/2014 9:47 PM
12	That's more complicated than a yes or no question	8/22/2014 10:17 AM
13	long long overdue!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/22/2014 9:57 AM
14	a complex with outdoor pool. maybe use failed condo development complex at bridge. make use of the eye sore. that was a poor decision that many locals believed would fail. and it did. nice job city council.	8/22/2014 7:41 AM
15	From out of town, N/A	8/22/2014 6:54 AM
16	Not sure	8/21/2014 10:51 PM
17	not sure one huge conglomerate would help this situation. I am very satisfied with NORA as I am sure SL loves RC.	8/21/2014 4:22 PM
18	to far for some parents to drive or ability to get children to far away facilities	8/21/2014 3:45 PM
19	But concerned regarding the funding	8/21/2014 3:00 PM
20	on condition that it is not cost prohibitive for participants	8/21/2014 1:50 PM
21	Don't know	8/21/2014 12:59 PM
22	About time to not duplicate so many services!	8/21/2014 12:30 PM
23	If saves \$	8/21/2014 12:08 PM
24	I don't know enough to say	8/21/2014 11:27 AM
25	Build your own City Park, with gym, b-ball court, locker rooms. Some can't afford the "Y"!	8/20/2014 4:57 PM
26	It would provide a regional collaboration of our community to offer more Recreational services.	8/20/2014 1:41 PM
27	If it might improve the status quo	8/19/2014 9:47 PM
28	undecided	8/19/2014 9:44 PM
29	no opinion	8/19/2014 8:57 PM
30	Should be determined by resident	8/19/2014 8:14 PM
31	MAYBE	8/19/2014 3:34 PM
32	need to know more about it	8/19/2014 2:49 PM
33	Yes, if I knew more about estimated benefits.	8/19/2014 1:16 PM
34	If money can be saved	8/19/2014 12:12 PM
35	undecided	8/19/2014 11:35 AM
36	I feel control should be a local item. Would it work better if the money were combined?	8/19/2014 10:30 AM
37	Don't know	8/19/2014 10:18 AM
38	Depends on net effect. If an even split of resources , then I would support. If SL ends up with fewer resources, then I would not support.	8/19/2014 10:17 AM
39	It has to be a give and take - for example same rates at the aquatic center if the park ends up in GH. SL get s use of Mulligans Hollow.	8/18/2014 9:45 PM
40	I do not know, because I am unaware of the group or what kind of programming they provide.	8/18/2014 9:20 AM
41	Unsure	8/18/2014 7:50 AM
42	Yes but should not expand budget	8/17/2014 3:11 PM
43	Not sure, what are the benefits?	8/17/2014 2:10 PM
44	Not familiar with either organization, no opinion	8/17/2014 10:31 AM

45	Not sure.	8/17/2014 9:45 AM
46	would need to see specifics before I would support. This is way too vague	8/17/2014 6:23 AM
47	If it would save \$\$\$\$ for us tax payers	8/16/2014 6:18 PM
48	IF we don't compromise the quality of either program	8/15/2014 11:10 AM
49	Don't like having to drive to Spring Lake for activities and like my kids to be in sports with just kids who go to Grand Haven not other districts	8/15/2014 9:44 AM
50	need more info	8/15/2014 7:51 AM
51	I would need to learn more about it before deciding	8/14/2014 8:58 PM
52	I don't know enough about the impact of merging the two entities	8/14/2014 4:16 PM
53	Possibly depending on location of new facilities.	8/14/2014 2:54 PM
54	I would need to understand the potential benefits of combining these entities before supporting.	8/14/2014 12:06 PM
55	Need more information on intended merger outcomes before can answer.	8/14/2014 11:09 AM
56	It would depend on whether opportunities would be affordable to those who do not have disposable income.	8/14/2014 10:13 AM
57	I do not live in the area	8/14/2014 7:40 AM
58	I would need more information on the benefits of doing this.	8/13/2014 9:34 PM
59	I do not support NORA building its own facilities as we already have GHAPS, Spring Lake Public Schools and the YMCA with facilities	8/13/2014 9:08 PM
60	maybe, depends on understanding the pros and cons	8/13/2014 4:50 PM
61	Undecided	8/13/2014 4:36 PM
62	Not the area	8/13/2014 3:48 PM
63	Live out of that district	8/13/2014 3:29 PM
64	Merge the governments	8/13/2014 3:27 PM
65	silly not to otherwise duplicating admin expense and time	8/13/2014 3:26 PM
66	it would depend on cost of the activities.	8/13/2014 3:25 PM
67	need more info to make an educated decision	8/13/2014 3:25 PM
68	Don't have enough information as to the pros and cons of merging	8/13/2014 12:34 PM
69	No Opinion	8/13/2014 12:31 PM
70	doesn't matter	8/13/2014 11:57 AM
71	It would be worth looking into	8/13/2014 9:58 AM
72	It would depend on the proposed RA's structure & funding details.	8/13/2014 9:32 AM

Q20 There have been discussions of building a large sports complex to provide for multiple fields for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football as well as an indoor facility with gym space for basketball and volleyball. This is based on the need for additional facilities to provide more gym and field time to increase recreational opportunities. Development funds would be through grants and local funds. Would you support a voter approved millage proposal to help fund the development of this facility?

Answered: 646 Skipped: 157



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	63.78% 412
No	36.22% 234
Total	646

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Depends on the proposal and cost to me.	9/11/2014 4:56 PM
2	include a swimming pool!!!!	9/5/2014 2:04 PM
3	Let the schools fund - the community at large wont use	9/1/2014 9:37 AM
4	there are already many going unused, every time we visit park these places noone is ever using these areas	8/29/2014 12:33 PM
5	Add pickleball	8/29/2014 8:54 AM
6	Competition swimming pool	8/27/2014 1:55 PM
7	100 percent YES!!!	8/26/2014 3:48 PM
8	I would if it was a comprehensive approach including the Y	8/26/2014 10:29 AM

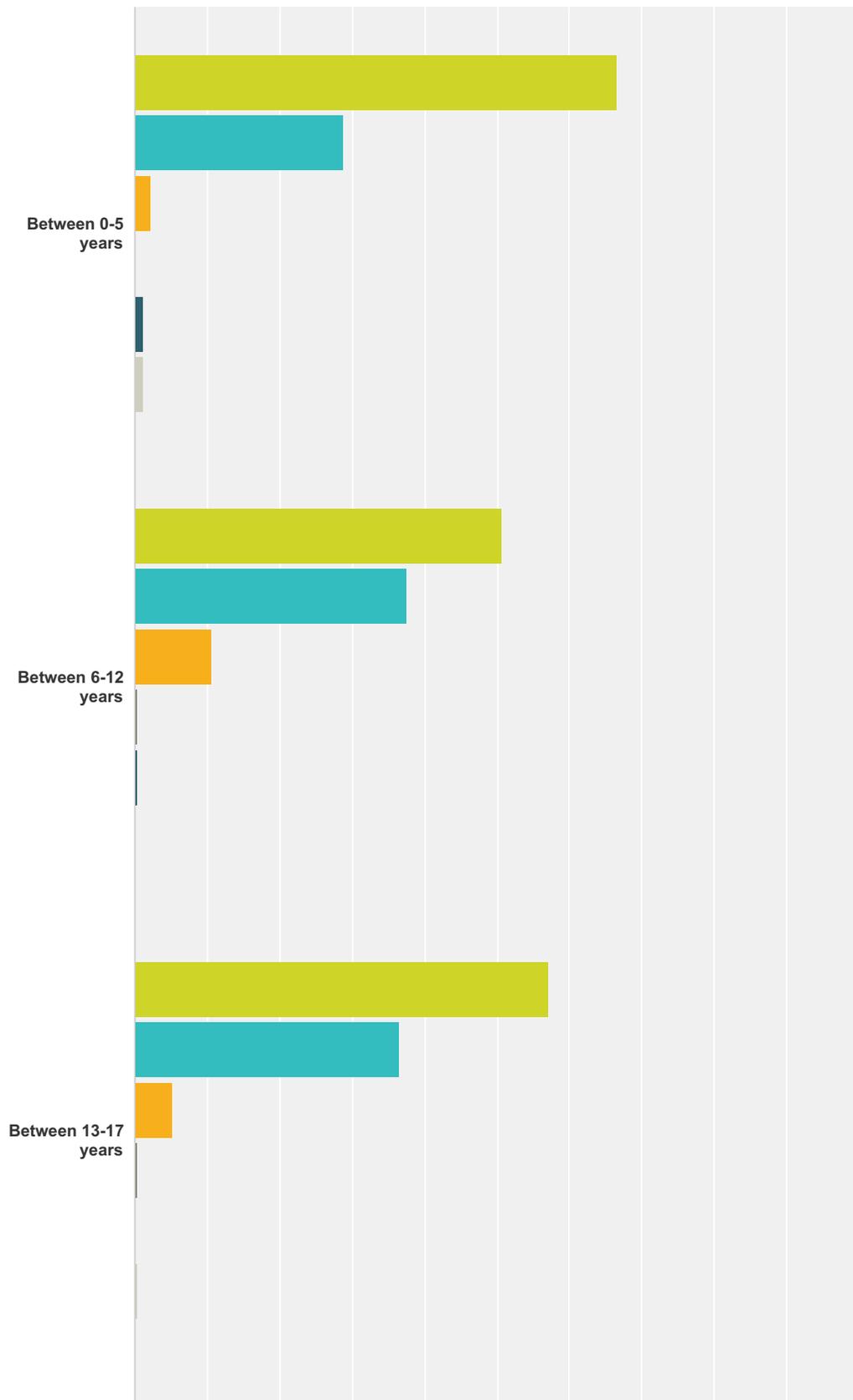
9	Not sure	8/25/2014 7:59 PM
10	once again, long overdue	8/25/2014 5:12 PM
11	Not a chance!	8/25/2014 3:37 PM
12	Possibly. Would need to see details (i.e., cost, location, etc.).	8/25/2014 1:31 PM
13	not in the voting district	8/25/2014 11:43 AM
14	maybe	8/25/2014 9:37 AM
15	Baseball is a necessity	8/23/2014 9:10 PM
16	If it included exercise equipment and accessible to ALL incomes	8/22/2014 5:01 PM
17	Not sure	8/22/2014 4:45 PM
18	I think it would be a waste of money, better spent on better dog parks.	8/22/2014 2:06 PM
19	Not at this time, but not closing the door in the future	8/22/2014 10:17 AM
20	you need to include picklrbal. fastest growing sport for seniors!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/22/2014 9:57 AM
21	city of Grand Haven needs community pool outside HS	8/22/2014 9:55 AM
22	UnDecided	8/22/2014 9:34 AM
23	use waisted space rather than create new. ex the failed condo complex at bridge. nice eye sore for visitors to see as they cone into town. make it useful. thw soccer fields and boat launch are already nearby.	8/22/2014 7:41 AM
24	Yes, if I lived in the area.	8/22/2014 6:54 AM
25	Not sure	8/21/2014 10:51 PM
26	YES... we need this very much. Our districts are growing and our students are proving through their testing scores and athletic abilites that they have EARNED this type of facility in our community. We need to be able to train in all sporting arenas out of season in order to keep our students viable to compete with larger communities who have these facilities and can offer training camps on site IN THEIR communities - which keeps the cost and time issue down for parents who would no longer have to SEND their kids away for days and nights at costly camps. We could provide them here in our community of excellence for our students. LETS GET THIS STARTED TRI CITIES... thank you for this survey. Best wishes, Marcy Green Proud MOM and REALOR GH Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt.	8/21/2014 4:22 PM
27	why dont we use the facilities that are already funded through public schools	8/21/2014 1:50 PM
28	Not a voter	8/21/2014 12:59 PM
29	Ice for skating & hockey	8/21/2014 12:23 PM
30	undecided	8/21/2014 11:26 AM
31	No! We already have these facilities! Why duplicate the effort?	8/21/2014 10:16 AM
32	om;y iof includes enough area for pickleball.	8/21/2014 6:47 AM
33	Yea team!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/20/2014 4:57 PM
34	not eligible to vote in those areas	8/20/2014 3:39 PM
35	I would support IF tennis and/or pickleball courts were included.	8/20/2014 2:23 PM
36	indoor gym space for pickleball is needed	8/20/2014 11:03 AM
37	Great Idea! will get tons of use	8/20/2014 10:45 AM
38	if had pickle ball as part of. this is the fastest growing sport in usa.	8/20/2014 9:02 AM
39	Not any greater costs than current funding	8/19/2014 10:37 PM
40	only if pickleball courts are included	8/19/2014 8:57 PM
41	Gym space for Pickleball	8/19/2014 8:37 PM

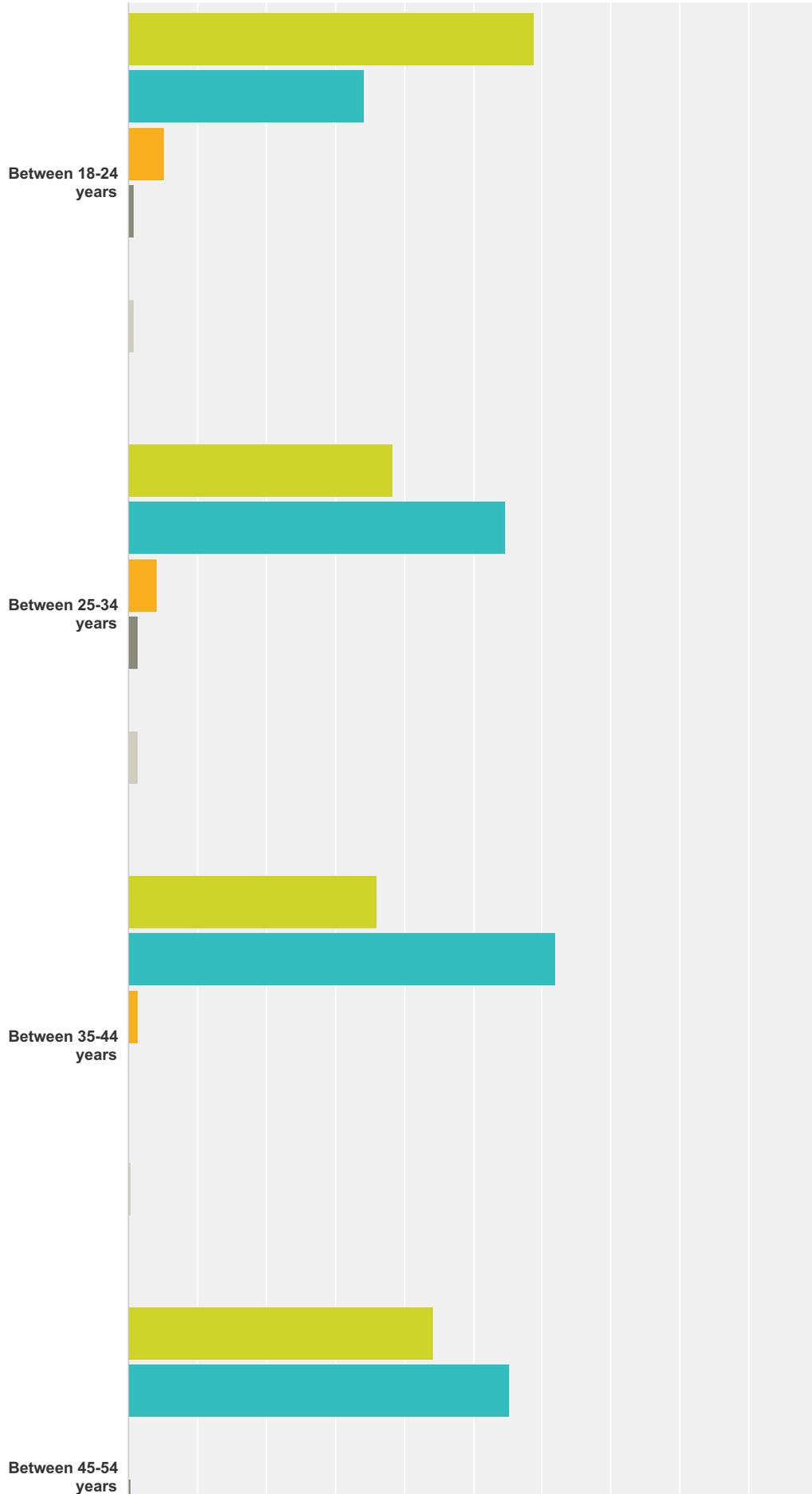
42	if pickleball courts included	8/19/2014 8:28 PM
43	include pickleball courts in the gyms	8/19/2014 7:47 PM
44	We already have school buildings which should be used.	8/19/2014 7:07 PM
45	The indoor space needs to include room for winter practice areas for baseball/football/soccer, goodsized field/batting cages etc...	8/19/2014 6:04 PM
46	yes if the millage request is reasonable, based on our retirement budget	8/19/2014 2:11 PM
47	Probably but it would depend on location and other factors.	8/19/2014 1:16 PM
48	Probably not, unless there is a demonstrated need in addition to the school facilities in the area.	8/19/2014 10:18 AM
49	Depends on location of the complex. Would need to be convenient to SL residents.	8/19/2014 10:17 AM
50	In Spring Lake, we have the fitness and aquatic center	8/19/2014 10:09 AM
51	Yes, with a pool available to NW Spring Lake Township residents (not eligible for SLFAC membership)	8/19/2014 10:07 AM
52	Would prefer to figure out a way to use the existing school facilities	8/19/2014 9:46 AM
53	if it included tennis	8/18/2014 10:21 PM
54	If they included some tennis courts.	8/18/2014 8:11 PM
55	would need to understand details	8/18/2014 11:59 AM
56	need to know more	8/18/2014 9:26 AM
57	Although I would not use this type of facility, I would support it for the greater good of the community.	8/18/2014 9:20 AM
58	Yes, but only if done cooperatively with the YMCA.	8/17/2014 9:14 PM
59	I would need more information	8/17/2014 11:02 AM
60	Would need to know the cost and how much it would increase my taxes	8/17/2014 9:06 AM
61	But selfishly, I would want it in my community. I probably wouldn't use it much if it was located in Grand Haven.	8/17/2014 9:01 AM
62	depends on where the building and facilities are located.	8/17/2014 8:19 AM
63	Maybe. I would need to learn more about what it would mean for traffic in our community, and space. Where would it be located?	8/17/2014 6:53 AM
64	Again, using this wish list to make future plans is very flawed. I am against any public tax money going to build a complex with facilities that are already available to the public (the Y for example).	8/17/2014 6:23 AM
65	Only if it included an indoor track for walking or running in winter. If not I would not support it, schools have indoor gyms. Better utilize the facilities we have by opening up school gyms after school and on weekends.	8/17/2014 4:44 AM
66	But not only for organized teams or adults. Open times for kids should be readily available	8/16/2014 7:28 PM
67	If I like what is planned and cost to every tax payer is incl.	8/16/2014 6:18 PM
68	This is a fantastic idea!	8/15/2014 11:19 AM
69	I would need to know more about safety for our kids inside these buildings, but probably I would support anything that gives kids an area to exercise for free.	8/15/2014 11:10 AM
70	pool too? and work out gym?	8/15/2014 10:28 AM
71	If a pool was part of the plan	8/15/2014 8:15 AM
72	need to work with YMCA	8/15/2014 7:51 AM
73	Not sure	8/15/2014 7:22 AM
74	Not for all the above, SL just approved a very dumb bond for low spectator sports improvements and ignored others. I would only support a complex that filled that gap. We have tons of soccer fields that can be used for lacrosse as well, we don't need indoor as both GH and SL have those places. We need baseball fields more than anything, real little league, travel ball, big enough to host tournaments and for school since they were frozen out of the last bond. 8 field minimum	8/15/2014 7:12 AM

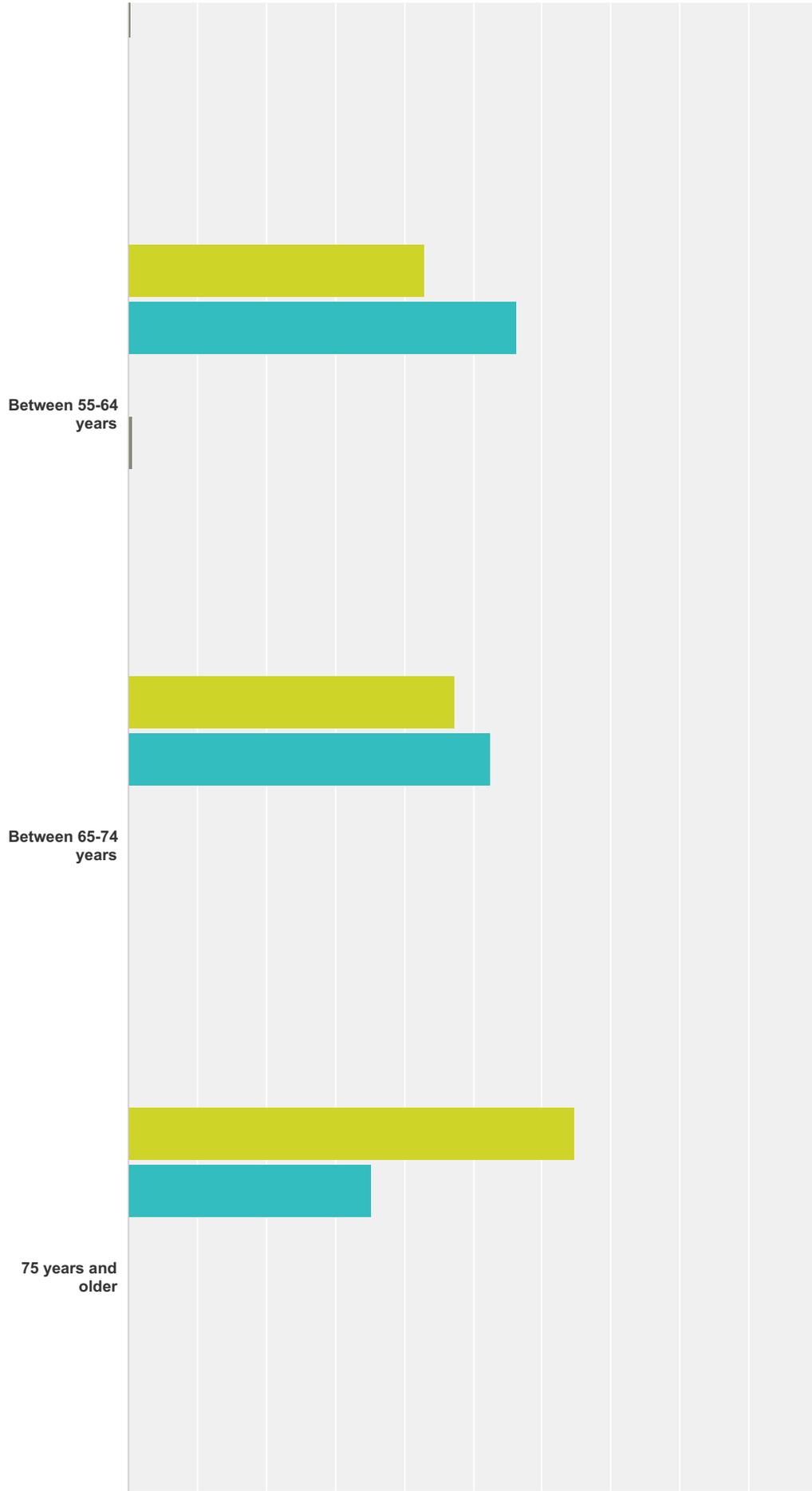
75	too much traffic congestion	8/14/2014 9:49 PM
76	How would this be different from either the YMCA or School programs?	8/14/2014 12:06 PM
77	Would need to have more information to decide	8/14/2014 11:58 AM
78	Depends upon the scope of the project. I would support a millage for more athletic fields, but I would need more information before I could support additional gymnasiums.	8/14/2014 8:40 AM
79	Yes if it also included an indoor public track for running	8/14/2014 8:32 AM
80	However coaching is more of an issue than facilities. Tri Cities program numbers are decreasing due to lack of appropriate coaching.	8/14/2014 8:29 AM
81	I do not live in the area	8/14/2014 7:40 AM
82	Spring Lake just passed a bond to develop and improve more sports facilities. I would like to see the impact of this change before supporting an additional facility.	8/14/2014 2:56 AM
83	Feel like I pay enough taxes already	8/13/2014 10:24 PM
84	I do not live in Ottawa county	8/13/2014 10:12 PM
85	not sure	8/13/2014 9:57 PM
86	undecided at this time. I would need more information about the costs and the fees associated with using this type of facility.	8/13/2014 9:34 PM
87	Undecided	8/13/2014 8:47 PM
88	only if more pickleball courts developed	8/13/2014 8:19 PM
89	pickleball should be included	8/13/2014 6:25 PM
90	but can there be offsetting non-resident usage fees?	8/13/2014 4:50 PM
91	Need further info	8/13/2014 4:36 PM
92	This is a great idea, however I am not a resident.	8/13/2014 4:21 PM
93	Maybe	8/13/2014 4:15 PM
94	Also would support indoor facility to have indoor field space for soccer and lacrosse practice/games.	8/13/2014 4:01 PM
95	We have for parks already	8/13/2014 3:56 PM
96	Not sure depends on the cost to the individual taxpayer.	8/13/2014 3:51 PM
97	Not from the area	8/13/2014 3:48 PM
98	Out of district to vote	8/13/2014 3:29 PM
99	but it depends on how large the millage would be	8/13/2014 3:26 PM
100	Unsure at this time	8/13/2014 12:34 PM
101	No Opinion	8/13/2014 12:31 PM
102	I don't know enough about ut	8/13/2014 10:55 AM
103	LOVE this idea	8/13/2014 10:01 AM

Q21 How many persons are in your household within the following age groups?

Answered: 716 Skipped: 87







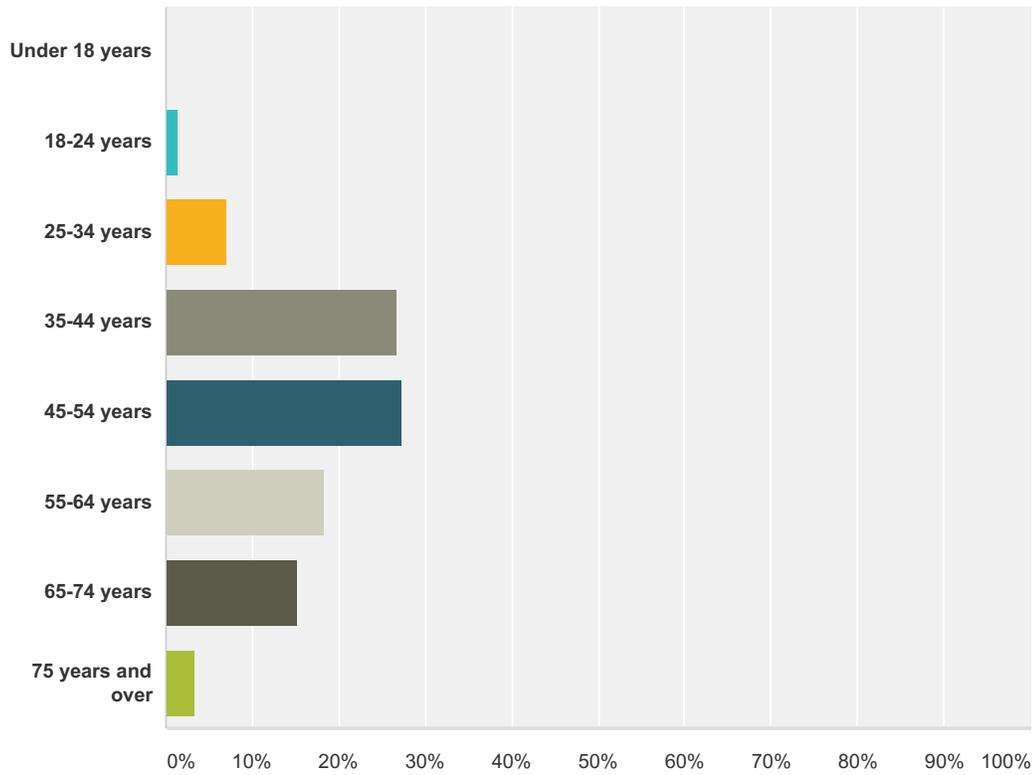
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

1 2 3 4 5 5+

	1	2	3	4	5	5+	Total
Between 0-5 years	66.67% 58	28.74% 25	2.30% 2	0.00% 0	1.15% 1	1.15% 1	87
Between 6-12 years	50.73% 104	37.56% 77	10.73% 22	0.49% 1	0.49% 1	0.00% 0	205
Between 13-17 years	57.28% 122	36.62% 78	5.16% 11	0.47% 1	0.00% 0	0.47% 1	213
Between 18-24 years	58.97% 69	34.19% 40	5.13% 6	0.85% 1	0.00% 0	0.85% 1	117
Between 25-34 years	38.36% 28	54.79% 40	4.11% 3	1.37% 1	0.00% 0	1.37% 1	73
Between 35-44 years	36.07% 79	62.10% 136	1.37% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.46% 1	219
Between 45-54 years	44.22% 111	55.38% 139	0.00% 0	0.40% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	251
Between 55-64 years	42.94% 73	56.47% 96	0.00% 0	0.59% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	170
Between 65-74 years	47.29% 61	52.71% 68	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	129
75 years and older	64.71% 22	35.29% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	34

Q22 What is your age?

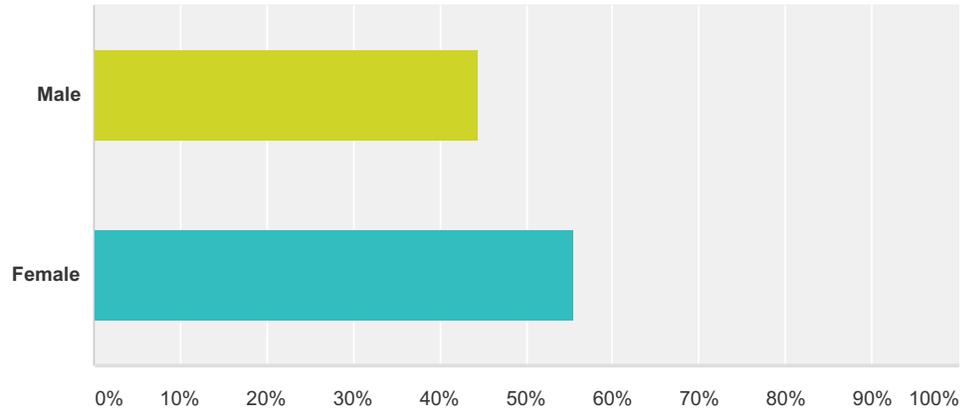
Answered: 710 Skipped: 93



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18 years	0.28% 2
18-24 years	1.55% 11
25-34 years	7.18% 51
35-44 years	26.62% 189
45-54 years	27.32% 194
55-64 years	18.45% 131
65-74 years	15.21% 108
75 years and over	3.38% 24
Total	710

Q23 What is your gender?

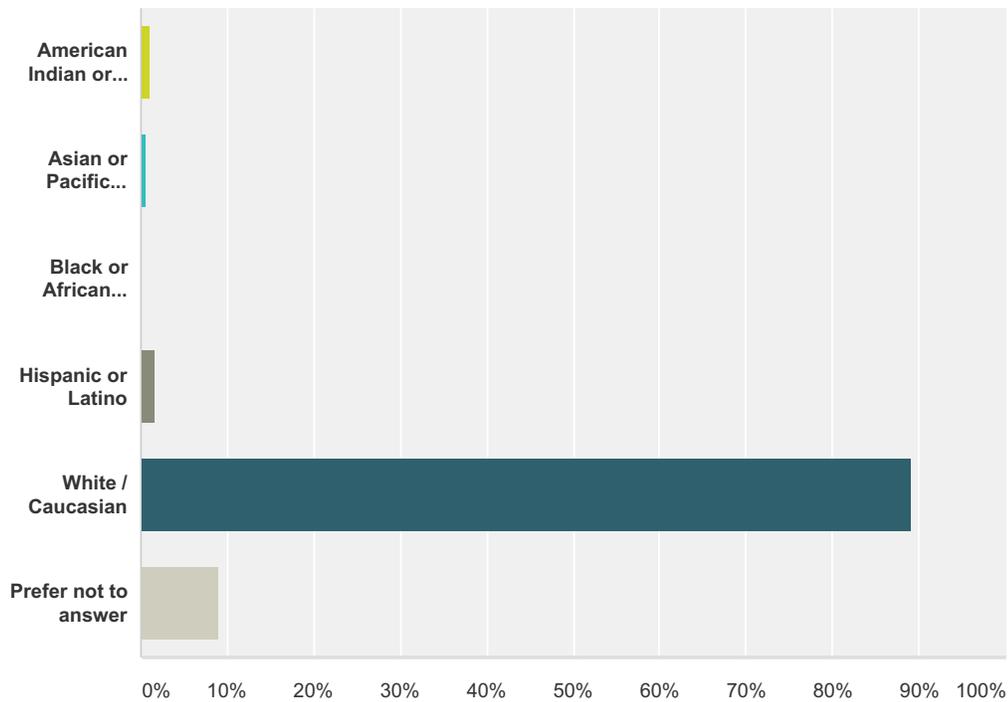
Answered: 693 Skipped: 110



Answer Choices	Responses
Male	44.44% 308
Female	55.56% 385
Total	693

Q24 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 703 Skipped: 100



Answer Choices	Responses
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.14% 8
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.57% 4
Black or African American	0.00% 0
Hispanic or Latino	1.71% 12
White / Caucasian	89.19% 627
Prefer not to answer	8.96% 63
Total Respondents: 703	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I can't wait until we don't need to ask this one any more!	8/30/2014 9:48 PM
2	that has no bearing and is for profiling, please get a life!	8/29/2014 12:36 PM
3	Cuban	8/23/2014 1:40 PM
4	American	8/18/2014 8:55 PM
5	What does this have to do with Parks????????	8/14/2014 7:13 AM
6	What does it matter?	8/13/2014 3:32 PM

Q25 Do you have any additional comments that you would like to offer?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 607

#	Responses	Date
1	We need more green spaces - not trails through fragile green spaces, like the bridge/bike path through the wet lands next to Mill Point. Preserve more natural green spaces, not destroy it.	10/2/2014 1:04 PM
2	Yes, please keep the handicapped areas accessible. They should not be roped off by private parties. The law provides for access for handicapped individuals and it should not be blocked by private parties.	9/12/2014 12:51 AM
3	Just leave the marshes alone! The boardwalks mainly provide access to places to party and dispose of used food wrappers, cigarette butts, metal cans, and used condoms. There is nothing wrong with leaving what little natural area there is natural. If you want to deal at all with it, get rid of invasive and/or non-native species like spotted knapweed, phragmite, oriental bittersweet, scotch pine, honeysuckle, mute swans, etc. and educate the public about their negative effects.	9/8/2014 11:44 AM
4	Thank you for the survey.	9/5/2014 2:05 PM
5	Was hoping survey was about NORA programs for youth and website. Would LOVE an updated and user-friendly website! Would draw more business.	9/4/2014 9:06 PM
6	would love to see that all dog rules outside of dog parks state "leashed" instead of under immediate control. I've seen so many people searching for dogs and not so friendly dogs not on leash approach me.	9/2/2014 12:17 PM
7	Need all vested parties, governmental units, NORA, YMCA, NOCH, at the table to help formulate a global plan for the tri-cities before a public vote for funding is held	9/2/2014 11:20 AM
8	The bike trails are our calling card. Keep them clean and safe. I support consolidation of youth rec if it helps kids stay engaged in sports and proves fiscally more viable.	9/1/2014 9:39 AM
9	Instead of wasting money for new fix and improve what you have! I e lived here my whole life and have never heard of or have no idea where half or more of that list of Parks are.	8/29/2014 12:39 PM
10	I like the idea of a general millage increase to be used for recreation, culture and arts	8/29/2014 11:16 AM
11	Full field indoor soccer without walls. Futsal.	8/29/2014 10:04 AM
12	We have enough park property and a large variety of parks to choose from.	8/28/2014 5:37 PM
13	More public swimming options. Outdoor pool.	8/28/2014 2:39 PM
14	Why do we not connect the tri-cities? anoxic the Village of S.L. into Township. It is way overtime we have to support two government units....	8/27/2014 6:28 PM
15	this was funded with tax payer money to join all the five year plans to make it easier to complete but it looks like bullshit to me . Only to see if we need to reinvent the wheel lets see if it is round or square	8/27/2014 4:15 PM
16	Mill point park is wonderful but can be missed due to signange. And central park announces itself and onces you take a look around you wonder why all the funds were spent on a big sign and not on a better location that doesn't have massive power lines buzzing over the parking lot. I want to enjoy nature not grow a tumor. It would be really great to have more green spaces along main street in spring lake village. (I know this isn't park related but a new study needs to be done to reconsider another traffic light nearing the bridge. There is only one way across for locals and it always backs up down the street with the traffic light.	8/27/2014 2:57 PM
17	We need a competition swimming pool. If done correctly is would see positive cash-flow. The high school facility is not adequate for this community.	8/27/2014 2:00 PM
18	support indoor sports complex only if it also provides affordable meeting rooms/space/ flex office space	8/26/2014 7:35 PM
19	sluka, needs more playground equipment also i think there maybe room for a few pickelball courts there	8/26/2014 2:25 PM
20	I would like to see more physical activities for seniors. we seem to pay the most taxes for lower returns	8/25/2014 5:15 PM
21	You need to publicize this survey more/better to get a wider input from more of the community	8/25/2014 11:44 AM

22	I think a sports complex that could hold soccer and baseball tournaments is much needed for the TriCities. Other smaller communities have much have these nice complexes, it's a little embarrassing.	8/25/2014 10:50 AM
23	We are so lucky to have so many nice facilities provided by all of the govt entities...Local, County , and State. Ottawa County is a great place to live!	8/25/2014 8:59 AM
24	If we pay taxes, use of any facilities built should be free to the taxpayer.	8/24/2014 9:37 PM
25	We need a recreation complex!	8/24/2014 5:02 PM
26	This survey was a good idea. Thank you	8/24/2014 11:24 AM
27	Yes- if looking to increase bike paths- would love to see a path link Lakeshore to Lincoln for access to the golf course and neighborhoods.	8/24/2014 8:21 AM
28	Thanks for the opportunity to provide an opinion.	8/24/2014 8:08 AM
29	Our area has no idea what it is doing and what the people want. Our art around town is ugly, our shops downtown grand haven are horrible, dogs are started to get kicked out because of tourists, and if you want to drink downtown, you basically have to drive drunk (which is what the city wants) because there isnt anywhere that you can legally park for free and not get towed before you sober up. This town is ran by stupid people.	8/24/2014 8:00 AM
30	Love the beaches, wish there were more.	8/23/2014 9:48 PM
31	Bike path to riverside park would be really cool	8/23/2014 6:50 PM
32	coordinate recreation and facilities among units of govt, avoid expensive duplication; need more open spaces	8/23/2014 6:48 PM
33	Please expand the bike paths towards allendale. It would be great for them to go down Lincoln and m45	8/23/2014 3:00 PM
34	Please keep the dog beach. My dogs enjoy this very much. Without beach access I would have to go to Muskegon.	8/23/2014 1:10 PM
35	It would be nice to see more affordable recreational sports programs offered for youths and adults. We just moved from Florida and the Tampa recreational system is outstanding and would be worth looking at as a potential model. We would also like to see the bike path extended from 152nd to Fruitport road. We often see people walking on the side of the road and it is so dangerous. It makes sense to provide a safe routine to those churches and grocery store as well as the park for the residents that live in this area.	8/22/2014 10:07 PM
36	These services tend to be most accessible to those who can also afford other options. Find ways to let middle class/lower class and those without athletic backgrounds to try new things and take part in fitness without taking a financial hit.	8/22/2014 5:04 PM
37	No	8/22/2014 4:46 PM
38	I love to sit outdoors and read but hate the sun. Mosquito control in shaded areas would really be appreciated.	8/22/2014 3:15 PM
39	We have plenty of football, softball, soccer, etc fields in the area. Please do not take my money from me to build more. More coordination between recreational providers Please do not take my money from me in the form of a millage and build more football, baseball, etc feulds and/or a sports complex. we have plenty in the area and with a little coordination between the numerous recreational providers (YMCA, NORA, GHAPS, SL Schools, SL Rec Authority, etc, etc) there is plenty of supply to meet the demand. Lets stop spending money on duplication of efforts. Stop with the turf wars...let's all just play together.	8/22/2014 2:04 PM
40	More access to Spring Lake. Lakeside Beach not enough. Improve and add street-end parks that are not on the water in Spring Lake. South Buchanan Street End Park is overgrown and nothing can be seen from it. Clear the brush.	8/22/2014 12:23 PM
41	Some of these questions were problematic in wording and or choices, particularly #4, 6,16, 17,	8/22/2014 10:18 AM
42	Perhaps model after Grosse Pointe and put outdoor pool at city beach and offer annual chair rental? City parking lot at beach should have GH City residents preferred parking by sticker or something	8/22/2014 9:58 AM
43	Would like to see more Dog friendly parks and maintain those that we have. Had great grass coverage at east park and now no water!!	8/22/2014 9:36 AM
44	Just make use of failed condo complex at bridge. Don't waiste spending more money by destroying more natural beauty.	8/22/2014 7:44 AM
45	No	8/22/2014 6:55 AM

46	Our family would enjoy a safer bike path option than the one that runs along Lakeshore Dr. I come from the east coast, and when I was a child, my family frequented a path that ran for miles through multiple towns, natural areas and parks, interrupted by streets where you had to stop and look for cars in only a couple of places. It would be nice to have a place to bike with children without worrying about cars. I also frequent dog parks and Kirk park's dog beach, and would love to have more places where I can take my large, friendly dog to exercise off-leash. There are plenty of places for people to play soccer, football, baseball, etc. This is coming from a soccer player, the wife of a GH high school soccer coach and mom of 2 soccer players and an active toddler. I enjoy sports and know their benefits. I see no need for more sports fields. The options are already plentiful. However, I'm sure an indoor facility would be welcomed by many.	8/22/2014 1:48 AM
47	Please work on making more areas, especially swimming accessible to dog owners without having to battle the crowds downtown. Adding dogs to the already overcrowded beach is asking for trouble and is frankly disgraceful when you look at the options other resort towns offer.	8/22/2014 12:41 AM
48	I love the dog friendly parks and how more and more are becoming dog friendly. Very forward thinking. Thank you!	8/21/2014 10:35 PM
49	This was great. I hope to be informed of the results. Look forward to it in the Tribune or via email: Marcy.Green@cbgreatlakes.com	8/21/2014 4:23 PM
50	Any large recreational development, such as a building should be a private identity and not on the public tax roll. There are enough public buildings, such as public schools that are, or could be used more by the public for recreation. Such as Spring Lake High School, that is a great use of tax dollars, we do not need to copy, or create another monster that eats tax dollars. Please, enough is enough.	8/21/2014 3:15 PM
51	Strongly against merging with NORA. Like having local input and control for Spring Lake	8/21/2014 1:48 PM
52	Ice Rink	8/21/2014 12:24 PM
53	I love and use the grand haven green spaces including the cemetery at least 3 or 4 times a day!! I love it! I also serve on historic committee for the city	8/21/2014 11:29 AM
54	I think a large sports complex to draw in soccer and lacrosse tournaments would have a major economic impact on local businesses. We are a very desirable destination and would be very popular for tournaments.	8/21/2014 10:33 AM
55	It is a foolish waste of resources to ask for tax dollars to build a "sports complex." Far better to use the current resources to their fullest before seeking additional funds for this "empire building" venture. I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to new taxes for a sports complex.	8/21/2014 10:17 AM
56	We use the courts near the school one day a week to play pickleball, for there isn't enough courts at Mulligans to play 0-3 levels everyday for us beginners and the cement on the field is cracked and raised with holes. It's a good accident waiting to happen for someone to break a leg or hip; We play in the gym at the Y during the winter and it even dictates days and times that beginner pickleball people can play, very limited and if you don't pay to play, you cant. \$10 a day is very costly for some retirees. I love the coast guard park ant htere is alot of room to add more courts there. and would be great when the pikleball tournanments are played for it also would have mor eroom for spectators to view the games. Maybe some bleacher with 3 more courts. When I;m there there are a lot of basketball courts not being used, but they are there. Please add courts for pickleball nest to the ones already there.	8/21/2014 6:57 AM
57	Spring Lake Aquatic center should lower prices for low income and disabled residents.	8/20/2014 5:28 PM
58	Plz build more Pickle Ball courts, it is a sport that growing faster than people think. There are times when 20-30 people are waiting to play. Would you like to wait that long to play tennis, golf, b-ball or what ever your sport is?????????	8/20/2014 5:01 PM
59	Although I don't live in the tri-cities area technically, I work here and spend a lot of time here including most of my recreational time.	8/20/2014 3:05 PM
60	Thanks for asking for the communities input.	8/20/2014 1:42 PM
61	With the recent huge growth of Pickleball in the Tri Cities area we need more courts.	8/20/2014 12:43 PM
62	Overall, we love where we live and the opportunities for outdoor activities that are offered.	8/20/2014 12:27 PM
63	I don't think we need more sports facilities, there are quite a few. I would rather see things for individual recreation such as accessibility to put in kayaks, ATV trails, dog parks, horse riding trails	8/20/2014 12:25 PM
64	NO more taxes for parks and rec. We have plenty of facilities that are hardly used.	8/20/2014 12:17 PM

65	We need softball facilities for our girls under the age of 18. They have nowhere to practice, play or host a tournament.	8/20/2014 11:41 AM
66	keep in mind any improvements should include all age groups, especially the seniors	8/20/2014 11:06 AM
67	Camping spots are impossible to get in the area. Would be nice to have a local facility. (Rosey mound?) this would also create a few jobs for locals and camping fees could offset costs for the park.	8/20/2014 10:46 AM
68	Keep up the good work.	8/20/2014 10:42 AM
69	New to area, but chose this location over others due to its emphasis on parks and recreation, especially Pickleball and Tennis	8/20/2014 9:38 AM
70	As you can tell pickle ball is important to me as well as several hundred more in this area - and not just for aged.	8/20/2014 9:05 AM
71	I love the parks	8/20/2014 5:41 AM
72	Would like more paved bikepaths in Grand Haven Twp. Especially along Lincoln st.	8/19/2014 10:50 PM
73	I would like to see us evaluate very closely how many more bike/pedestrian paths we put in. I'm in favor of some more but with limited growth.	8/19/2014 10:43 PM
74	Thanks for the survey. This is extremely important.	8/19/2014 10:06 PM
75	We do not need a huge sports complex.	8/19/2014 10:01 PM
76	No more millage	8/19/2014 9:48 PM
77	There were several listed parks that I did not recognize. I may know them but don't know their specific names. A brochure showing the parks and their features would be nice - like the Ottawa County Parks brochure.	8/19/2014 9:24 PM
78	Exceptional interest in Pickleball in the Tri-Cities involves well over 200 active members in the past 2 years. This is a great year round sport enjoyed by many seniors who can exercise and remain active. Also a wonderful source of fellowship for seniors.	8/19/2014 8:59 PM
79	The number of pickleball courts in the Tri-City area have not kept up with the fast rising rising popularity of the sport. It is a sport which appeals to all ages.	8/19/2014 8:31 PM
80	no	8/19/2014 8:23 PM
81	Spring Lake Township needs Harbor Transit for the handicapped and elderly to get to all these wonderful facilities.	8/19/2014 8:16 PM
82	Can't go wrong in adding more pickleball courts. Very inclusive activity and very, very popular.	8/19/2014 8:16 PM
83	central park in Spring Lake needs better courts ie pickleball and the bathrooms need to be improved	8/19/2014 8:03 PM
84	We already have high taxes for our schools and should utilize those buildings & grounds without aquiring more expenses.	8/19/2014 7:11 PM
85	Public pool!	8/19/2014 6:17 PM
86	Read My Lips... NO MORE TAXES !!!	8/19/2014 5:08 PM
87	In SL Central Park...keep one or two tennis courts, add 4-6 pickleball courts and add some shuffleboard courts as it is gaining popularity among 20-30 yr olds and would be senior friendly	8/19/2014 3:52 PM
88	We need more campgrounds for RV's and bicyclists.	8/19/2014 3:35 PM
89	Street ends on Spring Lake have been well thought out and should remain as is. Boat Launch at Pettys, Swimming at Lake Street, Dog walking at Parkhurst, Fishing at Alden, Ferry/Bus pier at Jackson, Swimming, and Boat launch at Mill Point	8/19/2014 3:25 PM
90	None	8/19/2014 3:23 PM
91	Invasive species are a big problem in many of the township/city parks. Especially along the bike trail in SL township. This should be addressed.	8/19/2014 2:51 PM
92	I would like the bike path extended so that Hemlock Ridge Estates in Spring Lake has direct access to the bike path.	8/19/2014 1:45 PM
93	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.	8/19/2014 1:18 PM

94	We should base this on what the residents are looking for and NOT what the vacationers ask for.	8/19/2014 1:17 PM
95	I am glad you asked! I have been waiting to give input on this matter since NORA was first formed 5-7 years ago (before the recession). I told my friends then, "just wait and you will see them ask for a millage" The group bided there time through the recession and now wants a grand complex when we have more than enough already. I would like you to review your question # 1 for a land area the size fo the Tri Cities and then tell me with a straight face we need more Parks. I love Parks, use them weekly, but there comes a time when you just have to live within your means and work with what you have. Do you relaise the millions of Dollars that the County Parks department has to work with (annually) on the back of area tax payers? If you do not, check the County Parks Fund in their audit. Speak with John Smoltz. We spend thousand per capita in the County on Parks, trails, green space and "passive enhancement" of them. I encourage better coordination between the Five municipalities for use of the existing fields and if this notion of a Lacross, Soccer complex keeps coming up I will take my thoughts to the Editor of the tribune and show up at every pulic hearing there is. The \$20,000.00 being spent for this Parks plan is a very clear step to just asking for State money because Grand Haven always has to have the best of everthing and can't live within its means. Take look at your tax bill and you will see the result of this mentailty. (911 Building, Four Points Senior building, Library building, Transit , Museum building, First rate school buildings, Aquatic Centers, New Ball fields(Spring Lake). Anything for our Kids. I've frankly had enough of it. Play Lacross and Soccer in an open field with a few nets. Let somebody else build and maintain a "complex". Please do not tell me we are going to hold tournaments and have it pay for itself. This is plain bunk.	8/19/2014 12:40 PM
96	I wish the fee for Rycenga Park was not quite as expensive.	8/19/2014 10:53 AM
97	More cleanup days...sidewalk to beach on beach drive...trolley in sl	8/19/2014 10:50 AM
98	We wish Spring Lake township had an area dedicated to hiking tails(similar to the variety of trails at Coast Guard park)	8/19/2014 10:37 AM
99	We are enjoying the process of discovering our new home area. It seems to have all we need close at hand. Even as seniors, my wife and I choose to be active and out of doors.	8/19/2014 10:32 AM
100	Add a camping area	8/19/2014 10:26 AM
101	I would be great to have maps of the unpaved trails.	8/19/2014 9:52 AM
102	Need Clean swim areas: Pottawatomie has tons of goose droppings, which can cause illness and swimmers itch	8/19/2014 7:46 AM
103	We live in a great community - it would be nice to see soccer/baseball/etc. fields that show as well as the rest of the parks/community/beaches/etc.	8/18/2014 9:46 PM
104	We need less tourist activities and more citizen	8/18/2014 8:56 PM
105	Not at this time	8/18/2014 8:12 PM
106	It would be nice to have more choices in mountain biking trails other than Bass River and Pigeon Creek. Both are quite far from the City of GH and points north.	8/18/2014 3:56 PM
107	Very happy with the park system as it is.	8/18/2014 3:44 PM
108	The parks and recreational areas in our Tri-Cities really are outstanding. I think we should always watch for opportunities to purchase and transform into community green-spaces or parks those areas that have become blighted through neglect or other circumstances. A great example is seeing the value that Sunnyside Park now offers in Ferrysburg versus the property as it was prior to its transformation from neglected housing to city park.	8/18/2014 12:35 PM
109	I would love to see periods of time allowing unleashed dogs on City Beach in the dog area.	8/18/2014 12:26 PM
110	we are blessed with great parks!	8/18/2014 12:20 PM
111	I think we should continue to acquire and set aside natural areas (Ottawa County Parks, through millage funds, have done an exemplary job on this). We need to have open, natural space that isn't necessarily a "developed park." I also think building a complex that helps people stay active and fit will pay off many times over!	8/18/2014 11:38 AM
112	I love the bike paths in this community and would like to see more of them constructed along natural areas, and away from busy streets and highways.	8/18/2014 9:22 AM
113	Given the discussions that have been going on for a few months between NORA and the Y concerning cooperation and consolidation, I'm surprised that receiving this survey and being asked to complete it is the first time I've heard about this survey being taken.	8/17/2014 9:18 PM

114	NORA is expensive enough, they sure as hell don't need a millage or anymore money. There isn't enough free boat launches and thee pay launches are too expensive. They were paid for by sportsman dollars and don't even have a human working at them. they should be free to sportspersons. The county parks are too expensive as well. We need more parks and green space that are single parent and family affordable. We also need more spaces for hunting in the local area. Maybe some more fishing access as well. THE MAIN THING IS IT NEEDS TO BE AFFORDABLE. NO MORE MILLAGES OR EXPENSIVE USE PERMITS.	8/17/2014 5:09 PM
115	Please prioritize greening the unused areas of the city of Grand Haven, and extending the Boardwalk all the way to the Bridge/Spring Lake area through connected walk/bike paths.	8/17/2014 4:43 PM
116	The Tri-Cities area needs more public access boat/canoe launches. The few launches we have are often crowded, especially in the summer.	8/17/2014 3:41 PM
117	I appreciate this survey being done. Thank you. Our parks are incredibly important to the community. For the sake of constructive feedback... Survey Monkey is not a very professional tool. Look forward to hearing the results and seeing wise re-investment in our parks!	8/17/2014 3:14 PM
118	I would support any and all proposals to extend/expand the bike trail system we have. I use it almost everyday, year round and would love to see more paths built in more places around the area.	8/17/2014 10:33 AM
119	love what this area offers!	8/17/2014 10:10 AM
120	Best decision ever to move to GH from SE Michigan	8/17/2014 9:07 AM
121	I love where we live, but I do want it to be top notch. this includes providing recreation opportunities that are second to none- with beautiful, well-maintained facilities.	8/17/2014 9:02 AM
122	Great city. Awesome job with parks. Thanks for the continual improvement.	8/17/2014 8:16 AM
123	Updating worn out playground equipment would be nice,and some playground equipment at riverside park, (that might be a county issue)	8/17/2014 8:02 AM
124	The legal affairs affecting Duncan Woods need to be resolved so that park can be maintained again (remove dead wood, etc...).	8/17/2014 7:36 AM
125	This survey is entirely too vague and will not give the answers needed for this important plan.	8/17/2014 6:24 AM
126	More public restrooms near parks! Ferrysburg has a wonderful public restroom at the park on West Spring Lake road. More parks should have similar. Tried cities needs an indoor track for winter walking.	8/17/2014 4:48 AM
127	Bike paths expanding east from Spring Lake through Crockery Twp down State road as there are lots of residents living here. This is needed to facilitate access to the Tri Cities and provide safe paths to and from schools for area students. The Grand Trunk Line is a start but doesn't provide acceptable access for the most populated section of Crockery Twp being on State road between 144th and 130th Aves.	8/16/2014 10:55 PM
128	I have lived in Grand Haven since 1994. There has always been a need for facilities to accommodate sports teams for all age groups.	8/16/2014 9:56 PM
129	The SL recreation Commission meets the needs of our community at a very reasonable cost.	8/16/2014 9:25 PM
130	Please have a fine for dog owners that do not clean up after their dogs on the bike paths. It is unhealthy and disgusting.	8/16/2014 7:58 PM
131	Preferences are for water sports and gym time for kids	8/16/2014 7:30 PM
132	I simply unaware of any unmet recreational area need. We have people with needs for food, clothing, shelter and educational opportunities. Thankfully, we have abundant recreational opportunities. Maybe there is a need to introduce people to the facilities we already have, of which so many are oblivious.	8/16/2014 7:24 PM
133	I love our park facilities and use them often, by myself, with my husband, and with my eight grandchildren.	8/16/2014 7:12 PM
134	I moved from GR to Spring Lake for the outdoor recreation amenities and have been happy with my decision to live in the area. I live at woodland ridge apartments and love the area.	8/16/2014 6:23 PM
135	Parking would a big concern if and when this idea comes off. Handi cap, safety a priority. Lighting also at certain for use at night.	8/16/2014 6:22 PM
136	I would like to see a committee set up with people using the dog parks to get their input on improving the dog parks.	8/16/2014 6:01 PM

137	Thru traveling with travel soccer teams to other towns/ states I noticed that most progressive nice communities have access to a sports complex in the community . We have such a lovely community here it would make sense to combine efforts of all into a shared facility	8/16/2014 5:05 PM
138	As a taxpayer in Grand Haven Township, I would not support another tax for a facility to be built in the city of Grand Haven. We already pay for the library up there, why should we be taxed for something that will be built so far away?	8/16/2014 4:39 PM
139	NORA is doing a Great job with recreation and programs	8/16/2014 3:36 PM
140	Keep restrooms open longer in the fall and open them up earlier in the spring, or keep them open all year.	8/16/2014 12:44 PM
141	A sports complex would be a huge benefit to the community. With Lake Michigan here, if we added a sports complex to bring in tournaments, it would be a huge revenue generator for local businesses. The Tri-Cities would be a very desirable place to attend a tournament, if we had the right facilities.	8/15/2014 12:48 PM
142	Thanks for sending this survey out- hopefully this leads to action!	8/15/2014 11:19 AM
143	Bravo for putting out a survey to support HEALTH in the Tri-Cities! Visitors are amazed by our quality parks and well maintained public spaces.	8/15/2014 11:17 AM
144	A rec center would be nice. W cardio rooms, weight room, walking track n pool	8/15/2014 10:29 AM
145	A sports complex and unified Rec organization would be a great addition to the Tri Cities area	8/15/2014 9:20 AM
146	Thanks for making the parks in this beautiful city seem like you aren't in a city!!! We are so lucky to have that!!	8/15/2014 9:09 AM
147	I did not answer the 1st questions because i the survey was would not allow. I currently live in Fruitport (less than 2 years). I have lived in the Tri Cities area for over 10 years. We move frequently.	8/15/2014 7:47 AM
148	Don't over reach, address what is truly missing, not what is there but in bad shape. That can usually be fixed by local funding and parent volunteer help. We have serious gaps right now.	8/15/2014 7:14 AM
149	No	8/15/2014 7:09 AM
150	NA	8/15/2014 5:57 AM
151	Grand Haven definately needs to get a sports complex and STOP using the High School for EVERYTHING!!!	8/15/2014 5:19 AM
152	Taxes too high to support additional to build new facilities. Too much traffic currently in Spring Lake and Grand Haven already to support the idea. A shame because decent large facilities supports tournaments and revenue to local businesses but too much traffic already!! Cannot get out on M-104 already during the summer!!!!!! Cannot get through Grand Haven in timely fashion either.	8/14/2014 9:52 PM
153	Thank you for asking!	8/14/2014 8:59 PM
154	build it off Filmore.	8/14/2014 8:55 PM
155	Keep doing what your doing cuz it's just nice to be able to enjoy the great outdoors!!!	8/14/2014 5:56 PM
156	no	8/14/2014 3:22 PM
157	Would love to see more softball/baseball fields and love the idea of a complex for sporting activities. Also thanks for the nature parks we have. They are lovely and I'm pleased to enjoy the outdoors here. It's one of our best community offerings.	8/14/2014 11:10 AM
158	most public accesses in Ferrysburg do not have any parking areas, (neighborhood parks)	8/14/2014 10:36 AM
159	There aren't enough baseball diamonds in the tri cities, and nearly all of the existing diamonds are too small.	8/14/2014 10:36 AM
160	Keep up the grrreat work! We certainly are blessed to live in the Tri-Cities area!!! (LOVE the idea of this survey, thank you.)	8/14/2014 10:24 AM
161	Merging under nora would be a train wreck. I have dealt with them on numerous issues and have always witnessed poor planning and leadership. I see nothing that can be offered that would be an improvement over what Grand Haven Township already provides. I pay good money for these parks and the local control that comes with it. I don't care what the other municipalities do and I don't want them taking my money to pay for their things.	8/14/2014 9:07 AM
162	We need baseball fields in north Ottawa county. I see how travel baseball impacts local businesses around the state and our area could be THE BASEBALL DESTINATION in the summer. Also, our kids need more fields to enhance their skills. Sharing one field, in spring lake, is a huge disservice to the kids.	8/14/2014 8:57 AM

163	Love the idea, keep working :-)	8/14/2014 8:16 AM
164	We have a high caliber of soccer with both the Tri-Cities Strikers program and the Lakeshore Premier program that serves the communities along the Lakeshore. Considering our level of play, we are the only area that does not have a soccer facility with multiple fields. This along with the other proposed improvements would be a great asset to our community that is known for healthy living and an active lifestyle. I strongly support an athletic complex.	8/14/2014 7:22 AM
165	I am concerned about the long-term fate of the beautiful wooded private land between the water tower hill and Lake Avenue (off Elizabeth Street). Would REALLY like to see the city purchase this property before it gets chopped up into parcels by whoever inherits it.	8/13/2014 11:49 PM
166	The Village of Spring Lake needs to maintain their parks. It is very sad to see parks in the Village not kept clean, free of debris etc.	8/13/2014 11:30 PM
167	Would like to know the results of the study.	8/13/2014 10:22 PM
168	Would like muskegon clubs to be included	8/13/2014 10:10 PM
169	I would like to see a bike and walking path on North Shore Drive with good drainage as now there is a lot of standing rain run off from over landscaping and pavement.	8/13/2014 9:59 PM
170	No	8/13/2014 8:24 PM
171	I would support more soccer fields in this area. It continues to be a growing sport and doesn't require significant investment for kids to participate. It is played by both girls and boys compared to some other sports.	8/13/2014 8:10 PM
172	To have the ability to do tournaments would bring revenue to our community as well.	8/13/2014 8:06 PM
173	Just take care of the parks and trails we currently have and again add trash cans! Tourists trash our town every big event that is held. not enough trash cans and nobody empties them! they just over flow onto the ground!	8/13/2014 7:18 PM
174	I love the bike paths and natural areas in the tri cities. The more the better!	8/13/2014 7:09 PM
175	You really should look at building a soccer complex with at least 8-10 fields. Have been all over the Midwest visiting soccer fields and they can bring in lots of extra money if they are run right.	8/13/2014 5:41 PM
176	Communities the same size as the TriCities (like Petoskey) have very nice soccer complexes, able to support a large tournament. There is no such facility in our area.	8/13/2014 4:52 PM
177	We are blessed to have so many beautiful parks!!	8/13/2014 4:35 PM
178	Thanks for taking this initiative!	8/13/2014 4:25 PM
179	Our son plays with Lakeshore Premier Soccer and we often walk the boardwalk and pathways. We would love to see more and better soccer fields/complexes and would most likely be willing to donate toward same.	8/13/2014 4:23 PM
180	We desperately need an outdoor/indoor sports complex for the Lakeshore!	8/13/2014 4:02 PM
181	There was talk if a soccer complex in port Sheldon about 4-5 years ago. Why did this not happen. Plans were submitted to the township even.	8/13/2014 3:58 PM
182	The city could stand to make tourism revenue if facilities allowed local clubs to host tournaments	8/13/2014 3:44 PM
183	More water access. Not a supporter of large sports complex.	8/13/2014 3:32 PM
184	Indoor full field soccer fields please	8/13/2014 3:29 PM
185	I would like to see the governing bodies of the above mention merge.	8/13/2014 3:28 PM
186	I believe a sports complex would be a huge benefit to the community	8/13/2014 3:23 PM
187	We are starving for more park area specifically a sports complex. Now is the time to make that change....	8/13/2014 3:08 PM
188	Central Park in SL could be improved a lot.	8/13/2014 1:45 PM
189	Consideration must be included in this survey and planning of both Ottawa County and Michigan State parks within the geographic area of the communities being surveyed These parks provide significant recreational opportunities otherwise not considered.	8/13/2014 12:43 PM
190	Daily in the summer, fisherman block the bike trail (bikes, tackle boxes, beer, etc) instead of using designated docks in the Village of Spring Lake; it's a nuisance	8/13/2014 12:37 PM

191	None	8/13/2014 12:32 PM
192	Baseball and Softball complex is strongly needed in the SL area and would be a huge financial benefit to the area	8/13/2014 11:41 AM
193	I do not approve of this survey. It gives the query group a false sense of public input. Questions asked in many cases are irrelevant and lead to incorrect assumptions. I also detest the name of this program. "SurveyMonkey"? Really?	8/13/2014 10:37 AM
194	We need a soccer complex!	8/13/2014 10:17 AM
195	Will there be a statistically valid survey, or will you rely on solely on this internet-based self participation assessment toy?	8/13/2014 9:35 AM
196	no, just love listening to our concerts and sitting by the beach enjoying the sunsets & beautiful white sand, and seagulls!	8/13/2014 8:41 AM