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# City of Madison Heights

## Recreation Plan: 2021-2025

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# Community Description

The City of Madison Heights, Michigan, is located in southeast Oakland County, just west of the Macomb County border and two miles from the City of Detroit. The City borders the City of Troy to the north, the City of Royal Oak to the west, the City of Warren to the east and the City of Hazel Park to the south.

Incorporated in 1955, the City today covers 7.2 square miles and is crossed by segments of two major interstates, I-75 and I-696. Madison Heights is largely suburban in character, with many housing developments and commercial development along the major arterial roads.

## Population

Proper planning for the future must take into account the composition of the population and consider its likely future composition. Understanding where the City has been and where it is likely to go is essential to projecting future needs.

## Population History

Madison Heights boomed during the 1950s and 60s, reaching a peak population of over 38,000 residents in 1970. The City is mostly built out, and since its peak, population has settled slightly lower as nearly all available land for new housing was developed and average household size has decreased. The 2017 US Census estimated population is 30,173; the current household size is 2.3 persons. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the seven-county regional planning agency, forecasts that population will remain stable through 2045.

## Age

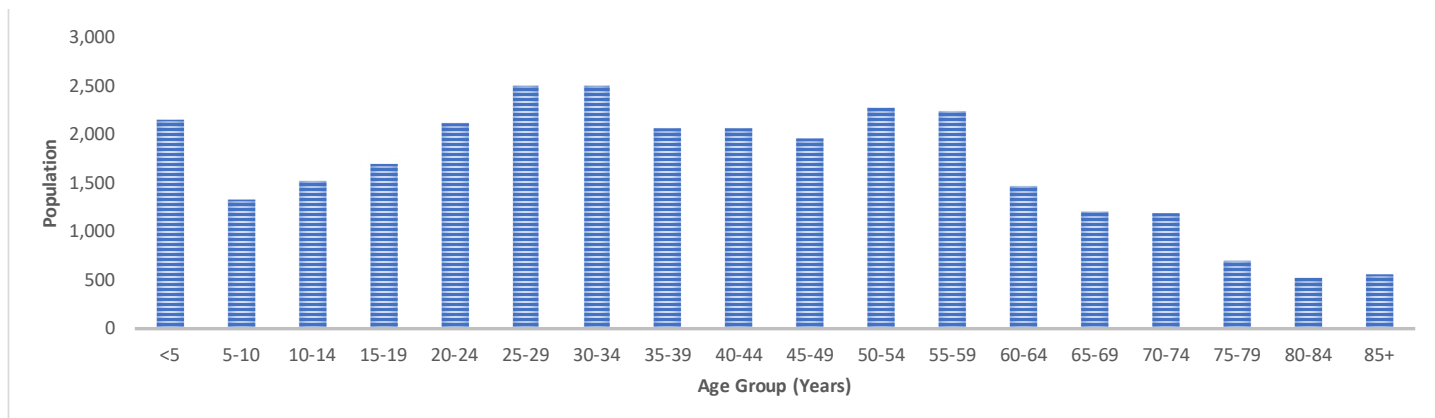
According to the US Census 2017 estimates, the median age of a Madison Heights resident is 37.2 years old. The breakdown in age groups is shown below and illustrates fairly even age cohorts. SEMCOG forecasts the population to age, with a decrease in residents under 25 and an increase in residents older than 65. The projected increases would mean that about 27% of Madison Heights residents will be over age 65 by 2045, compared to the same age group comprising about 14% of the city's current population. The aging of city residents will have implications on housing, transportation and community health.

## Racial Diversity

The city is predominantly white (77%), although it is becoming more diverse. The 2017 US Census estimates show that the remaining 23% of city residents are Black or African American, Asian, and a mix of two or more races.

Madison Heights continues to grow gradually more culturally diverse, and will likely continue to do so in the future. The presence of a great many Asian cultural assets, including restaurants representing many ethnicities and the Chinese Cultural Center, could serve as a draw for Asian families migrating within the region or moving in from other regions.

CHART 1-1: POPULATION BREAKDOWN BY AGE GROUP





## Administrative Structure

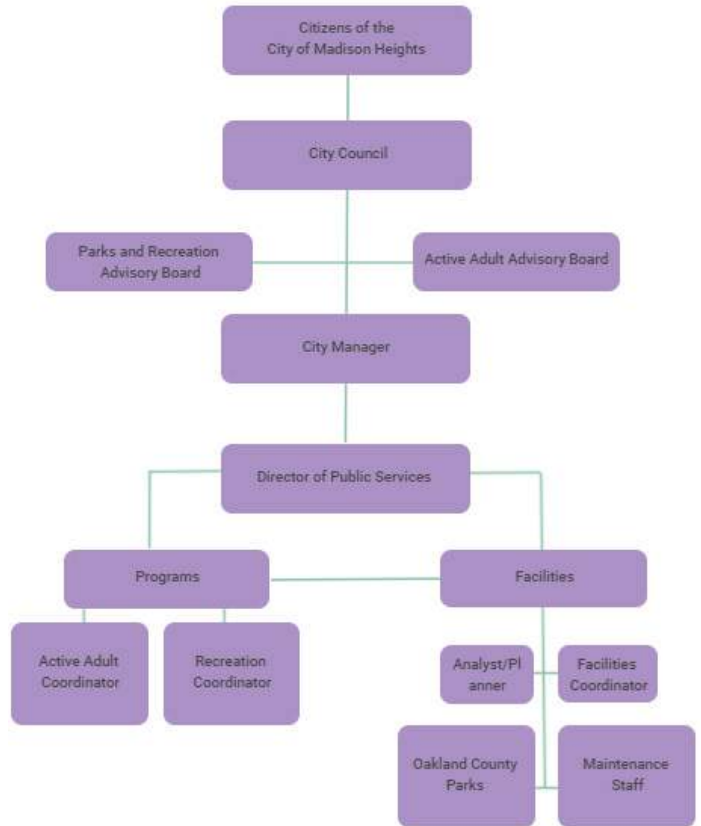
The City's parks and recreation administrative structure, shown in Figure 2-1, ensures that various departments contribute to long-range recreational planning within Madison Heights. The City Council has the ultimate responsibility for the approval of expenditures to provide new recreation facilities and programs, as well as update and maintain existing facilities. The Council also has the authority to make policy decisions and approve the parks and recreation budget.

Implementing the policy decisions of City Council rests with the City Manager, who is responsible for the development and maintenance of park facilities. The City Manager has assigned the responsibility of development and maintenance of park facilities to the Director of Public Services. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Active Adult Advisory Board assist the City Manager by developing and operating recreation programs tailored to the needs and desires of the residents of Madison Heights.

Specifically, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board focuses on the provision of parks and recreation facilities and programs for all residents, while the Active Adult Advisory Board represents elderly citizens of Madison Heights. Both advisory boards solicit suggestions from residents and recommend long-range actions to the City Council.

The City operates a wide variety of recreational and active adult-related programs, which follow a seasonal calendar. These programs have included, but are not limited to: basketball, bingo, bowling, ceramics, dancing, drama, festivals, field trips, golf, gymnastics, karate, kickboxing, Pilates, quilting, softball, swimming, and tennis. Additionally, the City coordinates several indoor programs with the Madison and Lamphere Public School Districts, as well as other facilities such as the library, Nature Center, and City Hall.

FIGURE 2-1: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE





# Budget

Supported by City Council, staff, and citizens, the Department of Public Services strives to make the best use of its financial and human resources. The table below shows the annual parks and recreation budget for the following categories: 1) the Recreation Department; 2) Parks; 3) the Nature Center; 4) the Active Adult Center. The City's general fund is the primary funding source for these categories.

The City of Madison Heights' parks and recreation budget has generally trended upward over the past four years with some fluctuation in specific categories. Over the past several years, the City has invested a significant portion of its budget in facility improvements and maintenance.

TABLE 2-1: PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET: 2020-2024				
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
<b>Recreation Department</b>	\$261,308	\$267,841	\$274,537	\$281,400
<b>Parks</b>	\$436,082	\$446,984	\$458,158	\$469,612
<b>Nature Center*</b>	\$60,408	\$61,918	\$63,466	\$65,053
<b>Active Adult Center</b>	\$478,796	\$490,766	\$503,036	\$515,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,236,594</b>	<b>\$1,267,509</b>	<b>\$1,299,197</b>	<b>\$1,331,676</b>

\*Note: The Nature Center is operated by Oakland County through a long-term lease agreement, as part of the Red Oaks park system. The budget reflects the City's portion of a cost-sharing agreement between the two entities.



# Recreation Inventory

The variety of recreation facilities available to Madison Heights residents ensures that residents of varying ages and abilities are able to access recreational opportunities. The City provides neighborhood parks, which are an important resource for neighborhood residents. Most users of these parks live close enough to walk to them. The City's neighborhood playfields draw users from a wider geographic area, and fulfill the recreational needs of both children and adults. Three community-wide parks are provided by the City. These parks serve the community at large and offer a greater range of activities and facilities, such as nature centers, trails, ball fields, and playgrounds. Additional recreational facilities are offered at the City's public schools.

Madison Heights' parks and recreational facilities are shown in Map 3-1 on the following page, and a full inventory can be found on the following pages. This inventory describes the recreational facilities available within the City and throughout the region. The chapter also includes an analysis of the barrier-free compliance status of the City's parks, outlining how each park could be modified to better accommodate the needs of physically-challenged visitors. Tables 3-1 illustrates the inventory, recent improvements and accessibility rating for each park.

In addition to local facilities, Madison Heights is served by a wide array of school and regional recreation areas, including the County's Red Oaks Waterpark and Red Oaks Golf Course, which are located within Madison Heights. Table 3-2 describes the school facilities within Madison Heights, and Table 3-3 lists the opportunities afforded by each county, regional and state parks, including the more than 45 public golf courses in Oakland County. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) has developed a system of 13 regional parks, all of which are within a 60-minute drive of Madison Heights. Activities such as picnicking, swimming, fishing, boating, wildlife viewing, golf and horseback riding can be enjoyed at the HCMA parks, as outlined in Table 3-3. There are also 21 state parks or recreation areas within an approximate one-hour drive of Madison Heights. These state parks offer camping, hunting, cross-country skiing, and snowmobile trails among their many recreational features and activities. For a detailed look at state parks and recreation areas, refer to Table 3-5.

## Barrier Free Analysis

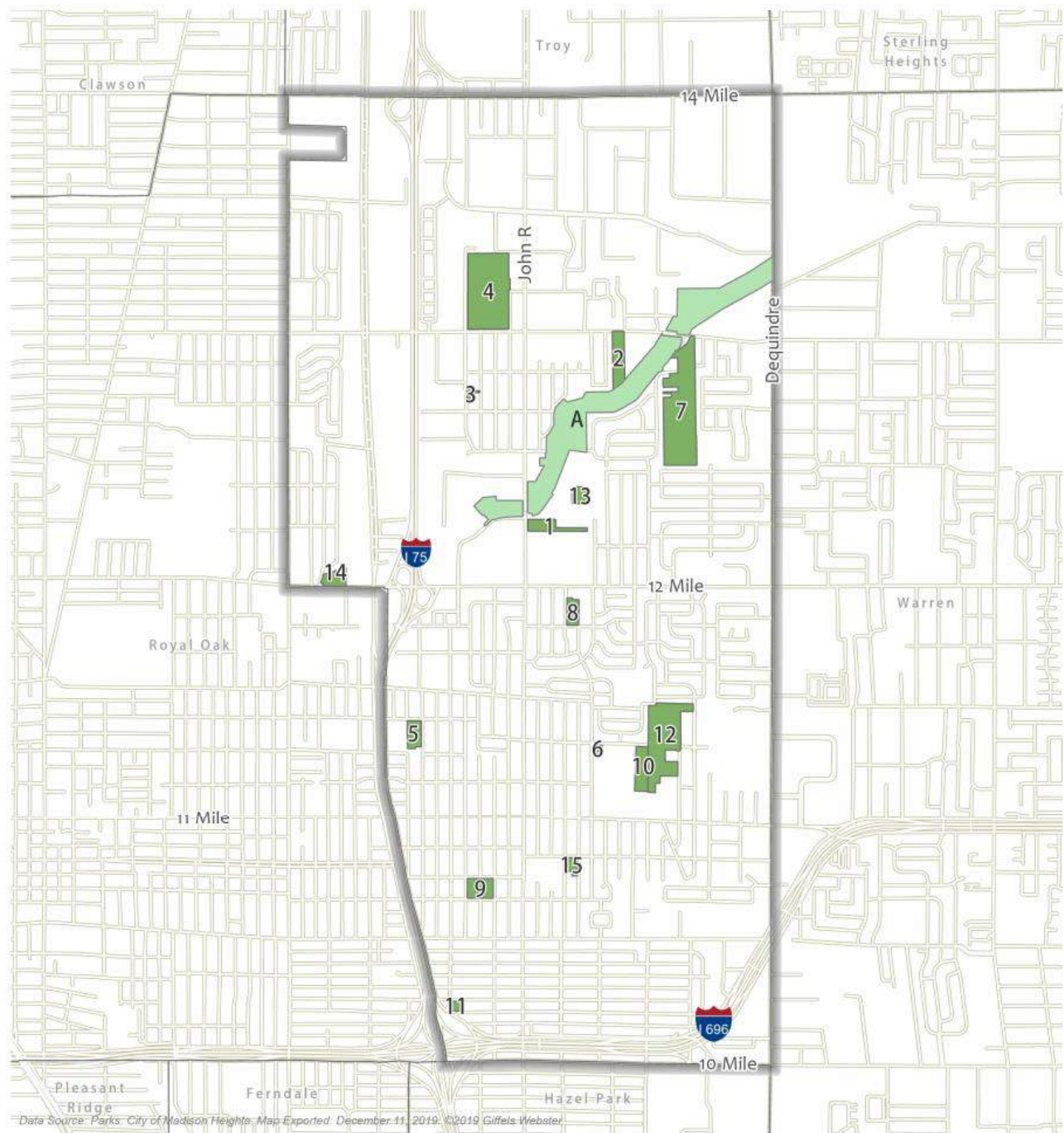
A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of both physically and mentally challenged visitors. Barrier-free access includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that adequate barrier-free parking spaces, sidewalks, trails, picnic tables, and playground equipment are provided for renovated or new recreational facilities. Standards from the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) were used to assess barrier-free compliance.

The DNR guidelines require that a barrier-free ranking be given to each facility for assessing its accessibility to persons with disabilities. The assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. The following system, provided by the DNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (02/05/09), was used to assess each city park.

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

Refer to Table 3-1, Madison Heights City Park & Recreation Facilities Inventory for the City's accessibility ranking of each of the 13 parks in the Madison Heights system.

MAP 3-1 CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES



Data Source: Parks: City of Madison Heights; Map Exported: December 11, 2019; ©2019 Giffels-Webster



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|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Active Adult Center | 7 - Friendship Woods | 13 - Silverleaf Park      |
| 2 - Ambassador Park     | 8 - Greenleaf Park   | 14 - Twelve - Sherry Park |
| 3 - Bill Gravel Park    | 9 - Huffman Park     | 15 - Wildwood Park        |
| 4 - Civic Center Park   | 10 - Madison Woods   | A - Red Oaks County Park  |
| 5 - Edison Park         | 11 - Monroe Park     |                           |
| 6 - Exchange Park       | 12 - Rosie's Park    |                           |

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**City and County Parks**  
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**TABLE 3-1  
MADISON HEIGHTS PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Park Type</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Updates Since Previous Recreation Plan</b>	<b>Needed Improvements</b>	<b>Accessibility Ranking</b>
Ambassador Park	7 acres	Neighborhood	1/2 mile jogging/walking track, picnic tables/grills, play structure, small sled hill, 1 soccer field, 2 tennis courts, parking	Parking lot resurfaced, swing set replaced and soft fall surface added, sectional path replacement	Tennis court rehab, Add small pavilion/restrooms	2
Civic Center Park	33 acres	Community	Basketball court, 1 mile walking track, 1 play structure, 3 picnic pavilions, picnic tables/grills, restrooms, 1 sand volleyball court, sled hill (large), sled hill (small), 4 soccer fields, 1 softball field	Sectional path replacement, new swings added, skate park removed, Full trail replacement	Trail rehab work, install new playground Rehabilitate Pavilions A and B, Install new playground, Reestablish warming station	2
Edison Park	4 acres	Neighborhood	Ball field, sled hill (small), parking	Removed Forest and Hampden street fence	New playground and soft fall, remove gravel parking lot and replace with lawn and soft fall, replace baseball backstop, rehabilitate parking lot.	1
Exchange Park	0.6 acres	Mini-Park	Picnic tables, grills, swings,	Replaced swing sets	Consider additional recreation amenities.	1
Greenleaf Park	4.5 acres	Neighborhood	2 youth baseball fields	Replaced fencing along Delton Street and parking lot	Replace baseball backstops and dugout benches	1
Huffman Park	5.6 acres	Neighborhood	1 basketball court, 1 lighted softball field, play structure, restrooms	Replaced baseball backstop	Replace furnace in concession/ equipment building, add pavilion in place of basketball court, upgrade lighting	2

**TABLE 3-1  
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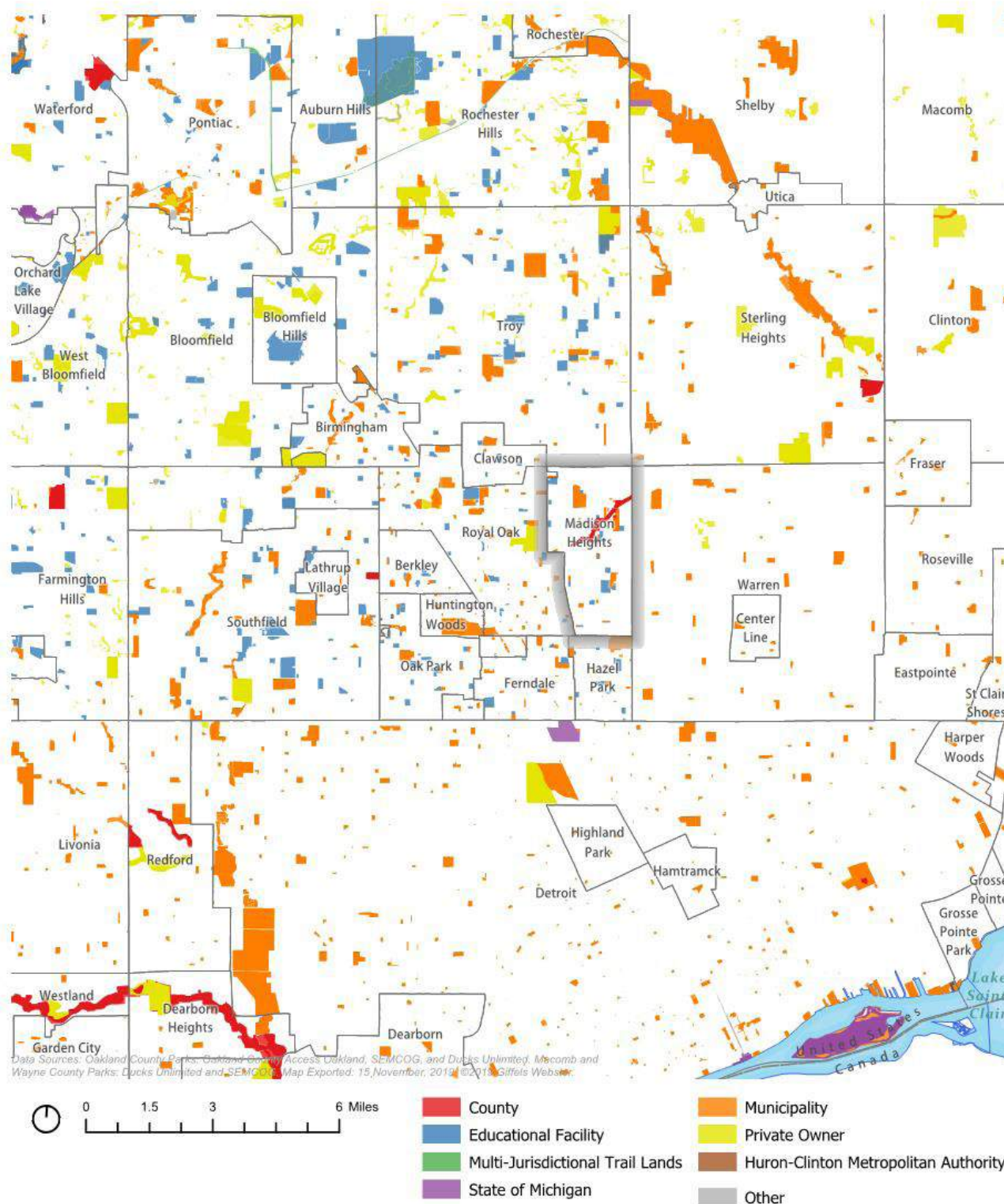
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Park Type</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Updates Since Previous Recreation Plan</b>	<b>Needed Improvements</b>	<b>Accessibility Ranking</b>
Twelve/ Sherry Park	3.4 acres	Neighborhood	Tennis court/basketball court/ice rink, picnic tables and grills, softball field, parking, Play structure, swing sets	Removed Sherry fencing, replaced swings and installed soft fall surface	Replace 12 Mile fence around Magic Square	1
Rosie's Park/ Madison Woods	30.9 acres	Community	Basketball court, dirt BMX trail, half pipe for bikes and scooters, 1 mile walking trail, outdoor roller hockey, 2 lighted baseball fields, 1 youth soccer field, picnic tables and grills, 2 play structures, restrooms, parking	Sectional trail replacement.	New pavilion, resurface Gardenia parking lot, add 9-hole disc golf course, add covered awning over concession stand service area, upgrade lighting	3
Silverleaf Park	2.6 acres	Neighborhood	Lighted ball field, picnic tables, parking	None	Upgrade ballfield lighting.	1
George W. Suarez Friendship Woods	36.5 acres	Community	Nature center, 1.3 mile walking/cross-country skiing trails, parking	Trail cutback program, nature center roof replaced, trail resurfaced with 2" overlay, sidewalk added west of Hales	Tree cutting program, nature center parking lot resurface, possible land purchase	2
Monroe Park	1 acre	Mini-Park	Play structure with fitness equipment, pavilion	None	None	2
Wildwood Park	1.8 acres	Neighborhood	Play structure, accessible picnic tables and grills, parking	Replaced playscape and pathway	Parking lot improvements needed	3
Bill Gravel Park	0.9 acres	Mini-Park	Picnic tables and grills	None	Install small playscape.	1

**TABLE 3-2  
INVENTORY OF MADISON HEIGHTS-AREA SCHOOL PARKS & AMENITIES**

Bishop Foley High School	Baseball, soccer, tennis, basketball, track, lighted football field with bleachers.
Edmonson Elementary	2.9 acres. Playscapes, swings, dinosaur play structures, basketball. Shares facilities with Greenleaf Park.
Madison Preparatory High School and Early Childhood Center	1.8 acres. Play structures, swings, soccer, softball, basketball
Hiller Elementary	3.5 acres. Playscape, swings, basketball.
Lamphere Board of Education	2.3 acres. Swings, playscape, slide, toss n' catch hoops, basketball, baseball, vacant grassy field.
John Page Middle School	17.4 acres. Baseball, basketball, other facilities. Shares facilities with Silverleaf Park.
Lamphere High School	Adjoins Civic Center Park. Basketball, baseball, tennis, track, soccer, lighted football field with bleachers.
Lessenger Elementary	8.7 acres. Playscape, swings, climbers, baseball, soccer, basketball.
Keys Grace Academy	3.7 acres. Swings, monkey bars, playscape, school bus & truck play structures. Shares facilities with Edison Park
Madison High School	Baseball, soccer, track, lighted football field with bleachers, pool.
Madison Elementary	9.3 acres. Playscape, monkey bars, tarantula play structure, toss n' catch hoops, swings, basketball, baseball. Shares facilities with Rosie's Park
Simonds Elementary	10 acres. Swings, slides, playscapes, basketball, and baseball.
Four Corners Montessori Academy	Green Space
Wilkinson Middle School	6.2 acres. Baseball, basketball



MAP 3-2 REGIONAL PARKS &amp; RECREATION FACILITIES BY OWNERSHIP





**TABLE 3-3  
INVENTORY OF COUNTY PARKS & AMENITIES**

<b>OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS</b>	
Addison Oaks - Addison Township	794 acres. Mountain biking, picnicking, boating, camping, swimming, hiking, fishing, 6 miles of cross-country ski trails, ice fishing and ice skating, and a banquet and conference center.
Catalpa Oaks - Southfield	24 acres. Soccer, baseball, playgrounds.
Glen Oaks - Farmington Hills	122 acres. 18-hole golf course, banquet facilities, formal garden.
Groveland Oaks - Groveland Township	361 acres. Modern camp sites, playground, picnicking, waterslide, swimming, boat rentals, winter sports.
Highland Oaks - Highland Township	302 acres. Equestrian trails, nature preserve.
Holly Oaks ORV Park - Holly	235 acres consisting of former and active sand and gravel mines – 113 open in 2020, remaining open by 2023
Independence Oaks - Orion Township	1,276 acres. Camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing, nature center, swimming, boating, trails, winter sports.
Lyon Oaks - Lyon Township	1,024 acres. 800 acres of preserved wetlands, dog park, 18-hole golf course, hiking, picnicking, archery, deer hunting, nature center, banquet facilities.
Orion Oaks - Orion Township	927 acres. 10 miles of hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing trails, dog park.
Red Oaks - Madison Heights	141 acres. Water park with children's water playground, toddler water play area, "River Ride," water slide, wave-action pool, picnicking, playground, 9-hole executive golf course.
Rose Oaks - Rose Township	620 acres. Undeveloped park. Hiking and fishing.
Trail System	9 off-street trails for a mix of biking, hiking, and equestrian users, plus 3 water trails
<b>MACOMB COUNTY PARKS</b>	
Freedom Hill County Park - Sterling Heights	100 acres. Outdoor pavilions, picnic areas, playscape, nature trail, outdoor amphitheatre.
Macomb Orchard Trail - Northern Macomb County	24-Mile trail from Shelby Township to Richmond. Connection to regional trail system.

**TABLE 3-3  
INVENTORY OF REGIONAL AND STATE PARKS & AMENITIES**

### **HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY METROPARKS**

Indian Springs - White Lake Township	2,214 acres. Cross-country skiing, picnicking, sledding, "tot lot" playscape, paved hike-bike trail, 18-hole golf course, Environmental Center.
Kensington - Milford Township	4,357 acres. Disc golf, picnicking, bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing, ice fishing, camping, horseback riding, swimming, sledding and tobogganing, 18-hole golf course, nature center, farm learning center, beaches with boat rentals, paved hike-bike trail, fitness trail.
Lake St. Clair - Harrison Township	770 acres. Marinas, boat ramps, Olympic swimming pool with waterslides, beach, spray ground, boardwalk, nature center, nature trails, par-3 golf course, miniature golf course.
Stony Creek - Shelby Township	4,461 acres. Hiking, biking, disc golf, fishing, ice fishing, ice skating, swimming, sledding, snowboarding, tobogganing, cross-country skiing, picnicking, canoeing, bird-watching, nature center, boat launch, fitness trail, 18-hole golf course.
Wolcott Mill - Ray Township	2,625 acres. Camping, hiking, horseback riding, 18-hole golf course, historic grist mill, farm learning center, activity building and picnic pavilion.

### **STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area - Lake Orion	Organizational camping, picnic area, playground, boat launch, shooting range, swimming, beach house, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, wildlife viewing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing.
Dodge #4 State Park - Waterford Township	Picnic shelters, playground, boat launch, swimming, beach house, fishing, snowmobiling.
Highland Recreation Area - White Lake Township	Rustic and organizational camping, picnic areas and shelters, beach house, boat launch, swimming, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking, wildlife viewing, interpretive programs, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing.
Island Lake State Park - Brighton	Rustic and organizational camping, fishing, swimming, beach house, picnic areas, playgrounds, hiking, hunting, canoeing, wildlife viewing, interpretive programs, snowmobiling.
Maybury State Park - Northville	Organizational camping, visitor center, picnic areas, shelters, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, farm, interpretive programs.
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area - Waterford Township	Modern and organizational camping, picnic shelters, playgrounds, swimming, beach house, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing.
Proud Lake Recreation Area - Commerce Township	Modern and organizational camping, nature trails, horseback riding, picnic shelters, beach house, fishing, hunting, canoeing, boat launch, swimming, interpretive programs, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing.
W.C. Wetzel State Park - Marine City	Hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, picnicking, softball.



# Recreation Needs Analysis

To analyze the recreational needs of city residents and determine deficiencies within recreation programs, it is helpful to consider standards for recreation service areas, land needs based on future population, and the ultimate size and extent of recreation facilities and their location. These recreation planning standards are a useful tool in making an assessment of future recreation needs. Standards may be used effectively only as a means for comparing present conditions to what is thought to be suitable or desirable, and as a general guide toward estimating future needs and demands.

The following organizations have developed guidelines for recreation, which are referenced in this analysis of Madison Heights's recreation facilities:

- **Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service (HCRS).** The HCRS recommends standards based on compiled data on standards used or recommended by various city, county, metropolitan, state, and federal park and recreation agencies.
- **Urban Land Institute (ULI).** The ULI, a private research organization concerned with planning and development of land, recommends standards for recreation areas for community and neighborhood development.
- **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).** The NRPA developed the following recommended standards and guidelines for recreation, parks and open space.

The major types of community recreation facilities recommended by the above organizations include:

- **Playgrounds/Mini-Parks.** Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population, or specific groups such as small children or active adults. For example, suggested recreational amenities for an individual mini-park are a tot lot, two picnic tables and ½ acre open space.
- **Playfield or Athletic Fields/Neighborhood Park.** Neighborhood parks should offer a variety of activities to accommodate a range of ages, physical abilities, and recreational interests.

- **Community Parks.** Community-wide parks include larger parks with diverse environmental quality. A variety of passive and active uses are provided, including athletic fields, sledding hills, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. In addition to parks, the DNR recognizes the important role of trails and pathways for non-motorized travel:
- **Connector Trails.** Connector trails would include a multi-use trail to give non-motorized access to parks and other uses throughout the city and connect to regional trails. Modes of travel include walking, biking, and in-line skating. These trails could be located in an independent right-of-way, such as along the utility corridors, or within the road rights-of-way.

## Parks for an Aging Population

While there are no general standards for parks aimed at the aging population, many communities and other organizations are recognizing the importance of keeping older adults active as well as socially engaged.

In addition to ensuring parks are accessible for those of all ages and abilities, equipment and facilities aimed at older adults are being recommended for inclusion in parks and recreation facilities.



Example of playground equipment designed for those over age 60. (Source: The Telegraph (UK))

## NRPA Annual Agency Review

Each year, the NRPA surveys parks and recreation agencies across the US and shares this data to help communities benchmark their programs and facilities against similar-sized peers. The NRPA recognizes that applying standards and guidelines often prove challenging due to the variety of populations served and funding sources available. Table 3-4 below shows current benchmarks for certain park facilities based on populations under 20,000. The list illustrates the number of facilities that might be expected in the Madison Heights, based on its current and future population.

<b>TABLE 3-4</b> <b>2019 NRPA AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMPARISON OF COMMUNITIES</b> <b>WITH POPULATIONS 20,000 - 49,999</b>				
	Number of residents per facility: Population range 20,000 - 49,999	Benchmark Number of Facilities for 2020 Madison Heights Population (30,008)	Benchmark Number of Facilities for Projected 2045 Madison Heights Population (29,757)	Current Number of Facilities
Playgrounds	3,157	9 - 10	9 - 10	9
Basketball courts	7,067	4 - 5	4 - 5	3
Tennis Courts - outdoor	4,347	6 - 7	6 - 7	2
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	5,132	5 - 6	5 - 6	6
Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	10,849	2 - 3	2 - 3	2
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	7,297	4 - 5	4 - 5	-
Diamond fields: softball fields - youth	9,785	3 - 4	3 - 4	1
Dog park	28,132	1 - 2	1 - 2	1
Diamond fields: baseball - adult	17,185	1 - 2	1 - 2	0
Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult	10,576	2 - 3	2 - 3	1
Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth	4,833	6 - 7	6 - 7	4
Rectangular fields: football field	16,971	1 - 2	1 - 2	0
Multiuse courts - basketball, volleyball	20,040	1 - 2	1 - 2	1
Multipurpose synthetic field	22,000	1 - 2	1 - 2	0
Outdoor swimming pool	25,107	0 - 1	0 - 1	0*

\*While the city does not own/operate an outdoor swimming pool, Red Oaks Waterpark is located within the city. There is a fee for admission to this county facility.

# State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

The DNR includes a Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional recreation Open Space and Trails (see Table 3-5) for the development of recreation plans. On the pages that follow, these standards outline recommendations for developed recreation acreage and for the various types of recreation activities; however, it should be noted that these standards are guidelines and the city should consider other recreation opportunities within the area as well as the ability to maintain community facilities. These standards are compared with the recreation opportunities provided by the city in the table and map on the following pages.

<b>TABLE 3-5 RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL RECREATION OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS</b>					
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population	Acres / 1,000 Population
				(min)	(max)
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25	0.5
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1	2
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.		Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5	8
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.		Variable
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable
Regional   Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5	10
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable

**TABLE 3-6  
MADISON HEIGHTS COMPARISON TO MDNR RECOMMENDED  
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL RECREATION  
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS**

Classification	Madison Heights 2019 Population		Madison Heights 2045 Projected Population		Existing (acres)	Recommended (acres)	Comments
	30,008		29,757				
	Min (acres)	Max (acres)	Min (acres)	Max (acres)			
Mini-Park	1	2	1	2	2.5 acres	11-25 acres	Explore opportunities through-out the community to add new community parks
Neighborhood Park	4	5	4	8	28.9 acres	4-8 acres	Explore opportunities to enhance existing neighborhood parks
School-Park					-	-	The city currently utilizes several nearby school facilities to meet the recreation needs of the residents; additional opportunities could be explored
Community Park	20	32	20	32	100.4 acres	260+ acres	Explore opportunities to enhance existing community parks
Large Urban Park					-	-	Not needed
Natural Resource Areas					-	7.5+	Opportunities to add natural resource areas could be explored at George W. Suarez Friendship Woods
Regional   Metropolitan Park	229	457	260	520	770	-	
Greenways					1	1+	Add trails/shared use paths—refer to future Complete Streets plan.

MAP 3-3 CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS PARK SERVICE AREA



Data Source: Roads: MGF v17a; Map Exported: November 19, 2020; ©2020 Giffels Webster.



0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Mini-Park

Neighborhood Park

School

Community Park

5-Minute Walk Radius (1/4 Mile)

10-Minute Walk Radius (1/2 Mile)

20 Minute Walk Radius (1 Mile)





# Planning Process

## Planning Process

The recreation planning process in Madison Heights is intended to involve individuals who represent a broad cross-section of the community's population. The City Council is responsible for implementing the Recreation Plan, but the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board provides input, analysis and recommendations. The planning process began with an inventory of all City of Madison Heights' parks facilities, county and regional parks, as well as local school facilities. A survey was developed and posted online.

Using the inventory, the results of the public workshop and survey findings, this Recreation Plan identifies strengths and opportunities of the current parks facilities, along with goals for the future. The draft plan, along with a 5-year action program of priority projects, will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

## Open House

The City hosted an open house in December 2019 in order to hear directly from citizens and solicit feedback on the future recreation needs of the City. Approximately 20 residents voiced their feedback on various discussion topics related to park access, frequently used parks, and how they would like to see the City spend their money moving forward. One of the open house exercises asked each resident how they would allocate a \$40 investment into the park system, the equivalent of Madison Heights annual spending on parks per resident. Thirteen residents participated and 'spent' \$520; the results are ranked below.

Residents would allocate their share of parks and recreation funds in the following ways:

Community Center	24%
New Playgrounds	21%
Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment	15%
Programming	12%
Parks Maintenance	12%
Splash Pad	10%
Active Adult Center	7%
Nature Center	4%

## Online Survey

The online survey generated 439 responses and measured basic familiarity with the park system, perceptions of park quality and maintenance, and desired recreational facilities and services. The results indicated the following trends:

- The largest cohort of park users is the 35-54 age group, followed by the under 5 and 6-12 age groups. This range of frequent park users demonstrates the importance that parks are designed for users of all ages and abilities.
- The most commonly visited parks [ranked] are: Rosie's Park, Friendship Woods/Nature Park, and the Civic Center Park; more than half of all survey takers indicated they visit these parks frequently. Gravel Park and Silverleaf Park were among the least visited.
- Survey respondents indicated the top five most commonly used amenities include the use of running and walking trails (with restrooms), the nature center, picnic tables and play structures, respectively.
- Festival in the Park, family activities, Madison Heights Public Library activities and programs, and Red Oaks County parks programs ranked among the highest in community participation, while summer day camps and youth sports camps were among the least.



Discussion during the Parks and Recreation Open House, December 12, 2019 (Giffels Webster)



## Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives formulated by the City are the basis for the recreation planning process and form the framework for decision-making regarding recreational facilities and programs in the City. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to pursue long-range recreational goals through specific short-range action strategies.

The following goals and objectives were adopted with the 2015 Recreation Plan and found, through the planning process, to continue to be relevant. The goals are based on the findings of the inventory and service areas analysis and have been correlated with the goals of the City's Master Plan.

The recreation goals and objectives are not prioritized. The yearly Action Program that follows will detail the specific actions necessary to achieve those goals that are short-range in nature.

### WHAT ARE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND STRATEGIES?

- Goals are general guidelines that explain what the community wants to achieve. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as "protect the City's natural resources." Goals define the "what" but not the "how." Goals are established in the Master Plan Use Plan.
- Objectives identify the milestones that mark progress in achieving goals – more of the "how." For example, the goal of "protect the City's natural resources" could be measured in terms of "Maintain the City's tree cover." Objectives are plan-specific and are included here.
- Action items are more specific and define the steps to accomplish objectives and attain the identified goals – these could be considered the "who" and "when." The most effective action strategies will include who will tackle that task and when it should be accomplished.

#### GOAL: Provide facilities for active recreation for a wide range of individuals and age groups

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Develop and maintain recreation facilities that are accessible and that provide opportunities for persons with disabilities
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Develop and maintain recreation facilities that provide active recreation opportunities for youth, adults, and elderly citizens in the community.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Develop and maintain adequate playgrounds, playfields and recreational facilities that meet the needs of the City's population.

#### GOAL: Continue to provide recreation programs that are suited to the City's current and anticipated population

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Monitor and adjust programs to reflect changing recreation preferences, community needs, and population characteristics.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Continue to support and expand active adult center recreation programs.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Establish a memorial tree fund, sustained by contributions.

## Goals & Objectives

### GOAL: Provide opportunities for passive recreation for a wide range of individuals and age groups

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Incorporate passive recreation into the design and function of City facilities where appropriate by providing amenities such as walking trails, benches, and picnic facilities.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Promote the establishment of a local land trust, or encourage cooperative efforts with existing conservancy organizations, to identify, manage, and protect natural features and open spaces.

### GOAL: Acquire appropriate land to expand existing park facilities and services

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Identify land areas adjacent to existing parks that provide logical expansion opportunities.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Identify existing underutilized sites that may be converted to recreation/park use.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Time land acquisition so as to take advantage of lowest possible purchase price.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Identify and maintain funding sources for land acquisition.

### GOAL: Implement City's proposed Bike Trailways Study

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Use the study to identify an appropriate action plan and priorities for construction of proposed trail segments.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Maintain the condition of existing park facilities.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Provide continuous routes with minimal gaps.
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Develop a system of wayfinding signs .
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Minimize the environmental impact of trail development .
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Maximize visibility and physical access to trails from streets and other public lands.

# Goals & Objectives

## GOAL: Enhance recreational facilities and user experience at Civic Center Park

OBJECTIVE	Rehabilitate Pavilions A & B to allow for improved access and use by a variety of park users.
OBJECTIVE	Develop a reuse plan for the skate park.
OBJECTIVE	Evaluate the existing play equipment for on-going maintenance and replacement.

## GOAL: Improve safety and sense of security for park users

OBJECTIVE	Upgrade lighting at Rosie's Park and Huffman Park to increase security and safety.
OBJECTIVE	Consider installation of additional lighting along pathways.
OBJECTIVE	Continue to enhance barrier-free access to park facilities.
OBJECTIVE	Add soft-fall surfacing around appropriate play equipment.
OBJECTIVE	Remove and replace outdated play equipment.
OBJECTIVE	Develop a safety plan for monitoring parks, including expanded police and park ranger presence.

## GOAL: Improve maintenance at all parks

OBJECTIVE	Evaluate existing play equipment for on-going maintenance and replacement.
OBJECTIVE	Use Accessibility Checklist to evaluate accessibility of play equipment and facilities for all users.
OBJECTIVE	Schedule more frequent trash pick-up for heavy-use parks.
OBJECTIVE	Replace underutilized parking lots with top soil and seed.
OBJECTIVE	Update signage at all parks to create uniformity.

# Inventory of Proposed Park Improvements

City staff and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board have identified the following park improvements that should be targeted for the 2021-2025 5-year cycle. Many of these improvements will be included in on-going maintenance of the City's park system. Several of the larger-scale projects may become the subject of future recreation grant applications and/or included within future Madison Heights capital improvements planning.

## General Park System Needs

- Landscaping and tree planting
- Various park property purchases/acquisitions including 1) Breton parcel on Hales, 2) Behind 30526 Winthrop
- Bike trail system
- Replace park shelter building roofs

## Ambassador Park

- Add small pavilion
- Resurface tennis courts

## Civic Center Park

- Rehabilitate Park Pavilions A & B
- Add totscape and soft fall surfacing
- Develop skate park reuse plan
- Lighted ice skating and tennis
- Festival area
- Re-open warming shelter

## George W. Suarez Friendship Woods

- Tree cutting—15 year cycle at \$30,000 per cycle
- Nature Center parking lot resurfacing (possibly remove island)
- Possible land purchases

## Rosie's Park

- Purchase and install new pavilion
- Add 9-hole disc golf course
- Add covered awning over concession stand service area
- Upgrade lighting

## Edison Park

- Replace play structure
- Replace baseball backstop
- Rehabilitate Parking lot
- Monitor former Edison School status

## Former Sunset Park Site

- Monitor former Halfman School status

## Huffman Park

- Replace furnace in concession/equipment building
- Add pavilion (in place of basketball court)
- Upgrade lighting

## Red Oaks (County Park)

- The Oakland County Parks and Recreation 2018-2022 Park Plan notes golf course tunnel replacement, water slide painting and rust repair, river ride and kiddie pool bottom repair and painting, waterpark public address system replacement, nature center HVAC replacement; update to nature exhibits

## Twelve/Sherry Park

- Replace 12 Mile fence and fence around Magic Square
- Install soft fall surfacing

## Greenleaf Park

- Replace two baseball backstops

## Wildwood Park

- Resurface parking lot

# Action Plan

The City's long range plan for recreational facilities and programs is based on the goals and objectives developed during the planning process. The Action Program describes what the City hopes to achieve in the near future. The City has identified the following main priorities for the next five years:

Proposed Park Improvement	Estimated Cost	Priority Status Year
<b>AMBASSADOR PARK</b>		
Add small pavilion	\$15,000	3
Resurface tennis courts	TBD	3
<b>CIVIC CENTER PARK</b>		
Rehabilitate Park Pavilions A & B	\$10,000	1
Add totscape and soft fall surface	TBD	4
Develop skate park reuse plan	\$35,000	2
<b>GEORGE W. SUAREZ FRIENDSHIP WOODS</b>		
Tree cutting - 15 year cycle (\$30k per cycle)	\$30,000	5
Nature Center parking lot resurfacing	TBD	5
Possible land purchases	TBD	5
<b>ROSIE'S PARK</b>		
Purchase and install new pavilion	\$50,000	5
Add 9-hole disc golf course	TBD	5
Add covered awning over concession stand service area	\$50,000	3
Upgrade lighting	TBD	1
<b>EDISON PARK</b>		
Replace playscape and add soft fall surfacing	\$50,000	1
Remove gravel parking lot and replace with lawn	\$7,000 - \$10,000	1
Monitor Edison School Status	-	Ongoing
<b>FORMER SUNSET PARK SITE</b>		
Monitor former Halfman School site	-	Ongoing
<b>HUFFMAN PARK</b>		
Replace furnace in concession building	\$5,000	-
Add pavilion	\$30,000	1
Upgrade lighting	TBD	4
<b>RED OAKS (COUNTY PARK)</b>		
See Oakland County Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022	-	-



Proposed Park Improvement	Estimated Cost	Priority Status Year
<b>TWELVE/SHERRY PARK</b>		
Install soft fall surface	TBD	TBD
Replace 12 Mile fence and fence around Magic Square	\$10,000	3
<b>GREENLEAF PARK</b>		
Replace two baseball backstops and dugout	\$30,000	2
<b>WILDWOOD PARK</b>		
Resurface parking lot	\$30,000	1
<b>SYSTEM WIDE IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Landscaping and tree planting	\$10,000 (match)	1
Various park property purchases	\$150,000 budget	5
Bike trail system (see complete streets plan)	\$100,000	4

PROPOSED PARK IMPROVEMENTS 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN		
2021		
PARK	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Civic Center Park	Rehabilitate Park Pavilions A & B	\$10,000
Rosie's Park	Upgrade Lighting	TBD
Edison Park	Replace playscape and add soft fall surfacing	\$50,000
Huffman Park	Add Pavilion	\$30,000
System wide	Landscape and tree planting	\$10,000
Total estimated for 2021		\$50,000
2022		
PARK	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Civic Center Park	Develop skate park re-use plan	\$35,000
Greenleaf Park	Replace baseball backstops	\$30,000
Edison Park	Rehabilitate parking lot	\$10,000
Total estimated for 2022		\$75,000
2023		
PARK	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Ambassador Park	Add small pavilion	\$15,000
Ambassador Park	Resurface tennis courts	TBD
Rosie's Park	Add covered awning over concession stand service area	\$50,000
Twelve/Sherry	Replace 12 Mile fence around Magic Square	\$10,000
Total estimated for 2023		\$75,000
2024		
PARK	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Civic Center	Add totscape and soft fall surface	TBD
Huffman Park	Upgrade Lighting	TBD
Systemwide	Bike trail system (see complete streets plan)	\$100,000
Total estimated for 2024		\$100,000
2025		
PARK	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Systemwide	Various park property purchases	\$100,000
George W. Suarez Friendship Woods	Tree cutting - 15 year cycle (\$30k per cycle)	\$25,000
	Nature Center parking lot resurfacing	\$30,000 (\$12,500 City Share)
Rosie's Park	Purchase and install new pavilion	\$50,000
Rosie's Park	Add 9-hole disc golf course	TBD
Total estimated for 2025		\$205,000



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# Appendix

## A. COMPLETED DNR CHECKLIST

### APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management  
**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION 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 and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

#### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

City of Madison Heights Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Madison Heights

Oakland

January 2021

#### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

##### ☒ 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

##### ☒ 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- ☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- ☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- ☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- ☒ Current Funding Sources
- ☒ Role of Volunteers
- ☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

##### **Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

- ☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation

##### ☒ 3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☐ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

##### ☒ 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

##### ☒ 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

## 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 the Notice October 28, 2020

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 54 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 November 25, 2020

Name of Newspaper Oakland Press and Royal Oak Tribune

Date of Meeting December 14, 2020

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

## 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## 8. ACTION PROGRAM

## 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

### PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

**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: December 14, 2020
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Madison Heights Park and Recreation Advisory Board Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: November 19, 2020
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 19, 2021
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 19, 2021

### 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*

(Local Unit of Government) *includes the required content, as indicated*

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

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# Appendix

## B. RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL



# City of Madison Heights

City Hall Municipal Offices  
300 W. Thirteen Mile Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Department of Public Services  
801 Ajax Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Fire Department  
31313 Brush Street  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Police Department  
280 W. Thirteen Mile Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

[www.madison-heights.org](http://www.madison-heights.org)

The following is an excerpt from the Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights City Council, Madison Heights, Oakland County, Michigan held on December 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Mayor Grafstein and Mayor Pro Tem Soltis. Councilmembers: Bliss, Corbett, Gettings, and Rohrbach.

Absent: Clark.

### **CM-20-338. Adoption of 2021-2025 Recreation Master Plan.**

Motion by Councilman Gettings, seconded by Councilman Bliss, to adopt the Recreation Master Plan with the following resolution, and authorize staff to submit to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources:

### The City of Madison Heights Recreation Plan 2021-2025

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights 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 2021 through 2025, and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights began the process of developing a 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 City of Madison Heights 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 remotely by teleconference on December 14, 2020, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the (name of recreation and natural resource conservation plan), and

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#### Area Code (248)

Assessing.....	858-0776	Fire Department.....	583-3605	Nature Center .....	585-0100
City Clerk.....	583-0826	43rd District Court.....	583-1800	Police Department .....	585-2100
City Manager.....	583-0829	Housing Commission.....	583-0843	Purchasing .....	837-2602
Community Development .....	583-0831	Human Resources.....	583-0828	Recreation .....	589-2294
Department of Public Services.....	589-2294	Library .....	588-7763	Senior Citizen Center.....	545-3464
Finance .....	583-0846	Mayor & City Council .....	583-0829	Water & Treasurer .....	583-0845



# Appendix

## C. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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MADISON HEIGHTS, CITY OF  
300 W 13 MILE ROAD

MADISON HEIGHTS, MI 48071  
Attention: Cheryl Rottmann

STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

The undersigned Andy Slater, being duly sworn the he/she is the principal clerk of Royal Oak Tribune, Oakland Press, theoaklandpress.com, published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which are duly qualified newspapers, and the annexed hereto is a copy of certain order, notice, publication or advertisement of:

#### MADISON HEIGHTS, CITY OF

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**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**  
**DRAFT RECREATION PLAN FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

A public hearing is scheduled December 14, 2020 at 7:30 P.M., via ZOOM Video Conferencing, at the Madison Heights City Council meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft 2021 - 2025 Recreation Plan prior to its consideration and adoption by City Council.

**Directions for Video Conferencing:**  
Enter the web address into your browser -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89597911119>  
1. Tap the JOIN icon  
2. Enter the meeting ID: 895 9791 1119

OR

**Directions for Telephone Option:**  
Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6765 US (Chicago)  
Meeting ID: 895 9791 1119

A complete draft of the 2021 - 2025 Madison Heights Recreation Plan is available for public review and comment online by following the link at <https://www.madison-heights.org/DocumentCenter/View/4325/Recreation-Plan-2021-2025-DRAFT-for-public-review>

Written comments will be accepted at the City Hall, 300 W Thirteen Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Oral comments will be heard during the meeting. For additional information, contact the City at 248.588.1200

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Posted in local publication on week of November 23, 2020.



## Appendix

### D. NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD POSTED TO CITY WEBSITE WITH FULL COPY OF DRAFT 2021-2025 PLAN

#### City of Madison Heights DRAFT RECREATION PLAN REVIEW PERIOD

A complete draft of the 2021-2025 Madison Heights Recreation Plan is available for public review and comment from October 19, 2020 – November 19, 2020. Copies of the draft can be viewed at the Madison Heights City Hall during regular business hours or online by following the link at <https://www.madison-heights.org/302/Recreation>

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Publish once prior to October 19, 2019.

# Appendix

## E. CITY COUNCIL, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES (PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION)

Regular Meeting  
Madison Heights City Council  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
December 14, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights City Council was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. electronically via ZOOM Video Conferencing and in the Municipal Building at 300 West Thirteen Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Grafstein (in-person) and Mayor Pro Tem Soltis (Madison Heights, Oakland County). Councilmembers: Bliss (Madison Heights, Oakland County), Oakland County), Corbett (Madison Heights, Oakland County), Gettings (Madison Heights, Oakland County), Rohrbach (Madison Heights, Oakland County).

Absent: Councilwoman Clark

Others Present: City Manager Marsh, City Attorney Sherman and City Clerk Rottmann

Mayor Pro Tem Soltis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **CM-20-334. Excuse Councilmember.**

Motion by Councilman Corbett, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Soltis, to excuse Councilwoman Clark from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Bliss, Corbett, Gettings, Rohrbach, Soltis, Grafstein

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Motion carried.

### **CM-20-335. Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Soltis, seconded by Councilman Gettings, to add agenda item D-6, *Agreement between the Madison Heights Firefighters Association and the City of Madison Heights*, to tonight's agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Corbett, Gettings, Rohrbach, Soltis, Bliss, Grafstein

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Motion carried.

**CM-20-336. Presentation: Crisis Response Team Certificates of Recognition.**

City Manager Marsh read the Certificates of Recognition for long-serving members of the Crisis Response Team, Marilyn Mayle and Sarah Karas. City Council members thanked Ms. Mayle and Ms. Karas for their dedicated service to the community and commended them for their positive impact on the many people they have helped.

Marilyn Mayle said it was an honor to serve on the team and stated she was saddened that the Crisis Response Team was being disbanded.

**CM-20-337. Public Hearing for Recreation Master Plan.**

Mayor Grafstein opened the Public Hearing for the Recreation Master Plan at 7:39 p.m.

Merri Busch, resident, stated that the Recreation Master Plan did an excellent job on the content and analysis of existing parks and proposed plan objectives. She stated that she would like to see a park in the area between 696 and Lincoln and proposed a collaborative effort between the City and Madison District Public Schools for a project she suggested be entitled Sunrise Park Cooperative. She added that the area needs to be fenced for safety, the baseball diamond should be converted to a basketball ½ court, perhaps a small dog park, an activity sidewalk be put in place, and suggested a small pavilion, benches, picnic tables, and include a fixed chess table and associated benches and the planting of more trees.

Seeing no one further wishing to comment, Mayor Grafstein closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Jill Bahm, Giffels Webster, noted that the Madison Heights park system is unique for the area. She continued that the Recreation Master Plan adheres to the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources guidelines for grant funding and the deadline for adoption of the plan is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights 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 2021 through 2025, and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights began the process of developing a 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 City of Madison Heights 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 remotely by teleconference on December 14, 2020, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the (name of recreation and natural resource conservation plan), and

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

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City Council voted to adopt said recreation plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Madison Heights hereby adopts the City of Madison Heights Recreation Plan for 2021-2025.

Councilman Gettings stated that a lot of work went into this plan and a great job was done.

Councilman Bliss asked about the priorities of the plan as it pertains to the addition of a pavilion versus adding a park amenity such as outdoor exercise equipment or splash pad. Department of Public Service Director Almas noted that the plan is a guideline to help parks and recreation implementation.

Councilman Bliss added that what our goals are in writing make a difference and he would prefer the addition of a popular amenity over an additional pavilion. He requested that staff return with how the rankings of priorities was determined.

Council Rohrbach commented that the input from the community started last year and has been ongoing. All the information was used to create the Recreation Master Plan. She agrees with Councilman Bliss that there are more opportunities out there. The Plan is a guideline but it can be changed. The pavilion question came up a lot in the surveys and it is being asked for. Having outdoor facilities is good thing to have in this day and age and will add value to the park system.

Ms. Bahm noted that people want a lot of amenities and the balance is not only in the building, but the maintenance and ongoing costs associated with those amenities. Through this process we need to study the concepts and decide as a community if we are to move forward. Each year, as you move into the Capital Improvement Program, you will use this plan to help guide the choices.

Councilman Corbett stated that he serves on the Parks & Rec Board and people agree that a splash pad was a desired amenity, but we have limited amount of money. Consideration has to be taken for what we need, in addition to replacement of existing structures and associated costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Soltis concurred with Councilman Bliss and Councilman Corbett on their vision for a splash pad and agrees that City should take a hard look at the concept.

Mayor Grafstein inquired about the accuracy of the accessibility ranking of Wildwood Park and noted that most of the parks seemed to be ranked at a 1. She asked what the plan is to address improvements for accessibility in the City's park system. Public Services Director Almas stated that he believes that section was not updated to reflect the new equipment at Wildwood Park and should be corrected. He also noted that improvements are going to be made that will increase the rankings that may be more than gradual in nature. Ms. Bahm added that it also makes sense to make gradual improvements throughout the city to make sure changes are equitable.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Gettings, Rohrbach, Soltis, Bliss, Corbett, Grafstein

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Motion Carried.



**CM-20-339. Meeting Open to the Public.**

City Clerk Rottmann read comments into the record from resident Elizabeth Blomenberg. Ms. Blomenberg commented about the culture of the City, noting it was flawed by many of the employees who are not residents of the City. She stated that she believes the city has a culture of inaction and paternalist approach towards resident's wants and needs. She stated that Council needs to have an understanding of best practices as it relates to urban planning, civil engineering, library science, etc. Residents need to be effectively utilized to accomplish goals. The City needs to learn from other Oakland County communities, partner to provide cost effective services and build new programs and events together. Strive to do better, take more classes, build more relationships, meet more residents.

**CM-20-340. Authorization to Distribute 2020 Master Plan.**

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Councilman Bliss, to authorize the City to distribute the draft 2020 Master Plan to neighboring communities and reviewing agencies as required by law.

Jill Bahm, Giffels-Webster, gave an overview of the Master Plan process to date. She stated that various boards and commissions of the City met to discuss recreation, appearance of commercial corridor, and the non-motorized core. In addition, demographics and a market assessment are included in the Master Plan. There was public input, including a virtual open house and surveys, and noted that input received was very consistent. The last Master Plan to be adopted by the City was in 1990, and while there have been updates, but this is the first whole revision since that time. The Master Plan addresses what the City wishes to achieve in the next twenty years. How we can utilize the neighborhoods and activate them as a means for communication can further enhance the offerings Madison Heights has. The plan includes redevelopment sites. The Master plan is a guideline to make policy decisions for the next 15-20 years. This is the opportunity to send out the proposed Master Plan to surrounding communities and is required by statute.

Councilman Bliss stated that he was excited about the plan. This is a great opportunity to say what we want the City to look like in 20 years and it will help give our staff the tools that they need to bring us to that vision. The future land use is a great way to see the vision of the Planning Commission, including a new designation of Mixed-Use. This designation will allow flexibility.

Councilor Rohrbach agreed that this is our opportunity to guide the City to the future and make progress.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rohrbach, Soltis, Bliss, Corbett, Gettings, Grafstein

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Motion Carried.

**CM-20-350. Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County.**

Motion by Councilman Corbett, seconded by Councilman Gettings, to approve the Interlocal Agreement and resolution approved and adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to name Oakland County Equalization officer David Hieber as Designated Assessor from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, as required by Public Act 660 of 2018 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Soltis, Bliss, Corbett, Gettings, Rohrbach, Grafstein

Nays: None

Absent: Clark

Motion Carried.

**CM-20-351. Concurring Resolution for the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) updated Industrial Pretreatment Prevention (IPP) Rules.**

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Councilman Corbett, to adopt the following resolution concurring with the updated IPP rules and regulations, with subsequent amendments as necessary:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS  
TO CONCUR IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING  
INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM AS ADOPTED  
BY THE GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Water Authority ("GLWA") is a Michigan municipal authority and public body corporate organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of Michigan Public Act No.233 of 1955, as amended, MCL 124.281, *et seq.* ("Act 233"), for the purpose of establishing a regional sewage disposal system to operate, control, and improve the sewage disposal system leased from the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 233, the City of Madison Heights is a constituent municipality of the GLWA; and



**Madison Heights Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting – Approved Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**Electronically via ZOOM (due to COVID-19)**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Jerry Dzeroogian called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chairman Jerry Dzeroogian, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Brian Gettel, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Jeremy Carroll, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Sandra Quackenbush, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Mike Morris, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Councilor Emily Rohrbach, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Councilman Bob Corbett (alternate), attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Corey Almas, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Brooke Heisler, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Sean Ballantine, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI  
Matt Pardy, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI

**Absent:** Earl Stone (excused), Jamie Bommarito, Jason Theodoroff (alternate), Joe McNab, Rob Borngesser, Mark Kimble.

**Additional people present:** Jill Bahm attending remotely from West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, MI, and Matt Wojciechowski, attending remotely from Hazel Park, Oakland County, MI (GiffelsWebster)

**A. Excuse Absences**

Motion to excuse the absences of the board members who notified DPS that they would not be able to attend: Motion by Carroll, seconded by Gettel - unanimous approval.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020**

Motion by Morris, seconded by Quackenbush, to approve the minutes as written – unanimous approval.

**IV. Meeting Open to the Public**

**A. No public was present.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

**A. Recreation Master Plan – Bahm and Wojciechowski reported:**

The Action item before the Board is to approve and send to Council for adoption. There would be a public hearing at the Council meeting of December 14. The deadline for submission to the DNR is February 1, 2021. In the event of input from the public at the Public Hearing, further changes can be made in the plan when it goes to City Council.



Ballantine reported that there has been no public comment over the 30 day public review period.

Corbett asked about the section relating to Senior recreation facilities. Bahm explained that the one of the best management practices adopted in the Recreation Master Plan is to have play/exercise equipment for all ages; seniors with grandkids, for example.

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Gettel, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends approval of the Recreation Master Plan by the City Council – unanimous approval.

**VI. Student Report**

- A. Madison High School – Vacant
- B. Lamphere High School – Absent
- C. Bishop Foley High School - Vacant

**VII. School Board Representative Report**

- A. Madison District – Absent
- B. Lamphere District – Absent

**VIII. Council Report**

Councilor Emily Rohrbach reported:

- A. Reflected on the Master Plan process with the Parks and Rec Board. Gave update on the other boards as it related to the Holiday Lights drive-through tree lighting event. Arts board is adding interesting events, encouraged all of the other boards to participate in some way. Quackenbush asked what the timeline of the tree lighting would be. Rohrbach responded that it was a one-night event, 6:30pm-7:30pm on November 30. Almas gave details on the logistics of the traffic flow pattern, and some of the planned events. Dzeroogian reflected that this was the life we live in, and this is a safe alternative to have an event.
- B. The ECC is working on several projects, tree plantings are coming up, hoping to continue the momentum with ROW tree replacements. ECC would also be involved with the KaBOOM grant to create a play area in front of the library, as far as the plantings are concerned.
- C. Human Rights and Equity Commission is looking at doing some community events in the parks, to celebrate the community and diversity.
- D. Boards and Commissions are extremely active, and just because you are seated on a different board does not mean that you cannot serve on the sub-committee of another board.
- E. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rosie's Park mural. Completely privately funded by Holistic Industries, which helped a lot, as the Arts Board was unable to fundraise as they normally would due to COVID-19.
- F. Interactive mural at Civic Center Park, and also working on a Storybook Trail. Intent is to make the parks more interactive and fun.

Councilman Corbett reported:

- G. City Hall has closed to the public due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions, conducting in-person business is by appointment only. Library has gone back to grab-and-go out of the lobby. Hope is that these measures are for the short-term. Concurred with Councilor

Rohrbach that the boards are doing fine work, especially in light of COVID-19

#### **IX. Administration Report**

Corey Almas reported:

- A. The Active Adult advisory board approved moving forward with the feasibility study to relocate the Center to the Civic Center campus, and renovate the Library and City Hall. Still in the early stages, but it appears that it is currently financially feasible, and would be a very positive improvement to all facilities. Carroll asked about what would happen to the existing facility, Almas explained.
- B. Road construction projects are wrapping up, it was an extremely busy construction year. Sidewalk program finished two years early, plan is to monitor from here on out.
- C. DPS is doing leaf collection, going very well. Bulk is picked up, now focusing on detailed cleanups.
- D. Crews are setting up lights and decorations at the Civic Center Campus.
- E. Strategic plan is coming up, DPS is meeting with them tomorrow.
- F. Detailed the COVID response plans.

#### **X. Oakland County Parks & Recreation Report**

Matt Pardy reported:

- A. Parks millage was approved for 10 years, puts Parks on a stable financial footing. Benefit: Seniors, veterans/active military and disabled receive free Parks vehicle pass. Rohrbach asked where seniors could get permits; Matt responded: Nature center, dog park, or can print out and mail in a form. All other Oakland County parks also offer the permit.
- B. Gearing up for winter.
- C. Continuing outdoor nature education programming on a limited basis. Hibernation program coming up Saturday, Storybook Trail walk coming up. Virtual programs are coming up, but with a craft element; obtain the kit, and then do it at their own home along with others virtually. Winter programming is in the air, due to COVID restrictions, and inability to do many outdoors due to weather.
- D. Dog park operating, golf course closed last Sunday. Very good year for the golf course.
- E. Water park construction continues with the new children's area. Completion slated for spring.

#### **XI. Recreation Report**

Brooke Heisler reported:

- A. Employee day camp is still running, has been highly successful, especially with schools going back to virtual learning. The response has been great, Brooke has enjoyed the program. End is December 18.
- B. Working on winter recreation brochure, looking at how to run limited programming with the necessary guidelines and restrictions. Newsletter will be online due to pandemic, to allow for it to be more fluid. Almas added that it was the most cost-effective option, particularly with the very real possibility of needing to change events.
- C. GlowGolf happened in October. 31 participants, the event has seen a resurgence in the last couple years.
- D. Quackenbush asked about whether programs would be virtual or in-person. Heisler responded that the majority of teachers are not enthused to be doing virtual, and it would not well serve the programs if the teacher is not on board. Almas added that the pandemic continues to dictate what we can do responsibly.

- E. Morris offered that he, as a PE teacher, found virtual to be a challenge, but he is seeing more instructors start to get on board.
- F. Quackenbush asked if we would be interested in new instructors, Brooke responded very much in the affirmative. Morris offered to send some her way as well.

**XII. Streets/Facilities/Parks Report**

Sean Ballantine reported:

- A. Events continue to be curtailed due to the uncertain nature of COVID-19.
- B. DPS continues to be tasked with COVID supply logistics and building management measures, staff has admirably risen to the task.
- C. The City has taken this very seriously, detailed the procedure for employee screening and building mitigation to the Board.

**XIII. New Business**

- A. No new business was brought before the Board.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion by Gettel, seconded by Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm – unanimous approval.



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## F. PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF SURVEY AND PUBLIC INPUT WORKSHOP

12/21/2020

Resident surveys to guide Madison Heights park upgrades, community development | Local News | dailytribune.com

[https://www.dailytribune.com/news/local/resident-surveys-to-guide-madison-heights-park-upgrades-community-development/article\\_52e75a28-0a43-11ea-bc7b-e37b0941c504.html](https://www.dailytribune.com/news/local/resident-surveys-to-guide-madison-heights-park-upgrades-community-development/article_52e75a28-0a43-11ea-bc7b-e37b0941c504.html)

FEATURED

### Resident surveys to guide Madison Heights park upgrades, community development

By Mike McConnell mmcconnell@medianewsgroup.com; @mmcconnell01 on Twitter  
Nov 18, 2019



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### G. TRANSMITTAL OF ADOPTED PLAN TO SEMCOG



January 19, 2021

SEMCOG  
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400  
Detroit, MI 48226

**SUBJECT:**     *City of Madison Heights Recreation Master Plan*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the City of Madison Heights, we are hereby transmitting a copy of the recently adopted Madison Heights Recreation Plan (2021-2025) for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Wojciechowski".

Matt Wojciechowski  
Associate Planner  
Giffels Webster

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### H. TRANSMITTAL OF ADOPTED PLAN TO OAKLAND COUNTY



January 19, 2021

Oakland County Parks  
1200 N. Telegraph Road  
Pontiac, Michigan 48341

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# Appendix

## I. DNR POST-COMPLETION CERTIFICATION REPORTS



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

### PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

**GRANT TYPE:** ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Madison Heights - Oakland County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 492

**PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

**PROJECT TITLE:** Simonds Woods Natural Area

**PROJECT SCOPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>City of Madison Heights</b>	Contact Person <b>R. Corey Almas, P.E.</b>	Title <b>DPS Director</b>
Address <b>801 Ajax Drive</b>	Telephone <b>(248) 589-2294 x2799</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Madison Heights, Michigan 48071</b>	Email <b>coreyalmas@madison-heights.org</b>	

#### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s). ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No







What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

TBD**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**



**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D****CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

 Please print	 Grantee Authorized Signature	 Date
 Please print	 Witness Signature	 Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Madison Heights - Oakland County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF97-032

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Suarez Woods Park Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Madison Heights	R. Corey Almas, P.E.	DPS Director
Address	Telephone	
801 Ajax Drive	(248) 589-2294 x2799	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Madison Heights, Michigan 48071	coreyalmas@madison-heights.org	

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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

#### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

This grant was an expansion of an previous acquisition; the entirety of the park has a sign, but there is not one for this specific area.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐ Yes ☒ No

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No**GENERAL**

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TBD**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D****CERTIFICATION**

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<u>R. COREY ALVAREZ</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>1/26/2021</u> Date
<u>Sean P. Berentine</u> Please print	<u>[Signature]</u> Witness Signature	<u>1/26/21</u> Date

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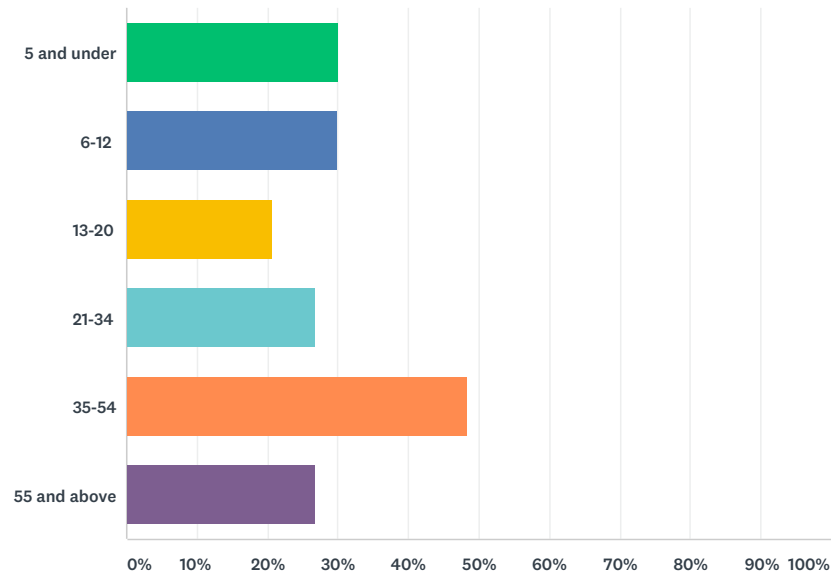
# Appendix

## J. PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

### Madison Heights Parks and Recreation 2019 Survey

Q1 Please identify the age groups of family members who are park users.

Answered: 439 Skipped: 2



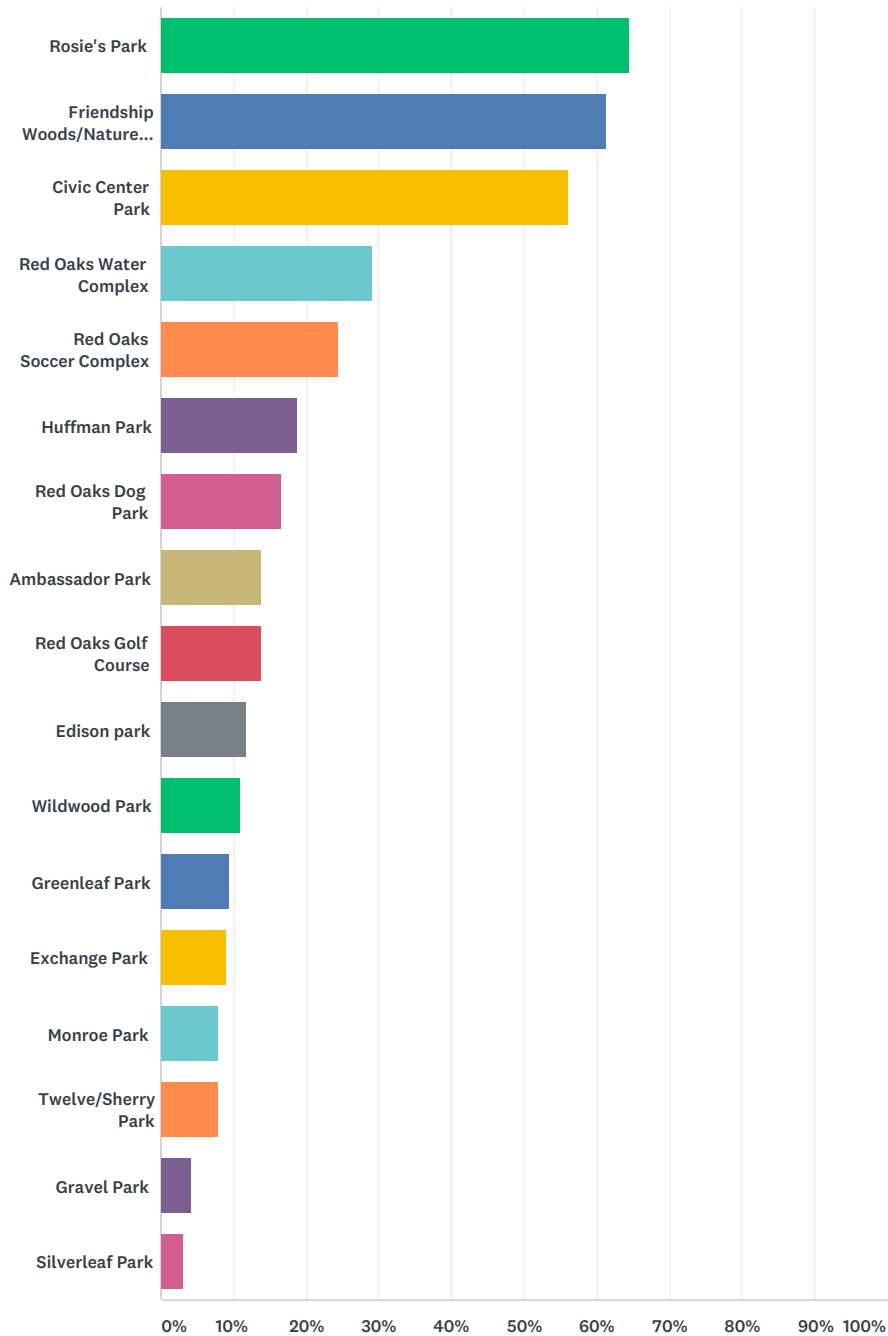
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5 and under	30.07%	132
6-12	29.84%	131
13-20	20.73%	91
21-34	26.88%	118
35-54	48.29%	212
55 and above	26.88%	118
Total Respondents: 439		

Q2 Please provide the zip code of your primary residence.

Answered: 435 Skipped: 6

### Q3 Which of the following Madison Heights parks do you visit/use?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rosie's Park	64.35%	278
Friendship Woods/Nature Center	61.34%	265
Civic Center Park	56.02%	242
Red Oaks Water Complex	29.17%	126
Red Oaks Soccer Complex	24.54%	106
Huffman Park	18.75%	81

# Madison Heights Parks and Recreation 2019 Survey

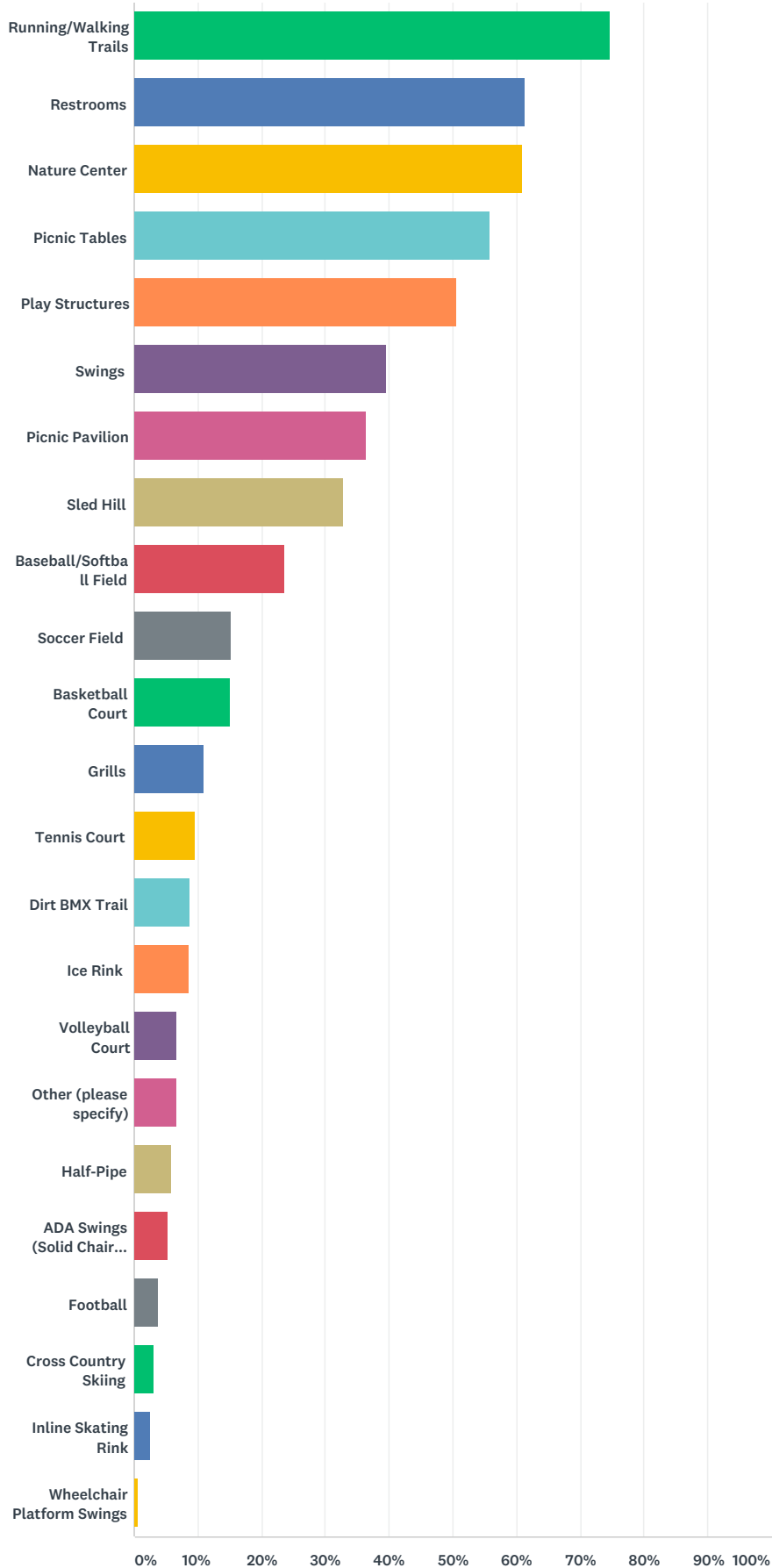
Red Oaks Dog Park	16.44%	71
Ambassador Park	13.89%	60
Red Oaks Golf Course	13.89%	60
Edison park	11.81%	51
Wildwood Park	10.88%	47
Greenleaf Park	9.49%	41
Exchange Park	9.03%	39
Monroe Park	7.87%	34
Twelve/Sherry Park	7.87%	34
Gravel Park	4.17%	18
Silverleaf Park	3.24%	14
Total Respondents: 432		



## Q4 Which of the following amenities do you use?

Answered: 434 Skipped: 7

# Madison Heights Parks and Recreation 2019 Survey



ANSWER CHOICES

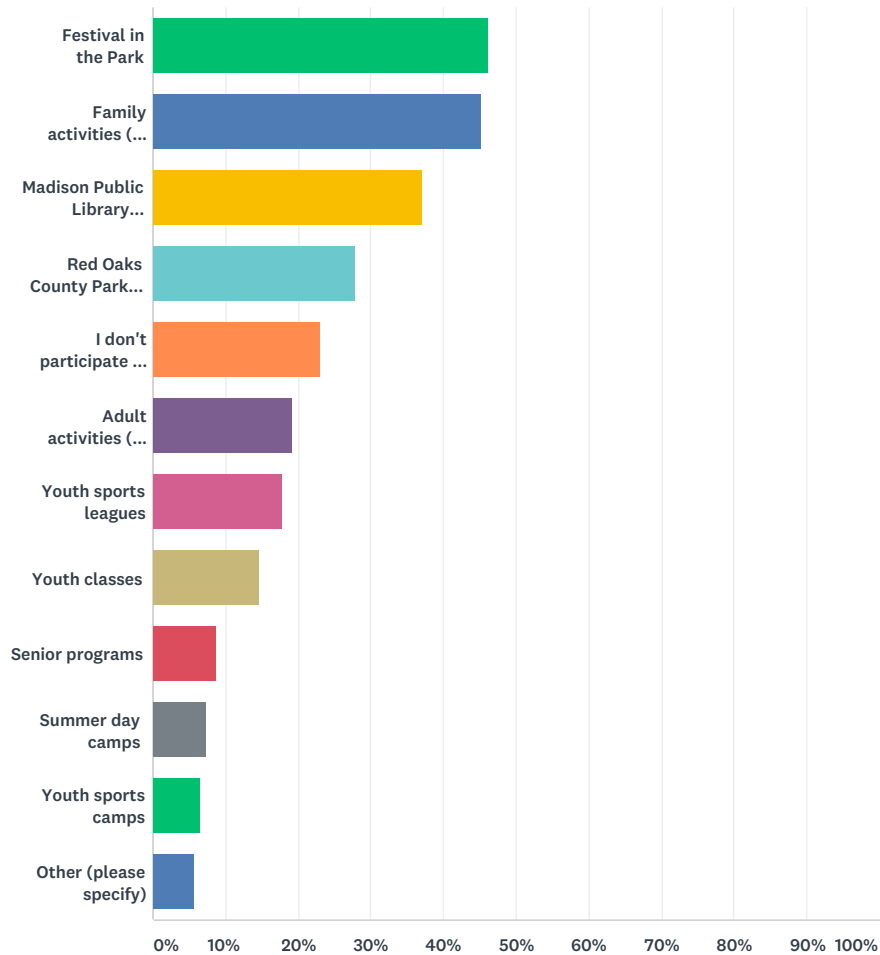
RESPONSES

# Madison Heights Parks and Recreation 2019 Survey

Running/Walking Trails	74.65%	324
Restrooms	61.29%	266
Nature Center	60.83%	264
Picnic Tables	55.76%	242
Play Structures	50.69%	220
Swings	39.63%	172
Picnic Pavilion	36.41%	158
Sled Hill	32.95%	143
Baseball/Softball Field	23.73%	103
Soccer Field	15.21%	66
Basketball Court	14.98%	65
Grills	10.83%	47
Tennis Court	9.68%	42
Dirt BMX Trail	8.76%	38
Ice Rink	8.53%	37
Volleyball Court	6.68%	29
Other (please specify)	6.68%	29
Half-Pipe	5.76%	25
ADA Swings (Solid Chair with Harness)	5.30%	23
Football	3.69%	16
Cross Country Skiing	3.23%	14
Inline Skating Rink	2.53%	11
Wheelchair Platform Swings	0.69%	3
Total Respondents: 434		

## Q5 What Madison Heights recreation programs do you participate in?

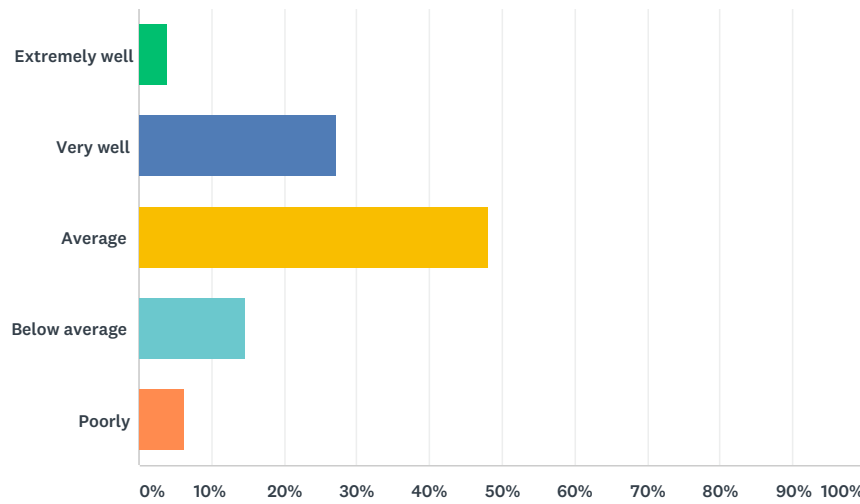
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Festival in the Park	46.15%	198
Family activities (ex: Memorial Day Parade & Breakfast; Golf Outing)	45.22%	194
Madison Public Library activities and programs	37.06%	159
Red Oaks County Park programs	27.74%	119
I don't participate in Madison Heights recreational programs	23.08%	99
Adult activities (ex: exercise classes, cooking, quilting, painting)	19.35%	83
Youth sports leagues	17.72%	76
Youth classes	14.69%	63
Senior programs	8.86%	38
Summer day camps	7.23%	31
Youth sports camps	6.53%	28
Other (please specify)	5.59%	24
Total Respondents: 429		

## Q6 How well does Madison Heights communicate about available recreation opportunities and facilities?

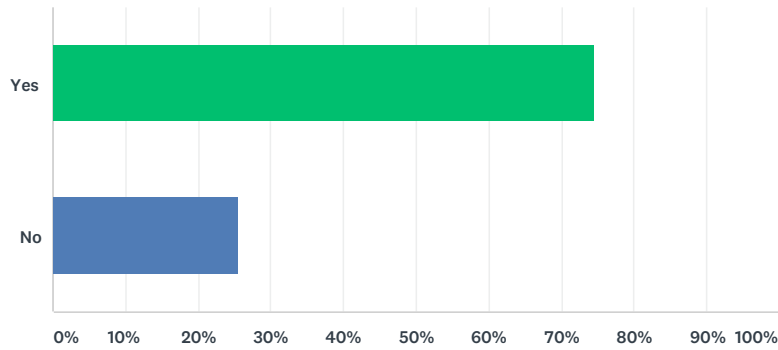
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely well	3.93%	17
Very well	27.25%	118
Average	48.04%	208
Below average	14.55%	63
Poorly	6.24%	27
TOTAL		433

## Q7 Do you use parks outside of Madison Heights?

Answered: 435 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.48%	324
No	25.52%	111
TOTAL		435

**Q8 What recreational activities or facilities would you like to see provided in Madison Heights?**

Answered: 278   Skipped: 163

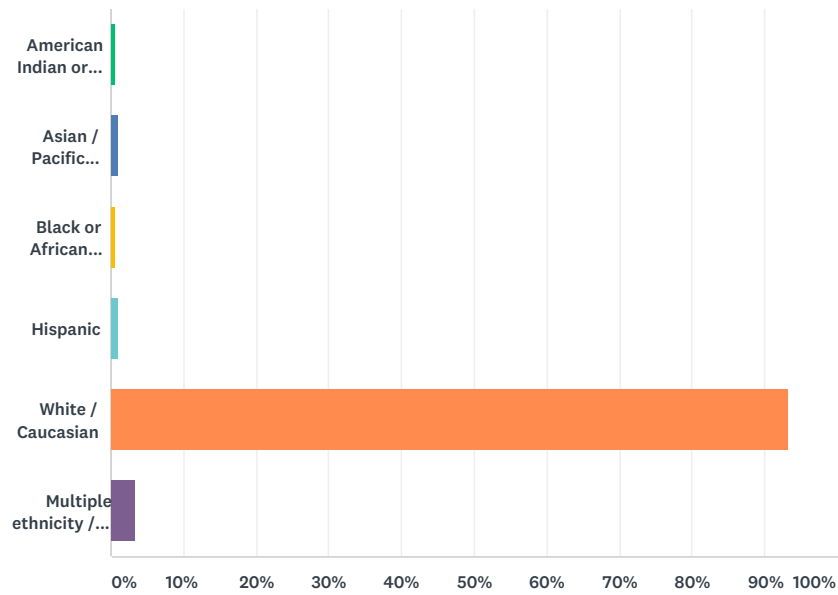
**Q9 Please provide your email address if you are interested in receiving information about future events and public input opportunities.**

Answered: 181   Skipped: 260



## Q10 Optional: Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

Answered: 379 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.53%	2
Asian / Pacific Islander	1.06%	4
Black or African American	0.53%	2
Hispanic	1.06%	4
White / Caucasian	93.40%	354
Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)	3.43%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>379</b>



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