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Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The 2021 - 2025 City of Berkley Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in the City. The Plan builds off of the 2016 - 2020 document. Berkley officials used the planning process to re-evaluate the recreation needs of City residents, reaching out to a variety of stakeholders and offering multiple forms of public input platforms to obtain resident input. Officials also reviewed updated demographic data to help inform their decisions.

The purpose of this Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of Berkley over the next five-year period, to December 2025. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. This Plan is also intended to meet the State's standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

Key Plan Findings

Berkley's recreation properties are cherished amenities in the community, and residents indicated that continued maintenance and management of existing facilities and programming is a priority. Most of the desired improvements were relatively low-scale changes, with new play equipment, improved seating and picnic facilities, and more shade and trees being typical responses.

The major exception to the rule involves the Berkley Community Center. According to data collected for this plan, there is a clear desire to see a new community center built in the community. What is unclear is exactly what form that new center might take. Most residents are willing to fund a bond to construct a center, but they will not support a millage without clear and concrete plans for both the scope of the project and a definitive ongoing maintenance plan.

The community also expressed a desire to see expanded trails or other forms of non-motorized facilities throughout the park system and beyond.

A complete summary of community needs, survey data, and meeting responses can be found beginning on page 18.

What The Plan Contains

The City of Berkley Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (IC 1924, revised 11-20-2018).

- The plan begins with this Executive Summary and a description of the processes used to prepare the plan.
- Goals & Objectives were obtained by compiling input from community members, staff, and City officials. They provide a broad set of values which drive recreation development in the City;
- The action program then provides steps and strategies for implementing the Plan.
- The public participation portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents of Berkley, which helped the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board formulate the Plan's goals and objectives.
- A detailed recreation inventory describes the existing parkland and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the region and state.
- A description of the community's administrative structure follows, including information on funding and budgets.
- The Plan then presents a community description, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community.
- Finally, the appendices include supporting materials, such as a copy of the public input survey, and resolutions and notices that document the Plan's adoption by the City Council.

Planning Process

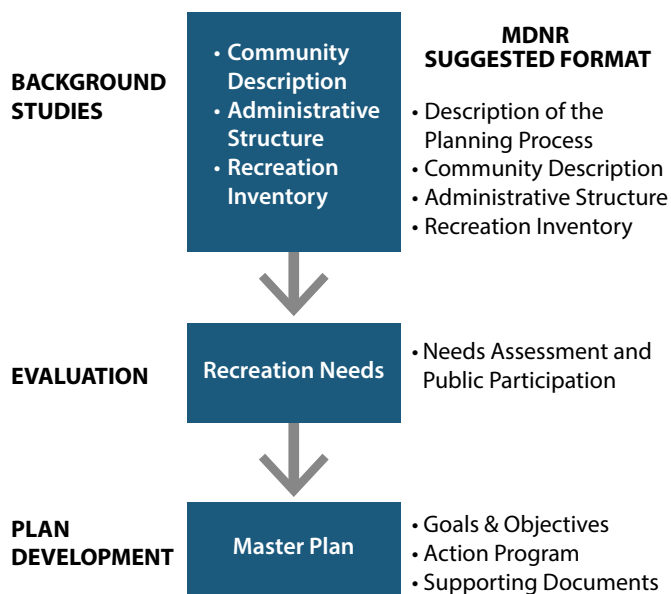
The process used to draft the Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development. Each is described more fully below:

Background Studies. This phase involved gathering and updating data from the U.S. Census, existing documents and plans, and from field observations. The data is organized into two main categories: *community description* and *recreation inventory*.

Evaluation. The second phase in the planning process evaluated and analyzed the data compiled to determine recreation facility deficiencies and needs. Public input to assess recreational needs was also sought at this level. A written survey and a public hearing were conducted to receive residents' opinions and ideas for the park and recreation system. Input from City officials and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were also used.

Plan Development. The last phase in the process involves Plan development and adoption. Based on the deficiencies and needs, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan developed. Strategies to implement the Plan were also discussed.

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier:



This Plan was developed with input from local officials, staff, and residents. An online survey was made available to gather input on needed improvements to the community's recreation facilities and programming. The survey was also available in hard copy form by request. Six virtual meetings were held with a variety of stakeholders including sports groups, seniors, and park staff. Input from local officials and the members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were also used.

The Plan was recommended for adoption at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board's meeting on November 12, 2020. The Plan was then adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2020, following a public hearing. The Master Plan was available for public review and comment electronically via the city website and by request in hard copy at the Community Center and City Hall for one month prior to the public hearing.

Table 1. Input Participation

Participants	Rec. Inventory, Resource Inventory, & Community Description	Public Input	Goal Formulation	Action Program	Public Hearing	Plan Adoption
City Council		√			√	√
City Planning Commission		√			√	
Park & Recreation Board	√	√	√	√	√	
City Residents		√	√		√	



Kiwanis Tot Lot gathering. Image source: Katherine Gerst, Google

Chapter 2: Goals & Objectives

The City of Berkley Recreation Master Plan has formulated goals for the next five years. They are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, from City officials, staff, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and address the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources of the area. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

GOALS FOR EXISTING PARKS (EP)

GOALS

Provide the highest quality recreation experience for Berkley residents at the City's nine existing park and recreation facilities through continued maintenance and by responding to changing park conditions.

OBJECTIVES

- EP 1:** Implement the planned park improvements at Merchants/Oxford Park, including a new splash pad, permanent bathroom facilities, and landscaping.
- EP 2:** Evaluate options for improving the Community Center facility, considering renovation of existing facilities, and construction of new facilities both on-site and in alternative locations. Use outside funding sources and grants to the greatest extent possible to create a central gathering and activity space for the community that will better serve the needs of Berkley residents.
- EP 3:** Continue to evaluate and upgrade park and recreation facilities as necessary to ensure that park amenities meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards are accessible to all Berkley residents.
- EP 4:** Continue to maintain parks and facilities in good working order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users.
- EP 5:** Continue to update equipment at existing parks as equipment reaches the end of useful life.
- EP 6:** Implement studies as required to evaluate capital intensive amenities and effectively communicate the scope and potential locations for such projects, as well as anticipated short- and long-term costs and ongoing maintenance requirements.

GOALS FOR FUTURE PARKS (FP)

GOALS

Seek and identify new locations for recreation facilities which will provide recreation opportunities, will preserve or provide new open public gathering spaces, and will enhance the physical, mental, and spiritual well being of Berkley residents and the community as a whole.

OBJECTIVES

- FP 1: Establish a regional non-motorized working group which will allow development of inter-connected trail system between communities and to established regional trail facilities.
- FP 2: Establish relationships with Oakland County Parks and other neighboring park systems to create partnerships on pools, dog parks, and other capital-intensive projects that can service multiple communities at one facility.
- FP 3: Develop a comprehensive non-motorized trail plan for the City of Berkley that accommodates a variety of non-motorized transportation options and establishes connections between local parks and to regional systems and neighboring communities.
- FP 4: Evaluate locations for establishment of pocket parks to meet the needs of underserved areas.

GOALS FOR PROGRAMS (PR)

GOALS

Seek and identify new recreation programming which will provide the highest quality recreation experiences and will enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well being of Berkley residents.

OBJECTIVES

- PR 1: Improve partnerships with other recreation providers to give residents access to a wide variety of cost effective programs.
- PR 2: Continue to be flexible in program offerings to respond to the changing needs of residents.
- PR 3: Increase program offerings to attract new residents to the Community Center.
- PR 4: Evaluate opportunities to utilize outdoor spaces for more program offerings.

GOALS FOR ADMINISTRATION (AD)

GOALS

Identify and enact policies which will enable the construction of a highly competent, professional, and responsive staff who will best be able to meet and respond to the needs of Berkley residents.

OBJECTIVES

- AD 1:** Review current staffing organization for the Community Center and parks system as a whole to determine the staffing levels required for operation of the facilities.
- AD 2:** Increase training and education to improve staff qualifications and ensure the highest level of competency for all employees

GOALS FOR FUNDING (FD)

GOALS

Seek, identify, and manage financial resources to allow continued operation of the parks system and enable expansion of existing facilities and programs while continuing to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

OBJECTIVES

- FD 1:** Pursue grants and other sources of funding to sustain the City's parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- FD 2:** Pursue a dedicated Parks millage to allow continued operation of Parks facilities and programs independently of general fund resources.
- FD 3:** Pursue bonds and other sources of funding to allow construction of new community center complex.
- FD 4:** Recruit volunteers to attend grant writing workshops and assist in grant writing and obtaining grants.
- FD 5:** Continue to run the Parks & Recreation Department in a fiscally responsible manner.
- FD 6:** Strive to obtain outside funding, establish and/or increase partnerships with other recreation providers, and establish public/private partnerships for facility improvements and programming.



Broomball at Winterfest. Image Source: C&G News

Chapter 3: Action Program

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

ACTION PLAN

The following outline lists specific actions and projects which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period. Plans showing the parks improvements are also included to illustrate the proposed projects.

ACTION #1: Maintain and Upgrade Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

This action includes replacing aging equipment which is in a state of disrepair, outdated, or dangerous as well as improving the appearance of the parks, properties, and buildings through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All upgrades must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and efforts should be taken to remove all existing barriers to universal access.

Proposed projects include:

1. COMMUNITY CENTER:

- Perform community outreach to establish resident desires for a new facility. Communicate the results of an analysis which compares the cost of upgrading the existing structure with replacing the building with a new facility. Work with focus groups and other community stakeholders to develop a list of desired amenities and establish a cost estimate from that list which considers design, construction, and ongoing maintenance requirements. Upon completion, pursue a bond millage based on the results of the community input.

2. PARKS

- Address grading, turf condition, drainage and accessibility at all City parks.
- Replace lights at Community Park baseball fields #2 and #3.
- Upgrade ball field surface at Lazenby Field.
- Complete park upgrades at Merchants/Oxford Park.
- Upgrade playground equipment at all city parks and add structures which appeal to a variety of ages and abilities.
- Add exercise stations along internal park trails.
- Install restrooms and shelter/pavilion buildings, along with associated amenities such as picnic tables, drinking fountains, etc.
- Plant shade trees and add other sustainable features such as rain gardens to help mitigate stormwater issues.
- Add wi-fi and electrical access at all city parks.
- Evaluate different forms of "Smart Park" technology to determine feasibility in Berkley parks.
- Provide accessible routes to all park amenities.

JUSTIFICATION: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

ACTION #2: Develop Future Parkland

Work with the Berkley City Council and Planning Commission to develop existing properties into parklands which allow a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities. Specific opportunities include:

- In cooperation with the city of Royal Oak, develop a linear park along the Coolidge corridor starting at Roseland Memorial Park Cemetery and continuing to Beaumont Hospital.
- Evaluate opportunities for pocket park development in underserved areas of the city and in the downtown area, including but not limited to Dorothea & Coolidge, Griffith & 12 Mile, Robina & 12 Mile, and Royal & 12 Mile.
- Work with the City Council and the Planning Commission to ensure parkland needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage or develop regulations for developers to set aside land for park facilities.

JUSTIFICATION: These actions were identified in the Berkley Comprehensive Master Plan, through the comparison with NRPA national standards, and in the community survey and virtual meetings.

ACTION #3: Develop a Continuous Pathway/Trail System

There is a strong need for more trails and walking paths in the City. Priority should be placed on the development of trails connecting the parks to form a continuous park system tying community facilities, schools, neighborhoods, downtown Berkley, and regional recreation facilities together. This includes:

- Development of a community-wide pathway plan, using existing sidewalks and roadways;
- Work with regional trail planners and the County to connect the City's trails/pathways to a regional system along Woodward Avenue;
- Install site amenities including bike racks, benches, trash receptacle, mile markers, and signs along the trails and at destination points; and
- Establish a marketing strategy for the trail system to attract support and sponsors including the development of a trail brochure and a walking club.

JUSTIFICATION: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

ACTION #4: Maintain and Develop New Partnerships With Local Groups and Organizations

- Facilitate and promote the shared-use of the area's parks and recreation facilities including the school district, Oakland County, and private recreation providers as well as city facilities by community groups.
- Work with Oakland County to investigate new recreation opportunities for Catalpa Oaks Park, including possible new dog park facility.
- Develop relationships with neighboring communities to allow development and shared-use of large, capital intensive projects such as pools, ice arenas, and dog parks.

JUSTIFICATION: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

ACTION #5: ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

- The Department must seek and consider a variety of income sources to allow development of a new community center or renovation of the existing facility, including grants, bonds, millages, donations, and public/private partnerships.
- A means of generating operational costs and increasing revenues where possible must become a priority to support the capital improvement projects mentioned above and to maintain the existing and future park facilities to a high quality standard.
- Investigate feasibility of seeking dedicated Parks millage to ensure continued financial stability for the Department.
- Pursuit of grants and sponsorships must be done consistently and aggressively.
- Consider grant writing workshops and training to improve awareness of funding opportunities.
- Be open to opportunities presented by joint public / private funding efforts.
- The Parks & Recreation Department and Advisory Board must advocate and promote the social, economic, and environmental value and benefits of parks and recreation by reaching out to the community and the region.

JUSTIFICATION: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

Project Schedule

Table 2 lists the individual projects along with the specific tasks the City would like to accomplish, the project goal reference, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. These projects are not prioritized, and will be implemented as funding and/or resources are available. However, to guide implementation, each project is assigned a time frame for completion.

Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years, while longterm (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, five years or beyond. Mid-term (MT) falls between the two other categories. Ongoing (OG) items are activities that are not necessarily project-related but instead are part of standard daily practices.

Table 2. Improvement Schedule

Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
All Berkley Parks			
Install recycling and trash receptacles	\$ 5,000 - 10,000	GF, RRF, D	ST
Add trees and/or shade structures	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Add demonstration rain gardens to address stormwater issues	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Address grading, turf condition, drainage, and accessibility issues	\$ 50,000 - 100,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Add benches, bike racks, and drinking fountains	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	GF, RRF, D	ST
Continue to maintain parks and facilities in good working order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users	-	GF	OG
Community Center			
Perform community outreach and work with stakeholders to establish amenity requirements for a new community center.	-	-	ST
Based on results of community outreach, develop funding plan and prepare bond proposal for community consideration	-	-	MT
Community Center Park			
Add exercise stations along trails	\$ 10,000 - 20,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Add small picnic shelter	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Upgrade play structure with universally accessible equipment	\$ 90,000 - 140,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Add permanent restroom	\$ 100,000 - 150,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Regrade and address drainage issues at former ice arena site	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	GF, RRF	ST
Add storage facility	\$ 50,000 - 60,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Add lighting for Field #1 and upgrade lighting at Fields #2 & 3	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Reconfigure/add parking	\$100,000 - 120,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT
Merchants / Oxford Park			
Complete development project including construction of permanent restrooms, play structures, pathways, and splash pad	\$ 785,548	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Address drainage & grading issues at open fields to allow use as practice facility for Berkley Steelers and other groups	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Kiwanis Tot Lot			
Upgrade playground equipment	\$ 90,000 - 140,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Add permanent restrooms	\$ 170,000 - 200,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Add shade structures and/or trees	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Add small picnic pavilion	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT

* GF = General Fund, RRF = Recreation Revolving Fund, D = Donations, G = Grants

Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Jaycee Park			
Restore existing pavilion	\$ 30,000 - 40,000	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Add park lighting	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT
Upgrade existing grill facilities	\$10,000 - 15,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Upgrade playground equipment	\$ 70,000 - 90,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Install permanent bathroom facilities	\$ 100,000 - 120,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT
Friends Park			
Upgrade pathways to meet ADA standards	\$ 20,000 - 30,000	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Resurface tennis courts	\$ 25,000 - 30,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT
Parkland Development			
Work with cemetery representatives and the City of Royal Oak to develop a linear park along the western and southern edges of Roseland Park Cemetery with connections to Beaumont Hospital	\$ 500,000 - 1,000,000	GF, RRF, D, G	LT
Work with City Council and Planning Commission to review development proposals and to encourage / develop regulations for developers to set aside open space and parkland	-	-	OG
Evaluate opportunities for pocket park development in underserved and downtown areas	TBD	GF, RRF, D, G	OG
Continuous Pathway & Trail System Development			
Develop a community-wide pathway plan, using existing sidewalks and roadways	TBD	GF, RRF, D, G	ST
Work with regional trail planners and neighboring communities to establish a regional trail authority.	-	-	MT
Work with regional trail planners and Oakland County to connect the city's trails & pathways to a regional system along Woodward Avenue	TBD	GF, RRF, D, G	MT
Install site amenities along existing and proposed bike route locations such as benches, mile markers, bike repair stations, street markings, and route signage	\$ 40,000 - 50,000	GF, D, G	MT
Establish a marketing strategy for the trail system to attract support and sponsors including the further route development, trail brochures & signage, and a walking/bicycling club	TBD	GF, D, G	MT

* GF = General Fund, RRF = Recreation Revolving Fund, D = Donations, G = Grants

Implementation Strategies

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

Apply for Federal Funding

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

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; and
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage.

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

The **Safe Routes to School** program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's Safe Routes to School program made schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in school areas.

The program provides mini grants for programming and major grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure. Up to \$200,000 per school is available for infrastructure projects, and \$8,000 to build programming around the project. Communities must undergo an in-depth planning process prior to submitting an application. Deadlines are ongoing and awarded on a rolling basis. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required.

Apply for State Funding

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

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

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

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

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$500,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

The *Recreation Passport* grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$150,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

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

Apply for Other Grant Funding

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

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

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

Recreation Access Matching Grant provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and

Accessible by Design Awards is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

Increase Support for Parks

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

Seek Other Sources of Funding

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



Chapter 4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community to formulate an action plan for parks and recreation improvement. Needs provide the rationale for goals and objectives and identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends and an online survey was conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents. In addition, several “pop-up sessions” took place during the summer of 2019 at various locations to receive the broadest possible level of input from community members. These varied sources of information helped to inform a strategic solution to meet Berkley’s recreation needs.

Comparison to National Standards

According to a 1996 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) study, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. Berkley’s parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of recommended close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. For Berkley, County, State, and HCMA parks fill this role. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

Other types of parks include the following:

- Schoolyards, areas that can fulfill the space requirements for other types of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex or special use which include the public school facilities located near the City;
- Greenways, areas that link parks together to form a continuous park environment such as the multi-purpose pathway included in the City; and
- Private recreation facilities, areas that are privately owned yet contribute to the City parks and recreation system.

According to these standards, local parks fall within the range for recommended acreage for close-to-home park land. Using numbers based on population estimates for 2045, the amount of existing parkland should continue to be adequate to meet the City’s recreation needs. Acreage provided by schools and private facilities further help meet resident recreation requirements. Berkley residents are especially well-served by regional park facilities provided by the state and other recreation providers, despite the fact that no regional parks are actually located in the City’s borders.

Table 3. Parkland Acreage Standards

Type of Park	NRPA standard per 1000 population	Required - City based on 2020 population of 14,592	Existing	Deficiency / Surplus
Close-to-Home Parkland & Greenways	6.26 - 10.5 acres	27 to 45 acres	30.6 acres	+4 acres
Subdivision Parks	-	-	28 acres	-
Nearby Parks - Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Southfield	-	-	961.3 acres	-
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	65 to 87 acres	27,000 acres	+26,935 acres
Schoolyards	-	-	400 acres	-
Private Recreation Facilities	-	-	996 acres	-

NRPA Metrics

Recognizing that a “one size fits all” approach to park planning is not practical for most communities, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) annually releases a set of park metrics which allow community planners to compare their facilities with those found in similarly sized communities. The list of amenities described in the 2019 report is by no means exhaustive, but it offers a starting point for Berkley to consider as it looks toward the future park development.

The report describes the average number of facilities provided for communities ranging from small (under 20,000) to large (more than 250,000 residents). These comparisons are summarized in Table 4. Berkley compares fairly well to its peers, falling above the median for miles of trails provided and number of residents served per park, but falling short of the median in terms of acres of parkland per thousand residents.

The report further describes specific outdoor and indoor recreation facilities for communities based on the number of residents per square mile. This comparison can be seen in Table 5 and Table 6. Where amenities are

Table 4. Park Facility Comparison for Communities with Less Than 20,000 Residents

Amenity	Berkley	Median	Lower Quartile	Upper Quartile
Miles of trails	4 miles	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of residents per park	1,433	1,231	1,985	788
Acres of parkland per thousand residents	7.1	11.8	5.3	18.9

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

Table 6. Indoor Park Facilities for Communities with Greater than 2,500 residents per square mile

Amenity	% of agencies with amenity	# of residents served by amenity
Community Centers	57.9	33071
Rec Center (gyms, etc.)	56.9	34000
Senior Centers	39.9	77014
Amphitheater	32.9	85071
Nature Center	27.5	106644
Stadiums	18	97959
Ice Rink	16.3	57135
Teen Center	13.3	75000
Arena	8.7	54778

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

currently provided in Berkley, the City offers an above average number of facilities. Some notable amenities that are not currently available within the City park system are a dog park, soccer fields (youth & adult), community gardens, and adult baseball fields. Lack of space within the City makes adding these facilities impractical, and each of these facilities are available for resident use in surrounding communities.

Finally, the 2019 report describes typical programming options, providing the percentage of communities offering programs in a variety of categories. While Berkley offers several community-wide events throughout the year, it does not provide any other forms of recreation programming. Typical program types and the percentage of communities offering these programs is provided in Table 7 and Table 8.

Table 5. Outdoor Park Amenities for Communities with Greater than 2,500 residents per square mile

Amenity	% of agencies with amenity	# per 1000 Berkley	# per 1000 Average
Playgrounds	94.4	0.47	0.32
Basketball courts	86.1	0.93	0.14
Tennis courts	79.7	0.47	0.21
Baseball - youth	77.9	0.70	0.14
Softball - adult	66.5	0.70	0.07
Multi-purpose fields	66.1	0.23	0.11
Softball - youth	60.9	0.70	0.07
Dog park	59.3	0.00	0.02
Baseball - adult	54.7	0.00	0.04
Pool (outdoor)	52.3	0.00	0.02
Tot lot	48.1	0.23	0.09
Soccer field - youth	48.1	0.00	0.11
Community garden	46.3	0.00	0.03
Basketball/volleyball	42	0.23	0.06
Soccer field - adult	40.9	0.00	0.07
Football field	38	0.00	0.03
Skate park	26.2	0.00	0.02
Synthetic field	19.1	0.00	0.02
Ice rink (outdoor)	16.7	0.00	0.03
Lacrosse field	11.7	0.00	0.03
Cricket field	9.2	0.00	0.01
Overlay field	7.5	0.00	0.05
Field hockey field	4	0.00	0.02

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019



Table 7. Typical Program Offerings - All Agencies

Programs Offered	% of agencies with program
Themed special events	87
Team sports	87
Social recreation	86
Health & Wellness	80
Fitness enhancement	79
Individual sports	72
Safety training	71
Aquatics	71
Racquet sports	66
Trips and tours	62
Performing arts	61
Cultural crafts	60
Martial arts	60
Virtual arts	57
Natural/Cultural History	55
Golf	48
Running/cycling races	20

Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

Table 8. Targeted programs for children, seniors, and people with disabilities in communities with less than 20,000 residents

Programs Offered	% of agencies with program
Summer camp	60.8
Specific senior programs	67.5
Specific teen programs	50.3
Programs for people w disabilities	30.5
After-school programs	46.8
Preschool	27.2
Before-school programs	14.7
Full daycare	3.4

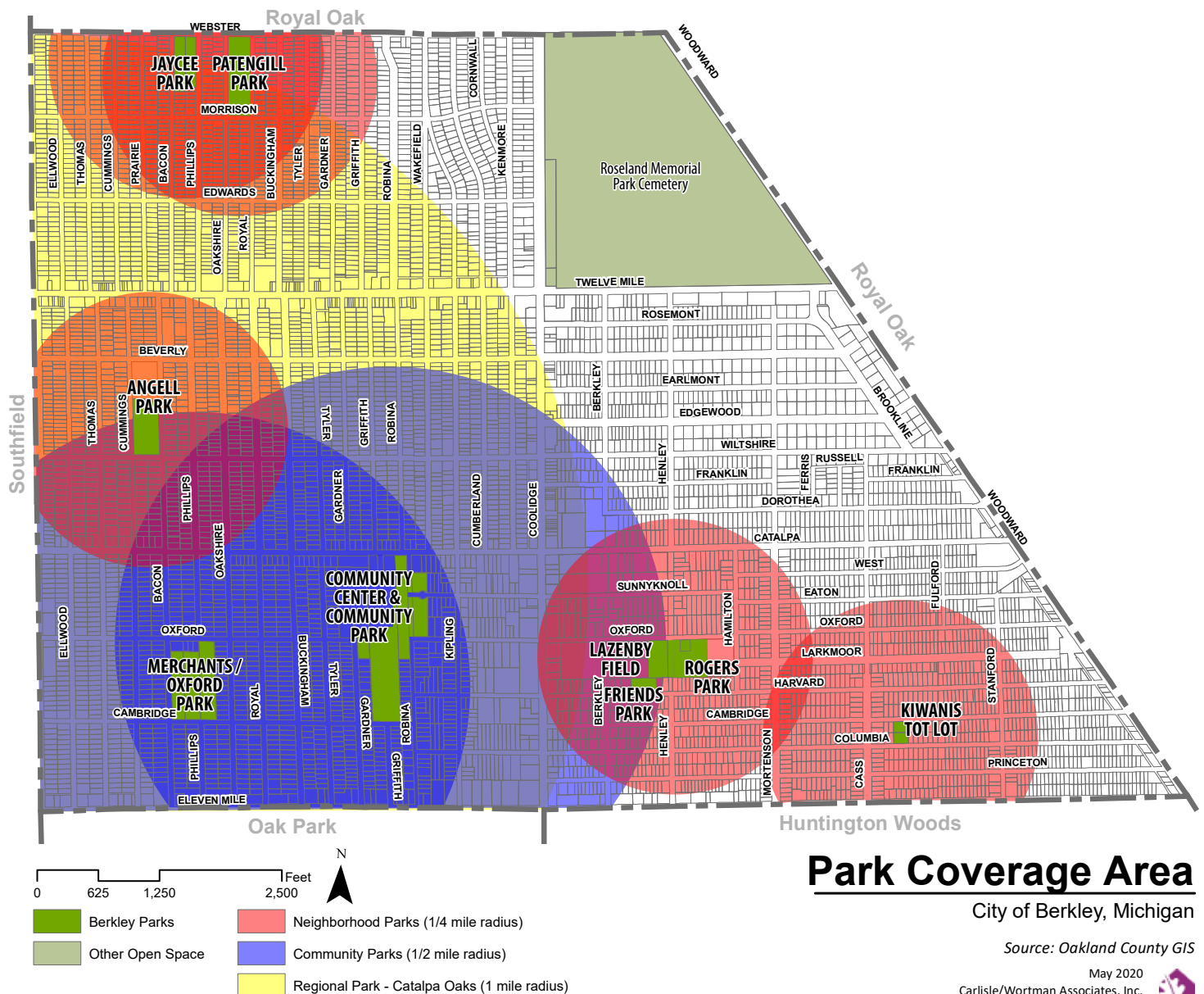
Source: NRPA Park Metrics Report, 2019

Ten Minute Walk Initiative

The NRPA, Trust for Public Land (TPL), other recreation advocacy groups, and communities across the country have embraced the concept of the “ten minute walk”, or the idea that every American should be within walkable distance to a local park or recreation facility. Numerous studies have shown the psychological, health, and general quality of life benefits provided by improved access to green spaces, but the likelihood of utilizing these spaces decreases as distance to the facility increases. For planning purposes, the traditional NRPA service radius of 1/4 mile for neighborhood parks and 1/2 mile for community parks is frequently used to demonstrate the effective reach of park systems.

As shown in Map 1, Berkley residents have good access to local recreation facilities on the south and west sides of the City, but are somewhat underserved on the northeast side. Incorporating neighboring community park service areas strengthens the coverage along Eleven Mile and Webster Roads, but still does improve coverage on the eastern side of the City. Development of a linear park along the southern edge of Roseland Cemetery or a pocket park near the intersection of Edgewood Boulevard and Woodward Avenue would help to correct these deficiencies.

Map 1. Local Park Coverage Areas



National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 9 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

Table 9. Top Outdoor Activities - 2016

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

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2016

The 2016 study shows a continued trend towards individual-based outdoor activities, with open water sports, outdoor activities, and snow sports all showing increases in participation. Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, have showed a steady decline in popularity in recent years, while trail related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (87.5 to 106.3 million), running/jogging (28.8 to 44.5 million), hiking (31.0 to 42.2 million) and kayaking (5.9 to 9.2 million).

Table 11. Outdoor Recreation Activities - Children under 18

Activity	Participation Rate
Visit parks or playgrounds	85%
Swimming outdoors	76%
Sledding/tubing	54%
Fishing	52%
Non-league team or individual sports	46%
Team or individual sports in a league	44%
Road biking	41%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

These trends are consistent with those observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, walking outdoors was identified as the most important outdoor activity by 26 percent of users statewide. A list of participation rates for the most popular activities is listed in Table 10 below. Participation rates for children under age 18 is provided in Table 11.

Table 10. Top Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

Activity	Participation Rate
Relaxing outdoors	75%
Walking outdoors, including dog walking	74%
Visit parks or playgrounds	67%
Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure	64%
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	56%
Swimming outdoors	54%
Picnicking	53%
Fishing	41%
Biking of any kind (on or off road)	40%
Camping of any kind (modern, RV, tent, rustic)	39%
Team or individual sports outdoors	37%
Wildlife viewing and/or photography including birding	36%
Hiking/backpacking	34%
Jogging/running	34%
Canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, or wind surfing	32%
Road biking	31%
Motor boating	31%
Sledding/tubing	30%
Tent or rustic camping	30%
Shooting sports, including archery	30%
Modern or RV camping	25%
Hunting of any kind	20%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Some key findings from the Metro Detroit region include:

- Nearly 75 percent of residents feel that outdoor recreation is very important or moderately important to their household.
- Walking outdoors, including dog walking, was identified as the most important outdoor activity.
- 87 percent of participants went outside 52 or more days per year, with nearly 54 percent doing so for more than 100 days.

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

- While future recreation facility development should respond to the expected increase in seniors, developments should be designed to accommodate a variety of abilities and interests. Meeting or exceeding ADA standards for recreation uses will be critical.
- There is a need for more walk/bike ways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable environment. The City should make efforts to connect with existing regional hike/bike systems in surrounding communities and facilities.



Public Input

The COVID-19 pandemic posed enormous challenges to recreation services around the world, and forced communities to find creative solutions which would allow service providers to stay in touch with residents even as parks and other facilities remained closed to the public. For Berkley, developing a recreation plan during the outbreak meant forgoing the traditional face-to-face community meetings and instead relying on “virtual” outreach methods to receive resident input. The Parks & Recreation Department made a concerted effort to be as inclusive as possible, holding meetings with a variety of stakeholders through the process and offering an online survey to gauge community interest.

In total, five virtual meetings were held during the months of July and August. Each meeting focused on a different topic to ensure that a variety of viewpoints were considered. The meeting dates and topics were as follows:

- July 15 - General recreation focus group
- July 16 - Sports leagues and facilities focus group
- July 23 - Senior focus group
- July 28 - Parks staff input
- August 6 - Community-wide open house

In addition to the virtual meetings, an online survey was offered from July 14 through August 14, 2020. Hard copies of the survey were available to residents upon request. The survey was advertised on the city’s social media platforms and in the local newspaper. An article was written by the paper detailing the planning process and highlighting the survey. Copies of the advertisements are included in Appendix A. Raw data and summaries of the meetings and survey are provided in Appendix F.

Generally speaking, the information gathered from the survey mirrored the information gathered from the community input meetings. 97% of survey respondents were Berkley residents. Almost all (98%) lived in single family homes. Of the 450 households who responded to the survey, over half (53%) had children under the age of 18 at home. The high number of families with children was anecdotally noted by several residents during the virtual meetings. Their experience and the survey results are validated by American Community Survey (ACS) estimates which show the median age in Berkley trending younger.

The survey participants tended to be active; almost 80% of participants walk, jog, or cycle for exercise, with 49% indicating they do so daily. Over 60% residents stated that they participate in Parks & Recreation programs, and participate in outdoor park and playground activities. 85% visit neighboring community, county, or state parks on a regular basis.

Berkley residents are highly invested in the welfare of the park system and, while generally happy with the recreation services provided, recognize that there is room for improvement. Angell Park was the most frequently visited park, with almost 21% stating they visit the park at least once per week. Lazenby Field was the least visited facility, with just over 3% using the facility once per week. Active park visitors (i.e. eliminating responses where the respondent stated they had not visited a facility) provided high overall satisfaction rates for most of Berkley’s parks. Greater than 80% of respondents were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with five of the Berkley parks (Angell, Jaycee, Kiwanis, Pattengill, and Rogers). Two parks (Community and Lazenby Field) had 70% or greater satisfaction rates, while another two (Merchants/Oxford and Friends) were around 65%. The Community Center received low marks, however, with only 34% satisfied or very satisfied. A discussion of the Community Center is provided on the following pages.

Participants were complimentary of Parks & Recreation Department staff, appreciating their responsiveness to resident concerns and staff’s genuine concern about their patrons. Primary areas of concern were the physical state of Berkley’s recreation facilities, including the city’s playgrounds and the Berkley Community Center.

The Staff is amazing! All very caring and valuable employees.

Our parks need a well deserved facelift. P&R & Public Works have done an outstanding job at maintaining what we have.

Maintenance and development of existing parks was by far the top priority for residents. Over 96% of residents identified ongoing maintenance as “important” or “very important”. 86% of residents indicated that they would support a bond or millage at some level for maintaining and developing Berkley parks. Maintaining existing programs and events was also viewed as important (76%), but there was interest in developing new programming as well (78%). There was much less call for acquiring and developing new parks (52%); 66% of survey respondents felt the city has “the right amount of parks”, although participants in the online meetings did indicate interest in pocket and linear parks in strategic locations. 73% of residents also indicated a desire to see sidewalks and trails developed throughout the city. Trails are discussed in more detail on page 27.

Several residents requested new playground equipment in area parks. New equipment has recently been installed at Pattengill and Rogers playgrounds, while the Angell Park play facility was replaced in 2016. Merchants/Oxford Park is slated to be completely renovated with new play equipment, permanent bathrooms, and a splash pad. Play equipment was installed in the fall of 2020 and overall construction should be completed by spring 2021. New equipment is planned for Kiwanis Tot Lot in spring 2021, Community Park in fall 2021/spring 2022, and Jaycee Park in spring 2022/fall 2023.

Accessibility, inclusivity, and diversity were discussion points at least three of the community meetings. Ann Arbor’s Gallup Park, a universally accessible facility opened in 2017, was mentioned by both residents and staff as a model for park development in Berkley. Residents noted the importance of providing play equipment that meets the needs of children across a variety of ages and abilities, but also stressed the importance of providing amenities that accommodated parents, grandparents, and other visitors as well. Shade structures, trees, bathrooms, and benches were frequently mentioned in the survey.

My visually impaired daughter uses a cane and most parks are not accessible to her. There is no way she can maneuver the sidewalk at JayCee Park. We would like to see park equipment that is inclusive to all people. It’s difficult to even find a swing she can use at most of these parks.

Please work to ensure art, music, class, and food options are inclusive of the diverse demographics (cultures) which reside in the community.

The parks can use more shade near the play equipment. There have been several times I took my kids to the park in the middle of a summer day and had to leave because the playground equipment was too hot.

Please consider something for the neighborhood north of Catalpa and east of Coolidge....or bring back crossing lanes so we can access Berkley’s amenities on foot. It’s the only pocket of Berkley without a park or other recreation options and crossing Coolidge on foot is not safe with kids.

By far the most discussed topic, however, was development of a new Berkley Community Center. A bond proposal to construct a new facility was narrowly defeated in 2018 (4,500 “no” votes to 4,352 “yes” votes) and remains a contentious issue for many residents. According to city engineers, revamping the existing building to meet ADA standards while providing the desired amenities would be cost prohibitive. In all of the virtual meetings, participants suggested that the current building is inadequate to meet the programming needs of the community. The removal of the ice arena eliminated valuable indoor practice space for the local sports teams, and removed a large event space for other community events. The current building configuration is unable to accommodate all of the groups looking to use the center for meetings, and even those who still use the space suggested that the available meeting rooms are cramped and incapable of holding larger gatherings.

Over 66% of survey participants indicated that they would support a 1.25 mill bond to finance the construction of a new community center. In the virtual focus groups and community meeting, support for a new center was essentially unanimous. Participants indicated that any development will require a major community outreach effort and a clear designation of the amenities that will be included. Some felt that the previous bond effort may have failed because residents felt that certain amenities were requested but not included in the final facility concept. Several survey respondents noted that any proposed facilities should be of an “appropriate scale” for the community.

Flexibility of uses was frequently mentioned as a critical component of any new community center. Several residents suggested a central gymnasium with basketball courts that could be divided into multiple spaces for a variety of uses. Large meeting rooms could be similarly designed with dividers to allow a variety of uses.

While flexibility of general gathering spaces was considered important, participants also noted a need for dedicated spaces for both seniors and teens. Staff and residents cited the success of teen events held at the former ice arena site; high turnout at those events showed a clear need for expanded programming options and safe gathering places for teens. Similarly, both staff and the general public stressed the importance of providing adequate storage and office space for Park Department usage.

Features mentioned in the survey and in the virtual meetings included an indoor running track, exercise equipment, and trophy cases for the community sports teams. The exterior space was viewed as an opportunity to create a community gathering space. Suggestions included constructions of a sunken amphitheater that could be flooded and used for ice skating in winter months, and positioned as a seating area for movies-in-the-park in summer months.

One frequently mentioned feature was inclusion of a community pool. Pools present challenges for recreation departments. They are extremely expensive to build and require extensive ongoing maintenance. Staffing can be especially problematic; communities across the state, including in nearby Huntington Woods, have difficulty retaining lifeguards during the summer months when student lifeguards are generally available, and find it even more difficult in winter months when those same lifeguards are back in school. It is recommended that rather than building a new pool, the city looks to partner with neighboring communities, the Berkley School District, or Oakland County to provide Berkley residents access to swimming facilities.

Appendix G includes a rough concept layout for a new community center. The financial figures on the sheet can give the city a starting point for design discussions with residents. If Berkley decides to move forward with development of a new center, it will require significant community input, clear, unambiguous guidance as to desired amenities, and a solid financial plan for both construction and ongoing operation. The city should also evaluate options for construction of a facility in a different location. There are a limited number of prominently located sites that could potentially be used for recreation purposes either through adaptation of the existing facility or by a complete rebuild.

We need a new community center. Ours is in bad shape and will not hold a large group comfortably. For example Taste of Berkley. As a result I just do not go.

My support above absolutely depends on what is being proposed. The last proposal didn't feel like it was created for Berkley, but from a random set of plans, saying “you need this”.

Aside from the Community Center and playground equipment, trails and sidewalks were probably the most popular recreation amenity requested by residents. As mentioned earlier, 73% of residents indicated a desire to see the development of a community-wide trail or sidewalk network. While 62% of survey participants indicated that they would typically drive to local parks, 48% of residents often chose to bicycle to the facilities, while 71% walked. Almost 80% of residents regularly participated in walking and trail sports, and 64% participated in street or casual biking. In questions regarding visitation to regional parks, access to large trail networks was frequently mentioned as a prime reason for visiting the facility. 60% of participants stated that they would like to see more multi-use walking and biking paths developed in the city, while over 80% indicated that they would like to see Berkley cooperate with surrounding communities to develop an inter-city trail network. While connectivity between parks and development of intra-park routes was viewed as important, participants noted that internal park trails are regularly used for exercise by residents and that further development of the latter style of pathways would be welcomed.

No specific roads/routes, but it would be fun to have a painted line that runs through all the different Berkley parks. Connecting them to one another so a running/biker can follow that line and hit up all the parks.

Adding a dog park to the community was frequently mentioned in the open-ended questions. Berkley ordinances currently prohibit dogs in city parks, and the closest dog park available to residents is located in the Red Oaks County Park in Madison Heights, roughly a 20 minute drive from Berkley. While constructing a simple dog park is relatively low cost, finding an appropriate site can be challenging. Safety, noise, and sanitation concerns are frequently mentioned issues, and for those reasons, communities typically place dog parks away from residential areas. This is problematic in Berkley as all of the city's parks are in residential neighborhoods.

They city may wish to consider partnering with Oakland County Parks to develop a dog park on the east side of Catalpa Oaks County Park. The ambient noise from Greenfield Road would reduce noise concerns, and the county's expertise in operating dog parks would make them well suited to host a facility in this location.

While not as frequently discussed as some of the other issues, programming is still highly valued by residents. Over 60% of survey respondents participated in Berkley Parks & Recreation programming. 74% of respondents felt that fees charged for programming were about right. Overall satisfaction levels varied depending on the targeted age group. Youth activities (75%) and special events (79%) were very highly rated, while senior programs saw a respectable 65% satisfaction rate. Adult programming was relatively low at 57%.

Lack of program variety was the primary complaint. Participants requested new programs for all age groups; teens, senior, and adult activities all received multiple mentions. Timing of programs was also a challenge for some residents, especially for school-age programs. Several participants mentioned the lack of available facilities for programs, and specifically mentioned the community center as being inadequate for many activities.

Public Review and Public Hearing

A draft plan was reviewed by the Steering Committee and later by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The Board considered input received through the survey and reviewed the recreation trends, deficiencies, and other background information to establish the master plan goals and an action program for implementation. This was done virtually at their regular public meeting on October 8, 2020.

The plan was then made available for public review beginning on October 9 through November 11, 2020. Because of COVID-19 concerns, hard copies were only available on a limited basis at City Hall and the Community Center. The plan was also available online on the City of Berkley website. The plan's availability for public review was advertised via social media, on the city website, and in C&G Newspapers on October 1, 2020 (see Appendix A). Public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing and subsequent adoption by City Council on December 21, 2020.

Chapter 5: Recreation Inventory

The residents of the City of Berkley are able to take advantage of a variety of recreational resources at the local level, as well as at the county and state levels. There are nine city parks and several schools within the city boundaries; one of the facilities is jointly run by the school district and the parks department while two others are owned and operated by the schools. Several private, county, and state-owned recreation facilities are also located in or near the City of Berkley.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) categorizes parks by size and function and offers four general park types: Neighborhood, Community, Regional, and Special Use Areas. Communities would not typically have instances of each type of park; Berkley, for example, does not contain a regional park or any special use areas, and neither recreational facility would be appropriate in such a densely populated area.

This section describes the recreational opportunities available to Berkley residents. The information contained in the following pages was compiled from community recreation plans, websites, aerial photographs and a field survey.

Map 2. Berkley Existing Recreation Facilities



Table 12. NRPA Parkland Classification and Standards

Type	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres per 1000 residents	Desirable Site Characteristics & Amenities
Neighborhood Park	1/4 to 1/2 mile	5-15 acres	1 to 2 acres	Serve the surrounding neighborhoods with open space and facilities such as basketball courts, children's play equipment and picnic tables. Examples: All Berkley parks except Community & Merchants/Oxford Parks.
Community Park	1-2 miles	25+ acres	5 to 8 acres	May include areas suited for intense recreation facilities such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Easily accessible to nearby neighborhoods and other neighborhoods. Example: Community & Merchants/Oxford Parks
Regional Park	Several communities	200+ acres	5 to 10 acres	Contiguous with or encompassing natural resources. Examples: Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Nature Center, Lake St. Clair Metropark, Huron Meadows Metropark
Special Use Areas	No applicable standards	Variable depending on use	Variable	Examples: Detroit Zoo, Rackham Golf Course, Red Run Golf Club

Table 13. Local Park Amenities

		Neighborhood / Mini Park							Community Park	
		Angell Park - 5.7 acres total area, 3.8 acres parkland	Jaycee Park - 2.7 acres	Kiwanis Tot Lot - 0.8 acres	Lazenby Field - 2.3 acres	Friends Park - 0.95 acres	Pattengill Playground - 4.1 ac total, 2.3 acres parkland	Rogers Park - 5.4 acres total, 2.55 acres parkland	Community Park - 17.69 incl. stadium, 13.1 acres parkland	Merchants/Oxford Park - 7.6 acres
Access	Parking Area	•	•	street	•	•	street	•	•	•
	Handicap Access	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Passive Use	Play Equipment	•	•	•			•	•	•	•
	Picnic Tables		•	•						•
	Pavilion		•					•	•	
	Grills		•							
	Restrooms								P	P
Court / Turf Games	Baseball/Softball	•			•		•		•	•
	Tennis Courts	•				•			•	
	Basketball Courts	•					•	•		
	Soccer Fields*									•
	Football Field*									•
	Stadium / Track								•	
Misc	Community Center								•	
	Splash Pad / Water Park									*

*Note: Soccer and football are accommodated by an active field area at Merchants/Oxford Park. The Parks & Recreation Department does not currently operate any fields dedicated exclusively to either of those sports.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

ANGELL PARK:

Angell Park sits immediately south of Angell Elementary School in the west-central portion of Berkley. The land is leased from the School District, and the City provides and maintains all recreation amenities. The park is used by school children during recess, and by the community at other times. The 5.68 acre school facility contains 3.82 acres of parkland; the park space includes one baseball field with bench dugouts, two tennis courts, three swings, basketball court, climbing and play structures and picnic facilities. The play equipment at this park is accessible from the parking area and school building, and the play structures are barrier free. The perimeter of the park is defined with a sidewalk, but the interior park elements are not connected with an accessible path system. The bleachers could also incorporate a concrete pad for standing wheelchairs.

New play equipment and drainage improvements have been installed since completion of the previous plan.

Figure 1. Angell Park



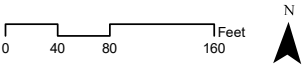
Angell Park

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EXISTING AMENITIES

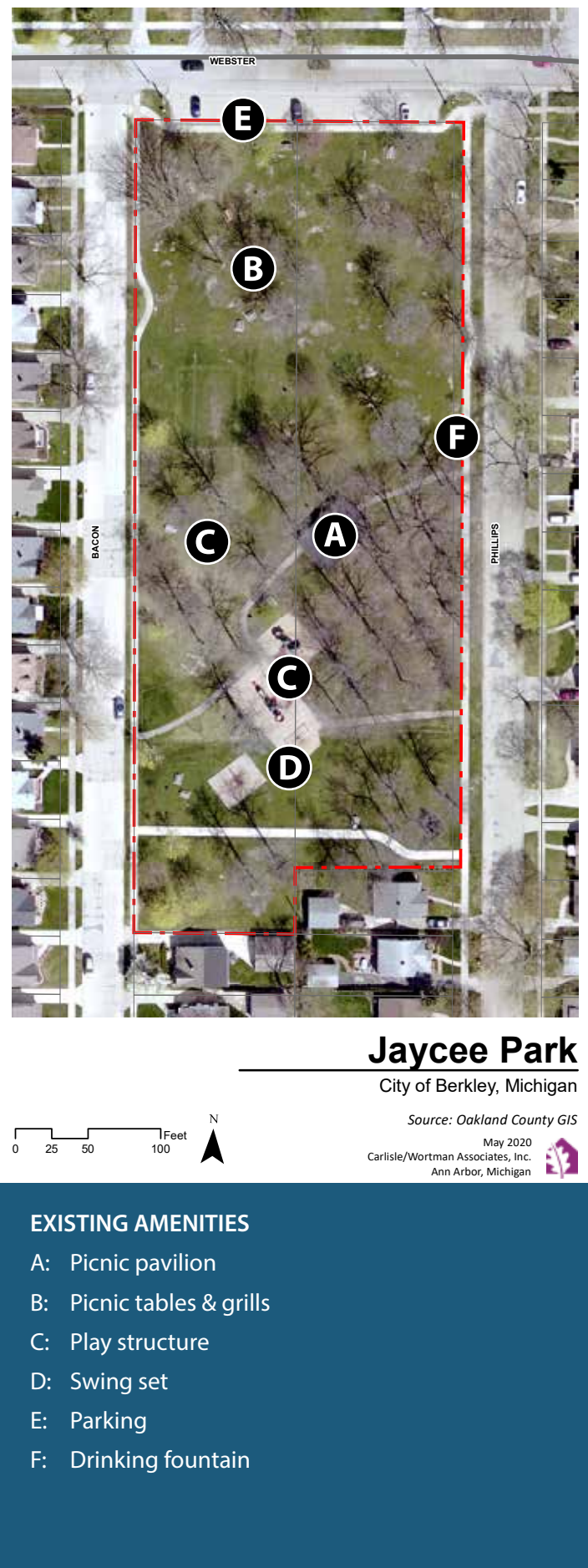
- A: Baseball field with bench and dugouts
- B: Tennis courts
- C: Swings
- D: Basketball Court
- E: Climbing and play structures
- F: Picnic facilities



JAYCEE PARK:

This 2.71 acre park serves the northern part of the city, providing a large, partially wooded setting for picnics and large group gatherings. The park is unique in the city due to its wooded nature; it is the closest Berkley has to a nature area. The park includes a large pavilion, with picnic tables and in-ground grills. It also has two large play structures, a swing set, and other climbing and play equipment. The park facilities are accessible to wheelchair users, including accessible parking, sidewalks around the perimeter and through the park, accessible picnic tables, and accessible matting to barrier free play structures.

Figure 2. Jaycee Park

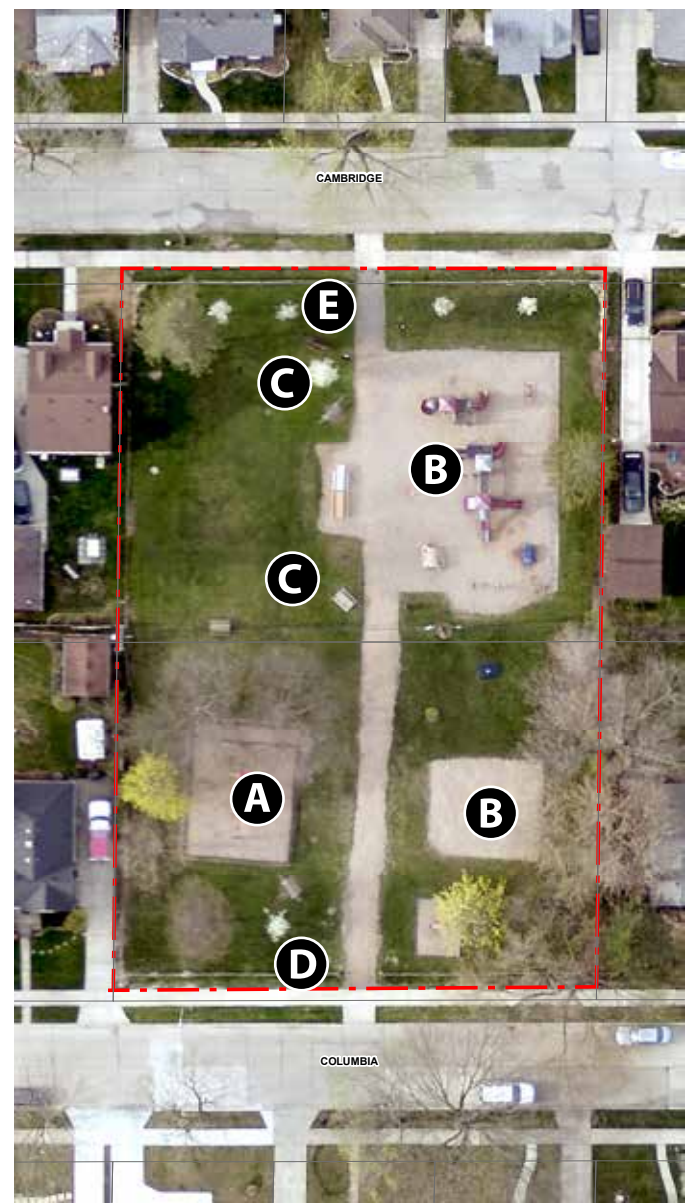




KIWANIS TOT LOT:

Located in the southeast part of the City, this small (0.77 acres) park serves neighborhood children via a number of play structures, including swings, large play structure, spring teeter-totter, merry-go-round, and other pieces. Much of the out-dated equipment has been replaced in recent years, although some older pieces still remain in the park. The park also offers several picnic tables and a drinking fountain. The surface around the play structures and swings and through the center of the park is covered with engineered wood fiber, allowing wheelchair access to most of the play equipment. Playground equipment upgrades are anticipated in spring of 2021.

Figure 3. Kiwanis Tot Lot



Kiwanis Tot Lot

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EXISTING AMENITIES

- A: Swings
- B: Play and climbing structures
- C: Picnic tables
- D: Drinking fountain
- E: Little library



LAZENBY FIELD / FRIENDS PARK / ROGERS PARK:

The park campus, totaling 8.91 acres, is connected by openings through shared fences. Lazenby Field consists of one 2.62 acre baseball field with bleachers. It is located directly next to Rogers Elementary School. While general access to the field and parking are barrier free, the bleachers and drinking fountain need to be improved with concrete pads for standing and accessibility to the fountain.

Friends Park (formerly Oxford Towers Park) is a small (0.85 acres) neighborhood park that contains two lit tennis courts, a sand box, and benches. A narrow asphalt pathway connects the amenities. The park's name was formally changed by City Council on October 20, 2020.

Rogers Park is owned and operated by the Berkley School District. The 5.44 acre school ground contains 2.55 acres of parkland, consisting of three climbing structures, five swing sets, two basketball half-courts, and multiple free standing structures. The fenced in playground is used by Rogers Elementary students during recess and by neighborhood children during off-hours. The equipment was recently upgraded and is in excellent condition.

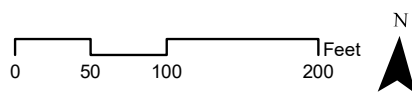


Figure 4. Lazenby Field, Friends, & Rogers Park



Lazenby Field, Friends, & Rogers Park

City of Berkley, Michigan



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EXISTING AMENITIES

LAZENBY FIELD

- A: Baseball field with bench and dugouts
- B: Drinking fountain

FRIENDS PARK

- C: Tennis courts
- D: Benches
- E: Sand box

ROGERS PARK

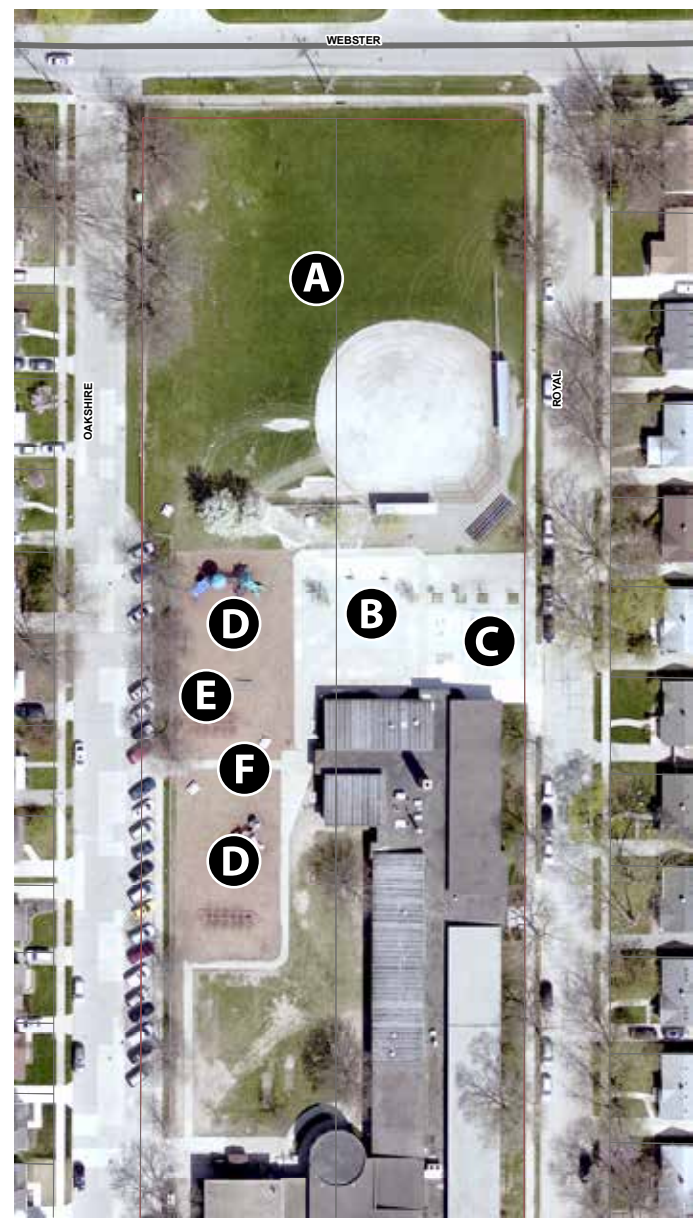
- F: Play structures
- G: Swing sets
- H: Basketball (half court)
- I: Parking*
- J: Multi-use field
- K: Picnic tables

*Rogers Park parking lot available during non-school hours only

PATTENGILL PARK:

Located on the north side of Berkley, Pattengill Park is also owned and operated by the Berkley School District. The 4.05 acre campus includes 2.31 acres of parkland, containing a number of amenities including a baseball field with backstop and bleachers, two basketball half-courts, a four square court, two climbing structures, two swing sets, benches and picnic tables, and several free-standing structures. The structures are relatively new, and include features specifically designed to accommodate wheelchair-bound users. Parking is provided both on-street and in the school parking lot. The park's proximity to the city border means that it is utilized by both Berkley residents and residents from the adjoining communities of Royal Oak and Beverly Hills during non-school hours. During school hours, the park is used exclusively by Pattengill Elementary students.

Figure 5. Patengill Park



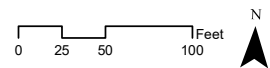
Patengill Park

City of Berkley, Michigan

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EXISTING AMENITIES

- A: Baseball field with dugouts and bleachers
- B: Basketball (half courts)
- C: Four-square court
- D: Climbing structures
- E: Swings
- F: Picnic tables



COMMUNITY PARKS

COMMUNITY PARK:

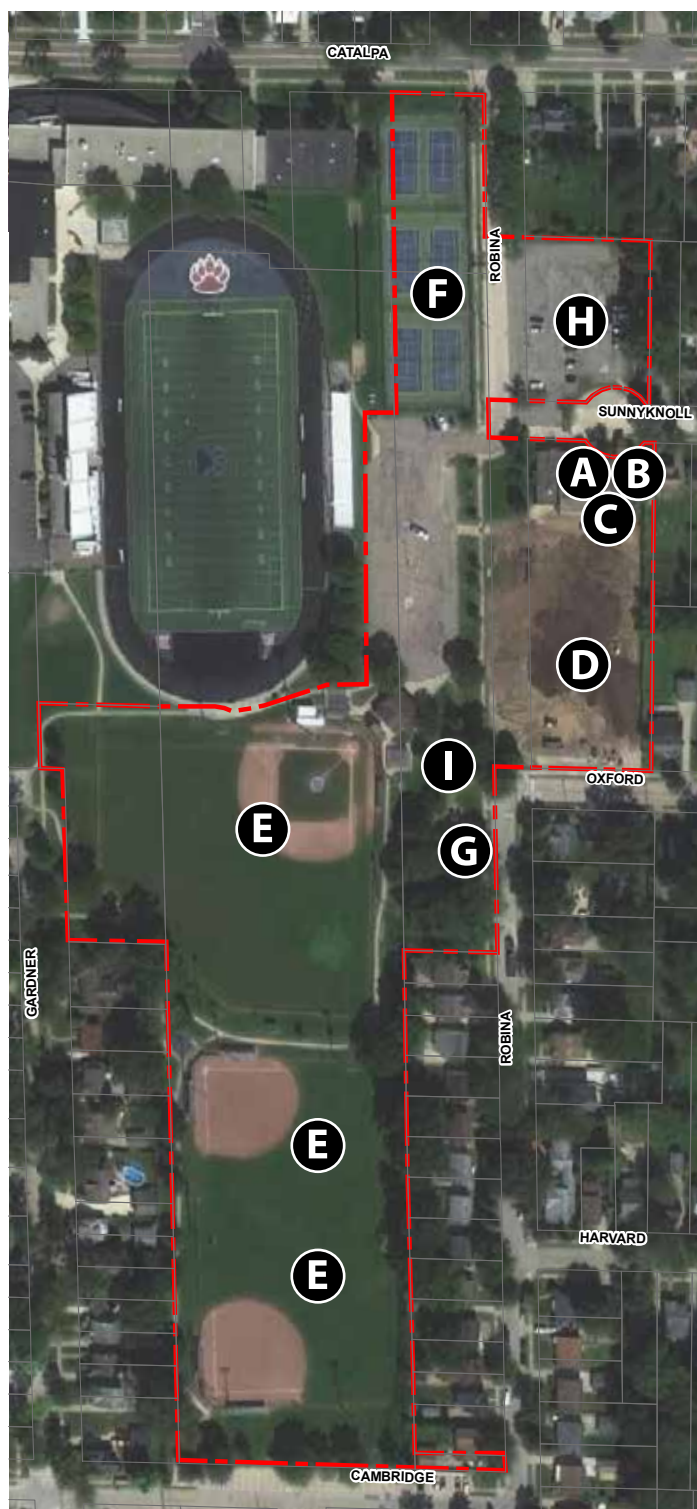
Community Park is adjacent to Anderson Middle School, and is located in the south central part of Berkley. This 13.13-acre park contains the Community Center, Recreation Department offices, baseball fields, tennis courts, and play equipment. The school tennis teams use the tennis courts for practices and games. An ice arena and horseshoe pits were removed in 2018.

These recreation amenities combine with the recreation facilities at the Middle School to create a central recreation hub for the community. The buildings on this property are accessible for wheelchair use. However, improvements to the restrooms need to be made. Most amenities are accessible by wheelchair, as there is a concrete pathway system through the park, connecting the school, park, and sidewalks along all the adjacent roads. Upgrades to play equipment is scheduled for late 2021 into spring of 2022.

EXISTING AMENITIES

- A: Community Center
- B: Senior Center
- C: Recreation Department
- D: Ice Arena & horseshoe pits, removed in 2018
- E: Baseball fields with dugouts and bleachers
- F: Tennis courts
- G: Play structures and climbing equipment
- H: Parking
- I: Concession stand & restrooms

Figure 6. Community Park

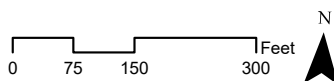


Community Park

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MERCHANTS / OXFORD PARK:

This 7.5-acre park is located in the southwest corner of the City. This land was acquired from the Berkley Public Schools in the 2014-15 fiscal school year. Prior to acquisition, the school district sold approximately 1.7 acres of this park for residential development. The existing Oxford Center, which housed the Board of Education offices, was also demolished prior to the sale.

The city approved a major overhaul of the park in the summer of 2020 which will allow the addition of permanent bathrooms, a splash pad, and new play equipment. Two baseball fields will be retained, as will two open fields used for soccer and football. Trails throughout the park and other new amenities are all designed to be ADA compliant.

AVAILABLE AMENITIES (UPON COMPLETION)

- A: Permanent restrooms
- B: Splash pad
- C: Walking paths
- D: Baseball fields with dugouts and bleachers
- E: Active lawn area
- F: Passive lawn area

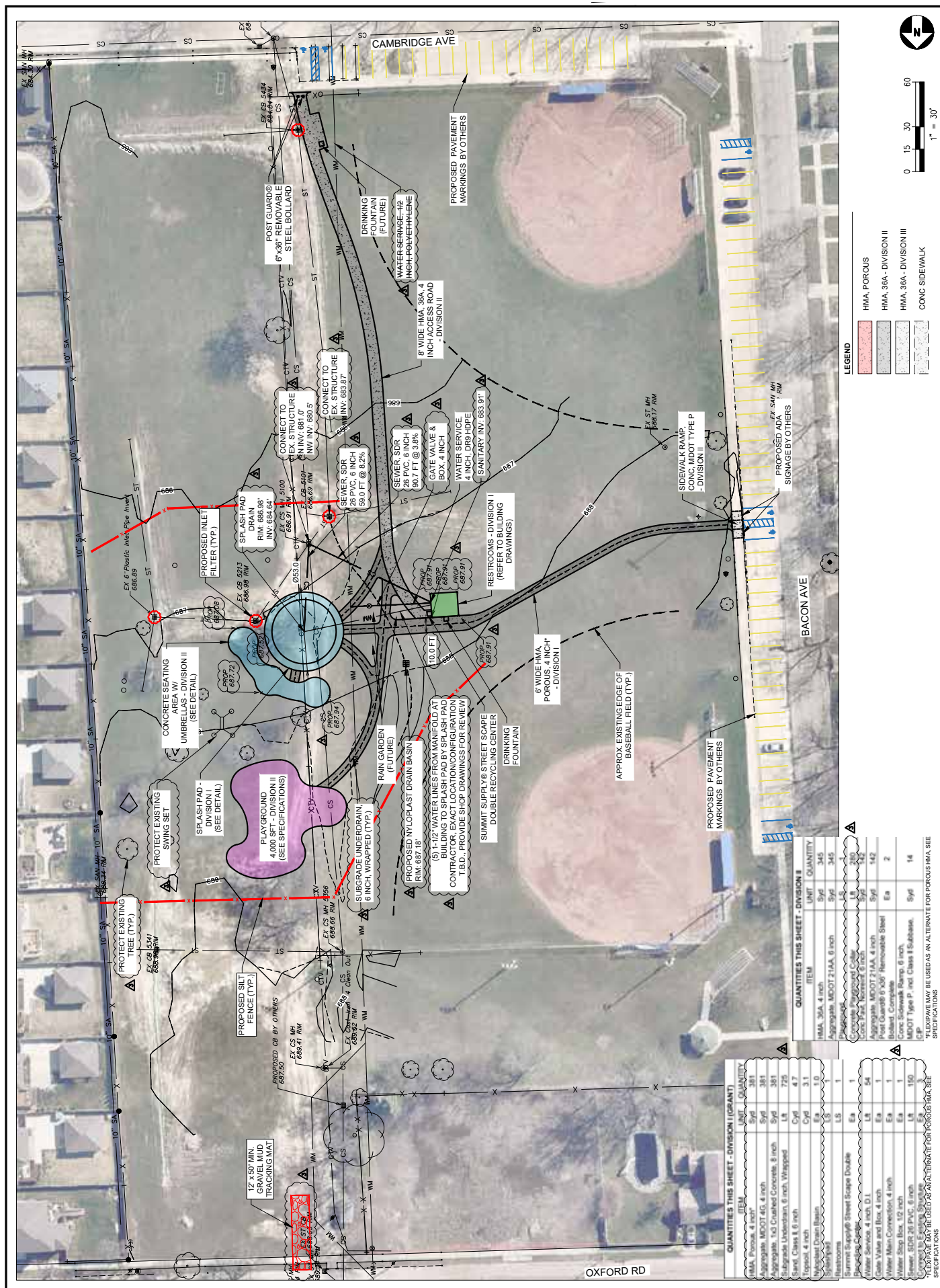


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School Facilities

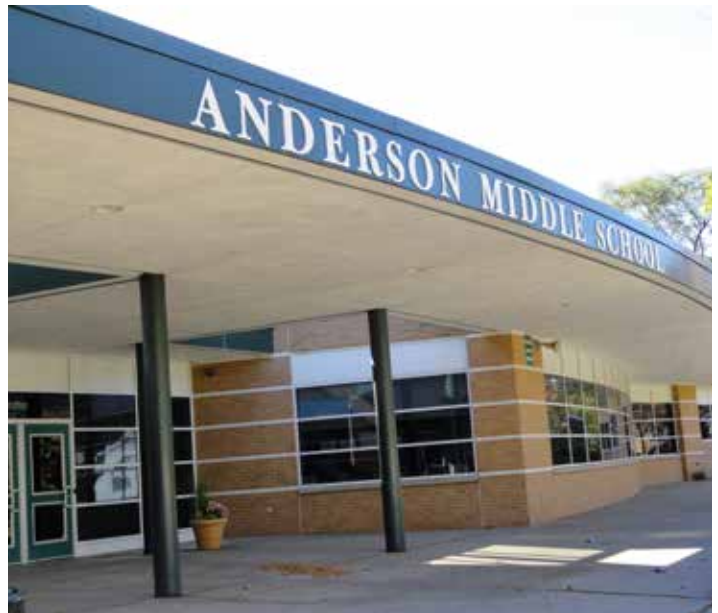
As previously discussed, the Berkley School District and the City of Berkley has a joint operating agreement for Angell Park, while the playgrounds at Rogers and Pattengill are owned and operated by the school district. All three playgrounds operate as school playgrounds during school hours, and are used as park space the remainder of the time.

Additional athletic and cultural facilities are present at Anderson Middle School and Berkley High School. The football field and track at Anderson, and gymnasiums, classrooms, and auditoriums are available for rental to the public on a limited basis. The swimming pool at Berkley High School is not available for private use, although residents are encouraged to use the pool during open swim sessions monitored by the Community Education Department. All rentals are subject to custodial fees, and availability is prioritized based on school district policies.

Roseland Memorial Park Cemetery

Roseland Park Cemetery, founded in 1906, is located in the northeast corner of the City, bounded by Webster St., Coolidge, Twelve Mile, and Woodward Avenue. It is 133 acres in size, and provides this part of Berkley with a large open space with a park-like setting. It is a sanctuary for a wide variety of birds and wildlife.

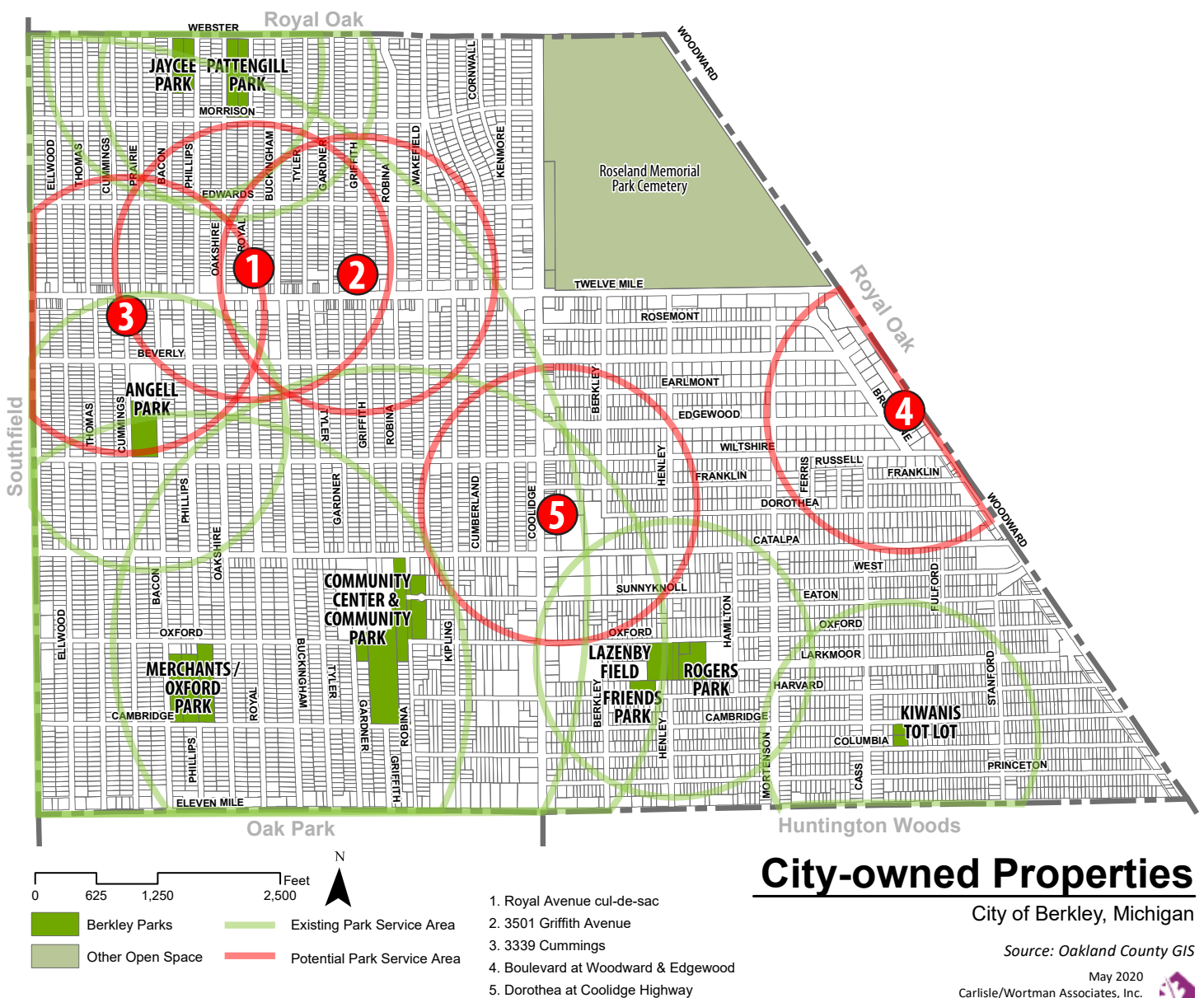
The cemetery has been mentioned as a location for a possible Veteran's Park. A proposed linear park would run along the western edge of the property, continuing to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Residents have also expressed interest in providing new pedestrian access points along the western boundary.



City-owned Properties

The City owns a number of parcels around the community which could potentially be used for future pocket park development. The boulevard area at Woodward & Edgewood, in particular, presents an opportunity to fill a gap in recreation services for the community. A map of city-owned properties and their potential service areas is provided below.

Map 3. City-owned Properties



Private Recreation Facilities

A large number of private recreation facilities can also be found in Berkley and nearby communities. They include:

ARCHERY & SHOOTING RANGES

- MJC Archery (Royal Oak)
- Rising Phoenix Archery (Troy)
- Double Action Indoor Shooting Range (Madison Heights)
- Kummooyeh Michigan (Southfield)

BOWLING

- Hartfield Lanes Family Fun Center
- Bowlero Lanes and Lounge (Royal Oak)

DANCE

- Linda's Dance Works
- Arthur Murray Dance Studio (Royal Oak)
- Royal Oak Dance Academy (Royal Oak)
- Borgo Sisters School of Dance (Royal Oak)
- Beverli Varner School of Dance (Royal Oak)
- Fem Fatale Dance Studio (Oak Park)
- La Shelle School of Dance (Oak Park)
- Russian Ballet Academy of Michigan (Lathrup Village)

FITNESS CENTER

- Anytime Fitness
- Bad Boy Boxing Gym, Inc.
- Fit Body Boot Camp
- Disrupt Fitness
- Reforming Foundations Pilates
- RO Fitness
- TRV|FIT Berkley
- Fusion Fitness Studio
- Curves

GOLF

- Rackham Golf Course (Huntington Woods)
- Evergreen Hills Golf Course (Southfield)
- Royal Oak Golf Course (Royal Oak)

GYMNASTICS

- Troy Gymnastics (Troy)

ICE SKATING / HOCKEY

- John Lindell Ice Arena (Royal Oak)
- Birmingham Ice Arena (Birmingham)

KARATE / MARTIAL ARTS

- School of Martial Arts
- Tactical Weapons Training Center (Southfield)
- Shojin Judo (Southfield)
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club of Michigan (Southfield)
- Southfield Martial Arts Institute (Southfield)
- Detroit Kung Fu Academy of Southfield

SWIMMING

- South Oakland Family YMCA (Royal Oak)
- Bac Swim Club (Royal Oak)
- SafeSplash Swim School (Royal Oak)
- Villa Point Pool (Southfield)
- Country Knoll Pool (Southfield)
- Southfield Pool (Southfield)
- Huntington Woods Aquatic Club (Huntington Woods)
- Beverly Hills Athletic Club (Beverly Hills)

YOGA

- House of Yoga
- Shanti Yoga
- Living Tradition Yoga (Royal Oak)
- A Touch of Grace (Huntington Woods)
- Detroit Yoga (Royal Oak)
- Namaste Yoga (Royal Oak)
- Citizen Yoga (Royal Oak)

RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The City of Berkley offers outstanding youth and adult recreation programs, team and individual sports opportunities, and special events to City residents and non-residents. The following programs are offered by City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Department:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Summer Day Camps
- Vacation Camps
- Karate
- Hunter Safety
- Snowmobile Safety
- Parent-Tot Playgroup
- Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics
- Basketball Camp
- Youth and Teen Dance
- Babysitting/Home Alone Class
- Leisure Unlimited Classes
- Parents Night-Out
- Safety Classes
- Zumba Kids
- Pillo Polo
- Lego Classes
- Art Classes
- Lacrosse
- Guitar

ADULT ACTIVITIES

- Pilates
- Yoga
- PiYo
- Zumba
- Dog Obedience
- Adult/Family Karate
- Hunter Safety
- Boater/ORV safety
- Photography
- CPR/AED/First Aid
- Art Classes
- Tai Chi
- Kickboxing
- Self Defense Classes

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

- One on One Computer Classes
- Senior Outreach services
- Home chore program
- Loan closet (durable medical supplies)
- Chair Yoga
- Senior Exercise
- Wii Bowling
- Euchre and Pinochle Groups
- Mahjong
- Specialty Bingo games

DAY TRIPS

- Casino Trips
- Lunch outings
- Theatre Trips (Meadowbrook Theatre & Downtown Theatres)
- Bocce Ball
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Oakland County Parks
- Senior day at the Detroit Zoo
- Shopping trips
- Detroit Tigers Games
- Michigan State Fair

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Berkley Days
- Art Bash
- Berkley CruiseFest
- Woodward Dream Cruise
- Community Garage sale
- Fire Open House
- Lids for Kids
- Halloween BooFest
- Holiday Lights Parade
- Mother/Son Dance
- Daddy/Daughter Dance
- WinterFest
- SummerFest
- Outdoor Movie in the Park
- Berkley Street Art Fest
- Tale on the Trail



REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

In addition to the local recreation facilities, there are over 180 acres of county recreational facilities within five miles of the City of Berkley. The state and county park systems, and the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority Metroparks also provide more than 41,000 acres of parks within 40 miles of the City. These facilities are considered regional recreational facilities. They are large facilities that provide opportunities such as golfing, water parks, camping, nature study & hiking, and other activities which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. “Map 4. Regional Recreation Facilities” on page 49 depicts the location of nearby regional parks, and a detailed description of the regional facilities located in adjacent Cities follows.

Oakland County Parks

CATALPA OAKS COUNTY PARK

Located just west of the City of Berkley in Southfield, Catalpa Oaks includes 25 acres of parkland. Activities and facilities include:

- Six soccer fields
- One fast pitch softball field, with backstop and bleachers
- One high school baseball field, with backstop and bleachers
- One picnic pavilion, available for rent
- Playground structures

RED OAKS COUNTY PARK

This County Park is programmed for active play. Located just five miles from Berkley in Madison Heights, the primary features of this 163-acre park include:

- Water park, offering a wave-action pool, water slide, 990- foot long moving river ride, 68-feature children’s water playground, and spray & play water play area for toddlers
- Jerry Matthews-designed 9-hole executive golf course
- Youth soccer complex, with soccer fields, concession building with restrooms, meeting space, and playground
- 5.2-acre dog park, with three fenced enclosures and picnic shelter

Huron-Clinton Metroparks (HCMA)

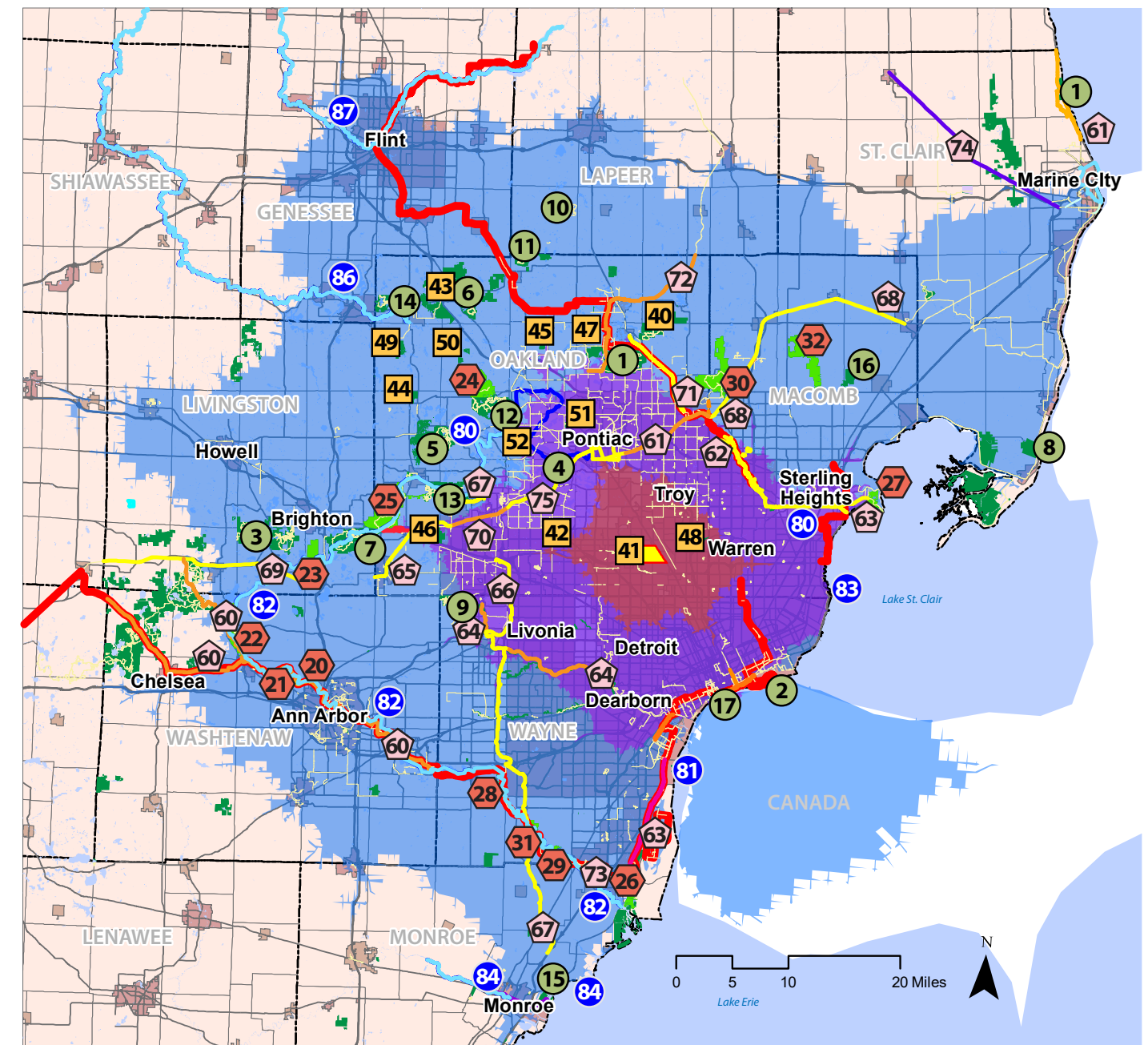
The Huron-Clinton Metroparks system is a regional park system spanning Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties. The Metroparks include of 13 parks covering 24,000 acres, with a wide variety of both active and passive uses and are especially noted for their extensive trail systems and golf courses. The Metroparks’ extensive natural areas provide a respite from the highly urbanized character of southeast Michigan.

Berkley is positioned almost exactly in the center of the Metropark system. The City is within 20 to 25 miles of each of the parks, meaning residents can be at most of the Metroparks can be accessed with a short half hour drive.

Michigan State Parks

The State of Michigan maintains six state forests, four national parks and 97 state parks. Dodge Number 4 State Park, located roughly 12 miles northwest of the city, offers fishing, boating, and swimming activities. William G. Milliken State Park, located 14 miles southeast in Detroit, is Michigan’s first urban state park. Larger naturalized areas are located within a short drive of the city; Highland State and Pontiac Lake Recreation Areas are 22 miles northwest of Berkley.

Map 4. Regional Recreation Facilities



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| <p>X State & Federal Park/Rec Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bald Mountain Rec. Area 2. Belle Isle State Park 3. Brighton Rec. Area 4. Dodge #4 State Park 5. Highland Rec. Area 6. Holly Rec. Area 7. Island Lake Rec. Area 8. Lakeport State Park 9. Maybury Rec. Area 10. Metamora-Hadley Rec. Area 11. Ortonville Rec. Area 12. Pontiac Lake Rec. Area 13. Proud Lake Rec. Area 14. Seven Lakes State Park 15. Sterling State Park 16. Wetzel State Recreation Area 17. William G. Milliken State Park | <p>X Huron Clinton Metroparks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Delhi 21. Dexter-Huron 22. Hudson-Mills 23. Huron Meadows 24. Indian Springs 25. Kensington 26. Lake Erie 27. Lake St. Clair 28. Lower Huron 29. Oakwoods 30. Stony Creek 31. Willow 32. Wolcott Mill | <p>X Oakland County Parks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 40. Addison Oaks 41. Catalpa Oaks 42. Glen Oaks Golf Course 43. Groveland Oaks 44. Highland Oaks 45. Independence Oaks 46. Lyon Oaks 47. Orion Oaks 48. Red Oaks Golf Course 49. Rose Oaks 50. Springfield Oaks Golf Course 51. Waterford Oaks Water Park 52. White Lake Oaks Golf Course | <p>X Major Trails</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 60. Border-to-Border* 61. Clinton River Trail* 62. Downriver Linked Greenways* 63. Freedom Metro Trail* 64. Hines Park Trail 65. Huron Valley Trail 66. I-275 Metro Trail 67. Lakes Community Trail 68. Macomb Orchard Trail* 69. M Levine Lakelands State Trail 70. Michigan Airline Trail** 71. Paint Creek Trail* 72. Polly Ann Trail 73. River Raisin Heritage Trail* 75. West Bloomfield Trail <p>* = part of Iron Belle Trail
** = in construction</p> | <p>X Water Trails</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 80. Clinton River 81. Detroit Heritage River 82. Huron River 83. Lake St. Clair Coastal 84. Monroe County / River Raisin / Lake Erie 85. Rouge River 86. Shiawassee River 87. Flint River |
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- 15 minute drive
 30 minute drive
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 City of Berkley

Regional Recreation Facilities

City of Berkley, Michigan

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Table 14. Regional Recreation Facilities

Key	AGENCY: HCMA = Huron Clinton Metroparks, MDNR = Michigan Department of Natural Resources, OC = Oakland County Parks & Rec	Property Name	Acres / Miles	ACTIVE SPORTS										PASSIVE ACTIVITIES													
				Baseball / Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes/shuffleboard	Sand volleyball	Skate park	Soccer / multipurpose field	Tennis / pickleball	Cricket	Banquet / Special Events	Visitors Center / Nature Center / Museum	Comm. Center / Meeting space	Fairground / Major event space	Fitness Center / Gym / Exercise Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Park / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter
1	MDNR	Bald Mountain Rec. Area	4,637			•													•	•			•	•	•	•	
2	MDNR	Belle Isle State Park	982								•						•		•				•	•	•		•
3	MDNR	Brighton Rec. Area	4,947			•										•			•	•		•	•	•	•		•
4	MDNR	Dodge #4 State Park	139																		•	•	•	•			
5	MDNR	Highland Rec. Area	5,900										•							•	•			•	•	•	•
6	MDNR	Holly Rec. Area	8,000			•										•		•	•		•	•	•		•		
7	MDNR	Island Lake Rec. Area	4,000																		•		•				•
8	MDNR	Lakeport State Park	565													•			•			•	•	•			
9	MDNR	Maybury Rec. Area	1,000																			•	•	•			•
10	MDNR	Metamora-Hadley Rec. Area	723													•			•			•	•	•			
11	MDNR	Ortonville Rec. Area	5,340																•			•	•	•			
12	MDNR	Pontiac Lake Rec. Area	3,745													•						•	•	•	•	•	•
13	MDNR	Proud Lake Rec. Area	4,700													•					•	•	•				
14	MDNR	Seven Lakes State Park	1,434																			•	•	•			
15	MDNR	Sterling State Park	1,300													•			•			•	•	•			•
16	MDNR	Wetzel St. Rec. Area	900																							•	•
17	MDNR	William G. Milliken State Park	31													•								•	•		

Table 15. Regional Non-motorized Trail Facilities

Key	Trail Name (* = part of Iron Belle Trail)	Location	Distance
60	Border-to-Border*	Washtenaw Cty	40+ miles
61	Clinton River Trail*	Oakland Cty	16 miles
62	Downriver Linked Greenway	Wayne Cty	75+ miles
63	Freedom Metro Trail*	Macomb Cty	19.3 miles
64	Hines Park Trail	Wayne Cty	17.5 miles
65	Huron Valley Trail	Wayne Cty	25 miles
66	I-275 Metro Trail	Wayne Cty	35 miles
67	Lakes Community Trail	Oakland Cty	8.9 miles

Key	Trail Name (* = part of Iron Belle Trail)	Location	Distance
68	Macomb Orchard Trail*	Macomb Cty	23 miles
69	M. Levine Lakelands Trail	Livingston Cty	34 miles
70	Michigan Airline Trail	Oakland Cty	7.8 miles
71	Paint Creek Trail	Oakland Cty	8.9 miles
72	Polly Ann Trail	Oakland Cty	14.2 miles
73	River Raisin Heritage Trail*	Wayne Cty	8 miles
74	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	St. Clair Cty	12 miles
74	West Bloomfield Trail	Oakland Cty	6.8 miles

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		Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX	Equestrian	Swimming / Beach	Splash pad / Pool / Water slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat launch	Designated Water Trail	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins and lodges	Rustic site	Group Use Area	Walk-in / Paddle-in sites	Yurts	Vault or Portable Toilets	Modern restrooms	Sanitation station	Shooting range	Archery Range	Hunting	Fishing	Fishing pier																																															
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Table 16. Major Water Trails

Key	Water Trails	Location	Distance
80	Clinton River	Oakland and Macomb C ounties	81.5 miles
81	Detroit Heritage Trail	Wayne County (Belle Isle, Rouge River, Huron River, and Lower Detroit River)	33 miles
82	Huron River	Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties	104 miles
83	Lake St. Clair Coastal	St. Clair County / Lake St. Clair	33+ miles
84	Monroe County / River Raisin / Lake Erie	Monroe County (six segments)	11+ miles
85	Rouge River	Wayne County (four segments)	14.4
86	Shiawassee River	Oakland, Saginaw, and Shiawassee Counties	85.3
87	Flint River	Genesee, Oakland, and Saginaw Counties	104

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TABLE 14. Regional Recreation Facilities (cont.)

Key	AGENCY: HCMA = Huron Clinton Metroparks, MDNR = Michigan Department of Natural Resources, OC = Oakland County Parks & Rec	Property Name	Acres / Miles	ACTIVE SPORTS									PASSIVE ACTIVITIES														
				Baseball / Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes/shuffleboard	Sand volleyball	Skate park	Soccer / multipurpose field	Tennis / pickleball	Cricket	Banquet / Special Events	Visitors Center / Nature Center / Museum	Comm. Center / Meeting space	Fairground / Major event space	Fitness Center / Gym / Exercise Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Park / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter
20	HCMA	Delhi	81	•														•	•			•	•	•		•	
21	HCMA	Dexter-Huron	122	•														•	•			•	•	•		•	
22	HCMA	Hudson Mills	1,549	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•						•	•			•	•	•		•	
23	HCMA	Huron Meadows	1,540				•								•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•		•
24	HCMA	Indian Springs	2,547	•			•	•	•						•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•		•
25	HCMA	Kensington	4,543			•	•								•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•
26	HCMA	Lake Erie	1,607		•		•		•						•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•		•
27	HCMA	Lake St Clair	770	•	•		•	•	•			•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•
28	HCMA	Lower Huron	1,258	•	•				•			•			•			•	•	•			•	•	•		•
29	HCMA	Oakwoods	1,756												•			•	•	•				•			•
30	HCMA	Stony Creek	4,461	•	•	•	•		•		•				•			•	•			•	•	•	•		•
31	HCMA	Willow	1,531	•	•	•	•		•		•				•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•		•
32	HCMA	Wolcott Mill	2,625					•	•						•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•		•
40	OC	Addison Oaks	1,140			•	•	•	•						•			•				•	•	•	•	•	•
41	OC	Catalpa Oaks	24	•							•							•				•	•	•			
42	OC	Farmers Market	3																								
43	OC	Glen Oaks	122				•								•												
44	OC	Groveland Oaks	361	•	•			•	•	•												•	•	•			
45	OC	Highland Oaks	302															•					•				•
46	OC	Independence Oaks	1,286	•				•	•						•	•		•				•	•	•	•		•
47	OC	Lyon Oaks	1,041				•	•			•		•		•			•			•	•	•	•	•		•
48	OC	Orion Oaks	916															•			•	•		•			•
49	OC	Red Oaks	163				•				•				•			•			•	•	•	•	•		•
50	OC	Rose Oaks	640															•						•			•
51	OC	Springfield Oaks	333				•					•			•												
52	OC	Waterford Oaks	199					•	•			•					•	•				•	•	•			•
53	OC	White Lake Oaks	195				•								•												

Comparison To Recreation Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has classified parks and recommended an appropriate amount of parkland for a given population size. Although these guidelines are useful in pointing out deficiencies, a community's recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community and not be solely based on national guidelines.

According to the NRPA, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All of the City parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of close-to-home parkland recommended is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 40 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. In City of Berkley, they include the HCMA, state, and city-owned parks and recreation areas described in the preceding pages. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 people.

Other types of parks include the following:

- **Schoolyards:** Areas that can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks such as close-to-home parks, which include all public school facilities in the City;
- **Greenways:** Areas that link park system components together to form a continuous park environment, which include the City safety paths; and
- **Private Recreation Facilities:** Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the local parks and recreation system, which include the previously described private facilities.

According to these standards, Berkley is deficient in terms of total close-to-home parkland. Given the built-out nature of the City, acquiring significant parkland will be challenging. While the City is encouraged to continue searching for new park opportunities, it is important to note that other recreation facilities, including private facilities and facilities in neighboring communities, help to meet the needs of residents. In addition, the City of Berkley residents are well-served by regional park facilities.

Table 17. Suggested Parkland Acreage

Type of Park	NRPA Standard (Per 1000 pop.)	Required (Based on 14,592 pop)	Existing	Deficient
Close-to-home Parkland	6.25 - 10.5 acres	91-153 acres	48 acres	46 acres
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	219 - 292 ac.	79,000+ ac.	-
Berkley Public Schools	-	-	39 acres	-
Open Space (Cemetery)	-	-	133 acres	-

Park Facility Comparison

Table 18 provides a comparison of the City's park facilities against NRPA's park facility standards. The City is only deficient in a few active recreational facilities, including court games such as badminton, volleyball, and multi-use courts. Regional trails, while being addressed by the County, is another area that could be improved upon.

The City parks do not include any volleyball, badminton, or multi-use courts. Given the small area required for these court games, they may be easily added to existing parks. Multi-use courts in particular could be used to meet the demand for a variety of court sports and other activities.

Table 18. Comparison to Facility Development Standards

Type of Facility	NRPA Standard (unit/pop.)	Required (Based on 14,970 pop)	Existing			Deficient
			City	School	Private	
Badminton	1/5,000	3				Yes
Basketball	1/5,000	3	2	4		No
Handball	1/20,000	0				No
Ice Hockey	1/100,000	0	1 indoor			No
Tennis	1/2,000	8	10			No
Volleyball	1/5,000	3				Yes
Baseball/Softball	1/5,000	3	7	1		No
Field Hockey	1/20,000	0				No
Football	1/20,000	0		1		No
Soccer	1/10,000	2	2	2		No
Golf-driving range	1/50,000	0				No
1/4 mile track	1/20,000	0		1		No
Multi-use court	1/10,000	2				Yes
Trails	1/region	1				Yes
Archery Range	1/50,000	0				No
Skeet/Trap field	1/50,000	0				No
Golf	1/50,000	0				No
Swimming pool	1/20,000	0		1		No

Non-Motorized Trail System

Given the urban character of the City and the surrounding area, existing trails or pathways are in the form of sidewalks. The City has some roadways designated as bicycle routes, but does not have nature trails or dedicated bicycle lanes. The current suggested bicycle route configuration does not connect outside of the city limits, and is not marked with signage or any kind of road marking.

Any efforts by the city towards building a trail network should be communicated with Oakland County and neighboring communities. Development of a municipal trail coalition in southeast Oakland County would enable communities to create cohesive trail networks throughout the area and provide opportunities for cost sharing both during construction and in subsequent maintenance of the facilities.

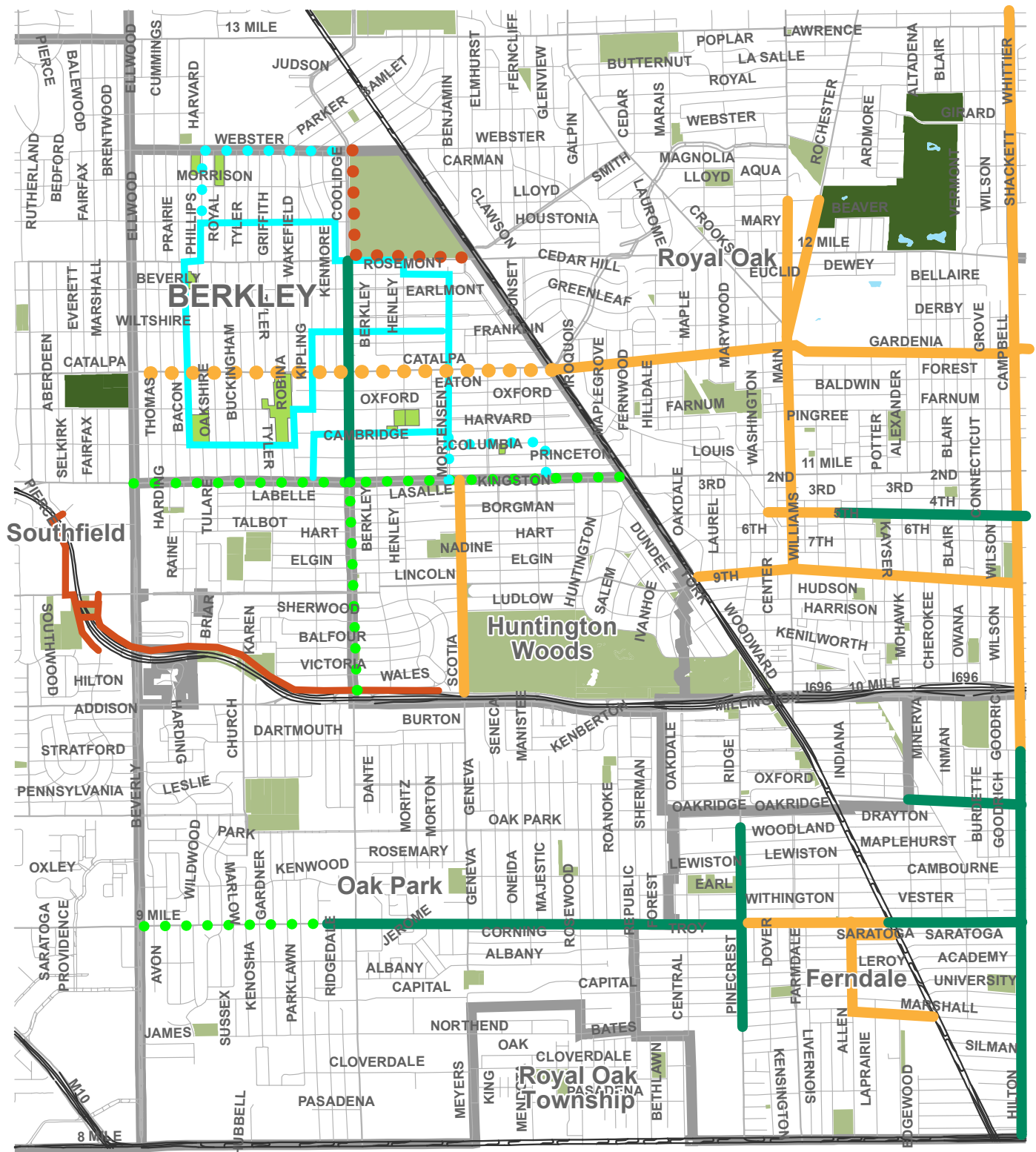
A proposal for a linear park along the western edge of Roseland Cemetery, and adding connection points to the cemetery for pedestrian users, are two opportunities which should be explored. Establishment of linear parks along the western and southern edge of Roseland Cemetery would create strong connections to Beaumont Hospital and other amenities to the north, while shared lane markings along Catalpa Street and Mortenson Boulevard could extend existing routes from Huntington Woods and Royal Oak.

Berkley's existing bicycle pathway system should be adjusted to include connections to all city parks. Clearly marking the existing network through a combination of shared lane markings (sharrows) and wayfinding signage would help to establish the routes in the city and alert drivers to increased bicycle traffic. Lastly, as the primary form of non-motorized structure in Berkley, maintenance of existing sidewalks must remain a priority.

Figure 8. Examples of safety markings and bike route wayfinding signs



Map 5. Proposed Multi-Community Bike System and Berkley Pathway System



Potential Multi-Community Bike System

Cities of Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, & Royal Oak

- Existing/Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Dedicated Bike Lane
- Proposed Future Bike Lane
- Existing/Proposed Shared-Use Lanes

- Berkley Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Other Recreation & Open Space Facilities
- Oakland County Parks
- Existing/Proposed Berkley Pathway System

Sources: Cities of Berkley,
Huntington Woods, Oak Park, & Royal Oak
Non-motorized Transportation & Recreation Plans
Oakland County GIS, SEMCOG
May 2020
Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Accessibility Assessment

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the MDNR Guidelines (2009) was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 and is described as follows:

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

Each of the parks was evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements reviewed included parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, and surfacing. Table 19 provides the result of this assessment.

The City has been diligent in bringing their recreation facilities into compliance. Current and future park projects are designed to meet or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are mainly the result of older equipment or facilities which pre-date ADA standards.

It is the intent of City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Department to retrofit these facilities during park upgrade and renovation projects.

Table 19. Accessibility Assessment

Park	Rank	Description
Angell Park	3	Accessible parking and routes provided to playground facilities. Some playground facilities are also accessible. However, no accessible routes to ball field or basketball court.
Community Park	4	Accessible parking and pathways to activity areas. Buildings are accessible, and play structure is accessible.
Jaycee Park	3	Accessible parking and accessible route from parking area to picnic shelter. Accessible route to activity area, and most play structures are accessible.
Kiwanis Tot Lot	2	Engineered wood fiber (EWF) around play equipment. Accessible routes not provided to all equipment.
Lazenby / Friends / Rogers Park	2; 3; 4	Accessible parking at Lazenby Field; however, no accessible pads around or route to bleachers. Accessible route to activity areas at Oxford Park; however, no accessible parking. Accessible parking and accessible route to most play structures at Rogers Park.
Merchants/ Oxford Park	n/a	Currently under construction. Planned facilities all designed to meet or exceed ADA standards.
Pattengill Playground	3	Accessible parking and pathways to play structures. No accessible route to bleachers or ballfield.

MDNR Grants

The City of Berkley has received seven Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants for parkland development since 1973. Table 20 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted parks and facilities.

Table 20. Grant History

Grant Number	Application Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Current Use / Condition
26-00418	1973 LWCF	Merchants Park: Lighting for an existing ball diamond	\$14,500	The ball fields are in good condition. The lights were replaced in 2009.
26-00890	1977 LWCF	Community Park: Development of six tennis courts.	\$27,500	The tennis courts were reconstructed in 1999 and are in excellent condition.
26-01023 K	1977 LWCF	Lazenby Field: Lighting for existing ball field, and installation of two lit tennis courts.	\$18,500	The ball field is in good condition. The lighting for the ball field was renovated in 2009. The tennis courts are in excellent condition.
26-01324	1984 LWCF	Angell Park: Installation of two tennis courts.	\$20,500	The tennis courts were restored in 2011 and are in excellent condition.
BF90-174	1990 RBF	Community Park: Construction of an addition to the Senior Center Annex (including meeting area, office space and storage area)	\$70,000	The condition of the addition is in fair to poor condition. A crack in one wall was patched in 2016, but a full repair is still required.
26-01493	1992 LWCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaycee Park: Playground equipment and pathway. Kiwanis Tot Lot: Playground equipment. Community Park: Playground equipment and pathway 	\$60,000	The playground equipment was replaced in 1994, and the current equipment is in good condition. The pathways are in good condition.
CM99-069	1999 MNRTF	Community Park: Tennis court reconstruction and fence removal & replacement	\$99,000	Tennis courts and fence are in good condition.
26-01817-434	2018 LWCF	Merchants / Oxford Park Enhancements: New splash pad, restrooms, and park additions	\$180,000	Construction slated for fall 2020.



Image Source: Second Wave Media

Chapter 6: Administrative Structure

CITY PARKS & RECREATION

Berkley has a fully staffed Parks & Recreation Department committed to providing recreation services to the community. The Parks & Recreation Director is a full-time position and responsible for the administration of the Department. In this capacity, the Director and her staff plan, organize and implement programs and facilities designed to meet the recreation needs of the community. The Director is hired by and responsible to the City manager.

The City Manager is responsible to the City Council, which makes the final decisions relative to site improvements, capital projects, and the budget. Department staff operates all recreation programs, and maintains all of the facilities it owns or leases.

Part-time and seasonal staff are used on an extensive basis. The Senior Coordinator is a part-time position working approximately 28 hours a week. Seasonal employees amount to 30-40 people annually.

The Parks & Recreation Department currently employs 5 full-time staff :

- Parks & Recreation Director – Theresa McArleton
- Manager, Recreation Programs – Scott Jennex
- Manager of Senior Programs and Special Events - Dan McMinn
- Maintenance Leader – Joe Nazione
- Office Administrator – currently vacant

Figure 9. Organizational Chart

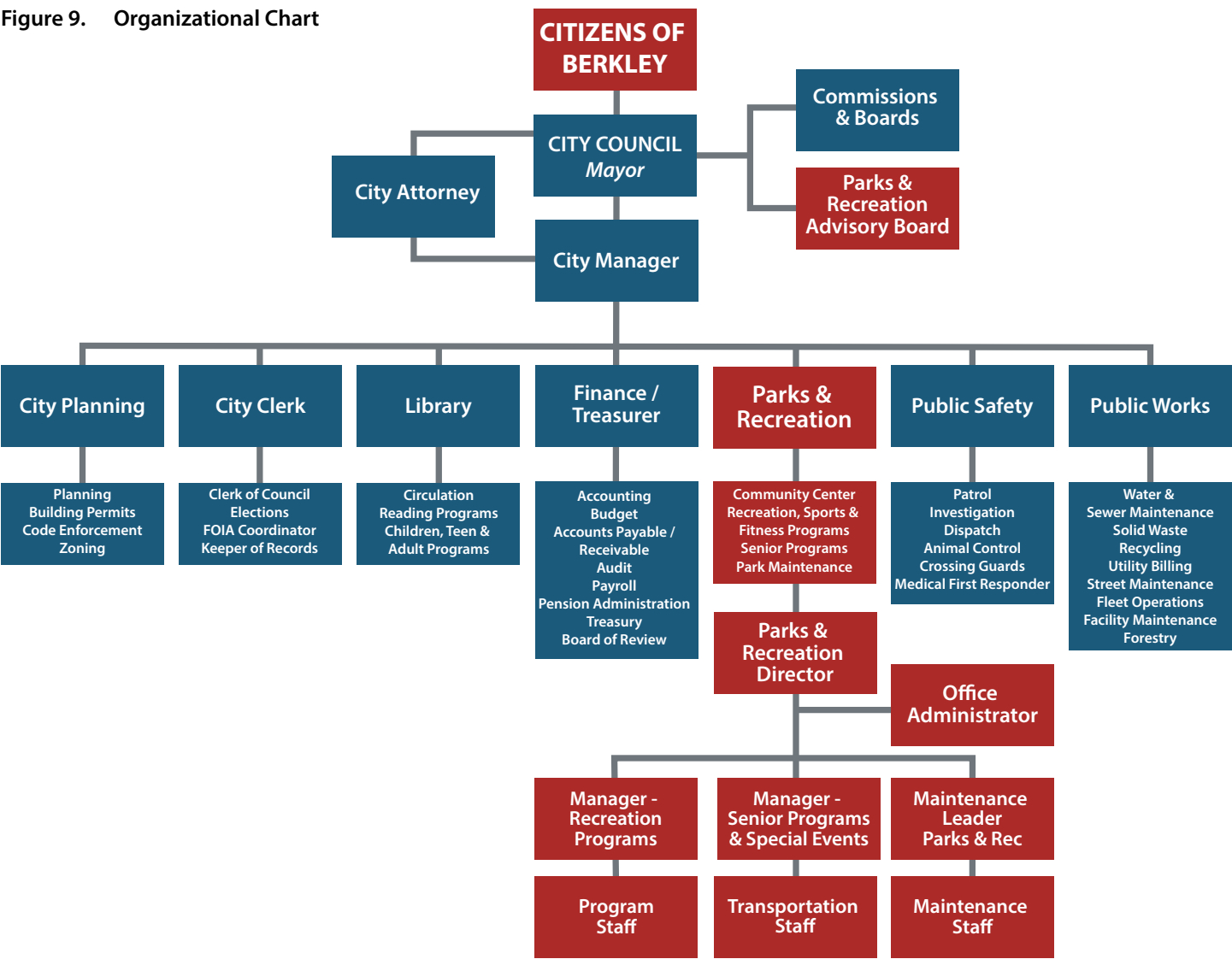


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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is a volunteer board originally established in 1971 under P.A. 156, Recreation and Playgrounds, of 1917. The Board meets every other month on the second Thursday of the month to discuss general park and recreation operations and to provide input and recommendations on both the short- and long-range planning of the recreation programs and facilities in the City. Sub-committees are formed for special projects on an as-needed basis.

FUNDING AND BUDGET

The Parks & Recreation Department is supported from the City General Fund, user fees, donations, and grants. A three-year comparison of the Parks & Recreation budget is included in Table 21.

Table 21. General Fund Budget Summary

REVENUES	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
Ice Arena Fund	\$52,870.00	\$73,980.00	\$247,035.00
Senior Revolving Fund Including Transfers to Rec	\$159,880.00	\$174,293.00	\$151,862.00
Recreation Revolving Fund:			
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$524,215.00	\$572,032.00	\$468,992.00
Materials & Supplies	\$36,785.00	\$42,869.00	\$35,045.00
Contractual Services	\$212,400.00	\$241,966.00	\$268,414.00
Insurance	\$6,658.00	\$6,729.00	\$6,863.00
Utilities	\$27,200.00	\$27,987.00	\$27,000.00
Other Charges	\$22,889.00	\$29,620.00	\$19,867.00
Capital Outlay	\$35,839.00	\$12,010.00	\$68,677.00
Transfer Out	\$-	\$20,000.00	\$-
Debt Service	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total Expenditures	\$1,078,736.00	\$1,201,486.00	\$1,293,755.00

REVENUES	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
Ice Arena Fund Revenue and Transfer In	\$44,444.00	\$80,210.00	\$249,000.00
Recreation Revolving Fund Revenue	\$603,549.00	\$596,634.00	\$334,104.00
Senior Recreation Revolving Fund Revenue	\$75,574.00	\$84,081.00	\$69,625.00
Recreation Revolving Fund Transfers In	\$420,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
Total Revenues	\$1,143,567.00	\$1,210,925.00	\$1,102,729.00

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department works very closely in cooperative relationships with many of the civic organizations, youth sports associations, and special interest groups that are active in the community. Members of these groups have spent countless hours volunteering their time managing and coordinating youth sports programs. Others have provided a wealth of knowledge and skills, as well as monetary donations and labor to assist the City in coordinating programs and completing a variety of park improvement projects. As an example, volunteers have participated in the City's Adopt-A-Park program which requires substantial commitments of time and financial resources for beautification projects. These groups include:

YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS:

- SOCS – Soccer Club
- Dad's Club – Baseball
- Hoops – Basketball Club
- Mom's Club – Girl's Softball
- Steelers Football

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Legion
- Knight's of Columbus
- V F W
- Rotary Club
- Berkley Junior Women's Club
- Tri-Community Coalition
- Berkley Days Association

SCOUTING GROUPS:

- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts

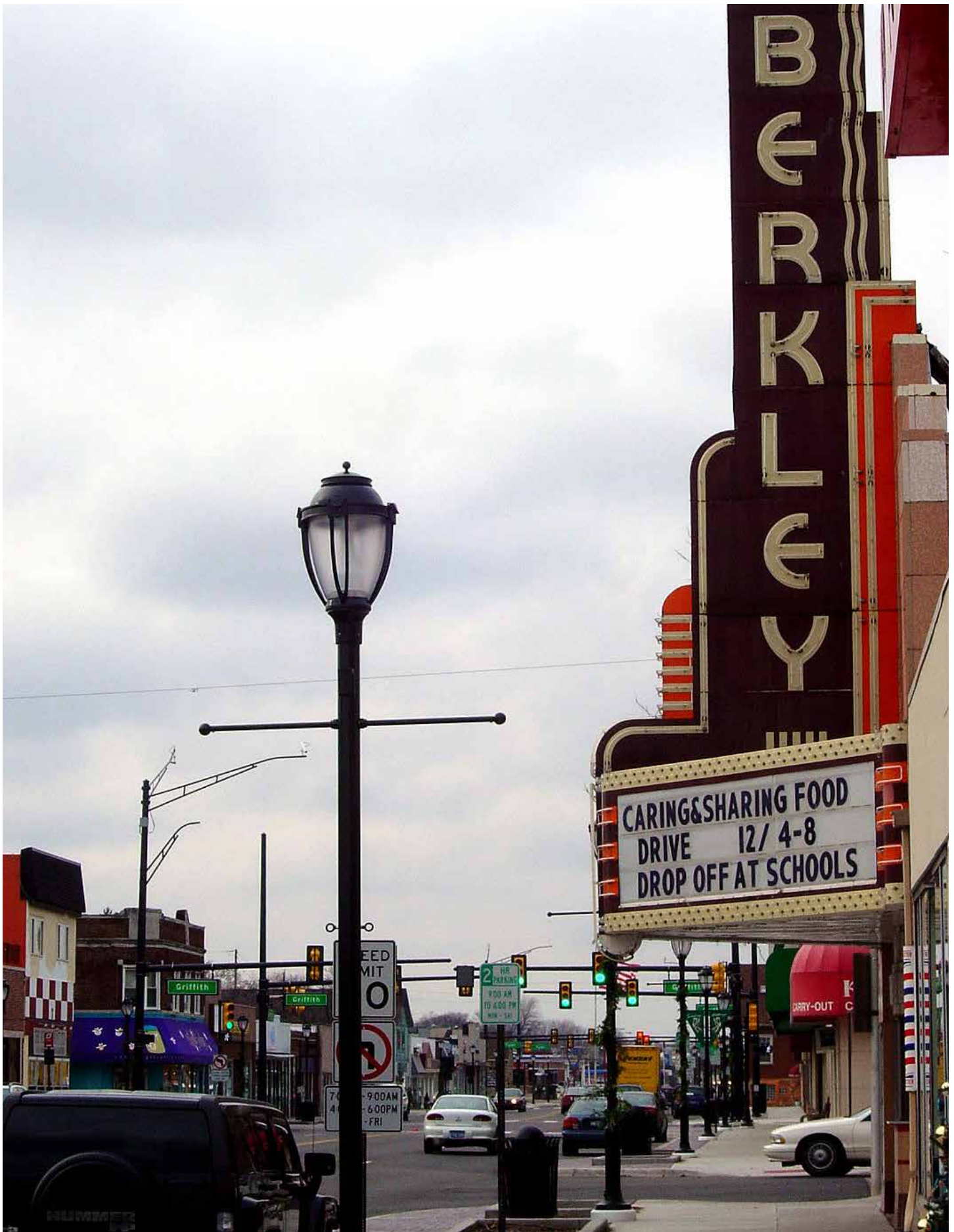
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation
- Friendly Neighbors Club
- Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance
- Historical Society
- Berkley Bear Boosters
- Tree Advisory Council
- Friends of the City of Berkley Library
- Red Hat Society

The City's Parks & Recreation Department also works with individuals who regularly give of their time and talents to assist with special projects, office and clerical tasks, special events and numerous other activities. In appreciation of all these efforts, the City publicly recognizes these individuals and groups on a regular basis, and the Parks & Recreation Department routinely provides support services essential to the success of their endeavors.

The City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Department has also developed a working agreement with the Berkley School District. The City has lease agreements with Angell, Pattengill, and Rogers Elementary Schools and Anderson Middle School. As part of this agreement, the Parks & Recreation Department maintains the grounds and equipment at Angell Playground, while the School District continues to maintain the Rogers and Pattengill playgrounds and Anderson's facilities. The City uses Anderson for their Summer Day Camp program and the playgrounds as park space. In turn, the Schools use the City's ballfields and tennis courts for high school athletic teams, and the City's play equipment for elementary children's recess activities.





Chapter 7: Community Background

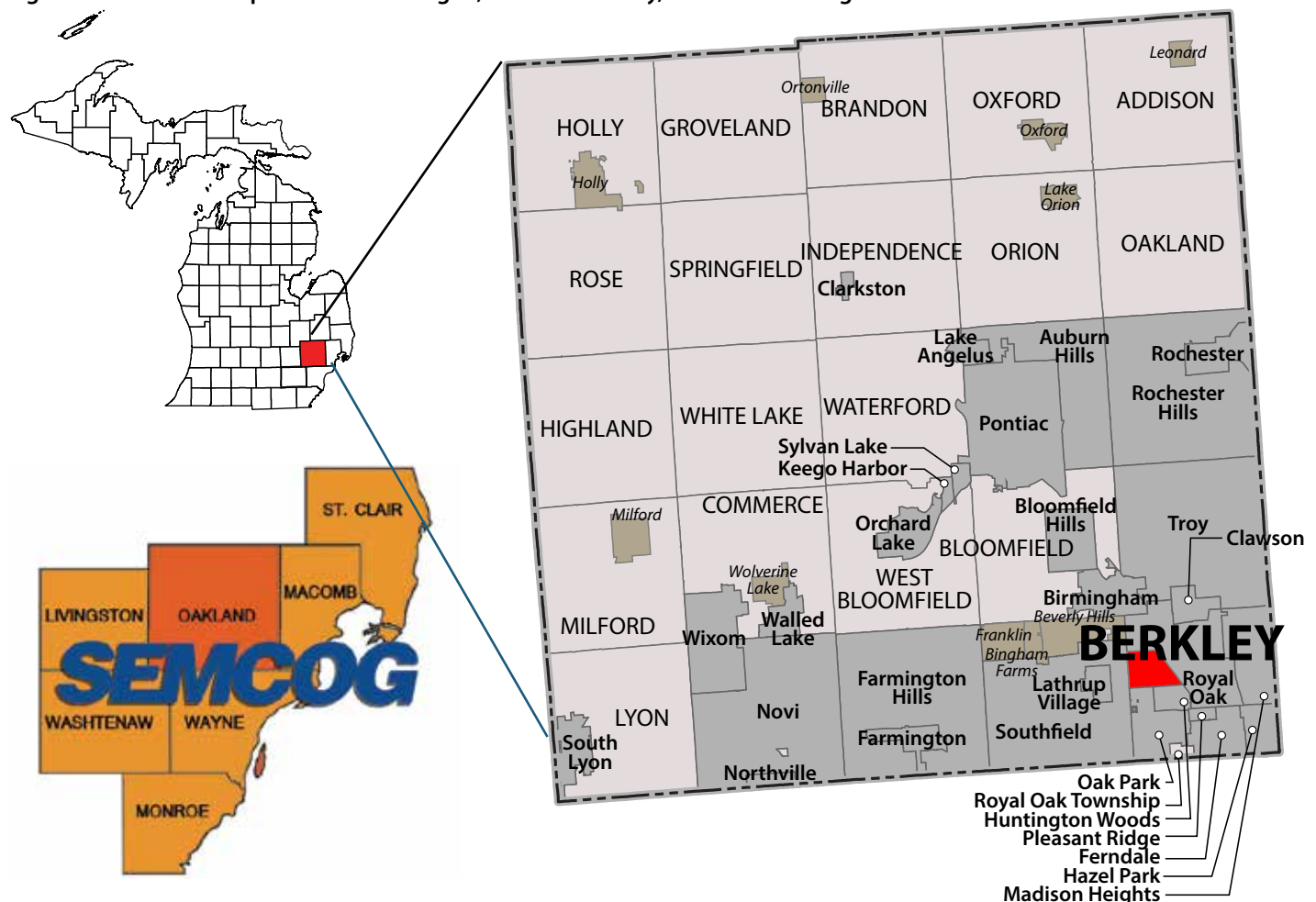
REGIONAL SETTING

This chapter provides an overview of the human and recreational resources of the City of Berkley with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the community has to offer.

The City of Berkley is located in southeastern Oakland County, and is one of the original Detroit “inner-ring” suburbs. Most of Berkley we see today was developed after World War II and into the 1960s. Its eastern boundary is defined by the famous Woodward Avenue (M-1), home of the Dream Cruise and the world’s first concrete highway. Berkley’s southern boundary (Eleven Mile Road) is three miles from the limits of the City of Detroit. Greenfield Road borders Berkley to the west, and Webster Road to the north. The surrounding communities include Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Southfield, and Royal Oak.

Berkley is located in the center of southeast Michigan. Easy access to amenities available in the greater Detroit area including the arts, recreation, sports, and major transportation routes make the City a desirable home base. The community has the benefits of a City, with a small-town feel. Residents enjoy affordable and safe neighborhoods; walkable, tree-lined streets; and a high-quality school system that supports growing families. Residents also have a strong sense of community and shared pride in the City’s culture, politics and social opportunities.

Figure 10. Context Maps - State of Michigan, Oakland County, and SEMCOG Region



The population of the City of Berkley peaked in 1960 at 23,275, and declined over the years to a low of 14,592 in 2020. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) population estimates suggests that for the first time since the 1960s, Berkley's population should begin to see slow but steady growth through 2045.

Historical population trends in the inner-ring suburbs were the result of expansive office, commercial, industrial, and residential development in the outer-ring suburbs. The more recent trend of "Millennials" moving back into urban cores is helping to reverse recent downturns, however, especially on a regional level. Factors such as the reduction in the number of people living together in each household, and the general aging of the region's population similarly will have an impact on the City's population.

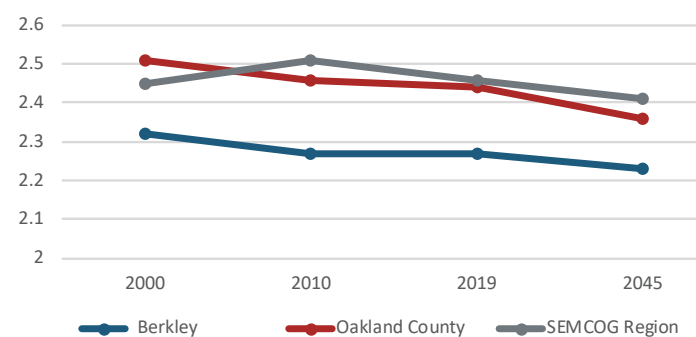
Like most of Michigan, household sizes have been decreasing. Berkley's average household size is significantly smaller than those seen across the region, and is projected to continue to fall through 2045.

Table 23. Household Size, Berkley & Region

	2000	2010	2019	2045
Berkley	2.32	2.27	2.27	2.23
Oakland County	2.51	2.46	2.44	2.36
SEMCOG Region	2.45	2.51	2.46	2.41

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Figure 11. Household Size Trends



Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Table 25. Historical Population Data, Berkley Area

Community	1990	2000	2010	2020 (SEMCOG Projection)	Percent change 2010 - 2020
Berkley	16,960	15,531	14,970	14,592	-2.4%
Huntington Woods	6,419	6,151	6,238	6,247	0.1%
Oak Park	30,462	29,793	29,312	30,186	2.9%
Royal Oak	65,410	60,062	57,236	59,930	4.5%
Southfield	75,728	78,322	71,758	81,229	12.1%
Oakland County	1,083,592	1,194,156	1,202,362	1,261,941	5.0%
Southeast Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,768,427	1.3%

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Table 22. Median Age, Berkley & Region

Year	Berkley	Oakland County	State of Michigan
2010	38.4	40.2	38.9
2011	38.4	40.6	39.2
2012	38.2	40.7	39.3
2013	37.9	40.8	39.5
2014	38.0	40.9	39.5
2015	37.7	41	39.6
2016	37.7	41	39.6
2017	37.3	41	39.7
2018	37.0	41	39.8

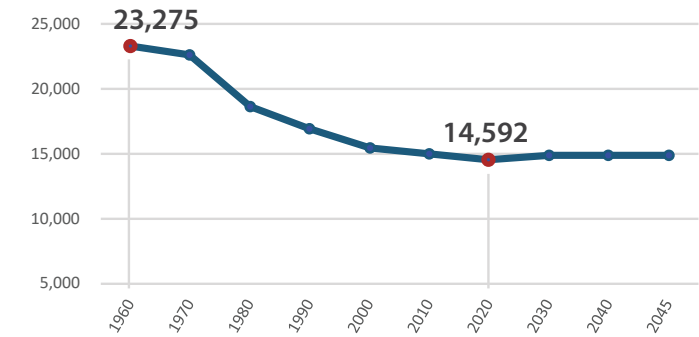
Source: American Community Survey, 2010 - 2018

Table 24. Population Projections, Berkley Area

Community	2020	2045	% change 2020-2045
Berkley	14,592	14,964	2.5%
Huntington Woods	6,247	6,247	0.0%
Oak Park	30,186	29,129	-3.5%
Royal Oak	59,930	61,612	2.8%
Southfield	81,229	83,816	3.2%
Oakland County	1,261,941	1,319,089	4.5%
Southeast Michigan	4,768,427	5,104,922	7.1%

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Figure 12. Berkley Population Trends



Source: US Census, SEMCOG

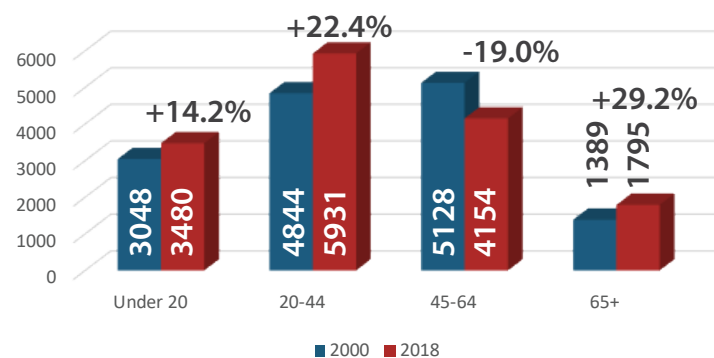
Berkley's demographics show a fairly well-balanced range of ages. Approximately two-thirds are between the ages of 20 and 64. 22.7% are under 20, while seniors 65 and older make up 11.7%. SEMCOG's 2045 population forecast shows the number of seniors increasing by nearly 72% between 2015 and 2045, while the midage-range population (24 to 64; -10%) and younger population (24 and under; -14.1%) are projected to decrease significantly.

Contradicting SEMCOG's forecast, however, is evidence that suggests Berkley is trending towards becoming a younger community. The median age for Berkley residents has been dropping since 2010. According to American Community Survey (ACS) 2018 estimates, the current median age for the City (37.0 years) is lower than that of Oakland County (41.0 years) and the State of Michigan (39.8) (Table 22 on page 66).

Table 27 shows where the changes in population are occurring. While there were significant percentage increases in the senior populations, especially in the 65 to 79 age ranges, in terms of actual numbers, those increases were offset by increases in both children and adults in young families. By combining groups into four general categories (children under twenty, young family, mature family, and seniors; see Figures 12 and 13), we see the largest increases in the young family (+1,087) and children under age 20 (+432) ranges. Seniors over 65 saw an increase of 406 individuals during this same time frame, while residents in the mature families category fell by 974. These results are somewhat surprising; the general trend across the state and the nation has been towards older and smaller households.

According to the 2018 American Community Survey, 1,398 residents or 9.1% of Berkley's population have some form of physical disability. While this is a decrease from the 10.6% rate reported in 2013, the numbers still underscore the need to accommodate individuals with disabilities when planning for parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Figure 13. Age Distribution Comparison 2000 - 2018



Source: US Census, ACS, SEMCOG

Table 26. Household Characteristics

Household Types	Census 2010	ACS 2018	% change	2045 SEMCOG
With seniors 65+	1354	1355	0.1%	2628
Without seniors	5240	5288	0.9%	4068
2 or more persons w/out children	2534	2610	3%	2650
Live alone 65+	696	644	-7.5%	1085
Live alone, under 65	1517	1602	5.6%	1221
With children	1847	1787	-3.2%	1740

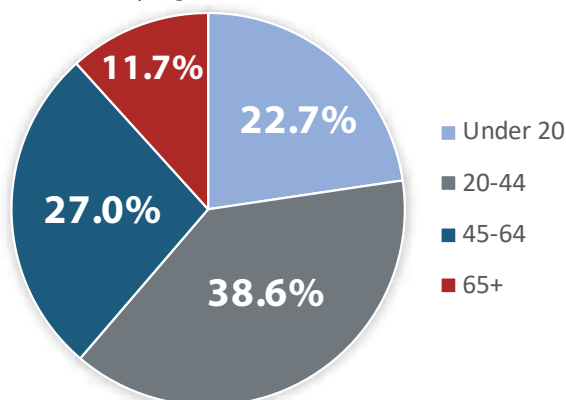
Source: US Census, ACS, SEMCOG

Table 27. Berkley Age Ranges 2000 - 2018

Age group	Census 2000	Census 2010	ACS 2018	% change 2000 - 2018
Under 5	938	988	964	2.8%
5 - 9	732	847	952	30.1%
10 - 14	703	833	828	17.8%
15 - 19	675	781	736	9.0%
20 - 24	635	661	619	-2.5%
25 - 29	1027	1232	1486	44.7%
30 - 34	1289	1473	1459	13.2%
35 - 39	932	1189	1467	57.4%
40 - 44	961	1174	900	-6.3%
45 - 49	1068	1131	962	-9.9%
50 - 54	1437	1159	919	-36.0%
55 - 59	1536	1053	1094	-28.8%
60 - 64	1087	754	1179	8.5%
65 - 69	496	452	886	78.6%
70 - 74	168	324	340	102.4%
75 - 79	84	286	181	115.5%
80 - 84	228	304	132	-42.1%
85 and up	413	329	256	-38.0%

Source: US Census, ACS

Figure 14. Berkley Age Distribution 2018



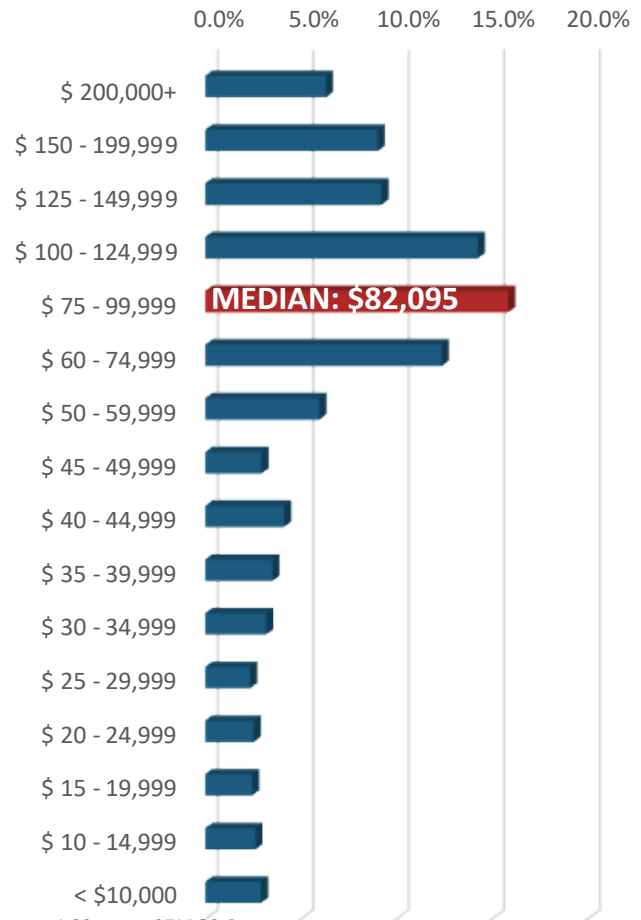
SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The City of Berkley's median household income rose by \$6,612 between 2010 and 2018, an 8.8% increase. According to ACS 2018 estimates, the median income for Berkley households stands at \$82,095. The number of households in poverty fell by 2.4% during the same period. This was a positive trend reflecting a rebound from the 2008 recession.

According to the SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast, the largest employment sector for Berkley residents is in the Information & Financial Activities group, followed by Healthcare Services and Leisure and Hospitality. Healthcare Service is expected to see continued growth through 2045, and will continue to remain the primary employer for Berkley residents. Per 2018 ACS estimates, 72.2% of Berkley were employed for 50 or more weeks in the previous year, a higher percentage than Oakland County at 62.9% and 58.2% for the State of Michigan.

86.1% of City workers are employed outside of the community; Detroit and Royal Oak are the most common commuter destinations. For positions inside the City borders, 25.7% of workers reside in Berkley.

Figure 15. Household Incomes 2018



Source: ACS 2018, SEMCOG

Table 30. Forecasted Jobs by Industry Sector

Sector	2015	2020	2045	% change 2020 - 45
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	381	438	430	12.9%
Manufacturing	176	168	126	-28.4%
Wholesale Trade	226	232	227	0.4%
Retail Trade	609	637	484	-20.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	117	123	128	9.4%
Information & Financial Activities	924	939	916	-0.9%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	523	517	636	21.6%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	553	570	614	11.0%
Education Services	475	490	514	8.2%
Healthcare Services	810	883	1,176	45.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	785	809	865	10.2%
Other Services	569	586	548	-3.7%
Public Administration	472	477	474	0.4%

Source: SEMCOG

Table 28. Where Residents Work

Destination	Percent	Destination	Percent
Berkley	13.9%	Farmington Hills	4.9%
Detroit	10.6%	Birmingham	4.4%
Royal Oak	9.5%	Dearborn	3.4%
Troy	8.2%	Warren	2.8%
Southfield	7.6%	Auburn Hills	2.7%
		Elsewhere	31.9%

Source: SEMCOG

Table 29. Where Workers Commute From

Origin	Percent	Origin	Percent
Berkley	25.7%	Farmington Hills	3.4%
Royal Oak	9.2%	Warren	2.6%
Detroit	4.5%	Bloomfield Township	2.2%
Southfield	4.0%	Oak Park	2.0%
Troy	3.6%	Ferndale	2.0%
		Elsewhere	40.7%

Source: SEMCOG

HOUSING

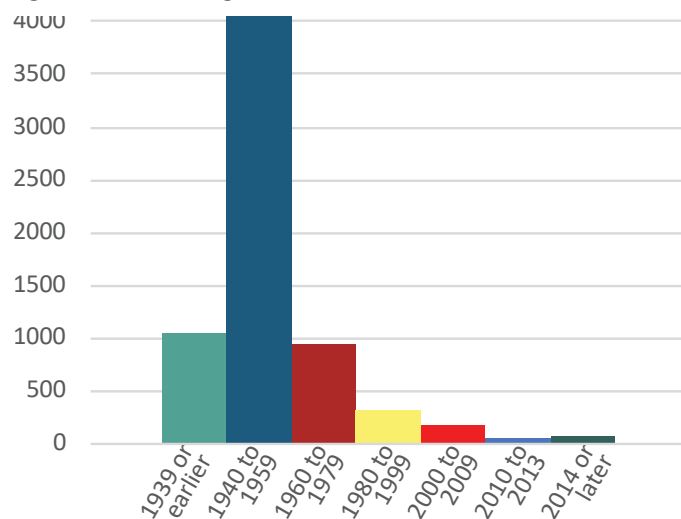
Housing availability may be a key driver for attracting younger families. Berkley's homes are largely post-WWII bungalows set on relatively small lots. 72% of homes were built between 1940 and 1959; only 5% were built after 2000. There has been a trend towards replacing the bungalows with larger homes in recent years but even so, relatively small lot sizes limit the ultimate size of the house which in turn helps keep the average home price at a more reasonable levels than those found in many nearby communities. Berkley's smaller houses tend to appeal more to young singles, couples without children, families with young children, and couples whose children are grown and have left home.

The majority of new structures built since 2000 (62%) are multi-family housing, while attached condominiums made up 21% of the new units. Even with this move towards multi-unit structures, however, single-family detached homes remain the predominant housing type (91.3%).

Despite the addition of new multi-family housing, the number of renter-occupied decreased slightly from 2010 to 2018 from 17.8% to 16.9%, while 5% of housing units were vacant in 2018. The vast majority of housing units (77.4%) in 2018 remain owner-occupied.

According to the American Community Survey, the median housing value of owner-occupied units in 2018 was \$191,100, an increase of \$25,100 (13.1%) from 2010, and significantly higher than values reported in 2015 (\$153,300). SEMCOG is reporting that the median gross rent decreased by 9% between 2010 and 2018, dropping from \$1,201 to \$1,093 per month.

Figure 18. Housing Structures - Year Built



Source: ACS, SEMCOG

Table 31. Housing Permits

Year	Single Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	5	0	0	5	3	2
2001	8	0	0	8	6	2
2002	2	0	0	2	0	2
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	2	3	0	5	3	2
2005	0	43	0	43	0	43
2006	3	16	0	19	4	15
2007	1	0	0	1	1	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	3	0	0	3	1	2
2013	6	0	0	6	4	2
2014	1	0	0	1	3	-2
2015	3	0	79	82	0	82
2016	2	0	31	33	1	32
2017	2	0	52	54	1	53
2018	6	0	16	22	3	19
2019	2	0	0	2	3	-1
Totals	46	62	178	286	33	253

Source: SEMCOG

Figure 16. Housing Types 2018

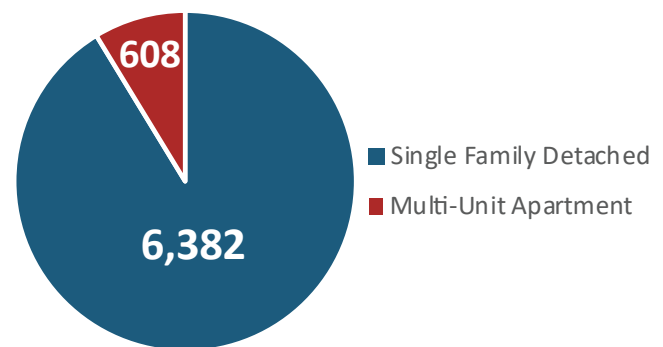
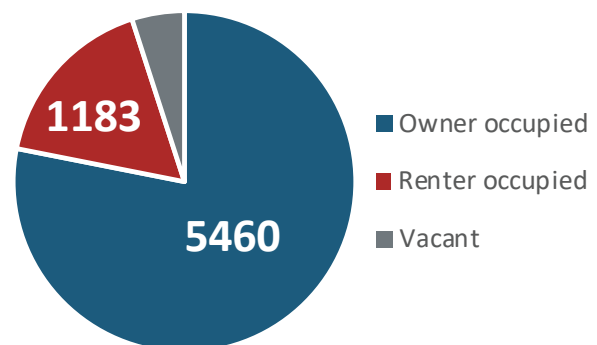


Figure 17. Housing Tenure 2018

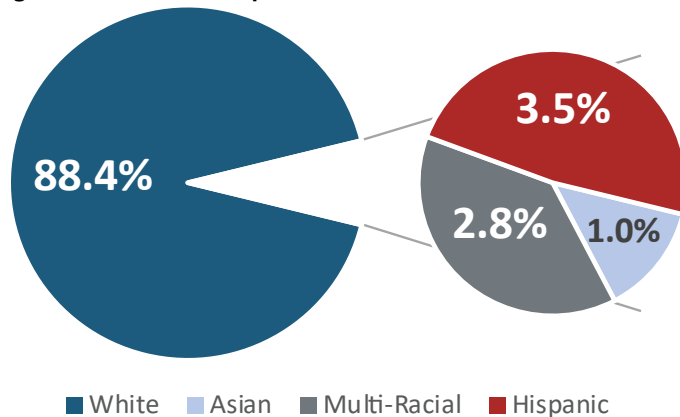


Source: ACS, SEMCOG

ETHNICITY

Racially, Berkley's population is largely homogeneous, although there has been an increase in diversity in recent years. Since 2010, minority populations have grown by 3.4% and now make up almost 12% of the total population. Hispanics made the largest gains, growing from 1.8% in 2010 to 3.5% in 2018. Multi-racial (1.1%) and African American (0.9%) populations also saw modest gains..

Figure 19. Racial Composition 2018



EDUCATION

Berkley residents are well educated, with 60% of residents reporting an Associates degree or higher in 2018. The City saw an 3.3% increase in residents with Bachelor's degrees and a 5.1% increase in graduate and professional degrees between 2010 and 2018. Education levels in the City are comparable with those seen across Oakland County, although Berkley has a higher percentage of residents with Bachelor's and graduate level degrees than the County as a whole.

Figure 20. Berkley Educational Levels, 2010 - 2018

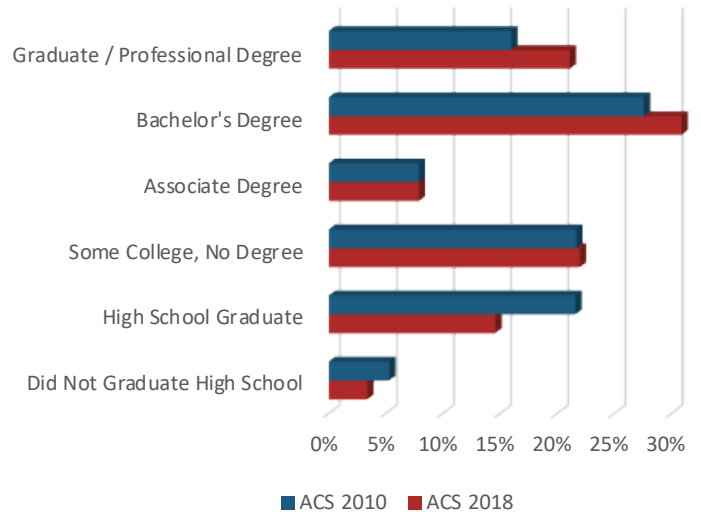
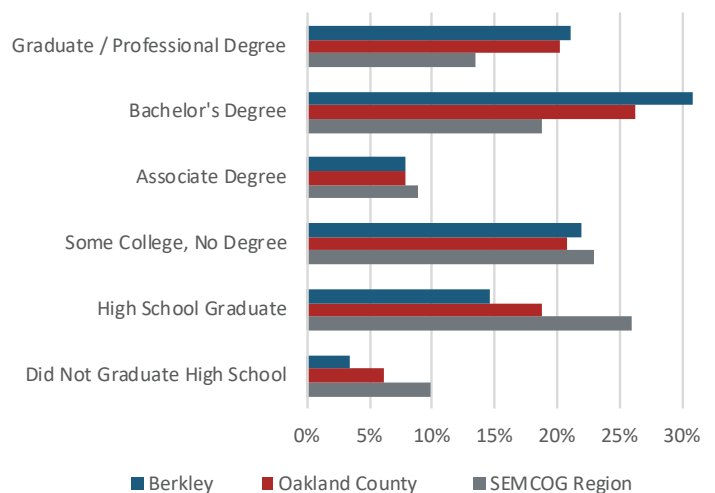


Figure 21. Comparison of Educational Levels - Berkley, Oakland County, and State of Michigan



LAND USE PATTERNS AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Berkley, like most of the communities in southeast Oakland County, is essentially built out. According to Oakland County GIS, only a little over 11 acres remain undeveloped within the city borders. The City's predominant land use is single-family residential, making up over 73% of the total land area. Scattered throughout the residential areas are public uses (schools, community facilities), and recreation/conservation areas (parks). Office, commercial and industrial uses are concentrated along major corridors including Eleven Mile, Coolidge Highway, Twelve Mile, and Woodward Avenue. See the Existing Land Use map on the following page.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus service through Berkley is provided by Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). A number of SMART bus lines travel Woodward Avenue (Berkley's eastern border), providing access between downtown Detroit, Pontiac, Birmingham, and the Chrysler Tech Center in Auburn Hills. The #415 bus line along Greenfield (Berkley's western border) services Greenfield, Fourteen Mile Road, and Southfield to the Oakland County Community College campus at Southfield. The #740 bus line services many shopping and employment centers between Roseville and Farmington Hills including Macomb, Tel-Twelve and Universal malls; Oakland County Community College campus at Farmington Hills; General Motors Technical Center and Macomb Community College south campus.

Berkley also offers van service for residents who are disabled or are 50 years of age or older. The service picks up anywhere within the city limits with transportation to Meijer, doctor appointments, shopping centers, and more. The service is funded and operated through the joint efforts of the City of Berkley and SMART.

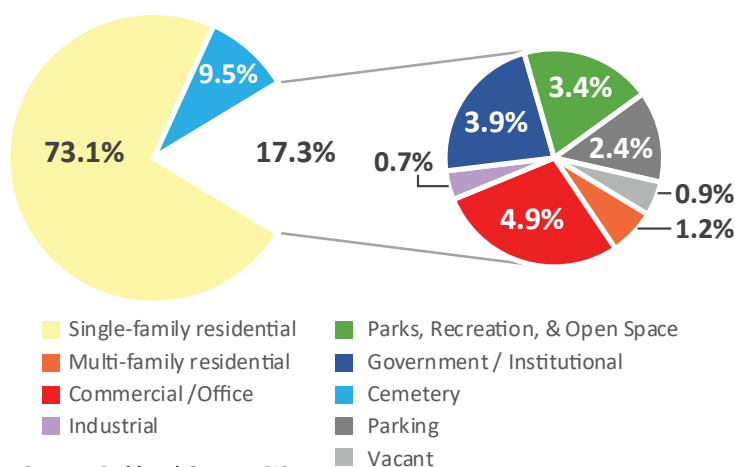
The City passed a resolution in support of "complete street" policies in 2010, and adopted a Multi-Modal Transportation Plan in May 2012. Berkley has made concerted efforts to make the city more pedestrian and biker friendly, and continues to pursue opportunities to improve the street level experience for non-motorized users.

Table 32. Existing Land Use 2019

Land Use	Acres	Percent
Single family residential	938.7	73.1%
Multi family residential	15.4	1.2%
Commercial / Office	62.7	4.9%
Industrial	9.6	0.7%
Government / Institutional	50	3.9%
Parks & Recreation	43.3	3.4%
Cemetery	122.4	9.5%
Parking	30.2	2.4%
Vacant	11.3	0.9%
TOTAL AREA	1283.6	

Source: Oakland County GIS

Figure 22. Existing Land Use 2019



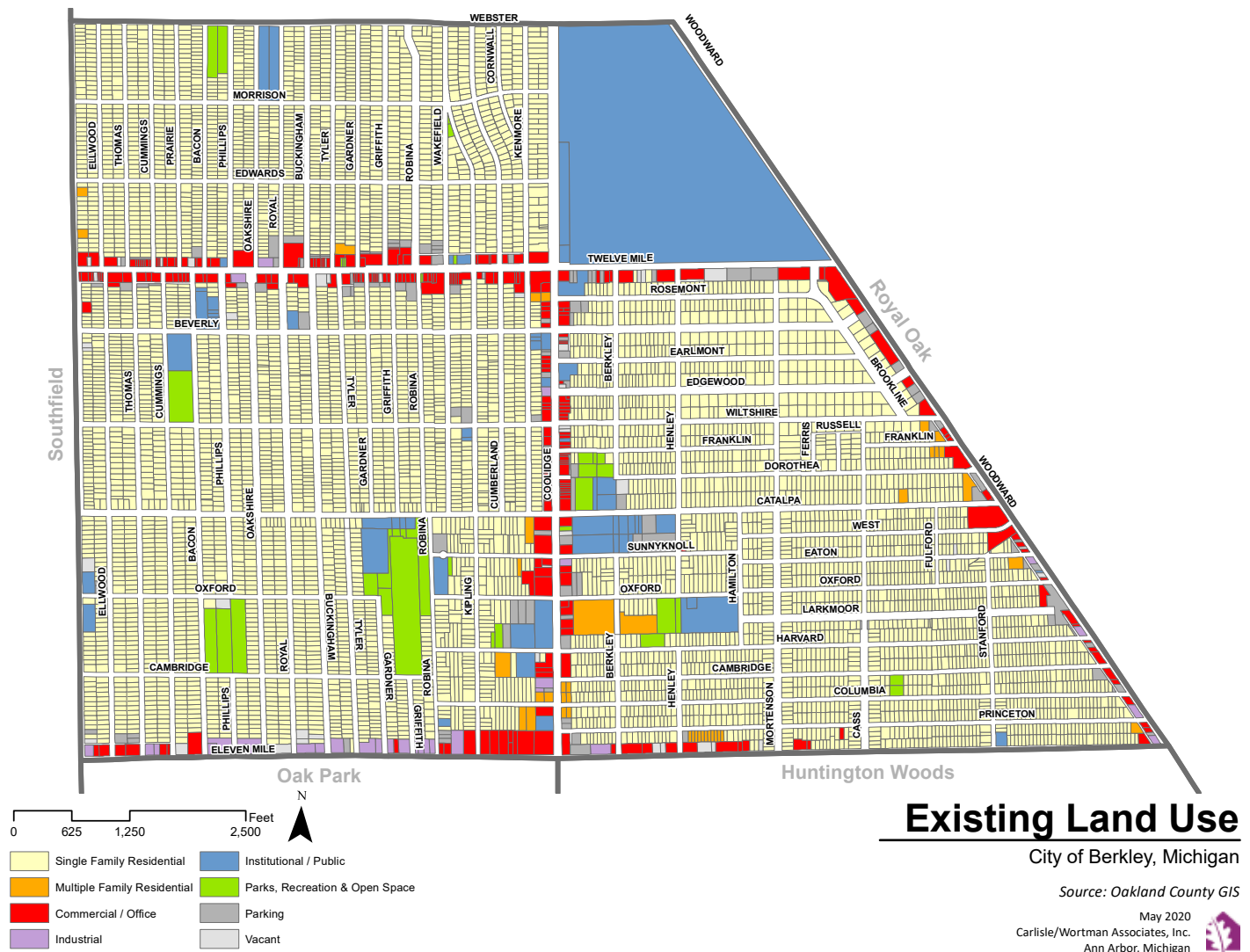
Source: Oakland County GIS

Table 33. Land Use Percentage Comparison 2007 - 2019

	2007	2013	2019
Single Family	42.9%	42.8%	35.0%
Multi-Family	3.5%	5.9%	7.1%
Commercial	1.5%	1.5%	1.1%
Public / Institutional	0.9%	0.9%	4.0%
Recreation/Conservation	5.6%	5.6%	15.0%
Transportation / Communication / Utility	-	-	0.2%
Road Right-of-Way	13.3%	13.3%	13.1%
Vacant	5.5%	3.1%	2.8%
Water	26.8%	26.9%	21.8%

Source: Oakland County GIS, Berkley 2014 Recreation Plan

Map 6. Existing Land Use 2019



NATURAL FEATURES

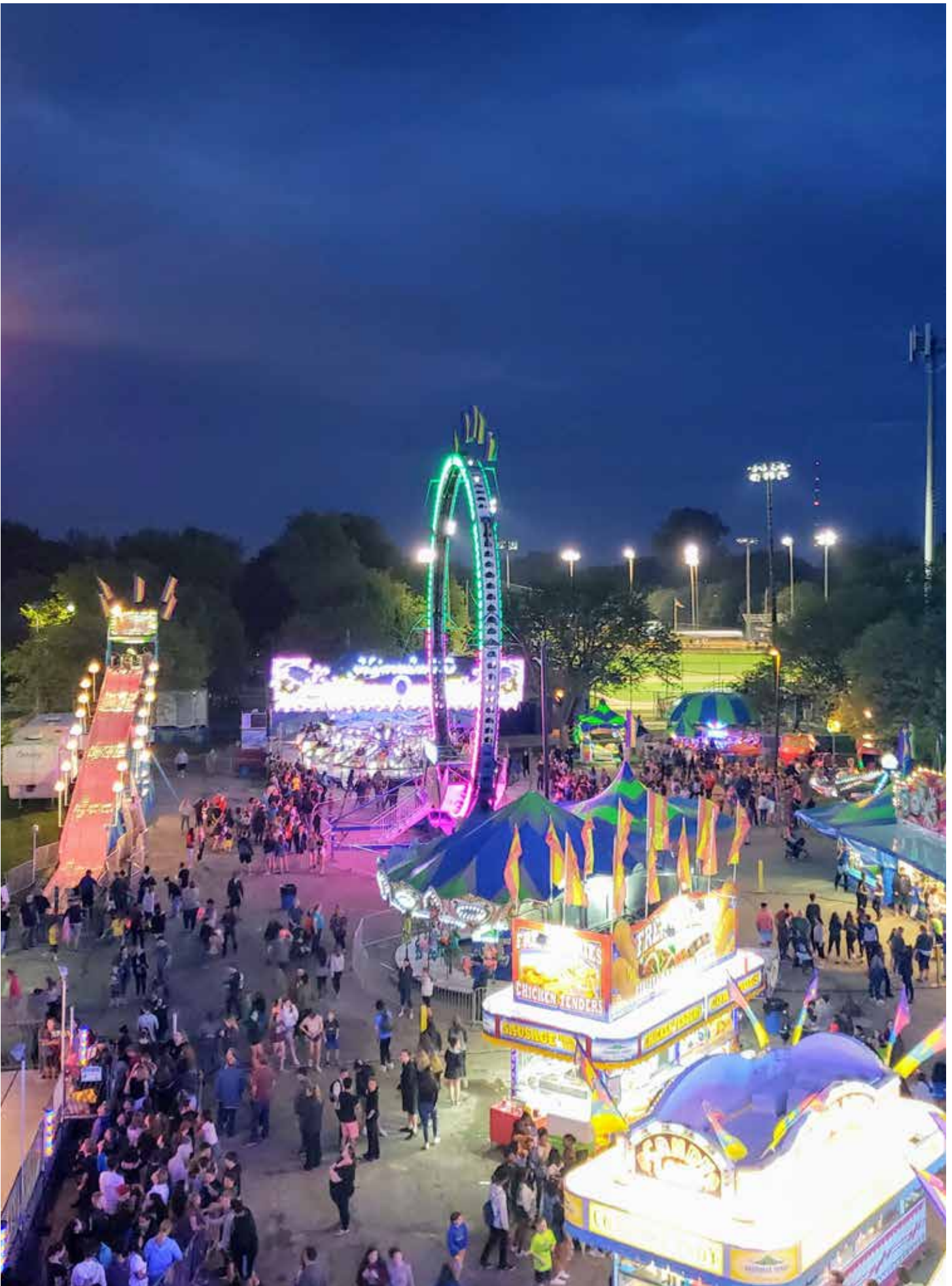
Before the City of Berkley was developed in the 1940s, the predominant vegetation of the area was hardwood swamp and bogs, being within the large, prehistoric lake plain of the Detroit area. The clay and poorly-drained soils underlying these wetland plant communities are still present today, which when combined with the large amount of impervious surfaces, present the City with flooding problems. The stormwater system in the City is a combined stormwater / sanitary system, most of which was installed during the 1940's. The City's parks and Roseland Park Cemetery, in the northeast corner of the City, provide some stormwater detention capability.

The City's topography is essentially flat. The land pitches gently from the northwest to the southeast, ranging in elevation from 710 to 660 feet.

Wildlife within Berkley is typical of urban areas with large, mature trees, and includes squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, opossums, skunks, birds, and other small urban wildlife.

The City is within the Clinton River watershed and the Red Run sub-watershed. Stormwater runoff from Berkley makes its way into the Clinton River, and eventually to Lake St. Clair. Through watershed planning efforts, the Red Run sub-watershed communities have identified the following impacts from stormwater runoff on rivers and lakes:

- Pesticides and fertilizers from lawns;
- Oil and grease from roads and parking lots; and
- Sediment from construction sites and other land disturbances.



PLANNING INITIATIVES

City of Berkley Master Plan

The City of Berkley is in the process of updating their Master Plan update. This update is being prepared concurrently with the Recreation Plan efforts.

Prior to this update, Berkley last updated its master plan in 2007. Several land use goals and objectives were identified that could affect its role in providing parks, open space, and recreation uses. Due in part to the recent economic downturn, the projects have not yet been implemented, but remain items of discussion in the community. The goals or objectives relevant to parks and recreation include:

- Adding a Veteran's Park in the southwest corner of Roseland Park Cemetery. This park concept is undersigned and calls for the dedication of approximately 1.5 acres at the northeast corner of Coolidge / Twelve Mile intersection to honor the area's war veterans. Discussion with Cemetery representatives is needed to initiate this proposal.
- Addition of a mini-park at the terminus of Edgewood at Woodward Avenue. This park will be located within the current right-of-way, thereby closing this access point to Woodward.
- Addition of a linear park along Coolidge north of Twelve Mile, intended to provide a recreation opportunity to residents and also create a connection from Beaumont Hospital to Downtown Berkley.

Berkley Complete Streets Ordinance

The Berkley City Council passed a Complete Streets ordinance in March of 2018. The ordinance built off of years of effort following adoption of a resolution of support for Complete Streets in 2010. The ordinance enables the City to require adherence to complete principals during future developments, ensuring that pedestrian, cyclist, and mass transit uses are incorporated into future street designs.

The Ordinance directly lead to the Coolidge Highway Complete Streets Initiative, a 24-month evaluation period to determine if re-striping Coolidge between 11 Mile and 12 Mile from four lanes to three will improve traffic flow and make the road safer and friendlier for pedestrians and bicyclists.

An important element of the Coolidge Highway Road Diet are temporary bike lanes which will run in both directions from 11 Mile to 12 Mile. These lanes are intended to be used for evaluation purposes, with the long-term goal of becoming part of a proposed multi-community bike system that includes Huntington Woods and Oak Park. Ultimately, the results of the evaluation will determine the feasibility of such a project.

Berkley Bicycle Pathway System

The Berkley Bicycle Pathway System takes advantage of the existing sidewalk and traffic systems to create a safe route for riders of all abilities to enjoy. The 5.7 mile route runs primarily on residential roads with low (25 miles per hour) speed limits, allowing inexperienced cyclists the option to ride on sidewalks or while more experienced cyclists are able to ride directly on the road. The pathway system directly connects to four parks, Angell and Rogers Elementary Schools, and Anderson Middle School. It also brings users to commercial properties, and close to Berkley High School, the Berkley Public Library, and the downtown district.

A map of existing and proposed routes through the immediate region is provided on page 57.

Figure 23. Berkley Pathway System Flyer

Rules of the Road

- Drive on the right side of the road, in the direction of traffic.
- Obey all traffic lights and signals
- Start using hand signals about 100 feet from where you'll stop or turn.
- Never hitch a ride on moving vehicles.
- Don't carry passengers.
- Don't weave in and out of traffic.
- Pass cars only on the left where the driver can see you.

Dress for the Ride

- Wear a hard shell helmet.
- Wear bright-colored clothes at night; they are easier to see.
- Wear ankle clips or elastic bands around your pant cuffs so they don't get caught in the chain.
- Put reflectorized tape on your clothes at night.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands in case you fall.
- Wear shoes that tie or fasten so they don't fall off.

Berkley's Bicycle Pathway System



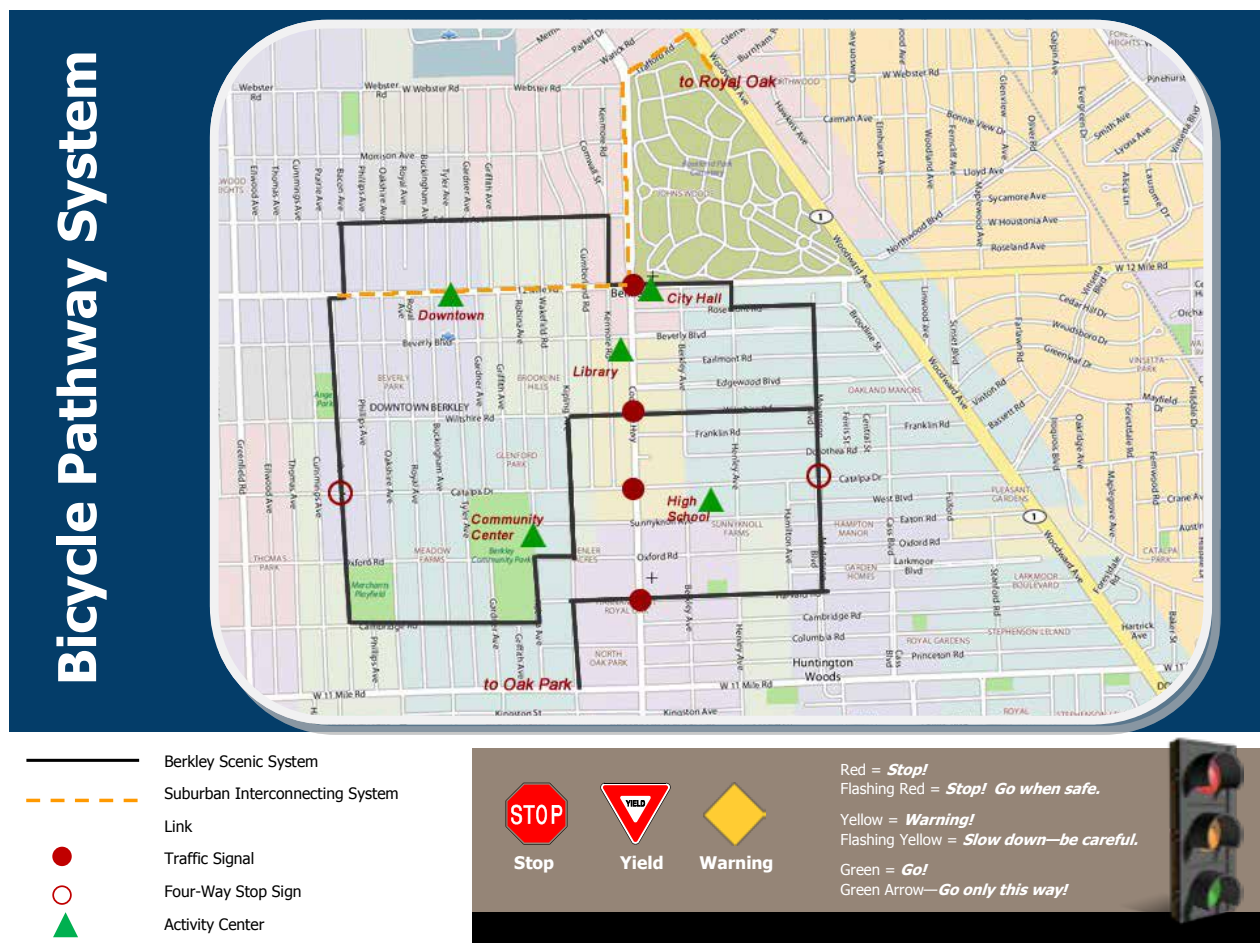
Bicycle Hand Signals



Left Turn
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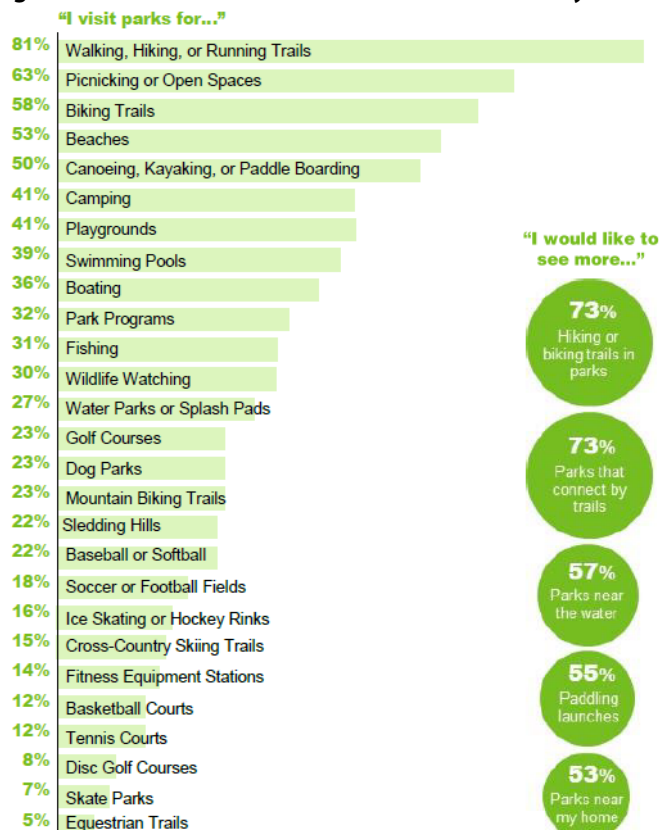
Oakland County Parks Five-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan: 2018-2022

The 10-member Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission (OCPRC) oversees 13 facilities totaling just over 6,700 acres. Catalpa Oaks, located in Southfield, is the closest County facility to Berkley. This facility offer a wide variety of recreation opportunities for area residents, including baseball/softball, cross-country ski trails, geocaching, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, sledding, snowshoes, and soccer facilities.

The OCPRC adopted their 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan in February, 2018. A number of projects are proposed for Catalpa Oaks that will provide even more recreation opportunities for Berkley residents. Installation of electric pedestals will enable large special events, a new pavilion, a zero-depth water feature, sports fields rehabilitation, and development of a perimeter pathway are all planned.

Oakland County Parks help to fill the void for communities across the region by providing access to large scale, active use facilities that may be prohibitively expensive to construct and operate.

Figure 24. SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan Survey Results



Recreational trails

are among the most popular reasons to visit parks, and the amenity that most people would like to see more

SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan

The SEMCOG plan, adopted in 2019, was developed to highlight available recreation resources and ensure that the region's recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors. The Plan notes that with over 2,300 parks covering 214,000 acres, over 400 miles of trails and greenways, and 450 miles of designated water trails, the region is well served by local, state, regional, and federal recreation authorities.

With almost 67,000 acres of parkland, Oakland County offers 56 acres of park per 1,000 residents. This level is higher than the region's average of 43 acres per resident. In terms of pure park availability, Oakland's acreage is almost double that of the next highest county (Washtenaw at 38,695).

The plan provides several regional policy recommendations to address recreation development. Among the recommendations, prioritization of investment in land acquisition is viewed as necessary to address gaps in access to outdoor recreation facilities. Fostering collaboration among outdoor recreation stakeholders speaks to the need for ongoing cooperation between local and regional recreation authorities. Utilization of universal design principles ensures that facilities are accessible to residents of all abilities. Supporting conservation and stewardship of natural resources recognizes the value of open space and the desire of the region's residents to have access to natural areas in reasonable proximity to their homes.

SEMOG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for SE Michigan

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan provides broad transportation recommendations for projects across the seven-county region, with a budget of over \$5 billion proposed for transportation infrastructure improvements. While this plan focuses on motorized infrastructure, it does provide a chance to look at upcoming projects and plan accordingly for other related infrastructure improvements. No projects are specifically mentioned for Berkley, but reconstruction of Coolidge Highway is planned beginning in 2025. Generally speaking, road infrastructure improvements represent opportunities for adding to bicycle networks and implementing complete street programs.

The 2014 SEMCOG plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The plan provides recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities across 10 regions and incorporating 60 different action items. SEMCOG’s larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options.

Maps of existing and planned facilities highlight a number of existing routes running through the City. Woodward Avenue is called out as a potential regional corridor, although the majority of the route is currently shown as a gap in the network. As local and regional planning agencies move forward with non-motorized facility development efforts, it will be critical for Berkley officials to provide input to ensure that SEMCOG’s plans are consistent with the City’s own vision.

Figure 25. Detail: SEMCOG 2014 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

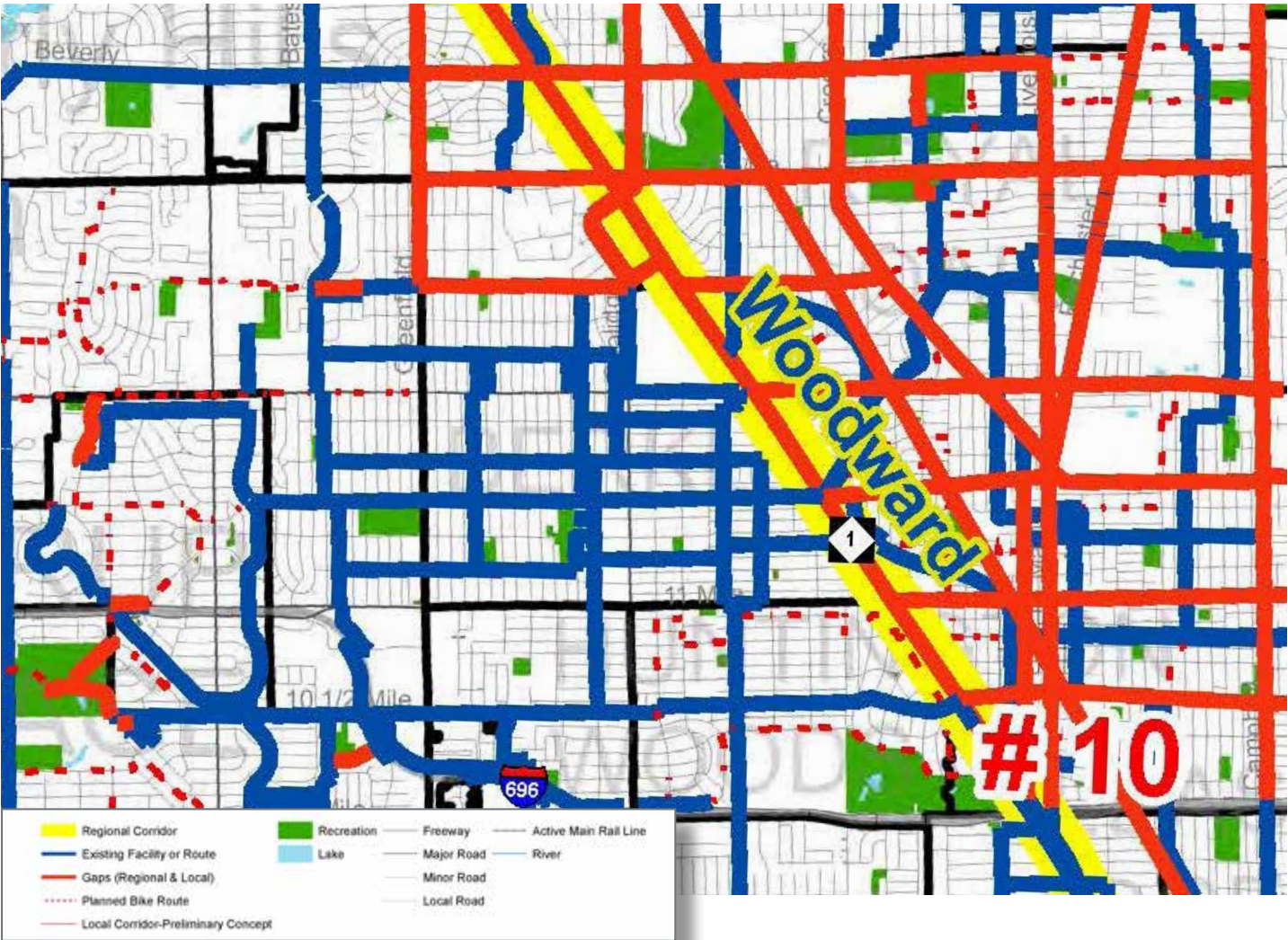


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Woodward Avenue Action Association (WA3) Planning & Development Studies

The Woodward Avenue Action Association (WA3) represents eleven communities (Oakland and Wayne Counties, the cities of Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Ferndale, Highland Park, Huntington Woods, Pontiac, and Royal Oak, and Bloomfield Township) situated along Woodward Avenue. The Association advocates for promotion and development of the corridor, and has successfully obtained close to \$7 million in grants, memberships, and partnerships to benefit improvements and planning along the corridor.

Key accomplishments and studies completed by WA3 include:

- Completion of the Woodward Avenue Non-Motorized Plan;
- In 2002, obtained the designation of “National Scenic Byway” for Woodward Avenue;
- Obtained the designation “All-American Road” in 2009, one of only 30 such designations in the country;
- Prepared a Transit Oriented Design study used to secure a \$2 million grant for SEMCOG;
- Prepared an Alternatives Analysis Plan for Bus Rapid Transit;
- Prepared a Complete Streets Master Plan for Woodward, the largest such plan in the world; and
- Provided \$200,000 to the M-1 Rail / Woodward reconstruction effort to include pedestrian accommodations.

The WA3 Complete Streets Plan recommends protected bike lanes between Six and Eight Mile Roads, and painted bike lanes north to I-696. Transit stops, parking, and pedestrian improvements would also be accommodated.

WA3 and its member organizations will be key players in any future non-motorized developments along the Woodward corridor, and can provide valuable knowledge and expertise for connecting proposed routes along Eleven and Twelve Mile Roads.

Figure 26. Rendering of Bike Lanes Along Woodward Ave.



Adjacent Community Recreation and Non-Motorized Plans

Royal Oak, Southfield, Oak Park, and Huntington Woods all offer recreation resources that may be utilized by Berkley residents. Each community has developed their own plans to help guide ongoing recreation development efforts.

ROYAL OAK

Royal Oak has completed a number of studies and plans that relate to recreation and/or non-motorized route development in the city, including a Corridor Plan for Eleven Mile, a Non-Motorized plan in 2011, and a Recreation Plan in 2017. The city also passed a Complete Streets Ordinance in 2012, paving the way for a variety of trail and pathway related projects.

The 2011 Non-Motorized Plan in particular offers suggestions which directly impact Berkley. The proposed network map recommends a road diet and new bike lanes for Twelve Mile Road, shared lane markings for Webster Road, Catalpa Drive, and Eleven Mile Road, and connection points at Catalpa, Griffith, and Tyler Avenues. Woodward Avenue is shown as a “future improvement zone”, and refers to the Woodward Avenue Non-Motorized Plan for project guidance.

HUNTINGTON WOODS

Huntington Woods completed a Recreation Plan update in 2019. The Action plan calls for a number of improvements to park facilities and the city’s recreation center, and calling for improvements to pedestrian improvements at problem intersections such as Eleven Mile/Woodward and Lincoln/Woodward. The plan also recommends working with the Planning Commission to develop a complete streets plan, and to work with surrounding communities to ensure that planned non-motorized facilities are consistent with the values of Huntington Woods residents.

Figure 27. Royal Oak Bicycle Network Map

CITY OF ROYAL OAK Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Bicycle Network Map August 2011

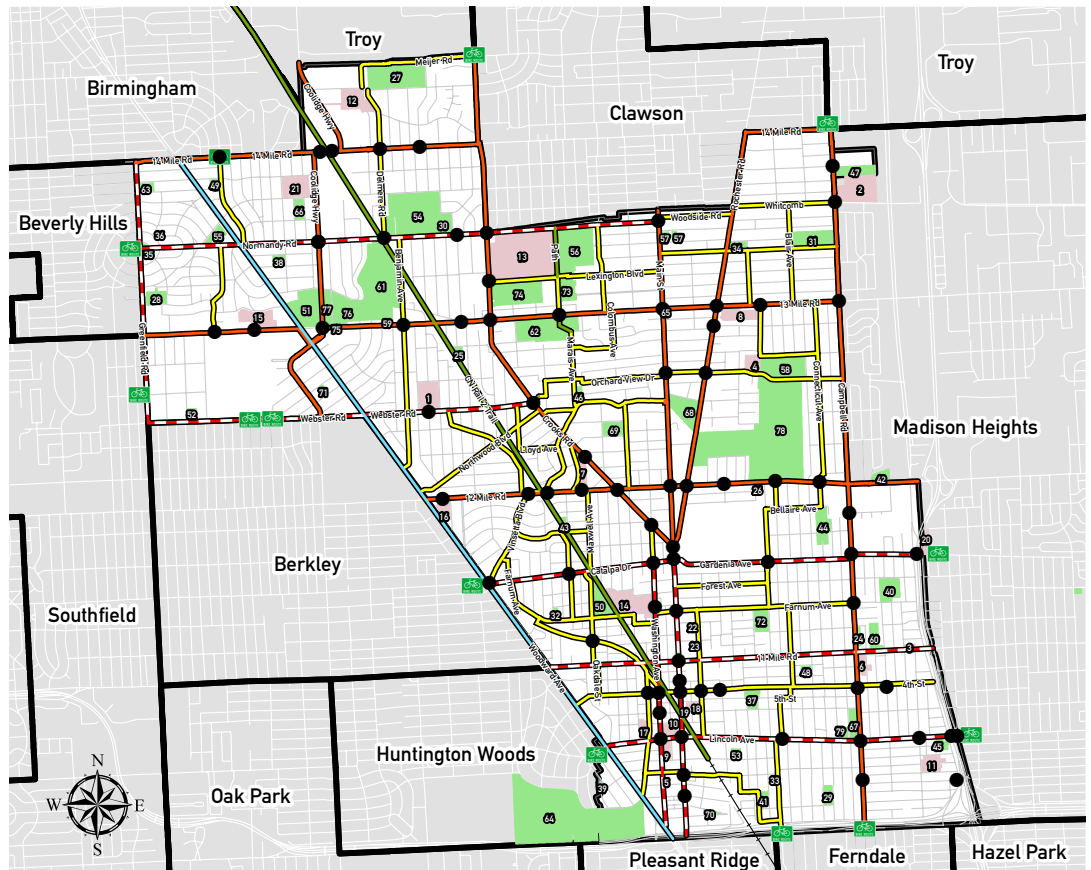
Bicycle Facility Recommendations

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- Bike Route
- Bike Lane with Road Diet
- Shared Lane Marking
- Trail or Path

- Connection to Adjacent City
- Roads
- Railroad
- Schools
- Parks and Open Space
- Traffic Signal



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OAK PARK

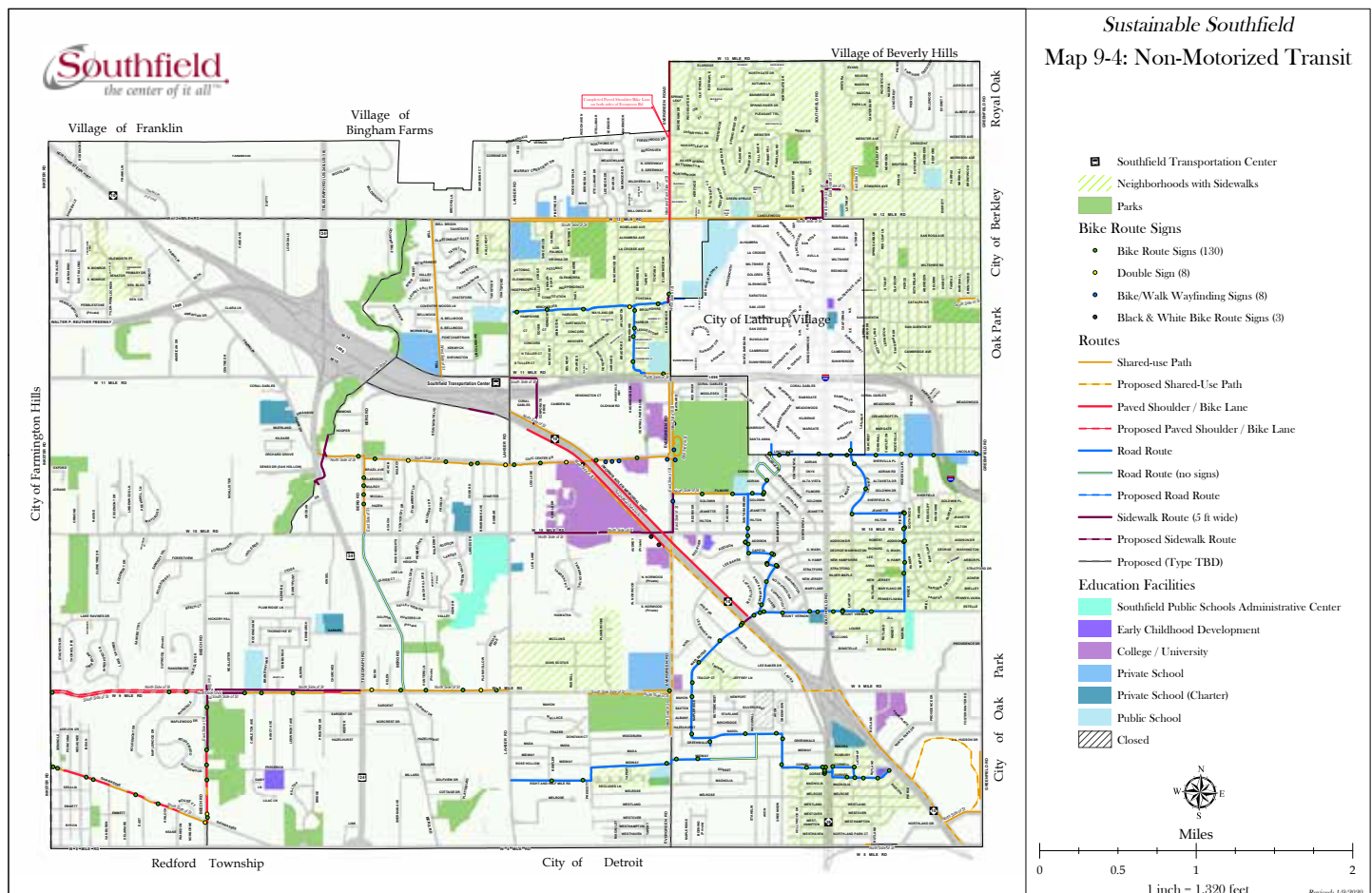
Oak Park passed a resolution in support of a Complete Streets ordinance in February 2018. The city's Complete Streets Master Plan, also adopted in 2018, focuses on constructing non-motorized facilities along major thoroughfares such as Nine Mile, Eleven Mile, and Greenfield Roads and Coolidge Highway. Proposed bike routes are shown running the length of Coolidge and Eleven Mile Roads, although detailed design treatments for each corridor are not specified. Similarly, Oak Park's 2018 Recreation Plan calls for continuous pathway/trail system throughout the city.

SOUTHFIELD

The City of Southfield owns and operates 34 separate recreation facilities and has actively worked to create non-motorized, multi-modal transit opportunities for their residents. Southfield has developed a number of planning and policy documents related to recreation and non-motorized transportation in recent years, including the 2017 - 2021 Parks & Recreation Master Plan, the Non-Motorized Pathway and Public Transportation Plan, the Southfield City Centre Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, the Southfield DDA Non-Motorized and Transit Sub-Area Plan, the Non-Motorized Pathways and Pedestrian Amenities Plan, the 2016 Sustainable Southfield Plan, the Southfield City Centre Vision and Redevelopment Plan, and the Northland Redevelopment Plan.

The neighborhoods adjacent to Berkley have well developed sidewalk systems and Southfield's plans do not show any further development planned for the region. Proposed shared-use paths are indicated south of I-696 from Ten Mile to Nine Mile Road, with a crossing to the north side at Nine Mile, consistent with the routes indicated on Berkley's multi-community bike maps.

Figure 28. Southfield Non-Motorized Transit Plan



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Berkley begins parks and recreation master plan process

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BERKLEY — The Berkley Parks and Recreation Department has started its master plan process, and it is asking residents to provide feedback on what they want in their parks. The department has begun to create the master plan for its parks over the next five years, from 2021 to 2025. Recently, a survey was created for residents to share their thoughts about what they think the parks in Berkley need. That survey can be found at tinyurl.com/BerkleyParksSurvey, and it will remain open until Friday, Aug. 14.

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The Berkley Parks and Recreation Department has begun its master plan process, and it is asking residents to provide feedback on what they want in their parks.



The department has begun to create the master plan for its parks over the next five years, from 2021 to 2025. Recently, a survey was created for residents to share their thoughts about what they think the parks in Berkley need. That survey can be found at tinyurl.com/BerkleyParksSurvey, and it will remain open until Friday, Aug. 14.

"We always ask people to say exactly what their thoughts are, even if it seems a little pie in the sky, because we want to hear, in your perfect community, what recreation looks like," said Parks and Recreation Director Theresa McArdle. "Where you think maybe there are not amenities that you would like to see or things that we don't offer that you would like, whether that's a farmers market or a sand volleyball court or something like that, we want to hear that and we want to hear how many people may think those things."

Berkley is in the first third of its planning process, McArdle said. Recently, it awarded the contract to lead the process to Carlisle | Wortman & Associates. According to the city's website, they are facilitating a nine-month process with three phases for its master plan: vision and outreach, plan design and drafting, and final plan adoption.

So far, city staff and Carlisle | Wortman consultants have held preliminary meetings to discuss the current recreation amenities and programs. The survey results, McArdle said, will help them plan what they're looking at in terms of capital funding and how to plan for bigger projects.

"It helps us to make that plan as we set forward to looking to fund those projects," she said. "It's also used when we do look to the state to apply for funding. They do require you to have an updated plan, so it's used for that as well. It really helps to inform us."

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Mike Kerby felt that one of the main things Berkley should be looking at going forward is pocket parks.

"We're going to do some small parks on ... pieces of property around the city, specifically in the northeast corner," he said. "We don't really have a park in that section, so that's an important item."

Kerby also stated that smart infrastructure in parks will be important in future updates, such as adding Wi-Fi in all parks.

"It's coming pretty quick on us, and I think everybody's in tune to that," he said. "The things that we are currently doing to involve some of that technology would be great within the next few years. I think that's one of the more important things."

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, on Zoom, Carlisle | Wortman & Associates will host a virtual town hall to hear from the community. People can get more information on that meeting on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page at facebook.com/BerkleyParksandRec. To stay up-to-date with Berkley's Parks and Recreation master plan process, visit berkleymich.org/recremasterplan2020.

"We, obviously as parks and recreation professionals, can know what we have, what we would like to see, but the community belongs to the people, and hearing from them and getting feedback is essential," McArdle said. "They're the ones that are using our fields, our courts, our parks, our community center, our senior transportation, all of that. They're the ones that are a big part of paying for it, and we want to hear from them."

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2020 Parks & Recreation Master Plan

What is a Recreation Master Plan?



The City of Berkley Parks and Recreation Master Plan conveys a vision for our parks and recreation within the City. The purpose of this plan is to guide the recreation planning and development efforts of the City over a five year period. Once adopted, the plan is the official document to be used by City staff and the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. Additionally, the plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning and is necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

Check out the current **2016 Recreation Master Plan**.

What is the process?

City officials and staff with the consultant team, **Carlisle Wortman & Associates**, are committed to a master plan with a compelling vision supported by realistic goals and objectives.

City staff and consultants are facilitating a 9 month process with three phases:

1. Vision & Outreach
2. Plan Design & Crafting
3. Final Plan Adoption

We Want to Hear from You!



We are encouraging residents and those representing all facets of the Berkley community to share their thoughts and ideas, as well as help us better understand the recreation needs of the community.

To share your feedback [CLICK HERE](#)

The **DEADLINE** to submit your thoughts and ideas is **Friday, August 14, 2020**.

If you would like a hard copy of the survey, they will be available upon request. You can email Theresa McArdon, our Parks and Recreation Director at tmcardon@berkleymich.net. All responses are completely confidential.

The results of this survey will be used to inform the recommendations on how parks, trails, and recreation services are developed in the 2021 - 2025 Recreation Plan.

Join Us for a Virtual Town Hall on the Parks and Rec Master Plan!



The City and CWA will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall to hear from the community on **Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 6 PM**.

Join Zoom Meeting: berkleymich.zoom.us/j/93693515453

Meeting ID: 936 9351 5453

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NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

Berkley Parks and Recreation is seeking public input regarding the City of Berkley 2021 - 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. The plan will be available for review from October 16 to November 16. A formal public hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020.

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

- Berkley Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave, Berkley, MI 48072.
- The draft plan is also available online on the City's website at www.berkleymich.org/recmasterplan2020.
- For questions or comments, please call 248.658.3470.



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NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR ADOPTION

The City of Berkley is looking to adopt the Berkley 2021 - 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Public Hearing will take place as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 7:00 PM on December 21, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meetings are being held virtually.

A draft copy of the plan has been available for review since October 16, 2020, and will remain available through the date of the public hearing.

The plan can be viewed at the following locations:

- The draft plan is also available online on the City's website at www.berkleymich.org/recmasterplan2020
- For questions or comments, please call 248-658-3470

All interested citizens are invited to attend the Public Hearing.

Comments may be made in person on the night of the Public Hearing or may be made in writing. All written comments must be submitted to the Clerk's Office or emailed to clerk@berkleymich.net before 5:00 PM on the date of the Public Hearing.

If you would like to join Zoom Meeting:
<https://berkleymich.zoom.us/j/94929846645>

Dial by Phone: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 949 2984 6645

You can also watch the meeting:
www.berkleymich.org/livestream

**CITY OF BERKLEY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE
CITY OF BERKLEY 2021 – 2026 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, The City of Berkley has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the City's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve our system of parks and recreation facilities during the period of 2021 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, City residents were given the opportunity to provide input through an online survey which was made available from July 14 through August 14, 2020, at five virtual meetings held in July and August, and at a Public Hearing to be held on December 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkley's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the 2021 – 2026 Parks & Recreation Master Plan for completeness and accuracy and deemed that the Plan meets the desires and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was made available for public review in a manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkley Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommends the adoption of the 2021 – 2026 Berkley Parks & Recreation Master Plan by the City Council on December 21, 2020.

Motion by: Greg Patterson

Supported by: Josh Pollard

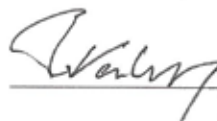
Votes in favor: Gary Polk, Melissa Hammond, Mike Kerby

Votes opposed:

Abstained:

Absent: Betty Smith, John Nicolai

I hereby attest that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board at a public meeting held on the 10th day of December, 2020.



Mike Kerby, Chair
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
City of Berkley, Michigan

CITY OF BERKLEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
7:00 P.M. – ZOOM DECEMBER 10, 2020

Following the Governor's executive order this meeting was held via an electronic platform.

CALL TO ORDER: 702

Present: Josh Pollard, Melissa Hammond, Mike Kerby, John Nicolai, Greg Patterson, Gary Polk

Also present: Theresa McArleton, Scott Jennex, Mayor Pro Tem Bridget Dean

Absent excused: Betty Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Melissa Gary Support by Greg

APPROVAL OF 10/8/20 MINUTES Approved by Gary and Josh

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public present and not emails

BOARD BUSINESS

1. FIVE YEAR RECREATION MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION OR

A discussion was held. It was moved by to Greg with support from Josh to recommend approval by city council.

2. COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The building was open for about five weeks with no known issues. The building is currently closed under the new/updated restrictions. The current plan is to reopen when safe to do so. Friends of Park and Rec did donate money for an outdoor rink. They are still having activities online and planning more social media outreach. Staff is currently looking for more ideas to open safely and currently planning for next year. Looking for creative ways to hold activities outside safely.

3. SPECIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Two Halloween events were held. Over 150 families attended. The event was held socially distanced and reported to be a success. Junior Woman's, Dad's Club, Steelers, Youth Assistance, Mom's Club, and others helped to make the event successful. It might be adjusted to move the event outdoors in future years.

4. OXFORD/MERCHANTS PARK UPDATE

Most of the work that was needed for the fall work is completed. Work will resume when the weather allows. Spring 2021 is the projected date of finishing and appears to be on schedule at this point. A lot of collaboration has been happening with all departments of the city.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was a discussion on when new signage will be placed. Everyone was wished a happy holiday season. Tot-lot to get new equipment in the spring it was planned and has already gone to bid. Santa's drive-by was appreciated. Condolences were sent to those that have experienced loss. The Friends has donated a food pantry to be placed outside the community center.

ADJOURNMENT 750 PM Motioned by John and Second by Josh

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2021

THE ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKLEY, MICHIGAN WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 BY MAYOR TERBRACK

PRESENT: Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Jack Blanchard, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Bridget Dean, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Ross Gavin, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Dennis Hennen, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Natalie Price, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Daniel Terbrack, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Gavin moved to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Councilmember Hennen
Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

INVOCATION: Pastor Zack Dunlap

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Baker:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Matter of approving the minutes of the 38th Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. R-45-20: Matter of authorizing a resolution of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan recognizing and celebrating Robert Damery on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack
Nays: None
Motion Approved.

Regular Agenda

PRESENTATION: Matter of recognizing the 2020 Berkley Beautification Advisory Committee Holiday Spirit Award recipients.

Mr. Dan Mihaescu, Chair of the Beautification Advisory Committee, recognized each Committee member by name along with Councilmember Natalie Price who serves as Council liaison. He stated they all helped canvass the city to look for those deserving of the Holiday Spirit Award. Mr. Mihaescu said as always, the homes were amazing and it was hard to narrow down the winners. He provided a

presentation of all of the winning homes. The 2020 Berkley Beautification Advisory Committee Holiday Spirit Award recipients are 4039 Kenmore, 1615 Wiltshire, 1616 Wiltshire, 4252 Prairie, 2343 Phillips, 2369 Phillips, 2120 Kipling, 2020 Kipling, 3665 Buckingham, 2958 Buckingham, 1349 Oxford, 2935 Cummings, 1716 Rosemont, 2279 Oakshire, 2075 Bacon, 3675 Kenmore, 3695 Robina, 3774 Kenmore, 1851 Franklin, and 2312 Buckingham.

Mayor Terbrack thanked everyone involved and the honored families for going above and beyond especially this year during a time when everyone is looking for some joy.

Councilmember Price thanked everyone involved. She said she is so thankful to her neighbors and all of the other homes for making the streets more festive and fun.

MOTION NO. M-68-20: Motion to approve the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Lockup Services, Animal Control Services, Use of the Berkley DPS Range, and Dispatch Services between the City of Berkley and the City of Pleasant Ridge for a \$6,500 fixed yearly fee for each full-time equivalent (FTE) reflected in the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Fall Semi-Annual Law Enforcement Distribution Report for Pleasant Ridge Police Department. This Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing approximately March 1, 2021 and continuing until June 30, 2023.

Councilmember Blanchard moved to approve Motion No. M-68-20

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-69-20: Matter of authorizing Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) for engineering design services related to the 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Program at a cost not to exceed \$20,097 from the Sidewalk Fund, account number 470-938-821-000.

Councilmember Gavin moved to approve Motion No. M-69-20

Seconded by Councilmember Hennen

Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

MOTION NO. M-70-20: Matter of approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Berkley and the Berkley School District for Shared Resources and Services.

Councilmember Price moved to approve Motion No. M-70-20

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

Ayes: Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: Matter of holding a Public Hearing regarding the updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The public hearing opened at 7:32 p.m.

There was no one present wishing to speak.

The public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. R-46-20: Matter of authorizing a resolution of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan adopting the Five-Year Recreation Master Plan for the period of 2021-2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Dean moved to approve Resolution No. R-46-20

Seconded by Councilmember Price

Ayes: Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, and Terbrack

Nays: None
Motion Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. R-47-20: Matter of authorizing a resolution of the Thirty-eighth Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan designating the time and place of City Council Meetings and its Rules and Order of Procedure.

Councilmember Gavin moved to approve Resolution No. R-47-20

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

Ayes: Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

CLOSED SESSION: Matter of considering whether to meet in closed session to consult with the City's attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, specifically Doot, et al v City of Berkley, et al; Hanover Insurance Group v City of Berkley; and Jacob v City of Berkley, Oakland County Circuit Court Case Nos. 2017-157459-NZ, 2017-160247-NZ, and 2019-178474-NZ, respectively.

Councilmember Baker moved to meet in closed session

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean

Ayes: Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

A closed session of the 38th Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Terbrack.

PRESENT: Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Jack Blanchard, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Bridget Dean, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Ross Gavin, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Dennis Hennen, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Natalie Price, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Daniel Terbrack, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan

Mayor Pro Tem Dean moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:26 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Blanchard

Ayes: Gavin, Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

The regular meeting of the 38th Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan was called back to order at 8:27 p.m. by Mayor Terbrack.

PRESENT: Steve Baker, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Jack Blanchard, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Bridget Dean, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Ross Gavin, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Dennis Hennen, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Natalie Price, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan
Daniel Terbrack, Berkley, Oakland County, Michigan

MOTION NO. M-71-20: Matter of authorizing Class Action Settlement Agreement to compromise and settle pending litigation, specifically Doot, et al v City of Berkley, et al; Hanover Insurance Group v City of Berkley; and Jacob v City of Berkley, Oakland County Circuit Court Case Nos. 2017-157459-NZ, 2017-160247-NZ, and 2019-178474-NZ, respectively, and further authorizing the City's Attorneys

to sign on behalf of the City any necessary documents and undertake appropriate actions to finalize the settlement.

Councilmember Hennen moved to approve Motion No. M-71-20

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean

Ayes: Hennen, Price, Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present wishing to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER PRICE: thanked all of the city leaders, department heads, and the rest of the city staff who continue to serve the residents well, despite the global pandemic. Councilmember Price said the Berkley Public Library continues to offer curbside pickup and door/porch delivery. She stated the library is also checking out hot spots to residents. She said for anyone not familiar with a hot spot, it is usually a wallet-size device that allows someone to connect to the internet from anywhere they are. She said anyone who does not have the ability to access the internet at their home or vacation spot, they may check one out for free with their library card. Councilmember Price said she encourages everyone to receive the Covid vaccine when they have the opportunity. She said in the meantime, we can protect ourselves and each other by staying home as much as possible and wearing a mask when we go out in public. Councilmember Price wished a Merry Christmas to all those who celebrate, and a Happy New Year to all.

COUNCILMEMBER BLANCHARD: wished Mr. Robert Damery an incredibly happy 100th birthday. He also thanked the Berkley American Legion Post 374 for conducting a food drive and providing Christmas food baskets that were delivered to 18 veterans' homes around the area. He said the Legion also received a grant from the county to assist with veteran support. Councilmember Blanchard asked everyone to remember to support our local businesses and especially our restaurants as they are open for carryout. He stated don't forget to tip. Councilmember Blanchard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and asked everyone to stay safe and watch those Christmas trees for fire hazards.

COUNCILMEMBER BAKER: complimented city staff and the residents for doing what they could to make this year as safe as it could be. He also thanked them for making their voices heard. Councilmember Baker said the Technology Advisory Committee met on December 9th and the next meeting is scheduled for February 17th. He discussed the potential for cyber-attacks and said to be safe while online. Councilmember Baker said the Historical Committee met on November 10th and the next meeting is scheduled on January 12th. He stated the special, limited-edition holiday mugs are still available and to contact city hall or email the museum directly at museum@berkleymich.net for more information. Councilmember Baker said the Downtown Development Authority board last met on December 9th and members will meet again on January 13th. He stated Merry Month festivities continue. He said people may still participate in the Shop Main Street raffle opportunity to win up to \$750 of downtown Berkley bucks. He said all you need to do is shop in the downtown area and email a picture of your receipt with the date and time stamp to marketing@downtownberkley.com. Councilmember Baker said there is also a winter-themed scavenger hunt taking place, which is a socially-distant and fun event continuing through February 1st. He said the first three individuals to successfully complete the hunt will receive \$50 in downtown Berkley bucks. He said to contact marketing@downtownberkley.com for more details. Councilmember Baker asked everyone to please continue to stay safe as the vaccine is just around the corner. He said that does not mean we should let our guards down. He said the holidays are going to be very different and unique and hopefully these times will pass soon. He said we all need to remain vigilant.

Councilmember Baker wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. He said to live up to the Berkley motto, "We care."

MAYOR PRO TEM DEAN: stated the Parks and Recreation Department continues to provide outdoor recreation ideas on Facebook. She said there will be individually guided recreation opportunities beginning in January. She stated the Department looks forward to reopening when it is safe to do so. Mayor Pro Tem Dean again congratulated the winners of the Holiday Spirit Awards. She stated she has enjoyed driving around and admiring all of the efforts residents have made to brighten these dark days. Mayor Pro Tem Dean wished everyone a very happy holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year.

COUNCILMEMBER HENNEN: stated he had nothing to report tonight from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Tree Board. Councilmember Hennen wished everyone happy holidays, asked everyone to remain safe, and said he is looking forward to a better year in 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER GAVIN: stated the Planning Commission met last week and discussed projections and setbacks both above and below ground. He stated they also discussed regulations for exterior appliances. He said the next Planning Commission meeting will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 26th. Councilmember Gavin stated the Environmental Advisory Committee has not met since the last city council meeting and will meet at 6:30 p.m. on January 21st. Councilmember Gavin said the Master Plan Steering Committee had a great discussion on Greenfield Road housing and other important topics. Councilmember Gavin wished everyone a wonderful holiday and again offered a big thank you to Dan and Ella, along with the entire Beautification Advisory Committee, for creating such great events. He said he really enjoys seeing the homes that go all out. Councilmember Gavin thanked city staff members for their adaptability, commitment, and effort. He said he is thankful for everyone this year including committee members, residents, city staff, and his colleagues on Council. He said he is also thankful for friends and family and thanked everyone for their dedication to staying safe. He said for everyone to stay happy as we have the holidays coming up.

CITY MANAGER BAUMGARTEN: thanked council members for their words of encouragement for city staff. He said this year has been very difficult and he has been very proud of the adaptability that city staff has shown. He said we continue to keep services high and we definitely look forward to the day where we can reopen all of our buildings and welcome everyone back. He stated we all got into public service for the public portion of it and right now it is all service and no public. He said this New Year's Eve will be more saying goodbye to 2020 than celebrating the beginning of 2021. Mr. Baumgarten said from city staff and the Baumgarten family, happy holidays and a happy 2021.

ATTORNEY STARAN: commended and applauded city council as well as the city manager and his administration on navigating their way through a very difficult year with no past history or playbook to use for navigation. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and best wishes for what he surely hopes will be a happier, healthier, and more peaceful 2021.

MAYOR TERBRACK: wished Robert Damery a happy 100th birthday. He stated it was unfortunate that they could not honor him in-person during a meeting. He said as Councilmember Blanchard said earlier, he looks forward to doing that next year for his 101st birthday. Mayor Terbrack thanked Councilmember Hennen for continuing the tradition of our elected officials by representing our community across the state as he participated in a Michigan Municipal League panel for newly elected officials on December 16th. Mayor Terbrack said 2020 wasn't great. He said dwelling on the past doesn't take away though from the pain, frustration, fear, loss and the anxiety that all of us felt at one time or another throughout the year. Mayor Terbrack said the City has shown incredible resilience and strength and will continue to show these traits. He said he looks forward to a 2021 full of health, Berkley Days, Berkley Art Bash, Lids for Kids, Summerfest, Winterfest, CruiseFest, Holiday Lights Parade, and so many more events that Berkley hosts. Mayor Terbrack said he hopes everyone has a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and thanked everyone who helped us and our community get through this past year.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Baker moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dean

Ayes: Baker, Blanchard, Dean, Gavin, Hennen, Price, and Terbrack

Nays: None

Motion Approved.

I, Victoria Mitchell, being duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Berkley; hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Berkley City Council meeting, which was approved by the Berkley City Council at its regular meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Victoria Mitchell

A RESOLUTION

**of the Council of the City of Berkley, Michigan
adopting a Five-Year Recreation Master Plan for the period of 2021-2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Berkley has undertaken a five-year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, December 21, 2020 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, City residents were given the opportunity to provide input through an online survey, five virtual meetings and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the plan was made available for public review and comment in a manner required by law; and

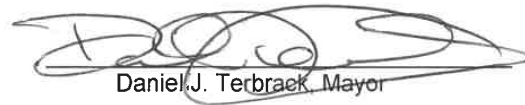
WHEREAS, the City of Berkley has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend adoption by the City Council of the said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BERKLEY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: That the City Council does hereby adopt a Five-Year Recreation Plan for the period of 2021-2025 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Berkley.

Introduced and passed at a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.


Daniel J. Terbrack, Mayor

Attest:


Victoria Mitchell, City Clerk



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January 12, 2021

Kristen Wiltfang
Principal Planner
Economic Development & Community Affairs
Executive Office Building
2100 Pontiac Lake Road
Building 41W
Waterford, Michigan 48328

Dear Ms. Wiltfang:

The Berkley City Council adopted the attached Parks & Recreation Master Plan at a meeting held on December 21, 2020. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Please feel free to contact the City of Berkley or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.

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Landscape Architect

cc. Theresa McArleton, Parks & Recreation Director

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

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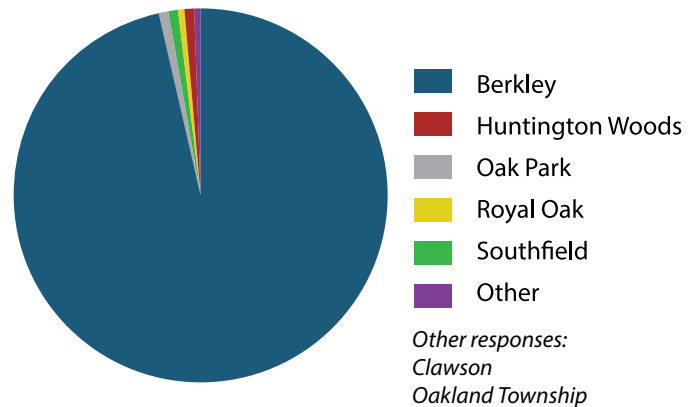
ON-LINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESULTS

An online survey was made available to Berkley residents from July 14 through August 14, 2020. The survey was advertised via social media, on the City website, and in C&G News. Hard copies of the survey were available at the Recreation Center upon request. 454 unique responses were received.

The following pages provide a summary of the results. For open-ended questions and "other" responses, answers are provided verbatim and are not edited for spelling or grammar. Where indicated, these responses are organized by subject matter.

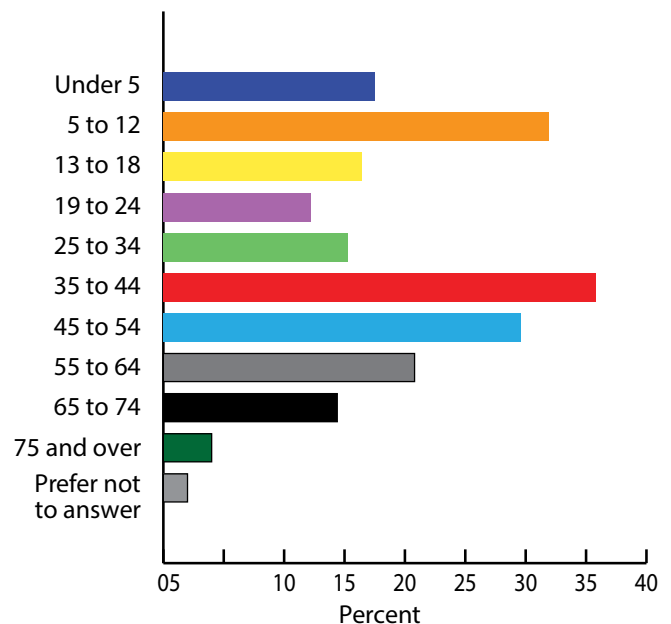
Q1: Please tell us where you live:

Community	Responses	Percent
Berkley	424	96.6%
Huntington Woods	3	0.7%
Lathrup Village	0	0%
Oak Park	4	0.9%
Pleasant Ridge	0	0%
Royal Oak	3	0.7%
Southfield	3	0.7%
Other (Please specify)	2	0.5%
Total Responses	439	



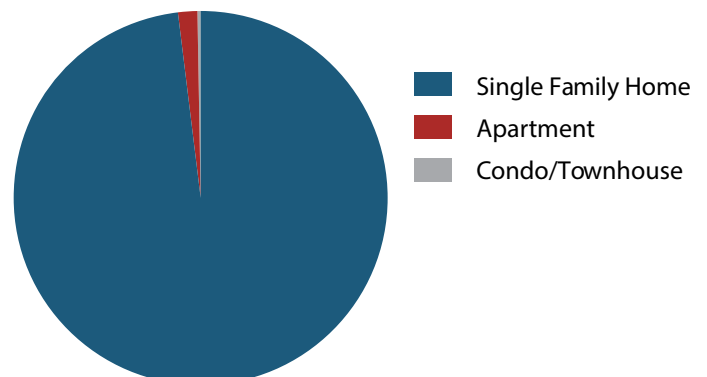
Q2: Please tell us the ages of the members of your household. For households with multiple family members, check all that apply.

Community	Responses	Percent
Under 5	79	17.5%
5 to 12	144	31.9%
13 to 18	74	16.4%
19 to 24	55	12.2%
25 to 34	69	15.3%
35 to 44	162	35.8%
45 to 54	134	29.6%
55 to 64	94	20.8%
65 to 74	65	14.4%
75 and over	18	4.0%
Prefer not to answer	9	2.0%
Total Responses	903	



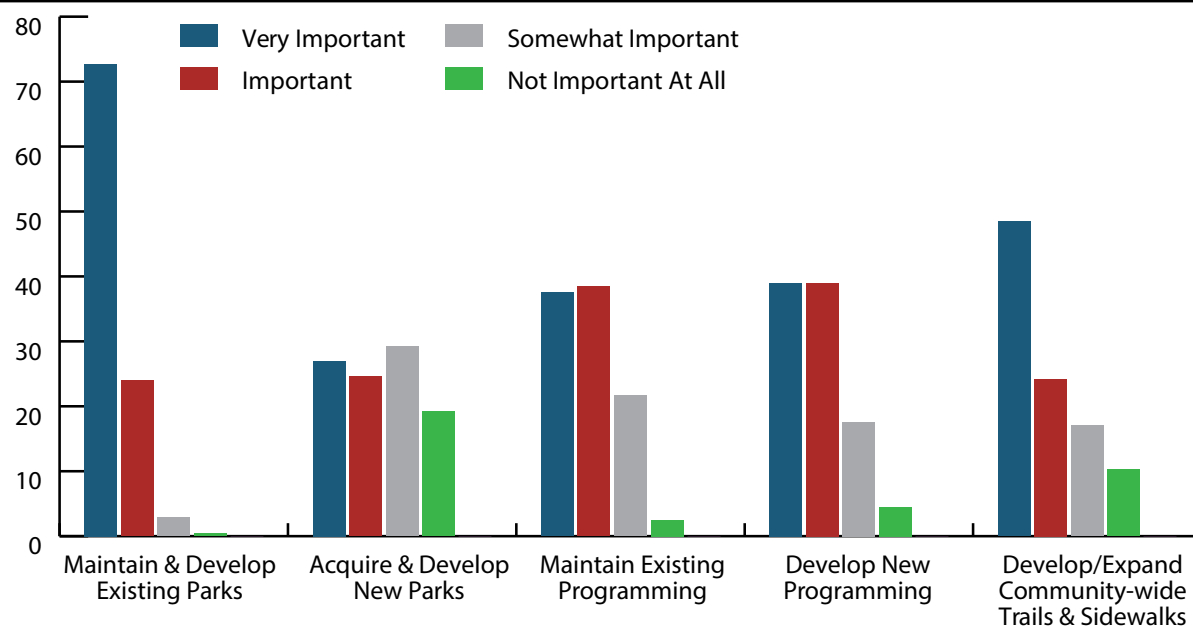
Q3: Please describe your current living situation.

Housing Type	Responses	Percent
Single family home	443	98.2%
Apartment	7	1.6%
Condominium / townhome	1	0.2%
Manufactured / mobile home	0	0%
Other (Please specify)	0	0%
Total Responses	451	



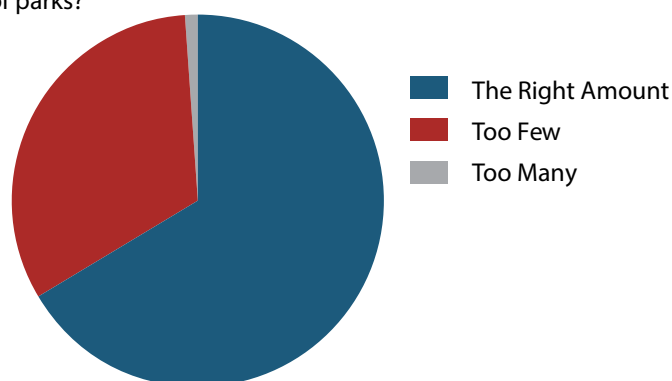
Q4: How important are the following items to you and your family?

Category	Very Important		Important		Somewhat Important		Not Important At All	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maintain and develop existing parks	327	72.7%	108	24.0%	13	2.9%	2	0.4%
Acquire and develop new parks	121	27.0%	110	24.6%	131	29.2%	86	19.2%
Maintain existing programming & events	168	37.5%	172	38.4%	97	21.7%	11	2.5%
Develop new programming/events	175	39.0%	175	39.0%	79	17.6%	20	4.5%
Develop or expand community-wide trails and sidewalks	217	48.5%	108	24.2%	76	17.0%	46	10.3%



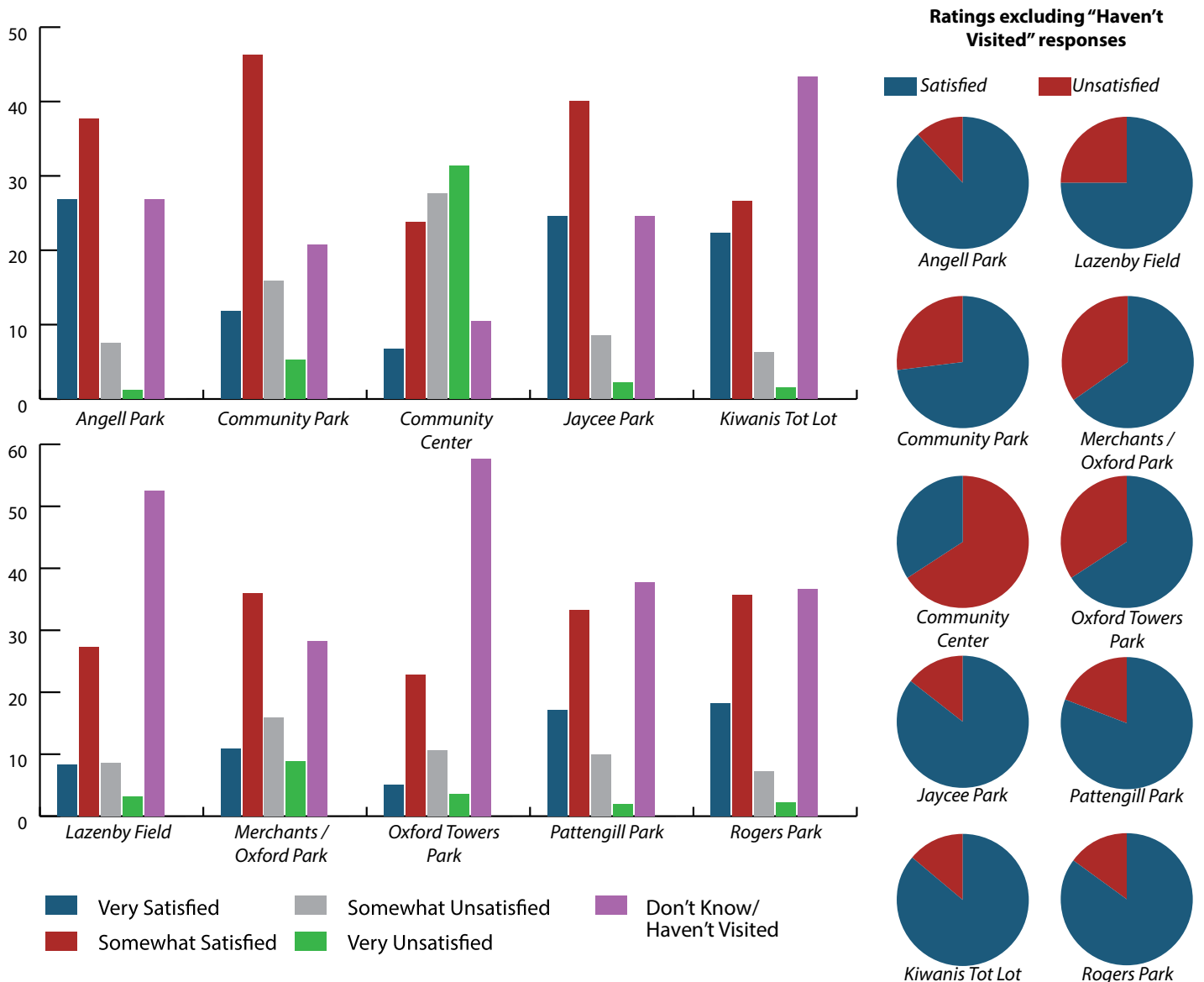
Q5: Does Berkley have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Too few	142	32.4%
Too many	5	1.1%
The right amount	291	66.4%
Total Responses	438	



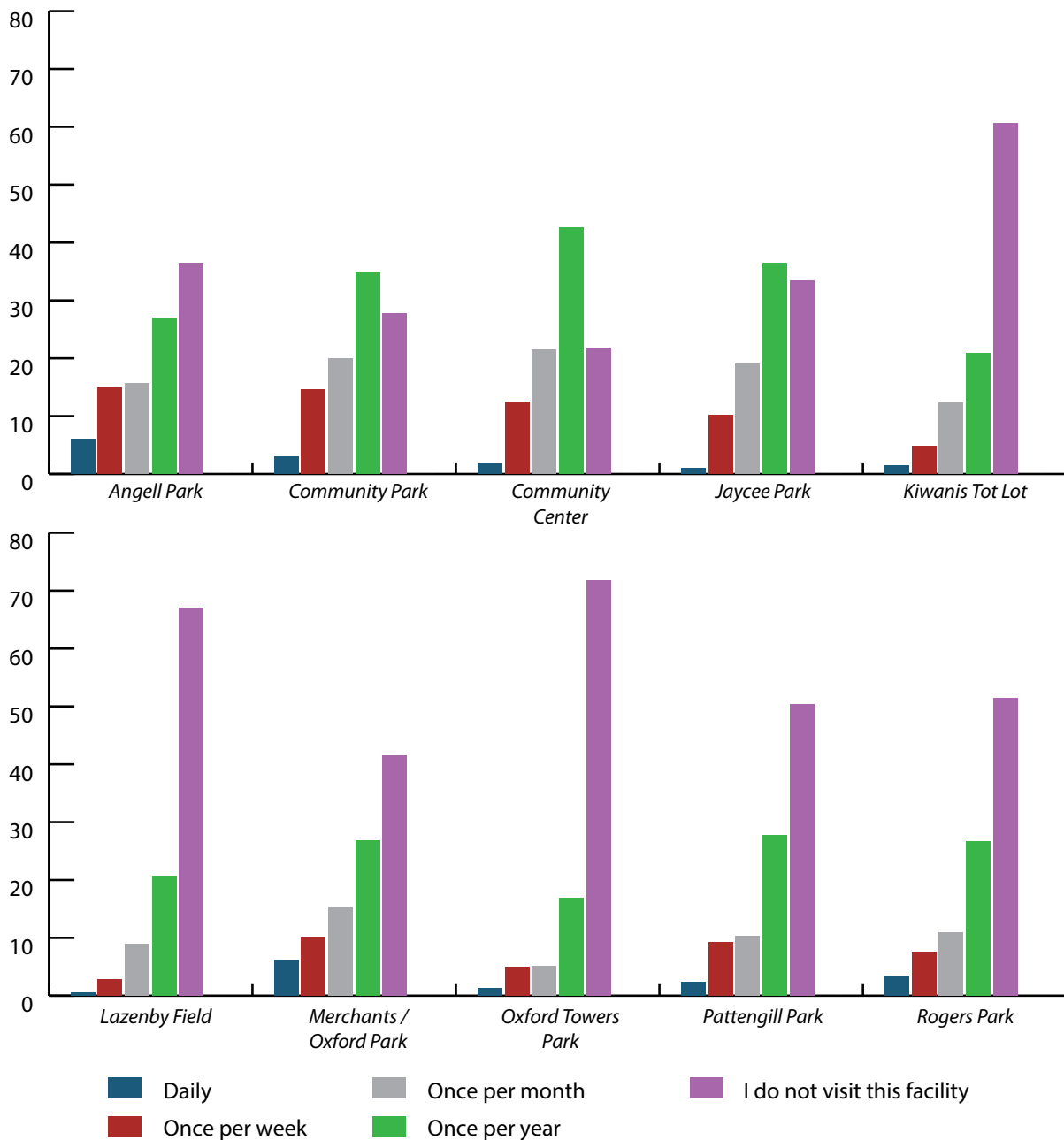
Q6: How satisfied are you with Berkley's parks and recreation facilities?

Park	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't Know / Haven't Visited		Without "Haven't Visited"	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	Sat./ Very Satisfied	Un. / Very Unsatisfied
Angell Park	111	26.8%	156	37.7%	31	7.5%	5	1.2%	111	26.8%	88.1%	11.9%
Community Park	49	11.8%	192	46.3%	66	15.9%	22	5.3%	86	20.7%	73.3%	26.7%
Community Center	28	6.7%	100	23.8%	116	27.6%	132	31.4%	44	10.5%	34.0%	66.0%
Jaycee Park	101	24.6%	164	40.0%	35	8.5%	9	2.2%	101	24.6%	85.8%	14.2%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	92	22.3%	110	26.6%	26	6.3%	6	1.5%	179	43.3%	86.3%	13.7%
Lazenby Field	34	8.4%	111	27.3%	35	8.6%	13	3.2%	213	52.5%	75.1%	24.9%
Merchants / Oxford Park	45	10.9%	149	36.0%	66	15.9%	37	8.9%	117	28.3%	65.3%	34.7%
Oxford Towers Park	21	5.1%	94	22.9%	44	10.7%	15	3.6%	237	57.7%	66.1%	33.9%
Pattengill Park	71	17.1%	138	33.3%	41	9.9%	8	1.9%	157	37.8%	81.0%	19.0%
Rogers Park	76	18.2%	149	35.7%	30	7.2%	9	2.2%	153	36.7%	85.2%	14.8%



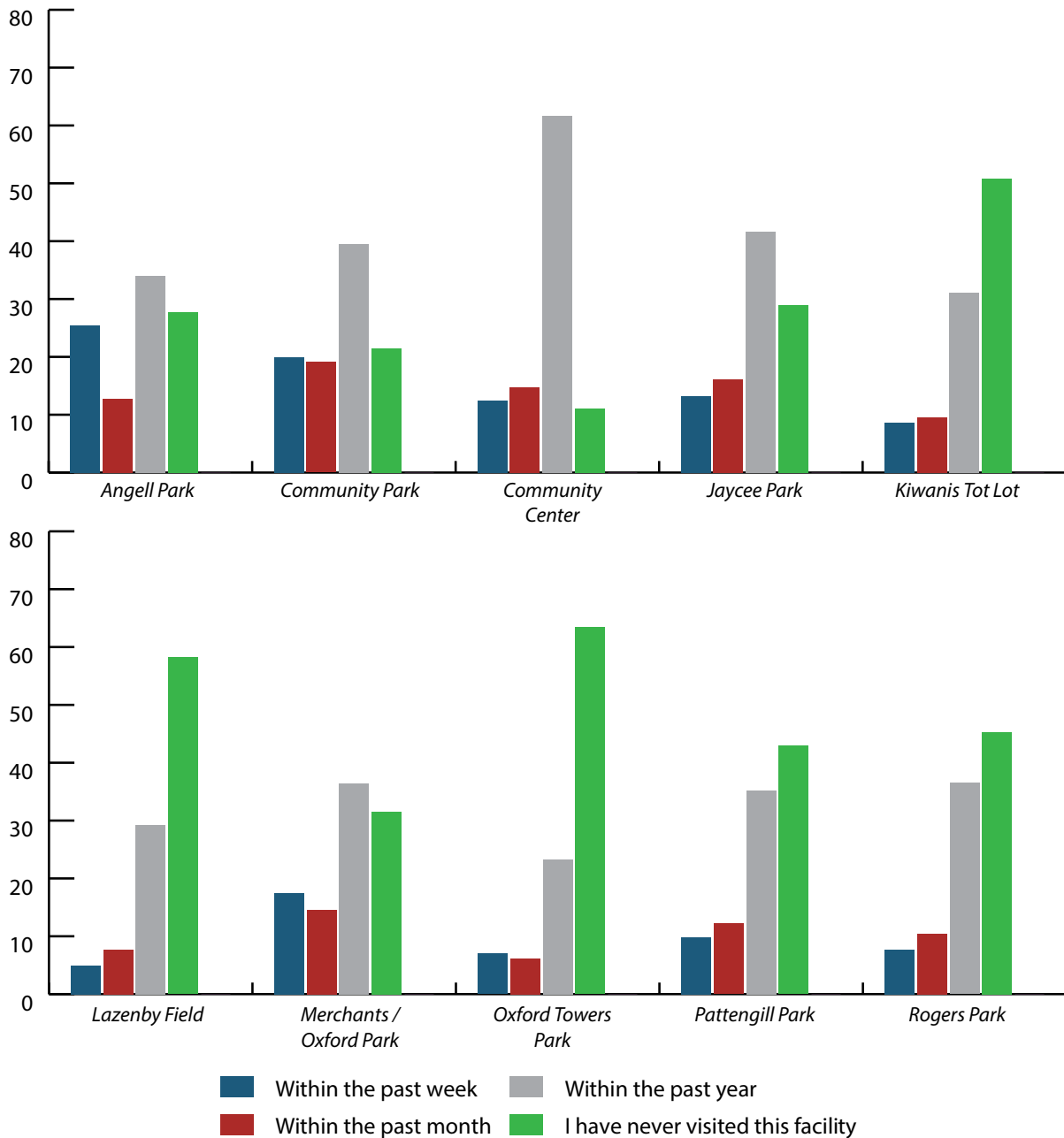
Q7: How frequently do you visit Berkley's parks and recreation facilities?

Park	Daily		At least once per week		At least once per month		Once or twice per year		I do not visit this facility	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Angell Park	24	6.0%	60	14.9%	63	15.6%	109	27.0%	147	36.5%
Community Park	12	3.0%	58	14.6%	79	19.9%	138	34.8%	110	27.7%
Community Center	7	1.8%	50	12.5%	86	21.5%	170	42.5%	87	21.8%
Jaycee Park	4	1.0%	40	10.1%	75	19.0%	144	36.5%	132	33.4%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	6	1.5%	19	4.8%	49	12.3%	83	20.9%	241	60.6%
Lazenby Field	2	0.5%	11	2.8%	35	9.0%	81	20.7%	262	67.0%
Merchants / Oxford Park	25	6.2%	40	10.0%	62	15.4%	108	26.9%	167	41.5%
Oxford Towers Park	5	1.3%	19	4.9%	20	5.1%	66	16.9%	280	71.8%
Pattengill Park	9	2.3%	37	9.3%	41	10.3%	111	27.8%	201	50.4%
Rogers Park	14	3.5%	30	7.6%	43	10.9%	105	26.6%	203	51.4%



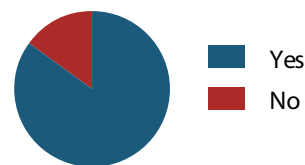
Q8: When was the last time you visited one of Berkley's parks and recreation properties?

Park	Within the past week		Within the past month		Within the past year		I have never visited this facility	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Angell Park	97	25.4%	49	12.8%	130	34.0%	106	27.7%
Community Park	75	19.9%	72	19.1%	149	39.5%	81	21.5%
Community Center	47	12.4%	56	14.8%	234	61.7%	42	11.1%
Jaycee Park	49	13.2%	60	16.1%	155	41.7%	108	29.0%
Kiwanis Tot Lot	32	8.6%	35	9.5%	115	31.1%	188	50.8%
Lazenby Field	18	4.9%	28	7.7%	107	29.2%	213	58.2%
Merchants / Oxford Park	65	17.5%	54	14.6%	135	36.4%	117	31.5%
Oxford Towers Park	26	7.0%	23	6.2%	86	23.3%	234	63.4%
Pattengill Park	37	9.8%	46	12.2%	133	35.2%	162	42.9%
Rogers Park	29	7.7%	39	10.4%	137	36.5%	170	45.3%



Q9: Do you and your family visit parks in neighboring communities or county or state parks?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	368	85.0%
No	65	15.0%
Total Responses	433	

**Q10:** If yes, which facilities do you visit and what do you like or dislike about them?

The following verbatim responses have been organized by topic. 296 unique responses were received for this question. Where a response falls into multiple categories, it is copied into each category. Where an exact response was received multiple times, the number of entries is provided in parenthesis to the right (e.g. "Playground (3)"). Responses are entered exactly as they were received, and no attempts were made to correct spelling or other grammatical errors.

STATE PARKS

13 different state parks are mentioned by survey participants. Park with five or more mentions include: Belle Isle (14), Island Lake (8), and Maybury (6).

1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
2. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens , Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trailsensington
3. We camp in state parks throughout Michigan
4. We have visited state parks, but not since the lockdown.
5. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
6. Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another.Tenhave Woods is another.
7. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
8. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
9. Kensington, Belle Isle, Manistee State
10. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
11. Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
12. Belle Isle, Dodge, Maybury, Bald Mountain. Like all listed
13. Mostly state parks for camping and recreation
14. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS
15. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
16. Stage Nature Center - we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
17. State
18. state parks
19. We go to metro and state parks with in a 1 hr drive from berkley
20. Bloomer Park in Rochester - great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
21. the one across greenfield and catalpa, state parks if we take road trips
22. Maybury: an actual running trail
23. State or County Parks - to use their hiking trails
24. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
25. State Parks - the variety of the parks
26. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve

27. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
28. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
29. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
30. Metro Parks, Bloomer State Park
31. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
32. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
33. Chelsea State Park
34. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and many parks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
35. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
36. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
37. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
38. State parks for camping
39. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
40. Beverly Hills Park on Beverly Blvd. Belle Isle Detroit. Van Hoosen Farm. Oak Park "Train" Park. Royal Oak Memorial Park. River Walk and Hart Plaza, Detroit. Grosse Pte, Park Park.
41. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
42. Island Lake, Kensington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
43. island lake state park, kensington park - for hiking trails
44. Trails are nice at Mayberry. Bike paths are great at Belle Isle.
45. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
46. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
47. We've camped at almost every State Park in Michigan. Good facilities and cleanliness are the most important factors.
48. Visit state parks for specific attractions.
49. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
50. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
51. Belle Isle, Dodge #4, Kensington
52. We go Kayaking at Proud Lake and Belle Isle
53. Carpenter lake - wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer. Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
54. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
55. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
56. Kensington, Island Lake for trails.
57. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
58. Kensington for the beach. Belle Isle
59. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
60. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
61. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
62. We love the trails and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
63. state parks, meininger park. trees for hammocks.
64. Using state parks for access to lakes

COUNTY PARKS

Six of Oakland County's thirteen parks were listed by participants. Parks with five or more mentions include: Catalpa Oaks (24) and Red Oaks (6)

1. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
2. Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
3. Catalpa Oaks, Victoria Park, Burton Elementary, Norup
4. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS
5. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
6. Red Oaks, I like the walking path, Catalpa Oaks
7. red oak dog park
8. the one across greenfield and catalpa, state parks if we take road trips
9. Catalpa Park. We like that everything has been updated on the grounds.
10. State or County Parks - to use their hiking trails
11. Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
12. Red oaks nature center, nice wooded trails
13. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
14. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
15. Red Oaks Dog Park
16. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
17. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
18. County parks
19. Red oaks, Kensington
20. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails
21. Catalpa oaks play area is nice
22. Catalpa Oaks - love having a great bathroom building.
23. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
24. Catalpa, it needs more natural areas not just mown grass. they have acutally removed trees!
25. Catalpa oaks, booth park, Stanley trails Beverly Hills
26. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
27. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
28. Catalpa Oaks & all of the parks in Oak Park
29. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
30. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
31. Catalpa Oaks, Kensington, Stoney Creek
32. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails
33. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
34. Pearson Elementary School in Birmingham; Oakland County Catalpa Park
35. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
36. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.
37. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks

38. County Parks. Love the Nature Centers and long walking paths.
39. Catalpa oaks. For an out door work and they did a lovely job on the track
40. We travel to a lot of county and state parks for the hiking trails and water.

METROPARKS

Three of the thirteen Huron-Clinton Metroparks were specifically mentioned by participants; Kensington (41), Stony Creek (13), and Lake St. Clair (1).

1. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens , Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trailsensington
2. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
3. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
4. Kensington, Stony Creek, Wagner Park Royal Oak
5. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
6. Kensington, Belle Isle, Manistee State
7. Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
8. Kensington, Stoney Creek.
9. Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail - for biking, nice long paths
10. state Parks and metro parks, county pARKS
11. Kensington Park Bike Trails
12. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
13. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or star jaycee
14. We go to metro and state parks with in a 1 hr drive from berkley
15. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
16. Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
17. Lake St. Clair haven't been because of C19
18. Metro parks: great forested areas - open areas
19. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
20. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds , Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
21. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve
22. Metro parks; the water activities
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24. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
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26. Kensington metro park has great trails
27. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
28. Metro Parks, Bloomer State Park
29. Kensington nature walks

30. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
31. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand volleyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
32. Biking trails at Kensington
33. Kensington, Stoney Creek, Lake Erie, Bloomer
34. Kensington. Room for dog to run
35. MetroParks, Stage Nature Center, Inglenook
36. Red oaks, Kensington
37. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
38. Kensington - walking trails
39. Kensington - walking trails, we go there for a change of scenery.
40. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
41. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
42. All the metro parks. Like all of the hiking/walking trails
43. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
44. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
45. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
46. island lake state park, kensington park for hiking trails
47. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
48. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
49. Royal Oak Jaycee Starr , Troy nature center, kensington, Southfield's farm park
50. Catalpa Oaks, Kensington, Stoney Creek
51. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
52. Belle Isle, Dodge #4, Kensington
53. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails
54. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
55. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
56. Kensington, Island Lake for trails.
57. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
58. Stoney Creek Metropark
59. Kensington for the beach. Belle isle
60. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
61. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
62. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
63. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop
64. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
65. Metro Parks
66. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
67. Kensington, we like the walking paths

OTHER PARKS

Over 60 parks or park systems were named by respondents. Beverly Park (24) in Beverly Hills and Starr Jaycee Park (15) in Royal Oak were the two most frequently named individual parks. The communities of Royal Oak (40), Beverly Hills (24), Southfield (14) and Birmingham (10) were the most frequently mentioned park systems.

1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
2. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
3. Mostly the Community Center. Take Grandchildren to Jaycee Park or park areas with playground equipment. Has not been possible during the pandemic.
4. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
5. Westwood park. It's on my street
6. Southfield, Oak Park, and Royal Oak. Updated.
7. Community Park, like the family feel and upkeep. Batting cage too loud, can hear on other side of park.
8. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
9. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
10. Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
11. Kensington, Stony Creek, Wagner Park Royal Oak
12. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
13. Catalpa Oaks, Victoria Park, Burton Elementary, Norup
14. Star Jaycee royal oak - like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birmingham last two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , - like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak - like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
15. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
16. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungee thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
17. The park is fun for kids, Burton
18. Beverly Park. Best in class.
19. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee - bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
20. Beverly Park, nice, maintained park, nice walking path
21. Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail for biking, nice long paths
22. We often visit the parks in Southfield. We love Inglenook, Carpenter Lake, and Buaervic
23. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
24. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
25. Parks in neighboring communities, mostly Royal Oak
26. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
27. Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools. Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
28. Angell, basketball courts and baseball field equipment is ok

29. Stage Nature Center we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
30. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/ paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
31. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to Cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney Creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or Star Jaycee
32. Star Jaycee - Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
33. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it. Oak park and Huntington Woods pools. We love them. Starr Jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
34. Gallup Park in Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsborough Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipment and restrooms there...
35. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
36. I go to Huntington Woods to play pickleball.
37. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
38. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), Peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), Carpenter Lake (trails), Independence Oaks (trails), Proud Lake (trails),
39. Bloomer Park in Rochester - great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak near 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to run around
40. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
41. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
42. Royal Oak and Birmingham well kept great kid programs
43. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
44. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds, Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
45. Troy nature center bald mountain Kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) Barnum Park (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) Heritage park (long walking park) Lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve
46. Spencer Park Troy
47. Beverly Hills Park, Birmingham parks, Burton
48. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
49. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.
50. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
51. Kensington, Dearborn Parks, Belle Isle, Birmingham Parks
52. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
53. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf

54. Several parks in Royal Oak - we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
55. rogers park
56. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand volleyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
57. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
58. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
59. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
60. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
61. Beverly Park - nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
62. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
63. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
64. Gainsboro park. Facilities on site, and all the playground equipment is new, smart, and well laid out.
65. Mostly those in Auburn Hills. Play structures targeted at kids 3-12
66. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
67. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
68. Kensington, Stoney Creek, Lake Erie, Bloomer
69. MetroParks, Stage Nature Center, Inglenook
70. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
71. huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
72. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
73. Pleasant ridge - Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
74. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
75. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
76. Burton Elementary park
77. Huntington Woods Parks
78. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
79. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
80. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
81. Park in oak park behind state-police post- Southfield park behind library love both park nice slides for the kids multitude of things for the kids to play with
82. Beverly Hills Park on Beverly Blvd. Belle Isle Detroit. Van Hoosen Farm. Oak Park "Train" Park. Royal Oak Memorial Park. River Walk and Hart Plaza, Detroit. Grosse Pte, Park Park.
83. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

84. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
85. Clawson community park, RO community parks, Belle Isle, Stoney Creek, Kensington, Island Lake. Detroit parks that have been updated.
86. Catalpa oaks, booth park, Stanley trails Beverly Hills
87. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
88. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.
89. Catalpa Oaks & all of the parks in Oak Park
90. Royal Oak Jaycee Starr , Troy nature center, kensington, Southfield's farm park
91. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
92. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
93. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
94. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
95. Saint clair shores veterans memorial park. A lot of us go with residents there so our kids can play at their amazing park and splash pad. There is nothing around here even like that. Berkley is built as if it is a retirement community but there are so many kids and young families here. Its unfortunate.
96. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
97. Lincoln Woods, Civic Center park, valley woods nature park, all in Southfield where there are forested trails
98. Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
99. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
100. Beverly Hills Park - Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.
101. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
102. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
103. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
104. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
105. Parks in Birmingham. I like that they have toy trucks for the kids to play with. Lots of shaded areas. I like the park in downtown Birmingham bc it has a cool hill to ride down on cardboard boxes. I also like the farm inspired park in Southfield on 12 mile road.
106. Lamphere Hill in Madison Heights; excellent walking trail.
107. Clawson Freedom Park
108. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
109. Inglenook Park (we enjoy the many different play structures)
110. Beverly park is amazing
111. Carpenter lake - wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer. Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
112. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
113. Victoria Park needs more shade
114. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
115. Douglas Nature Preserve and linden park. Trails is what we like the most.
116. Pearson Elementary School in Birmingham; Oakland County Catalpa Park
117. The 696 pedestrian pavilion parks in Oak Park and Southfield (Victoria and Rothstein) and David Sheppard Park in Oak Park.
118. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have - or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.

119. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
120. Parks in other communities are much larger and feel more like embedded in Nature. For example, Royal Oak has Quickstad Park with trails, lots of trees, ponds, etc.
121. Pleasant Ridge - Gainsboro park - has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment
122. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks because they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
123. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.
124. Royal Oak - change of scenery
125. Royal oak parks (SO MANY)!
126. Community Park and Oxford Merchant. They are clean, easy and kids of all ages can enjoy them.
127. state parks, meininger park. trees for hammocks.

TRAILS (WALKING, HIKING, & GENERAL)

1. We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
2. Belle Isle, the riverfront and gardens , Milliken state, river walk. Kensington nature trails Kensington
3. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
4. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
5. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
6. Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
7. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
8. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
9. shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
10. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
11. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungee thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
12. Hiking and biking trails
13. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
14. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
15. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
16. Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
17. Long hiking and biking trails
18. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
19. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/ paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
20. Red Oaks, I like the walking path, Catalpa Oaks
21. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
22. Bloomer Park in Rochester - great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
23. Maybury: an actual running trail
24. State or County Parks - to use their hiking trails
25. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
26. Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
27. We like to hike on nature trails and also go to dog parks.
28. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
29. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.

30. Huntington Woods Comm Center - basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
31. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
32. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds , Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
33. Walking trails,, area to be away from young children.
34. Parks with trails
35. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
36. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
37. Kensington metro park has great trails
38. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
39. Kensington nature walks
40. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
41. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
42. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
43. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntington Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
44. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
45. Beverly Park - nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
46. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
47. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
48. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
49. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
50. Nature trails, various ones
51. Various, places to walk, trails
52. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
53. Kensington - walking trails
54. Kensington - walking trails, we go there for a change of scenery.
55. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
56. Various other parks for walking and hiking trails or biking
57. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails
58. Nature and places to walk
59. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
60. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.
61. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
62. All the metro parks. Like all of the hiking/walking trails
63. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals

64. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
65. Island Lake, Kensington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
66. island lake state park, kensington park - for hiking trails
67. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
68. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
69. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
70. Big outdoors - lots of trails/hikes and nature
71. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
72. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
73. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
74. Lincoln Woods, Civic Center park, valley woods nature park, all in Southfield where there are forested trails
75. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
76. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
77. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
78. Lamphere Hill in Madison Heights; excellent walking trail.
79. Wooded trails
80. Oakland County and Metroparks with running trails
81. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
82. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
83. Trails, ice skating, splash pad
84. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
85. Walking, biking trails are better
86. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
87. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
88. Douglas Nature Preserve and linden park. Trails is what we like the most.
89. Kensington, Island Lake for trails.
90. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
91. We visit parks that have trails and water available.
92. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
93. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
94. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have - or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.
95. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
96. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.
97. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop
98. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
99. picnic tables, natute, trails
100. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
101. Kensington, we like the walking paths Catalpa oaks. For an out door work and they did a lovely job on the track
102. We travel to a lot of county and state parks for the hiking trails and water.

TRAILS - BIKING

1. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
2. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
3. Hiking and biking trails
4. Kensington, Stony Creek, Paint Creek Trail - for biking, nice long paths
5. Long hiking and biking trails
6. Kensington Park Bike Trails
7. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
8. Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
9. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.
10. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
11. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
12. Biking trails at Kensington
13. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
14. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
15. Metro parks and state parks. Trails, biking and open fields
16. Various other parks for walking and hiking trails or biking
17. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals
18. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
19. Kensington Park. We love bike trails and walking trails
20. Catalpa Oaks, Shain Park, Stoney Creek, Hines Drive (for biking), Victoria Park,
21. Trails are nice at Mayberry. Bike paths are great at Belle Isle.
22. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
23. Bike trails and paths
24. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
25. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
26. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
27. Lakes, bike trails
28. Walking, biking trails are better
29. We like hiking and biking trails at state and metro parks.
30. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
31. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
32. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks because they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
33. Bike trails, access to bathrooms

SCENERY / NATURAL AREAS

1. Several. Nature trails, peace and quiet.
2. Quarton Lake, many state and county parks and Cranbrook What I like about them is either the beauty or the ability to commune with nature. Booth Park is another. Tenhave Woods is another.
3. shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
4. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
5. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
6. Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
7. Stage Nature Center - we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
8. Michigan nature
9. Kensington. We love the biking trails and nature trails for bird watching
10. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
11. Metro parks: great forested areas - open areas
12. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds , Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
13. Troy nature center bald mountain kensington Beverly park nice (walking trail) barnum bark (beautiful gardens nice walking trail) heritage park (long walking park) lloyd nature center (hiking trail and pond) West Bloomfield woods nature preserve
14. Red oaks nature center, nice wooded trails
15. Kensington nature walks
16. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
17. Beverly Park - nice walking trail and wooded area, Troy Parks - walking trails
18. nature parks, walking trails, bicycle paths,
19. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
20. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
21. Nature trails, various ones
22. Natural outdoor spaces
23. cranbrook:. love the trails and woods/pond; metroparks:
24. Nature and places to walk
25. Catalpa, it needs more natural areas not just mown grass. they have acutally removed trees!
26. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
27. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
28. Big outdoors - lots of trails/hikes and nature
29. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
30. Green space to hike/walk/run/cycle in county and state parks. Dig parks.
31. Stage Nature Preserve, Maybury State Park, Pinckney Rec, Milliken SP. We like the trails and nature.
32. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
33. Carpenter lake - wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer. Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
34. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
35. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
36. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.

37. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
 38. many that I have found either have not been tended to or have.... that is what I really like... I like the natural surroundings yet nicely manicured and maintained.
 39. Parks in other communities are much larger and feel more like embedded in Nature. For example, Royal Oak has Quickstad Park with trails, lots of trees, ponds, etc.
 40. Some of the MI state parks where we can ride our bikes and there are lots of trees and bike paths
 41. picnic tables, nature, trails
8. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
 9. Rivers, running water.
 10. Parks with water (lakes/ponds), biking trails or hiking trails; Hines Park, Birmingham, metro parks, etc
 11. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
 12. Parks near water
 13. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
 14. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).
 15. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
 16. Carpenter lake - wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer. Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
 17. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
 18. Lakes, bike trails
 19. Like Water facilities canoeing
 20. Kensington for the beach. Belle Isle
 21. We visit parks that have trails and water available.
 22. Stoney Creek Metropark, Island Lakes State Park, Kensington Metropark, Belle Isle. They are large and have trails and water
 23. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
 24. We love the trails and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
 25. Using state parks for access to lakes

LAKES, BEACH & SWIMMING, BOATING

1. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
2. Stage Nature Center - we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
3. Cranbrook School- beautiful grounds , Kensington metro park- beautiful place nature trails, Stoney Creek Metro Parks- beautiful trails and lakes
4. Metro parks; the water activities
5. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
6. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
7. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths

BOATING, CANOEING, & KAYAKING

1. We visit parks in other nearby communities like Royal Oak and Troy and the metroparks for longer/paved trails and availability of lakes for kayaking.
2. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
3. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal park and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
4. like: trails, bike paths, water sport rentals
5. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
6. We go Kayaking at Proud Lake and Belle Isle
7. Like Water facilities canoeing
8. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill

CAMPING, HUNTING & FISHING

1. We camp in state parks throughout Michigan
2. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
3. Camping
4. Mostly state parks for camping and recreation
5. Stage Nature Center - we like the wildlife and quiet of the wooded trails. We like State Parks for camping, beach and getting away. We like parks for the trails and nature getaway
6. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
7. campgrounds for camping, bike riding, swimming, beach. Hines Park bike riding, Detroit for bike lanes. Belle Isle Biking.
8. State parks for camping
9. pools, splash pads, fishing
10. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.

SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
2. Community Park, like the family feel and upkeep. Batting cage too loud, can hear on other side of park.
3. Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
4. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure
5. Cleanliness
6. clean, well maintained. different and interesting play structures
7. All over the state. Cleanliness, maintenance, facilities.
8. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
9. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
10. Cleanliness, new equip and landscaping
11. huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
12. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
13. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
14. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.
15. Maxwell Park, RO. Very clean Clawson Park, very clean.
16. We've camped at almost every State Park in Michigan. Good facilities and cleanliness are the most important factors.
17. Beverly Hills Park - Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.
18. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
19. many that I have found either have not been tended to or have.... that is what I really like... I like the natural surroundings yet nicely manicured and maintained.
20. Community Park and Oxford Merchant. They are clean, easy and kids of all ages can enjoy them.

PROXIMITY

1. Westwood park. It's on my street
2. Where I live there are no parks reachable without a very long walk. I have always wanted to take my grandson to a playground without having to get in the car. The play scape closest to me are pattengil and Jaycee Park. Both have nice play structures but are not within walking distance for a toddler or a grandmother with a stroller. I realize that it is not practical to try and find more park space in the middle of established neighborhoods.
3. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
4. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

1. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
2. Metro parks lots of choices. Star parks many to chose from.
3. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
4. Star Jaycee - Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
5. State Parks - the variety of the parks
6. I frequent many state parks. I like the variety of offerings. I camp and use them for kayaking, trails, etc.
7. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
8. Change of scenery and different activities
9. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
10. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
11. Shain park is clean and has good ambiance, State parks for more activities and events
12. Park in oak park behind state-police post- Southfield park behind library love both park nice slides for the kids multitude of things for the kids to play with
13. Kensington Metro Park. Huge, lots of amenities, bike trails, swimming, etc.
14. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
15. Beverly Hills Park - Clean & lots of equipment. Huntington Woods @ Elgin nice tot lot.
16. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.

17. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
18. Carpenter lake - wooded area with lake. Lincoln woods nature preserve - wooded area with deer. Belle Isle - lots of options. Quickstad park
19. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
20. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.

SIZE OF PARK

1. State Parks, and metro parks, open, clean, large
2. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots , concerts and events in the park/municipal square
3. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
4. I like that my yoga studio has yoga in the park but Berkley has not allowed this for HOY so I spend more time at RO parks. I also visit other parks that are more expansive with water, hiking trails and generally more to see
5. Beverly Park lots of open space and walking trails.
6. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
7. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
8. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
9. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
10. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
11. Island Lake, Kengsington, Lakeshore, Pontiac Lake. The size, trails, things to do.
12. Beverly Park (size, trails, pond); Miller Park in Royal Oak (it's close).

13. Belle Isle. I like parks that have trails and acreage. With wooded areas and birds.
14. Brighton state park, pontiac lake state park, Kensington. The size and the lakes.
15. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
16. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
17. 12 mile in Southfield farm park. Great theme it's large and has lots of options.
18. Kensington. Large Park with 8.5m loop

ACTIVE SPORTS

1. I enjoy the tennid but wish there was more courts and basketball courts.
2. Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools. Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
3. Angell, basketball courts and baseball field equipment is ok
4. Catalpa oaks: lacrosse practice, walking path and Island Lake state recreation area: mountain biking trails, walking trails
5. Huntington Woods Comm Center - basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
6. I visit other city, County and Metro Parks in the Metro Detroit area, usually for sports related reasons. I prefer large, expansive parks.
7. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
8. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
9. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
10. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
11. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and may arks or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
12. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
13. Inglenook Park, Rosie's Park...nice softball fields. Carpenter Lake peaceful, nature trail
14. Clawson for youth sports activities.
15. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.
16. Parks and ball fields. Golf Courses
17. Soccer Fields available
18. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
19. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.

POOLS, SPLASH PADS, & WATER PARKS

1. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
2. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
3. Indoor pools! Outdoor activities like stargazing. Hiking.
4. Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools. Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
5. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it. Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
6. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
7. State Parks most often. Also Royal Oak parks near family. Splash pads when available and weather permitting for nieces.
8. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers .
9. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
10. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
11. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
12. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
13. pool, splash pad, climbing wall
14. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
15. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
16. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
17. Catalpa Oaks play facility is very nice. Booth Park in Birmingham has a wide selection of things to do for children. An increased variety for Berkley's parks would be beneficial, as it stands, our parks are dated and do not have much variety. The splash pad will be a welcome city attraction.
18. Pleasant ridge - Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
19. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
20. Splash pad. Big playscapes that are completely functional.
21. water parks, hiking trails, wooded areas
22. Saint clair shores veterans memorial park. A lot of us go with residents there so our kids can play at their amazing park and splash pad. There is nothing around here even like that. Berkley is built as if it is a retirement community but there are so many kids and young families here. Its unfortunate.
23. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
24. Trails, ice skating, splash pad

25. HW Parks, County Parks, Farmington Hills Heritage Park has a Splash Pad and Nature Center
26. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
27. Slash pad
28. Kensington metro park, we like the bike trail and water park
29. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks
30. pools, splash pads, fishing

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

1. I enjoy the tennid but wish there was more courts and basketball courts.
2. Oak park, Warren, and Troy have community pools. Royal Oak, Troy, and Warren have softball fields and pickleball courts.
3. I go to Huntington woods to plat pickleball.
4. Kensington, 9 mile bike loop; spacious. Wagner Park, Whittier Park (for pickle ball), Royal Oak
5. Pickleball courts
6. Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.Senior softball in Troy and Shelby two, and pickleball courts in to, Troy, and clawson. Facilities and activities not offered in Berkley.

GOLF & DISC GOLF

1. catalpa oaks i like the trail, jaycee R.O. disc golf
2. Our main draw is having nice disc golf courses. We go to cass Benton, Kensington, Stoney creek etc to play their courses. When we stay local we usually go to Wagner, firefighters, or star jaycee
3. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
4. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.
5. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
6. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.
7. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
8. Parks and ball fields. Golf Courses
9. Kensington, Island Lake, Stony Creek, Lyon Oaks, Waterford Oaks: Golf, trails (bike and foot), waterparks

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
2. Mostly the Community Center. Take Grandchildren to Jaycee Park or park areas with playground equipment. Has not been possible during the pandemic.
3. Where I live there are no parks reachable without a very long walk. I have always wanted to take my grandson to a playground without having to get in the car. The play scape closest to me are pattengil and Jaycee Park. Both have nice play structures but are not within walking distance for a toddler or a grandmother with a stroller. I realize that it is not practical to try and find more park space in the middle of established neighborhoods.
4. Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
5. Miller Park, Bedford Woods, Beverly Hills Village, VFW, Dodge #5, Bald Mountain, Kensington, Island Lake. Lots of hiking and structures for kids
6. shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
7. Star Jaycee royal oak - like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birmingham last two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , - like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak - like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
8. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungee thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
9. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
10. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
11. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure
12. Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsborough Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
13. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
14. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
15. Bloomer Park in Rochester - great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
16. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
17. I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/ benches.
18. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
19. clean, well maintained. different and interesting play structures
20. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers .
21. Several parks in Royal Oak - we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
22. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths

23. Victoria Park - great playground equipment, we do yoga in the field, use the trails for biking, walking and rollerblading. Burton Elementary - great playground equipment, best basketball courts and nice track. Catalpa Oaks - nice playground equipment and fields. We also go to Belle Isle, Kensington, Argo Cascades, Bald Mountain, Bear Creek, Island Lake and others further away by loading our bikes on the car, packing a picnic, access to beaches, etc.
24. Splash pad at Kensington metro park, new park at maybury state park has very updated, fun, new equipment
25. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
26. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
27. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
28. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
29. Gainsboro park. Facilities on site, and all the playground equipment is new, smart, and well laid out.
30. Mostly those in Auburn Hills. Play structures targeted at kids 3-12
31. Cleanliness, new equip and landscaping
32. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
33. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
34. Splash pad. Big playscapes that are completely functional.
35. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.
36. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
37. We visit Catalpa Oaks because it is close by and has very nice equipment.
38. Booth Park in Birmingham has a great playground, and lot of green space, and connects to a trail.
39. "Farm Park" on 12 mile in S'field royal Oak Parks. Great play structures and walking paths.
40. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
41. Corona virus has limited visiting this year. But royal oak, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. We love how big their play equipment is and the walking path
42. Inglenook Park (we enjoy the many different play structures)
43. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
44. Nice playground equipment and pavilions
45. Catalpa oaks play area is nice
46. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
47. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
48. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks becuase they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
49. Shaded play areas, newer play structures

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

1. Splash pads, variety of climbing structures / play structures, nature trails, work out equipment
2. Bloomer Park in Rochester - great trails and kids playground. The fitness park in Royal Oak bear 4th street - not sure what the park is called but it has an adult gym and a kids play area and an open field to fun around
3. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
4. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
5. Beverly Park b/c they have a disc golf course, workout area, a variation of landscaping, volleyball court, etc
6. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
7. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life

ACTIVE SPORTS

1. Star Jaycee royal oak - like variety of age proprietor play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birmingham last two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , - like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak - like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
2. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
3. Huntington Woods Comm Center - basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
4. Hike, play soccer, play basketball, sled
5. Dodge park- Sterling Heights- splash pad, Booth park- birmingham. Like- soft ground, tunnels, hill to slide down, play scape.
6. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
7. Beverly Park-play structure, walking path. Victoria Park in O.P.-play structure, small sledding hill. JCC Community Park O.P. -great structure w options for special needs. Troy Nature Ctr-wonderful walking park w/ nature trails. Splash pad in Clarkston/ Brandon twp on Seymour Lk Rd.
8. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
9. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill
10. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic

TREES / SHADED AREAS

1. Parks in Royal Oak. Bigger, more trees for shade & newer plays apes
2. We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
3. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
4. Parks with shade, defined paths (not just wood chips dumped and spread with a rake), nice sustainable landscaping, dead plants removed, multiple play structures.
5. shaded areas, walking paths, ponds with ducks, playground equipment without graffiti, trees to climb, equipment not too high/limited safety bars up high are avoided, plenty of swings
6. When will you be home? Are regular campers at state parks, but enjoy the hiking and biking trails, and par course activities. Love county parks with lakes and rivers for swimming, kayaking and SUPing. Dislike parks with high concrete and overly commercial. Prefer natural area with trees and shade
7. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee - bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
8. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/ hiking trails, dog friendly
9. not good with names, but what I like are the fully grown trees and all the shade and quiet
10. Star Jaycee - Royal Oak. Clean, lots to offer, nice trees
11. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it. Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
12. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
13. Starr Jaycee park at 13 and Crooks. Awesome play structure, lots of mature shady trees, disc golf.
14. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
15. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
16. Parks with lots of shade.
17. We like Shaded areas, updated playground, trails, access to river/creek, nature paths
18. Burton park: new equipment with variety. Starr Park: large play structure and very shaded.
19. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
20. huntington woods. well shaded, well maintained, age appropriate, many small and some larger parks.
21. Pleasant ridge - Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
22. Southfield has incredible parks due to their size, features, and natural shade.
23. Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
24. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
25. Victoria Park needs more shade
26. walking trails, exercise/activity trails, more trees, updated or no fencing, more wildlife/animal life
27. Plenty of shaded areas, bathrooms, splash pad and rental options
28. Shaded play areas, newer play structures

DOG PARK

1. We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
2. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
3. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
4. Children's garden in Lathrup village, the garden and concerts in gazebo. Inglenook park, they have very fun spiderweb bungee thing nice place to pick nik. Sims park, fun climbing structures and swings, Catalpa oaks, nice trail, fun play structures, merry go round and pick nik shelter and restrooms available
5. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee - bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
6. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
7. I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/ benches.
8. State Parks and Metro Parks mostly; we like that they have longer trails, designated grilling areas, and swimming available.
9. Splash pads and water misters. Picnic areas. Safe play areas for young toddlers .
10. Jayce Park, it has shade. Catalpa Oaks, has bathrooms, Heritage Park has trails and splash pad, Beverly Park is well maintained and has bathrooms, gazebo and trails
11. Visit Clawson Park alot for the woodchip path walking, picnic/barbeq areas and sand Volleyball area. fun. Beverly Park for nice covered eating area and sand vollyball. Kensington, Island Lake and Pontiac Lake are some of our weekend trip locations. Huntingon Woods pool with a friend who is a resident. Love the Red oaks waterpark for when they open walking in the watertube river.
12. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal pak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens ub auction and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
13. Oakland county parks, picnic and pavilion and walking trails
14. Manicured grass. Fountains. Tables with chairs.
15. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
16. Maxwell Park, RO. Very clean Clawson Park, very clean.
17. Southfield Park on 12 Mile east of Telegraph, it's large, they have better swing sets, their play equipment is nicer with more seating and gathering space. Burton School playground also has better playground equipment and more places for adults to sit and relax
18. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
19. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
20. Starr Jaycee in Royal Oak lots of shade inglenook park in Southfield great covered patio with picnic tables late open spaces
21. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
22. I like jaycee park. it has a pavilion and shade.
23. Drinking Fountains/ Accessible Bathrooms
24. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
25. We visit metroparks frequently due to the space and # of available activities (biking, kayaking, running paths, grills, etc). We also visit state parks for the same reason.
26. Royal Oak on 13 Mile, walking paths, large covered area to cook, good trash bins
27. Catalpa Park - we like the wide open space and playground; Kensington MetroPark - We like the water activities and bike paths, Island Lake State Park - we like biking here, canoeing, and the picnic areas, Beverly Park: We like the playground and the sledding hill

28. Nice playground equipment and pavilions
29. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
30. Beverly Park- trail, sledding, play equipment, picnicking; Catalpa Oaks- sledding, trail, play equipment; Cranbrook Gardens- trails; Dodge State Park- beach, trails, picnic; Heritage Park- trails, splash pad, nature center; Troy Nature Center- trails, nature center; Gainsborough Park in Pleasant Ridge- play structure, picnic; Kensington- trails, farm, picnic
31. Red Oaks nature trail, Metroparks, Tenhave, Beverly Hills sledding hill. I like the trails at all these parks. I enjoy the Metroparks because they have great bike paths and lots of activities such as pools, playgrounds, athletic courts, and picnic areas.
32. picnic tables, nature, trails
33. Parks in Royal Oak have far more open space to run. Drinking fountains are great to have - or water bottle filling stations. Bike fixing stations.

ACCESSIBILITY & AGE INCLUSIVENESS

1. Star Jaycee royal oak - like variety of age appropriate play places. Like public bathrooms. Booth park Birmingham last two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , - like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak - like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
2. equipment for all ages, not hot to the touch, clean, maintained, ample activities/structure
3. Gallup Park in Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsborough Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipment and restrooms there...
4. Starr park in RO. Stuff for all ages, places to sit and watch kids, shaded. Heritage park is our favorite because it has a bit of everything, including a splash pad which is a big factor
5. We frequently visit Grant Park in Royal Oak because it has an outdoor workout gym for adults and a nice play structure for kids - it's a one stop park for the entire family and it attracts a lot of families so it is a nice social opportunity for us. We also like Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield because it has amenities for kids and also has nice walking trails. We like Fire Fighters park in Troy for the same reasons - disc golf for the adults and play areas for kids.
6. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
7. Several parks in Royal Oak - we like the kid-friendly playscapes. Most have a section for toddlers and a section for older kids that are close together.
8. Geared too much towards kids -adults and dogs use parks, too
9. Catalpa County Park and Troy Parks. I like pavilions to meet with friends. Most of the parks cater to kids but not necessarily adults.
10. We like the walking trails, updated equipment, greenscaping, accessibility, and cleanliness.

BATHROOM FACILITIES

1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
2. Belle Isle - water, biking, trails, picnic areas, grass, bathrooms
3. Star Jaycee royal oak - like variety of age propriator play places. Like public bathrooms. booth park Birmingham last two have no restrooms or hand washing stations which is a dislike for sure! , - like the sliding hill and play structures, miller park royal oak - like the structure and the purple dinosaur.
4. Beverly Park and Starr Jaycee - bathrooms and pavilions, shade areas and picnic space
5. Splash pad- Farmington heritage park. We love it. Oak park and huntington woods pools. We love them. Starr jaycee park. Lots of trees and bathroom
6. Gallup Park is Ann Arbor is our favorite- beautiful, accessible, innovative...Gainsborough Park is a favorite nearby playground- we love the play equipt and restrooms there...
7. Beverly park, great play area for kids and has bathrooms
8. Starr-Jaycee (Year-round bathrooms!!), peasley park in HW (challenging equipment), carpenter lake (trails), independence oaks (trails), proud lake (trials),
9. I like that they have Tot equipment. A lot of the parks in Berkley are for older/Elementary aged children. Some of the parks elsewhere have turf which is nice. Bathroom facilities would also be great to have along with more picnic tables/ benches.
10. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
11. Huntington Woods Comm Center - basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
12. Bike trails, access to bathrooms
13. Bathrooms are either non-existent or closed.
14. Gainsboro Park in Pleasant Ridge-lots of shade, perfect for big kids and little kids, bathrooms, clean/ Grant Park in Royal Oak- outdoor workout facility, shade, clean, turf
15. Catalpa Oaks, Boulan Park (Troy), Memorial Park (Royal Oak), Beverly Hills Village Park - wide open areas, walking/biking trails, play structures, restrooms.
16. Catalpa Oaks - love having a great bathroom building.
17. Heritage Park and Splash pad (we like the clean bathrooms, the splash pad, the hiking trails, that their is shaded areas, and picnic tables. We also love Beverly Park in Beverly Hills for the same reason.
18. Pleasant ridge - Gainsborough Park. Amazing that is has a bathroom!! Also splash pad at heritage park. Burton Park is great when they have shade sails up, and bathrooms close by.
19. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
20. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.
21. Clawson—bathrooms and big pavilion
22. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
23. Lathrup Barn Park on 12 Mile. Lots of different equipment for all ages. There's lots of places to sit for parents. Equipment is in good shape. There's also open space to run and bathrooms if needed while there.
24. Drinking Fountains/ Accessible Bathrooms
25. We like that Beverly Park has bathrooms and a sheltered picnic area.
26. State parks- restrooms and options of activities
27. Too many state parks to name. Most have hiking trails, picnic facilities, decent restrooms. Some also have beach or water activities.
28. Pleasant Ridge - Gainsboro park - has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment

PARKING

1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
2. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

PROGRAMMING

1. Southfield, great spacious parks, very wooded with great trails, "Rec on the move" program. Parks have more structures, bathrooms, parking lots, concerts and events in the park/municipal square
2. State parks, metro parks -interesting programming, picnic areas,
3. Royal oak and Birmingham well kept great kid programs
4. Parks in Clawson, Troy. Like the walking trails, restrooms, picnic pavilion areas, parking, special events.

DOG PARK / DOG ACTIVITIES

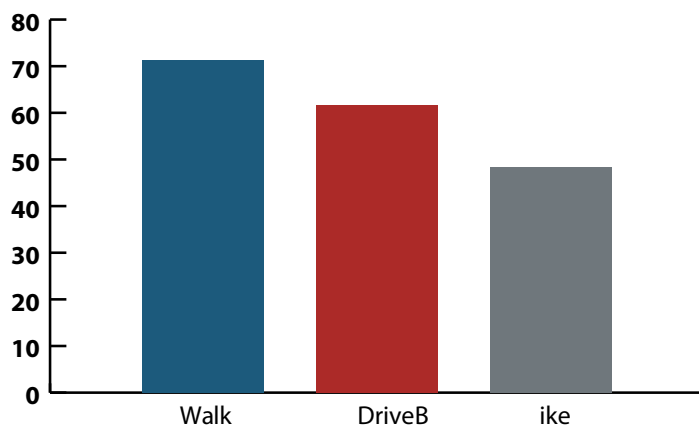
1. We visit a variety of parks, especially ones with walking trails with landscaping, shaded areas for picnics, water features, and ones that are dog friendly. We don't like parks that are basically school playgrounds and ball fields, especially since we can't bring our dog with us. We also love community gardens that bring neighbors together!
2. Baldwin, Stoney Creek, Johnson Nature Center, Douglas Nature Center. Like trails for walking dog.
3. Dog parks. Socialization of the dogs with exercise. The Oxford park is great with the wooded areas and lake for dog swimming.
4. Better play scapes, more shade, better walking/hiking trails, dog friendly
5. Memorial park royal oak. Beverly park. We like the space and variety. Beverly allows dogs. We also hike at county and state parks.
6. red oak dog park
7. We like to hike on nature trails and also go to dog parks.
8. Royal Oak Jaycee - like play structures & bathroom availability, Beverly Hills park on 13 Mile - like the trail & pond, sledding hill & bathroom available, Clawson City Park- like the many play structures & trail around wooded area & bathrooms. Madison Heights Nature Center - like the paved pathway & other trails. Also really like their dog park in Madison Heights.
9. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.
10. Huntington Woods Comm Center - basketball court, pool. Catalpa Oaks/Clawson park - soccer fields, restrooms, walking path. Royal Oak - dog parks. Other parks for sledding.
11. southfield civic center-volleyball courts, sledding, etc...royal oak and troy parks for picnic and volleyball, Huntington woods comm center for mens basketball and volleyball, Oakland county dog parks, walled lake kayaking and paddle board,
12. Red Oaks Dog Park
13. Catalpa Oaks, Red Oaks Dog Park, Orion Oaks Dog Park, Belle Isle. We don't have a dog park and many parts or sections of parks say no dogs allowed. soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
14. Kensington. Room for dog to run
15. I like the clean restrooms, I do not like parks with portable toilets, updated play equipment and cleanliness of some parks in nearby facilities. I also like parks that offer dog clean up locations, it reduces the chance of stepping in dog waste and encourages dog owners to clean up after their pets. We also like community pools.
16. Mostly parks that are close and have trails for walking dogs. Also parks that have fenced area for dogs.
17. Dog parks, bike trails, nature areas
18. We only venture out to get a long trail, or dog park. Like Independence Oaks.

OTHER

1. They have trees, trails, ultimate frisbee courses, and other things that aren't just baseball diamonds.
2. We visit Birmingham parks both downtown. We love the hills and natural feeling near restaurants on old Woodward, Love the one right by the shopping district too so nice to give the kids a break and still be in town and walk for coffee or lunch. We also go to the warren indoor pool frequently in the winter spring and fall went the kids want water sports, occasionally going to oak park or Southfield outdoor pools. We also visit the Birmingham ice rink now & visit New Baltimore beach & splash pa.
3. Dog parks, trails, farmers markets, mountain bike trails.
4. pool, splash pad, climbing wall
5. Huntington Woods parks, Beverly Hills parks, state parks etc. Likes: splash pads, beaches, nicer playground equipment, hiking trails, wooded areas, sledding, frisbee golf, workout equipment
6. We visit various royal oak parks, Birmingham booth park. Love booth park trail. Southfield catalpa oaks. Bathroom and snacks. Love splash pad at my. Elliott!! Concessions, great pad and view. Oak ridge school has awesome playground sets, garden.
7. The community center could be so much more. Look at the community centers for Pleasant Ridge or Huntington Woods.
8. Parks in Birmingham. I like that they have toy trucks for the kids to play with. Lots of shaded areas. I like the park in downtown Birmingham bc it has a cool hill to ride down on cardboard boxes. I also like the farm inspired park in Southfield on 12 mile road.
9. uuuuusually
10. Trails, ice skating, splash pad
11. Ones with walking trails esp. With story book trails and playgrounds. Also love splash pads
12. Pleasant Ridge - Gainsboro park - has bathrooms and a good amount of different climbing and spinning equipment
13. We love the trials and options at Kensington. We visit numerous State parks for camping, Royal Oak for frisbee golf and hammocking. We also visit various parks for beach access.

Q11: How do you typically travel to your local parks?
Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Walk	312	71.2%
Drive	270	61.6%
Bike	212	48.4%
Total Responses	794	



Q12: What types of activities do you or your family members participate in? Note that this can include any facility, not just Berkley's. Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading, etc.)	353	79.7%
Farmer's market	293	66.1%
Street or casual biking	284	64.1%
Outdoor park activities / playground	267	60.3%
Picnicking	257	58.0%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	251	56.7%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	219	49.4%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	211	47.6%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	194	43.8%
Sledding	179	40.4%
Dog park / dog walking	175	39.5%
Canoeing / kayaking	171	38.6%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	159	35.9%

Answer	Responses	Percent
Off-trail / rustic hiking	132	29.8%
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	126	28.4%
Golf	120	27.1%
Kite flying	104	23.5%
Painting / photography / sculpture	101	22.8%
Mountain biking	84	19.0%
Figure skating / hockey	78	17.6%
Community gardening	68	15.3%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	60	13.5%
Senior programs	52	11.7%
Disc golf	51	11.5%
Horseback riding	43	9.7%
Skateboarding	38	8.6%
Geocaching	36	8.1%
Other (Please specify)	20	4.50%
Total Responses	4,126	

OTHER RESPONSES

- flying rc planes
- Gymnastics and easter events, art fairs and carnival
- Camping
- tennis
- yoga in park
- Badminton
- group fitness classes,
- I walk around my neighborhood
- art fairs
- Swimming
- club meetings outdoors
- Tai chi
- Snowshoeing
- Camping
- Stand Uo Paddlebiard
- Used to be Kids gymnastics at the community center and holiday events.
- Yoga

Q13: Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of or improved in Berkley parks? Choose all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Community Center	271	61.7%
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	264	60.1%
Bathrooms	262	59.7%
Picnic areas and pavilions	220	50.1%
Fitness / exercise trails	213	48.5%
Splash pad	197	44.9%
Natural areas	194	44.2%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	191	43.5%
Drinking fountains	182	41.5%
Playground structures	176	40.1%
Indoor gym & fitness facility	161	36.7%
Bike racks	155	35.3%
Community gardens	154	35.1%
Dog parks	149	33.9%

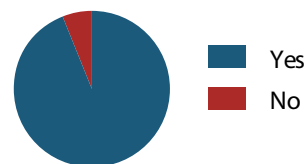
Answer	Responses	Percent
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	133	30.3%
Amphitheater / stage	119	27.1%
Pocket parks	114	26.0%
Basketball courts	95	21.6%
Linear parks/trails	89	20.3%
Demonstration gardens	80	18.2%
Sand volleyball courts	77	17.5%
Soccer fields	71	16.2%
Tennis courts	63	14.4%
Baseball fields	54	12.3%
Mountain biking trails	53	12.1%
Pickleball courts	51	11.6%
Disc golf	47	10.7%
Skate park	45	10.3%
Cross-country ski trails	33	7.5%
Other (Please specify)	24	5.50%
Total Responses	3,937	

OTHER RESPONSES

- trash cans! Need more around the parks so people stop leaving their trash in the streets. Par-ticularly by the parking area on Wiltshire by Angell Ele-mentary.
- Indoor Pool
- Street hockey court
- Pave catalpa so it is smooth for bik-ing and make a bike lane each way
- Pool
- The gym at the community center could use more storage for equipment
- Pool
- Pools - both a kiddie pool and an adult lap pool
- Swimming pool
- Pool
- indoor ice arena
- Also maintaining current parks. Lots of broken equipment on playgrounds.
- Pool, like that of Huntington Woods
- pool
- Like to see a covered walkway to the community center that could also be used as a mini farmer's market days and foodtruck rally. Also would love an outdoor swimming pool.
- more lights for the senior to cross near so people won't get hit
- Pool
- POOL!!!
- Outdoor pool
- Pool. Charge residents a certain membership fee. Then whatever space is left, charge non residents larger fee. OR negotiate with Huntington woods to let us pay additional fee to use their pool
- Indoor pool. The high school is not a good option for families.
- Indoor tennis courts
- swimming
- Pool

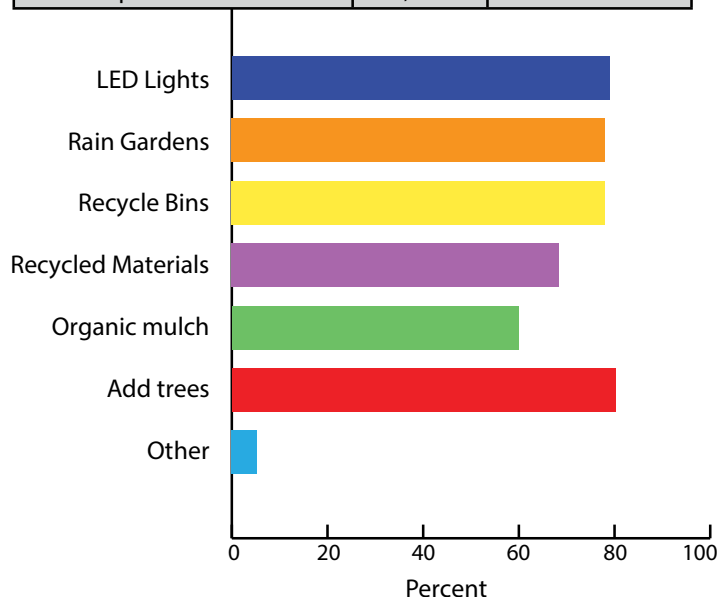
Q14: Sustainable design or “green” amenities are designed to help minimize the impact of a property on the environment. Some common green design features include use of LED lights, rain gardens, adding recycle bins, adding trees, and more. Would you be in favor of including sustainable design features in Berkley parks

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	417	94.1%
No	26	5.9%
Total Responses	443	



Q15: If yes, what kind of sustainable features would you like to see included?

Answer	Responses	Percent
LED lights	327	79.0%
Rain gardens	323	78.0%
Recycle bins	323	78.0%
Equipment made of recycled materials	283	68.4%
Organic mulch and fertilizers	248	59.9%
Add trees	332	80.2%
Other (Please specify)	22	5.3%
Total Responses	1,858	

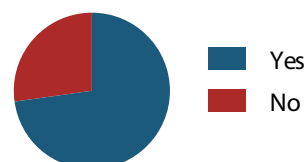


OTHER RESPONSES

- underground water retention to prevent flooded/ muddy parks
- Add trees, add trees, add trees!
- Add trees
- Please do not spray pesticides and other chemicals where children play!!
- Rainwater retention
- No use of any pesticides on any green space in the city!!!!!!
- Drought-resistant and native plants
- Community gardens
- sustainable community farming!
- Lights that have low impact on light pollution
- Solar power
- Insect 'hotels,' educational signs about protecting the environment,
- More permeable surfaces
- Educational natural gardens with native plants
- Benches, drinking fountains
- Polinator and native plant gardens. Pourous ground to help with runoff. NO use of pesticides
- No poisonous weed or insect kill-ers
- Whatever isn't going to raise taxes. Man just get it as cheap that you can.
- Compost bin
- Xeriscaping - native plants that need little irrigation, instead of grass!

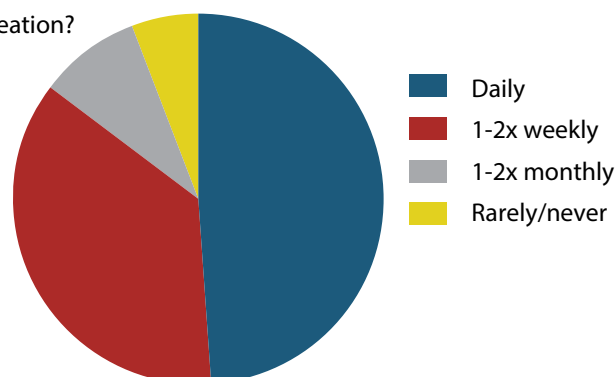
Q16: “Smart Parks” are parks that use technology to improve the user experience by providing equitable access, enhancing health and safety, and improving overall operations. Examples of Smart Park technology include benches with built-in charging ports and wi-fi, sensors to help automate trash pick-up and irrigation, shade structures with solar panels, and more. Should Berkley evaluate Smart Park technology and incorporate it into area parks where appropriate?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	321	72.8%
No	120	27.2%
Total Responses	441	

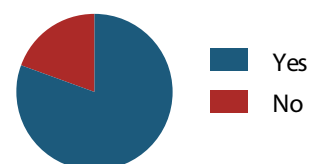


Q17: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise or recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Daily	218	49.0%
Once or twice weekly	162	36.4%
Once or twice monthly	40	9.0%
Rarely or never	25	5.6%
Total Responses	445	

**Q18:** Should Berkley work with surrounding communities to develop an interconnected regional trail network?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	354	80.8%
No	84	19.2%
Total Responses	438	

**Q19:** If yes, are there any routes you would like to see developed?

1. A route between our surrounding communities that lead up to Birmingham and down to Ferndale
2. Any
3. an east-West interconnect. route to stoney Creek.
4. Not sure. Maybe a Royal Oak, Lathrup Village, Birmingham, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Ferndale route.
5. Royal Oak
6. Royal oak and Huntington woods
7. Connect with rails to trails network
8. A 5k to 10k loop that connects Huntington Woods, Berkley, and North Oak Part would be great
9. No specific roads/routes, but it would be fun to have a paved line that runs through all the different Berkley parks. Connecting them to one another so a running/biker can follow that line and hit up all the parks.
10. Yes
11. Berkley, Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Ferndale
12. woodward trail
13. Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills
14. Bike route streets need to be maintained (Harvard especially, east of Coolidge). Connecting the trail at community park to other parks would be a feat but would also be interesting.
15. Safe routes from Berkley to Royal Oak
16. Royal Oak, Southfield, Ferndale, etc..
17. To Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Southfield
18. Cass to Newport via Huntington Woods to Pleasant Ridge
19. No comment
20. Right now I have to drive to find a wooded area to walk or walk the sidewalks of surrounding blocks. Access to a walking trail within a mile of my home would be wonderful.
21. berkley-beverly hills-birmingham; berkley-HW-RO
22. Nope.
23. I'm not sure which routes would be appropriate.
24. I go through oak park to Huntington woods back to Berkley
25. Develop the alleyways behind the twelve mile and Coolidge businesses.
26. accessible and useable by the elderly
27. Any
28. To Detroit
29. Any where. This is a great idea
30. Not along busy streets
31. any trail that will allow me to walk/jog with my dogs. Only options are sidewalks in Berkley. You have posted signs that don't allow me to walk around Hurley field which are the only paths other than sidewalks in the neighborhood.

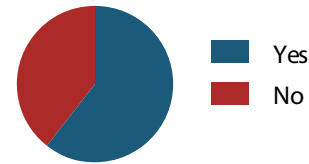
32. If feasible a route between Berkley, RO, and Birmingham or a route between Berkley, Southfield, and Huntington Woods.
33. A path to Royal Oak
34. bike routes along residential streets
35. Royal oak, Huntington woods, Beverly hills
36. Webster
37. We're more trail walkers, which isn't very likely to be linked to surrounding communities. Maybe develop cooperative literature with surrounding communities detailing their trail options? Sort of a one-stop-shop for which trail we'll visit this week. Searching individual communities' websites for information or word of mouth is inefficient.
38. To downtown Clawson and downtown Royal Oak
39. Connecting to rails to trails and camping
40. Comprehensive networks that emphasize non-motorized pathways between our small, interconnected cities
41. Routes through Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale.
42. I am a runner and a walker. While the idea of connected routes is nice, it is not realistic with the traffic we have in South Oakland County. I run and walk in the neighborhoods so I don't have to worry about crossing busy intersections.
43. Something that connects to water somewhere
44. Pleasant Ridge through Huntington Woods into Berkley
45. Anything that is paved and safe
46. Royal oak
47. Expand the path that is currently around the Health Dept at Catalpa and Greenfield thru Berkley HW SField and OP
48. How about an easier way for pedestrians to cross Woodward between Royal Oak and H. Woods, and Berkley?
49. RO, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale
50. Woodward bike trail.
51. there is a route along 696 we could more visually connect to by coolidge.
52. Something that does not impede or diminish regular roads and traffic
53. Berkley into Huntington woods, specifically creating one or two crosswalks near the preschool and park
54. 12 Mile to Main.
55. Along Mortenson across 11 Mile through Scotia to Pleasant Ridge/Ferndale. Perimeter of Roseland Park Cemetery. From Cemetery along Webster to Greenfield.
56. I would like a bike route that does not involve intermingling with cars
57. Utilize alleys as bicycle routes. Along Woodward from Bham thru Ferndale and throughout Berkley, Ferndale, RO,
58. not sure have not looked into it
59. Berkley to royal oak and ferndale
60. coordination of bicycle lanes on major thoroughfares. Goal is lengthy, relatively uninterrupted Idedicated lanes
61. Designated v. Shoulder bike route on catalpa, somehow connect to Normandy in royal oak bike route and Ferndale bike routes with more designated bike lanes. Traverse City has done a fantastic job on 8th street with combined bike lane and sidewalk. Something like this would be great around here to manage traffic and bikes better
62. near 11 mile rd and Coolidge up to 12 mile rd
63. I would prefer to see walking, hiking, biking off of the busy streets like 11 and 12 mile roads and Coolidge.
64. From Berkley through Royal Oak, Ferndale, and Southfield
65. from the hospital to 696, and from southfield to downtown royal oak
66. No particular ideas, but Berkley is a little small to house a large trail by itself.
67. any and all. this is a great idea.
68. Routes that connect so you can go places but aren't on major roads.
69. Huntington Woods...Royal Oak
70. Royal oak, Huntington woods, ferndale
71. Routes should stay clear of main roads whenever possible
72. Route connecting to downtown Ferndale/9 mile through Oak Park. Safe connection to Scotia possibly.
73. What ever is the most ligical and safest.
74. No idea
75. Can you connect to the Clinton River Trails?

76. One major north and south route, along with a major east and west route.
77. Between Berkley, H.W. and a clearer path along the East side of Roseland Cemetery!
78. Not specifically
79. North-South from Birmingham to Ferndale, if not farther
80. 11 mile to 12 mile rd
81. Bike routes and walking trails
82. Nothing specific
83. Berkley is a grid system community. Biking and walking routes in the city are many and varied. Also are very safe if busy roads are not used.
84. Even with the changes on Coolidge for the bike lane I would not feel safe riding my bike and I certainly don't think it's safe for my kids. I think it should possibly be revisited asap. Having better options a walking/biking trail makes more sense to me personally. I would love to ride a bike to Royal Oak or Ferndale. Better, more reliable transportation options would really help Detroit Metro in general.
85. If it is close to my home, I would use it. We live by Pattengill.
86. Linking Birmingham, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills
87. Berkley to Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale
88. connect to Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, to the Paint Creek Trail. In Chicago, the lakefront trails and forest preserves are so interconnected you can bike ride from the suburbs to the city on miles and miles of trails!
89. Between Berkley and Royal Oak and Berkley to Birmingham...
90. Link Berkley, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Birmingham in a pedestrian friendly path, insulated from vehicle traffic.
91. Trails to downtown Ferndale and Royal Oak
92. Nothing specific in mind.
93. Coolidge north of 12 Mile, something like the new wide multi-use path along 9 Mile. Bike lanes along all of 11 Mile with pedestrian crosswalks at Stanford and Scotia/Mortenson.
94. Into the surrounding communities: Royal Oak, Southfield, Birmingham, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Ferndale, etc.
95. Birmingham, Ferndale, Royal Oak
96. Woodward?
97. designated pedestrian/bike path into nearby communities would be great. Wasn't there a plan to accommodate bikes along RR tracks to Detroit?
98. Pedestrian Bridge over Woodward @ Catalpa
99. Easier access walking and biking across Woodward. For example Catalpa to Vincetta. A bike path between downtown Berkley and Royal Oak and Berkley and Birmingham would be great.
100. Berkley to Royal Oak on Vinsetta
101. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT! I am constantly leaving Berkley for this type of recreation. I most often go to the Clinton River Trail in Rochester, the West Bloomfield Trail, or the trail in Linden Park in Birmingham.
102. Improved bike lanes/trail paths connecting to multiple surrounding cities.
103. Berkley, HW, Royal Oak, Southfield, Oak Park, Bingham Farms, Birmingham
104. Please give us a trail anywhere in the City! The sidewalks in Berkley are in terrible shape.
105. No
106. Safe biking or hiking/walking routes to neighboring cities even those including Troy, Madison Heights, Birmingham, etc.
107. Trail through Oakland Co.
108. ?
109. Cranbrook to 8 mile
110. Tie all the parks together by trails with safer walkways to cross major roads
111. From Berkley to Oak Park and Berkley to Birmingham
112. Bike
113. I love trails but there is nowhere in the area that has good trail hiking. If there was a way for communities to have unpaved trails through wooded areas that would be amazing.
114. HWoods to B'ham
115. Berkley to Birmingham
116. Royal Oak, Troy, Madison Heights, Huntington Woods
117. to Birmingham and Quarton Lake area, Royal Oak, Oak Park
118. Bike route to Belle Isle
119. A safe crossing at Woodward.

120. Connections to Royal Oak and Southfield/Beverly Hills
121. Ferndale, Royal Oak
122. Less traveled streets
123. Berkley to downtown royal oak
124. Connection to a rails to trails bike path, connection to Detroit green spaces.
125. connect to Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, to the Paint Creek Trail. In Chicago, the lakefront trails and forest preserves are so interconnected you can bike ride from the suburbs to the city on miles and miles of trails!
126. 11 mile to Royal Oak. Work with Oak Park. Making that a walled off community. Incorporate Berkley with Oak Park and bridge the gap.
127. toward Huntington Woods park/library, Royal Oak farmers market
128. Berkley to Birmingham to Beverly Hills to Franklin to Bloomfield Hills to West Bloomfield
129. To Royal Oak and Birmingham
130. a berkley, huntingwoods and oak park trail would be nice
131. Something that includes royal oak berkley Beaumont Huntington woods and oak park all west of Woodward
132. Better connecting Berkley to Huntington Woods, Oak Park, and Royal Oak.
133. 11 mile rd and 12 mile cut down on traffic
134. None
135. Perhaps something across Catalpa into Royal Oak to the park there by the railroad via Doc
136. Trails through natural areas with Royal Oak, Huntington Woods,
137. None in particular
138. Woodward Corridor north to Pontiac and south to detroit
139. Berkley south through Huntington Woods, Oak Park. Berkley north through Royal Oak west side of woodward/ Roseland Park Cemetary.
140. To downtown areas (royal oak, Birmingham). I think it would be cool to see something like a snowmobile trail.

Q20: Do you participate in programs and special events offered by Berkley Parks & Recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	262	60.8%
No	169	39.2%
Total Responses	431	

**Q21:** If yes, which programs or events do you participate in?

1. Family recreation events
2. Tennis
3. Camp, classes for kids, scavenger hunt :)
4. boofest, b'fast with bunny, daddy daughter/mother son dance,
5. Berkley days Jr women's club events
6. dog training; yoga/exercise
7. Fitness
8. Youth programs, dog training
9. Summer Camp
10. summer day camp
11. Art Bash, Cruisefest, used to have kids in youth summer camps
12. Bear Lacrosse
13. Swim Classes, Dance Classes, Daddy Daughter Dance, BooBash, etc.
14. Daddy-Daughter Dance, Berkley Days, Lids for Kids
15. summer camps, day camps, holiday events, rec classes
16. kids and family programs such as summerfest and winterfest, Breakfast with the Bunny, Boofest, Tale on the Trail
17. Summer camp, Dance class, baseball camp, Winterfest, summerfest events, Berkley Days, Art Bash, etc
18. None recently due to current events... in the past: Karate, CPR, etc.
19. most of the ones that are their craft shows, events hosted by them and jr womens guild taste of berkley friends of the berkley p/r
20. Mother-Son and Father-Daughter dances, summer camps prior to coronavirus, Doll Tea Party
21. Programming at the Community Center, Special Events (Dances, Movies, etc)
22. Movies, walking, Easter Egg hunt, Halloween
23. Dance for my daughter.
24. I wanted to put my toddler in field sports this summer. However, due to covid-19 we weren't able to. We did swim for tots with her at the high school
25. Tumble Tots, Story Trails
26. Children's and seniors
27. Children's programming in the past
28. Nothing recent, but have participated in exercise programs, recycling programs
29. Free
30. Camps, Bekley Days
31. Camps, youth activities
32. Special events - would attend if there were more
33. Berkley Steelers football Berkley Baseball
34. Yoga
35. senior programs
36. Berkley camps
37. many senior programs and events.
38. vacation camps
39. Karate (past)
40. Adult dancing, exercise, financial etc.
41. Dance, art bash, berkley days, holiday parade
42. Senior day trips
43. Kids programs and camp
44. Kids program s , some adult enrichment
45. Summer Kamp, Parents Night Out, Summerfest, Winterfest
46. Community fairs/vendor expos
47. Daddy-Daughter Dance, Summer Camp,
48. Children's classes
49. Day Kamp
50. Field trips
51. dog obience
52. Daddy Daughter Dances, Holiday Festivities
53. Festivals, classes

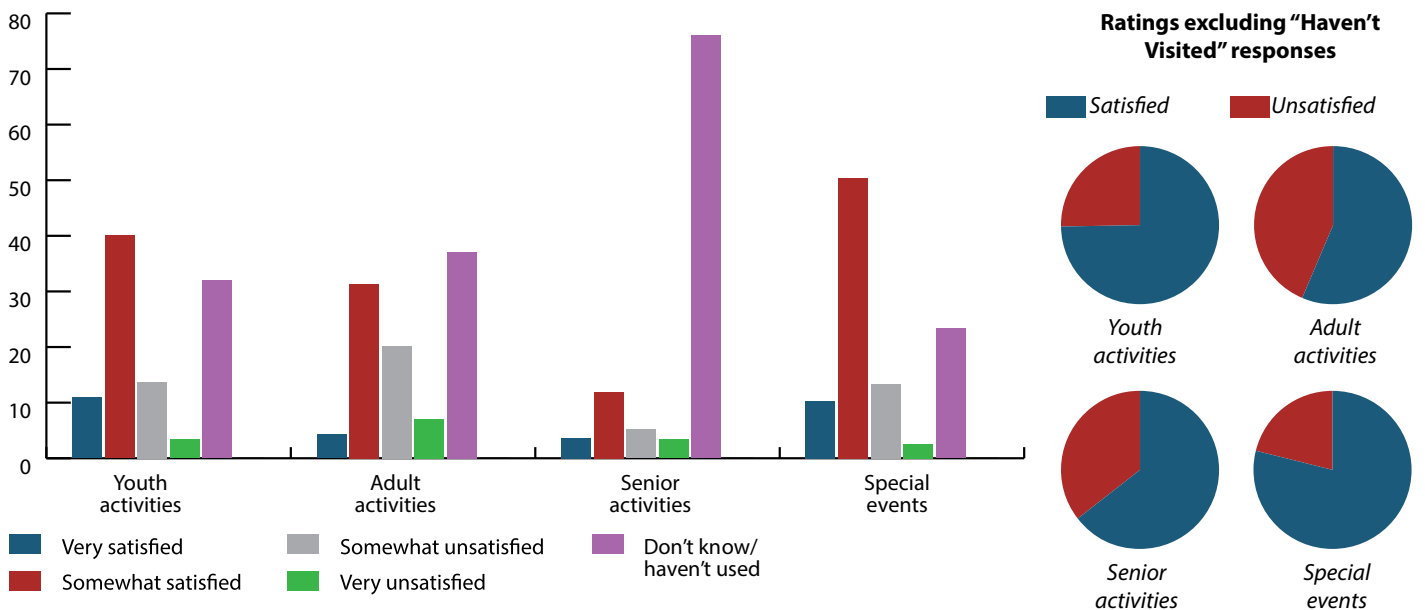
54. Mommy and me gymnastics at red center, open play at Rex center, dolly and me tea, touch a truck, winter fest, Berkley days, dream cruise, parade, Xmas parade, Halloween at red center, Halloween at Jaycee park, summer fest at tot lot
55. Youth
56. Gymnastics, easter events, halloween events, art fairs, carnival
57. Berkley days, winterfest,
58. Tennis
59. Holiday / Dances / Camp/ Renting Facility / Exercise / Craft Fairs
60. tennis lessons
61. Most downtown events like art bash, cruise fest, irish fest, etc
62. We have done lacrosse, was getting into swimming lessons. After school programs.
63. Summer Fest, reading programs, Halloween reading events,
64. Swimming class, day camps, kids and adult classes
65. Fitness and children's programming
66. Baseball
67. Fitness and camps
68. Zumba
69. Used to before covid. Children's programs
70. youth
71. Sports
72. Senior trips
73. Sports and other activities for boys 8-10
74. Yoga, gymnastics, ninja,
75. Senior Exercise
76. Summer Parks for children
77. Carnival, baking competitions, move nights.
78. Summer camp, movies. We used to do more but my children are aging out of many of the programs.
79. Art bash Berkley days Christmas parade Cruise Fest
80. yoga
81. Watching friends kids play sports, Taste of Berkley, meetings at P&R facilities, Babysitting training for our daughter
82. a while back i participated in a zumba class. I am not aware what is currently being offered. always leaned about it through the newsletter
83. Kids programs
84. Dog obedience
85. Tennis, special events, karate, camps, Zumba
86. I usually do some type of program at the communitiy center like Yoga but they have often been cancelled
87. Adult activities
88. Youth programs and sports
89. special events
90. Tennis; fairs/events on 12 mile; robina concerts, random programming in berkley buzz
91. the Senior
92. When my kids were younger, we participated in the youth programs and loved it. Now that they are teens, there is not much for them to participate in.
93. Chalk art festival
94. Child & Pet programs
95. We have done activities for children including dance and pillow polo, dog training, winter fest, Berkley Days, movies outdoors, and some of the holiday activities
96. exercise
97. Did young kids programs when kids little, puppy class
98. Many at the community center, summer children's programming (tot lot party, etc), tot playgroup, art class
99. Multiple activities with Jump-A-Rama (gymnasitics, tumbling, NERF activities, Ninja Warriors, Parent's Night Out), we used to take our kids to learn to skate at the Berkley Ice Arena. We particpate in the Daddy-daughter and Mom-Son dances/activities, our kids also take swimming lessons at the High School Pool.
100. Childrens programs
101. Multiple Jump-A-Rama programs (they are the BEST!), karate, parents night out, dolly & me teas, nerf wars, father daughter dances, mother son dances, some of the day camps for the kids
102. Winter fest
103. Summer camp, reading in the park, various kid events like the Halloween party, berkley days
104. Swim lessons
105. Day camp. Community center activities.
106. Swimming lessons
107. Music series, festivals

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 108. Community outreach and programs, street closures for events 109. Summer Camp, vacation camp 110. exercise/yoga, arts/crafts, special events 111. Adult fitness classes 112. in the past, i have done exercise classes and attended community days and festivals 113. Downtown Berkley Activities, Free Movies, Scavenger Hunts 114. Daddy daughter dance, story time in the park 115. All events- have tried a few youth classes 116. street festivals, kids sports in the future 117. Community offerings 118. Stories in the park, tot lot event, community center events and kids classes. 119. Summer camp 120. Special events 121. Special Events 122. Nearly all family events 123. my kids took lessons and we skated at the ice rink. They played t-ball and soccer. They took dance lessons. Berkley has tried to keep its small town feel which was part of why we chose to live here. 124. Dog classes, kid classes 125. Adult exercise when there are classes I am interested in. Selection tends to be limited. 126. Yoga, plays, dog obedience, craft/holiday shows, movie night, cruise fest 127. Vacation Camp, Yoga 128. Holiday events, parent and child events, dances, classes, mom and child groups , movie nights, bouncy house activities... 129. Youth camps, classes. Winterfest 130. I have participated in past kickball leagues and other events put on within the city. 131. Sports camps 132. Kids classes and daddy daughter dance 133. Kids programming, basketball, baseball, other kids programs 134. Dogs, crafts, ladies night out, art bash 135. Concerts that used to be up on 12 mile 136. sports, travel, learning, exercise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 137. I no longer participate due to the condition of our facilities, but had previously participated in Zumba, kids kamp, ice skating (lessons and open skate), Berkley days, tennis lessons, rented multipurpose room, dog training. 138. Concert 139. Kids baseball 140. Tau chi 141. Holiday Lights Parade, Art Bash, Cruise Fest, Etc. 142. Lacrosse 143. Winterfest and some community center programs 144. Youth baseball 145. community gather, icecream social, base/softball, music 146. I try to participate in all but specifically Berkley Days, the Cruise on 12 Mile and the Christmas Parade 147. Adult Sports and exercise classes 148. Dog training, ice cream social, story time in the park 149. Boofest, Art Bash, Ladies Night, tot lot night, open play at community center 150. Open play at the community center 151. Exercise 152. Holiday Lights, Craftshow, Punt, Pas, Kick, Lids 4kids, Boo fest, community Garage Sale, summer Day Camps, Winterfest 153. Excercise programs 154. bus trips cards exercise classes 155. Urban gym, Halloween, Berkley days, etc... 156. Urbangym berkley days 157. Most annual events and some classes. Also,Pillo Polo 158. Dog training, open gym for kids, hunter safety, snowmobile safety 159. Movies,art 160. Childrens events and sports, adult fitness 161. Dog training at the community center 162. Dog classes 163. euchre cards for seniors 164. one put on between jr womens, holiday shop berkley days touch a truck too many to name 165. None currently due to covid, but many in past for kids - gymnastics, child safety |
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166. Winter fest, Summer Fest
167. Senior trips
168. Superhero dance, winter festival, art festivals
169. Adult learning, child sports
170. meetings at community center
171. yoga, swim, community events, etc. anything available we can make it to
172. Drop in and play, Summerfest, doll tea, tumble tots
173. Tennis
174. Classes, use community center for meetings
175. Ones for the kids / youth
176. Kids classes
177. Camp
178. Camp, kid programs , would like to see more teen offerings.
179. Senior
180. Zumba, zumba kids, yoga, painting, pickle ball, parents night out, cheer
181. Camp, gymnastics, ice skating (when we had it) dance,
182. Movies at the park, dream cruise, zumba, Christmas parade, etc
183. lap swim
184. The on the trail, sorry I can't remember more!
185. It has been a long time, but we have used dog training classes, arts and crafts classes, and fitness classes. The offerings seem to grow less interesting over the years and have very little variety, to be honest, I have stopped looking at the classes for the past few years because so little was inter, and I've paid to take community fitness classes in Troy instead. Have taken arts classes at other community centers within the past year too.
186. daycamp, vacation camp, yoga
187. Some of the outside events. I was in camps as a kid through Berkley CC.
188. book walk, library reading in park with p&r games
189. Senior activities, holiday parade, fire prevention, art bash
190. Dances, craft shows, classes
191. senior exercise
192. Kids camp
193. Concerts
194. Community center open play and tumble tots, summerfest, winterfest
195. the senior event
196. Watch parades & take a class every now & then if I can afford it
197. Activities for my grandson. I have also tried taking some adult Ed classes
198. Senior exercise, concert in the park
199. Some senior programs, classes, community family events...i can bring my young niece.
200. Used to kids gymnastics and easter and halloween events
201. Yoga
202. Art bash, irish festival, dream cruise(not sure if these are P&R)
203. Zumba
204. Christmas crafts fair. Berkley Days, Art Fair, Irish Fest, Dream Cruise, Concert
205. Fitness programs, family city events like Winterfest, Boofest, Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son Night, Breakfast with the Bunny.

Q22: How satisfied are you with Berkley's program offerings?

Park	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't Know / Haven't Used		Without "Haven't Visited"	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	Sat./ Very Satisfied	Un. / Very Unsatisfied
Youth activities	42	10.9%	155	40.1%	53	13.7%	13	3.4%	124	32.0%	74.9%	25.1%
Adult activities	17	4.3%	124	31.3%	80	20.2%	28	7.1%	147	37.1%	56.6%	43.4%
Senior activities	14	3.6%	46	11.9%	20	5.2%	13	3.4%	295	76.0%	64.5%	35.5%
Special events	40	10.3%	195	50.4%	52	13.4%	10	2.6%	90	23.3%	79.1%	20.9%



Q23: If you were unsatisfied with any of Berkley's programs, what was the problem and what can Parks & Recreation do to improve them?

- I think camp programming could be improved. Part of that improvement is the community center and part of it is structure and activities.
- They don't have much impact and they seem to be poorly run.
- space is limited for some events. Would love to have a space dedicated for music/concerts/ outdoor theater
- Need place to house summer/ fall music
- Need better facilities
- Any programs that are held in the community center are difficult because of defunct building.
- Community center needs an update and more programs
- Can use more programs for adults.
- Not sure of what adult programs there may be?
- More diverse offerings.
- I wish there were more niche offerings for older kids. Like 4th grade and up. Art, music, etc
- All programs are run by com. groups or a outside company
- More adult programs related to arts and culture, cooking, indoor fitness options like taekwondo/ taichi
- Would like more choices for toddlers. More times and events.
- More programs for demographics between child and seniors and later in the day
- More variety'
- More varieties
- Add more - get community of all Ages involved
- Not enough variety.
- not elderly friendly, city allows partial parking on sidewalks, blocking safe baby stroller and wheelchair, in parks and in the community AGAINST HANDICAP COMPLIANCE

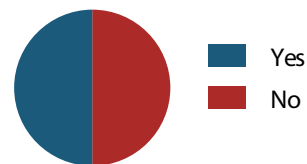
21. My children participated in the rec leagues and the people running them were very clickly
22. New programs
23. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
24. Not enough field trips, adult classes, crafts
25. More music events, food truck rallies, art festivals, etc to get the community to gather , post Covid.
26. The facility needs major improvement and everthing seems to be on a low budget scale
27. I haven't found as many programs for senior fitness as other communities.
28. Facilities are not good. Prefer to use Huntington woods.
29. There needs to be more fun activities and enrichment programs for kids and teenagers!!
30. Increase variety—have gone to cooking classes in the past
31. Senior events
32. more variety
33. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
34. keep them clean
35. ease of registration;
36. Better instructors and varied programs
37. Most young children's classes are often not offered outside of normal business hours. Our children's programming is set up for a stay at home parent only or you need to get hired help.
38. cancelled often, the instructors at times were not as trained as I thought they should be
39. I feel like my kids age out of the programs quickly. There are a few that we were interested in but they are only offered on one specific time/day every season and it was a day we have a standing commitment and could never sign up.
40. I do not think there are enough activities for active seniors in our community. Examples, Yoga for seniors, interesting outings, swimming facilities, exercise equipment geared for seniors.
41. The Berkley special events usually seem very thrown together and half-done. For example the Holiday Lights parade is a bunch of noisy fire trucks followed by a long procession of groups walking and throwing candy. There's no excitement or energy to the event at all. Winter/Summerfest events are equally bland. We do appreciate how much Berkley does do with the resources they have. The Art Event on coolidge last year was surprisingly great.
42. Toddler classes at the community center are almost hazardous. I had to chase my toddler from automatic opening doors with seniors coming in and out, staircase, unsecured objects. Rooms are trying to serve too many functions. I fully support a new community center.
43. Sometimes hard to find programs to fit my schedule.
44. Offer a greater variety
45. I always look at activities for my child. There are not many programs available for young toddler aged children outside of traditional working hours. As a household with two working parents, we cannot participate in those activities.
46. Provide more and better bicycle parking for big special events to lessen the auto parking and traffic.
47. More that appeal to teens and adults
48. Have staff more engaged with residents, including all managers.
49. The last thing I went to was a first aid class a few years ago.
50. I want to see more. Ones that bring people in.
51. not unsatisfied, but maybe more art fairs, farmers markets, concerts, more indoor activities in the winter, outdoor activities at the parks
52. Not enough evening choices. There are great choices of times for classes in the daytime... I still work & need fitness outlets through classes.
53. Many programs seem geared towards people who do not work (held only during the day on weekdays). This includes for adults and children, so it makes it hard for working parents to participate. In most families we know, both people work.
54. Most Youth classes We tried were a bit chaotic. I felt my money was better spent at an actual school for them (gymnastics, dance)
55. Need more/ different types of activities
56. Offer more programs

57. we really miss the ice rink. Its hard to express how much we miss the ice rink, at this point if we could afford it my son might have been renting off time ice weekly/monthly to get coaching sessions easier.
58. I have not been able to take part due to NO classes being offered during working parent hours. I was only able to take my son once when I was not working.
59. Not enough adult activities, concert or movie in the park
60. Improve class selection specifically exercise and enrichment like painting, knitting/crochet, ceramics, etc.
61. canceling day camp, the time of programs makes most of them inaccessible for working families
62. Add more senior programs activities
63. —
64. More art classes for young adults (manga art)
65. The variety offered
66. Senior programs seemed to be for handicapped. There are active seniors too!
67. We need a larger, updated Community Center, more programs for teens, and more evening and weekend options. Also, we have an excellent soccer program (SOCS) and too few soccer fields.
68. Farmers markets.
69. Hard to evaluate this year as the pandemic has canceled most things.
70. Wish we had a nicer community crnter
71. Run your own programs like the schools do
72. I haven't had the chance to participate with my young children in any youth activities due to COVID, but had plans to.
73. More of them and talk about them morr
74. host outdoor ice rinks in the Winter. This was represented to be part of the Winterfest, but did not happen.
75. A lot of kids programming takes place during the work week, which means working parents can't engage. I would love to see toddler programming on the weekends.
76. Seek to create adult evening sports (Softball, Tennis), Family Kickball, Birdie Ball Golf, Corn Hole, Slow Rolls
77. Offer more options for adults
78. Haven't seen too many adult programs other than fitness that appeal to me
79. For me, it's less the programs and more the community center. It's very basic and outdated. That's a big factor for me. I'd be more interested in taking yoga, if it was in a comfortable/relaxing environment. The open play toys are old and sometimes dirty/broken. If the center was more comfortable and inviting, I'd want to spend time there.
80. More programs for the variety of ages in Berkley. Also different price points, some were really expensive.
81. Nothing appealing to adults and youth activities are too expensive for quality of program.
82. Get more activities going.
83. adult education& recreational programs
84. dog park
85. More family events for all ages, need to do more for teens, and family events that include teens.
86. Poorly manager and lack creativeness. Also the website sucks
87. Just want more options, especially for pre-teens and teens.
88. I would like to see a larger selection- I love seeing that they are incorporating outdoor activities. I would like to do cycling, tennis, outdoor fitness and mommy and tot classes
89. Somehow let the elderly know DAILY.all that is going on., put it on a calender in the daily Tribune.. is going
90. Not enough low impact excercise more Eastern excercise Tai Chi
91. My child has a food allergy and has never attended any of the special events (doll tea party, father daughter dance, etc) due to this. I wish there was something available for allergy kids.
92. Look at all the surrounding communities and what they offer as opposed to berkley.
93. Meh.
94. Not nearly enough adult options. Try skills like cooking, outdoor activities
95. not elderly friendly, city allows partial parking on sidewalks, blocking safe baby stroller and wheelchair, in parks and in the community AGAINST HANDICAP COMPLIANCE
96. Doesn't seem to have enough to offer for 12 years old and up.

97. swim class- water is freezing and pool is not easy to get in or out of. community center needs care and more sustainable for everyday use not meeting rooms!
98. Better times
99. Programs for childre and growing families are most important to us.
100. More teen events
101. Not very many things to do. You have to go more than 1 time a day for programs. Be nice if they were bunched together. Maybe offer lunch like most cities
102. Need better things for seniors . More family things. Berkley has gone down in services . Not so good anymore!
103. add additional hours for lap swim
104. The same classes and activities seemed to show up in every catalog. Very few arts/crafts offerings. Very few new and innovative fitness offerings. It seems much of the programming is geared toward youth and seniors, with a large gap for middle aged adults who may want enrichment. As I mentioned above, I Gre weary of seeing the same offerings tome and time again, that I've stopped looking at the offerings because nothing new ever seemed to be included for my interests.
105. Quit trying to be royal oak
106. canceling day camp, the time of programs makes most of them inaccessible for working families
107. Just not enough bringing the community together. Underwater basket weaving is cool but for my Grandma you know?
108. Better advertising not just online.
109. more adult hobby classes
110. Lack of indoor space, crowded indoor events, lack of programming for adults, kid programs and classes being cancelled due to lack of enrollment
111. Find alternative ways/sponsors to make them more affordable.
112. Programs offered do not interest me. I'd like to see more nature based programming like going to Detroit to see the bald eagles or other birding outings. Also gardening demonstrations.
113. More community wide events that include all...not just family, but seniors and singles. A bit more of selection of youth classes
114. A bigger centralized and updated facility to experience them in
115. maybe market the Zumba class so it is better attended
116. I think the Community Center is an issue. It's very uninviting. Christmas craft fair is a disappointment but the venue really wouldn't entice a nicer event. The Taste of Berkley is so nice but again the venue is not so nice.
117. It would be great to have more activities for teens - art classes, coding, adulting, and programming for lgbt youth. A social hub for teens would be great!

Q24: Do you participate in any special events or programs held in surrounding communities?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	204	49.8%
No	206	50.2%
Total Responses	410	

**Q25:** If yes, which community, which program, and what do you like or dislike about it?

1. Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation. I work there and run their Special Events
2. Huntington Woods 4th of July programs, Farmers Markets in other surrounding communities
3. Royal oak
4. arts eats and beats
5. huntington woods
6. Art festival; Dream Cruise parade
7. Ice skating in Royal Oak, Troy and Birmingham
8. I like yoga classes in RO because of nice facilities. I always took my daughter to dance classes at Royal Oak Salter Center because of it's great amenities.
9. Berkley Days. It's just an awesome event.
10. nature talks, hikes
11. Huntington woods
12. Arts beats and eats. Nice walking and social event
13. Royal Oak
14. other cities have Fireworks displays on the 4th, which is a great thing that makes your community feel special.
15. Royal Oak baseball camp since HW/Berkley did not have theirs this summer
16. More offerings
17. Birmingham Public schools offer great youth programming - drama camps, art camps, yoga and mindfulness camps.
18. I had to answer yes but the answer should be sometimes... cannot think off the top of my head... but not as much as I used to
19. Community House, Play 4 Fun football, Linda's Danceworks
20. We have done swim lessons in Huntington Woods and baseball programming in Royal Oak
21. Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Ferndale - I really like the offerings for festivals, recreation that is cultural or learning (like a cooking class). I do not like the high prices in Huntington Woods or limitations on out-of-city people, but I get why! They're servicing their residents.
22. Birmingham , Pickleball indoors, Royal Oak Pickleball outdoors
23. Farmers markets food truck rally
24. Food truck rally, concerts, art shows, etc..
25. Farmers markets, antique shows, flea markets,
26. Southfield, winterfest
27. HW Summer Concerts - FREE!
28. Huntington woods
29. more upscale, more partnership with other groups (CommunityHouse/DDA/ParksRec) for better budget, engagement
30. Royal Oak Senior center offers ballroom dance lessons that I go to.
31. Royal oak
32. Fireworks
33. Senior day trips, to, clawson, Troy. Madison heights. Warren
34. Event would be the DIY fest in Ferndale. It has a great use of parking lots and 9 mile with a large number of artists, vendors, music, food and beer. It is fun to walk around and meet local artists.
35. Royal Oak Farmers' market events - food trucks, music, dance
36. Easter Egg Hunt
37. Troy-Zumba, crafts, cooking, road rallies, scavenger hunts
38. royal oak nature walks
39. Ferndale and RO Art festivals
40. Birmingham
41. Huntington Woods parade and fireworks; Oak Park 4th parade; events at Memorial Park, RO

42. Yoga - Oak Park Recreation Center. Much nicer facility than Berkley's.
43. We do Huntington woods swimming lessons, swim team, and will pay to join pool. We've done luv all tennis.
44. I enjoy the Eastern Market and occasionally Royal Oak's. I also enjoy local art fairs.
45. Summer concerts in Lathrup Village. They're great!
46. Fireworks, farmers market
47. fairs & markets
48. Troy Parks and Rec. Swimming
49. oak park
50. Senior day trips, to, clawson, Troy. Madison heights. Warren
51. Ferndale DIY, Pig&Whiskey Festivals
52. Royal oak has great programs
53. RO Madison Heights
54. berkley
55. Detroit and Royal Oak - more outdoor musical activities and acts.
56. RO activities at the Farmer's Market
57. farmers market,
58. love noel night in detroit when woodward is open to pedestrians. I enjoyed when we had a festival on coolidge
59. Farmers market and art fair
60. AEB, RO, great event. Art fairs in all surrounding communities
61. Royal Oak fitness classes - nice variety offered, good instructors; Clawson senior meals - good food & value, well-balanced
62. Novi, Southfield, Royal Oak, Troy
63. Birmingham special events and farmer's market
64. Fairs/events on royal oak, Birmingham, Ferndale occasionally. Typically do not care for how crowded these can be. Enjoy biking to events
65. the park and Rec programs
66. Summer concerts
67. Huntington woods & Oak Park
68. My children have done golf camps, softball clinics, basketball camps, dance and theater camps, and we like the diverse programs offered with various age group offerings along with some of the facilities available, they have also done swim lessons and a community pool would open that option up
69. Birmingham and troy. they had classes that weren't offered in Berkley
70. HW- concerts in park
71. Just moved to HW, used to live in Berkley. Done many programs in both. Loved tot class in Berkley.
72. ROYSA (Kids soccer), it was ok, a little disorganized.
73. RO, HW Ferndale special events.
74. Arts beats and eats - anything that shuts down the streets and puts on a show is fun for our family!
75. SOCS
76. Royal Oak farmers market and I dislike their lack of effective bicycle parking
77. Troy has a beautiful community center
78. Royal Oak, Birmingham. Staff is engaged,.
79. Festivals
80. Community events
81. We enjoy events that are inclusive, conscientious of impact (traffic, people, environment), cultural based (especially food), and that promote social interaction.
82. Royal Oak Days
83. wayne county light fest, royal oak farmers market. huntington woods men club auction and gala,
84. the seniors
85. HW, Royal Oak
86. Many Communities in the Metro Area: Royal Oak/Ferndale/Birmingham/Brighton/Milford/.....
87. My son skates 4+ times a week. My husband would skate/play hockey at least once a week. We used the ymca, the M.A.T. and Barwis and school of martial arts. We sometimes go to a swim club in Beverly Hills or Rochester Hills. The movies in the baseball field were great.
88. Birmingham music in the park
89. Troy fitness classes, but prefer to have options in my own community
90. Royal Oak Spooktakular is very fun, Food Truck in Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge, is nice during summertime. ...
91. OAK PARK AND SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY POOLS!!!!
92. Birmingham... done of their farmers markets and outdoor art fairs are nice .
93. Oakland County camps and youth sports leagues
94. Special shopping days, festivals, art events

95. Birmingham art fair
96. royal oak, larger offering of services
97. other communities do them better and they are nearby, so it works. Next in Birmingham has great senior programs, RO has good pickle ball, Oak Park has great summer concerts in a pretty park.
98. Availability of programming, clean useable facilities.
99. Recently did a finance class in Royal oak and tennis last summer in HW. Liked that their faculties seemed used more and updated
100. Farmers market, concerts, fire works other markets
101. HW concerts in the park, 4th of July celebrations
102. Play groups, book clubs, running groups, outdoor yoga, wine/beer/food tastings
103. Southfield Adult Softball and love it!
104. Northville tennis parks and rec. we like their pros better and offers a better diversity of classes which run through fall
105. Ferndale/Troy/RO.
106. Mainly farmers markets
107. I liked the excercise class .
108. lunch cards library educational programs field trips
109. Royal oak farmers market,, concerts at the library,
110. Urbangym
111. We love the programs offered by Leslie Nature and Science Center in Ann Arbor
112. Royal Oak, Birmingham
113. We enjoy the boo fest, Easter bunny breakfast
114. Adult painting class - Madison Heights senior center
115. Art fair
116. royal oak arts beats and eats..... too big a mess after
117. Birmingham special summer camp
118. Shakespeare Royal Oak productions at star jaycee Park
119. Arts beats and eats.
120. Farmers market, I go weekly, love the fresh produce
121. Indoor swimming, more evening workout options, nicer indoor gym
122. Royal oak
123. Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Bloomfield Hills offers quite a few nature programs
124. kids sports and events are at better times for working families to attend
125. Beverly Hills, larger scale
126. Ferndale and royal oak
127. Royal Oak and Lathrup Village
128. Birmingham and royal oak
129. Concert in the park and theater in the park
130. YMCA
131. I've taken classes at the BBAC, and paid to take fitness classes in Troy. Troy's facilitates were beautiful, and they offer a huge variety of fitness classes over different days and times, many geared toward working people, not just seniors, but was challenging to get to with traffic. BBAC fiber art
132. OAK PARK AND SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY POOLS!!!!
133. royal oak outdoor for adult
134. Royal Oak's Nature Society
135. Warren has good youth programming with participation that allows their programs to run
136. senior
137. Art & Craft Fairs....Arts,Beats & Eats
138. Troy library programs. They have the many interesting speakers.
139. Huntington Woods, Royal Oak, Oak Park
140. Farmers Market in RO
141. Royal Oak Farmer's market, various art fairs I like this kind of activity
142. Lathrup Village Farmers Market, like that it's every week (except this year with the pandemic virus).
143. Southfield multiple programs, royal oak soccer

Q26: Which programs would you like to see more of? Check all that apply.

Answer	Responses	Percent
Art Bash	253	64.2%
Holiday Lights Parade	230	58.4%
Berkley Days	224	56.9%
Berkley CruiseFest	200	50.8%
Berkley WinterFest	199	50.5%
Outdoor Movies	188	47.7%
Berkley Craft Show	182	46.2%
Summerfest	182	46.2%
Community garage sale	172	43.7%
Holiday Events	166	42.1%
Youth activities	163	41.4%
Adult Activities	159	40.4%
Yoga	151	38.3%
Halloween Spooktacular	141	35.8%
Woodward Dream Cruise	140	35.5%
Fire Open House	129	32.7%
Special Community Events	128	32.5%
Community Picnic	114	28.9%
Summer day camps	98	24.9%
Dog obedience – various levels	95	24.1%
Great Berkley Campout	91	23.1%
Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter dances	90	22.8%
Dinner theatre	89	22.6%
Babysitting / Home alone class	74	18.8%
Pilates	74	18.8%
Food Coach classes	74	18.8%
Day Trips & Extended Travel	70	17.8%
Senior Activities	69	17.5%
Junior golf lessons	66	16.8%
Golf	66	16.8%
Indoor soccer	65	16.5%
Detroit Tigers game	65	16.5%
Vacation camps	62	15.7%
Home chore program	62	15.7%
Youth & teen dance (Preschool dance, introduction to dance, tap, ballet and hip hop jazz)	61	15.5%
Zumba	59	15.0%
Basketball camp	57	14.5%
Loan closet (durable medical supplies)	56	14.2%

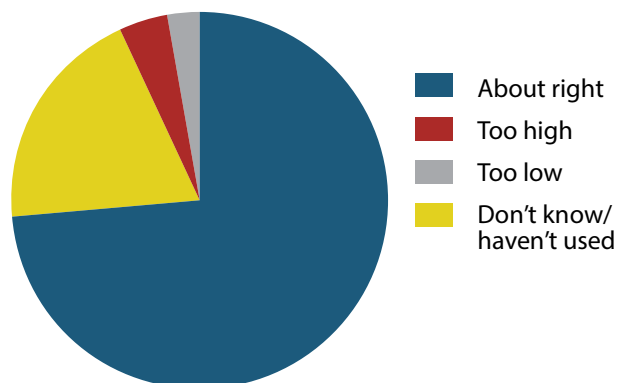
Answer	Responses	Percent
Senior outreach services	54	13.7%
Speaker socials	53	13.5%
Summer horseback riding camp	49	12.4%
Horse back riding lessons	49	12.4%
Kiddie soccer skills,	49	12.4%
Bike Rodeo & Ride	49	12.4%
MLB Pitch, Hit, and Run	48	12.2%
Kiddie Tee Ball	48	12.2%
Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics	47	11.9%
Oil painting	46	11.7%
NFL punt, pass, kick	45	11.4%
Tiny tumblers	45	11.4%
Hunter safety	43	10.9%
Computer Classes (basic skills & internet)	42	10.7%
Senior day at Detroit Zoo	42	10.7%
Skateboard / roller blade camp	41	10.4%
Frankenmuth, Michigan	41	10.4%
Parent-tot playgroup	40	10.2%
Sports starters	38	9.6%
“Do Lunch” trips	36	9.1%
Boater & ORV safety	35	8.9%
Karate	33	8.4%
Kindermusik	33	8.4%
Adult/family karate	33	8.4%
New England – Cape Cod, Boston & Upstate NY	32	8.1%
New York Christmas Extravaganza	30	7.6%
Casino trips	29	7.4%
Shipshewana, Indiana	29	7.4%
Shopping trips	28	7.1%
Thunder Bay Resort, Michigan	28	7.1%
Outer Banks, NC & New River Gorge, WV	27	6.9%
Niagara Falls – Seneca Casino Resort	22	5.6%
Snowmobile safety	16	4.1%
eBay	15	3.8%
Other (Please specify)	27	6.90%
Total Responses	5,886	

OTHER RESPONSES

1. Home improvement - how to do basic maintenance, gardening, hang a shelf, caulk the tub, paint, things we don't have classes for elsewhere
2. Loved the scavenger hunt would love to see this again!
3. Dance lessons, theatre
4. My kids are grown so not much applies to me.
5. Irish festival, beer and music festival
6. Computer training and how to make better use of my smart phone. Also Knitting and crocheting classes.
7. Kid dropoff nights at the community center, art youth activities, sibling programs
8. Pickleball
9. cooking
10. Swimming lessons and additional life skills for kids.
11. Bike Maintenance Class, Networking events. home Improvement Show, Pet parade, Adult game night, Food truck rally, Farmer Market Days, Water Aerobics, Rain Garden Class, Ice Cream Social at a time adults can attend
12. Music in the park events
13. I would like to see new, fresh activities. It feels like the same old thing year after year.
14. A pool!
15. Pottery, teen events/activities
16. Tai chi, pickle ball
17. Love the ladies nights
18. photography classes, computer skills, iphone classes especially for the seniors
19. Enjoy Berkley CruiseFest as do my friends from other city's around Berkley.
20. More of the family friendly things we love about Berkley! Let's keep us updated and on the map. Dance class would be fun, maybe Ariel arts like agora, or maybe hammocks Pilates, yoga, sailing lessons, tot reading groups, just more!
21. Used to have water aerobics but this hasn't been offered in many years
22. All of the suggestions above seem dated. Please work to add some zest to offerings.
23. enjoyed the berkley 1 mi and 5k run....would love music concerts in the park.... kids nature classes natural playground (stumps, wood chips, like behind belle isle nature center
24. Gardening & garden design seminars
25. Everything
26. Activities for teens!

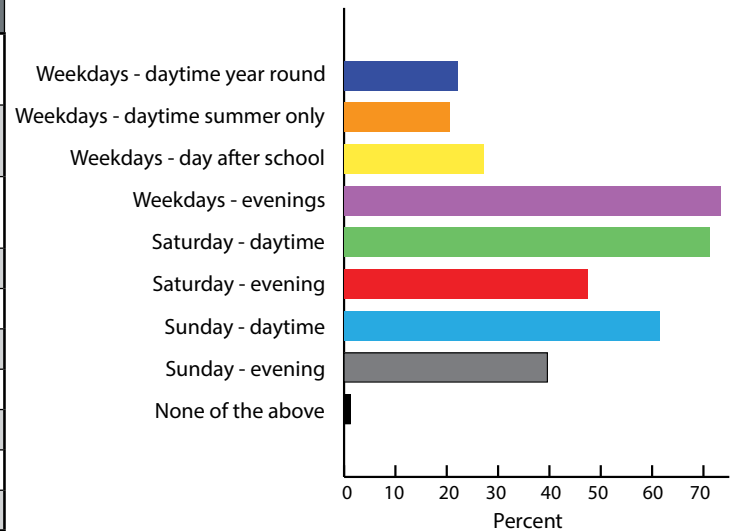
Q27: How do you feel about the fees charged for recreation programming?

Answer	Responses	Percent
About right	299	73.8%
Too high	16	4.0%
Too low	11	2.7%
Don't know/Haven't used	79	19.5%



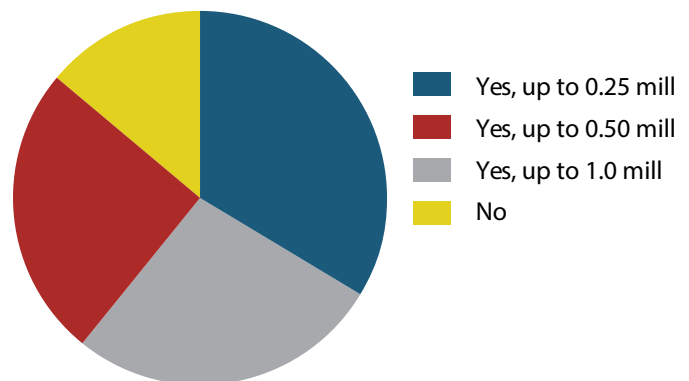
Q28: What times work best for you to participate in recreation programs?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Weekdays - daytime year round	89	22.1%
Weekdays - daytime during summer only	83	20.6%
Weekdays - daytime after school	109	27.1%
Weekdays - evenings	295	73.4%
Saturday - daytime	286	71.1%
Saturday - evening	191	47.5%
Sunday - daytime	247	61.4%
Sunday - evening	159	39.6%
None of the above	5	1.2%
Total Responses	1,464	



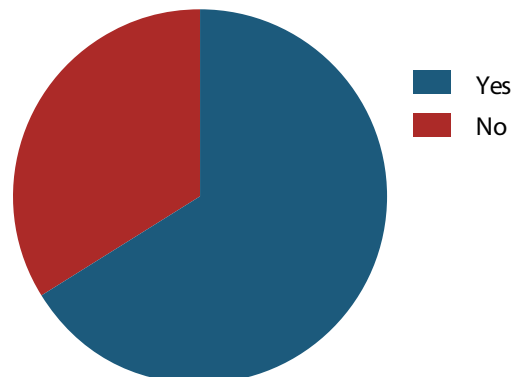
Q29: Maintaining and developing quality parks and recreation facilities requires adequate financing. Would you support a bond or millage to help with financing Berkley's parks and recreation?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	145	33.7%
Yes, up to 0.50 mill (\$50 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	109	25.3%
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	117	27.2%
No, I would not support an additional millage	59	13.7%
Total Responses	430	



Q30: Would you support a 1.25 mill bond (\$125 per \$100,000 of household value) to finance the construction of a new community center?

Answer	Responses	Percent
Yes	285	66.3%
No	145	33.7%
Total Responses	430	



Q31: Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

171 unique responses were received for this question. The responses have been broken into rough categories. Where a response covers more than one topic, it has been copied into each topic. Responses are posted verbatim, and have not been edited for content, spelling, or grammatical issues.

Community Center

1. We have been in Berkley for 25 years so when our son was younger we used the parks and community center, including the ice rink for many years. I would like to see our parks stay updated and versatile for families of all ages. I think it adds a great deal to our community. While we don't presently have a dog, we did in the past and I think a good size dog park would be a great investment. Finally, I like the idea of a Community Center with fitness facility but we may not have space for it.
2. Any bond request must include costs for long-term maintenance. The downfall of the ice arena (as well as the pool at BHS) is the lack of adequate upkeep and adult supervision.
3. I would be all for putting money into a great community center IF it were really well thought out.
4. While I'm personally in favor of a pool in a community center, I'm worried that there is undue attention paid to the concept at the expense of maintaining and improving the parks we already have. I'd like to see better communication about plans for the existing parks and development of pocket parks. If a pool-based community center is not going to work, I'd rather we cut bait and put splash pads in the existing parks as they're improved with new equipment and features.
5. community center needs to be on the same scale as Royal Oaks,clawson or pleasant Ride these are all small communitys with small community centers
6. My support for the new community center will depend upon the proposed project. The FIRST time I hear the word "showplace" you will have lost me.
7. There needs to be more public bathrooms. I would support a new community center if it were more multi-use. The last community center proposed was essentially a big track/gym. I wanted to support it, but I didn't see a lot of value in spending that much for a fitness center.
8. I am all in support, but I do not feel we need to go crazy, we are a small community & NEED a new cc, but need to stay within our means. pools etc are not cost effective to maintain . Build a new c center that will be functional for all, be sure to have a working kitchen so that people an hold parties etc... do not go crazy and reach for the moon.
9. I would support the suggested 1.25 mil for community center but would also like to understand what specifically would be included... pool, ice rink, etc. Also, how will it be maintained so we don't run into the issues we have with the existing/non-functional ice rink.
10. The community center idea has been rejected several times. Please don't encumber the city with legacy spend and maintenance
11. We need a new Community Center badly.
12. Its difficult to agree to a 1.25 mill bond for a new community center without seeing plans or knowing what the costs/plans are for maintenance of a proposed facility.
13. I might support a reasonable community center, if it doesn't overreach like the last one.
14. I said yes to supporting community center bond, but it's a conditional yes. More info is needed.
15. I would have to know more about new community center design and programming before considering funding it.
16. I like to see a new community center; but don't think we need all the bells and whistles. we don't need a swimming pool, a ice skating rink would be awesome but I think probably too much
17. The community center has failed twice, and now in the age of Covid will fail again. I'd like to see the P&R Dept look at using existing spaces like schools, churches, coffee shops, etc to hold community programs and events.
18. Support for new community center would depend on "how much bang for the buck", the prior plans I have seen didn't seem to offer much more then a few rooms to offer activities which did not seem like much of an improvement from what we have now.

19. I answered no to an additional bond for community center construction, but if the city comes forward with a detailed plan, that would most likely change my mind.
20. I feel that our community center is a drag on the vibrancy of our city. I wish that we could either put in our own pool, or arrange to have membership in the huntongton woods pool (we share schools, why can't we share recreation as well??). I know it costs money for this stuff, but I am willing to pay more in taxes for top notch amenities. to
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22. My support above absolutely depends on what is being proposed. The last proposal didn't feel like it was created for Berkley, but from a random set of plans, saying "you need this".
23. especially at this point, it would really depend on the proposal. We do not need an indoor pool, or community gym, indoor tennis, or more basketball courts over better multi use/multi purpose facilities. As I am sure was evident we Really miss the ice rink! The space where the rink was has such poor drainage its a mess it really needs to be fixed/ regarded.
24. I would not vote for the community center. I voted no last time because I was unhappy with the plans. Also the parks and rec do not offer adequate times where my family could utilize the center and it's programming so, I did not feel it was beneficial to me. I also did not appreciate the way the funds were going to be dispersed in the building of the center. Come back with some better plans, show us the NEW scheduling to accommodate all families needs...you may get more votes.
25. Just get a new community center!
26. we don't need what was proposed last year. But we do need one that has rooms that can support parties or classes, the basketball court is great to have and an outdoor ice rink would be great!
27. I totally support a new community center but have concerns considering the current state of life and a probable recession ahead
28. Parks and recs does not maintain what they have. Letting the current community center fall into disrepair does not mean we will let them build a new one. If the program was run correctly they could save the money and build the new center without a costly bond
29. I'm going to hammer home the disc golf. Having quality baskets like chainstar also makes a big difference. If the community center would have a nice disc golf course I would support it
30. Sending a recreation/ comm center survey in a pandemic is stupid...we voted down a center, why come at us again with the same Go Into More Debt Plan...totally inappropriate. We need FEWER city employee and debts, not more.ployees
31. No to the bond if the city is going to charge us too much to use it.
32. We should look at Troy, Warren and other communities with exceptional Community Centers including community pools. We would love a community dance program perhaps in cooperation with a local studio.
33. We need a new community center. Ours is in bad shape and will not hold a large group comfortably. For example Taste of Berkley. As a result I just do not go.
34. I am in favor of a new community center but this time the information given to the community should be detailed. It should be a structure we could be proud and a structure our community can hand down to generations in sound condition. Good examples are the Huntington Woods, Madison Hts, Oak Park, Royal Oak and Birmingham centers. We should know what we are voting for and not guess where our money will be used. Our city is in need of a new city hall and community center to pass on.
35. Stop pushing a new community center that is too large for the City of Berkley
36. The Staff is amazing! All very caring and valuable employees. The Community Center needs a "facelift", and the Ice Arena is sorely missed. A community outdoor amphitheater would be a nice replacement in that space.

Kiwanis Tot Lot

37. Fix the broken slide at Kiwi Tot Lot!
38. The parks can use more shade near the play equipment. There have been several times I took my kids to the park in the middle of a summer day and had to leave because the playground equipment was too hot. This has happened mostly at Angell and the Tot lot. I feel the Tot Lot should especially be protected from the sun. Planting shade trees would help (after they mature of course).
39. Tot lot needs an update. One of the slides has been blocked off for awhile and another had a big crack that took months to fix. I love the bench swing but it's definitely seen better days and isn't very comfortable anymore

Lazenby Field

40. Convert lazenby into something useful, we have too many baseball fields

Merchants/Oxford Park

41. Merchants/Oxford park has not seen any of the renovations that were planned for 2020. Play structure are not maintained or ever cleaned. Hand washing stations should be made available, at all parks.
42. Please keep the playground at merchants Field in natural playground as was marketed. We don't need a brightly colored, cheap plastic looking play structure. Please incorporate the equipment into the landscape.

Financing

43. I checked no to both questions due to being a RO resident.
44. That mil for new community center is way too high. And would we allow Huntington woods use? Because we cannot use theirs. They seem to use Berkley for whatever they want.
45. PLEASE replace or remove the old wire fencing around our parks - it would improve the curb appeal of our parks and neighborhoods greatly; we need more trees in our parks for shade/picnics/aesthetics/environmental health; engage community in clean up/build out/volunteer days and offer tshirts to volunteers to rep our parks ; do more to engage community in existing parks as primer before asking for more new funding
46. You didn't give some other choices. I MIGHT support a \$125 bond if it was a fabulous center, ie pool. It seems steep for what we had.
47. I can't say I support ANY millage without seeing the plan that it's tied to.
48. My support on bond or mileage would definitely depend on the proposal of BPRC
49. keep all cost down
50. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
51. I wish there was a spot to be able to explain voting for a millage.... I would happily vote yes on a millage if I knew the money was being spent properly or accordingly... so I answered no on both above questions.... sadly these surveys are set for yes and no answers and nothing in between... I support a new community center 100% if done in the proper way.
52. we support and fund a lot as is- someone capable of money management should be able to use the resources we have to improve and maintain without additional funding and general mileages. figure it out! offer better paid events and better times for more well rounded age/group types
53. You asked what we would like in a park but not how much we are willing to pay. I am not willing to pay more for many of the items listed
54. Taxes are too high as it is . City has cut out so many services and they still want more money .

Splash Pad / Pool

55. I have always wanted Berkley to have a community pool, and have supported all mileages the city has sought.
56. Pool
57. As summers are getting hotter and longer, Berkley should get a public pool for its residents, or work with neighboring areas that have pools (like Huntington Woods) to get access to their pools for our residents. Also, Berkley needs a dog park.
58. Community Pool that I think could bring in good revenue
59. Community pool and fitness center with group classes, child care center
60. WE NEED A COMMUNITY POOL!
61. Outdoor pool.
62. A community pool would be nice
63. Would really love a splash pad soon! Before my kids are too old for it. :)
64. Too many kids classes are right afterschool - but parents are still working with 0 ability to get kids there. Please look into an indoor pool complex, BHS is not kid/senior friendly. More in-elementary activities working with latch key programs would be great. *Please* do more home improvement or outdoors/stargazing and local wildlife stuff. We go to Red Oaks and Cranbrook, would love to support those who don't have memberships.
65. swimming pool
66. I would like to see the ice arena return or a pool added.
67. The city desperately needs another swimming pool. Two lanes during kids' class time is not enough for open swim!!!!!!
68. Would love a community Pool
69. I would like to see a public swimming pool in our city.
70. You didn't give some other choices. I MIGHT support a \$125 bond if it was a fabulous center, ie pool. It seems steep for what we had.
71. Yes I would support a mill bond if a pool was to be built where the old ice arena was.
72. The splash pad will be a major bonus for my family once it is up & running. We really need actual bathrooms at parks, not just an occasional port-a-john.
73. Community pool
74. We need an a community pool, preferably indoor and outdoor. Varying depths for swimmers of all ages (not a standard lap pool like the one at Berkley High School).
75. I feel that our community center is a drag on the vibrancy of our city. I wish that we could either put in our own pool, or arrange to have membership in the huntongton woods pool (we share schools, why can't we share recreation as well??). I know it costs money for this stuff, but I am willing to pay more in taxes for top notch amenities. to
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78. I would love to see a community swimming pool, even if we had to pay to use it.
79. We need a pool
80. A pool! :-)
81. We should really have a pool, like Huntington Woods has since the ice arena has closed.
82. I would like to see a community pool
83. Dog park, swimming pool
84. Pool. Or be able to share fees of Huntington woods pool. Would also like to see continual roads blocked for additional outdoor seating at restaurants and outdoor events (such as the area by Berkley common currently)
85. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
86. I would want free open basketball courts for all ages but just high school or adult. And a pool for that \$\$
87. We do not need a splash pad. Improve the park only.
88. Pool is needed. Tax base can support it and splash pad can be added there
89. Please make an indoor pool / gym option. The community center site is wasted.
90. pool

Park Space & Park Amenities

91. Get rid of a baseball field or three, fewer structured Park spaces that have to be a specific thing and more general greenspace that is open for everyone to use
92. We need a park in the Woodward/Catalpa/Coolidge/12 Mile quadrant!
93. Gaga ball pits at the community parks and school playgrounds. More basketball courts at Angell. Sand volleyball at Angell.
94. Indoor gym
95. Batting cages.
96. we need a park in the woodward, Coolidge, 12 mile to catalpa square
97. I would love to see our park equipment and the parks atmosphere elevated like those in other cities where you feel the communities investment in their parks. Our parks need a well deserved facelift, P&R & Public Works have done an outstanding job at maintaining what we have. I hope Berkley residents vote to improve our parks.
98. we need a community garden and more green space and trees.
99. There is no park within walking distance of my house
100. Could groom cross country ski trails at existing parks pretty easily and without much cost.
101. Better kid park and they should have police be more attentive to who it hanging out there
102. Please maintain and improve all tennis courts! Tennis popular around here. Also allow use of restrooms in community center after working hours for programming occurring for summer tennis or other events.
103. I would love to see the addition of a cafe and seated table space to Merchants park or any of the other parks. Our parks aren't engaging for our young adults and adults other than for sport. I would like to see more focus on making them inviting for the whole community to enjoy with more trees and shaded seating. I would also like to see more quality bicycle parking made available.
104. The tennis courts need to be kept up better but we do really appreciate them
105. Fitness areas with pull ups, dips. push up, etc. Dog Parks. Picnic benches. Disc Golf.
106. What about shuffleboard
107. I would love to see fitness parks in Berkley similar to what Royal Oak has - they financed them through a grant (I have grant writing experience and would even volunteer to write the application). It's hard to stat fit and active in Berkley because we don't have amenities to support that. I have to leave the community to participate in "healthy" hobbies. Communities that value health make it convenient to be active.
108. Please consider something for the neighborhood north of Catalpa and east of Coolidge....or bring back crossing lanes so we can access Berkley's amenities on foot. It's the only pocket of Berkley without a park or other recreation options and crossing Coolidge on foot is not safe with kids.
109. Improper use of land and various amenities throughout the city. Lack of trash receptacles and drinking fountains. And a restroom at Jaycee
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112. Things for older kids to do. Grade 6 and up.
113. Build indoor tennis courts - it will be a community service unique throughout metro Detroit. Memberships to private indoor tennis facilities cost several hundred per month. We have a lot of kids and grown ups that would love to play throughout the rainy, cold seasons. Also provide a really well equipped fitness center. Again, this would add value to many residents. Pools and ice rinks are too expensive, but the aforementioned facilities would not take too much maintenance cost.
114. Rock climbing is popular!!!! Any future community center needs a rock climbing wall. Also, dog parks are terrible unless you have acres upon acres of undeveloped land. We don't. Please never build one here.
115. Indoor park/play structure for winter months

Trails / Sidewalks

- 116. dog parks and trails. I see so many people walking dogs and we have no locations to let them run. fence in an area at Rogers or Angell to allow dogs to play.
- 117. Use road bond money we voted for to fix the roads so I can bike
- 118. Help support fixing the sidewalks in Berkley!!!
- 119. The bike paths in the street were a waste of resources because they are unsafe, I would never let my children ride them, and as a casual biker, I will not ride on them, we need safer paths. We also need clean up for dogs in more areas so that people clean up after dogs and to make our community more pet friendly. More trees throughout our parks and playgrounds would be nice for shade in summertime as well (plus it benefits our environment).
- 120. A really cool bike trail would be very great
- 121. The bike lane on Coolidge is very cumbersome and I'd like to see Coolidge back to 2 lanes
- 122. Remember that there are people who do not have kids, who are not into wanting a gym, etc. Increase and/or improve the natural environments. Walking hiking trails to other communities. You might increase business to local restaurants and retailers. I would walk to other cities for a dinner.
- 123. More pickleball courts more bike and walkingvtrails
- 124. Walking/biking paths would be great but at a minimum, existing sidewalks and paths need an drastic overhaul.
- 125. more bicycle paths
- 126. Less bike paths on the roads, no one uses them or wants them. I do less business on Coolidge now because of them.

Accessibility & Inclusivity

- 127. I will not vote yes on any new bond without first addressing the lack of care/maintenance of our current parks. They are so poorly taken care of it's embarrassing. The complete disregard for those with disabilities needs to be addressed before I'd vote yes as well. We need accessible parks. Our votes in our home are not flexible on these two important matters.
- 128. Please work to ensure art, music, class, and food options are inclusive of the diverse demographics (cultures) which reside in the community.
- 129. There isn't a lot for someone in their 30/40s with no children
- 130. My visually impaired daughter uses a cane and most parks are not accessible to her. There is no way she can maneuver the sidewalk at JayCee Park. We would like to see park equipment that is inclusive to all people. It's difficult to even find a swing she can use at most of these parks.

Pickleball

- 131. We need Pickleball in Berkley
- 132. More pickleball courts more bike and walkingvtrails

Ice Arena

- 133. Bring back the rink, or add a public pool, high school doesn't count. More options for kids not interest in sports, maybe skills learning like carpentry or gardening landscapes or fishing.
- 134. New Ice arena
- 135. I would like to see the ice arena return or a pool added.
- 136. Ice Arena
- 137. Using the space from the ice arena in ways to support the community until something can be settled-such as farmer's market or co-op, festivals as allowed (these days), horseshoes returned or a volleyball/basketball court. Something while we wait would be nice

Programs

138. A more fancy dance for kids/parents. Maybe a combined one? I would love a good sit down meal instead of snacks. Better venue.
139. If feasible, it would be fun to bring adult sports leagues to the area. If there were to be sand volleyball courts built, then we could have an adult league. OR an adult baseball/softball league, soccer league, hockey league etc. Obviously this all depends on what would be available to be developed but it would bring adults that don't live in Berkley to come here and then more than likely spend money at a local establishment after they are done playing.
140. Too many kids classes are right afterschool - but parents are still working with 0 ability to get kids there. Please look into an indoor pool complex, BHS is not kid/senior friendly. More in-elementary activities working with latch key programs would be great. *Please* do more home improvement or outdoors/stargazing and local wildlife stuff. We go to Red Oaks and Cranbrook, would love to support those who don't have memberships.
141. Programs for middle school and high school students or activities they could participate in at the community center.
142. Since the Royal Oak Farmers market has become difficult to park at, we need a Berkley one. Also, more singles events.
143. Please work to ensure art, music, class, and food options are inclusive of the diverse demographics (cultures) which reside in the community.
144. I think that senior related events are important for seniors who are alone (not my situation) and for children to have things to keep them busy. It would be nice to have things available to them to get them out of the house and with other people. Outdoor ice rinks, farmers market, art fairs, concerts, community center activities that are not just gym related (not basket ball or workout (I already belong to a gym/workout facility, as we have several in the city) and schools have gyms for kids.
145. Possibly partnering with the local YMCA Branches to work with joint programs.
146. Would love Parks&Rec to offer after-school programming at Berkley Public Schools
147. I've heard about camping out at Jaycee Park in the summer and would love to see this brought back to Berkley. I'd also love to see a kids cooking class with allergy friendly options.
148. Bring back the rink, or add a public pool, high school doesn't count. More options for kids not interest in sports, maybe skills learning like carpentry or gardening landscapes or fishing.
149. The current programming must be overhauled. To build a community center and have the same programming will not breathe new life into our community. Outdoor fitness classes using our parks, indoor fitness with new and interesting techniques, arts and crafts activities outside of the painting offerings that include fiber arts or scrapbooking or upcycling or sewing or weaving We cannot expect that youth and senior programming is enough. I want more than hypno classes and how to use a computer...,
150. We should look at Troy, Warren and other communities with exceptional Community Centers including community pools. We would love a community dance program perhaps in cooperation with a local studio.

Dog Park

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152. dog parks and trails. I see so many people walking dogs and we have no locations to let them run. fence in an area at Rogers or Angell to allow dogs to play.
153. Our community really needs a dog park.
154. Berkley is WAYYYY overdue for our own dog park!!!! PLEASE!!!!!!
155. Dog park!!!!!!
156. Fitness areas with pull ups, dips. push up, etc. Dog Parks. Picnic benches. Disc Golf.
157. Berkley needs a dog park. Walking our dog and meeting neighbors during COVID-19/work from home has solidified this in my mind. There is plenty of space at Merchants park.
158. Dog park
159. I think having a dog park would be great!
160. Dog park* Splash pad*
161. Dog park. We have a huge pent up demand for one.
162. We have many wonderful parks! But it is unfortunate that we do not have a dog park.
163. dog park
164. Dog park, swimming pool
165. Please create a dog park
166. For the bond questions it would really depend. I'd love a pool to swim laps in, but I know they are expensive and usually have very limited hours for that type of thing. It would be great if there was a park closer to where we live (12 mile and Coolidge). We would also love a dog park
167. Rock climbing is popular!!!!!! Any future community center needs a rock climbing wall. Also, dog parks are terrible unless you have acres upon acres of undeveloped land. We don't. Please never build one here.
168. A dog park. Berkley does not have a single dog park. A perfect spot would be where the old ice rink was

Sustainability / Landscape

169. PLEASE replace or remove the old wire fencing around our parks - it would improve the curb appeal of our parks and neighborhoods greatly; we need more trees in our parks for shade/ picnics/aesthetics/environmental health; engage community in clean up/build out/volunteer days and offer tshirts to volunteers to rep our parks ; do more to engage community in existing parks as primer before asking for more new funding
170. All parts of the city need more trees and landscaping including parks!
171. The parks can use more shade near the play equipment. There have been several times I took my kids to the park in the middle of a summer day and had to leave because the playground equipment was too hot. This has happened mostly at Angell and the Tot lot. I feel the Tot Lot should especially be protected from the sun. Planting shade trees would help (after they mature of course).
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173. 1. I am a resident who wants a pool, outdoor or indoor, and would pay to have one. 2. Would like to see that a new community center has income capacity whether for tenants and/or sales. 3. I think phasing of the community center is key. 4. Could be fun to incorporate stormwater management in as many techniques as possible as the city has a huge problem.
174. I think having pollen farms/gardens would be great. Also, Southfield has a nice DIY garden area you rent space at that's very popular.

Bathrooms

175. There needs to be more public bathrooms. I would support a new community center if it were more multi-use. The last community center proposed was essentially a big track/gym. I wanted to support it, but I didn't see a lot of value in spending that much for a fitness center.
176. Please maintain and improve all tennis courts! Tennis popular around here. Also allow use of restrooms in community center after working hours for programming occurring for summer tennis or other events.
177. The splash pad will be a major bonus for my family once it is up & running. We really need actual bathrooms at parks, not just an occasional port-a-john.
178. Year-round bathrooms that are open at any/all of the playgrounds would help. We have rented pavilions at Starr-Jaycee for three birthday parties, because they have pavilions and bathrooms. If that splash pad ever gets built, bathrooms would be really nice. Also wish you would add them elsewhere, as it's a necessary thing with little kids.
179. Improper use of land and various amenities throughout the city. Lack of trash receptacles and drinking fountains. And a restroom at Jaycee

Staff & Maintenance

180. More maintenance on bathrooms.
181. Go back to the way it ran before
182. Ensuring that the playgrounds are kept in safe working order is critical.
183. Merchants/Oxford park has not seen any of the renovations that were planned for 2020. Play structure are not maintained or ever cleaned. Hand washing stations should be made available, at all parks.
184. I will not vote yes on any new bond without first addressing the lack of care/maintenance of our current parks. They are so poorly taken care of it's embarrassing. The complete disregard for those with disabilities needs to be addressed before I'd vote yes as well. We need accessible parks. Our votes in our home are not flexible on these two important matters.
185. Cleaning and updating current parks would go a long way...
186. Parks and Rec staff is amazing.

187. Poor maintenance at center and parks broken equipment that's never repaired.
188. Why don't you change the department leadership and generate profit with existing resources to fund new programming?
189. The Staff is amazing! All very caring and valuable employees. The Community Center needs a "facelift", and the Ice Arena is sorely missed. A community outdoor amphitheater would be a nice replacement in that space.

Regulations / Policing

190. Better kid park and they should have police be more attentive to who it hanging out there
191. Place noise/boombox restrictions on parks that are reserved for group event AND enforce them.

Other

192. I don't have any
193. Pool. Or be able to share fees of Huntington woods pool. Would also like to see continual roads blocked for additional outdoor seating at restaurants and outdoor events (such as the area by Berkley common currently)
194. Stop pretending Berkley is a castle on a hill. Pretending like Oak Park and Southfield don't exist.
195. would love more book walks throughout the year in parks.....need more hand sanitizer stations and filled sanitizer pumps
196. Better use of parking lot behind Rite Aid and old Patrick J's
197. with all this improvement when will empty lots with trash be addressed?
198. No
199. nope
200. NO
201. none
202. Thanks!



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TO: Theresa McArleton, Parks Director
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DATE: July 16, 2020
RE: Recreation Plan – Focus Group #1 – Summary of Comments

The first focus group meeting considered general recreation issues. It included six individuals from the community who have had experience with recreation programs and use the City's parks on a regular basis. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and any issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Participants liked that generally speaking, parks are close to home and can be walked to. Most participants were not consciously aware of gaps in access to parks, but when the topic was brought up, they agreed that the northeast area of the city was underserved.
- Participants appreciated the variety of options available, both in terms of parks and in programming. They felt that these options make the city more attractive, and having them keeps people in the city rather than having to look for recreation options elsewhere.
- Specific park amenities requested include:
 - Swings at Community Park
 - Electrical outlets
 - Bathroom facilities (across all parks, but Jaycee specifically mentioned)
 - Additional pavilions
 - Bandshell/amphitheater – suggested using the old ice arena space near the Community Center
 - Updated play equipment – noted that some of the equipment is old; new park structures are planned for Tot Lot by spring of 2021, and Community & Jaycee Parks by 2022
 - Bottle filling stations
 - Recycling facilities
 - More basketball courts
- Appreciated the ability to register and pay for programs online, but felt that the process could be streamlined or improved.
- One participant stressed the importance of cost effectiveness; he liked the idea of park amenities serving dual purposes, such as playing fields or courts that accommodate more than one sport, or environmental features that provide attractive landscaping.

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- Using the parks for environmental purposes was met with some ambivalence; generally speaking, the participants didn't know how "sustainability" would be implemented in a park. They liked the idea of using solar and wind for powering the facilities.
- Several parks were mentioned as being very wet, especially around playing fields and play equipment. Rain gardens or detention areas were considered favorable if they helped to solve the drainage issues.
- Maintenance was mentioned, but did not appear to be a serious problem.
 - Tree maintenance at Oxford-Merchants Park was brought up as an issue.
 - Responsibility for snow plowing and general maintenance at the school parks is unclear. Is it a school, parks, or city issue?
- Would like to have the ability to register for tennis courts online. They felt only a few courts should be available for reservations; the remainder should be left as first come first served for drop-in play.
- There was definite interest in seeing more adaptive play equipment at area parks.
- General consensus was that a new Community Center should be built.
 - Several of the participants indicated that they would support a bond to pay for a new facility.
 - Would like to see amenities that serve dual purposes, e.g. multiple basketball courts that could also host volleyball or indoor tennis.
 - A pool was viewed as being too specific a use. There were concerns about cost as well. Several participants noted that while they would use a pool if it were built, they did not *have* to have one.
 - A teen center was viewed as a very positive amenity. The high use levels at the existing facility was a strong selling point.
 - Felt that the previous bond proposal focused too much on meeting rooms and the ability to see the facility.
 - Want the building to be big enough to house tournaments, and want to see a variety of uses.
 - One participant noted she was OK with "living in a small town." Berkley did not have to provide a regional attraction, just something that served the immediate needs of the people.
- Programming was viewed favorably.
 - One participant felt that fees were reasonable, and possibly even low.
 - Programming hours were problematic; some programs were too close to school closing time which made it difficult for schoolage children to participate. Would like to see more correlation with camp hours, i.e. a program available in the morning followed immediately after by camp.
- Felt that the city had about the right amount of parks, but recognized that there was not much green space along 12 Mile and Coolidge.
 - Were interested in the idea of pocket parks in the downtown area.
 - Suggested buying one of the vacant properties downtown for use as a recreation classroom or event space.



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TO: Theresa McArleton, Parks Director
FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
DATE: July 17, 2020
RE: Recreation Plan – Focus Group #2 – Summary of Comments

The second focus group meeting involved members of sports groups operating within the city. Representatives from Berkley Steelers (football and cheer), Socs (soccer), Dad's Club (baseball), and Mom's Club (softball) were present at the meeting held via Zoom on July 16. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Each of the groups felt that they had a good working relationship with Parks & Recreation. They felt that they received quick responses to any requests and felt comfortable discussing issues with the department.
- Lack of playing and practice space was the prime issue for each group.
 - Steelers noted that they have gradually been losing playing space over the years. The new development at Merchants Oxford Park takes away their traditional home. They are working with the school district for now, but do not feel confident this is a long term solution.
 - Socs uses Berkley primarily for practice. Their space needs are flexible; even a relatively small open space would work for 3v3 or tot level soccer.
 - The ice arena site might work for soccer if the site is cleaned up and properly graded, but is not large enough for football.
 - Loss of the ice arena impacted each of the groups. All used the facility for indoor practice on some level. They have looked into alternative locations for practice sites, primarily with the school district, but have run into scheduling problems or inadequate facilities.
- When asked if there are sites within the city that could be developed for active use, a few locations were mentioned:
 - La Salette Church – old school building could be used as a community center
 - Parcels northeast on Merchants Oxford Park are slated for development but have not been touched in years.
- The individual participants were in favor of a new Community Center.
 - Each of the groups use the existing center for meetings, but have been pushed out by other groups over the years. They would like to see a variety of meeting rooms available.

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- Would like a large indoor multi-use space available for practice. Mentioned a training facility in Warren built in an old warehouse space with artificial turf surfacing.
- Each group mentioned a desire for a trophy case/display space for awards and other recognition items.
- Felt that the previous bond proposal suffered because the survey asked residents what items they would like to see, and those items weren't included in the final plan (specifically: a pool). Price was also an issue, and the fact that the request was proposed at the same time as road and water initiatives.
- Noted that a new community center could be a revenue generator for the city. Rental rates are an issue for the groups; school district policies regarding out-of-district students result in high costs for the groups, and forces them to look outside of the city.
- Other items they would like to see at parks and fields include:
 - dog waste baskets; people have been using recycle bins to dispose waste
 - security cameras and lights; have been numerous incidences of vandalism at ball fields
 - improved bleachers; current position behind dugouts makes viewing the games impossible
 - covered dugouts at all ball fields.



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TO: Theresa McArleton, Parks Director
FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
DATE: July 24, 2020
RE: Recreation Plan – Focus Group #3 – Summary of Comments

The third focus group meeting involved senior representatives. Six area residents as well as Dan McMinn and Theresa McArleton were present at the Zoom meeting held on July 23. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Physical park facilities were not the primary interest for this group; the very first comment was, “I don’t use the parks...”. The individuals at the meeting were much more focused on a potential new recreation center and programming.
- Participants were very complimentary of the Parks and Recreation Department as a whole. They felt that facilities were well maintained and noted that staff “cares” about residents participating in programs. Having staff members who are actually from Berkley was viewed as a positive.
- There were few complaints from the participants.
 - Lack of space to hold programs and the state of the facilities (Recreation Center) was viewed as a drawback.
 - One individual noted that “seniors” encompass a large range of ages and that the younger seniors aren’t taking advantage of Berkley programs, either due to lack of opportunities relevant to them or lack of outreach.
 - Felt that the “Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation” group was not active enough and was not well advertised.
- Development of pocket parks so that all residents were within walking distance of a park. Types of amenities at each park would depend on the location and size of the property; those in the downtown area might include seating, a fountain, and the ability to host music events, while those in the neighborhoods might have picnic tables and small play structures. Charging stations, ice cream stands, and tables with umbrellas were also suggested.
 - “Pop-up activities” at any new parks or at existing parks could help to make the community aware of the properties. Suggested programs like yoga or board games, and emphasized marketing the events to all ages.
- All of the individual participants were in favor of a new Community Center.
 - Noted that a new facility would be a community focal point and would increase the overall quality of life for community residents.

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- Thought a survey asking residents if they voted on the previous bond proposal, what their vote was, and why they voted for or against it to help determine why the bond failed.
- Suggested forming support groups (teens, seniors, others) who could talk to their friends about a new center.
- One participant noted that a new center would be a tough sell right now due to economic conditions and the uncertainty surrounding COVID. Might want to scale down the center to make it more palatable to voters.
- Felt it important that any new facility be designed to accommodate users of all ages; should include amenities that benefit young families, toddlers, teens, adults, and seniors. Multi-generational use was mentioned several times throughout the meeting.
- Specific requested amenities include:
 - Multi-purpose/meeting rooms;
 - a large gym that can be divided into individual spaces;
 - a walking track;
 - teen space;
 - toddler space;
 - an exercise room “about the same size as the (existing) chair yoga room” with a staff member available to show members how to use the equipment; and
 - a full size kitchen that could be used by caterers or for cooking classes.
- Based on the amount of time discussing the topic, programming was the most important recreation facet for this group.
 - Important to help seniors socialize;
 - Noted that prices for programs were a good value and possibly undervalued;
 - New program requests included:
 - a basic technology/computer class;
 - cooking classes;
 - greenhouse/gardening programs in winter (suggested a greenhouse space in any new recreation center development)
 - Enjoyed the existing programs, and specifically mentioned the day trips and luncheons as outstanding.



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TO: Theresa McArleton, Parks Director
FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
DATE: July 30, 2020
RE: Recreation Plan – Staff Input

Parks & Recreation staff met via video conference on July 28, 2020, to provide input on recreation-related issues in Berkley. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Staff felt they did a good job overall meeting the needs of the community. They are proud of the level of service they provide, and this is reflected by well-maintained parks, the variety of programs offered, and the general satisfaction with the park system demonstrated by residents. They generally felt that they had a good connection with Berkley residents.
- Generally felt that staff size was large enough to manage the current facilities, but that additional staff would likely be needed if a new Community Center is built or if events like a Farmer's Market are added.
- Some felt that marketing and social media presence could be improved. Noted a need to better promote Parks and create a buzz around programming options.
- Availability of programs on the weekend was also considered a problem. Noted that most recreation centers are at their busiest on weekends, but Berkley's remains underutilized on Saturdays.
- The Community Center was the main focus of attention. Staff felt that they were able to do a lot with very limited space, but feel that they could do much more with better facilities.
 - The current facilities are only capable of handling one active event at a time, and the lack of a proper gym means that they cannot host events like basketball.
 - Teens and Seniors need their own dedicated spaces. Suggested including at least two larger event rooms that could be divided up for smaller groups or combined for larger, intergenerational events.
 - A game room, a walking track, gym space with multiple courts, large kitchen space, storage space, and dedicated indoor play area were suggested for inside the building.
 - A new center could also act as a central gathering place for the community; the building grounds could house a pavilion, a digital marquee sign to advertise events, and a wall for projecting movies in summer months.

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- One participant noted that a lot of young families are moving in to Berkley and they are used to better facilities.
 - Offering preschool at a new center could be a revenue generator, but noted that this was a controversial topic with the previous bond. Including a large kitchen space was also considered a dividing point.
 - There is no desire to see a pool in a new center; costs are too high, and staffing is problematic.
 - The La Salette School building was not viewed as a reasonable alternative. The age of the building meant that it was inadequate for most activities, and would require a major overhaul to meet the needs of the city.
- For the parks, all of the equipment is outdated. It is still safe and well maintained, but is reaching the end of its expected life span.
 - Staff liked the idea of looking for more unique play items, and moving away from the standard cookie-cutter play equipment.
 - Cited Maggie Daley Park in Chicago and Gallup Park in Ann Arbor as models to strive for.
 - Incorporating more ADA compliant features will be important, with a goal towards moving to universal design when new equipment is added.
 - Wheelchair merry-go-round, ziplines that swing, hide-out places, roly slides, birds nest swings, and bridges were some examples of desire equipment.
 - Adding exercise equipment or creating an exercise circuit was suggested.
 - There was definite interest in pocket park development. Benches, tables, and small play structures would be typical components. Pocket parks were identified as a place for residents to go and meet outdoor.
- Outside of the fields at Community Park, the ball fields in Berkley were described as being in poor condition. Improving grading and drainage and investing in upgraded dugouts and bleachers are necessary.
- Implementing smart park technology was viewed somewhat cautiously. Most agreed that electrical service was necessary, but there was concerns about safety. Benches with charging ports had some support, but were viewed as a maintenance issue (e.g. gum being stuck in the ports).
- Incorporating sustainability into park designs was viewed as a positive, but there were not a lot of suggestions for how it might work. Maintenance felt that items like rain gardens were possible and keeping them in order was relatively simple. Adding trees was viewed favorably.
- Staff did not think a dog park was feasible in Berkley. All of the parks are surrounded by residential areas, meaning noise would be a problem. There are few if any spaces large enough to accommodate a dog park in existing park properties. There were also concerns about residents not cleaning up after their pets.
 - They would like to see the ordinance changed to allow dogs in the parks. Adding dog refuse stations was also suggested.



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TO: Theresa McArleton, Parks Director
FROM: Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
DATE: August 7, 2020
RE: Recreation Plan – Virtual Community Open House – Summary of Comments

A virtual open house was held on August 6, 2020, to receive input from residents. The open house ran for approximately an hour and a half, and attracted around 15 residents. The following bullet items paraphrase the topics discussed and issues brought to our attention at the meeting.

- Participants were generally in favor of developing a new community center, but cautioned that it should be of an appropriate scale to the city. Meeting space, teen and senior center space, a flexible gym, and a running track were all desired amenities.
- One participant noted that there is a heavy emphasis on sports in the park, and unless you were doing something active there was little to do. They felt that cycling and walking activities were overlooked.
- Development of safe walking and cycling trails between and inside the area parks were requested. Adding bike racks and creating routes with clear maps, signage, and safety markings (e.g. sharrows) was also suggested. It was preferred that bike lanes be between the curb and parking to minimize interaction with cars. A linear park at along Twelve Mile near the cemetery was viewed as a way to begin developing trails through the city. One participant noted that the current bike routes are not well marked and “do not go where (he) wants to go”.
- Pocket parks were discussed as a way to reach more residents. Theresa McArleton noted that six different locations, most downtown, had been floated for consideration. Dorothea & Coolidge, Griffith & 12 Mile, and Royal & 12 Mile were all specifically mentioned as possible locations.
- Several participants noted a need for new play equipment at Berkley’s parks, with Kiwanis Tot Lot specifically mentioned. One resident requested swings at Community Park. Ms. McArleton noted that most parks would be receiving upgrades over the next couple of years, and that others had been updated recently.
- Gallup Park in Ann Arbor was mentioned as a model for development; the universal access features were especially appreciated.
- One resident was concerned about the development of Merchant-Oxford park. Her primary issue was the loss of practice space for the Berkley Steelers football team. She

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mentioned concerns about parking, cost for the development, and the apparent lack of progress on construction. Staff described the planning process surrounding the park development and that bids had been received and were going to be presented to City Council on August 10.

May 18, 2020

Dear City of Berkley,

I am writing to express my idea of building a dog park in Berkley. I think a dog park is a great idea because there are so many dogs in Berkley. Dogs absolutely love to run and play with their owners and with other dogs. A dog park would be a great area to play fetch and to have doggie play dates with dog friends. Many people don't have enough time to take their dogs on long walks so they could walk their dogs to the park and let them run loose to tire them out. A great spot for a dog park would be next to the Community Center where the old ice arena used to be or in the large grassy area next to Hurley Field. Many people let their dogs run loose in the baseball diamonds (which is prohibited) but if there were a dog park they wouldn't have to. Dog parks are not expensive to build because all one needs is a secure fence around the park, a shady area for the dogs to rest, and a dog waste bag station so the owners can clean up after their dogs. It is also a simple feature as there would not have to be much construction. Thank you for considering building a dog park in Berkley!

Sincerely,

Carolina [REDACTED]

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From: [Jennifer \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Chris Nordstrom](#)
Subject: Berkley Master Plan
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 12:20:54 PM

Chris,

I am the parent of a 2 year old and we live on Edgewood Blvd in Berkley. We are DESPERATELY in need of a park in our neighborhood! We are 1 mile or more from any of the other parks in our city. Yes, we will take the 30 minute or so walk or 10 min bike ride to go visit one but all the other neighborhoods in our community have one close by/ within walking distance. We visit the Tot Lot often but would love to have a closer nearby option. I am pleased to see the upgrades proposed for the parks as listed in the Master Plan. Just wanted to make sure my opinion was heard.

Thank you.

Jennifer [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Theresa McArleton](#)
Cc: [Chris Nordstrom](#)
Subject: Re: Recreation Master Plan
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 2:10:24 PM

Thank you both for your responses as I greatly appreciate it!

I would also like to add we have a decent amount of children residing on Edgewood between Coolidge and Henley and they will very often take to playing and hanging out on the Boulevard. Not the safest but largest amount of grass to play on without going across multiple lawns and driveways. Thought you might benefit from knowing this additional piece of information as it just adds further to why we are in need of a park in our area.

Thanks again and have a wonderful weekend!

Jennifer [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2020, at 10:23 AM, Theresa McArleton
<tmcarleton@berkleymich.net> wrote:

Good morning Jennifer,

Thank you very much for your email regarding Berkley parks and the Berkley Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We greatly and sincerely appreciate feedback regarding our parks, facilities and programs.

I definitely agree and the department recognizes that your section of the city would benefit from a park or recreation space. We will continue to work with the city to identify possible spaces and land that could allow us to develop a park in that neighborhood.

If you have additional thoughts or suggestions in the future, please do not hesitate to email or call me. Your opinions are most definitely heard and appreciated.

I hope you have a nice weekend and get to enjoy the sunshine.

Theresa McArleton

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The current Berkley Community Center (BCC) is located at 2400 Robina and abuts Hurley Field. The building was constructed in 1973. Over the years, the building has successfully served the community, but requires extensive upgrades in order to continue to do so. The facilities are undersized for current needs and lack dedicated gym and youth spaces. The building is also unable to provide programming opportunities for all age groups and activity levels. In addition, the roof, walls, foundations and all major building systems require extensive repairs or are past their useful life and require replacement.

In order to inform the decision-making process for the BCC on its future life and amenities, HRC has prepared a facility program analysis that identifies similar community center projects in neighboring communities and reviews several options for consideration for the future Berkley Community Center.



EXISTING PHOTOS



EXISTING SITE MAP

A comparison chart of other community centers in southeast Michigan has been included for reference below. Population size, overall facility size, desired amenities and rough construction costs should be considered when reviewing the options for the future BCC.

Southeast Michigan Community Centers				
Community	Population	Facility Size	Amenities	Estimated Cost in Today's Dollars
Berkley <i>Berkley Community Center</i> Opened 1973	15,425	8,100 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Meeting Rooms	\$3,000,000
Canton <i>Summit On The Park</i> Opened 1996	90,173	95,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Child Care, Banquet & Conference Center, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool	\$27,000,000
Huntington Woods <i>Gillham Recreation Center</i> Opened 2000	6,238	58,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Multi-Purpose Rooms, Outdoor Aquatic Center and Pool	\$19,000,000
Lapeer <i>Lapeer Community Center</i> Opened 1995	8,841	55,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Child Care, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Pool and Splashpad, Indoor Track, Racquetball	\$18,000,000
Livonia <i>Kirksey Recreation Center</i> Opened 2003	96,942	130,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Kid Quarters, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool, Indoor Track, Gymnastics Center, Rock Wall	\$32,000,000
Rochester <i>RARA Recreation Complex</i> Opened 2003	13,348	55,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Child Care, Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance, Gymnastics, Field House, Indoor Playscape	\$16,000,000
Troy <i>Troy Community Center</i> Opened 2008	80,980	127,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Seniors, Child Care, Banquet Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance & Aerobic Studios, Aquatic Center and Pool, Game Room	\$33,000,000
Sterling Heights <i>Sterling Heights Community Center</i> Opened 2020	132,964	98,000 Sq. Ft.	Gym, Teen, Child Care, Conference Center & Meeting Rooms, Fitness Center, Dance & Aerobic Studios	\$25,000,000
Warren <i>Warren Community Center</i> Opened 2003	140,000	180,000 Sq. Ft.	(3) Gyms, Seniors, Banquet & Conference Center, Fitness Center, Aquatic Center and Pool, Performing Arts Center, Batting Cages	\$39,000,000
Wixom <i>Wixom Community Center</i> Opened 1992	14,010	11,600 Sq. Ft.	Banquet & Conference Center, Seniors	\$5,000,000

OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BCC INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Option 1—Renovate the Existing Building and Construct an Addition to increase amenities
- Option 2—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility
- Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility
- Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

Option 1—Renovate Existing Building and Build Addition

A major renovation would be undertaken to repair and replace existing building systems and elements. Minor changes to the building layout could be accommodated in order to make the layout more functional as well as increase safety and flexibility. An addition would be constructed to the south of the existing building to add amenities and provide additional program space. This option could be done in phases to spread out costs over several years as well as to allow for continuous operations.

Option 2— Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility

A new facility would be constructed to the west side of the site where the existing parking lot (next to Hurley Field) is located. The existing facility would be demolished after the new building is constructed to allow for no disruption in service for the community. Amenities would include a Two-Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Rooms, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza.

Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility

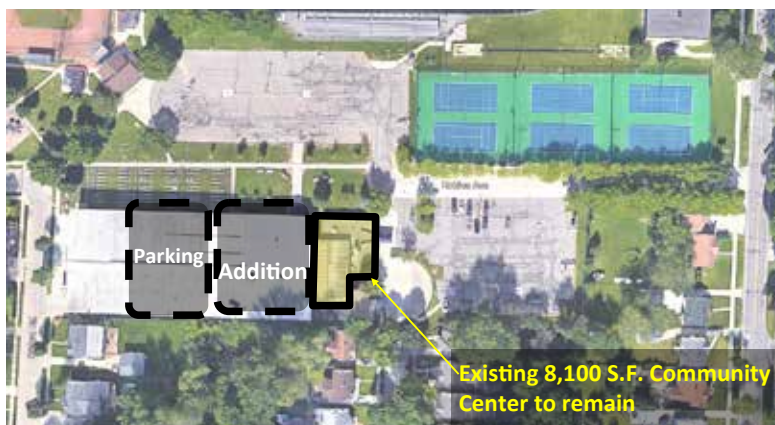
Similar to Option 2, a new facility would be constructed to the west side—this facility would have a larger footprint to accommodate additional program space. Amenities would include everything in the 20,000 sq. ft. option, plus Multipurpose Classrooms (for pre-School, childcare and enrichment classes), Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces (to support rental opportunities as well as create informal meeting and hang out spaces), Kitchen (for event catering as well as concessions), Indoor Playscape, Fitness Area and Track (with weight room and dance/exercise studios), and additional space for Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.

Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

This option would build upon Option 4, including all amenities in that plan, plus the addition of an Aquatic facility. This amenity would be placed at the north end of the new facility and would therefore require the relocation of two existing tennis courts. The Aquatic facility could also be constructed as a 2nd phase to the Option 3 plan, allowing costs to be deferred on this amenity until budget permits.

Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 1, Renovate/ Expand Existing Facility

Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost
PHASE 1—Renovate Existing		
Existing Building Renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof • Structural Repairs • Update HVAC & Electrical • Update Restrooms • Update Kitchenette • Update Offices & Meeting Spaces • Update Seniors Annex • Update Gym (Single Court) 	8,100 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000
Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate Existing Parking Lots & Sidewalks 		\$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000
PHASE 2—Expansion		
Commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception • Circulation 	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$100,000 to \$150,000
Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose Classrooms • Teen Room 	3,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$500,000
Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices 	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$150,000 to \$200,000
Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical/ Electrical • IT • Storage 	3,000 Sq. Ft.	\$450,000 to \$600,000
Gym Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locker Rooms • Gym Storage 	2,500 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$500,000
Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Parking • Utilities and Drainage • Site Lighting 		\$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000
Total	18,600 Sq. Ft.	\$8,000,000 to \$12,950,000



SCHEMATIC SITE LAYOUT

Note: The addition is currently planned as a single story structure. As an alternative, it could also be constructed as a two-story structure to provide additional program and amenity space—this would likely add between \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in additional costs to the overall estimates.

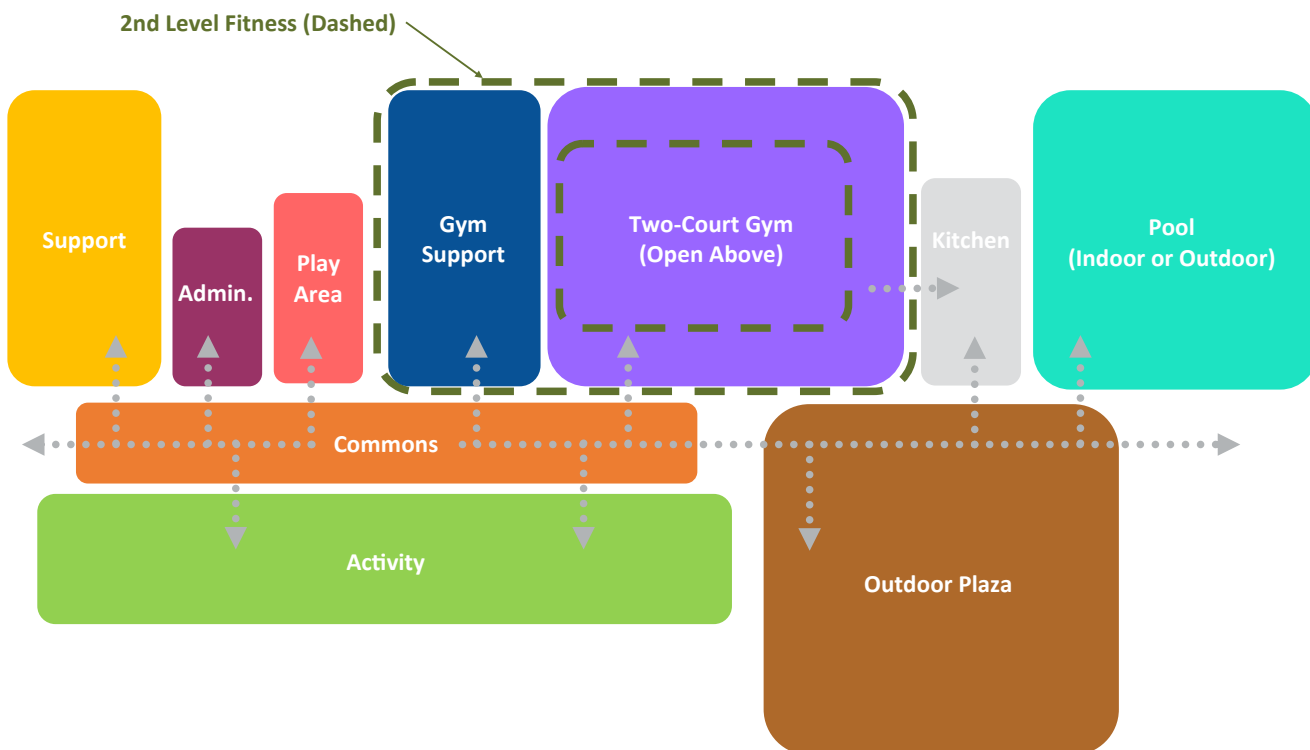
NEW CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS

As part of a long-term planning strategy, Stantec assisted the City in 2017-2018 by providing an in-depth program analysis for constructing the new BCC, which led to a bond initiative in 2018. A 2018 Town Hall presentation included the goals for the BCC, which were delineated as follows:



SCHEMATIC SITE LAYOUT

"The BCC will be flexible, providing space for recreation, gathering, social events, birthday parties, league play, banquets, preschool and more. Spaces will be designed to serve more than one purpose, keeping the Community Center active throughout the day and into the evening. The BCC will encourage programs to thrive and grow, both existing and new. Flexible spaces will ensure senior events, after school activities and art programs will have what they need for success. Wellness, dance, league and sport programs will have space for first-class experiences. Opportunities will abound to bring different groups together in new ways."



NEW 60,000 SQ. FT. COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEMATIC BUILDING LAYOUT

(PROGRAM COMPONENTS TO BE OMITTED OR REDUCED FOR 20,000 AND 40,000 SQ. FT. FACILITIES AS NOTED IN WRITEUPS)

Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 2, New 20,000 Sq. Ft. Facility		
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost
Commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception • Circulation 	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$100,000 to \$150,000
Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Room • Teen Room 	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$350,000
Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices 	1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$150,000 to \$200,000
Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical/ Electrical • IT • Storage 	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300,000 to \$500,000
Gym Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locker Rooms • Gym Storage 	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$500,000
Gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-Court Gym (no 2nd Level) 	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000
Outdoor Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Plaza 		\$250,000 to \$300,000
Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Utilities and Drainage • Site Lighting • Existing BCC Demolition 		\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000
Total	20,000 Sq. Ft.	\$6,450,000 to \$8,000,000

Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 3, New 40,000 Sq. Ft. Facility		
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost
Commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby Reception Circulation Gathering & Pre-Function Spaces 	5,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$600,000
Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multipurpose Classrooms Seniors Room Teen Room Community Meeting Room 	6,000 Sq. Ft.	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000
Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices 	1,600 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000
Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms Mechanical/ Electrical IT Storage 	7,000 Sq. Ft.	\$750,000 to \$1,000,000
Gym Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Rooms Gym Storage Event Storage/ Coats Nursing Room 	5,500 Sq. Ft.	\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000
Gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-Court Gym 	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000
Kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering/Warming Kitchen Indoor/ Outdoor Concessions 	900 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$500,000
Indoor Play Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playscape Coffee Nook 	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000
2nd Level Fitness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness Area (Weights & Cardio) Dance Studio Restrooms Indoor Track Elevator/Stairs 	12,000 Sq. Ft. (incl. in Gym Sq. Footage)	\$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000
Outdoor Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Plaza/Ice Rink 		\$500,000 to \$1,000,000
Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amphitheater Parking Utilities and Drainage Site Lighting Existing BCC Demolition 		\$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000
Total	40,000 Sq. Ft.	\$13,100,000 to \$17,200,000

Berkley Community Center Facility Program Analysis - Option 4, New 60,000 Sq. Ft. Facility		
Space Type	Area	Estimated Cost
Commons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby Reception Circulation Gathering & Pre-Function Spaces 	5,000 Sq. Ft.	\$400,000 to \$600,000
Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multipurpose Classrooms Seniors Room Teen Room Community Meeting Room 	6,000 Sq. Ft.	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000
Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices 	1,600 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000
Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms Mechanical/ Electrical IT Storage 	7,000 Sq. Ft.	\$750,000 to \$1,000,000
Gym Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Rooms Gym Storage Event Storage/ Coats Nursing Room 	5,500 Sq. Ft.	\$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000
Gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-Court Gym 	12,000 Sq. Ft.	\$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000
Kitchen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catering/Warming Kitchen Indoor/ Outdoor Concessions 	900 Sq. Ft.	\$250,000 to \$500,000
Indoor Play Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playscape Coffee Nook 	2,000 Sq. Ft.	\$200,000 to \$300,000
2nd Level Fitness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness Area (Weights & Cardio) Dance Studio Restrooms Indoor Track Elevator/Stairs 	12,000 Sq. Ft. (incl. in Gym Sq. Footage)	\$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000
Outdoor Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Plaza/Ice Rink 		\$500,000 to \$1,000,000
Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amphitheater Parking Utilities and Drainage Site Lighting Existing BCC Demolition 		\$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000
Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Relocation of Two Tennis Courts 	18,000 Sq. Ft.	\$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000
Total	58,000 Sq. Ft.	\$16,100,000 to \$23,200,000

OPTION SYNOPSES

Option 1—Renovate Existing Building and Build Addition

- 18,600 sq. ft. (Limited Footprint)
- More costly per Sq. Ft. to renovate than new construction due to inherent building problems
- Existing layout is limited, extensive repairs needed
- Single Court Gym, Seniors Space only, limited support and amenity spaces
- Phased construction allows costs to be deferred
- Cost: \$8,000,000 to \$12,950,000

Option 2— Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 20,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 20,000 sq. ft. (Limited Footprint)
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Cost: \$6,450,000 to \$8,000,000

Option 3—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 40,000 sq. ft.
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Multipurpose Classrooms, Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces, Indoor Playscape, Fitness Area, additional Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.
- Kitchen—promotes rental opportunities for special events
- Cost: \$13,100,000 to \$17,200,000

Option 4—Demolish Existing Building and Construct New 60,000 Sq. Ft. facility

- 60,000 sq. ft.
- New Construction—technological advances increase energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance
- Two Court Gym, Locker Rooms, Seniors and Teen Spaces, Restrooms, Administrative Offices and Outdoor Plaza
- Multipurpose Classrooms, Community Meeting Room, Gathering and Pre-Function Spaces, Indoor Playscape, Fitness Area, additional Storage, Restrooms, Offices and outdoor Ice Rink in the Plaza.
- Kitchen—promotes rental opportunities for special events
- Pool Facility—phased construction allows costs to be deferred
- Cost: \$16,100,000 to \$23,200,000