



Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028



Knight Amphitheater at Riverside Park

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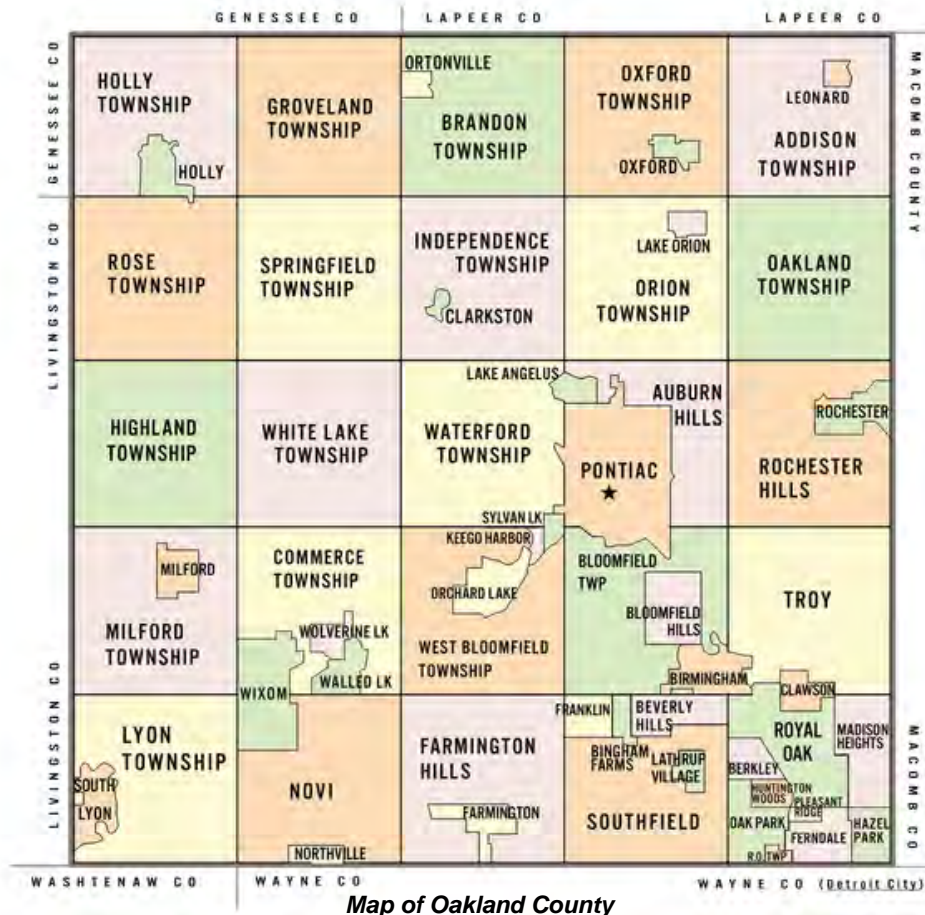
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This plan was developed by the City of Auburn Hills staff and consultants in partnership with the City's Recreation Commission and City Council. The plan focuses on key areas of recreation for the City, including, but not limited to, park acquisition and development, recreation programs and events, and parks and recreation planning and operations. This plan serves as an update and continuation of the 2019-2023 Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I. Community Profile

The City of Auburn Hills is a proud and dynamic, 17.5 square mile community with a population of approximately 24,360 residents living in a broad array of housing that includes single-family neighborhoods in various price ranges, apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and manufactured housing communities. Auburn Hills is centrally located in Oakland County, as shown in the map below.



Map of Oakland County

Auburn Hills is a young city, incorporated in 1983 from the former Pontiac Township. Characterized by rolling terrain, beautiful natural resources including the Clinton River, and thousands of Michigan hardwoods and evergreens, the community is committed to maintaining part of its rural character among its high-tech businesses. In addition, the City is home to several higher education institutions, including Oakland University and Oakland Community College. The City exploits its geographic location and the advantages of having the I-75 and M-59 transportation corridors running through the City, making it easy to access throughout southeast Michigan. The availability of large tracts of open land, along with a progressive tax abatement policy, has facilitated unprecedented development over the past 40 years.



Auburn Hills has established a reputation for being a financially healthy and innovative community that is home to numerous world-class businesses, a growing center for higher education, and diverse, vibrant neighborhoods. The City is recognized, among other accolades, as a “Livable Community” and a “Community for a Lifetime” that embraces a high quality of life for all its residents and the workforce of its businesses, which is expected to support steady population growth and nonresidential development for decades to come.

The Major Building Blocks of Our Community:



Global Business



Entertainment Destination



Center of Higher Education



Diverse Neighborhoods



Fostering a Sense of
Community



Active Community



Environmentally Progressive



Strong Tax Base

Global Business

Auburn Hills is home to over 80 international corporations. They include many high-tech facilities, with its largest employer being Stellantis N.V., which occupies property representing over 8.3% of the City's tax base. Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Michigan's second-largest regional shopping center and home to Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World is one of the City's many valued retail assets.



Stellantis North American Headquarters and Technical Center
504 acres / 5.4 million square feet in size

Entertainment Destination

The City is home to many entertainment venues, including Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre and Art Gallery, perfect for those looking to experience Broadway-quality theatre and museum-quality art close to home. SEA LIFE Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, and Round 1 Bowling & Amusement have found a home in Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. Along with Topgolf Auburn Hills and The HUB Stadium, these major venues provide the community with a wide range of choices to find fun and entertainment.



Great Lakes Crossing Outlets

Center of Higher Education

The City takes pride in hosting a growing number of institutions of higher learning, including Oakland University, Oakland Community College, and the Oakland University-William Beaumont School of Medicine, which together attract over 30,000 students.



Oakland University

Diverse Neighborhoods

City leaders have worked hard to protect the community's residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of nonresidential development and the impact of increased traffic. We recognize that healthy, safe, attractive, and diverse neighborhoods are essential to encourage a stable residential base. The strong desire to protect and invest in these areas is a core value in Auburn Hills. The City's recent recognition as a "Community for a Lifetime" and "Livable Community" demonstrates its commitment to residents of all ages.



Age-Friendly Auburn Hills Community Conversation – October 2023

Fostering a Sense of Community

Providing a variety of social and community events is a priority for the City because they help provide a sense of place and belonging – feelings that can translate into happy and healthy residents.

Events like the Bunny Bash, Halloween Spooktacular, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony bring families together during the holidays, while events like the Paddlepalooza, Fishing Derby, Summerfest, Friday Nights Downtown Music Series, and the Fall Festival in the Woods provide opportunities to enjoy the outdoors throughout the year.

Downtown activities and outdoor events like Reels by the Riverside, and SeptemBEERfest, along with amenities like the Splash Pad and Knight Amphitheater, help foster the City's continued growth.



Riverside Park Splash Pad – Summer 2023

Active Community

The City takes great pride in its nine parks and a wide range of award-winning recreational opportunities its residents and visitors can enjoy. Amenities include four major parks with a host of facilities; an Arthur Hills-designed championship golf course (Fieldstone Golf Club); a vibrant Community Center; E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park that features a lodge, six overnight cabins, and one pavilion; a Skate Park, two neighborhood tot-lots, and a 2-mile section of the popular 16-mile Clinton River Trail. Several miles of sidewalks and pathways throughout the city help make Auburn Hills “walkable” by connecting neighborhoods to parks, schools, businesses, and shopping with up-to-date pedestrian facilities.

The City also offers a full line-up of year-round recreation programs that accommodate people of all ages and abilities. The facilities available to the community are designed to accommodate everyone and offer a wide variety of exceptional opportunities for recreation and leisure time enjoyment by residents and visitors alike. Together, these programs and recreational facilities combine to offer residents an array of opportunities to stay active and healthy.



Rededication of Manitoba Park - May 2022

Environmentally Progressive

Throughout the years, environmental sustainability, water quality, land stewardship, and the aesthetic appearance of our community have been hallmarks of Auburn Hills’ planning consciousness. Park-like roadways lined with trees, and walking and bike paths linking the community and numerous parks are all evidence of the City’s harmonious integration of planned development and natural resources. Knowing the important role trees play in maintaining its community’s high quality of life, Auburn Hills has one of the strongest tree preservation policies in Michigan and has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the last twenty-one years. The community has a long-term strategic plan for a “River Walk” along the Clinton River that will link two major parks and enhance its downtown area as a destination for outdoor recreation. The Civic Center Campus, which includes the City’s Administrative Offices, Public Safety Building, Community Center, and Library, is architecturally consistent with its original historic buildings and illustrates the community’s interest in aesthetic appearance.



Arbor Day Tree Planting Event at Oakland Christian School – April 2023

Strong Tax Base

Tax records show that the Auburn Hills tax base is about 73% nonresidential taxpayers and 27% residential, which is uniquely the opposite of most municipalities. The generated revenue has allowed Auburn Hills to invest in its roads, infrastructure, municipal facilities, and neighborhoods. The City's property tax structure has allowed the City Council to maintain one of the county's lowest city property tax rates without compromising the quantity and quality of the services provided. Auburn Hills continues to nurture and implement its vision as a vibrant, diverse, and innovative community that offers a wide range of residential, business, academic, and development opportunities while retaining its natural beauty and small-town charm.



\$200 million GM Facility proposed at the former Palace of Auburn Hills site

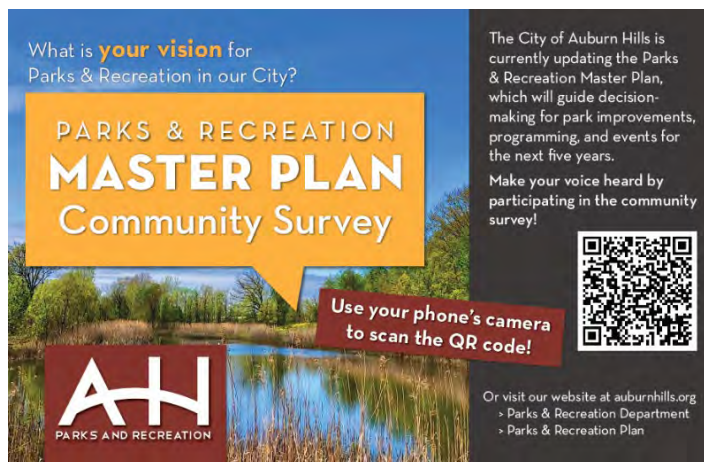
II. Planning and Administration

Overview of the Planning Process

Planning and accommodating parks and recreation in the City of Auburn Hills involves different aspects. The City emphasizes a consistent planning process to solicit ideas and public comments. This process is followed entirely in preparing this Parks & Recreation Master Plan, in preparing previous Master Plans, and followed in part annually to monitor programs and facility needs. The City also has an established administrative structure to establish the roles of staff and the City's appointed and elected bodies to ensure an organized hierarchy is utilized during planning and implementation.

1. Public Participation

The first step in the planning process was obtaining public input and community interests using program and event participant evaluation forms. Community input was collected to obtain public opinion on the Recreation and Senior Services Department's activities, events, and services. The Parks & Recreation Master Plan is developed to inform governance by understanding the attitudes, values, and concerns of City residents. Data was collected through a questionnaire and in-person small group community feedback sessions. Recreation staff developed a questionnaire related to recreational programs, events, and facilities and utilized Survey Monkey for a period of five months from June 2022 to October 2022. The questionnaire was publicized using social media and the City's website. Signage was displayed in all parks. Buck slips were sent in the water bill, and flyers were passed out at all events and the Community Center. A total of 401 responses were collected. Additionally, four community feedback sessions were available to attend in person. A total of three people attended the in-person feedback sessions. A summary and analysis of the data are outlined, and the actual data tables from the survey are provided in the Appendix of this plan.



2. Community Profile

The second step was to review the US Census data of the area's social and physical characteristics, which are detailed on the SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) website. These characteristics include population statistics, including the age/sex distribution, people with physical disabilities, types of households, employment, and income, as well as the community's climate, soils, topography, vegetation, wildlife, and a brief description of the City's master land use plan and zoning.

3. Recreation Inventory and Analysis

The third step was to conduct an inventory and analysis of the City's existing recreational facilities. The recreation inventory included site visits and written descriptions of recreational facilities in the City of Auburn Hills, including City parks, schools, and private facilities. The information included acreage, buildings, types of recreational activities, types of equipment, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's recreational facilities. Based on the data collected, information was analyzed following National Recreation and Parks Association guidelines, the staff's experience, the residents'

desires, and potential funding sources. This information allowed the City to refine the key issues addressed in the plan. The City's non-motorized pathway system was also reviewed, and new recommendations for implementation were formulated.

4. Action and Implementation Program

Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide the framework for the action program. The goals and objectives were first reviewed by City staff, the Recreation Commission, and the City Council to build consensus on strategies. Goals and objectives were converted to specific action items organized by year over the timeframe of the five-year plan. The five-year plan offers a format that allows the reader to understand what action is to be accomplished, where it will occur, when it occurs, who will accomplish the action, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources. It also functions as a guide for the City to follow each year.

5. Plan Completion and Adoption

Lastly, once consensus was reached amongst City officials, a public hearing was held to present the plan's recommendations and solicit public input before adoption. Public input was obtained, and the document was adopted by both the Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Overview of the City's Administrative Structure

The ability to plan for and accommodate parks and recreation in the City of Auburn Hills involves a variety of stakeholders. The City has an established administrative structure of elected and appointed officials, supported by staff, which ensures that an organized hierarchy is utilized during plan formation and implementation, as outlined below.

1. City Council

The Auburn Hills City Council engages in ongoing strategic planning efforts and guides parks and recreation operations. Working with City employees, the City Manager ensures that City Council guidance regarding parks and recreation is properly planned for and implemented.



City of Auburn Hills Mission, Vision, and Values

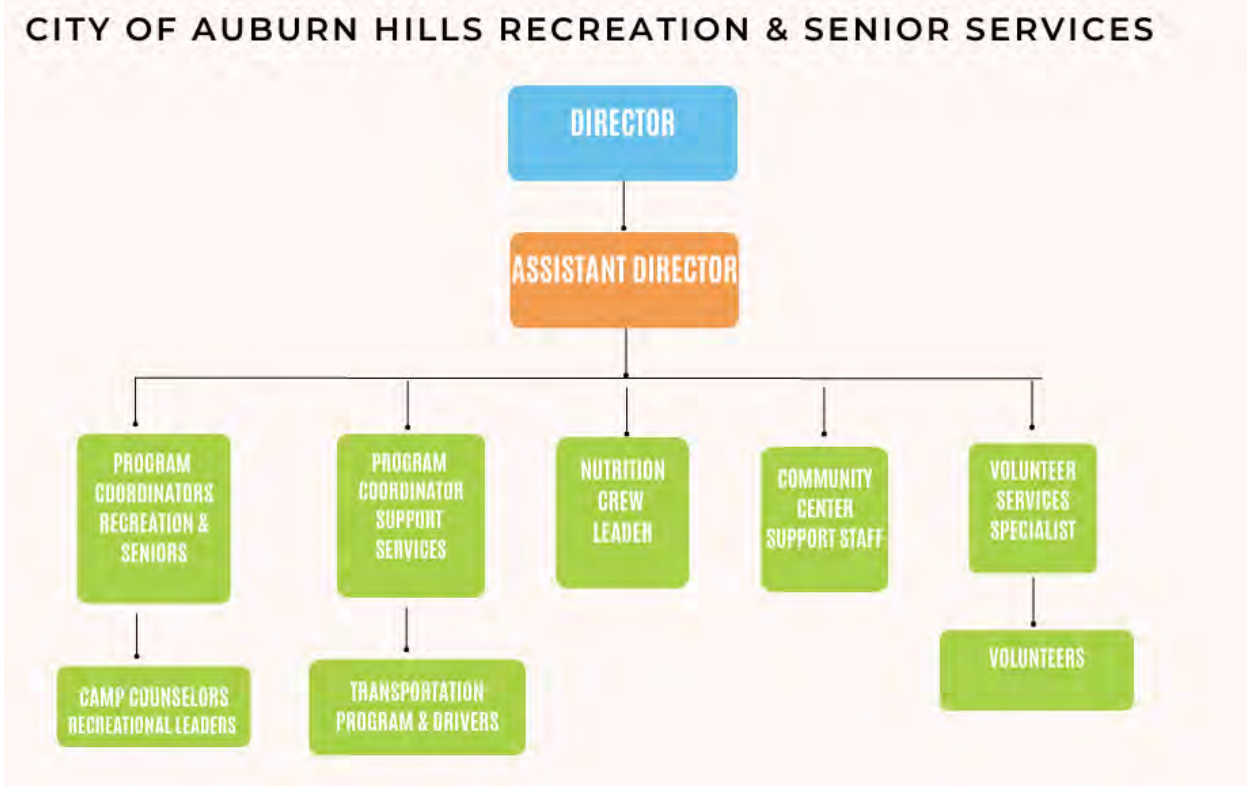
2. Recreation Commission

The Auburn Hills Planning Commission serves a dual role and acts as the Recreation Commission for the City when needed. Established under Act 261 of 1965 as amended, the nine (9) member Recreation Commission acts on items related to park planning, park development, parkland acquisition, pathway development, and grant-related recreation projects or acquisitions. The Planning Commission typically meets monthly, with the last meeting in December designated for special planning workshops.

3. Parks and Recreation Related Staff

The chart below illustrates that the City of Auburn Hills employs six full-time Recreation and Senior Services Department staff members, one Director and one Assistant Director, four Program Coordinators, three Specialists, as well as 18 part-time Community Center support staff, and 25-30 seasonal instructors, leaders, and field support staff. The Department also coordinates more than 200 volunteers annually to assist in various areas. The Department of Public Works Municipal Grounds

Division includes one Director, one Manager, one Crew Leader, and eight full-time employees, and adds 5-10 seasonal employees annually between May and September.



4. **Roles and Responsibilities**

The Recreation and Senior Services Department staff work with the City Manager's Office, Department of Public Works (DPW), Community Development Department, and the Recreation Commission for park planning, park and facility development projects, parkland acquisition, and recreation grant-related items/projects. Program and event planning is managed by the Department of Recreation and Senior Services, while the DPW Municipal Properties Division manages maintenance of the City Park facilities. Major park projects, including grant-assisted projects, are coordinated using a team-centered approach. The team includes staff members from the Department of Recreation and Senior Services, DPW Municipal Properties Division, with support from the City Manager's Office, the Community Development Department, and the City's consulting engineers.

5. **Current Year and Projected Annual Budgets**

2023 funding for Recreation and Senior Services and Parks for operating, maintenance, and capital budgets is \$2,212,934, with \$458,895 for revenues anticipated, gained primarily through program activity fees and rentals. New and creative cost-saving methods will continue to be needed to maintain the high levels of service that the community has come to expect.

6. **Volunteers**

The City of Auburn Hills utilizes the services of a strong volunteer basis. Volunteers are used to assist and enhance community events, recreation programs, social services, Meals on Wheels, and special events. The Auburn Hills business community is extremely generous with monetary donations, providing volunteers for special events, and promoting our programs and service opportunities to employees and customers. The City's Teen Volunteer program offers teenagers the opportunity to gain valuable working and volunteer experiences assisting in various recreational programs and events like Summer Camp and Summerfest. This City is also fortunate to have volunteer adult coaches for most of our youth athletic leagues. The Recreation & Senior Services Department utilizes volunteers in areas

such as Meals-on-Wheels, Vial of Life, Focus Hope food delivery, and several other programs. All volunteers in the community are recognized at least annually through various methods.



Volunteer Rake and Run Program to Assist Seniors

7. **Partnerships**

The City has developed the following partnerships with private organizations to maintain and/or operate a portion of our recreation programs:

- A. **American House Senior Residences**
- B. **Avondale School District** - youth basketball
- C. **Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce** – Downtown Summerfest and other community events
- D. **Auburn Hills Noon Optimist Club** - annual Car Show By the River
- E. **Auburn Hills Rotary** - volunteers for programs and sponsorship of the annual MLK, Jr. Day, "Operation Cover Me" blanket program
- F. **Bass Pro Shops, Trout Unlimited, and the Detroit Area Steelheaders** - River Day Fishing Derby assistance and support
- G. **Clinton River Watershed Council** – Paddlepalooza and river support
- H. **Friends of the Clinton River Trail** - Fall Classic Bike Ride and filling trail map boxes
- I. **Genisys Credit Union** - event sponsor support for Paddlepalooza, Summerfest, and Fall Festival
- J. **Michigan Flag Football** – NFL youth flag football
- K. **Nike Inc.** - volunteers for youth athletic programs
- L. **Oakland County Parks & Recreation and Sheriff's Department** - support and Hunter Safety classes
- M. **Oakland County Michigan Extension Services** – nutrition classes
- N. **Oakland University** - club sports/intramurals field use
- O. **Oakland University - Physical Therapy Department** - classes and hands-on experiences for students and seniors
- P. **Oakland University William Beaumont Medical School** - Phone Pal Program between students and seniors, educational programs for seniors
- Q. **Play 4 Fun Sports** - youth basketball leagues
- R. **Snomads/Snofari** - snowmobile safety

8. Relationships with Other Public Agencies

- A. **Avondale School District** – the City utilizes space at two elementary schools for a popular After School Activities programs in the spring and fall seasons. Avondale athletic teams use City park facilities (ball diamond, tennis courts, Clinton River Trail for training/conditioning). Annual City Arbor Day events are rotated annually and held at elementary schools, with all 5th graders participating in tree planting and learning the value of trees in the community.
- B. **Pontiac School District** – the City focuses on Will Rogers Elementary, the one elementary school in Auburn Hills for youth basketball, and Bicycle Safety Day with Optimist Club (police officers run the obstacle course and register bicycles).
- C. **Oakland University** – the City engages in cooperative use of each other's athletic fields for youth sports (flag football, soccer). Auburn Hills residents and senior citizens swim at the OU Aquatic Center during their open swim times.
- D. **The Oakland University Health Sciences and Physical Therapy Departments** – students provide educational and health lectures.
- E. **Oakland Community College** – the City coordinates and assists with live music series, senior citizens visit the Culinary Arts program
- F. **Oakland County Parks and Recreation** – provides assistance with community special events, summer sports camps, and summer adventure camps; the City sells Oakland County Park annual vehicle passes and helps promote Oakland County Parks and the OakRoutes Trail Network.
- G. **Oakland County Sheriff's Department** - provides instruction for the hunter safety program for youth and adults.
- H. **Auburn Hills Emergency Services** - provides CPR/First Aid courses, AED training, Stop the Bleed training, fire safety training, senior citizen Fire Academy, Vial of Life, Residential Lock Box Program, utility assistance, holiday help, and minor home repairs.
- I. **Auburn Hills Public Library** - provides reciprocal facility use, special event partners, Summer Camp reading/visits, a homebound Library program, and a book club.
- J. **City of Pontiac** – Auburn Hills is part of a five-city agreement for the management, maintenance, and operation of the 16-mile Clinton River Trail that crosses through the cities – the Clinton River Trail Alliance (CRTA) meets monthly with representatives from each of the five cities coordinating efforts related to the trail.
- K. **City of Rochester** – coordination with CRTA for Clinton River Trail.
- L. **City of Rochester Hills** – with CRTA for Clinton River Trail, also partners annually with the City of Rochester Hills to host the annual Paddlepalooza River event (canoe & kayak races, adventure paddle) utilizing and highlighting the Clinton River as a natural resource available to the communities for recreation – 2023 held 15th annual Paddlepalooza event including the Mayor's Cup Challenge.
- M. **City of Sylvan Lake** – coordination with CRTA for Clinton River Trail.
- N. **Fieldstone Golf Course** – provides youth and adult golf lessons, group outings, open play, and food service.

9. Other Important Relationships

- A. **Michigan Senior Olympics** – tournament host for disc golf, bounce volleyball, and pickleball competitions annually.
- B. **New Horizons Rehabilitation Center** – clients assist at the Community Center by helping with various projects and utilizing facilities. And delivering Meals on Wheels
- C. **Rochester Avon Recreation Authority** – joint programming for youth athletics and other programs.
- D. **Tree City USA**

III. Parks and Recreation Inventory and Analysis

The primary task of the planning process was to evaluate the existing park facilities, recreational programs and events, and the non-motorized pathway system within the City of Auburn Hills. Staff completed site visits to all facilities to provide accurate and updated information on the City park system.

This chapter uses the classification system created by the National Recreation and Park Association to serve as a guide. It is noted that the national standards are not intended to be used as an absolute blueprint for park and recreation planning.

City's Existing Park System

The National Recreation and Park Association suggests that a park system, at a minimum, be composed of a "core" system of parklands, with a total of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. The City of Auburn Hills has a present population of approximately 24,000 people, with a potential build-out estimated at around 28,000 persons. Therefore, based on the above national standards, the City of Auburn Hills should have 150 to 252 acres of parkland today and 175 to 294 acres of parkland at build-out. **The City of Auburn Hills currently has a "core" system of parkland comprising 210 acres, which is consistent with the recommended national standard for municipalities as referenced above.** This figure does not include the City's 179.5-acre public golf course, the undeveloped 5.26-acre Amberwood Conservation Area, public/private school facilities, and private recreation areas. The City's existing park system is described below (see Map # 1. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**).

**City of Auburn Hills
Review for Consistency with National Standards for Parks**

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation	
Mini-Parks (a.k.a., Play Lots)	<u>Description:</u> Small areas are intended primarily for children up to early elementary grades.	<u>Recommended:</u> Today: 10 acres Build-Out: 15 acres	<u>PUBLIC FACILITIES</u> These parks are maintained by the City of Auburn Hills
	<u>Contents:</u> Play equipment, swings, slides, sandboxes, benches.	<u>Have:</u> Public - 3.07 acres Private – <u>5.7 acres</u> Total – 8.77 acres	<u>Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park</u> (0.94 acres) Located on Phillips Road, north of Pontiac Road. Includes fire themed play equipment for tots ages 2-5, fire chief spring rider cars, fire engine spring rider, swing set, balance beam, and open space.
	<u>Population served:</u> Serves toddlers to age nine. It should be designed to have areas that accommodate adult gatherings. <u>Service area and accessibility:</u> The service area is confined to a sub-neighborhood level of 500 to 2,500 residents within a 1/4-mile area and walking distance. <u>Acres/1,000 people:</u> No ratio established; suggested 0.5 acres <u>Size range:</u> 0.3 to 2 acres.	<u>Need:</u> Today: 1.23 acres Build-out: 6.23 acres	<u>Manitoba Park</u> (2.13 acres) Located on Manitoba Road, west of Baldwin Road. Includes a play structure with slide, swings, climber, animal spring riders, sand volleyball court, picnic shelter, picnic tables, benches, and open space.
			<u>PRIVATE FACILITIES</u> These parks are financed by subdivision/condominium associations and include open space and various playground equipment. <u>Built – 5.7 acres</u> Bloomfield Orchards, Adams Ridge, and Hunt Club

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation	
Neighborhood Playgrounds	<p><u>Description:</u> Designed to provide both active and passive short-term activities. Usually located adjacent to public schools.</p> <p><u>Contents:</u> Distinct play areas for preschool and school-age children, shelter structures, open space, multiple-use paved for court games, areas for field games, some off-street parking, and lighting.</p> <p><u>Population served:</u> The general focus is for ages 5 to 14, with informal recreation for all ages. One per 1,000 to 5,000 population: possibly one for every elementary school.</p> <p><u>Service area and accessibility:</u> Neighborhood. Walking distance within a 1/2 mile radius.</p> <p><u>Acres/1,000 persons:</u> 1.5 acres</p> <p><u>Size range acres:</u> 4 to 8 acres</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> Today: 30 acres Build-Out: 45 acres</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC FACILITIES</u> The City of Auburn Hills maintains these parks.</p>
		<p><u>Have:</u> Public - 10.86 acres Public School – 93.0 acres <u>Private School – 41.5 acres</u> Total – 145.36 acres</p> <hr/> <p><u>Need:</u> Today: None * Build-out: None *</p> <p>* There are no significant neighborhood playgrounds or school facilities in Northwest Corner and Vinewood Neighborhoods.</p>	<p><u>Riverside Park</u> (7.86 acres) Located on the southeast and north side of the Clinton River at the northwest corner of Parkways Road and Auburn Road. Includes amphitheater, splash pad, river trail, pavilion, two gazebos, play structure, swings, water feature, and restrooms.</p> <p><u>Skate Park</u> (3 acres) 5.06 Located along the Clinton River and adjacent to the core downtown, the Skate Park is designed for skateboards, in-line skates, and BMX bikes. Includes vertical and street style ramps and rails for beginner to advanced and picnic tables.</p> <hr/> <p><u>PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES</u> (93.0 acres) Quasi -Public</p> <p>Avondale High School The high school provides both indoor and outdoor recreation in the form of a lighted football field and track, three lighted ball diamonds, two gyms, eight tennis courts, and an auditorium.</p> <p>Auburn Elementary School Outdoor facilities include play structures, swing sets, slides, basketball hoops, bike racks, a soccer field, open space, and a varsity softball field with an indoor gym.</p> <p>R. Grant Graham Elementary School Outdoor facilities include a ball field, open space, play structures, swing sets, tether ball poles, and several benches. The only indoor facility is a gymnasium.</p> <p>Will Rogers Elementary School Outdoor recreation at the school consists of a ball field, basketball court, and assorted playground equipment, including swings and a play structure.</p> <hr/> <p><u>PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES</u> (41.5 acres)</p> <p>Oakland Christian School This school offers private education from pre-school through high school and recreation is both active and passive, both indoor and outdoor.</p>

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation	
Neighborhood Parks	<p><u>Description:</u> Landscaped natural park of limited size primarily for passive recreational needs of all ages but with designated active areas. Provides some scenic and aesthetic value.</p> <p><u>Content:</u> Open lawn space, shrubbery, small picnic areas, drinking fountain, miniature scenic paths or nature walks, area for court games if not provided at a nearby recreation facility, off-street parking, lighting. Has some program potential.</p> <p><u>Population served:</u> For all ages. From small neighborhoods to 10,000 people maximum.</p> <p><u>Service area and accessibility:</u> Entire neighborhood. If the park is unique, it may attract others from another neighborhood.</p> <p><u>Acres/1,000 persons:</u> 1.5 acres</p> <p><u>Size range acres:</u> 5 to 8 acres</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> Today: 30 acres Build-Out: 45 acres</p>	<p>PUBLIC FACILITIES The City of Auburn Hills maintains these parks.</p>
		<p><u>Have:</u> Public – 27.2 acres Private – 425 acres Total – 458 acres</p> <hr/> <p><u>Need:</u> Today: 2.8 acres * Build-out: 17.8 acres *</p> <p>* There are no neighborhood parks or school facilities in Northwest Corner and Vinewood Neighborhoods.</p> <p>New parks should be considered for development to enhance these areas:</p> <p><u>Amberwood Conservation Area</u> (5.26 acres) Located in an area north of Lake Angelus Road and west of Amberwood Street, it includes preserved natural space. The site is currently undeveloped.</p> <p><u>Vinewood Pond</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scenic views <p><u>Kayak Point Park (future)</u> (8 acres) Located at the northeast corner of Auburn Road and Opdyke Road, along the Clinton River. The park will feature over 800 feet of frontage, a kayak and canoe launch, a river pathway, viewing areas with benches, a pavilion, and kayak lockers.</p>	<p><u>Clinton River Trail Linear Park</u> (25 acres – 2.1 miles) Located in the southern portion of Auburn Hills, the east-west hiking and biking trail includes recycled asphalt surface and improved intersections/road crossings. This trail is part of the larger 16 mile Clinton River Trail and part of Michigan's Great Lake to Lake Trail.</p> <p><u>Park #8</u> (2 acres) – added in 2013 Located on the north side of Parkways Boulevard, between Jotham Avenue and Prospect Court. Includes open space.</p> <p><u>Public Square (proposed)</u> (0.15 acres) Located on the south side of Auburn Road at the south end of North Squirrel Road. Features include picnic tables and a removable stage.</p> <hr/> <p><u>PRIVATE FACILITIES</u> ** (425 +/- acres) Open space/passive park area preserved as part of private development projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dutton Tech Park PUD ▪ Hawthorn Forest ▪ Sheffield Estates ▪ Arbor Cove Condos ▪ Heritage in the Hills ▪ Auburn Grove PUD ▪ Paramount Estates ▪ Lake Village Apartments ▪ Joslyn Commerce Park ▪ Great Lakes Crossing Wetland Mitigation Area ▪ Apostolic Church ▪ First & Main PUD ▪ Mosaic of Auburn Hills PUD ▪ Sumerlyn PUD ▪ Villa Montclair PUD ▪ Clover Senior Housing PUD ▪ Residences at River Trail PUD <p>** Private facilities are primarily open spaces with limited active recreation opportunities.</p>

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation	
Major Community Parks	<p><u>Description:</u> A large natural area and/or landscaped area to provide urban dwellers escape from city congestion without traveling a large distance. Designed to accommodate many people and a wide variety of activities. Provides for both intensive use and passive use.</p> <p><u>Content:</u> Provides for a combination of intensive and non-intensive development ranging from play apparatus to bicycle trails. Typical facilities include swimming, picnic tables, paths, game courts, gardens, natural areas, pavilion, ample parking, and sanitary facilities. It may include multipurpose trails internally or as part of a system.</p> <p><u>Population served:</u> All ages, toddler to retiree. Serves the whole community.</p> <p><u>Service area and accessibility:</u> Entire population</p> <p><u>Acres/1,000 persons:</u> 6.5 acres</p> <p><u>Size range acres:</u> 25+ acres</p>	<p><u>Recommended:</u> Today: 130 acres Build-Out: 195 acres</p>	<p>PUBLIC FACILITIES The City of Auburn Hills maintains these parks.</p>
		<p><u>Have:</u> 168.83 acres</p> <hr/> <p><u>Need:</u> Today: None Build-out: 34.17 acres</p>	<p>Civic Center Park and Municipal Campus (51.33 acres) Located in the heart of the City at the southwest corner of N. Squirrel Road and University Drive. The park includes natural areas with trails, two pavilions, one softball field, a multi-sport athletic field, a disc golf course, two play structures, three tennis courts and two restroom buildings. Also includes City Hall, Community Center, Library, and administrative offices.</p> <p>E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park and Campground (86 acres) Located on Bald Mountain Road in the northeast portion of the City. Features include a main lodge, six sleeping cabins, a restroom/shower building, one gazebo, one pavilion, a multi-feature play structure, a slide and tunnel, picnic tables, two fire pits, a gaga ball pit, two miles of nature trails with interpretive signage and five outdoor "classrooms."</p> <p>River Woods Park (31.5 acres) Located on the east side of Squirrel Road, south of M-59. It includes a river trail and paved pathway system with a bridge over the Clinton River, a pavilion with restrooms, basketball courts, picnic areas, a play structure, swings, BBQ grills, and open space/natural areas.</p>



MDNR Recreation Grant Inventory

The following is a list of DNR grants received by the City of Auburn Hills:

Grant number: 26-01023 T1 (1977)

Park name: Civic Center Park (formerly Pontiac Township Park)

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Paved parking – good, asphalt re-surfaced several times, more parking added
- Shelter – good, re-shingled 2-3 times, added electrical
- 2 shuffleboard courts – removed when new Community Center built in 2006 – replacement courts 2007 w/new Comm Center
- Picnic equipment – if bbq grills and picnic tables, several replaced over the years
- Ball diamond w/bleachers – many improvements made: infield materials, outfield grass, new outfield and player bench fencing, new bleachers, new player benches, expanded parking area, scoreboard, foul poles
- Group camping area – fire circle removed when we opened up E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center overnight campground in 1995 – all camping at Hawk Woods
- Trails and physical fitness course – good
- 2 tennis courts – 1 court added with next grant, have 3 total, re-surfaced 3 times
- Toilet building – good, added new roof, new ceilings, partitions, fixtures, air heat dryer in restrooms
- Well & septic field – capped/closed, not used, have city water/sewer for restroom building
- Observation deck – good, repairs made to wood
- LWCF plaque – yes



Grant number: 26-01104 W1 (1980)

Park name: Civic Center Park (formerly Pontiac Township Park) Phase III

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- 1 tennis court – have 3 total, re-surfaced 3 times, new nets, new fencing
- Parking lot – good, re-surfaced several times, more parking added
- Picnic equipment – if bbq grills/picnic tables, several replaced over the years
- Playground equipment – wood structures were replaced with more modern playground equipment at all parks in 2000
- LWCF plaque – yes



Grant number: 26-01153 (1980)

Park name: Riverside Park (formerly Auburn Heights Park) Acquisition

Acquisition: Yes

- Area of park acquired: 5 acres
- How it's currently being used: municipal park
- Condition of recreation facilities on the parcel: good
- LWCF plaque - yes



Grant number: 26-01447 (1985)

Park name: Auburn Hills Riverside

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Barbecue and picnic equipment – grills and picnic tables replaced/maintained
- Restroom – good, replaced partitions, fixtures, heat dryers
- Canoe launch - good
- LWCF plaque - yes



Grant number: 26-01403 (1985)

Park name: Civic Center Park Phase I

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Ballfield seating – replaced with new in 2004
- Play center – replaced with new in 2000
- Disc golf course – good, repairs to baskets made, tee boxes maintained
- Fishing and observation platform – good
- LWCF Plaque – yes



Grant number: BF93-115 (1993)

Park name: Hawk Woods Nature Center

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Parking lot/roads - good
- Lighting and signage - good
- Bridge and Boardwalk Renovation – good, repairs made regularly
- 6 picnic tables/grills – good, 6 more tables added, some grills replaced
- No plaque available

Grant number: TF93-117 Riverside Acquisition (1993)

Park name: River Woods Park

Acquisition: Yes

- Area of park acquired: 27 acres
- How it is currently being used: municipal park
- Condition of recreation facilities on the parcel: good
- TF Plaque – yes



Grant number: TF94-035 Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center (1994)

Park name: Hawk Woods Nature Center

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Crushed limestone trails – good
- TF Plaque – yes



Grant number: TF95-090 Hawk Woods Nature Center (1995)

Park name: Hawk Woods Nature Center

Development: Yes

Scope items:

- Pavilion with restrooms and showers - good
- Water/Sewer extension - yes
- Gazebo – was in a remote area and nearly destroyed by vandals, city employees repaired it and re-located it to a more visible location next to the observation deck in Civic Center Park by the pond – current condition is good
- TF Plaque – yes



Grant number: TF96-078 Civic Center Park Expansion (1996)

Park name: Civic Center Park

Acquisition: Yes

- Area of park acquired: 9 acres
- How it is currently being used: municipal park, athletic field
- Condition of recreation facilities on the parcel: good
- TF Plaque – yes



Grant number: TF00-092 New City Park Development (2000)

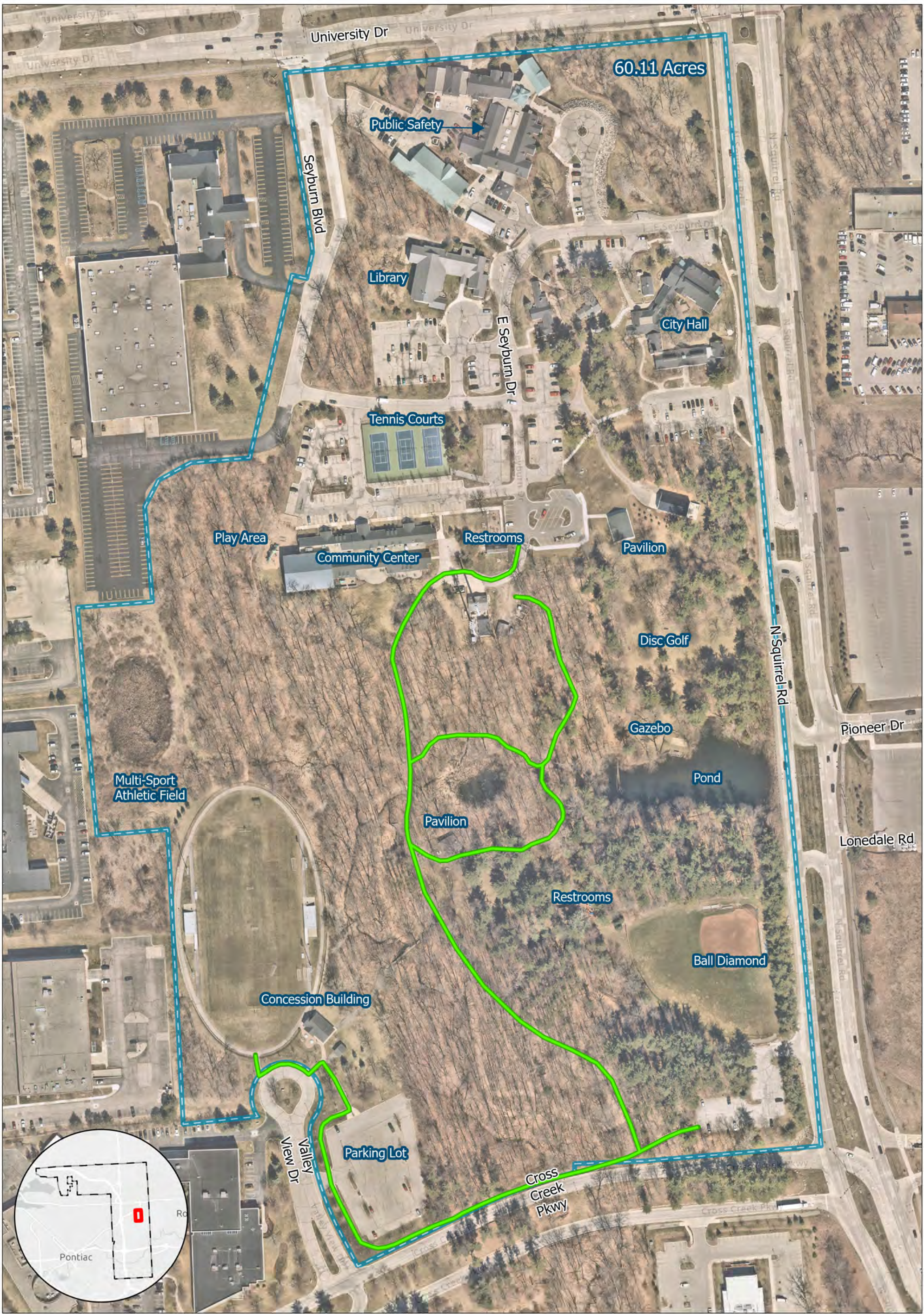
Park name: River Woods Park

Development: Yes

Scope items:

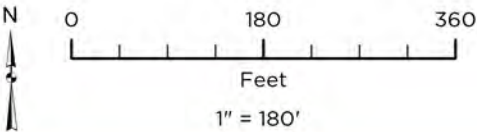
- Entrance drive - good
- Parking lot - good
- Trail – system good
- Picnic area with tables and grills - good
- Pedestrian bridge - good
- Picnic shelter - good
- Playground - good
- Restroom building - good
- Lighting and landscaping – good
- TF Plaque – yes





City of Auburn Hills Civic Center & Park

- Park Path
- Civic Center Park Boundary



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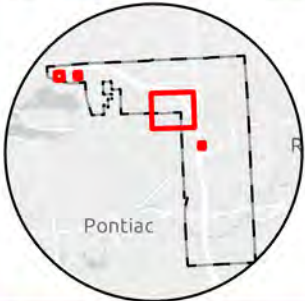
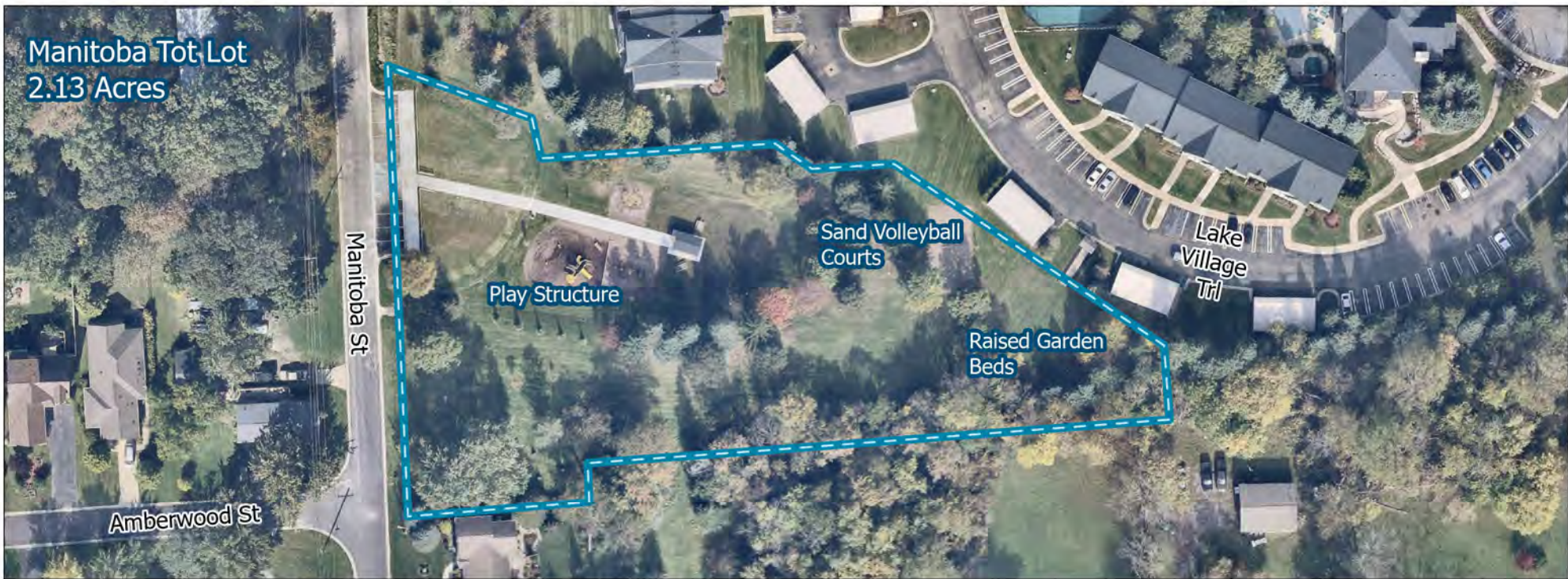
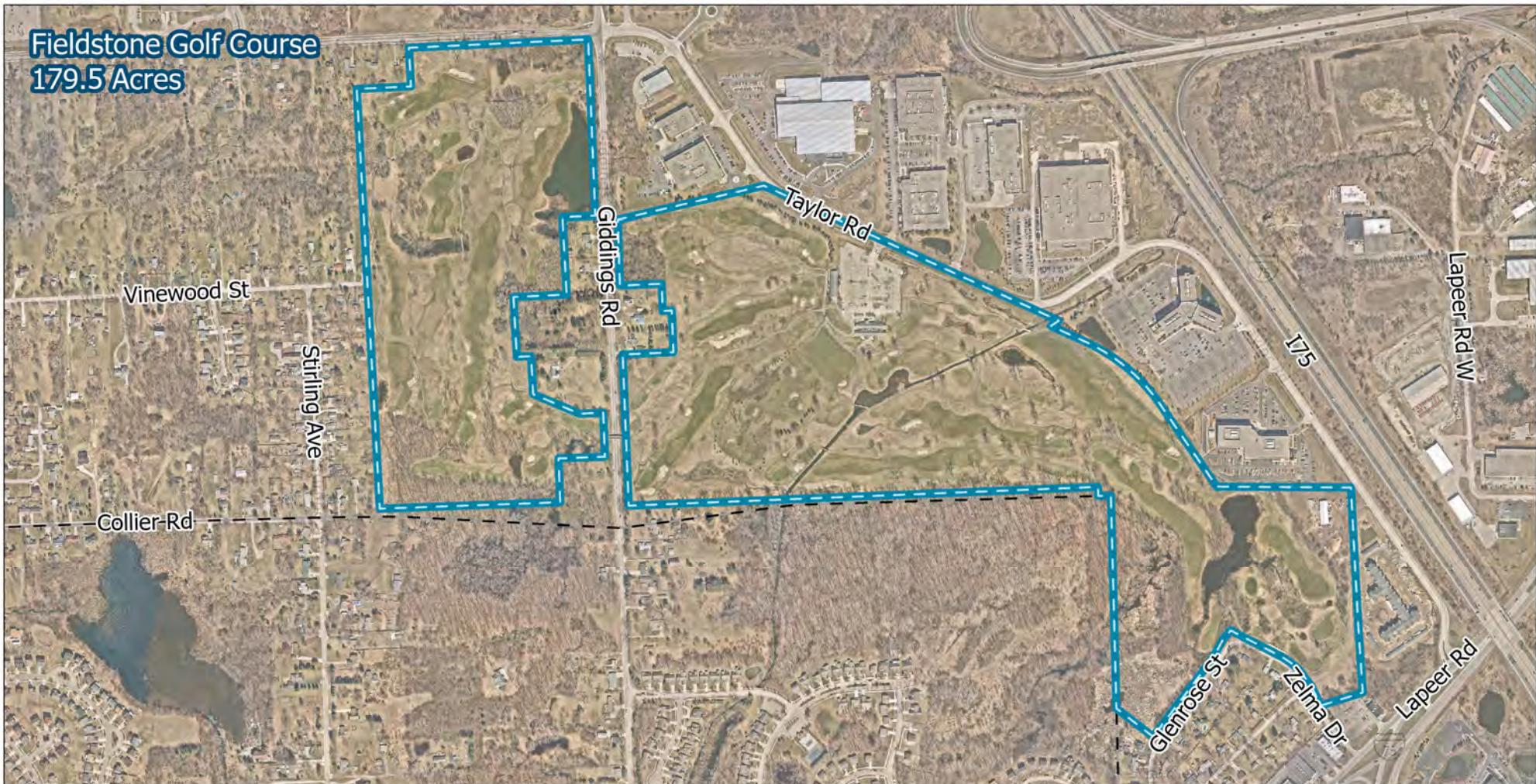
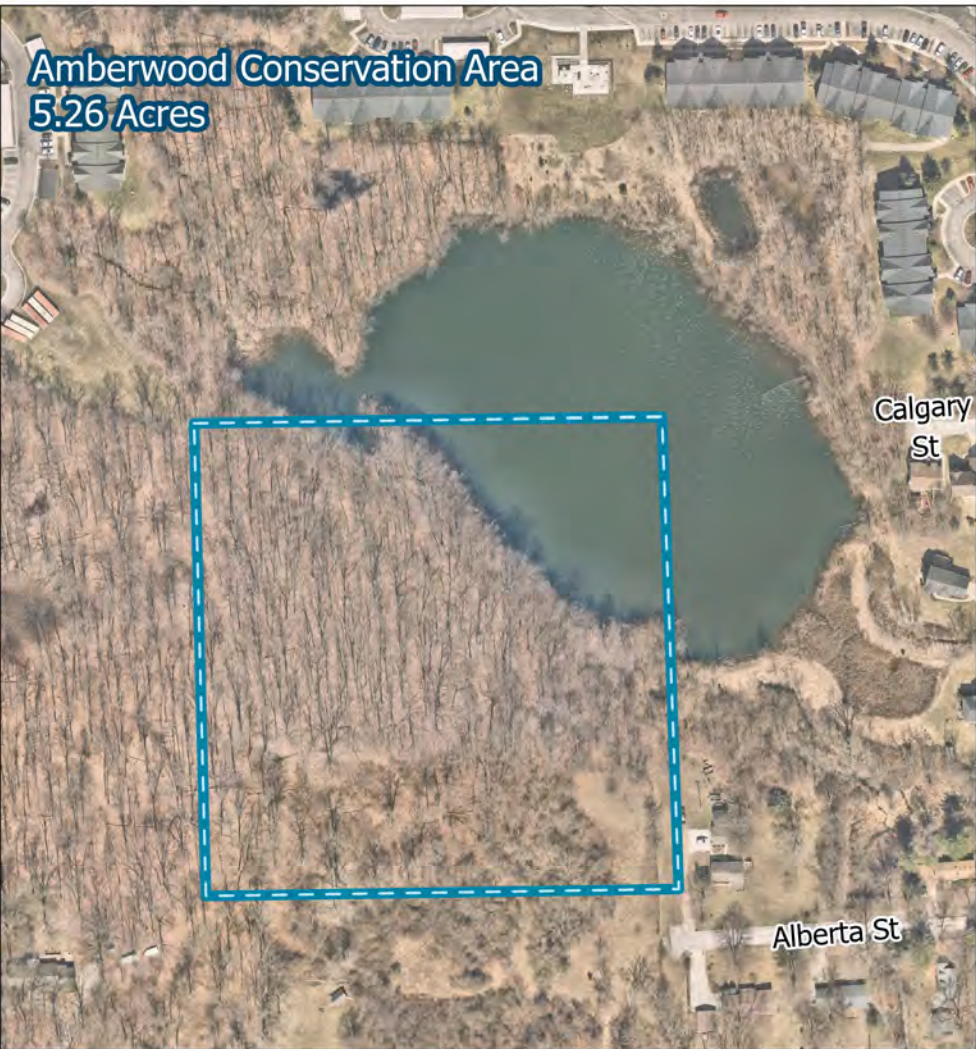
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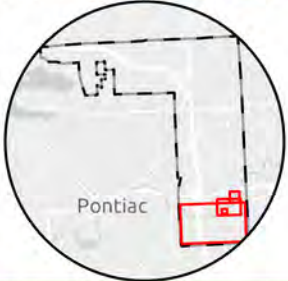
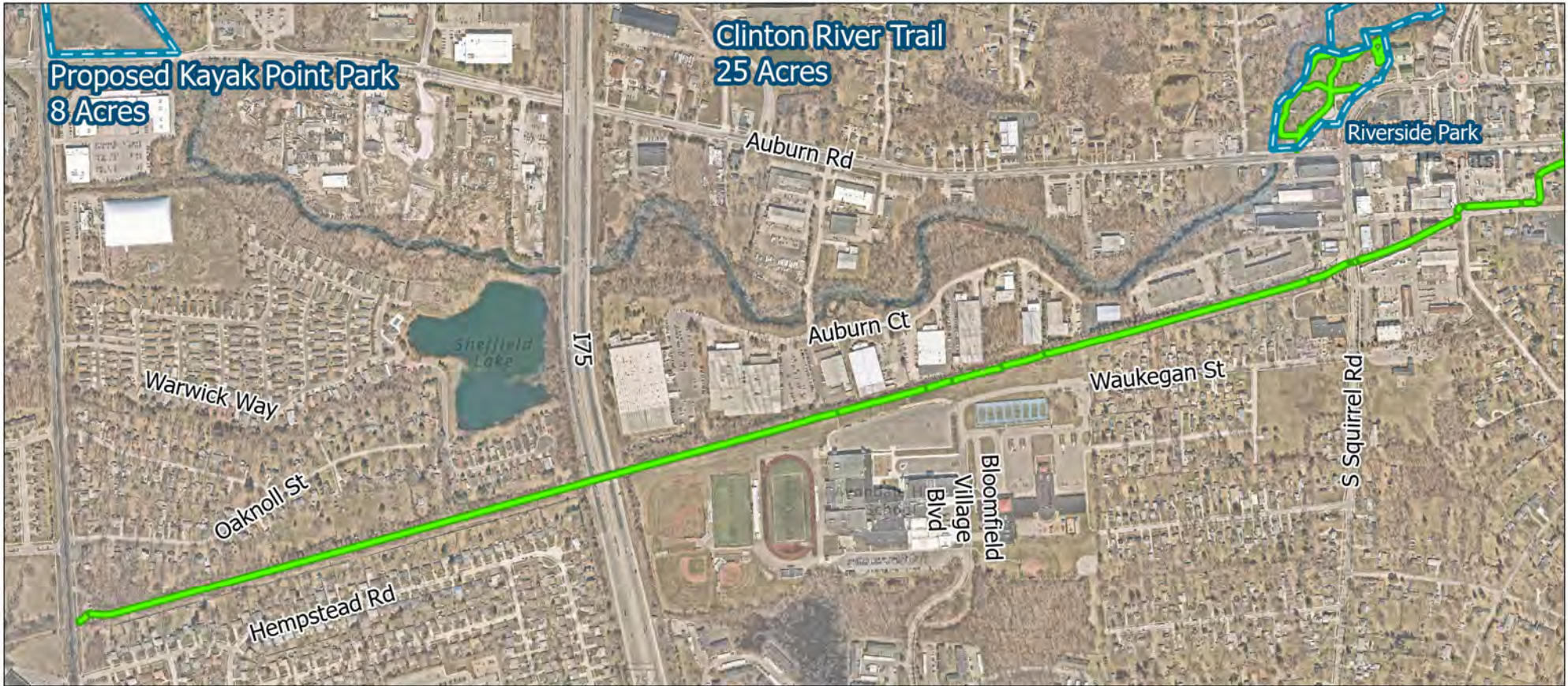
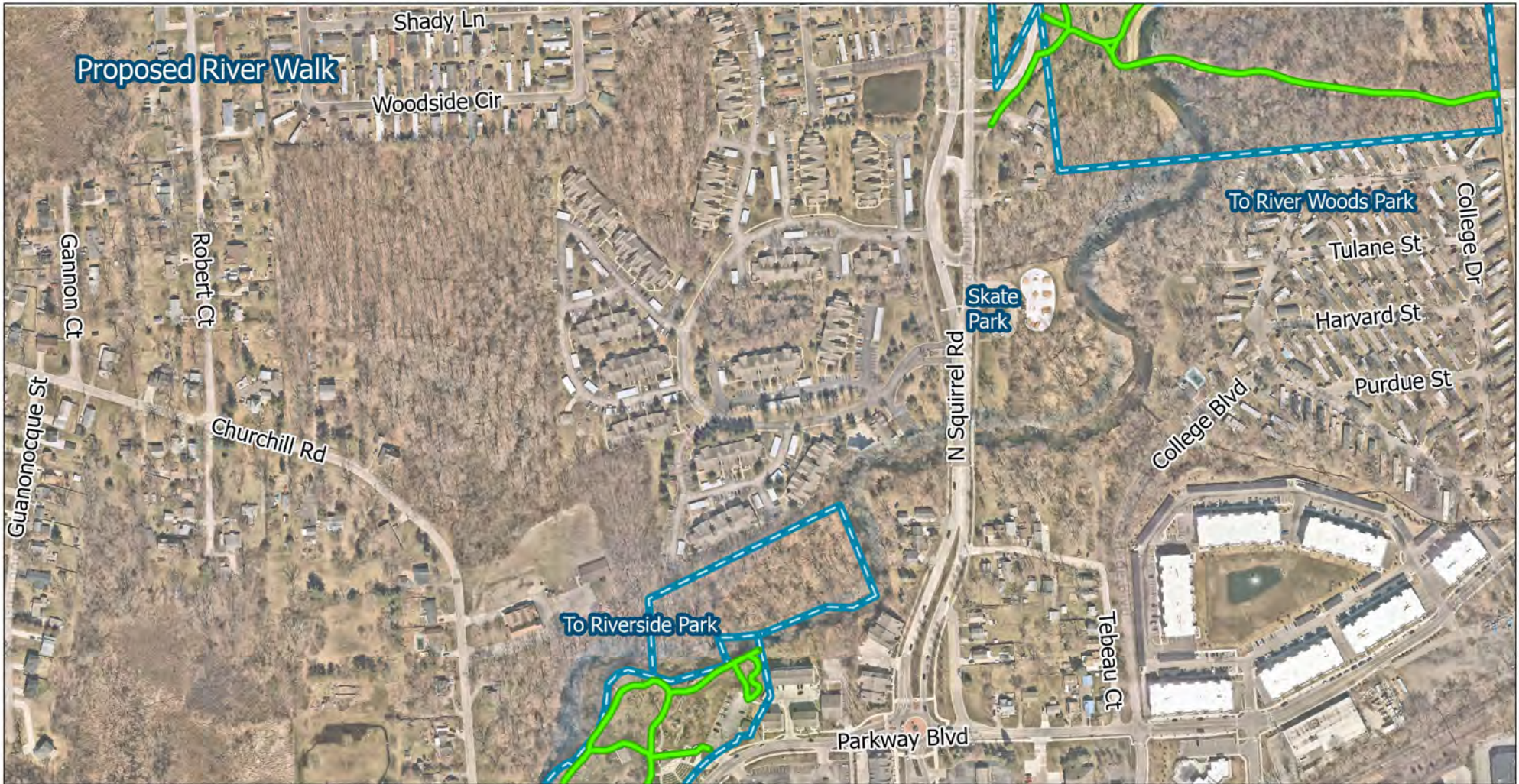
City of Auburn Hills Northern City Parks



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- Park Path
- Park Boundary

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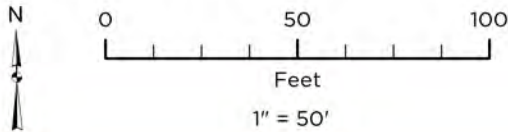
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City of Auburn Hills Forester Square

 Forester Square Boundary



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Comparisons to National Recreation Standards

National standards were examined to compare available recreation facilities to Auburn Hills residents and determine where improvements can be made. The tables below analyze all recreation facilities located within City boundaries that are available to the public. It should be noted that Avondale and Pontiac Schools facilities located within the City were included in the analysis due to their close proximity and frequency of use.

City of Auburn Hills
Inventory of Park Activities/Facilities With National Standards

Activity/ Facility		National Standard ¹	Required Facilities in Auburn Hills ²	Existing Facilities		Surplus / (Deficit)	
				Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills and Others ³	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills and Others
1	Badminton	1/5,000	4	4	0	0	0
2	Basketball	1/5,000	4	1	0	(3)	(3)
3	Handball	1/20,000	1	0	0	(1)	(1)
4	Ice Hockey	Indoor 1/100,000 Outdoor Depends on climate	0	0	1 Rochester Onyx	0	0
5	Tennis	1ct/2,000	10	3	8	1	0
6	Volleyball	1/5,000	4	1	0	(3)	(3)
7	Baseball	1/5,000 1/30,000 lighted	4 1	1 0	3 0	0 0	0 (1)
8	Field Hockey	1/20,000	1	1	2	0	0
9	Football	1/20,000	1	1	2	0	0
10	Soccer	1/10,000	2	1	2	0	0
11	Golf Driving Range	1/50,000	0	1	3	3	0
12	¼ Mile Running Track	1/20,000	1	1	1	0	0
13	Softball	1/5,000 if used by youth baseball	4	1	3	0	0
14	Multiple Recreation Court (b-ball, v-ball, tennis)	1/10,000	2	0	0	(2)	(2)
15	Trails	1 system per region	1	1	1	0	0
16	Archery Range	1/50,000	0	0	1 indoor Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World	1	0
17	Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 stations)	1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
18	Golf	1/25,000	0	1	0	0	0
19	Swimming Pools	1/20,000	1	0	0	(1)	(1)
20	Beach Areas	N/A	0	0	1 (Bald Mtn. State Rec Area)	0	0

City of Auburn Hills
Inventory of Park Facilities Without National Standards

Type of Facility		Required Facilities in Auburn Hills ²	Existing Facilities		Surplus / (Deficit)	
			Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills and Others ³	Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills and Others
21	Playgrounds	0	7	3	7	9
22	Skatepark	0	1	0	1	0
23	Fishing Docks	0	2	0	2	0
24	Horseshoes	0	0	0	0	0
25	Sledding Hill	0	0	0	0	0
26	Dog Park	0	0	0	0	0
27	Campground	0	1	0	1	0
28	Disc Golf Course	0	1	0	1	0
29	Splash Pads	0	1	0	0	0

Notes:

1. Source of Standards – Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1990. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, Ashburn, VA: NRPA
2. Based on 2020 census of 24,368 population
3. Other facilities included are identified on the existing parks and facilities map (including schools)

Commentary - Analysis of Recreation Facilities

Additional information provided in this section provides further detail and assists in identifying key issues. Newer activities/facilities such as splash pads, skate parks, and BMX biking currently do not have national standards developed as guidelines. However, these and other desirable facilities without national standards are discussed because they are part of the existing parks system.

*** = Facility development is recommended**

Facilities with National Standards

1. **Badminton**
Currently meet national standards. Opportunities for badminton exist at either the volleyball courts at Manitoba Park or the indoor courts set up at the Community Center facility weekly during the "Court Games" gym time. The gym is also available to rent for badminton groups.
2. **Basketball ***
Currently do not meet national standards. The addition of basketball courts at River Woods Park has partially met this need; however, these courts are heavily used by adults – so the development of additional basketball court(s) is recommended to be included with future park development in the central and northern areas of the City.
3. **Handball**
Currently do not meet national standards – however, residents have no expressed desire or need to have handball courts since handball is rarely played anymore.
4. **Ice Hockey**
The population size of Auburn Hills is too small according to standards (1/50,000). An indoor ice rink (3 sheets of ice) in nearby Rochester at the Onyx features ice hockey, figure skating, and open skating opportunities.
5. **Tennis & Pickleball Courts *(lighted)**
Currently meets the standard for the number of tennis courts (11) in the community, and lighted courts are no longer included in the national standards. The previous standard (1985 edition) was one lighted court per 30,000 residents.
6. **Volleyball ***
Currently do not meet national standards. The City currently has one outdoor volleyball court, located at the Manitoba Park mini-park site in the City's northwest area. The development of volleyball courts

in the central and southern areas of the City is recommended. Volleyball is a popular activity associated with group picnics, which are held extensively throughout the year in City parks.

7. **Baseball**

Currently meet national standards with one City-owned youth baseball field in Civic Center Park and the (2012) renovation of three fields in the Avondale School District, including one softball size field with lights. Another lighted baseball size field is owned and operated by Avondale School District and includes a permanent pitching mound designed and used for varsity boys baseball and American Legion baseball.

8. **Field Hockey**

Currently meet national standards for athletic fields. In 2008, the City developed a full-size multi-sport athletic field in Civic Center Park, with parking and connection to existing park facilities for large athletic games and events. The existing sub-regulation size field at Civic Center Park Ball Diamond is also available for smaller practices/clinics. Avondale High School replaced its grass football/soccer field with a turf field, including an adjacent, full-size turf practice field.

9. **Football**

See #8 above.

10. **Soccer**

See #8 above.

11. **Golf Driving Range**

Currently meet national standards. The City owns and operates an 18-hole championship-style course opened in 1998, with a clubhouse and full-service practice facility (driving range, putting/pitching/sand practice green). There is one privately owned-operated facility in the City. Topgolf – Auburn Hills opened in late 2018 and is located near Great Lakes Crossing Outlets.

12. **¼ Mile Running Track**

Currently meet national standards. The ¼ mile outdoor pathway around the new multi-sport athletic field in Civic Center Park and the official track at Avondale High School are available for public use and meet this need in the community. The Community Center (2006) also offers a smaller walking track in the gymnasium (20 laps = 1 mile) and is available for community use six days a week until 9:00 p.m.

13. **Softball**

Currently meet national standards with an existing softball field in Civic Center and the recent (2012) renovation of three fields in the Avondale School District, including one softball size field with lights. Another lighted baseball-sized field is owned and operated by Avondale School District and includes a permanent pitching mound designed and used for varsity boys baseball and American Legion baseball.

14. **Multi-Recreation Court**

Currently do not meet national standards for Multi-Recreation Courts. The City does provide all three facilities (basketball, volleyball, and tennis) listed as activities for the Multi-Recreation Courts, however they are all separate facilities that are functioning well at this time. The addition of new Multi-Recreation Courts is not recommended at this time.

15. **Trails**

The City has a non-motorized trail system and exceeds the national standard for trails; however, with the limited additional remaining undeveloped natural resources in the community and the great desire of residents to use nature trails, the development of additional trails is recommended whenever possible. This can be accomplished through a combination of City projects and residential/commercial developments. The City currently owns and operates a 2.2-mile section of the 16-mile-long Clinton River Trail and is part of the emerging State of Michigan Great Lake to Lake Trail.

16. **Archery Range**

The national standard for an archery range is 1 per 50,000. There was some interest expressed in this activity during the public input phase of the planning process. Although the City does not have an archery range, opportunities are available at Bass Pro Shops at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills for open shooting and lessons, including Hunter Safety programs.

17. **Combination Skeet and Trap Field**

The national standard for this type of facility is 1 per 50,000. A combination Skeet and Trap Field is not available within the City; however, this type of facility is available at the Oakland County

Sportsmen's Club in Clarkston, the Hunter's Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford, and the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce Township, all approximately 15-30 miles from Auburn Hills.

18. Golf

Currently meet the national standard for Golf with the City-owned and operated full-service 18-hole championship-style Fieldstone Golf Club. This facility also includes a driving range, putting/chipping green, and a full-service restaurant and is available for open play, leagues, and outings.

19. Swimming Pools

The City does not own or operate a swimming pool. The national standard for indoor pools is 1 per 20,000, and the outdoor pool standard is 1 per 50,000.

20. Beach Areas

There is no standard for this type of facility. A swimming beach is located approximately 10 miles north of Auburn Hills (less than ½ hour's drive) at the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area in Orion Township.

Facilities without National Standards

21. Playgrounds *

Playgrounds are no longer included in the national standards based on the 1990 revisions. All older, wooden-type playgrounds were replaced in 2000 with equipment to meet or exceed national safety and ADA standards. Recommend repairs and replacement of existing playground as needed.

22. Skate Park Facilities: Skateboarding/Rollerblading

The City developed a Skate Park near downtown in 2005 with input from local skateboarders, in-line skaters, and bikers. The Skate Park is designed for in-line skates, skateboards, and BMX bikes, and accommodates beginner to advanced participants with vertical and street-style ramps and rails on a coated asphalt skating surface. It also includes a shelter, emergency phone, drinking fountain, spectator seating, and parking. The Skate Park was refurbished and updated in 2022.

23. Fishing Docks

Trout fishing is active in the Clinton River in Auburn Hills between the two parks in the downtown area, Riverside Park and River Woods Park. The City continues to work with the MDNR and Trout Unlimited to establish more fishing opportunities along the Clinton River in the southern portion of the community. A park-to-park pedestrian Riverwalk trail is planned, including proposed dock and observation areas along the trail. River clean-ups, annual fish-stocking by the DNR Fisheries Division, and trail development in this area continue to increase opportunities for various outdoor recreational experiences related to the river.

24. Horseshoes

The horseshoe pit play area was developed in 2017 at the Community Center based on an expressed desire of residents. It is recommended that these facilities be added at Hawk Woods at the campground.

25. Sledding Hill *

Winter sledding is very popular among families in Auburn Hills. A public sledding hill is available just south of the City limits in Bloomfield Township, but if an opportunity arises to develop an area that could be used for winter sledding in an existing or new City park, it should be considered.

26. Dog Park

Some communities are developing separate parks for dogs and their owners. Dogs are currently allowed in all City parks; they must be on a leash, and the owners must clean up after the dogs. All parks include pet stations with plastic baggies and garbage cans to assist owners. It is not recommended that a separate dog park be developed in the City.

27. Campground & Nature Center *

The City currently operates an overnight campground at the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park, including six log cabin sleeping facilities, one lodge, and a restroom/shower building. This facility is very popular, with nearly 100% occupancy every weekend from May through October. The City replaced the existing Nature Center and Lodge with a new 3,000-square-foot Lodge in 2020.

28. Disc Golf Course

The City has a nine-hole disc golf course located in Civic Center Park that is used frequently. It also sells golf discs in the Community Center and provides scorecards and game rules.

29. Splash Pads *

The City constructed a Splash Pad area in 2019 as part of the Knight Amphitheater/Plaza project. This is a good and more affordable alternative than an outdoor community pool. These areas offer

places to "cool off" while playing in a playground-type area, with motion-activated water jets spraying "kids of all ages" while they play.

Other Parks and Facilities Available in Auburn Hills and Nearby Municipalities

There are several facilities in the City that include recreational amenities that are not included in the inventory. Some of these facilities are used extensively by the public, while others fill a specific recreational niche in or around the City. The reason for not including them in the analysis is twofold: 1) The facility may be located outside the community or is beyond walking distance from City neighborhoods, and 2) The facility may require a fee to enter or utilize.

The following is a summary of these facilities:

30. Michigan State Parks

There are several Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas located in Oakland County that provide a wide variety of recreational facilities. Two State facilities are located near Auburn Hills that attract residents with their unique features. One is the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, an approximate 15-minute drive to the north, which includes an outdoor shooting range and offers hunting in season. The second is the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, approximately 20 minutes to the west, which offers horseman's camping and horseback riding opportunities.

31. Oakland County Parks

Oakland County provides parks and facilities are also available to the community residents. Since 1966, Oakland County has acquired over 5,500 acres of land and/or developed. The following County parks are available to Auburn Hills residents and include various natural and developed recreational features and facilities. The current Oakland County system includes Addison Oaks, Glen Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Red Oaks, Rose Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks, and White Lake Oaks. The closest Oakland County facility to Auburn Hills is the Waterford Oaks facility, which is approximately a 15-minute drive. The Wave Pool/Water Slide and BMX bicycle track are two unique features that attract residents from Auburn Hills.

32. Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Facilities

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a five-county authority approved in 1940 by Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties voters. The HCMA's major role is preserving scenic recreational resources along the Huron and Clinton Rivers for public use. The HCMA owns over 20,000 acres of land, with over half of the land located in Oakland County. The following parklands are included in the HCMA inventory: Delhi, Dexter-Huron, Hudson Mills, Huron Meadows, Indian Springs, Kensington, Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Metro Beach, Oakwoods, Stoney Creek, Willow, and Wolcott Mills. The closest HCMA facility is the 500-acre Stoney Creek facility, approximately a 15-minute drive from Auburn Hills. Some of the unique features available at Stoney Creek that may attract Auburn Hills residents include boating and fishing opportunities, their championship disc golf course, and the wide variety of recreational activities available at one park.

33. Oakland University

The recreation facilities at the University include two golf courses and Meadowbrook Theatre. Also, tours are conducted regularly through Meadowbrook Hall (located in the City of Rochester Hills). Recent coordination with the OU Athletics Department has resulted in OU intramurals playing at City parks – more coordination is recommended with OU for more cross-utilization of recreational facilities and student employment with parks and recreation programs and operations.

34. Oakland Community College

Facilities at Oakland Community College include a series of indoor adult-oriented activities provided at the Health Education building. A gymnasium with three basketball courts, four tennis courts, and a weight/fitness room is included. This facility is used frequently by local girls' fast-pitch softball teams/individuals for training (including a batting cage) and indoor practices.

35. Great Lakes Crossing Mall and Star Theaters

This 1.4 million square foot regional shopping center contains movie theaters and associated indoor recreation facilities. Walking for fitness is popular during mall open hours, especially in winter when weather is a factor. New recreational and entertainment facilities added to Great Lakes Crossing: Lego Land Discovery; SEA LIFE Aquarium; Bowl 1.

36. Topgolf

This facility, located near Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, offers a "premier entertainment and event venue with fun point-scoring golf games for all skill levels, upscale bar food and drinks, great music, and more.

Accessibility Assessment

The following represents a basic assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment considered the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. The minimum recommended ranking system (shown below) was used for this assessment.

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Park/Facility	Initial Development	Ranking
Civic Center Park	1977	3
Riverside Park	1985	4
E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park	1993	3
Fieldstone Golf Course	1998	5
Dennis Dearing Memorial	1999	4
Manitoba Park	2002	5
Clinton River Trail	2003	5
River Woods Park	2003	5
Skate Park	2005	5
Community Center	2006	5
Amphitheater/Splash Pad/Plaza	2018	5
Park #8	2013	Under Review

All new recreational facilities and program development are designed to meet or exceed requirements established in 1990 by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City has also made accessibility improvements at older parks. For example, asphalt pathways that lead to/from parking lots, the picnic pavilion, and the playground area were designed to meet the appropriate ADA slope requirements at Riverside Park. These pathways were also added to improve access to Civic Center Park's playgrounds and other park amenities. The City is also planning to add appropriate signage to trailheads within parks to help identify trail areas that may not be accessible to everyone (stairs, steep slopes). This will occur only at Civic Center Park and the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park. All of the restrooms in the parks meet or exceed requirements for accessibility.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) defines disability as a "physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities." All buildings in the City are accessible to the handicapped. The renovations of the Seyburn Wesson Estate, now the Civic Center and Park, included provisions for barrier-free access for the handicapped; the library and new Community Center (2006) and the Public Safety Building, as well as all other public facilities, are handicapped accessible. Accessibility improvements to the City Hall were completed in 1998 and then again in 2005. All new developments in the City must adhere to a site plan review process required by the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that State codes are implemented. The City requires handicapped parking spaces based on the American Disabilities Act and van accessibility.

Oakland County also provides many building facilities that are accessible for the handicapped. A therapeutic recreation coordinator is available to work closely with local communities to provide services and adaptive recreation programming for handicapped residents. Special events, a cerebral palsy sports team,

wheelchair basketball teams, campout programs, and club activities are also offered by the County. The school districts also offer special recreation events and programs for the handicapped. Oakland University has a program called OUCares that brings together kids ages 10-18 with autism and students who are learning about special needs in their college curriculums.

Existing City Programs and Events

Various recreation programs, activities, and events are available to a diverse range of population segments in the Auburn Hills area. A variety of government units and private businesses sponsor them. Many activities are available regardless of place of residence.

1. Special Events

The City of Auburn Hills is the site of many well-organized events, activities, and attractions. The City of Auburn Hills coordinates most of the events within the City, with a few other events being coordinated by partner organizations. Major annual events in the community include Bunny Bash, Paddlepalooza, Fishing Derby, Summerfest, Friday Nights Downtown Music Series, Blues and Jazz Music Series, Fall Festival in the Woods, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Winter Solstice Lantern Walk.

There is an increasing demand for additional events and activities in the City; however, the City's current staffing level has reached its capacity to accommodate additional events. New partnerships are needed to accommodate the growing interest in events within the City.



Bunny Bash – April 2023

2. Current City Programs

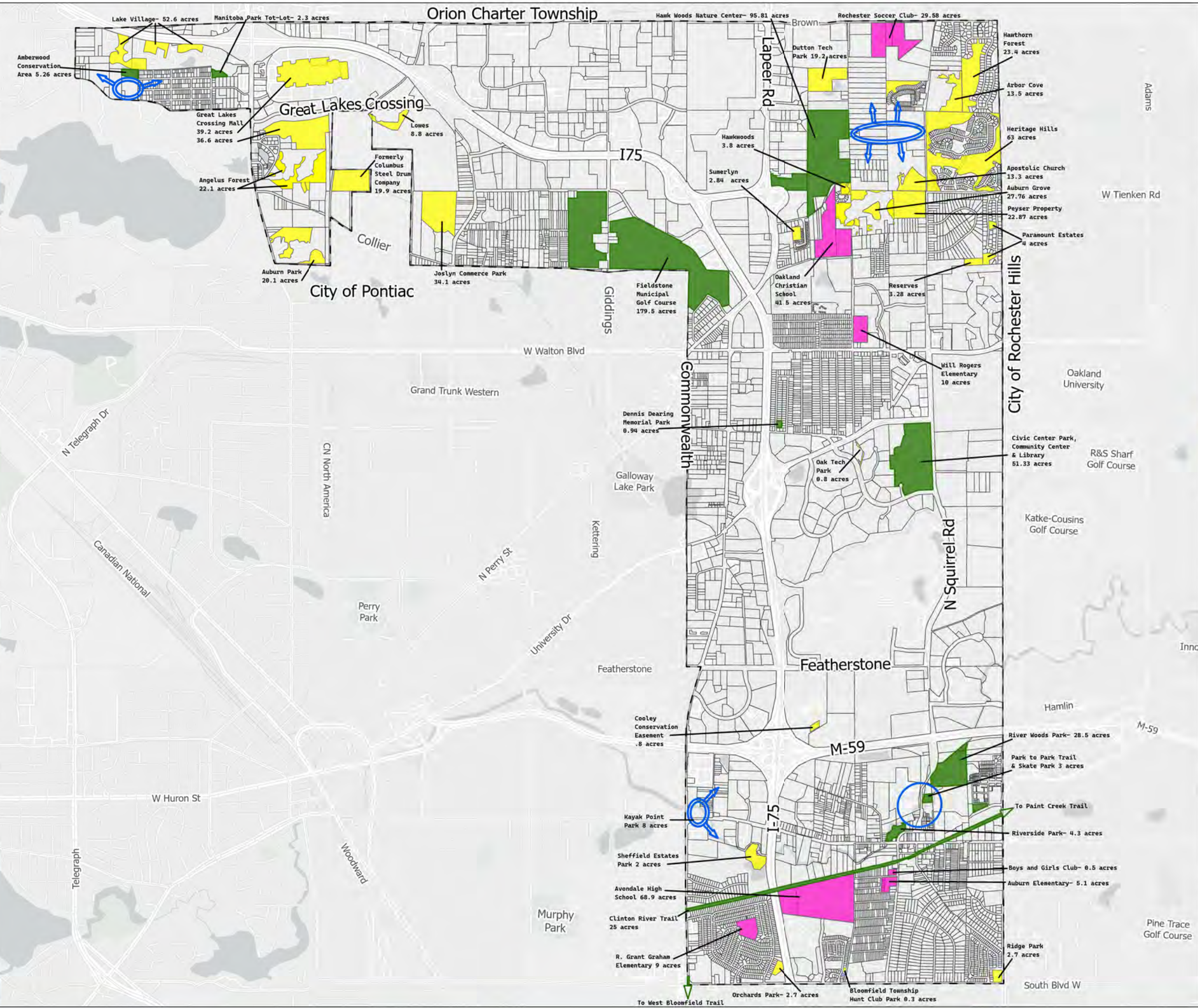
The Recreation and Senior Services Department offers various recreational programs for people of all ages. Programs are offered year-round and funded through user fees, donations, and the City general fund. The types of programs and events offered by the City of Auburn Hills include:

Youth Programs - Summer Camp, After School Activities, Basketball Leagues, T-ball Instruction, Martial Arts, Nature Programs, Tennis, Disc Golf, Teen Programs, Japanese Swords, Fitness Classes, and Toddler gym activities

Adult Programs – Yoga, Fitness Classes, Tennis, Woodshop Classes, Glowforge Classes, Cricut Classes, Spinning Club, Basketball, Pickleball, Badminton, Japanese Swords, 55+ Programs, and Family Camping

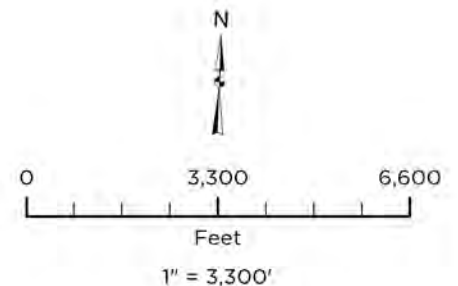
3. Affiliated Programs

In addition to programs that are offered through the Recreation and Senior Services Department, the Downtown Development Authority also offers programs and events to encourage business in the downtown area. Current DDA events include Reels by the Riverside, Spooktacular, Bunny Bash, and Septemberfest. Other partner organizations providing community programs in the City include the Chamber of Commerce and the Auburn Hills Public Library.



City of Auburn Hills Parks & Recreation

- Existing City of Auburn Hills Parks / Recreation
- Existing School / Non-Profit Parks / Recreation
- Existing Private Parks / Conservation Easement
- Proposed City of Auburn Hills Parks / Recreation
- Auburn Hills Parcels
- Auburn Hills Boundary



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IV. Existing Non-Motorized Pathway System

The City of Auburn Hills has created guidelines designed to develop a pathway system throughout the City. These pathways provide a pollution-free, economical, and healthy alternative transportation mode for many work, shopping, and recreational trips within Auburn Hills and its neighboring communities. The pathway system is being implemented continually, and a good portion of the designed system has already been installed. As new development occurs in the City, pathways with a minimum width of eight feet must be designated on-site plans and constructed by developers within road right-of-way limits designated on the City's pathway system plan. The greatest challenges for providing a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists in Auburn Hills are the two major highways bisecting the community, high traffic volumes, and funding for new pathways to fill the current pathway system gaps.



The Clinton River Trail in Auburn Hills

Pathway System Goals and Objectives

The primary objective of non-motorized pathway planning is to promote a safe alternative and supplementary transportation mode. This implies that overall safety is enhanced, that the routes serve as connection links between logical destinations, and that the design and location of the routes maximize operation efficiency. The non-motorized pathway plan has been created to provide a working guide to help City leaders and officials develop a more “pedestrian-friendly” transportation system throughout the community. The goals and objectives below were developed during the planning process by the City.

Improve Facilities for Pedestrians/Cyclists

1. Provide a comprehensive network of routes for pedestrians and cyclists and provide improvements that expedite travel and improve safety along these routes.
2. Connect major destination points (neighborhoods, schools, parks, shopping areas) with routes for pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Integrate pedestrian/cyclist travel considerations in all roadway planning and design.
4. Provide uniform street/pathway/sign marking and pathway design standards.
5. Improve access over and/or address deficiencies with existing pathways.
6. Focus on development areas that have already been constructed but need pathways.
7. Focus on adding pathway/sidewalks on City properties where needed

Promote Use of Pathways in the City

1. Encourage the use of pathways by residents through continued efforts to inform them of existing and proposed pathways in the City and the benefits of using the pathways.
2. Encourage bicycle use by potential cyclists by providing sign markings for bike routes.
3. Encourage bicycle use as an alternative to the automobile through marketing efforts.

Increase Funding for Pathways in the City

1. Establish priorities for pathway funding and include them in capital improvement plans
2. Match projects to appropriate governmental funding sources.
3. Identify new funding sources for pathway development.

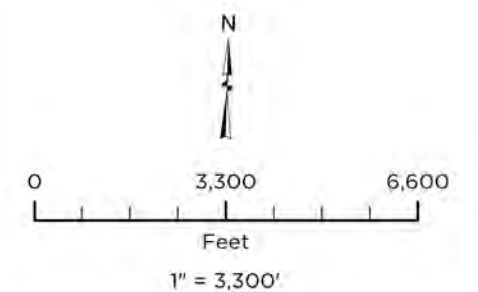
Feasible pathway projects that the City could combine with future road construction projects

Year	Location	Length	Challenges
2024	Lapeer Rd Connection (Walton Boulevard to Zelma)	Gaps between Walton and Zelma = 1240'	Tree clearing and grading along Taylor Rad (Clover Senior Housing)
2025	Dutton between Bald Mountain and Squirrel Roads	1450'	Tree clearing; Grading
2025	The corner of Adams and Auburn Roads	S. side of Auburn Rd, W. of Adams Road = 275' W. side of Adams Road, N. of Auburn Road previously installed	Difficult to complete before the property is redeveloped due to conflicts with the existing parking lot, driveway, grading, etc.
2025	Executive Hills Boulevard	N side = 3200' S side = 3600'	Tree clearing, grading
2025	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase A and B)	Phase A = 1460' Phase B = 895'	
2027	Cross Creek Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 550' N/E side = 2415'	Tree clearing; Grading; Drain crossings; Possible structure adjustments
2027	High Meadow Circle Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 2235' N/E side = 4290'	Tree clearing; Drain crossings; Possible structure adjustments
2027	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase C)	1475'	
2027	Forester Square Pathway (N. of Forester Blvd)	300'	Narrow road shoulder, remove SB right turn lane Old Adams
2028	Sidewalk and ditch enclosure along Nichols, Coughlan, and/or Slocum (Safe Routes to School)	Nichols = 3610' Coughlan = 1900' Slocum = 3190' (one side only)	Ditch enclosure; Some tree removals; Possible structure adjustments
2028	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase D)	1190'	
2028	N. Atlantic Boulevard Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 4770' N/E side = 3710'	



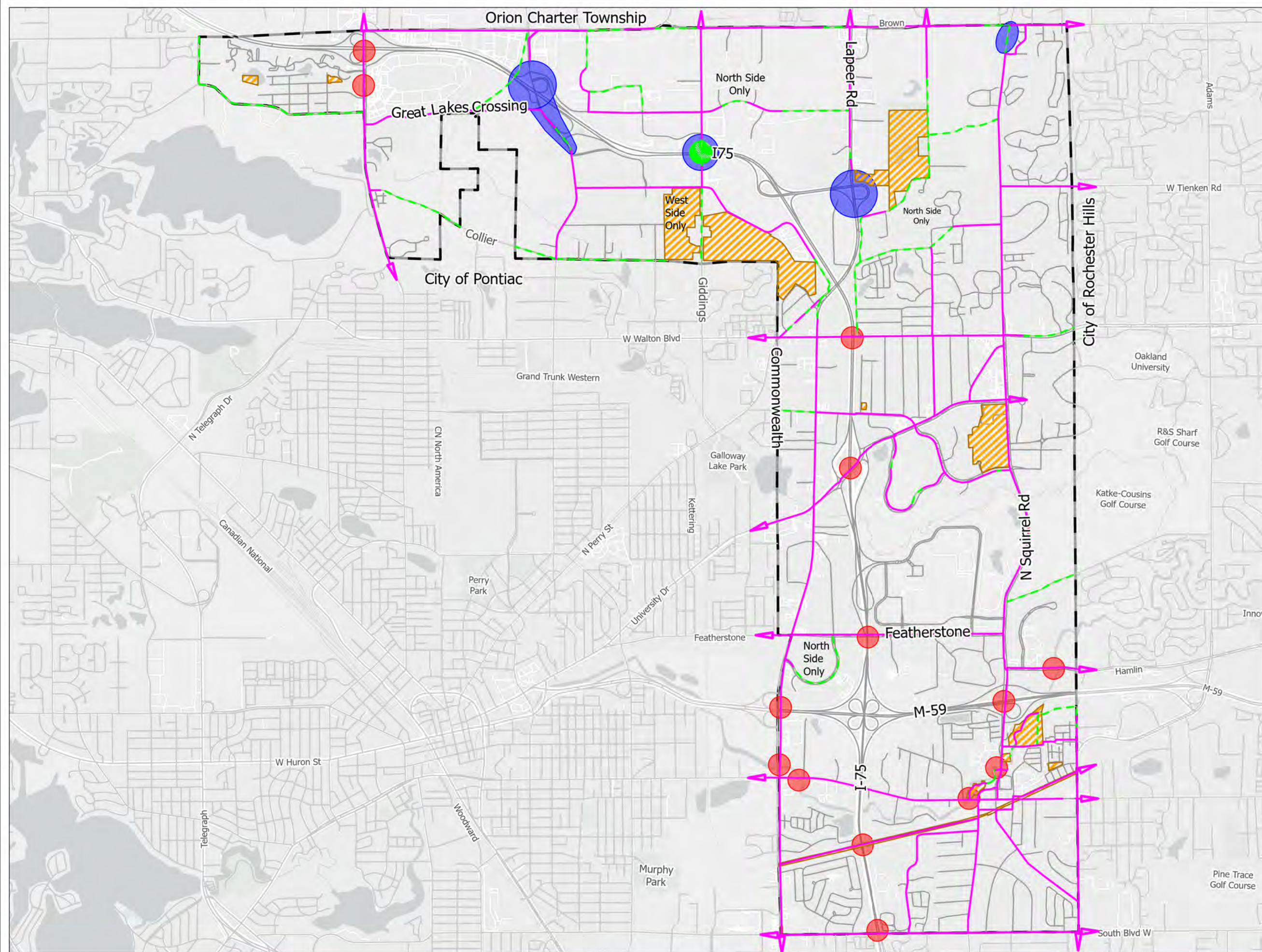
City of Auburn Hills Pathways Plan

- Existing Pathways
- Proposed Pathways
- Existing Crossing
- Proposed Crossing
- Problem Area
- Parks Boundary
- Auburn Hills Boundary
- Roads



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Auburn Hills Riverwalk Pathway Four-Phase Plan

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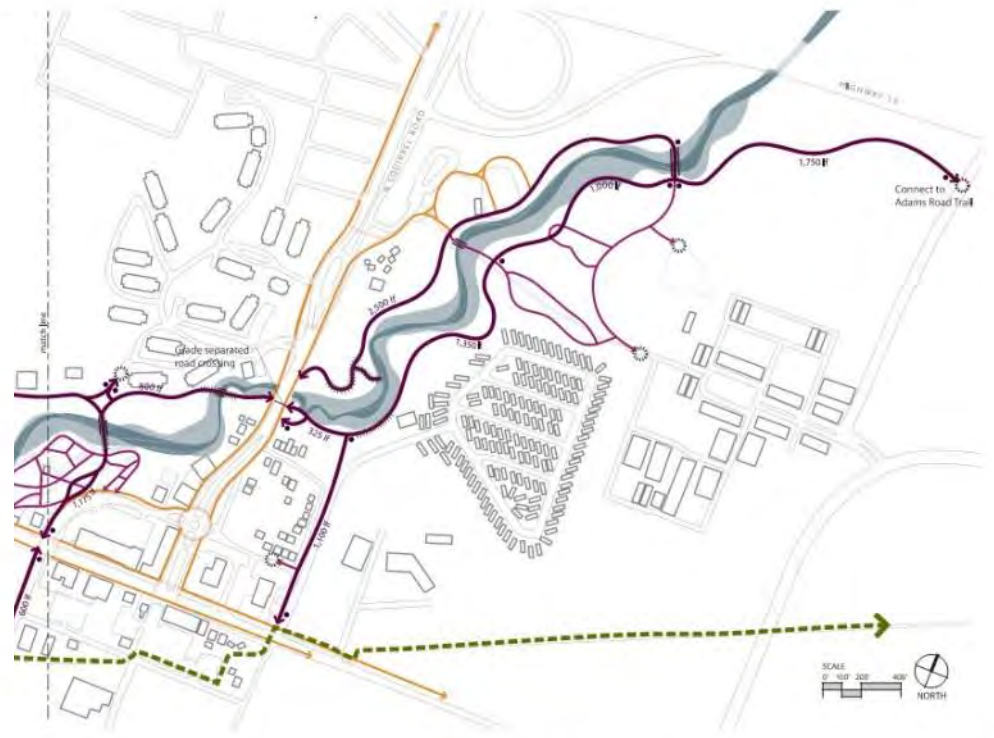
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Auburn Hills Riverwalk Master Plan (2009)



Auburn Hills Riverwalk Master Plan

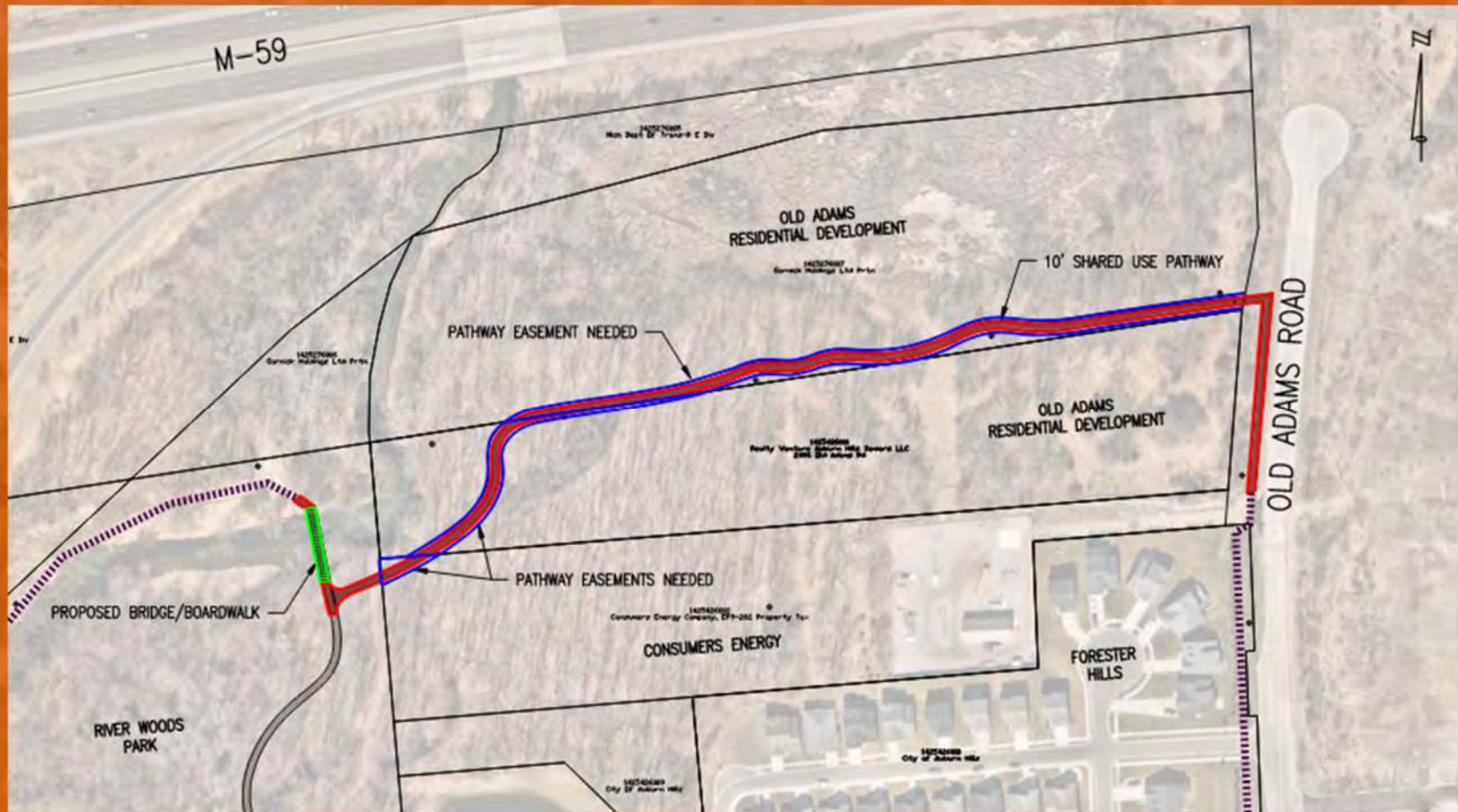
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The Master Plan

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Phase A



Phase A

- Limits: Connects River Woods Trail to Old Adams Road
- Length: 1,460 Ft (0.28 miles)
- Width: 10 Ft
- Elements:
 - Asphalt Pathway
 - Bridge with Boardwalk
- Easements Required: 2
 - Consumers Energy Company
 - Old Adams Residential Development
- Permits Required: 2
 - Wetland/Floodplain Construction Permit (EGLE)
 - Joint Permit Application (EGLE)
- Cost: \$775,000*
 - Developer's Contribution (Old Adams Residential Development PUD)
 - \$100,000 towards bridge construction cost
 - Pathway installation along their property and Old Adams Road
 - City's Contribution
 - Remaining cost of project

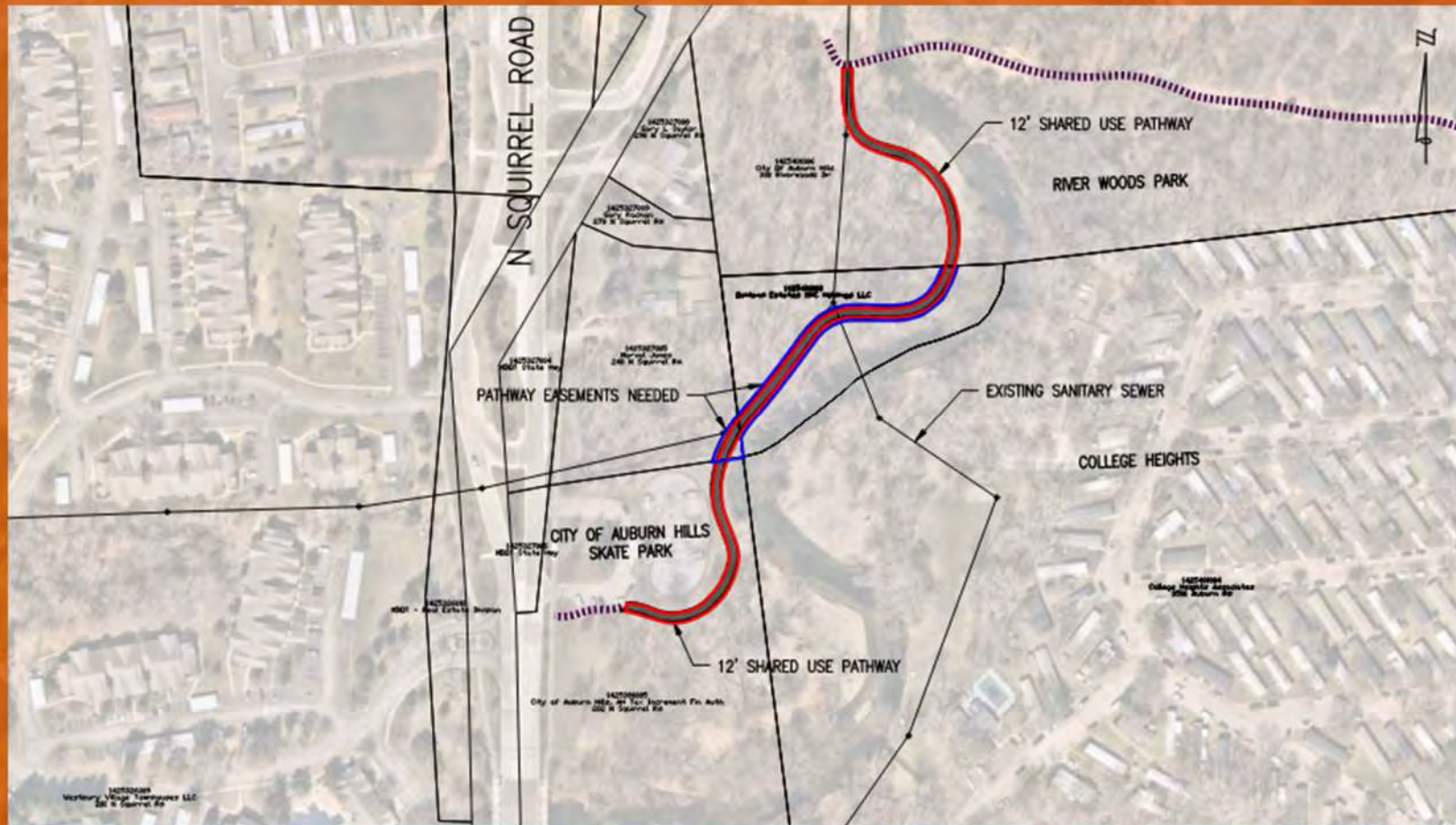
Phase B

The map displays an aerial view of a landscape with various land parcels and infrastructure. A prominent red line, labeled "10' SHARED USE PATHWAY", runs vertically through the center-right portion of the map. To the left of this pathway is a large area labeled "RIVER WOODS PARK". Above the park, a road labeled "M-59" runs diagonally. Several other labels are present, including "FORESTER HILLS" and "FORESTER SQUARE OF AUBURN HILLS" in the lower right, and "City of Auburn Hills" in multiple locations. A north arrow is located in the upper right corner. The map also shows some water bodies and residential developments.

Phase B

- Limits: Connects River Woods Trail and Forester Square
- Length: 895 Ft (0.17 miles)
- Width: 10 ft
- Elements:
 - Asphalt Pathway
- Easements Required: None
- Permits Required: None
- Cost: \$200,000

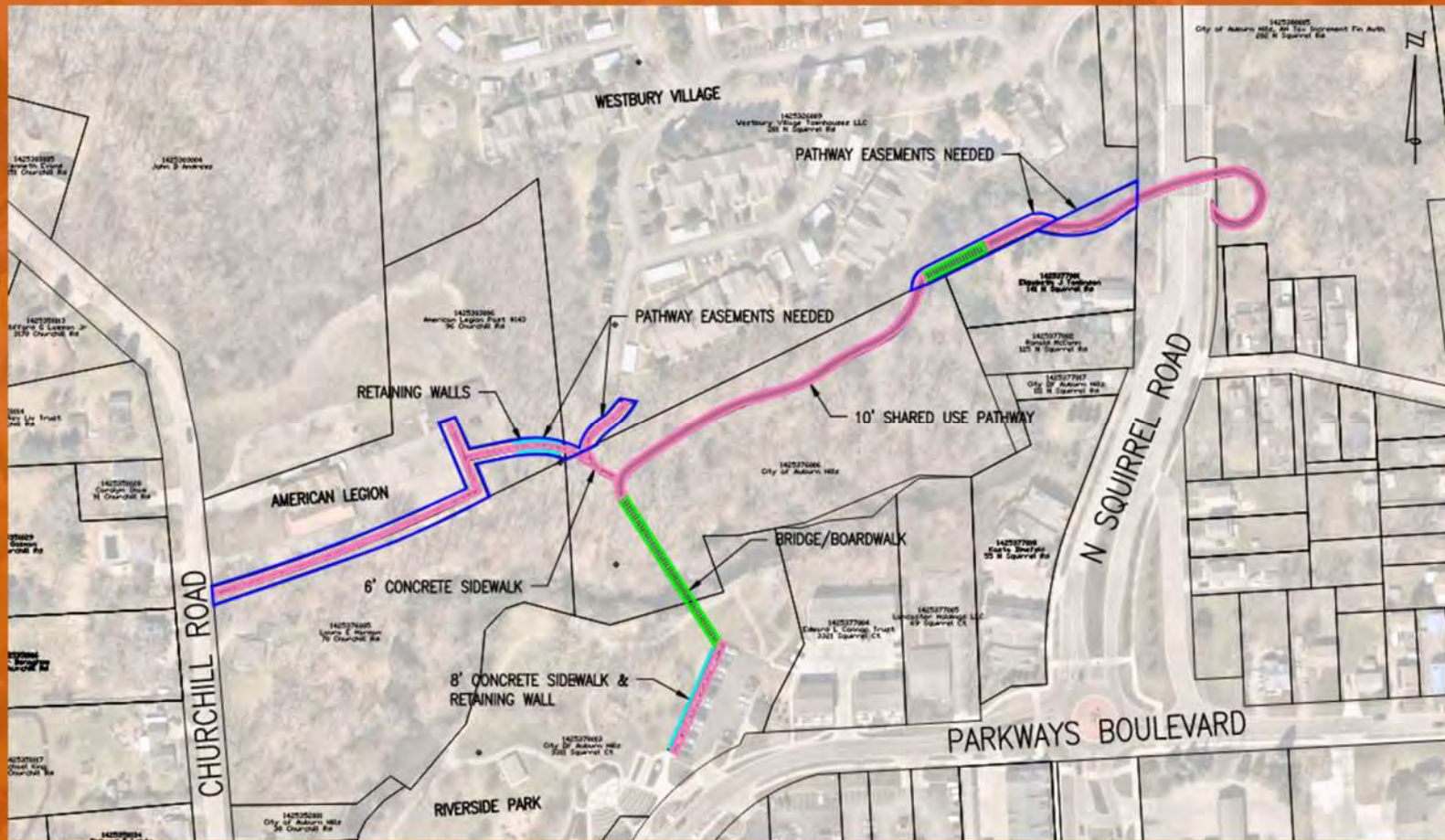
Phase C



Phase C

- Limits: Connects Auburn Hills Skate Park to River Woods Trail
- Length: 1,475 Ft (0.28 miles)
- Width: 12 Ft
 - Allows access by DPW Vector Truck to maintain sanitary sewer
- Elements:
 - Asphalt Pathway
- Easements Required: 2
 - Norval Jones (240 N. Squirrel Road)
 - Oakland Estates NHC Holdings LLC
- Easement Challenges:
 - Pathway is not feasible without acquiring easements
 - Costs associated with easement acquisition
- Permits Required:
 - Joint Permit Application (EGLE)
- Cost: \$400,000
 - Sewer Fund Contribution

Phase D



Phase D

- Limits: Connects American Legion, Westbury Village, Riverside Park, and North Squirrel Road
- Length: 1,190 Ft (0.23 miles)
- Width: 10 Ft
- Elements:
 - Concrete Sidewalk
 - 2 Bridges with Boardwalk
 - Retaining Walls
- Easements Required: 4
 - American Legion Post #143 (96 Churchill Road)
 - (2) Westbury Village (201 N. Squirrel Road)
 - Elizabeth J. Tomlinson (141 N. Squirrel Road)
- Permits Required: 2
 - Wetland/Floodplain Construction Permit (EGLE)
 - Joint Permit Application (EGLE)
- Easement Challenges:
 - Pathway is not feasible without acquiring easements
 - Costs associated with easement acquisition
- Cost: \$2.25 Million
- Construction Challenges:
 - Topography
 - Floodplain issues
 - Physical Constraints
 - Property Owner Opposition
 - Long Term Maintenance
- Construction Alternatives:
 - Sidewalk connection along Churchill Road between American Legion and Auburn Road (Phase D1)
 - Connect Riverside Park to American Legion and Westbury Village
 - Install lookouts out to Clinton River

Phase D.1



Phase D.1

- Limits: Connection between American Legion and Auburn Road
- Length of Pathway: 580 Ft (0.11 miles)
- Width of Pathway: 7 Ft
- Elements: None
- Easements Required: None
- Permits Required: None
- Cost: \$140,000

Funding Opportunities

- Ralph C. Wilson Grant
- Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Congressional Appropriation
- Auburn Hills Sewer Fund
- Developer Contribution (PUD Agreement)

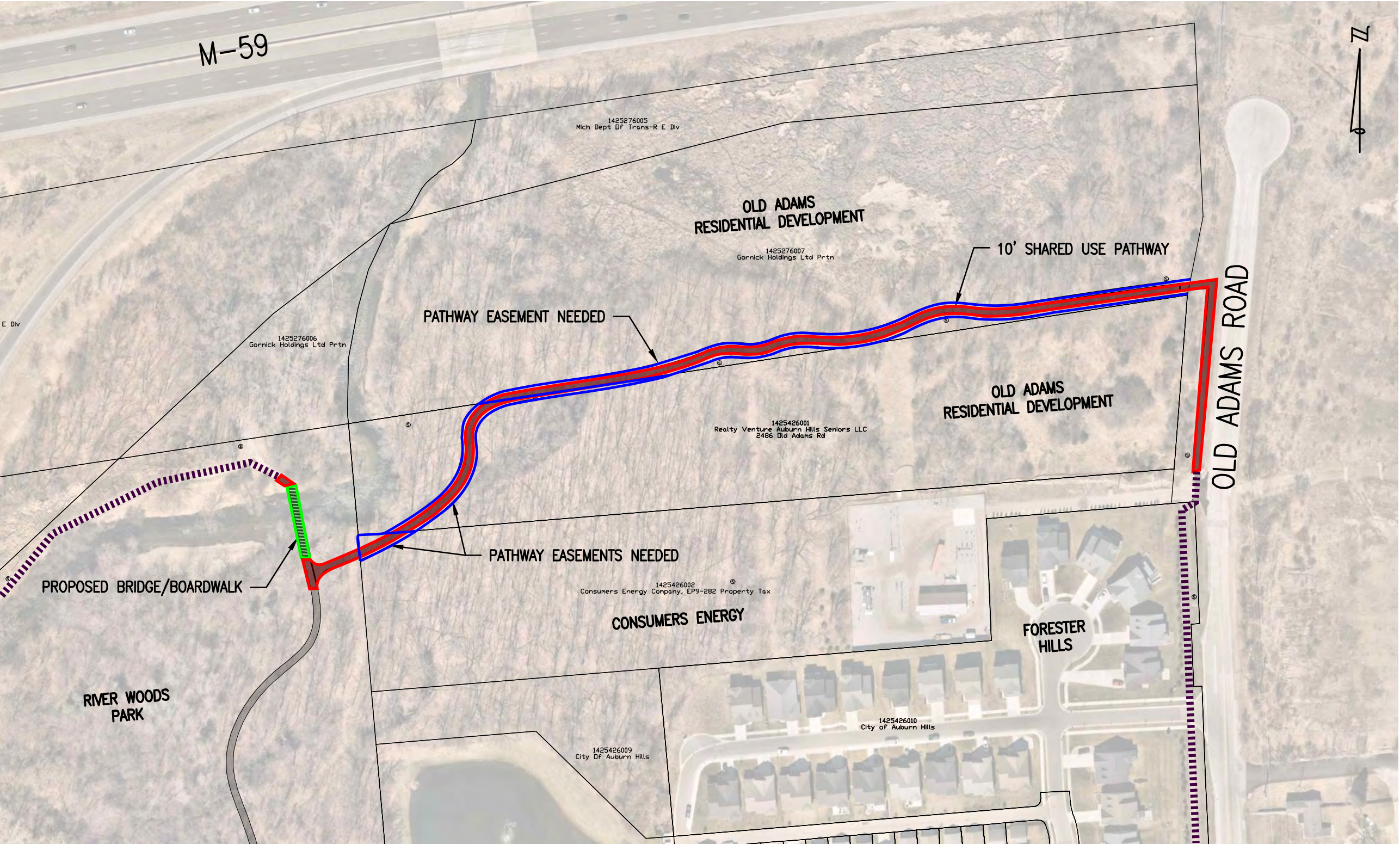


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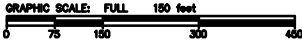
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RIVERWALK PATHWAY PHASE A
AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN



LEGEND

- EXISTING PATHWAY
- PROPOSED BRIDGE
- REQUIRED HMA PATHWAY
- REQUIRED EASEMENT





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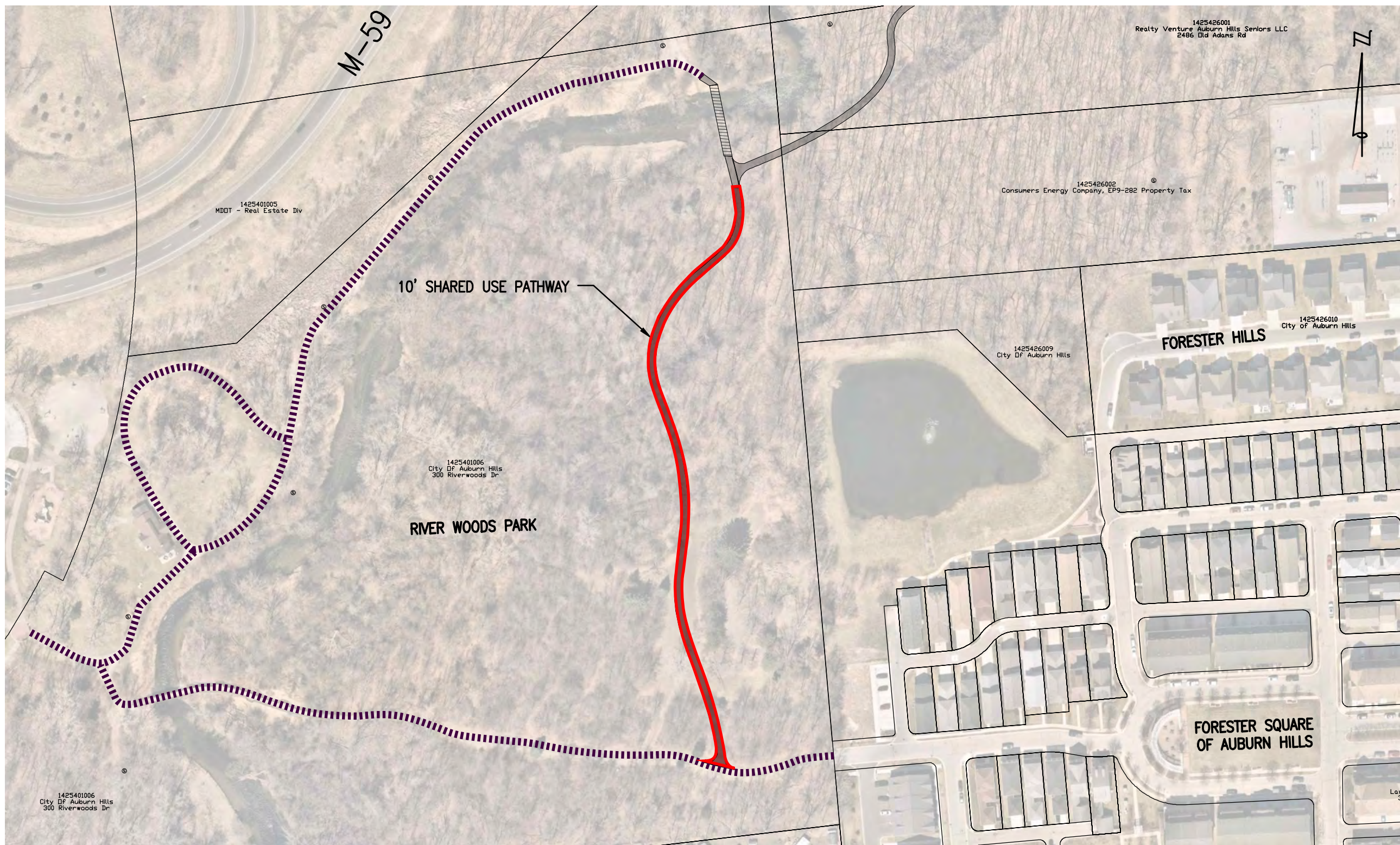
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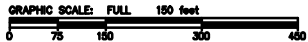
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AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN



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- EXISTING PATHWAY
- PROPOSED HMA PATHWAY



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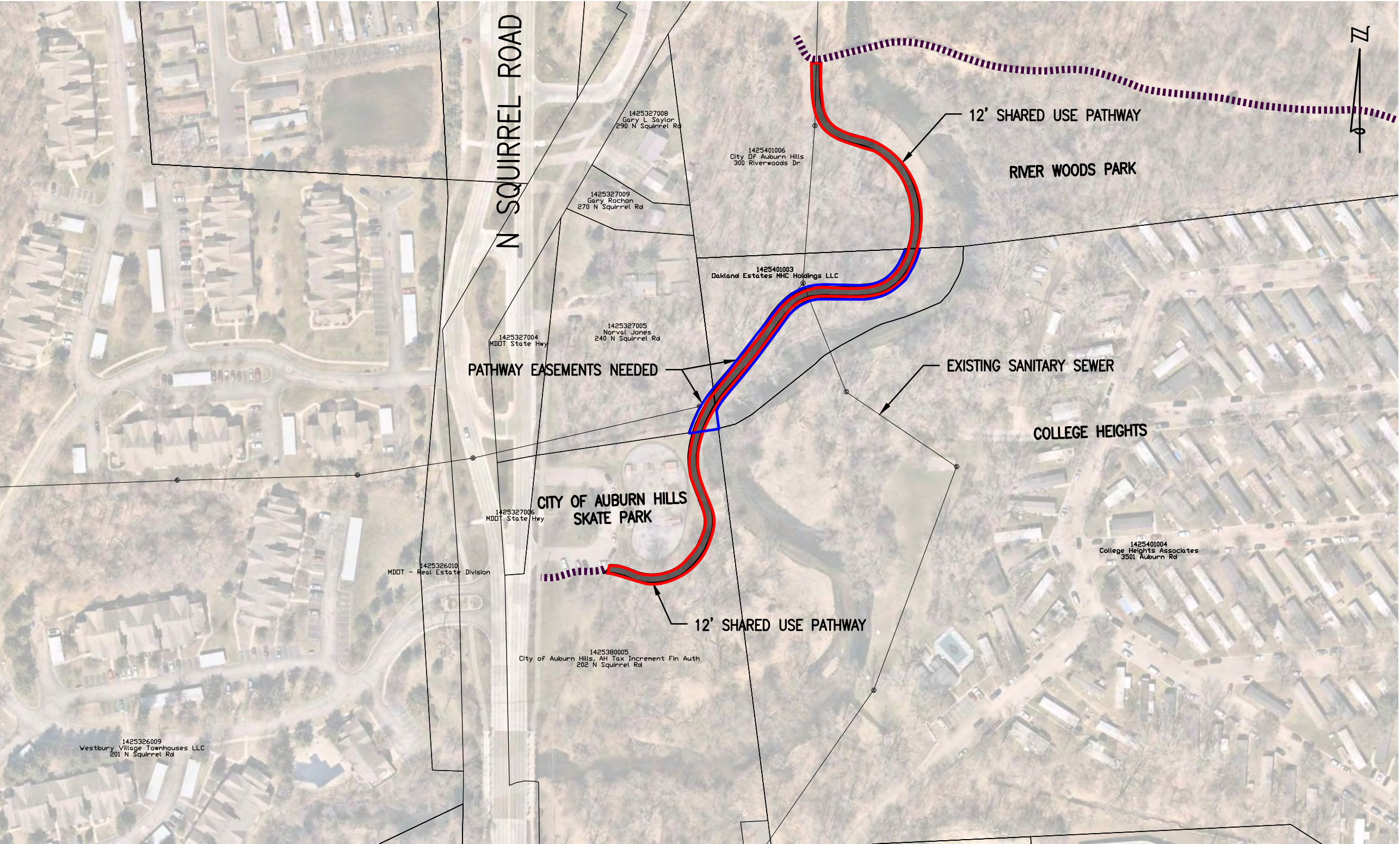
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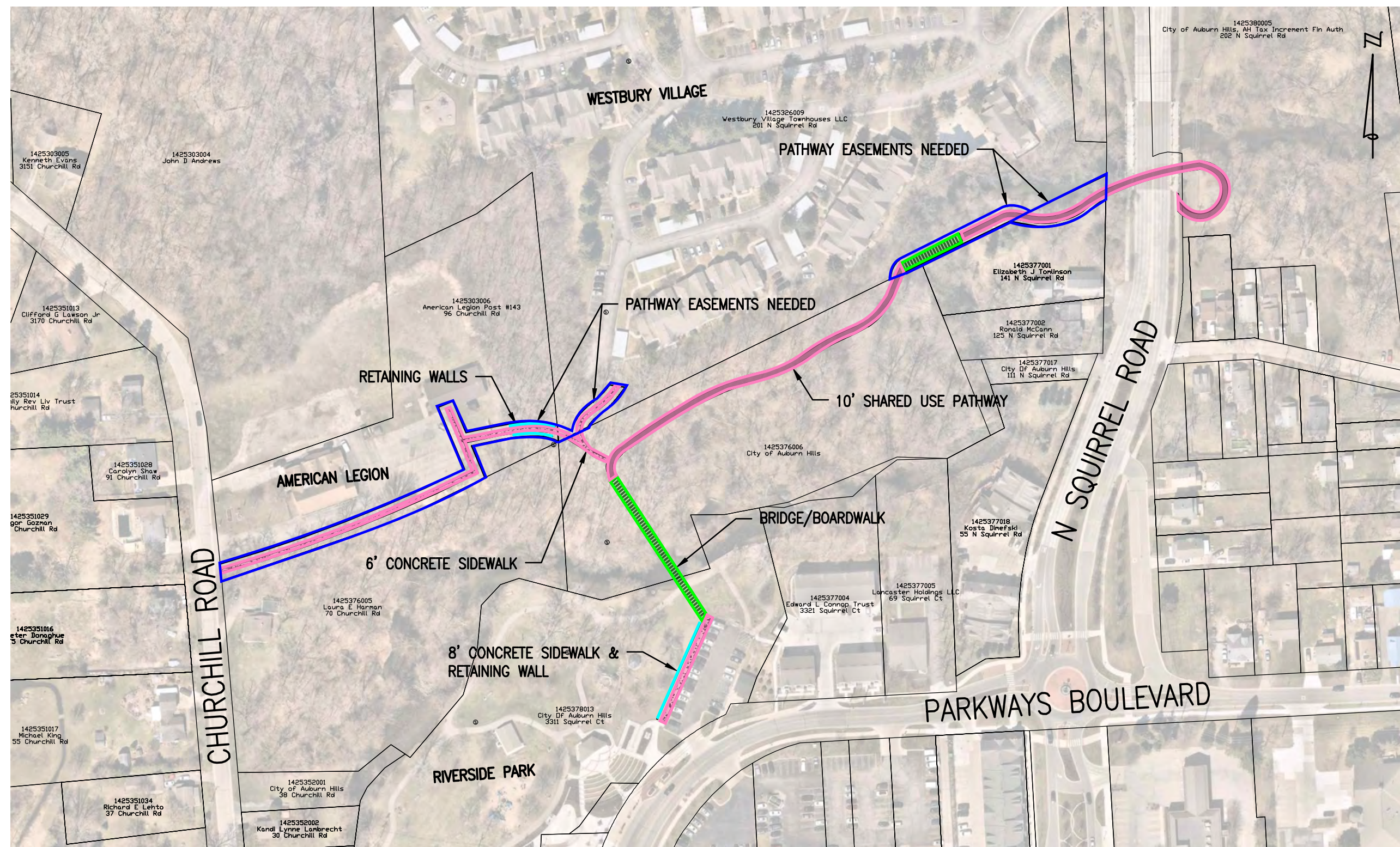
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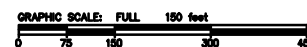
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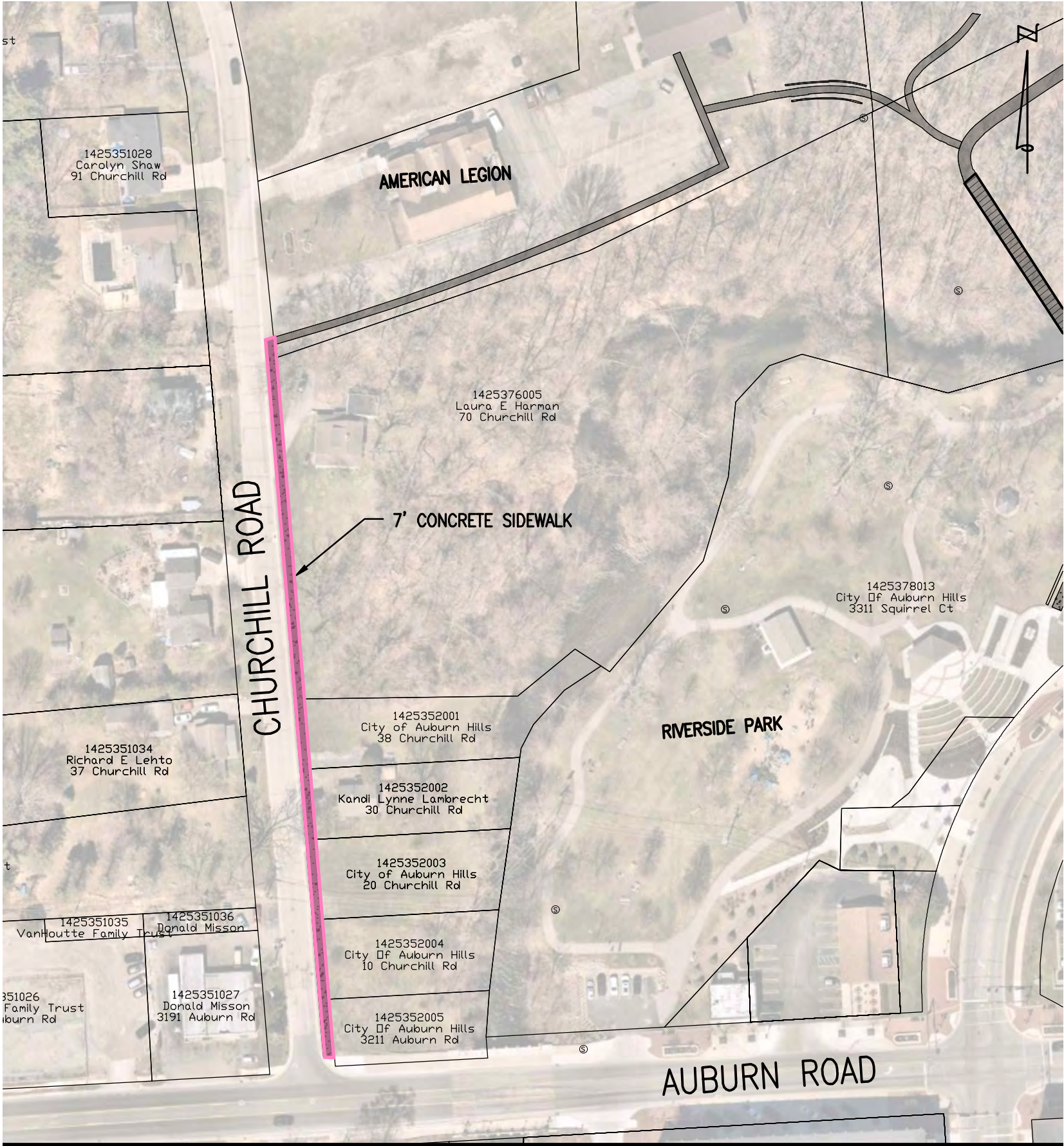
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RIVERWALK PATHWAY PHASE D.1

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LEGEND

PROPOSED CONCRETE
SIDEWALK





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V. Parks and Recreation Action Plan (2024-2028)

Planning for the City of Auburn Hills parks and recreation facilities requires a thorough process at the onset of plan development and throughout the planning cycle. This portion of the plan culminates the comprehensive effort that began with public involvement and analyzing existing community conditions. In addition, existing parks, recreation facilities, and programs were inventoried and evaluated. Then, an assessment of need was developed, considering the City's physical, social, and administrative characteristics.

The result of the planning process is the Five (5) Year Action Plan found in this Chapter. It includes actions and strategies designed to meet the community's needs over at least the next five years.

Goals and Objectives

The following will provide a framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for the City of Auburn Hills

Goal #1: Provide recreational facilities, programs, and community events that meet the community's diverse recreational and social needs.

Objectives:

- Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation facilities.
- Enhance existing community events.
- Develop additional multicultural opportunities through programs and community events.
- Increase performing arts programming at the Knight Amphitheater
- Assess and improve accessibility to all parks, programs, and events for people with diverse abilities.

Goal #2: Connect the park system with adjacent neighborhoods and business centers via pathways and trails.

Objectives:

- Continue development of the Northeast Corner pedestrian neighborhood loop, emphasizing connecting Squirrel Road to Bald Mountain Road (Hawk Woods) via a pedestrian trail.
- Develop the Riverwalk vision between Riverside and River Woods Parks.
- Concentrate on developing two to five-mile pedestrian loops near residential areas.
- Connect pathway gaps to complete the system by Y2040 as opportunities arise.

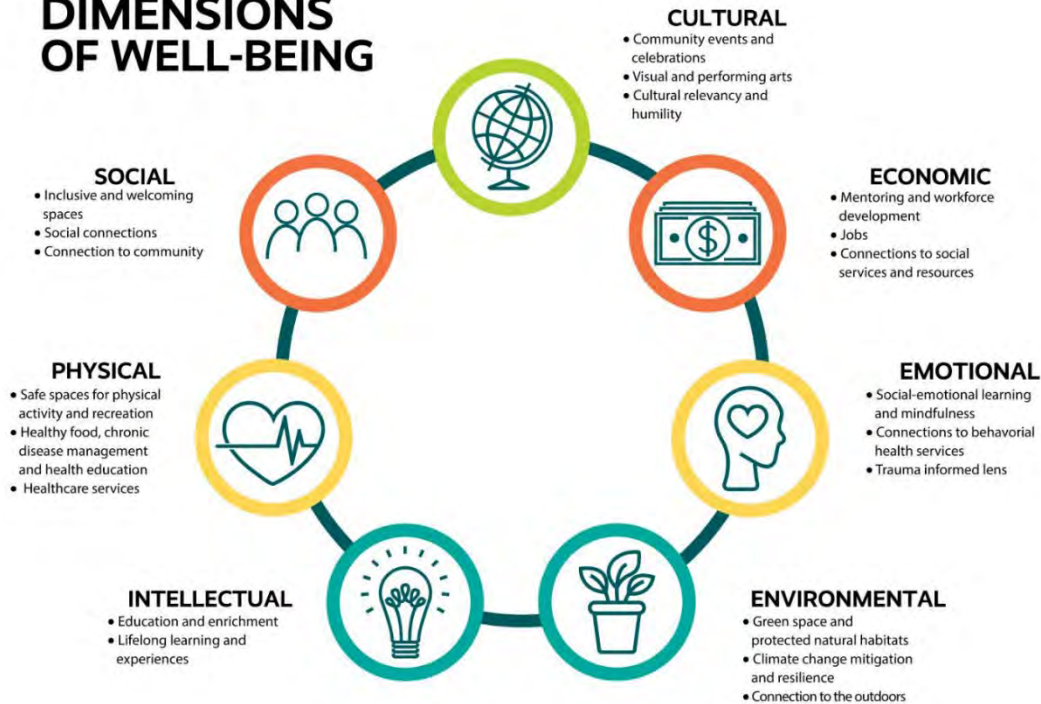
Goal #3: Develop programming to promote community health and well-being.

Objectives:

- Continue fitness classes, promotion of trails, sports classes, and other physical activities
- Investigate creating a Bike Routes system.
- "How-to" classes and educational programs focusing on fitness, nutrition, motivation, etc.
- Educate Recreation and Senior Services staff about the Seven Dimensions of Wellbeing and use the dimensions to guide programming efforts: cultural, economic, emotional, environmental, intellectual, physical, and social.
- Explore the possibility of a Farmer's Market.
- Bring health and well-being programming to low-income areas.
- Partner with different restaurants and agencies to bring cooking classes and healthy eating programs to the community.

FIGURE 3

SEVEN DIMENSIONS OF WELL-BEING



The Seven Dimensions of Well-Being

The seven dimensions of well-being are adapted from several frameworks, including CDC's Healthy People 2030 Social Determinants of Health [25] framework, outlining community-based factors that improve health and well-being, and the National Wellness Institute [26] and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) [27] Wellness Dimensions, focused on individual characteristics of well-being. These dimensions are aligned with the strengths, assets and opportunities that exist within parks and recreation to advance health and well-being.

Goal #4: Develop partnerships to enhance programming and events while reducing operating expenses.

Objectives:

- Work with local school districts, businesses, non-profits, and colleges to continue partnerships and collaborations and work to develop new partnerships and collaborations for mutual community benefit.
- Partner with local performing arts programs to add additional performances for the Knight Amphitheater.
- Work with other Departments to develop special event permits to allow outside organizations to run their own events within the City.

Goal #5: Center equity by building a community where everyone has fair and just access to quality parks and recreation.

Objectives:

- Staff training in diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Apply cultural competency and humility in community engagement.

- Embed equity-centered practices in all planning, programs, practices, and decision-making.
- Assessment impact against meaningful changes in community outcomes.
- Increase access to opportunities for the following populations: those with physical and cognitive disabilities, and people of diverse backgrounds (e.g., elderly, gender/sexual orientation, minority population, culture, and income).

Goal #6: To utilize green infrastructure to bring additional environmental, health, social and economic benefits to surrounding communities

Objectives:

- Use natural features and specialized materials like green roofs, trees, rain gardens, and permeable pavement to help treat stormwater where it falls.
- Follow E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Park Forest Sustainability plan to manage invasive species and build wildlife habitat.
- Incorporate education and interpretation of the value of conservation to the public.
- Connect community members to nature and the outdoors with programs and paths.
- Coordinate environmental stewardship with other entities.

Five (5) Year Action Plan

The Five-Year Action Plan itemizes strategies each year for the City to follow to fulfill the vision of the City's parks and recreation system. This plan is a working guide that should be reviewed annually to track implementation progress. The following projects, programming, and initiatives are anticipated to be implemented or explored during the life of this master plan.

Park Improvements

Year	Project	Cost Estimate
2024	Civic Center Pond Dredging	\$750,000
2024	Civic Center Park Dock	\$35,000
2024	Art Features to Parks	\$15,000
2024	Riverwoods Playground Structure	\$350,000
2024	Riverwoods Streambank Stabilization	\$250,000
2024	Develop Public Square	\$960,000
2024	Civic Center all-inclusive playground	\$300,000
2025	Fitness Trail at Civic Center Park	\$100,000
2027	Replace Multi-Sports Field scoreboard	\$7,000
2027	Replace Baseball Field scoreboard	\$5,000
2027	Renovate Civic Center Comfort Station	\$15,000
TOTAL		\$2,787,000

Long-Term Park and Pathway Planning / Improvements

1. Explore the development of Park #8.
2. Explore obtaining Riverwalk Easements to implement the Riverwalk pathway system.
3. Explore obtaining easements for Galloway Pathway between N. Squirrel and Bald Mountain Roads.
4. Create a wetland/marsh educational overlook at Hawk Woods Park.
5. Replace the Ballfield Tot Lot structure.
6. Replace bicycle fix-it stations.
7. Explore updates to the Dennis Dearing park.

8. Repainting Civic Center Tennis Court Surface.
9. Replace Riverside Park Fountain Gazebo.
10. Explore the re-establishment of a Farmer's Market and Ice Rink in the Downtown.

Non-Motorized Pathway System Improvements

Year	Location	Length	Challenges	Cost Estimate
2024	Lapeer Rd Connection (Walton Boulevard to Zelma)	Gaps between Walton and Zelma = 1240'	Tree clearing and grading along Taylor Rad (Clover Senior Housing)	\$125,000
2025	Dutton between Bald Mountain and Squirrel Roads	1450'	Tree clearing; Grading	\$175,000
2025	The corner of Adams and Auburn Roads	S. side of Auburn Rd, W. of Adams Road = 275' W. side of Adams Road, N. of Auburn Road previously installed	The project will be difficult to complete before the property is redeveloped due to conflicts with the existing parking lot, driveway, grading, etc.	\$125,000
2025	Executive Hills Boulevard	N side = 3200' S side = 3600'	Tree clearing, grading	\$1,200,000
2025	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase A and B)	Phase A = 1460' Phase B = 895'		\$975,000
2027	Cross Creek Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 550' N/E side = 2415'	Tree clearing; Grading; Drain crossings; Possible structure adjustments	\$500,000
2027	High Meadow Circle Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 2235' N/E side = 4290'	Tree clearing; Drain crossings; Possible structure adjustments	\$1,100,000
2027	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase C)	1475'		\$400,000
2027	Forester Square Pathway (N. of Forester Blvd)	300'	Narrow road shoulder, remove SB right turn lane Old Adams	\$100,000
2028	Sidewalk and ditch enclosure along Nichols, Coughlan, and/or Slocum	Nichols = 3610' Coughlan = 1900' Slocum = 3190' (one side only)	Ditch enclosure; Some tree removals; Possible structure adjustments	\$2,500,000
2028	Riverwalk Master Plan (Phase D)	1190'		\$2,250,000
2028	N. Atlantic Boulevard Pathway Gaps	S/W side = 4770' N/E side = 3710'		\$1,250,000
TOTAL				\$10,700,000

Programming to Promote Community Health and Wellbeing

1. Explore aquatics programming in partnership with Avondale Schools.
2. Continue forming partnerships with Oakland University, Avondale Schools, and others for more performances at the Knight Amphitheater.
3. Bring health and wellbeing programming to low-income areas.
4. Partner with community groups and higher education institutions for gardening, cooking, and kitchen programs.
5. Conduct staff training on the Seven Dimensions of Wellbeing.
6. Pursue professional development for staff.
7. Continue to replace Community Center equipment as needed.
8. Increase nature and education programs in the parks.
9. Hold safety classes for hunters, snowmobiling, archery, trapping, etc.

Equitable Parks and Recreation

1. Increase access to opportunities for those with physical and cognitive disabilities, and people of diverse backgrounds (e.g., elderly, gender/sexual orientation, minority population, culture, and income).
2. Participate in City-wide staff training on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Conservation

1. Update the 2006 Green Infrastructure Vision Plan
 2. Inventory vacant land for strategic preservation of green space
 3. Explore invasive species management at Hawk Woods
 4. Explore building habitat according to Hawk Woods Park forest sustainability plan
 5. Investigate strategic land purchases to preserve open spaces in appropriate locations within the City.
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Potential Funding Sources

Recreation operations are funded through the City's General Fund, with funds budgeted in the Recreation and Senior Services Department, and Department of Public Works. Minor capital improvement projects have been budgeted through the General Fund. Major capital parks, facility development, or land acquisition are typically funded using Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) funding and/or the General Fund with matching grants whenever possible. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also partners with the City in selecting programs and initiatives that are focused on Downtown parks. New and creative funding methods (partnerships, cooperative efforts, use of technology) will need to be utilized and implemented to offset the increasing operating costs of today (fuel, transportation, health/medical care, and others). These new funding methods will be critical in ensuring that parks and recreation operations remain viable and available to residents of the Auburn Hills community.

Aside from the City's General Fund and Tax Increment Financing Authority Fund, other potential sources are described below:

1. **Special Millage**. A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as park development and open space acquisition. A millage effectively divides costs over time amongst all the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects outright. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is utilized than a bond.
2. **User Fees**. The City must continue to charge reasonable fees to participants of recreation programs. Every year, the City should evaluate the fees to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount related to the budget.
3. **Recreation Bond**. Several bond programs can be used to finance the construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects, such as park improvements and parkland acquisition upgrades, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue Bonds are issued for the construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.
4. **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**
Passport Grants – One of the DNR's biggest priorities is to get more people outside more often, enjoying the many natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities available in Michigan. This

program utilizes revenues achieved through the State of Michigan license plate renewal program (optional) to assist communities with grants to increase these types of opportunities locally. More DNR Grant opportunities – in categories including Boating, Dam Management, Fisheries, Forestry, Law Enforcement, Trails Management, and Wildlife.

5. **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.** MNRTF provides funding assistance for state and local outdoor recreation needs, including land acquisition and development of recreation facilities. This assistance aims to create and improve outdoor recreational opportunities and protect valuable natural resources. These are grants between \$15,000 and \$300,000 for development grants, with no minimum or maximum for acquisition grants. Both require a minimum local match of 25 percent, but a higher percentage match can increase grant potential. These grants are ideal for implementing community park plans and for land acquisition in the future.
6. **Land and Water Conservation Fund.** LWCF provides matching grants of up to 50% to states and local governments to acquire and develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The eligibility criterion emphasizes the preservation of natural resources such as waterways. These grants are ideal for implementing community park plans and for parkland acquisition.
7. **Arbor Day Foundation.** The Arbor Day Foundation membership provides the City with additional tree planting and maintenance resources. The City has been designated as a “Tree-City USA” by the foundation since 1998, which provides additional advantages related to trees towards the City’s park enhancement projects.
8. **SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).** Provides funding for numerous projects that support enhancing transportation facilities and promote safe and efficient multi-modal transportation methods. This reimbursement program originally comes from the Federal level and is administered by SEMCOG/MDOT. Under this program, the City can apply for funding to implement its non-motorized pathway priorities and some transportation-related enhancement projects.
9. **Safe Routes to School.** Administered by the Environment section of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty, this grant program offers grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure improvements that may be needed to make it possible for students to walk, bike, and roll safely to school.
10. **Donations.** Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities. In Auburn Hills, both the business community and the residential community show their support and appreciation by providing donations and volunteer time annually that directly benefits and enhances the programs and events sponsored by the City.
11. **Foundations.** A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The foundation’s Board of Directors disburses the assets according to a predetermined plan.
12. **Lease or Contractual Agreements.** The City may increase its residents' availability of recreation facilities by leasing sites, facilities, and services from other sources to meet demands.
13. **Conservation Easements.** A conservation easement is a method of preserving open space without purchasing all rights to a parcel of property. Rather than obtaining fee simple, or complete ownership, an organization or community can purchase or acquire by gift an “easement” to the property. This technique is recommended to preserve open space if it is not feasible for the City to acquire the land as planned.
14. **Open Space Requirements.** Every residential open space option planned unit development in the City of Auburn Hills is required to provide preserved open space and recreation areas. This requirement will continue and should be expanded to more specifically require active recreation facilities and passive areas.
15. **Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships.** Implications of reduced funding at the public and private sectors have created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities. Partnerships are possible between the City and the County, Pontiac and Avondale School Districts, Oakland University and Oakland Community College, and adjacent communities in order to accommodate large scale recreation demands.



**AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2024 DRAFT MINUTES (EXCERPT)**

9e. Motion – To adopt the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan and associated resolution.

Mr. Cohen presented the 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He shared that this plan was developed by following the guidelines of the DNR such as surveying the community's needs, documenting the existing parks and recreation programs, and developing a generalized plan for expenditures to improve the City's Park systems for the next five years. He reported that the City continues to provide sufficient park land to support the population therefore, the Planning Commission recommend improving the existing park system in this plan. The plan will include enhancing and maintain the City's park system, adding the public square in the downtown, implementing the Riverwalk Master Plan in a phased approach, completing pathway gaps concurrent with road construction projects, and maintaining pathway loops throughout the community. In addition, the City plans to make a strategic plan for the preservation of open space and will focus various programs and events based on the community, staff and resources. The potential investment that the City will consider over the next five years is the area of the public square in the downtown area as well as a phased buildout of the Riverwalk Master Plan.

Ms. Verbeke ensured that the desired pathway by Joslyn Road and I-75 were included in the plan so that when MDOT makes improvements to that area, the City has communicated that they would like to make improvements.

Mr. Knight likes that plan but would like to see pathways along some of the major roads that are not currently there.

Mayor Marzolf shared that a committee was formed last year and recommendations that the committee made are included in this plan. This plan is to make important connections and to close those gaps, so that Auburn Hills can be a walkable community.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To accept the Recreation Commission's recommendation and adopt the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan and associated resolution. (Attachment F)

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 24.01.18

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

ATTACHMENT F
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN (2024-2028)

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326, at 7:00 p.m., on the 22nd day of January, 2024

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ and supported by Council Member _____:

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WHEREAS, after the public hearing at the public meeting, the City Recreation Commission adopted the plan and recommended to City Council approval of said Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Auburn Hills; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Auburn Hills City Council that supports the Recreation Commission's findings and adopts the *City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Plan (2024-2028)*.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 22nd day of January, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this ____ day of January, 2024.

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

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AYES: 6 (Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Verbeke)
NAYS: None
ABSENT: 1 (McDaniel)
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

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(2024 - 2028)**

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CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION/RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOT YET APPROVED

January 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ouellette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: **Carolyn Shearer, Sam Beidoun, Jack Ferguson, Laura Ochs, Cynthia Pavlich, Greg Ouellette**
Absent: Chauncey Hitchcock, Dominick Tringali, Raymond Saelens
Also Present: Director of Community Development Steve Cohen, Assistant to the Director of Community Development Devin Lang, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Karen Adcock, Mayor Brian Marzolf
Guests: 2

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

3. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2023

Moved by Beidoun to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023.

Second by Ferguson.

VOTE: Yes: Pavlich, Shearer, Ochs, Ferguson, Beidoun, Ouellette
No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

5. PETITIONERS – None.

6. SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECT

6a. Recess as Planning Commission/Convene as Recreation Commission (7:01 p.m.)

Moved by Beidoun to recess as the Planning Commission and convene as Recreation Commission.

Second by Pavlich

VOTE: Yes: Shearer, Ochs, Ferguson, Beidoun, Pavlich, Ouellette
No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

6b. 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan (7:02 p.m.)

Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt the resolution of approval and recommend to City Council approval of the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Cohen introduced the City of Auburn Hills 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He explained that proper notification had been provided to the public, and the plan was ready for adoption by the Planning Commission/Recreation Commission. He advised the Commission that before adoption, it would be appropriate to hold a public hearing to allow members of the public to comment on the draft plan.

Mr. Cohen explained that to be eligible to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, or the Recreation Passport Grant Program this year, Auburn Hills must have an approved 5-Year Recreation Plan on file with the DNR by February 1, 2024. Thus, staff from multiple City Departments and OHM, led by Director of Recreation and Senior Services Karen Adcock, have worked diligently to bring the draft plan forward at this time.

Mr. Cohen provided a PowerPoint presentation that summarized and explained that the draft plan focused on enhancing and maintaining the City's current park system, completing pathway gaps concurrent with road construction projects, implementing the Riverwalk Master Plan, and maintaining pathway loops throughout the community. The City's events and programming will continue to focus on community demand based on available staffing and resources.

Mr. Ouellette opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Thomas O'Connor, 3395 Shimmons Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, inquired about the pathway connectivity to neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Cohen explained that the priorities for pathway construction are to make loops within the City for residents and connect to pathway systems outside the City when possible.

Mr. O'Connor questioned the benefit of the Riverwalk relative to its cost if it does not connect outside of the City.

Mr. Cohen explained that the priority of the Riverwalk pathway system is to connect the City's park, together with the Downtown, providing an anchor and amenity for the Downtown and area residents.

There being no further public comments, Mr. Ouellette closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

The Commission asked about the following:

1. Increased popularity of e-bikes and similar devices
2. If additional regulations on e-bikes and similar devices were appropriate
3. How to increase the safety of pathway users

Mayor Marzolf explained that enforcing additional regulations on e-bikes is challenging and does not promote a welcoming atmosphere. Mr. Marzolf expressed his belief that additional education for trail users may be the solution to increasing safety. Mr. Marzolf explained that Auburn Hills is a member of the Clinton River Trail Association, which is a group of five cities that house the Clinton River Trail and meet to establish uniform regulations, signage, and standards related to the trail. Mr. Marzolf explained that the Association provides guidance for regulations that may be applied to other pathways in the City.

Mr. Ouellette questioned the park dedicated as part of the Kia dealership construction on Lapeer Road.

Mr. Cohen confirmed that there is a private conservation easement on the Dutton Corporate Center property, including a private park area and the project's detention pond.

Ms. Shearer questioned access to pool facilities.

Ms. Adcock explained that a partnership with Avondale Schools has been briefly discussed, but more research is needed on available options.

Mr. Oulette and the Commission thanked Mr. Cohen and the City staff for the time and effort put into bringing the plan forward. Ms. Adcock also expressed appreciation to Mr. Cohen, explaining he played a critical role in keeping City staff on track and creating the document.

Moved by Beidoun to adopt the resolution of approval and recommend to City Council approval of the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (Attachment A)

Second by Ochs

VOTE: Yes: Shearer, Ochs, Ferguson, Beidoun, Pavlich, Ouellette

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

6c. Adjourn as Recreation Commission/Reconvene as Planning Commission (7:38 p.m.)

Moved by Beidoun to adjourn as the Recreation Commission and convene as the Planning Commission.

Second by Ferguson

VOTE: Yes: Shearer, Pavlich, Ferguson, Beidoun, Ochs, Ouellette

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

7. OLD BUSINESS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS – None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Cohen recommended that the Commission cancel their February 7, 2024, meeting since no private development will be ready to be heard by that meeting date. Mr. Ouellette and the Commission agreed to cancel the meeting.

Mr. Cohen advised the Commission of several development projects and text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that are expected to be brought forward for review and approval at future meetings.

Mr. Cohen informed the Commission that he will provide a presentation at the City Council study session regarding rental housing/multi-family housing in Auburn Hills on February 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room.

Per Mr. Ouellette's request, Mr. Cohen advised the Commission that Bryan Rasnick of Webasto Roof Systems tragically passed away on December 30, 2023. Brian was instrumental in the planning and execution of the Auburn Hills 40th Anniversary Gala that was hosted at Webasto's facility on November 2, 2023.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Beidoun nominated Ouellette for Chairperson.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Ouellette accepted the nomination.

Second by Shearer.

VOTE: Yes: Pavlich, Ferguson, Beidoun, Shearer, Ochs, Ouellette
No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Shearer nominated Beidoun for Vice Chairperson.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Beidoun accepted the nomination.

Second by Ochs.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Beidoun, Ochs, Shearer, Pavlich, Ouellette
No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Shearer nominated Ochs for Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Ochs accepted the nomination.

Second by Pavlich.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Beidoun, Pavlich, Shearer, Ochs, Ouellette
No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Ouellette confirmed that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. is canceled.

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Ouellette adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

Devin Lang

Construction Coordinator / Assistant to the Director of Community Development

ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
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NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Auburn Hills Recreation Commission recommends to the City Council approval of the *City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Plan (2024-2028)*.

AYES: Shearer, Pavlich, Ferguson, Beidoun, Ochs, Ouellette
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hitchcock, Tringali, Saelens
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

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AYES: Shearer, Pavlich, Ferguson, Beidoun, Ochs, Ouellette
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hitchcock, Tringali, Saelens
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

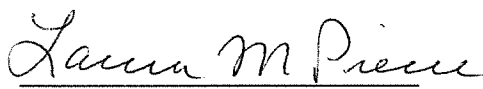
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills Planning Commission/Recreation Commission held on the 10th day of January, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 12th day of January, 2024.


Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk





CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION/RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

December 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairperson Beidoun called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: **Sam Beidoun, Cynthia Pavlich, Chauncey Hitchcock, Brian Marzolf, Ray Saelens**
Absent: Dominick Tringali, Carolyn Shearer, Laura Ochs, Greg Ouellette
Also Present: Director of Community Development Steve Cohen, City Planner Shawn Keenan,
Recreation Director Hegdal, Senior Services Director Karen Adcock, Parks Supervisor Stan Torres
Guests: None

LOCATION: Robert W. Grusnick Public Safety Building, 1899 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

3. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2022

Moved by Saelens to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022.

Second by Hitchcock.

VOTE: Yes: Pavlich, Beidoun, Hitchcock, Marzolf, Saelens

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Recognition of former Planning Commission member Robert Pierce

Recognition of former Planning Commission member Robert Pierce will be done at the meeting on February 8, 2023, when Mr. Pierce is able to attend.

6. PETITIONERS – None.

7. SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

7a. Recess as Planning Commission/Convene as Recreation Commission (7:07 p.m.)

Moved by Marzolf to recess as Planning Commission and convene as Recreation Commission.

Second by Saelens.

VOTE: Yes: Pavlich, Beidoun, Hitchcock, Marzolf, Saelens

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

7b. Parks and Recreation Master Plan (7:07 p.m.)

Ms. Sage Hegdal presented the first draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update for review. She shared the community assessment results, and the 2019-2023 action items update. She also reviewed the 2024-2028 suggested goals as follows:

1. Provide recreation facilities, programs, and community events that meet the diverse recreational and social needs of the community.
2. Connect park system with adjacent neighborhoods and business centers via pathways and trails.
3. Develop programming to promote community health and wellbeing.
4. Develop partnerships to enhance programming and events while reducing operating expenses.
5. Center equity by building community where everyone has fair and just access to quality parks and recreation.
6. To utilize green infrastructure to bring additional environmental, health, social and economic benefits to surrounding communities.

The Commission discussed various objectives to aid in meeting these goals. It was the consensus of the Recreation Commission to remove goal #4, as it is already in place in every provision of parks and recreation for the City of Auburn Hills.

The Commission then discussed the 2024-2028 action items and the timing and method of their implementation.

The next steps for the 2024-2028 Master Plan update are as follows:

1. Recreation Department to finalize 2024-2028 Recreation Master Plan – January 2023
2. Final review and approval from Recreation Commission – February 2023
3. Public review and comment – February/March 2023
4. Public hearing and Council adoption of 2024-2028 Recreation Master Plan – April 2023

7c. Adjourn as Recreation Commission/Reconvene as Planning Commission (8:56 p.m.)

**Moved by Hitchcock to adjourn as Recreation Commission and reconvene as Planning Commission.
Second by Pavlich.**

VOTE: Yes: Pavlich, Beidoun, Hitchcock, Marzolf, Saelens

No: None

Motion Carried (5-0)

8. OLD BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Discussion regarding various planning and zoning items

Senior Services Director Karen Adcock provided an update on Phase 2 of the Livable Communities initiative. Community conversations will continue in March 2023. The goal is to have the Action Plan in place by September/October 2023.

Steve Cohen, Director of Community Development, reminded the Commission that they will be looking at the Master Land Use plan in 2023. There are also a number of developments that will be coming before the Planning Commission in 2023.

9b. Cancellation of the January 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting

The meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Marzolf read the inscription and shared the plaque that will be presented to Mr. Pierce at the February 8, 2023 meeting.

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairperson Beidoun adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan McCullough, CMC, CMMC

Recording Secretary

Appendix

Agenda / Script

Recreation Master Plan Community Feedback Sessions (Fall 2022)

INTRODUCTION

Welcome and Introductions

Housekeeping

- Restrooms
- Snacks and drinks
- Water fountain

Explanation of Recreation Master Plan and Process

Explain Process we will go through in the session

- Understand current participation in programs and events
- Understand current usage of parks and amenities
- Understand what program and events participants would like to see in the future
- Understand what facilities and amenities participants would like to see in the future
- Understand any other community needs not addressed

Review and explanation of Parks and Recreation programs, events, parks, facilities, and amenities (presentation)

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Understanding current participation in programs

- Have participants list programs they participate in
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark all programs they have participated in

Understanding the current participation in events

- Have participants list events they have attended
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark all events they have participated in

Understanding future/desired programs

- Have participants list programs they would like to see in the future
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark their top 5 favorite program ideas

Understanding future/desired events

- Have participants list programs they would like to see in the future
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark their top 5 favorite program ideas

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Understanding the current use of facilities and amenities

- Have participants list facilities and amenities they use
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark all facilities and amenities they have used

Understanding future/desired facilities and amenities

- Have participants list facilities and amenities they would like to see in the future
- Record on posters
- Have participants mark their top 5 favorite facilities and amenities they would like to see in the future

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What other additional information would you like for us to know?

What ideas, issues, concerns do you have regarding parks and recreation that you would like for us to consider while creating this plan?

THANK YOU AND CLOSING

Review what the process will look like from here on out

- Staff will review data and prepare a presentation for the Recreation/Planning Commission on data trends
- Staff will work with Recreation/Planning Commission to create a 5-year plan, 2024-2028
- The Recreation Master Plan Draft will be open for public review
- A council meeting will be scheduled in January/February for public comment
- A council meeting will be scheduled to approve the final plan
- Recreation Master Plan will be submitted to the DNR

Thank you for taking time out of your day to be here tonight and provide your feedback for this plan.

You will be contacted when the plan is out for public review and you are welcome to make comments at that time as well.

Thank you again, and have a great night.

Appendix

Comments from Participants at Feedback Sessions (Fall 2022)

Parks

Clinton River Trail – Don't remember seeing amenities. Felt safe, was with people. Seemed like a rugged trail, nothing special.

Riverside Park – Familiar with it. Used pavilion as a guest. Been to concerts at the amphitheater. Don't use playscape. Enjoy the river, but disappointed in the parents letting kids use poop bags as waterbags. Uses it for training for leader dogs for the blind. Walk around the splashpad with her dog. Enjoy the art, it's a very nice touch to the park. Never used the restroom. Parking is an issue when there's an activity down there. When it's blocked off completely you can't even park behind the stores. Park is generally clean, except the kids taking all the poop bags and throwing them in the river. An educational program might help to keep parents/kids from destroying the river and hurting ducks. Feels safe. It would be nice if some of the stores were open later on some of the days.

River Woods Park – it's been a while since I've used it. Mostly walk on trails. Has been a guest there. No fishing or kayaking in the river. No use of the basketball court. Took nephew to the playscape. That one is a little iffier than riverside. Some of the clientele using the park pack-in and pack-out. Sometimes it's the park I feel least safe at because of lingering of certain people.

Skatepark – Have not used. Only for parking.

Civic Center Park – used more lately for trails mainly. No disc golf, but wants to. Uses the track/benches. Has not used the ball diamond. Has not been a guest or used the pavilion, except for perennial exchange. Do use the playscape with dog to socialize with kids. Do use playscape by community center. Have not used restroom. Feels safe, it's clean. Wish they'd get rid of some of the poison ivy. Kids frolic in it. Unsure what pile of rocks is that's been there for 2 years.

Dennis Deering – Has not been there

Manitoba Park – Not familiar

Hawk Woods – Use often main for trails. Has not spent the night in the cabins. Was interested in women's retreat. Used pavilion to meet with friends. Never used the lodge. Used to use the boardwalk. Park and cabins are clean. The trails seem clean, never see trash. Usually feels safe, but sometimes there are strange looking characters that I run into. Dogs off leash. Could use a 911 call box, because when you're in the woods in the back and someone is all the sudden there, it would be nice to have a phone available. More remote and less traffic. Hawk Woods was a lifesaver for me during COVID, I love nature, an escape from home. Trail was icy in the winter. No nature center – that would be a nice thing to put here. Hawk woods is more of the nature park

Programs and Events

Have participated in:

- Tree lighting ceremony
- Friday night concerts
- Summerfest and car show
- Fall festival – long time

Used to do fitness classes –yoga, but they are way too expensive, because if you want to do more than one thing, for a senior, someone on a fixed income they're expensive. We don't have the greatest fitness/workout room so I go to lifetime, and it costs, more, but it's one price and I can come do all of it.

Go to senior parties

No rentals

Used to watch pickleball

No tennis courts or pickleball courts

No maker's studio, took a couple classes, like craft classes, glass melting necklaces

Sometimes go to talks, nothing recent.

What I would use in the future:

- Something else at river woods like the splashpad
- Elk rapids – with OU and the other community we have here. Art Sculpture in the Park – people have commissioned artwork in the woods, and it goes up to the beach. Meadowbrook – art in the grounds. Connect with Art at OU, maybe students could have a contest. Children have a summercamp where kids make things out of clay and leave them in the woods. Like the library doing the yarn on the trees, doesn't have to be elaborate. Would have to be where there are woods, maybe 5 sculptures in the woods, or maybe down by the community center. The art changes every couple of years.
- At hawk woods, duck boxes.
- Club at OU to donate time to help with programs.
- More places at hawk woods to sit in the shade especially.
- Farmer's market – would go
- Maybe a labyrinth
- Mixed emotions about a dog park
- Wants a nature center
- Improve the trail around the pond at hawk woods where it floods. Get the trails in better shape. Maybe a walkway around the pond.
- Not a big birder, but do enjoy watching them around hawk woods.
- A deck with benches to view the marsh area at hawk woods.
- Always enjoyed the sculptures, metal sculptures along the Riverwalk at st. clair

Programs and Events

- Programs back at hawk woods
- Once in a while have concerts at Hawk Woods
- Photography workshop
- Not in tune to a lot of what's been offered
- Church on squirrel does some things.
- Craft show at the community center

- Botanical gardens – perennial garden at community center?

The website isn't very user friendly. If you have to do more than 3 hits, it's too much.

Have bingo at hawk woods – is there enough handicapped spots for that?

Appendix

Summary of Parks and Recreation Survey

PARKS AND FACILITIES

96% of respondents visited a park facility in the past year

Riverside Park

88% of respondents has visited in the past year

2% of respondents were not aware of this park

3 most popular amenities:

- General park use
- Riverwalk Pathway
- Knight Amphitheater

73.8% of respondents scored cleanliness as 8+

86.0% of respondents scored safety as an 8+

81.7% of respondents scored maintenance as an 8+

River Woods Park

55% of respondents visited River Woods Park in the past year

7.8% of respondents were not aware of this park.

3 most popular amenities:

- General park use
- Riverwalk Pathway
- Park Playscape

67.2% of respondents scored cleanliness as 8+

74.2% of respondents scored safety as 8+

65.76% of respondents scored maintenance as an 8+

Civic Center Park

35.8% of respondents visited this park in the past year.

14% of respondents were not aware of this park.

3 most popular amenities:

- General park use
- Trails
- Toddler playscape

85.4% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+

88.2% of respondents rated safety as 8+

82.8% of respondents rated maintenance as an 8+

Hawk Woods Park

35% of respondents visited this park within the last year.

13.8% of respondents were not aware of this park.

3 most popular amenities:

- Trails
- General park use
- Lodge

87.3% of respondents rate cleanliness as 8+

92% of respondents rated safety as 8+

78.9% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+

Skatepark

13% of respondents visited this park in the past year

3.9% of respondents were not aware of this park

3 most popular amenities:

- General park area
- Skate Ramps
- Parents watching children

56.8% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+

68.17% of respondents rated safety as 8+

43.2% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+

Manitoba Park

7% of respondents visited this park in the past year

42% of respondents were not aware of this park

3 most popular amenities:

- General Park Area
- Shade Shelter
- Playscape

95.2% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+

95.5% of respondents rated safety as 8+

95.5% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+

Dennis Dearing Park

3% of respondents visited this park in the past year

44.8% of respondents were not aware of this park

2 most popular amenities:

- General park area
- Playscape

60% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+

80% of respondents rated safety as 8+

50% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+

Clinton River Trail

68% of respondents visited this park in the past year

2.4% of respondents were not aware of this park

3 most popular amenities:

- General Trail use
- Hydration Station near Adams Road
- Shade Shelter on Opdyke Road

80.6% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+
71.5% of respondents rated safety as 8+
68.2% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+

Community Center

38.6% of respondents used the community center in the past year
7% of respondents were unaware of the community center
3 most popular amenities:

- Fitness Room
- Gym
- Banquet Room Rentals

96% of respondents rated safety as 8+
89.4% of respondents rated maintenance as 8+
94.4% of respondents rated cleanliness as 8+

88.5% of respondents said park facilities rate 8+ for importance to their quality of life in Auburn Hills

Top reasons people visit Auburn Hills Parks:

- Convenient location
- Parks help them to live a healthier lifestyle
- Attendance at city-planned activities or events

91% of respondents said they feel welcomed in our parks

91% of respondents said they would recommend our parks to a family member, friend, or neighbor

48.6% of respondents said they visit Auburn Hills parks more than 15 visits throughout the year.

Common threads with comments:

More inclusive design and amenities for people of diverse abilities

Very welcoming staff

More trash pick up needed in parks

People are enjoying recent park updates and would like to see improvements continue

More security at parks including police presence

More parking downtown

More trails and green spaces

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

63.5% of respondents participate in a program or event in the past year.

92.7% of respondents participated in Friday Nights Downtown Music Series

Most popular Recreation Events:

- Summerfest
- Fall Festival in the Woods
- Paddlepalooza

77.89% of respondents said they would recommend EVENTS to families, friends and neighbors, 8+

Most popular programs and classes:

- Fitness Classes
- Open Gym
- Nature Education Classes

73.8% of respondents said they would recommend programs and classes to friends, 8+

76.7% of respondents said recreation programs and events are important to their quality of life, 8+

82.73% of respondents said they feel welcomed at events and programs 8+

Most popular ways to receive information about programs:

- Newsletter
- Facebook
- Website

Other ways people would like to receive information:

- e-mail list
- direct mail
- Neighborhood apps

69.6% of respondents participate in 1-5 programs/events throughout the year

Comment threads about existing recreation events, programs and classes:

Overall great comments for programs and events

Would like to see more classes

Would like to see more events for adults

Parking and handicap parking is an issue

Aquatics programming came up in both programs and facilities

Food trucks came up in programs and facilities

70% of respondents feel like they can get to a park without driving

Common threads on why people leave auburn hills for programs and events:

- Overwhelmingly leave AH for larger parks and longer trails
- Diversity of programs and park offerings
- For public swimming indoors and at beaches
- Dog parks
- AH facilities too crowded

Top 5 amenities respondents reported they would utilize:

- Farmer's Market/Outdoor Market
- More Restrooms

- More paved non-motorized pathways
- More benches
- Leisure Pool

Top 5 classes respondents reported they would attend:

- How to classes, learning new skills
- Fitness classes
- Social activities
- Cooking classes
- Game nights

Common threads for programs that would improve access and inclusion:

- Better parking for disabled
- Park Facilities designed for autistic children and children with other disabilities
- LGBTQ+ events
- Continue cultural events

Common threads to policies and rules that create barriers to access

- Handicapped parking

Common threads of open sharing:

- More accessibility for people who are disabled
- Continued focus on cleanliness
- More restaurants downtown
- Dog Park
- Bathroom on CRT
- Partner with the orchard to take on community park

86% of respondents from auburn hills

56.73% of respondents lived in zones 5 and 6

52% of respondents were between the ages of 25 – 45

29.4% of respondents were ages 55+

63.9% of respondents were female

31.3% male

65.3% of respondents do not have children at home

Income demographics

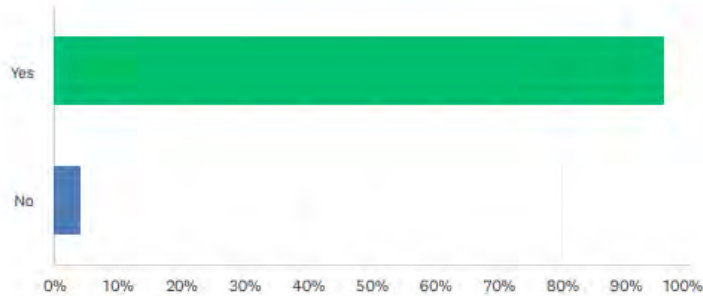
Ethnic origin demographics

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Survey Data and Tables

Q1 Within the past year, have you or a member of your household visited a City of Auburn Hills park or recreation facility (such as any park, pavilion, splashpad, athletic field, the community center, etc.)

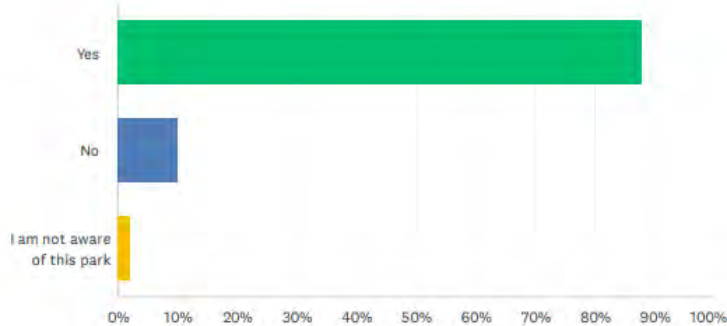
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.01%	385
No	3.99%	16
TOTAL		401

Q2 Have you visited Riverside Park in the last year?

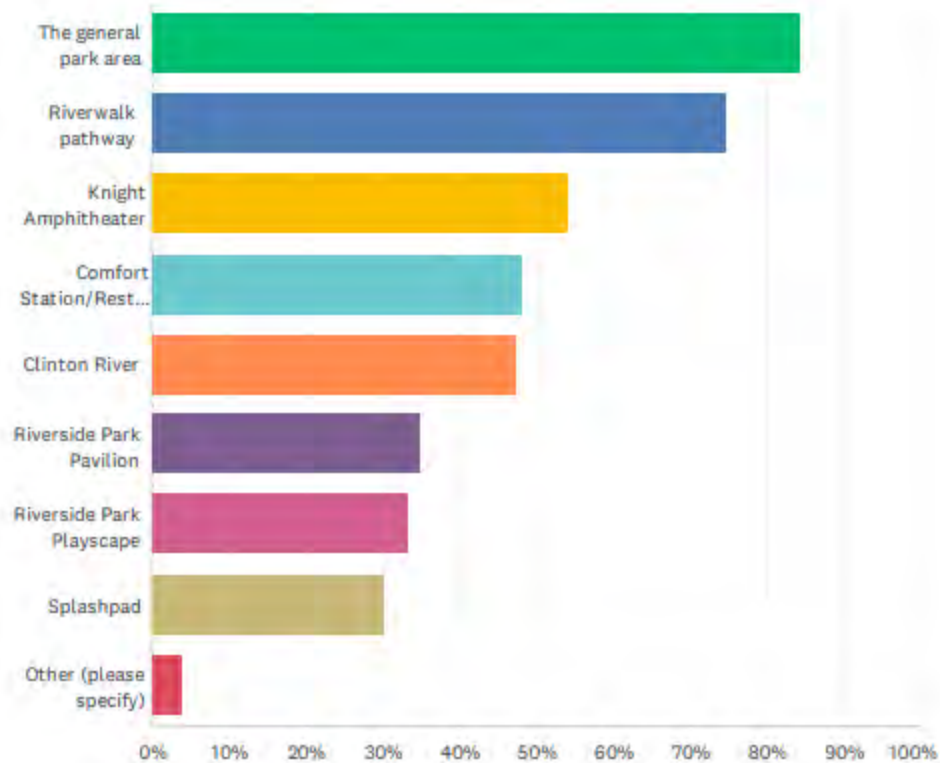
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.80%	331
No	10.08%	38
I am not aware of this park	2.12%	8
TOTAL		377

Q3 Which amenities have you used at Riverside Park?

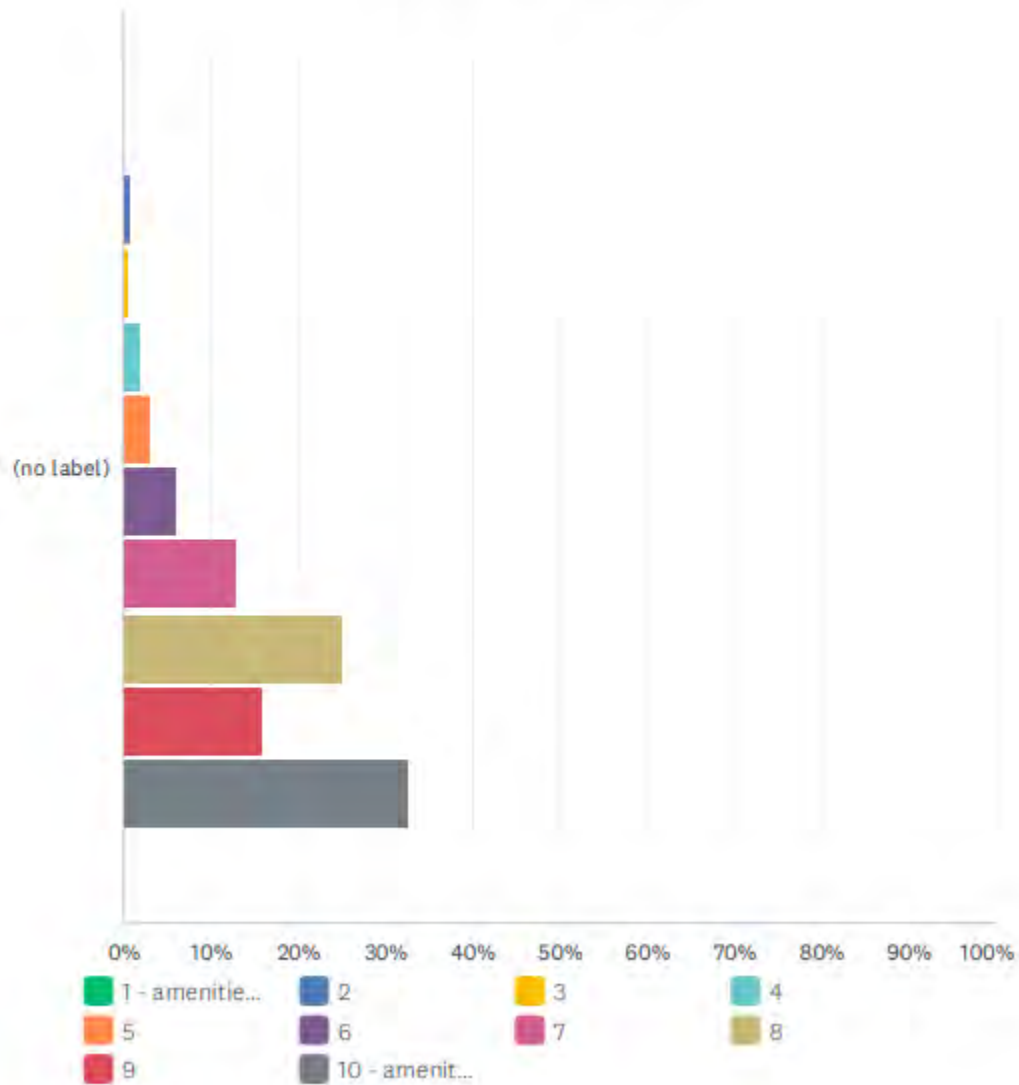
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	84.33%	269
Riverwalk pathway	74.61%	238
Knight Amphitheater	54.23%	173
Comfort Station/Restrooms	48.28%	154
Clinton River	47.34%	151
Riverside Park Pavilion	34.80%	111
Riverside Park Playscape	33.23%	106
Splashpad	30.09%	96
Other (please specify)	3.76%	12
Total Respondents: 319		

Q4 Were the park amenities clean?

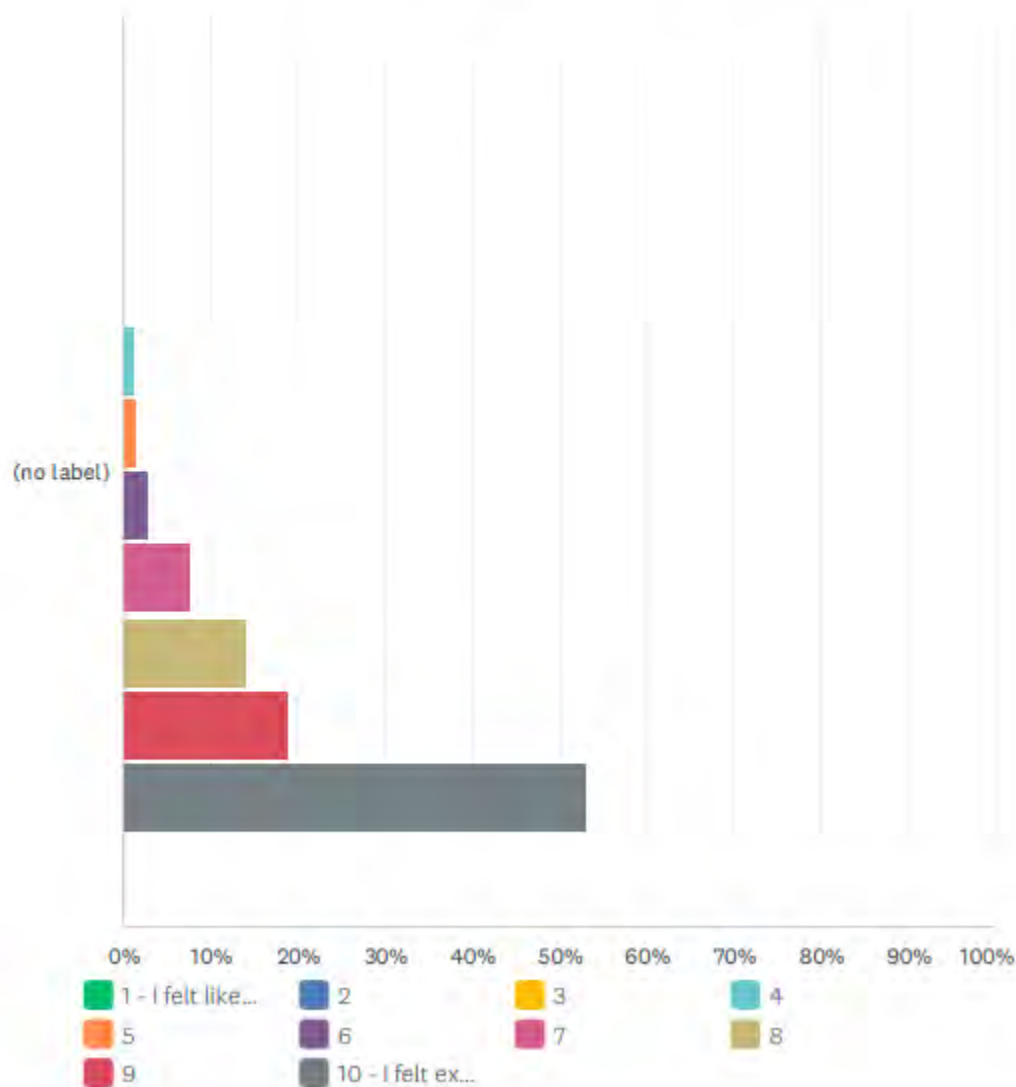
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(no label)	0.32%	0.96%	0.64%	1.92%	3.19%	6.07%	13.10%	25.24%	15.97%	32.59%	313	5.86
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Q5 Did you feel safe at this park?

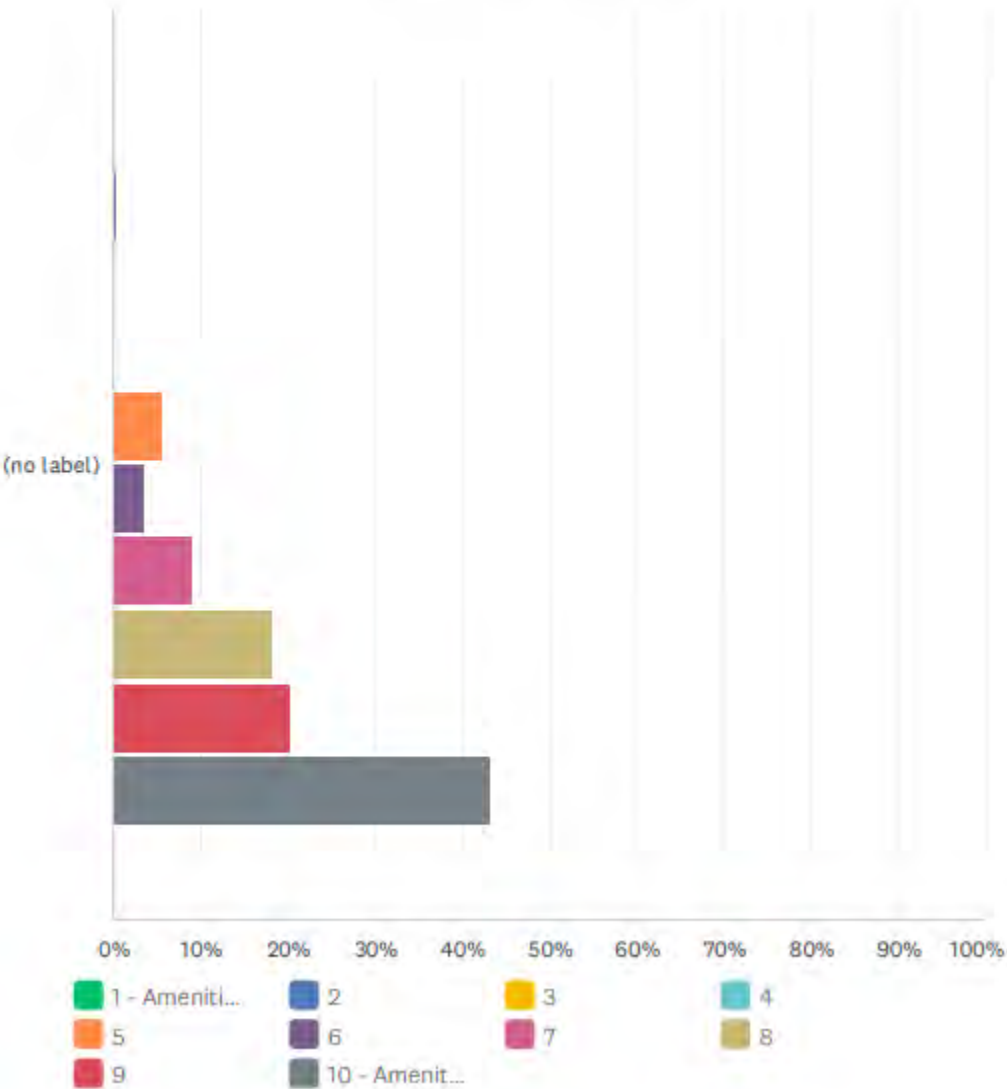
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(no label)	0.32%	0.32%	0.00%	1.27%	1.59%	2.86%	7.62%	13.97%	19.05%	53.02%	315	5.93
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Q6 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

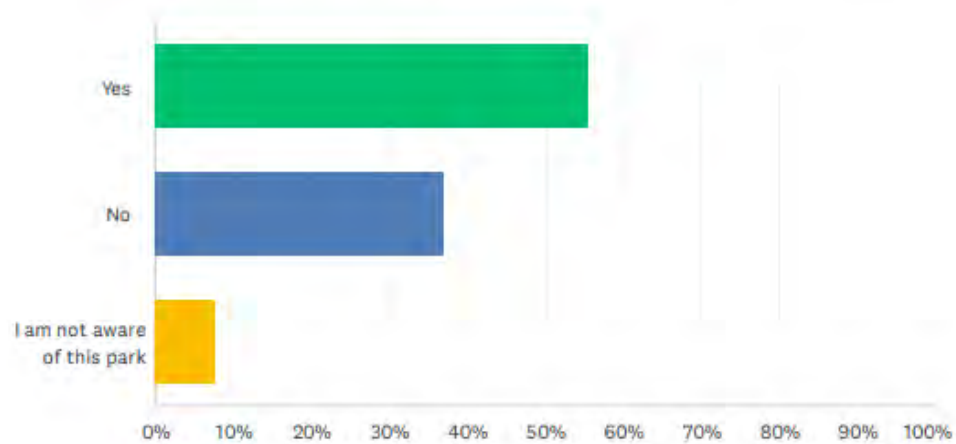
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(no label)	0.00% 0	0.32% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.45% 17	3.53% 11	8.97% 28	18.27% 57	20.19% 63	43.27% 135	312	5.93

Q7 Have you visited River Woods Park in the last year?

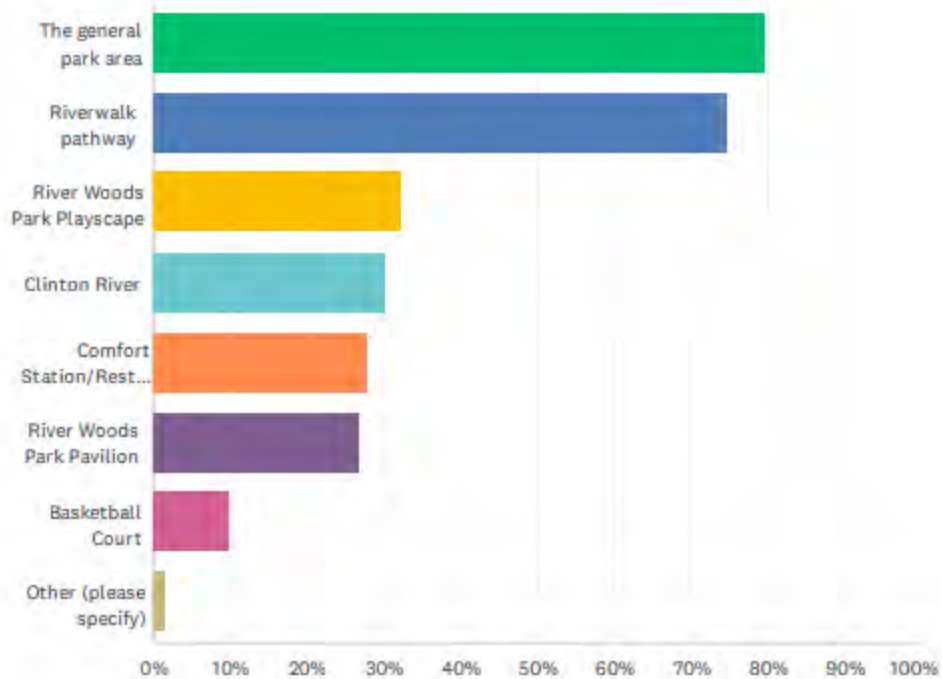
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.40%	200
No	36.84%	133
I am not aware of this park	7.76%	28
TOTAL		361

Q8 Which amenities have you used at River Woods Park?

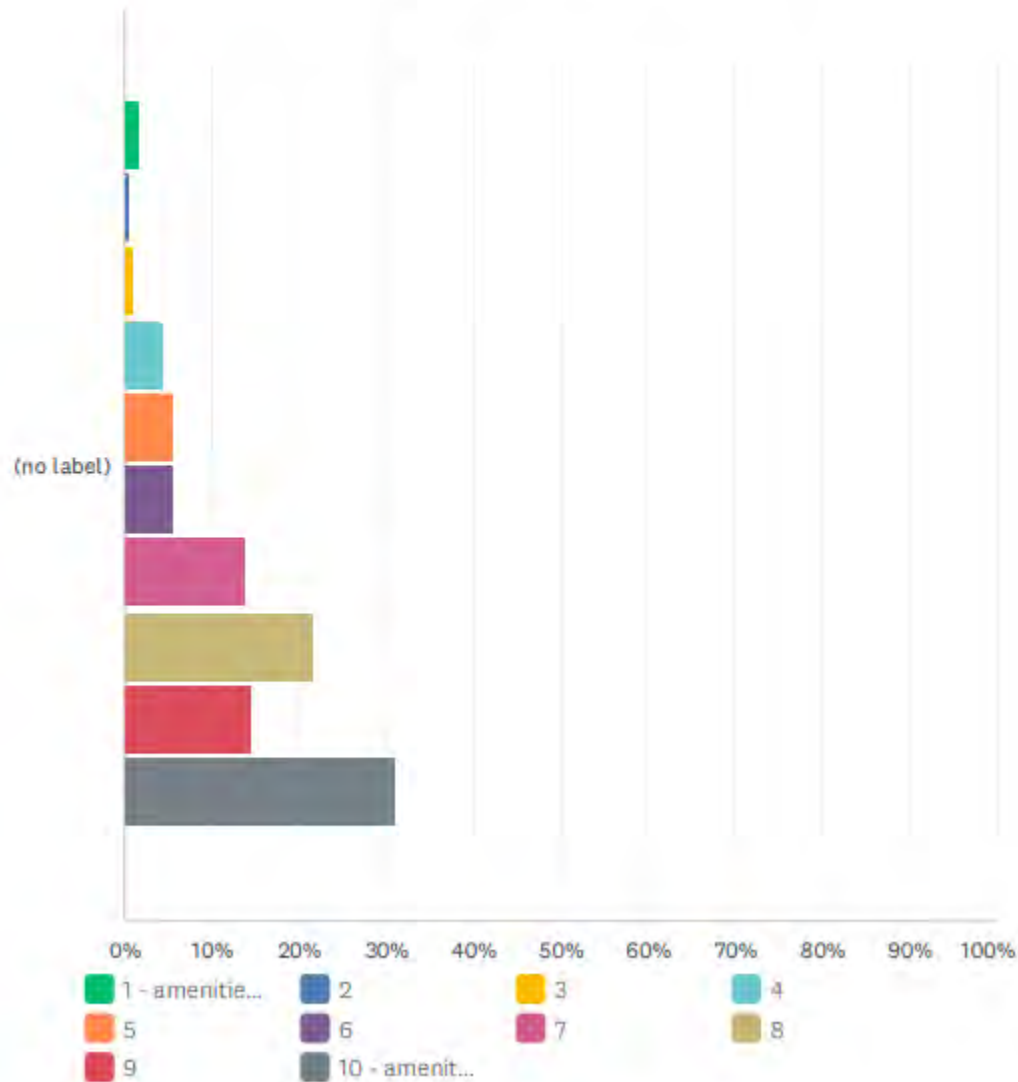
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	79.79%	154
Riverwalk pathway	74.61%	144
River Woods Park Playscape	32.12%	62
Clinton River	30.05%	58
Comfort Station/Restrooms	27.98%	54
River Woods Park Pavilion	26.94%	52
Basketball Court	9.84%	19
Other (please specify)	1.55%	3
Total Respondents: 193		

Q9 Were the park amenities clean?

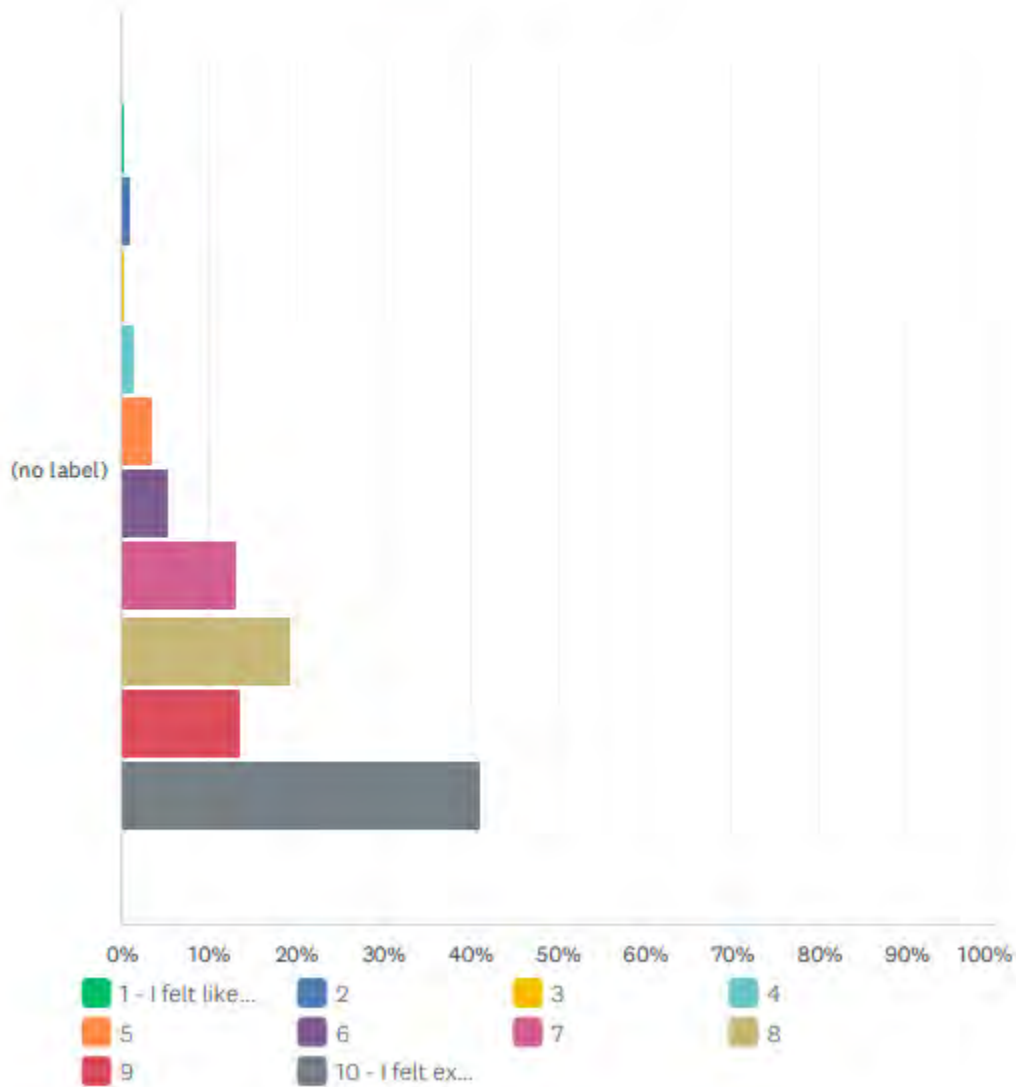
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(no label)	1.67% 3	0.56% 1	1.11% 2	4.44% 8	5.56% 10	5.56% 10	13.89% 25	21.67% 39	14.44% 26	31.11% 56	180	5.72

Q10 Did you feel safe at this park?

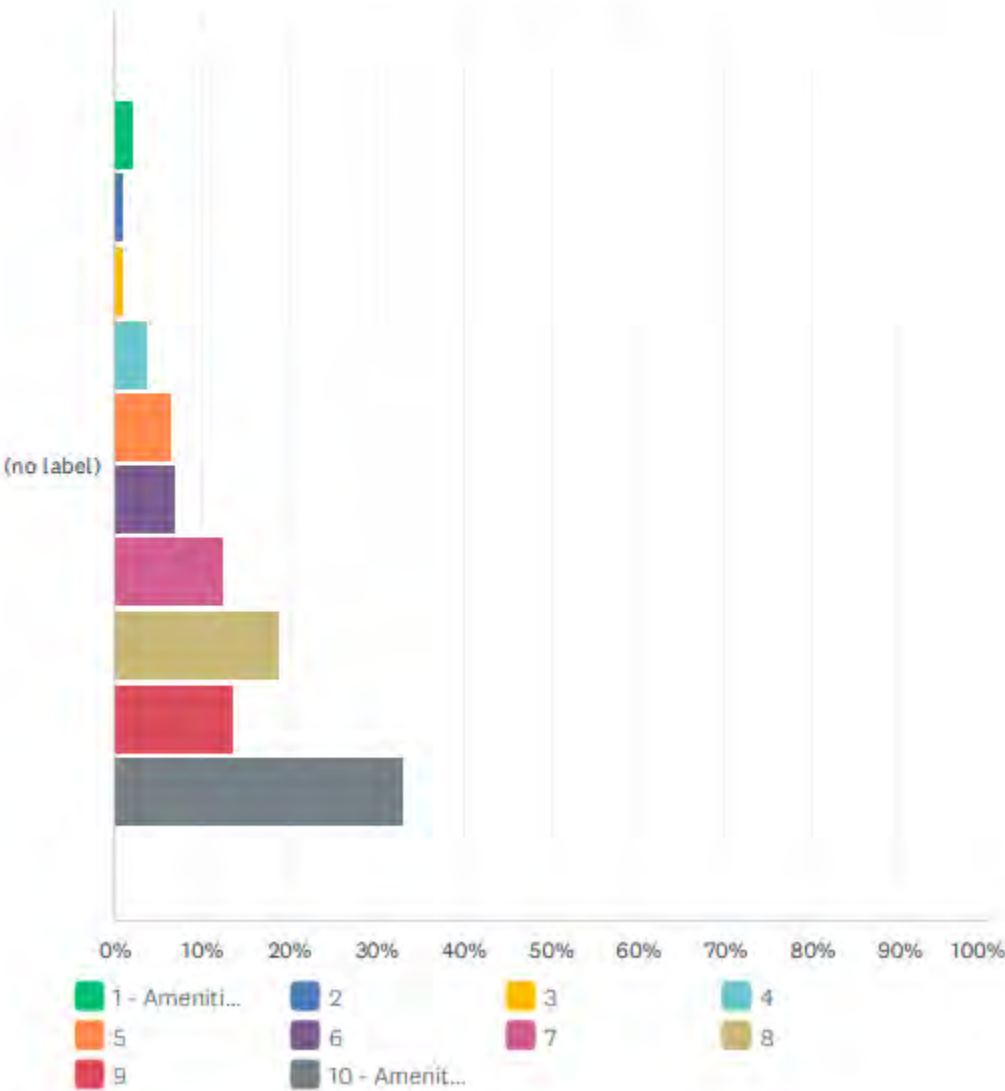
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(no label)	0.53% 1	1.05% 2	0.53% 1	1.58% 3	3.68% 7	5.26% 10	13.16% 25	19.47% 37	13.68% 26	41.05% 78	190	5.85

Q11 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

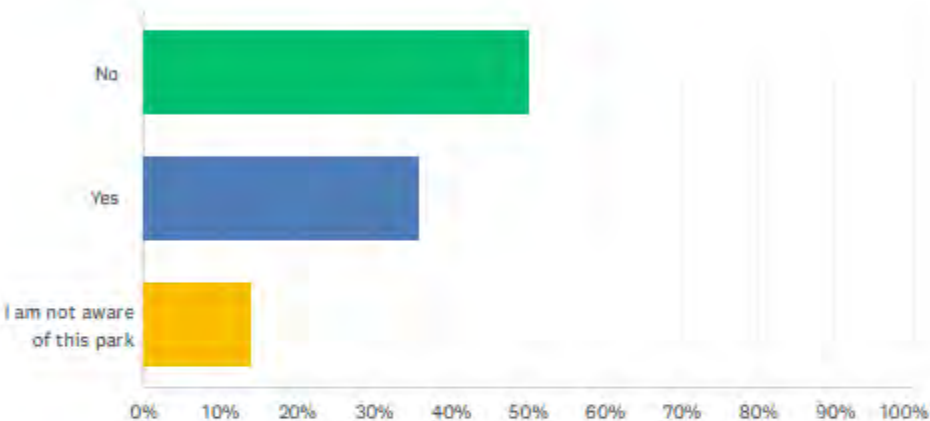
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(no label)	2.17%	1.09%	1.09%	3.80%	6.52%	7.07%	12.50%	19.02%	13.59%	33.15%	184	5.67
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Q12 Have you visited Civic Center Park in the last year?

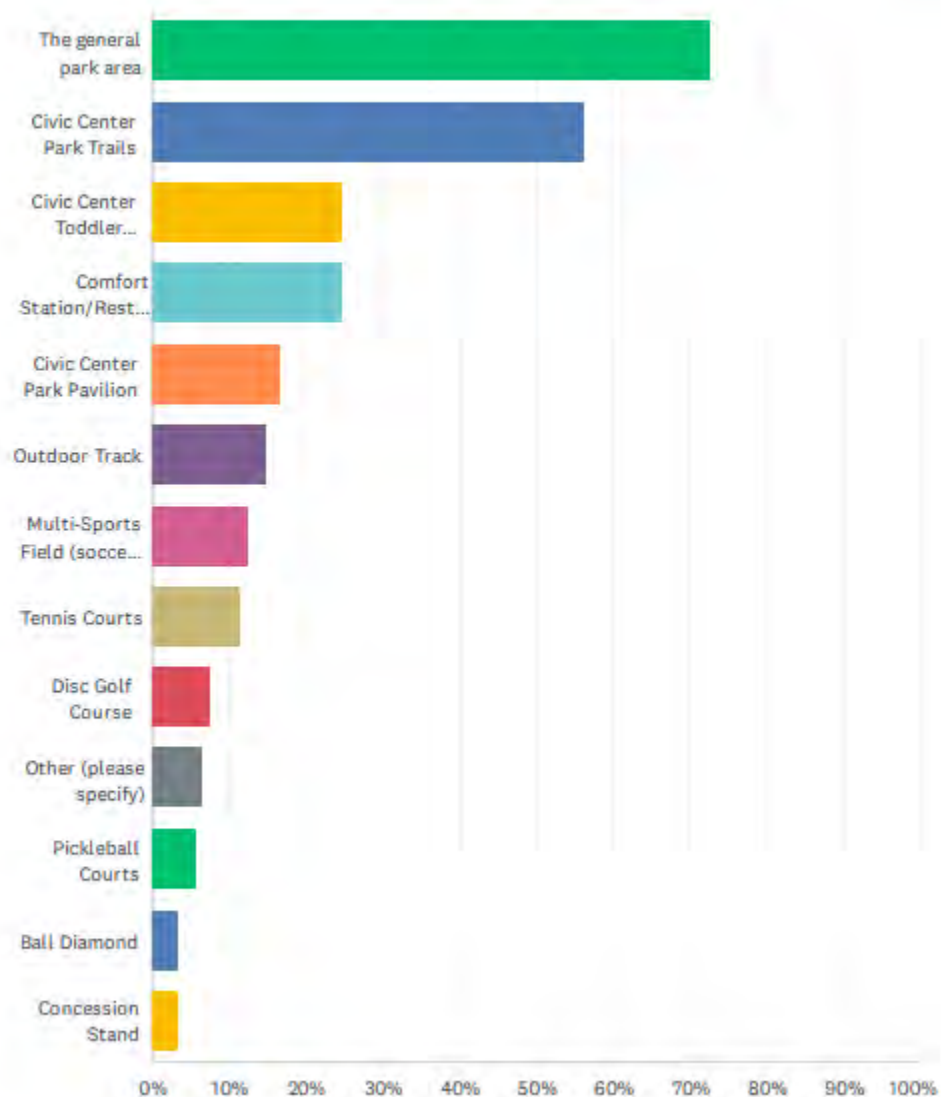
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	50.14%	175
Yes	35.82%	125
I am not aware of this park	14.04%	49
TOTAL		349

Q13 Which amenities have you used at Civic Center Park?

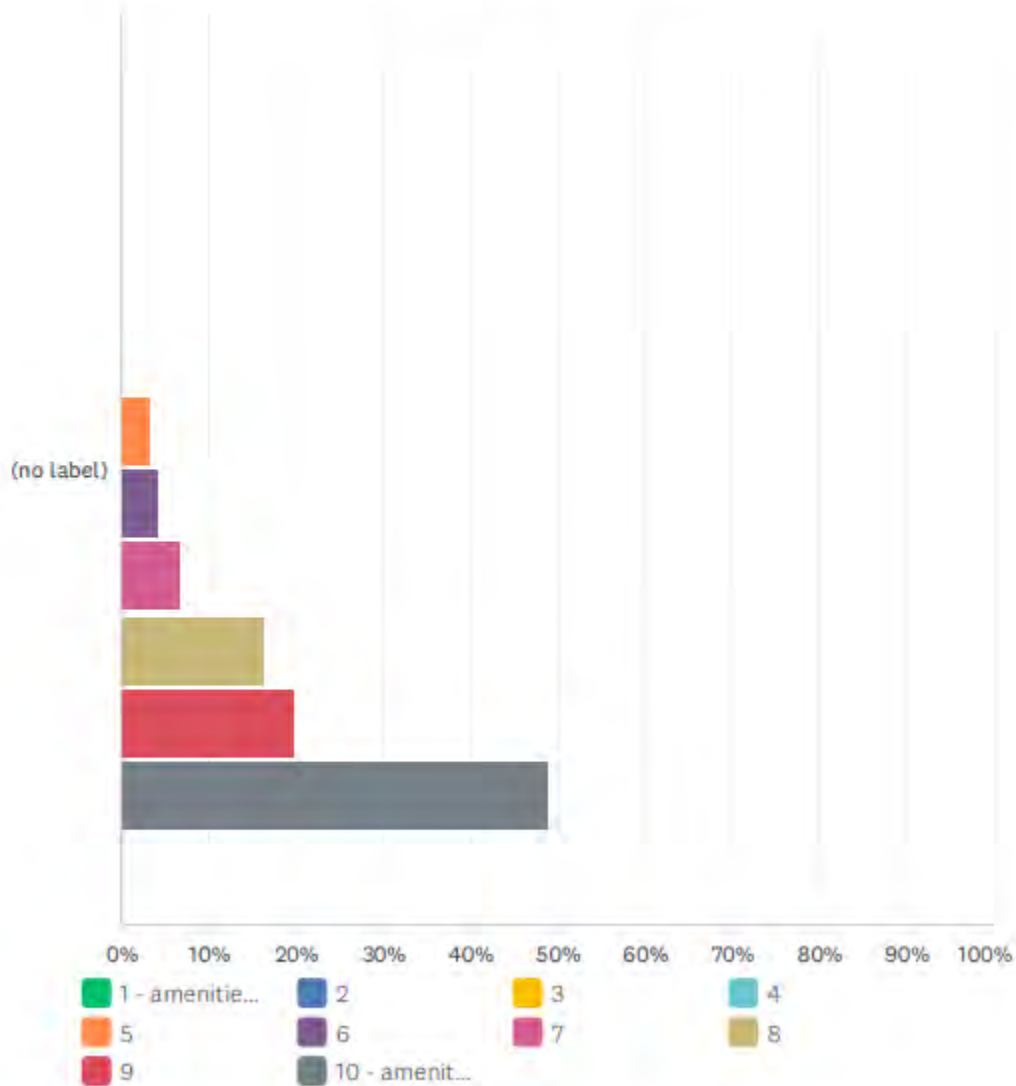
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	72.73%	88
Civic Center Park Trails	56.20%	68
Civic Center Toddler Playscape	24.79%	30
Comfort Station/Restrooms	24.79%	30
Civic Center Park Pavilion	16.53%	20
Outdoor Track	14.88%	18
Multi-Sports Field (soccer and football)	12.40%	15
Tennis Courts	11.57%	14
Disc Golf Course	7.44%	9
Other (please specify)	6.61%	8
Pickleball Courts	5.79%	7
Ball Diamond	3.31%	4
Concession Stand	3.31%	4
Total Respondents: 121		

Q14 Were the park amenities clean?

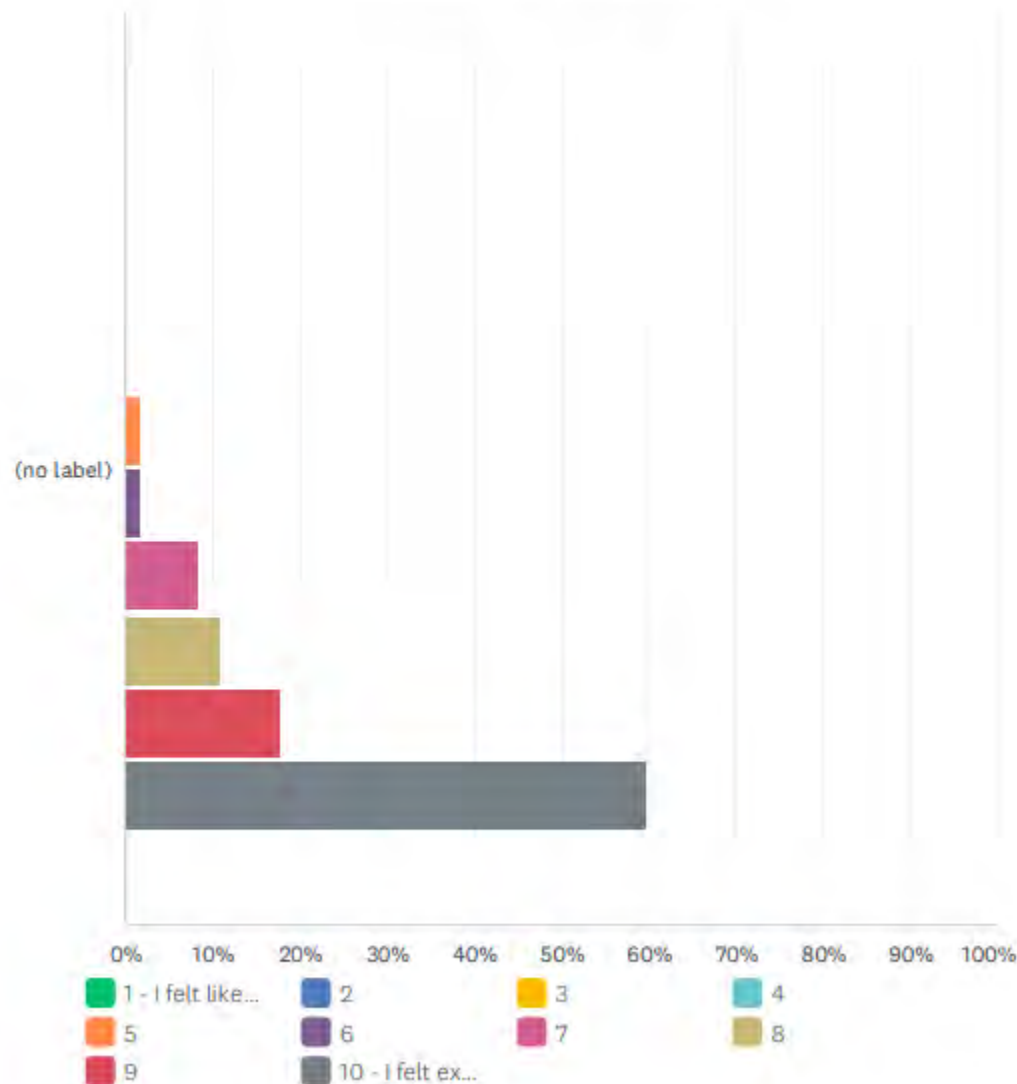
Answered: 116 Skipped: 285



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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.45%	4.31%	6.90%	16.38%	19.83%	49.14%		
	0	0	0	0	4	5	8	19	23	57	116	5.97

Q15 Did you feel safe at this park?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 282

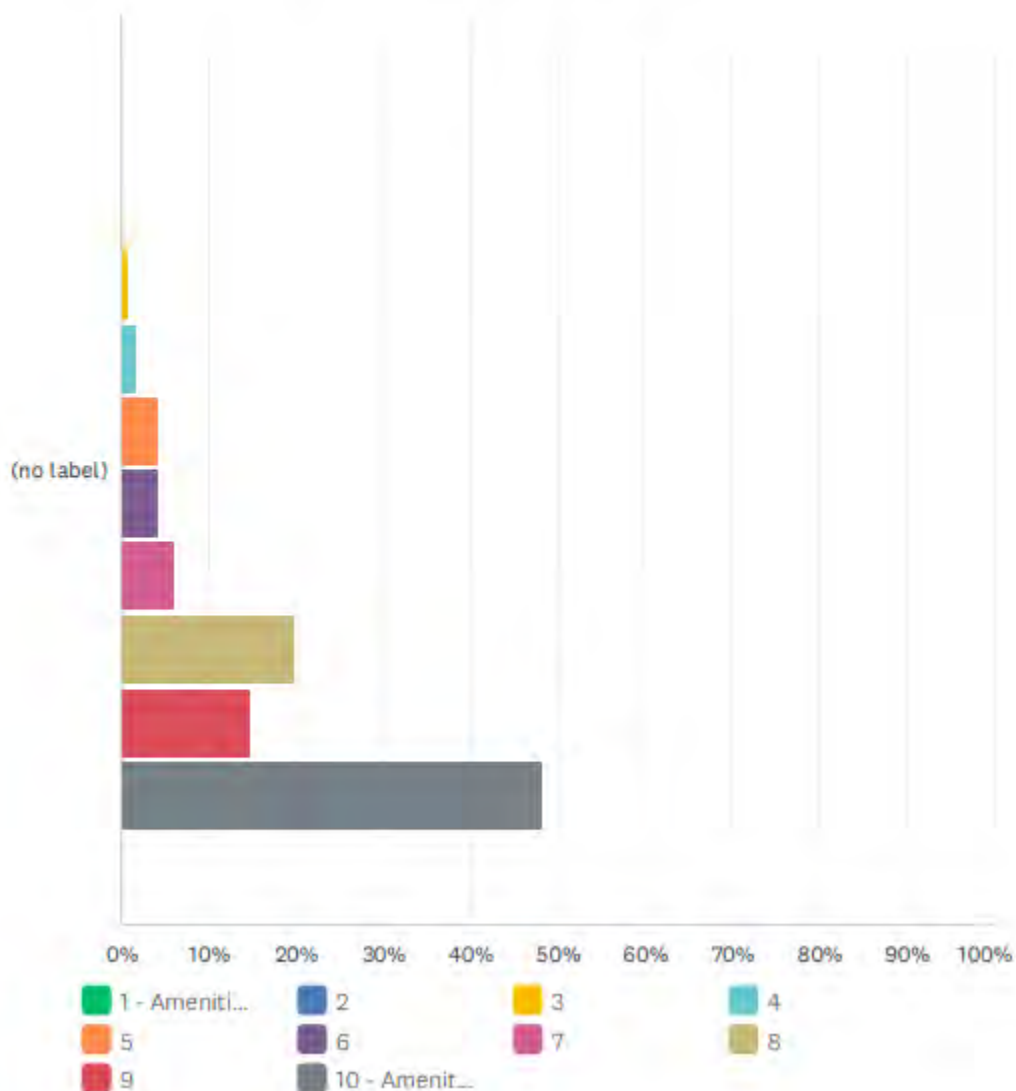


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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.68%	1.68%	8.40%	10.92%	17.65%	59.66%	
	0	0	0	0	2	2	10	13	21	71	119

5.98

Q16 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

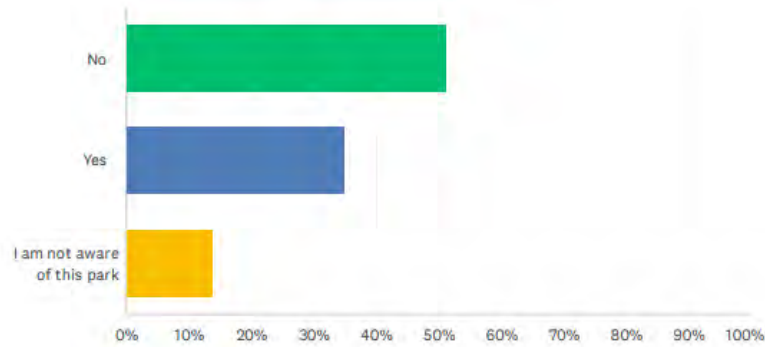
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	1 - AMENITIES LOOKED RUN DOWN AND/OR WERE BROKEN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES LOOKED GREAT AND WERE WORKING AS THEY SHOULD	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.86%	1.72%	4.31%	4.31%	6.03%	19.83%	14.66%	48.28%	116	5.90
	0	0	1	2	5	5	7	23	17	56		

Q17 Have you visited Hawk Woods Park and Campground in the last year?

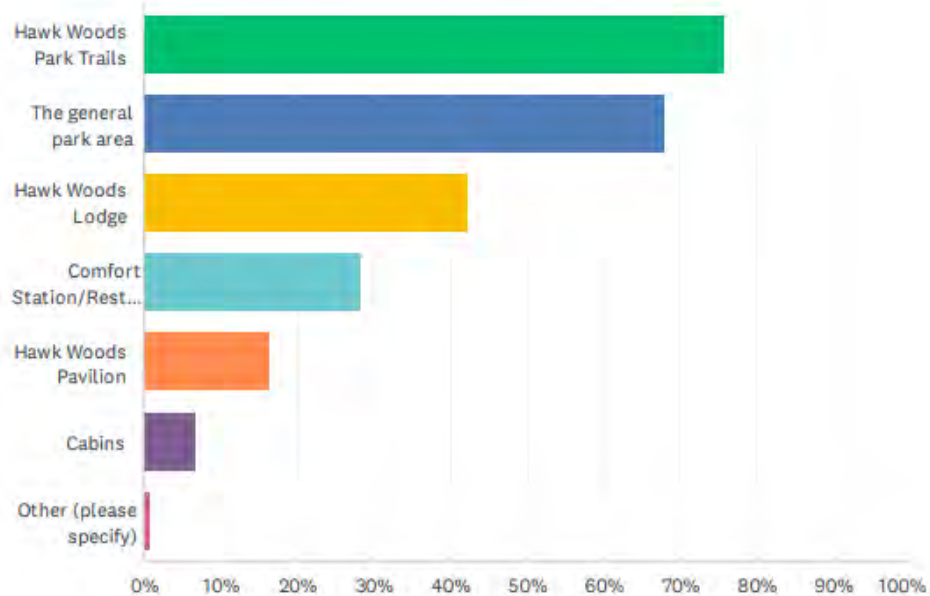
Answered: 340 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	51.18%	174
Yes	35.00%	119
I am not aware of this park	13.82%	47
TOTAL		340

Q18 Which amenities have you used at Hawk Woods Park & Campground?

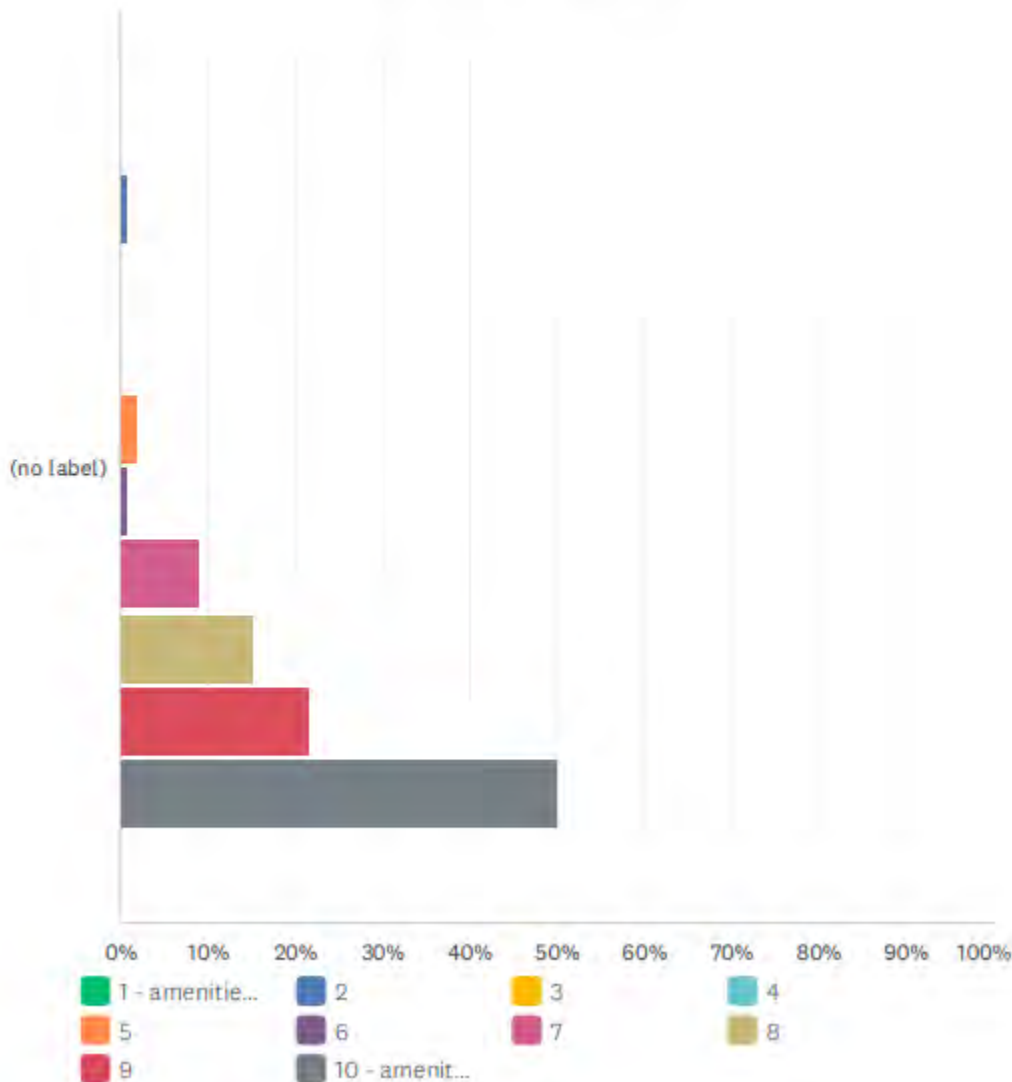
Answered: 116 Skipped: 285



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hawk Woods Park Trails	75.86%	88
The general park area	68.10%	79
Hawk Woods Lodge	42.24%	49
Comfort Station/Restrooms	28.45%	33
Hawk Woods Pavilion	16.38%	19
Cabins	6.90%	8
Other (please specify)	0.86%	1
Total Respondents: 116		

Q19 Were the park amenities clean?

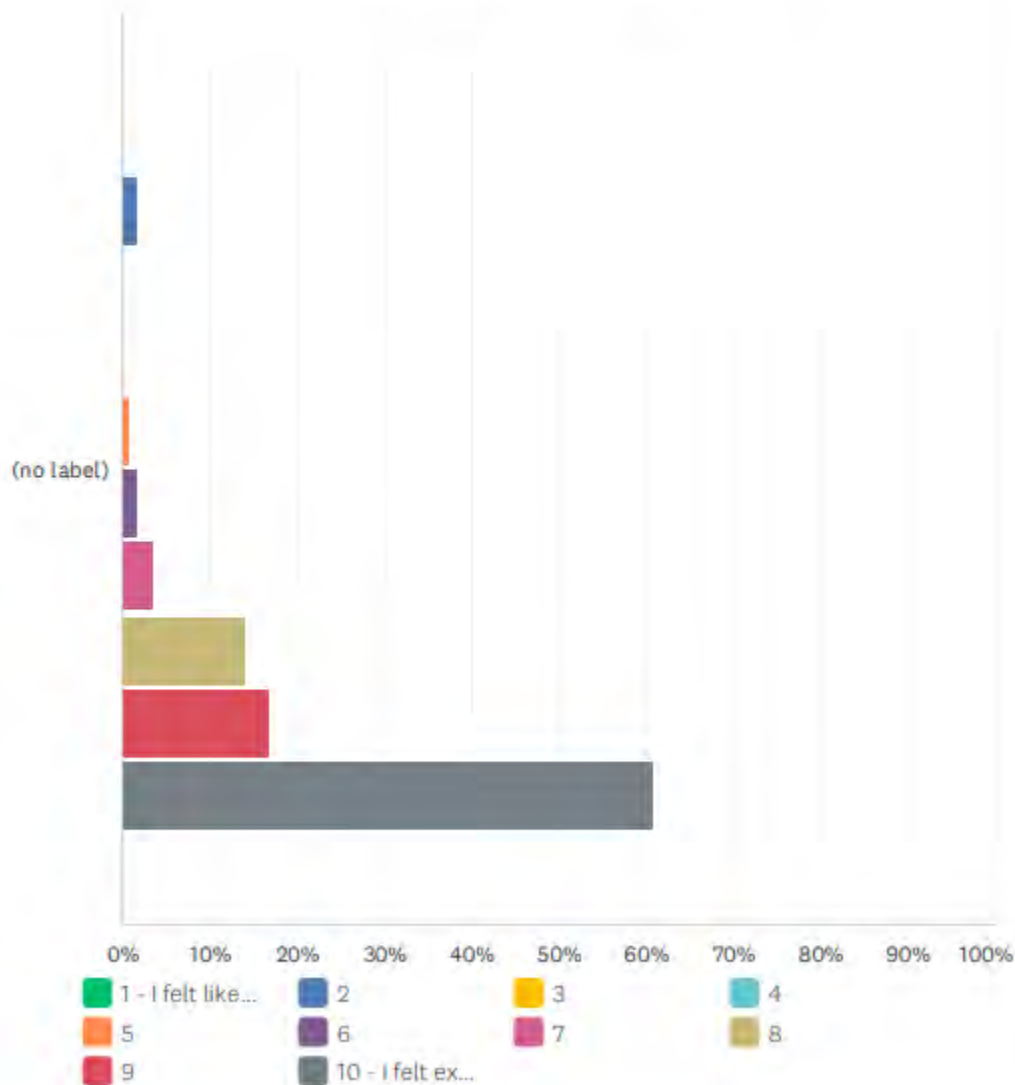
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(no label)	0.00%	0.91%	0.00%	0.00%	1.82%	0.91%	9.09%	15.45%	21.82%	50.00%	110	5.95
	0	1	0	0	2	1	10	17	24	55		

Q20 Did you feel safe at this park?

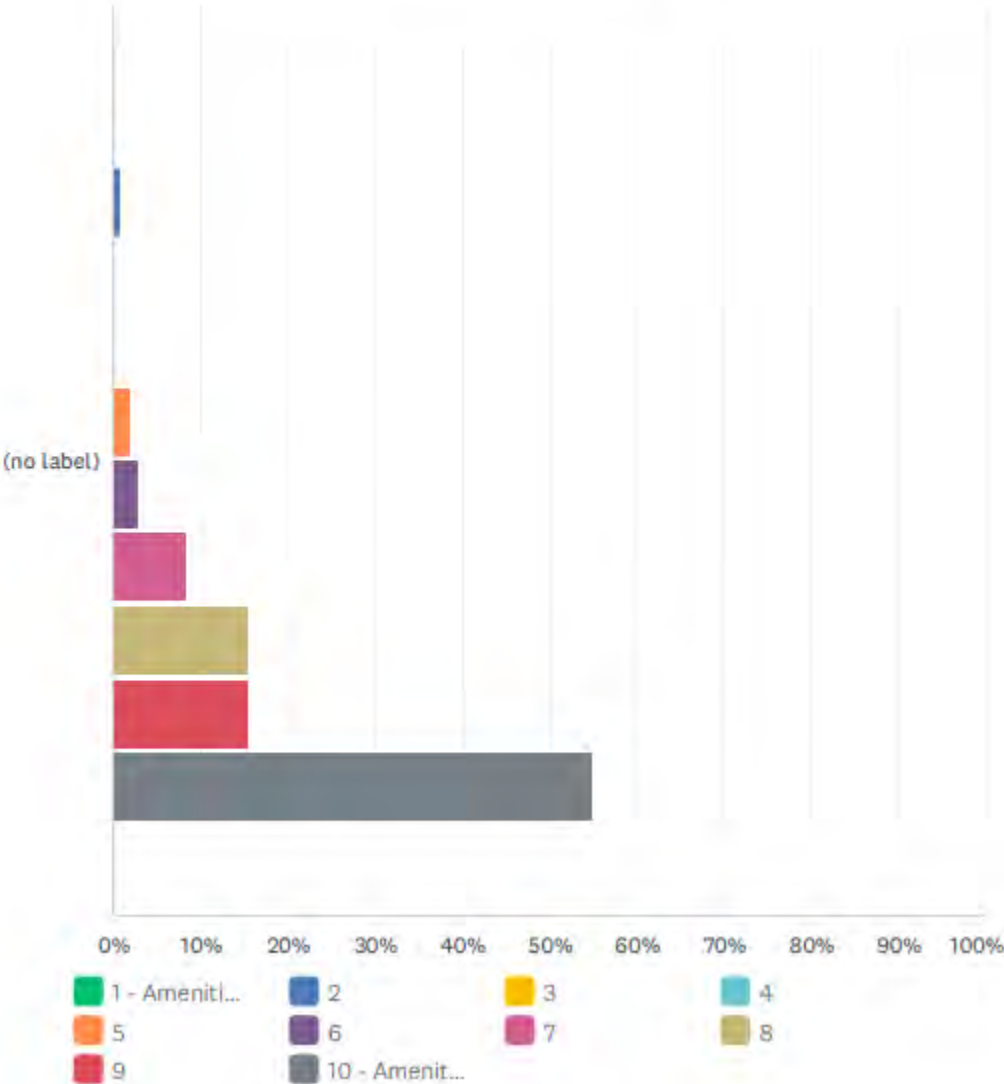
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(no label)	0.00%	1.77%	0.00%	0.00%	0.88%	1.77%	3.54%	14.16%	16.81%	61.06%	113	5.92
	0	2	0	0	1	2	4	16	19	69		

Q21 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

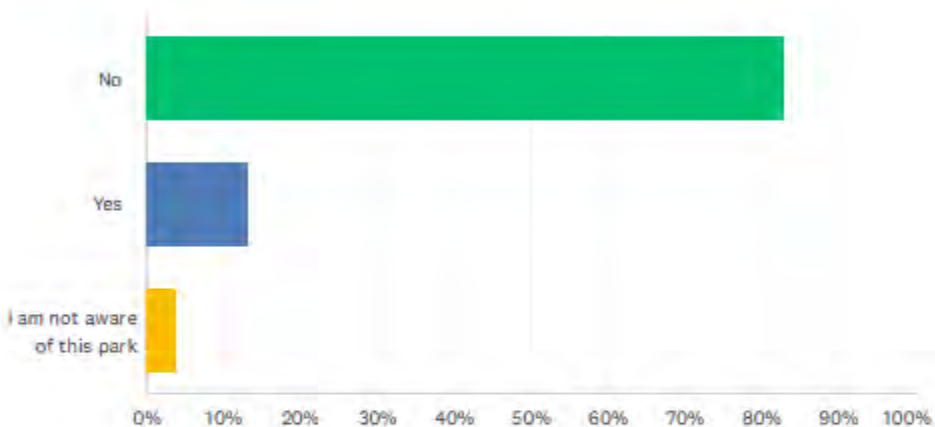
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(no label)	0.00%	0.92%	0.00%	0.00%	1.83%	2.75%	8.26%	15.60%	15.60%	55.05%	109	5.94
	0	1	0	0	2	3	9	17	17	60		

Q22 Have you visited the Skate Park the last year?

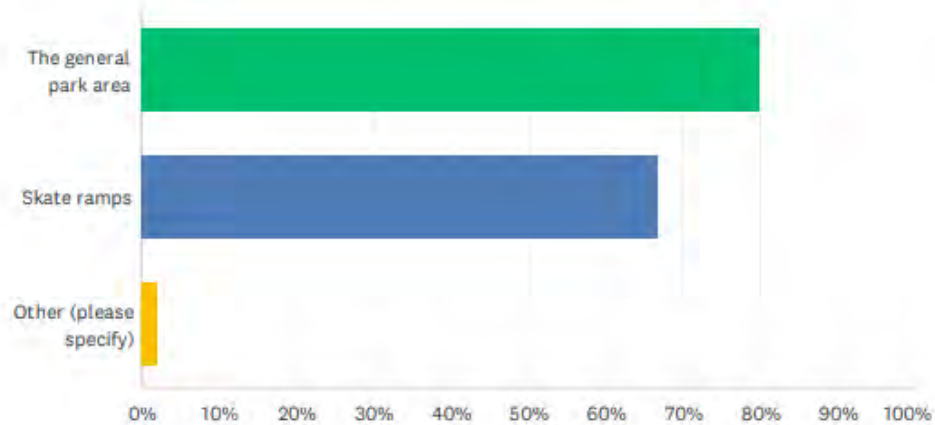
Answered: 338 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	82.84%	280
Yes	13.31%	45
I am not aware of this park	3.85%	13
TOTAL		338

Q23 Which amenities have you used at the Skate Park?

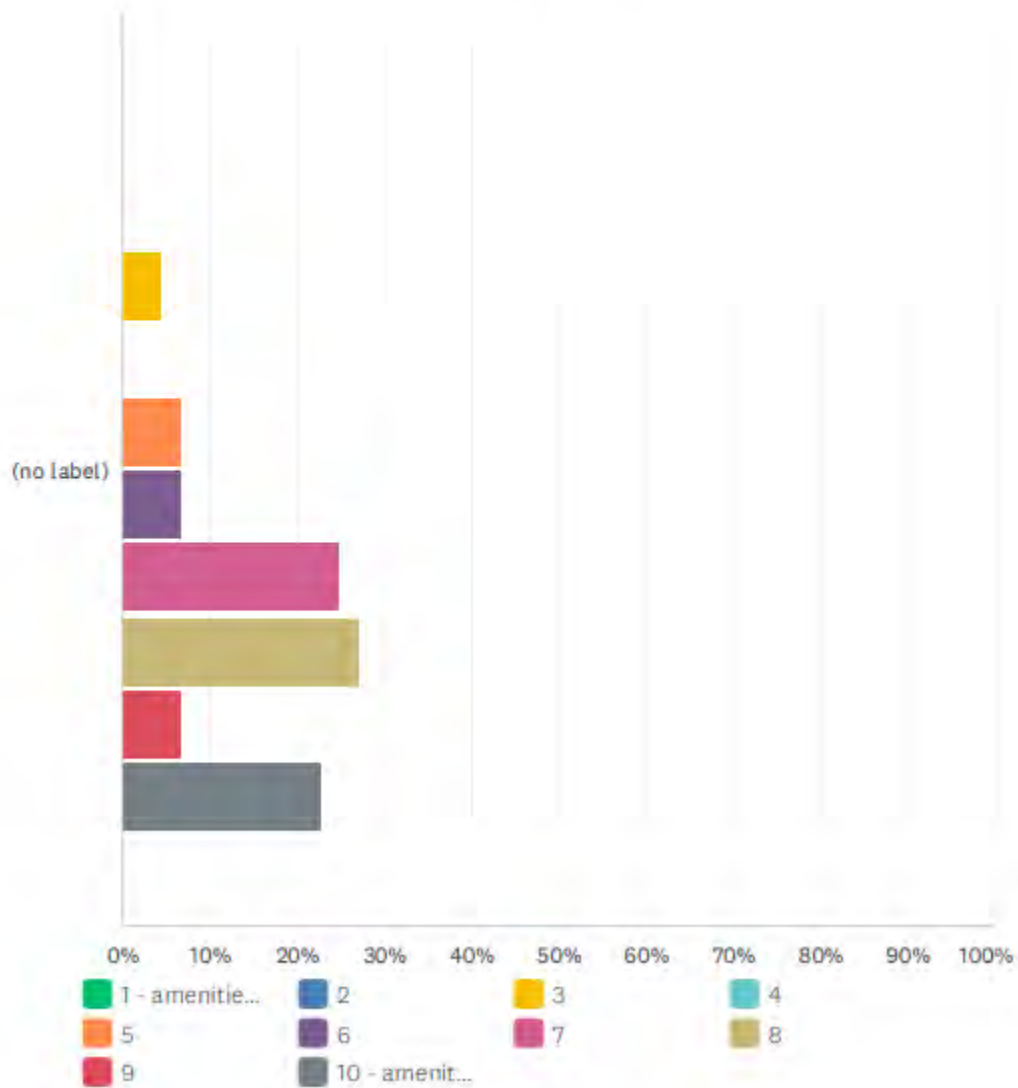
Answered: 45 Skipped: 356



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	80.00%	36
Skate ramps	66.67%	30
Other (please specify)	2.22%	1
Total Respondents: 45		

Q24 Were the park amenities clean?

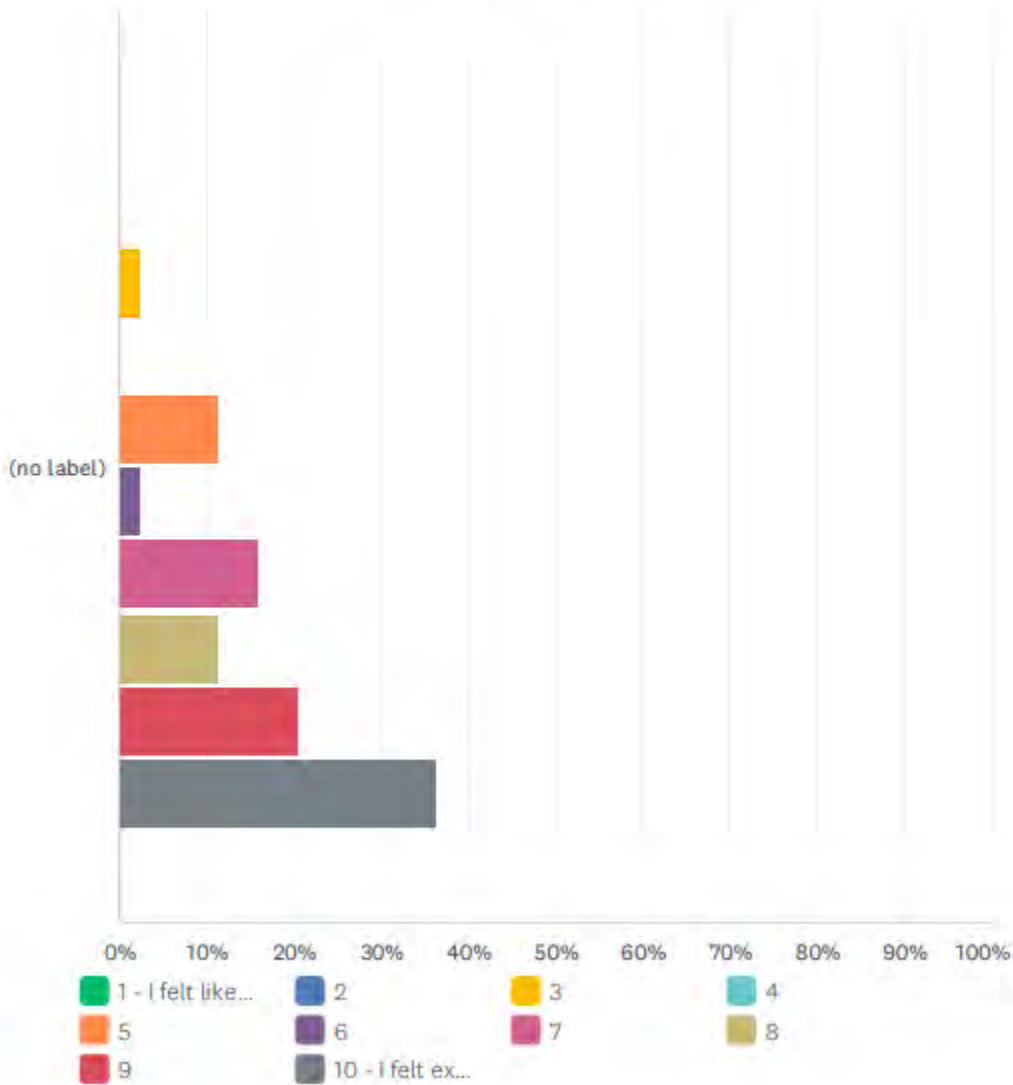
Answered: 44 Skipped: 357



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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	6.82%	6.82%	25.00%	27.27%	6.82%	22.73%	44	5.80
	0	0	2	0	3	3	11	12	3	10		

Q25 Did you feel safe at this park?

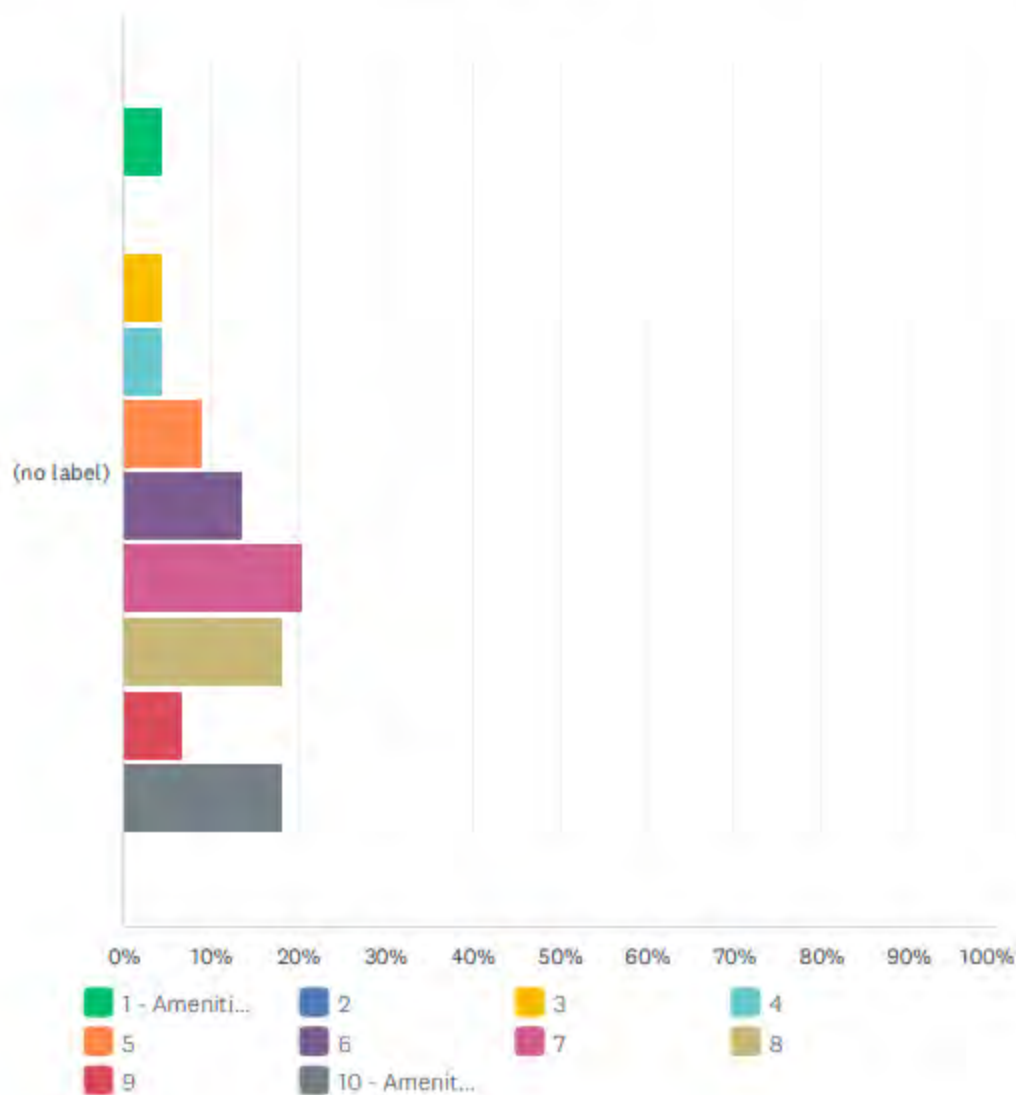
Answered: 44 Skipped: 357



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(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.27% 1	0.00% 0	11.36% 5	2.27% 1	15.91% 7	11.36% 5	20.45% 9	36.36% 16	44	5.82

Q26 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

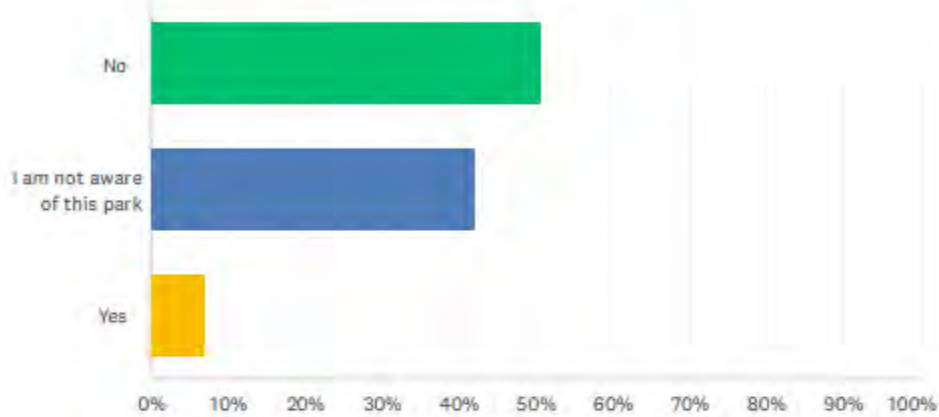
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(no label)	4.55%	0.00%	4.55%	4.55%	9.09%	13.64%	20.45%	18.18%	6.82%	18.18%	44	5.45
	2	0	2	2	4	6	9	8	3	8		

Q27 Have you visited Manitoba Park in the last year?

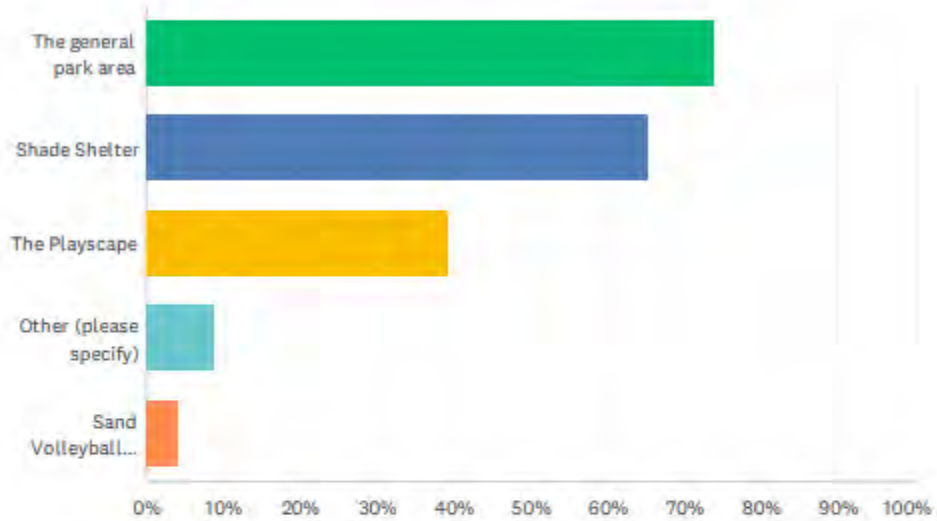
Answered: 337 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	50.74%	171
I am not aware of this park	42.14%	142
Yes	7.12%	24
TOTAL		337

Q28 Which amenities have you used at Manitoba Park?

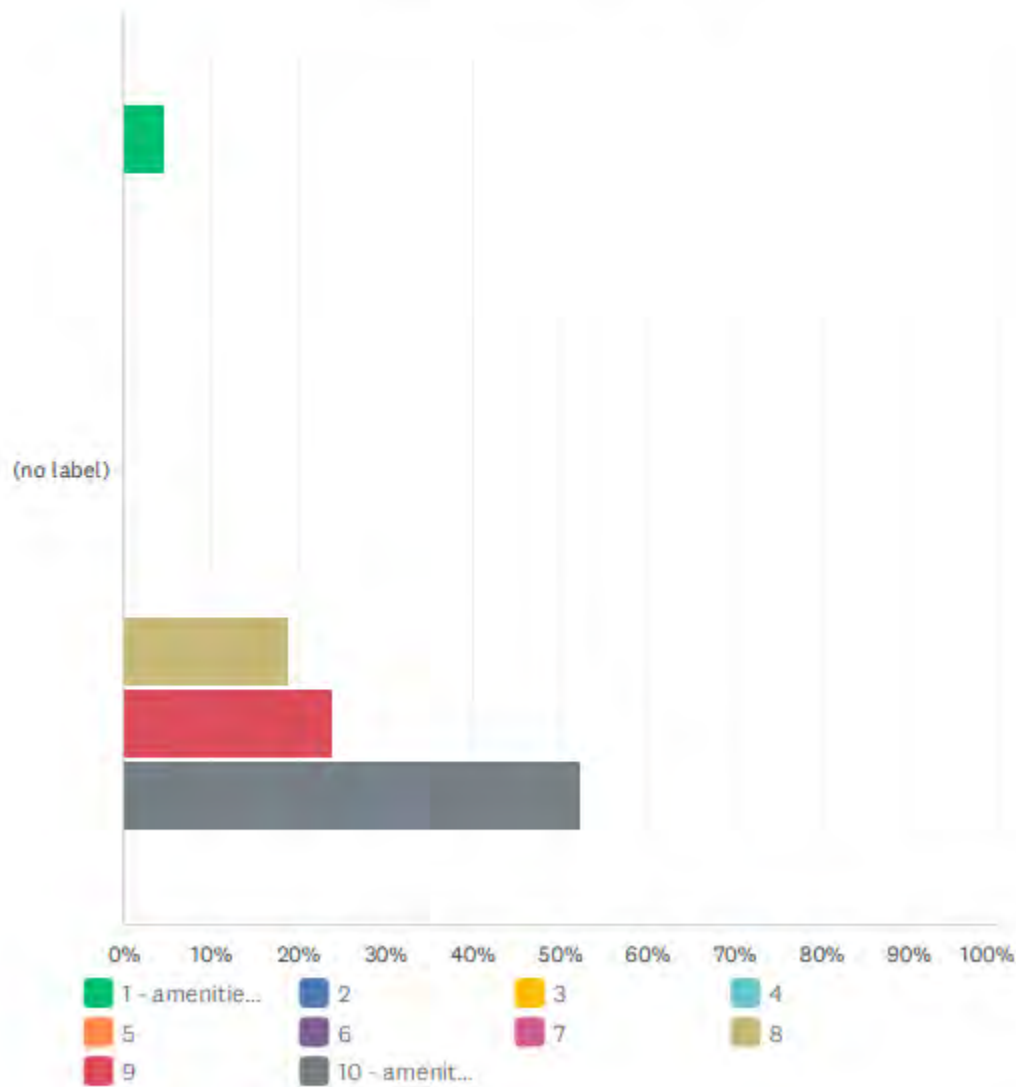
Answered: 23 Skipped: 378



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	73.91%	17
Shade Shelter	65.22%	15
The Playscape	39.13%	9
Other (please specify)	8.70%	2
Sand Volleyball Courts	4.35%	1
Total Respondents: 23		

Q29 Were the park amenities clean?

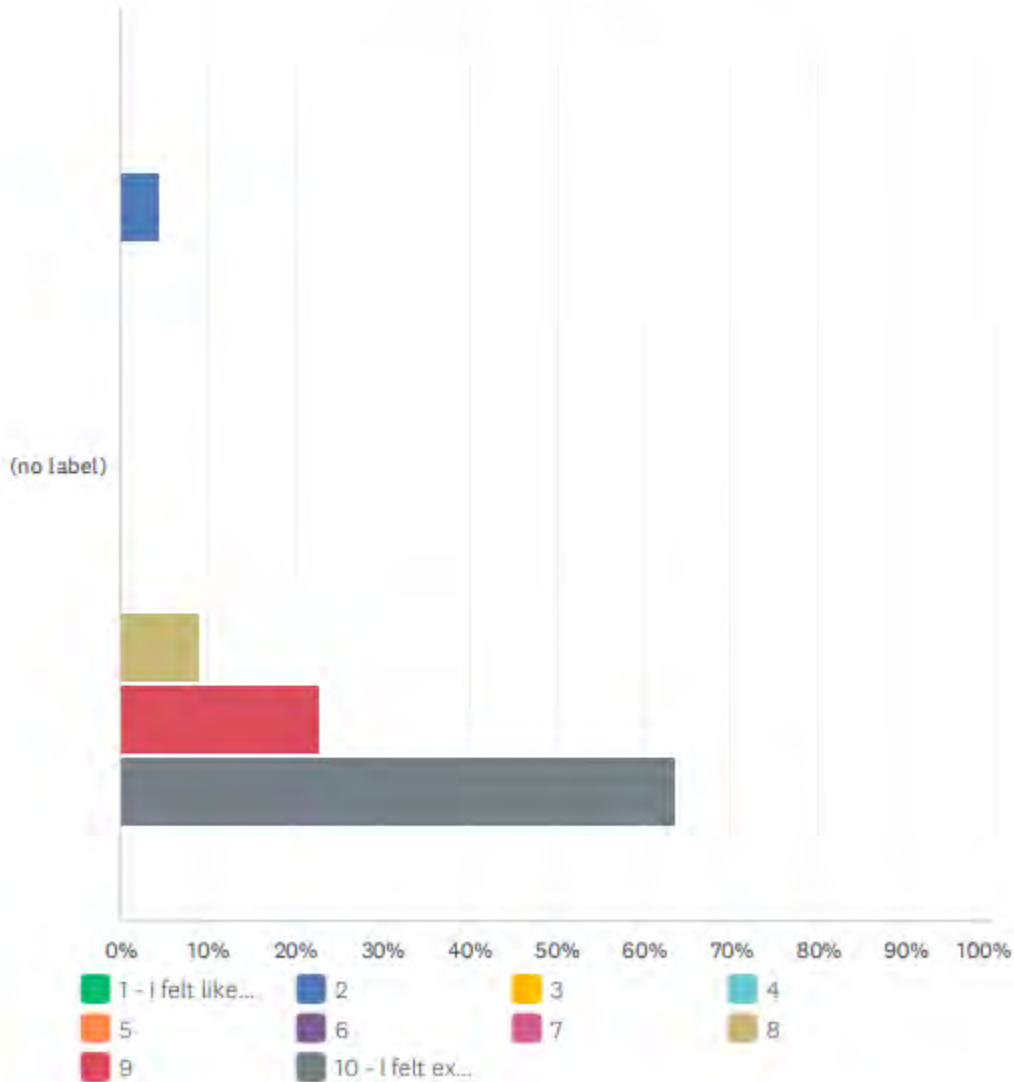
Answered: 21 Skipped: 380



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(no label)	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	19.05% 4	23.81% 5	52.38% 11	21	5.76

Q30 Did you feel safe at this park?

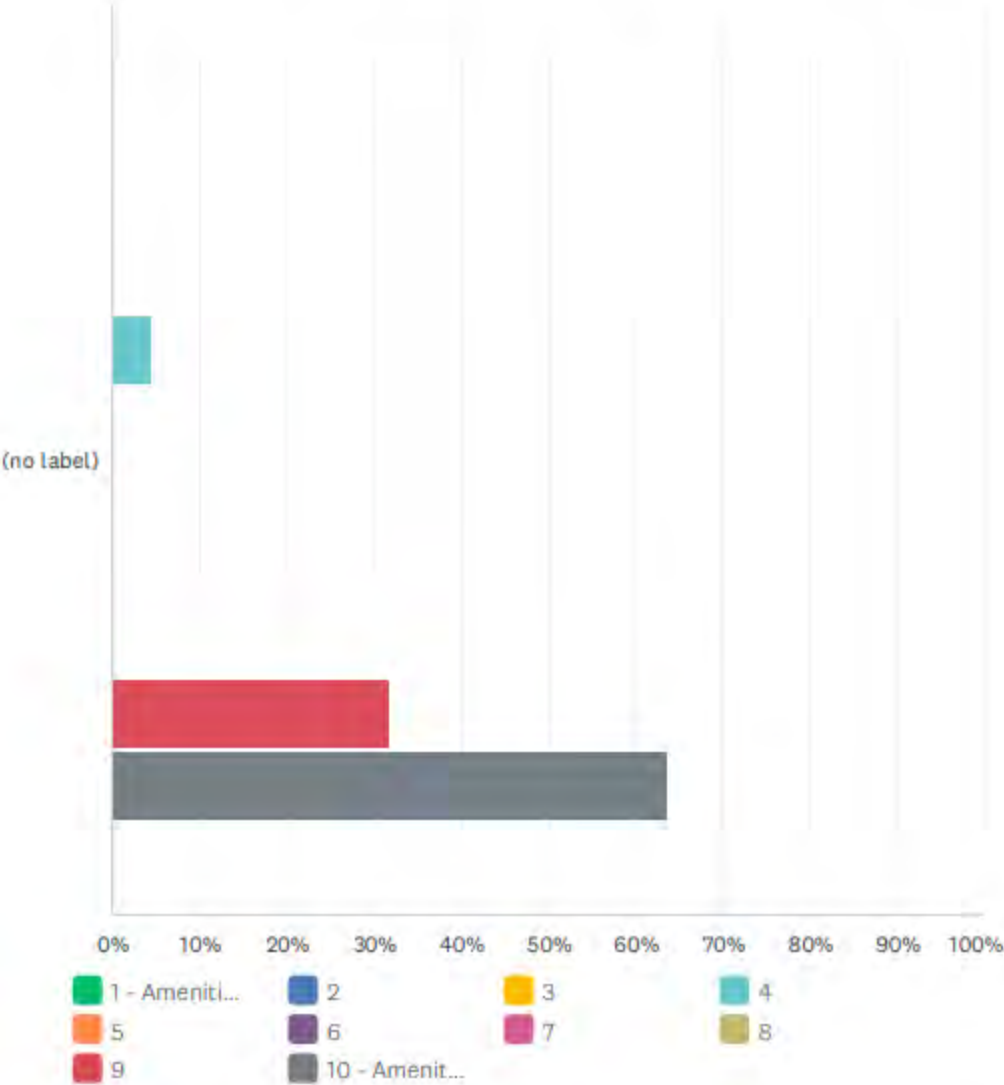
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(no label)	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	22.73%	63.64%	22	5.82
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	14		

Q31 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

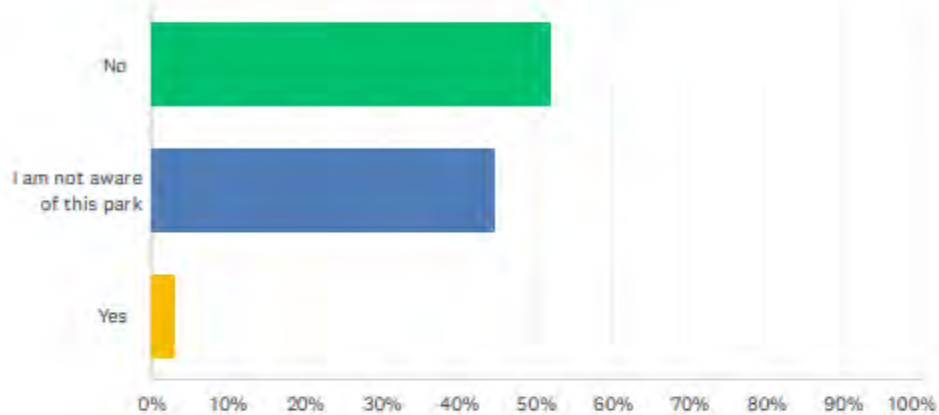
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(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	31.82% 7	63.64% 14	22	5.91

Q32 Have you visited Dennis Dearing Park in the last year?

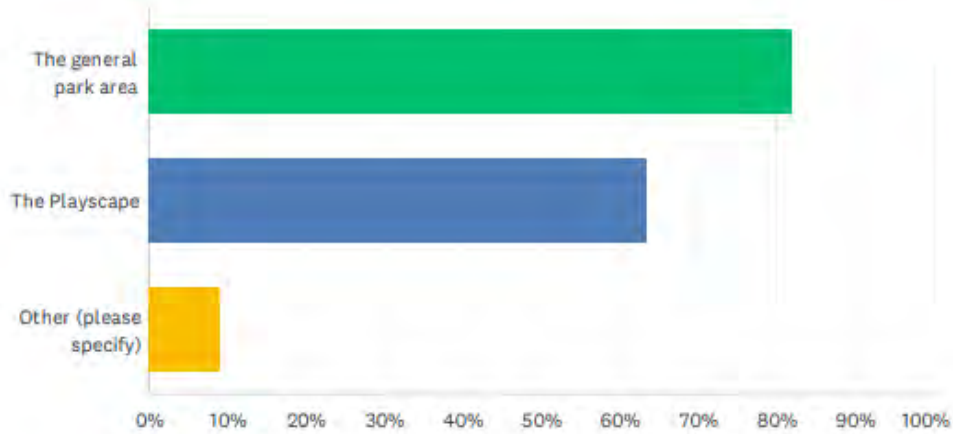
Answered: 335 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	51.94%	174
I am not aware of this park	44.78%	150
Yes	3.28%	11
TOTAL		335

Q33 Which amenities have you used at Dennis Dearing Park?

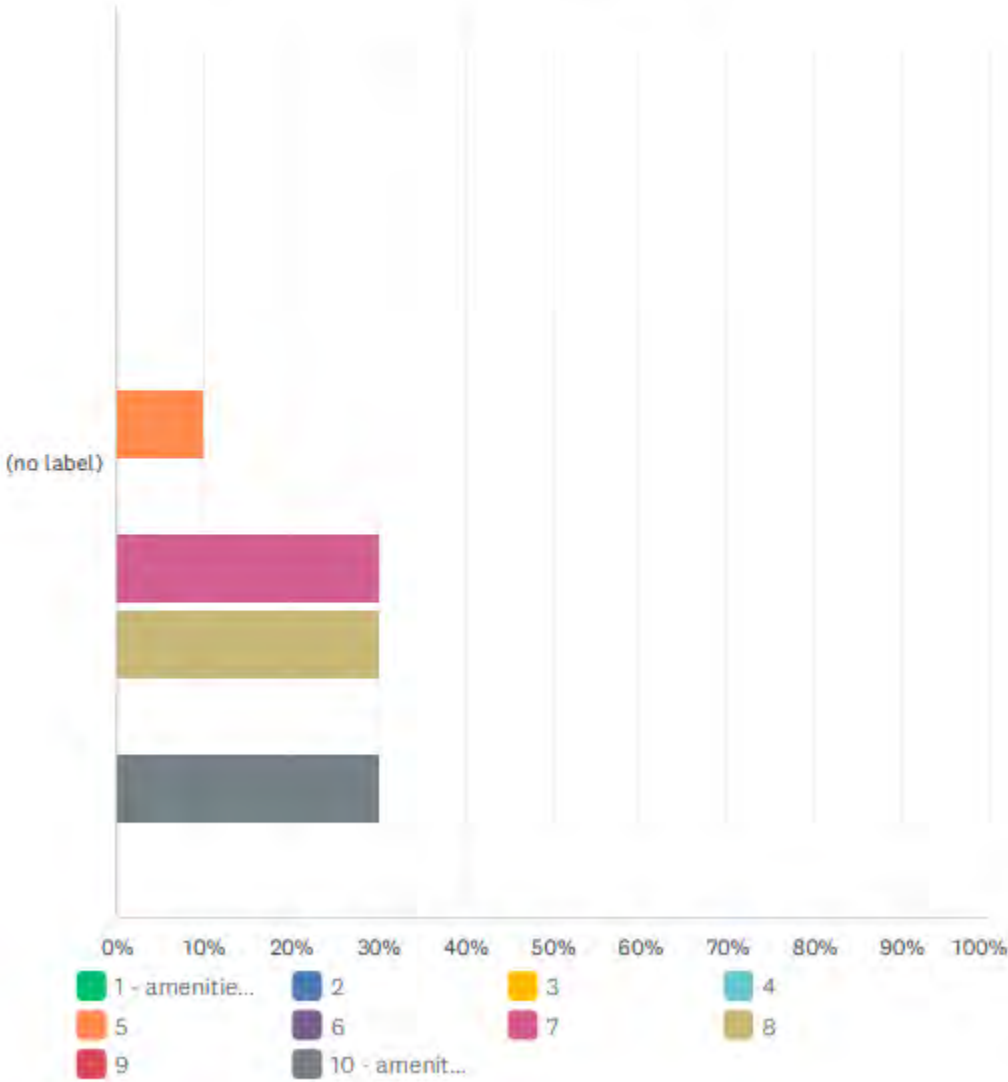
Answered: 11 Skipped: 390



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The general park area	81.82%	9
The Playscape	63.64%	7
Other (please specify)	9.09%	1
Total Respondents: 11		

Q34 Were the park amenities clean?

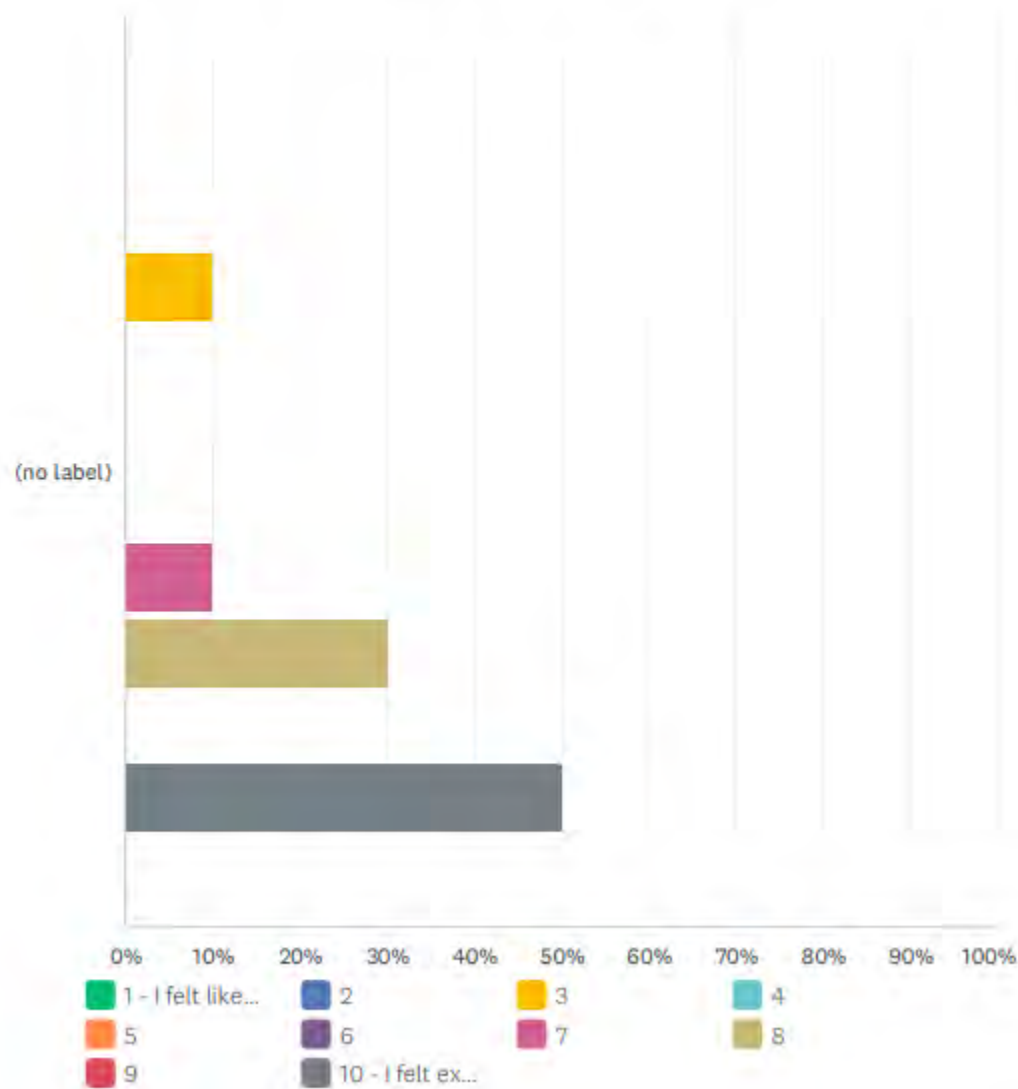
Answered: 10 Skipped: 391



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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	30.00%	0.00%	30.00%	10	5.90
	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	3		

Q35 Did you feel safe at this park?

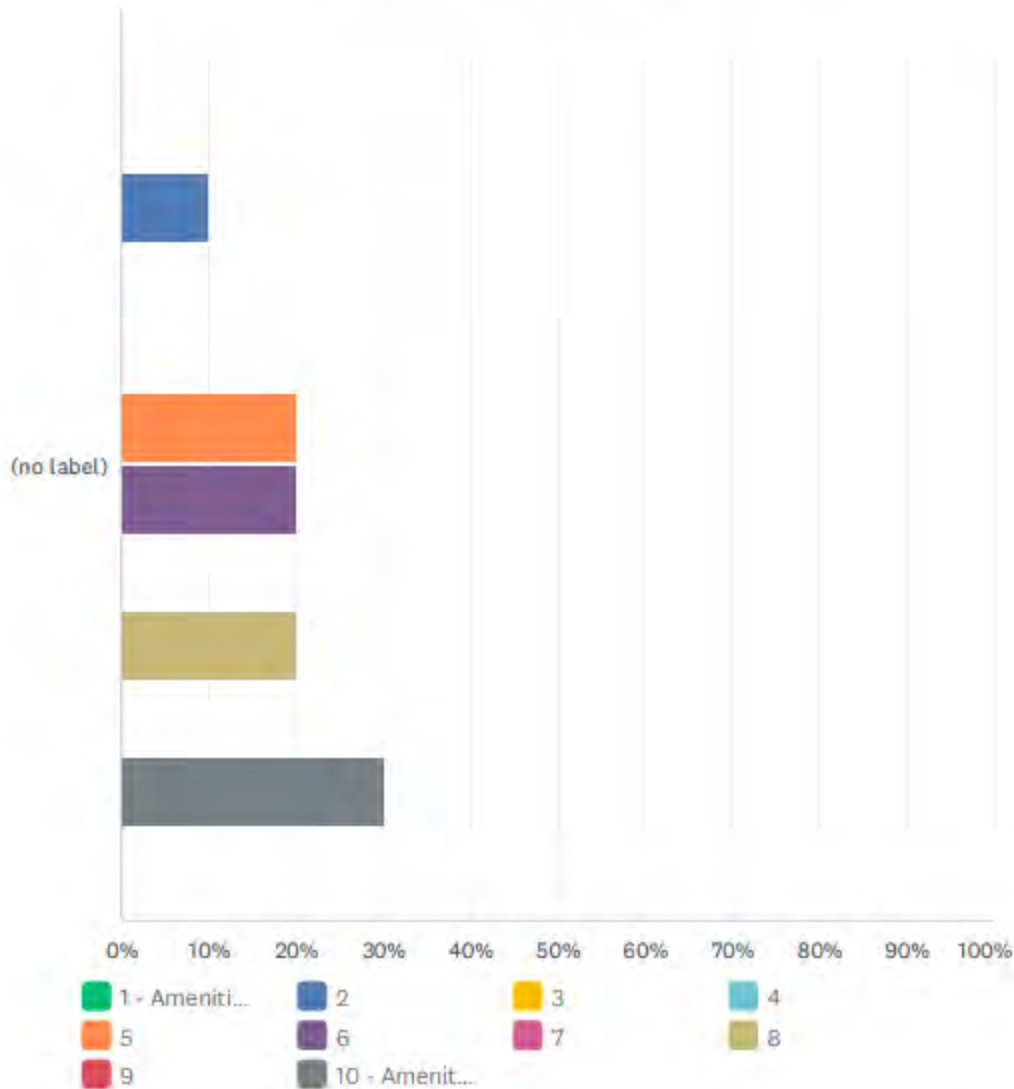
Answered: 10 Skipped: 391



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(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	30.00% 3	0.00% 0	50.00% 5	10	5.70

Q36 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

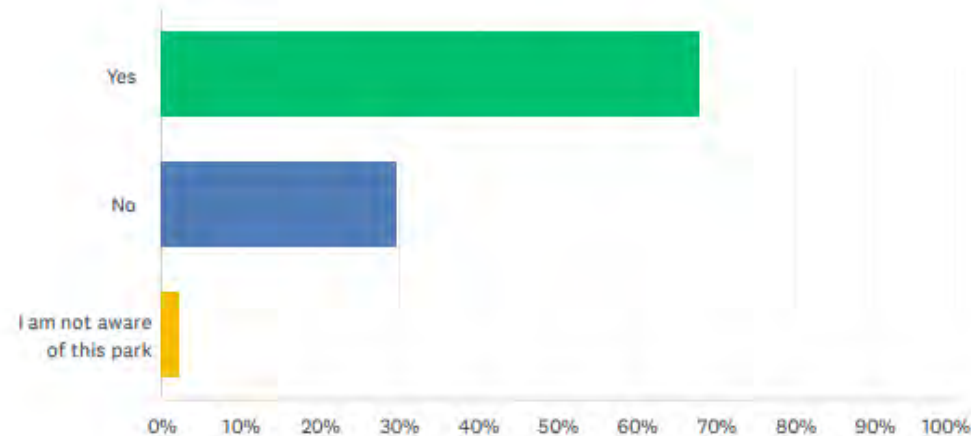
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(no label)	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	20.00% 2	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	0.00% 0	30.00% 3	10	5.40

Q37 Have you used the Clinton River Trail in the last year?

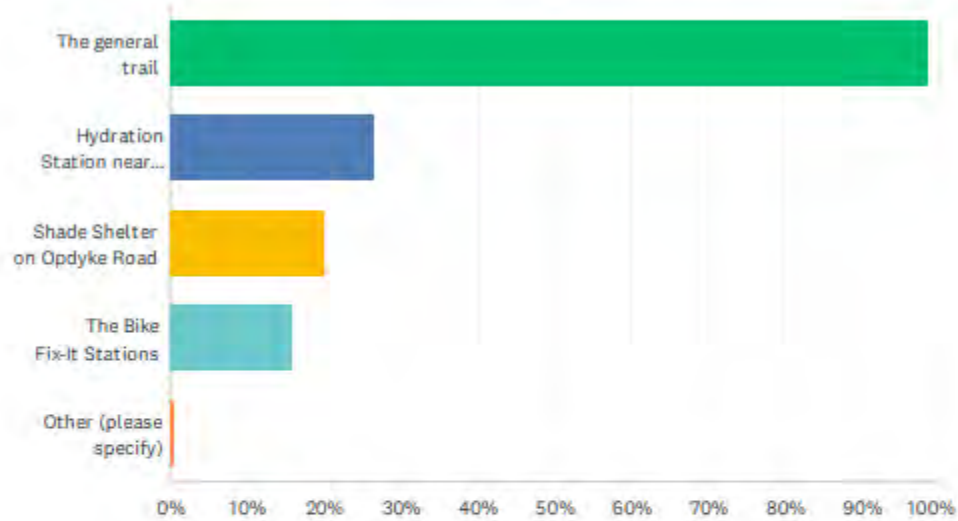
Answered: 334 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.96%	227
No	29.64%	99
I am not aware of this park	2.40%	8
TOTAL		334

Q38 Which amenities have you used on the Clinton River Trail?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 177



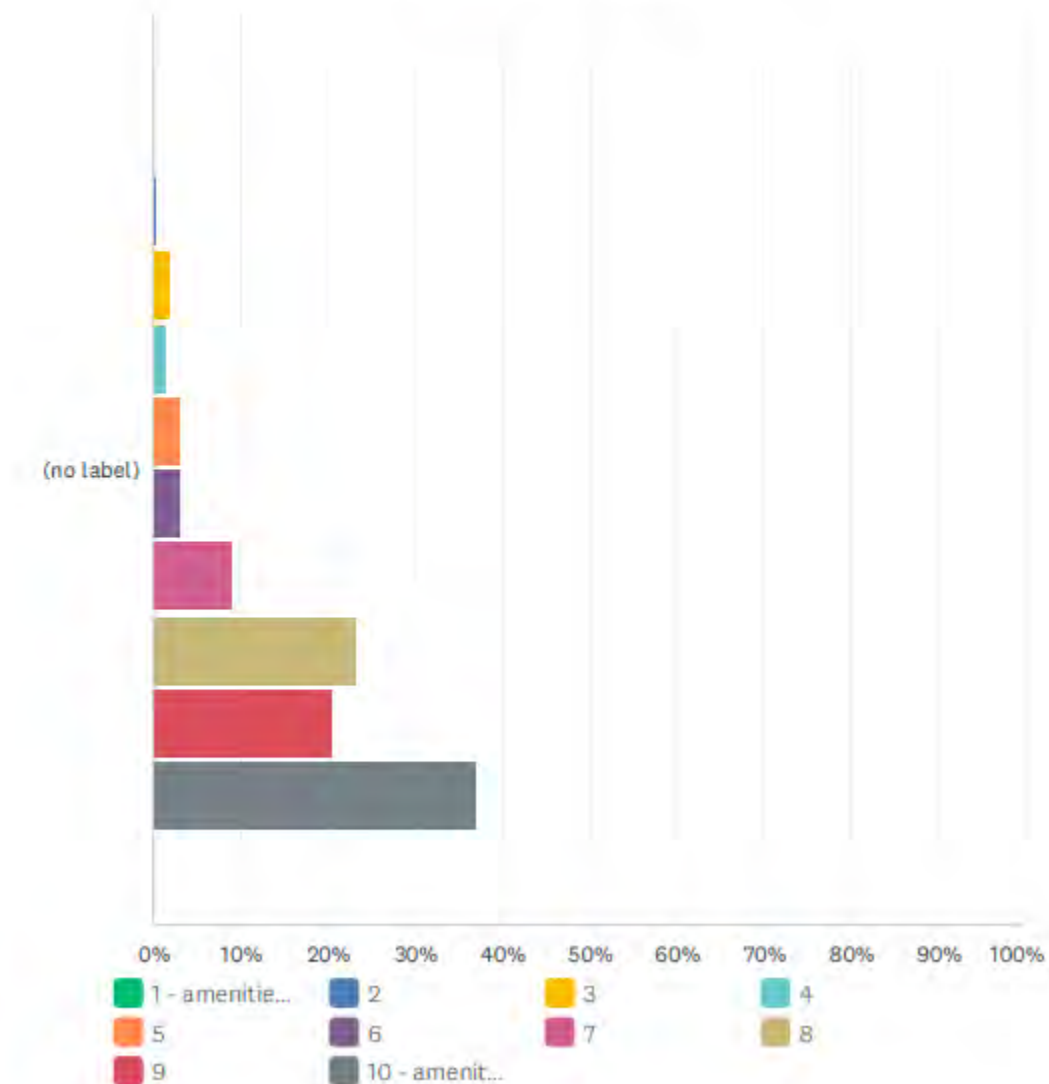
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

The general trail	98.66%	221
Hydration Station near Adams Road	26.34%	59
Shade Shelter on Opdyke Road	20.09%	45
The Bike Fix-It Stations	16.07%	36
Other (please specify)	0.45%	1
Total Respondents: 224		

Q39 Were the park amenities clean?

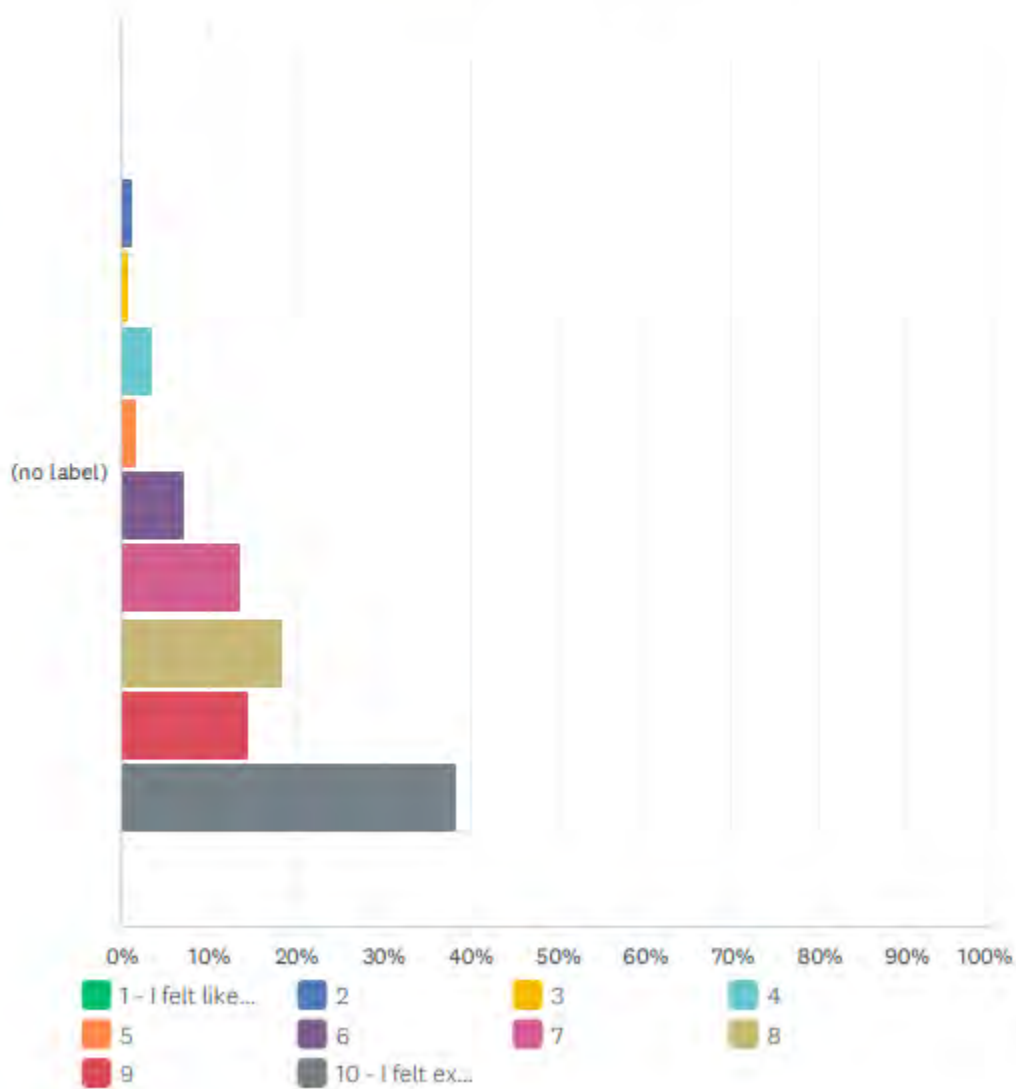
Answered: 216 Skipped: 185



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(no label)	0.00%	0.46%	1.85%	1.39%	3.24%	3.24%	9.26%	23.15%	20.37%	37.04%	216	5.87
	0	1	4	3	7	7	20	50	44	80		

Q40 Did you feel safe at this park?

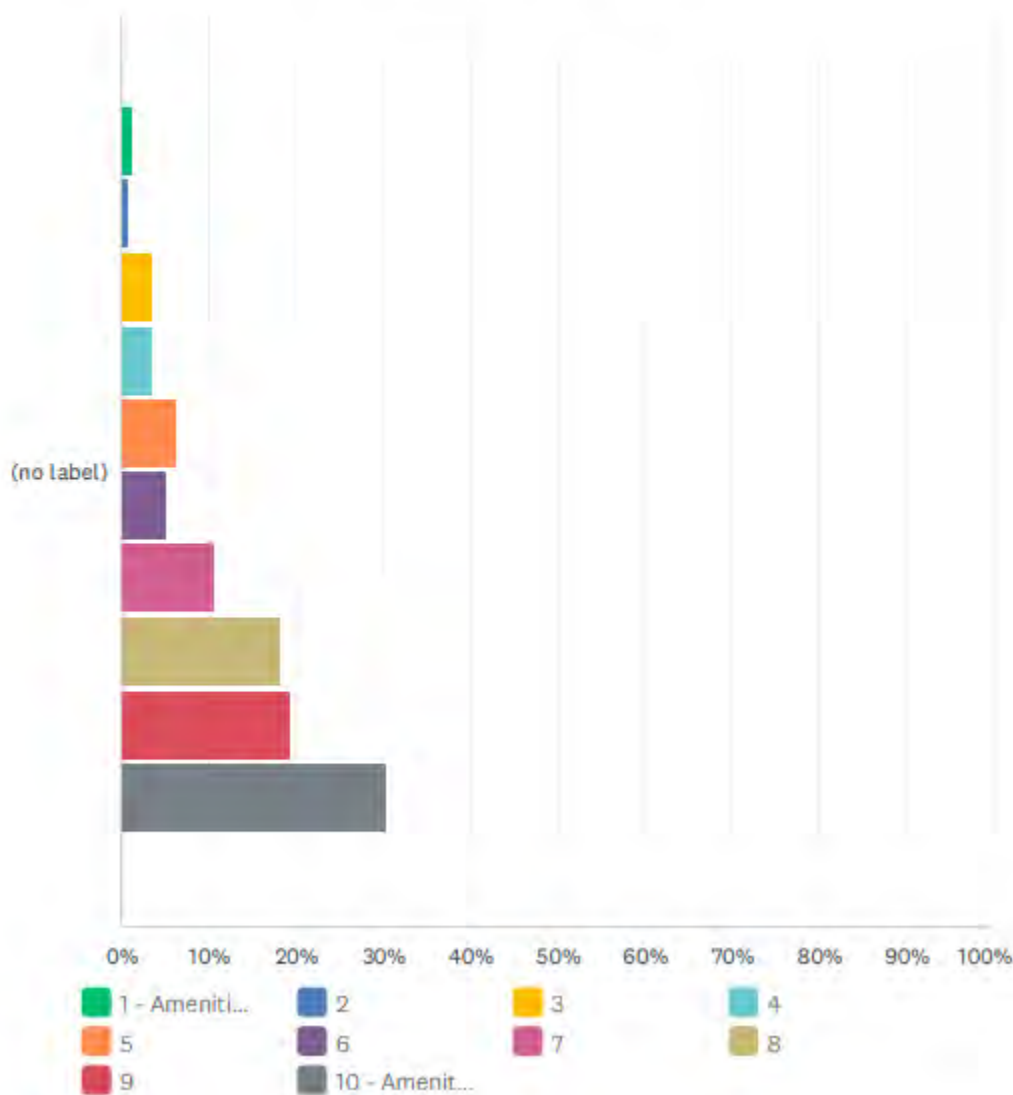
Answered: 221 Skipped: 180



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(no label)	0.00%	1.36%	0.90%	3.62%	1.81%	7.24%	13.57%	18.55%	14.48%	38.46%		
	0	3	2	8	4	16	30	41	32	85	221	5.83

Q41 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

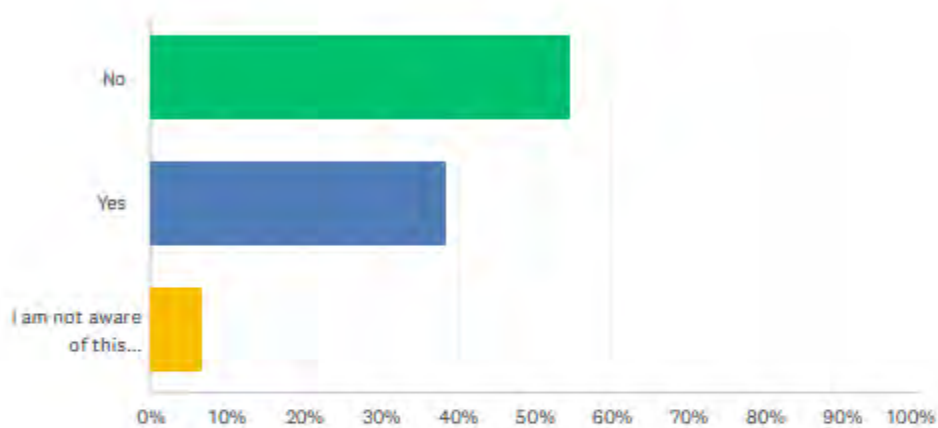
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(no label)	1.38% 3	0.92% 2	3.69% 8	3.69% 8	6.45% 14	5.07% 11	10.60% 23	18.43% 40	19.35% 42	30.41% 66	217	5.65

Q42 Have you used the Auburn Hills Community Center in the last year?

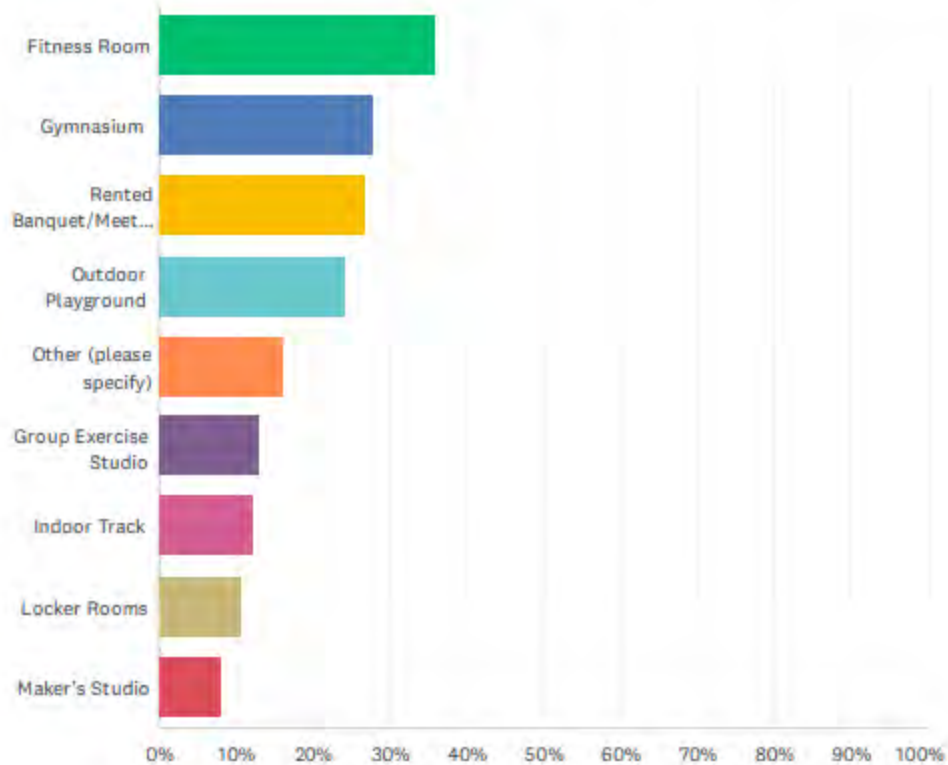
Answered: 332 Skipped: 69



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	54.52%	181
Yes	38.55%	128
I am not aware of this facility	6.93%	23
TOTAL		332

Q43 Which amenities have you used at the Community Center?

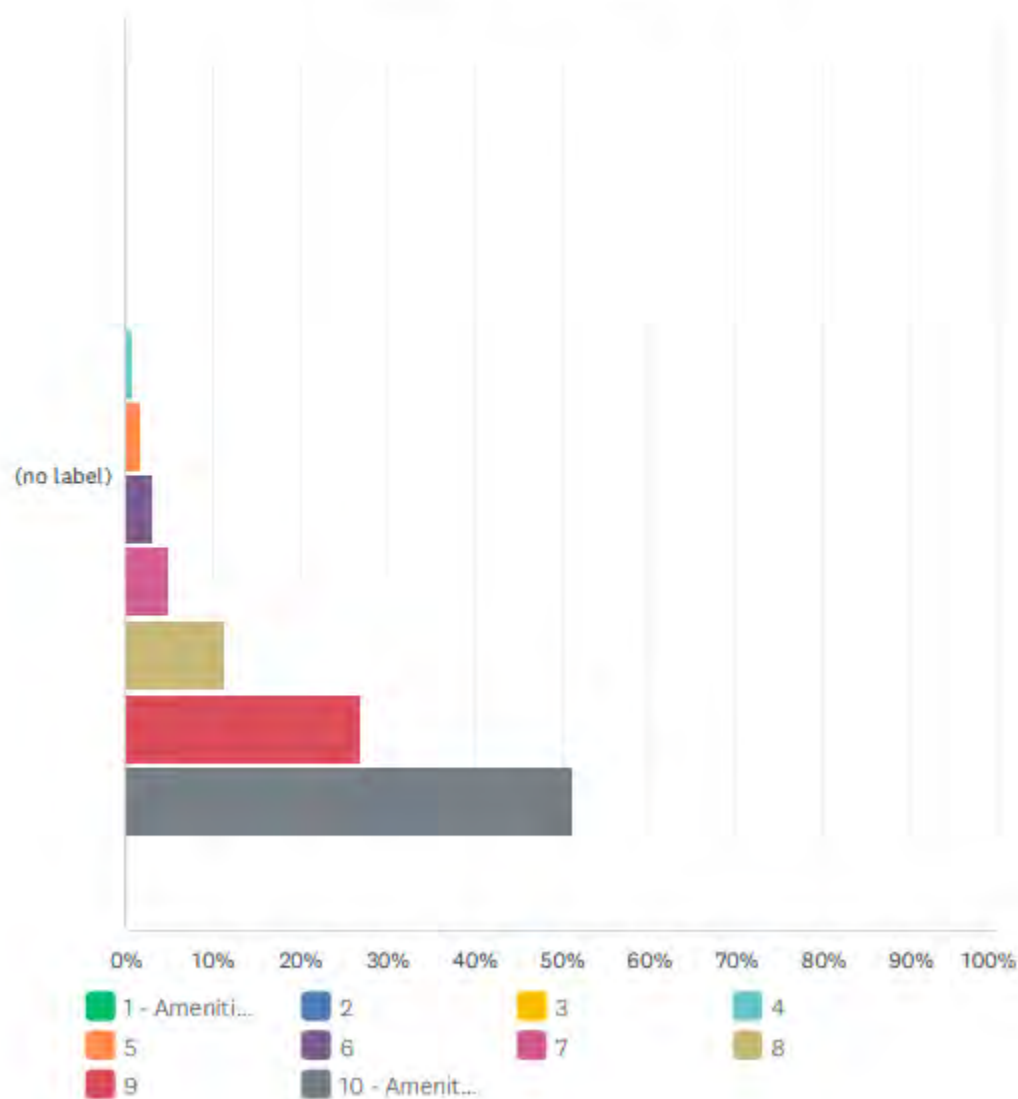
Answered: 123 Skipped: 278



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fitness Room	35.77%	44
Gymnasium	27.64%	34
Rented Banquet/Meeting Rooms	26.83%	33
Outdoor Playground	24.39%	30
Other (please specify)	16.26%	20
Group Exercise Studio	13.01%	16
Indoor Track	12.20%	15
Locker Rooms	10.57%	13
Maker's Studio	8.13%	10
Total Respondents: 123		

Q44 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

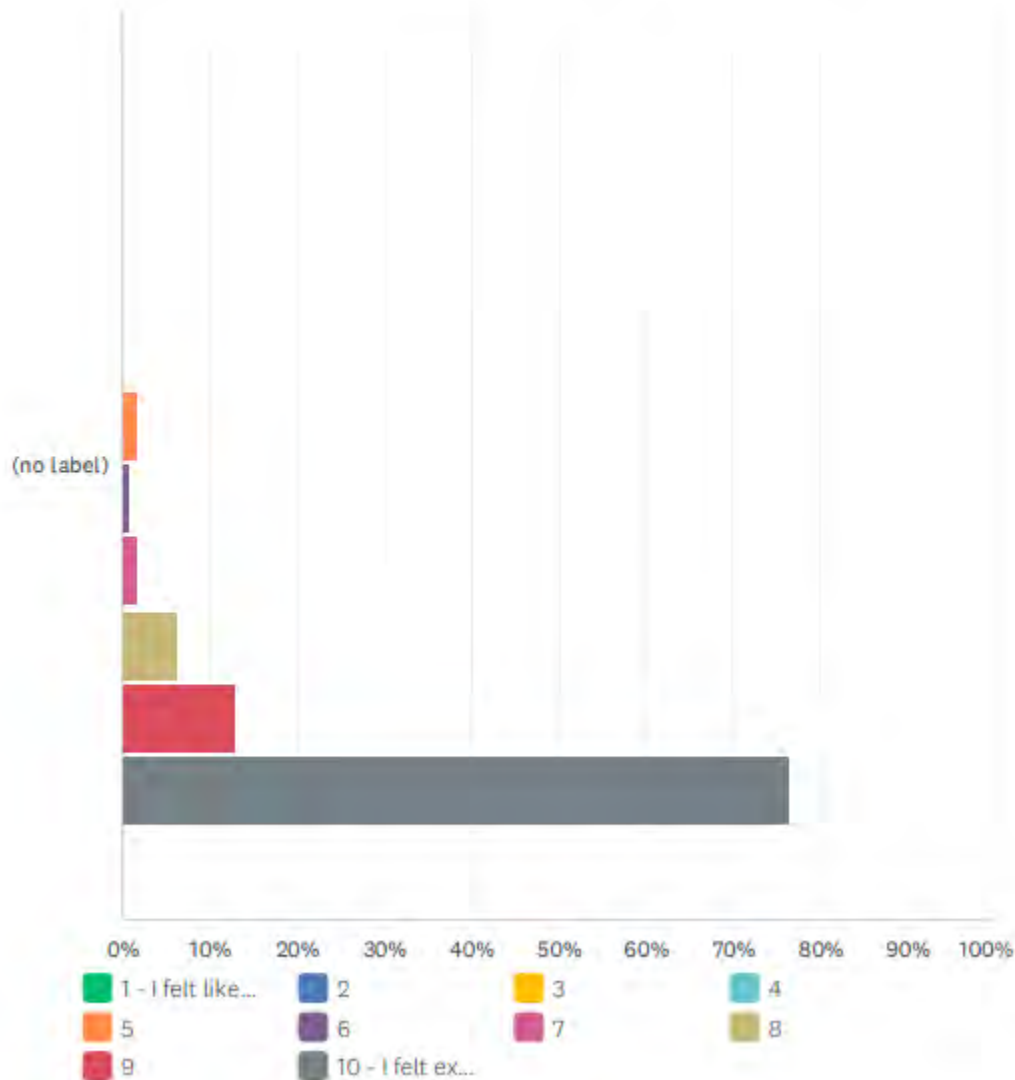
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.81%	1.63%	3.25%	4.88%	11.38%	26.83%	51.22%	123	5.97
	0	0	0	1	2	4	6	14	33	63		

Q45 Did you feel safe at this facility?

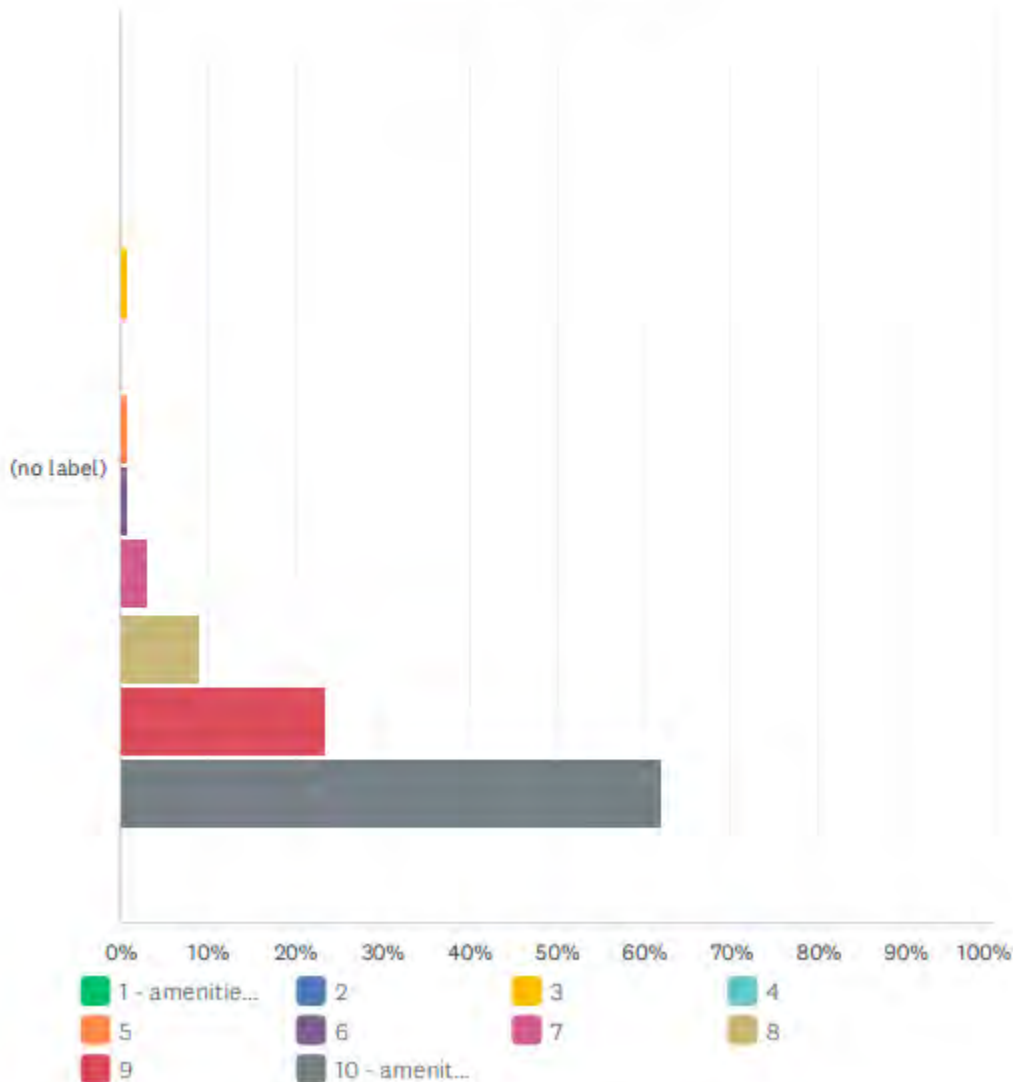
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.61%	0.81%	1.61%	6.45%	12.90%	76.61%	124	5.98
	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	8	16	95		

Q46 Was the facility clean?

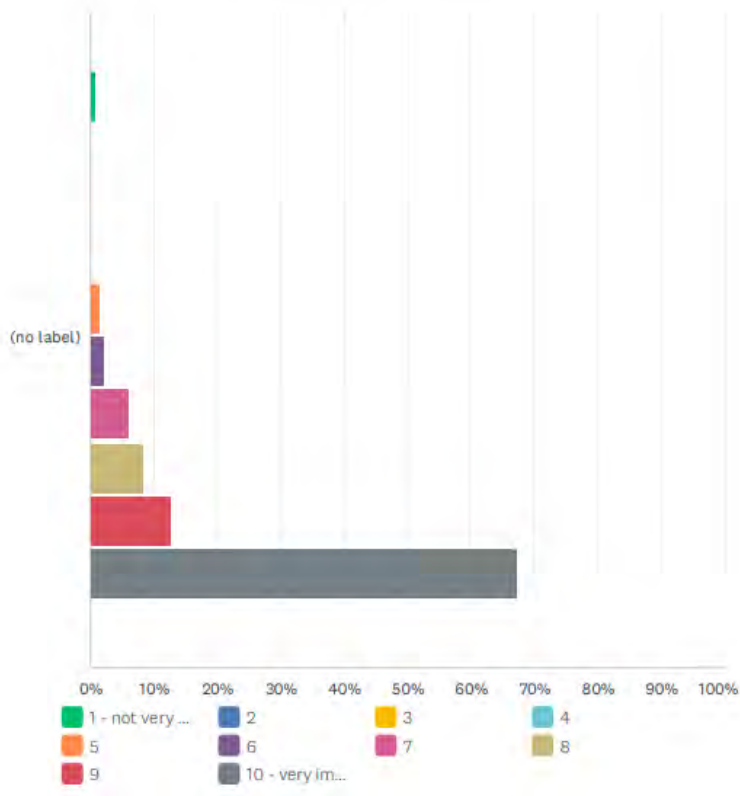
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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	0.81%	0.00%	0.81%	0.81%	3.23%	8.87%	23.39%	62.10%		
	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	11	29	77	124	5.97

Q47 How important is it to the quality of your life in Auburn Hills to have PARKS and FACILITIES available for you to use?

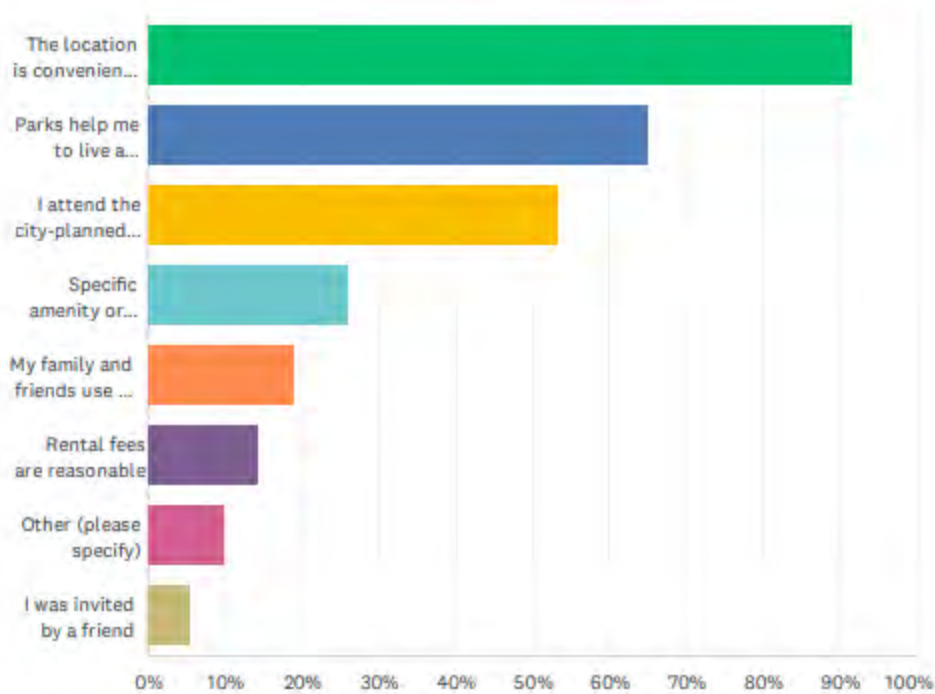
Answered: 322 Skipped: 79



	1 - NOT VERY IMPORTANT	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.93%	0.31%	0.00%	0.31%	1.55%	2.17%	6.21%	8.39%	12.73%	67.39%	322	6.53
	3	1	0	1	5	7	20	27	41	217		

Q48 Why do you choose to visit our parks and facilities? Please choose all that apply.

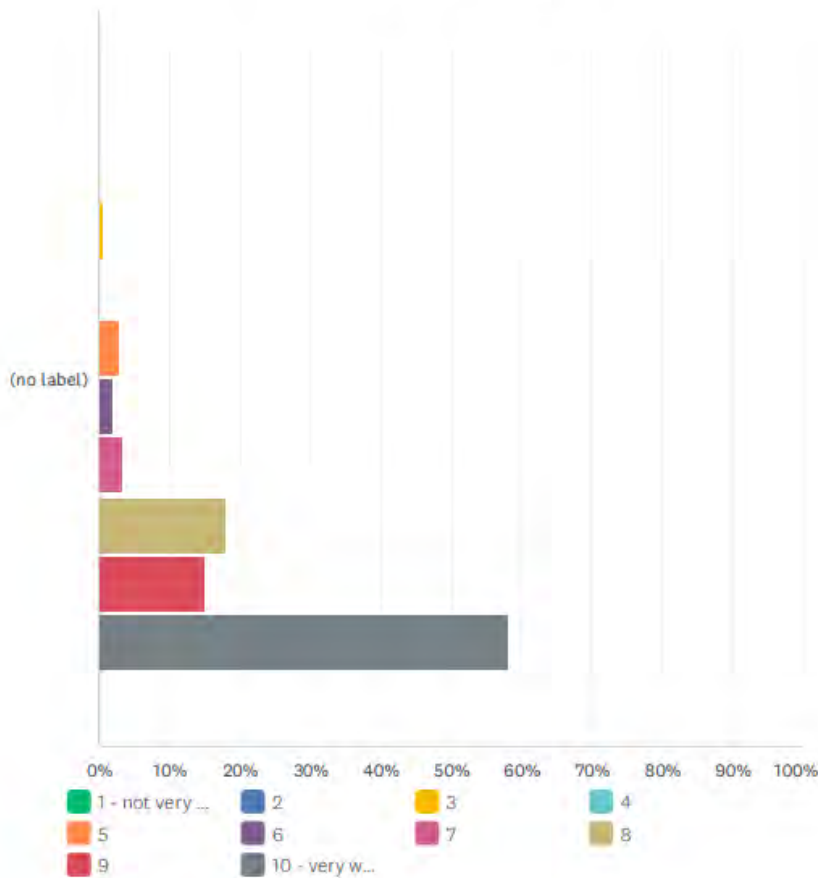
Answered: 323 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The location is convenient for me	91.64%	296
Parks help me to live a healthier lifestyle	65.02%	210
I attend the city-planned activities or events	53.25%	172
Specific amenity or activity that can't be found at other parks	26.01%	84
My family and friends use the parks for cultural activities	18.89%	61
Rental fees are reasonable	14.24%	46
Other (please specify)	9.91%	32
I was invited by a friend	5.57%	18
Total Respondents: 323		

Q49 On a scale of 1 - 10, how WELCOMED do you feel in our parks and facilities?

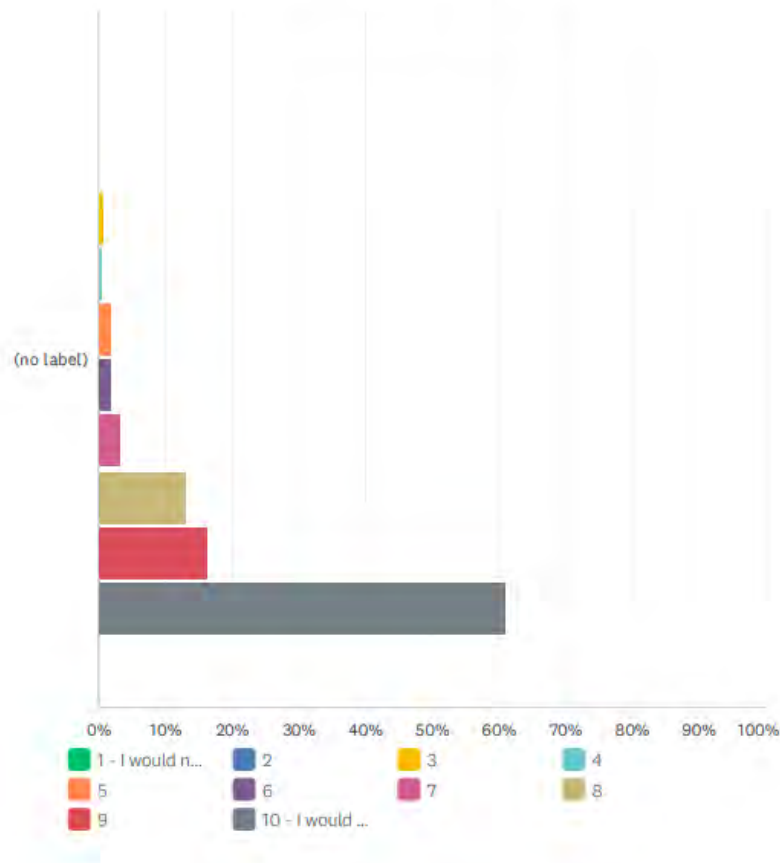
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	1 - NOT VERY WELCOMED	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - VERY WELCOMED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
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Q50 Overall, would you recommend our parks and facilities to a family member, friend, or neighbor?

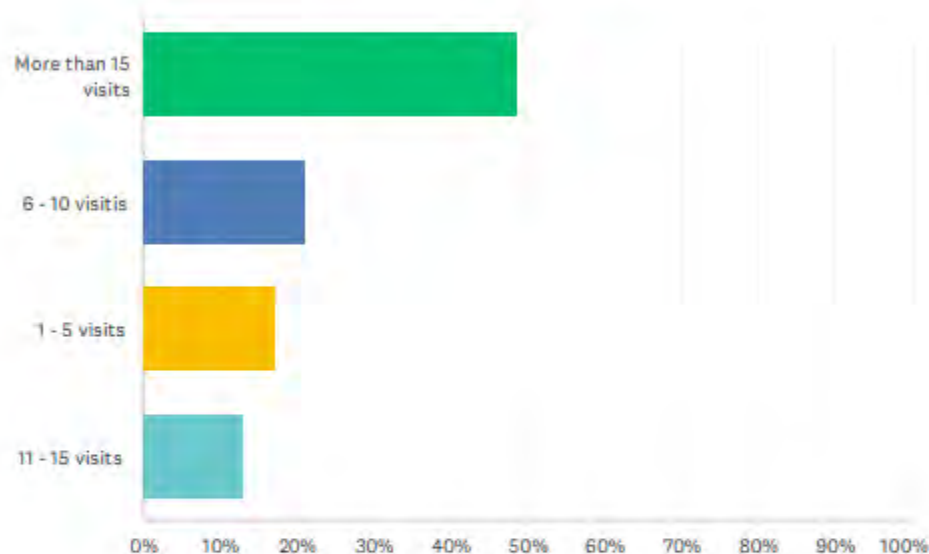
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Q51 Within the past year, How many times have you or a member of your household visited a City of Auburn Hills park or facility?

Answered: 323 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than 15 visits	48.61%	157
6 - 10 visits	21.05%	68
1 - 5 visits	17.34%	56
11 - 15 visits	13.00%	42
TOTAL		323

Q52 Is there anything else you would like to add about existing PARKS & FACILITIES?

Answered 126
Skipped 275

Response Date	Responses
Jun 09 2022 12:52 PM	Generous number of parks and amenities for a City the size of Auburn Hills.
Jun 10 2022 06:48 PM	A uniformed police officer popping in Riverside regularly throughout weekends and holidays would be great, because while the park team does an amazing job, some people just rudely litter beyond belief and abuse our wonderful park.
Jun 11 2022 07:08 PM	We love AH and part of that reason is due to the parks and Recreation

Jun 13 2022 10:29 AM	Visited them more pre-covid
Jun 14 2022 11:38 AM	Not feeding ducks and no smoking in outdoor areas is ridiculous.
Jun 25 2022 10:41 AM	Parking is a serious problem especially for handicapped residents
	Many empty bldg downtown but no parking....I would not want a business downtown with no parking. The city really needs to address this problem
Jul 05 2022 03:21 PM	At the park by M-59 and Squirrel Rd. I saw a couple go into the bathroom together and didn't come out. I was at the playscape with my grandchildren. I suspect something was going on that I wouldn't have wanted to walk in on. I now prefer to go to other parks.
Jul 06 2022 09:42 PM	In the winter, would love to have some of the trails be plowed so that residents can walk them. This would help keep people physically fit. I understand some trails are good for cross country skiers, but it seems some trails could be set aside for walkers.
	We love our city's parks! Keep up the good work!
Jul 06 2022 10:07 PM	Yes! The community center staff is top notch! They are the best of the best! Caring and helpful - this is not true of most facilities. Great job!
Jul 06 2022 11:54 PM	Just maintaining the Clinton River Trail is lacking. There's holes and missing asphalt in many places and it's extremely bumpy and rough riding.
Jul 07 2022 01:07 PM	Riverwoods Park and Riverside Park are often covered in garbage/litter over the weekends. Although the city government has deployed individuals to pickup the garbage and act as liaisons to the park, I have never seen any of these employees reach out to any person in the parks. They seem to be there to complete their mission as quickly as possible: remove the garbage and leave ASAP. I do not believe this method of interaction with the public will improve the issues with littering. I visit these parks at least a few times a week and I have never seen a police officer at the park (aside from during major city events). The city needs to begin ticketing residents who litter and smoke cigarettes in the park. Otherwise, these issues will never be corrected. There have also been several instances where the dog poop bag stations are not refilled by the park liaisons.
Jul 07 2022 03:58 PM	Need better patrol and enforcement in Riverside Parks — too many visitors abusing the grounds with litter and destruction.

Jul 07 2022 04:19 PM

Riverside has been completely trashed this summer. It's always jam-packed with visitors, and many make no effort whatsoever to preserve the space. Litter is a chronic problem, and trashcans are routinely overflowing. I've witnessed visitors discarding their trash on the ground. Dirty diapers and plastic waste abound. Just today I noticed plastic confetti everywhere around the gazebo. I'm afraid to walk my dogs through the park because there's so much food waste, including small chicken bones in particular. Illegal parking is common in the small lot next to the park. At night, folks toke up and fool around. People relieve themselves publicly. It seems like there's little to no enforcement of ordinances in the park; either way, I've never observed any policing or other monitoring. Riverside really is the crown jewel of downtown Auburn Hills, and I worry that existing conditions are a blight on the community.

Jul 07 2022 05:16 PM

New kayak launch has ruined the river at park side... way way to much Pontiac presence that are abusing the area it looks like metro parkway beach. Trash trash trash. All the million dollar improvements will be another tax payer burden. Disgusting. Auburn hills needs to monitor as they say they do! I'm actually considering moving away!

Jul 07 2022 11:24 AM

Would love to see more sustainable, green spaces and activities.

Jul 07 2022 12:58 AM

While we enjoy Riverside Park mostly as it within waking distance of our home, it can be hard to enjoy due to the crowds. Because the splash pad is now free and unmonitored, with limited hours daily, I feel as a resident that I likely am unable to enjoy it with my kids less than some non-residents. There was also an incident at the park with someone using the pavilion last summer. The group was playing very loud, vulgar and inappropriate music which ultimately drove me to leave with my children and we saw many other families leaving as well. However, we do still love the parks and enjoy them as often as we can.

Jul 08 2022 01:53 PM

I have lived in Auburn Hills all my life and I have attended the riverside park on quite a few occasions however now that I am older I see it is drawing people from other communities and I do not sale comfortable or safe going to the park by myself now that I am a senior in the community. This saddens me very much having grown up and raising my kids and grandkids in this city. I would like to see our city parks closed to outside people. If you do not live in and pay taxes in the city of Auburn Hills you should not be able to utilize the parks.

Jul 08 2022 04:27 PM

A water park or community pool would be excellent and bring a lot of value to our city. I would also like to see more trails and parks that are easy to bike or walk to.

Jul 08 2022 04:47 PM	The parks here are awesome and are almost always in good condition we visit a variety of the parks and facilities at least 2-3 times a week and its rare we encounter something that's off. I will say innovation hills though... Rochester Hills giving us a run for our money! Thanks for all the hard work and keeping these community treasures in good shape.
Jul 08 2022 05:08 PM	A pool that could be used for exercise. More baby and parent swings,
Jul 08 2022 05:38 PM	The Clinton River trail is always full of trash. Maybe organize community clean up.
Jul 08 2022 05:50 PM	I drive down Squirrel road and downtown Auburn Hills everyday and have seen the quality of the parks increase. More people are using those parks in the past year in my 7 years of living in the area. I would use them more often if I had family in the area.
Jul 08 2022 07:18 PM	My son is excited to see signs of renovation at the skate park. He hopes for a more modern and diverse design
Jul 08 2022 07:33 PM	Get the mosquito population under control! They are absolutely horrible
Jul 08 2022 08:06 PM	I love living and playing in Auburn Hills
Jul 08 2022 09:48 PM	More parking
Jul 08 2022 10:42 AM	Please develop the Riverwalk trail between the parks
Jul 08 2022 10:55 AM	We haven't visited as much due to the lockdowns
Jul 08 2022 11:10 AM	I would love the spread pad to have liver hours. Maybe noon to seven. For working parents. And just for more opportunities for fun.
Jul 08 2022 11:28 AM	Maybe some things for older kids to play on. Like obstacles course. Also it would be cool if there was a nature challenge that you could scan on a QR code and then search the park for birds, fish, and bugs. Maybe even add facts about the animals so it's learning and hunting!
Jul 08 2022 11:40 PM	I live by Manitoba Park and love the new upgrades! I also love the Makers Studio, but I wish the kilns were in a separate room/closet as when they're on the room is too hot to use.
Jul 08 2022 12:01 PM	I love riverside park and live downtown but the parking is so limited. I have a disabled son and summerfest was too hard to park so I think it will be the last year we attend.
Jul 08 2022 12:22 PM	Keep up the great work you are doing to keep these parks open!
Jul 08 2022 12:35 PM	We need more convenient parking available near Riverside Park, and more police patrols near the skateboard park,
Jul 08 2022 12:51 PM	Need more parking
Jul 09 2022 12:09 AM	Riverside park (and others) need to have gates entirely around the children play areas. I have an autistic daughter who occasionally runs , and am afraid she would get away. This is a major concern for parents of Autistic children. Your parks are so great, and this is the only concern I have. It would be such a blessing to parents to feel safe for their kids to play in an enclosed area

Jul 11 2022 03:33 PM	I feel signage is needed for the trails in the park by M-59 by the skate park. It has been a while since I've been there and didn't realize that one of the newer trails is a dead end. It was very unsettling and made me very nervous having to turn around and quickly going back. It's isolated and I felt like anyone could hide there and jump out, catching someone unaware.
Jul 11 2022 09:05 AM	More Pickleball courts
Jul 12 2022 09:58 PM	There is a lack of parking for special events, family reunions being held in the downtown parks.
Jul 13 2022 07:59 PM	Pool
Jul 13 2022 08:03 PM	More things to play
Jul 14 2022 05:29 PM	I think another studio space would be awesome and allow for more classes. Having an uncarpeted space with mirrors is great for dance classes.
Jul 14 2022 06:06 PM	The splash pad is lame and needs some water features. Look at other cities for ideas.
Jul 14 2022 06:27 PM	The summer fest needed more food trucks.
Jul 14 2022 08:37 PM	I love the Marsh Trail at Hawk Woods but it has been closed several times when we've been there. I get it, I bet that takes a lot of maintenance but something I've noticed. I love the parks though, Hawk Woods is excellent for bird watching too!
Jul 14 2022 09:25 PM	Unhappy to see so many detrimental changes to Hawk Woods. This place was a natural sanctuary of some sort and it is being run down by the city. The focus has been on the lodge and paid events (\$\$\$) instead of the preservation of the natural spaces. The educational aspect has been wiped out too. What a shame.
Jul 14 2022 10:58 PM	Love the community center fitness programs both Zumba and pound class are wonderful with great instructors
Jul 15 2022 07:39 PM	More walking trails would be nice
Jul 15 2022 08:23 PM	We live close to downtown and near the Clinton River Trail -- we love road biking and I really wish the Clinton River Trail was better paved, with smooth pavement, similar to the Macomb Orchard Trail. This would make it more appealing as a smoother path is better for kids, roller bladers, and road bikers. The current pavement and crushed gravel is not super user-friendly.
Jul 16 2022 07:25 AM	The pond at the Civic Center park must be dredged and the fountains put back into service. Currently this pond is a insect breeding ground 7 months out of the year and the bugs deter park visitors. Mosquitoes cause west Nile Virus, Zika virus and Jonestown virus. The Deer Flies are relentless. I go to Civic Center park approximately 320 days a year. Fix the pond and the use of this park will increase.
Jul 16 2022 09:02 PM	Chess board of course

And any other like that .

Jul 17 2022 03:49 PM	The trails need grooming and or repaving in many areas. Particularly between Adams and Auburn. Overall parks are a valuable amenity.
Jul 17 2022 04:07 PM	Add "clean up"
	Signage. Repave the trails. Add more signage about bikes yielding to pedestrians. More police presence on trail and in parks
Jul 17 2022 05:20 PM	No
Jul 17 2022 05:22 PM	Fees for non-residents to enter the parks and use the facilities
Jul 17 2022 06:06 PM	There's needs to be better PARKING downtown auburn hills to accommodate the park traffic!!
Jul 17 2022 07:04 PM	We would love to see more splash pad amenities!
Jul 17 2022 08:34 PM	I have liked that the Clinton river trail has been plowed after heavy snow the past couple of years, and hope that it continues so that the trail can be enjoyed all year.
Jul 17 2022 11:21 AM	We could really use a soccer field in auburn hills as we have a huge amount of residents that would be interested. I would recommend a soccer field like that one at dodge park in Sterling Heights
Jul 17 2022 11:53 AM	Should build A soccer field like the one in Dodge Park Sterling Heights
Jul 18 2022 03:54 PM	CRT pavement and continuity issues are my only complaint.
Jul 18 2022 03:59 PM	Please re grade the Clinton river trail off Auburn and adams(also please don't take out fruit bushes). The staff at the rec center are super friendly and welcoming.
Jul 18 2022 08:45 AM	Something good for the handicap to enjoy such as a swing something they will enjoy
Jul 19 2022 08:42 PM	It would be nice if there were designated bike lanes along the road ways for road bikers.
	Trying to kayak along the Clinton river can get rather difficult due to the fallen trees covering many areas of the river, so having that cleaned up could help bring in more river activities.
Jul 19 2022 09:06 AM	The Clinton River Trail desperately needs repaving, particularly on the last stretch next before entering Rochester Hills.
	Thank you for installing more dog/bottle/human water fountains!! This is a great addition to the parks!
Jul 19 2022 10:32 AM	It would be great to have a public swimming pool for our community. Have swimming classes for our youth and adults, open swim etc.
Jul 20 2022 08:29 PM	More basketball courts
Jul 21 2022 03:11 PM	More exercise classes like Yoga with Lisa.

Jul 21 2022 08:26 PM	the double rims at thr basketball courts are not ideal It would be great if there were some more adult - oriented nights or activities thrown by parks & rec, not just family friendly.
Jul 22 2022 06:22 PM	Like to see a play scape on Parkways. Also a gazebo
Jul 22 2022 08:29 PM	We need a PRIDE event! Please show support for our LGBTQIA+ residents in Auburn Hills!
Jul 23 2022 08:13 PM	For the Knight amphitheater, I think you have a wonderful variety of musicians.
Jul 24 2022 05:06 PM	Bathrooms near Riverside are pretty gross over the weekends.
Jul 25 2022 06:43 PM	No
Jul 25 2022 07:44 PM	We left the Dennis Dearing park because of the neighbors dog that looked like it could easily jump the fence and we had small children with us. Did not feel safe
Jul 25 2022 07:51 AM	The parks are great. This year Riverside has looked pretty bad. The grass never really came in and the netting has just sat there. There's been way more litter and seemingly way less people picking it up, both the people responsible and those who work for the city and uses to do it daily.
Jul 26 2022 04:34 PM	I would love to see a small play structure and slide at the Dennis Dearing Jr Park in place of the balance beam and spring rocking cars. The park is meant for toddlers but the beam and moving cars aren't really suitable for them. My two year old chipped her tooth on one of the rocking cars and I've seen other kids slip out or hit their heads on the bar.
Jul 27 2022 05:38 PM	I think the surface of the Clinton river trail could be improved. I don't use it often because I'm worried about rolling an ankle running on the uneven surface or loosing control on my bike. It seems like the ground next to the path is worn down because people go next to the path where it is a little smoother rather than on the path.
Jul 27 2022 07:16 PM	Hawk Woods is across the street from our house, so we visit the park all the time for exercise and walking our dog. It's really important to us that the trails are well maintained. It has been quite buggy recently, and I haven't used the park for that reason.
Jul 28 2022 07:07 PM	Garbage cans could be emptied more.
	Well maintained and innovative parks I feel bring more families to our city.
Jul 28 2022 08:16 AM	Evergreen skateparks specialize in concrete skateparks theyare high quality and can accommodate more types of activities.
Jul 28 2022 09:28 AM	The employees at your community center are AMAZING!! They are so sweet, knowledgeable, helpful and genuinely nice people and the city should be proud to have them. Park and facilities are some of the most advanced, clean, well-maintained and the city needs to keep up the great work.

Jul 29 2022 03:52 PM	Police/Rangers need to catch the gay guys using River Woods Park for their off-trail meet ups. This is a family park. Kids don't need to see that kind of activity happening 20 yards or so off the paved trails.
Jul 29 2022 08:50 AM	We use the trails and parks everyday sometimes more than once
Jul 30 2022 03:55 PM	More bathroom stalls and water fountains
Jul 30 2022 08:30 PM	the music in riverside park is awesome. great selection of acts.
Aug 01 2022 08:57 PM	Sometimes the music at parties is obnoxious and pretty vulgar. Besides that, we love everything Auburn Hills is doing.
Aug 05 2022 11:25 AM	Thanks, Chris Grooms AH has come a long ways in the last many years! Keep it going! Have lived in Troy, Bloomfield Hills and most recently Orion Twp. Enjoying living in AH(55+ community).
Aug 06 2022 11:19 PM	Air conditioning in the group exercise studio often doesn't keep up with the temperature of the room as we work out. During the summer it gets quite humid and hot despite the air being on.
Aug 07 2022 09:25 PM	Just keep an eye out when the teenagers start to make it a hangout.
Aug 09 2022 04:33 PM	Tennis courts
Aug 09 2022 10:02 PM	Riverwoods park located downtown is always cluttered with litter. The entire downtown area needs MORE trash bins, cigarette disposals (there are NONE) and more dog waste stations through out the down town area. The parking lot behind the big restaurant is filthy with weeds. There are always teens loitering in the downtown area at night when it is dark and unsafe. More employees need to be picking up trash and litter everywhere. It's gross and embarrassing.

Aug 10 2022 01:16 AM

I visit River woods park about every other day. There is a young black guy who sleeps either in the Pavillion or on a park bench all the time. He's creepy. I've talk with him before, his parents live in Forester houses. he said they don't get along very well. Could you stop him from sleeping under the pavillian? The park guy ED only changes the trash bags, anything else laying around he won't touch. I pointed out to him trash, he said I don't do clean up. I've watched him many times, he just emptys acpl of cans and leaves. The other day I was walking my dog, I watched him empty a few cans and drive away, I checked 3 other cans and they were full. He sits in the truck for a few hours, Why are my taxes paying for him to sit and do nothing? OK So who does clean up? Some of the trail need trimming, If you not going to take care of the trails, then why have them open? You spend so much money on the down town but don't do anything for riverwoods park. There were 3-4 trails but because you don't take care of them trees block and you can't walk down them. they have been blocked for at least 5 years. I know that park like the back of my hand. I use to walk back through that area before the city bought it from Jack Craven. I knew him well. Who suppose to empty the trash can on Squirrel Rd. by the bench at the entrance to Oakland Estates? A few of us sit out there quite often. It gets pretty raw smelling. The bench has a Tampax stuck to it. Can someone please clean this up? If the city emptied the trash can, they would have seen this. tell your workers to do a good job.

Aug 10 2022 03:19 PM

make sure the doggie bag stations are kept filled so dog owners don't have an excuse of "oh, I don't have a bag to pick up the poo," or "I forgot."

Aug 10 2022 05:26 PM

Please keep up the great work, and plan events even in the Winter!

Aug 12 2022 11:48 AM

I would love a bench just before the bridge in River Woods Park to sit and observe the river. Maybe another bench near the river at the dead end of the paved walkway by the river. River Woods doesn't take advantage of the beauty of the river like Riverside park does.

Aug 13 2022 02:01 PM

More swings and bucket swings. Renovation to River Woods Playground

Aug 13 2022 03:14 PM

I would like to see more tennis courts. And a bigger splash pad

Aug 13 2022 11:44 AM

Please rebuild skatepark

Aug 14 2022 08:53 AM

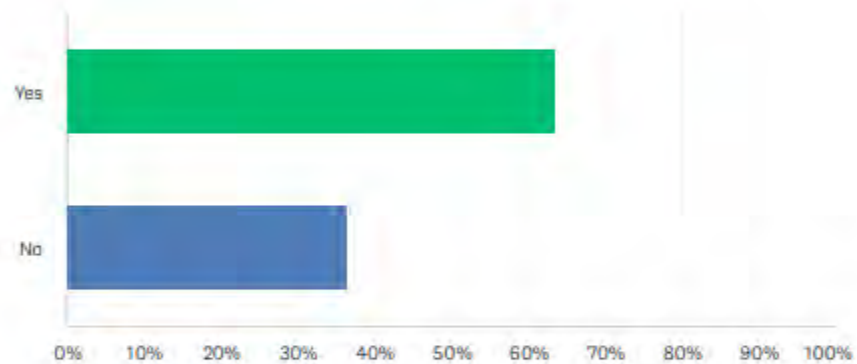
I took my 1 year old to river woods park and it smelled like marijuana which was extremely disappointing and we left

Aug 15 2022 05:42 PM	I think a few things are needed such as security cameras so chairs don't get stolen or behavior is watched. We don't come often anymore but the splash pad needs to be for Auburn Hills residents only as many of us don't take our grandkids there due to an overwhelming amount of out of city people. All the tables and area surrounding splash pad is full, like a family reunion everyday. This same things goes for the pavilions never available. It would be nice if there were several handicap parking places and enforced and honestly, a bathroom at the bottom by the theatre would be helpful.
Aug 16 2022 07:55 PM	Last few years conditions of parks near me have deteriorated. Trash all over, restrooms filthy, ... very dissatisfied in recent maintenance
Aug 17 2022 10:30 AM	I noticed the bathrooms are especially stinky and dirty at river woods and river side
Aug 18 2022 04:06 PM	A lake for fishing
Aug 18 2022 09:42 PM	Barrier free trails
Aug 19 2022 04:55 PM	Please continue/improve skate park!
Aug 19 2022 07:50 PM	Thank you for the current resurfacing project on the Clinton River Trail!
Aug 20 2022 07:14 PM	Maybe a dog park would be nice
Aug 24 2022 04:43 PM	While I appreciate all of the paths and trails already in the parks, I would like to see more in general that are friendly to personal electric vehicles such as onewheels, electric skateboards, and electric scooters. They are becoming much more popular and so having that available may make Auburn Hills parks an e-rideable destination for more people.
Aug 27 2022 03:19 PM	i would like more trash clean up
Aug 30 2022 03:56 PM	Please update skatepark after tearing it down. I'd hate to see it become something else
Sep 02 2022 05:57 PM	Food and drink trucks
Sep 02 2022 06:14 PM	Knight Amphitheater is a gem
Sep 02 2022 06:33 PM	Restroom in lower area of the river. Being older and having some difficulties walking the restroom is too far away
Sep 02 2022 07:05 PM	
Sep 03 2022 05:36 PM	Make sure people don't sit on the steps near the railing! I need the railing to go up and down. Maybe signs.
Sep 03 2022 06:33 PM	all is great
Sep 03 2022 11:47 AM	Very happy to see the skate park is getting and update.
Sep 05 2022 09:10 PM	Would love food trucks in concert nights.
Sep 06 2022 01:13 PM	I love the Maker Studio at the Community Center. All the staff at the center are very welcoming. Make a little more Auburn Hills resident friendly, some parks are being crowded and overwhelmed by people outside of Auburn Hills, which makes it harder for AH residents to enjoy the faculties.
Sep 14 2022 10:22 PM	We are new to the community but plan to use the parks more now that we're settled in. I just wish there were a community pool for water aerobics!

Sep 17 2022 03:44 PM	Skate park would be an awesome location for an ice rink in the winter
Sep 19 2022 11:21 AM	At the Civic Center park, there should be more than one picnic table in the area facing Squirrel rd, there used to be two or three, now it is only one, and it needs to be powerwashed and re-finished. Thank you
Oct 06 2022 11:30 AM	I would really like to see the boardwalk through the marshy area of Hawk Woods get replaced.
Oct 12 2022 12:51 PM	We need more things for our disabled children to do in each park. RIVER WOODS, AND SKATE PARK!!
Oct 21 2022 09:06 AM	Auburn Hills has beautiful parks, especially Hawkwoods. I am extremely disappointed that the city has downgraded Hawkwoods from a Nature Center to a Park and that they seem intent on destroying the natural beauty of the park. It seems like the city is only interested in generating revenue and doesn't care about protecting or preserving nature or educating the public about nature. All of the education materials have been removed from the paths of Hawkwoods despite the hard work of the boy scouts and Mr Mansour over the past years. Many of the trails are not well maintained and the seem to only be for the city staff to drive around the lake or park in the back sitting in their trucks for hours on the weekends. The city started unnecessarily spraying hazardous chemicals on the front turf again so I refuse to walk my pets or child on that area. They also continue to clear cut trees in the parks yet I have only seen 1 tree planted in replacement of the more than 100 removed in the past 2 years. The city refuses to lock the park at night allowing cars to enter and exit and park in the parking lots in the middle of the night or cars to come and race up and down the street at night. They also have little or no enforcement of those who rent the cabins and lodge that are noisy and disrespectful to the surrounding neighborhood at night.

Q53 Have you or someone in your family participated in an Auburn Hills PROGRAM or EVENT over the past year? (this would include any events downtown or in the city, any programs at the Community Center or at the Lodge, etc.)

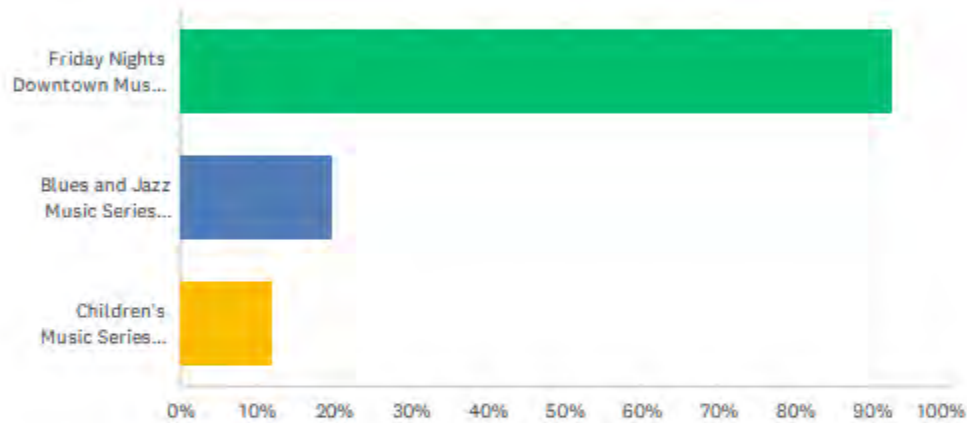
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.50%	214
No	36.50%	123
TOTAL		337

Q54 Have you or your family participated in any music series events at the Knight Amphitheater in Riverside Park over the past year? Please check any that were attended.

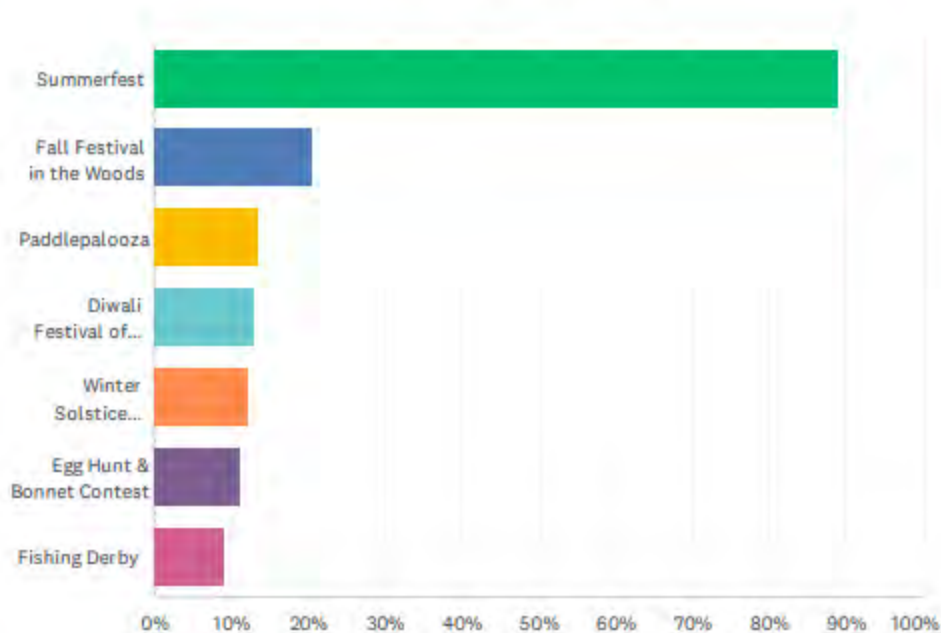
Answered: 192 Skipped: 209



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Friday Nights Downtown Music Series (Summer)	92.71%	178
Blues and Jazz Music Series (September)	19.79%	38
Children's Music Series (July)	11.98%	23
Total Respondents: 192		

Q55 Which of the following Recreation EVENTS have you or your family members participated in over the last year? Please check any that were attended.

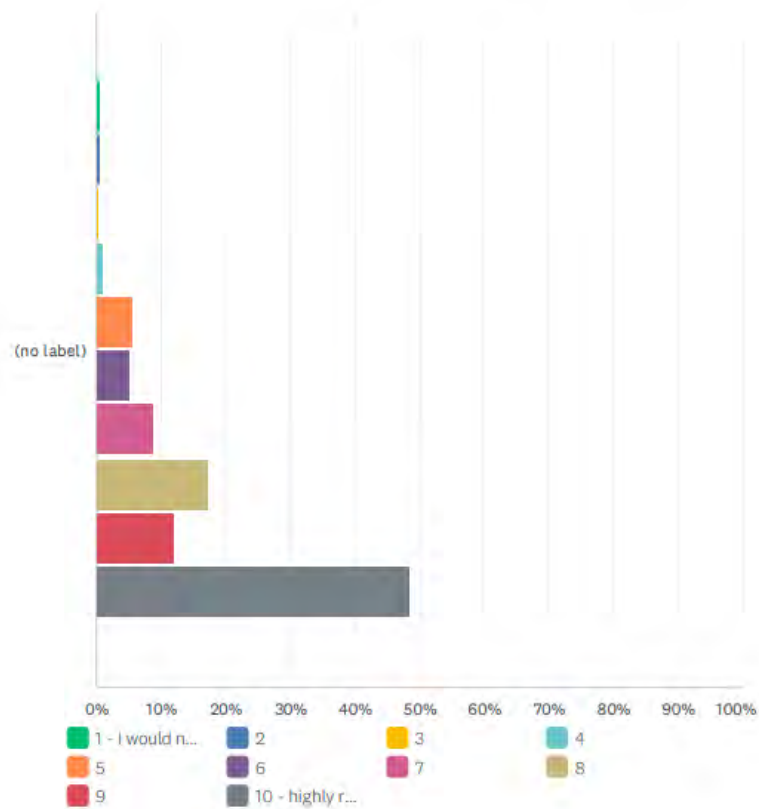
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Summerfest	88.83%	183
Fall Festival in the Woods	20.39%	42
Paddlepalooza	13.59%	28
Diwali Festival of Lights	13.11%	27
Winter Solstice Lantern Walk	12.14%	25
Egg Hunt & Bonnet Contest	11.17%	23
Fishing Derby	9.22%	19
Total Respondents: 206		

Q56 Would you recommend Auburn Hills EVENTS to family members, friends, or neighbors?

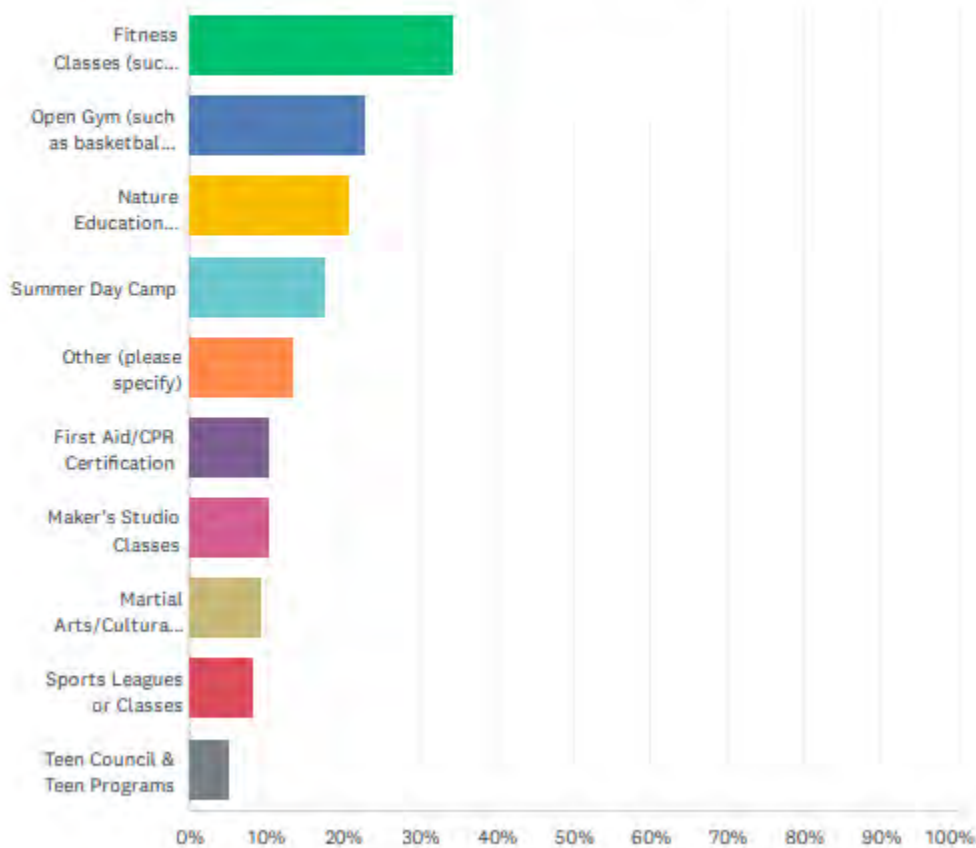
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(no label)	0.68%	0.68%	0.34%	1.02%	5.44%	5.10%	8.84%	17.35%	12.24%	48.30%	294	8.59
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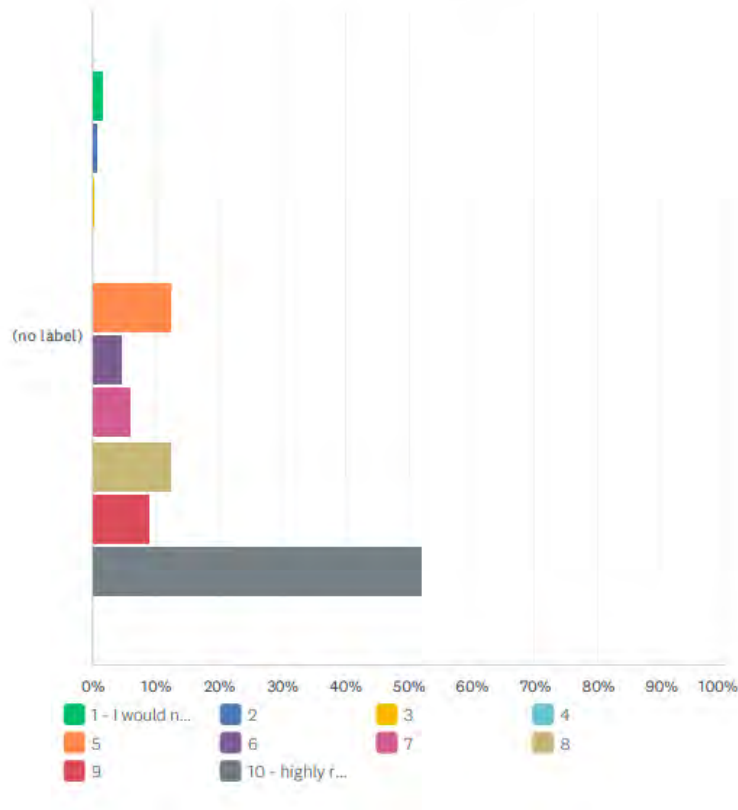
Q57 Which of the following recreation PROGRAMS and CLASSES have you or your family members participated in over the last year? Please check all that were attended.

Answered: 96 Skipped: 305



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fitness Classes (such as yoga, cross training, etc.)	34.38%	33
Open Gym (such as basketball, pickleball, badminton, etc.)	22.92%	22
Nature Education Programs	20.83%	20
Summer Day Camp	17.71%	17
Other (please specify)	13.54%	13
First Aid/CPR Certification	10.42%	10
Maker's Studio Classes	10.42%	10
Martial Arts/Cultural Arts Classes	9.38%	9
Sports Leagues or Classes	8.33%	8
Teen Council & Teen Programs	5.21%	5
Total Respondents: 96		

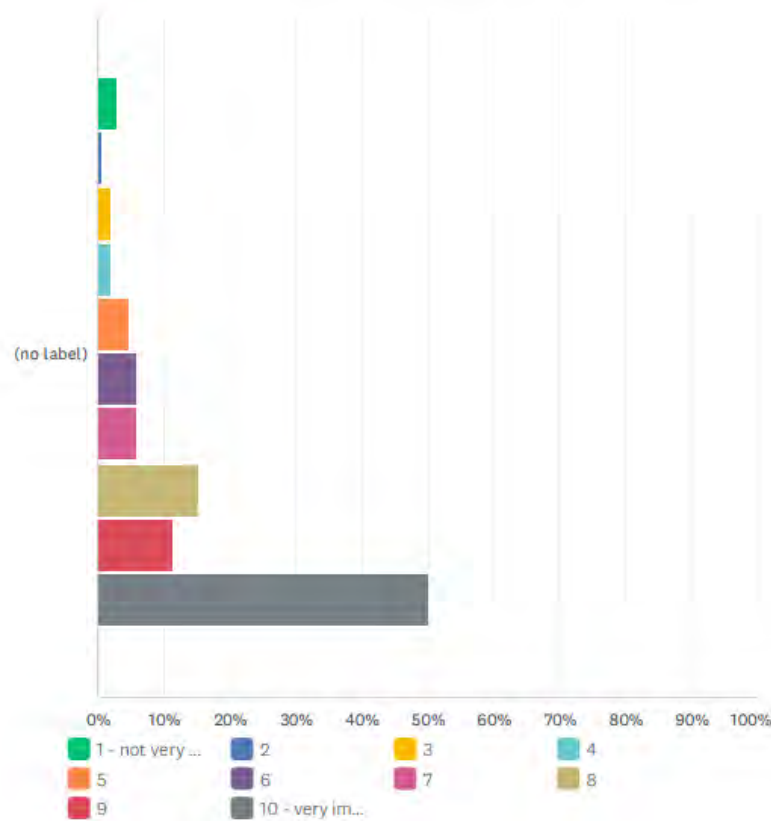
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	1 - I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - HIGHLY RECOMMEND	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	1.69%	0.84%	0.42%	0.00%	12.66%	4.64%	5.91%	12.66%	8.86%	52.32%		
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Q59 How important is it to the quality of your life in Auburn Hills to have parks and recreation programs and events available for you to attend?

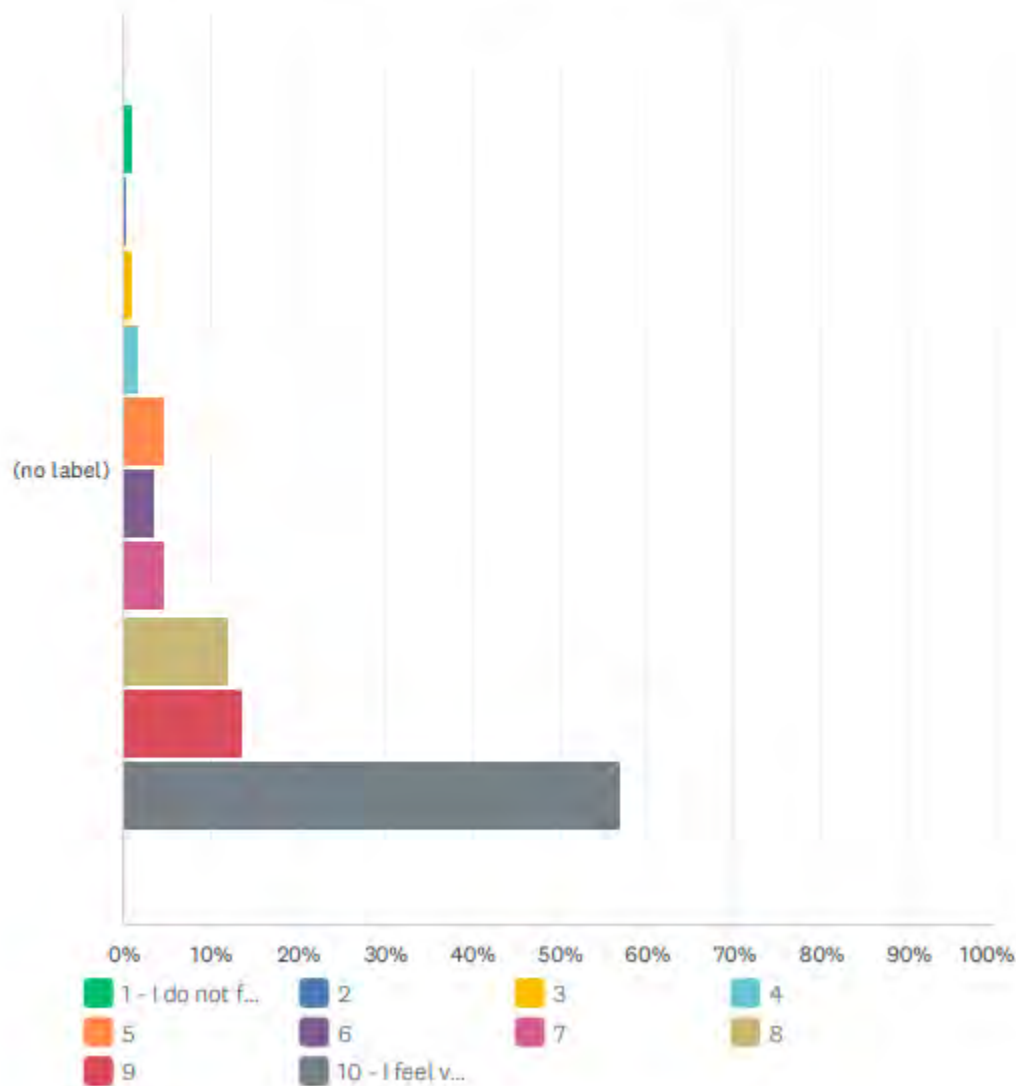
Answered: 300 Skipped: 101



	1 - NOT VERY IMPORTANT	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	2.67% 8	0.67% 2	2.00% 6	2.00% 6	4.67% 14	5.67% 17	5.67% 17	15.33% 46	11.33% 34	50.00% 150	300	5.69

Q60 How WELCOMED do you feel at our events and programs?

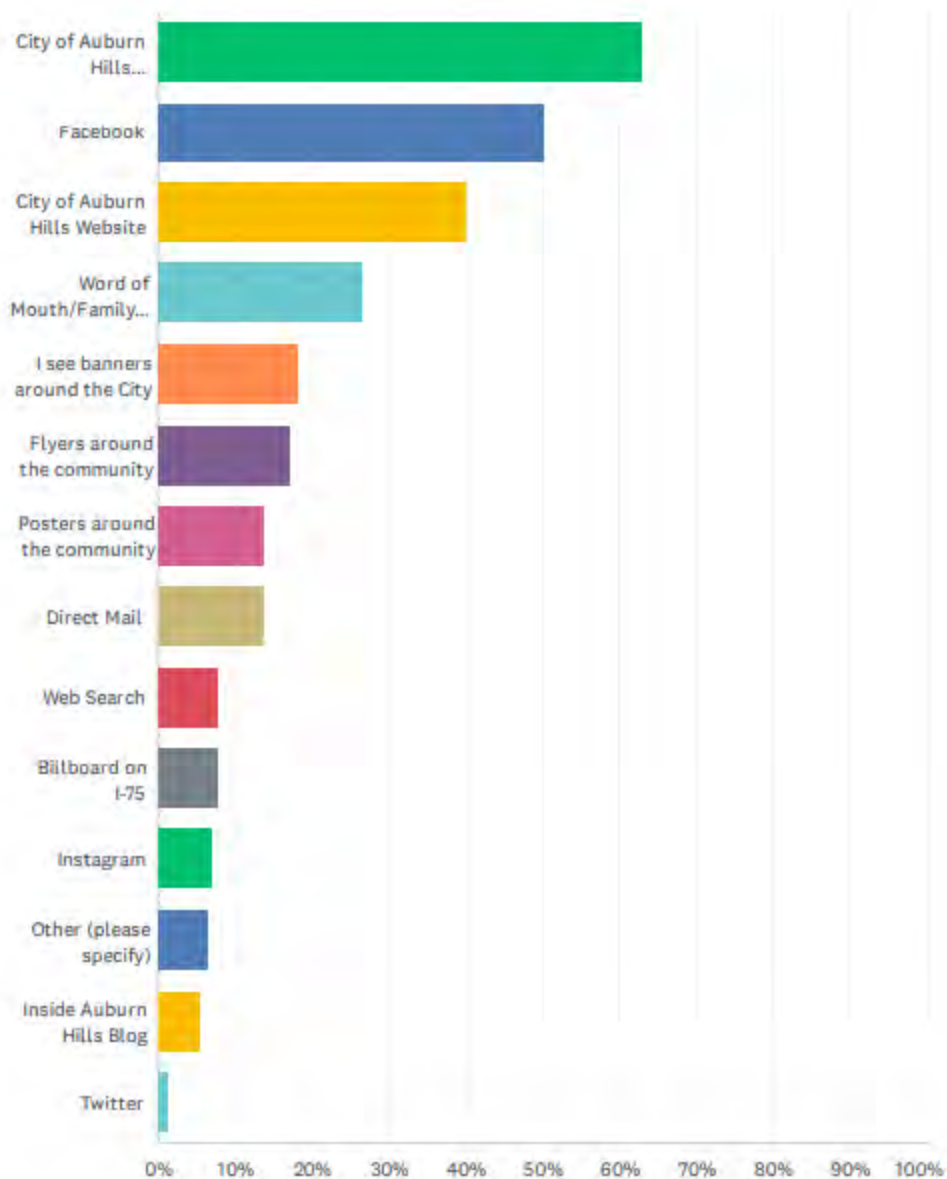
Answered: 278 Skipped: 123



	1 - I DO NOT FEEL WELCOMED	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FEEL VERY WELCOMED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	1.08%	0.36%	1.08%	1.80%	4.68%	3.60%	4.68%	12.23%	13.67%	56.83%	278	5.82
	3	1	3	5	13	10	13	34	38	158		

Q61 How do you and members of your household learn about the City of Auburn Hills Parks & Recreation facilities, events, and programs that are available? Please check all that apply.

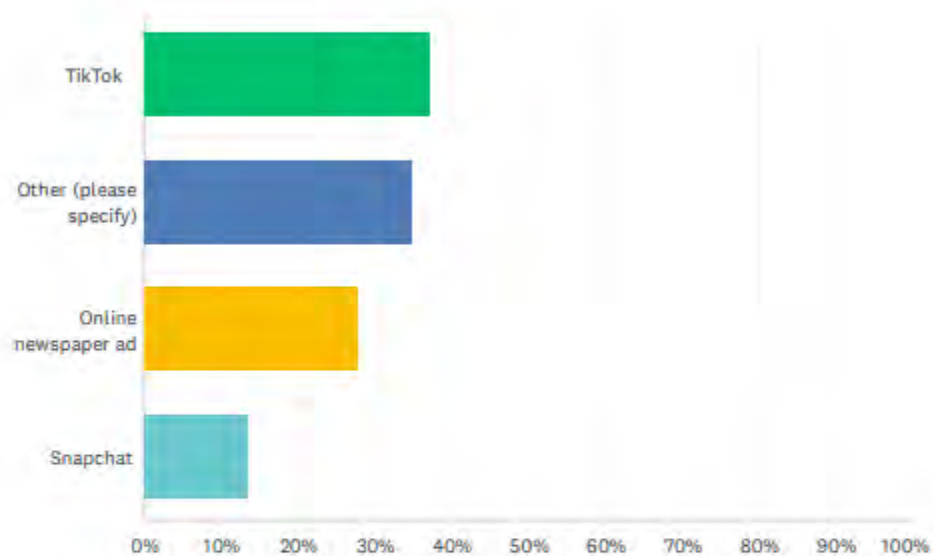
Answered: 302 Skipped: 99



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Auburn Hills Newsletter	62.91%	190
Facebook	50.33%	152
City of Auburn Hills Website	40.07%	121
Word of Mouth/Family or Friend Participated	26.49%	80
I see banners around the City	18.21%	55
Flyers around the community	17.22%	52
Posters around the community	13.91%	42
Direct Mail	13.91%	42
Web Search	7.95%	24
Billboard on I-75	7.62%	23
Instagram	6.95%	21
Other (please specify)	6.62%	20
Inside Auburn Hills Blog	5.30%	16
Twitter	1.32%	4
Total Respondents: 302		

Q62 If the City of Auburn Hills used additional marketing strategies, which methods of marketing would you see?

Answered: 126 Skipped: 275



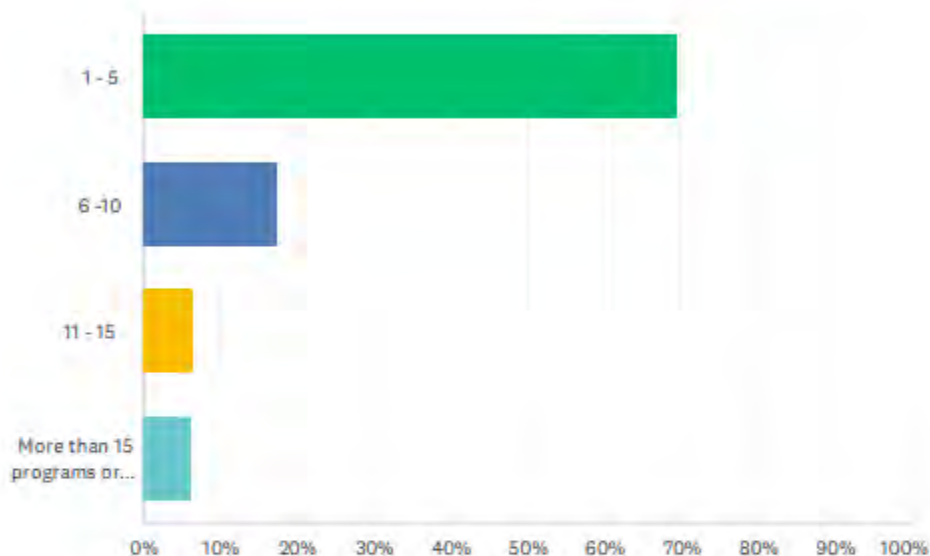
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

TikTok	37.30%	47
Other (please specify)	34.92%	44
Online newspaper ad	27.78%	35
Snapchat	13.49%	17
Total Respondents: 126		

Q63 Within the past year, in how many City of Auburn Hills programs or events have you or a member of your household participated?

Answered: 273 Skipped: 128



ANSWER CHOICES

1 - 5

6 - 10

11 - 15

More than 15 programs or events

TOTAL

RESPONSES

69.60%

17.58%

6.59%

6.23%

190

48

18

17

273

Q64 Do you have anything else you would like to add about existing recreation events, programs or classes?

Answered 63
Skipped 338

Response Date	Responses
Jun 10 2022 06:50 PM	You guys rock. Looking forward to the Latin festival
Jun 13 2022 10:31 AM	Keep up the good work.
Jun 14 2022 11:40 AM	SummerFest should be on Auburn Rd EVERY YEAR
Jun 25 2022 10:45 AM	Really good programs and events but parking is an issue downtown
Jul 05 2022 03:27 PM	I have been very pleased with the park and recreation activities since we moved here almost 3 yrs ago.
Jul 06 2022 07:51 PM	Don't charge a fee for the splash pad

Jul 06 2022 09:21 PM	Downtown needs more events to draw more people. Rochester city has events constantly and it would help build the city!
Jul 06 2022 09:44 PM	Solstice walk at Hawk Woods is fantastic!
Jul 07 2022 01:10 PM	For this size of a city, Auburn Hills should be proud of the successful events and classes they offer to their residents. The Friday night music in consistently a success and the city has done a great job of offering a variety of music genres/styles. Keep up the good work.
Jul 07 2022 03:59 PM	The concerts in Riverside Park are fantastic! Loved that they started earlier in June this year. Bands have been great. Great vibe.
Jul 07 2022 06:33 PM	The website to actually sign up has been absolutely impossible for me to use. I tried signing my kid up for Karate but it didn't happen because the website is terrible. Please fix it to be user friendly. Invest money into this so that we can actually sign up for things. I work odd hours and it's impossible to call during regular hours for help.
Jul 07 2022 11:26 AM	Would love to see more sustainable, eco friendly workshops, classes (ie how to rain barrels, butterfly gardens, etc)
Jul 08 2022 04:28 PM	I would like to see yoga in the park.
Jul 08 2022 05:31 PM	You need to update your fitness room, I don't think you should have to show your drivers license and your recreation card to get into any of the fitness room
Jul 08 2022 07:10 PM	I like the idea of adding the park at Auburn and Opdyke
Jul 08 2022 10:10 PM	I would like to see some walking trails on the north side
Jul 08 2022 10:45 AM	good to see a variety of cultural program and event opportunities being offered
Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Reach out to the Avondale high school and maybe they can run booths or bring volunteers
Jul 08 2022 11:41 PM	I love yoga and the woodshop classes!
Jul 08 2022 12:03 PM	Again - Parking for the disabled. Riverside park has no close parking for the disabled during events
Jul 08 2022 12:24 PM	Keep the programs going. ;)
Jul 11 2022 09:11 AM	more yoga and golf leagues
Jul 11 2022 09:13 AM	Pickleball tournaments
Jul 14 2022 06:12 PM	The summerfest this year was a disappointment. Not many vendors,everything spread too far apart. Biggest disappointment was no BBQ contest and food. This is the biggest attraction to summerfest. The 2 food trucks this year were not enough to support this event and that caused an unexpected surge to our permanent establishments that were completely unprepared.
Jul 14 2022 06:28 PM	The summer fest needed more food trucks
Jul 15 2022 07:52 AM	With 2 children under 2 I'm so excited to attend the Friday night concerts and Wednesday summer concerts next summer when I don't have an infant and bedtime isn't 7pm

	love the cross-fit classes -- I wish more workout classes were offered downtown in the ampitheater or during early morning hours. I do really wish we had a community pool or were able to use the high school's pool -- this would be a great connection point for the community and it'd be incredible to have kids swim classes offered.
Jul 15 2022 08:25 PM	
Jul 16 2022 07:27 AM	No
Jul 16 2022 09:08 PM	I will make my wedding ceremony here .
Jul 17 2022 05:23 PM	I enjoy your Friday night concerts at the riverside park!
	We would love to receive more information on fitness/workout classes in the area.
Jul 17 2022 07:06 PM	
Jul 17 2022 11:22 AM	Need more info and soccer would be great if added
Jul 17 2022 11:55 AM	No
Jul 18 2022 04:01 PM	Please bring back clay class
	Put something together for the handicap it's not fair how people always forget about the handicap they want fun to
Jul 18 2022 08:52 AM	
	Allow kitchen facility usage (stove, ovens, refrigerators) when renting the banquet rooms.
Jul 19 2022 10:37 AM	
Jul 20 2022 08:32 PM	Bicycles
Jul 22 2022 08:31 PM	Please consider adding a Pride Event!
Jul 22 2022 08:32 PM	Nice park, first time here.
Jul 22 2022 09:54 AM	Love the parks. Did not know Auburn Hills has so many.
	It appears that adult sports leagues (softball) have been phased out.
Jul 25 2022 06:15 PM	
Jul 25 2022 06:47 PM	No
	Many AH residents I know would LOVE the city to purchase the old YMCA on Five Points Rd and turn it into a community center like Rochester's OPC.
Jul 26 2022 02:23 PM	
	Most events seem to be aimed at children and seniors. More events for those in their 30's and 40's who do not have children would be nice, that don't revolve around alcohol.
Aug 05 2022 10:15 AM	
Aug 06 2022 11:21 PM	I really enjoy the Zumba class!
Aug 07 2022 11:36 PM	I'd go to more events if they were free
	Summerfest has gone downhill quick. The food options were disgusting. It's only geared towards kids. Nothing Adult to do (no beer tent, good food, ect)
Aug 09 2022 10:05 PM	
	Monarch butterfly class. What plants to grow to attract them. How to help the population from declining.
Aug 10 2022 03:24 PM	
Aug 10 2022 05:29 PM	This are so enriching, thank you for putting these on.
Aug 13 2022 03:17 PM	Better advertising would help.
Aug 13 2022 10:19 PM	National night out event is great too
	Downtown summer fest crowd control and mean people were an issue. Will never attend that event again and may never attend any event. Safety a concern.
Aug 16 2022 07:58 PM	
	Seating for the concerts in the park is horrible. You ruined the enjoyment value. The sun is at eye level and people are too close together. The pavillion was great; lots of room, sun behind the audience, and good time visiting with others in lots of space.
Aug 18 2022 01:31 PM	You ruined it.

Aug 18 2022 09:47 PM I feel the community is improving and growing. It is behind as compared with some communities but I have seen changes in the past five years.

Sep 02 2022 06:01 PM Music also on saturday

Sep 02 2022 07:07 PM Great park!

Sep 05 2022 09:11 PM I think they're great! I'd love to see some pottery classes and more woodshop classes.

Sep 09 2022 05:06 PM Fun is a fun thing

Sep 12 2022 05:44 PM Better parking

Sep 19 2022 11:24 AM No

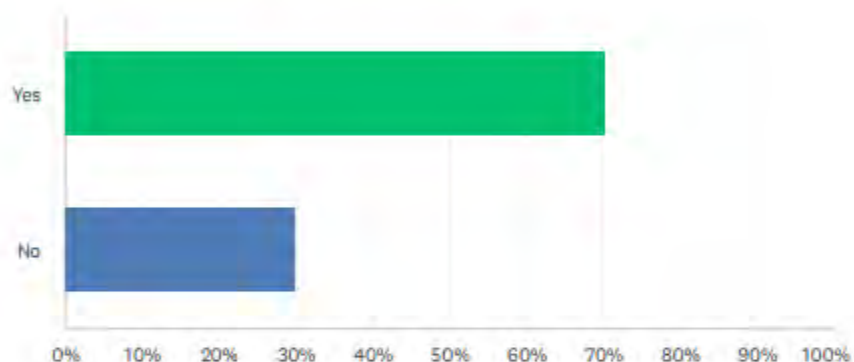
Sep 20 2022 03:00 PM Would like more handicapped parking or shuttle service, golf carts or some method of mobility, for park events. I can't attend some events because the walking distance from parking is too far. Would like to see some playground equipment that is designed specifically for seniors (gliding swings, etc.) in the parks.

Oct 09 2022 04:11 AM If I didn't have the Calendar, I would not know of any events. I've checked the website and thought I signed up for notifications via email but I do not get any.

Oct 21 2022 09:09 AM During the fall festival at Hawkwoods the city need to better enforce parking to prevent cars from parking along the road and on neighborhood lawns.

Q65 Do you feel like you have adequate parks or recreation facilities nearby that you can get to without driving?

Answered: 312 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.19%	219
No	29.81%	93
TOTAL		312

Q66 If you go outside of Auburn Hills for recreation services, why do you find it necessary to do so?

Answered
Skipped

133
268

Response Date	Responses
Jun 10 2022 06:51 PM	I go to Lifetime fitness for pool access and fitness machines
Jun 13 2022 10:34 AM	We don't go outside of Auburn Hills for recreation services.
Jun 25 2022 10:49 AM	Beaches
Jul 01 2022 02:05 PM	Nicer parks, Larger playscapes and splashpads for our grandchildren who we watch regularly and for variety.
Jul 05 2022 03:31 PM	Sometimes parks are busy and larger parks can be more peaceful without the hustle of people.
Jul 06 2022 09:24 PM	Dog park, safer trails, nicer playgrounds, more natural parks
Jul 06 2022 09:37 PM	Walking trails at Innovation and downtown Rochester are better in the winter as they are plowed. We go to Orion Oaks for the dog park
Jul 06 2022 09:54 PM	Mainly to kayak as the river can be a bit difficult especially to get back to the starting point of Riverside Park.
Jul 06 2022 11:59 PM	Some of the park playgrounds need updating. Overcrowding at parks
Jul 07 2022 01:04 AM	Some communities in the area offer really great art events (Rochester, Ferndale, Plymouth, etc.). I know it would be a huge undertaking, but it would be great to see something like this in Auburn Hills some day.
Jul 07 2022 01:17 PM	Paint Creek Park in Rochester. The size of the park is far superior
Jul 07 2022 03:26 AM	I go to Innovation Hills sometimes just because I like how big the park is and how you can kind of feel like you're in the wilderness but the paths are very wide and easy to use. Would love more of that in River Woods. I also like the pond there. Lots of wildlife.
Jul 07 2022 04:02 PM	I leave to access larger recreational areas for biking and hiking.
Jul 07 2022 04:20 PM	People that respect their area and it shows. Pontic will destroy anything in downtown AH that's free.
Jul 07 2022 05:25 PM	To hang with family or friends outside of the city.
Jul 07 2022 06:35 PM	Pool (not one available in AH)
Jul 07 2022 07:06 AM	Different services. Longer - in park trails, bigger playscapes, more swings.
Jul 07 2022 07:33 AM	Location, size of play area, more greenspace
Jul 07 2022 07:44 AM	Pool, more trails.
Jul 07 2022 07:51 AM	Country setting
Jul 07 2022 11:28 AM	For other types of events. Leader dog bark and brew, rochester hills fireworks, rochester sidewalk sale, arts and apples.
Jul 08 2022 01:00 PM	Summer camp options at Troy Parks are better, the community center offering with pools at Troy. Swim lessons at Troy and Rochester. I would really love to see the city purchase the YMCA building and offer more Rec programs
Jul 08 2022 03:01 PM	Less people. It has become overcrowded.
Jul 08 2022 03:22 PM	Variety. Stage Nature Center is closer than Hawk Woods, Innovation Hills has a great boardwalk and is just really cool.
Jul 08 2022 03:24 PM	We go to Stage Nature Center, and EL Johnson Nature Center.
Jul 08 2022 04:24 PM	We go to these parks for the trails and the nature centers.

Jul 08 2022 04:29 PM	Pools, water parks, bike trails, innovation hills
Jul 08 2022 05:00 PM	For an outdoor pool Innovation hills (Rochester Hills) is an epic park in terms of scale and variety of activities. It's more walk-able too. It's not a knock on our parks, its just a really nice park that we can spend more time at.
	 The closet to that park we have in comparison is Riverside. However, the new splash pad hours make it so we often don't use the splashpad as much because we tend to do stuff in the early afternoon. I wish it had its original hours and we would use it more. Getting rid of the wrist bands was good though, that made zero sense.
	 We tend to use the splashpad on auburn rd. in Rochester Hills more often then the local one now.
Jul 08 2022 05:01 PM	Kayaking at a lake. We usually go to Stoney Creek. We also like
Jul 08 2022 05:41 PM	the PaintCreek trail because we can stop into restaurants
Jul 08 2022 06:00 PM	Most of my family live about 30 mins south of Auburn Hills. Innovation park - has great walking space. Love our parks but there is only so far you can go.
Jul 08 2022 06:20 PM	Just for diversity sake.
Jul 08 2022 07:23 PM	Lake access. State parks with longer hiking trails.
Jul 08 2022 08:55 AM	Better park
Jul 08 2022 09:52 PM	Closer to go to Orion
Jul 08 2022 10:12 PM	We go to Innovation Hills because we like to change it up and it's nice to have a Park with turf after rain.
Jul 08 2022 10:25 AM	for sporting clay shooting
Jul 08 2022 10:51 AM	More variety of hiking trails
Jul 08 2022 11:02 AM	We camp all over the state, especially the U.P.
Jul 08 2022 11:04 AM	More hiking options, as well as paddleboarding
Jul 08 2022 11:23 AM	The new park on Hamlin is HUGE and has a nice play ground and nature walk
Jul 08 2022 11:32 AM	Festivals with adequate parking
Jul 08 2022 12:07 PM	Change of pace
Jul 08 2022 12:25 PM	Better parking
Jul 08 2022 12:37 PM	Only because grandchildren live in a different city
Jul 11 2022 03:46 PM	Just for exploration with toddlers
Jul 11 2022 04:53 PM	To go to a beach.
Jul 11 2022 06:56 PM	For bigger Park which is closer to a lake
Jul 11 2022 10:58 AM	Enjoyment of other cities music programs, different night from the Heights.
Jul 12 2022 10:04 PM	Mountain biking
Jul 13 2022 05:54 PM	More options are available
Jul 13 2022 08:10 PM	there is not a beach or lake nearby or even in the city. i live in auburn hills and the best parks are 15 minutes away from me. my part of auburn hills doesn't feel a part of the community
Jul 14 2022 06:06 PM	

Jul 14 2022 08:41 PM	I like the trails at other parks like Bald Mountain, Seven Lakes and a few others.
Jul 14 2022 11:02 PM	Just different spot to go bird watching see different things
Jul 15 2022 07:43 PM	Longer walking trails that don't have road interference
	We like to explore other playgrounds that are unique and themed, e.g. Innovation Hills and Booth Park are both unique and well worth traveling to.
Jul 15 2022 08:30 PM	Spots for longer walks in nature away from roads and crosswalks
Jul 16 2022 04:31 PM	I don't do that actually unless I got an invitation for that out side auburn hills .
Jul 16 2022 09:18 PM	Only for a different scenery and different play area for the kids.
Jul 17 2022 03:43 PM	Also, if the play area is too busy.
Jul 17 2022 05:19 PM	Enjoy the parks in rochester/RH
Jul 17 2022 05:27 PM	My family feels safer at other parks outside of Auburn Hills.
	Change of pace, more challenging hiking/running areas, more scenery.
Jul 17 2022 08:39 PM	Watermarks. Larger events.
Jul 17 2022 11:16 PM	Different types of tennis courts and dog park
Jul 18 2022 04:02 PM	Larger areas
Jul 18 2022 04:05 PM	To explore
Jul 18 2022 08:59 AM	Going to the Orion Oaks dog park to allow the dog to run off leash.
Jul 19 2022 08:45 PM	Getting to mountain biking trails.
Jul 19 2022 09:10 AM	Better trails for biking and walking the dog. No dog parks in the city.
Jul 19 2022 10:03 PM	I actually live in Troy, so some other places are closer.
Jul 19 2022 10:18 AM	Larger park sizes
	Rented the community center in Sylvan Lake. They allowed full usage of the kitchen. Not restrictive. Went to the pool at Metro Beach. No public pool in Auburn Hills.
	A zip line would be nice to have in our community.
Jul 19 2022 10:45 AM	Would like to see a Senior Golf League started again.
Jul 20 2022 07:48 AM	I fish at state parks
Jul 20 2022 08:35 PM	Health
	To be with other kids from
Jul 22 2022 03:32 PM	The school of choice we attend
Jul 22 2022 08:33 PM	Variety
Jul 22 2022 08:33 PM	I like the disk golf at firefighters park in trpy
Jul 22 2022 09:57 AM	Because there is only one Belle Isle and it's in Detroit.
Jul 22 2022 10:14 PM	Swimming
	More of downtown area, restaurants, shopping take me to other cities. I'd love to see more in our downtown. But I do really live out downtown.
Jul 24 2022 05:15 PM	I'd also like to see more art fairs/outdoor markets in our downtown.
Jul 25 2022 06:18 PM	RARA coed softball
Jul 25 2022 07:39 PM	Lake's

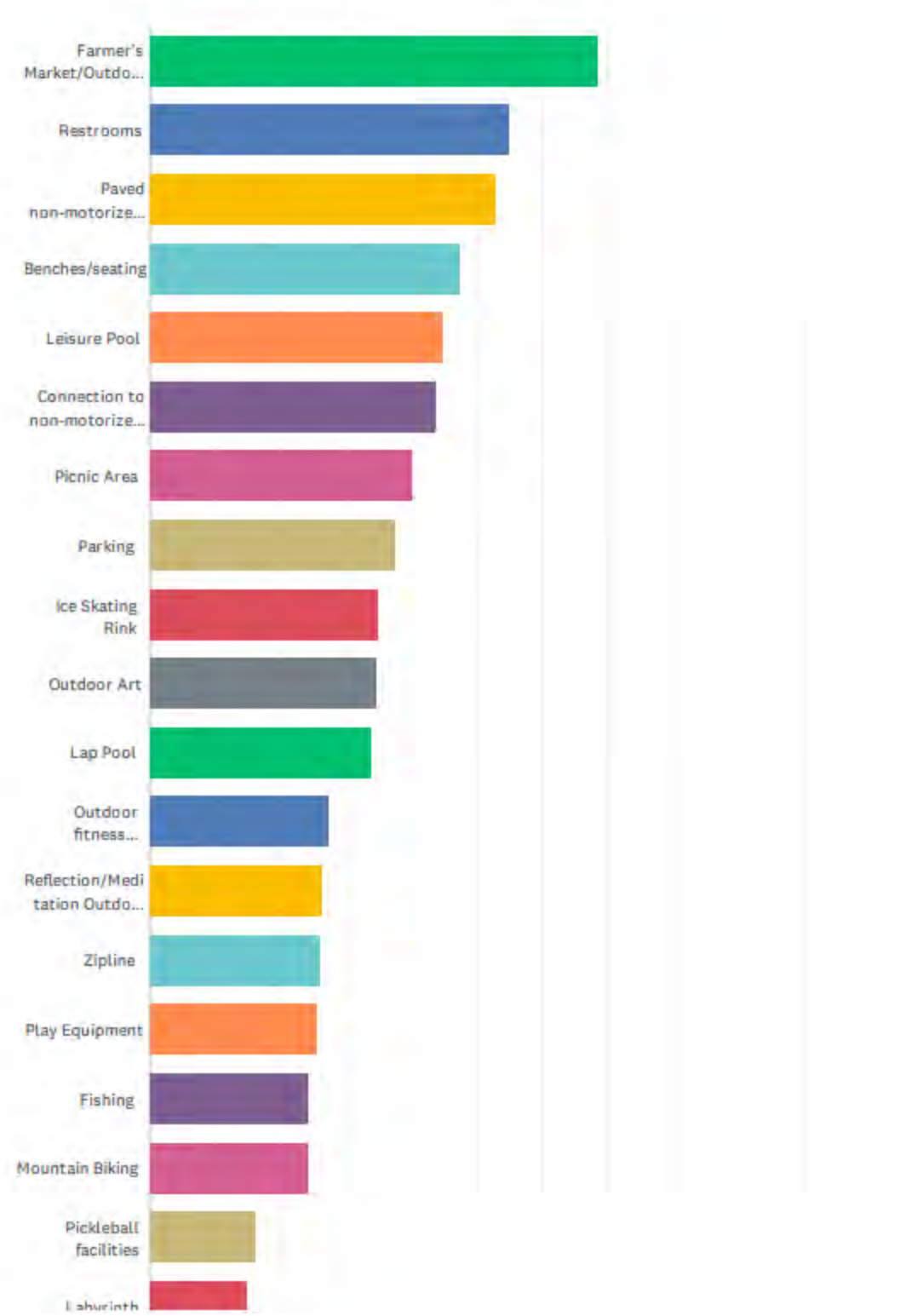
	The RH park on Hamlin is incredible! Now that we've discovered it I'm not sure how much we'll be using AH.
Jul 25 2022 07:51 PM	
Jul 25 2022 07:54 AM	Rochester Hills has better playgrounds and a better splash pad
	I go to Rochester OPC to swim. AH doesn't have a swimming pool that I know of.
Jul 26 2022 02:33 PM	
Jul 26 2022 02:51 PM	OPC in Rochester.
Jul 26 2022 04:04 PM	State park - more traila
Jul 26 2022 08:57 PM	beaches
Jul 26 2022 10:57 AM	I utilize programs in my community in Heritage in the hills
Jul 26 2022 11:21 PM	Stoney Creek has much better nature trails.
Jul 27 2022 07:21 PM	Larger parks, playgrounds, or different amenities
	Variety
Jul 28 2022 07:11 PM	Nicer splash pad and newer / more innovative playground facilities.
Jul 28 2022 08:21 AM	I go to other skateparks due to quality of other parks
	Different programming and/or different times offered that may be more convenient.
Jul 28 2022 09:38 AM	
	Rochester Innovation Park — stunning boardwalk and trails for our weekly walking group.
Jul 29 2022 03:58 PM	Larger parks
Jul 29 2022 06:52 PM	Although the parks are very nice. None of them are on a larger scale to give you that feeling of being away
Jul 30 2022 04:01 PM	Off leash dog park
Aug 01 2022 03:13 PM	Swimming
Aug 04 2022 03:32 PM	larger, wilder, bodies of water, better birding, different terrain
	The parks often have poison ivy. If we want to take her for a long walk, it is often necessary to go outside Auburn Hills.
Aug 05 2022 10:19 AM	
Aug 06 2022 10:24 AM	Gym and swimming
Aug 06 2022 10:39 PM	Beach
Aug 08 2022 01:26 PM	longer bike trails
Aug 09 2022 04:36 PM	N/A
	My family lives in Genesee county so I have to travel to them for events.
Aug 10 2022 03:31 PM	Usually just due to visiting parks with friends from other towns, or to fish in lakes
Aug 10 2022 04:22 PM	Rochester's larger park.
Aug 10 2022 05:33 PM	Yes
Aug 10 2022 05:39 PM	
	Innovation Hills and Stoney Creek Metro- different offering the auburn hills parks
Aug 12 2022 11:52 AM	I love innovation park in Rochester hills
Aug 13 2022 02:03 PM	We go to beaches, tennis courts and pools since those are not offered.
Aug 13 2022 03:22 PM	•••there needs to be a sidewalk on the side of Walton BLVD from Squirrel to the church past the apartments.
Aug 13 2022 08:39 AM	I go to beaches close by because Auburn Hills doesn't have any.
Aug 13 2022 10:23 PM	More trails available that are longer. Events going on.

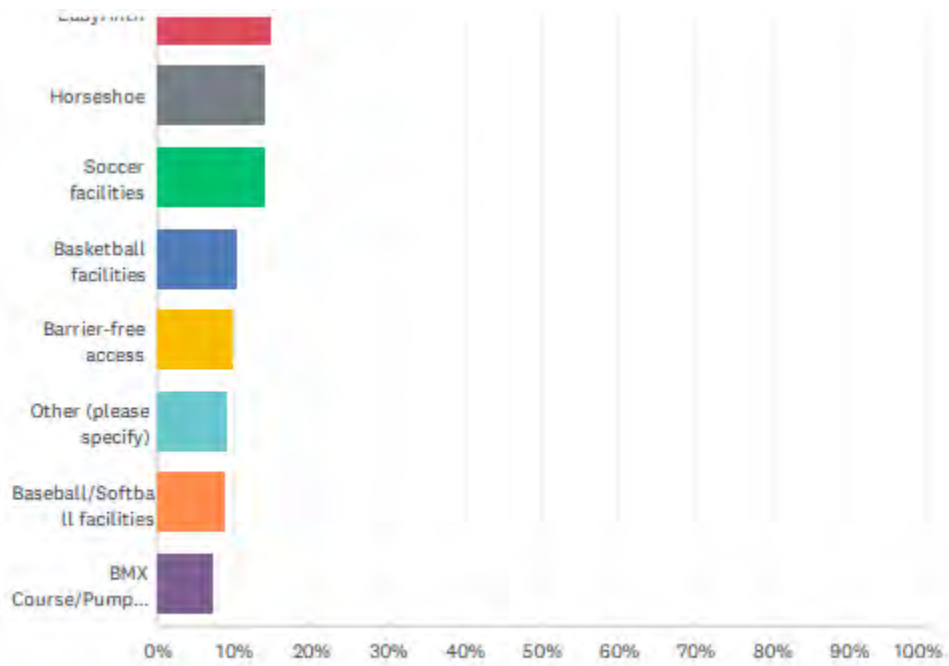
Updated skate park in clawson

Aug 14 2022 02:29 PM	Updated play structures for all ages
Aug 14 2022 09:54 AM	Longer hiking trails
Aug 15 2022 03:28 PM	To access a variety of cycling/hiking trails and lakes.
Aug 15 2022 07:26 PM	To try new places
Aug 15 2022 08:38 AM	Larger parks and spaces
	Innovation hills has wide variety such as ice skating and better play structures. Tennis courts and volleyball courts at other locations. Soccer leagues and fields in other cities are better run and more widely available.
Aug 16 2022 08:03 PM	
Aug 17 2022 10:38 AM	Rochester has a bit more to do/nicer facilities
Aug 18 2022 01:35 PM	Because of the poor planning for the seating at the amphitheater.
Aug 18 2022 09:52 PM	Innovation Park has excellent opportunities
Aug 19 2022 07:52 AM	Swimming
Aug 24 2022 04:52 PM	The parks are larger and so have more trail real estate to offer.
Sep 05 2022 09:15 PM	No public swimming/lap pool or farmer's market.
Sep 06 2022 01:22 PM	Less crowded
Sep 07 2022 01:38 PM	Tennis courts are sometimes full.
Sep 09 2022 03:03 PM	State parks for hiking 5+ miles
Sep 20 2022 03:25 PM	Easy access.
	We live in Hawthorn Forest (right near Rochester hills). We would LOVE a community park nearby.
Sep 21 2022 09:15 AM	
Sep 30 2022 05:23 PM	Water so can swim and ksyak
	Mostly, they are better advertised and have more of a crowd. I've enjoyed the peacefulness of events here but would also like to see more ppl involved.
Oct 09 2022 04:14 AM	
Oct 24 2022 02:50 PM	Diversity

Q67 Which of the following would you and your family utilize?

Answered: 304 Skipped: 97

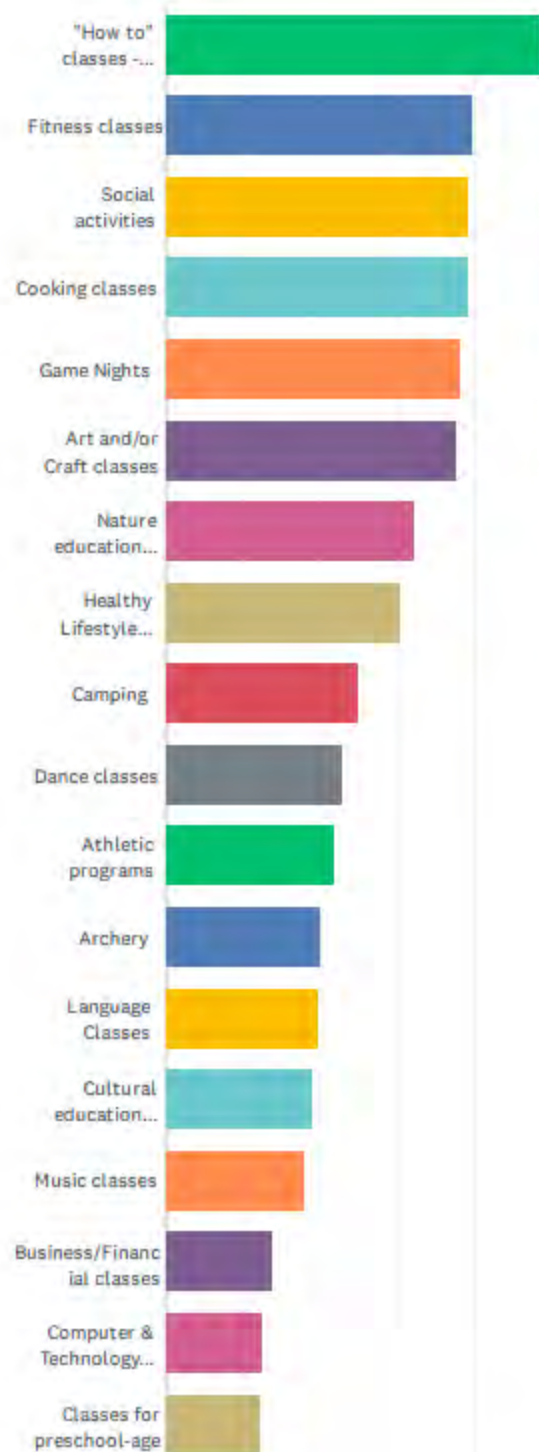


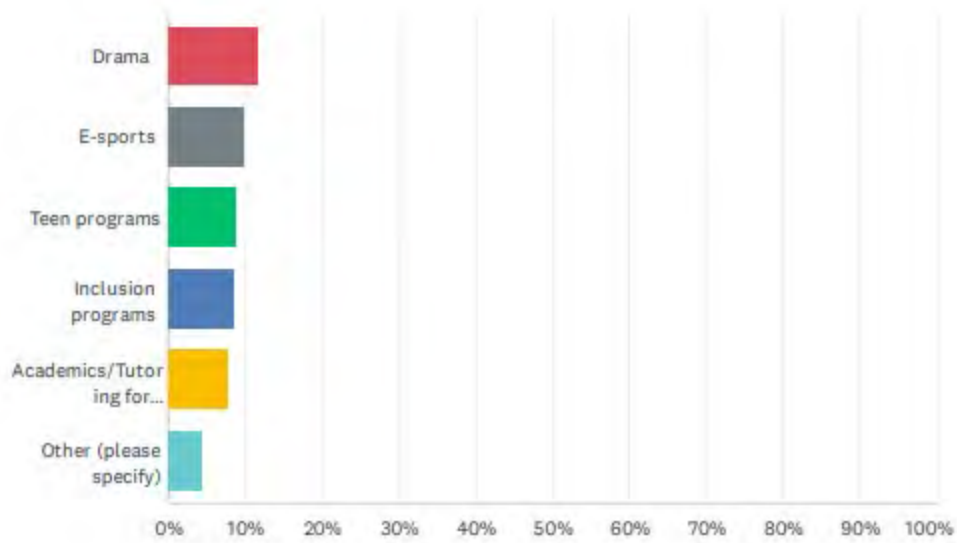


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmer's Market/Outdoor Market	68.42%	208
Restrooms	54.93%	167
Paved non-motorized path (bike/walk/run)	52.96%	161
Benches/seating	47.37%	144
Leisure Pool	44.74%	136
Connection to non-motorized pathways (bike path, sidewalk, etc.)	43.75%	133
Picnic Area	40.13%	122
Parking	37.50%	114
Ice Skating Rink	34.87%	106
Outdoor Art	34.54%	105
Lap Pool	33.88%	103
Outdoor fitness equipment	27.30%	83
Reflection/Meditation Outdoor Area	26.32%	80
Zipline	25.99%	79
Play Equipment	25.66%	78
Fishing	24.34%	74
Mountain Biking	24.01%	73
Pickleball facilities	16.12%	49
Labyrinth	14.80%	45
Horseshoe	14.14%	43
Soccer facilities	14.14%	43
Basketball facilities	10.53%	32
Barrier-free access	9.87%	30
Other (please specify)	9.21%	28
Baseball/Softball facilities	8.88%	27
BMX Course/Pump Track	7.24%	22
Total Respondents: 304		

Q68 What types of programs would you or your family members attend?
Check all that apply.

Answered: 273 Skipped: 128





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
"How to" classes - learning new skills	49.08%	134
Fitness classes	39.93%	109
Social activities	39.19%	107
Cooking classes	39.19%	107
Game Nights	38.10%	104
Art and/or Craft classes	37.73%	103
Nature education programs	32.23%	88
Healthy Lifestyle programs	30.40%	83
Camping	24.91%	68
Dance classes	22.71%	62
Athletic programs	21.98%	60
Archery	20.15%	55
Language Classes	19.78%	54
Cultural education programs	19.05%	52
Music classes	17.95%	49
Business/Financial classes	13.92%	38
Computer & Technology classes	12.45%	34
Classes for preschool-age	12.09%	33
Drama	11.72%	32
E-sports	9.89%	27
Teen programs	8.79%	24
Inclusion programs	8.42%	23
Academics/Tutoring for students	7.69%	21
Other (please specify)	4.40%	12
Total Respondents: 273		

Q69 The City of Auburn Hills works to ensure that all people have access to the benefits of Parks & Recreation. What types of amenities, programs, events, or policies do you see a need for that would improve access and inclusion in the Parks & Recreation department?

Answered 60
Skipped 341

Response Date	Responses
Jul 01 2022 02:05 PM	Indoor track
Jul 06 2022 11:59 PM	Special needs playground equipment.

Jul 07 2022 01:17 PM	<p>Parking is consistently an issue at Riverside Park. There are not a lot of close by parking spots and there are CONSTANTLY non-handicapped vehicles parked in the very few handicapped spots. It would be a huge benefit for people with disabilities if there were 1. more spots, and 2. enforcement by police officers.</p>
Jul 07 2022 04:02 PM	<p>I wish we had a city pool we could use. That would be really nice. That would be useful for people of all ages and abilities.</p>
Jul 07 2022 05:25 PM	<p>Enforce rules and create new to keep what we are paying for respected and in good order.</p>
Jul 08 2022 01:00 PM	<p>Farmer market, fireworks, the parades downtown are weak, art show would be nice either in the community center or outdoor art festival</p>
Jul 08 2022 01:08 PM	<p>I don't feel that lack of inclusion is a problem in Auburn Hills</p>
Jul 08 2022 02:00 PM	<p>I think Auburn Hills has done an excellent job with our parks and they continue to expand and create new opportunities for our citizens</p> <p>I don't have any specifics, but making sure all people can make use and enjoy the parks is important to my values.</p>
Jul 08 2022 05:01 PM	<p>The play structures don't seem totally inclusive. I like how Clawson park has an area that has a gate and then all these different structures for different age groups. Innovation Hills has it too. My daughter has out grown them, but new families would benefit. Have a additional time set aside for autistic, to access playground to not overwhelm them with too much stimulation</p>
Jul 08 2022 05:23 PM	
Jul 08 2022 05:41 PM	<p>Nothing</p>
Jul 08 2022 06:00 PM	<p>Maybe include Ethnic specific events to educate people about the many different types of cultures that are in Auburn Hills. Decorations, food, music, and art that will plant a seed of knowledge into those who may not know about certain cultures.</p>
Jul 08 2022 10:12 PM	<p>North side activities besides a random bench.</p>
Jul 08 2022 10:51 AM	<p>Revise non-smoking policy in parks by limiting to action-oriented areas only (ball diamond, athletic field, skate park..) and not along trails or in open areas of the parks</p>
Jul 08 2022 11:32 AM	<p>More programs for high school age kids and promote them at Avondale high school</p>
Jul 08 2022 11:47 PM	<p>Having more paved walking paths would make nature a lot more accessible for people.</p>
Jul 08 2022 12:07 PM	<p>Handicap parking and access</p>
Jul 09 2022 12:15 AM	<p>I have an autistic daughter who is 9. She loves going to park playgrounds, but we don't use them for fear she will run. Please enclose the playgrounds so ALL children can be safe. It's such a simple request, and would make the lives of so many parents more stress free, and would encourage much more trips to the park.</p>
Jul 11 2022 03:46 PM	<p>Nothing that comes to mind.</p>
Jul 11 2022 10:58 AM	<p>Fireworks on 4th July</p>

Jul 13 2022 01:33 PM	Please don't over populate the downtown area.
Jul 13 2022 08:10 PM	Swimming pools and more options to children play
Jul 14 2022 06:06 PM	The LGBTQ+ community is not represented as much. They should sponser a pride event.
Jul 14 2022 06:15 PM	More parking, parking that is not associated with apartment parking.
Jul 14 2022 08:41 PM	The only thing I wish we had was better public transportation services.
Jul 14 2022 09:34 PM	Free or cost reduced programs for the elderly
Jul 15 2022 08:30 PM	Smoother pavement on Clinton River trail! :)
Jul 16 2022 09:18 PM	I don't know now frankly
Jul 17 2022 03:43 PM	Na
Jul 17 2022 05:25 PM	None
Jul 17 2022 11:25 AM	Soccer parks, martial arts classes, badmington
Jul 17 2022 11:58 AM	Soccer program
Jul 18 2022 04:05 PM	Finance class
Jul 18 2022 08:59 AM	Stuff for all ages and for the handicap
Jul 19 2022 10:45 AM	Better access for the physically disabled.
Jul 20 2022 08:35 PM	Basketball courts
Jul 22 2022 08:32 PM	Please consider adding a pride event into your lineup
Jul 22 2022 08:33 PM	No comment
Jul 24 2022 05:15 PM	Not sure, sorry!
Jul 25 2022 06:18 PM	special needs adult and children
Jul 25 2022 07:39 PM	Don't know at this time.
Jul 26 2022 02:51 PM	No
Jul 28 2022 09:38 AM	Programs for the whole family to attend.
Jul 29 2022 11:59 AM	Stronger messages or lights at crosswalks and additional crosswalks where they do not exist
Aug 05 2022 10:19 AM	Pet friendly events. Events for single people, between 30-50 that don't revolve around alcohol
Aug 07 2022 07:40 PM	Benches, sports equipments, drinking water
Aug 09 2022 10:09 PM	None
Aug 10 2022 05:33 PM	Unknown at this time.
Aug 13 2022 08:39 AM	I would love to see a community pool with a snack bar and lounge chairs.
Aug 15 2022 05:57 PM	resident only amenities, beefed up security, enforcement up rules while people are dancing at the concerts, lower access bathrooms, more tables with umbrellas and more pavillions for cook outs
Aug 16 2022 08:03 PM
Aug 18 2022 04:09 PM	Safer and better crowd management.
Aug 18 2022 09:52 PM	Dirt bike trail
Aug 19 2022 04:58 PM	Larger community center to offer more. A satellite site at the south end of the community.
Aug 24 2022 04:52 PM	Teen yoga/ family fitness classes
Sep 02 2022 07:09 PM	More e-rideable friendly areas.
Sep 06 2022 01:22 PM	0
Sep 10 2022 10:04 AM	More austic and handicap friendly activities and structures
	I think a dog park would be good

Sep 20 2022 03:25 PM

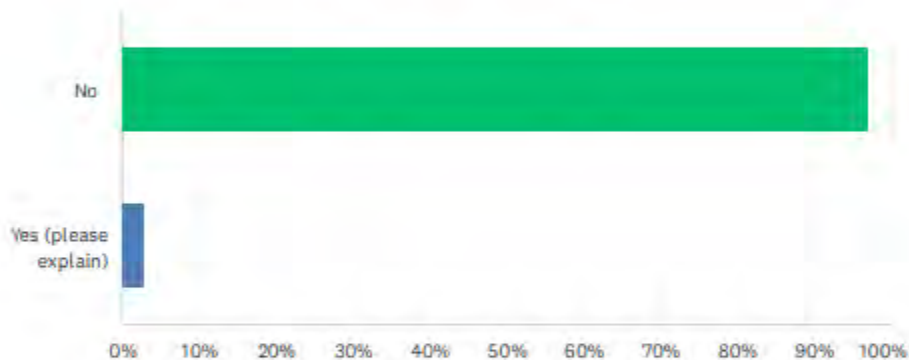
Better accessibility to events and parks for people who have limited walking ability.

Sep 21 2022 09:15 AM

More parks and community events at the parks. Having local neighborhood parks creates more community.

Q70 Does the Parks & Recreation department have any policies or rules that create a barrier for you or your family to access parks, facilities, programs, or events?

Answered: 275 Skipped: 126



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	97.09%	267
Yes (please explain)	2.91%	8
TOTAL		275

Response Date	Yes (please explain)
Jul 07 2022 01:17 PM	Same answer as question 49. Please offer and enforce more handicap parking spots at Riverside Park (especially during Friday night events).
Jul 11 2022 06:56 PM	You can't sign up for a program late. And then you can't sign up for a program until the next season
Jul 14 2022 09:34 PM	The unnecessary use of pesticides and herbicides in green spaces makes our family feel unsafe and uncomfortable using those spaces. We don't want to expose our pets and kids to toxic chemicals. Additionally, when sprayed, parks are barely marked.
Aug 10 2022 01:28 AM	When the splash pad was first built, Brian said I could bring my dog. Now No animals are allowed. You let people from other cities come but I can't let my dog get wet. My tax dollars are paying for that water for others but my dog can't get wet. That's Bullshit!
Aug 15 2022 05:57 PM	splash pad is not accessible when out of control and overly populated with most people are from a different city.

Aug 18 2022 01:35 PM	Poor planning of the amphitheater seating. Ruined it for us to enjoy.
Aug 18 2022 04:09 PM	No motorbikes on trails
Sep 20 2022 03:25 PM	Limited handicapped parking

Q71 Is there anything else you would like to add that was not covered on the survey?

Answered	64
Skipped	337

Response Date	Responses
Jul 06 2022 09:37 PM	We live in Auburn Hills but have Rochester schools so our kids do most sports and activities through RARA, RHLL, RSC to be with kids from school
Jul 06 2022 09:54 PM	A dog park, even a small one, would be great to have as it's a wonderful way of meeting people. Right now, Orion Oaks is the closest and it's a bit of a drive
Jul 06 2022 11:59 PM	Just making sure activities and such are special needs and disability friendly.
Jul 07 2022 04:02 PM	Auburn Hills P & R does a great job. We are lucky to have such beautiful parks.
Jul 07 2022 04:20 PM	Please start enforcing local ordinances in the parks. I gather that the city may be having staffing issues, but the chronic litter in Riverside and the lack of upkeep in Riverwoods are so disappointing. I know plenty of folks who actively avoid these amenities because they're so disappointed by conditions this summer.
Jul 07 2022 05:25 PM	Don't just look for ways to add more amusement equipment let's keep nature happy and flourishing like it should be.
Jul 07 2022 07:06 AM	Please add a restroom at the trail at the opdyke entrance!!!
Jul 07 2022 07:51 AM	Bathroom on Clinton River trail
Jul 07 2022 08:19 AM	Allow more third-party events not specifically hosted by the city.
Jul 08 2022 02:00 PM	I think our parks should be exclusively for tax paying residence and citizens living in this community.
Jul 08 2022 03:01 PM	Look into developing, improving, or rezoning the Bloomfield Orchards park, it's a huge eyesore, unmaintained, and inaccessible. The Bloomfield orchards civic association is a scam- and the land use is a waste! Attracts crime, vandalism, and disagreements among subdivision residents.
Jul 08 2022 04:29 PM	The more parks and recreation, the better!!!

I thought the splash pad design and implementation has been more of a let down over time. The concrete with steps that young kids could run off in excitement due to the cold water was a bad design choice. The wristbands requiring ID and now the new hours has been kinda lame too. I get that its expensive, it just doesn't seem like it was planned appropriately to go through so many iterations.

Jul 08 2022 05:01 PM	Thanks for making our parks so special.
Jul 08 2022 05:41 PM	A food truck rally would be fun
Jul 08 2022 07:36 PM	Again do something about the mosquito population
Jul 08 2022 09:52 PM	Please get restaurants and bars downtown. Thank you, Lynn
	Thank you for clean, safe and high-quality parks, programs and events in the city - they help make Auburn Hills a special place and set it apart from other surrounding communities
Jul 08 2022 10:51 AM	
	As a long term resident of AH, I'm concerned about the increasing # of high priced apartments going up in almost every corner available. I don't feel there is enough free space to or even community space for all this extra housing. I also fear that they will sit mostly empty as has the monstrosity built years ago by the twist and dip. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinions.
Jul 11 2022 03:46 PM	
Jul 11 2022 04:53 PM	We want a city Pool!
	I think that there should be a place for dogs to open run. It doesn't need to be fancy but i would like a place to bring my dog to run off leash
Jul 14 2022 06:06 PM	
Jul 14 2022 08:41 PM	No
	Again, I really wish the city of Auburn Hills had a pool or program to use the high school's pool for lap swim, open swim, and swim classes -- I think this would generate a lot of interest.
Jul 15 2022 08:30 PM	New pavillian at Civic Center park is impressive and High Quality that will last a very long time. Money well spent.
Jul 16 2022 07:30 AM	Fix the Civic Center Pond.
	The restaurant around the park, they close very early actually and I think we need more or variety of food restaurants here around.
Jul 16 2022 09:18 PM	
Jul 17 2022 03:43 PM	Na
Jul 17 2022 03:58 PM	Consider signage that encourages visitors to help us keep it clean. And more signs that encourages bikers to yield to foot traffic.
	Need a soccer field and more option for classes like boxing, martial arts and batmington
Jul 17 2022 11:25 AM	
Jul 17 2022 11:58 AM	Would like to have a soccer field added
	Ot would be cool to have a dog class. Like teach your dogs new tricks or scent work class
Jul 18 2022 04:02 PM	
	Clinton River Trail was difficult to find downtown. Should get connected or have better signage.
Jul 18 2022 04:05 PM	
Jul 19 2022 10:18 AM	Dog park consideration
Jul 22 2022 06:26 PM	No
Jul 23 2022 08:17 PM	Please invite Slick Jimmy back. They were wonderful!

Jul 24 2022 05:15 PM	A community "freedge" like Rochester has. I have so many extra vegetables in the summer and would love to share with others who can use it.
Jul 25 2022 07:39 PM	No
Jul 25 2022 09:54 PM	It would be nice if there was a city park in the Will Rogers school neighborhood area of Auburn Hills
Jul 26 2022 03:45 PM	Dog park would be great
Jul 28 2022 07:11 PM	No
Jul 28 2022 09:38 AM	Very impressed with Auburn Hills as a newcomer and hope the great work is kept up for the future.
Jul 29 2022 02:10 PM	Looks like some creek bank restoration needs to happen at riverside park. SOX erosion solutions is a great product. Native Lakescapes is an installer
Jul 29 2022 09:59 AM	Need a dog park
Jul 30 2022 07:40 PM	You need to lower the cost of the activities that you provide esp for seniors.
Sep 02 2022 06:03 PM	Mo
Sep 10 2022 10:04 AM	I am no it a resident of auburn hills, but very close. I enjoy the parks and recreation facilities, you are doing very good but more advertising will help
Sep 19 2022 11:26 AM	Not at this time
Sep 21 2022 09:15 AM	We just moved to the area from royal oak. We would LOVE a park near our neighborhood that we could walk/bike too! We live in Hawthorn Forest Sub.
Sep 30 2022 05:23 PM	I live in the Orchards. I would like city to take over our outdoor space. Would give a large group access to a decent outdoor space in walking distance for a concentrated area of citizens.
Aug 05 2022 10:19 AM	I love Auburn Hills
Aug 05 2022 11:37 AM	Try to entice more mid range restaurants to our area, especially that families can support. Twin Peaks certainly doesn't fit the bill...!
Aug 07 2022 09:34 PM	Parking downtown is horrible now. During Summerfest on Friday night there were lines of people just driving around looking for parking. I was lucky to find something close due to problems I would not have been able to attend if I had to walk any farther. So maybe more Handicap parking.
Aug 09 2022 10:09 PM	As stated, more trash cans, dog stations and smoke poles are desperately needed around the downtown area. Also, the parking lot behind Happy Hour is extremely trashy looking with weeds and debris everywhere!
Aug 10 2022 03:31 PM	I used many services when my kids were little but now that they are teenagers, there really isn't anything other than occasional teen events at the library.
Aug 10 2022 05:33 PM	No, but thank you for wanting to continue to improve! The Friday night music series each Friday have made this Summer!
	I do wish and hope there will be something weekly in Winter to keep the community feel going through the long, dragging months.

Aug 13 2022 03:22 PM A sidewalk on Walton going west from Squirrel would be nice and a lot safer then walking or biking along the side of the road.

Aug 15 2022 05:57 PM More help and handicap options for seniors and disabled. Walking from the across Squirrel rd due to no available parking is very inconvenient and wasn't thought out when created.

Aug 16 2022 08:03 PM I hope to see the city parks and their cleanliness and availability (restrooms not always open) return to were they were 10+ years ago when we bought our house in this city.

Aug 18 2022 01:35 PM Poor planning of the amphitheater seating. Ruined it for us to enjoy.

Aug 18 2022 04:09 PM Dirt bike trails or tracks

Aug 18 2022 09:52 PM Keep planning for the future.

Aug 19 2022 04:58 PM No

Aug 20 2022 07:18 PM Please continue to do all this work for community events and parks. It was a huge reason we bought our first house in Auburn hills and how we believe will help build up the community to a very sot after place to live. Thank you for all your hard work, we could not be happier with our first home here.

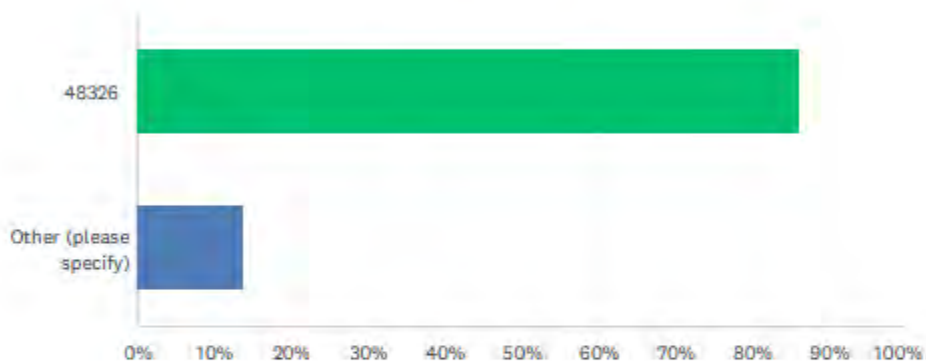
Aug 24 2022 04:52 PM Rules and regulations that specifically include the allowance of e-rideables so we do not get lumped in with "motorized vehicles" or e-bikes. It can be confusing with some posted signage whether we are actually allowed to ride in the area or not. They should be updated to be more with the times.

Oct 21 2022 09:11 AM The city needs to support and add more green space and nature education

Oct 24 2022 02:50 PM No

Q72 What is your residential zip code?

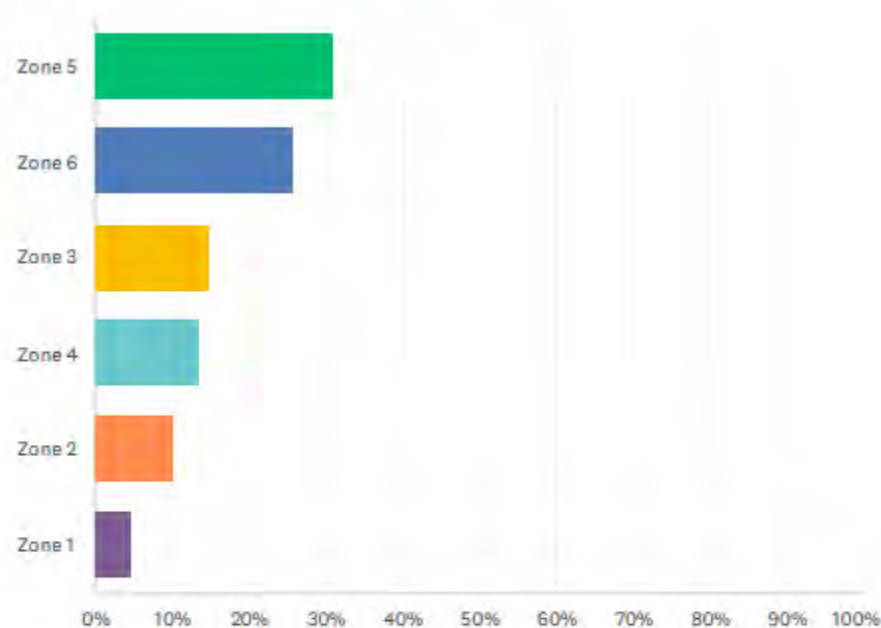
Answered: 323 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
48326	86.07%	278
Other (please specify)	13.93%	45
TOTAL		323

Q73 Using the graphic above, in what area of Auburn Hills do you live?

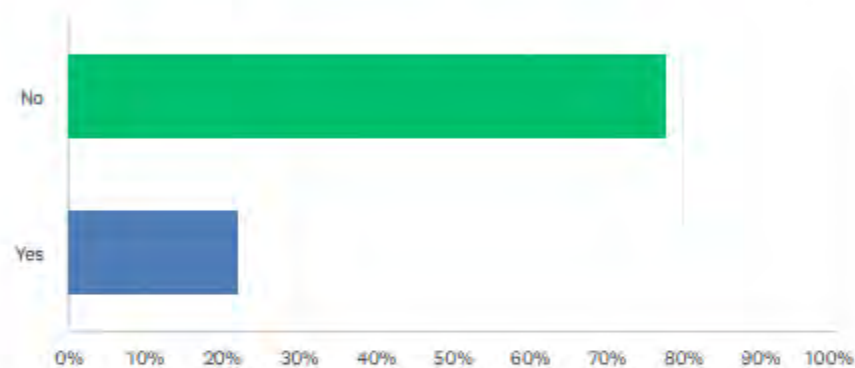
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Zone 5	30.91%	85
Zone 6	25.82%	71
Zone 3	14.91%	41
Zone 4	13.45%	37
Zone 2	10.18%	28
Zone 1	4.73%	13
TOTAL		275

Q74 Do you work in the City of Auburn Hills?

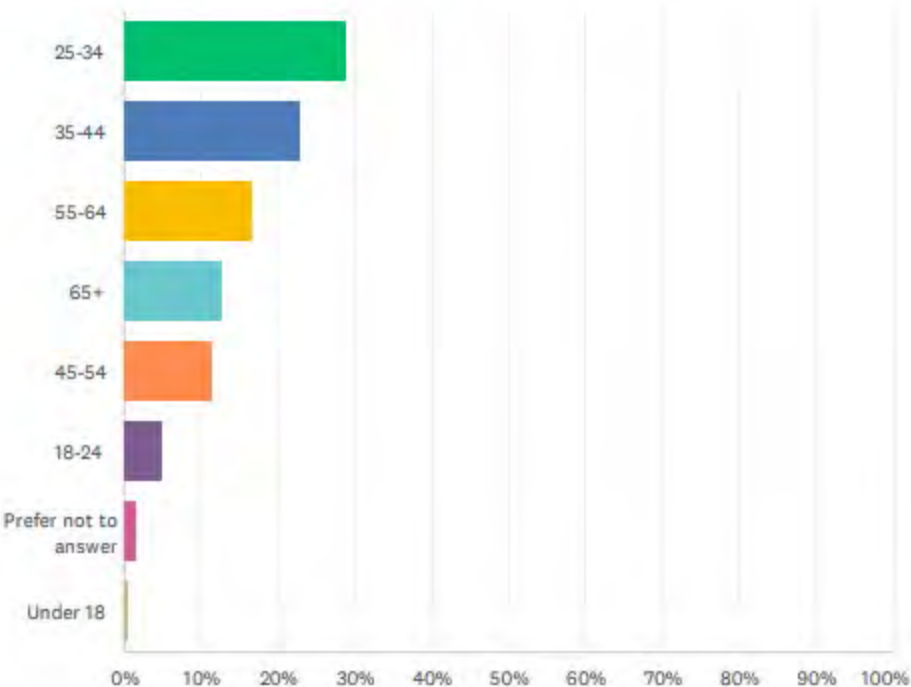
Answered: 319 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No		77.74%	248
Yes		22.26%	71
TOTAL			319

Q75 What is your age range?

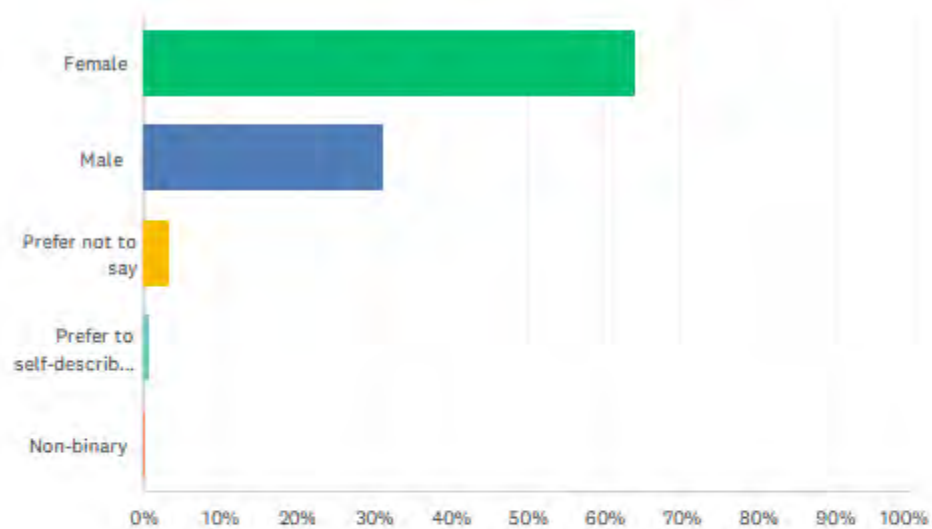
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
25-34	29.06%	93
35-44	22.81%	73
55-64	16.56%	53
65+	12.81%	41
45-54	11.56%	37
18-24	5.00%	16
Prefer not to answer	1.56%	5
Under 18	0.63%	2
TOTAL		320

Q76 What is your gender?

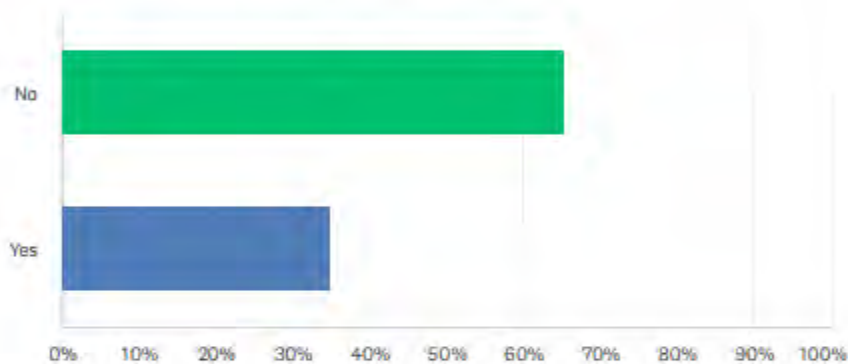
Answered: 316 Skipped: 85



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	63.92%	202
Male	31.33%	99
Prefer not to say	3.48%	11
Prefer to self-describe: (please specify)	0.95%	3
Non-binary	0.32%	1
TOTAL		316

Q77 Do you have children under age 18 in your home?

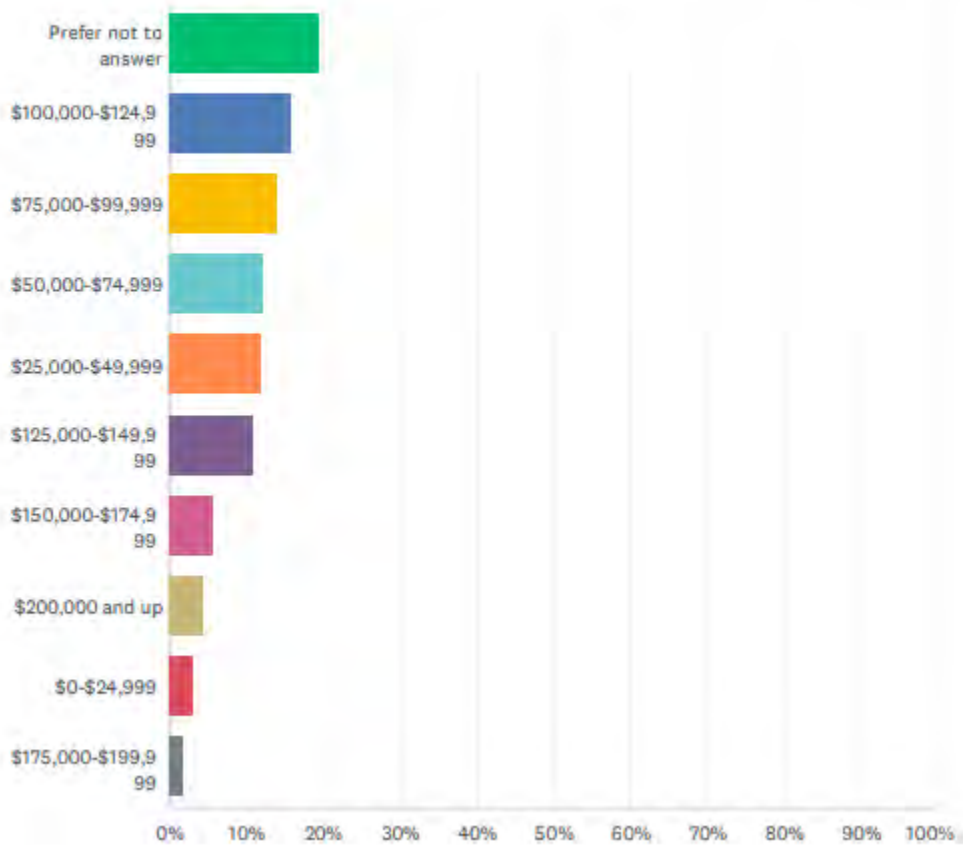
Answered: 317 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No		65.30%	207
Yes		34.70%	110
TOTAL			317

Q78 What is your approximate average household income?

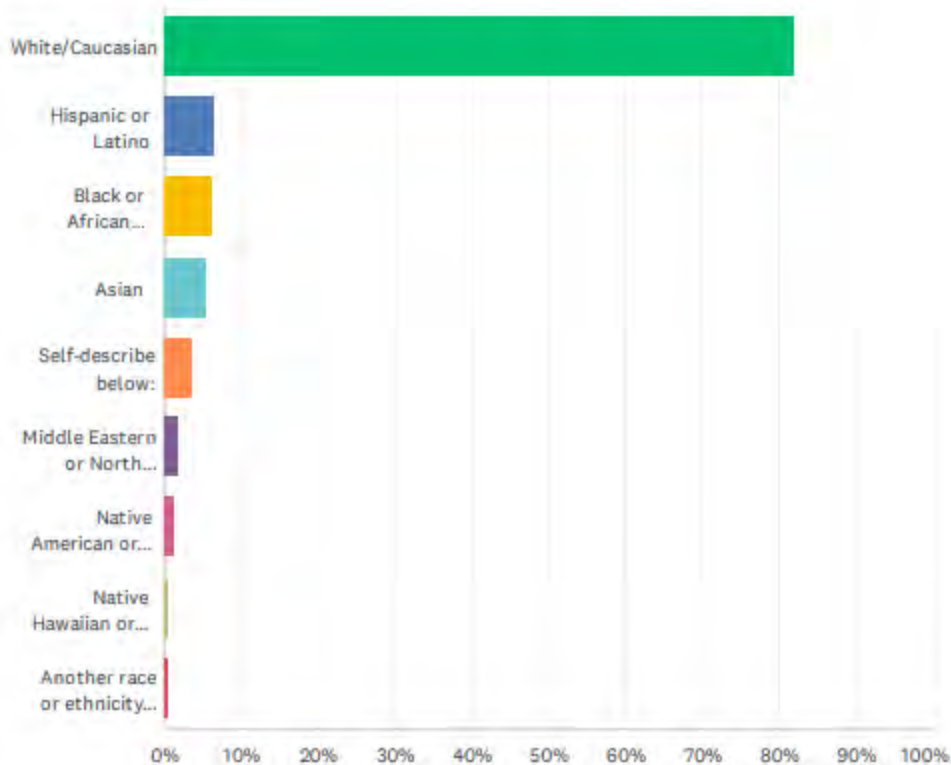
Answered: 311 Skipped: 90



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Prefer not to answer	19.61%	61
\$100,000-\$124,999	15.76%	49
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.15%	44
\$50,000-\$74,999	12.22%	38
\$25,000-\$49,999	11.90%	37
\$125,000-\$149,999	10.93%	34
\$150,000-\$174,999	5.79%	18
\$200,000 and up	4.50%	14
\$0-\$24,999	3.22%	10
\$175,000-\$199,999	1.93%	6
TOTAL		311

Q79 What is your ethnic origin? (check all that apply)

Answered: 304 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White/Caucasian	81.91%	249
Hispanic or Latino	6.58%	20
Black or African American	6.25%	19
Asian	5.59%	17
Self-describe below:	3.62%	11
Middle Eastern or North African	1.64%	5
Native American or Alaska Native	1.32%	4
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.33%	1
Another race or ethnicity, please describe below	0.33%	1
Total Respondents: 304		

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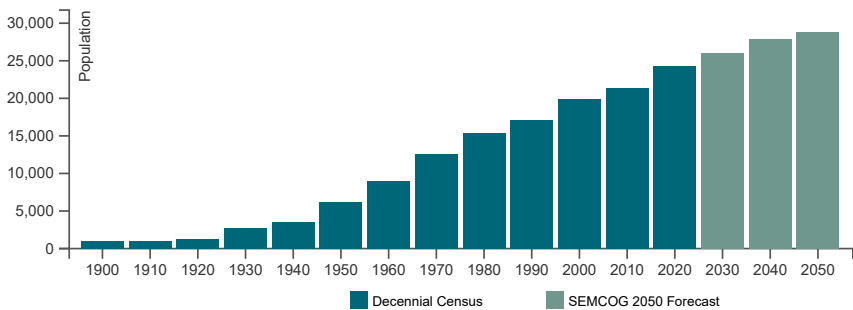
Census 2020 Population:
24,360
Area: 16.7 square miles

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Population and Households

Link to American Community Survey (ACS) Profiles: **Select a Year** **Social | Demographic**
Population and Household Estimates for Southeast Michigan, 2023

Population Forecast



Note for City of Auburn Hills : Incorporated in 1983 from Pontiac Township. Population number prior to 1983 are of the township.

Population and Households

Population and Households	Census 2020	Census 2010	Change 2010-2020	Pct Change 2010-2020	SEMOG Jul 2023	SEMOG 2050
Total Population	24,360	21,412	2,948	13.8%	26,214	28,863
Group Quarters Population	2,637	1,583	1,054	66.6%	4,678	4,286
Household Population	21,723	19,829	1,894	9.6%	21,536	24,577
Housing Units	11,032	9,965	1,067	10.7%	11,625	-
Households (Occupied Units)	10,253	8,844	1,409	15.9%	10,784	11,765
Residential Vacancy Rate	7.1%	11.2%	-4.2%	-	7.2%	-
Average Household Size	2.12	2.24	-0.12	-	2.00	2.09

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau** and **SEMOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast**

Components of Population Change

Components of Population Change	2000-2005 Avg.	2006-2010 Avg.	2011-2018 Avg.
Natural Increase (Births - Deaths)	231	196	146
Births	365	318	287
Deaths	134	122	141
Net Migration (Movement In - Movement Out)	-65	-47	442
Population Change (Natural Increase + Net Migration)	166	149	588

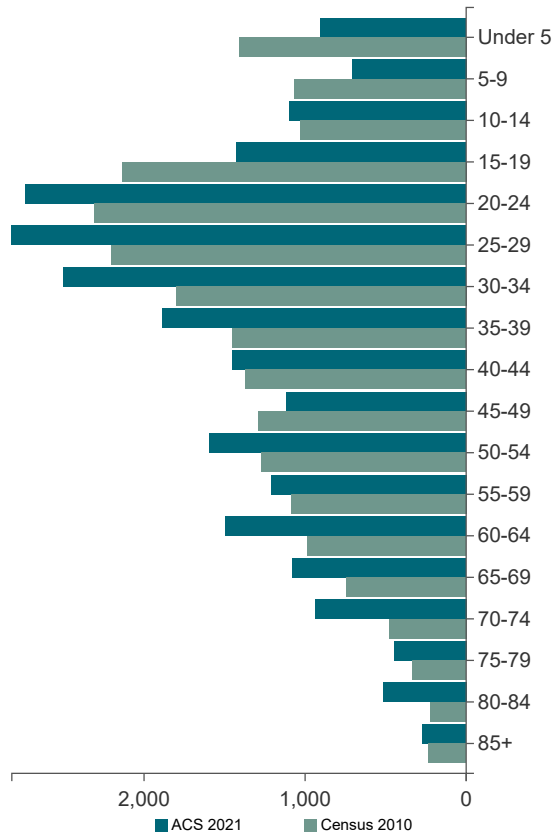
Source: **Michigan Department of Community Health Vital Statistics**, **U.S. Census Bureau**, and **SEMOG**

Household Types

Household Types	Census 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021	Pct Change 2010-2021	SEMOG 2050
With Seniors 65+	1,559	2,554	995	63.8%	-
Without Seniors	7,285	8,249	964	13.2%	-
Live Alone, 65+	648	1,302	654	100.9%	-
Live Alone, <65	2,318	2,507	189	8.2%	-
2+ Persons, With children	2,392	2,022	-370	-15.5%	-
2+ Persons, Without children	3,486	4,972	1,486	42.6%	-
Total Households	8,844	10,803	1,959	22.2%	-

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau**, **Decennial Census**, **2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**, and **SEMOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast**

Population Change by Age, 2010-2021



Age Group	Census 2010	Change 2000-2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021
Under 5	1,410	-29	903	-507
5-9	1,064	-77	709	-355
10-14	1,027	81	1,100	73
15-19	2,136	605	1,426	-710
20-24	2,308	162	2,737	429
25-29	2,202	-159	2,821	619
30-34	1,802	-257	2,502	700
35-39	1,451	-236	1,884	433
40-44	1,369	-91	1,454	85
45-49	1,290	122	1,118	-172
50-54	1,270	186	1,592	322
55-59	1,088	279	1,212	124
60-64	984	426	1,495	511
65-69	745	321	1,077	332
70-74	479	135	938	459
75-79	333	38	448	115
80-84	222	24	516	294
85+	232	45	270	38
Total	21,412	1,575	24,202	2,790
Median Age	31.4	0.7	34.8	3.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Race and Hispanic Origin

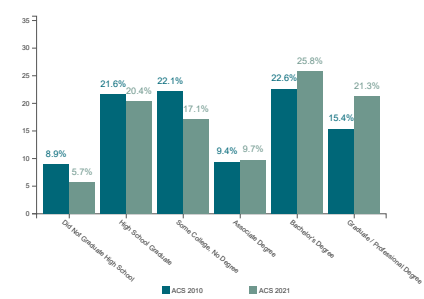
Race and Hispanic Origin	Census 2010	Percent of Population 2010	Census 2020	Percent of Population 2020	Percentage Point Change 2010-2020
Non-Hispanic	19,736	92.2%	22,590	92.7%	0.6%
White	13,279	62%	14,086	57.8%	-4.2%
Black	3,881	18.1%	3,744	15.4%	-2.8%
Asian	1,888	8.8%	3,387	13.9%	5.1%
Multi-Racial	600	2.8%	1,160	4.8%	2%
Other	88	0.4%	213	0.9%	0.5%
Hispanic	1,676	7.8%	1,770	7.3%	-0.6%
Total	21,412	100%	24,360	100%	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census

Highest Level of Education

Highest Level of Education*	ACS 2010	ACS 2021	Percentage Point Chg 2010-2021
Did Not Graduate High School	8.9%	5.7%	-3.3%
High School Graduate	21.6%	20.4%	-1.2%
Some College, No Degree	22.1%	17.1%	-5%
Associate Degree	9.4%	9.7%	0.4%
Bachelor's Degree	22.6%	25.8%	3.2%
Graduate / Professional Degree	15.4%	21.3%	5.9%

* Population age 25 and over

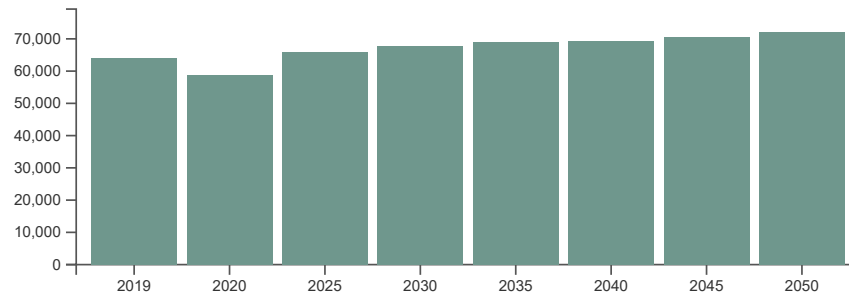


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Economy & Jobs

Link to American Community Survey (ACS) Profiles: **Select a Year** 2018-2022 **Economic**

Forecasted Jobs



Note: The base year for the employment forecast is 2019, as 2020 employment was artificially low due to the COVID recession.

Source: **SEMCOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast**

Forecasted Jobs by Industry Sector

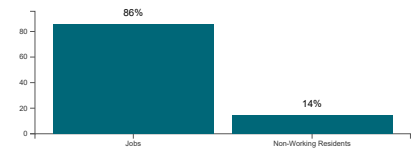
Forecasted Jobs By Industry Sector	2019	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	Change 2019-2050	Pct Change 2019-2050
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	1,359	1,302	1,857	1,862	1,838	1,794	1,792	1,783	424	31.2%
Manufacturing	8,952	8,078	9,227	9,265	8,951	8,580	8,411	8,438	-514	-5.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,662	3,439	3,515	3,648	3,742	3,749	3,752	3,728	66	1.8%
Retail Trade	4,585	4,027	4,454	4,261	3,962	3,763	3,613	3,495	-1,090	-23.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	766	747	1,004	1,027	1,021	1,034	1,060	1,084	318	41.5%
Information & Financial Activities	4,326	4,092	4,223	4,495	4,705	4,915	5,069	5,185	859	19.9%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	26,493	24,846	27,317	28,278	29,022	29,594	30,563	31,864	5,371	20.3%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	2,704	2,535	2,838	2,937	2,996	3,083	3,176	3,260	556	20.6%
Education Services	3,593	3,325	3,634	3,736	3,927	3,944	3,976	4,015	422	11.7%
Healthcare Services	1,837	1,705	1,786	2,039	2,185	2,314	2,469	2,649	812	44.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,183	3,068	4,326	4,538	4,625	4,655	4,634	4,669	486	11.6%
Other Services	1,319	1,122	1,335	1,403	1,467	1,462	1,482	1,466	147	11.1%
Public Administration	392	373	406	406	398	395	393	398	6	1.5%
Total Employment Numbers	64,171	58,659	65,922	67,895	68,839	69,282	70,390	72,034	7,863	12.3%

Note: The base year for the employment forecast is 2019, as 2020 employment was artificially low due to the COVID recession.

Source: **SEMCOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast**

Daytime Population

Daytime Population	ACS 2016
Jobs	62,354
Non-Working Residents	10,335
Age 15 and under	3,383
Not in labor force	5,984
Unemployed	968
Daytime Population	72,689



Source: **2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates** and **2012-2016 Census Transportation Planning Products Program (CTPP)**. For additional information, visit SEMCOG's **Interactive Commuting Patterns Map**

Note: The number of residents attending school outside Southeast Michigan is not available. Likewise, the number of students commuting into Southeast Michigan to attend school is also not known.

Where Workers Commute From 2016

Rank	Where Workers Commute From *	Workers	Percent
1	Out of the Region, Instate	5,122	8.2%
2	Rochester Hills	4,245	6.8%
3	Pontiac	3,847	6.2%
4	Auburn Hills	3,684	5.9%
5	Orion Twp	2,828	4.5%
6	Troy	2,552	4.1%
7	Independence Twp	2,500	4%
8	Sterling Heights	2,375	3.8%
9	Waterford Twp	2,349	3.8%
10	Shelby Twp	1,974	3.2%
-	Elsewhere	30,878	49.5%
* Workers, age 16 and over employed in Auburn Hills		62,354	100%

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau** - 2012-2016 CTPP/ACS Commuting Data and **Commuting Patterns in Southeast Michigan**

Where Residents Work 2016

Rank	Where Residents Work *	Workers	Percent
1	Auburn Hills	3,684	32.4%
2	Pontiac	1,124	9.9%
3	Rochester Hills	892	7.8%
4	Troy	764	6.7%
5	Southfield	473	4.2%
6	Detroit	451	4%
7	Bloomfield Twp	302	2.7%
8	Royal Oak	271	2.4%
9	Orion Twp	266	2.3%
10	Warren	264	2.3%
-	Elsewhere	2,881	25.3%
* Workers, age 16 and over residing in Auburn Hills		11,372	100%

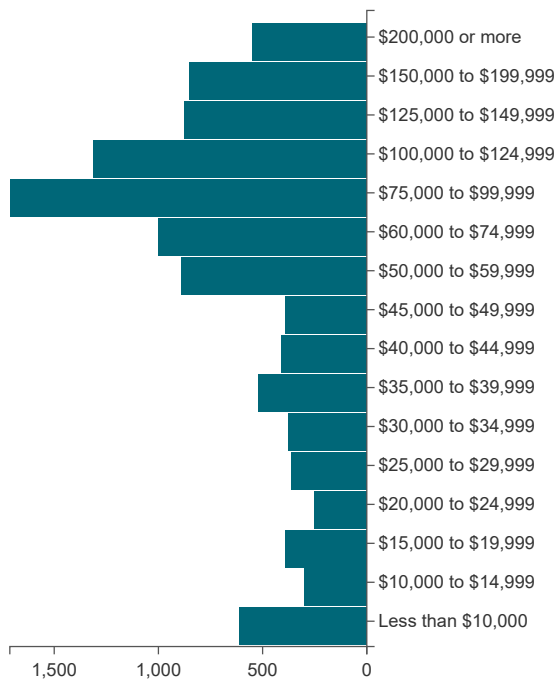
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Household Income

Income (in 2021 dollars)	ACS 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021	Percent Change 2010-2021
Median Household Income	\$61,584	\$73,641	\$12,057	19.6%
Per Capita Income	\$32,046	\$41,116	\$9,070	28.3%

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau**, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Annual Household Income



Annual Household Income	ACS 2021
\$200,000 or more	548
\$150,000 to \$199,999	853
\$125,000 to \$149,999	876
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,312
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,713
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,001
\$50,000 to \$59,999	889
\$45,000 to \$49,999	391
\$40,000 to \$44,999	408
\$35,000 to \$39,999	522
\$30,000 to \$34,999	377
\$25,000 to \$29,999	363
\$20,000 to \$24,999	253
\$15,000 to \$19,999	389
\$10,000 to \$14,999	298
Less than \$10,000	610
Total	10,803

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Poverty

Poverty	ACS 2010	% of Total (2010)	ACS 2021	% of Total (2021)	% Point Chg 2010-2021
Persons in Poverty	2,641	13.4%	2,629	11.2%	-2.2%
Households in Poverty	1,057	12%	1,173	10.9%	-1.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Housing

Link to American Community Survey (ACS) Profiles: **Select a Year** 2018-2022 ▾ **Housing**

Building Permits 2000 - 2023

Year	Single Family	Two Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	90	0	19	68	177	19	158
2001	63	0	0	0	63	60	3
2002	63	22	24	0	109	0	109
2003	64	0	135	4	203	0	203
2004	48	4	131	24	207	6	201
2005	35	0	31	0	66	6	60
2006	25	0	11	0	36	9	27
2007	4	0	16	0	20	5	15
2008	3	0	0	0	3	5	-2
2009	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2
2010	0	0	0	0	0	4	-4
2011	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2012	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2013	9	0	24	97	130	0	130
2014	24	0	5	0	29	0	29
2015	17	0	20	22	59	1	58
2016	17	0	6	147	170	1	169
2017	67	0	23	207	297	0	297
2018	52	0	27	0	79	0	79
2019	71	0	25	124	220	0	220
2020	26	0	12	156	194	0	194
2021	4	0	11	157	172	0	172
2022	0	0	21	177	198	0	198
2023	6	0	0	164	170	2	168
2000 to 2023 totals	690	26	541	1,347	2,604	120	2,484

Source: **SEMCOG Development**

Note: Permit data for most recent years may be incomplete and is updated monthly.

Housing Types

Housing Type	ACS 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021	New Units Permitted Since 2019
Single Unit	4,076	4,392	316	107
Multi-Unit	5,059	6,109	1,050	847
Mobile Homes or Other	925	977	52	0
Total	10,060	11,478	1,418	954
Units Demolished				-2
Net (Total Permitted Units - Units Demolished)				952

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG Development**

Housing Tenure

Housing Tenure	Census 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021
Owner occupied	4,568	5,254	686
Renter occupied	4,276	5,549	1,273
Vacant	1,121	675	-446
Seasonal/migrant	58	87	29
Other vacant units	1,063	588	-475
Total Housing Units	9,965	11,478	1,513

**Census
2010**



**ACS
2021**



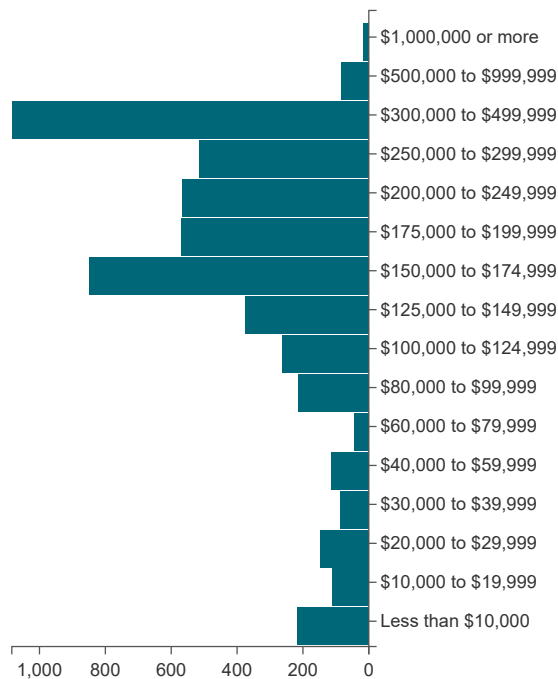
Source: **U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**

Housing Value and Rent

Housing Value (in 2021 dollars)	ACS 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021	Percent Change 2010-2021
Median housing value	\$189,521	\$184,100	\$-5,421	-2.9%
Median gross rent	\$1,083	\$1,197	\$114	10.6%

Source: **U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**

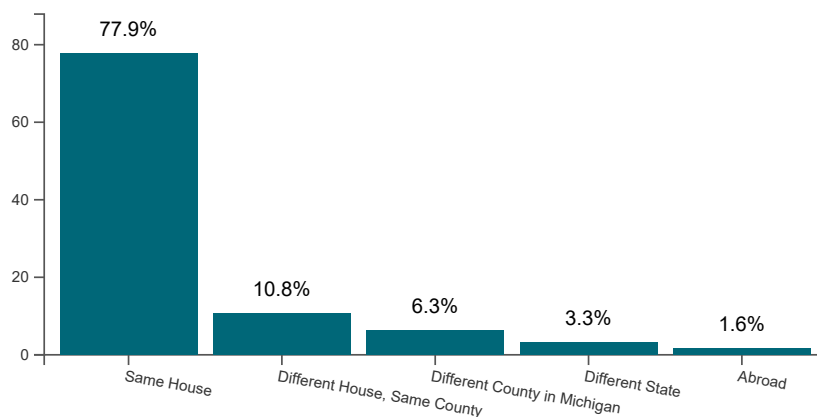
Housing Value



Housing Value	ACS 2021
\$1,000,000 or more	16
\$500,000 to \$999,999	85
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,084
\$250,000 to \$299,999	515
\$200,000 to \$249,999	566
\$175,000 to \$199,999	569
\$150,000 to \$174,999	848
\$125,000 to \$149,999	376
\$100,000 to \$124,999	262
\$80,000 to \$99,999	213
\$60,000 to \$79,999	44
\$40,000 to \$59,999	115
\$30,000 to \$39,999	86
\$20,000 to \$29,999	147
\$10,000 to \$19,999	110
Less than \$10,000	218
Owner-Occupied Units	5,254

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Residence One Year Ago *



* This table represents persons, age 1 and over, living in City of Auburn Hills from 2017-2021. The table does not represent person who moved out of City of Auburn Hills from 2017-2021.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

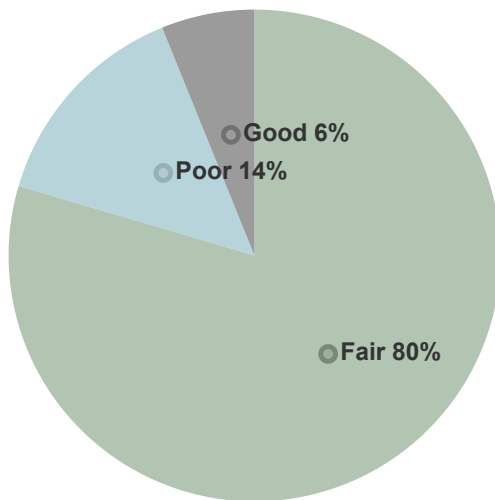
Transportation

Miles of public road (including boundary roads): 179

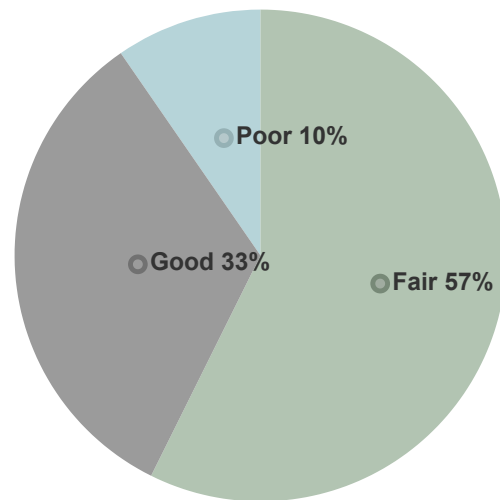
Source: **Michigan Geographic Framework**

Pavement Condition (in Lane Miles)

Past Pavement Conditions
2007



Current Pavement Conditions
2020 - 2021



Note: Poor pavements are generally in need of rehabilitation or full reconstruction to return to good condition. Fair pavements are in need of capital preventive maintenance to avoid deteriorating to the poor classification. Good pavements generally receive only routine maintenance, such as street sweeping and snow removal, until they deteriorate to the fair condition.

Source: **SEMCOG**

Bridge Status

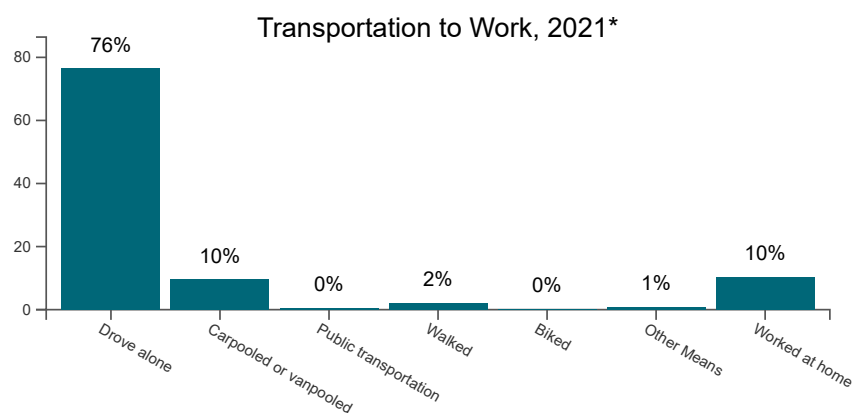
Bridge Status	2008	2008 (%)	2009	2009 (%)	2010	2010 (%)	Percent Point Chg 2008-2010
Open	37	100%	37	100%	70	100%	0%
Open with Restrictions	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0%
Closed*	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0%
Total Bridges	37	100.0%	37	100.0%	70	100.0%	0.0%
Deficient Bridges	12	32.4%	15	40.5%	11	15.7%	-16.7%

* Bridges may be closed because of new construction or failed condition.

Note: A bridge is considered deficient if it is structurally deficient (in poor shape and unable to carry the load for which it was designed) or functionally obsolete (in good physical condition but unable to support current or future demands, for example, being too narrow to accommodate truck traffic).

Source: Michigan Structure Inventory and Appraisal Database

Detailed Intersection & Road Data



* Resident workers age 16 and over

Transportation to Work

Transportation to Work	ACS 2010	% of Total (ACS 2010)	ACS 2021	% of Total (ACS 2021)	% Point Chg 2010-2021
Drove alone	8,806	79.6%	10,710	76.4%	-3.2%
Carpooled or vanpooled	1,384	12.5%	1,334	9.5%	-3%
Public transportation	10	0.1%	69	0.5%	0.4%
Walked	467	4.2%	304	2.2%	-2%
Biked	21	0.2%	44	0.3%	0.1%
Other Means	110	1%	120	0.9%	-0.1%
Worked at home	260	2.4%	1,431	10.2%	7.8%
Resident workers age 16 and over	11,058	100.0%	14,012	100.0%	0.0%

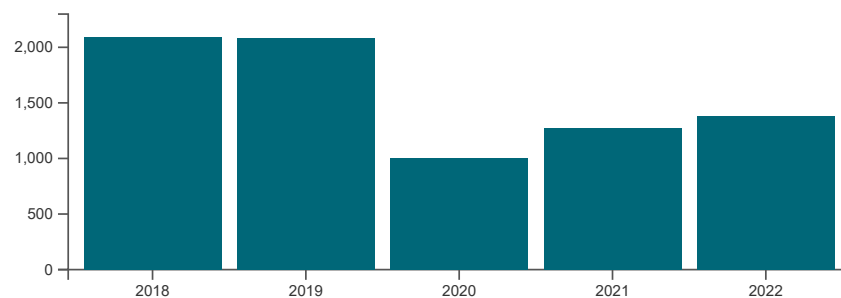
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Mean Travel Time to Work

Mean Travel Time To Work	ACS 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021
For residents age 16 and over who worked outside the home	21.3 minutes	19.5 minutes	-1.8 minutes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Crashes, 2018-2022



Source: Michigan Department of State Police with the Criminal Justice Information Center and SEMCOG

Note: Crash data shown is for the entire city.

Crash Severity

Crash Severity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent of Crashes 2018 - 2022
<u>Fatal</u>	3	0	0	4	5	0.2%
<u>Serious Injury</u>	17	20	8	17	20	1%
<u>Other Injury</u>	331	339	191	240	267	17.4%
<u>Property Damage Only</u>	1,739	1,727	808	1,011	1,093	81.4%
<u>Total Crashes</u>	2,090	2,086	1,007	1,272	1,385	100%

Crashes by Type

Crashes by Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent of Crashes 2018 - 2022
<u>Head-on</u>	13	14	10	10	5	0.7%
<u>Angle or Head-on/Left-turn</u>	259	249	156	190	217	13.7%
<u>Rear-End</u>	995	1,021	315	426	469	41.1%
<u>Sideswipe</u>	379	407	207	257	280	19.5%
<u>Single Vehicle</u>	380	321	268	347	354	21.3%
<u>Backing</u>	13	26	20	9	21	1.1%
<u>Other or Unknown</u>	51	48	31	33	39	2.6%

Crashes by Involvement

Crashes by Involvement	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent of Crashes 2018 - 2022
<u>Red-light Running</u>	53	43	37	44	45	2.8%
<u>Lane Departure</u>	294	234	201	295	250	16.3%
<u>Alcohol</u>	42	34	32	41	41	2.4%
<u>Drugs</u>	15	12	14	15	8	0.8%
<u>Deer</u>	72	70	60	43	64	3.9%
<u>Train</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<u>Commercial Truck/Bus</u>	108	135	70	82	111	6.5%
<u>School Bus</u>	3	3	2	0	2	0.1%
<u>Emergency Vehicle</u>	10	5	7	6	6	0.4%
<u>Motorcycle</u>	9	9	3	11	11	0.5%
<u>Intersection</u>	413	449	275	308	342	22.8%
<u>Work Zone</u>	104	344	21	11	22	6.4%
<u>Pedestrian</u>	7	7	11	3	4	0.4%
<u>Bicyclist</u>	3	5	3	3	6	0.3%
<u>Older Driver (65 and older)</u>	253	298	141	169	205	13.6%
<u>Young Driver (15 to 20)</u>	420	375	194	253	239	18.9%
<u>Distracted Driver</u>	177	224	78	81	96	8.4%
<u>Driveway</u>	71	77	53	67	96	4.6%
<u>Speeding</u>	237	195	164	230	203	13.1%
<u>Unbelted</u>	15	14	8	15	15	0.9%
<u>Secondary</u>	9	22	9	10	18	0.9%

High Frequency Intersection Crash Rankings

Local Rank	County Rank	Region Rank	Intersection	Jurisdiction	Annual Avg 2018-2022
1	86	239	S I 75/N M 24 Ramp @ Lapeer Rd	State	25.8
2	97	276	N I 75/N Baldwin Ramp @ Baldwin Rd S		24.4
2	97	276	Baldwin Rd S @ Baldwin/N I 75 Ramp	State,County	1.8
2	97	276	N I 75/N Baldwin Ramp @ Baldwin Rd S	State,County	15.4
2	97	276	N I 75/S Baldwin Ramp @ Baldwin Rd	State,County	4
2	97	276	Baldwin/N I 75 Ramp @ Baldwin Rd	State,County	3.2
3	135	404	S I 75 @ W M 59/S I 75 Ramp	State	21
4	140	415	Lapeer Rd @ Harmon Rd	State,City/Village	20.8
5	169	505	Squirrel Rd N @ Walton Blvd		19
5	169	505	Squirrel Rd N @ Walton Blvd	County,City/Village	10.8
5	169	505	Squirrel Rd N @ Walton Blvd E	County,City/Village	8.2
5	169	505	University Dr @ Opdyke Rd N	County,City/Village	19
7	173	514	Walton Blvd E @ Opdyke Rd N	County	18.8
8	185	537	Joslyn Rd @ Brown Rd		18.4
8	185	537	Brown Rd @ Joslyn Rd	County	5.8
8	185	537	Brown Rd @ Joslyn Rd	County	4.8
9	198	579	Joslyn Rd @ N Joslyn/N I 75 Ramp		17.8
9	198	579	N I 75/Joslyn Ramp @ Joslyn Rd	State,County	16.6
9	198	579	N Joslyn/N I 75 Ramp @ Joslyn Rd	State,County	1.2
10	225	640	Adams Rd S @ Auburn Rd	State,County,City/Village	17.2

Note: Intersections are ranked by the number of reported crashes, which does not take into account traffic volume. Crashes reported occurred within 150 feet of the intersection.

Source: **Michigan Department of State Police with the Criminal Justice Information Center** and **SEMCOG**

High Frequency Road Segment Crash Rankings

Local Rank	County Rank	Region Rank	Segment	From Road - To Road	Jurisdiction	Annual Avg 2018-2022
1	114	340	<u>Walton Blvd E</u>	N I 75 - Squirrel Rd N	County	32
2	123	370	<u>S I 75/N M 24 Ramp</u>	Lapeer Rd - Lapeer Rd	State	31.2
3	144	454	<u>Walton Blvd E</u>	Giddings Rd - Lapeer Rd	City/Village	28.8
3	144	454	<u>Walton Blvd</u>	Walton Blvd E - Adams Rd	County	28.8
5	224	647	<u>N I 75</u>	South Blvd - Auburn Rd	State	24.2
6	255	728	<u>University Dr</u>	East Blvd N - Opdyke Rd N	City/Village	23
7	306	873	<u>N I 75</u>	Lapeer Rd - N I 75/S I 75 BL Ramp	State	21.2
8	318	904	<u>Lapeer Rd</u>	N I 75 BL Ramp - Brown Rd	State	20.8
9	335	951	<u>Opdyke Rd S</u>	South Blvd - Auburn Ave	County	20.4
10	353	1,011	<u>Walton Blvd</u>	Walton Blvd E - Adams Rd	County	19.8

Note: Segments are ranked by the number of reported crashes, which does not take into account traffic volume.

Environment

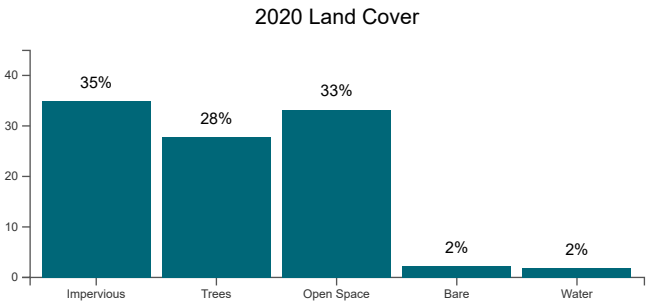
2020 Land Use

Parcel Land Use	Acres 2015	Acres 2020	Change 2015-2020	Pct Change 2015-2020
Single-Family Residential	1,495.1	1,511.8	16.7	1.1%
Attached Condo Housing	213.9	227.2	13.3	6.2%
Multi-Family Housing	420.7	456.6	35.9	8.5%
Mobile Home	165.4	165.4	0	0%
Agricultural/Rural Residential	229	213.2	-15.8	-6.9%
Mixed Use	0.4	1.6	1.2	281.9%
Retail	489.5	500.8	11.3	2.3%
Office	450.2	541.4	91.2	20.3%
Hospitality	140.4	149	8.7	6.2%
Medical	54.2	62.5	8.3	15.4%
Institutional	887.5	837.4	-50.1	-5.6%
Industrial	1,960	1,980.8	20.8	1.1%
Recreational/Open Space	449.9	602.8	152.9	34%
Cemetery	1.3	1.3	0	0%
Golf Course	184.9	184.9	0	0%
Parking	41.7	41.7	0	0%
Extractive	0	0	0	0%
TCU	224.6	224.6	0	0%
Vacant	1,611.6	1,333.8	-277.8	-17.2%
Water	69.2	69.2	0	0%
Not Parceled	1,562.1	1,545.3	-16.7	-1.1%
Total	10,651.4	10,651.4	0	0%

1. **Agricultural / Rural Res** includes any residential parcel containing 1 or more homes where the parcel is 3 acres or larger.
2. **Mixed Use** includes those parcels containing buildings with Hospitality, Retail, or Office square footage and housing units.
3. **Not Parceled** includes all areas within a community that are not covered by a parcel legal description.
4. Parcels that do not have a structure assigned to the parcel are considered vacant unless otherwise indicated, even if the parcel is part of a larger development such as a factory, school, or other developed series of lots.

Source Data

SEMCOG - Detailed Data



Type	Description	Acres	Percent
Impervious	buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots	3,729.1	35%
Trees	woody vegetation, trees	2,962.5	27.8%
Open Space	agricultural fields, grasslands, turfgrass	3,540.8	33.2%
Bare	soil, aggregate piles, unplanted fields	237.1	2.2%
Water	rivers, lakes, drains, ponds	199.2	1.9%
Total Acres		10,668.7	

SEMCOG 2022 Tree Canopy

Type	Acres	Percent
Tree Canopy	3,753.7	35.2%

Tree canopy is the layer of tree leaves, needles, branches, and stems that provide tree coverage of the ground, viewed from an aerial perspective.