AGENDA



Planning Commission / Recreation Commission Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024 � 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chamber 1827 N. Squirrel Road & Auburn Hills, MI

PHONE: 248-364-6900 www.auburnhills.org Meeting minutes are on file in the City Clerk's office.

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING COMMISSION
- 3. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD (regarding items not on the agenda)
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 6, 2023
- 5. PETITIONERS

6. SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECT

- 6a. Recess as Planning Commission / Convene as Recreation Commission
- 6b. <u>2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan</u> 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
- 6c. Adjourn as Recreation Commission / Reconvene as Planning Commission.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS None
- 8. NEW BUSINESS None
- 9. COMMUNICATIONS
- 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for Y2024
- 11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber

12. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who needs special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-370-9402 or the City Manager's Office at 248-370-9440 48 hours before the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PETITIONERS

Items will be presented to the City Council on **Monday, January 22, 2024.** It will be necessary for you to have a representative present to answer any questions from the City Council. *CITY COUNCIL WILL NOT ACT ON YOUR ITEM IF YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ARE NOT PRESENT.*



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED

December 6, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Carolyn Shearer, Sam Beidoun, Dominick Tringali, Jack Ferguson, Ray Saelens, Cynthia Pavlich, Greg Ouellette Absent: Laura Ochs, Chauncey Hitchcock Also Present: Director of Community Development Steve Cohen, Assistant to the Director of Community Development Devin Lang, Consulting Engineer Hannah Driesenga, Mayor Brian Marzolf Guests: None

LOCATION: Community Center, 3350 E. Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

3. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2023

Moved by Beidoun to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023. Second by Shearer.

VOTE: Yes: Beidoun, Saelens, Pavlich, Shearer, Tringali, Ferguson, Ouellette No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

5. **PETITIONERS – None.**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS – Discussion of various planning items.

Mr. Cohen introduced Devin Lang, Assistant to the Director of Community Development, and explained the Community Development Department's current staffing.

7a. Y2024 City Council Goals

The Auburn Hills City Council 2024 Strategic Goals & Objectives were included in the packet for the Commission.

7b. Status of Approved Development Projects

Mr. Cohen provided an update on the twelve (12) major projects under construction and updated the Commission on Planning/Zoning/Community Development initiatives for 2024.

7c. New Development Projects Anticipated

Mr. Cohen presented several anticipated projects and site plans for 2024.

7d. Master Land Use Plan

The last city-wide Master Plan was adopted in June 2018. An overview of the Master Plan was provided in the packet for the Commission.

7e. Architectural Design Policy

The Architectural Design Policy update is anticipated to begin in March/April 2024.

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7f. Age-Friendly Program

The Age-Friendly Plan update will be presented at a future meeting of the Commission. The update is scheduled to be completed in Summer/Fall 2024.

7g. Downtown Auburn Hills

The Downtown Parking Analysis Study will be presented in February/March 2024. The study was completed by Rich & Associates. It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Cohen should meet with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager to discuss potentially funding consultant assistance to update the Downtown Master Plan in 2025/2026.

7h. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented to the Commission on January 10, 2024. It will be approved by City Council by the end of January 2024, and presented to the State of Michigan.

7i. Update of 2006 Green Infrastructure Vision Maps

The Commission reviewed the 2006 Open Space Study/Green Infrastructure Vision Plan. The Commission will begin working on an update to the plan in Summer/Fall 2024.

7j. Planning Michigan Conference, September 25-27, 2024 in Grand Rapids, MI

The 2024 conference will be held in Grand Rapids. There is availability for up to four Commissioners to attend the conference.

7k. Trending Issues

The Planning Commission discussed trending issues in Auburn Hills.

8. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Susan McCullough, CMC, CMMC Recording Secretary



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO 6b.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

То:	Chairperson Greg Ouellette and the Planning Commission
From:	Steven J. Cohen, AICP, Director of Community Development
Submitted:	January 4, 2024
Subject:	Public Hearing/Motion - Adopt resolution and recommend to City Council approval of the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan

INTRODUCTION

Enclosed is the City of Auburn Hills 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Proper notification has been provided to the public, and the plan is now ready for adoption by the Planning Commission/Recreation Commission. Before adoption, it would be appropriate to hold a public hearing to allow members of the public to comment on the draft plan.

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.

The draft plan focuses 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.

Staff will present the draft plan's findings and recommendations at the meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

After the public hearing and upon consideration of the draft plan, it is recommended that the Planning Commission/Recreation Commission adopt the plan and simultaneously recommend its approval to the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

"Move to adopt the attached resolution and recommend to City Council approval of the 2024-2028 City of Auburn Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan."

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION / RECREATION COMMISSION

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

At a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held at the Council Chamber at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, at 7:00 p.m., on the 10th day of January 2024.

The following resolution was offered by Planning Commissioner _____ and supported by Planning Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission serves as the City Recreation Commission for the City of Auburn Hills; and

WHEREAS, the City Recreation Commission has undertaken a planning process to create a new Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes the City's existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2024 and 2028; and

WHEREAS, the City Recreation Commission has provided opportunities for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City's park system and recreation programs at the beginning of the master planning process via focus group meetings and surveys; and

WHEREAS, the City Recreation Commission developed a new Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the new Parks and Recreation Plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City Recreation Commission on January 10, 2024, to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input and comment on the new Parks and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing on January 10, 2024, the City Recreation Commission adopted 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 Recreation Commission recommends to the City Council approval of 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 Planning Commission on held on the 10th 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

REVIEW OF THE AUBURN HILLS PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN (2024 – 2028)

A public meeting will be held by the Auburn Hills Recreation Commission/Planning Commission on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, which is located at 1827 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326, regarding the City's proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Those wishing to view and participate in the meeting can attend and provide their comments. Persons wishing to express their views may do so in person at the meeting, or in writing addressed to the Auburn Hills Recreation Commission c/o Karen S Adcock, SDC, Director of Recreation and Senior Services at 3350 East Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

After hearing comments from interested persons at this meeting, the Auburn Hills Recreation Commission may take action to approve the proposed plan.

The proposed DRAFT plan may be examined before the meeting during regular business hours at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 3350 East Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. The proposed plan may also be viewed online at www.auburnhills.org.

Karen S Adcock, SDC Director of Recreation and Senior Services 3350 East Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-370-9353 kadcock@auburnhills.org

> Posted at City – December 4, 2023 Published in Oakland Press – December 8, 2023





Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028



Knight Amphitheater at Riverside Park

COMPLETED PER THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, GRANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION January 22, 2024

List of City Officials

City Council

Brian Marzolf, Mayor Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Ferguson Dr. Shawanna Fletcher Henry V. Knight Kevin McDaniel Cheryl Verbeke

Recreation Commission

Greg Ouellette, Chair Sam Beidoun, Vice-Chair Laura Ochs, Secretary Jack Ferguson, City Council Liaison Chauncey Hitchcock Cynthia Pavlich Raymond Saelens Carolyn Shearer Dominick Tringali

City Staff and Consultants

Thomas A. Tanghe. City Manager Brandon Skopek. Assistant City Manager Karen S. Adcock, SDC, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Stephen Baldante, Department of Public Works Director Steven J. Cohen, AICP, Director of Community Development Tim Juidici, City Engineer, OHM Advisors Lisa Passalacqua, Community Engagement Manager Michelle Schulz, Finance Director/Treasurer Stan Torres, Parks Supervisor

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Results of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Past meeting minutes and public notices

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.



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 everareens. 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

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. 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. <u>Recreation Inventory and Analysis</u>

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. <u>Recreation Commission</u>

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.

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES



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. <u>Auburn Hills Rotary</u> volunteers for programs and sponsorship of the annual MLK, Jr. Day, "Operation Cover Me" blanket program
- F. <u>Bass Pro Shops, Trout Unlimited, and the Detroit Area Steelheaders</u> River Day Fishing Derby assistance and support
- G. <u>Clinton River Watershed Council</u> 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. <u>Oakland County Parks & Recreation and Sheriff's Department</u> support and Hunter Safety classes
- M. Oakland County Michigan Extension Services nutrition classes
- N. Oakland University club sports/intramurals field use
- O. <u>Oakland University Physical Therapy Department</u> classes and hands-on experiences for students and seniors
- P. <u>Oakland University William Beaumont Medical School</u> 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. <u>Relationships with Other Public Agencies</u>

- A. <u>Avondale School District</u> 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. <u>Pontiac School District</u> 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. <u>Oakland University</u> 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. <u>The Oakland University Health Sciences and Physical Therapy Departments</u> students provide educational and health lectures.
- E. <u>Oakland Community College</u> the City coordinates and assists with live music series, senior citizens visit the Culinary Arts program
- F. <u>Oakland County Parks and Recreation</u> 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. <u>Oakland County Sheriff's Department</u> 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. <u>Auburn Hills Public Library</u> provides reciprocal facility use, special event partners, Summer Camp reading/visits, a homebound Library program, and a book club.
- J. <u>City of Pontiac</u> 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. <u>City of Rochester</u> coordination with CRTA for Clinton River Trail.
- L. <u>City of Rochester Hills</u> 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. <u>City of Sylvan Lake</u> 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. <u>Michigan Senior Olympics</u> tournament host for disc golf, bounce volleyball, and pickleball competitions annually.
- B. <u>New Horizons Rehabilitation Center</u> clients assist at the Community Center by helping with various projects and utilizing facilities. And delivering Meals on Wheels
- C. <u>Rochester Avon Recreation Authority</u> 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 <u>guide</u>. 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).

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation		
Mini-Parks (a.k.a., Play Lots)	Description:Small areas are intended primarily for children up to early elementary grades.Contents:Play equipment, swings, slides, sandboxes, benches.Population served: Serves toddlers to age nine. 	Recommended: Today: 10 acres Build-Out: 15 acres Public - 3.07 acres Private – 5.7 acres Total – 8.77 acres Need: Today: 1.23 acres Build-out: 6.23 acres	PUBLIC FACILITIES These parks are maintained by the City of Auburn Hills Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park (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. Manitoba Park (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. PRIVATE FACILITIES These parks are financed by subdivision/condominium associations and include open space and various playground equipment. Built – 5.7 acres Bloomfield Orchards, Adams Ridge, and Hunt Club	

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Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation		
	<u>Description:</u> Designed to provide both active and passive short-term activities. Usually located	<u>Recommended</u> : Today: 30 acres Build-Out: 45 acres	PUBLIC FACILITIES The City of Auburn Hills maintains these parks.	
Neighborhood Playgrounds		Build-Out: 45 acres <u>Have:</u> Public - 10.86 acres Public School – 93.0 acres <u>Private School – 41.5 acres</u> Total – 145.36 acres <u>Need:</u> Today: None * Build-out: None * * <i>There are no significant</i> <i>neighborhood playgrounds</i> <i>or school facilities in</i> <i>Northwest Corner and</i> <i>Vinewood Neighborhoods.</i>	 Riverside Park. (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. Skate Park (3 acres) 5.06 Located along the Clinton River and adjacent to the core downtown, the Skate Darks, in-line skates, and BMX bikes. Includes vertical and street style ramps and rails for beginner to advanced and picnic tables. PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES (93.0 acres) Quasi -Public 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. 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. 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. WII 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. PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES (41.5 acres) 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. 	

Type of Park	Use	Park Allocation		
Major Community Parks	Description:A large natural area and/orlandscaped area to provideurban dwellers escape from citycongestion without traveling alarge distance. Designed toaccommodate many peopleand a wide variety of activities.Provides for both intensive useand passive use.Content:Provides for a combination ofintensive and non-intensivedevelopment ranging from playapparatus to bicycle trails.Typical facilities includeswimming, picnic tables, paths,game courts, gardens, naturalareas, pavilion, ample parking,and sanitary facilities. It mayinclude multipurpose trailsinternally or as part of asystem.Population served:All ages, toddler to retiree.Service area and accessibility:Entire populationAcres/1,000 persons:6.5 acresSize range acres:25+ acres	Recommended: Today: 130 acres Build-Out: 195 acres <u>Have</u> : 168.83 acres <u>Need</u> : Today: None Build-out: 34.17 acres	 PUBLIC FACILITIES The City of Auburn Hills maintains these parks. 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. 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." 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. 	





🛑 Park Path

Civic Center Park Boundary

City of Auburn Hills Civic Center & Park



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2.13 Acres







City of Auburn Hills Forester Square



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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.

Activity/		National	Required Facilities	Existing Facilities		Surplus / (Deficit)	
	Facility	Standard ¹	in Auburn Hills ²	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	1/4 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 Activities/Facilities <u>With National Standards</u>

City of Auburn Hills Inventory of Park Facilities <u>Without</u> National Standards

Type of Facility		Required Facilities in	Existing	Facilities	Surplus / (Deficit)	
		Auburn Hills ²	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. <u>Tennis & Pickleball Courts</u> *(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. <u>Volleyball</u> *

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. <u>Baseball</u>

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 multisport 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. <u>Soccer</u>

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 Grossing Outlets.

12. <u>¹/₄ Mile Running Track</u>

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. <u>Softball</u>

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. <u>Multi-Recreation Court</u>

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. <u>Archery Range</u>

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. <u>Golf</u>

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. <u>Topgolf</u>

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 well-organized many 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:

<u>Youth Programs</u> - 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

<u>Adult Programs</u> – 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 Septembeerfest. Other partner organizations providing community programs in the City include the Chamber of Commerce and the Auburn Hills Public Library.



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
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Auburn Hills Riverwalk Pathway Four-Phase Plan

Council Workshop Session October 2nd, 2023

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Phase A



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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



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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



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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 Vactor 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



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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



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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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PROPOSED CONCRETE SIDEWALK



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.



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.

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

Park Improvements

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

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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.

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. <u>Special Millage</u>. 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.
- <u>User Fees</u>. 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. <u>Recreation Bond.</u> 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. <u>Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.</u> 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.
- 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. <u>Arbor Day Foundation</u>. 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. <u>SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).</u> 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.
- 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. <u>Foundations.</u> 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. <u>Lease or Contractual Agreements.</u> The City may increase its residents' availability of recreation facilities by leasing sites, facilities, and services from other sources to meet demands.
- 13. <u>Conservation Easements.</u> 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. <u>Open Space Requirements.</u> 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.

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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.

Present: Sam Beidoun, Cynthia Pavlich, Chauncey Hitchcock, Brian Marzolf, Ray Saelens ROLL CALL: 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

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD 3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 16, 2022 4

Moved by Saelens to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022. Second by Hitchcock. Yes: Pavlich, Beidoun, Hitchcock, Marzolf, Saelens VOTE:

No: None

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.

Yes: Pavlich, Beidoun, Hitchcock, Marzolf, Saelens VOTE: No: None

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.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion Carried (5-0)

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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. <u>Adjourn as Recreation Commission/Reconvene as Planning Commission (8:56 p.m.)</u> 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.
<u>Appendix</u> Comments from Participants at Feedback Sessions (Fall 2022)

<u>Parks</u>

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 year7.8% 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+

<u>Skatepark</u>

13% of respondents visited this park in the past year3.9% of respondents were not aware of this park3 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 year42% of respondents were not aware of this park3 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 year2.4% of respondents were not aware of this park3 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 year7% of respondents were unaware of the community center3 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 female31.3% male65.3% of respondents do not have children at home

Income demographics Ethnic origin demographics

Appendix 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.)



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



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

Q2 Have you visited Riverside Park in the last year?



Q3 Which amenities have you used at Riverside Park?

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		



	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.32% 1	0.96% 3	0.64% 2	1.92% 6	3.19% 10	6.07% 19	13.10% 41	25.24% 79	15.97% 50	32.59% 102	313	5.86

Q4 Were the park amenities clean?



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.32% 1	0.32% 1	0.00% 0	1.27% 4	1.59% 5	2.86% 9	7.62% 24	13.97% 44	19.05% 60	53.02% 167	315	5.93

Q5 Did you feel safe at this park?

Q6 Were the amenities you used well maintained?



	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	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?

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?

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?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 221

	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(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?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 211



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(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?

	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 Iabel)	2.17% 4	1.09% 2	1.09% 2	3.80% 7	6.52% 12	7.07% 13	12.50% 23	19.02% 35	13.59% 25	33.15% 61	184	5.67



Q12 Have you visited Civic Center Park in the last year?

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?

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?

	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.45%	4.31%	6.90%	16.38%	19.83%	49.14%		
label)	0	0	0	0	4	5	8	19	23	57	116	5.97



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.68% 2	1.68% 2	8.40% 10	10.92% 13	17.65% 21	59.66% 71	119	5.98

Answered: 116 Skipped: 285 (no label) 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% 1 - Ameniti... 2 3 4 5 7 8 6

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Q16 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

	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	0.86% 1	1.72% 2	4.31% 5	4.31% 5	6.03% 7	19.83% 23	14.66% 17	48.28% 56	116	5.90

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



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?

	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.91% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.82% 2	0.91% 1	9.09% 10	15.45% 17	21.82% 24	50.00% 55	110	5.95

Q20 Did you feel safe at this park?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 288



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	1.77% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0		1.77% 2		14.16% 16	16.81% 19	61.06% 69	113	5.92

Q21 Were the amenities you used well maintained?



	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	0.92% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.83% 2	2.75% 3	8.26% 9	15.60% 17	15.60% 17	55.05% 60	109	5.94

Q22 Have you visited the Skate Park the last year?



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?

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

Answered: 44 Skipped: 357 (no label) 10% 0% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% 1 - amenitie... 📒 З 2 4

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(no label)	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	6.82%	6.82% 3	 27.27%	6.82%	22.73% 10	44	5.80

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Q24 Were the park amenities clean?



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	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?

	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)	4.55% 2	0.00% 0	4.55% 2	4.55% 2	9.09% 4	13.64% 6	20.45% 9	18.18% 8	6.82% 3	18.18% 8	44	5.45



Q27 Have you visited Manitoba Park in the last year?

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?

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?

	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(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?

	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	4.55% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.09% 2	22.73% 5	63.64% 14	22	5.82

Q31 Were the amenities you used well maintained?



	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	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?

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?



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?

	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	30.00% 3	30.00% 3	0.00% 0	30.00% 3	10	5.90



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	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

Q35 Did you feel safe at this park?



Q36 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

	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%	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?



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?

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?
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	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.46% 1	1.85% 4			3.24% 7		23.15% 50	20.37% 44	37.04% 80	216	5.87



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	1.36% 3	0.90% 2	3.62% 8	1.81% 4	7.24% 16	13.57% 30	18.55% 41	14.48% 32	38.46% 85	221	5.83

Q40 Did you feel safe at this park?



Q41 Were the amenities you used well maintained?

	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)	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?



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?

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?



	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 Iabel)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.81% 1	1.63% 2	3.25% 4	4.88% 6	11.38% 14	26.83% 33	51.22% 63	123	5.97



	1 - I FELT LIKE I COULD BE IN DANGER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I FELT EXTREMELY SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.61% 2	0.81% 1	1.61% 2	6.45% 8	12.90% 16	76.61% 95	124	5.98

Q45 Did you feel safe at this facility?

Q46 Was the facility clean?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 277



	1 - AMENITIES WERE NOT CLEAN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - AMENITIES WERE VERY CLEAN	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.81% 1		0.81% 1		3.23% 4		23.39% 29	62.10% 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?



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

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



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		





	1 - NOT VERY WELCOMED		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - VERY WELCOMED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
(no label)		0.31% 1	0.00% 0	0.62% 2	0.00% 0	2.79% 9	1.86% 6	3.41% 11	17.96% 58	14.86% 48	58.20% 188	323		6.78

Q50 Overall, would you recommend our parks and facilities to a family member, friend, or neighbor?



	1 - I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)		0.00% 0	0.31% 1	0.93% 3	0.62% 2	1.86% 6	1.86% 6	3.41% 11	13.31% 43	16.41% 53	61.30% 198	323	6.72

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?



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

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

Jun 13 2022 10:29 AM Jun 14 2022 11:38 AM Jun 25 2022 10:41 AM	Visited them more pre-covid Not feeding ducks and no smoking in outdoor areas is ridiculous. Parking is a serious problem especially for handicapped residents
	Many empty bldg downtown but no parkingI 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 in 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 sswings,
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 Cinton 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.
Jul 19 2022 09:06 AM	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. 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.
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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.
Jul 28 2022 08:16 AM	Well maintained and innovative parks I feel bring more families to our city. 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.
	Thanks, Chris Grooms
Aug 05 2022 11:25 AM	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.

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 tricks
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 sone difficulties walking the restroom is too far away
Sep 02 2022 07:05 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 05:36 PM	all is great
Sep 03 2022 06:33 PM	Very happy to see the skate park is getting and update.
Sep 03 2022 11:47 AM	Would love food trucks in concert nights.
Sep 05 2022 09:10 PM	I love the Maker Studio at the Community Center. All the
Sep 06 2022 01:13 PM	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.)



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.



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.



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?



	1 - I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - HIGHLY RECOMMEND	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)		0.68% 2	0.68% 2	0.34% 1	1.02% 3	5.44% 16	5.10% 15	8.84% 26	17.35% 51	12.24% 36	48.30% 142	294	8.59
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.



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		

Q58 Would you recommend Auburn Hills PROGRAMS & CLASSES to family members, friends, or neighbors?



	1 - I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - HIGHLY RECOMMEND	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)		1.69% 4	0.84% 2	0.42% 1	0.00% 0	12.66% 30	4.64% 11	5.91% 14	12.66% 30	8.86% 21	52.32% 124	237	5.74

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?



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

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.



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 Aubum 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?



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?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5	69.60%	190
6 -10	17.58%	48
11 - 15	6.59%	18
More than 15 programs or events	6.23%	17
TOTAL		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 Jul 06 2022 07:51 PM	I have been very pleased with the park and recreation activities since we moved here almost 3 yrs ago. Don't charge a fee for the splash pad

Jul 06 2022 09:21 PM Jul 06 2022 09:44 PM	Downtown needs more events to draw more people. Rochester city has events constantly and it would help build the city! 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 Jul 08 2022 04:28 PM	Would love to see more sustainable, eco friendly workshops, classes (ie how to rain barrels, butterfly gardens, etc) 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 Jul 14 2022 06:28 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. 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
Jul 15 2022 08:25 PM	point for the community and it'd be incredible to have kids swim classes offered.
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!
JUI 17 2022 00.201 W	We would love to receive more information on fitness/workout
Jul 17 2022 07:06 PM	classes in the area.
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
Jul 18 2022 08:52 AM	always forget about the handicap they want fun to
Jul 19 2022 10:37 AM	Allow kitchen facility usage (stove, ovens, refrigerators) when
Jul 20 2022 10:37 AM	renting the banquet rooms. 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
Jul 25 2022 06:15 PM	out.
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
Jul 26 2022 02:23 PM	like Rochester's OPC.
	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
Aug 05 2022 10:15 AM	would be nice, that don't revolve around alcohol.
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
Aug 09 2022 10:05 PM	disgusting. It's only geared towards kids. Nothing Adult to do (no beer tent, good food, ect)
Aug 05 2022 10.001 M	Monarch butterfly class. What plants to grow to attract them. How
Aug 10 2022 03:24 PM	to help the population from declining.
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
5	Downtown summer fest crowd control and mean people were an
	issue. Will never attend that event again and may never attend
Aug 16 2022 07:58 PM	any event. Safety a concern.
	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.

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



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	133
Skipped	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,
Jul 05 2022 03:31 PM	Larger playscapes and splashpads for our grandchildren who we watch regularly and for variety.
Jul 06 2022 09:24 PM	Sometimes parks are busy and larger parks can be more peaceful without the hustle of people.
Jul 06 2022 09:37 PM	Dog park, safer trails, nicer playgrounds, more natural parks
	Walking trails at Innovation and downtown Rochester are better in the winter as they are plowed. We go to Orion Oaks for the dog
Jul 06 2022 09:54 PM	park
Jul 06 2022 11:59 PM	Mainly to kayak as the river can be a bit difficult especially to get back to the starting point of Riverside Park.
Jul 07 2022 01:04 AM	Some of the park playgrounds need updating. Overcrowding at parks
	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
Jul 07 2022 01:17 PM	Auburn Hills some day.
Jul 07 2022 03:26 AM	Paint Creek Park in Rochester. The size of the park is far superior
Jul 07 2022 04:02 PM	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.
	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
Jul 07 2022 07:33 AM	swings.
Jul 07 2022 07:44 AM	Location, size of play area, more greenspace
Jul 07 2022 07:51 AM	Pool, more trails.
Jul 07 2022 11:28 AM	Country setting
	For other types of events. Leader dog bark and brew, rochester
Jul 08 2022 01:00 PM	hills fireworks, rochester sidewalk sale, arts and apples.
	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
Jul 08 2022 03:01 PM	building and offer more Rec programs
Jul 08 2022 03:22 PM	Less people. It has become overcrowded.
	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 Jul 08 2022 05:00 PM	Pools, water parks, bike trails, innovation hills 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
Jul 08 2022 06:20 PM	there is only so far you can go.
Jul 08 2022 07:23 PM	Just for diversity sake.
Jul 08 2022 08:55 AM	Lake access. State parks with longer hiking trails.
Jul 08 2022 09:52 PM	Better park
Jul 08 2022 10:12 PM	Closer to go to orion
	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
Jul 08 2022 11:32 AM	nature walk
Jul 08 2022 12:07 PM	Festivals with adequate parking
Jul 08 2022 12:25 PM	Change of pace
Jul 08 2022 12:37 PM	Better parking
Jul 11 2022 03:46 PM	Only because grandchildren live in a different city
Jul 11 2022 04:53 PM	Just for exploration with toddlers
Jul 11 2022 06:56 PM	To go to a beach.
Jul 11 2022 10:58 AM	For bigger Park which is closer to a lake
	Enjoyment of other cities music programs, different night from the
Jul 12 2022 10:04 PM	Heights.
Jul 13 2022 05:54 PM	Mountain biking
Jul 13 2022 08:10 PM	More options are available
	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	part of addath time account fool a part of the confindinty

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	A zip line would be nice to have in our community.
Jul 19 2022 10:45 AM Jul 20 2022 07:48 AM Jul 20 2022 08:35 PM	Would like to see a Senior Golf League started again. I fish at state parks Health To be with other kids from
Jul 22 2022 03:32 PM Jul 22 2022 08:33 PM Jul 22 2022 08:33 PM Jul 22 2022 09:57 AM Jul 22 2022 10:14 PM	The school of choice we attend Variety I like the disk golf at firefighters park in trpy Because there is only one Belle Isle and it's in Detroit. 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 Jul 25 2022 06:18 PM Jul 25 2022 07:39 PM	I'd also like to see more art fairs/outdoor markets in our downtown. RARA coed softball 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
Jul 26 2022 02:33 PM	that I know of.
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
Jul 28 2022 09:38 AM	Different programming and/or different times offered that may be more convenient.
	Rochester Innovation Park — stunning boardwalk and trails for our
Jul 29 2022 03:58 PM	weekly walking group.
Jul 29 2022 06:52 PM	Larger parks
	Although the parks are very nice. None of them are on a larger
Jul 30 2022 04:01 PM	scale to give you that feeling of being away
	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
Aug 04 2022 03:32 PM	The parks often have poison ivy. If we want to take her for a long
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Aug 13 2022 08:39 AM Aug 13 2022 10:23 PM I go to beaches close by because Auburn Hills doesn't have any. More trails available that are longer. Events going on.

Updated skate park in clawson

Aug 14 2022 02:29 PM Aug 14 2022 09:54 AM	Updated play structures for all ages 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
Aug 16 2022 08:03 PM	and more widely available.
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
Sep 21 2022 09:15 AM	LOVE a community park nearby.
Sep 30 2022 05:23 PM	Water so can swim and ksyak
Oct 09 2022 04:14 AM Oct 24 2022 02:50 PM	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. Diversity



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



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.



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.

	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.
Jul 07 2022 01:17 PM	more spots, and 2. enforcement by police officers.
Jul 07 2022 04:02 PM	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.
Jul 07 2022 05:25 PM	Enforce rules and create new to keep what we are paying for respected and in good order.
Jul 08 2022 01:00 PM	Farmer market, fireworks, the parades downtown are weak, art show would be nice either in the community center or outdoor art festival
Jul 08 2022 01:08 PM	I don't feel that lack of inclusion is a problem in Auburn Hills
Jul 08 2022 02:00 PM	I think Auburn Hills has done an excellent job with our parks and they continue to expand and create new opportunities for our citizens
501 00 2022 02.00 T W	I don't have any specifics, but making sure all people can make use and enjoy the parks is important to my values.
Jul 08 2022 05:01 PM	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
Jul 08 2022 05:23 PM Jul 08 2022 05:41 PM	Nothing
Jul 08 2022 06:00 PM Jul 08 2022 10:12 PM	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. North side activities besides a random bench.
Jul 08 2022 10:51 AM	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
Jul 08 2022 11:32 AM	More programs for high school age kids and promote them at Avondale high school
	Having more paved walking paths would make nature a lot more
Jul 08 2022 11:47 PM Jul 08 2022 12:07 PM	accessible for people. Handicap parking and access
Jul 09 2022 12:15 AM	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.
Jul 11 2022 03:46 PM Jul 11 2022 10:58 AM	Nothing that comes to mind. Fireworks on 4th July

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.
	The only thing I wish we had was better public transportation
Jul 14 2022 08:41 PM	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
	Pet friendly events. Events for single people, between 30-50 that
Aug 05 2022 10:19 AM	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.
-	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 15 2022 05:57 PM	······
Aug 16 2022 08:03 PM	Safer and better crowd management.
Aug 18 2022 04:09 PM	Dirt bike trail
Aug 18 2022 09:52 PM	Larger community center to offer more. A satellite site at the south end of the community.
Aug 19 2022 04:58 PM	Teen yoga/ family fitness classes
Aug 24 2022 04:52 PM	More e-rideable friendly areas.
Sep 02 2022 07:09 PM	0
Sep 06 2022 01:22 PM	More austic and handicap friendly activities and structures
Sep 10 2022 10:04 AM	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?



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 spash 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.

	Poor planning of the amphitheater seating.	Ruined it for us to
Aug 18 2022 01:35 PM	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 Jul 07 2022 07:06 AM Jul 07 2022 07:51 AM	Don't just look for ways to add more amusement equipment let's keep nature happy and flourishing like it should be. Please add a restroom at the trail at the opdyke entrance!!! Bathroom on Clinton River trail
Jul 07 2022 07:31 AM Jul 07 2022 08:19 AM Jul 08 2022 02:00 PM	Allow more third-party events not specifically hosted by the city. I think our parks should be exclusively for tax paying residence and citizens living in this community.
Jul 08 2022 03:01 PM Jul 08 2022 04:29 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. 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 Jul 08 2022 05:41 PM Jul 08 2022 07:36 PM Jul 08 2022 09:52 PM	Thanks for making our parks so special. A food truck rally would be fun Again do something about the mosquito population Please get restaurants and bars downtown. Thank you, Lynn
Jul 08 2022 10:51 AM	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 11 2022 03:46 PM Jul 11 2022 04:53 PM	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. We want a city Pool!
Jul 14 2022 06:06 PM Jul 14 2022 08:41 PM	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 No
Jul 15 2022 08:30 PM	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. 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.
Jul 16 2022 09:18 PM Jul 17 2022 03:43 PM	The restaurant around the park, they close very early actually and I think we need more or variety of food restaurants here around. 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
Jul 17 2022 11:25 AM	arts and batmington
Jul 17 2022 11:58 AM	Would like to have a soccer field added
Jul 18 2022 04:02 PM	Ot would be cool to have a dog class. Like teach your dogs new tricks or scent work class
Jul 18 2022 04:05 PM Jul 19 2022 10:18 AM Jul 22 2022 06:26 PM	Clinton River Trail was difficult to find downtown. Should get connected or have better signage. Dog park consideration 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 Jul 26 2022 03:45 PM	It would be nice if there was a city park in the Will Rogers school neighborhood area of Auburn Hills 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 Jul 29 2022 09:59 AM	Looks like some creek bank restoration needs to happen at riverside park. SOX erosion solutions is a great product. Native Lakescapes is an installer Need a dog park
Jul 30 2022 07:40 PM Sep 02 2022 06:03 PM	You need to lower the cost of the activities that you provide esp for seniors. Mo
Sep 10 2022 10:04 AM Sep 19 2022 11:26 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 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 Aug 05 2022 10:19 AM	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. 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.
	No, but thank you for wanting to continue to improve! The Friday night music series each Friday have made this Summer!
Aug 10 2022 05:33 PM	I do wish and hope there will be something weekly in Winter to keep the community feel going through the long, dragging months.

•	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.
-	No
Aug 19 2022 04:58 PM	NO
	Places continue to do all this work for community events and
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 20 2022 07:18 PM	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
Aug 20 2022 07:18 PM Aug 24 2022 04:52 PM	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. 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



Q72 What is your residential zip code?

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?

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	2	75

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



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

Q75 What is your age range?

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?



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



Q78 What is your approximate average household income?

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)

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		
Appendix 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 ves

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 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









(2000)



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Community Profiles

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City of Auburn Hills

1827 N Squirrel Rd Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2753 https://www.auburnhills.org/

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

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VIEW 2020 CENSUS MAP

Population and Households

Link to American Community Survey (ACS) Profiles: Select a Year 2018-2022 V 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		0	-		
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 SEMCOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast

Components of Population Change

Components of Population Change	2000-2005 Avg.	2006-2010 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 SEMCOG

Household Types

Household Types	Census 2010	ACS 2021	Change 2010-2021	Pct Change 2010-2021	SEMCOG 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 SEMCOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast

Population Change by Age, 2010-2021

			- Under 5
			- 5-9
			- 10-14
			- 15-19
			-20-24
			-25-29
			- 30-34
			- 35-39
			-40-44
			-45-49
			- 50-54
			- 55-59
			-60-64
			-65-69
			-70-74
			-75-79
			- 80-84
			- 85+
[2,000 ACS 2021	1,000 Census 2010	0

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		Percent of Population 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		J
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 o	ver		



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 V Economic

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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	0
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

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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 *	We	orkers	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	Тгоу	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, ag	e 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	e Percent
1	Auburn Hills	3,684	32.4%
2	Pontiac	1,124	9.9%
3	Rochester Hills	892	7.8%
4	Тгоу	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 1	6 and over residing in Auburn Hills	11,372	100%

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

Household Income

Income (in 2021 dollars)	ACS 201	0 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 V 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 - Un	its 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	ACS
2010	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

z	Housing Value	ACS 2021
-\$1,000,000 or more	\$1,000,000 or more	16
- \$500,000 to \$999,999 - \$300,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 to \$999,999	85
- \$250,000 to \$459,999	\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,084
- \$200,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$299,999	515
- \$175,000 to \$199,999	\$230,000 10 \$233,333	515
- \$150,000 to \$174,999	\$200,000 to \$249,999	566
-\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$175,000 to \$199,999	569
- \$100,000 to \$124,999	\$150,000 to \$174,999	848
- \$80,000 to \$99,999 - \$60,000 to \$79,999	\$125,000 to \$149,999	376
- \$40,000 to \$59,999	\$100,000 to \$124,999	262
- \$30,000 to \$39,999	\$80,000 to \$99,999	213
- \$20,000 to \$29,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	44
- \$10,000 to \$19,999 - Less than \$10,000		115
	\$40,000 to \$59,999	115
400 200 0	\$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 *

1,000



* 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)



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				0
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	8 2019	2020	202 1	2022	2	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%	
Property Damage Only	1,739	1,727	808	1,011	1,093	81.4%	
Total Crashes	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
Head-on	13	14	10	10	5	0.7%	
Angle or Head-on/Left-turn	259	249	156	190	217	13.7%	
Rear-End	995	1,021	315	426	469	41.1%	
<u>Sideswipe</u>	379	407	207	257	280	19.5%	
Single Vehicle	380	321	268	347	354	21.3%	
Backing	13	26	20	9	21	1.1%	
Other or Unknown	51	48	31	33	39	2.6%	

Crashes by Involvement

Crashes by Involvement	2018	3 2019	2020	2021	2022	2	Percent of Crashes 2018 - 2022
Red-light Running	53	43	37	44	45	2.8%	
Lane Departure	294	234	201	295	250	16.3%	
Alcohol	42	34	32	41	41	2.4%	
<u>Drugs</u>	15	12	14	15	8	0.8%	
Deer	72	70	60	43	64	3.9%	
Train	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Commercial Truck/Bus	108	135	70	82	111	6.5%	
School Bus	3	3	2	0	2	0.1%	
Emergency Vehicle	10	5	7	6	6	0.4%	
Motorcycle	9	9	3	11	11	0.5%	
Intersection	413	449	275	308	342	22.8%	
Work Zone	104	344	21	11	22	6.4%	
Pedestrian	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%	
Young Driver (15 to 20)	420	375	194	253	239	18.9%	
Distracted Driver	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%	
Unbelted	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	<u>S I 75/N M 24 Ramp @ Lapeer Rd</u>	State	25.8
2	97	276	N I 75/N Baldwin Ramp @ Baldwin Rd S		24.4
2	97	276	<u>Baldwin Rd S @ Baldwin/N I 75</u> <u>Ramp</u>	State,County	1.8
2	97	276	<u>N I 75/N Baldwin Ramp @</u> <u>Baldwin Rd S</u>	State,County	15.4
2	97	276	<u>N I 75/S Baldwin Ramp @</u> <u>Baldwin Rd</u>	State,County	4
2	97	276	<u>Baldwin/N I 75 Ramp @ Baldwin</u> <u>Rd</u>	State,County	3.2
3	135	404	<u>S I 75 @ W M 59/S I 75 Ramp</u>	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	<u>Squirrel Rd N @ Walton Blvd</u>	County,City/Village	10.8
5	169	505	<u>Squirrel Rd N @ Walton Blvd E</u>	County,City/Village	8.2
5	169	505	<u>University Dr @ Opdyke Rd N</u>	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	<u>Brown Rd @ Joslyn Rd</u>	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	<u>N Joslyn/N I 75 Ramp @ Joslyn</u> <u>Rd</u>	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	4 34	10 <u>Wa</u>	<u>Iton Blvd E</u>	N I 75 - Squirrel Rd N	County	32
2	123	3 3	70 <u>SI</u>	<u>75/N M 24</u> <u>Ramp</u>	Lapeer Rd - Lapeer Rd	State	31.2
3	144	4	54 <u>Wa</u>	<u>Iton Blvd E</u>	Giddings Rd - Lapeer Rd	City/Village	28.8
3	144	4	54 <u>V</u>	Valton Blvd	Walton Blvd E - Adams Rd	County	28.8
5	224	1 64	7	<u>NI75</u>	South Blvd - Auburn Rd	State	24.2
6	255	5 72	28 <u>Ur</u>	<u>niversity Dr</u>	East Blvd N - Opdyke Rd N	City/Village	23
7	306	8 8	73	<u>N I 75</u>	Lapeer Rd - N I 75/S I 75 BL Ramp	State	21.2
8	318	3 9)4	<u>Lapeer Rd</u>	N I 75 BL Ramp - Brown Rd	State	20.8
9	335	5 9	51 <u>Op</u>	odyke Rd S	South Blvd - Auburn Ave	County	20.4
10	353	3 1,0	11 <u>V</u>	Valton Blvd	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%
тси	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



Туре	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

Туре	Α	cres	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.



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PURPOSE A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It is our pleasure to provide you with an overview of our City finances for the 2024 fiscal year which begins on January 1. The City of Auburn Hills remains in an enviable financial position. Management prides itself on continued diligence to retain this distinction into the future. With the support of our City Council and with ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders, we continue to provide innovative, cost-effective, and efficient facilities and services. Staff regularly evaluates its programs and services which drives prudent decision-making. Methods are challenged regularly to ensure the best use of funds and to prioritize those things that are most desired by the community.

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Finance Director/Treasurer Michelle Schulz and her team of dedicated professionals who assist the entire organization in formulating the annual budget and prepare it for City Council adoption. As always, our entire adopted budget can be found on our website at auburnhills.org should you wish to review it in greater detail.

Thomas A. Tanghe City Manager

AUBURN HILLS FAST FACTS: **1983 17.5** 25,000+

SQUARE MILES

CURRENT POPULATION

MISSION

INCORPORATION

To be stewards for the community through a connected, transparent and efficient government

VISION

Auburn Hills will be a community with the heart of a small town that operates with the excellence of a world class city

VALUES

Excellence Diversity Fiscal Respo Safety Humility

Fiscal Responsibility Attentive Service



LIVE. WORK. PLAY. WHO ARE WE?

Auburn Hills is a dynamic community that continues to be committed to innovation and growth. Our diversified tax base places us in an enviable position in this region, and the city continues to thrive with its many industrial, high-tech, retail, entertainment and education institutions and facilities. Through a cooperative effort between the residents and businesses, Auburn Hills has evolved into a city that offers the best of both worlds – an attractive business environment and outstanding quality of life. Our residents enjoy all the benefits that full-service community has to offer. We are a vibrant community and look forward to building upon the assets that make us unique and attractive for investment, economic development and growth.

MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR COMMUNITY:



Global Business Auburn Hills is home to over 80

international corporations.



Center of Higher Education

The City takes pride in hosting a 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 20,000 students.



Strong Tax Base

Tax records show that the Auburn Hills tax base is about 73% nonresidential taxpayer and 27% residential, which is uniquely the opposite of most municipalities.



Entertainment Destination

The City is home to a growing number of entertainment venues, including Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre and Art Gallery, SEA LIFE Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Round 1 Bowling & Amusement, Topgolf and The HUB Stadium.



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 of belonging - feelings that can translate into happy and healthy residents.



Diverse Neighborhoods

The strong desire to protect and invest in the community's residential neighborhoods is a core value in Auburn Hills.



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.



Environmentally Responsible

Knowing the important role trees play in maintaining the high quality of life of its community, 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.

GENERAL FUND

WHERE DOES THE CITY GET ITS MONEY?

2024 TOTAL REVENUES: \$38,669,532



WHERE DOES EACH PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GO?

\$0.17 **Avondale Schools** Lake Orion Schools **Pontiac Schools Rochester Schools** \$0.09 Oakland County Intermediate School District \$0.04 Oakland Community College UTILED DERAL \$0.17 State of Michigan Education Tax \$0.11 Oakland County Operating \$0.06 Detroit Zoo Huron Clinton Metro Parks Detroit Art Institute Public Transit Authority \$0.02 Library \$0.06 City Operating \$0.07 City Fire \$0.17 City Police \$0.04 City Roads

HOW MUCH OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOES THE CITY RECEIVE?



The City of Auburn Hills receives **\$0.34** for every property tax dollar paid.

GENERAL FUND **EXPENDITURES** HOW ARE THE DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED?

2024 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$39,955,448



2024 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET PLAN

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET PLAN (ALL FUNDS): \$22,092,251

\$5,702,000 WATER SYSTEM

\$3,129,500 LOCAL ROADS, SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS

\$3,122,453 COMMUNITY LAND AND SPACES

\$2,577,500 FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$1,990,798 MAJOR ROADS, SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS

\$1,969,000 SEWER SYSTEM INCLUDING COUNTY DEBT

\$1,218,000 VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

\$900,000 GROUNDS

\$709,600 FIELDSTONE GOLF CLUB

\$425,000 FACILITIES

\$277,000 POLICE DEPARTMENT

\$71,000 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

For a full copy of the City of Auburn Hills 2024 Adopted Budget visit auburnhills.org.

In 2022, AHPD responded to a total of 24,303 calls for service, 1,311 arrests, 5,428 traffic stops and 3,543 traffic citations. AHPD assisted with 486 vehicle lockouts, 71 vacation home checks and 914 citizen assists.

The AHPD is a fully accredited agency.

AHPD has two full-time mental health social workers, who respond to calls for service involving people in crisis.

HIGHLIGHTS SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY

68.94% crime clearance rate in 2022 (National Average: 45.6% violent crimes and 17.6% property crimes)

AHFD logs in over 13,000 hours of training.

The AHFD Prevention division completes over 650 inspections annually.

Public Education consists of Fire Extinguisher classes, car seat inspections, CPR/ First aid courses and smoke detector installation. AHPD logged over 5,500 hours of training in 2022.



AHFD consistently responds to over 4,000 calls a year.





Hosted 14 communitywide events in 2023.

> Served 1,860 meals to seniors at the Community Center and delivered over 11,196 meals in 2023.

> > Over 7,000 visitors to the Community Center in 2023.

The 2022 City of Auburn Hills road millage (revenue of 2023) provided approximately \$2.7 million in property tax revenues to assist in a number of planned road maintenance and reconstruction projects totaling \$12.4 million in costs. Included in those costs were necessary improvements on Harmon Road, Paramount Estates Subdivision, Canadian Subdivision , and the roundabout at Shimmons Road/Dexter Road and M-24.



Senior Transportation

residents, driving over 20,000 miles in 2023.

provided 3,600 rides to



Some of the maintenance items the DPW performed in 2023 include 1,243 fleet work orders, 788 catch basin inspections, 171 tons of asphalt installed, 6,900 pounds of crack seal applied, 950 irrigation repairs, 1,820 trees trimmed, 106,028 feet of sewer inspected, 2,621 hydrants inspected, 931 MIU's changed, 2,421 Miss Dig requests and 34 snow events.

> 17,000 registered voters in 9 precincts.

Municipal Properties has 17 budgeted positions responsible for maintaining 9 City Parks, 1400 streetlights over 460 acres of land as well as all 120,000 square feet of landscaping beds, hundreds of irrigation lines and 127 acres of turf maintenance.



2023 featured 12 concerts at

130 miles of non-motorized

trailway of Clinton River Trail

for people to walk and bike

pathways and 2.1 miles of

the Knight Amphitheater.

SERVICES BY DEPARTMENT

Assessing Department

The Assessor's Office is charged with annually discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property within the City of Auburn Hills.

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office administers all elections and maintains the records of all registered voters in the City, maintains the official City records including minutes, agendas and cemetery records, and provides administrative support for City Council meetings.

City Manager's Office

The City Manager is the chief administrative officer for the City of Auburn Hills and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City.

Community Development

The Community Development Department consists of five integrated divisions: Advanced Planning, Building Services, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, and Environmental Services. Working collaboratively, this department oversees development and works to protect the public's investments within the City.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the city's infrastructure including 90 miles of roads, 182 miles of water mains, 118 miles of sewer mains, 45 city facilities and over 400 acres of parks and grounds.

Fieldstone Golf Club

Fieldstone Golf Club is owned by the City of Auburn Hills and rated as one of the top municipal golf courses in the Midwest.

Finance and Treasurer's Department

Responsibilities include management of revenue collection, expense payments, property taxes, budget compliance, financial audits, risk, payroll, retirement benefits, debt and investments, and state and federal funding.

Fire Department

The Fire Department responds to over 4,000 EMS and fire related calls annually. The department has three divisions: Suppression, Prevention and Administration and was recently awarded an ISO rating of 2.

Police Department

The Police Department's mission is to continually improve the safety and quality of life within our community, through a broad base of traditional and innovative services while protecting constitutional and basic human rights.

Recreation and Senior Services Department

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Auburn Hills by providing quality parks and recreation opportunities and a variety of affordable year-round programs and special events for people of all ages.

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is composed of seven members elected on a non-partisan basis to represent the entire city. The City Council selects, among its members, a Mayor and a Mayor Pro-Tem. The City Council is the legislative and policy-making body. Acting as a whole, the City Council is responsible for adopting ordinances and setting the direction of City policy.





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CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO 10.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

То:	Chairperson Greg Ouellette and the Planning Commission
From:	Steven J. Cohen, AICP, Director of Community Development
Submitted:	December 21, 2023
Subject:	2024 Election of Officers of the Auburn Hills Planning Commission

INTRODUCTION

Per Article 5 of the Commission's By-Laws, it would be appropriate for elections to take place for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary at this meeting.

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers of the Commission shall be held annually at the January regular meeting and shall be the last order of business at that meeting.

- A. The term of office shall be one (1) year commencing immediately upon election. The immediate past Chairperson shall continue to preside at the meeting until the election of the new Chairperson is complete.
- B. Should an Officer be unable to complete his or her term of office, a special election shall be held to fill the remainder of the term. The election shall be held at the first regular meeting after the vacancy has been confirmed.

Officers of the Commission	<u>Y2023</u>	<u>Y2024</u>
Chairperson	Greg Ouellette	
Vice-Chairperson	Sam Beidoun	
Secretary	Laura Ochs	

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN (Amended as of November 17, 2015)

ARTICLE 1

The name of this Commission shall be the City of Auburn Hills Planning Commission.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Commission shall be to guide and promote the efficient, coordinated development of this City in a manner which will best promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its people. The objectives of the Commission are those set forth in Act 33 of 2008, as amended, and those powers and duties delegated to the Commission by the City Council.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, representing, insofar as it is possible, important segments of the community such as economic, governmental, educational and social development. To the extent possible, membership shall be representative of the entire geography of the City. One member of the City Council shall serve as an ex officio member of the Commission, with all voting rights, whose term shall expire with his or her term on the City Council. The remaining eight (8) members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of a majority of the City Council. All members of the Commission shall be qualified electors the City. A City employee is not eligible to serve on the Commission.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of each member, other than the ex officio member, shall be three (3) years. Insofar as possible, terms shall be staggered so that the terms of 1/3 of all Commission members will expire each year. Members, other than the ex officio member, shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the City Council. Should a Commissioner be unable to complete a full three (3) year term, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall appoint a new member to fill the remainder of the term. A member shall, to the extent possible, serve until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION

Members of the Commission shall be compensated for their services as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS

The City Council may remove a member of the Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing. The Chairperson shall be responsible for informing the Mayor of instances of suspected misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance by a Commission member.

Unexcused absences are strongly discouraged. To be excused from a Commission meeting, a member shall notify the Community Development Department via phone and/or writing in advance of a meeting from which he/she intends to be absent.

ARTICLE 3

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Commission shall have a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary.

SECTION 2. CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, appoint such committees from time to time as deemed necessary, and perform such duties as may be delegated by the Commission. The Chairperson shall have a vote on all motions and resolutions of the Commission. An ex officio member of the Commission shall not serve as Chairperson.

SECTION 3. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Vice-Chairperson shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall read all correspondence into the record at public meetings. The Chairperson may delegate this authority to another Commission member if the Secretary is absent. The duties of record keeping (i.e., minutes of all meetings, a record of all transcripts, records, plans, etc., brought before the Commission) shall be performed by the Community Development Department.

ARTICLE 4.

SECTION 1. MEETINGS

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. No informal meetings or discussions will be conducted. Regular meetings will be held on the Wednesday that generally proceeds the 2nd City Council meeting of the month by twelve days at 7:00 p.m., at the City Council Chamber at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 unless otherwise stipulated. The Chairperson may authorize via the Community Development Department, as determined by necessity, a date and time change of the regular meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

A. <u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>

The general purpose of the regular meetings will be to make decisions on pending business matters, to review and study various planning matters, and to approve minutes of previous meetings.

B. <u>SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>

The general purpose of special meetings will be to review business or planning matters that cannot wait for the regular meeting date or too lengthy to be discussed at regular meeting. The special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission at such time and place deemed necessary, in coordination with the Community Development Department. Prior notice of forty-eight (48) hours is required to each Commissioner stating the time, place, and nature of business.

C. <u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u>

There shall be no standing committees of the Commission. The Chairperson may appoint special or ad-hoc advisory committees, as the Commission shall deem necessary to carry on the work of the Commission. Advisory committee members may or may not be members of the Commission. The Chairperson shall be an exofficio member of all committees of the Commission. Committees shall be advisory bodies only and may make recommendations to the Commission.

SECTION 2. ORDER

The parliamentary rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Commission as applicable and consistent with these By-Laws.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC HEARING ORDER

The Chairperson shall outline the following order of procedure for all public hearings at the scheduled time on the agenda:

- A. The Chairperson opens the public hearing, announces the subject of the request, and summarizes the rules of conduct for public comments.
 - 1) All individual public comments shall be addressed to the Chairperson
 - 2) Each person will be given an opportunity to be heard. Persons may speak only once, unless additional input is authorized by the Chairperson.
 - 3) All comments shall be pertinent to the issue at hand and not excessively repetitive.
 - 4) For large hearings, the Chairperson may impose a time limit per person on all comments.
 - 5) The Chairperson expects courtesy from all participants during the public hearing; applause, booing, shouting, or other public outbursts will not be tolerated.

- B. The Secretary, or other designee assigned by the Chairperson in the Secretary absence, shall read any communications into the record related to the item.
- C. The Community Development Department may provide a presentation about the agenda item.
- D. The Petitioner may make a presentation about the agenda item.
- E. Commission members may ask questions of the Community Development Department and Petitioner.
- F. The Chairperson asks for comments from the audience.
- G. After comments from the audience are provided, the Chairperson closes the public hearing.
- H. The Chairperson asks for a Motion
- I. The Chairperson asks for a Second to the Motion
- J. There may be further discussion on the motion, except if a motion to table the item is made by a Commission member.
- K. The Chairperson asks for a Roll Call Vote

SECTION 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Failure of a Commission member to disclose a potential conflict of interest may constitute malfeasance in office.

A member declaring a conflict of interest should state the nature of the conflict and whether he/she believes he/she could impartially consider the request before the Commission. Once a member discloses a potential conflict of interest regarding a particular matter, he/she may be disqualified from voting on the matter upon a majority Roll Call vote of the remaining members of the Commission.

A member shall declare of conflict of interest when:

- A. A relative or other family member is involved in any request for which the member is asked to make a decision;
- B. The member has a business or financial interest in the property involved in the request or has a business or financial interest in the applicant's company, agency, or association;
- C. The member owns or has a financial interest in neighboring property. For purposes of this provision, this shall include ownership of any property directly abutting a property subject to a proposed development application; or
- D. There is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the member declaring such conflict.

The member declaring a conflict of interest should abstain from any discussion or votes relative to the matter that is the subject of the conflict. The member should absent him/herself from the room in which the discussion takes place, unless doing so would violate the member's constitutionally protected rights to participate. The member should not make any presentations to the Commission as a representative of the proposal.

SECTION 5. EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION

Failure of a Commission member to disclose ex-parte communications may constitute malfeasance in office.

The Commission desires to conduct all proceedings fairly, to create a record that includes all of the evidence upon which recommendations and decisions were made, and to prevent the appearance of undue influence on its recommendations and decisions. To this end, members whose experience ex-parte communication shall disclose the details of the communication at the Commission meeting after the introduction of the item of which the ex-parte communication pertained.

For clarification, Commission member communication with the Community Development Department regarding an agenda item or other relevant issue (e.g., questions, clarifications, requests for information, etc.) shall not constitute ex-parte communication.

Members may attend meetings held by applicants with adjacent property owners, however only in the capacity of an observer. If a member chooses to take part in discussions at said meeting, he/she shall disclose the nature of their participation to the Commission prior to participating in a hearing or deliberations on a request. Once a member discloses their ex-parte communication regarding a particular matter, he/she may be disqualified from voting on the matter upon a majority Roll Call vote of the remaining members of the Commission.

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ARTICLE 6

SECTION 1. RULES

A quorum consists of five (5) members.

SECTION 2. VOTING

A minimum of a majority of those present and voting is necessary to pass any motion, with the exception of approval of a Master Plan which will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the whole Commission. Voting shall be by Roll Call for significant items. A Roll Call vote shall not be required for routine items unless requested by a Commissioner or a split vote occurs. A record of the vote shall be kept as a part of the minutes.

SECTION 3. AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

Conduct of a regular meeting shall generally require the following order to business:

- A. Meeting Called to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Persons Wishing to Be Heard (regarding items not on the agenda)
- D. Minutes
- E. Petitioners
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. Communications
- I. Next Scheduled Meeting
- J. Adjournment

ARTICLE 7

The general role of the Planning Commission is as follows:

SECTION 1. MASTER PLAN AND OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The Commission shall make and approve a City-wide Master Plan, subarea plans, or other documents as the guides for development within the City in accordance with Act 33 of 2008, subject to final review and acceptance by the City Council.

SECTION 2. ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP

The Commission shall be responsible for formulation of any amendments or updates of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map subject to final review and approval by the City Council.

SECTION 3. DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

The Commission shall be responsible for review and action, or recommendation of an action to the City Council, on applications for development, subdivision, and land use approvals in accordance with the applicable provisions of the City Zoning Ordinance, the State Land Division Act, and other applicable State laws and City Ordinances. The Commission strives to encourage public participation in the development review process via the use of a Citizen Participation Ordinance, 1,000 foot public notice distribution radius, and utilization of development notification signs.

SECTION 4. REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

No street, square, park, playground, public way, ground, or other open space; or public building or other structure shall be constructed or authorized for construction in an area covered by a municipal Master Plan unless the location, character, and extent of same has been submitted to the Commission for approval in the manner provided for in sections 61 and 63 of Act 33 of 2008, as amended.

SECTION 5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The Commission shall be exempted from preparing a capital improvements plan. To further the desirable future development of the City under the Master Plan, the City Council shall prepare or cause to be prepared by the City Manager or by a designated official, a capital improvements program of public structures and improvements to the City, including the City water supply system and sewage disposal system, showing those structures and improvements in general order of their priority, for the six (6) year period.

SECTION 6. BUDGET

On behalf of the Commission, the Community Development Department shall prepare a budget to support the Commission's training and activities and submit to the City Council for approval or disapproval.

SECTION 7. TRAINING

Members of the Commission shall strive to attend educational programs designed for training of Michigan Planning Commissioners if the adopted City budget provides funds to reimburse members for or pre-pay the cost of tuition, registration, and travel expenses for the training. The Community Development Department shall coordinate training opportunities and funding.

SECTION 8. EDUCATION AND CONSULTATION

To promote public interest in and understanding of the Master Plan, the Commission may publish and distribute copies of the Master Plan or of any report, and employ other means of publicity and education. The Commission shall consult with and advise public officials and agencies, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional, and other organizations, and citizens concerning the promotion or implementation of the Master Plan.

SECTION 9. ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

A report shall be prepared annually, presented and accepted by a majority vote of the Commission. The report shall be prepared by the Community Development Department and submitted to the Commission at the time of City Council budget review (i.e., typically mid-year). After review and acceptance by the Commission, the report shall be submitted to the City Council for their review and placement on file.

SECTION 10. OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission shall perform such other duties and responsibilities as defined by the City Council or required by State Law or City Ordinance, and shall respond as requested to any other matters referred by the City Council.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the whole Commission.

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