



Parks,  
Recreation +  
Trails  
Master Plan  
2019-2023

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# Community Description



The Charter Township of Commerce Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan (2019-2023) was prepared and adopted by the Township Park and Recreation Committee and Township Board to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs. The Plan presents an inventory of existing facilities and programs within the Township as well as an evaluation of opportunities and priorities. Taking into account the existing facilities, as well as anticipated demand for improvements, the Plan presents goals, guidelines and a 5-year action plan.

Although the Charter Township of Commerce works closely and cooperatively with several public and private agencies that provide recreation opportunities, the jurisdiction of this Master Plan includes only Township-owned and operated recreation facilities and programs.

The Plan is also intended to enable the Township to continue to apply for funding assistance from various agencies and work toward implementing the documented recommendations. This Plan provides for five years of grant eligibility with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

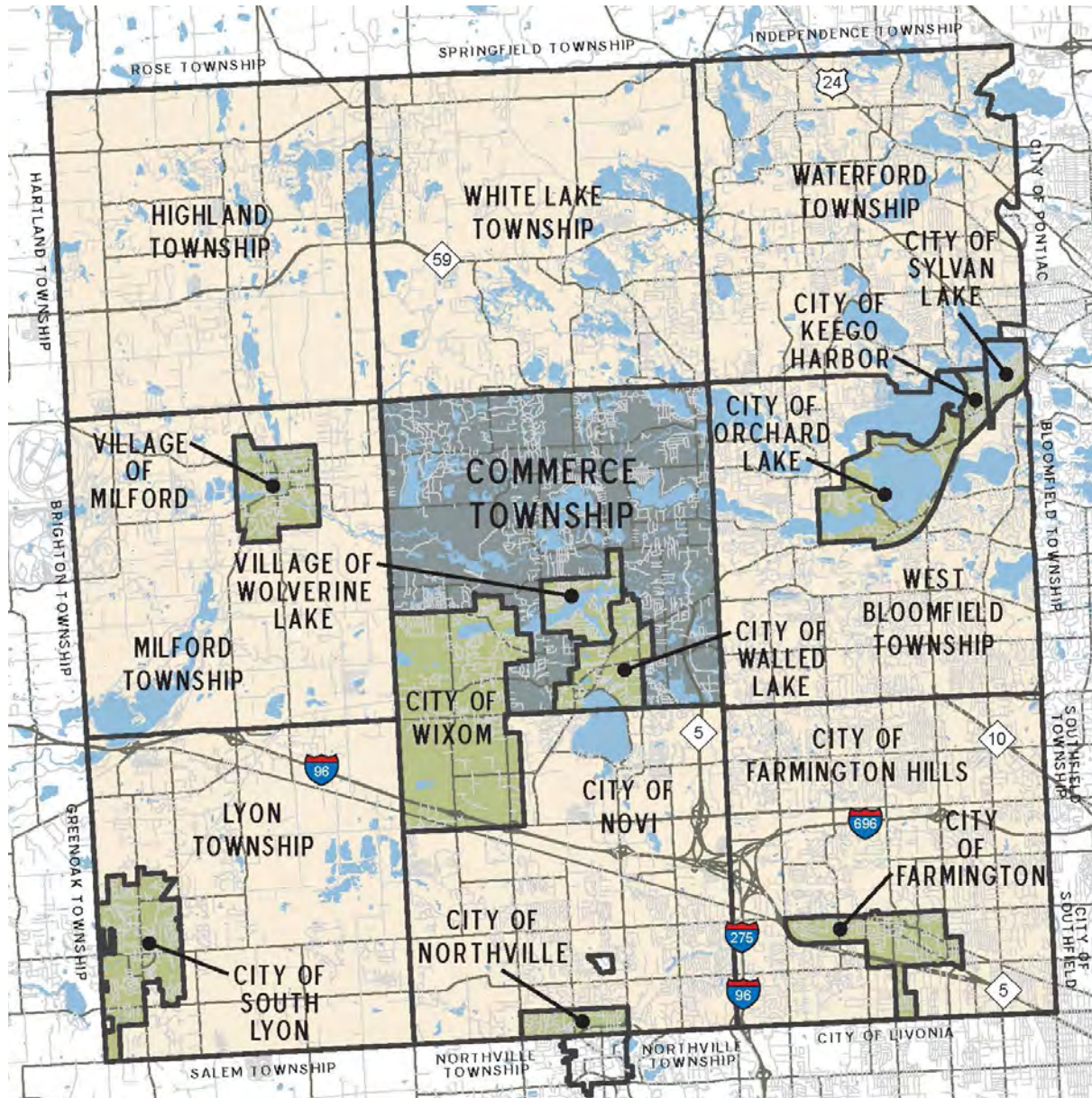
Commerce Township is located in the southwestern portion of Oakland County, within the greater Detroit metropolitan area. Oakland County is the second largest county in Michigan with a population of well over one million. As of the 2010 Census, Commerce Township had a population of 35,874 residents, an 18.2% increase (5,525 people) from 2000 and a July 2017 population estimate of 38,170 (SEMCOG).

Although Commerce Township was once a rural agricultural and lake resort area, the predominant character has changed over the years to more of a low-density suburban, lake setting. The majority of development has occurred in the form of residential subdivisions, but commercial, office and institutional developments also dot the landscape. In particular, non-residential land uses are concentrated in the southeastern portion

of the Township along M-5 and Haggerty Road. Although much development has occurred over the years, the Township continues to be home to a significant amount of open space in the form of parkland, golf courses, and conservation lands, the largest of which includes the Proud Lake State Recreation Area. The Township's many small to mid-sized lakes are also a significant natural amenity.

As shown in the Regional Setting Map, the Charter Township of Commerce is bordered by: White Lake Township to the north; Milford Township to the west; the Village of Wolverine Lake and Cities of Wixom, Novi and Walled Lake to the south; and West Bloomfield Township to the east. The major transportation arteries in the area include I-96, I-275, I-696 and M-5, which extends into the Township from the south. These highways effectively connect Commerce Township with the rest of the Detroit Metropolitan Area.





# Planning Process



This section of the Master Plan provides a general description of the planning and public input process used for the Commerce Township Five-Year Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan.

## Background Studies

Data collection and fieldwork for the background studies began in the Summer of 2018. Various sources were utilized to gather the most up-to-date information including: Township staff, the previous Commerce Township Recreation Plan, the Airline Trail Master Plan, Oakland County Trails Master Plan, governmental and organizational websites, and field observations.

The Community Description includes a brief introduction to the Township, the jurisdiction of the Plan and the focus of the Plan.

The Administrative Structure chapter of the Plan describes how recreation is governed and operated within the Township. This includes information gathered from the Township outlining staff responsibilities, the function of the Parks and Recreation Director, and a fiscal analysis (as it relates to recreation) of the last few years.

The Inventory chapter provides an inventory of the recreation facilities within Commerce Township. This information was collected through a field survey conducted in May and June of 2018. The location of each facility was described and mapped, as well as the various programs, activities, and events offered throughout the Township. The chapter also identifies public school, regional, and private recreation facilities in and around Commerce Township.

The Community Description, Inventory, and Administrative Structure chapters were presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at their November 26, 2018 meeting for review and revisions.



## Basis For Action

The Basis For Action section of the Master Plan analyzes factors inside and outside of the Township that may have an affect on the direction of recreation over the next five years. This portion of the plan provides the rationale for the goals, guidelines and priority capital improvements. Several factors were analyzed including current national trends, comparison to other similar sized communities (national data), service area gaps, existing plans and reports, and results of input gathered at a public workshop and online opinion survey. The draft “Basis For Action” was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their review and discussion at their November 26, 2018 meeting.

## Online Opinion Survey

An online parks, recreation and trails opinion survey was developed using the parks survey done in 2013 as a beginning. The survey went live on August 20, 2018 and was open until September 28, 2018. The availability of the survey was published on the Township website, distributed via email, posted to the Township Facebook page, and flyer’s were hung at the Richardson Center and Township Hall. In total, 340 people participated in the survey. A summary of the results of the online survey is provided in Appendix A.

## Public Workshop

The Township and Parks and Recreation Committee hosted a public workshop on September 18, 2018 to brainstorm ideas and identify priorities for the next 5 years. Approximately 15 people attended the workshop held at the Richardson Center. Participants brainstormed ideas that were then documented on flip charts throughout the room. Attendees placed sticker dots (3 per person) next to the items they believed were their highest priority. Attendees also noted on a large map their top 3 destinations they do/would like to walk or bike to in the Township.

## Action Plan

The Action Plan section of the Master Plan outlines the direction that the Township would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve recreation opportunities within the community. The Action Plan includes goals and guidelines as well as a capital improvements schedule. The Committee reviewed and discussed the goals, objectives and capital improvement priorities at their November 26 and December 17, 2018 meetings. Comments were noted and edits made prior to the draft being made available for public review. The Non-Motorized System Map and Action Plan section was reviewed with Township staff in December as well as a sub-

committee comprised of representatives of Township staff, Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board in January 2019 in order to have a broad discussion and overview.

## Public Hearing

A full draft Five-Year Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their review and discussion on December 17, 2018. Discussion was focused on the Action Plan section. The Committee agreed with the general direction and overall goals related to the Non-Motorized elements, but requested the Non-Motorized System Plan be reviewed by a subcommittee prior to release to the public in order to discuss in more detail.

The draft Master Plan was then made available for public review on January 25, 2019. Hard copies of the draft Plan were available at the Township Hall and the Ralph C. Richardson Center. A digital copy was posted to the Township website. A notice was published in the Oakland Press on January 25, 2019 and posted on the Township website, Facebook page and in Township Hall and the Ralph C. Richardson Center, making people aware of the draft Plan and public hearing.

A public hearing on the draft Five-Year Master Plan was held in front of the Parks and Recreation Committee on February 25, 2019 at the Township Hall.

A summary of comments and discussion at the public hearing are included in the Appendix.

## Adoption

The Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee adopted the Parks, Recreation and Trail Master Plan by Resolution at their regular meeting on February 25, 2019.

The Commerce Township Board of Trustees adopted the Parks, Recreation and Trail Master Plan by Resolution at their regular meeting on March 12, 2019.

# Administrative Structure



This section describes how recreational activities and resources are governed and administered within the Charter Township of Commerce. The function of the various entities with recreation responsibilities and the overall administrative hierarchy of the Township is outlined. Additionally, Township expenditure and revenue trends are summarized.

Public Act 156 of 1917 authorizes cities, villages, counties, townships, and school districts to operate local recreation facilities and recreation systems. The Act states that a city, village, county or township may operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds, acquire, equip and maintain land, buildings or other recreation facilities, employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants and vote and expend funds for the operation of systems.

## Township Board

The ultimate authority for the provision of recreation in the Township is held by the seven member Township Board including the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four Trustees. The Township Board approves the recreation budget, appoints and supervises the activities of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and oversees the activities of the Senior Services/Parks and Recreation Department. Additionally, the Township Board is responsible for the long-term recreation vision within the Township through the adoption of a 5-year Recreation Master Plan.

## Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee consists of seven members, one of which is a Township Board member while the remainder are citizens appointed by the Township Board. The Committee has three officers, a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The Committee plays an important role in the long-term recreational vision within the Township by overseeing the development of a 5-Year Master Plan and providing a recommendation for adoption to the Board. Working within the annual budget, the Committee provides recommendations to the Township Board for recreational activities including capital expenditures, athletic



league programming, senior programming, maintenance activities and other projects and initiatives that are undertaken each year.

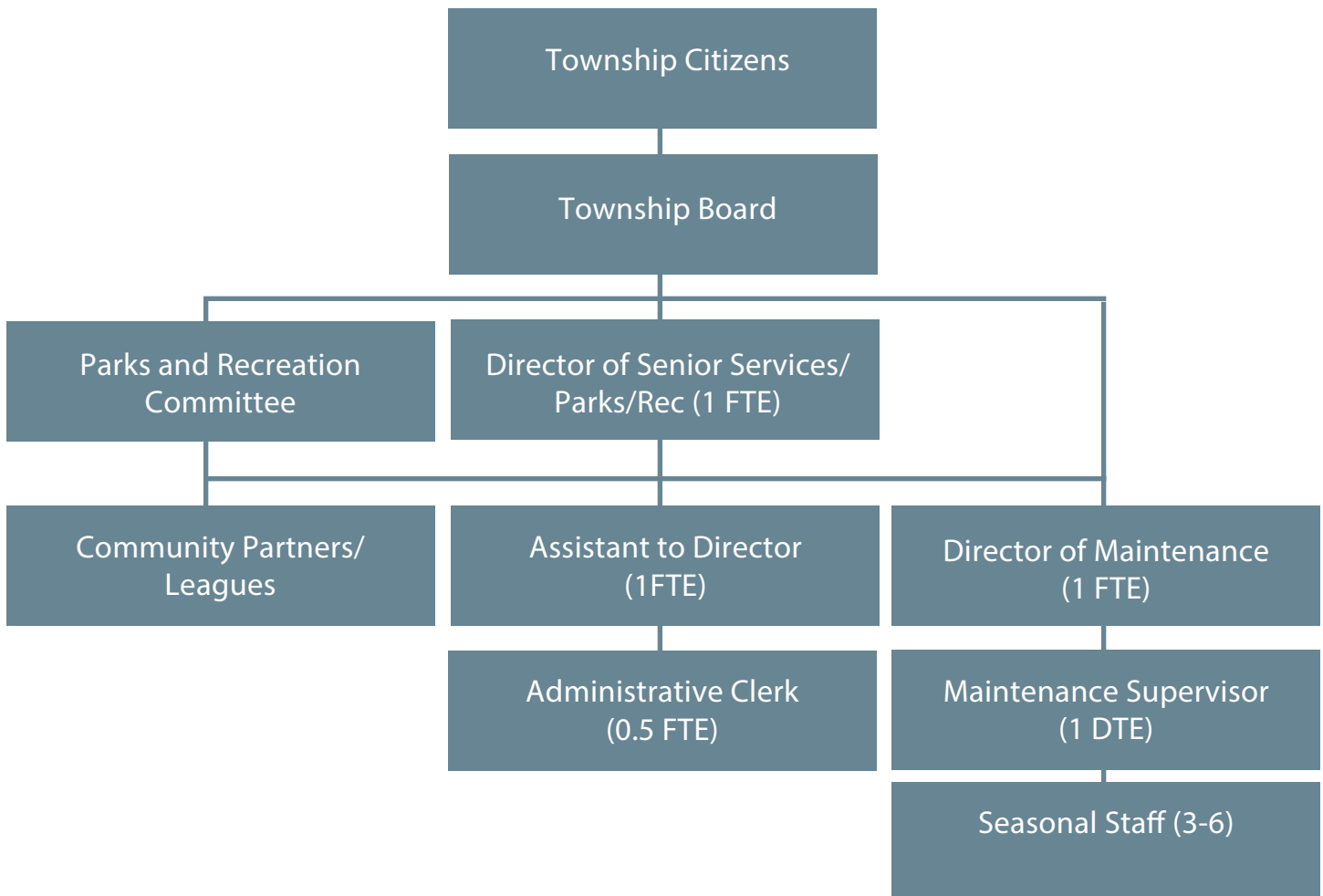
## Senior Services/Parks and Recreation Director

To manage day-to-day recreational activities, the Township has a Senior Services/Parks and Recreation Director to serve under the Township Board and assist the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Director is responsible for the following activities:

- Serves as facilitator for the various sports leagues operating within the Township including coordination of league locations;
- Coordinate the use of multiple recreation facilities;
- Recommends land, facility expansions and additional needs to the Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board;
- Works closely with maintenance personnel to ensure park maintenance;
- Develops and coordinates the various senior services offered within the Township;

- Staffs the Ralph C. Richardson Center; and,
- Monitors and administers the Township’s Recreation Fund.

The Director reports to the Township Supervisor and serves as technical staff for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Other staff members include an Assistant to Director, Administrative Clerk (part-time), Director of Maintenance, Maintenance Supervisor, and three to six additional seasonal maintenance staff (one full-time and two part-time). Although the maintenance staff work with the Senior Services/Parks and Recreation Director, they report directly to the Township Supervisor.



## Fiscal Analysis

The provision of recreation within Commerce Township is funded through two primary means: the Township's General Fund (property tax revenues); and the Park Improvement and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage. To a lesser extent, the provision of recreation is also supported by donations and grants. The following Table details the parks and recreation revenues and expenditures within Commerce Township for 2016 through 2018.

The revenues received from the Park Improvement and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage are designated for recreation capital improvements and acquisition, along with related expenses. Millage Funds can not be expended on "General" expenditures such as salaries, maintenance, etc. For the 2016 through 2018 fiscal years, the millage resulted in revenues between \$638,000 to \$700,000 each year. The millage revenue has been rebounding over the past several years as property values have risen. Interest and dividends from the fund and donations have supplemented the total millage revenues. In 2016, the Township expended approximately \$164,000 of the millage fund on capital purchases and other expenses. In 2017, millage expenditures significantly increased due to the renovations and expansion of the Ralph C. Richardson Center.

The Township's day-to-day recreational operations are funded through the Township's General Fund (property tax revenues). These expenditures include salaries and benefits for staff, operating expenses for the Ralph C. Richardson Center, equipment maintenance, building and grounds maintenance, Board fees and contractual services. The Township's General Recreation Expenditures have risen over the past three years by approximately \$100,000 primarily reflecting additional staff and increasing medical insurance costs.



**Parks and Recreation  
Revenues & Expenditures**

	2016	2017	2018
<b>REVENUES</b>			
From Millage:			
Voted Millage	\$ 638,039.00	\$ 676,354.00	\$ 699,508.00
Misc. Income	\$ 2.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and Dividends	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Concert in the Park Donations	\$ 3,291.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
MTT Changes	\$ (1,294.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes	\$ 15,251.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 663,489.00</b>	<b>\$ 685,354.00</b>	<b>\$ 708,508.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER IN GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 417,806.00</b>	<b>\$ 485,906.00</b>	<b>\$ 514,207.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Millage Expenditures:			
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Concert in the Park	\$ 9,120.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 12,000.00
Capital Purchases	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 187,000.00
Consultants	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
<b>Sub-Total Millage Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 164,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,908,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 241,000.00</b>
General Expenditures From General Fund:			
Salaries/Wages	\$ 190,956.00	\$ 230,901.00	\$ 270,632.00
Contracted Office Help	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 20,384.00	\$ 20,384.00
Board Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Payed Time Off Payout	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Medical Insurance	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 40,659.00	\$ 43,434.00
Dental Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,479.00	\$ 3,582.00
Pension Contribution	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 21,924.00	\$ 23,271.00
Life Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 400.00
Disability Insurance	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 1,800.00
Social Security Benefits (FICA)	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 17,757.00	\$ 20,704.00
Medical Opt Out Payments	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Vision Insurance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Telephone Service	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Electric Service	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Heating Service	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Water/Sewer Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Capital Layout	\$ 40,200.00	\$ 43,650.00	\$ 16,800.00
<b>Sub-Total General Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 417,806.00</b>	<b>\$ 485,906.00</b>	<b>\$ 514,207.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 581,926.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,394,606.00</b>	<b>\$ 755,207.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES + GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1,081,295.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,715.00</b>
<b>REVENUES/GF VS EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 499,369.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,223,346.00)</b>	<b>\$ 467,508.00</b>

# Inventory



Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events is an essential component of a Master Plan. This chapter of the plan provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to the residents of Commerce Township is an important step in the future decision-making process.

This portion of the plan includes several components. The first component is a description of the recreation facilities and programs that Commerce Township owns and operates. Recreation, social and cultural facilities located within the Township, but owned and operated by outside agencies such as the public school district, were also inventoried. A description of regional recreation facilities is also provided. The facilities inventory is followed by an assessment of the barrier-free compliance status of Township-owned park facilities. Lastly, this chapter includes a description of the facilities that were partially or completely acquired and/or developed using recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

## Commerce Township Parks

In total, Commerce Township owns and operates 12 public parks encompassing more than 1200 acres of land. The location of each of Commerce Townships parks is shown on the Inventory Map. Each park is designated as having a particular functional classification, based on a system developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The three functional park classifications include Community Park, Neighborhood Park and Mini-Park. Community parks are designed to serve a large population base and meet community-wide recreation needs. Neighborhood parks are the basic unit of the park system and serve as the recreational and social focus of a particular neighborhood. Mini-parks are intended to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs within a small area.

## Commerce Township Recreation Facilities

Community Parks	Acres
Byers Homestead Park	2.32
Dodge Park	112.75
Hickory Glen Park	152.76
Long Nature Park	117.51
Maple Glen Park	115.12
Richardson Park/Center	78.35
Wise Woods	266.98
Victory Park	334.25
Snowy Ridge Park	3.48
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>	
Bicentennial Park	9.75
<b>Mini-Parks</b>	
Mill Race Park	8.23
<b>Total Park Acreage</b>	<b>1,201.50</b>

In order to collect the most up-to-date facility information for each of the parks, a field survey was conducted in May 2018. The results of the survey are compiled into a table which provides a comprehensive inventory of the parks and various facilities within each park.

**Commerce Township Grant History and Park Property Encumbrances**

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. The recreation grant history was obtained from the MDNR, Grants Management Division and noted on each park property profile sheet. Complete post-inspection completion forms for each of the parks that have received MDNR funding are included in the appendix.

**Barrier Free Status of Commerce Township Parks**

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodation became subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs. To evaluate the status of the existing public parks and recreation facilities owned by Commerce Township, each was inventoried for their accessibility status (as defined by the MDNR) during a field survey conducted in May 2018. Each facility was given a rating of 1 through 5 with the following MDNR definitions:

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines;
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines;
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines;
4. Entire park meets guidelines; and,
5. Entire park was developed/renovated using principals of universal design.

A profile summary of each Township-owned park is included on the following pages.

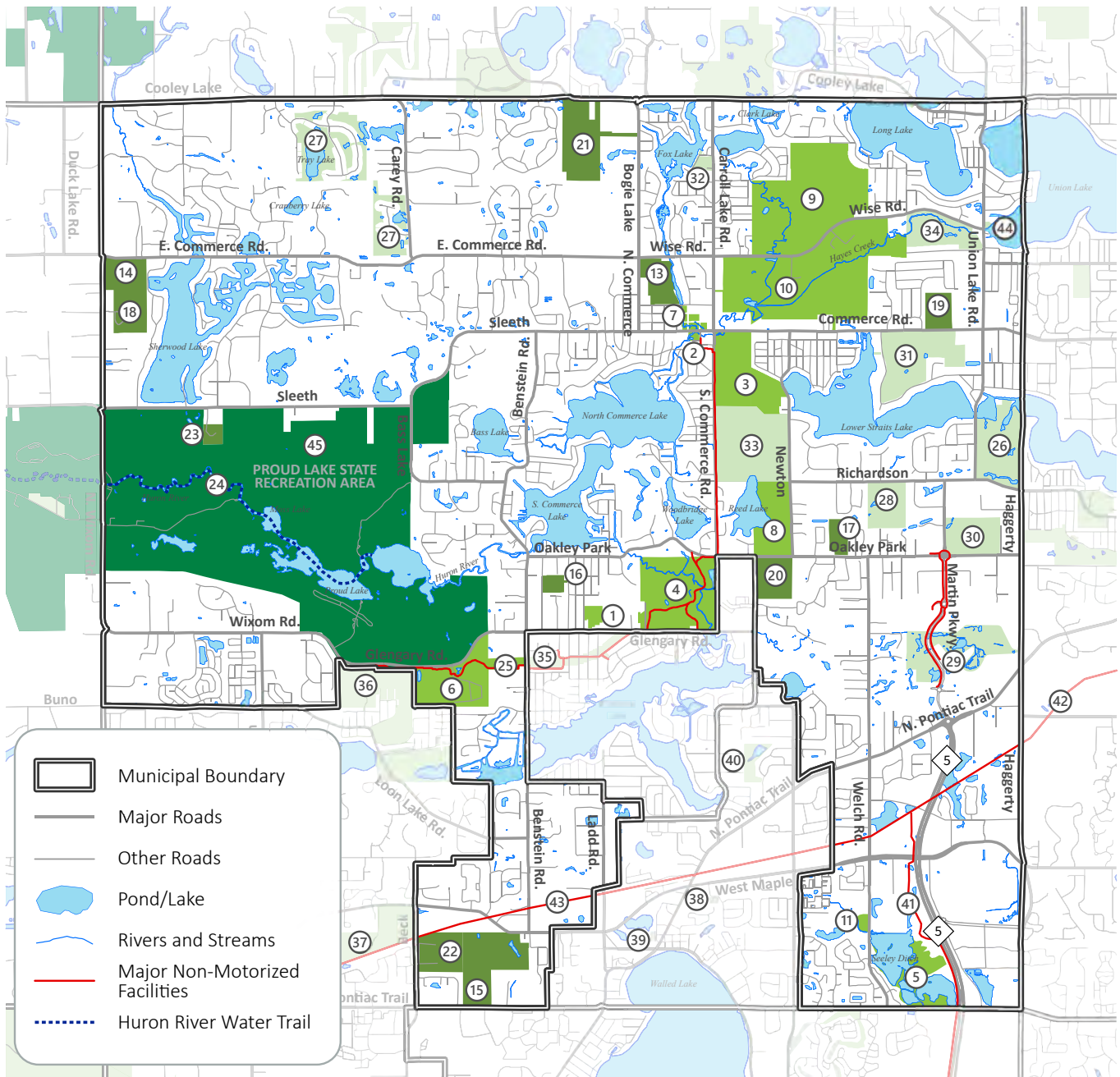
<b>Name</b>	<b>Accessibility Rating</b>
Byers Homestead Park	2
Dodge Park	3
Hickory Glen Park	3
Long Nature Park	3
Maple Glen Park	3
Richardson Park/Center	3
Wise Woods	1
Victory Park	1
Snowy Ridge Park	3
Bicentennial Park	3
Mill Race Park	1
Union Lake Pocket Park	3



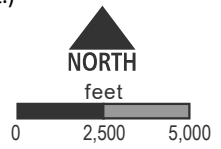
Commerce Township  
Inventory

Map ID	Name	Acre or Miles	Parking Area	Porta Johns	Outdoor Concessions	Outdoor Lighting	Storage Facility	Gymnasium	Ball Field	Soccer Field	Football Field	Sand Volleyball Court	Tennis Court	Basketball Hoop	Ball Shoot Court	Playscape	Swing Set	Trails / Walking Track	Fishing	Horseshoe Pit	Bleachers	Picnic Tables	Pavilions / Gazebo	Grill	Park Bench	Bike Rack	Seating Hill	Bathing Cage	Comments					
<b>Township Parks</b>																																		
1	Bicentennial Park	9.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	2		2	2	2	1	1				Y	Y	1	1	Y					Tennis courts not usable					
2	Byers Homestead Park	2.32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y													Y	Y		Y	Y				Historic home/barn; porta john only					
3	Dodge Park 5	112.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2						2	2	Y	Y			Y	Y	4	4	Y	2								
4	Hickory Glen Park	152.76	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7			1				1		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	1	Y	1		2		2 full-size bleachers at football field					
5	Robert H. Long Nature Park	117.51	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											Y	Y		Y	Y	1	5	Y									
6	Maple Glen Park	115.12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15									2	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	Y			2		Newer play equipment					
7	Mill Race Park	8.23	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y											Y	Y		Y	Y		Y										
8	Richardson Park/Community Center	78.35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1		1						2	1	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y						Nature trail, newly renovated indoor mtg rooms, kitchen				
9	Wise Woods	266.98																																
10	Victory Park	334.25																																
11	Snowy Ridge Park	3.48	Y																															
TOTALS									23	5	1	3	2	2	8	5			1			6	12		3				4					
<b>School Facilities</b>																																		
13	Commerce Elementary	37.43	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	2					4	1	2																	
14	Country Oaks Elementary	40.44	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1						6	2	2				Y													
15	Geisler Middle	97.89	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	1	1				4																			
16	Glengary Elementary	10.94	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2						1	2	2																	
17	Oakley Park Elementary	18.41	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1		1				6	1	3	3							Y	1								
18	Oak Valley Middle	40.01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	1	1				2										Y									
19	Smart Middle	27.59	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	2	1				2						Y													
20	Walled Lake Central High	45.33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	2	1				8						Y	Y										Indoor pool, auditorium, synthetic field		
21	Walled Lake Northern High	87.74	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	4	1				8						Y	Y										Indoor pool, fine arts center, synthetic field		
22	Walled Lake Western High	51.61	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4	2	1				8						Y	Y										Indoor pool, auditorium, synthetic field		
23	Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center	11.32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						2							Y	Y									Adventure challenge course, yurt			
TOTALS									20	18	6	1	24	26	3	8	9														1			
<b>NonMotorized Trail Systems</b>																																		
24	Huron River Water Trail	12.8 mi																																
25	Lakes Community Trail	3.19 mi																																
44	Michigan Airline Trail	5.36 mi																																Construction in 2019
42	M-5 Trail	2.29 mi																																
	Sidewalk/Side Path System	32.43 mi																																
	Park Paths																																	

MP = Mini Park; NP = Neighborhood Park; CP = Community Park; LP = Linear Park; Y = Yes  
Source: livingLAB field survey, May 2018



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| <p><b>Commerce Township Parks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bicentennial Park</li> <li>2. Byers Homestead Park</li> <li>3. Dodge Park</li> <li>4. Hickory Glen Park</li> <li>5. Long Nature Park</li> <li>6. Maple Glen Park</li> <li>7. Mill Race Park</li> <li>8. Richardson Park/Community Center</li> <li>9. Wise Woods</li> <li>10. Victory Park</li> <li>11. Snowy Ridge Park</li> </ol> <p><b>Public School Facilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Commerce Elementary School</li> <li>14. Country Oaks Elementary School</li> <li>15. Geisler Middle School</li> <li>16. Glengary Elementary School</li> <li>17. Oakley Park Elementary School</li> <li>18. Oak Valley Middle School</li> </ol> | <p><b>Public School Facilities (cont.)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. Smart Middle School</li> <li>20. Walled Lake Central High School</li> <li>21. Walled Lake Northern High School</li> <li>22. Walled Lake Western High School</li> <li>23. Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center</li> </ol> <p><b>Other Recreational Facilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24. Huron River Water Trail</li> <li>25. Lakes Community Trail</li> <li>26. Bay Pointe Golf Club</li> <li>27. Beacon Hill Country Club</li> <li>28. Birmingham Gun Club</li> <li>29. Commerce Commons</li> <li>30. Detroit Gun Club</li> <li>31. Edgewood Country Club</li> <li>32. Fox Lake Park</li> <li>33. Multi-Lakes Conservation Club</li> <li>34. Union Lake Golf Club</li> </ol> | <p><b>Other Rereational Facilities (cont.)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35. Clara Miller Park</li> <li>36. Gilbert Willis Park</li> <li>37. Gunnar Mettala Park</li> <li>38. Marshal Taylor Mini-Park</li> <li>39. Riley Park</li> <li>40. Sims Park</li> <li>41. M-5 Trail</li> <li>42. West Bloomfield Rail Trail</li> <li>43. Commerce-Walled Lake-Wixom Trail</li> <li>44. DNR Boat Launch (2019)</li> </ol> <p><b>MDNR Facilities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45. Proud Lake State Recreation Area</li> </ol> |
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**PARKS  
INVENTORY  
MAP**

**COMMERCE  
TOWNSHIP**

**5-YEAR PARKS &  
RECREATION  
MASTER PLAN  
2019 - 2023**



# Bicentennial Park

2840 Fisher

Classification:	Neighborhood Park
Acres:	9.75
MDNR Accessibility Rating:	3
MDNR Grants:	LW 26-00880 (1977) LW 26-01060 T2 (1978)

Bicentennial Park is located north of Glengary Road, behind the former Township Hall Building on Fisher Avenue. Developed for recreational purposes in 1976, during the year of the U.S. Bicentennial, this park features a variety of active recreational facilities- although most are in fair to poor condition. Amenities include one ball field, one soccer field, two sand volleyball courts, two tennis courts (not currently usable due to condition), one basketball court and one horseshoe pit. Facilities for younger children include a playscape, swingset and slide. One pavilion is available, along with picnic tables, grills and a porta-john.

### *Grant Status:*

Grants received in the late 1970's were for the shelter/storage building, tennis court fencing, playground, and boundary fence. Shelter/storage building is still used although showing signs of age. Tennis courts are no longer usable due to age. A master plan for improvements to the park are planned in the coming years. A cell tower conversion was resolved in 2016.





# Byers Homestead Park

213 Commerce Road

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 2.32  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 2

The historically significant Byers Homestead Park is a small park located on the south side of Commerce Road and situated along the Huron River. The property was first settled in 1825 by Abram Walrod, the first European settler in Commerce Township. Many of the historic buildings remain on the site including the primary residence that was built in 1849. The Byers homestead site was listed on the State register of historic sites on May 28, 1977. The Friends of Byers formed in 1995 in recognition of the need to protect the homestead for future generations to enjoy.

In 1998, Commerce Township purchased the property for preservation as a historic and recreational community amenity. The Friends group works closely with the Township to coordinate the preservation and maintenance of the grounds, conduct community events and assist with fundraising for maintenance and preservation.

Facilities at the park include the primary residence, barn, duck barn, pantry, storage barn, outhouse, picnic tables, benches, walking path, porta-john and a wooden bridge over the Huron River. The park also hosts a number of events throughout the year such as vintage market, Halloween boo bash, pictures with Santa and the Easter bunny, etc.





# Dodge Park 5

180 Commerce Rd  
4380 S Commerce Rd

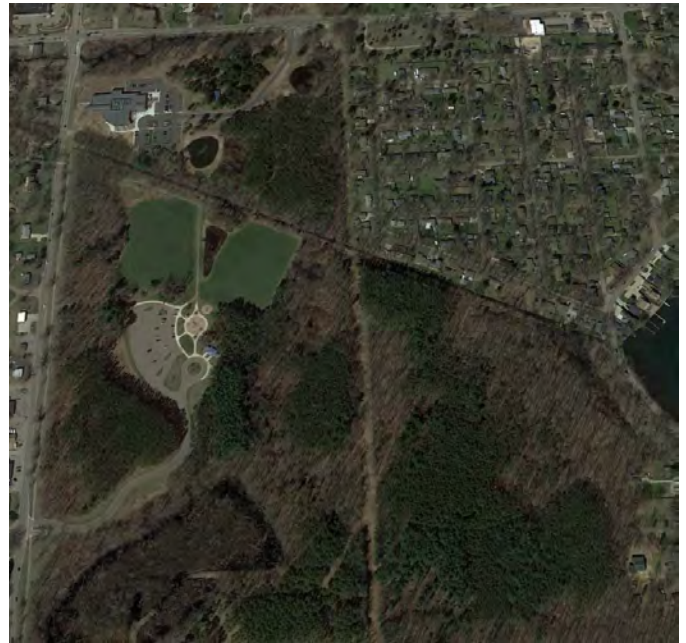
Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 112.75  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 3

Dodge Park is a community park at the southeast corner of Commerce Road and South Commerce Road. The park was donated by the Dodge family to the State and became part of the State Park system. During the 1930's, workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) participated in a tree planting program at the park, portions of which are still present today. In the 1990's, Commerce Township purchased the park from the State for preservation as a park site.

A significant project that added an access road, parking area, 2 soccer fields, pavilions, play equipment, picnic tables and grills to the south side of the park was completed in 2009. CW3 soccer maintains the soccer fields. The project was completed as part of a larger vision for the property as was documented in the 2006 master plan. The park is also the home of special events such as summer concerts and movies.

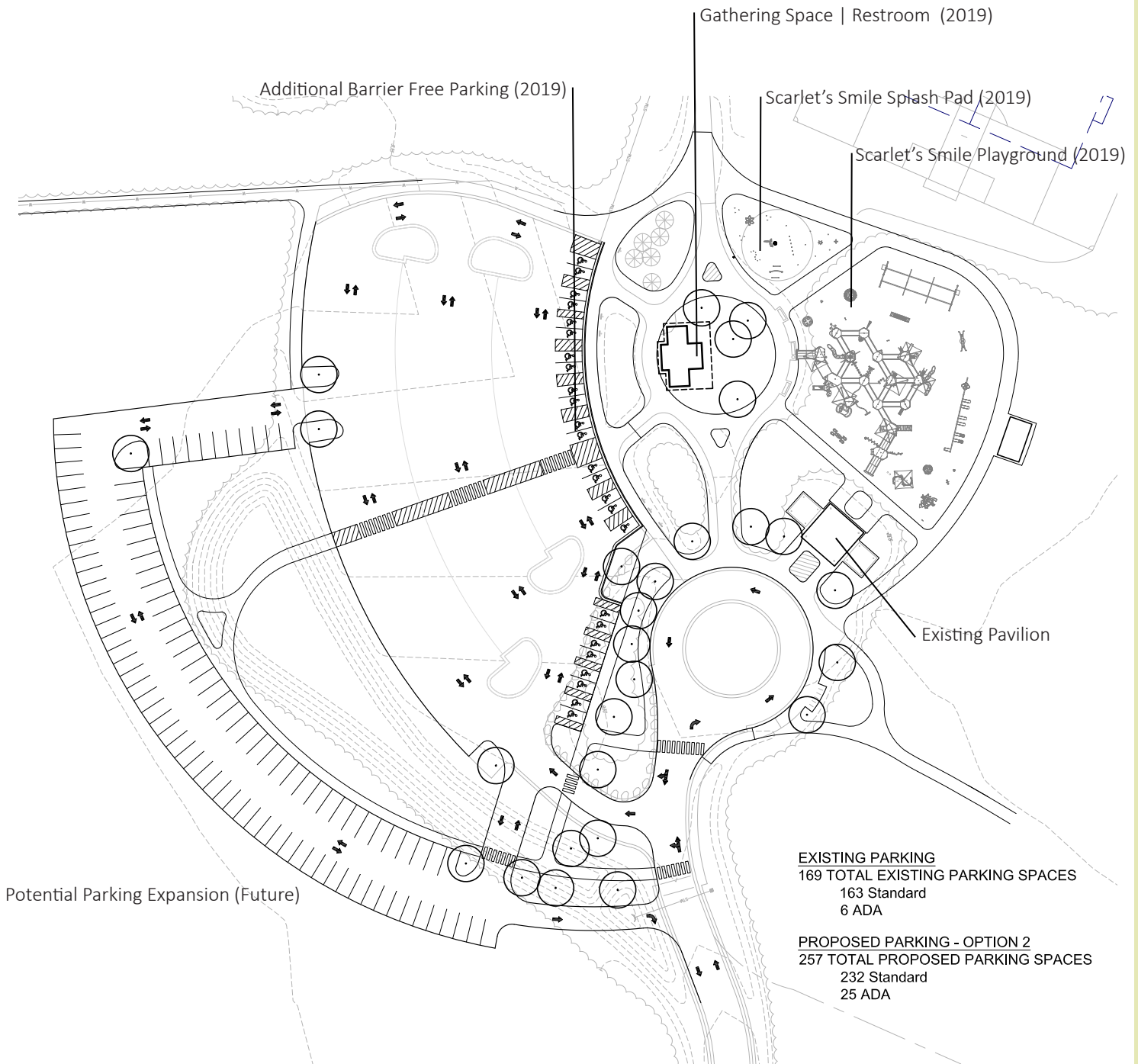
The new, 35,000 square foot Commerce Township Library was opened in 2017 in the northwest portion of the property. Near the library there is open space, bike racks, dog waste stations, a picnic pavilion, a new footbridge and trails connecting to the southern portion of Dodge Park.

As is illustrated on the Dodge Park 2018 Conceptual Layout Plan, in 2019/2020, several additional amenities and facilities are planned at Dodge Park including a third soccer field (built and maintained by CW3), a universally accessible playground and splash pad (to be built by the Scarlet's Smile Foundation), as well as a restroom/changing room building. Additional parking is being considered in future years if deemed necessary with the additional facilities.



# Dodge Park Conceptual Layout Plan 2018

Amendment to 2004 Concept Plan





## Commerce Township Library (Opened 2017)





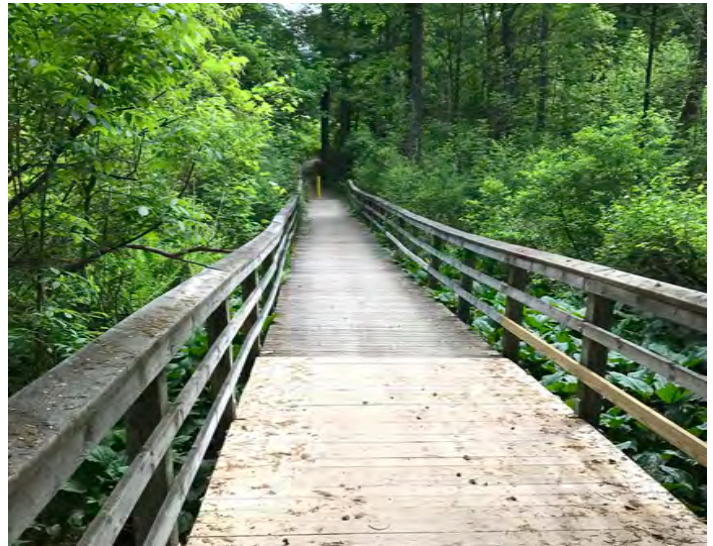
# Hickory Glen Park

610 Glengary Road

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 152.76  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 3

Hickory Glen Park is located on the north side of Glengary Road in the central portion of the Township. The community park is both an active and passive park with many sporting facilities, including seven mid- to full-sized ball diamonds and one full size football stadium. Bleachers and dugouts are found at each ball field with a grandstand, concession stand, restrooms, and scoreboard at the football stadium. Working in conjunction with the Township, the Lakes Athletic Association maintains the ball diamonds while the Hawks Youth Football League maintains the football stadium. Other facilities at the park include play equipment, picnic tables, grills, benches and a concession building.

The Motor City Mountain Bike Association has built and maintains numerous mountain bike trails within the park. The Lakes Community Trail extends through the park, providing opportunities for walking, jogging and biking. The trail also provides a link between Hickory Glen Park and other recreation facilities within the area. A long-term Master Plan for the park was developed in 2011. The log cabin at the southwest corner of the park is leased out and not available.









# Robert H. Long

## Nature Park 40900 14 Mile Rd

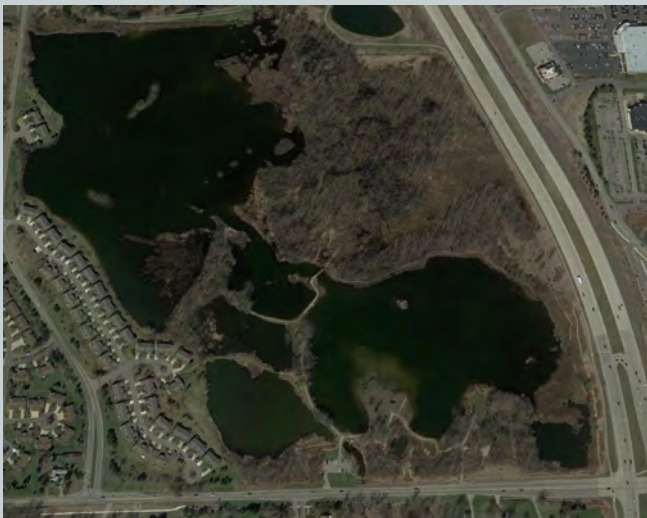
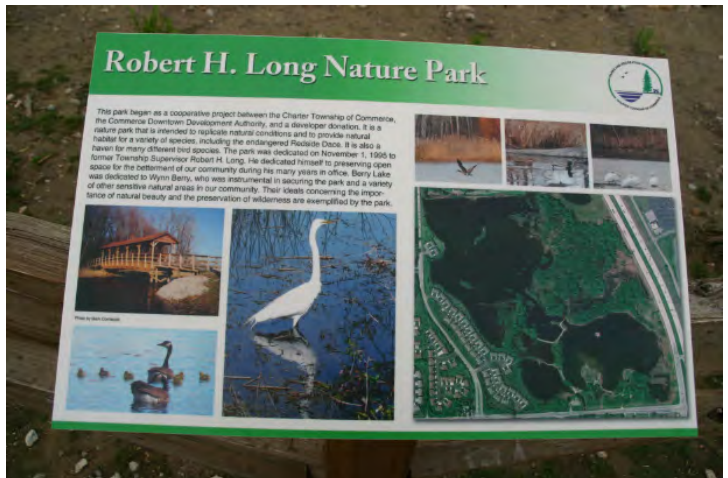
Classification:	Community Park
Acres:	117.51
MDNR Accessibility Rating:	3
MDNR Grants:	TF91-045 TF91-196

The Robert H. Long Nature Park is located on the northeast corner of 14 Mile Road and M-5 in the southeast corner of the Township. This nature park affords citizens access to a wetland habitat and offers opportunity for the enjoyment of nature and wildlife. Dedicated in 1995, the park was a cooperative project between Commerce Township, the Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and a private developer donation.

A major feature of this park is a handicapped accessible crushed limestone trail that encircles Berry Lake. A covered bridge connects the north and south sides of the trail. Other amenities include fishing docks, a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, grills and benches. The M-5 Trail traverses along the east side of the park.

### Grant Status:

Grants received in the early 1990s were for acquisition of 7 acres and development of trails, dam, parking, picnic area, etc. All facilities remain usable and open to the public.



# Maple Glen Park

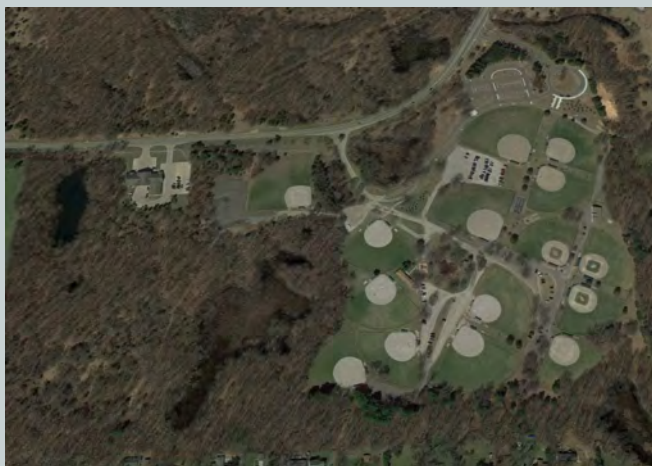
2355 Glengary Road

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 115.12  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 3

Located on the south side of Glengary Road, in the south central portion of Commerce Township, Maple Glen Park was purchased in the 1960s and has since been developed primarily for baseball and softball purposes. Currently, two leagues call the park home: Interlakes Girls Softball League and Commerce Little League. Through generous donations, the two leagues have constructed a total of 15 ball fields of various sizes and provide field maintenance. Related amenities include outdoor bathrooms, concessions, maintenance building, play equipment, bleachers, picnic tables, grills, benches and a batting cage. The Lakes Community Trail travels through the park from east to west.


A long-term master plan was developed for Maple Glen Park in 2011 with a focus on adding an additional ingress/egress, organizing parking, adding additional ballfields, developing soccer fields, improving pedestrian circulation and wayfinding and related amenities. The finger of property on the eastern side of the park is slated for cemetery expansion.


In 2016, a second ingress/egress, parking lot and trail connections were built in the northeast portion of the park.








  
 Commerce Township


  
**Maple Glen Park**
  
 Conceptual Park Plan



# Mill Race Park

360 Commerce Road

Classification: Mini Park  
Acres: 8.23  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 1  
MDNR Grants: TF878 (1984)

Mill Race Park is located on the north side of Commerce Road across from Byers Homestead Park. Mill Race Park is a State Registered Historical Site, formerly occupied by the Commerce Roller Mill. The property was in the original plat- ted village in 1825. The Commerce Roller Mill was built in 1837 and operated for 90 years, serving the farming commu- nities within the area. Processing flour and ground feed for livestock, the mill served as the center of commercial activity in the Township for many years. The site was purchased by the Township for recreational purposes in 1984.

Used primarily as a passive open space area and interpretive site, with a picnic table and an internal trail network with two bridges crossing the Huron River headwaters. Parking exists behind the Mill Race Shopping Center, on Carroll Lake Road as well as informal parking along Commerce Road.

#### *Grant Status:*

Grant was received in 1984 to purchase 4 acres. All facilities remain usable and open to the public.





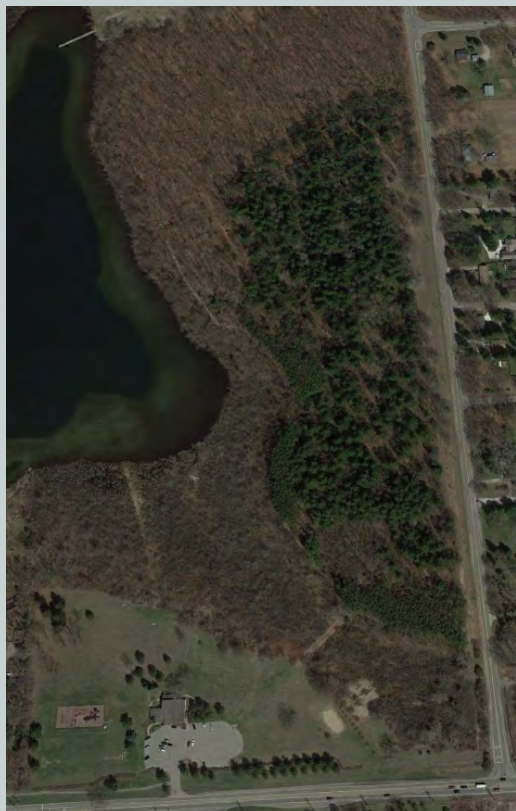
# Ralph C. Richardson

## Park/Center 1485 E Oakley Park Rd

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 78.35  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 3

The Ralph C. Richardson Community Center and Park is a focal point for recreation activity within Commerce Township. The park and community center is located on the northwest corner of Oakley Park Road and Newton Road. The majority of the park site is wooded open space and unique prairie, accessed by nature trails. Outdoor facilities include one small soccer field, sand volleyball court, two playscapes, swings, horseshoe pit, picnic tables, grills and benches.

The Community Center was significantly renovated in 2017 and 2018. The multi-purpose facility is used as a senior center and by residents and organizations for special events on a rental basis for weddings, gatherings, etc.. Senior activities and programs are held at the center throughout the year, such as cards and lunches. A new, large, outdoor patio overlooks the rear portion of the park.



# Snowy Ridge Park

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 3.48  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: 3

Snowy Ridge Park is located on the west side of Welch Road just south of the Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. The park was opened in 2013 and includes the area's only sled hill and an associated parking area.





# Victory Park

9061 Wise Road

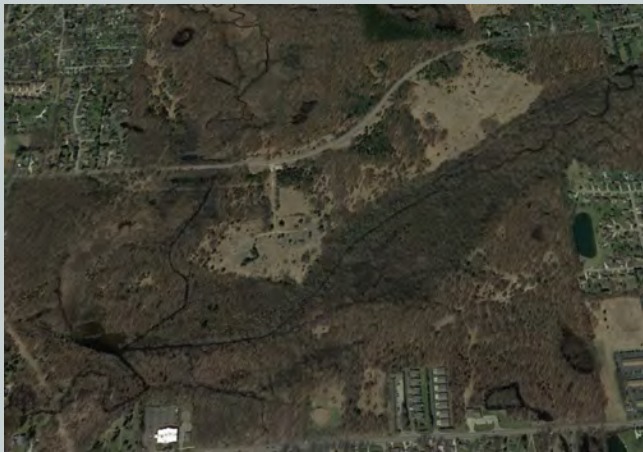
Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 334.25  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: N/A

The Township acquired Wise Woods and Victory Park from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2012. The Township purchased the property from the State to be used for public outdoor recreation. The southern portion of the property, previously known as the Proud Lake Recreation Area- East Unit, was partially used in the 1950s as a Nike missile base by the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Township subsequently named the portion of the property south of Wise Road, Victory Park. The southern portion includes woods, the former Nike missile site, open fields, streams, wetlands and informal trails.

Deed restrictions focus on conservation and wildlife habitat protection with active, outdoor recreation facilities permitted in and around the former Nike missile area on the south parcel. Parks millage money was instrumental in obtaining ownership of the property.

A long-term master plan was developed for the Wise Woods/Victory Park property in 2014 with a focus on passive recreation and trails throughout both properties with more active recreation in Victory Park including a large pavilion with restrooms, parking, dog park, soccer fields, open space, playground and splash pad.





# Wise Woods

9061 Wise Road

Classification: Community Park  
Acres: 266.98  
MDNR Accessibility Rating: N/A

The Township acquired Wise Woods and Victory Park from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2012. The Township purchased the property from the State to be used for public outdoor recreation.

The Township subsequently named the portion of property north of Wise Road, Wise Woods. The north portion of the park is undeveloped with woods, streams, wetlands and informal trails.

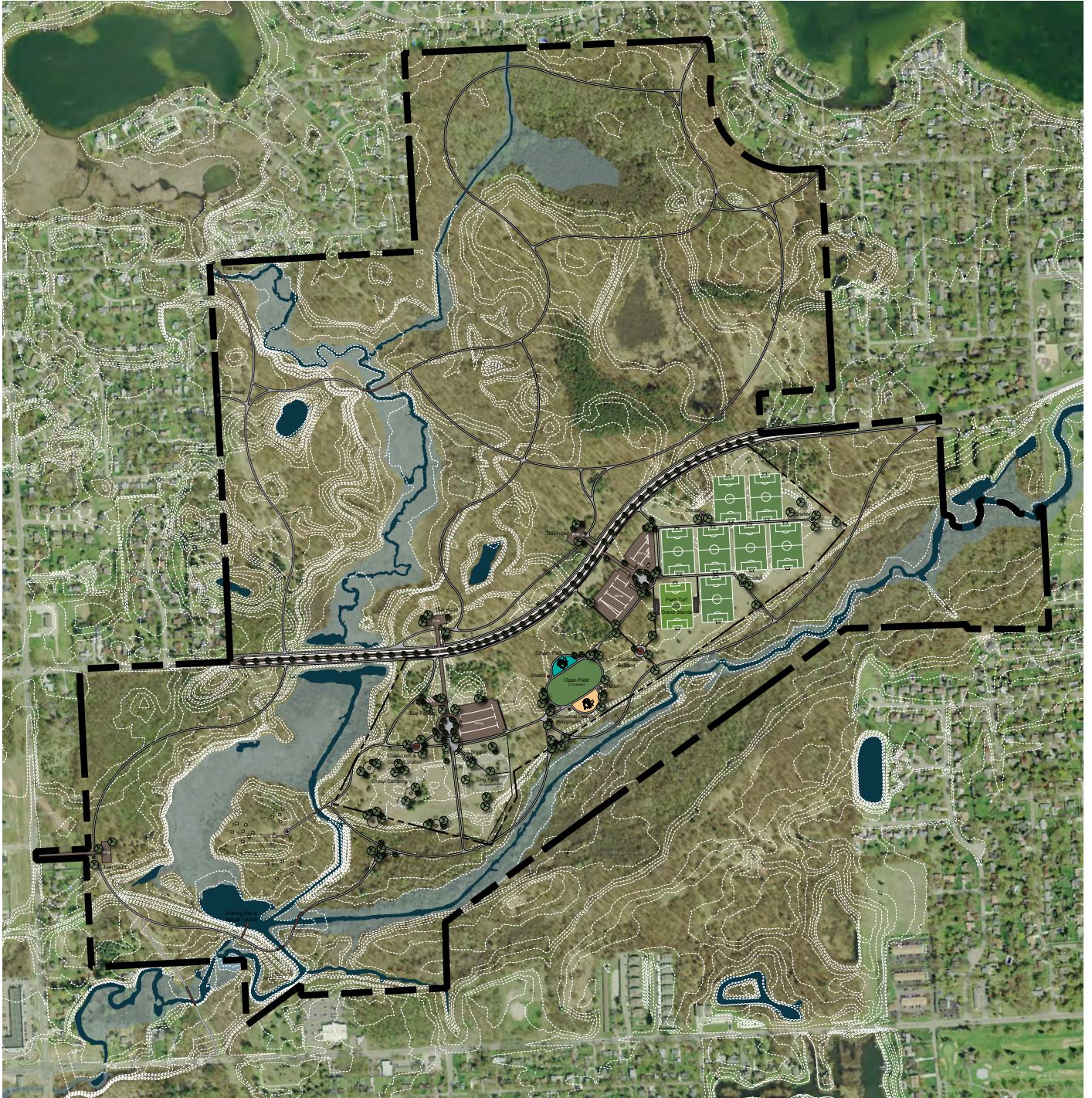
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## Wise Woods and Victory Park Concept Plan 2014





## Township Recreation Programs and Partners

The Charter Township of Commerce, in conjunction with several recreational leagues, offers a variety of programs and services for the citizens of the Township and region. A description of these programs and the various recreational leagues is provided on the following pages.

### Senior Programs

Senior citizen activities are offered throughout the year, primarily at the Ralph C. Richardson Center. Some of the senior activities include:

- Computer lab
- Bingo
- Yoga
- Cards
- Knit, crochet and sewing
- Blood pressure clinics
- Hearing evaluation
- Woodcarving
- Soup, sandwich and movie day
- Art

Transportation services are offered to seniors and those with disabilities to/from the Richardson Center, doctors, malls, grocery, banks, etc. Senior luncheons are held Monday- Friday at the Richardson Center. Each month, a free theme luncheon, such as western or baseball, is offered to seniors. The Township organizes day trips and extended trips for seniors throughout the year.

### Concert in the Park

The Township organizes a family friendly Concert in the Park event. It will be held 8 times in 2019. Previous years, it was held at Dodge Park but may move to other parks in the Township. Events include music, face painting, food vendors and more. Concerts are held in June, July and August.

### Commerce Little League

Active for more than 65 years, the Commerce Little League uses and maintains baseball fields at Maple Glen Park. The league offers both a fall and spring baseball and tee-ball season to youth between the ages of 5 and 14. The league is headed by a Board of Directors which meets monthly.

### Lakes Athletic Association

The Lakes Athletic Association is a regional baseball association that is open to Commerce Township youth and utilizes several of the Township's ball fields, primarily those at Hickory Glen Park and school district ballfields. Various leagues have been set up based

on the age of the participant, ranging from 4-6 year old tee ball to 17-19 years old. The primary season is spring, however, a fall ball season is also offered.

### Inter-Lakes Girls Softball

Established in 1972, ILGSL is one of the largest recreational softball leagues for girls ages 5-14. The organization offers slowpitch and fastpitch softball for girls within Commerce Township and the surrounding areas. The league utilizes 7 ball fields and operates a concession stand at Maple Glen Park. ILGSL has been nationally recognized by USSSA.

### CW3 Soccer Association

The CW3 Soccer Association is a youth soccer association serving Commerce Township, Walled Lake, Wixom and Wolverine Lake. Soccer is offered for boys and girls from U4 through U18. CW3 is a fully-registered Michigan non-profit organization managed by a Board of Directors. Games are played at middle schools, Northern High School and Dodge Park fields. CW3 maintains the soccer fields at Dodge Park.

### Lakes Area Hawks Youth Football and Cheerleading League

The football field (Lesner Field) at Hickory Glen Park is the home of the Lakes Area Hawks Youth Football and Cheerleading League. The Hawks field three football teams based on age from 7-14 years old. The cheerleading squads are divided into three groups: Freshman, JV and Varsity. During the fall, the Hawks football teams and cheerleading squads face off against other teams in southeast Michigan.

### Motor City Mountain Bike Association

The Motor City Mountain Biking Association chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association is a section 501c3 advocacy organization focused on preserving, protecting, and promoting mountain bike access and diverse riding opportunities on Metropolitan Detroit's public lands through education, communication, and unified action. Working with partner organizations, the MCMBA chapter maintains approximately 85 miles of singletrack mountain bike trails in Oakland and Wayne counties. The MCMBA built and maintains the mountain bike trails at Hickory Glen Park.

### Friends of Byers

The Friends of Byers was formed in 1995, in recognition of the need to protect the historic Byers homestead for future generations to enjoy. This group of volunteers began the effort that resulted in the purchase by Commerce Township on September 30th, 1998. The Friends of Byers are responsible for coordinating the preservation and maintenance of the grounds.



### Scarlet's Smile Foundation

The Scarlet's Smile Foundation is a non-profit organization named after a little girl in Commerce Township who is fighting a battle with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). The Foundation is dedicated to making children's lives and their families lives better. Their goal is to build an all-inclusive playground at Dodge Park in 2019 along with an all-inclusive splash pad.

### Golf Courses

A total of 4 golf courses are located in Commerce Township as listed below. The location of the courses are shown on the Inventory Map.

- Bay Pointe Golf Club
- Beacon Hill Country Club
- Edgewood Country Club
- Union Lake Golf Club

In addition to the course itself, some of the golf clubs feature indoor recreational facilities such as banquet halls and fitness centers and outdoor facilities such as pools.

### Fitness Centers/Gyms/Bowling/Activity Centers

A number of private gyms, fitness centers, activity centers, and bowling alleys are in Commerce Township or nearby including (among others):

- **Lifetime Fitness**, which includes an indoor and outdoor pool, spa, cafe, fitness classes, weigh training, racquetball, basketball courts, squash, etc.
- **Anytime Fitness**
- **Orangetheory Fitness**
- **Powerhouse Gym**
- **Planet Fitness**
- **Wonderland Lanes Bowling**
- **Defy Detroit** includes trampolines, slacklines, ninja course, rock wall, zip line, etc.

### Sporting Clubs

Three outdoor sporting clubs are located in Commerce Township. The **Birmingham Gun Club** and **Detroit Gun Club** are located in close proximity to each other in the eastern portion of the Township. Both clubs feature outdoor rifle ranges and related facilities.

The **Multi-Lakes Conservation Club** encompasses 151.97 acres on the west side of Newton Road, just south of Dodge Park. Outdoor facilities include a ballfield, rifle ranges, archery ranges, picnic area and horseshoe pits. A clubhouse/banquet hall as well as an indoor shooting range are also located on the property.

### Neighboring Municipal Parks

The cities of Wixom and Walled Lake and Village of Wolverine Lake extend into the southern portions of the geographic township limits. Given their proximity to the Township, the recreational facilities within these municipalities are likely used by Township residents.

The locations of neighboring municipal parks are shown on the Inventory Map and include:

- Clara Miller Park
- Gilbert Willis Park
- Gunnar Mettala Park
- Marshall Taylor Mini-Park
- Mercer Beach
- Pratt Park
- Riley Park
- Sibley Square Park
- Sims Park
- Wixom Habitat Park

# Existing Trails



Non-motorized transportation, commonly referred to as bicycle and pedestrian travel, is vitally important to Michigan residents.<sup>1</sup> Walking and biking serve as both a means of transportation, getting people to important places in their daily lives, and as a means of recreation, better connecting residents to nature and their community. Non-motorized transportation is important to the region and state because it contributes to increased mobility, safety, transportation choices, recreation, placemaking, economic development, and the health of our residents. A few of these benefits are further described below.

**Increased mobility and equity.** Ensuring mobility options for all is paramount, particularly for our young people, seniors or those physically or financially unable to drive. The number of young drivers in the US has been decreasing steadily. In 1983, about 87% of 19-year-olds had drivers' licenses and in 2010, only 69.5% did. A 2014 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) study showed that 39 percent of households in Michigan reported someone in their home used a bike for transportation in the last year. A connected non-motorized network provides an opportunity to meet multiple mobility needs. Infrastructure that supports bicycling and walking expands transportation options.

**Recreation and health.** While some Michigan residents use non-motorized systems as a way to increase mobility, many use the systems for recreational and health benefits. The correlation between land use patterns, transportation systems and public health are being recognized and studied by a number of agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health. There is a movement to integrate public health objectives in transportation decision-making because of the link to increased physical activity and reduction in air pollutants.

<sup>1</sup> SEMCOG/Metro Region Non-Motorized Plan, 2014.

## Economic development and talent attraction.

Non-motorized transportation contributes to continued economic growth. A 2014 MDOT study on economic benefits finds that bicycling provides an estimated \$668 million per year in economic benefit to Michigan's economy, including employment, retail revenue, tourism expenditure, and increased health and productivity. In order to maintain and enhance economic viability, communities are seeking to attract millennials and knowledge-based workers. According to research by the Rockefeller Institute, more than 50 percent of millennials surveyed said they would consider moving to another city if it had more and better transportation options.

**Improved safety.** Pedestrians and cyclists are the most vulnerable roadway users. While crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists make up a small fraction of the total crashes in Michigan, they account for a disproportionate percentage of fatal crashes. Incorporating well-designed pedestrian and bicycle facilities encourages predictable behavior and alerts motorists to their presence, thus improving safety for all roadway users.

## Complete Streets

Michigan Public Act 135 of 2010 defines Complete Streets as: "...roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle."

Complete Streets is an approach to transportation planning – one that supports balanced mobility and the appropriate provision for safe and convenient travel by all the ground transportation modes: transit, walking, bicycling, motor vehicles and freight movement. The context of the road and surrounding land use play a pivotal role in what may be the appropriate Complete Street response. A rural road may not have the same solutions and provisions as an urban road. There is no "one size fits all" solution that can be applied to all roads and corridors.

## Facility Types and Terminology

The Michigan Department of Transportation utilizes terms and definitions that are used by the Federal Highway Administration as it relates to the various types of non-motorized facilities. The following are the most common "facility types" and are based on the AASHTO: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012. These are brief introductions to the common non-motorized facility types. Some of the facilities are for both pedestrians and cyclists such as Shared Use Paths and in some cases Wide Paved Shoulders and Side Paths. On-street bike lanes are facilities for cycling.

### Complete Streets

There is no one design prescription for complete streets. Ingredients that may be found on a complete street include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and more. A complete street in a rural area will look quite different from a complete street in a highly urban area. But both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

--National Complete Streets Coalition



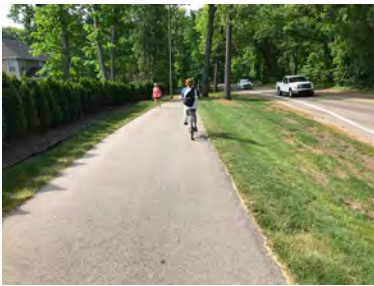
# Facility Types and Terminology

Based on AASHTO: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012



## Shared Use Path/Trail

- ▶ For use by pedestrians, bicyclists and other nonmotorized users
- ▶ Physically separated from motor vehicle traffic
- ▶ Two-way travel
- ▶ Examples include rail trails and river trails



## Sidepath

- ▶ Specific type of Shared Use Path that run adjacent to a roadway
- ▶ Set back from edge of roadway or has physical barrier between path and roadway
- ▶ Depending on frequency of curb cuts, may not be safe for bicyclists due to intersection conflicts



## Bike Lane

- ▶ On-street
- ▶ Designated and marked for use by bicyclists
- ▶ Typically one-way travel in same direction as motor traffic
- ▶ Can be buffered, protected/separated



## Sidewalk

- ▶ Separated from roadway by a curb or unpaved buffer space
- ▶ Dedicated space intended for use by pedestrians



## Paved Shoulder

- ▶ 4+ feet wide
- ▶ Provides space for pedestrians/bicyclists but not marked as a bike lane
- ▶ Occasional use by disabled vehicles and mail delivery vehicles

## Influencing Conditions

In addition to obvious conditions related to land use patterns, density and presence (or not) of non-motorized facilities, there are a number of elements described in this section that can also directly influence connectivity and comfort for walking and cycling. Collectively being aware of these conditions will assist in the development of non-motorized goals and recommendations.

### Types of Cyclists

Before discussing factors or conditions specific to Commerce Township that may influence non-motorized goals and recommendations, it is important to understand the general types of cyclists and how design decisions can impact the number of cyclists using facilities. Most people can be categorized as one of four types of cyclists.

The **“Strong and the Fearless”** are the people who will ride regardless of designated facilities or roadway conditions.

The **“Enthusied and Confident”** are comfortable sharing the roadway with automotive traffic, but they prefer to do so with designated facilities.

The largest portion of people fall into the **“Interested but Concerned”** category. These people are curious about bicycling. They like riding a bicycle and they would like to ride more. They would ride if they felt safer on the roadways.

Finally, approximately one-third of the population falls into the last category of ‘cyclist.’ This is the **“No way, No how”** group that is currently not interested in bicycling at all, for reasons of topography, inability, etc.

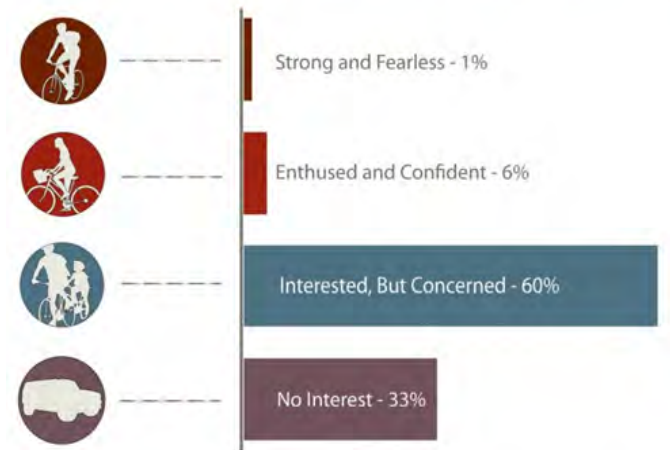
When discussing or considering context sensitive solutions related to encouraging bicycling as a safe mode of transportation, it is the “Interested But Concerned” group of the population that should be kept in mind. This group represents the majority of latent demand for bicycle facilities. As such, their preference should be given significant consideration.

### Ped/Bike Crash Locations

Pedestrians and cyclists are the most vulnerable roadway users. Incorporating well-designed pedestrian and bicycle facilities encourages predictable behavior and alerts motorists to their presence, thus improving safety for all roadway users.

Mapping data (2007-2017) of accident locations that involved a pedestrian or a bicyclist assists in understanding where there may be higher rates of pedestrian and bike activity in the Township. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Maps indicates that people are

## The Four Types of Bicyclists

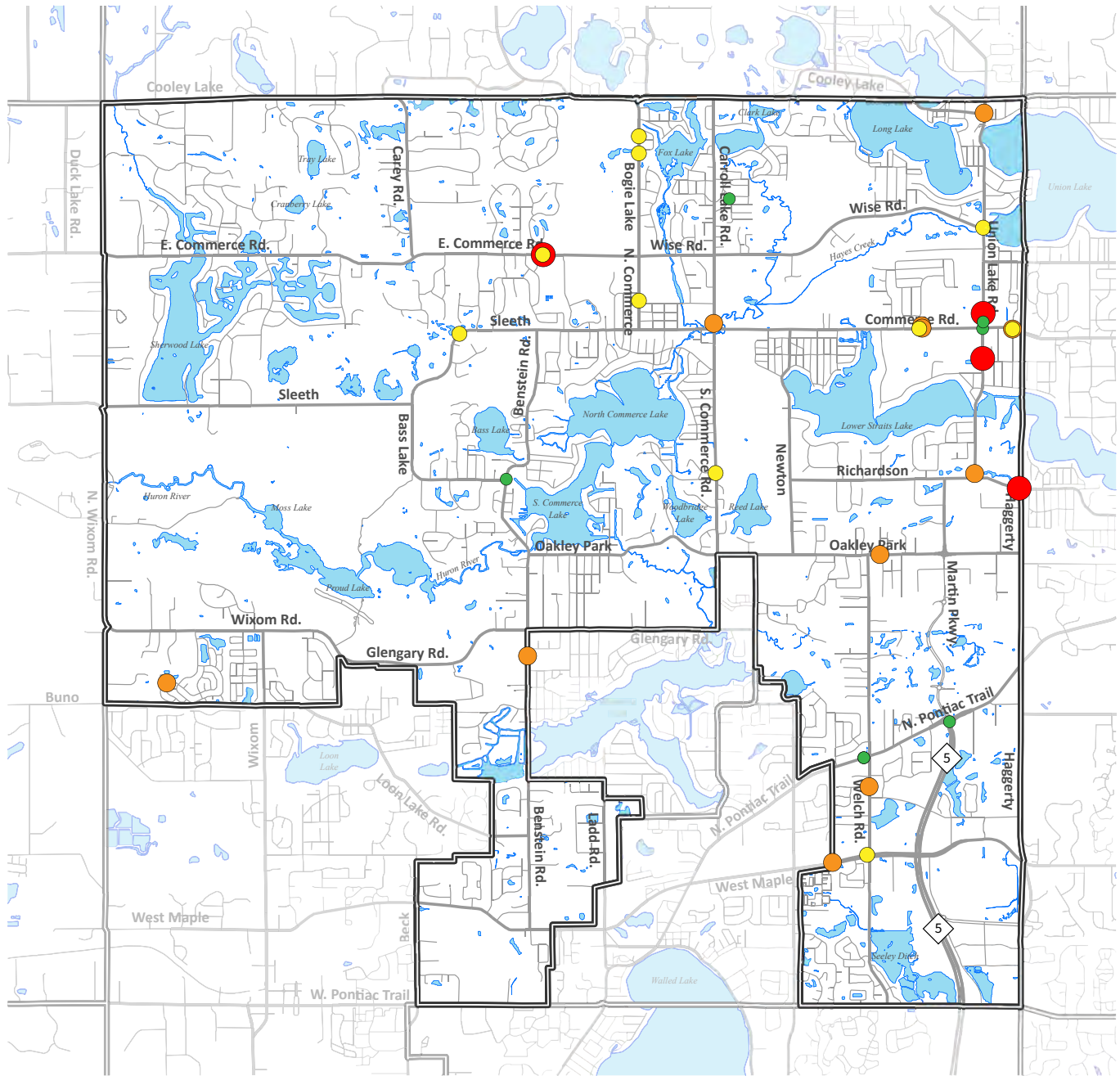


walking and riding in all areas of the Township, but encountering safety issues (regardless of fault) along the major road corridors including Union Lake Road, Commerce Road, Welch Road, Oakley Park, Carroll Lake, etc.

### Speed Limits and Traffic Volumes

The perception of risk is strongly considered when people are making decisions about whether or not to walk or bike to a destination. Traffic speeds and volumes are one factor people may use to assess that risk and many times are inversely correlated to levels of walking and cycling. Although studies are showing that traffic volumes appear to have greater impact on leisure cycling than commuter cycling. SEMCOG Data was used to map existing speed limits and traffic volumes in Commerce Township. Generally speaking, the higher speed roads and sometimes the higher volume roads will produce a less encouraging environment, or lower level of comfort, for walking and biking.

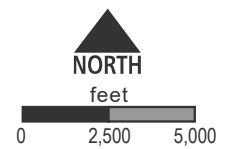




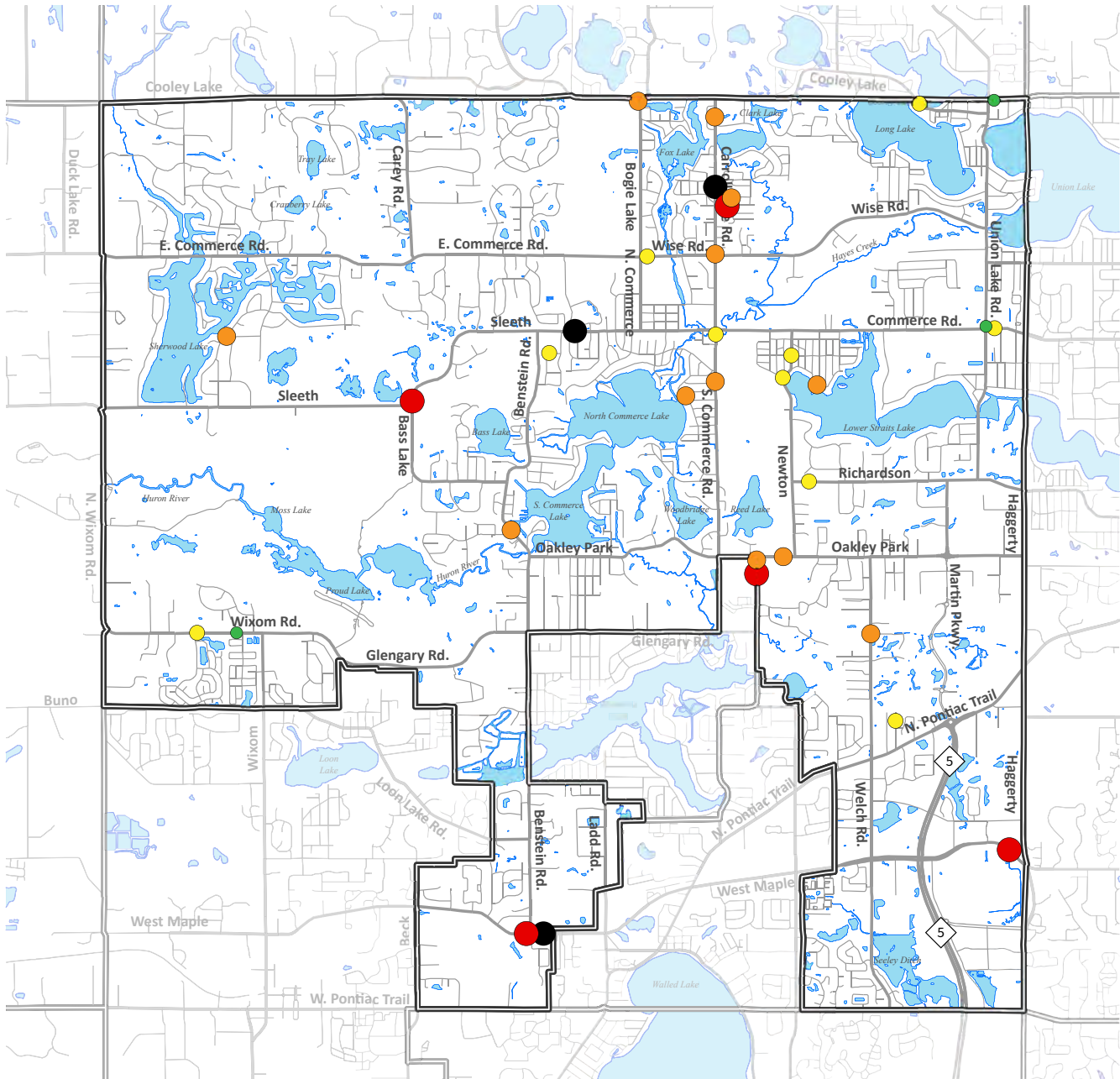
**Bicycle Crashes 2007 - 2017 (worst injury in crash)**

- Fatal (0)
- Serious Injury (4)
- Minor Injury (11)
- Possible Injury (10)
- No Injury (7)

- Municipal Boundary
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Pond/Lake
- Rivers and Streams



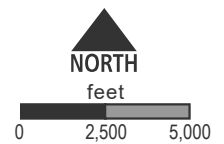
**BICYCLE CRASH DATA MAP**  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
**5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2019 - 2023**



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- Fatal (3)
- Serious Injury (5)
- Minor Injury (12)
- Possible Injury (10)
- No Injury (3)

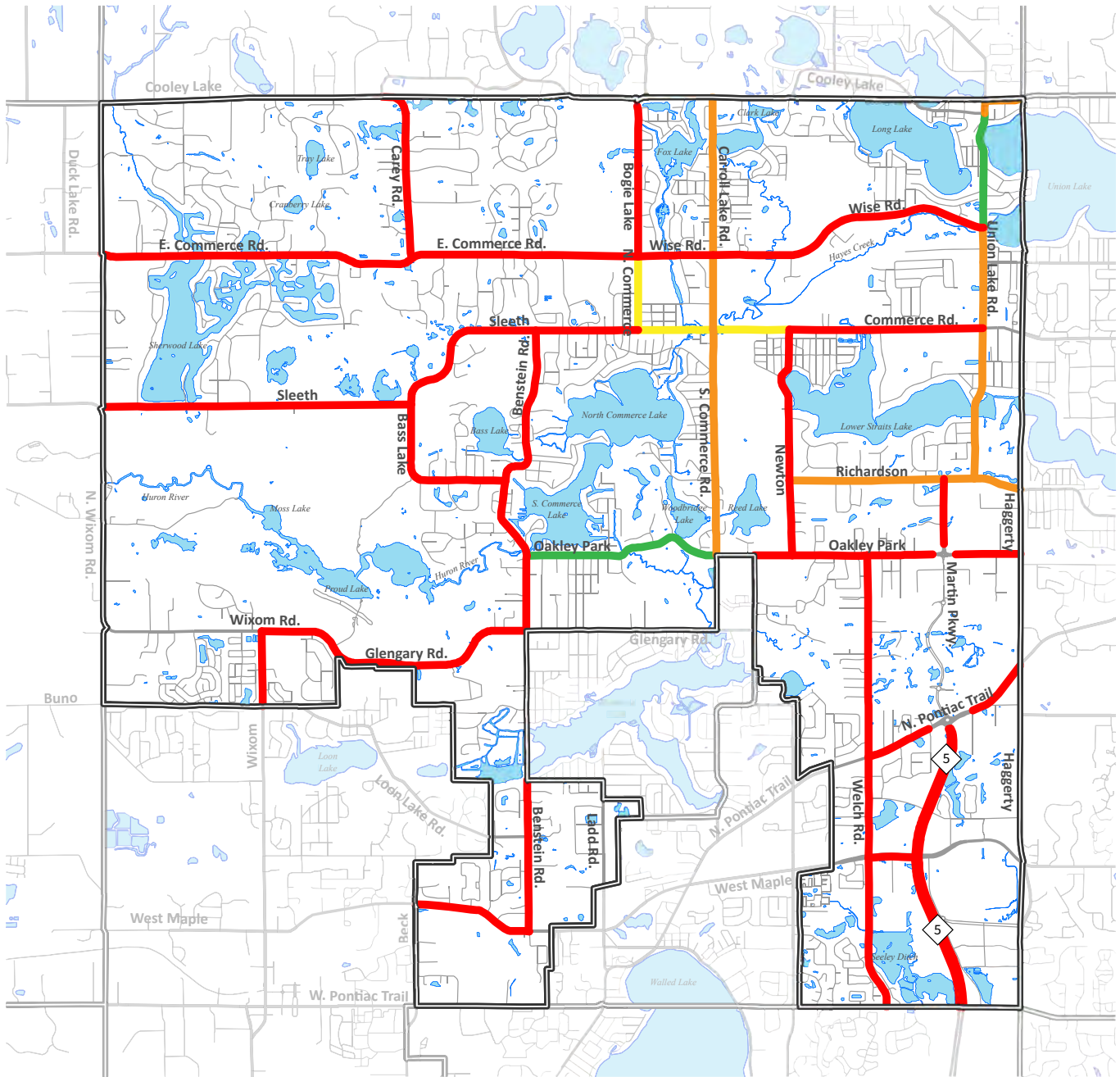
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**PEDESTRIAN  
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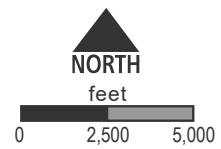




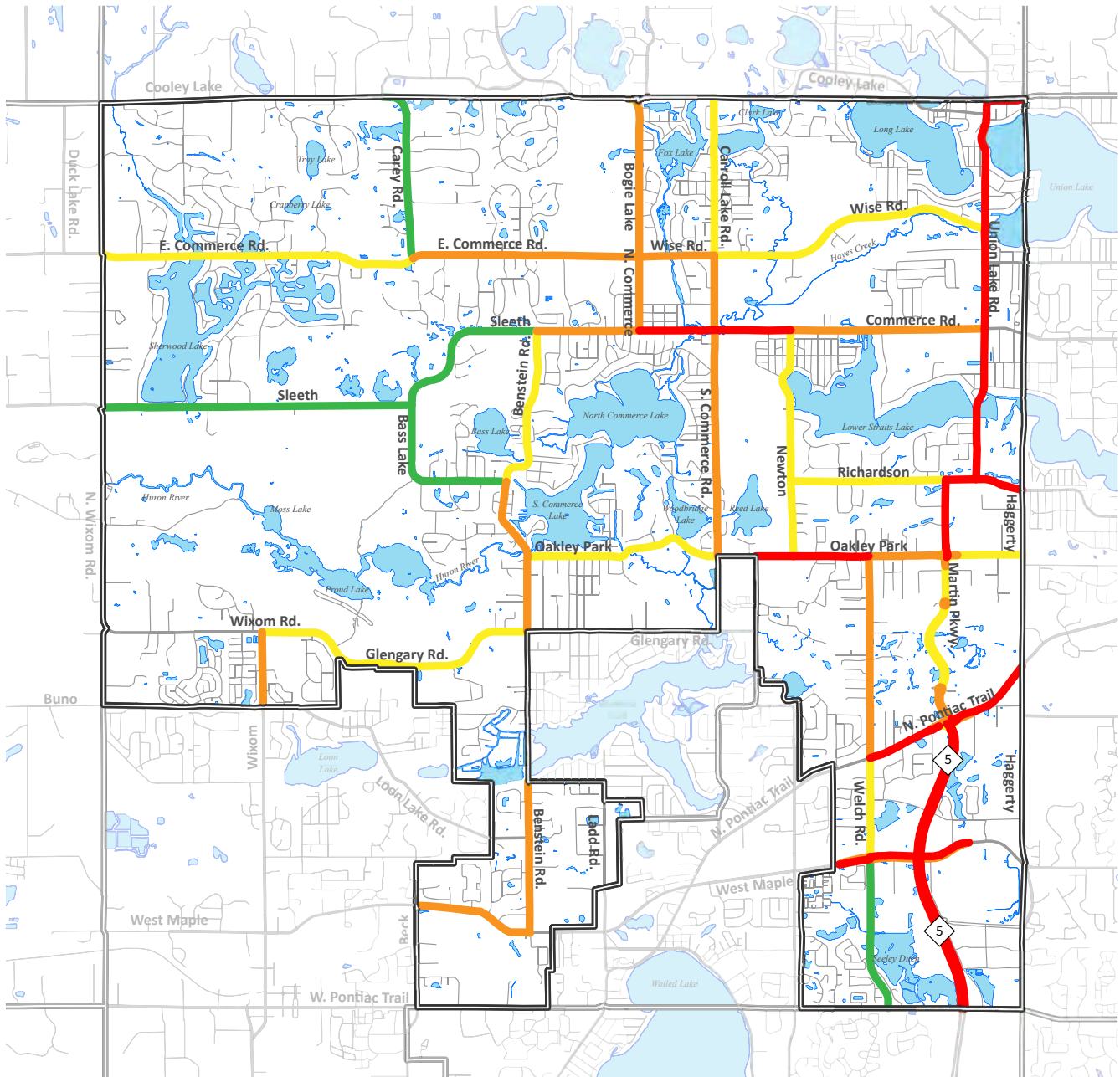
**Posted Speed Limit**

- 30 mph
- 35 mph
- 40 mph
- 45 mph or Higher

- Municipal Boundary
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Pond/Lake
- Rivers and Streams



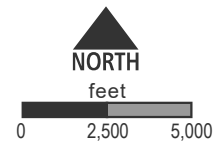
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**Estimated Traffic Volume (AADT)**

- █ Less Than 5,000
- █ 5,000 - 9,999
- █ 10,000 - 14,999
- █ 15,000 or Higher

- Municipal Boundary
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
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**ESTIMATED TRAFFIC VOLUME MAP**

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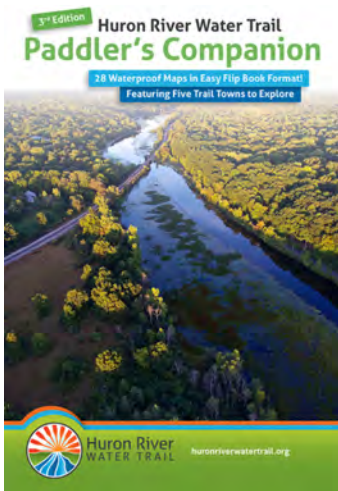
## Existing Non-Motorized Systems

A widespread effort has been emerging in the State, particularly over the past 10-15 years, to identify opportunities and develop non-motorized trail networks that connect communities to one another. Oakland County has supported this growing movement by providing planning services and resources, taking advantage of the lakes, rivers, public lands and abandoned rail corridors to connect residents and visitors to a number of destinations.

The following text and map describes the non-motorized networks (existing and planned) within Commerce Township.

### Huron River Water Trail

The Huron River Water Trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In several parts of the Huron River watershed, communities are improving recreational access to the river, adding interpretive, way-finding, and historical signage, creating linkages from township to city to village, and seeking creative economic development opportunities. These ideas are at the heart of a "Water Trail".



To coordinate these efforts and extend the idea to the entire navigable portion of the river, the Huron River Watershed Council is facilitating an effort to develop the Huron River Water Trail (HRWT). The goal of the water trail is to reconnect communities in Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties to the Huron River and its recreational, economic, historic, and cultural values. A portion of the water trail is located within Commerce Township and the Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

### Lakes Community Trail

The Lakes Community Trail begins at the corner of South Commerce Road and Oakley Park Road in the center of the Township. The trail then runs south and west through Hickory Glen Park, Clara Miller Park, Maple Glen Park and ends at Gilbert Willis Park. The total trail length is approximately 3.2 miles. The asphalt trail was constructed in the early 2000's and varies between 6 and 8 feet wide. Each community maintains the portion of the trail within their jurisdiction. Several local

safety/side paths connect into the Lakes Community Trail, including direct connections to Richardson Park, Dodge Park and Byers Homestead Park. Several sections are showing their age and will need resurfaced and/or rebuilt in the coming years.

### M-5 Metro Trail

The M-5 Metro Trail is an extension of the I-275 Metro Trail and traverses alongside M-5 from 13 Mile Road north to the newly constructed pedestrian bridge over M-5 that's part of the Michigan Airline Trail in the southeast section of the Township. The M-5 Metro Trail is 10-foot wide asphalt and built and maintained by MDOT.

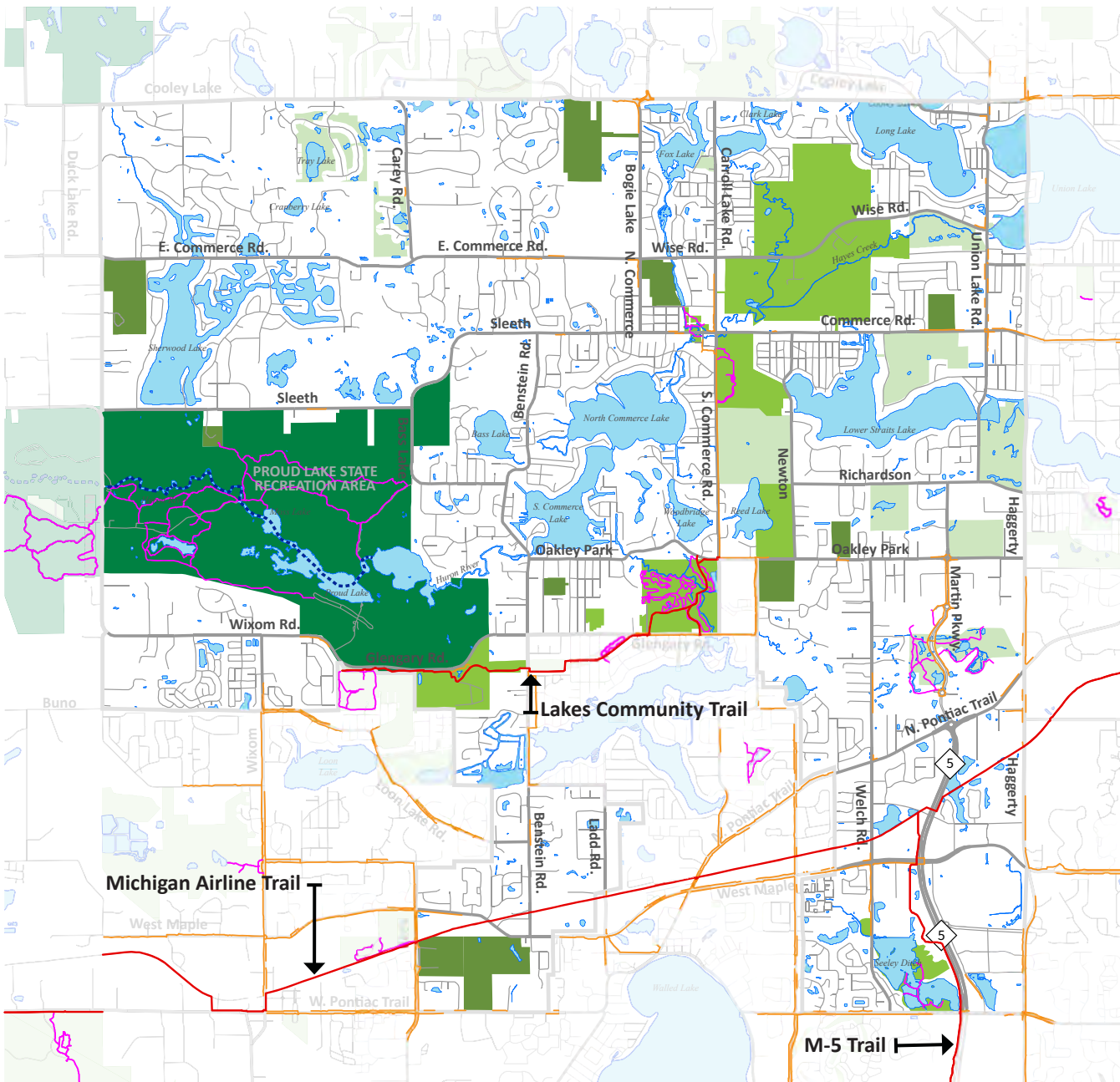
### Michigan Airline Trail

The Michigan Airline Trail is a planned cross state trail from Port Huron to South Haven. The trail includes a number of local non-motorized trails that will all link together and generally follow the old Michigan Airline Railroad corridor. Many sections of the trail have been built including the West Bloomfield Trail and the Huron Valley Trail on either side of Commerce Township. The former rail corridor within Commerce Township is a key section of the Michigan Airline Trail and is slated for construction in 2019.

Commerce Township, Walled Lake and Wixom have created a trailways alliance called the Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council. Each municipality appointed one voting member to act in its best interests. The Trailway Council was successful in receiving grant assistance toward the purchase of the abandoned rail corridor. The Council worked to purchase the corridor from Haggerty Road to Wixom Road in 2017. The Trailway Council's powers are limited to the acquisition, development and maintenance of the rail corridor land (approximately 5.4 miles).

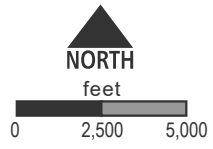
The pedestrian bridge over M-5 was constructed and opened in Fall 2018. The trail is slated for construction in 2019.





- ⋯ Huron River Water Trail
- Existing Shared-Use Trail
- Existing Sidewalk/Safety Path
- Existing Park Path
- Commerce Township Park
- Public School Property

- Municipal Boundary
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Pond/Lake
- Rivers and Streams



**EXISTING  
NON-MOTORIZED  
FACILITIES MAP**  
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### Other Non-Motorized Facilities in Commerce Township

The Existing Non-Motorized Facilities Map illustrates networks of major trails as well as sidewalks and safety paths that are along major road corridors. Sidewalks interior to neighborhoods/developments were not inventoried as part of this exercise. For the purposes of this analysis, the Michigan Airline Trail is illustrated as an “existing” facility as it is owned by the Trailway Council and is slated for construction in 2019. Trails/paths that are interior to parks and many of which are stone/dirt/woodchip have been classified as Park Paths.

#### *Side Paths/Safety Paths/Sidewalks*

There are more than 13.5 miles of sidepaths, safety paths or sidewalks along the primary roads in Commerce Township as is illustrated on the Existing Non-Motorized Facilities Map. These facilities are located adjacent to and parallel to the major roads, generally within the road right-of-way. These facilities have been constructed over time in the Township and are built at varying widths- typically between 5 to 10 feet wide. Some are built with concrete and are traditional sidewalks and some sections are 8-10’ wide asphalt paths. Depending on land use patterns and frequency of curb cuts, side paths may not be safe for bicyclists. Bicyclists are typically not safer on a sidewalk because they become almost invisible to the motorist. When a driver turns, either left or right, or into a driveway, they are not looking for, or expecting to encounter a bicyclist. If they do look and see a bicyclist they may still underestimate the speed a rider is traveling on the sidewalk- because it will likely be much faster than a pedestrian.

#### *Park Paths and Mountain Bike Trails*

There are more than 18 miles of mapped park paths within Commerce Township as is illustrated on the Existing Non-Motorized Facilities Map. These include hiking trails within Proud Lake State Recreation Area, loop trails and extensions into parks such as Mill Race and Dodge Park as well as the walking trails along Martin Road Parkway and the 6.5 miles of mountain bike trails in Hickory Glen Park. The Motor City Mountain Bike Association maintains the mountain bike trails in Hickory Glen Park. A number of miles of additional walking paths exist in Wise Woods and Victory Park (have not been mapped to date).

### Existing Facilities in Commerce Township (2018)

<b>Shared Use Trail</b>	7.7 Miles (including Airline Trail)
<b>Sidewalk/Safety Path</b>	13.53 Miles (along major roads)
<b>Park Path</b>	18.9 Miles (plus Wise/Victory)

### Side Paths/Safety Paths/Sidewalks in Commerce Township





## Park Paths in Commerce Township





# Basis For Action



This section of the Plan is intended to further analyze a variety of factors within and outside of Commerce Township that may have an effect on recreation trends and/or planned improvements over the next five years. This chapter provides the rationale for the goals, objectives, and desired capital improvements. This rationale is based on analysis and consideration of many elements including: current recreation trends, comparison to national benchmarks, demographic trends, existing plans, and results of community, Board, and staff input. It should be noted that each piece of information and analysis contained within this section must be considered as one piece of the puzzle and as one piece of the bigger picture. Each of the factors discussed contributes to the determination of need.

## Recreation Trends

Recreation trends occurring nationally may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity. The Physical Activity Council published a 2017 Participation Report tracking sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the US. The data was collected via 24,000+ online interviews in 2016 and early 2017.

Sports and activities are grouped into 1 of 7 categories: Fitness Sports, Individual Sports, Outdoor Sports, Racquet Sports, Team Sports, Water Sports and Winter Sports. Most categories showed a moderate increase in participation from 2015 to 2016. Fitness sports/activities (such as dance, pilates, jogging, walking for fitness, aquatics, stair-climbing, weights) had the most gain, increasing 2% over the last year. Water Sports (such as canoeing, sailing, snorkeling, surfing, waterskiing) saw the greatest loss with a 3% decrease. Team Sports (such as gymnastics, baseball, cheerleading, hockey, soccer, volleyball) continued to gain momentum, adding 2% from 2015 and averaging a 5% increase over the last three years.

## TOP 10 REASONS WHY PARKS ARE IMPORTANT

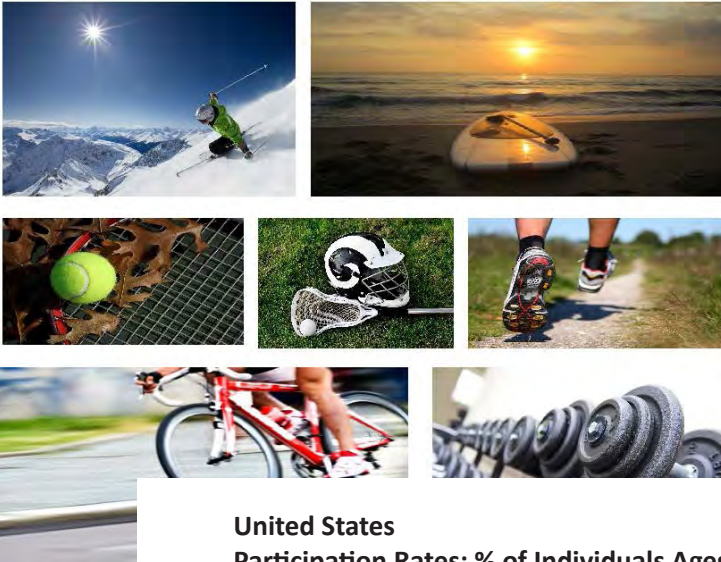
1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be physically active.
2. Parks have true economic benefits.
3. Parks provide vital green space in a fast-developing American landscape.
4. Parks preserve critical wildlife habitat.
5. Parks and recreation facilitate social interactions
6. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness.
7. Recreational programs provide organized, structured, enjoyable activities for all ages.
8. Community recreation services provide a refuge of safety for at-risk youth.
9. Therapeutic recreation is an outlet that individuals with disabilities have.
10. Public parks embody the American tradition of preserving public lands.

Source: Dolesh, Vinluan, and Phillips

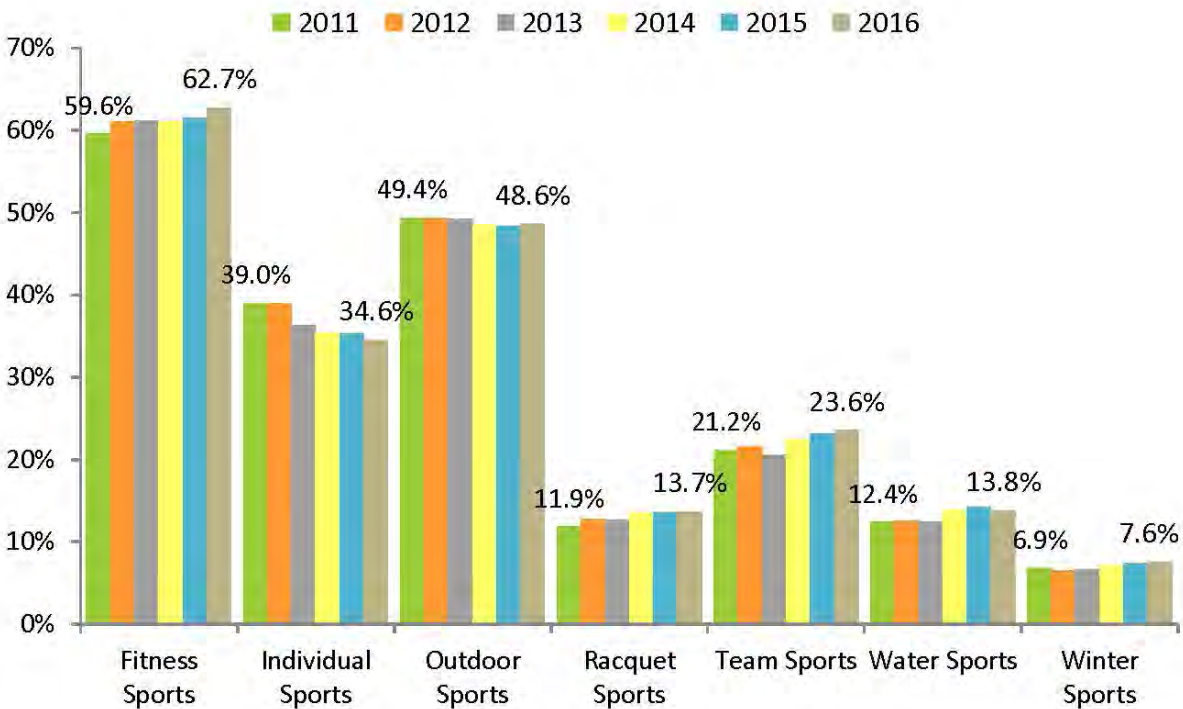


## 2017 Participation Report

The Physical Activity Council's annual study tracking sports, fitness, and recreation participation in the US



**United States**  
Participation Rates: % of Individuals Ages 6+



\*Winter Sports are based on season

\*See Appendix for breakdown of sports included in each category



## National Benchmarks

An additional planning tool available for parks and recreation agencies is the 2017 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Agency Performance Review. The review provides valuable benchmarks and insights that help:

- guide professionals in the evaluation of performance of their agencies
- make informed decisions on the optimal set of service and facility offerings based on demographics while also providing comparative agency data from other communities/agencies
- show prevalence of expanded activities and offerings of agencies throughout the nation

Data is a valuable tool but not the final answer in terms of decision-making. This benchmarking data and metrics can be used as a piece of the overall conversation as the Township moves forward. The 2017 NRPA report contains data from 925 park and recreation agencies across the United States as reported between 2014 and 2016. Additional data (by size of jurisdiction) was pulled from interactive tables at [www.nrpa.org/metrics](http://www.nrpa.org/metrics).

The data on the following page highlights metrics for the typical park and recreation agency with a population between 20,000-49,999 (as is the case for Commerce Township). A comparison of Commerce Township (using 2017 SEMCOG estimate of 38,170) is provided based on the most recent inventory and latest expenditure and revenue data. **This data and comparison is intended to continue to inform the Action Plan and discussions over the next 5 years. Every agency and community needs are different.**



## 2017 NRPA AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Park and Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks



## The Typical Park + Recreation Agency

(population 20,000 - 49,999)

1 Park for every **1,901** residents

**9.6** acres of parkland per 1,000 residents

**\$2.7 M** annual operating expenditures (median)

**\$2.77 M** budgeted over next 5 years for capital expenditures

Recovers **26%** of operating expenditures through revenue generation (not including grants)

**26 FTEs**  
(full-time equivalents)  
(mix of full-time and part-time employees)

Source: 2017 NRPA Agency Performance Review

## Commerce Township

(population 38,170)

SEMCOG July 2017

1 Park for every **3,181** residents

**31.5** acres of parkland per 1,000 residents

**\$451k** annual operating expenditures (3 yr median; \$755k with capital expenditures)

Not Available

Millage recovers approximately \$700k/year spent primarily on capital expenditures (generate little revenue outside of millage)

**2.5 FTEs**  
(full-time equivalents)  
(plus 2 FTEs shared maintenance; does not include contractual or seasonals)



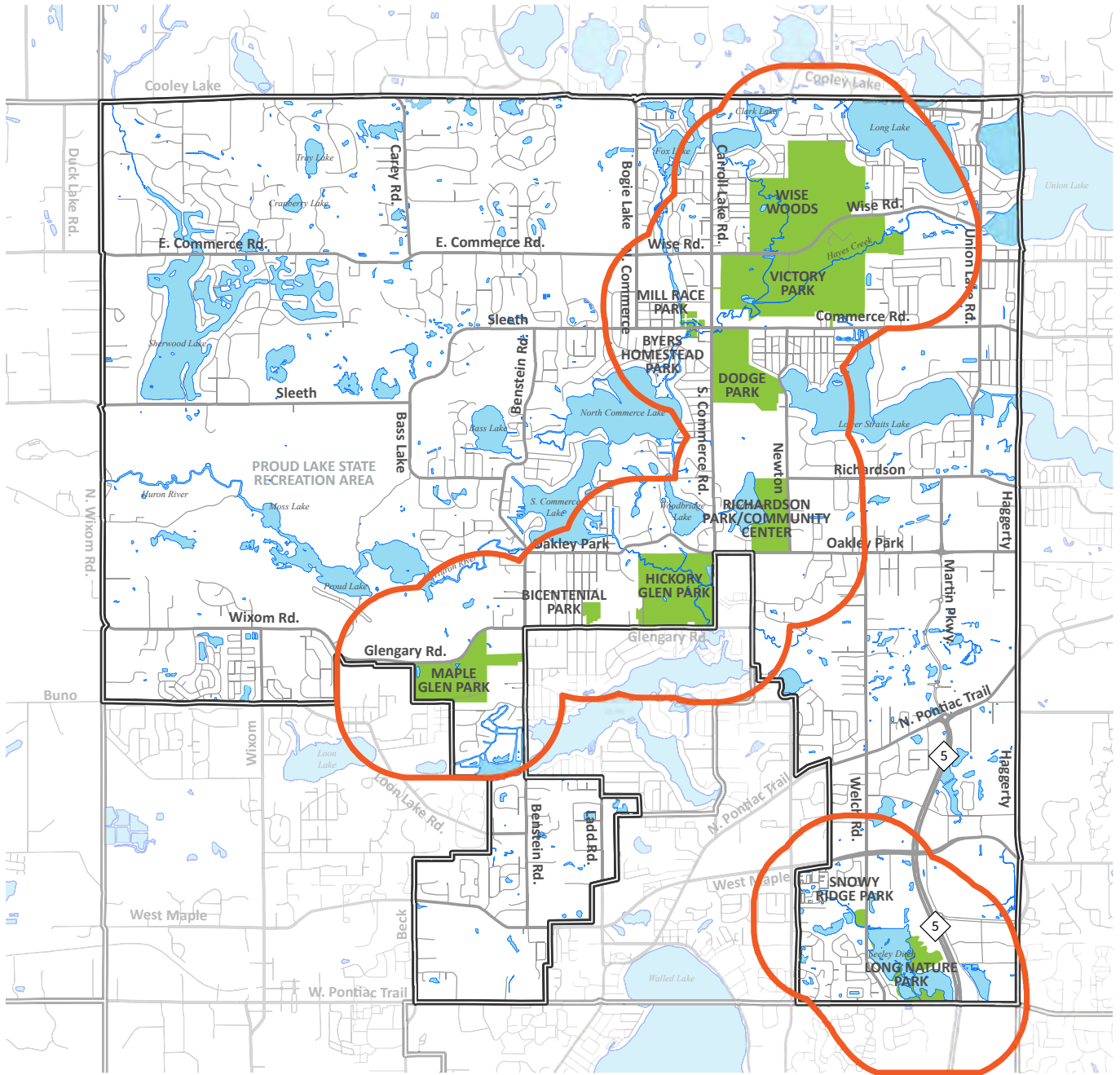
## 10-Minute Walk to Park

In 2017, a new parks advocacy campaign was launched by The Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association, Urban Land Institute, and supported by the US Conference of Mayors, establishing the goal that all Americans should live within a 10-minute walk (half-mile) of a high-quality park or green space. As noted in the campaign, studies show that high-quality parks provide a wide range of benefits to urban residents and cities themselves. These include:








- physical and mental health benefits, by providing opportunities to be physically active and to interact with nature
- economic benefits by boosting business and helping to revitalize neighborhoods
- community-building benefits by providing opportunities for neighbors to interact with each other and work together to improve their surroundings
- environmental benefits by cleaning and cooling the air and providing opportunities for environmental education

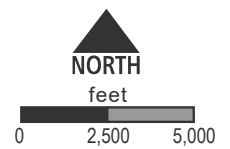
The Park Service Area Map on the following page illustrates those areas of the Township where residents live within a 10-minute walk (half mile) to a Township-owned park. Much of the central and northeast portion of the Township are within these areas as is the southeast corner of the Township.





**Park Service Area**

-  1/2 Mile Service Radius
-  Commerce Township Park
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Major Roads
-  Other Roads
-  Pond/Lake
-  Rivers and Streams



**PARK SERVICE AREA MAP**  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
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## Community Demographics

The socioeconomic characteristics of a community play a role in the demand for certain types of recreation facilities. By examining socioeconomic characteristics such as population, density, age, and household size, municipalities can identify trends and opportunities that may influence future land use and recreation decisions and policy choices. For example, if the elementary school enrollment in a particular area is growing, there may be a need to plan for playgrounds and children’s programs. Conversely, if the population of the community is aging, more recreational facilities may be needed for senior citizens. This section provides a brief summary of the socioeconomic characteristics of Commerce Township that may influence parks and recreation planning decisions.

The US Census Bureau serves as the primary source of data for this demographic section. Census statistics are presented for Commerce Township as a whole, but are also presented for the twenty census block groups that comprise the Township. As a supplement to this analysis, a series of maps have been prepared to illustrate the relevant census data by block group.

### Population Trends and Projections

Commerce Township has continued to experience steady growth in recent years, and is projected to continue to increase in population through 2030. The table below shows the historical, estimated and projected growth rates of Commerce Township between 1980 and 2030. This growth rate is an indicator that the Township will likely need to continue to improve their parks system to accommodate the growing population.

## Commerce Township Population Trends and Projections

Year	Population
1980	18,789
1990	22,156
2000	30,349
2010	35,874
2017 <sup>1</sup>	38,170
2030 <sup>2</sup>	40,690

<sup>1</sup> SEMCOG July 2017 Estimate

<sup>2</sup> SEMCOG 2030 Forecast

### Population Density

Population density characteristics can have a significant influence on recreation planning. In general, Commerce Township is a well populated suburban community, making it practical for park facilities to be located throughout the Township. However, there are certain portions of the Township that have larger or fewer numbers of residents, and at varying densities. The Population Density Map shows the population density (people per square mile) of the twenty-one block groups within the Township.

As is illustrated on the map, the block groups in the central portion of the Township are fairly dense, as is the area just north of Wixom. The Census Tract (2010 data) in the northern portion of the Township, around Fox Lake (1340-1) is the most dense with a rate of 3,144 people/square mile (1,651 people live in the census tract and the tract is 0.525 square miles in size). The centralized location of most of the Township’s parks generally supports this density pattern.

### Median Age

Knowledge of a community’s age distribution plays a crucial role in the planning of recreation facilities and programs. As previously mentioned, whether an area is comprised of older or younger citizens will greatly influence such things as the facilities that are most desired within parks. The Median Age Map (2010 data) shows the median age for the block groups within Commerce Township.

The youngest block groups in Commerce Township are just north of the City of Wixom, block group # 1350-1, with a median age of 33.1 and just east of Wixom, block group #1352-1, with a median age of 34.5. Comparatively older populations are found in the western and eastern portions of the Township. The block group with the highest median age (48.3) is 1348-1 in the southeast corner of the Township. Consistent with the age characteristics of the different sections of the Township, Commerce may want to consider providing recreation facilities that serve a younger or older population as necessary.

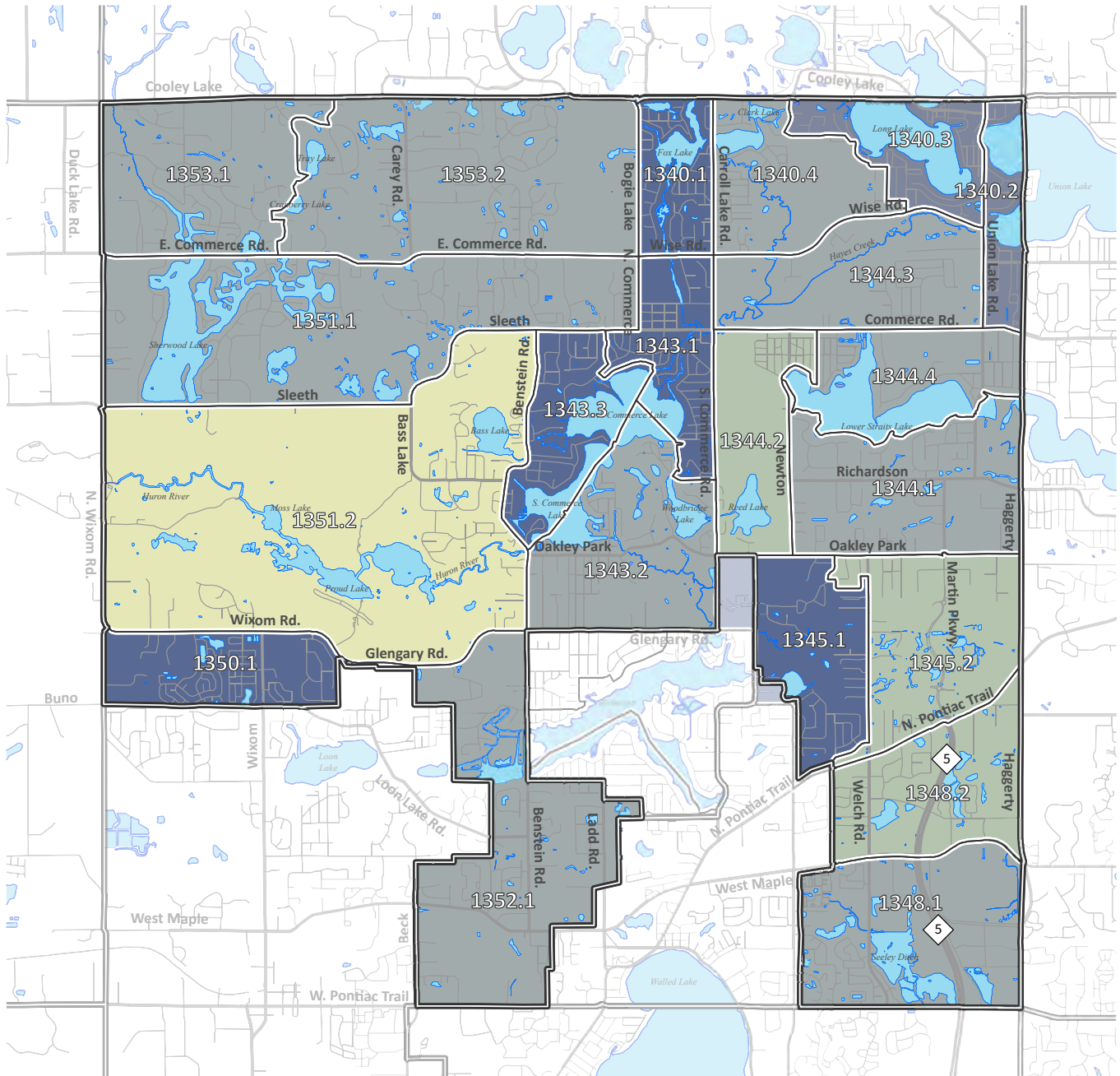
### *Household Size*

A household, as defined by the US Census, is all persons who occupy the same housing unit. A housing unit can be described as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room used as a separate living quarters. A trend that has been occurring nationwide for sometime now is the declining size of households. There are several factors that demographers have linked to the declining size. People are marrying later, postponing having children, and having fewer children. Nationwide, married couple families still comprise the largest and economically most powerful household. However, the number of single parent households continues to increase, further adding to the decline in average household size.

Household size is an important factor when making recreation facility and program decisions. A high person per household figure can be an indication that an area is comprised of families with children and thus could justify family or youth oriented recreation facilities. Conversely, an area with a low person per household figure may require recreation facilities more favorable to singles, adults or elderly.

The Household Size Map (2010 data) illustrates the average household size by block group within Commerce Township. The largest households are found in the northwest portion of the Township as well as the area around Richardson Road. The block group with the highest persons per household is 1353-2, with 3.24 people per household. Conversely, block group 1348-1, in the southeastern portion of the Township has the lowest persons per household rate at 2.04. This directly relates to the fact that this section of the Township also has the highest median age. The higher median age and lower household size indicate that this block group features a higher concentration of elderly citizens, households without children, and/or single persons.

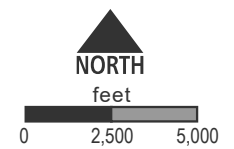




**Population Density by Block Group (people/sq. mi.)**

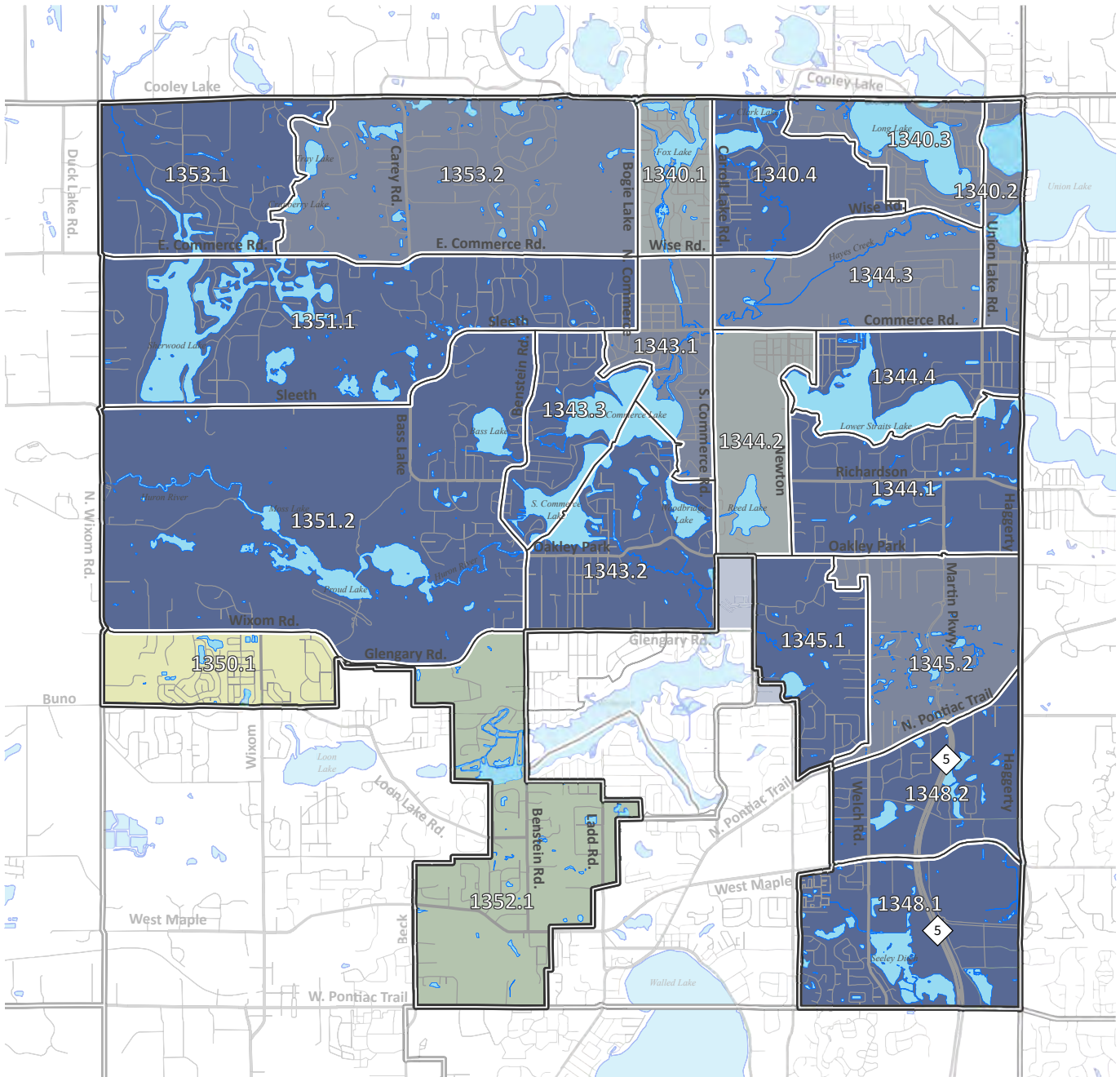
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- 500 - 999
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**POPULATION DENSITY MAP**

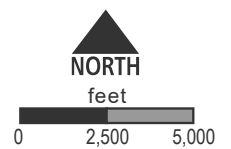
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**Median Age by Block Group**

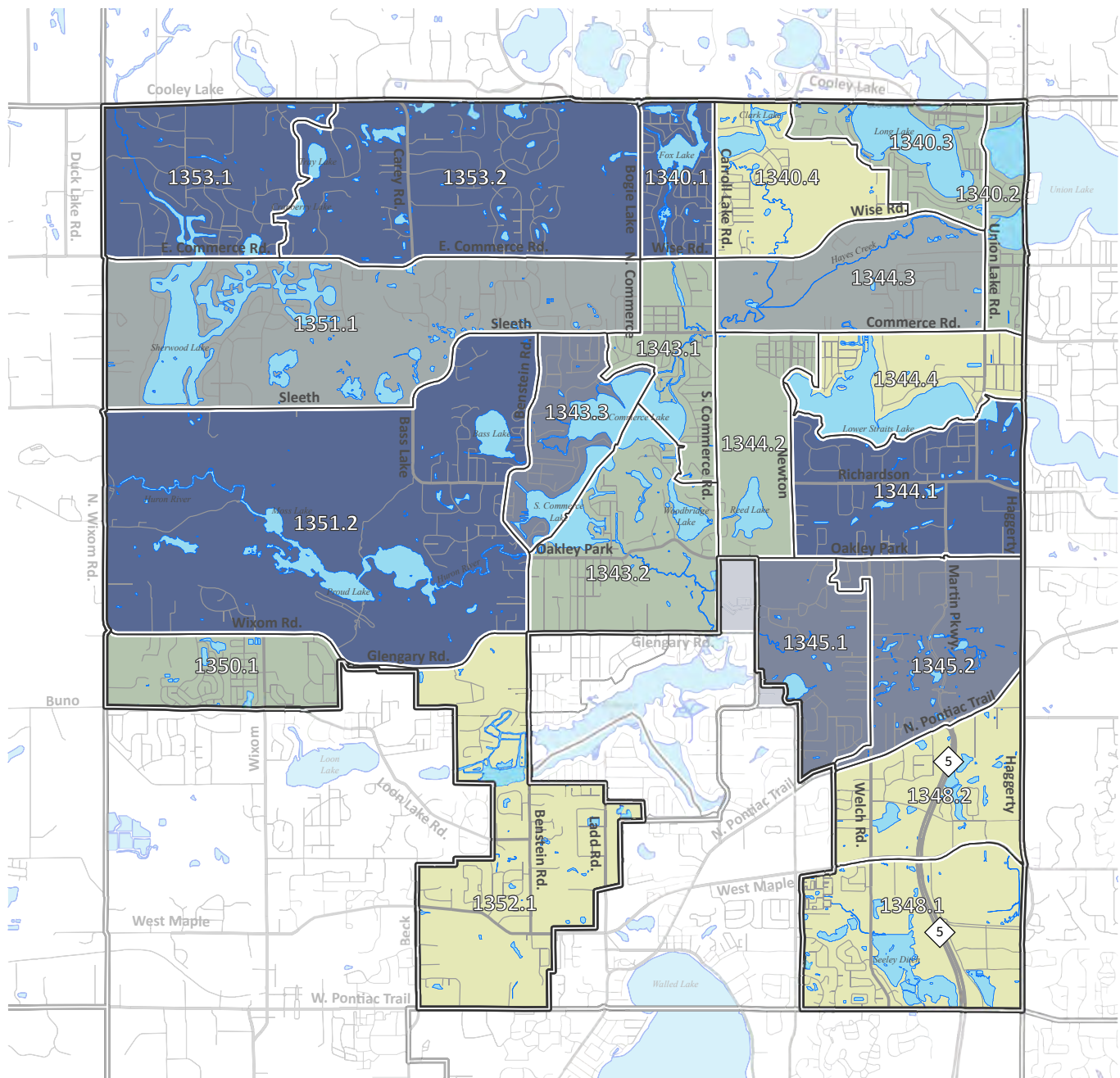
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- 36.0 - 37.9
- 38.0 - 39.9
- 40.0 or Higher

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**MEDIAN AGE MAP**  
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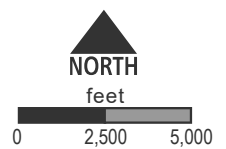




**Average Household Size by Block Group**

- 1351.2 Block Group I.D. Number
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- [Medium green box] 2.60- 2.69
- [Dark green box] 2.70- 2.79
- [Blue-grey box] 2.80- 2.89
- [Dark blue box] 2.90 or Higher

- [Thick black line] Municipal Boundary
- [Thin black line] Major Roads
- [Thin grey line] Other Roads
- [Blue shape] Pond/Lake
- [Blue line] Rivers and Streams



**HOUSEHOLD SIZE MAP**  
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP  
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## Influencing Planning Initiatives

There are several related planning initiatives that are significant in terms of their relevance to the provision of recreation within Commerce Township. Each initiative is described in further detail on the following pages.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Southeast Michigan (SEMCOG 2014)

In 2014, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) developed a Nonmotorized Plan that ties all of the components of the region's nonmotorized system together into an identified system and benchmarks the system that existed, identifies deficiencies, provides a vision to move forward and actions on how to get there. The 2014 Plan illustrates projects that have been discussed and studied at various levels for a number of years including the desire to complete the Commerce-Walled Lake-Wixom Trail that is part of the Michigan Airline Trail and slated for construction in 2019.

### Michigan Airline Trail Master Plan (2015-2020)

Adopted by the Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom Trailway Management Council in 2015, the Master Plan serves as a guide for the acquisition and development of the former rail corridor into a non-motorized trail. Each community is responsible for operating and maintaining the trailway in each jurisdiction's portion of the trail. The Master Plan outlines preferred locations for Trailheads/Gateways at where the trail intersects with Welch Road and Haggerty Road in Commerce Township.

### MDOT Metro Region North Bike Map (2018)

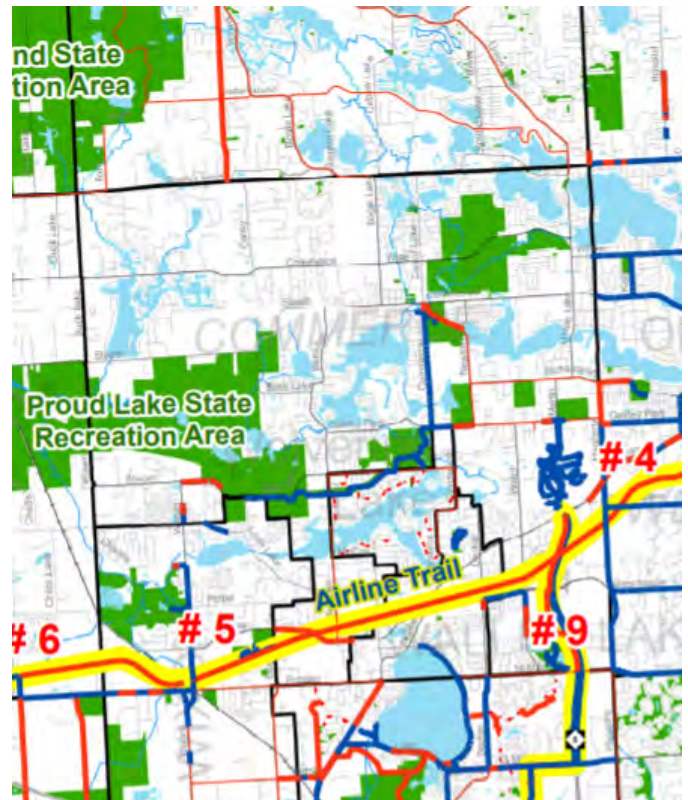
The Michigan Department of Transportation publishes a road and trail bicycling guide map for each MDOT region. The Metro Region map was updated in 2018. In addition to existing trail networks, the maps illustrate roads with heavier (oranges and reds) and lighter (greens and yellows) traffic volumes to assist in route planning.

### Oakland County Parks Master Plan (2018)

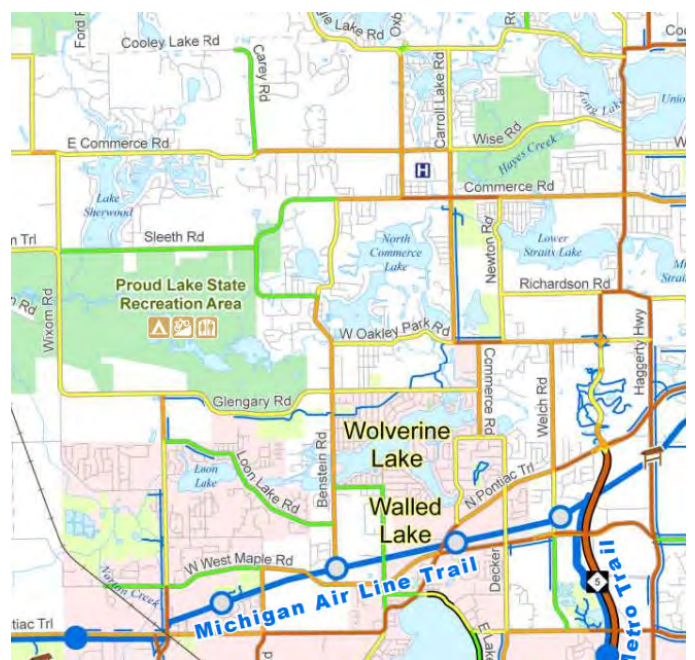
The Oakland County Parks 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018-2022) is a guide for staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to use over the 5-year period. It outlines 6 major goals:

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Communicate effectively
- Enhance communities
- Improve access
- Manage assets and infrastructure
- Protect natural resources

SEMCOG Regional Corridors and Gaps (2014)



MDOT Metro Region North Bike Map (2018)





Lyon Oaks Park in Wixom is the closest Oakland County Park to Commerce Township. Over the next ten years, the County is planning improvements at Lyon Oaks including accessibility improvements, permanent restrooms, parking lot improvements, and natural resource management.

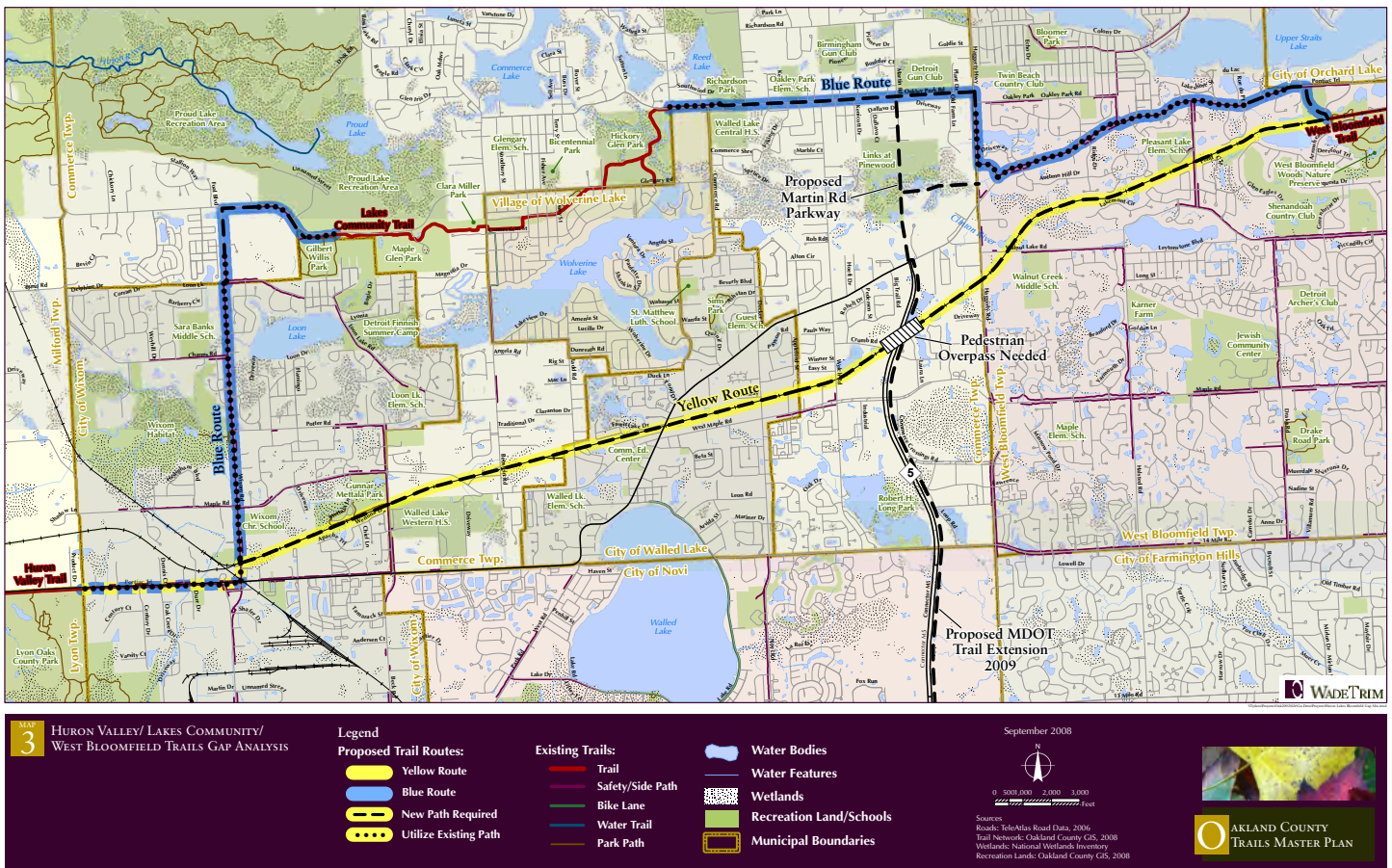
### Oakland County Trails Master Plan (2008)

The Oakland County Trails Master Plan (2008) was developed to provide a framework for creating a connected system of greenways and trails throughout Oakland County. The non-motorized system is envisioned to serve a diverse range of users, providing safe and well-maintained linkages to important natural, cultural and civic destinations and other points of interest within and outside of the county.

The development of the Trails Master Plan was overseen by the Oakland Trails Advisory Council, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services. These agencies served in a leadership role in the development of a connected non-motorized system, but rely on the efforts of numerous local municipi-

palities, trail commissions, friends groups and property owners for trail implementation.

An important focus of the Oakland County Trails Master Plan was the bridging of several primary “gaps,” or critical missing links that exist in the major trail system. One such gap was identified in the Commerce Township area, where the Lakes Community Trail, Huron Valley Trail and West Bloomfield Trail converge toward each other but do not connect. Two potential connector routes, a “Blue Route” and a “Yellow Route,” were identified and assessed based on their opportunities and constraints. In the end, in 2008, both routes were identified as options and recommendations for implementation of the connector routes were identified. The trail gap and potential connector routes are illustrated on the Huron Valley/ Lakes Community/ West Bloomfield Trail Gap Analysis Map below created in 2008. Since the Oakland County Trails Master Plan was completed, the Commerce-Wixom-Walled Lake Trails Council received funding assistance to purchase the abandoned rail corridor with trail construction slated for 2019.





**Commerce Township Master Plan (2015)**

In 2015, the Township adopted a Master Plan Update which amended the 2004 Township Master Plan. The Amendment was comprehensive and focused on responding to the 2013 economic upswing and changing developing patterns. The Amendment includes goals and objectives related to parks, recreation and nonmotorized connections. The goals and objectives are supportive and align with the goals of this Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan and focus on provision of a wide variety of recreational opportunities; encouraging ped/bike connections via Complete Streets, sidewalks, and trails; active recreation uses; improvement of playground equipment; preservation of golf courses; and, collaboration with the local school districts.

The 2015 Commerce Township Master Plan also includes a Non-Motorized/Complete Streets Map (below) that highlights destinations, as well as existing and proposed networks.

**Wise Rd Ecological Assessment Study**

In December 2006, Insight Environmental Services and Klatt Environmental Associates completed an Ecological Assessment for the Wise Road Property. The report was a thorough analysis of site his-

tory, existing conditions, floristic quality assessment, plant communities, preliminary wildlife assessment, resources and opportunities and recommendations. The report goes into great detail about the environmental conditions of the property, including marsh areas, floodplain, scrub-shrub areas, pine plantings, etc. The findings of this study assisted in the decision-making and agreements related to Commerce Township purchasing the property from the MDNR. This report should be referenced when considering any improvements.

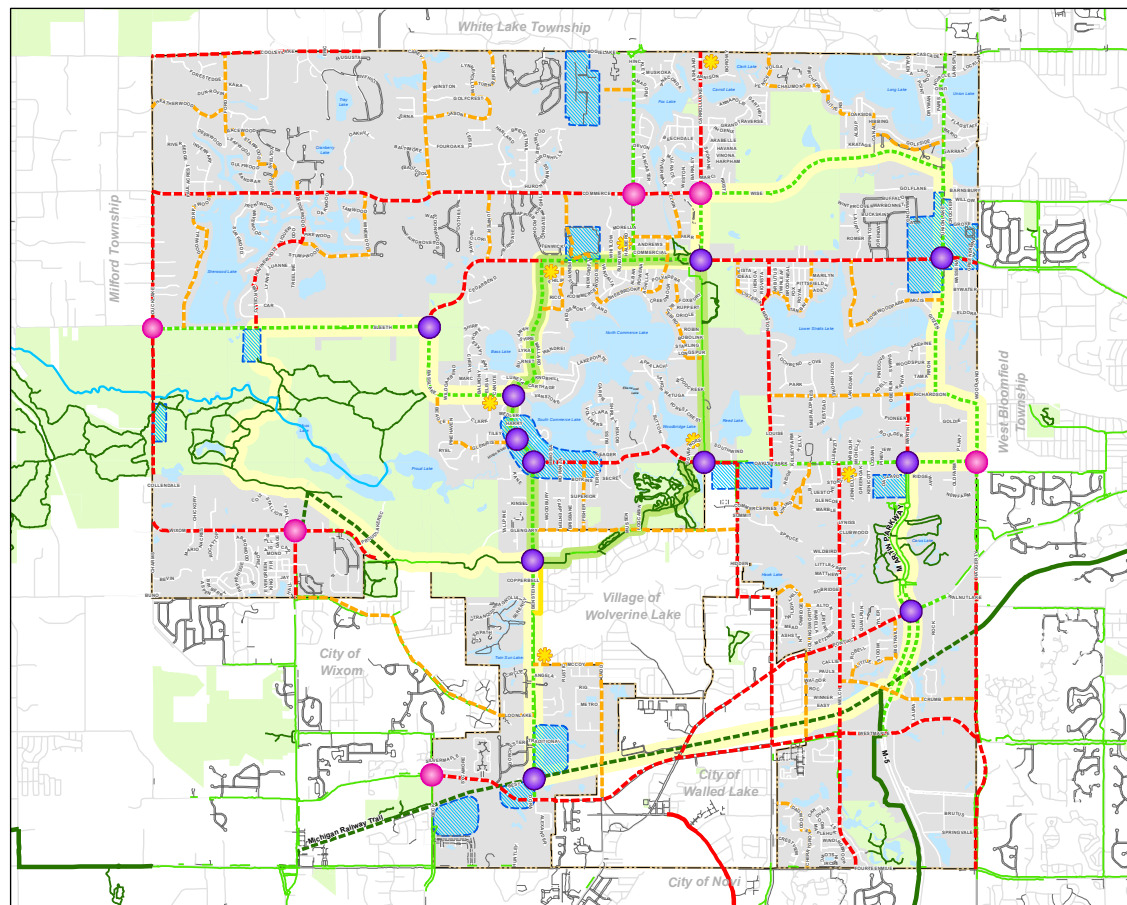
**ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT  
MDNR PROPERTY - WISE ROAD  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
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December 4, 2006



**Non Motorized/  
Complete Streets Plan**

Commerce Charter Township, Oakland  
County, Michigan  
December 7, 2015

- LEGEND**
- Congestion Mitigation
  - Parks
  - Proposed On-Street Bike Marking
  - Proposed Bike Route
  - Existing Sidewalk
  - Existing Water Trail
  - Existing Bike Lane
  - Existing Park Path
  - Existing Route
  - Existing Sidepath
  - Existing Trail
  - Proposed Sidepath
  - Proposed Park Path or Trail
  - Destination
  - 7 mile Bike Loop
  - 20 mile Bike Loop
  - Intersection Improvements
  - Multimodal Crossing Improvement

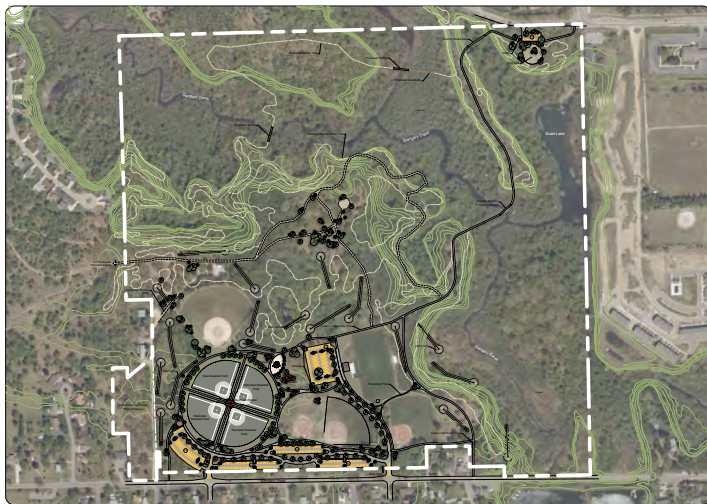


### Byers Homestead Report (Oakland County 2009)

In 2009, Oakland County staff completed an assessment of the historic Byers Homestead property. The report includes a detailed analysis of existing conditions and extensive recommendations for restoration and preservation. The report includes a list of 20 priorities and cost projections for each. The report should be used and referred to when considering any modifications at the Byers property.

### Hickory Glen Master Plan (2011)

A Master Plan was completed for Hickory Glen Park in 2011. In developing the long-term vision for the park, a site analysis was completed to understand existing conditions, challenges and opportunities. A public workshop was held to gather input related to needs and priorities for the park. The process resulted in the Hickory Glen Master Plan (full size included in the Inventory section of this document). The long-term vision calls for a phased approach in implementing improvements including elements such as two entries off of Glengary, improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation, improved arrangement of ball fields, addition of a disc golf course, and related amenities such as pavilions, play equipment, wayfinding, etc. *Due to the time that has elapsed since development, as well as improvements that have been made at other parks, this concept plan may need to be updated prior to moving forward with any improvements at the park.*



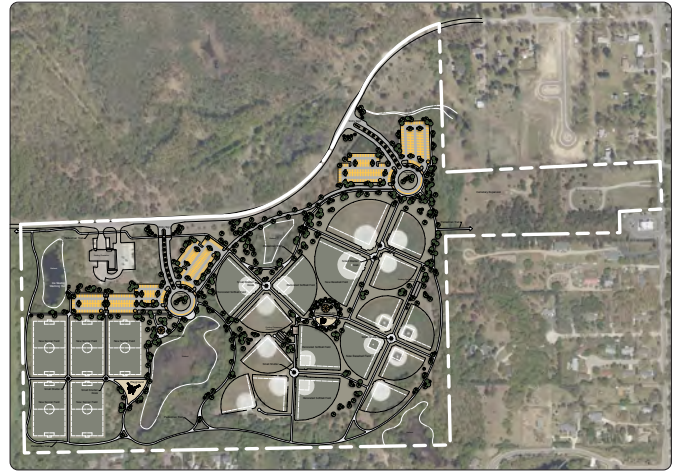
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### Maple Glen Master Plan (2011)

A Master Plan was completed for Maple Glen Park in 2011. In developing the long-term vision for the park, a site analysis was completed to understand existing conditions, challenges and opportunities. A public workshop was held to gather input related to needs and priorities for the park. The process resulted in the Maple Glen Master Plan (full size included in the Inventory section of this

document). The long-term vision calls for a phased approach in implementing the desired improvements including elements



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such as two entries off of Glengary Road, improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation, a soccer field complex and related amenities including pavilions, play equipment and wayfinding signage. *Due to the time that has elapsed since development, as well as improvements that have been made at other parks, this concept plan may need to be updated prior to moving forward with any improvements at the park.*

### Forestry Management Plans (2013)

In conjunction with the development of the previous 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Township developed Forestry Management Plans (Mike's Tree Surgeon's, Inc.: August 2013) for 4 of the Township's most heavily wooded parks including:

- Dodge V Park
- Richardson Park
- Hickory Glen Park
- Robert H. Long Park

The Management Plans include an analysis of the primary overstory species diversity, forest health, quality and appearance of each stand, major hazardous or structurally defective trees, observations related to health and preservation, as well as general tree maintenance objectives and recommended plantings list for each of the 4 parks. The results of the Management Plans indicated that Hickory Glen Park and Dodge V Park are the highest priorities relative to tree care needs of the 4 sites. The plan priorities have been incorporated into the Action Program of this Master Plan.

### Wise Woods/Victory Park Master Plan (2014)

A long-term master plan was developed for the Wise Woods/Victory Park property in 2014 (graphic included in Inventory section of this document) with a focus on passive recreation



and trails throughout both properties and more active recreation in Victory Park (south side of Wise Road) including a large pavilion with restrooms, parking, dog park, soccer fields, open space, playground and splash pad. A public workshop was held during the development of the plan to gather input related to priorities for the park. Since completion of the long-term concept plan for the park, portions of the Victory Park property (south of Wise Road and former Nike Missile site) have experienced sink holes and unstable soil conditions. The Township is currently in discussions with the Department of Defense to seek a remedy prior to moving forward. *Due to the time that has elapsed since development, as well as improvements that have been made at other parks, this concept plan may need to be updated prior to moving forward with any improvements at the park.*

## Participation Data

Another tool used by the Township when considering improvements to parks and recreation are the trends occurring locally in terms of participation. Commerce has a number of leagues that function within the Township and surrounding areas and utilize Township facilities. Participation data was gathered from each of the leagues to get a better understanding of size and potential needs.

### Participation Data and Trends

League	2016	2017	2018
Lakes Athletic Assoc.	360	404	480
Commerce Little League	1100	1150	1100
Inter-Lakes Girls Softball	390	385	370
CW3 Soccer Association	2015	1925	1920
Lakes Area Hawks			
Youth Football	89	95	93
Cheerleading	26	22	20

## Stakeholder Input

During the development of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Township gathered stakeholder input via 3 primary methods: a public workshop, a parks and recreation opinion survey, and the DNR required public hearing. Each of these resulted in input that was relied upon in order to develop the goals, objectives and action program for the next 5 years. A more detailed description of the input methods and results is included here and in the Appendix of this report.

## Public Workshop

The Township and Parks and Recreation Committee hosted a public workshop on September 18, 2018 to brainstorm ideas and identify priorities for the next 5 years. Approximately 15 people attended the workshop held at the Richardson Center. Participants brainstormed ideas that were then documented on flip charts throughout the room. Attendees placed sticker dots (3 per person) next to the items they believed were their highest priority. Attendees also noted on a large map their top 3 destinations they do/would like to walk or bike to in the Township.



The results of the workshop are provided below with the number of sticker votes shown in parenthesis.

### TRAILS + CONNECTIVITY

- Lakes Community Trail to new downtown area near M-5 (4)
- Connect Bicentennial Park + Hickory Glen via new neighborhood (4)
- S Commerce Road to Union Lake via Commerce Road (4)
- Crossing between Byers + Mill Race Park (4)
- Trails into Milford + Long Farm area along E Commerce Road (3)
- Difficult to cross into Dodge Park (3)
- Path from Library to Wise Road (3)
- Airline Trail to Lakes Community Trail connections (2)
- Need pedestrian lights at crossings (2)
- Crosswalks needed/improved at: (2)
  - o Glengary + S Commerce Road
  - o Oakley Park + S Commerce Road
- Bridge trail gap north to south (1)
- Connections to Airline Trail (1)
- Mill Race to Victory Park (1)
- Visibility of crossing of Benstein on trail near cemetery is poor
- More sidewalks
- Finish walkway from S Commerce to Pontiac Trail
- Walking trails (mulch) need to be replaced at Dodge Park
- Foot traffic only on trails to separate from mountain bike trails

## PARKS/EVENTS/ETC

*Note that some trail related comments were discussed during general park discussion.*

- Dog Park (5)
- Bicentennial Park needs love – refurbish tennis (4)
- Improve publicizing of parks, events, meetings, goings-on. General increase awareness. Better communication and more notification (4)
- Love concerts at parks but would like more variety of music (3)
- Like trails in Wise Woods – don't take down trees (2)
- Park maps, kiosk, wayfinding in parks and along trails (2)
- More mountain bike trails – better maintenance of trails (2)
- Restrooms at parks or changing sheds to change clothes (2)
- Pickleball at Richardson Center or Bicentennial (2)
- Benches along trails (2)
- More playgrounds (1)
- More big events – art fairs, circus, etc. (1)
- Please keep trees and trails (1)
- Trail markings (1)
- Park/trail maps @ Library (1)
- Trail maintenance (1)
- Plow Dodge Park parking lot (1)
- Doing a nice job overall
- Thankful for bridges along Commerce Road
- Horseshoe pits
- Hay rides/tractor rides
- Mill Race Park needs more to it
- If you build it, they will come
- Community garden
- Like trails in Dodge Park and Library
- Love events at Byers
- Byers needs farmhouse rehab.
- Ropes course
- Drinking fountain outside of Library
- Ice skating
- Where is Township Supervisor tonight?

### Online Survey

The Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Community Opinion Survey was an online poll conducted August 20, 2018 through September 28, 2018. The purpose of the survey was to obtain input related to the current use, potential future needs, and support for the parks and recreation system in the Township. The survey was based on the 2008 and 2013 versions in order to be able to compare results over time. The availability of the survey was published on the Township website, distributed via email, posted to the Township Facebook page, and flyer's were hung at the Richardson Center, Township Hall, Library and at each park. In total, 340 people participated in the survey (approximately 100 more than in 2013). A summary of the results is presented here. A detailed summary of the results of the online survey is provided in Appendix A.

When asked about the number of recreational programs, activities and facilities provided in Commerce Township, 62.8 percent (83% 2008; 65.8 2013) of respondents felt that more were needed. When asked about the amount of parkland in the Township, 56.2 percent 53.1 percent (74% 2008; 53.1 % 2013) of respondents felt that more parkland was needed.

When asked about the **current funding level** for recreational programs, activities and facilities, 47.0 percent (56% 2008; 52.5% 2013) of participants felt that more funding was needed.

One survey question was designed to gauge the **current participation level and interest** for a variety of physical recreational activities. In terms of current participation, the following were the top 5 physical activities. Where it fell in the 2008 and 2013 survey is listed in parenthesis.

1.	75.7%	Walking or Hiking	(79% 2008; 76.8% 2013)
2.	60.2%	Bicycling	(75% 2008; 66.7% 2013)
3.	56.9%	Picnicking	(65% 2008; 65.2% 2013)
4.	43.3%	Boating	(52% 2008; 46.9% 2013)
5.	37.6%	Fishing	(54% 2008; 48.5% 2013)

The **top 5 physical activities** that respondents were interested in participating in were:

1.	41.5%	Volleyball	(38% 2008; 30.2% 2013)
2.	40.8%	Ice Skating	(36% 2008; 34.2% 2013)
3.	39.9%	Tennis	(33% 2008; 34.4% 2013)
4.	38.0%	Disc Golf	(31% 2008; 31.8% 2013)
5.	36.5%	Picnicking	(23% 2008; 21.1% 2013)

For **non-sport recreational activities**, the largest percentage of respondents currently participate in:

1.	38.9%	Concerts	(28% 2008; 33.5% 2013)
2.	24.7%	Fitness Classes	(32% 2008; 24.7% 2013)

The survey offered a listing of various types of recreation facilities and prompted respondents to indicate whether more facilities should be provided or if enough are currently available. The top **5 facilities that respondents indicated more** were needed were:

1.	73.9%	Bike Paths	(1st in 2013)
2.	69.8%	Hike/Walk Trails	(2nd in 2013)
3.	67.1%	Nature Areas	(8th in 2013)
4.	59.4%	Spray Park	(3rd in 2013)
5.	58.4%	Sledding Hill	(6th in 2013)



**Concerts at Dodge Park** have become a popular event in the Township. The Township included questions about the Concert in the Park series in order to learn more from the community.

- 60% Have attended a concert in the park
- 41% Would like Multiple Food Vendors
- 26% Would like a Beer Tent
- 44% Would like concerts once/week in July and August

**Trails and places to walk and bike** are heavily used where they exist and the majority of respondents desire more connectivity.

- 68% Felt more trails/paths are needed
- 32% Use the trails/paths more than twice/week
- 94% Use the trails/paths for fitness/recreation

### Sampling of Online Survey Results 2008 v 2013 v 2018

	2008 Survey	2013 Survey	2018 Survey
More Programs Are Needed	83.0%	65.8%	62.8%
More Parkland Is Needed	74.0%	53.1%	56.2%
More Funding Is Needed	56.0%	52.5%	47.0%

#### Public Hearing

A full draft Five-Year Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their review and discussion at their December 2018 meeting.

The draft Master Plan was then made available for public review on January 25, 2019. Hard copies of the draft Plan were available at the Township Hall and the Ralph C. Richardson Center. A digital copy was posted to the Township website. A notice was published in the Oakland Press on January 25, 2019 and posted on the Township website, Facebook page and in Township Hall and the Ralph C. Richardson Center, making people aware of the draft Plan and public hearing.

A public hearing on the draft Five-Year Master Plan was held in front of the Parks and Recreation Committee on February 25, 2019 at the Township Hall.

Minutes from the public hearing are included in the Appendix.

# Action Plan



The Action Plan details the direction that the Township would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain, improve, and expand parks, recreation and non-motorized connectivity opportunities within the community. The findings and results summarized in the Basis For Action section of this Plan were utilized to develop the goals, guidelines, tasks and capital improvement priorities detailed on the following pages. This section also includes planning recommendations related to expansion of a non-motorized network and improvement of ped/bike connectivity within the Township and to adjacent communities.

The Plan is intended to serve as a guide and decision-making document for future recreation facilities and programs. The Action Plan outlines the improvements the Township would like to focus on during the life of the Plan. The Plan is not intended to solve all of the issues, concerns and desires related to parks and recreation, rather to identify and document them so they can be addressed and focused on in the upcoming months and years.

*Current funding and staffing levels at the Township are not sufficient for all of the ideas and desires documented in this Action Plan to be implemented – rather, this plan documents opportunities, desires and priorities to consider moving forward.*

## Goals, Guidelines and Tasks

The Goals, Guidelines and Tasks from the 2014 Plan were reviewed and updated to assist in providing direction to Township staff, Board, and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Goals are long-term ideals or end products that are desired. Guidelines and more detailed Tasks have been developed to outline more specific actions that will assist in meeting the goals. The Goals, Guidelines and Tasks are intended to be as important as the capital improvement priorities. They are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

GUIDELINE	TASK
<p>Continue discussions related to the development of a Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department with adequate maintenance, enforcement and programming staff and budget.</p>	<p>Develop plan to determine needs, feasibility and cost and recommendations for organizational structure and staffing levels (i.e. seasonal staff)? Contracted staff? Special events/volunteer coordinator?</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>1.1 Include research on structure, budgets, staff levels of other nearby Recreation Departments.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>2.1 Develop a cost analysis template to use in order to understand the long-term costs of programs, events, and facilities.</p> <p>2.2 Develop a maintenance manual to establish consistent guidelines, frequency, methods, etc.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>3.1 Educate, train and equip Township staff to identify and manage invasive species.</p> <p>3.2 Continue to contract invasive species management to a qualified firm(s).</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>4.1 Consider implementing poured rubber surfacing at playgrounds.</p> <p>4.2 Consider the installation of cement pads under bleachers, benches and porta Johns.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>5.1 Continue to work on clearing low level brush along major road rights-of-way to provide more open vistas to and from the park properties.</p> <p>5.2 Continue to coordinate with police/sheriff regarding an increased presence in and around the parks.</p> <p>5.3 Consider security-level lighting in appropriate locations to increase visibility and deter vandalism.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>6.1 Schedule a Spring and Fall Clean Up Day and enlist groups such as WWAM, leagues, Multi Lakes, Huron Valley Hospital, Scouting Organizations, Masonic Lodge, Home Depot, local businesses, etc.</p> <p>6.2 Improve record keeping, requests for records and finances, and tracking of volunteer hours.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>7.1 Continue annual budget item for tree maintenance activities and professional oversight as well as a manner to measure success and progress.</p> <p>7.2 Complete additional Forestry Management Plans for other park properties with emphasis on Mill Race Park, Byers, Maple Glen, Wise Woods and Victory Park.</p> <p>7.3 Establish an annual budget item to focus on Reforestation of Parks.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>8.1 Provide regular updates and information about parks and recreation on the Township e-newsletter.</p> <p>8.2 Continue to improve website to include inventory map showing location of parks, trail network map, photos, list of facilities and park rules</p> <p>8.3 Provide regular contributions to the Commerce Township Facebook page</p> <p>8.4 Continue to utilize M-5 electronic sign for announcements</p> <p>8.5 Install signs about projects, improvements and acquisitions that are utilizing millage funds</p> <p>8.6 Increase email distribution list</p> <p>8.7 Include regular articles and announcements in local newspapers</p> <p>8.8 Coordinate with school district, chamber of commerce, realtors, athletic leagues, DDA, voter registration packets, etc. to distribute parks and recreation information and "cross advertise" services and offerings.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>9.1 Report back at Parks Committee meetings on a quarterly basis.</p>
<p>ORGANIZATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GOAL</p> <p>Strive to ensure efficient, high-quality operation and maintenance of public park facilities and properties within the Township.</p>	



GOAL	GUIDELINE	TASK
<p><b>PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION</b></p> <p><b>GOAL</b></p> <p><b>Partner and collaborate with other entities, agencies and organizations in order to provide residents with comprehensive, high-quality programs and facilities in a cost effective and efficient manner.</b></p>	<p>Continue to coordinate with organizations that are interested in improving Township parks such as the athletic organizations, Scouting Organizations, Motor City Mountain Bike Association, Scarlet's Smile, and the Multi-Lakes Conservation Assoc., Home Depot, local businesses, etc.</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>1.1</b> Continue practice of assigning a Parks Committee member as a liaison to each league/group.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Continue to review and update partnership agreements.</p> <p><b>1.3</b> Develop policies and procedures for volunteers and organizations related to process, maintenance activities, use of equipment, safety policies, scheduling, etc.</p> <p><b>1.4</b> Review current organizations schedules for practices, games, and use of facilities to better understand and manage field usage.</p> <p><b>1.5</b> Engage partner organizations in volunteer opportunities at Township Parks.</p>
	<p>Engage the school districts, surrounding local governments, the MDNR, HRWC and Oakland County Parks to seek opportunities to share resources and information and partner on projects.</p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>2.1</b> Coordinate with the Huron River Watershed Council, MDNR and Friends of Byers to seek opportunities to extend the Huron River Water Trail to Byers Park.</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Engage the school districts regarding desired walk/bike and connectivity improvements in and around their properties.</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Continue conversations with MDNR related to trail connectivity at Proud Lake as well as potential management of Union Lake pocket park (former boat launch).</p>
	<p>Reach out to the Huron Valley Hospital and medical providers to develop partnerships/programs related to health, the outdoors, staying active, etc.</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>3.1</b> Specifically engage regarding desired walk/bike and connectivity improvements.</p>
	<p>Stay engaged with the Township, Township Library, DDA, Police/Sheriff and Trailways Council in order to seek opportunities for partnerships, cross advertising, and sharing resources and information.</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>4.1</b> Hold 1 Joint Meeting/Year to discuss projects, priorities and issues.</p>
	<p>Partner with the Commerce Township Library, Village of Wolverine, Historical Society and Historical Study Committee to transfer historical recreation-related records into electronic formats to ensure survival and make more available to the public.</p> <p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>5.1</b> Parks Director schedule meeting with representatives of noted organizations in order to discuss goals, methods and plan to move this guideline forward. Include discussion of what data is available, best ways to preserve, ease of access to public, roles/responsibilities, etc.</p>
	<p>Utilize the passion, knowledge and resources in the community to ensure protection and restoration of Historic Sites.</p> <p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>6.1</b> Reference the report completed by Oakland County in 2009 when moving forward with any improvements and/or restoration activities at Byers Park.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Engage the Park Committee and Friends of Byers when development is proposed in proximity to Byers Park to ensure consideration of the historical context and setting.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> Commit resources for improvements at Mill Race including preservation and interpretation of the historic elements of the property.</p>

GUIDELINE	TASK
<p>Develop a Concept Master Plan for parks to establish a long-term vision for the park, understand the capacity of the land, ensure protection of environmental resources, engage the community, and implement improvements in a coordinated manner.</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Establish a budget to complete the development of a Concept Master Plan for Bicentennial Park including 1.1 stakeholder engagement. Consider pickleball, community gardens, play equipment, soccer, baseball, trail connections, etc.</p> <p>1.2 Update Concept Plans as needed for Maple Glen, Hickory Glen, Wise Woods and Victory Park as conditions, needs and priorities may have changed since originally developed.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>2.1 Coordinate with user groups to implement improvements at Maple Glen Park in coordination with Concept Plan.</p> <p>2.2 Proceed with improvements at Hickory Glen Park in coordination with the Concept Plan.</p> <p>2.3 Proceed with improvements at Dodge V Park in coordination with the updated 2018 Layout Plan.</p> <p>2.4 Proceed with recommendations outlined in Oakland County 2009 Report on Byers Park.</p> <p>2.5 Proceed with improvements at Wise Woods and Victory Park in coordination with the Concept Plan (and considering any modifications based on changing needs).</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>3.1 Continue to install coordinated park signage and landscaping treatments for each park to improve entrances.</p> <p>3.2 Continue to remove low brush at parks along major thoroughfares to increase site lines.</p> <p>3.3 Consider security lighting installations where appropriate.</p> <p>3.4 Resolve parking and ingress/egress issues at Hickory Glen Park.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>4.1 Provide accessible, permanent restroom facilities at heavily used and programmed parks.</p> <p>4.2 Provide fresh water for drinking and irrigation at all Parks.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>5.1 All improvements designed on Township properties should consider universal accessibility principles and practices.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>6.1 Stay engaged with the Township Planner, Township Board and DDA in discussions to incorporate green space, trails and public gathering space into developments.</p> <p>6.2 Incorporate park/rec amenities into private developments to provide conservation areas, mini parks, trail heads, connections to the existing and planned trail network, etc.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>7.1 Incorporate nature trails in appropriate Township Parks and include wayfinding and interpretive signage.</p> <p>7.2 Incorporate signage that interprets the history of the park (i.e. Nike site, CCC plantings, Mill Race, Byers, etc.)</p> <p>7.3 Utilize environmentally-friendly, "green" design and construction standards, including Low Impact Development (LID) techniques and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) practices, and stormwater best management practices when making improvements to Township Parks.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>8.1 Remain engaged with the Township Supervisor, Township Board and Assessor in order to articulate this goal and be aware of any pending opportunities and/or needs.</p>

**FACILITY DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION GOAL**

Provide residents with high quality, diverse recreation opportunities by renovating and/or improving existing facilities, and where possible and appropriate, expanding parks and recreation offerings.

PROGRAMS GOAL	GUIDELINE	TASK
<p><b>In conjunction with other parks and recreation providers, make available high quality, comprehensive, and diverse recreation programs and events that meet the needs of the residents.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Increase opportunities for outdoor education.</p>	<p><b>1.1</b> Further develop nature trails within the parks and include trail maps, wayfinding and interpretive signage.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Determine interest for running an astronomy program, scheduled nature walks, etc. on Township property.</p>
	<p><b>2</b> Increase the number of events at Township Parks.</p>	<p><b>2.1</b> Increase number of concerts in the park and movie in the park at various Township parks. Utilize local talent as much as possible for concerts.</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Add an additional event in a Township Park (i.e. craft show, antique show, food/music festival, Pioneer Days, Farmers Market, Encampment event, etc)</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Establish a large area for events/festivals, etc. that won't damage athletic fields.</p> <p><b>2.4</b> Evaluate potential of adding "Camp Out" night in conjunction with movie or concert in the park. Reach out to West Bloomfield to learn logistics, staffing, etc.</p>
	<p><b>3</b> Increase programs and activities focused on the history of Commerce Township.</p>	<p><b>3.1</b> Engage community groups to assist in offering additional programs and events.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Incorporate signage at Township property that interprets the history of the parks.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Pursue historical signs for Historic Sites in the Township.</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Partner to develop a cooperative web program with the Library and Historical Society to make history of Township and park properties more accessible.</p>
	<p><b>4</b> Investigate interest in establishing an Arts Program in Commerce Township.</p>	<p><b>4.1</b> Continue to partner with the Huron Valley Arts Council for partnership opportunities and assistance with incorporating more arts programs/events/activities in the community and parks.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> Continue to bring art displays to Township facilities.</p>
	<p><b>5</b> Increase the number of seniors served by the senior lunch program.</p>	<p><b>5.1</b> Seek additional funds to increase the numbers of homebound residents served.</p>
	<p><b>6</b> Support awareness and marketing campaigns of the various athletic leagues and recreation-based programs organized and offered within the Township.</p>	<p><b>6.1</b> Seek articles, art and photos from Leagues for newsletters, Facebook and website.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Encourage groups to submit information for the electronic M-5 sign.</p>
	<p><b>7</b> Expand Senior Transportation Services</p>	<p><b>7.1</b> Continue to partner with adjacent communities to seek funding for expansion of senior transportation needs.</p>



GUIDELINE	TASK
<p><b>1</b> Continue to implement connectivity improvements along and between major corridors within the Township and to adjacent communities.</p>	<p><b>1.1</b> Utilize the Township Non-Motorized System Map to delineate priorities with a focus on those that connect users to civic centers, parks, schools, neighborhoods, retail areas and the Michigan Airline Trail.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Work with Township Planning Commission and staff to investigate the creation of a program where developers would contribute to a Non-Motorized Fund that the Township could use to design and build priority segments.</p> <p><b>1.3</b> Consider and investigate a special millage for design, construction and maintenance of non-motorized connections per the Township Non-Motorized System Map.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Increase connectivity to Proud Lake State Park.</p>	<p>Work with Oakland County, Milford Township, and the MDNR to provide improved and additional non-motorized access to and from Proud Lake, the adjacent neighborhoods and the Lakes Community Trail system per recommendations on the Non-Motorized System Map.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Support and encourage the development of the regional non-motorized trail network within the Township and surrounding communities.</p>	<p><b>3.1</b> Continue to support the Trailway Councils effort to construct the Michigan Airline Trail and associated amenities within the former rail corridor to connect the West Bloomfield Trail to the Huron Valley Trail. (Slated for 2019)</p> <p><b>3.2</b> The Lakes Community Trail and connections to it are aging and will require continued maintenance and replacement of sections over the next several years.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Add benches with emergency markers as well as wayfinding signage along the Lakes Community Trail and all Township Trails to indicate with maps and signage the distance to destinations, length of network, etc.</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Include wayfinding map at each Township Park that includes map of trails within the park as well as overall trail/path connections within the community.</p>
<p><b>4</b> Improve non-motorized conditions in the Township.</p>	<p><b>4.1</b> Utilize the Non-Motorized System Map and Plan to address pedestrian and non-motorized needs, connections, priorities, and potential design solutions.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> Coordinate with the Road Commission for Oakland County to improve non-motorized access and use along County roads (i.e. widen paved shoulders, improved pedestrian crossings, etc.)</p>
<p><b>5</b> Continue to focus on improving barrier-free and universal accessibility at all Township facilities and parks including access to picnic tables, grills, paths, playing fields, parking areas, restrooms, play equipment, etc.</p>	<p><b>5.1</b> All improvements designed on Township properties should consider universal accessibility principles and practices.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Encourage and support staff to keep apprised of current state and federal recreation guidelines and standards.</p>

**ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY GOAL**  
**Support and encourage accessibility to and within Township parks, as well as development of the local and regional non-motorized systems.**

TASK	GUIDELINE	FUNDING GOAL
<p>Continue having a Parks Committee budget planning meeting in July/August to discuss and document priorities, reference Master Plan as foundation.</p> <p>1.1</p>	<p>Develop an annual budget that balances needs with the fiscal constraints of the Township.</p> <p>1</p>	<p><b>Continue the commitment to fiscal responsibility and the efficient management and operation of parks, recreation and senior services through a diversified funding stream.</b></p>
<p>1.2 Submit results of budget planning meeting to Township Board.</p>		
<p>2.1 Research and stay aware of grant opportunities.</p>		
<p>2.2 Consistently seek partnerships and collaborative efforts related to operations, maintenance and improvements.</p>		
<p>2.3 Develop appropriate sponsorship, fundraising, and donation opportunities and guidelines.</p>		
<p>Work with the Township Board to identify Township-owned, remnant, and/or unutilized properties for their potential sale (i.e. abandoned well sites, small vacant lots being maintained by the Township). Revenues from sales to be utilized for parks and recreation improvements for those that were purchased with parks funds.</p> <p>2.4</p>	<p>Seek alternative and creative funding sources to assist in implementing goals, guidelines, tasks and capital improvements.</p> <p>2</p>	
<p>Develop a defined donations program and brochure that includes items, cost, and type of amenity to use to communicate and coordinate with the public.</p> <p>2.5</p>		
<p>During annual budgeting process, include line items in budgeting tools that will trigger the need to identify any anticipated impacts to maintenance and/or staffing.</p> <p>3.1</p>	<p>Ensure adequate funding to support the current parks and recreation system, including maintenance and staffing prior to expansion of facilities or offerings.</p> <p>3</p>	
<p>Budget for reservable, outdoor areas for rent for group events, reunions, birthdays, etc. (i.e. pavilions near play equipment and restrooms, etc.)</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Consider improvements, offerings, programs and events that will generate revenue for the community to invest back into parks, recreation and senior services.</p> <p>4</p>	
<p>Coordinate committee members to educate user groups on the millage language.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>At the end of this Plan period (2023), begin to plan for renewal of the parks, recreation and senior services millage that will expire in 2024.</p> <p>5</p>	
<p>Engage user groups and partners to assist in educating their constituents about the millage renewal.</p> <p>5.2</p>		

## Non-Motorized Connectivity Plan

Commerce Township is committed to continuing to improve connectivity, mobility and safety within the Township in order to provide transportation choices, recreation, contribute to placemaking, economic development, and the health of residents. This Plan includes a long-term vision for connectivity as well as a number of initial priorities and recommendations related to non-motorized improvements, which are summarized here and included within the Capital Improvements Priorities.

*This section of the Plan details some general design considerations, resources, and characteristics related to the accommodation of bicycles and pedestrians within road rights-of-way and off-road corridors. This section is not intended to replace the wealth of manuals and design guidance documents that exist. There are a number of design manuals and other guidance that should and/or must be used by agencies, designers, landscape architects, and engineers on how to best accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.*

### Challenges

Implementation of the Non-Motorized Vision and construction of sections of sidewalk, sidepath, shared use trail and/or enhanced shoulders will be a considerable financial investment with a number of design challenges and constraints in a variety of locations. Conditions that exist in Commerce Township that will add to cost and implementation challenges include (but are not limited to):

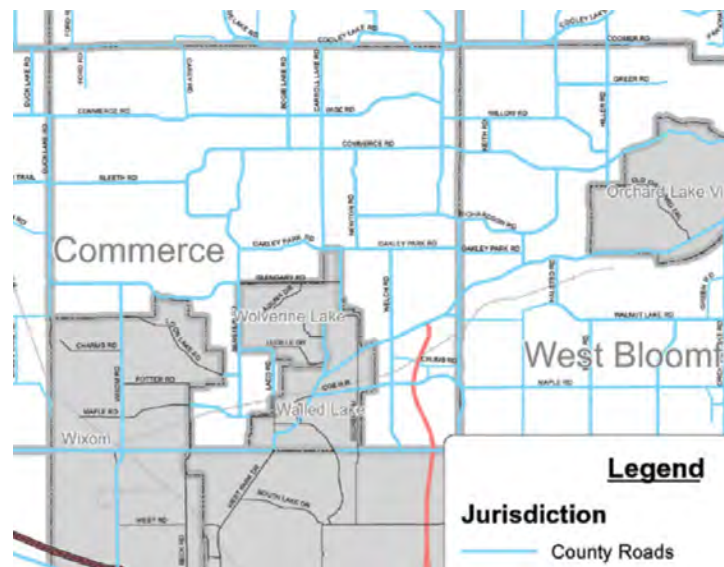
- open drainage swales along roads that may need to be enclosed
- removal and replacement of mature trees and vegetation
- removal and/or relocation of resident installed landscaping, neighborhood entrances, and/or private residential parking pads
- wetlands, lakes, rivers and creeks that will require boardwalks and bridges in order to traverse
- the potential need for easements in some locations to ensure connectivity

The **Non-Motorized System Plan Map** illustrates the **long-term vision** for Commerce Township. The Plan proposes and identifies a number of new sidewalks/sidepaths, shared use trails, enhanced shoulders, as well as locations where existing mid-block crossings (where no traffic signal exists) need to be improved or will need to be added when connections are built.

*Lines on the map represent a general vision for connectivity for planning purposes only. As conditions are analyzed in more detail, some segments are anticipated to be modified due to existing conditions, development patterns, cost, permitting, etc. In many cases, the type of non-motorized facility provided (i.e. sidewalk, enhance shoulders, sidepath, etc.) will need to be determined during design.*

### Road Commission for Oakland County

With the exception of M-5, and a few of the roads that share a border with the surrounding Village and Cities, all of the roads and associated rights-of-way are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County. Therefore, a majority of the elements discussed and illustrated in the Non-Motorized System Plan will require coordination with the Road Commission. When road improvements are being considered in the Township, the intent is that consideration for **Complete Streets** be given during the design process including the provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.



### Complete Streets

There is no one design prescription for complete streets. Ingredients that may be found on a complete street include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and more. A complete street in a rural area will look quite different from a complete street in a highly urban area. But both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road. ---National Complete Streets Coalition



## Sidewalks and Sidepaths

A high priority element for enhancing connectivity and walkability within the Township is to systematically continue to complete gaps in the sidewalk/sidepath system along the major road corridors.

A number of priority sidewalk/sidepath gaps are identified on the Non-Motorized Connectivity Plan Map and within the Capital Improvements Priorities and focus on:

- gaps near Township parks, schools, destinations such as the library, senior center, Lakes Community Trail and the Michigan Airline Trail
- short segments that, when completed, will connect into a large network of completed sidewalks, sidepaths and/or trails
- gaps in high density areas of the Township that also have a significant number of destinations
- priorities identified by residents that provided input into the Plan
- segments that can be constructed by private entities as they develop or redevelop property in the Township

In terms of preferred design, corridor analysis and judgment will need to be made when design of various segments begins. **In general, and where possible, the desire is to have 8-10' wide paved sidepaths installed within the Township.** It is recognized that, in some areas of the community, significant lengths of narrower, concrete sidewalk segments have already been constructed with gaps in between. In some cases, it may make most sense to fill the gap with sidewalks or sidepaths of matching width or material. A detailed analysis of the corridor will assist in determining the achievable sidepath/sidewalk width.

In general, Sidepaths are preferred to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists in the Township due to the landuse pattern and because of the relatively low rate of curb cuts along the major corridors, particularly in the northern, primarily residential portions of the community. Sidepaths and Sidewalks may not be a safe facility for bicyclists where numerous curb cuts exist with high volumes of vehicular turning movements as is the case in the more southern sections of the Township and along more developed corridors.

**Sidepath Design guidance published by MDOT (2018) as well as the FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks guidebook should be referenced to assist with signage, crossings, sidepath user visibility, speed reduction, etc.**

## Shared Use Trails/Paths

Shared Use Trails/Paths provide a travel area separate from motorized traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, wheelchair users, etc. They are constructed outside of a road corridor and offer a low-stress experience away from motor vehicles. Examples in Commerce Township include the Lakes Community Trail and the Michigan Airline Trail that will be built in a former rail corridor in 2019. Shared Use Trails/Paths are typically 10-12' wide (per AASHTO depending on user volumes) with an additional 2' clearance

*Existing Example of Sidepath Along Commerce Road*



on both sides. Where paths intersect roads, enhancements should improve conditions for path/trail users. In addition to the Michigan Airline Trail and the Lakes Community Trail, a number of additional Shared Use Paths/Trails are proposed in Commerce Township to increase connectivity including:

- Spur into Proud Lake Recreation Area to/from Lakes Community Trail
- Trail within Township owned property that would provide a connection from the Lakes Community Trail at Commerce/Glengary southeast to Welch Road and into the Martin Parkway destinations
- Segment through Dodge Park to connect to Newton Road corridor
- Segment along utility corridor from E Commerce Road to Carroll Lake Road to connect the Library and Victory Park
- Segment through Mill Race Park from Farr Street to Commerce Road
- Further study and discussion to determine long-term feasibility of a trail/path through the ITC Utility Corridor that traverse north/south in the northwest portion of the Township and could provide connectivity between Proud Lake Recreation Area and White Lake to the north

## Pedestrian Bridges and Boardwalks

Commerce Township enjoys extensive natural resources including more than 25 lakes and numerous rivers, creeks, streams and acres of wetlands. These natural features also dictate the location of many of the road corridors in the community. In order to implement the Non-Motorized Connectivity Plan, a number of pedestrian bridges and/or sections of elevated boardwalk will be needed. These elements add to the design, permitting and cost of the system. Where a boardwalk and/or pedestrian bridge is needed along a 10' wide shared use trail or sidepath, the bridge/boardwalk should be 14' to incorporate the 2' of desired clearance on either side of the trail/path.



### FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks (2016)

Resource and idea book intended to help small towns and rural communities support safe, accessible, comfortable and active travel for people of all ages and abilities. It provides a bridge between existing guidance on bicycle and pedestrian design and rural practice, encourages innovation in the development of safe and appealing networks for bicycling and walking in small towns and rural areas, and shows examples of peer communities and implementation.

A .pdf of the document can be accessed at the FHWA website [fhwa.dot.gov](http://fhwa.dot.gov).



### MDOT Sidewalk Application Criteria Development for Bicycle Use (2018)

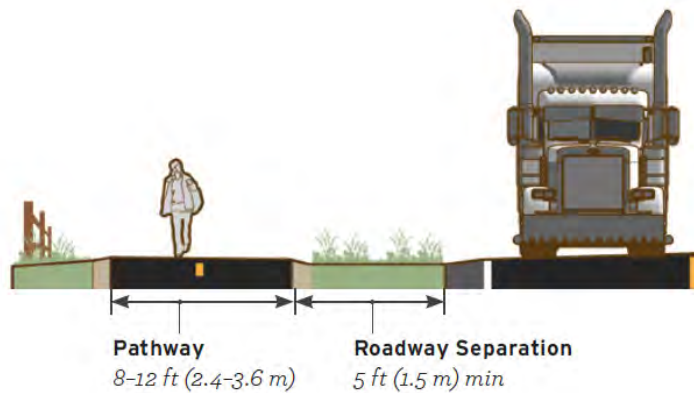
Explores Michigan residents' bicycle facility preferences and attitudes and behaviors toward bicycling, and research to understand bicycle crash characteristics along sidewalks in the service of better sidewalk design guidance. Includes design guidance and considerations for Sidewalks in Michigan.

A .pdf of the document can be accessed at the MDOT website.

### Sidewalk (FHWA)

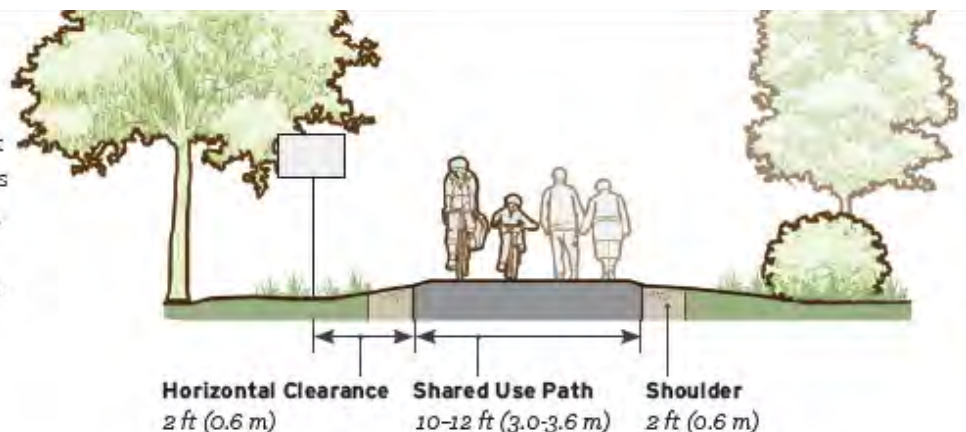
Sidewalks offer a low-stress experience for bicyclists and pedestrians on network routes otherwise inhospitable to walking and bicycling due to high-speed or high-volume traffic.

Figure 4-8. Recommended dimensions for sidewalk width and unpaved separation distance.



### Shared Use Trail/Path (FHWA)

Shared use paths offer network connectivity opportunities beyond that of the roadway network. These facilities are often located in parks, along rivers, beaches, and in greenbelts or utility corridors where there are few conflicts with motorized vehicles. For paths adjacent to roadways, see Sidewalk.



## Mid-Block Crossings

There are currently a few mid-block pedestrian crossings (as opposed to crossings at signalized intersections) in the Township that are recommended to be improved. In addition, implementing a number of the segments of the proposed non-motorized network will require the creation of additional, safe, mid-block crossings in order to facilitate predictable crossings for peds/bikes.

As detailed in the MDOT Sidepath Study (2018), the primary goals are to:

- Reduce pedestrian/cyclist exposure to traffic and crossing distance
- Increase mutual awareness and visibility
- Manage traffic speed and flow

Treatment details will be unique to each location and will be determined during design but could include pavement markings, signage, pedestrian islands, curb extensions, stop and yield lines, lighting, rapid flash beacons, HAWK signals, ADA ramps, etc. Several of the more significant crossings may need traffic studies to understand traffic patterns and ensure appropriate and safe treatments are designed and implemented.

## Michigan Airline Trailheads/Parking

The Michigan Airline Trail is slated for construction in 2019 and with the opening of the pedestrian bridge over M-5 in 2018, the Airline Trail is sure to be a heavily used and popular addition to the regional non-motorized network. While providing connections to/from the Michigan Airline Trail is a high priority, so is the provision of locations along the Airline Trail where vehicular parking is provided along with a cluster of amenities such as benches, signage, maps, bike racks, as well as potential elements such as bike fix-it stations and/or drinking fountains.

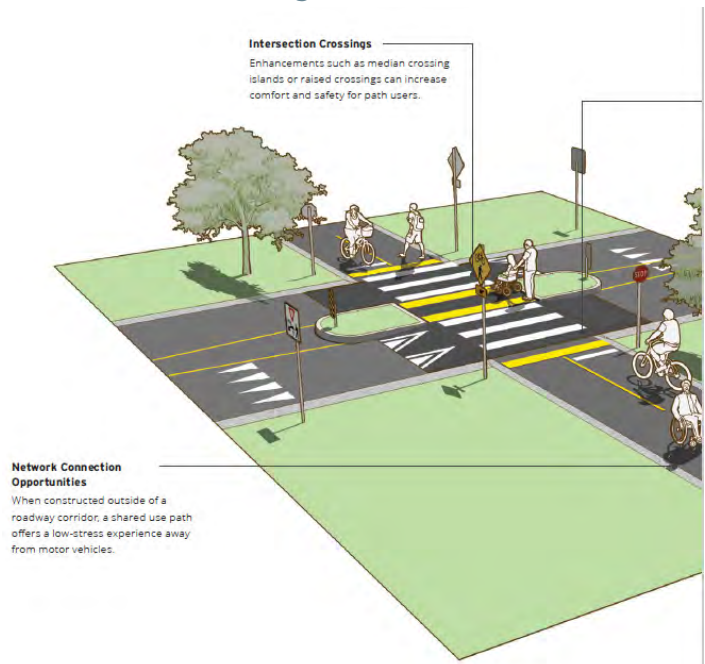
Potential locations in Commerce Township for Trailheads/Parking along the Michigan Airline Trail include:

- At the end of Crumb Road where the M-5 Trail and Michigan Airline Trail intersect
- At the southeast corner of the Michigan Airline Trail/Welch Road intersection
- At the southwest corner of the Michigan Airline Trail/Ladd Road intersection
- Behind the Shearwater Apartments south of West Maple Road

## Enhanced/Paved Shoulders

While separation of pedestrian/bicycle traffic from motor vehicles is desirable, there may be corridors and locations that prove the construction of Sidepaths not feasible due to width of right-of-way, significant natural features, etc. Paved shoulders on the edge of roadways can be enhanced to serve as a functional space for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel in the absence of other facilities

## Mid-Block Crossings (FHWA)



with more separation. Volumes and speeds on roads dictate the paved shoulder width needed to provide a safe space for pedestrians and bicyclists (typically 5-8'). Paved shoulders provide a stable surface off of the roadway for pedestrians and bicyclists to use when sidepaths/sidewalks are not provided. They have shown to reduce pedestrian "walking along roadway" crashes as well as "bicyclist struck from behind" crashes (as noted in the FHWA Small Town/Rural Guide). Paved shoulders are advantageous for all roadway users and can also reduce shoulder maintenance requirements.

## Wayfinding/Signage

A coordinated wayfinding/signage system along the various trails is desired that would include confidence markers along the way, emergency markers and signage and maps that encourages exploration of nearby amenities and destinations. Signage packages should adhere to MUTCD standards.

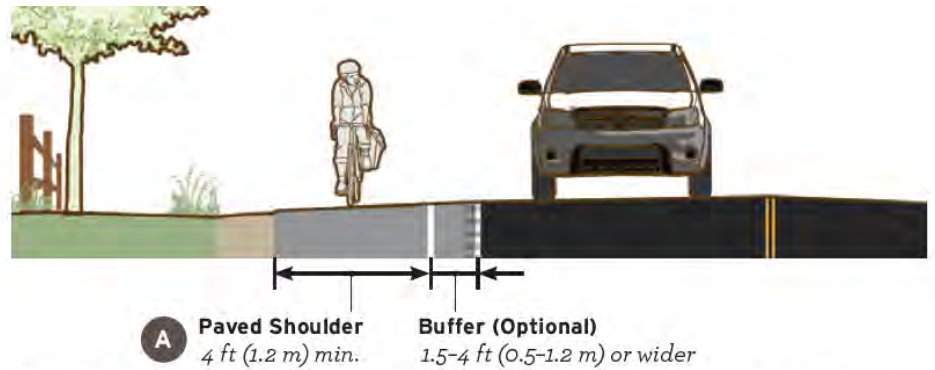
## Bike Parking

Secure and convenient bike parking at public parks, public buildings, schools, retail destinations, places of employment, and multi-family residential developments will assist in encouraging and supporting use. The Township currently has bike parking zoning requirements in the Union Lake Road and the Town Center Overlay Districts. It is recommended to review options to **include bike parking (covered and/or uncovered) provisions in other areas of the Township** including multi-unit residential, office, retail, restaurant, hotels, theaters, fitness centers, etc. Additional incentives can be put into place to allow the provision of bike parking to substitute for a car stall.



## Enhanced/Paved Shoulder (FHWA)

Shoulders can improve bicyclist comfort and safety when traveling in higher speed and/or volume situations but only when adequate width is provided. If used, locate rumble strips on the edge line or within a buffer area that will not reduce usable space for bicyclists.



**Figure 3-1.** When adequate width is provided, shoulders can serve bicycle trips along roads too busy for comfortable shared roadway travel.

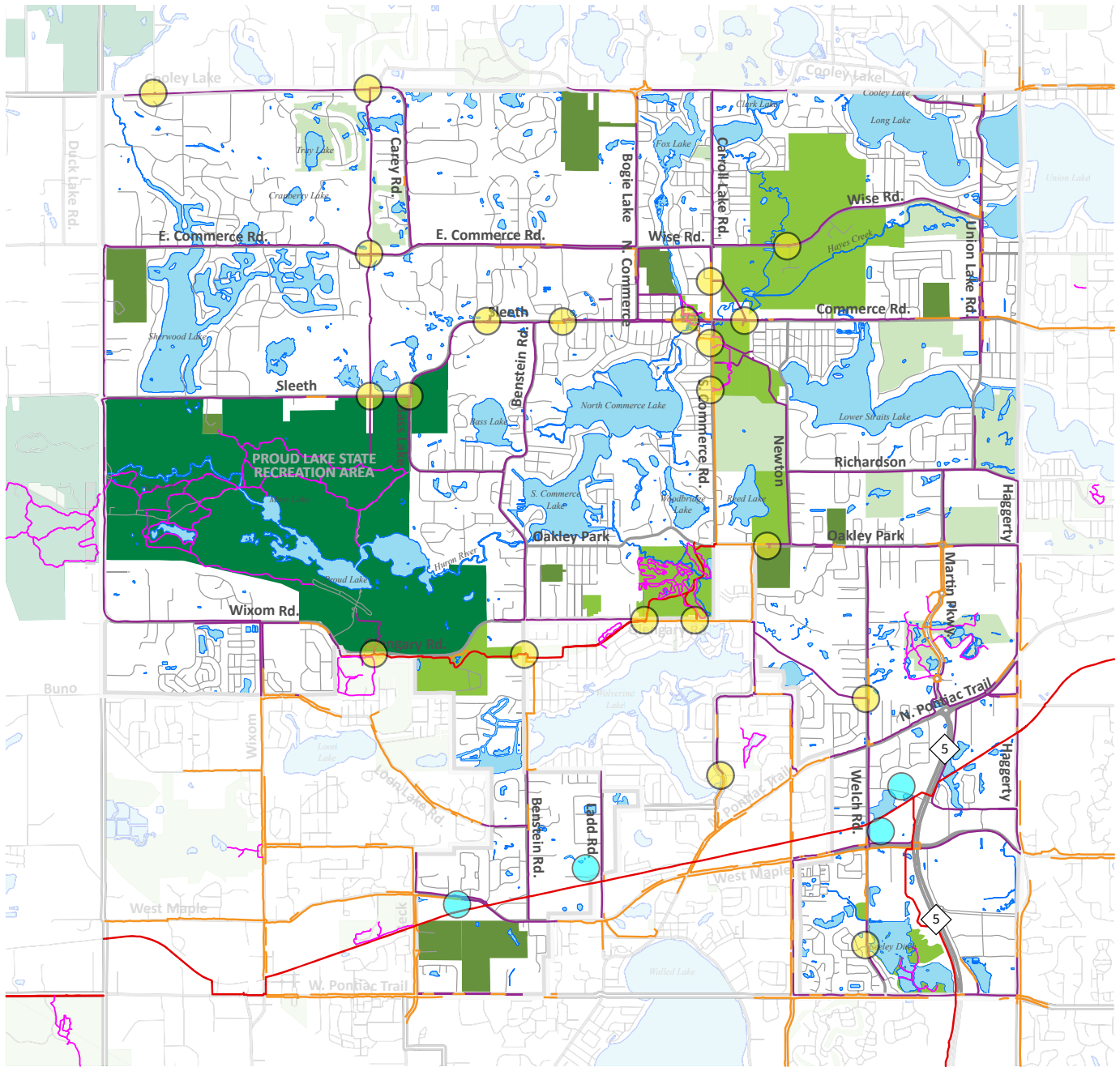
### Promote Education + Awareness

There is a need for education of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists in the region and state using a consistent message and terminology. A number of resources exist that work to help people understand the “rules of the road” while fostering respect between motorists and bicycles to make everyone safer. It is recommended that Commerce Township **utilize existing materials to promote awareness and education within the community.** These messages and materials can be shared within the Township via Facebook, newsletters, on the electronic sign, email, etc.

Utilize the SEMCOG Walk Bike Drive Safe education campaign materials and include messaging, graphics, etc. in Township publications, on electronic board, via newsletters, via social media, etc.

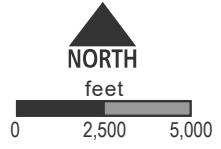


In addition, MDOT’s Sidepath Safety research project (2018) resulted in educational materials with specific messages related to bicyclists and drivers and Sidepaths that should be referenced and utilized as appropriate.



- ⋯ Huron River Water Trail
- Existing Shared-Use Trail
- Existing Sidewalk/Sidepath
- Existing Park Path
- Proposed Sidewalk/Sidepath/Trail
- Potential Trailhead in Commerce Township
- Mid-Block Crossing

- Municipal Boundary
- Major Roads
- Other Roads
- Pond/Lake
- Rivers and Streams
- Commerce Township Park
- Public School Property



**NON-MOTORIZED SYSTEM PLAN**

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
**5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**  
**2019 - 2023**

## Non-Motorized System Priorities (Next 5 Years)

The Non-motorized Vision for the Township is extensive and will take continuous effort to advance. It is anticipated that multiple segments will be worked on at the same time over a number of years. In order to provide some initial focus, the following priority areas were identified. These were identified due to their ability to connect a significant number of people to a significant number of destinations including parks, schools, shopping, employment, entertainment, etc. *While the segments detailed below and highlighted on the Priorities graphic provide an initial focus, this should not preclude other segments from advancing, particularly if conditions change that would make other segments become priorities such as property acquisition, developer or partnering agency interest, etc.*

- Complete **gaps in southeast section of the Township** including connection from Haggerty and the M-5 Trail to Robert Long Park, and the connection from the Airline Trail north to the Downtown Development area.
- **Commerce Road Corridor** between Union Lake Road and DMC Huron Valley Sinai Medical Center including connectivity to and from the Village, Library, Byers, Mill Race Park, Victory Park, Smart Middle School, etc.
- Complete gaps in **Benstein Road Corridor** from Lakes Community Trail to Airline Trail.
- Complete **Oakley Park Road Corridor** focusing particularly on the segments between the Richardson Senior Center and Martin Road Parkway.
- **Connect the Lakes Community Trail to the Downtown Development area** via a shared use trail and boardwalk traversing northwest/southeast on Township property between Welch Road and S Commerce Road.
- Complete the gaps along **North Wixom Road and Glengary Road** in order to provide connections into the Lakes Community Trail as well as a connection between the **Campground and Lakes Community Trail**.
- **Improve unsignalized mid-block crossings** (existing and proposed). Treatment details will be unique to each location but could include pavement markings, signage, pedestrian islands, curb extensions, stop and yield lines, lighting, rapid flash beacons, HAWK signals, ADA ramps, etc.

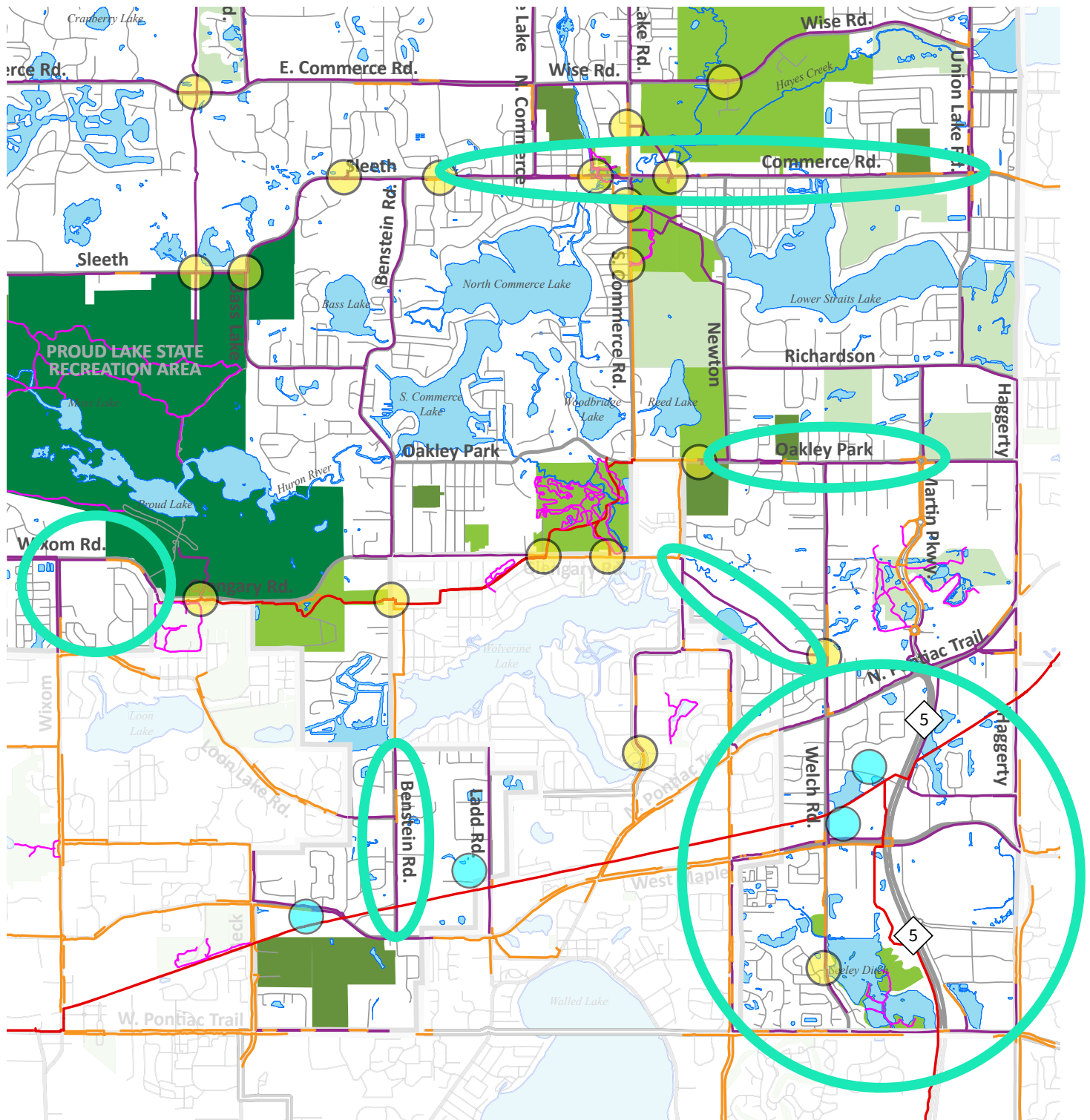
## Funding The Non-Motorized Network Vision

Implementation of the Non-Motorized Vision and construction of sections of sidewalk, sidepath, shared use trail, mid-block crossings, and/or enhanced shoulders will be a considerable financial investment. Four primary methods for funding implementation are proposed for further discussion and consideration by staff, Township Attorney, and the Township Board.

- Creation of a **Developer Funded Connectivity Program** where, in lieu of building sections of sidewalk/sidepath along their frontage where none is planned or it would create a segment with no near-term connectivity, developers of property in the community contribute to a Connectivity Program managed by the Township and used to construct nearby gaps in the network.
- Consideration or creation of **Special Assessment Districts** (SAD) or a **ballot initiative** to assist designing, constructing and maintenance of a connected network of sidewalks/sidepaths/trails.
- Seek and apply for **grant funds** to build segments of shared use trail/sidepath that will provide significant and uniquely critical connections. The most viable funds to consider are the MDNR Trust Fund, the Ralph Wilson Fund, the MDOT TAP Program, and Safe Routes to School.
- Remain open to receipt of **donations and/or endowments** that will assist in establishing connectivity.



# Non-Motorized System Priorities (Next 5 Years)



## Capital Improvement Priorities

The capital improvement priorities for this Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan have been established for two primary reasons:

- to function as a planning framework and guide for the Township Board, Parks Committee, staff; and,
- to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for proposed projects.

The capital improvement priorities table is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The table reflects the results of brainstorming, data gathering, analysis and input from a variety of sources gathered during the planning process. It is likely that the priorities and plan may change at some point during the next five years due to unanticipated circumstances such as private donations, changing recreation trends, funding alternatives, community opinion and/or available grants. Funding availability is a key factor in the Township's ability to implement the proposed capital improvement priorities.

The capital improvement priorities table details the desired improvements for the years 2019-2023. The priorities are listed by short-term (1-2 yrs), mid-term (3-5 yrs), long-term (greater than 5 yrs), as well as on-going priorities for those items that should be revisited/evaluated each year. It is difficult to predict desires, funding availability, etc., in the years to come. However, it is important to note that parks and recreation capital projects undertaken by the Township should address the goals set forth in this Plan.

**Capital Improvement Priorities (2019 - 2023)**

		Magnitude of Cost	Short Term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-Term (3-5 yrs)	Long-Term (5+ yrs)	On-Going	Potential Funding Sources
<b>Dodge Park</b>							
Implement Restroom/Change Room/Gathering Area (associated with Scarlet's Smile Playground/Splash Pad)		\$800,000 - \$1,000,000	X				Park Millage, LWCF, General Fund, Donations
Evaluate Need for Expansion of Parking + Implement if Necessary		\$500,000 - \$600,000	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund
<b>Hickory Glen Park</b>							
Implement improvements based on Concept Plan (focus on ingress/egress and circulation issues)		\$800,000 - \$1.1M	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund, Donations
<b>Maple Glen Park</b>							
Signage and Benches (as planned during previous phase of improvements)		\$15,000 - \$25,000	X				Park Millage
Implement Phase 1B Improvements (new ingress/egress, parking, trails, softball field)		\$750,000 - \$1,000,000			X		Park Millage
<b>Bicentennial Park</b>							
Develop Concept Master Plan to incorporate numerous improvement ideas including reuse of tennis area, soccer improvements, lighting, connectivity to neighborhood, general updates, etc.		\$10,000 - \$15,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund
Implement improvements based on Concept Plan		TBD	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund
<b>Byers Homestead Park</b>							
Make Byers Home Accessible		\$100,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Donations
Tree Management		TBD			X		Park Millage, General Fund
Continue with implementation of County recommendations with focus on ensuring sound buildings, improved parking and circulation, connectivity to Mill Race, improved entry, screened outhouses, ADA compliance and drinking water.		TBD			X		Park Millage, General Fund, Donations, LWCF, Recreation Passport
<b>Mill Race Park</b>							
Develop Concept Master Plan for Mill Race Parks		\$5,000 - \$10,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund
Improve trails + connectivity to school, Byers + Library		TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport
Shoreline Stabilization		TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport
Improve entrance, signage, parking and awareness		TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport
Replace bridge (1)		\$45,000 - \$65,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport
Interpretive signage regarding property and structures		\$2,000 - \$4,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport
<b>Ralph C. Richardson Park/Center</b>							
Provide additional overflow parking area		TBD			X		Park Millage, General Fund
Fitness Trails with Stations		\$50,000 - \$100,000		X			Park Millage, General Fund
Pickleball Courts		\$40,000 - \$100,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund



**Capital Improvement Priorities (2019 - 2023)**

	Magnitude of Cost	Short Term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-Term (3-5 yrs)	Long-Term (5+ yrs)	On-Going	Potential Funding Sources
<b>Robert H. Long Nature Park</b>						
Improve Pathways	TBD		X			Park Millage, General Fund
Kayak/Canoe Launch	TBD		X			Park Millage, General Fund, MDNR Trust Fund
Aquatic Vegetation Management	TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund
Provide a connection to the M-5 Trail	TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund
<b>Wise Woods</b>						
Implement Small Parking Lot/Trailhead (as designed)	\$200,000 - \$250,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund
<b>Victory Park</b>						
Update Concept Plan (needs and conditions have changed since plan was completed)		X				Park Millage, General Fund
Implement Main Drive, Parking Area, Pavilion/Shelter/Restroom and Dog Park		X	X			Park Millage, Donations, MDNR Trust Fund, LWCF
<b>Snowy Ridge Park</b>						
Lighting	To Be Determined		X			Park Millage
Warming Hut	To Be Determined		X			Park Millage, LWCF
<b>Non-Motorized Priorities</b>						
Construct the Airline Trail (former rail corridor)	To Be Determined	X				MDNR Trust Fund, Wilson Fund, General Fund, Donations, LWCF
Construct Airline Trail Trailheads/Parking	To Be Determined	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund, Wilson Fund
Reconstruction/Maintenance of Lakes Community Trail	To Be Determined				X	Park Millage, General Fund
Install wayfinding and nature interpretive signs along trails	\$50,000 - \$100,000				X	Park Millage, General Fund
Coordinate/Communicate with Road Commission, Adjacent Communities, ITC, MDNR to Discuss Partnering	To Be Determined	X				General Fund
See Non-Motorized Priorities in Action Plan	To Be Determined				X	Millage, General Fund, Developers, Grants, Donations
<b>Other</b>						
Parks and Recreation Department Organizational Structure Feasibility Study	\$15,000 - \$25,000	X				Park Millage, General Fund
Install security level lighting at parks	TBD		X			Park Millage, General Fund
Tree Maintenance + Reforestation per Forestry Management Plans	\$100,000/yr				X	Park Millage, General Fund
Develop Forestry Management Plan for Mill Race, Byers, Maple Glen, Victory Park + Wise Woods	\$30,000	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund
Install coordinated signage and landscaping at each park (wayfinding and identification)	TBD	X				Park Millage, General Fund
Provide accessible, permanent restroom facilities at heavily used and programmed parks	TBD				X	Park Millage, General Fund, Recreation Passport, LWCF
Provide water for drinking and irrigation at all Parks	TBD				X	Park Millage, General Fund
Design and install signs that interpret nature and history within the parks	\$20,000 - \$40,000	X	X			Park Millage, General Fund, Donations
Scheduling software for Department use	To Be Determined		X			Park Millage, General Fund
Seek Opportunities to Acquire Land That:	To Be Determined				X	Park Millage, General Fund, Donations, MDNR Trust Fund
-- Protects Environmental Features						
-- Provides Public Waterfront Access						
-- Conserves Open Space						
-- Is Adjacent to or near Existing Parks						
-- Provides Linkages Between Destinations						
-- Could Provide Increased and Enhanced Recreation Opportunities						
-- Provides Locations for Parks in Currently Underserved Areas						
Prepare New 5-Year Master Plan	\$15,000 - \$20,000		X			Park Millage, General Fund

# Appendix A

Public Engagement  
Opinion Survey Results

# WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS FOR COMMERCE TOWNSHIP PARKS, PROGRAMS AND TRAILS?

## Public Workshop

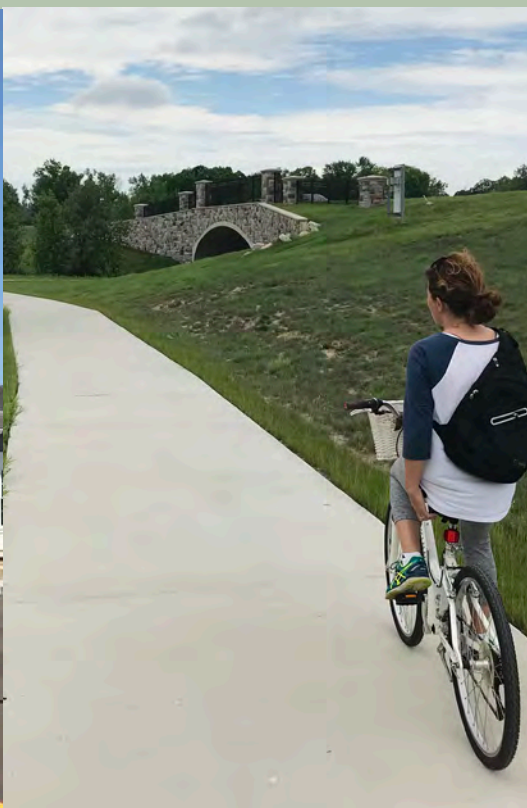
Thursday, September 13, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Richardson Senior Center

1485 Oakley Park

## Online Survey - OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18th

A short survey to gather your opinion of parks, programs and trails can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2D2HYY>. A link to the survey is also posted to the Township website [www.commercetwp.com](http://www.commercetwp.com). Stop by the Richardson Center if you need a hard copy.



Commerce Township is working on updating our 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and are looking for your input in order to better understand community priorities. The input gathered at the workshop and via the survey will be shared with the Parks Commission and Township Board and used to help inform the goals, objectives and action plan for the next 5 years.

Questions? Contact Emily England [eenland@commercetwp.com](mailto:eenland@commercetwp.com) or 248.926.0063





## Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan (2019-2023)

### Public Workshop

September 13, 2018

#### GOALS FOR TONIGHT

- Raise awareness that the Township is working on updating the 5-year Master Plan.
  - Gather input as to what you think the Township and staff should focus on over the next 5 years.
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#### AGENDA

- Introductions
  - Review Agenda
  - Brief Overview of Master Plan Process
  - Small Groups
    - Walking/Biking/Trails/Sidepaths
      - Confirm accuracy of map
      - Brainstorm priority gaps and desires related to walking and biking
    - Parks/Programs/Events/Maintenance
      - Brainstorm priorities and issues
  - Report Back to Large Group
  - Use 3 stickers on your Top Walking/Biking Priorities + 3 stickers on your Top Park/Program Items
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#### OVERVIEW

The Township is beginning the process of updating their 5-Year Master Plan and are looking to solicit input related to your priorities for trails, parks and programming for the next five years. The Township is updating their Plan for a number of reasons:

- to gather input and identify needs and priorities
  - to remain eligible for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
  - to improve facilities and programs
  - to serve as a guide in day-to-day operations as well as during the annual budgeting process
- The Master Plan, and the process we take to develop the Master Plan, does not solve all the issues and concerns but it does help to identify and document them so they can be addressed and focused on in the upcoming months and years.*
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#### PROJECT MILESTONES

Background Studies/Inventory	May - July
Public Outreach	August - September
Workshop	September 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Online Survey</b>	<b>Open until September 18<sup>th</sup></b>
Draft Goals and Action Plan	October - November
Public Hearing	December/January
Township Board Adopt	December/January

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#### ONLINE SURVEY

If you haven't already, a reminder to please jump online and take our **trails, parks and programs survey**. We will be using the results as another piece of input to help inform the 5-Year Plan. It takes between 6-7 minutes to complete! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2D2HYY>

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#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Emily England | Director of Senior Services/Parks and Recreation  
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**Commerce Township | Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan**  
**Public Workshop      September 13, 2018**

Approximately 15 people attended the workshop at the Richardson Community Center. Emily England opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming to provide input on parks and recreation priorities within the Township. Emily then introduced Leah Groya, livingLAB, to facilitate the workshop.

Leah Groya provided the attendees with a brief overview of the master planning process and the work that's been completed to date. Leah also reviewed the agenda, the objectives for the meeting, and how the meeting was going to be facilitated. Leah indicated that the Township is working to complete a 5-year plan in order to be eligible for future funding assistance and in order to prioritize desired improvements within the community. Attendees were sitting at round tables and were asked to take 30-40 minutes to brainstorm various ideas, issues, concerns and desires as they relate to trails and connectivity. Then, attendees were asked to brainstorm ideas, issues, concerns and desires as they relate to parks and recreation in the community. Each of the small groups then presented the results of their brainstorming session with the large group as a whole and each idea was noted on flip charts. One set of comments for trails/connectivity and one set for parks/recreation. Once all comments were gathered and noted, the flip chart sheets were lined up around the room. Each participant was given 3 sticker dots to place on the trails/connectivity comments and 3 different colored sticker dots to place on the parks/recreation ideas to help to begin to prioritize the many ideas and thoughts that had been generated during the session. Every idea will be documented in the Master Plan, but it is helpful to get an understanding of what attendees viewed as the "hot issues".

There was also a map of the Township on the wall with existing trails noted. Attendees were asked to place 3 stickers on the map to designate the top three places they do (or would like to) be able to walk or bike to. The end result of the workshop was a prioritized list of ideas concerning trails, parks and recreation in Commerce Township (total stickers placed in parenthesis). Those that received at least one "sticker vote" are listed at the top. Below that, the ideas are listed in no particular order of priority.

**TRAILS + CONNECTIVITY**

- Lakes Community Trail to downtown area near M-5 (4)
- Connect Bicentennial Park + Hickory Glen via new neighborhood (4)
- S Commerce Road to Union Lake via Commerce Road (4)
- Crossing between Byers + Mill Race Park (4)
- Trails into Milford + Long Farm area along E Commerce Road (3)
- Difficult to cross into Dodge Park (3)
- Path from Library to Wise Road (3)
- Airline Trail to Lakes Community Trail connections (2)
- Need pedestrian lights at crossings (2)
- Crosswalks needed/improved at: (2)
  - Glengary + S Commerce Road
  - Oakley Park + S Commerce Road
- Bridge trail gap north to south (1)
- Connections to Airline Trail (1)
- Mill Race to Victory Park (1)
- Visibility of crossing of Benstein on trail near cemetery is poor
- More sidewalks
- Finish walkway from S Commerce to Pontiac Trail
- Walking trails (mulch) need to be replaced at Dodge Park
- Foot traffic only on trails to separate from mountain bike trails

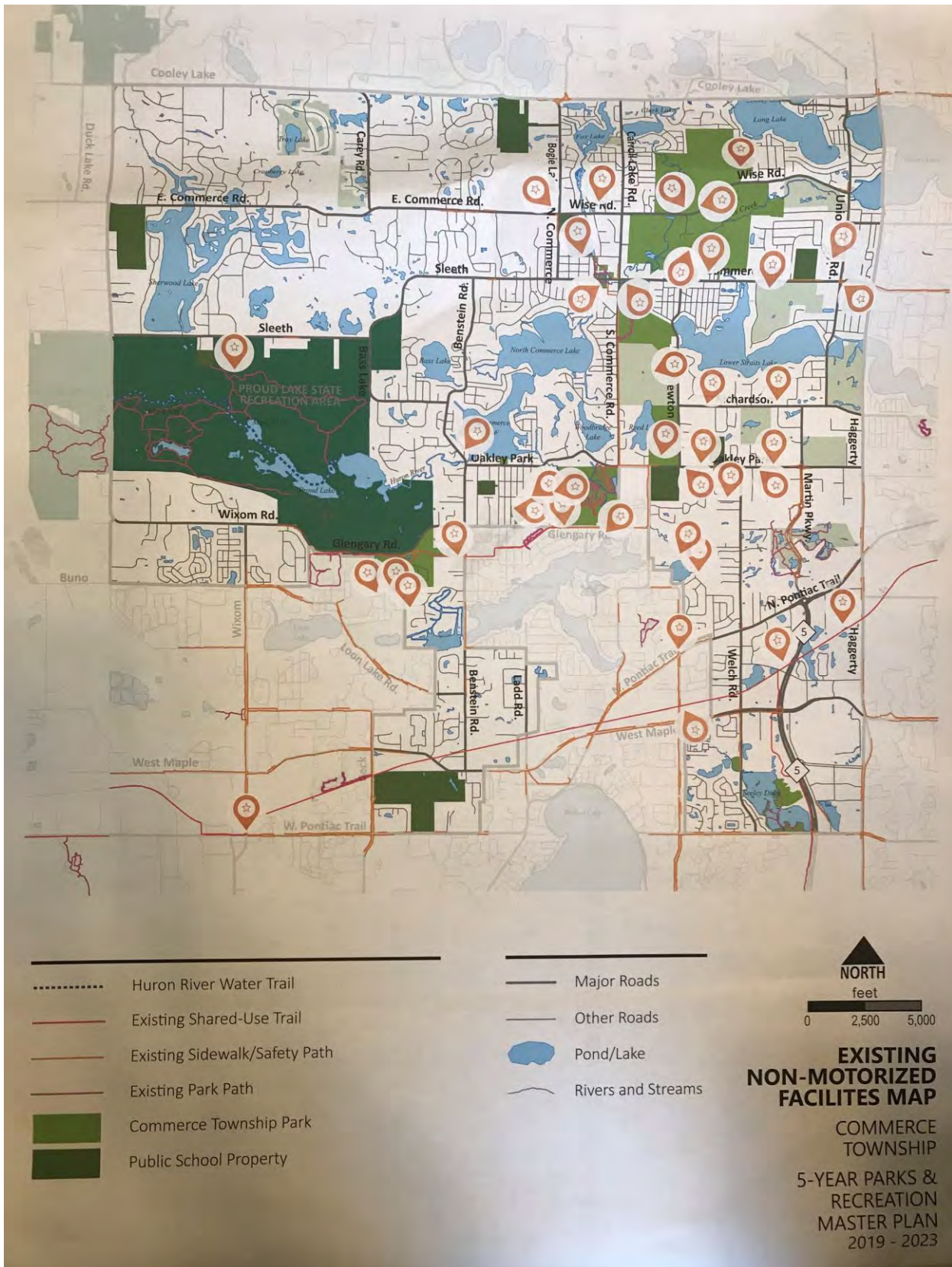
## **Parks/Events/Etc**

*Note that some trail related comments were discussed during general park discussion.*

- Dog Park (5)
- Bicentennial needs love – refurbish tennis (4)
- Improve publicizing of parks, events, meetings, goings-on. General increase awareness. Better communication and more notification (4)
- Love concerts at parks but would like more variety of music (3)
- Like trails in Wise Woods – don't take down trees (2)
- Park maps, kiosk, wayfinding in parks and along trails (2)
- More mountain bike trails – better maintenance of trails (2)
- Restrooms at parks or changing sheds to change clothes (2)
- Pickleball at Richardson Center or Bicentennial (2)
- Benches along trails (2)
- More playgrounds (1)
- More big events – art fairs, circus, etc. (1)
- Please keep trees and trails (1)
- Trail markings (1)
- Park/trail maps @ Library (1)
- Trail maintenance (1)
- Plow Dodge Park parking lot (1)
- Doing a nice job overall
- Thankful for bridges along Commerce Road
- Horseshoe pits
- Hay rides/tractor rides
- Mill Race Park needs more to it
- If you build it, they will come
- Community garden
- Like trails in Dodge Park and Library
- Love events at Byers
- Byers needs farmhouse rehab.
- Ropes course
- Drinking fountain outside of Library
- Ice skating
- Where is Township Supervisor tonight?



# TOP 3 LOCATIONS I'D LIKE TO WALK OR BIKE TO.....





## Commerce Township Park and Recreation Community Opinion Survey

by admin | Aug 20, 2018 | Uncategorized | 0 comments



Commerce Township Parks and Recreation is working on updating their 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and we are looking for input to better understand the community priorities. We are asking that you take a few minutes to complete the attached survey and to also share with your friends and neighbors. Please contact Emily England at 248-926-0063 if you have any questions. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey.

Search

### Upcoming Events

Library Advisory Board Meeting

August 22 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

August 27 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Labor Day - Twp. Offices Closed

September 3

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 11 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

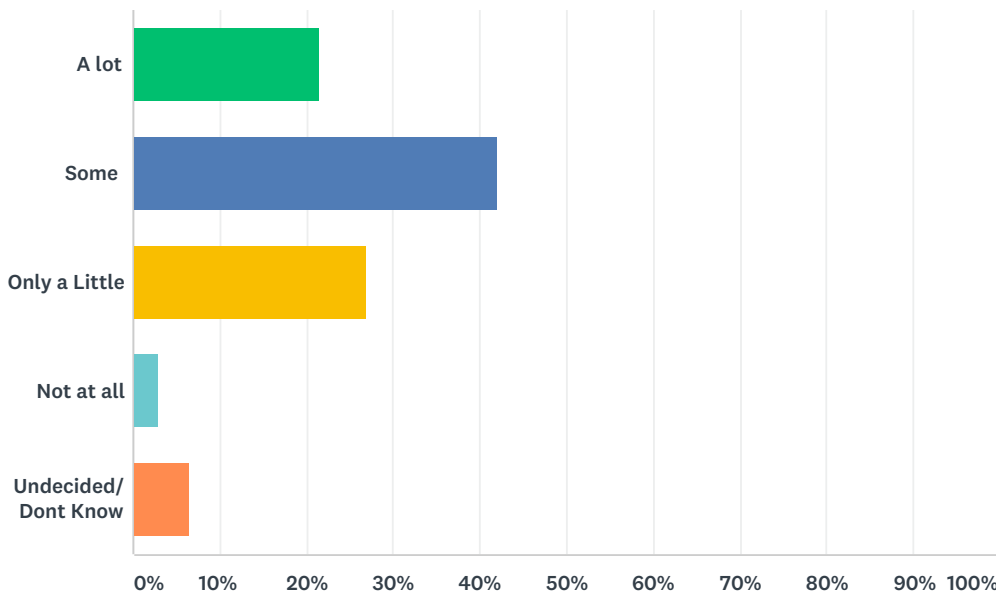
Planning Commission Meeting

September 17 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

[View All Events](#)

**Q1 There are several recreational programs and activities offered in Commerce Township, including recreational activities in general, educational, sports, social and enrichment activities. Overall, how much do you think MOST members of our community participate in the recreational programs or activities offered**

Answered: 340 Skipped: 1

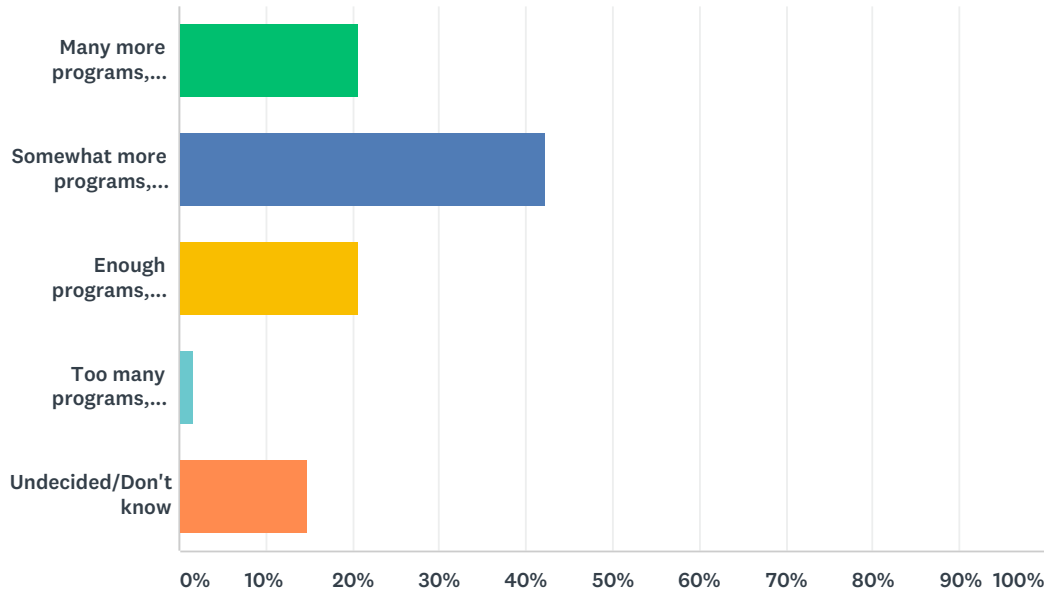


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A lot	21.47% 73
Some	42.06% 143
Only a Little	27.06% 92
Not at all	2.94% 10
Undecided/ Dont Know	6.47% 22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340</b>

**Q2 Thinking about the number of recreational programs, activities and facilities provided in Commerce Township, do you believe that overall.....**

Answered: 339 Skipped: 2





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Many more programs, activities are needed	20.65%	70
Somewhat more programs, activities and facilities are needed	42.18%	143
Enough programs, activities and facilities are available now	20.65%	70
Too many programs, activities and facilities are available now	1.77%	6
Undecided/Don't know	14.75%	50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>339</b>

### Q3 What other programs, activities or facilities do you think should be provided that are not currently offered? [write in up to 3 responses]

Answered: 252 Skipped: 89

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I feel there are enough	10/31/2018 11:22 AM
2	Physical Fitness Center Family Picnic areas	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
3	I'd love to see trails that connect the community to the Library. Also additional safe crossings to access Dodge 5 and the Library.	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
4	Public meetings to discuss chopping down woodland areas for more soccer fields when current soccer fields aren't even being utilized!!!!	10/17/2018 1:51 PM
5	More mountain biking. More mountain biking, more mountain biking.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
6	Drop in sports Hike bike trails connecting parks and schools Community fitness center	10/12/2018 1:36 AM
7	Pickleball. It is the fastest growing sport. Many mature people play it and look for places to play. In addition, more younger people are into it. And once you start playing the game it it addictive. I would really like to see some courts close by.	10/4/2018 6:10 PM
8	Recreational center with ice rink	10/2/2018 8:04 PM

9	I think that the only basketball court in a park was demolished to put in the new library. I would like to see a new basketball court somewhere. I would like to see improvements to the hiking trails in the community. I would also like to see more tennis courts.	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
10	Disc golf, disc golf, and disc golf!	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
11	NA	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
12	I just moved into commerce twp and I don't even know exactly what is available. more informational programs regarding sr decision making: care, taxes etc	9/28/2018 3:41 PM
13	mountian biking	9/28/2018 3:02 PM
14	More programs involving hiking and biking and open, natural, wooded spaces is needed. I have been a Commerce Township resident for more than 30 years and during that time too much woodland and trails have been removed.	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
15	more bike trails that easily & safely connect to the surrounding communities. We have 2 huge baseball sites, but very little for soccer which draws many more participants	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
16	More bike and walking trails would be utilized if built or expanded.	9/27/2018 10:37 AM
17	A community center for kids 5 and under to come play & socialize. Like a gymnasium where they can run, throw balls, use ride-on toys & work on gross motor skills. There is a place like this at the Berkley community center and I think most of the toys were donated or picked up at garage sales.	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
18	More events for families and children!	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
19	historical tours- maybe something like Milford Memories	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
20	Splash pads for the summer. Skate park for roller blades, bikes or skateboards and tennis courts	9/25/2018 9:48 AM
21	More fun run type activities to raise money for local causes	9/25/2018 7:24 AM
22	youth baseball	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
23	I'm interested in mountain bike trails and accompanying services, signage.	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
24	Chalk art programs for the youths Cannabis growing programs including hemp production Bike to work day activities	9/24/2018 1:16 AM
25	I think a good program would be clean needles exchanges. Commerce Twp has a huge portion of heroin addicts and I think it would be very beneficial to the community. Another useful asset to Commerce I think would crack cocaine give aways. If it's one thing Commerce Twp folk like that isn't heroin it's crack cocaine. If you sold raffle tickets for a free crack give away would brings oodles of cash to the city.	9/23/2018 7:05 PM
26	Swimming programs for kids; senior activities like dancing or cooking; nature programs like movies and bringing in animals and films.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
27	Swimming YMCA or similar Water slides such as those in Lakeland High school Public tennis courts	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
28	A better job needs to e done to make people aware of any existing or future programs.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
29	More linear parks, bicycle trails, nature trails	9/23/2018 6:54 AM
30	More concerts, tournament like sporting events, downtown area	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
31	Aquatic center, tennis courts that are maintained	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
32	Nature trails, bicycle paths...the few we have are isolated and accessible via unsafe road riding.	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
33	A large high quality Community Sports & Recreation Facility that would include Tennis Courts, Driving Range, Soccer Fields, Basketball courts, and an indoor facility for racquetball, paddle ball, indoor tennis- or at the very least a indoor sports facility like Center Courts in Saginaw Michigan which has indoor walking and several courts which can be used for basketball, volleyball, etc. Community Bike Paths or Sidewalks in conjunction with the Township on all major roads, A chip and Put golf course like Belle Ile in Detroit along with a driving range (outdoor & indoor with turf) which could be rented by the residents	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
34	1) Lighting for the baseball, softball, and soccer fields would help to increase capacity of existings fields by allowing games to be played into the evening. 2) Community Ice Arena- provide easier more affordable access to ice for community based hockey, figure skating, and learn to skaqte programs. 3) More bike trails, and bike lanes on roadways.	9/22/2018 10:45 AM

35	add more/upgrade play structures at parks	9/21/2018 7:53 PM
36	ice hockey	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
37	Annual event at Byers	9/20/2018 10:07 PM
38	Bike & Pedestrian path needed on south side of Sleeth Rd. Heavy increase of joggers, bikes & walkers. From Wixom Rd to Bass Lake is 2 Miles. There is NO area for people to "safely" enjoy themselves.	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
39	More soccer and softball fields	9/20/2018 1:50 PM
40	ski team for children younger than high school	9/20/2018 1:00 PM
41	Volleyball Concerts Fireworks	9/20/2018 12:55 PM
42	Splash pad/splash park for kids Expanded trail systems Pool	9/20/2018 12:53 PM
43	More adult activities. The kids have a ton	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
44	little league lacrosse, little league rugby, little league volleyball (All to help prepare children for the activities offered in middle school/high school) , a place to run outside, trails, a track, that is in a safe location for children.	9/20/2018 12:05 PM
45	Skate park, mountain bike trails	9/20/2018 11:50 AM
46	I'd like to see fall softball like in the spring	9/20/2018 11:45 AM
47	Community pool like Livonia Rec Center Dedicated soccer fields	9/20/2018 11:43 AM
48	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
49	Skate park, mountain bike trails, Rec center (like Livonia's)	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
50	I would like to see bike trails. And sidewalks especially along Bogie lake road near WLN and along Commerce Village.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
51	- I would love to have a recreational outdoor pool facility where residents could pay for a summer pass. Nonresidents could pay more. - geocaching club - new bathrooms at Maple Glen Park	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
52	More physical activity for girls.	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
53	Drums Alive for Seniors Walking program Health checks for Senior ( I.e. blood pressure etc)	9/20/2018 10:00 AM
54	Not sure. I'm really here because I want you guys to stop cutting down the trees	9/19/2018 7:05 PM
55	More private picnic areas. Less soccer facilities Quit cutting down trees	9/19/2018 11:03 AM
56	Senior walking	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
57	Group kids mountain biking Walkable paths and side walks Community gathering activities	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
58	Kids biking, more family events	9/18/2018 8:53 PM
59	I think a dog park should be added. Also an outside senior exercise class.	9/18/2018 3:59 PM
60	Group kids mountain biking Walkable paths and side walks Community gathering activities	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
61	More bikes paths	9/18/2018 1:41 PM
62	pickleball, new nature trails, more drinking fountains (dodge park at library outside would be great)	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
63	Improve the volleyball area at Richardson. The people that use it say it is too close to the bushes.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
64	1. Trail walking or running parks.. Most of our previous trails and tree covered running park has been destroyed by the library and now even further devastated by the new soccer field. 2. More accessible biking trails or connectors to existing paths. Union Lake Road is a biking nightmare and there are no safe road side edges for cyclists when large gravel chunks are used. 3. Environmental science study programs	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
65	More classes	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
66	A indoor walking track for seniors. A dog park. Free exercise programs for seniors.	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
67	Indoor track Swimming	9/15/2018 8:52 PM



68	I think we could benefit from having fairs (art, carnival, etc). As far as facilities, bathrooms at the parks would be great! Also updated play structures and more garbage cans - especially at Bicentennial Park.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
69	An annual shop, eat, and listen festival in the park. Money raised needs to go to commerce for park facilities and sidewalks.	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
70	- track and field for younger kids - public pool - more recreational sport for kids instead of a lot of competitive sports	9/15/2018 12:00 PM
71	Continuous walking/biking paths along the major roads	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
72	Yoga, Dog Park, Community Art Studio	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
73	None	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
74	Please add some sort of hiking trails and /or sidewalk in the area near Benstein and Sleeth.	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
75	Black top trails for walking or riding a bike safely More senior citizen classes, drumming exercise, day trips beyond casinos.	9/14/2018 1:47 PM
76	i am a senior and single. I like the bike trails as I am a biker, but I think that Families and children should be mainly considered for recreation	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
77	Bathrooms. Adult rec leagues	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
78	Cross country skiing Archery	9/14/2018 10:38 AM
79	Ice arena	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
80	1. We need sidewalks, or at the very least pedestrian paths. It is soooo unsafe walking/biking/jogging along on the shoulder of all these winding roads with cars whizzing by! My kids can't even visit friends in other neighborhoods because all neighborhoods are cut off from neighboring ones and you have to go to the main roads to connect to a different neighborhood. I'm not letting them walk/ride bikes on the shoulder of Benstein Road or Oakley Park (most drivers completely disregard the 30 MPH limit and I get harrassed and tailgated daily when I drive 30 on it). 2. Go to the Muskegon State Park and check out the winter facilities. It's an amazing place, with sledding and so much more. They have a huge "L" shaped ice skating rink, large enough that two hockey games and open skating were happening simultaneously. They have snow shoe and cross country ski trails and rentals. They have a concession stand lodge with a fireplace and also numerous bonfire pits around the property so you can warm up or enjoy a fire from pretty much everywhere. They also have two very unique attractions. They are home to one of only a few Olympic training level luge runs that are open to the public (year-round; they use different equipment in warm weather than in cold) and it is a BLAST! Commerce could have a smaller scale one. Finally, they have ice skating trails in the woods. They have edges (like streets with curbs) on them and they ice them up so you can take a "stroll" through the woods on ice skates. There are three different loops so you can take a short, medium, or long stroll. It has lighting so you can see at night. And there are benches so you can sit and relax and enjoy the beauty. I would love to have a facility like this here, locally. It could make Commerce stand out from neighboring communities in what they offer residents and visitors. Seriously, it's the best example of a winter wonderland!! The facilities could be used pretty much year round. The luge would just require changing the sled to one with wheels and the paths go from skating to walking. The ice skating rink could change to a rollerskating or rollerblading rink. The sledding hill just throw a huge tarp down and add a water source (Oakland Yard on M-59 does this and gets a great turnout). 3. It would be nice to have a dog park.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
81	Outside excercise classes at Dodge Park More than 3 concerts in the spring & summer Nature center that offers outside and inside classes and activities for kids and families	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
82	Dog park. Safety classes for kids (golf carts, bikes, etc),	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
83	Taxation is theft	9/14/2018 7:54 AM
84	I would love to see the "downtown" commerce area made more walkable with more green spaces	9/13/2018 9:35 PM
85	Pickleball Dog Park	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
86	more places to ride bicycles	9/13/2018 5:29 PM
87	Fitness Programs Arts/Cultural Events Town Hall Meetings	9/13/2018 3:25 PM

88	I'm looking forward to the addition of the all-needs playground at Dodge Park. I think many of the sports teams could use additional fields. Finally, I think there is a need for additional sidewalks connecting the parks and running trails throughout the township.	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
89	1) Off leash Dog Park/swimming pond 2) Butterfly garden/preserve 3) Interconnected bicycle lanes	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
90	dog park splash park	9/13/2018 1:39 PM
91	riding horses, lodge or party room,	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
92	Just look at all the activities West Bloomfield parks and rec holds every year, beyond just "concerts in the park"	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
93	You will hate me for saying this, but I like Clare Miller Park in Wolverine Lake and Hiram Sims in Walled Lake. They have playground and pavillions and restrooms instead of Porta Johns.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
94	Horse shoe tournament Board Games Tractor rides on the trails for seniors	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
95	Activities open to young children, more than once per month. West Bloomfield offers so much more and it isn't always available to non residents. It would be nice to stay with Commerce.	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
96	n/a	9/10/2018 1:16 PM
97	maybe some kind of activities for handicapped.	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
98	General sports classes for 2-5 year olds Splash pad in park Cross walks in to parks or some sort of traffic control	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
99	matt program , health wellness , state of the art gym - 24 hrs and avoid membership fees to other places	9/6/2018 11:29 PM
100	Develop and map out the land off Wise Road. There are trails, but it is confusing and often seems to lead to a river crossing.	9/6/2018 2:50 PM
101	Quiet shady park space. No more soccer fields'	9/6/2018 2:16 PM
102	Senior activities need to be improved, starting with a realistic budget so quality and diverse activities can be offered, not just those who advertise medical businesses.	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
103	A dog park.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
104	We are good as we are	9/5/2018 4:01 PM
105	Low maintenance activities should be considered to avoid long term obligations.	9/5/2018 9:40 AM
106	I believe there are enough	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
107	Wish had maybe a movie night at dodge park. Inflatable screen and projector? Can have local vendor or city sell popcorn to raise money for the new park additions there.	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
108	- Easier/more access to fishing from shore - Better connection of biking trails,	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
109	Off-leash dog park.	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
110	Adult softball leagues; community art space; playgrounds and splash pads; a community rec center; better sidewalks and trails; public art.	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
111	Golf - <a href="https://thefirsttee.org/">https://thefirsttee.org/</a> The First Tee Program Outdoor events - Concerts, Dog competitions Nature Trails	9/4/2018 4:00 PM
112	-Kids events at parks -splash park or community pool	9/4/2018 3:24 PM
113	Dog Park, Splash Pad, off road trails	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
114	Dog park	9/4/2018 12:22 PM
115	Splash pad	9/4/2018 9:08 AM
116	We are satisfied with what is available now.	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
117	Continue trail expansion. You already are connected with Proud Lake, which is also connected to other park systems.	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
118	I would like to see bike trails connecting the current trail down by the library and central continue down Oakley Park to M5, the new overpass and down to where the new shopping area will be	8/30/2018 2:09 PM

119	I would like to see bike trails connecting the current trail down by the library and central continue down Oakley Park to M5, the new overpass and down to where the new shopping area will be	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
120	It would be nice to have more grills and picnic tables in some of the parks.	8/30/2018 1:28 PM
121	Healthy living program -- similar to Livonia 100 days of family health & fitness; more art and art education; musical options	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
122	more activities are needed for those 50 and up and those that are under 5.	8/29/2018 4:55 PM
123	Ice Arena with figure skating and hockey programs.	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
124	A community pool would be amazing, although expensive and hard to maintain. It would be great if our high school pools could be used like Huron Valley's high school pools, a community center + school all in one. More weekend programming would be nice, too. There is good daytime and weeknight programming, but that's hard with school-aged kids.	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
125	More walking / running / hiking trails are wanted by many	8/28/2018 9:18 PM
126	Youth basketball tournament and training. Senior early morning activities from age 50 and over. The activities should start at 7 or 6:30 and end by 7:30 or 8 AM so the working can be on time.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
127	More affordable sports training for the kids that can't afford the specialty clubs such as Vollyball, softball, basketball, etc.	8/28/2018 11:30 AM
128	Outdoor waterpad and swimming pool. Walkable trails and sidewalks to/from subdivisions to parks.	8/27/2018 5:33 PM
129	Disc Golf Geocaching	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
130	We have no recreational programs or activities that the Parks and rec puts on...beside 3 concerts in the park. We only have football, baseball and soccer controlling the parks. Just look what the Village of Wolverine Lake has.	8/27/2018 10:05 AM
131	Senior citizens,	8/26/2018 11:26 PM
132	Karting track.	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
133	Splash pads and better parks for kids More sidewalks on the main roads to better connect with biking paths Outdoor beer garden with family friendly activities	8/25/2018 8:57 PM
134	More summer activities (concerts, family events, pickup sports). Pet adoption events, better art fair, specialty food event	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
135	More bike/walking trails, connecting various parts of Township. Need to make twp more walkable	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
136	no opinion	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
137	Yoga @ Dodge Park Fenced in dog park Way too many kid activities, including the 3rd soccer field that we don't need or want.	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
138	Dog Park disc golf more soccer fields	8/24/2018 9:06 PM
139	Nature Education Trail building Water safety	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
140	A Fair, Balloon Fest, Car Shows	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
141	More mountain bike Singletrack.	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
142	I have lived in Commerce Township for over 20 years and we desperately need: A community/recreation area (not another library pleeeeeease). We also need SOME kind of downtown (all my time/money goes to downtown Milford - I would rather spend my time/money in my own downtown). We also need sidewalks/paths connecting our neighborhoods to our town - unfortunately the new walking bridge over the 5 (which is 10 miles away from our downtown village area) does nothing to connect us out here. I would love to be able to walk/bike with my family from my neighborhood to my community without risking our lives on the main roads. Let's build a physical community and not just events.	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
143	I'm not sure what's offered for anyone other than seniors and youth. What about single, childless adults who are neither senior nor youth?	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
144	Facilities - more bike paths and mountain bike trails, especially connecting parks and allowing safer access.	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
145	More involvement in updating/maintaining the mountain bike trails at Hickory Glen and Proud Lake	8/23/2018 10:31 AM



146	Splash park Restrooms at dodge park	8/23/2018 9:40 AM
147	Better full day summer camps. Art and STEM activities. Fairs and carnivals	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
148	More activities/events for kids involving our parks. Splash pad? Halloween events? Group activities using our trails. Maybe running groups or biking groups?	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
149	Additional mountain biking trails or improving existing ones.	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
150	waterpark or fountain park more bike/walking paths dog parks	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
151	Sidewalks on Welch road and an entrance to the "Park" from Welch. Very dangers for kids taking the bus.	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
152	Pickleball courts Adult softball	8/22/2018 9:53 PM
153	Outdoor pool Dog Park Gymnastics	8/22/2018 9:22 PM
154	Need more soccer fields. Also need more bike baths or sidewalks to link to existing bike path network	8/22/2018 9:01 PM
155	summer parks and rec program for children, similar to Canton Township.	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
156	More concerts	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
157	Educational programs affiliated with area schools targeting the historical history of commerce township	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
158	Dog park.	8/22/2018 6:19 PM
159	Any walk-ability option Trails, Sidewalks, improved bike paths. Waterfront park property, Dark Park dedicated property	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
160	Basketball Court Tennis Courts Wine Tasting Events	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
161	Dog park/splash pad/wading pool	8/22/2018 5:12 PM
162	dog park water park drive in theater	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
163	Ice Skating arena	8/22/2018 2:12 PM
164	Would be nice to see more things for adults and elderly.	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
165	Splash pad / water park for kids (like Heritage Park) Nature trails for walking or mountain bike Community center for indoor sports	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
166	Exercise meet-ups, community building, farmers market	8/22/2018 10:59 AM
167	First, better communication to Commerce residents about what programs are available needs to be made before creating new programs, activities, and facilities. This should be done via mailings (since not everyone is tech savvy) as well as on the website and social media.	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
168	More running trials Family activities	8/22/2018 10:32 AM
169	Airline bike trail needs to be finished	8/22/2018 9:56 AM
170	Actual restroom facilities. More summer concerts. Sidewalks that connect people to actual places andcrosswalks. Community sports and activity center.	8/22/2018 9:34 AM
171	Cricket splash Pad	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
172	Need to connect current bike/walking paths near Dodge #5 with other paths in West Bloomfield(commerce rd), Wolverine lake and Walled lake.	8/22/2018 7:44 AM
173	Pedestrian sidewalks on all major roads such as Commerce Road, South Commerce Road, Benstein, Sleeth, Bogie Lake, Newton, Oakley Park, Richardson, etc. Far too much money has been spent on M-5 bridge and not enough on basic needs of the people and neighborhoods.	8/22/2018 5:10 AM
174	More connected sidewalks on main thoroughfares would increase walkability. This should be highest priority.	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
175	1. More sidewalks to allow access to potential new development. Specifically exiting Commerce Pines Subdivision (i.e. the length of Oakley Park road from Walled Lake Central to Martin Parkway; limited sidewalks currently).	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
176	Public pool	8/21/2018 7:39 PM

177	Pool, splash pad, more of existing programs	8/21/2018 7:27 PM
178	Ice skating Volleyball □	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
179	Yoga Classes especially for seniors	8/21/2018 6:20 PM
180	Community center, swimming pool, splash pad	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
181	Movie in the park, yoga, music in the park for kids.	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
182	Disc golf!!	8/21/2018 3:42 PM
183	adult soccer league	8/21/2018 2:31 PM
184	Disc golf Bike path on all of commerce Rd Disc golf	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
185	Complete and add special features to the trail system	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
186	Mountain Bike Trail Concert Venue/ampitheater Downtown gathering space with sidewalks	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
187	Community Pool or splash pad	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
188	Circus or rides for kids (twice a year spring/summer, summer/fall) More info/lectures about Michigan native plants and trees (DNR) Kids gardening and shop related activities	8/21/2018 11:28 AM
189	Need more soccer fields preferably over on wise road property. Need to fix up the stuff we have. Tennis courts, more picnic tables and grills.	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
190	i have no idea what is currently offered. this survey is poorly written and has typos. get a new consultant.	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
191	After the Scarlet's Smile is in play. It would be nice to have an intern for summer programs.	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
192	Roads paved, natural spaces preserved	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
193	More sidewalks	8/21/2018 8:58 AM
194	Yoga in the park	8/21/2018 8:48 AM
195	Can't think of any	8/21/2018 8:38 AM
196	More woods. Less people. Stop the building.	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
197	Toddler and infant programs	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
198	see answer to question#2	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
199	Promotion of group based recreation (biking, running, walking)	8/21/2018 7:53 AM
200	All inclusive playground (I know this is coming) Mom's group/family activities Nature center Free/low cost programming	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
201	Better biking routes More MTB trails	8/21/2018 6:54 AM
202	More weekend and after school events for children 4-7. Events you've done sell out so quickly at the library that most don't get to participate. We end up having to go to Clarkston, Wixom or Novi for Halloween and Christmas events as I've bren living here 15 yrs and don't recall much in Commerce at all!!	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
203	Cross country skiing, group bike rides, par 3 golf course	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
204	How about advertising the activities	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
205	More sidewalks or bike lanes to get to the great systems that are currently in place	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
206	We need a splash park, toddler parks and more outside activities for young children that offer enrichment and physical activity.	8/20/2018 10:22 PM
207	There could be more park facilities, such as restrooms, that accommodate and facilitate longer visits to our city parks. I often find myself leaving before having to use portable facilities - because I want to avoid them - and I would have stayed longer if restrooms were accessible. Along with bathrooms, covered picnic areas are always a win!	8/20/2018 9:35 PM
208	Expanded mountain bike and other trails to link to tree farm, Milford, proud lake, also to expand paved and gravel bike trails.	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
209	Connected bike trails (rail trail)	8/20/2018 9:09 PM

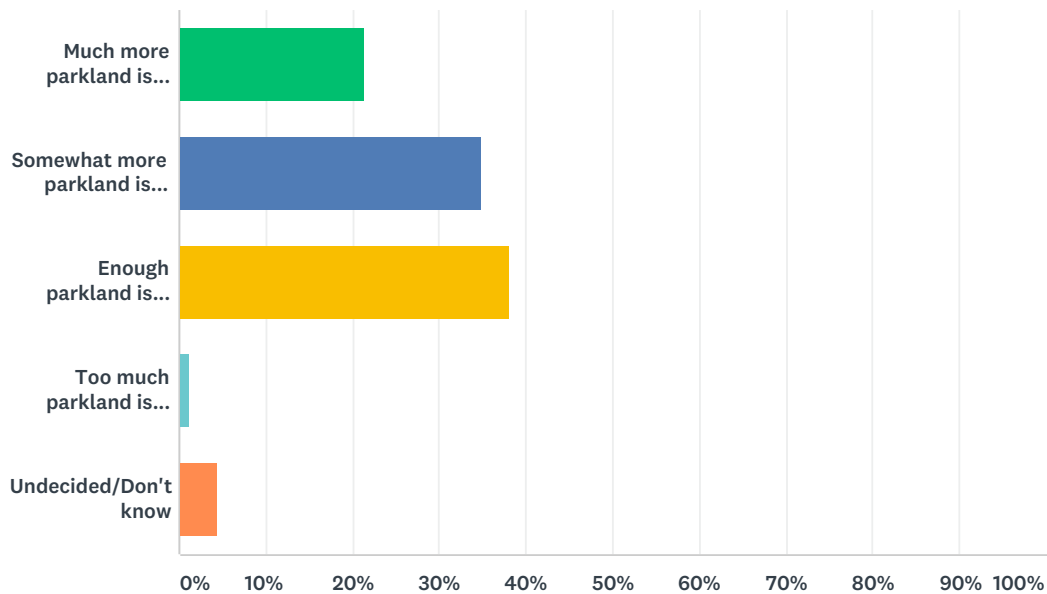
210	1. Nature Trails. 2. Dog Park.	8/20/2018 9:07 PM
211	Movie Nights in park Family fun days Scavanger hunts in park	8/20/2018 8:30 PM
212	Soccer fields !	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
213	A splash pad/public pool for residents Adult yoga/fitness classes Group runs	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
214	Swimming pool, volleyball and basketball	8/20/2018 8:11 PM
215	Actual bathrooms at Dodge Park by the library would be nice.	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
216	I was unaware that Commerce offered programs	8/20/2018 7:46 PM
217	Don't know what's offered. I'm guessing it's mostly for seniors?	8/20/2018 7:23 PM
218	Picnic in the park, more active activities such as 5k runs, etc.	8/20/2018 6:41 PM
219	Just more money to mountain biking please	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
220	More historical presentations, cemetary tours, hiking trails.	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
221	Swim!! Dog park!!	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
222	Need better promotion and awareness	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
223	Baseball Fields, Water activities, young adult activities	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
224	?????????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
225	Senior golf.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
226	Senior golf.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
227	West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills offer many many events and activities thst we often attend. But we rarely attend things in Commerce in comparison. If there are activities happening we are not hearing about them.	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
228	Outdoor ice skating area	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
229	Dog park near library. Football field and paved track in Dodge park. 18 hole golf course in Dodge park	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
230	Disc golf	8/20/2018 4:07 PM
231	More concerts, guided nature walks, native species education	8/20/2018 4:00 PM
232	I would like to see some of the programs offered to kids offered so working parents can bring their children. Everything is geared towards stay at home moms	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
233	Adult volleyball Yoga in the park	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
234	I would love to see a disc golf course in a Commerce.	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
235	Dog park or dog friendly spaces where animals can be off leash safely and securely.	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
236	We need sidewalks!!! So frustrating to live in a beautiful area (commerce pines) and not be able to access any of it outside our neighborhood.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
237	mostly expand on public/open spaces, add places for facilities like a skate park, picnic pavilions, etc	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
238	I think we have a good amount of programs. Keep as much green space free and open is #1 priority.	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
239	Not sure	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
240	Events that are both family friendly and for adults, like a music in the park, a craft fair, etc.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
241	More programs for seniors.	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
242	Splash pad for the kiddos Sidewalks along commerce road from sleeth to Carroll lake rd More advertising on current activities available on Facebook and other social media	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
243	Not sure.	8/20/2018 2:56 PM
244	Racket sports such as Pickleball, Walking Program	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
245	Recreation Center with pool	8/20/2018 2:48 PM



246	Increased mountain bike access. Commerce connects to trails in proud lake and beyond thanks to paved paths. Would love to see that expand in our area	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
247	None	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
248	Cycling programs	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
249	Dog park	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
250	Build sidewalks on main roads so neighborhoods can safely access parks, and resources available! Making our community "walkable" can have a huge impact overall.	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
251	More free family friendly and children events	8/20/2018 2:15 PM
252	Zumbini	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

### Q4 Thinking about the number of parks in Commerce Township, do you believe that overall.....

Answered: 338 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much more parkland is needed	21.30% 72
Somewhat more parkland is needed	34.91% 118
Enough parkland is available now	38.17% 129
Too much parkland is available now	1.18% 4
Undecided/Don't know	4.44% 15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>338</b>

### Q5 Is there a specific location within the Township where you think more parkland should be set aside and developed? [write up to 3 locations]

Answered: 211 Skipped: 130

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dodge Park 5 need to stop being developed, enough is enough	10/31/2018 11:13 AM
2	Off Wise Rd Dodge Park has been demolished enough	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
3	Develop Victory Park & Wise Woods, Improve Byers for family events and historical education	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
4	Please do not develop any more locations. We need trees not traffic.	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
5	It was my understanding the township was going to develop the property on Wise Road for soccer, dog parks..... once again, do not understand why this wasn't done and more trees chopped near library for more soccer fields. There was plenty of wide open land on Wise Road for more soccer.	10/17/2018 1:51 PM
6	Any open space that isn't a strip mall already.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
7	Wise road M5	10/2/2018 8:04 PM
8	I think we have enough parkland. The 500+ acres on Wise Rd has been sitting undeveloped for too long. People are now using it to dump trash (there is a couch and jet ski visible from Wise Rd with more trash dumped near the trails from neighboring landowners). Parks and Rec needs to do something with the land we have before we consider purchasing more.	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
9	Not specific	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
10	Wise Road woodlands	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
11	DO NOT DEVELOP ANY MORE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL NATURAL BEAUTY!!! LEAVE DODGE PARK AS TO WALK AND ENJOY WITHOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT!!!	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
12	wise road mountain bike trails	9/28/2018 3:02 PM
13	Anywhere that wooded parkland with hiking and biking trails it should be added	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
14	I am a new resident & not familiar with what land the Township owns	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
15	PLEASE, No more development, EXCEPT for foot and biking trails. I've lived here all my life, born and raised in Commerce. What has been done in recent years has been a good thing, BUT, people moved here because of all the open land available. Commerce is a great example where wildlife and humans coexist. It's like a large wildlife sanctuary now, it's great for kids, adults, our pets and wildlife. Obviously we now have a traffic problem, so more development please, it's already next to impossible to get out of log cabin sub now during 4:30-6:30pm	9/27/2018 10:37 AM
16	It would be great if there was a trail for mountain biking or trail running - something safe that is off the roads!	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
17	not that I can think of at this moment	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
18	I'm sorry, I don't know what land might be available. I would hope that we would keep the land along Wise Rd., in a natural state. The township should continue to work with other communities to extend walking and biking paths. They should also build pathways into any development projects to be paid for by the developer.	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
19	I think something more should be done with Byers Homestead, fix it up and make it more of a park.	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
20	More should be done near the Library and Dodge Park	9/25/2018 9:48 AM
21	Pontiac trail and spot next to Walmart, Benstein road between bass lake rd and commerce rd	9/25/2018 7:24 AM
22	N/a	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
23	-->M5 and Pontiac Trail; return to natural landscape	9/24/2018 1:16 AM
24	Underground, that way police helicopters wouldn't be able to spy on the residents and they would feel more free to openly smoke crack amongst each other.	9/23/2018 7:05 PM
25	eliminate the park on fourteen mile road, only outsiders use it.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
26	Green Area between wise rd property and commerce rd,	9/23/2018 10:52 AM
27	No	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
28	I think we need to STOP OVER developing the park land we have.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
29	Wherever possible. West Bloomfield seems to have more than us	9/22/2018 10:54 PM

30	Near walled lake	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
31	Martin Parkway	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
32	The North East Corner Buy Union Lake Golf Course Develop the Nike site There should be a BIG park in the middle of Commerce Called Central Park	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
33	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
34	bicentennial park could use developing. it hasnt had anything added and with dilapidated tennis courts that dont get used, volleyball courts that dont get used,it doesnt get utilized as it could for the community.	9/21/2018 7:53 PM
35	cec land for a hockey rink	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
36	Less development at dodge 5	9/20/2018 10:07 PM
37	No	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
38	By the charter building was nice, but it was sold off to make more homes Off of Haggerty where there are currently just fields. Ladd Road where there is currently just field.	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
39	No	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
40	The old outdoor drive-up movie land	9/20/2018 12:05 PM
41	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
42	Wise road near the old missile site.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
43	No please stop cutting down trees	9/19/2018 7:05 PM
44	No	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
45	Richardson center needs more parking and a dog park.	9/18/2018 3:59 PM
46	No	9/18/2018 1:41 PM
47	Just more with more treed areas and trails. Anywhere we can find land.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
48	Leave the green spaces. Do not overdevelop the parkland like Dodge park. Everything does not need to be developed and pristine. MANY people enjoyed PURE nature which has been DESTROYED at Dodge park.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
49	We previously had a great family park at Dodge Park 5 with running paths in the woods. Both of these environments are greatly reduced or totally destroyed now by building of the library and now a soccer field. Why are you destroying existing parks that residents have used for years - and then finally asking what parks we need to add? We do not want you to develop existing park areas into buildings or manicured fields. Build your buildings on open lots. We had a building, you should have simply expanded it. Find open places to develop your soccer fields for special interest clubs.	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
50	Near border with west bloomfield. Near border with milford.	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
51	M5 The Village	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
52	I believe there are enough parks, they just need to be updated.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
53	No	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
54	Would like to see more walking, biking, and mountain biking paths at the park on Wise road.	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
55	We have enough sports fields, more work should be put into the walking trails within dodge V	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
56	No	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
57	Near Benstein and Sleeth.	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
58	Benstein, and Maple	9/14/2018 1:47 PM
59	Of course the bike trail connecting to Walled Lake and West Bloomfield. You took away the trails on the parkway - too much development is there now.Also, there should be a crosswalk between Richardson Center and Central H.S, They share activities and parking. Very dangerous to cross Oakley Park Rd.	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
60	No	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
61	Do not know	9/14/2018 10:10 AM



62	EVERYWHERE that someone wants to put up MORE HOUSING!!!! Too much development is going on and our roads can't support the traffic, especially with all the ridiculous zig-zag intersections that already slow down traffic (S. Commerce at Oakley Park; Walnut Lake Rd at Haggerty; Benstein Road stopping at Sleeth rather than continuing to Commerce before that huge subdivision went in...bad, bad planning by a town that apparently has no cap on residential development). It's getting too congested and the town full of nature and beauty that we moved out here for is quickly disappearing for the sake of additional tax revenues. The allowance of so much development is ruining the aesthetic appeal of this town. Parks will help protect it.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
63	M-5/Martin Park A small play structure or small natural playscape at Mill race Somewhere off wise between duck lake and bogie	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
64	No	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
65	undecided	9/14/2018 7:54 AM
66	No	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
67	along wise road	9/13/2018 5:29 PM
68	I think the northwest area of the township seems low on park land (around and beyond the area of the hospital)	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
69	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
70	no	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
71	I've heard Scarlett's Smile is a park in the planning stages for Dodge Park and that sounds fantastic to me for additional parkland in the area. My biggest issues are with walking/biking paths to access the parks.	9/12/2018 12:56 AM
72	There is parkland, but it's grossly underdeveloped. Again, look at the parks at west Bloomfield. It's not just more baseball diamonds, but parks with facilities, activities, year round programming.	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
73	We have nice parks area, but they are dealing with sports which takes up space for people walking trails and playgrounds. I would like to see half of the space is sports and the other space is all activities (like Clare Miller Park).	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
74	Large on wise road big enough to have a small fair sleeth road and bogie area small community park	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
75	Undecided	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
76	stop building residential housing and concrete jungles of retail shops that will never be filled or ever stay filled	9/10/2018 1:16 PM
77	no, they do all the developments but do nothing about the traffic flow through out the Township. We need more roads to help the horrible traffic.	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
78	develop the old Bike base land for use	9/7/2018 6:00 PM
79	No	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
80	to be free of garbage , have neat roads in commerce any which way , near parkways and the best in the nation and the world	9/6/2018 11:29 PM
81	It was great when there were trails along Martin Parkway... VERY disappointing it all turned into subdivisions.	9/6/2018 2:50 PM
82	Martin Parkway (be sure it is not all developed)	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
83	Wise rd needs to get started Northwest end of twp	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
84	Not that I can think of.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
85	N/A	9/5/2018 4:01 PM
86	No.	9/5/2018 9:40 AM
87	No. Maintain the rural area and maintain woods and wetlands	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
88	I think keeping what we have is best. Stop selling every where are 3 trees to build a house.	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
89	I'd like to see more parkland left in its natural state instead of being converted into soccer fields	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
90	Union Lake Road north of Cooley Lake rd.	9/4/2018 7:59 PM

91	NE corner of E commerce Rd and Carey Rd. In between Oakley Park Rd. Glengary Rd. west of Walled Lake High school	9/4/2018 4:00 PM
92	Along martin parkway	9/4/2018 3:24 PM
93	Wise road should be developed, splash pad in DP#5	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
94	N/a	9/4/2018 12:22 PM
95	I would like to see some of the woodlands and natural areas preserved.	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
96	Expand Hickory Glenn	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
97	Preserving some area on M5 by the old library would be nice	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
98	Preserving some area on M5 by the old library would be nice	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
99	Off of Wise rd before Union Lake use property for ice arena.	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
100	I think some parks are being over developed and we're losing the nature part if the parks. An example would be Dodge Park, I'm all for the Scarlet's smile park but I think a different location that didn't require more trees being removed would have been better.	8/29/2018 9:21 AM
101	NO!!!!	8/29/2018 7:40 AM
102	Yes, near Maple and Walnut Lake Road between Drake and Middle Belt Road. You could also have usage of space behind Orchard Lake Middle School or make the high school facility more user friendly to Adults with early morning or evening classes.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
103	No	8/28/2018 11:30 AM
104	The land that was purchased along Wise road needs to be developed.	8/27/2018 5:33 PM
105	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
106	We need to developed the ones we already have.	8/27/2018 10:05 AM
107	Near the old library/incorporated into the new development there - instead of just retail and housing. Provide a space for the entire community to use and not just spend money at.	8/27/2018 8:44 AM
108	By the water or lakes	8/26/2018 11:26 PM
109	Can't think of any	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
110	Why isn't the ex-missile silo land developed yet? Weren't we shown a plan where one side of Wise Rd would have been developed by now?	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
111	Wise road	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
112	the nature area(s) adjacent to Wise Road	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
113	Don't know which areas are available, but you keep knocking down the trees (library, another soccer field, etc).	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
114	Commerce and Carey Rd.	8/24/2018 9:06 PM
115	The old Nike base	8/23/2018 9:39 PM
116	West of Hickory Glen Park	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
117	Off Wise Rd. on North side is already used by people hiking and riding their small vehicles. It would be nice to see that area made more "park like" in appearance. We love walking out there through the trails & woods. Beautiful spot.	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
118	The old Nike Base should be developed. More Hiking and Biking paths should be developed/connected	8/23/2018 5:38 PM
119	Northwest part of the township.	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
120	May not necessarily need to be park land but we DEFINITELY NEED a developed DOWNTOWN area (more than just Creamy Freeze and a gas station) PLEEEASE!!!	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
121	I love all of our parks! Give us more!	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
122	Anywhere there is undeveloped land should be a candidate for parkland, and even if developed, corridors should be set aside for connecting trails and pathways (not just sidewalks, although those should be required too)	8/23/2018 11:27 AM

123	Trail systems and paved bike paths and sidewalks to these areas are absolutely necessary and one of the biggest deterrents to living in this area	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
124	No. Dodge park is great and once larger playground goes in it will be great.	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
125	At or near Hickory Glen	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
126	1. Union Lake Golf Course 2. Proud Lake old Nike Site, needs real parking lots to make safer off Wise Rd. 3. Develop the Community Center Property further	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
127	as much as possible to slow over development. perhaps north-west part of township.	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
128	Area around township offices! Areas that you can access from trail system.	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
129	Byers homestead needs restoration input by township	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
130	North of Commerce & West of Carey Rd	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
131	Walking trails from north to south--along the east side of the township.	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
132	Wise road	8/22/2018 5:12 PM
133	wise rd the old missile site needs to be converted	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
134	Richardson and Martin	8/22/2018 2:12 PM
135	There should be something on the corner of Welch and Maple. There is a lot of vacant space there.	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
136	Nope	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
137	I would like to see the former Nike base along Wise Road kept as a natural area, possibly improving walking trails.	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
138	SIDEWALKS!	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
139	Need to start developing property along Wise road, start with the north side that does not need mitigation of Nike site concerns.	8/22/2018 7:44 AM
140	We have plenty of soccer fields that are only used by the soccer obsessed parents and their entitled future soccer star children. What about dog parks and nature trails. Almost all residents have dogs. Not all residents have children nor are they all interested in adding to the soccer hysteria.	8/22/2018 5:10 AM
141	No	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
142	Primarily the areas around Martin Parkway (east and west sides) and Pontiac Trail.	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
143	Near Martin Parkway	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
144	West side of Township Get going on Wise Road!	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
145	Somewhere not near a gun range. My family does not like the loud noise while we are trying to enjoy the park or take a walk.	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
146	The roundabouts off Martin parkway	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
147	Wise Rd Lakefront Huron river	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
148	No - maintain and utilize or enhance the existing parks.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
149	Near the Commerce Drive IN sign Benstein and Sleeth around they Byers antique area	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
150	Martin parkway	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
151	Area around oakley/glengar/martin parkway North side of the city	8/21/2018 11:28 AM
152	None. We actually own more than needed	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
153	connect the parks by trails. and make sure there is a good smattering of parks throughout.	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
154	No idea.	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
155	Downtown development area	8/21/2018 8:48 AM
156	Perhaps along the bike trail near the new pedestrian bridge	8/21/2018 8:38 AM
157	Stop building parks. Leave our remaining woods alone.	8/21/2018 8:29 AM

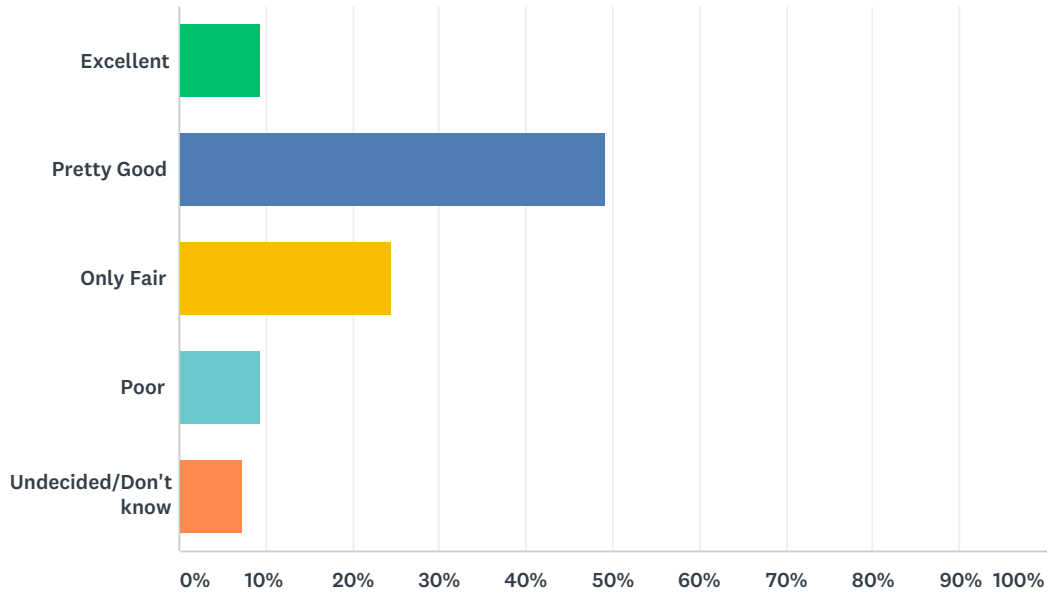


158	Corner of Benstein and Sleeth- next to proud lake;	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
159	see answer to questions 2 and 3	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
160	Better connection from Proud Lake north to Commerce	8/21/2018 7:53 AM
161	A lake or body of water for fishing/kayaking	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
162	Southwest corner	8/21/2018 6:54 AM
163	Expand more to do outside the new library. Over by Oakley Park and Newton	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
164	Keep most of the northern land (nike site and land nort of Wise) undeveloped but add parking and groomed hiking and mountain biking trails.	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
165	-wise road -lake front park somewhere on commerce lake	8/20/2018 11:24 PM
166	No	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
167	not necessarily parkland but bike lanes or sidewalks to popular areas	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
168	Looking forward to Scarlette's park!	8/20/2018 10:22 PM
169	The property on Wise Road between Union Lake and Carroll Lake Road is underdeveloped - but it is ideal for a nature walk. Also, the land along Martin Parkway is pretty, but there is no marked area for parking. I enjoy visiting local areas, but I find some areas in Commerce inaccessible.	8/20/2018 9:35 PM
170	Public waterfront on any of the lakes. Proud lake.	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
171	Not at this time	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
172	The old USAF Mercury site (think that is what it was), it's an unofficial park as it is (off of Wise Rd, near old Golf Course).	8/20/2018 9:07 PM
173	Near Lake Sherwood/longs farm area	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
174	Area near the movie theater sign would be a great park	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
175	We have done a great job around library Dodge Park. The space has been utilized appropriately. Would like to see trail areas cleaned up and dangerous trees trimmed.	8/20/2018 8:11 PM
176	No. You don't need to use any more taxpayer money to buy land. You guys have nothing better to do; it's sad.	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
177	N/A	8/20/2018 6:41 PM
178	Keep what we have. For the love of God no more housing development	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
179	Long's farm and orchard should be set aside as a family fun and educational center.	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
180	N/a	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
181	Nope, need to make better promotion of current facilities	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
182	Somewhere off Union Lake (maybe the empty lot by the union lake golf course), off Haggerty	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
183	Near the Drive-In	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
184	?????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
185	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
186	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
187	Nothing specific	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
188	South east area	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
189	Dodge park. Near wise between carrol lake rd and union lake rd	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
190	Wise rd	8/20/2018 4:04 PM
191	1. Bike path needs to continue from library to cross at that intersection. LOTS of kids are crossing over to head to tropical Smoothie and don't have a bike path/sidewalk. This is important! 2. It would be great if Commerce Twp. Could link up to the current bike paths so a person could get all over Commerce Township. (Impossible to head north on Benstein on bike/foot) 3. Bicentennial Park (Fisher Road) would be nice if it were more accessible. It's easily passed if you didn't know it was there. A dog park would be great there.	8/20/2018 3:56 PM

192	No, but more parks and less subdivisions is always a better idea	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
193	Na	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
194	No	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
195	Clean up the park across from the duck farm and make it more inviting to families visiting that area.	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
196	N/a	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
197	expand the wise rd property into a more formal trail system, would be great for mountain bikes on the north side!	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
198	A park along the new martin parkway would be good. Don't put in all businesses	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
199	Dodge Park (where the new library is) needs to stay intact. We do not need another soccer field! Save the woods!	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
200	Commerce and wise. Commerce and carey	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
201	Anyplace that is close to beach access for people to swim and kids to play	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
202	Can't think of any.	8/20/2018 2:56 PM
203	Undecided	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
204	Anywhere! Stop selling land to developers, we have enough people!	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
205	None	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
206	Always more park	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
207	Need better access to parks and trails from neighborhood	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
208	Na	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
209	no	8/20/2018 2:17 PM
210	No	8/20/2018 2:15 PM
211	no	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

**Q6 Overall, how would you rate the job being done providing recreational programs and facilities in Commerce Township; would you give a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of only fair or poor?**

Answered: 339 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	9.44% 32
Pretty Good	49.26% 167
Only Fair	24.48% 83
Poor	9.44% 32
Undecided/Don't know	7.37% 25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339</b>

### Q7 What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a positive rating (Excellent/Pretty Good)? [Write Comment]

Answered: 210 Skipped: 131

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I dont know of any rec programs run by the Township.	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
2	POOR- continued plowing over wooded areas for various purposes WITHOUT discussion with Commerce Township residents.	10/17/2018 1:51 PM
3	Use of land	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
4	Parks and clean and well-kept.	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
5	People moved to Commerce to live in a natural setting that was not overdeveloped including soccer parks. Poor due to overdevelopment	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
6	keeping current	9/28/2018 3:02 PM
7	from what I have heard the Township seems to be interested in & cooperative with the community.	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
8	A perfect balance has been reached between everything.	9/27/2018 10:37 AM
9	Commerce is close to hesshathaway park in Waterford - love that place!	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
10	there are no many family programs/events (outside from the library) that that is offered by the township	9/27/2018 9:23 AM



11	The growing biking/walking trails.	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
12	I said only fair, would like more information about what is happening in Commerce. Way to much housing being put up and roads and traffic is horrendous.	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
13	Baseball and softball programs	9/25/2018 9:48 AM
14	The fun run hospitality fundraiser and park at new library	9/25/2018 7:24 AM
15	Clean easy access well-maintained parks.	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
16	Commerce Township seems to be pretty loaded with outdoor spaces and activities. Good sidewalk and trail access linking them too.	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
17	Plenty of good parks.	9/24/2018 1:16 AM
18	we have beautiful natural parks now.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
19	Nice and diverse scenery parks	9/23/2018 10:52 AM
20	Good maintenance of parks	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
21	The fact we have the park land we DO currently have is great.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
22	parks are overall clean and in good condition	9/23/2018 6:54 AM
23	There are some things available and effort is being shown	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
24	I'm able to see park options online which is convenient	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
25	no comment	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
26	N/a	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
27	The Interlakes Girls Softball League, Commerce Little League, and CW3 have done a tremendous job in providing access to their respective sports for kids from across the community.	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
28	parks like maple glen and hickory glen	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
29	Good amount of parks	9/20/2018 10:07 PM
30	Concerts in the park	9/20/2018 5:13 PM
31	I think with all the new construction happening the committee will make our city more user friendly.	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
32	The parks are well kept, clean, not much shady activity.	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
33	clean, well kept lawns	9/20/2018 1:50 PM
34	Fields are well taken care of and clean	9/20/2018 12:51 PM
35	I enjoy the parks in a Commerce. My kids play sports and are very active. We spend a lot of time outdoors.	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
36	Im very happy with Interlakes. Im also glad that the city has not moved forward with a plan to change Maple Glens softball fields. Parents like them the way they are and they work! Please don't change interlakes. Changing it may result in participation decline among parents. Parents do not like fields that are grouped together for fly balls. Its horrible and would be a waste of money for the city.	9/20/2018 12:23 PM
37	I love that my children have options for recreational activities.	9/20/2018 12:05 PM
38	There are plenty of park and they are well maintained	9/20/2018 11:50 AM
39	Maple Glenn softball fields are the best around	9/20/2018 11:45 AM
40	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
41	We use the parks and are so happy to have them. Wish there were just a couple other additions	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
42	I think there are programs out there that are not well known.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
43	We are really happy with Maple Glen Park. It's our favorite place to be and play softball. We've been to a lot of Softball fields and Maple Glen Park is still the best with 7 fields, concessions offerings, shady trees and a decent amount of parking. The only thing that it could use are updated bathrooms. There are only 3 women's stalls and a handicapped stall. We really could use more bathrooms.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM

44	Maple Glen - commerce little league and ILGSL softball. Such great family atmosphere	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
45	The remodeling of Richardson Center is first class. An openhouse for the community to see would be beneficial. The entrance to Dodge Park should be better maintained.	9/20/2018 11:02 AM
46	Number of activities being offered at Senior Center	9/20/2018 10:00 AM
47	Every comment box is going to be related to cutting down all the trees	9/19/2018 7:05 PM
48	The parks are pretty well cared for	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
49	The fact that we have clean and well maintained parks.	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
50	Facilities are usually clean and in good conditions	9/18/2018 8:53 PM
51	The fact that we have clean and well maintained parks.	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
52	Meets my needs	9/18/2018 1:41 PM
53	The decisions to put a soccer field at Dodge Park was a bad one. Taking out all those woods for a field that will be use twice a year is disgraceful. And the notification of such major changes needs to be brought to the attention of those who use the areas (like when they have a zoning change, they need to post notices of proposed changes). The major changes should be voted on by the whole community or at least notify us. We were blind-sided by this horrific change to our awesome park. Notices need to be posted and everything should be done to get the word out about such changes. Even finding this survey was challenging and I knew it was here. It is not on the Parks and Rec. page! Why? By the way, Emily is doing a great job but her boss didn't even bother to show up to the 5 year planning meeting. He should not be elected to another term.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
54	Richardson Center - for seniors and the community is a very nice and needed upgrade. The Library was a waste of money. Existing building was fine and Hillers would have been a good reuse of a building already in the community. Very sad about Dodge Park. What the heck is CW3 contributing to our community that they were GIVEN that land to develop and use? For the people near this park, it was well walked and enjoyed as it was. Before you make anymore changes. Go out for a month at various times and see how people use the space. It was more used and enjoyed that administrators know. We do not want to be an overdeveloped community. Part of the attraction and beauty of Commerce is that it was not overdeveloped. That is the montra and promise our current Supervisor ran on. I thought his position was to steer back from the overdevelopment. I do not believe he is living up to his campaign promises and position. Summer community concerts are awesome and hope we can have a few more. Thank you to whoever spearheads that effort, well done.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
55	Commerce Township has done nothing to develop our parks as parks. How do you expect a good rating for this, unless our residents are totally ignorant of what has been done recently?	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
56	Good quality where there is activity but never seems to be improvement	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
57	I think Commerce has many ammentities that the Township benefits from. They could just use some TLC.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
58	Commerce is very spread out. Way too many people and not enough roads or lanes to accommodate people on a daily basis. Most people seem angry and unhappy in this area because of this. Fix this problem so we can be a better community again	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
59	Would like to see more attention paid to the areas North of the M5, and North of Martin Rd	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
60	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
61	This place is awesome!	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
62	Great parks! They have no safe access paths on Benstein up to parks!!!!	9/14/2018 1:47 PM
63	I am not knowledgable, and I am sorry I missed the meeting on Thurs., but I see improvements, so I think it is going in the right direction.	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
64	Na	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
65	I didn't	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
66	.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
67	The new library is great The new playground that's in the process of being built looks like it will be amazing.	9/14/2018 8:52 AM

68	People need to clean up after self and their pets. Garage around is bad	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
69	Parks are clean and very well maintained	9/14/2018 7:54 AM
70	Great parks. Would love to see more trails in woods. But keep the woods!	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
71	Dodge park	9/13/2018 4:22 PM
72	The township does a great job providing but doesn't when it comes to awareness	9/13/2018 3:47 PM
73	Parks maintenance	9/13/2018 3:25 PM
74	Greenspace, hiking trails. public beach would be nice tho.	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
75	Dodge park needs bathrooms. the others parks are good for walk o take pictures but any of them has other kind of facilities like more shelters or splash pad or better playgrounds... picnic areas	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
76	I think Emily England is on top of things going on in the parks. How she handles who is using which park with what sports and making sure no problems needs to be handled.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
77	the attempts to create a diversity of programs to suit young and old alike	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
78	the two sports fields the township has are very good	9/10/2018 1:16 PM
79	I just think we are doing a decent job	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
80	None	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
81	Potential for improvement	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
82	Local b-ball soccer and football organization seen well run	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
83	There seems to be a decent number of programs offered in Commerce. However, I only have 1 child who is 8 weeks old and have not used the programs yet.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
84	We have lots of different types of park play areas	9/5/2018 4:01 PM
85	There are enough and we need to focus on making these efficient	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
86	I did	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
87	There are quite a few parks around Commerce	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
88	Lack of dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
89	My daughter plays soccer with Jaguars/CW3 and we practice at Dodge Park. I have found that park very attractive and pleasant to visit.	9/4/2018 4:00 PM
90	Nice parks, good summer programs	9/4/2018 3:24 PM
91	Soccer fields at Dodge Park are among the best in the area, and that park overall is great (and only getting better, from the looks of it)	9/4/2018 1:49 PM
92	The growth and development of Commerce Township has been well planned and moving along at a nice pace. The Richardson Center, library, Dodge Park have all been well planned and are welcome upgrades for the community. Great job!!!	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
93	Mentioned in previous comment. Not many communities have the opportunity to be connected to external park systems. Keep it going	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
94	I love that the Township seems committed to having parks, I would hate to see any more development or projects. With the new shopping area and several new housing developments soon we won't have as much green space which is what draws people here, plus the roads cannot handle much more traffic	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
95	I love that the Township seems committed to having parks, I would hate to see any more development or projects. With the new shopping area and several new housing developments soon we won't have as much green space which is what draws people here, plus the roads cannot handle much more traffic	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
96	The parks are very nice. Maple Glen is a fantastic facility for our boys to play baseball. The concerts and movies in the park are great.	8/30/2018 1:28 PM
97	Mostly geared for children. We have an adult population too.	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
98	They keep trying to do better.	8/29/2018 4:55 PM



99	I think the parks and park programs are great and the library programs are awesome	8/29/2018 2:05 PM
100	There is recreation offered but not a lot of options compared to other communities such as Farmington Hills.	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
101	Although we haven't participated in much of the programming, events and programming I see happening at the library look amazing.	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
102	There are several parks to choose from with different amenities at each.	8/29/2018 9:21 AM
103	The facilities are well maintained and beautiful.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
104	I don't live in the township but do visit some of the parks periodically and think they are sufficient	8/28/2018 11:30 AM
105	The fact that you involve us in the five year planning is an excellent start.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
106	There are a lot of options	8/27/2018 8:44 AM
107	Seems to be advertised enough and people using rec programs.	8/26/2018 11:26 PM
108	Nice mtb trails and pathways for cyclists. Baseball and soccer fields.	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
109	I feel the quality and size of facilities are in line with the growth and size of this area.	8/25/2018 8:58 PM
110	There are some decent community ed classes for little kids.	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
111	Like current facilities- excited about new park off wise road	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
112	N/A	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
113	There are plenty of programs offered	8/24/2018 7:44 AM
114	The township giving usage to the Little League at Maple Glen park. As long as they remain a Little League they should not have to worry about keeping the facilities they have now and should have a perpetual lease.	8/23/2018 9:39 PM
115	The amount of park space available	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
116	So far, development has been kept down around the nature areas and events such as "music in the park" are pleasant to attend. Allows for us to get to know more area people. Land is kept pretty clean, too.	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
117	Great partnerships with local sports clubs/leagues, but the Twp. should focus even more on improving their facilities and allow other partners to shoulder operating expenses/labor	8/23/2018 5:38 PM
118	Hickory Glen mountain bike trail.	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
119	I love our parks, but I wish that I knew more about what recreational programs are offered.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
120	Facilities at Hickory Glen	8/23/2018 10:31 AM
121	Dodge park playground is decent	8/23/2018 9:40 AM
122	Many people involved trying to improve our community	8/23/2018 9:34 AM
123	N/A	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
124	Activities and events have been added over the past few years. It has definitely improved. Although I think there is more that can be offered to get others involved. Sometimes people don't know about events	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
125	I didn't. This form must be in error.	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
126	Walking trails especially by the new library	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
127	Facilities are good and parks are clean and maintained.	8/22/2018 9:53 PM
128	Dodge Park	8/22/2018 9:01 PM
129	i like the summer concerts, art show.	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
130	Because there are offerings and there is always room to improve.	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
131	Kids activates	8/22/2018 6:19 PM
132	N/A	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
133	concert in the park, dodge park but could be more frequent	8/22/2018 4:32 PM

134	Clean, well maintained	8/22/2018 4:31 PM
135	We keep moving forward. Would like more paved bike trails	8/22/2018 2:12 PM
136	Commerce has a lot of community involvement and support because of that I think this is why a lot of programs do well.	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
137	Honestly I am not familiar with the programs, but because I don't know much about them, I can't rate them badly. Perhaps more information to residents would help increase awareness.	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
138	Na	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
139	It is developing, but when compared with surrounding communities it could be so much better.	8/22/2018 9:34 AM
140	Solid	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
141	General satisfaction	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
142	N/A	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
143	Quality parks	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
144	I see kids playing ball, bike riding and constant walking on our pathways	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
145	Maintenance of parks and outdoor spaces is very good.	8/21/2018 6:20 PM
146	I did not. I put fair because I have to go to Milford or other surrounding areas to enjoy a pool or rec center.	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
147	The locations are very strange for the current parks. I've heard several complaints on the location of the new library and I agree. It's very difficult to get to especially during rush hour. There's no large play scape like Plymouth has	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
148	I said you were poor because you haven't followed a thing on your master plan. Was made how many years ago? Also you don't respond to emails in a timely matter	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
149	I have ridden past many of the parks in the area over the last 20 years. Linking up trail systems between Commerce and the other lakes villages in the area would be fantastic and provide a much needed safety factor, especially for bikers.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
150	The addition of playground and splash pad at Dodge park, and the summer concerts at Dodge park. I'd love to see more of those activities & facilities in and around Commerce to be able to ride my bike or walk to.	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
151	Takes way too long to get things done. This may be due to money. Maybe a larger SAD is needed.	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
152	I didn't! Seriously, surveymonkey allows to have dynamic questions based on previous responses. My previous one was 'I don't know.'	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
153	A very active parks and rec board that responds positively to ideas brought forth by residents and businesses and implements those suggestions whenever feasible.	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
154	I checked off "Only Fair". There's a bug with this questionnaire.	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
155	The recreational activities/facilities in Commerce are nicely maintained.	8/21/2018 8:58 AM
156	Richardson Center and library programs	8/21/2018 8:48 AM
157	The improvements at Dodge Park and the library	8/21/2018 8:38 AM
158	I have lived here 53 years, and am sick and tired of the destruction you people are causing to Commerce!	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
159	I think that at this time we have adequate recreational facilities available . I am concerned that some government entities would like to increase taxes to expand their domain. We have enough recreation available if people want to use it. there are already many county, regional and state parks available which we are paying for right now.	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
160	Done a good job balancing natural vs. usable recreational areas. Some area should be set aside for natural beauty, some should be lightly developed for outdoor sports, etc.	8/21/2018 7:53 AM
161	Na	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
162	More communication with public needed.	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
163	Parks are maintained well	8/20/2018 11:24 PM

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164	I didn't	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
165	Parks are clean. safe and family friendly	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
166	More playgrounds, with toddler play area's and structures are needed.	8/20/2018 10:22 PM
167	Mountain bike support although I know the trails are all built and maintained by volunteers	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
168	Dodge park updates, M5 bridge, Glen's MTB area	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
169	Updated, clean, quiet.	8/20/2018 9:07 PM
170	Quite a few activities offered at library this summer. 😊	8/20/2018 8:30 PM
171	I've seen the township making good improvements on the parks we have ..but seriously need some soccer fields	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
172	I think commerce does a great job BUT there is not enough advertisement for the residents to see what is offered.	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
173	Dodge park utilization	8/20/2018 8:11 PM
174	The parks we have are nice.	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
175	Variety of offerings	8/20/2018 6:41 PM
176	Just more money to mountain biking please	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
177	I wrote undecided.	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
178	I don't know about any programs and I live Inn commerce, not far from the library	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
179	Good use of existing facilities	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
180	General appearance	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
181	There are many activities in Commerce, as well as parks and hiking trails.	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
182	????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
183	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
184	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
185	I gave a negative review	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
186	Several options of parks and playgrounds	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
187	Bike bridge. Soccer fields	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
188	I'm happy we are using the Nike base and across the street. I like the proposed play structure	8/20/2018 4:07 PM
189	There are consistent activities already in process	8/20/2018 4:00 PM
190	It is slowly improving. I've been here since 1999, so I've seen improvement Dodge Park playground, playground across from WLC improved. There isn't much else, is there? It may be nice to have parks in all corners of he township.	8/20/2018 3:56 PM
191	I love the Commerce parks.	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
192	Good	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
193	Quality and beauty of parks.	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
194	New playground being built for children with disabilities, upgrading dodge five and the duck farm, clean facilities.	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
195	We like the parks, but with young children find ourselves going to marshbank as it's more toddler friendly.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
196	The parks are well maintained.	8/20/2018 3:34 PM
197	the parks are nice and close but all of them could use some love. mill race park doesn't even look like a park?	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
198	I don't know where you find out about programs. Is it in the paper? Website? Where is information posted?	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
199	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM



200	I feel like I see a lot of options as far as community activities go, especially for kids.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
201	I have found the classes i want. But I think locker rooms need to be updated.	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
202	.	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
203	Many parks to choose from.	8/20/2018 2:59 PM
204	I didn't. I wrote that I don't know.	8/20/2018 2:56 PM
205	the expanded Center. Increase in activities	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
206	N/a	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
207	Kids enjoy going out	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
208	A nice amount of park space	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
209	I enjoy the new library and combined spaces. They are beautiful and useful community spaces. I am VERY excited to have the accessible park space nearby! :)	8/20/2018 2:17 PM
210	Said fair	8/20/2018 2:15 PM

### Q8 What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a negative rating (Only Fair/Poor)? [Write Comment]

Answered: 177 Skipped: 164

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not enough land is being preserved in it Natural state which is the definition of a Park	10/31/2018 11:13 AM
2	Dodge Park is not a family park anymore. Soccer field should have been put off Wise Rd as a sports park. Families used to come to Dodge Park to picnic on weekends as a family	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
3	Need a program development group Need improved facilities (Rest Rooms)	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
4	I dont know of any rec programs run by the Township.	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
5	POOR-continued plowing over wooded areas for various purposes WITHOUT discussion with Commerce Township residents	10/17/2018 1:51 PM
6	Hours of operation, parking lots in poor condition. resistance to building new trails.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
7	More mountain biking trail is needed! Bike path between Proud Lake & Hickory Glen needs a trail I can ride as an alternative to paved path!	10/14/2018 9:25 PM
8	No info on the parks and Rec website.	10/12/2018 1:36 AM
9	Only one on Sleeth and not upkept with personal	10/2/2018 8:04 PM
10	We seem to be developing parks for a single use. Maple Glen is pretty much exclusive baseball fields. Dodge Park is becoming mainly soccer fields now that much of the forest has been clear cut. And 80% of the time, the parks sit unused until leagues need them. The parks seem to be created for the main use of leagues in the area, not families in Commerce.	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
11	No disc golf	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
12	NA	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
13	Poor be more proactive in protecting our natural wetlands and wild animal habitats. Stop the development at Dodge Park. Do not build more soccer fields or splash park etc	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
14	One of the main draws to Commerce Township when I first moved was the rural wooded outdoors (Up north) feel of living here. During my time here too much woodland been cut down and nature trails removed. Much Township parkland has been put under the control of private entities for a single specified purpose. Multiple uses by Township residents should be the primary focus before private organizations are considered.	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
15	I didn't	9/28/2018 9:40 AM

16	A place for young kids to play in the winter would be great! Commerce is so far from everything!	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
17	see above	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
18	NA	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
19	need more publicity about events happening, need more community gatherings ( look how many turned out for Commerce drive in) way too much building and traffic and roads are horrendous	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
20	Na	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
21	too many cars.	9/24/2018 1:16 AM
22	Let's find a way to reduce taxes. We have ample recreation avenues through the county, Metroparks ,state and federal. We do not need to duplicate what is already provided just to increase township bureaucracy	9/23/2018 6:13 PM
23	Not applicable	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
24	More has to be done to make residents aware of park programs and less paving over and cutting down trees needs to take place.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
25	I didn't give a negative rating	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
26	NA	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
27	The MCMBA has been trying to improve and expand the MTB trail at Hickory Glen and has run into several road blocks imposed by the township.	9/22/2018 7:17 PM
28	The loss of trails around Martin Parkway, the lack of "walkable" opportunities near residential areas, over development of team support facilities like soccer fields and ball diamonds.	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
29	Not enough facilities for growth of community. Look at West Bloomfield as a model	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
30	seems quite a few parks get overlooked for upgrades or additions of play equipment. would be nice to see some ice rinks set up in the winter for families to enjoy.	9/21/2018 7:53 PM
31	I didn't	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
32	n/a	9/20/2018 1:50 PM
33	Na	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
34	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
35	There may be programs out there that I don't know about.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
36	Okay so first it started with cutting them down to make the library. I really liked that park. There wasn't a ton of people there so it made for some good alone time. I was upset to see that go. Then the bridge across the stream that connected the two parks. Not sure about everyone else, but every single person I had talked to about it that knew of it felt like a piece of history (for the park) was being taken down. I get if it was unsafe, but it could've been reinforced or something. Now a massive area of the woods is being cut down behind Dodge park, along with the tree line by the park itself. Especially during the spring, walking through the woods was a common activity for my friends and I to kindof disconnect from the world. Yes, you can walk through the deeper parts, but it just feels completely different with this massive chunk of land that originally has trees now completely bare. I just thought it was perfectly fine as it was. At least not cut into the woods so much. The trees alwithhr lakes is the reason why I love Michigan. That's all. Have a good day	9/19/2018 7:05 PM
37	To much devastation of our woods and forests. Burn the library down	9/19/2018 11:03 AM
38	?	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
39	offer things for kids and seniors and nothing in between	9/18/2018 3:59 PM
40	The decisions to put a soccer field at Dodge Park was a bad one. Taking out all those woods for a field that will be use twice a year is disgraceful. And the notification of such major changes needs to be brought to the attention of those who use the areas (like when they have a zoning change, they need to post notices of proposed changes). The major changes should be voted on by the whole community or at least notify us. We were blind-sided by this horrific change to our awesome park. Notices need to be posted and everything should be done to get the word out about such changes. Even finding this survey was challenging and I knew it was here. It is not on the Parks and Rec. page! Why? David Scott didn't even bother to show up to the 5 year planning meeting. He should not be elected to another term.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM

41	The Library was a waste of money. Existing building was fine and Hillers would have been a good reuse of a building already in the community. Very sad about Dodge Park. What the heck is CW3 contributing to our community that they were GIVEN that land to develop and use? For the people near this park, it was well walked and enjoyed as it was. Before you make anymore changes. Go out for a month at various times and see how people use the space. It was more used and enjoyed that administrators know. We do not want to be an overdeveloped community. Part of the attraction and beauty of Commerce is that it was not overdeveloped. That is the montra and promise our current Supervisor ran on. I thought his position was to steer back from the over-development. I do not believe he is living up to his campaign promises and position.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
42	Tearing down existing libraries, and changing use of existing parkland to build a library where our park existed. Building a soccer field in the park woods and tearing down a massive amount of trees for a private enterprise? And then asking if we need more parkland? Really! How contradictory is that?	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
43	Not much improvement or change	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
44	Not publicized enough. How about a flashing message board in front of the new Senior Center. Lots of traffic passes there.	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
45	N/A	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
46	See same as above. All the growth and no additional roads or lanes to handle the traffic. It takes me 20 minutes to go two miles in the morning. It is a nightmare and it makes Commerce residents angry.	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
47	there is a lack of information about what is offered. The Commerce Township webside us not very inviting and informative and I don't know of any other source of information	9/15/2018 12:00 PM
48	No walking or biking paths along main roads except in front of a few businesses/housing developments.	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
49	Only fair. Park in dodge is kept up well but more attention is needed for everyday use not just soccer	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
50	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
51	NA.	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
52	Keep developing more stuff. Yet do not address how kids and parents can get there beyond driving!	9/14/2018 1:47 PM
53	Bicentennial park. Only thing done to tr hat park is the grass gets mowed. Also if there is any trash on the ground they just shred it with the mowers	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
54	New to the township	9/14/2018 10:38 AM
55	Limited community facilities...ice arena, swimming pool, recreation center with gym, soccer field, etc	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
56	We have to rely on surround communities for annual, community-identifying festivals. Most recreation offerings are also through neighboring communities, mainly Walled Lake for us, but also West Bloomfield, Milford, Wixom. Other than the concerts in the park, I really can't think of anything that Commerce offers (besides the softball/baseball leagues and the football league, all on Glengary Rd).	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
57	I'd really like to see more trails. Sidewalks on Commerce from Clifford smart to the library would be a GREAT idea.	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
58	We all need to help each other by cleaning up after self	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
59	I did not offer a negative rating	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
60	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
61	I would like commerce parks have more facilities like more shelters and splash pad, or picnic areas, and a lodge room or party room.	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
62	Compared to surrounding communities that have less park space, we don't offer enough	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
63	N/A	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
64	n/a	9/11/2018 12:43 PM



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65	Need additional offerings	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
66	the township focuses too much on additional new building instead of focusing what the community already has	9/10/2018 1:16 PM
67	I didn't give a neg. or poor response.	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
68	communication to residents is lacking, Senior letter could be updated more often. Lack of community letter for all of the township that could include parks and rec	9/7/2018 6:00 PM
69	Splash pad and ice rink would be a HUGE benefit to our community	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
70	The removal of trails to build subdivisions along Martin Parkway.	9/6/2018 2:50 PM
71	Tore down my peaceful spot in Dodge Park! No where to go to sit in the shady quiet and enjoy nature and peace.	9/6/2018 2:16 PM
72	Take a look at other communities such as Troy, Rochester. They offer a greater variety and quality.	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
73	Could use more soccer fields	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
74	I did not offer a negative rating.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
75	Enough development. The traffic is ridiculous and the development is demanding the destruction of woods and privacy to those of long term ownership here in commerce.	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
76	I didnt	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
77	I didn't give a negative comment	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
78	Lack of dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
79	I travel outside of commerce for most things.	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
80	Wise Road is being greatly under used.	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
81	Not sure of all of the offerings.	9/4/2018 9:08 AM
82	Great job!	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
83	Not applicable	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
84	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
85	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
86	Could do more	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
87	Dodge Park is being over developed.	8/29/2018 9:21 AM
88	n/a	8/28/2018 9:18 PM
89	N/A	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
90	NA	8/27/2018 5:33 PM
91	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
92	We have no Parks and Recreational Programs.	8/27/2018 10:05 AM
93	No	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
94	There is a lack of offerings in community ed for older teens and adults. Neighboring school districts do a better job than Walled Lake with community ed.	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
95	More walkable trails needed	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
96	I am not sure what programs or facilities that Commerce Twp. offers outside of the new library location and the Richardson Center. This is something that I'll have to investigate - hopefully there is an outline on the Township website.	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
97	Excessive usage of natural wood lands has been used-Commerce Twp. is becoming more of a city than the rural community that many of us liked when we moved to the area.. Please stop this !!!!	8/25/2018 1:36 PM
98	Adding additional soccer field, knocking down trees for a library, stop taking away nature!	8/25/2018 12:40 PM

99	Parks are dedicated to organized sports such as football and baseball , but could use a more diverse enrichment program such as nature centers, trail centers, etc.	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
100	N/A	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
101	I build my house here in the township over 20 years ago expecting SOMETHing by now! We need a developed community, developed downtown area (in the township area not the 5) that includes a small grocery store something like the Westborn Market or like Collisanti's. There is no means of connecting with my Commerce community (sidewalks, pathways, recreational building (not libraries) ice rink, SOMETHing. I have to go to Milford to mingle with people and walk the storefront shops and eat at their restaurants and go to their YMCA and shop at their grocery store. I wish I could walk or bike to my own downtown with my family on some kind of pathway... very sad.	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
102	I didn't.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
103	Despite a few gems like Hickory Glen and Proud Lake, CT has squandered the opportunity to create lasting value by reserving undeveloped land and encouraging smarter development. Even the Lakes Community Trail barely connects what facilities there are.	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
104	Poor development throughout commerce. Poor ability to bring in business and to develop the north and west portions of the community	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
105	Na	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
106	I didn't.	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
107	none	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
108	We need sidewalks on Welch Road. Kids wait for the bus in the dark with no where to stand but in the street. We need to connect to the trails and the new park.	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
109	N/A	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
110	There seems to some on the parks board that aren't involved in thier assigned parks as much as they should	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
111	Poor, Commerce has always allowed its park projects to be operated by third parties, and all of the parks have never been finished, they are not staffed, they have poor to no bathroom facility. Commerce Township has passively owned but never operated or even managed the land	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
112	Only concert in the park and senior activities seem to be focused on.	8/22/2018 5:21 PM
113	Need better communication of what is available. Seems like most recreation is geared toward the young or the elderly.	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
114	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
115	N/a	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
116	I need more information to better rate the parks.	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
117	Outside summer concerts, programs and activities are not well advertised.	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
118	I am not sure on how to get information on activities that the park system is holding.	8/22/2018 10:32 AM
119	It could be so much better	8/22/2018 9:34 AM
120	NC	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
121	The township is allowing/encouraging special interest/property tax money to drive park development/destruction(DDA/specific sports organizations)	8/22/2018 7:44 AM
122	Too much emphasis on developing soccer parks and not enough on plane old pedestrian paths that service walkers, runners and cyclists.	8/22/2018 5:10 AM
123	N/a	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
124	N/A	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
125	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
126	Did not rank that low	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
127	Have to go to Milford or elsewhere to enjoy pool or rec center	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
128	Location/ lack of large playscape	8/21/2018 4:18 PM

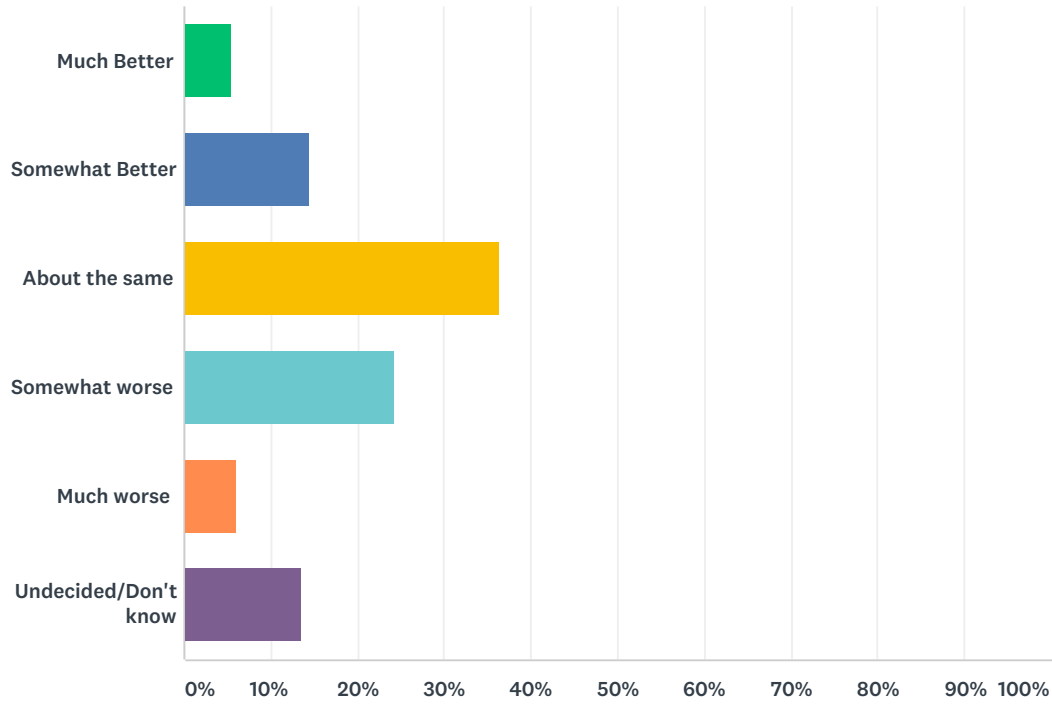
129	Your master plan isn't being followed or implemented, I don't really understand what it is you do for commerce besides plans that never come to fruition	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
130	Lets get the trail system completed. The area looks great.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
131	N/A	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
132	Need more activities geared towards nature, we have been felling trees and woods a lot around the city (Martin, welch, oakley/glengary etc.), we need more education on natural conservation and teaching about the beauty of michigan plans and wild flowers and how they boost the eco system.	8/21/2018 11:28 AM
133	Need more work done and done faster. Maybe need more money is needed	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
134	Ugh.	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
135	We live close to Beck/Pontiac Trail and we are not even informed of anything Commerce is doing.	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
136	Not enough programs outside of the Richardson Center and library	8/21/2018 8:48 AM
137	Look around, and you'll understand. You are destroying Commerce	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
138	Seems to be undeveloped/disappearing	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
139	I can't get to a park without walking/biking on a road that doesn't have a sidewalk.	8/21/2018 6:54 AM
140	Because I barely see anything offered. It's mostly Novi or Wixom offering fun family events	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
141	Current programs should be advertised more	8/20/2018 11:24 PM
142	Not enough advertising	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
143	More playgrounds are needed.	8/20/2018 10:22 PM
144	Considering the parks in Milford, Novi, and Walled Lake as a comparison, the Commerce parks seem less developed. I end up spending more time in neighboring parks.	8/20/2018 9:35 PM
145	There is no communications for what is offered. I could make better use of what I know is there. Perhaps a Township newsletter?	8/20/2018 9:30 PM
146	Na	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
147	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
148	N/A	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
149	I was unaware that programs are offered. I have lived here 2 years.	8/20/2018 7:46 PM
150	Not published- don't know what's offered	8/20/2018 7:23 PM
151	N/A	8/20/2018 6:41 PM
152	I hate that the land by the old library was sold.	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
153	Our resources need more publicity.	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
154	There is little communication that I have seen regarding events or activities	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
155	N/a	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
156	Not enough people at the parks	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
157	????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
158	Not many choices serving residents of all ages.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
159	Not many choices serving residents of all ages.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
160	If events are happening they are not as well publicized.	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
161	No	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
162	Taking too long to do Wise Road.	8/20/2018 4:12 PM
163	NA	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
164	N/a	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
165	I didn't offer a negative rating? But I wish there was a closer dog park.	8/20/2018 3:41 PM



166	Na	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
167	The park/playscapes have a lot of trash around	8/20/2018 3:34 PM
168	wish there were better bathroom facilities. port a johns are nice, but not available in winter. would be nice if they had some in the winter! or at least a proper bathroom facility in some of the parks	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
169	See above	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
170	I didn't hear about the library being built until too late and the same with the soccer field. Put it on the ballot.	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
171	Lack of awareness of all the programs on social media	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
172	I didn't. I wrote I didn't know.	8/20/2018 2:56 PM
173	As a resident of 10 years it's not clear to me what recreational activities are provided. I only know of the parks in the area and the WLCSD offers community education classes that are often sponsored by private companies. It would be nice if the Township were able to create a center where all such programs could be provided. Like a swimming pool for swim lessons, fitness center, fitness classes and a gym for sports programs like basketball, volleyball and floor hockey.	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
174	A lot of the trails and facilities are maintained by niche organizations with seemingly little support from the township. Port a johns and trash removal etc should be more widely provided and not by individual groups	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
175	N/a	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
176	Events and places offered are okay - hard For parking and traffic to be able to go	8/20/2018 2:15 PM
177	Not really sure of what's offered	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

**Q9 Based on what you may know or have heard or read about recreational programs and facilities that are provided in other parts of Oakland County or in other counties, would you say that the programs provided in Commerce Township are better, worse, or about the same as programs provided in other areas?**

Answered: 333 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much Better	5.41%	18
Somewhat Better	14.41%	48
About the same	36.34%	121
Somewhat worse	24.32%	81
Much worse	6.01%	20
Undecided/Don't know	13.51%	45
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>333</b>

### Q10 What would you say is better about the programs provided in your area? [Write Comment]

Answered: 150 Skipped: 191

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Check out Marshbank Park (West Bloomfield) or in Clarkston where their Senior Center is there both set up for all families to enjoy	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
2	Nothing	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
3	More trails. Actual maintenance, new trail building.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
4	More interlinked trails	10/14/2018 9:25 PM
5	See Farmington Hills Parks and Rec offerings for youths and adults	10/12/2018 1:36 AM
6	N/A	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
7	Unsure	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
8	more Mountain bike trails	9/28/2018 3:02 PM

9	not sure	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
10	The library program is great	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
11	i love what you have done with Dodge Park 5 and the Richardson Center. You are moving in a great direction. My only complaint is the lack of family activities offered. Many times as a family we go to other communities for holiday events (halloween, christmas, easter, etc. because Commerce does not offer anything aside from the Fire Open House and 3 concerts in the park.	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
12	NA	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
13	N	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
14	Good play areas for kids. Good trails connecting locations like Dodge Park to Hickory Glenn to Clara Miller Park, etc.	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
15	Better surveys would be a good start.	9/24/2018 1:16 AM
16	being over developed. our parks are resources to protect, not cut down.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
17	West Bloomfield	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
18	That there are any at all.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
19	Same	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
20	no comment	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
21	N/A	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
22	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
23	amount of parcipatation	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
24	Interlakes softball has great fields. Most communities don't offer such nice fields to the girls. The organization is great.	9/20/2018 10:07 PM
25	They seem to be easily accessible	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
26	n/a	9/20/2018 1:50 PM
27	Parks in other communities are much nicer and better maintained.	9/20/2018 12:55 PM
28	They are much more organized and efficiently run!	9/20/2018 12:51 PM
29	Safe. Competence. Inviting to all.	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
30	Really well maintained	9/20/2018 11:50 AM
31	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
32	I didn't say that.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
33	The family atmosphere, the abundance of undeveloped land, development but not over development. Kensington.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
34	Variety and environment	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
35	?	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
36	Few spacious parks that are well maintained. Preserving nature.	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
37	Few spacious parks that are well maintained. Preserving nature.	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
38	I like the concerts and nature trails	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
39	We have some parks here, but many are special use or very rustic.	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
40	Easy to get to?	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
41	I have heard there are a lot of things that take place in the Township.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
42	it is close by	9/15/2018 12:00 PM
43	My area send to be forgotten.	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
44	Clean	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
45	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM

46	I doubt if you could measure up to W.B. But they must have a lot more money. Of course, Walled Lake is weak, but they have a public beach. We just have to use the resources we have to the best of our creativity.	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
47	None	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
48	Parks are nice	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
49	.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
50	We obviously have a great soccer program	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
51	We need more activities for younger kids and pets	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
52	Trails are great. Please keep them and keep the trees! Please, no more soccer fields.	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
53	West Bloomfield has a much larger developed trail system	9/13/2018 5:29 PM
54	Better outdoor areas (baseball; soccer)	9/13/2018 3:25 PM
55	It seems like all our leagues and clubs run in collaboration with parks are run very well.	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
56	Walking trails.	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
57	I can't say it is better.	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
58	We have some historical areas like Mill Race Park and Byers Farm.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
59	It growing and expanding, that is a good thing	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
60	Distance from my home	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
61	Sometimes I think they waste to much of tax payers money on things. Providing too many items can be a burden to some tax payers.	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
62	No	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
63	Not sure	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
64	With the exception of soccer most of them have a designated facility for their sport programs	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
65	Not sure.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
66	The Little League Football field on Glengary	9/5/2018 4:01 PM
67	Do not know previous question was answer with "do not know"	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
68	I think a nice fall festival would be fun. Nothing huge. But even a local residents, restaurants and facilities offer goods, services, and maybe a chili cook off or bbq?	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
69	Undecided	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
70	They are closer	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
71	Dodge park and other parks, excellent library, Richardson Center and the improvements/additions to Dodge Park. And the upcoming improvements N of Pontiac Trail/M-5	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
72	The trail system at Hickory Glenn is not difficult to use, but not boring. It's scenic.	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
73	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
74	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
75	Well managed	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
76	Good soccer	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
77	Our facilities and parks are newer and cleaner	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
78	More adult oriented and children athletic development.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
79	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
80	What park and rec programs do we have?	8/27/2018 10:05 AM
81	Cos	8/27/2018 8:44 AM
82	?	8/26/2018 7:22 PM



83	More variety, especially for adults	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
84	More park space	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
85	Nothing Still need yoga, and more adult activities - yoga, etc	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
86	Not enough coordination with community education.	8/24/2018 9:06 PM
87	Greater amounts of nature space and public land	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
88	It's improving...slowly, since we moved here in 1972.	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
89	Great partnerships with local sports clubs/leagues	8/23/2018 5:38 PM
90	Pontiac Lake and Highland mountain bike trails are much longer and tougher (read better).	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
91	I love how many actual parks we have. I came from Lapeer County where there seem to be no parks at all.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
92	N/A	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
93	Many more parks and sidewalks are offered.	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
94	More sports field in neighboring communities.	8/22/2018 9:01 PM
95	They are closer to my home, schools where kids attend.	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
96	The only thing that gets a better rating is the volume of property Commerce Twp owns.	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
97	Good Senior programs	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
98	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
99	Safer, cleaner	8/22/2018 4:31 PM
100	Some areas offer more unique things or easier access like multiple locations.	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
101	There is more open land available, more lakes available	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
102	Nothing	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
103	options	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
104	N/A	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
105	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
106	N/A	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
107	More sports programs for young kids, especially girls! Girls tee ball for example.	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
108	Walled lake has a center in commerce	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
109	We have an opportunity to grow the natural features that currently exist. Commerce is a great area to live with the farm, Dodge park, the new library and senior center enhancements - there is something for everyone without the type of traffic you encounter in the southern suburbs.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
110	Cleanliness of park & library facilities.	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
111	None	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
112	-	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
113	They are far better for sporting activities and number of parks and park utilization.	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
114	About the same as others...	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
115	Nothing	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
116	It seems more park land and funding is available than other communities.	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
117	More advertising	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
118	expansive bike paths, and large parks	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
119	COMMUNICATIONS	8/20/2018 9:30 PM
120	Na	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
121	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM

122	Facilities	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
123	Catering to families	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
124	Who cares? We live in a nice area.	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
125	Just more money to mountain biking please	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
126	Not crowded	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
127	—	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
128	Better facilities than elsewhere	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
129	More than other areas	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
130	????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
131	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
132	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
133	Don't know	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
134	Near my house	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
135	I came from St. Clair Shores. I know it is much more established than here, but they have parks spanning the entire city, a pool, a splash pad, an ice arena, etc. I understand that we can not compare apples to oranges, but I am just answering the question I guess.	8/20/2018 3:56 PM
136	We would love an adult softball league	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
137	NA	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
138	Well organized and staffed.	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
139	Lots of programs to choose from for many age groups	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
140	Unknown	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
141	concerts are nice	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
142	Don't know much because I haven't see much published	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
143	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
144	I think there are a lot of parks in our community, to offer many areas for activities.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
145	.	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
146	Several small locations offer great access throughout the neighborhoods	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
147	N/a	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
148	More options	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
149	I think Commerce is doing well considering its student population is split between school districts and Commerce does not have a primary 'downtown' space. I did see some potential plans near the M5round about for such plans - but that looked tremendously congested. I already avoid that intersection and I think drawing more traffic to the area is a negative investment.	8/20/2018 2:17 PM
150	I said same	8/20/2018 2:15 PM

### Q11 What would you say is worse about the programs provided in your area? [Write Comment]

Answered: 160 Skipped: 181

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Land on Wise Rd could be developed instead of using up all the land in one area (Dodge Park 5)	10/31/2018 11:13 AM

2	Need more full time Twp Direction and management	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
3	We are cutting down trees	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
4	They are further away.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
5	Need disc golf	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
6	I'm not sure what programs are happening. Perhaps advertising could be improved. More bike trails. More plays/stage productions.	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
7	The swim classes have been ended for children and adults in the high school pools. There is no inexpensive community offering like the Caustic Center or Bentley Center	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
8	Too much emphasis has been placed into the usage of land by private organizations be they will maintain the property for Commerce Township	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
9	bike trails & soccer facilities	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
10	Need more young kid centered activities	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
11	see above	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
12	NA	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
13	publicity	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
14	No	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
15	cutting down trees that are almost 100 years old for soccer fields when open fields already exist - like Wise road fields.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
16	Can't easily find info on programs	9/23/2018 10:52 AM
17	Not enough funding	9/23/2018 10:25 AM
18	No family recreational facility	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
19	Letting the public know programs exist.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
20	Fewer	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
21	lack of awareness of programs	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
22	The programming is light and doesn't meet the needs of our residents	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
23	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
24	nothing	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
25	n/a	9/20/2018 1:50 PM
26	Unorganized in Huron Valley	9/20/2018 12:51 PM
27	Na	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
28	Swimming	9/20/2018 11:43 AM
29	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
30	No Rec center - indoor pool, basketball, etc	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
31	This survey wasn't written very well.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
32	Not enough	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
33	?	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
34	Some parks do not offer any kids activities or anything for families. Would like to see more educational/nature related/ecological offerings and some nature involved activities for kids. Stationary or as programs or both. Would like to see a community gathering places.	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
35	Some parks do not offer any kids activities or anything for families. Would like to see more educational/nature related/ecological offerings and some nature involved activities for kids. Stationary or as programs or both. Would like to see a community gathering places.	9/18/2018 2:31 PM

36	The facilities we have are decaying and yet they spend time and money and tear down a park to put in new stuff. How about fixing up the old stuff first and marking and maintaining parks and trails.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
37	Would like to see more art development classes/facility with shared equipment for all ages.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
38	Parks should be made usable, and not converted without proper notification to the residents who use them. And, we have many adults and seniors in this area, and there are no outdoor activities or sites tailored to us. It seems that programs are only for kids and the remaining population goes without.	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
39	Less options, not as much happening. Not advertised about well	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
40	For seniors, paying for programs.	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
41	I wish they didn't tear down the land off Inverrary to sell it off and build houses. It was a good community area for local kids	9/15/2018 8:52 PM
42	Lack of knowledge about when programs/activities are taking place.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
43	I am missing variety	9/15/2018 12:00 PM
44	Only a couple small parks within 5 mile radius, and only able to access them by car.	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
45	Loud when events are going on. Dodge V use to be a refuge now it is avoided when soccer is in session	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
46	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
47	Upkeep, lack of activites at parks	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
48	Limited facilities mentioned before. Lack of bike trails or sidewalks	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
49	There's almost nothing. I have a joke I tell friends/family when the conversation comes to recreational activities and community events offered by the various communities we live in. I say it is like The Township said, "Parade? Psh! Annual festival? Psh! Community events? Psh! We don't have to plan/provide anything for you...look at all these lakes!!!" And that's all that we have. I mean, come on!! With all the waterfront property in Commerce there has to be some hefty tax dollars coming in. What are we using them for? (Besides building a beautiful new library when a perfectly good building was already existing.)	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
50	There's more to life than soccer! It'd be great to see a basketball court set up to encourage kids to branch out and try other sports!	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
51	They are all good	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
52	Too many soccer fields taking up our woods and trails.	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
53	Excessive tree removal	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
54	it is lack of facilities you can find in west Bloomfield, Novi, Farmington. etc, etc.	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
55	West Bloomfield offers more family events that we often attend. Our favorite is the Big Campout at Marshbank Park in September.	9/12/2018 12:56 AM
56	Not enough year round programming	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
57	N/A	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
58	cant do every thing	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
59	Not as many free activities or programs for families with young children	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
60	I really think this survey is way too long and time consuming. As far as I am concerned less is more. It should go by the old KISS saying.	9/10/2018 8:26 AM
61	No easy way to find programs that are affordable and easily accessible to working parents	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
62	Lack of variety, no cohesive plan to enrich and enhance what is offered.	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
63	I have to drive almost 30 minutes to get to the closest dog park.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
64	N/A	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
65	I have nothing negative to say about people trying to bring others together.	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
66	Lack of dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM



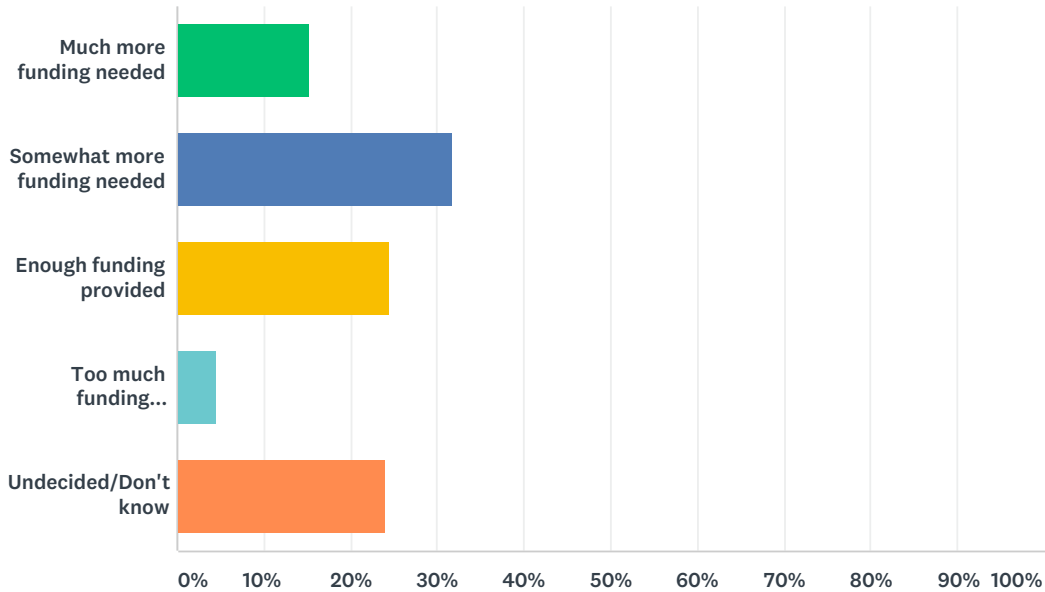
67	No variety of depth, breadth. Inadequate facilities.	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
68	No community pool or Dog park	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
69	Less programs offered than other communities.	9/4/2018 9:08 AM
70	I am mildly concerned about the impact of increased traffic	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
71	Inability to keep poachers out. Often Hickory Glenn gets torn up by ORV's.	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
72	I don't think they are advertised enough. A community twitter or social media page to announce activities and important events and news going on in commerce would be nice	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
73	I don't think they are advertised enough. A community twitter or social media page to announce activities and important events and news going on in commerce would be nice	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
74	not enough	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
75	No ice rink or programs. No city golf course.	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
76	N/A	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
77	No AAU local basketball, baseball or sports teams. Everything is private and cost additional money. It would be great if all children could be trained in sports and then go on to outside groups.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
78	I'd like to see some sort of outdoor waterpark like Waterford Oaks	8/28/2018 11:30 AM
79	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
80	We have none.	8/27/2018 10:05 AM
81	?	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
82	Not enough places to be a community Not enough safe places to walk without high speedlimits and busy roads Parks for children are very slim	8/25/2018 8:57 PM
83	Not enough choice for older kids who aren't able to do travel sports teams, and little choice for adults	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
84	this area is not as mature as many other local communities in Oakland County so there is not the same level of expectations now but with increasing population, etc... this should improve over time.	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
85	More coordination with other recreation entities.	8/24/2018 9:06 PM
86	Too much development close to nature spaces	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
87	again... no physical connection with our community in the township area, no developed downtown area to "commune" in so if I have to drive then I am going to go where I get more.	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
88	I don't know what's offered	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
89	Lack of facilities (natural and recreational) and safe connections (trails, paths) to the few that exist.	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
90	There aren't many	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
91	NO WATER PARKS FOR THE KID	8/22/2018 11:28 PM
92	Parks in W Bloomfield are more developed	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
93	No way to connect. Library programs are for young kids and teens occupy the library meeting rooms.	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
94	Not enough sidewalks	8/22/2018 9:01 PM
95	N/A	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
96	very basic programs operated by third parties	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
97	Need more.	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
98	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
99	Only in one general location.	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
100	Need more info about the programs provided	8/22/2018 11:18 AM
101	WB and Waterford has a lot more and is well advertised	8/22/2018 10:59 AM
102	Lack of communication about what is offered.	8/22/2018 10:45 AM

103	Not enough programs. Lack of access to or available facilities	8/22/2018 9:34 AM
104	NC	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
105	Lack of pedestrian paths.	8/22/2018 5:10 AM
106	N/A	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
107	We tend to go to West Bloomfield parks more frequently (e.g. Marshbank and Bloomer) than those in CT. They seem to be better for our younger children (toddlers)	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
108	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
109	Lack there of	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
110	There is not enough of them	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
111	They specifically target only select age groups	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
112	The need to still drive or encounter traffic and narrow shoulders in so many parts of the township.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
113	There aren't offerings for a parks & recs activities. I have to go to Farmington, Milford, and White Lake for swimming, dance and soccer classes.	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
114	We need more activities for kids.	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
115	Not enough staff to really manage the recreation part of P&R	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
116	-	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
117	I can't think of a thing	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
118	Need better way of informing all the residents	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
119	Everything	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
120	Not much to do comparatively (I just attended Shakespeare in the park in royal oak)	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
121	Accessibility.	8/21/2018 6:54 AM
122	Not as many and sell out or too small	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
123	Organized activities	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
124	Not enough advertising	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
125	Don't even know what is available and I have lived here for 22 years	8/20/2018 9:30 PM
126	Na	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
127	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
128	Waterford seems to have more events.	8/20/2018 8:30 PM
129	Variety	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
130	Poor advertising. I never know what is going on until the day of or shortly before	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
131	Again, nothing, and who cares?	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
132	Need more activities, more variety, more advertisement for buy in	8/20/2018 6:41 PM
133	Just more money to mountain biking please	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
134	Not publicized	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
135	—	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
136	N/a	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
137	N/A	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
138	????	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
139	Lack of choices and variety.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
140	Lack of choices and variety.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
141	Not publicized well.	8/20/2018 4:35 PM

142	More communication on available activities to residents would be helpful	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
143	More concerts in the park	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
144	None	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
145	NA	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
146	N/a	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
147	No comment	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
148	Touch a truck events and other kid friendly events along with distribution of where and when these are happening would be great.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
149	compared to milford, clawson, royal oak, etc, commerce could stand to expand on their general spending. i'd be more than willing to pay more taxes for better park land and public space. the trail connectivity in milford means i typically ride and run there instead of in my own backyard.	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
150	see above	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
151	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
152	I think Commerce is missing the communal downtown area that many cities like Northville, Plymouth, Rochester do so well - a dedicated downtown to walk up and down, get food, participate in activities and sidewalk sales, etc.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
153	Locker rooms run down.	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
154	Wixom and walled lake tends to advertise more of their activities and summer programs	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
155	not as many activities	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
156	I feel like the township does provide anything but park space. I just looked at the Commerce Township website to see what was offered by the Parks and Recreation Department so I could try to give a some what educated response as to why I think Commerce recreation program is worse then others in the area and the websites currently has no information and says it is working on updating its info. So from that information alone I would say Other areas have recreation centers, splash pads or aquatic centers. Sports and fitness programs and Commerce doesn't have any of those things	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
157	Township doesn't seem willing or able to help provide resources to special interest groups that want to improve the parks without a ridiculous amount of hoops to jump through	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
158	N/a	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
159	I said the same	8/20/2018 2:15 PM
160	Not sure what is offered	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

**Q12 Do you think that current recreational programs, activities and facilities have enough funding to provide what is needed and wanted in Commerce Township (do you think that more funding is needed or do you think that too much funding is already provided)?**

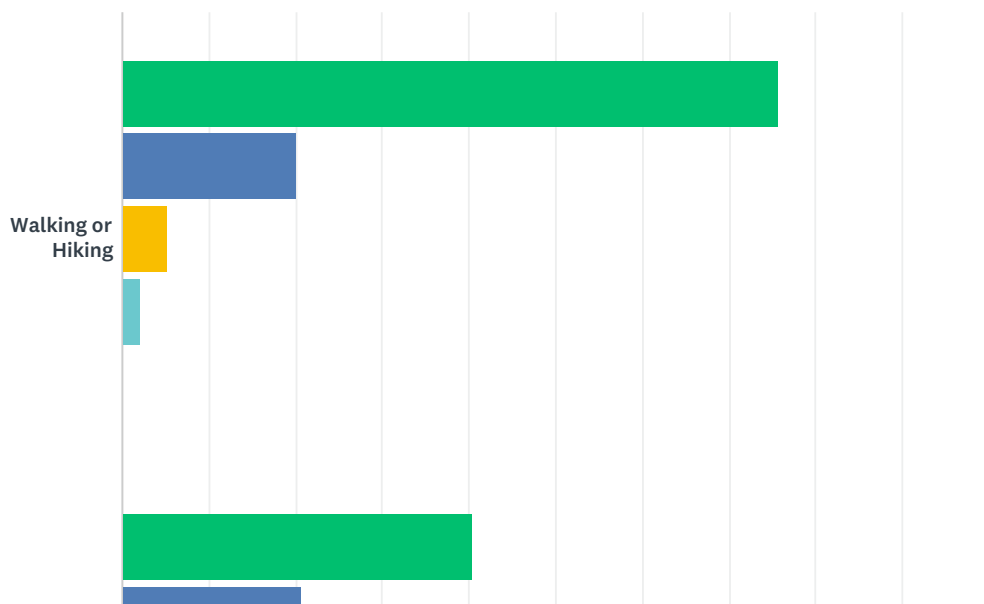
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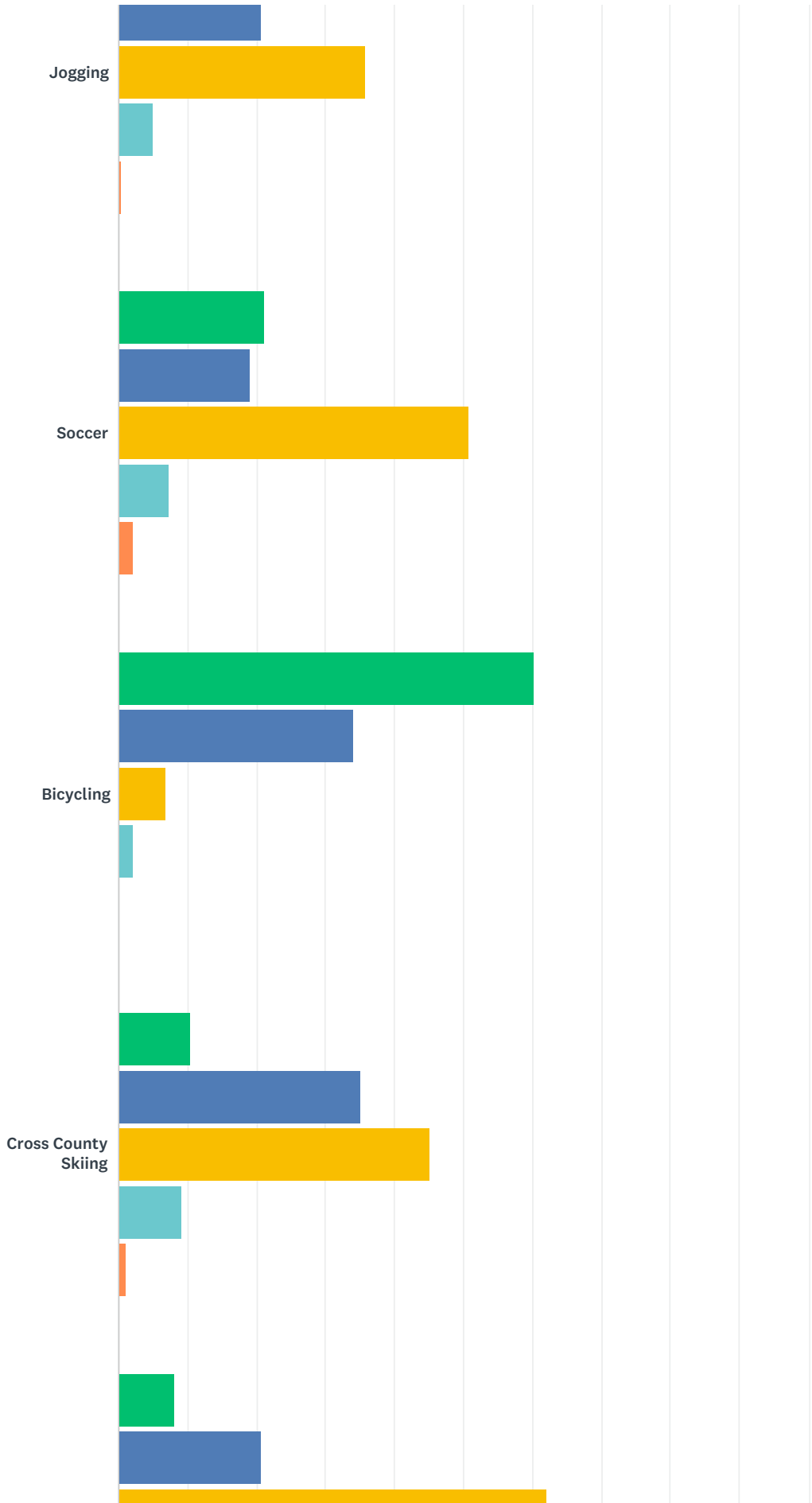
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much more funding needed	15.24%	50
Somewhat more funding needed	31.71%	104
Enough funding provided	24.39%	80
Too much funding provided	4.57%	15
Undecided/Don't know	24.09%	79
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>328</b>

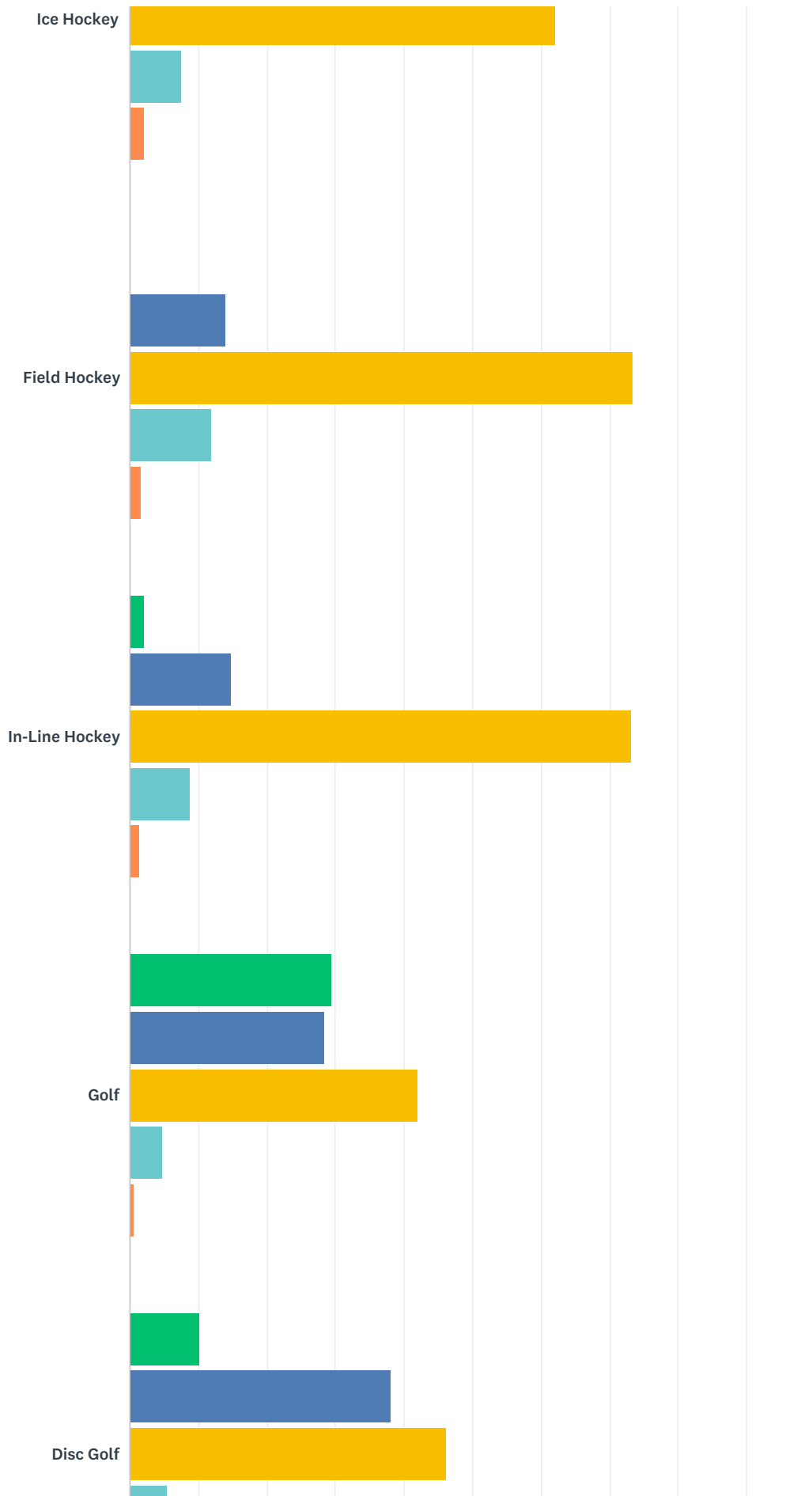
**Q13** The following is a list of several specific types of physical recreational activities. Please mark the answer that most accurately describes your and/or your family's participation...

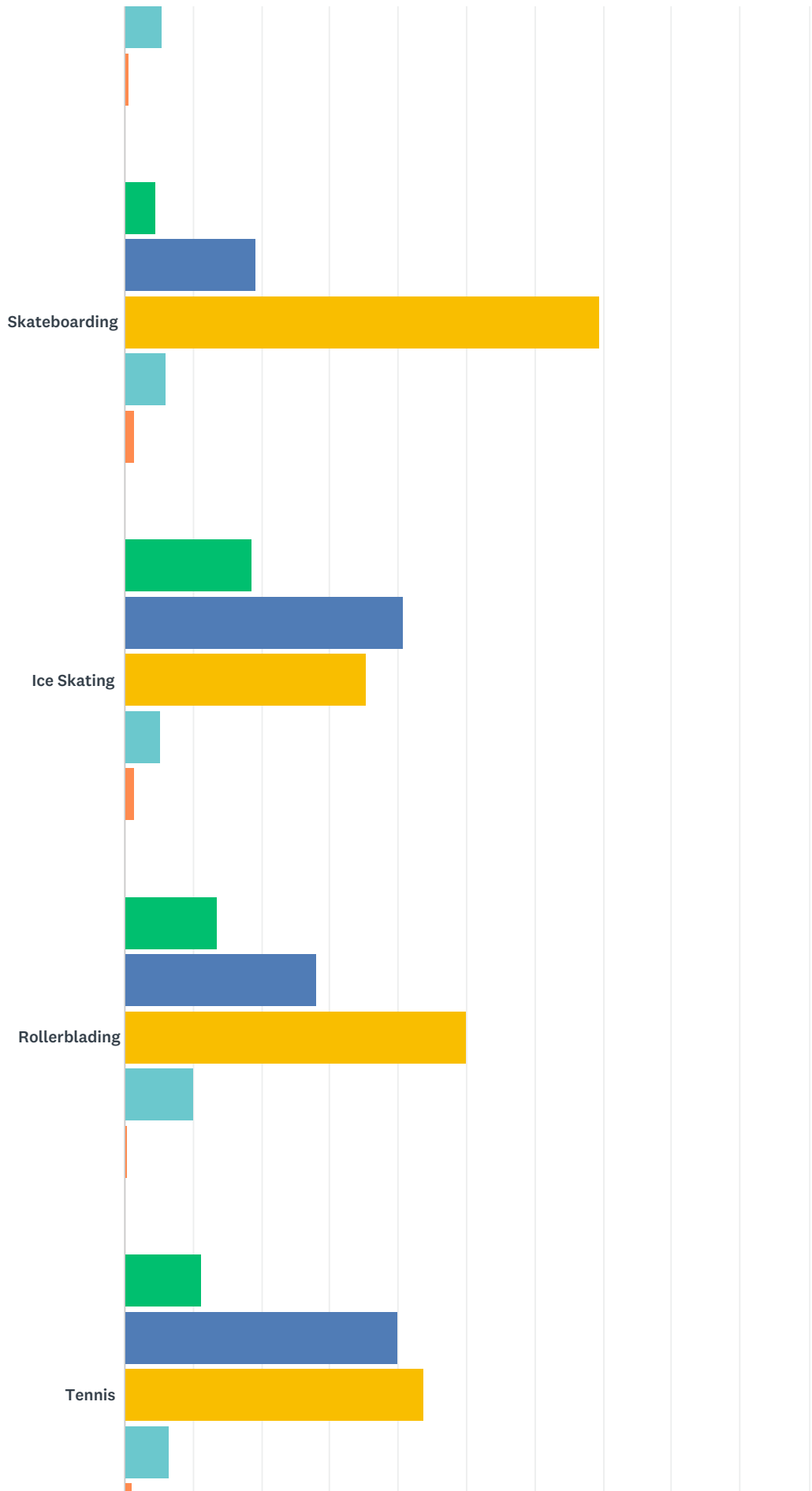
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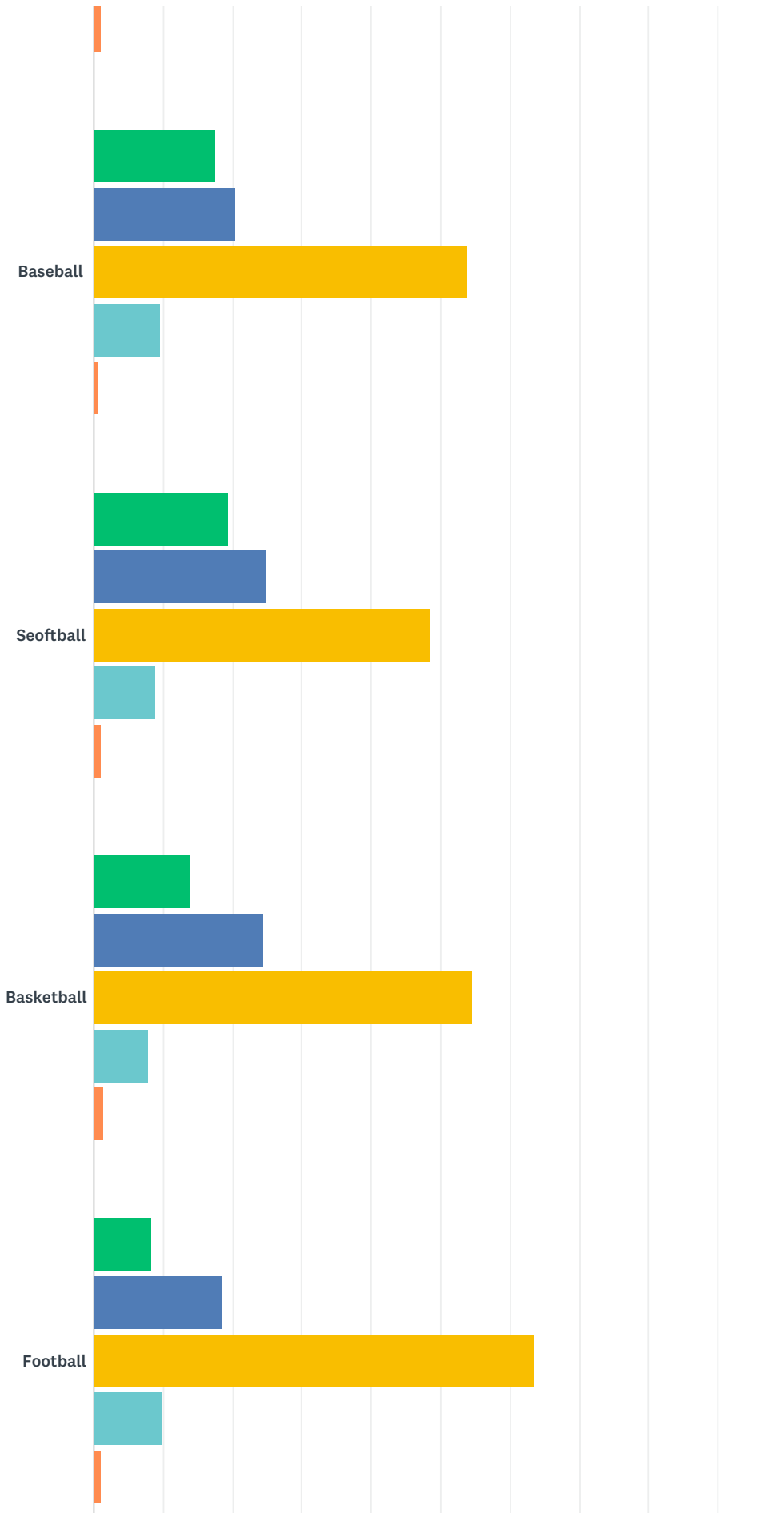




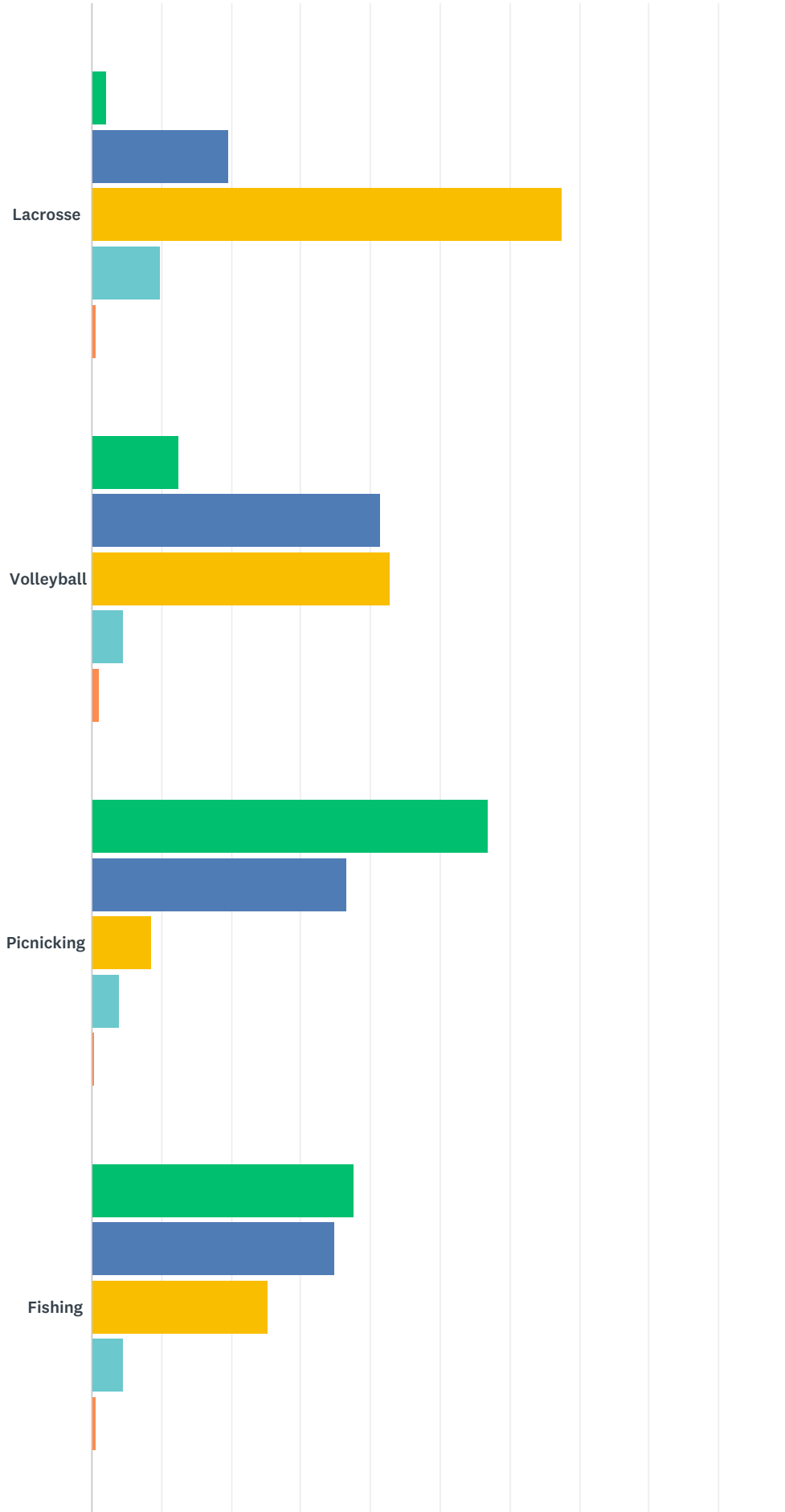


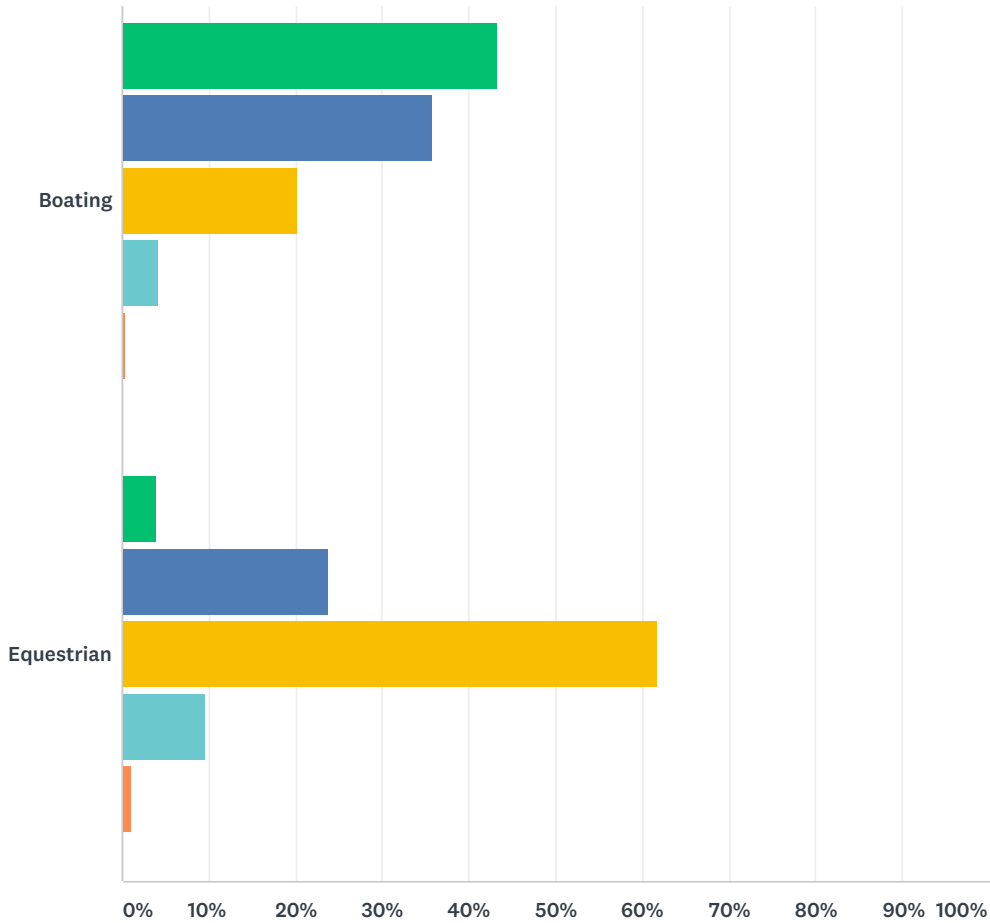












■ Currently Participate  
 ■ Future Interest in Participating  
 ■ Not Interested  
■ Undecided/Don't know  
 ■ (no label)

	CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE	FUTURE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING	NOT INTERESTED	UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Walking or Hiking	75.68% 249	20.06% 66	5.17% 17	2.13% 7	0.00% 0	329
Jogging	40.47% 121	20.74% 62	35.79% 107	5.02% 15	0.33% 1	299
Soccer	21.05% 60	18.95% 54	50.88% 145	7.37% 21	2.11% 6	285
Bicycling	60.19% 192	34.17% 109	6.90% 22	2.19% 7	0.31% 1	319
Cross County Skiing	10.47% 31	35.14% 104	45.27% 134	9.12% 27	1.01% 3	296
Ice Hockey	8.25% 24	20.62% 60	62.20% 181	7.56% 22	2.06% 6	291
Field Hockey	0.00% 0	13.94% 40	73.52% 211	11.85% 34	1.74% 5	287
In-Line Hockey	2.11% 6	14.79% 42	73.24% 208	8.80% 25	1.41% 4	284
Golf	29.49% 87	28.47% 84	42.03% 124	4.75% 14	0.68% 2	295

Disc Golf	10.27% 30	38.01% 111	46.23% 135	5.48% 16	0.68% 2	292
Skateboarding	4.56% 13	19.30% 55	69.47% 198	5.96% 17	1.40% 4	285
Ice Skating	18.69% 54	40.83% 118	35.29% 102	5.19% 15	1.38% 4	289
Rollerblading	13.64% 39	27.97% 80	50.00% 143	10.14% 29	0.35% 1	286
Tennis	11.34% 33	39.86% 116	43.64% 127	6.53% 19	1.03% 3	291
Baseball	17.67% 50	20.49% 58	54.06% 153	9.54% 27	0.71% 2	283
Softball	19.44% 56	25.00% 72	48.61% 140	9.03% 26	1.04% 3	288
Basketball	13.99% 40	24.48% 70	54.55% 156	8.04% 23	1.40% 4	286
Football	8.42% 24	18.60% 53	63.51% 181	9.82% 28	1.05% 3	285
Lacrosse	2.11% 6	19.72% 56	67.61% 192	9.86% 28	0.70% 2	284
Volleyball	12.46% 36	41.52% 120	42.91% 124	4.50% 13	1.04% 3	289
Picnicking	56.91% 173	36.51% 111	8.55% 26	3.95% 12	0.33% 1	304
Fishing	37.62% 114	34.98% 106	25.41% 77	4.62% 14	0.66% 2	303
Boating	43.32% 133	35.83% 110	20.20% 62	4.23% 13	0.33% 1	307
Equestrian	3.90% 11	23.76% 67	61.70% 174	9.57% 27	1.06% 3	282

**Q14 Are there any other physical recreational activities that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [Write in up to 3 Activities]**

Answered: 172 Skipped: 169

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Being able to walk in nature not on pavement in areas where the trees are being cut down	10/31/2018 11:13 AM
2	organized fitness center outdoor education k-12	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
3	Swimming	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
4	DOG PARK to replace what was taken away with library that was built that many people did not care about	10/17/2018 1:51 PM
5	Why is mountain biking not listed as a activity? Bicycling on a road or path is not the same.	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
6	Mountain biking!	10/14/2018 9:25 PM
7	Archery	10/12/2018 1:36 AM

8	Pickleball	10/4/2018 6:10 PM
9	no	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
10	No	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
11	Kayaking	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
12	Yes protect our natural areas for us to enjoy walking in the woods and nature observation	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
13	nope	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
14	Trail running Mountain biking	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
15	anything related to dogs	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
16	Not at this time	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
17	B	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
18	Mountain biking specifically. More trails would be great!	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
19	Swimming	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
20	Better grooming of currant trails.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
21	No	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
22	1. Mountain Biking	9/22/2018 7:17 PM
23	snow shoeing	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
24	Archery Boccee Ball Fowling	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
25	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
26	playing on play structures in local parks	9/21/2018 7:53 PM
27	no	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
28	Paddle boarding Kayaking Yoga	9/20/2018 9:14 PM
29	Field hockey didn't know there was one Hunting	9/20/2018 5:13 PM
30	downhill skiing	9/20/2018 1:00 PM
31	Swimming	9/20/2018 12:53 PM
32	No	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
33	Limited bow hunting should be allowed at certain times of the year. You could charge to enter into a drawing	9/20/2018 11:45 AM
34	S	9/20/2018 11:43 AM
35	ATV/UTV riding	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
36	Mountain biking	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
37	no	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
38	Zumba Swimming	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
39	No	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
40	Children moutain bike course	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
41	Children moutain bike course	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
42	Pickleball at the senior center. The seniors don't play sand volleyball or play on the play structure but they would use the pickle ball courts. Racquetball would be good too.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
43	Community Yoga	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
44	Shooting. We have gun clubs in this area, and many of us use these clubs.	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
45	Kayaking/canoeing.	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
46	Fowling	9/15/2018 10:48 PM



47	Yoga in the park, more children's activities	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
48	No	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
49	Swimming	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
50	Camping	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
51	No	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
52	Pet friendly hiking.	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
53	Swimming pool	9/14/2018 1:47 PM
54	swimming How about a public beach or pubic pool How about a YMCA	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
55	No	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
56	Archery	9/14/2018 10:38 AM
57	Group fitness	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
58	1. water park (or at very least a splash pad, but that is pretty much limited to the very young) 2. dog park (only one in the area and that requires an annual pass...getting to be a lot of passes required for state, county, and metro parks. 3. special themed areas - ex 1: hold an art competition and invite artists to create pieces within the theme (such as owls or wildlife or flowers or people, etc) that would stay arranged at different spots along paths in that section the park. The winner gets prize money and the park section named after him/her. ex 2: a play area made completely of repurposed items, such as discarded tires ex 3: a garden area with themed mini gardens...options are as limitless as the imagination: A) a children's garden - fun paths, small structures, unique seating options, old fashioned swing options, etc B) an edibles garden - everything growing there is directly edible or is used to make food 1. a pizza garden (big, round garden that grows items used to make pizza) 2. pasta garden (wheat, tomatoes, herbs, onions, celery, garlic, etc) 3. fruit garden (apples, peaches, pears, cherries, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, plums, etc) C) a Michigan native plant garden D) a butterfly garden E) a succulent garden F) a never-ending color garden (planned with a combination of plants to ensure that something is always in bloom) G) a specific flower garden (rose garden, dahlia garden, etc) H) an annual garden (even welcome visitors to participate in the planting of the annuals each year) I) a faerie garden (could host tea parties several times a year) J) rock garden - rock patterned walkways, rock structures and towers, K) holiday garden - changes with the seasons (Valentines, Easter, Patriotic May-Sept, fall themed, Halloween, Christmas, winter themed)	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
59	We would love a dog park	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
60	Pickleball Pickleball Pickleball	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
61	Camping, table tennis, horse shoes	9/13/2018 3:47 PM
62	Dog Park	9/13/2018 3:25 PM
63	Geocaching, swimming	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
64	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
65	swimming pool / splash park	9/13/2018 1:39 PM
66	no	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
67	More mountain biking trails are needed, the area has good topography for it.	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
68	1. Daughter is in Horseback riding now because it's so close to where we live.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
69	horse shoes Kite flying	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
70	na	9/10/2018 10:23 AM
71	No	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
72	multi purpose gym , inddor pool , indoor tennis courts , gym - 24 hrs and tennis/raquet ball /squash /table tennis /badminton courts round the clock with flood lights to be able to use during long and dreary winters	9/6/2018 11:29 PM
73	None	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
74	No	9/5/2018 8:58 PM

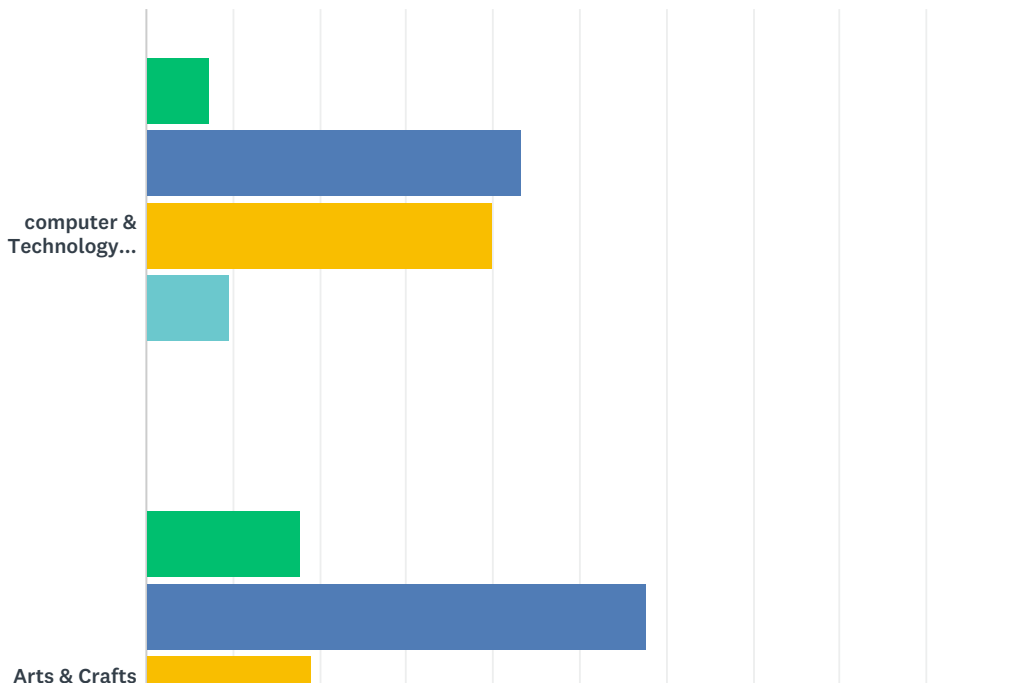
75	A dog park.	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
76	Archery	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
77	N/A	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
78	Hunting	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
79	Dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
80	Yoga; adaptive fitness; parkour; swimming; adaptive aquaaerobics	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
81	Geocatching, disc golf, kids updated playscapes	9/4/2018 3:24 PM
82	Bowling Dog park	9/4/2018 2:46 PM
83	Shooting	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
84	Dog park	9/4/2018 12:22 PM
85	My kids would love to participate with Flag Football	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
86	UnInown	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
87	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
88	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
89	Fun run for Girls	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
90	Community yoga	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
91	Kayaking	8/29/2018 7:40 AM
92	Yes 50 and over relaxation and strengthening classes. <a href="http://lifeinthegoldenyears.com/9-easy-exercises-people-55-should-do-every-week/3/">http://lifeinthegoldenyears.com/9-easy-exercises-people-55-should-do-every-week/3/</a>	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
93	Kayaking/Canoeing	8/27/2018 4:12 PM
94	Geocaching Cross-Training Course	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
95	No	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
96	Kayaking! Pickup teams for adults. Pickle ball.	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
97	Yoga, dog training or park	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
98	no comment	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
99	Mountain biking	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
100	swimming, zip-line park, outdoor mini golf	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
101	Yoga	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
102	Mountain biking (as well as street and pathway cycling), including trails and bike parks (pump tracks, skills areas, beginner loops, advanced features)	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
103	Skiing	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
104	Mountain biking.	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
105	Community farming More fishing options	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
106	Pickelball	8/22/2018 9:53 PM
107	Swimming Dog Park Gymnastics Park	8/22/2018 9:22 PM
108	snowshoeing.	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
109	None	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
110	Social gathering for community such as barbeque competitions, horse shoe, summer festivals	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
111	Hunting Whitetail deer and Turkey	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
112	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
113	Shooting Sports	8/22/2018 2:12 PM

114	outdoor group fitness classes	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
115	Camping Dog activities Water parks/spray parks	8/22/2018 10:59 AM
116	Swimming	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
117	Indoor facilities for winter.	8/22/2018 9:34 AM
118	Pool, splash pad	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
119	Sidewalks on main thoroughfares	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
120	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
121	Yoga Classes	8/21/2018 6:20 PM
122	Swimming!! It is good exercise and can save your life!!!!	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
123	Hockey	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
124	Swimming and beach	8/21/2018 2:32 PM
125	Dark sky stargazing Disc golf Disc golf	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
126	River system for kayaking that links up to other river and lake systems. Someone was working on this near Byers. That would be fun. Now we have to go to Milford to kayak or paddleboard.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
127	Dance - tap / ballett	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
128	Orgies	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
129	These questions did not allow for me to answer that while I am a senior and don't or can't participate, I am certainly interested in many of the activities be or become available in the community I live. These things are important for people moving to the township.	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
130	Rock climbing!	8/21/2018 9:52 AM
131	Moving out of this worthless township	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
132	Archery	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
133	Activities more appropriate for younger children around the 5yr old range	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
134	Par 3 golf course	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
135	No	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
136	Swimming	8/20/2018 10:22 PM
137	Paddleboarding and kayaking on local bodies of water.	8/20/2018 9:35 PM
138	Shooting sports. Firearms. Paintball. Airsoft	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
139	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
140	Kayaking, paddle boarding,	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
141	No	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
142	swimming yoga	8/20/2018 7:46 PM
143	Cyclecross, velodrome	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
144	Canoeing or paddleboating	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
145	Swimming, camping	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
146	Food festival Car show Art show	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
147	N/A	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
148	Mmmmm	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
149	Swimming. Pool activities.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
150	Swimming. Pool activities.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
151	group fitness classes	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
152	More playgrounds	8/20/2018 4:35 PM

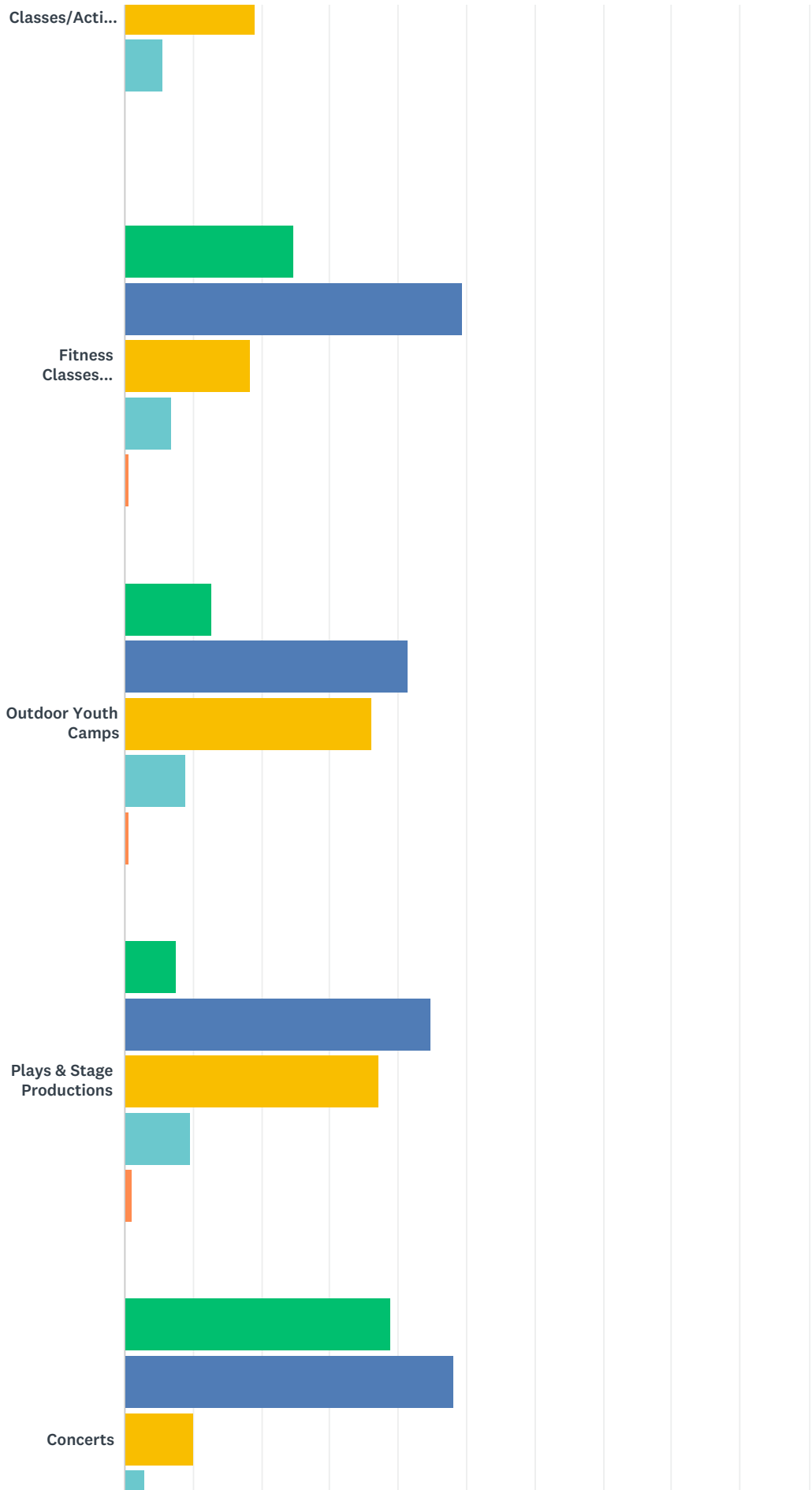
153	Swimming, outdoor pool facility	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
154	Dog park.	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
155	Swimming	8/20/2018 4:04 PM
156	Softball, not sure if it included adults. Adult softball would be great	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
157	Yoga Pilates	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
158	Not that I can think of	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
159	No, but having sidewalks to do these recreational activities is soooo important.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
160	swimming areas/public beaches	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
161	No	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
162	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
163	Fairs, carnivals, downtown events like festivals or parades.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
164	Splash pad. Swimming classes.	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
165	Swimming, color run, arts and crafts	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
166	pickleball	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
167	Swimming	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
168	N/a	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
169	Mountain biking	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
170	Swimming	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
171	Sidewalks !!!!!	8/20/2018 2:15 PM
172	no	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

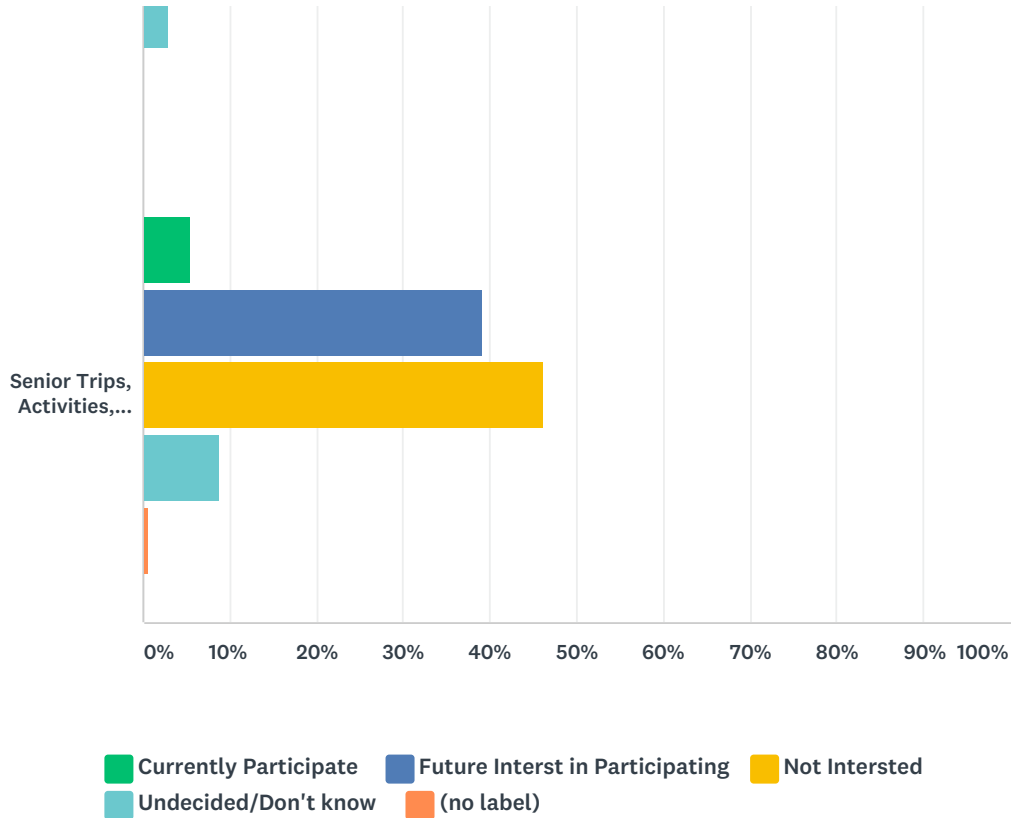
**Q15 The following is a list of several specific types of non-sport recreational activities. Please mark the answer that most accurately describes your and/or your family's participation**

Answered: 318 Skipped: 23









	CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE	FUTURE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING	NOT INTERESTED	UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL
computer & Technology Classes	7.26% 22	43.23% 131	39.93% 121	9.57% 29	0.00% 0	303
Arts & Crafts Classes/Activities	17.70% 54	57.70% 176	19.02% 58	5.57% 17	0.00% 0	305
Fitness Classes (Aerobics, Dance)	24.68% 76	49.35% 152	18.51% 57	6.82% 21	0.65% 2	308
Outdoor Youth Camps	12.76% 37	41.38% 120	36.21% 105	8.97% 26	0.69% 2	290
Plays & Stage Productions	7.51% 22	44.71% 131	37.20% 109	9.56% 28	1.02% 3	293
Concerts	38.89% 119	48.04% 147	10.13% 31	2.94% 9	0.00% 0	306
Senior Trips, Activities, Meals	5.35% 16	39.13% 117	46.15% 138	8.70% 26	0.67% 2	299

**Q16 Are there any other non-sport recreational activities that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [Write in up to 3 Activities]**

Answered: 119 Skipped: 222

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Summer outdoor craft activities for your children when out of school at Dodge Park	10/31/2018 10:17 AM

2	Sr. Lecture Series Sr. Book Club	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
3	no	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
4	NA	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
5	More access to community high school pools for open swimming. Land preservation	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
6	nope	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
7	no	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
8	Historic interest in our community	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
9	Bs	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
10	No	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
11	Guided tours of the parks and trails.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
12	No	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
13	Ceramics/pottery	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
14	no comment	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
15	No	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
16	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
17	Vintage market Holiday activities Volunteer programs	9/20/2018 9:14 PM
18	Walking groups Biking groups (non competitive)	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
19	Seriously emphasize computing classes. Commerce needs to be more educated and there must be more openings for people in computing in commerce. More book clubs for adults. Writing.	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
20	No	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
21	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
22	Foreign Language courses	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
23	More activities at Senior Center... Drums Alive Exercise/Weight class... monthly or ever other month blood pressure check... Lunch Bunch group monthly, lunch & Bunco, Yoga for Seniors	9/20/2018 10:00 AM
24	No	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
25	spanish classes and writing classes and games groups	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
26	Biking tours or groups Walking or running training/groups with dogs or not Adult senior volleyball for women. Why are all senior activities things such as cards and gambling trips. Many seniors are active in sports and want to be outside. We are not all handicapped and hanging onto our meager lives as portrayed!	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
27	Card playing. Mahjong.	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
28	Grandparent dance	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
29	More concerts in the park, community garden	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
30	No	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
31	DIY auto repair shop	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
32	Yoga, Meditation	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
33	No	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
34	No	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
35	Photography	9/14/2018 10:38 AM
36	No	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
37	.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
38	CPR classes, dog park	9/14/2018 8:27 AM

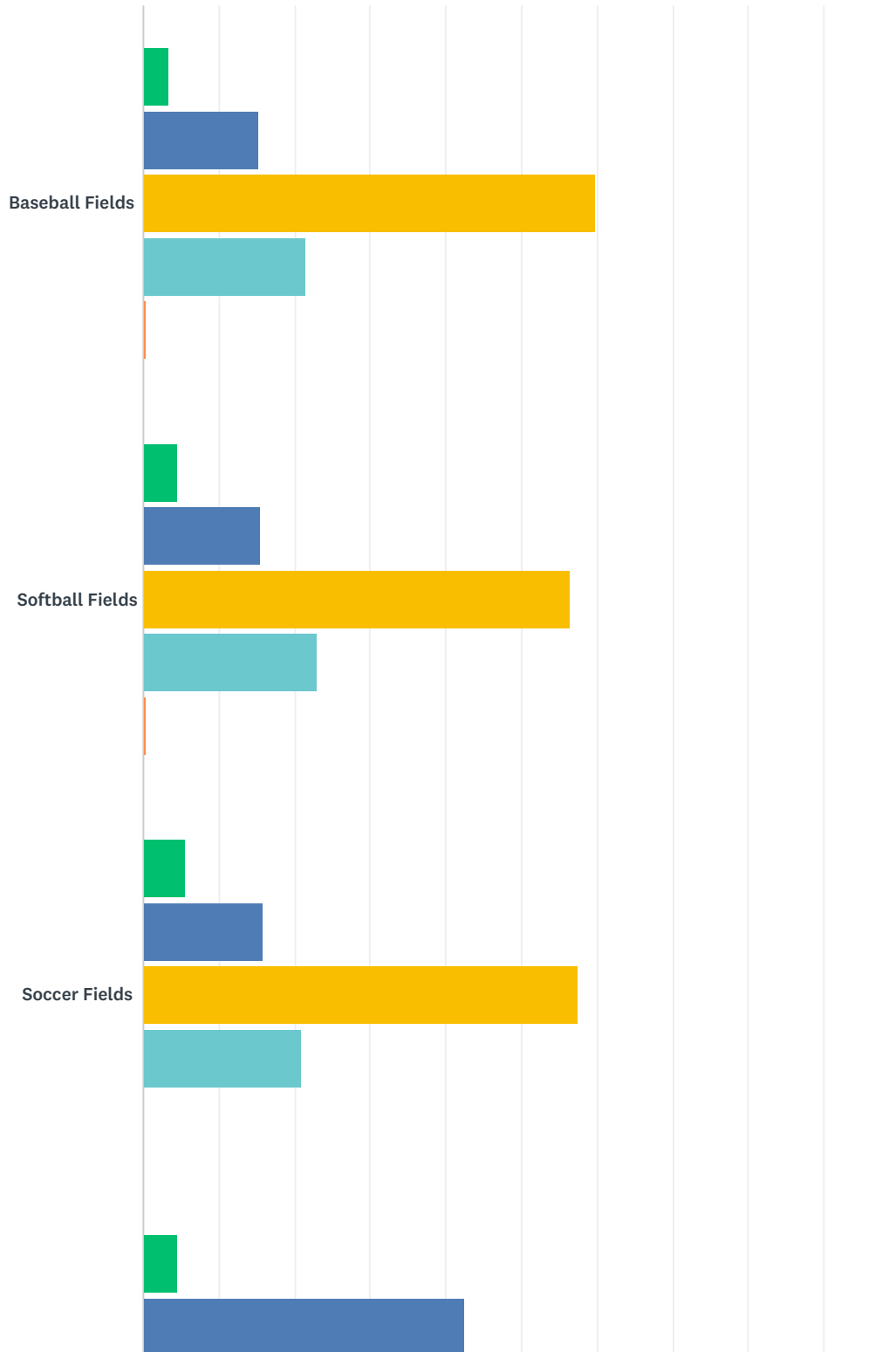
39	Pickleball Pickleball Pickleball	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
40	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
41	tractor rides chess & checkers Ice Cream Making	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
42	na	9/10/2018 10:23 AM
43	Phone classes	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
44	Continuing or online educational opportunities, music instruction, a community band or orchestra	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
45	No	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
46	dog park	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
47	Na	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
48	N/A	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
49	Dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
50	Robotics; legos; fine art; gardening	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
51	None that we can think of at this time	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
52	Not applicable, I live in Canton, but frequent Hickory Glenn for mountainbiking	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
53	Youth/teen movie nights/outdoor activities, BINGO, family centered activities	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
54	Youth/teen movie nights/outdoor activities, BINGO, family centered activities	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
55	yoga for parents and tweens yoga in general art & painting	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
56	Outdoor community pool	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
57	Nature programing for all ages	8/28/2018 9:18 PM
58	Financial literacy training, social media training, Cell phone/internet useage	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
59	Outdoor Movie Event	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
60	No	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
61	Craft classes, language classes, swing dancing	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
62	Dog training or play Yoga	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
63	no	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
64	No	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
65	movie theater(doesn't need to be big)	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
66	Not that I can think of.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
67	Civic engagement and participation - learning how local government works, is funded, what citizens can do to actively support the community	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
68	cooking classes community food bank	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
69	Biking and hiking from Welch Rd.	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
70	Euchre Board games	8/22/2018 9:53 PM
71	None	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
72	N/A	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
73	Bus Tours for major sporting events, wine tastings, shopping, casinos, city tours.	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
74	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
75	Cooking classes, learn to sew/knit/crochet, photography classes	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
76	NC	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
77	N/A	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
78	Yoga, Women's self defense	8/21/2018 7:39 PM

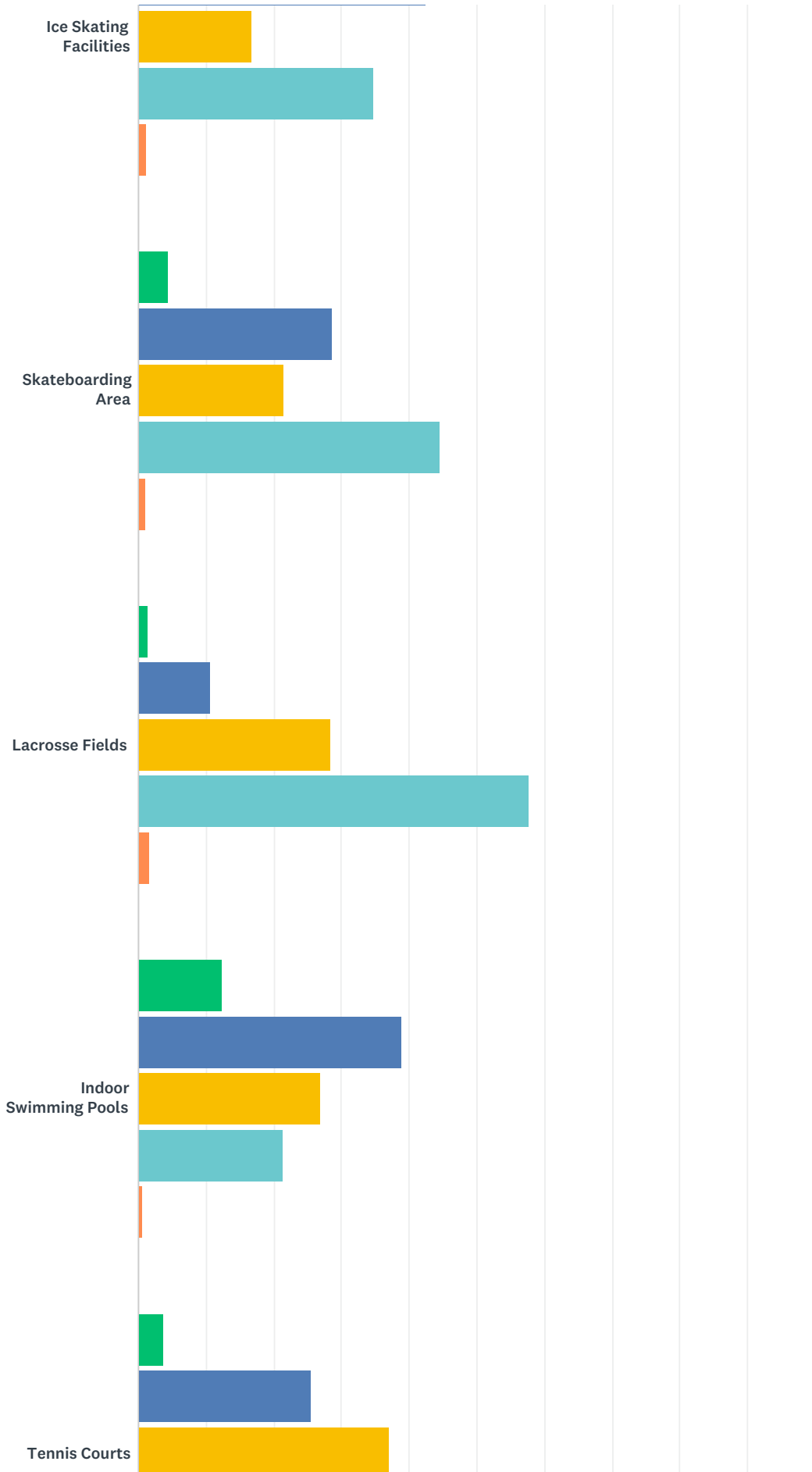


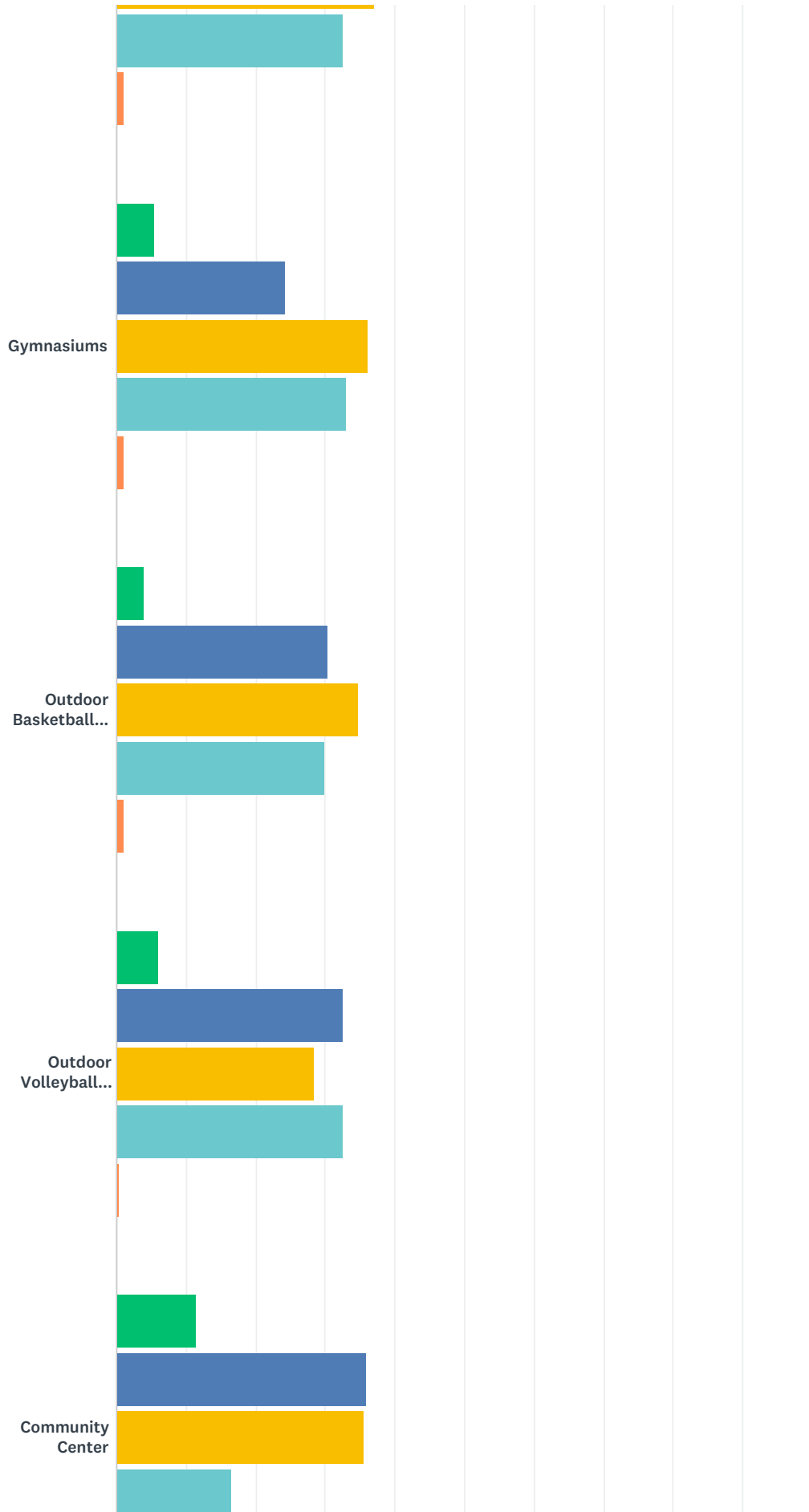
79	Farmers market	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
80	Yoga, kickboxing	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
81	Water park	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
82	Local community watch or other beneficial activities that welcome and support our neighborhoods.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
83	N/A	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
84	SO MANY TYPOS	8/21/2018 10:30 AM
85	again I checked a lot of these as I believe they offer great things for the community	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
86	No	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
87	One off craft classes—making a big project	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
88	Holiday events that can accommodate large crowds. More events for kindergarten and 1st grade ages	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
89	No	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
90	Na	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
91	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
92	Festivals?	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
93	No	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
94	What in the actual hell? You have too much money and want to spend more. Please, stop.	8/20/2018 7:56 PM
95	swimming	8/20/2018 7:46 PM
96	Bus trips- musicals, sports	8/20/2018 7:23 PM
97	Board games	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
98	Department 56 display classes, cider mill,	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
99	—	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
100	See previous answer	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
101	N/A	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
102	Having a doog park	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
103	Senior card games.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
104	Senior card games.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
105	Lots of kids events	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
106	Ymca	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
107	NA	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
108	No	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
109	Not that I can think. Of	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
110	Symphony concerts in the park.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
111	n/a	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
112	no	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
113	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
114	See above.	8/20/2018 3:19 PM
115	.	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
116	No	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
117	Cooking classes	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
118	Being able to walk places	8/20/2018 2:15 PM

Q17 The following list includes several specific types of recreational facilities. For each facility listed, please mark the answer that best represents your opinion related to the amount of each facility available.

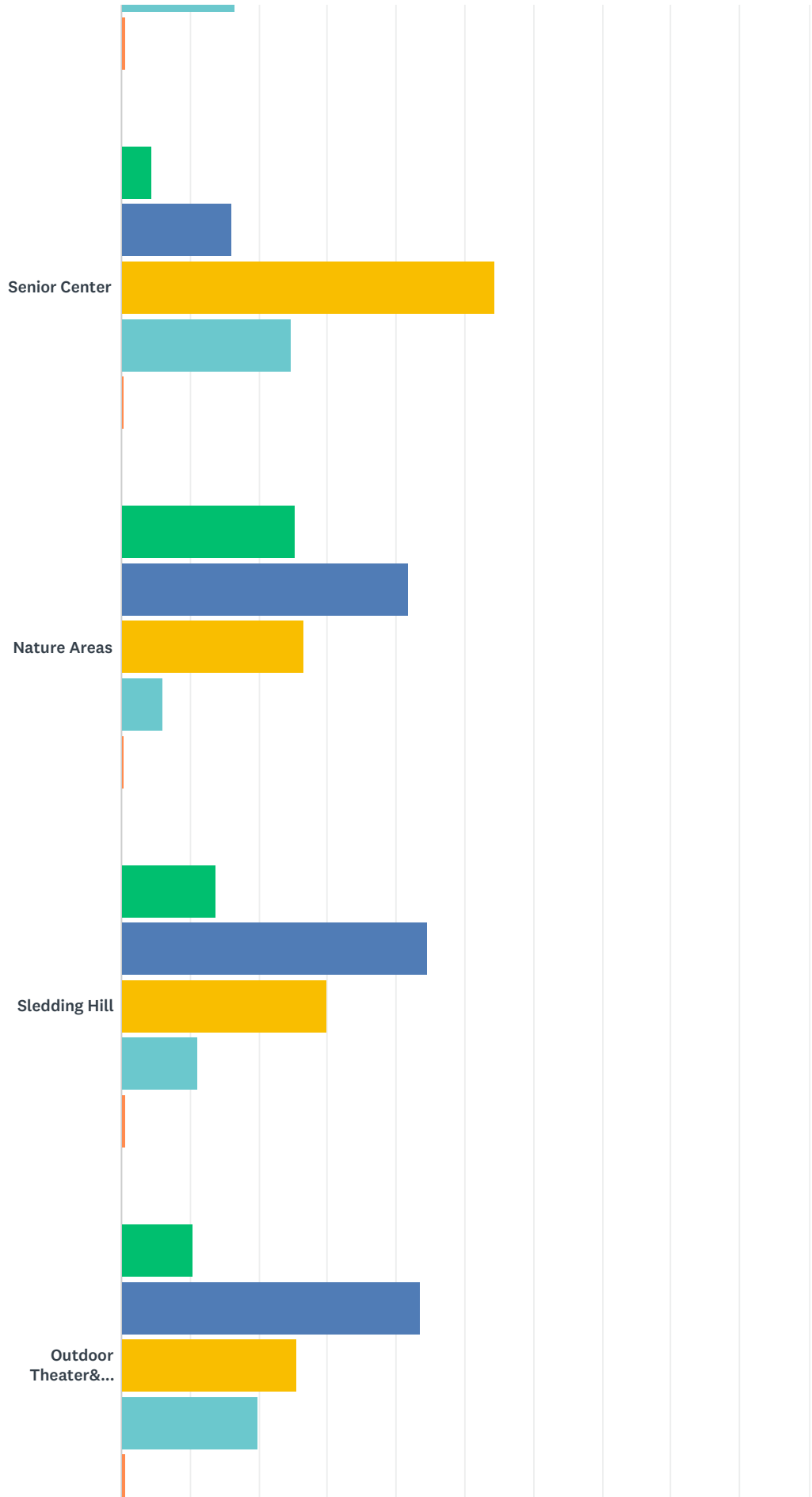
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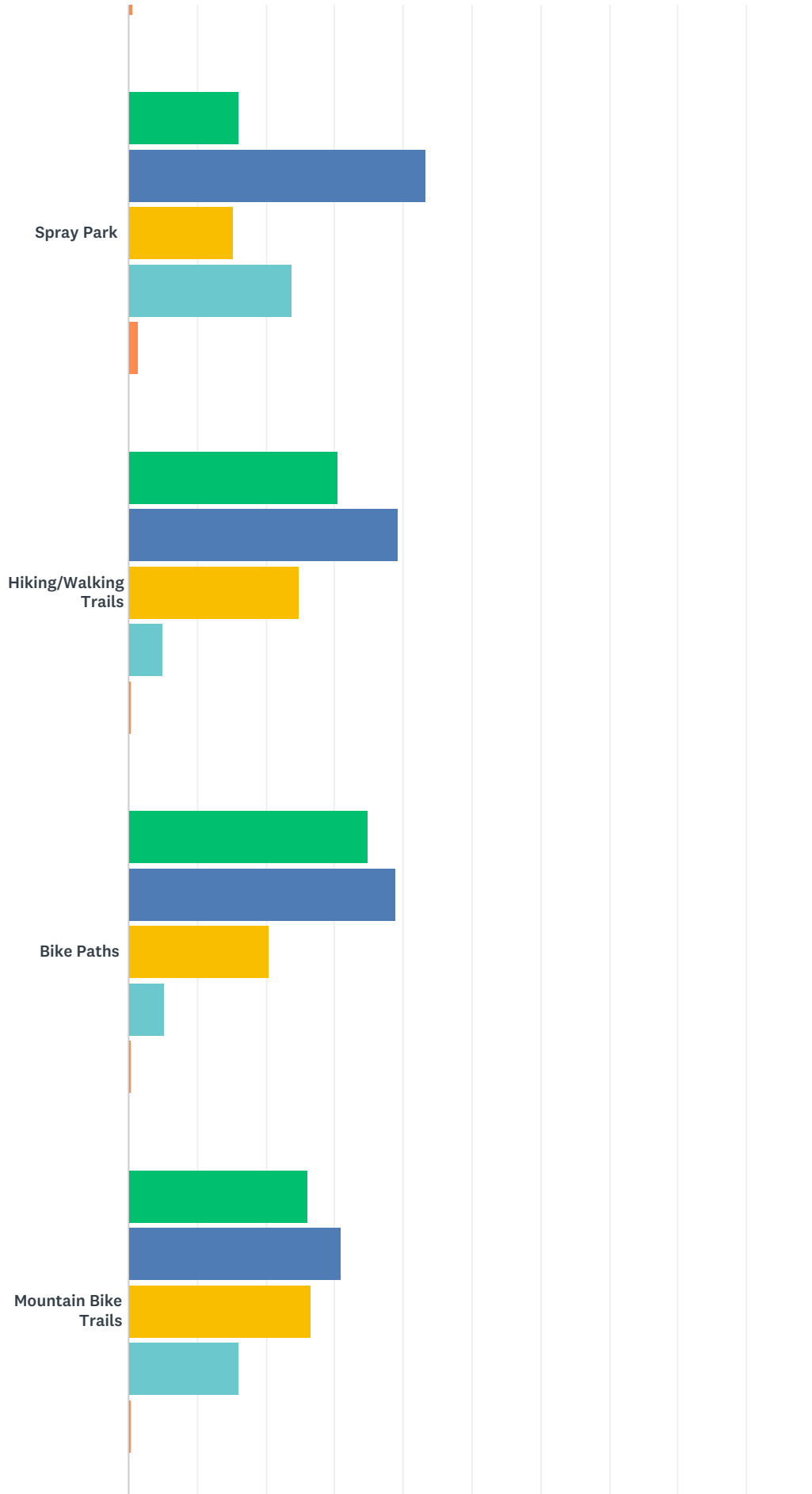


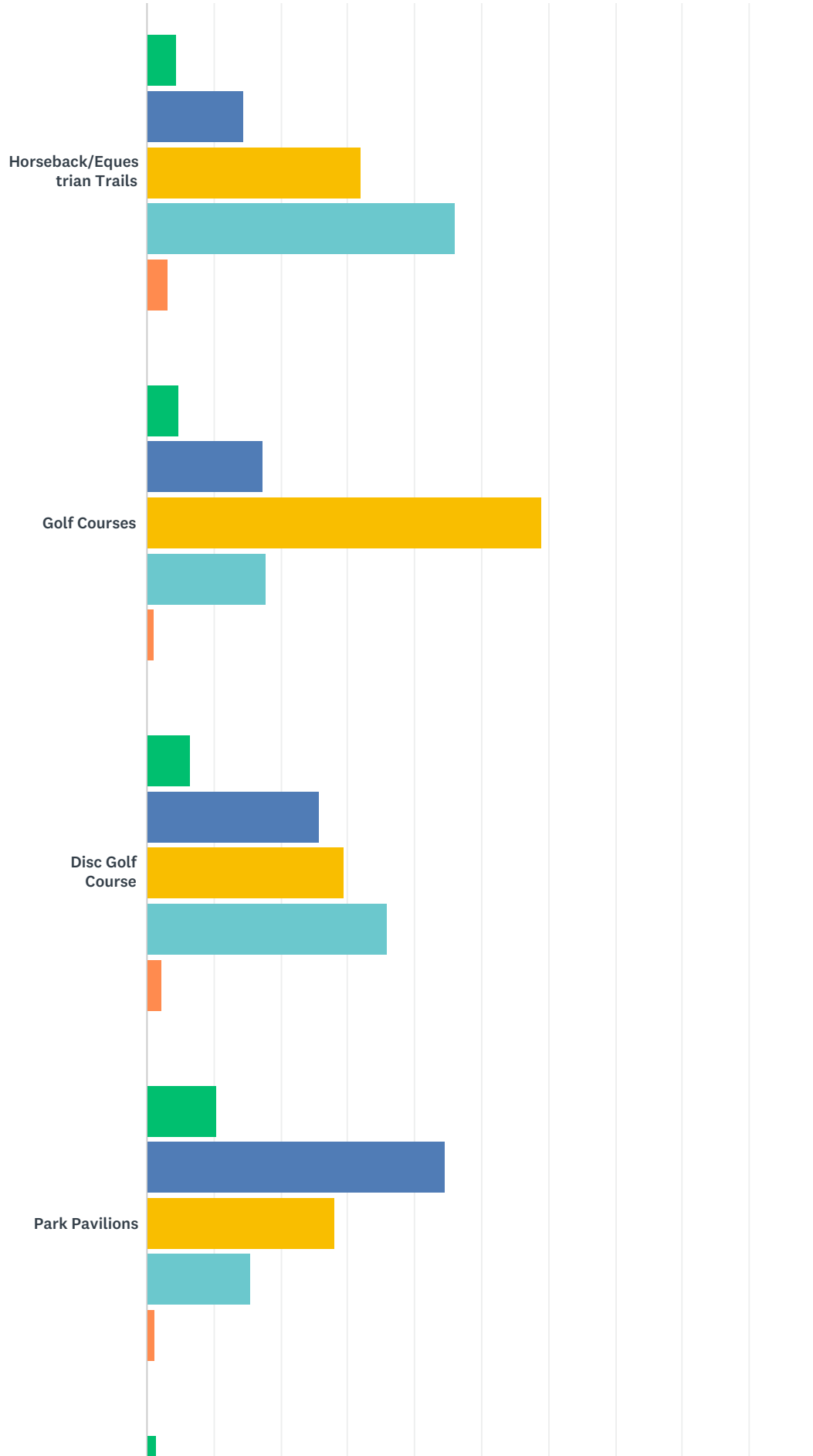


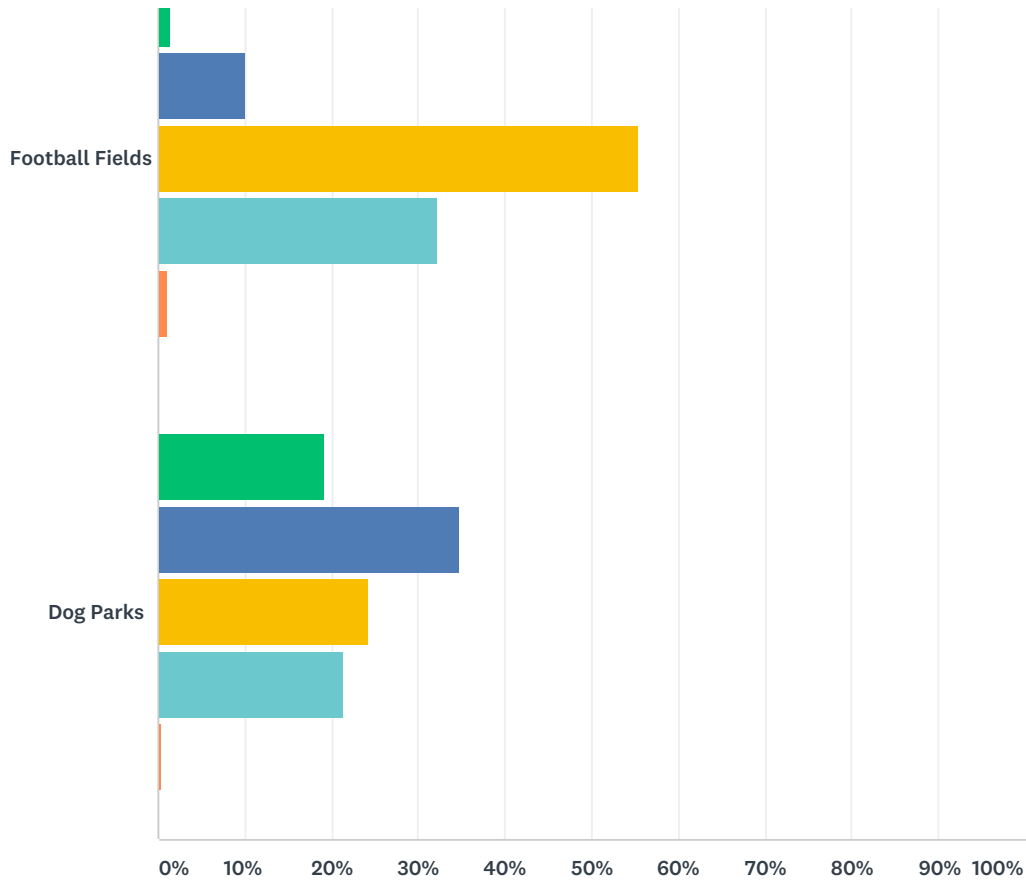












■ Many More Should Be Developed   
 ■ More Should Be Developed  
■ Enough are Available   
 ■ Undecided/ Don't know   
 ■ (no label)

	MANY MORE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED	MORE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED	ENOUGH ARE AVAILABLE	UNDECIDED/ DON'T KNOW	(NO LABEL)	TOTAL
Baseball Fields	3.30% 10	15.18% 46	59.74% 181	21.45% 65	0.33% 1	303
Softball Fields	4.61% 14	15.46% 47	56.58% 172	23.03% 70	0.33% 1	304
Soccer Fields	5.65% 17	15.95% 48	57.48% 173	20.93% 63	0.00% 0	301
Ice Skating Facilities	4.68% 14	42.47% 127	16.72% 50	34.78% 104	1.34% 4	299
Skateboarding Area	4.32% 13	28.57% 86	21.59% 65	44.52% 134	1.00% 3	301
Lacrosse Fields	1.37% 4	10.65% 31	28.52% 83	57.73% 168	1.72% 5	291
Indoor Swimming Pools	12.29% 37	38.87% 117	26.91% 81	21.26% 64	0.66% 2	301
Tennis Courts	3.70% 11	25.59% 76	37.04% 110	32.66% 97	1.01% 3	297
Gymnasiums	5.41% 16	24.32% 72	36.15% 107	33.11% 98	1.01% 3	296
Outdoor Basketball Courts	4.04% 12	30.30% 90	34.68% 103	29.97% 89	1.01% 3	297



Outdoor Volleyball Courts	6.10% 18	32.54% 96	28.47% 84	32.54% 96	0.34% 1	295
Community Center	11.41% 34	35.91% 107	35.57% 106	16.44% 49	0.67% 2	298
Senior Center	4.45% 13	16.10% 47	54.45% 159	24.66% 72	0.34% 1	292
Nature Areas	25.25% 76	41.86% 126	26.58% 80	5.98% 18	0.33% 1	301
Sledding Hill	13.76% 41	44.63% 133	29.87% 89	11.07% 33	0.67% 2	298
Outdoor Theater& Bandstand	10.44% 31	43.43% 129	25.59% 76	19.87% 59	0.67% 2	297
Spray Park	16.04% 47	43.34% 127	15.36% 45	23.89% 70	1.37% 4	293
Hiking/Walking Trails	30.49% 93	39.34% 120	24.92% 76	4.92% 15	0.33% 1	305
Bike Paths	34.98% 106	38.94% 118	20.46% 62	5.28% 16	0.33% 1	303
Mountain Bike Trails	26.17% 78	30.87% 92	26.51% 79	16.11% 48	0.34% 1	298
Horseback/Equestrian Trails	4.47% 13	14.43% 42	31.96% 93	46.05% 134	3.09% 9	291
Golf Courses	4.79% 14	17.47% 51	58.90% 172	17.81% 52	1.03% 3	292
Disc Golf Course	6.44% 19	25.76% 76	29.49% 87	35.93% 106	2.37% 7	295
Park Pavilions	10.47% 31	44.59% 132	28.04% 83	15.54% 46	1.35% 4	296
Football Fields	1.38% 4	10.03% 29	55.36% 160	32.18% 93	1.04% 3	289
Dog Parks	19.26% 57	34.80% 103	24.32% 72	21.28% 63	0.34% 1	296

**Q18 Are there any other recreational facilities for either physical or non-sport recreation that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [Write in up to 3 Facilities]**

Answered: 104 Skipped: 237

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No leave dodge park woods as is as this is educational for everybody and enjoyable to walk through what is left of trees and nature	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
2	no	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
3	No	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
4	NA	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
5	Bike path and Better crosswalks to access existing bike paths	9/28/2018 4:01 PM

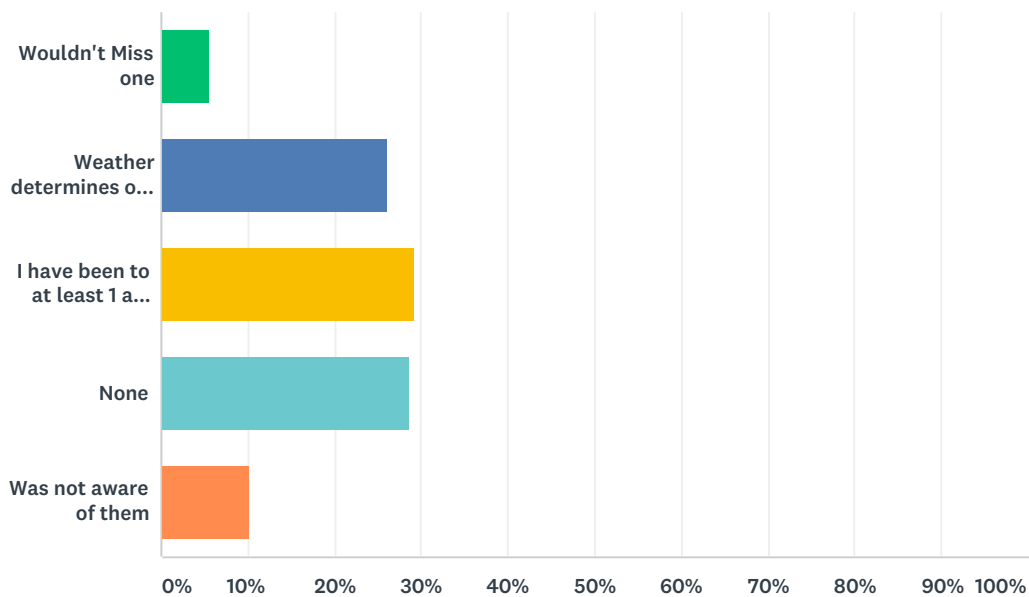
6	The bike paths need to connect and soon! the traffic is terrible and dangerous to ride with and we can't get anywhere without riding on the road. We would LOVE a community pool and /or splash pad. This would make our community so desirable	9/28/2018 3:41 PM
7	a community pool indoor or out	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
8	NA	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
9	K	9/24/2018 2:41 PM
10	No	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
11	no comment	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
12	Paddle Ball Boccee Ball Racquteball	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
13	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
14	Rock climbing wall Pedestrian-only shopping/dining zone	9/20/2018 9:14 PM
15	Reserved hunting property	9/20/2018 5:13 PM
16	We need waaay more nature related trails and Hangouts. There's not enough to do in Commerce, so give kids a reason to hang out here OUTSIDE	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
17	No	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
18	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
19	No	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
20	Botanical garden	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
21	pickleball and racquetball	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
22	Where was the option to vote. No, not needed to develop such as a splash park which are not sanitary although popular.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
23	Volleyball gyms Workout facilities for seniors Indoor running track	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
24	Dance studio	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
25	N/A	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
26	No	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
27	DIY auto repair	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
28	Art Studio Community Meditation/Yoga Studio Dog Park	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
29	No	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
30	No	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
31	Archery range	9/14/2018 10:38 AM
32	Community gym and banquet rooms	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
33	.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
34	Nature center	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
35	Maybe a dog park	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
36	Pickleball Pickleball Pickleball	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
37	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
38	Historical activities Seasonal activities Community Art Fairs	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
39	na	9/10/2018 10:23 AM
40	No	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
41	No	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
42	canoe rental	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
43	Na	9/4/2018 10:55 PM

44	N/A	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
45	Dog park	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
46	Aquatic facilities; community art center; community gym and fitness facility.	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
47	None at this time	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
48	Not applicable	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
49	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
50	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
51	Community pool outdoor	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
52	Disability play ground	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
53	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
54	Karting track	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
55	No	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
56	zip-line park/outdoor mini golf, movie theater, bowling (with no leagues so you can attend at all times not just a slim window of time)	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
57	Not that I can think of.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
58	bike parks (pump tracks, skills areas, beginner loops, advanced features)	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
59	no	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
60	outdoor pool	8/22/2018 9:22 PM
61	there is always room for more trails/hiking/biking paths	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
62	None	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
63	N/A	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
64	Astrological Dark Park property	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
65	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
66	No	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
67	NC	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
68	Outdoor swimming pools	8/22/2018 5:10 AM
69	Sidewalks	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
70	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
71	Yoga	8/21/2018 6:20 PM
72	Not at this time	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
73	No, I am more interested in building up and connecting the facilities, trails and programs we have.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
74	N/A	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
75	We need a community swimming pool	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
76	a concession stand at Dodge	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
77	More woods	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
78	Par 3 golf course	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
79	D	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
80	Handicap accessible parks, rock climbing wall	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
81	Na	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
82	NA	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
83	No	8/20/2018 8:12 PM

84	No	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
85	Birthday party facilities	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
86	Fishing venues	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
87	N/A	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
88	Outdoor Pool	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
89	Mmmm	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
90	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
91	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
92	Trampoline park.	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
93	Disc golf. Hiking trails	8/20/2018 4:07 PM
94	-	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
95	No	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
96	Can't think of any	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
97	Paths, biking, access to these from our homes. It would be great to be able to ride a bike to the new outdoor mall at Pontiac trail and m5 if it gets developed or even around town.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
98	n/a	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
99	no	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
100	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
101	.	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
102	No	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
103	Outdoor swimming pool	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
104	no	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

### Q19 Have you attended our Concert in the Park Series?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES



Wouldn't Miss one	5.56%	18
Weather determines our attendance	26.23%	85
I have been to at least 1 a year	29.32%	95
None	28.70%	93
Was not aware of them	10.19%	33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>324</b>

## Q20 If you have been to the Concert in the Park, what is the best feature? [Write Comment]

Answered: 152 Skipped: 189

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Coming together for the community	10/31/2018 11:22 AM
2	Families gathering to dance, play, kids activities, sitting on blankets or chairs as there are no picnic tables to sit on	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
3	Mingling with neighbors etc	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
4	Food available	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
5	Music	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
6	Outside	10/2/2018 8:04 PM
7	n/a	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
8	N/a	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
9	the concert and it's in the park!	9/28/2018 3:02 PM
10	The best feature is just being able to hook up with friends and neighbors and relax and have a good time in an outdoor setting.	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
11	I haven't but I can't answer the next question until I write something in	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
12	It's within walking distance. 😊	9/27/2018 10:37 AM
13	the bounce house for the kids	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
14	Gathering of community	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
15	Family atmosphere	9/25/2018 9:48 AM
16	friendly people	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
17	Opportunity to relax and have fun	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
18	Have not been.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
19	N	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
20	no comment	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
21	N/A	9/22/2018 4:30 PM
22	Kid events	9/20/2018 10:07 PM
23	Music and bounce house	9/20/2018 5:13 PM
24	Not yet. It's not advertised well. We seem to miss them	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
25	Family Friendly	9/20/2018 12:51 PM
26	Na	9/20/2018 12:28 PM

27	the band	9/20/2018 11:50 AM
28	Seating	9/20/2018 11:45 AM
29	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
30	Music	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
31	Free	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
32	Milford. The pleasing design for the facility	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
33	Open community environment	9/20/2018 11:15 AM
34	People	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
35	Relaxed atmosphere, enough space.	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
36	music	9/18/2018 3:59 PM
37	Relaxed atmosphere, enough space.	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
38	Family activity	9/18/2018 1:41 PM
39	music	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
40	When the weather is nice, you can't beat an evening with your neighbors listening to the music in the park. The fact that they are clean and UNSTRUCTURED is great. Casual, bring your blanket, picnic basket, chair and chill.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
41	Music	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
42	The amount of things to do.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
43	Nothing stands out.	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
44	Feeling of community,	9/15/2018 10:52 AM
45	Close to home. Plenty of seating available	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
46	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
47	Amount of open space	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
48	N/A	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
49	.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
50	All the activities available for kids. Food trucks!	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
51	lots of room and friendly people	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
52	Fun atmosphere	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
53	performances	9/13/2018 3:47 PM
54	I enjoy the vendors that participate	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
55	NA	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
56	the music	9/13/2018 1:39 PM
57	The bands	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
58	Being with friends. Crafts for kids. Area needs to be spray for mosquitos.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
59	Free was always nice clowns are fun and bounce houses a riot Picnicking is always nice	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
60	na	9/10/2018 10:23 AM
61	location and free cost. get to see neighbors	9/7/2018 6:00 PM
62	None. They are an incovience to those that live around the park. It's loud and people use our street to park making it hard to leave our home	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
63	?	9/6/2018 12:50 AM
64	The atmospheres	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
65	music	9/5/2018 5:27 PM

66	Na	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
67	Timing never worked for us. Always wanted to go.	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
68	The musical groups and the location	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
69	Family togetherness	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
70	We enjoy everything about it!!	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
71	No	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
72	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
73	NA	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
74	Lots of seating area; good bands; feel of community	8/30/2018 1:28 PM
75	The music	8/29/2018 4:55 PM
76	Have been to the concert in the park in Milford and it's great. I think Commerce should try and work towards a facility as Milford's.	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
77	Just that it exists	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
78	Friendly environment, adult beverage tents and food trucks	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
79	.	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
80	The music and park and people	8/26/2018 11:26 PM
81	No	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
82	Free entry and affordable concessions	8/25/2018 8:58 PM
83	The amount of open space. Usually at least one good band	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
84	Space, grass	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
85	It is good to see so many people using the park. Great atmosphere.	8/24/2018 9:06 PM
86	Community atmosphere	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
87	Chatting with the people we meet.	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
88	N/A	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
89	that you tried but you need better entertainment and some food/drink vendors.	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
90	I always went because we had to volunteer for the library where I work and it seemed like a fun family thing.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
91	Music	8/23/2018 9:40 AM
92	Events for everyone. It's a fun time. Bounce houses for kids are great. Could use more food vendors.	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
93	I have a golf league on Thursday nights that limits my availability	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
94	Food trucks	8/22/2018 9:53 PM
95	Variety of activities	8/22/2018 9:22 PM
96	music, neighbors	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
97	Kid friendly environment	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
98	Entertainment	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
99	Park setting	8/22/2018 6:19 PM
100	Music	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
101	vendors	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
102	can go with family	8/22/2018 4:31 PM
103	People and music	8/22/2018 2:12 PM
104	Local music	8/22/2018 10:45 AM

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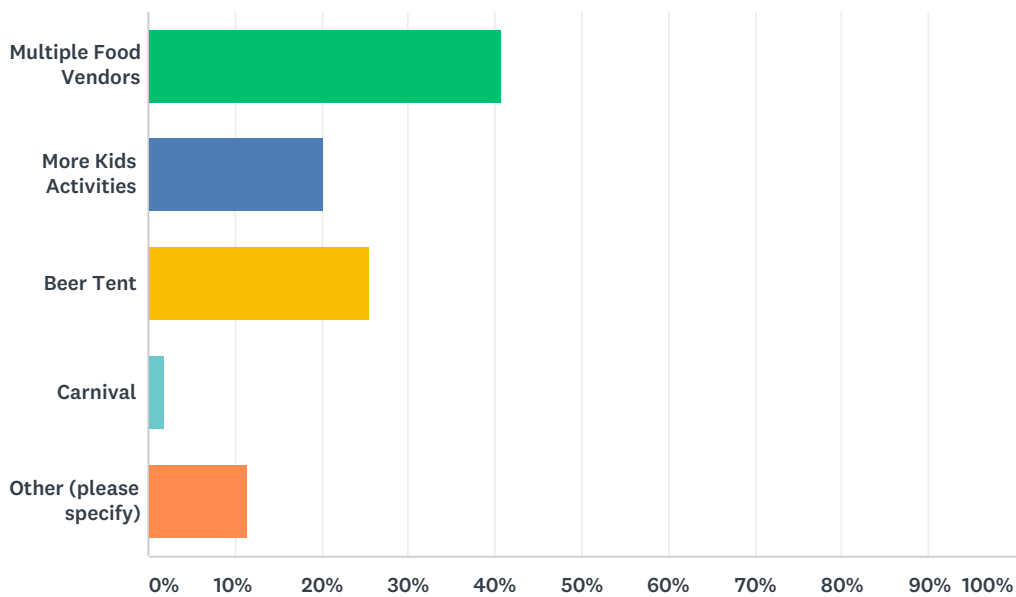
105	NC	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
106	Family atmosphere, need more food trucks.	8/22/2018 7:44 AM
107	Atmosphere	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
108	I can't pick just one! Love that it gives us an opportunity to get together with neighbors in a relaxing setting. Love the free bounce houses. Our kids love the face painting. The booths and music are fun too! We love that we can just walk there. My husband likes the food trucks and our kids love when there are frozen treats	8/21/2018 8:39 PM
109	N/A	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
110	The community feeling. The great park and the community displays such as dentists etc	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
111	Music and kid activities	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
112	The music venue and area for kids to wander, acceptance of dogs, etc. Adequate parking, food trucks.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
113	Free Parking, family atmosphere, free entry, able to picnic. (Looking to mimic Ravinia (chicago amphitheater) experience)	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
114	Facilities and stage/band	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
115	There is a variety of music. It is a nice to get the community out and see the park.	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
116	Nice family atmosphere	8/21/2018 8:38 AM
117	Waste of time	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
118	Close to home	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
119	Need more food trucks and youth activities beforehand like Marshbank	8/21/2018 5:13 AM
120	Music	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
121	The weather	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
122	People	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
123	Being outside enjoying music.	8/20/2018 8:30 PM
124	Kids activities	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
125	N/A	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
126	It's free	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
127	Mr. Moody band Grass areas	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
128	Free	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
129	The music	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
130	Mmmmm	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
131	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
132	.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
133	Bounce houses for kids	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
134	Lawn deats	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
135	Sense of community	8/20/2018 4:07 PM
136	The bands!	8/20/2018 4:04 PM
137	The bands and vendors	8/20/2018 4:00 PM
138	Park is nice and open. Grass is welcoming.	8/20/2018 3:56 PM
139	Music	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
140	Relaxed atmosphere. It was a ton of fun.	8/20/2018 3:45 PM
141	Music is good, but food trucks are awesome!	8/20/2018 3:41 PM



142	Na	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
143	the bands are always really fun, just a nice low key event. love that i can get to it from the paved path so I can ride my bike to avoid traffic	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
144	na	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
145	N/A	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
146	Family atmosphere	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
147	The music	8/20/2018 2:59 PM
148	Casual no fuss atmosphere, love the food trucks	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
149	Activities for kids	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
150	The community	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
151	Activities for the kids	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
152	free open space	8/20/2018 2:17 PM

**Q21 What would you like to see at our Concert in the Park Series? Select your choices below; select other and comment if your item is not listed**

Answered: 267 Skipped: 74



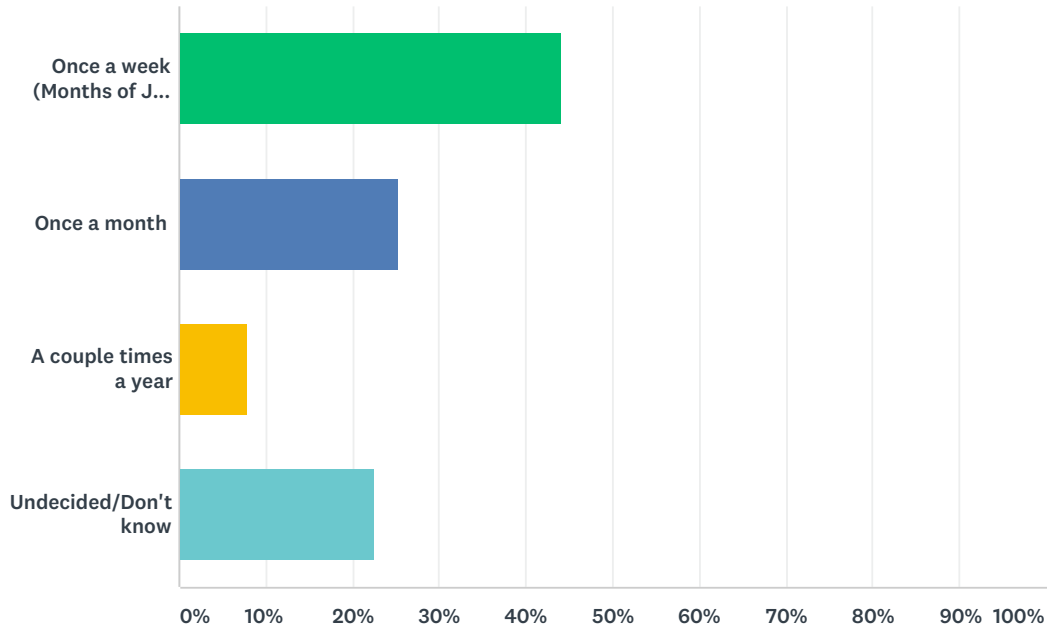
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Multiple Food Vendors	40.82% 109
More Kids Activities	20.22% 54
Beer Tent	25.47% 68
Carnival	1.87% 5
Other (please specify)	11.61% 31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	More music selections, more oldies but goodies, multiple food vendors	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
2	all of the above	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
3	Just music is fine	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
4	Please NO beer tent, people drive to these events...you are just prompting drinking and driving	9/28/2018 3:41 PM
5	All of the above	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
6	Better music	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
7	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
8	I like it the watch it is	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
9	More barhrooms	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
10	All of the above!	9/18/2018 8:53 PM
11	more food and beer tent	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
12	Don't complicate a good thing. It is not over anything. You have a few sponsor tents, a few things for kids and the rest is basic on the lawn. Kids get to do what they don't normally, entertain themselves dancing, tossing a ball further back on the lawn or whatever. You do not need a beer tent. Don't go there. Keep it family wholesome. Let people bring their coolers, they don't drink as much, get too crazy. All has been good when I have been there. Magic Bus was an awesome band and evening.	9/17/2018 7:40 PM
13	Food and drink and less kid junk	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
14	Art/craft vendors, bathroom facility	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
15	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
16	all the above sound good	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
17	Shakespeare in the Park; family theater	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
18	It would be great if there was something more for teenagers, perhaps volleyball net or something like that	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
19	Not applicable	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
20	senior accessiblity -- seating, no curbs	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
21	People like food trucks.	8/28/2018 9:18 PM
22	beer tent AND multiple food vendors	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
23	All of the above	8/22/2018 12:16 PM
24	Sufficient	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
25	More Concerts!!!!	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
26	More food selection, beer tent, activities for before the concert. Maybe juggler, etc	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
27	No concert in the park	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
28	nothing	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
29	Permanent stage	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
30	Don't need beer tents, how about reasonable place that sells drinking water	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
31	na	8/20/2018 3:32 PM

## Q22 Would you like to see more concerts added?

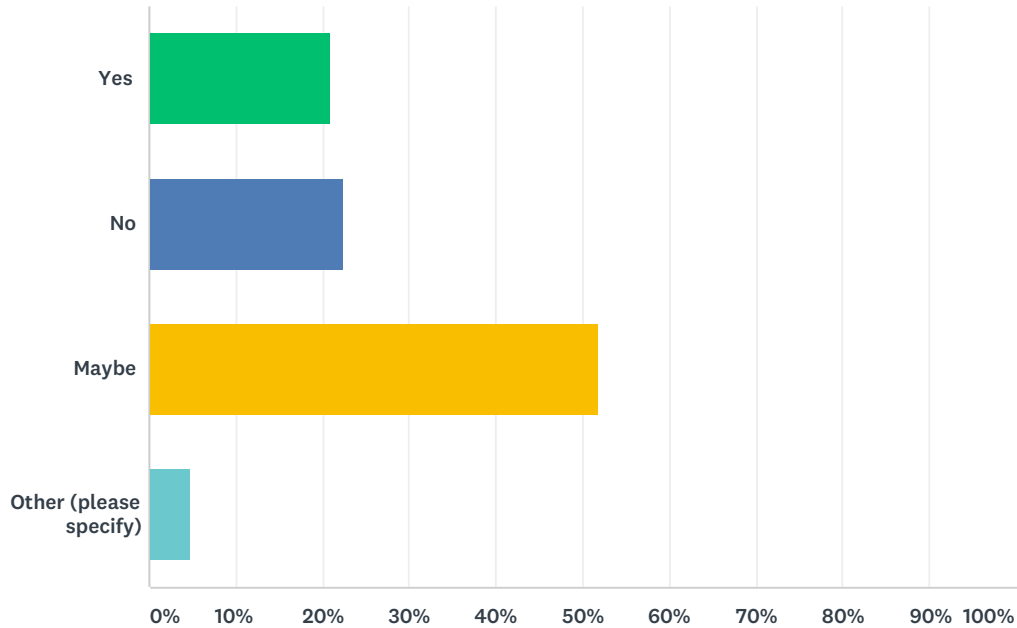
Answered: 301 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Once a week (Months of July and August)	44.19%	133
Once a month	25.25%	76
A couple times a year	7.97%	24
Undecided/Don't know	22.59%	68
TOTAL		301

### Q23 Would you attend the Concert in the Park if the venue changed to another park?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.02%	62
No	22.37%	66
Maybe	51.86%	153
Other (please specify)	4.75%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>295</b>

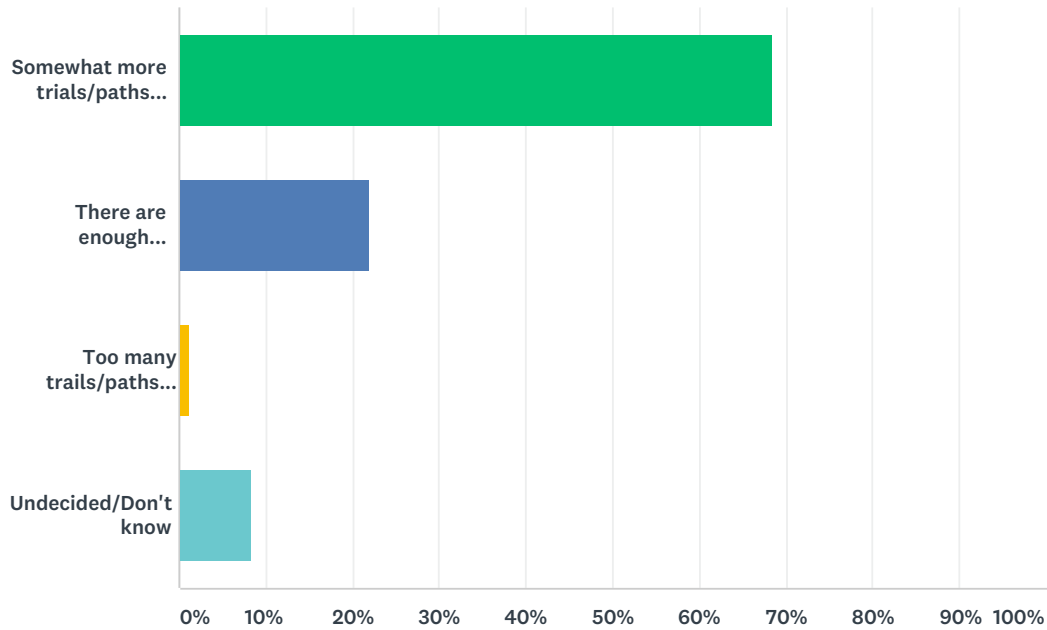
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I live very close to the current venue and walk to the concerts. I may not be as interested in the shows if I had to drive to them.	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
2	just moved here	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
3	Which venue? Sounds like fun!	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
4	I love dodge park because my family can bike to the concert. Dodge park is connected to the bike trail.	9/22/2018 7:17 PM
5	Don't know current location	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
6	Dodge park is very nice and accessible	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
7	I've not been yet.	9/4/2018 4:00 PM
8	Would come if more kid activities	9/4/2018 3:24 PM
9	Probably, but it depends upon which park	8/31/2018 10:25 AM
10	Not applicable	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
11	don't know where it's currently held	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
12	I plan to attend once my toddler is a little older	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
13	Dodge is a great venue and consistency of location is probably a good idea	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
14	Don't know where they are now	8/20/2018 2:14 PM

Q24 Thinking about the number of trails and paths in the Township, do



### you believe that overall....

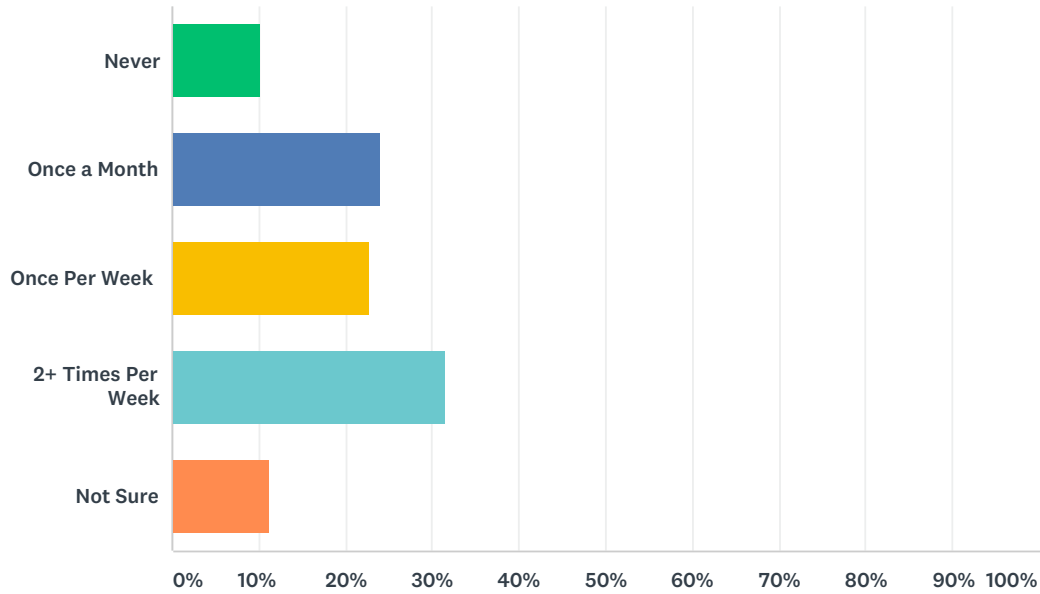
Answered: 322 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Somewhat more trials/paths are needed	68.32%	220
There are enough trails/paths now	22.05%	71
Too many trails/paths are available now	1.24%	4
Undecided/Don't know	8.39%	27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>322</b>

### Q25 On average, how often do you use the trails/paths in Commerce Township

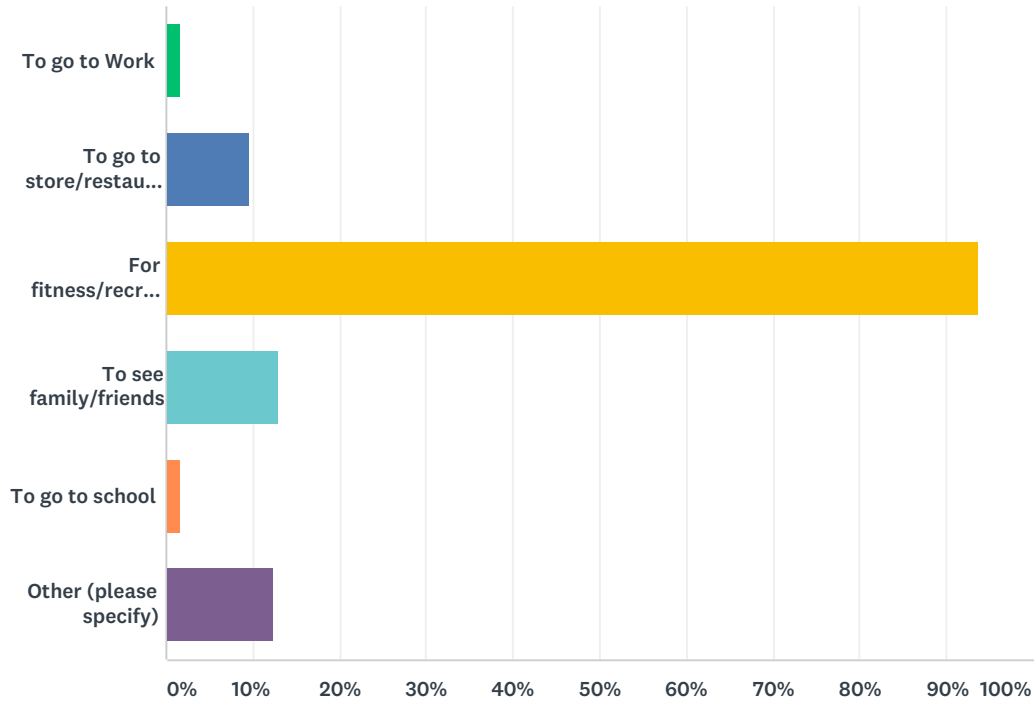
Answered: 320 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	10.31% 33
Once a Month	24.06% 77
Once Per Week	22.81% 73
2+ Times Per Week	31.56% 101
Not Sure	11.25% 36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320</b>

### Q26 What are the top two reasons you currently utilize the trails/paths in Commerce Township?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
To go to Work	1.66%	5
To go to store/restaurant/errands	9.60%	29
For fitness/recreation	93.71%	283
To see family/friends	12.91%	39
To go to school	1.66%	5
Other (please specify)	12.25%	37
Total Respondents: 302		

**Q27 If you'd be interested in walking/biking more, what is preventing you from walking or biking right now? How could we make the experience better? (examples: lack of connection, condition of sidewalk, lighting, personal safety, crossing busy roads, crosswalk locations, etc)**

Answered: 231 Skipped: 110

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no problem at this point navigate the system	10/31/2018 11:22 AM
2	Crossing busy roads, crosswalk locations	10/31/2018 11:13 AM
3	Traffic, trying to get across to Dodge Park from westside of S. Commerce to use bike path or tails between 3pm and 7pm you take your life in your own hands	10/31/2018 10:17 AM
4	Lack of connection Crosswalk locations	10/31/2018 9:56 AM
5	It is difficult as a family to cross commerce road to acces the trails	10/20/2018 11:15 PM
6	Walking paths through wooded areas are being demolished.	10/17/2018 1:51 PM

7	More trails are needed. There is always a person at a booth to take money, why can't more people work on trails?	10/15/2018 7:00 AM
8	Lack of TRAIL connection!	10/14/2018 9:25 PM
9	Connectivity	10/12/2018 1:36 AM
10	Connections	10/2/2018 8:04 PM
11	lack of paved trails. I have a toddler and dirt / gravel trails are not stroller friendly. The only trail we use is from Dodge Park to Hickory Glen. There are trails less than a mile from our house, but they are dirt and residents often bring their ATVs on the trail, so I won't bring my son there.	10/1/2018 11:50 AM
12	None	10/1/2018 11:25 AM
13	Crossing roads. There aren't any long stretches of trail by my house (near Clifford Smart Middle School)	9/29/2018 3:11 AM
14	Safer access to trails. Extend a trail down Benstein Rd	9/28/2018 4:01 PM
15	Lack of connection big time! Riding on the road its so dangerous. Cant get all the way anywhere without riding on the road. We would bike everywhere if we could get there. Commerce road was just redone, yet no bike lane path or shoulder . . .bummer. Same with Benstien. No way to go north and south without tons of fast traffic.	9/28/2018 3:41 PM
16	more singletrack trails	9/28/2018 3:02 PM
17	I currently spend 2-3 hours in the parks on the nature/bike trails every day. Nothing is preventing me from walking or biking more. Lately some of the trails that I have used daily have been removed in favor of another soccer field that gets minimal use. Please stop cutting down trees and removing trails before I am prevented from walking/biking in Commerce Township due to a lack of trails.	9/28/2018 3:00 PM
18	.	9/28/2018 9:40 AM
19	Personal safety, lighting , roads are screaming for relief, too much congestion	9/27/2018 10:37 AM
20	Prefer trails in the woods	9/27/2018 10:24 AM
21	lighting and safety.	9/27/2018 9:23 AM
22	NA	9/26/2018 10:45 AM
23	would like indoor (school maybe) walking place in inclement weather	9/25/2018 1:04 PM
24	There's no great way to connect from Homestead Shores (SW corner of Lower Straights Lake) to the various trail networks without dealing with Newton and Richardson traffic. A trail or sidewalk would be great!	9/24/2018 2:29 PM
25	I walk the old state land every day, that is what scares me about the townships recreation department they will increase my taxes to destroy a wonderful nature area with soccer fields,picnic pavilions and acres of paved and striped parking lots with lots off one way signs.	9/23/2018 6:13 PM
26	use them every day.	9/23/2018 11:13 AM
27	personal safety, lack of connection	9/23/2018 10:52 AM
28	Need more paved trails and road shoulders widened	9/23/2018 10:25 AM
29	No side walks on 1 bogielake/ commerce road 2 on wise road 3 on Cooley lake road	9/23/2018 9:05 AM
30	Lack of connection.	9/23/2018 7:00 AM
31	N	9/22/2018 10:54 PM
32	There are no sidewalks on the main roads where I live so we have to drive to get to a place to walk. We live on Trevor dr near Pontiac Trail and M5	9/22/2018 10:04 PM
33	Lack of variation. I run and bike the same path day in and out. I would love more trails so my exercise had some variety.	9/22/2018 7:17 PM
34	lack of connections, sidewalks, crossing busy roads	9/22/2018 4:41 PM
35	Lack of sidewalks on major road, lack of lighting, lack of a coordinated plan overall for non motorized activities in Commerce Township	9/22/2018 4:30 PM

36	n/a	9/22/2018 10:45 AM
37	lack of connection and varitivity	9/21/2018 3:01 PM
38	Lack of connection, lack of sidewalk, lighting, busy roads	9/20/2018 9:14 PM
39	Sleeth Rd. Is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS for any person.	9/20/2018 5:10 PM
40	Lack of connection, when I want to walk outside, not drive or anything I have to walk along the side of a 50Mph road to get to a park more than 2 miles from my house. That's unacceptable for me, and other kids.	9/20/2018 3:27 PM
41	lighting	9/20/2018 1:00 PM
42	Lack of connection from the Hills of Loon Lake sub to the bike trail on Glengary road	9/20/2018 12:53 PM
43	Na	9/20/2018 12:28 PM
44	more connections	9/20/2018 11:50 AM
45	.	9/20/2018 11:35 AM
46	More dirt trails for mountain bike	9/20/2018 11:33 AM
47	No sidewalks near my subdivision. I don't know where real trails are versus a path in the woods that may be someones property. Access and parking near marked trailheads would be nice.	9/20/2018 11:18 AM
48	I use the trails 7 days a week	9/19/2018 10:01 AM
49	Have to drive to any park, which takes time with current difficult traffic situation. Do not feel quite safe walking/hiking by myself.	9/18/2018 9:03 PM
50	Trying to stay off the busy roads. Need a better north/south route to Clara Miller park parallel to Benstein.	9/18/2018 8:53 PM
51	way to much dog poop	9/18/2018 3:59 PM
52	Have to drive to any park, which takes time with current difficult traffic situation. Do not feel quite safe walking/hiking by myself.	9/18/2018 2:31 PM
53	Lack of connection	9/18/2018 1:41 PM
54	more trails and less soccer fields would be great.	9/17/2018 8:49 PM
55	Lack of safe places to bike with Union Lake being the worst. There is absolutely no way to get South from Commerce and Union Lake safely. Drivers are careless, frustrated with the traffic bottlenecks to this area and thus speeding to get through. And there is no shoulder on the roads for pedestrians or cyclists alike.	9/17/2018 3:41 PM
56	Lack of trails.	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
57	Portable johns	9/15/2018 10:48 PM
58	Lack of connection and lack of sidewalks.	9/15/2018 5:31 PM
59	Lack of connection	9/15/2018 2:09 PM
60	We live in Commerce Pines, next to a High School and Elementary School and a senior center. There is no save way to get to either one of these locations safely. The "traffic light" at Oakley Park Road is a joke ( try to go home after the crossing guard left- it is life threatening) We have no walkways along Oakley Park Road so we can neither go to the Hight school nor yo the senior center. We cannot take the kids to dodge park, the library or any other park in town. There is no way for us to connect to the West Bloomfield trail without taking a car first. My son was an avid bikerider when we lived in Novi- now he does not feel safe to ride a bike. There is no light on any road or trail- how is my son supposed to walk/bike to school in the fall/ winter, when it is still dark? We have traffic jams on Oakley Park every single day- but there is no alternative to using a car- not to go to school, go to a shop, to work or for recreational purposes. We don't need a bridge over M5 to connect to the West Bloomfield trail when the basic needs of walkways to get there are not fulfilled.	9/15/2018 12:00 PM
61	there is a huge lack of side walks throughout the township, making it unsafe for pedestrians to walk or bike around. I don't mind riding on the side of the roads but I would never advice children to do so.	9/15/2018 11:03 AM
62	No trail along Benstein, not very safe to Ride along with traffic.	9/15/2018 10:52 AM



63	Connection to Richardson center paths. Lack of trail markers, current destruction of dodge trails to put in MORE soccer fields	9/15/2018 7:35 AM
64	NA	9/14/2018 9:53 PM
65	Lack of connection. It's difficult to go from Vanstone drive and connect with other trails. Especially with a dog. Benstein to Sleeth is always busy and the cars too fast. No sidewalks or areas that are illuminated. :(	9/14/2018 4:03 PM
66	Not accessible to my home. I don't know of any trails except the one starting at the senior center. When roads are redone, make more bike and walking paths. I live on Welch rd one block from a corner center- Pontiac trl and Welch - and it is too dangerous to walk there - I have to drive my car. Walking to stores and activities should be more safe	9/14/2018 12:14 PM
67	Bathrooms. Connections to all parks	9/14/2018 11:15 AM
68	No sidewalks or trails near home	9/14/2018 10:10 AM
69	Neighborhoods are not connected to each other or to the paths. It is simply not safe to walk/ride on the shoulder of roads like Benstein or Oakley Park. We would do a ton more and utilize the trails more if we didn't have to drive ourselves and our bikes to get to one.	9/14/2018 9:47 AM
70	There are no sidewalks to get to those trails. You have to load the bike on the car, drive somewhere, unload, ride, load again. The bike trails are not that long. If I have to do all that work loading, i'll go to bigger, longer trails. We need more sidewalks to connect all the trails.	9/14/2018 9:02 AM
71	Lack of sidewalks	9/14/2018 8:52 AM
72	Just life lol	9/14/2018 8:27 AM
73	More groomed, wooded trails	9/13/2018 9:24 PM
74	lack of a safe place to bike, no good connectors between paths. Many ride on the street which is quite unsafe because of a lack of a better way to get around. This is very lacking in Commerce.	9/13/2018 5:29 PM
75	Add to bike trails along roads, like Commerce/Wise Rd	9/13/2018 3:47 PM
76	Lack of connection Maps	9/13/2018 3:25 PM
77	Crossing busy roads can be a challenge if running at busy times. A bigger problem is lack of connectivity. It would be nice if more parks were easily connected, or if there were a map of non-sidewalk paths (through neighborhoods, etc) that could allow me to plan different routes when I run.	9/13/2018 1:59 PM
78	lack of continuity of bike routes. Would like bike access throughout township	9/13/2018 1:54 PM
79	lack of connection. lighting, lack of sidewalk	9/13/2018 12:10 AM
80	Lack of connections	9/12/2018 5:42 PM
81	Lack of connection is my biggest complaint. I live in a subdivision off of Oakley Park across from Oakley Park Elementary. From the day I moved here, I had hoped they might put in a walking/biking path along Oakley Park. There are many families in the subs off of Oakley Park that would love to be able to walk/bike to the elementary school, high school, Richardson Center or Dodge Park. There is a walking/biking path west of the Richardson Center that goes all the way up So. Commerce Rd. that I see utilized everyday by walkers, joggers, bikers, and moms with strollers. I don't understand why we can't extend that path east of the Richardson Center and possibly all the way to the Martin Parkway development which has beautiful paths running through it, but we have no connection to it. It is sad that I live a very short walking distance to Walled Lake Central, but my kids won't be able to walk to/from school once they reach high school.	9/12/2018 12:56 AM
82	Benstein is very unsafe for biking or walking south of the Wolverine lake bridge	9/11/2018 9:56 PM
83	Crosswalk locations.	9/11/2018 2:58 PM
84	trails that lead to shopping centers would be an asset	9/11/2018 12:43 PM
85	Lack of sidewalks and pathways	9/10/2018 11:41 PM
86	no sidewalks near me!	9/10/2018 10:23 AM
87	Crossing busy roads. We currently drive across The street to park and start the adventure from there because it is unsafe to walk across south commerce road	9/7/2018 2:45 PM
88	Lack of sidewalks or paths connected to get to parks and locations safely.	9/6/2018 12:50 AM

89	Lack of connectivity	9/5/2018 8:58 PM
90	N/A	9/5/2018 5:27 PM
91	N/A	9/4/2018 10:55 PM
92	Think starting in dodge park 5 getting to trails are very easy and safe.	9/4/2018 10:04 PM
93	Lack of connection with other trails (though that is getting better)	9/4/2018 9:56 PM
94	Crossing busy roads, too much road traffic	9/4/2018 7:59 PM
95	Sidewalks!	9/4/2018 6:10 PM
96	Lack of connection	9/4/2018 2:46 PM
97	Lack of connection, it would be nice to connect from north side of the township to Airlines and West Bloomfield, the trails on Martin Pky are nice, but need to go further north.	9/4/2018 1:44 PM
98	Would like better connections to existing trails and paths. For example bike lanes/paths along Oakley Park that connect to the trails at Hickory Glen Park. Another would be bike lanes/paths to make it easier and safer to connect to the rail trail and fancy new bridge that is being built - whether down Welsh or Haggerty.	9/4/2018 7:41 AM
99	More effort to keep ORV's from illegal use	8/31/2018 6:20 AM
100	Would like more bike paths or extend path down Oakley Park so it is safe for kids to ride down, more connectivity to the already developed bike patches in walled lake and West Bloomfield and M5	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
101	Would like more bike paths or extend path down Oakley Park so it is safe for kids to ride down, more connectivity to the already developed bike patches in walled lake and West Bloomfield and M5	8/30/2018 2:09 PM
102	Connection to all trails. Lighting on trails for evening usage.	8/30/2018 1:28 PM
103	lack of sidewalks connecting our sub to the outside world.	8/30/2018 11:05 AM
104	Prefer Milford paths to Commerce	8/29/2018 10:31 AM
105	No sidewalks in our subdivision	8/29/2018 10:17 AM
106	It would be nice to get to the trail at Dodge Park without having to cross two busy roads. One in which is not crossed at an intersection.	8/29/2018 9:21 AM
107	Busy roads no place to safely bike/walk	8/29/2018 7:40 AM
108	LACK OF CONNECTION TO THE EXISTING BIKE PATHS FROM MY HOME. HAVE TO TRAVEL ON BUSY HIGHWAYS TO GET TO EXISTING BIKE PATHS.	8/28/2018 12:33 PM
109	Note enough sidewalks and you have to walk in the street which is dangerous in the many neighborhoods. Maybe we can make parking on one side of the street and a walking path on the other? Access to the current walking trails requires me to drive to an entry point. In the morning you just want to go outside and start walking.	8/28/2018 12:20 PM
110	Too busy	8/28/2018 11:30 AM
111	More consistent sidewalks. I can set out to walk but then the sidewalk disappears and I have to use the streer	8/27/2018 11:47 PM
112	lack of connection,crossing busy roads and crosswalk locations	8/27/2018 5:33 PM
113	Road crossing at rush hour is a probelm, paths also need to connect to each other better. I would love to be able to bike to the store.	8/27/2018 4:12 PM
114	Personal Safety	8/27/2018 3:48 PM
115	Lack of connections, not enough walkways	8/27/2018 8:44 AM
116	Time to get there and walk.	8/26/2018 11:26 PM
117	Connection of sidewalk or path to hickory glen to south and east.	8/26/2018 7:22 PM
118	Lack of bike lanes and sidewalks	8/25/2018 8:58 PM
119	Lack of connection, no sidewalks on oakley park to connect from out sub. SAFETY to cross the busy roads!	8/25/2018 8:57 PM

120	Lack of connection, no sidewalks on Bogie Lake, Upper South Commerce, Carroll Lake or Wise Roads. No real crosswalks	8/25/2018 5:07 PM
121	Lack of connection of trails. I can't get out of my sub	8/25/2018 1:41 PM
122	it is difficult and dangerous to get to a trail without driving.	8/25/2018 1:37 PM
123	Lack of connection, dangerous on current roads because of traffic....	8/25/2018 1:36 PM
124	I still go, more sidewalks would be nice. Too many bikers on the road is dangerous, especially on Newton and Commerce Rd	8/25/2018 12:40 PM
125	More connector paths through out the community	8/23/2018 8:55 PM
126	no comment	8/23/2018 8:46 PM
127	Need more Singletrack mileage!	8/23/2018 3:41 PM
128	LACK OF CONNECTION to any kind of pathway from my neighborhood (which is right near the hospital) and then some kind of destination to commune	8/23/2018 3:30 PM
129	Lack of a bike, don't know the easiest way to walk from my home to the nearest trail.	8/23/2018 2:44 PM
130	Lack of complete connections, safe crossings	8/23/2018 11:27 AM
131	Lack of connection	8/23/2018 9:40 AM
132	No sidewalks leaving my sub on Bogie lake	8/23/2018 9:30 AM
133	Lack of connections of sidewalks	8/23/2018 9:15 AM
134	allowing bikes on the same paths	8/23/2018 9:13 AM
135	Insufficient attention to trail maintenance and improvements.	8/22/2018 11:49 PM
136	connect the library area path to a new path on Wise Rd. to connect to the park. Add paths to connect to Milford to connect to the Metroparks and Proud Lake	8/22/2018 11:10 PM
137	SIDEWALKS ALONG WELCH RD SO WE CAN CONNECT TO THE REST OF COMMERCE	8/22/2018 10:23 PM
138	No side walk along Bogie Lake. Personal safety. busy road. Add a pathway from Northern High School to the Dodge Park Pathway.	8/22/2018 9:22 PM
139	Lack of connection from subdivisions to bike trails. No way to safely ride to the start of the bike trails	8/22/2018 9:01 PM
140	unable to access trails without driving to the start. no bike lane or trail on oakley park. current paths need to be longer or connect. need path north of library.	8/22/2018 8:09 PM
141	Crossing round abouts is like cheating death. A lot of paths/sidewalks deadend so there is no place to go. There are no shops or food places you can walk to - at least from my house. And the path you can drive too have limited parking and also go nowhere with going.	8/22/2018 7:12 PM
142	Proper maintenance	8/22/2018 6:25 PM
143	Get the dogs off because like the parks the trails have dog poop everywhere.	8/22/2018 6:19 PM
144	Currently trails are segmented with no trailhead or destination... path to nowhere we need to connect the hospital to the Library, Clifford Smart to the high schools, restaurants to residences, and all should target reaching the Michigan Air Line Trail to maximize	8/22/2018 5:36 PM
145	More connection of trails. Wish I didn't have to drive to get to a trail.	8/22/2018 5:19 PM
146	Crisswalk	8/22/2018 5:12 PM
147	na	8/22/2018 4:32 PM
148	Lighting	8/22/2018 4:31 PM
149	side walks, busy roads hard to cross, drives not watching people at the round abouts trying to cross	8/22/2018 2:12 PM
150	Lack of sidewalk, personal safety, crossing busy roads	8/22/2018 12:58 PM
151	Lack of connection We need sidewalks on Welch Rd	8/22/2018 11:30 AM
152	More mountain bike trails	8/22/2018 11:18 AM

153	Lack of connection	8/22/2018 10:59 AM
154	Lack of safe crosswalks, lack of connection from local neighborhoods	8/22/2018 10:45 AM
155	Lack of connection. Glengary Rd would really benefit from being developed w/sidewalks. attaching to Wixom and Wolverine lack system.	8/22/2018 8:02 AM
156	Need connections to other paths, need pedestrian light to access Dodge five at entrance on S. Commerce.	8/22/2018 7:44 AM
157	Lack of connected sidewalks	8/21/2018 10:50 PM
158	We do not have good access to them from our Commerce Pines subdivision.	8/21/2018 9:54 PM
159	Crossing busy roads and lighting	8/21/2018 8:39 PM
160	Lack of sidewalks to get to trails, fear of crossing busy roads	8/21/2018 7:39 PM
161	Old age	8/21/2018 6:33 PM
162	Need to Plow the asphalt paths for safer walking in the Winter. They are usually impassable during winter months. Wolverine Lake has begun to plow their sections, but Commerce is behind in that service.	8/21/2018 6:20 PM
163	Lack of connection, crossing busy roads, lack of crosswalks/sidewalks	8/21/2018 5:45 PM
164	Crossing busy roads	8/21/2018 4:18 PM
165	More connections to existing parks	8/21/2018 2:32 PM
166	Personal safety. Security patrol? Publically known cameras watching areas.	8/21/2018 2:31 PM
167	Commerce Rd needs a bike path, not safe on shoulder anywhere	8/21/2018 1:36 PM
168	Lack of connection of the paths. I go to Milford instead. I was almost able to bicycle to Wixom, but not easily or without some road riding. I currently walk or walk dogs around the trail at the Hospital. Even providing some trail on Commerce near the orchard or cider mill would be nice.	8/21/2018 12:46 PM
169	I'd like to bike/walk to either ice cream store, but there are no sidewalks connecting the two. Same goes for the library/dodge park. (I live on Benstein Rd north of Bass Lake Rd)	8/21/2018 12:45 PM
170	Some need to be paved	8/21/2018 12:21 PM
171	I think we need to connect (safely) big neighborhoods to our current paths.	8/21/2018 11:19 AM
172	there are still some areas that are hazardous to walk or bike	8/21/2018 10:07 AM
173	More sidewalks or paths!!!	8/21/2018 8:58 AM
174	I would bike more if there were trails along Decker and Pontiac Trail to be able to access other trails especially the new downtown	8/21/2018 8:38 AM
175	Leave the damn woods alone	8/21/2018 8:29 AM
176	Lack of connections and heavy traffic (not safe).	8/21/2018 8:16 AM
177	Despite being close to Proud Lake, current neighborhood (The Preserve) does not connect to any trails/parks. Requires a drive to get to one.	8/21/2018 7:53 AM
178	Lack of connection	8/21/2018 7:42 AM
179	Lack of connection, condition of sidewalk, personal safety, crossing busy roads	8/21/2018 6:54 AM
180	More paved paths on north side of township. Pretty much all of the examples above.	8/21/2018 4:52 AM
181	Lack of connection, no bike lanes	8/20/2018 11:24 PM
182	Safety	8/20/2018 10:52 PM
183	lack of connection and lightage from my neighborhood to the closest trail system. I would not let my kids go alone.	8/20/2018 10:51 PM
184	Lack of traffic free access via bike. Hickory glen single track too short. Lack of different options	8/20/2018 9:16 PM
185	Lights	8/20/2018 9:09 PM
186	Lack of sidewalk	8/20/2018 8:30 PM

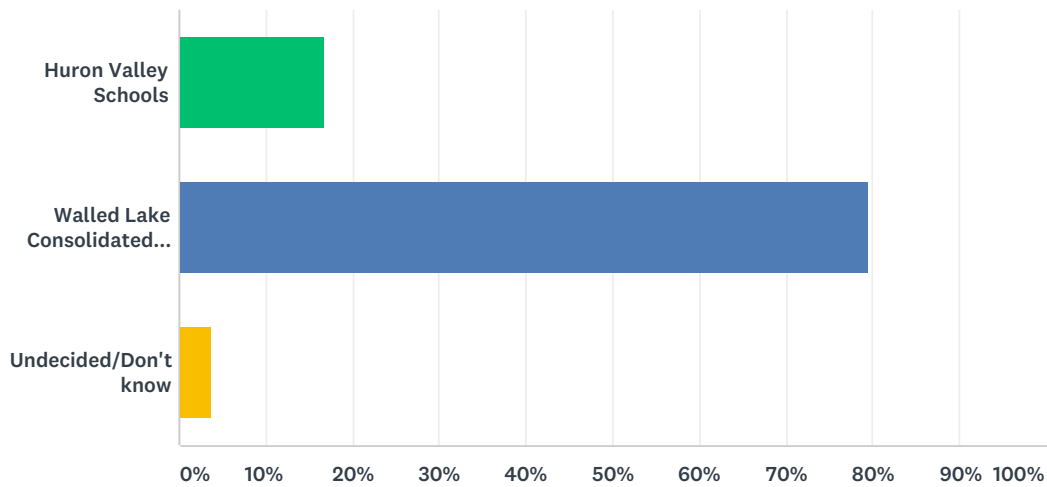
187	Lack of sidewalk/paths so many dangerous distracted drivers now :(	8/20/2018 8:24 PM
188	Not enough path/sidewalks	8/20/2018 8:12 PM
189	More bike paths. Commerce road newton to smart middle school	8/20/2018 8:11 PM
190	lack of safe paths crossing/riding on busy roads	8/20/2018 7:46 PM
191	Lack of paths along busy roads (Welch, Oakley Park, etc)	8/20/2018 7:23 PM
192	Keep it cleaning	8/20/2018 6:22 PM
193	Work	8/20/2018 6:07 PM
194	Sidewalks	8/20/2018 5:24 PM
195	Add more inter-connecting neighborhood trails	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
196	Lack of connection	8/20/2018 5:10 PM
197	Unrelated - personal health problems.	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
198	Mmmmm	8/20/2018 4:41 PM
199	Lack of connections.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
200	Lack of connections.	8/20/2018 4:39 PM
201	Lack of connection to the trail from my neighborhood	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
202	Need more closer to us	8/20/2018 4:35 PM
203	Location	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
204	Lack of access and sufficient parking	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
205	More complete bike trails that don't require going onto street	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
206	Connections to south west part or commerce are severely lacking. Airline trail will help	8/20/2018 4:12 PM
207	No sidewalk on Carroll north of wise	8/20/2018 4:07 PM
208	Safety, would love a way to safely get from Newton to Dodge Park with my young kids	8/20/2018 4:04 PM
209	Not connected to trails from our neighborhood	8/20/2018 4:00 PM
210	Lack of connection. I mentioned above that sidewalks just STOP. Lots of kids heading to strip mall by new library and no real clear and SAFE path to cross.	8/20/2018 3:56 PM
211	No sidewalks or paths, we have to drive to a park to use the paths.	8/20/2018 3:55 PM
212	Condition of trails and lighting	8/20/2018 3:47 PM
213	More crosswalk locations would be nice, and better connection to oaths	8/20/2018 3:41 PM
214	Lack of connection to anything from commerce pines sub. Can't even get to the high school because of lack of sidewalks. We would ride to dinner, store, friends, etc. If the access was there.	8/20/2018 3:35 PM
215	I'm don't know where they are or where they lead to	8/20/2018 3:34 PM
216	lack of connectivity. it would be nice if i could ride my bike anywhere east of s. commerce. lack of bike lanes and shoulders make road riding a suicide mission. In general, i am in support of adding as many bike paths, paved and mountain, as possible.	8/20/2018 3:33 PM
217	na	8/20/2018 3:32 PM
218	Lack of connection to the bike trail	8/20/2018 3:20 PM
219	More connections, better sidewalks, more trails, less road crossings. More marked bike routes would be great too!	8/20/2018 3:11 PM
220	No sidewalks to get their	8/20/2018 3:05 PM
221	Lack of sidewalks and clearly marked bike paths if there isn't a sidewalk. Crosswalks as well	8/20/2018 3:04 PM
222	Lighting personal safety	8/20/2018 2:59 PM
223	I don't know there are any.	8/20/2018 2:56 PM



224	Better crosswalks and lack of connecting sidewalks	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
225	Lack of connection, specifically from Northern High School to Dodge Park. Could be used to get to Commerce Elementary and Northern as well as the current Central and southern part of the township.	8/20/2018 2:48 PM
226	Better trail connectivity, there are currently a couple trails at hickory glen that could use a bridge, have to use the water crossing or access from glengary	8/20/2018 2:46 PM
227	Lack of sidewalks	8/20/2018 2:39 PM
228	It's impossible to bike from the neighborhoods to the trails	8/20/2018 2:30 PM
229	Would like to see a bike path along Commerce Rd between Union Lake and Carroll Lake	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
230	Lack of sidewalks on main roads!	8/20/2018 2:19 PM
231	the length of the trails. I can find longer hiking pathways else where	8/20/2018 2:17 PM

### Q28 In what local public school district do you reside and pay taxes?

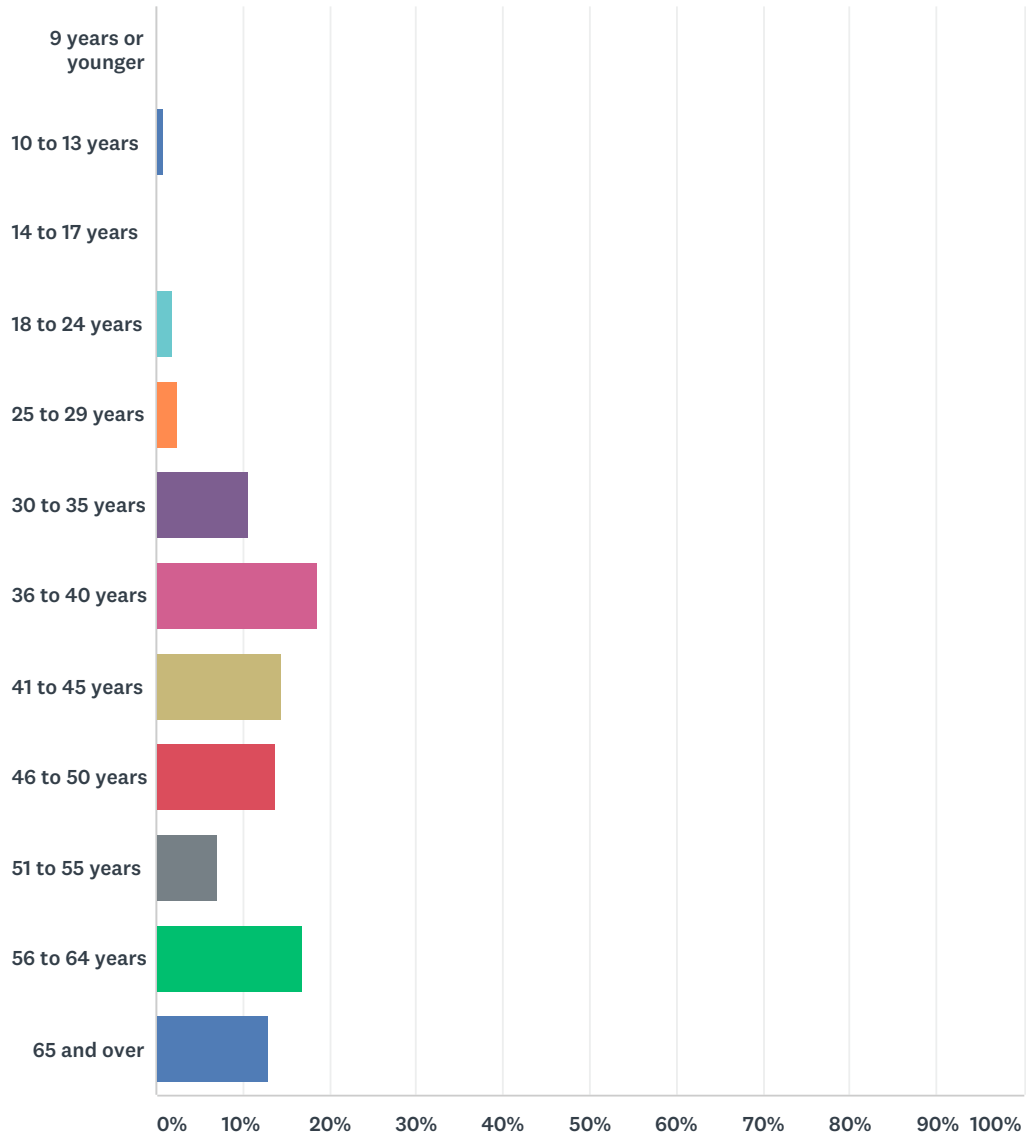
Answered: 321 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Huron Valley Schools	16.82%	54
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools	79.44%	255
Undecided/Don't know	3.74%	12
TOTAL		321

### Q29 Please indicate the range in which your age falls

Answered: 326 Skipped: 15



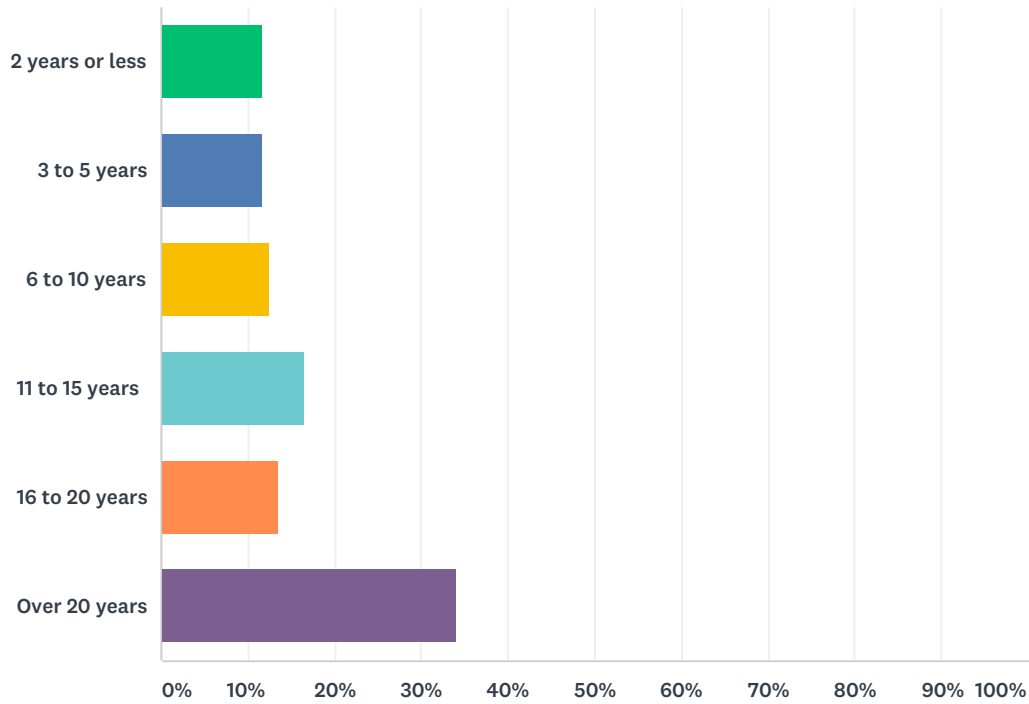
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
9 years or younger	0.00% 0
10 to 13 years	0.92% 3
14 to 17 years	0.31% 1
18 to 24 years	1.84% 6
25 to 29 years	2.45% 8
30 to 35 years	10.74% 35
36 to 40 years	18.71% 61
41 to 45 years	14.42% 47
46 to 50 years	13.80% 45
51 to 55 years	7.06% 23
56 to 64 years	16.87% 55
65 and over	12.88% 42

TOTAL

326

### Q30 How many years have you lived in Commerce Township

Answered: 326 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 years or less	11.66%	38
3 to 5 years	11.66%	38
6 to 10 years	12.58%	41
11 to 15 years	16.56%	54
16 to 20 years	13.50%	44
Over 20 years	34.05%	111
TOTAL		326

# Appendix B

Public Hearing  
Resolutions of Adoption  
Letters of Transmittal  
Certification Checklist

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**CHARTER TWP OF COMMERCE**  
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**Walled Lake, MI 48390**  
**Attention: EMILY ENGLAND**

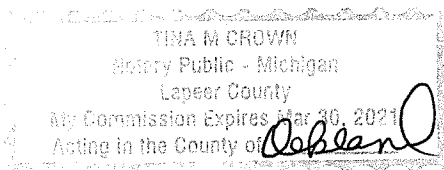
**STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
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The undersigned Cyndy Slater Cyndy Slater, being duly sworn the he/she is the principal clerk of Royal Oak Tribune, Oakland Press, theoaklandpress.com, theoaklandpress.com2, published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which are duly qualified newspapers, and the annexed hereto is a copy of certain order, notice, publication or advertisement of:

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Tina M Crown

**Notary Public, State of Michigan**  
**Acting in Oakland County**

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAIL MASTER PLAN 2019-2023**

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that a public hearing will be held by the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee on February 25th at 6:00 pm in the Commerce Township Board Room, located at 2009 Township Drive. The public hearing is being held to receive comments on a draft Parks, Recreation and Trail Five-Year Master Plan (2019-2023). The draft plan reflects the Committee's priorities for the next five years and, once adopted, will serve as a guide for the Parks and Recreation Committee, staff and Township Board. The draft Master Plan will be available for public review beginning January 24, 2019 on the Township website at [www.commercetwp.com](http://www.commercetwp.com), at Township Hall (2009 Township Drive), and at the Richardson Senior Center (1485 E Oakley Park Rd) during regular business hours.

All interested persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to this matter. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may submit comments to the attention of Emily England at [eengland@commercetwp.com](mailto:eengland@commercetwp.com) or 248.926.0063.

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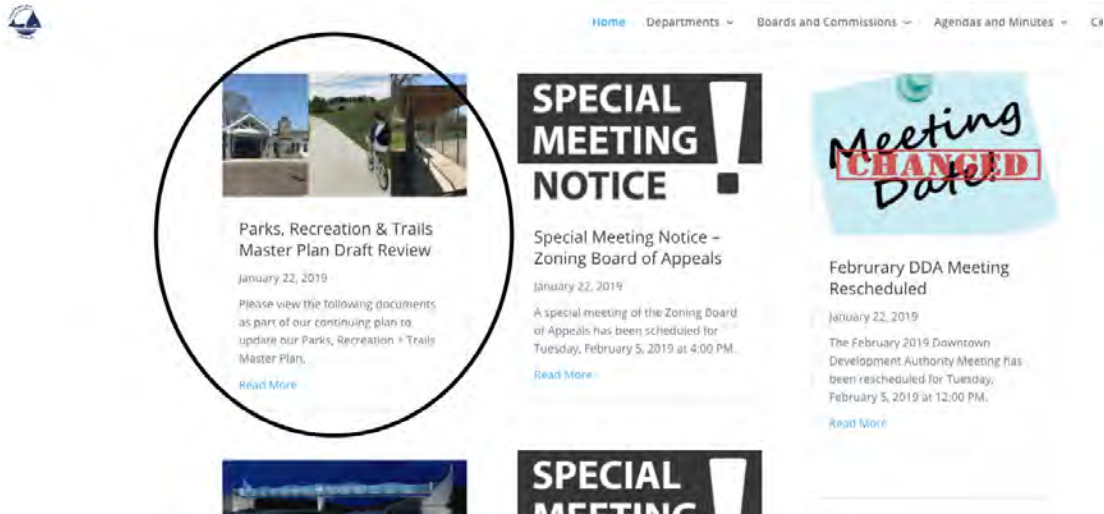
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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 9:59 AM  
**To:** Leah Groya  
**Subject:** Fwd: Website posting

Website Screen shots

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**From:** Benjamin Sebrowski <[bsebrowski@commercetwp.com](mailto:bsebrowski@commercetwp.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 9:55 AM  
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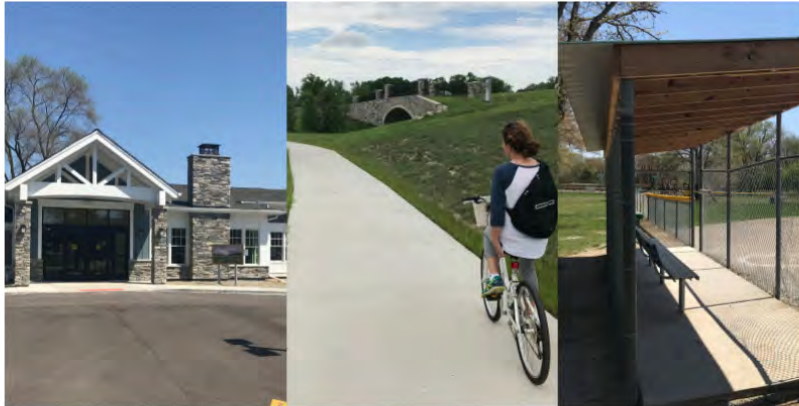
Here are the new screenshots.





## Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan Draft Review

by admin | Jan 22, 2019 | Uncategorized | 0 comments



Please view the following documents as part of our continuing plan to update our Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan.

[DRAFT PLAN: 2019-2023 Draft Master Plan \(Not Yet Approved\)](#)

[PUBLIC INPUT REPORT](#)

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 3:08 PM Emily England <[eengland@commercetwp.com](mailto:eengland@commercetwp.com)> wrote:  
Im sorry to bother you, let me know if you need anything

You can do it tomorrow also that way you dont have to worry about that right now

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 2:54 PM Ben Sebrowski <[bsebrowski@commercelibrary.info](mailto:bsebrowski@commercelibrary.info)> wrote:  
I will do it this evening when I get home. My mom is back in the hospital so I'm there right now. But will definitely get to it later today.

On Jan 22, 2019, at 2:44 PM, Emily England <[eengland@commercetwp.com](mailto:eengland@commercetwp.com)> wrote:

Hey Ben,

Can you post these files to the website please? go ahead and post them as 2 files. They need to be up by the end of the day tomorrow 1/23/19.

One more request :) Can you screen shot the website after they are posted and send it to me?

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/di0x9u2zsqn0s97/AADuvXJkjRZdjGerLzgoHxIfa?dl=0>

Thanks

Emily

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
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COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, MI 48390**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019  
6PM @ TOWNSHIP HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 17, 2018**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ITEM 1:** Public Hearing: Parks, Recreation + Trails 5 Year Master Plan

**ITEM 2:** Parks Committee Consideration of adoption of the plan by resolution

**ITEM 3:** League and Community Service Organization Report

**ITEM 4:** Parks and Recreation Department Report

**ITEM 5:** Township Board Report

**ITEM 6:** Park Liaison Report

**ITEM 7:** Village of Wolverine Update

**ITEM 8:** Commerce Little League 5K Race

**ITEM 9:** Lakes Athletics Improvements (Hickory Glen)

**ITEM 10:** Dodge Park Playground Re-Location

**ITEM 11:** Concert in the Park

**ITEM 12:** Butterfly Garden

**ITEM 13:** Byers

**ITEM 14:** Horse Farm

**ITEM 15:** Agenda Requests

**ITEM 16:** Other Matters

**DRAFT**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Monday, February 25, 2019*

2009 Township Drive  
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Kast called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL:** **Present:** Rachel Kast, Chairperson  
Tim Wichert, Vice Chairperson  
Michelle Holmes, Secretary  
William Petsch  
Barbara Garbutt  
Linda Champagne  
**Absent:** Bob Berkheiser (excused)  
**Also Present:** Emily England, Director of Senior Services/Parks and Recreation  
Leah Groya, AICP, LEED AP, Living Lab

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Garbutt, seconded by Wichert, to approve the December 17, 2018, Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to the header on Pages 2-10. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None.

**ITEM 1: PUBLIC HEARING: PARKS, RECREATION + TRAILS 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN**

Ms. England stated that the draft 5-Year Master Plan has been out for review to the public for 30 days.

Ms. Groya delivered a slide show presentation and provided an overview of the Master Plan approval process. She explained the purpose of the Master Plan, its contents, the input process, the action program, goals and objectives, trail way connectivity plans, design challenges, priorities and next steps. She elaborated on grant eligibility, along with input received from surveys, workshops and the committee. She also noted that capital expenditures are identified as short-term, mid-term and long-term projects.

Ms. Garbutt and Ms. Groya discussed partnering with the State on capital expenditures to make connections at the Proud Lake Campground.

Chairperson Kast opened the public hearing.  
No comments.  
Chairperson Kast closed the public hearing.

**ITEM 2: PARKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE PLAN BY RESOLUTION**

Ms. Groya noted that if the plan is recommended for adoption tonight, the plan would be on the Township Board agenda for March 12, 2019. Once the Township Board adopts the plan, it will be filed with the Department of Natural Resources.

**MOTION** by Garbutt, supported by Petsch, to recommend, to the Commerce Township Board of Trustees, Adoption by Resolution of the Parks, Recreation & Trails 5-Year Master Plan.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 3: LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPORT****Inter-Lakes Girls Softball – Tim Bailey**

Mr. Bailey shared the following with the Committee:

- I apologize I haven't been able to attend the last few meetings.
- We are in the process of creating teams.
- We will start in about 6 weeks.
- It looks like we will have about the same number of teams as last year, or maybe up one, so enrollment is holding.
- We have our park cleanup scheduled for April.
- I'll get more information to you as it becomes available.

**CW3 Soccer – Chris Haney**

Mr. Haney discussed the following with the Committee:

- Our annual cleanup is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-4pm in Dodge Park. The backup date for that event is Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Our opening weekend at Dodge Park will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. The first event will be that Friday for the PeeWees.
- There will be activity in the park prior to that, but no actual matches.
- I will get with Emily on making sure we have extra portajohns. We are looking into the invoices and we'll get those paid up as soon as possible, during the first week of March.
- A construction update: We found a potential source for additional fill. If that pans out, and we don't have wet weather, we will have the fill delivered in the next week or two. Then the equipment will be out to do the rough grade. There's irrigation in Phase 2, so they need to trench the Field #3 area and install pipe. They will charge, pressurize and test in warmer weather.
- The target for opening Field #3 is possibly in September 2019, but to err on the side of caution, it might actually be April of 2020.

**Friends of Byers – Dean & Karen Schantz**

Mr. and Mrs. Schantz shared handouts and discussed the following with the Committee:

- We held our election in January. Dean is the Chairperson, I will stay as Treasurer, and Mike [Helick] is now our Secretary.
- The 2019 draft event schedule is on the handout. Its our usual schedule with nothing new.
  - Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12-5
  - WWAM Spring Cleanup, Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9-3
  - Ugly Duckling Vintage Market, Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 10-6



- WWAM Fall Cleanup, Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9-3
- Boo Bash Halloween Event, Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8
- Pictures with Santa, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 11-5
- Also submitted is the 2019 FOB wish list with pricing estimates, which includes the following projects:
  - The siding on the East side main entrance of the barn, along with an artist to repaint Byer's Country Store.
  - The barn shed roof will be torn off, redone with plywood, ice/water shield and re-shingled. It was not done properly last time.
  - Water distribution from the well – We will start with one post. Irrigation will be run from the well for access to water the ornamentals. We'll have an 80' long hose and the well will have a timer on it, allowing pressure only during the day, which will prevent vandalism. This will allow us to get going with our gardening club.
  - The duck barn has a broken concrete pad. We did the walkway, and now we will break up the pad and re-pour the pad to eliminate trip issues.
  - We will also be painting all the outpost buildings.
  - We have three estimates on lumber. For barn wood, we will go with Iverson's again.

**MOTION** by Petsch, supported by Holmes, to approve the 2019 Friends of Byers Event Schedule. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Holmes – I did send information on the first meeting for the History Coalition for Oakland County. They're looking to do a calendar if you guys want to put this on.

Ms. Schantz – That would be great. It's posted on the web page and on our Byers Facebook page. I also put sheets in the barn.

Mr. Schantz – In addition, we cleaned the farmhouse after about a year and a half. It was filthy of course. The only mold I detected was on the ceiling joists. We'd like to schedule additional cleaning sessions, about every couple months, particularly the furniture. Also, during the summer, it would be a good idea to get a dehumidifier in there to keep the mold down. It should be checked monthly.

Ms. Schantz – Plus with keeping the heat at 60, one door is warping.

Mr. Schantz – The front door needs to be repainted and re-screened.

Discussions continued regarding maintenance and repairs at the farmhouse, and the lack of insulation.

### **Lakes Athletics – Josh Springer**

Mr. Springer discussed the following with the Committee:

- Since the last meeting, we cleared out the brush in front of the parking area, out to the road. That was done by Wright Tree Service and DTE.
- We do have an agenda item to talk about the next steps for that project.
- Our registration has been a little below par with February.

- Walled Lake Schools has had like 5 or 6 days off, but the last few days, registration has picked right back up to where it was last year.
- We also have plans for the flagpole installation, signage, and park improvements for fencing and backstops. We can also talk about safety improvements for the diamonds.
- Our park cleanup day for Hickory Glen is April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Our opening day is April 20<sup>th</sup>, the following Saturday.
- We sent in a list of key dates. We need to make sure that the parking lot is graded. We do have a Memorial Day Tournament where teams all the way from the UP come in and play on the fields. We want to ensure the park is in pristine condition.

Discussions took place regarding the brush clearing, increased visibility at the park, and details of the cleanup date, which is being held on Friday night, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm to about 8:30pm. Ms. Champagne discussed concessions for the cleanup crew with Mr. Springer.

### **Commerce Little League – Paul Theriault**

Mr. Theriault discussed the following with the Committee:

- We are celebrating our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a league. The majority of those years have been spent at Maple Glen. It's an exciting year.
- Our opening day will be Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The day after, we're hoping to hold our second annual 5K race.
- Our registration will be closing in a couple of days.
- We will probably have 50 teams and about 600 players in our house league, plus our Cobras and Warriors travel and tournament teams.
- Last year, late December, we finished up our backstop improvement project. That was funded mostly by a grant from Little League International, and partially from the Township Board. We've had some great support from the Township on the application.
- We're pretty excited that we've raised the backstops on three of our fields; Wrigley, Fogel, and Dodger fields. It's a pretty drastic improvement from a safety perspective.
- Our field cleanup day is on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, in the morning when we will also pass out uniforms.
- Opening day this year, we're doing something fun. We have the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our State Champion Majors Team, so we're inviting all the kids back who aren't so young anymore to throw out the opening pitch and hang their banner. It should be a fun day with a lot of vendors, food and burgers. The Committee is more than welcome to come out this year.
- We appreciate your support.

### **Motor City Mountain Bike Association – Mike Kearney**

Mr. Kearney discussed the following with the Committee:

- Tim Slabaugh has stepped down, and I will be taking over.
- I'm working on sending over our year-end reports to Emily.
- Last year, our organization logged 2,600 volunteer hours; 221 of those were direct volunteer labor hours at Hickory Glen for trail improvements, including

about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of added trail on the east side of the property, repair of several features that were deteriorating with age, and some signage repair/replacement.

- Looking ahead to 2019, we'll have a trail day setup in April.
- We will continue looking at the water and wetlands crossing from the east side of the property. We're still trying to secure the engineering resources that the Township requires for the boardwalk or wetland crossing. Hopefully we can find the resources that will be willing to work within our budget.
- We will do additional feature repairs and upkeep.
- We have a new map, so we are getting that put up in the kiosk in the spring, with some kiosk improvements at the trailhead.
- Then general trail sustainability measures on areas of the trails that wash out from erosion.
- You were talking about connectivity during the Master Plan session. The only event that we host at the MCMBA is the Milford Bike Fest. We assist in maintaining the mountain bike trails that connect from Milford to Commerce Township, which pass through and bypass the Proud Lake Campground. We have about 50/60 riders. It's our largest fundraiser for the year.
- From our overall chapter, we are up to 13 trails now.
- Settlers Park was added recently.
- Hartland Township approached us recently looking for us to build some trails.
- The Northville Psychiatric Hospital was demolished, and we can go ahead with building trails on that property.

No representatives were present at the meeting for the following leagues:

- Lakes Area Hawks

#### **ITEM 4: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Ms. England stated that things are going smoothly at the Richardson Center, and discussed the following:

- We are in the process of finding our vendor. I'll keep you up to date.
- Taxes have started with the AARP free tax service. The spots filled up pretty quickly so we have a waiting list.
- We are moving forward with the process for Scarlet's Smile in Dodge Park and the restroom facilities.

Mr. Wichert – How far along is Scarlet's Smile now? Are they about two-thirds of the way there? How did their fundraiser go?

Ms. England – Yes, she is confident that they'll have everything. They want to start building in August. They raised \$75,000 at the fundraiser.

#### **ITEM 5: TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

No report in Mr. Berkheiser's absence.

#### **ITEM 6: PARK LIAISON UPDATES**

**Berkheiser - Wise Woods & Victory Park**

No report in Mr. Berkheiser's absence.

**Champagne - Hickory Glen Park**

- My park has been handled very well by the gentlemen out there today.

**Garbutt - Long Park & Snowy Ridge Park**

- They've been on the sledding hill.
- I haven't been out to Long Park lately so nothing to report.

**Wichert - Maple Glen**

- I did not go out today.
- Tim, did we lose any trees?

Mr. Bailey – I haven't been out there in a few days.

Ms. Holmes – I'd be surprised if we didn't.

Ms. England – Mark has been out cleaning up trees.

**Kast - Dodge Park**

- Dodge Park is good.
- I did not visit yesterday, but I'm sure some trees probably fell.

**Holmes - Byers and Mill Race**

- The river is really high.

**Petsch - Bicentennial Park**

- Nothing to report.

**ITEM 7: VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE UPDATE**

Ms. Champagne discussed the following with the Committee:

- We have a new administrator starting next week. He came from Clawson. You may have read about him in the Spinal Column. He's a young guy and he was the clerk in Clawson.
- St. Patrick's Day bus trip is March 10<sup>th</sup>. I emailed the flyer to Emily to put up at the Richardson Center. It's a fun event. They also do the parade downtown, and a pub crawl.

**ITEM 8: COMMERCE LITTLE LEAGUE 5K RACE**

Mr. Theriault discussed the following with the Committee:

- Last year we did a 5K and one-mile fun run fundraiser. We had 150 people come out for the race. We had quite a few sponsors.
- It was a good fundraiser for us and we hope to do it again this year, the day after our opening day, on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The course starts at Maple Glen and runs through the park, past the Fire Station, into Gilbert Willis, and then back around to Maple Glen again. It is a timed event. The one-mile is less competitive, and the 5K is competitive for prizes. There's food and snacks, et cetera.

**MOTION** by Petsch, supported by Holmes, to recommend approval and support the Commerce Little League 5K Race and One-Mile Run on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Discussion took place regarding the registration date for the event.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 9: LAKES ATHLETICS IMPROVEMENTS (HICKORY GLEN)**

Mr. Josh Springer and Mr. Jim Doyle distributed handouts of photos, and Mr. Springer discussed the following with the Committee:

- Jim Doyle is our Field Director. He has been coordinating with DTE and Wright Tree Services to get the clearing done.
- The most important task for us is the second opening, the connection with Glengary for parking. I know it's a more long-term priority, but it's definitely something that is most important to us. I'm not sure what steps we take, or how we go about approval, funding or drawings.

Ms. England – Where are you looking to put this?

Mr. Springer – The second entrance? It would be somewhere on the east side of the park.

Ms. England – Where we've already done it.

Ms. Holmes – Are you talking about relocating across from Laguna?

The Committee reviewed the plans presented by Mr. Springer as he identified the 30' clearing near the concession stand where he was proposing a second entrance.

Extensive discussions took place regarding creating a second emergency exit in the area identified, consulting with the Village of Wolverine as they own the road in this area, and the prior concept plan for a second entrance which was to be located farther down by the path. Ms. England encouraged Mr. Springer and Mr. Doyle to consult with Jay James regarding the curb cut for an emergency exit as proposed. Mr. Petsch clarified that the emergency exit could only be used for emergencies, not for regular ingress/egress. Discussions continued regarding the concept plan, the master plan for the park, the second entrance along Glengary, traffic flow and safety. A berm or split rail fence was mentioned for the emergency exit area, along with discussion of maintenance of the area. Ms. Champagne suggested that a split rail fence could possibly be a Boy Scout project.

Mr. Springer – Our next project is to update the inbound signage in the park, along the right hand side, the 1963 Champs and the boards. We'd like to set up a foundation for four flagpoles; the US flag, our Lakes Athletics flag, the Legends Travel Team flag, and then we're trying to also incorporate the Hawks Football Team. We could also put the Commerce Township flag under the US flag. We need to understand what that approval looks like.

Mr. Petsch – Look at the Master Plan. Let's do this all at once. It's a great idea, but we don't want to have you spend a bunch of money putting in flagpoles and concrete if it does not coincide with the Master Plan.

Ms. Holmes – As Leah said though, it's a concept plan. We can work on it.



Mr. Springer – Right, if we're going to move the driveway 50' to the east, there's no reason to leave that right there.

Mr. Petsch – Let's look at what we've got because that might not be the spot to put it.

Ms. Holmes – In the plan, wasn't there one more field?

Ms. England – You were going to relocate and reorganize.

Mr. Petsch – That was to redo the whole thing in cloverleaf style.

Mr. Springer – Is that in the plan too?

Mr. Petsch – Yes.

Ms. England – The plan covers the entire park.

Mr. Petsch – Review the Master Plan, and then come back to us.

Ms. Holmes – There's always joint fundraising and grants. Also talk to your national associations.

#### **ITEM 10: DODGE PARK PLAYGROUND RELOCATION**

Ms. England discussed the following with the Committee:

- I need your recommendation.
- These are just ideas, and the areas shown are not the exact locations for relocation of the old equipment.
- We have to consider potential expansion of the Library parking.

Discussions took place regarding potential locations for moving the equipment, issues with certain areas where it may distract from Library programming, the Library drop box, et cetera. Ms. Garbutt noted that a lot of parents expressed the desire to have the playground by the pavilion so that they could take the kids for lunch there and sit in the shade. Ms. Kast and Mr. Petsch noted that it shouldn't be too close to the main road, or near the running trail, or too close to a heavily wooded area for safety reasons. Mr. Wichert suggested putting a fence around it.

As the Committee came to a consensus, Ms. England added that she would also consult further with the engineers.

**MOTION** by Petsch, supported by Champagne, to recommend Relocation of the Dodge Park Playground, with instructions to the engineers to put the playground equipment on the north side of the park, as close to the existing playground and pavilion as possible, without interfering with the potential expansion of Library parking.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **ITEM 11: CONCERT IN THE PARK**

Ms. England discussed the following with the Committee:

- The dates are scheduled after July 5<sup>th</sup>, every Friday night at 7PM, July 12<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>, for 6 weeks.

- JAG is working on making the entertainment selections and they are working on sponsorships. They will keep us updated.
- The Richardson Center deck is the stage.

### **ITEM 12: BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

Ms. England briefly discussed details of the project with the Committee for clarification on the design. She inquired about the gate, rounded corners, the fence height, and discussed pricing.

Mr. Wichert preferred a gate. Mr. Petsch and Mr. Wichert stated that the fence/gate should be 3.5' high. As for rounded corners versus alternatives, Ms. Kast suggested comparing pricing on the bids.

### **ITEM 13: BYERS**

Ms. England discussed the following with the Committee:

- I'm hoping that Michelle can help with this.
- I was asked to put this on the agenda after the last discussion meeting with the Township Board.

Ms. Holmes – The Township Board sounded receptive. They need to be refreshed on the original plans and options for the park of all the things that it could be.

The Board Members are all new since then, and they need to see the report. We need to repackage the information with updates and present it to them.

Ms. England – We can pull the structural engineering reports also.

Extensive open discussions ensued; the Ron Campbell report was mentioned, along with discussion of the property history, suggested uses for the park over time, which had included the library, museum, educational uses, et cetera. As to the farmhouse in particular, restoration versus structural stability was addressed, and the capacity of the building was discussed.

Ms. Garbutt noted that there are phragmites in the stream at Byers. Ms. England noted that they have been treated.

Ms. Holmes reiterated that Byers should be an agenda item again next month, and the reports should be reviewed and updated to present to the Township Board.

Ms. Schantz inquired about the timeline, as this project has seen significant delays. Ms. Holmes explained that the Township Board wants direction in the form of a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

### **ITEM 14: HORSE FARM**

Ms. England discussed the following with the Committee:

- We had a long discussion with the Township Board about the Horse Farm property and what we might like to do with it.
- The property is located at the corner of Wixom and Charms.
- Currently, the renter operates a riding stable for trainers and there are 63 horses.
- You might remember that we looked at the property years ago for soccer fields.

- Bob would like to see the site remain with its purpose as a horse farm, but there is repair work that will need to be done by the Township as owner of the property.
- Other thoughts have been to keep the property as greenspace.

Ms. Holmes – Because we own the land, the landlord incurs the costs of the repairs.

Ms. England – Absolutely.

Ms. Holmes – There were drainage issues with the site.

Ms. England – The Township purchased the property through the tax sale.

Ms. Champagne – Could the property be sold?

Ms. England – Yes.

Discussions continued regarding the current use as a horse farm, equestrian teams (a club sport, but not a school sport), leasing of horses to equestrian team riders, other services provided at the farm, the old house on the site that needs to be demolished, the possibility of selling the property, draining and excavation issues, et cetera.

The Horse Farm would be on the March agenda for further discussion. Ms. Champagne suggested meeting at the Horse Farm on March 25<sup>th</sup>, prior to the next Committee meeting. Ms. England agreed and would send out an email reminder to meet there at 5PM.

#### **ITEM 15: AGENDA REQUESTS**

No new agenda items were requested, however Ms. England and Ms. Kast noted carryover items from this agenda, such as the Horse Farm, Byers, Hickory Glen, the Butterfly Garden, and maybe the Dodge Park Playground.

#### **ITEM 16: OTHER MATTERS**

Ms. Holmes discussed the first meeting of the Historical Coalition of Oakland County, and addressed potential support for Byers. She will provide additional information when available.

**The next Parks and Recreation Meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2019, at 6:00pm, at the Township Hall.**

#### **ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Petsch, supported by Wichert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Michelle Holmes, Secretary



**ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Oak Wilt at Maple Glen Park – Parks and Recreation Department
- B. Dodge Park V Play Structure Relocation – Parks and Recreation Department
- C. Resolution Approving the Parks and Recreation and Trails 5-Year Master Plan
- D. Resolution Approving the Establishment of Receiving Boards for All Commerce Township Elections
- E. Edgewood Country Club Garbage Collection Fee Refund
- F. Banner Permit – Orchard Lake Fine Art Show
- G. SAFER Grant Application – Fire Department

**ITEM 10: OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

- C. RFP for Residential Refuse Collection and Disposal

**ITEM 11: ORDERS**

**ITEM 12: OTHER MATTERS**

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT**



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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 12, 2019**  
2009 Township Drive  
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

**CALL TO ORDER:** David Scott, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m. and introduced the members of the Board.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: David Scott, Supervisor  
Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Robert Berkheiser, Trustee  
Rick Sovel, Trustee  
George Weber, Trustee

Absent: Vanessa Magner, Trustee (excused)  
Molly Phillips, Treasurer (excused)

Also Present: David Campbell, Planning Director  
Emily England, Senior Director  
Jay James, P.E. Building Official  
Jason Mayer, Giffels Webster Engineers  
Connie Ozinga, Library Director  
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney

Students from Milford High School and a student from Wayne State University were present to observe the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Creech, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the February 12, 2019 Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting minutes, as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. WOTA**

Rick Hamill, Highland Township Supervisor, gave a presentation on the Community Transportation Program which is funded through SMART and Municipal Credits, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, grants, fares and donations. CTP provides service to area residents age 55 and older and adult individuals with permanent or temporary disabilities who cannot provide their own means of transportation. Mr. Hamill applied for and received a SEMCOG Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to go towards researching the costs and feasibility of combining bus transportation services with other communities. Kim Viener, Community Transportation Director was present. She stated there are 261 registered Commerce Township residents and 50 additional residents that are on the transportation waiting list. Mr. Hamill and Ms. Viener answered questions of the Board. Mr. Hamill is asking the Township to support moving forward with the Community Transportation Program.

### **ITEM 1:2-12 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Weber, to approve the March 12, 2019 Agenda with the addition of C. Non-Union Merit Performance Process under Item 8 Old Business.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ITEM 2:2-12 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ITEM 3:2-12 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **A. Establishment Resolution for the Ashland Dust Control SAD**

Supervisor Scott opened the Public Hearing.  
No one present had any questions or comments.  
Supervisor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Creech, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce Determining to Undertake an Improvement Project and to Establish and Maintain a Special Assessment District to Pay Costs Associated Therewith and Approving the Plans and Estimates of Costs Therefor, Ashland Dust Control Special Assessment District.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **B. Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment District Designated Special Projects No. 43**

Supervisor Scott opened the Public Hearing.  
No one present had any questions or comments.  
Supervisor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

**ITEM 3:2-12 PUBLIC HEARINGS (Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment District Designated Special Projects No. 43 continued)**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Creech, to approve the Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll for the Special Assessment District Designated Special Projects No. 43.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Sovel, Creech, Weber, Berkheiser, Scott

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Phillips, Magner

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 4:2-12 INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance No. 1.041 - FOIA**

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, recommends approval of this Amendment so that the Township's Code requirements are consistent with State law. The Amendment reflects changes made by the State to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and to implement the State's sliding scale for the recovery of costs associated with FOIA contractors.

**MOTION** by Weber, supported by Berkheiser, to Introduce an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance No. 1.041, post and publish according to law.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 5:2-12 CONTRACT AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS**

**A. Crown Castle Cell Tower Consulting Agreement**

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, stated that last month the Township Board approved hiring Ken Schmidt of Steel in the Air to assist the Township in assessment of the offer made by Crown Castle to add another carrier to the cell tower site in Long Park. The representative from Crown Castle had indicated, in error, that they would pay for the consultant. Crown Castle has a policy prohibiting payments to consultants on valuation matters. The Township could recover Mr. Schmidt's fees from an increase in the lease price or the signing bonus. Discussion took place on ensuring the consultant's report included data on other Township cell tower leases which expire within the next five years.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Weber, to approve the Consulting Agreement between Steel in the Air, Inc. and the Township of Commerce.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 6:2-12 ADOPTIONS**

**A. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance No. 1.045, to Bring Regulations Governing Use of Consumer Fireworks in Accord with State Law**

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Scott, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance No. 1.045, post and publish according to law.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Zoning Map Amendment PZ19-0001 – Eleven Properties Within the Commerce Village Settlement Area**

David Campbell, Planning Director, reviewed the Amendment with the Board.

Trustee Weber said all residents who spoke at the Planning Commission meeting were in favor of the Amendment except for one resident who owned a non-buildable lot and wanted to turn it into a parking lot.

**MOTION** by Weber, supported by Sovel, to approve PZ#19-0001, a petition by the Commerce Township Planning Department to amend the Township's Zoning Map for eleven properties within the northeast quarter of Section 10 of Commerce Township from B-2 (Community Business) to R-1D (One-Family Neighborhood Residential), post and publish according to law.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 7:2-12 PURCHASES**

**A. Grand Rapids Jill Chairs – Library**

Connie Ozinga, Library Director, is requesting approval to purchase 12 chairs for the library.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Scott, to approve the purchase of 12 Grand Rapids Jill chairs from Library Design Associates at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00 for the library. Funds to come from the Library fund

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 8:2-12 OLD BUSINESS**

**A. WOTA**

Trustee Weber questioned if the Resolution is an actual Authority or not. He referred to Ms. Viener saying it is an Authority. Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, said the current terms of the agreement is not an Authority. Weber would like to see the word "Authority" removed from the heading of the Resolution.

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, recommends changing the first paragraph of the Resolution as follows:

**ITEM 8:2-12 OLD BUSINESS (WOTA continued)**

“The Township Board hereby provides notice of its intent to execute an intergovernmental agreement to create WOTA, upon review and approval of the final agreed upon language of the interlocal agreement and upon receipt of information from survey’s and other data sources, the funding for which is available, supporting a demand for the services to be provided by WOTA in an acceptable ratio to the costs to be incurred by the Township as determined by the Township Board.”

and change the word “AUTHORITY” to “AGREEMENT” in the heading.

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Weber, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce Regarding Notice of Intent and Grants for West Oakland Transportation Agreement and change the first paragraph as follows: The Township Board hereby provides notice of its intent to execute an intergovernmental agreement to create WOTA, upon review and approval of the final agreed upon language of the interlocal agreement and upon receipt of information from survey’s and other data sources, the funding for which is available, supporting a demand for the services to be provided by WOTA in an acceptable ratio to the costs to be incurred by the Township as determined by the Township Board.”

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Horse Farm – 2252 Wixom Road**

It is the recommendation of Supervisor Scott that Ms. Hancock be advised that the Township will terminate the rental of the property and that she, and all occupants vacate the premises in accordance with the rental agreement, that all boarded animals be moved off site that all personal property be removed, and commercial and private riding be suspended. She is late on paying rent since October 2018 and does not have liability insurance.

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, recommends a letter of default of the lease agreement be forwarded to Ms. Hancock giving her the opportunity to correct all violations of the lease agreement and pay all past due rent within 10 days. Supervisor Scott believes 4-6 months is a good timeline for all boarded animals to be moved off site in the event a lease termination has to be issued to Ms. Hancock with a target of no later than the end of July, 2019.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Scott, to draft and send a letter of default of the lease agreement for 2252 Wixom Road to Ms. Hancock giving her the opportunity to correct all violations of the lease agreement and pay all past due rent within 10 days. In the event Ms. Hancock has not corrected all violations and paid all past due rent within 10 days, the Township may issue a notice of termination of the lease agreement and set forth a time to vacate property.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. Non-Union Merit Performance Process**

Trustees Sovel, Weber and Magner worked on a project to change the way the Township recognizes employee performance and approves wage increases for non-union employees.

Trustee Sovel gave a presentation on the proposed performance review process.



**ITEM 9:2-12 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Oak Wilt at Maple Glen Park – Parks and Recreation Department**

Emily England, Senior Director, advised the Board that Oak Wilt has returned to Maple Glen. Two of the infected trees are just outside of the original trench lines that were put in, which means we will have to set a perimeter and put another trench in to contain the spread. Additionally, the 2 large Oak trees that were injected in 2017 will need to be done again this year.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Weber, to contract with American Arbor L.L.C. to treat Oak Wilt at Maple Glen Park by digging another trench, remove and dispose all infectious tree material larger than 16 inches and inject 2 large Oak trees at a cost not to exceed \$7,700.00. Funds to come from the General Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Dodge Park V Play Structure Relocation – Parks and Recreation Department**

Emily England, Senior Director, advised the Board that the Parks and Recreation Committee made a Motion to recommend relocation of the Dodge Park Playground due to the construction of Scarlet's Smile and the new restroom facility at Dodge Park.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Weber, to approve the relocation of the Dodge Park playground equipment, install curb borders, erosion control and restoration and tree removal in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Funds to come from the Open Space Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. Resolution Approving Parks and Recreation and Trails 5-Year Master Plan**

Leah Groya of Living Lab was present to review and discuss the Master Plan with the Board.

Trustee Weber thanked Emily England, Leah Groya and the Parks and Recreation Committee on the fantastic job they did on the Master Plan.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Scott, to approve the Resolution of Adoption Commerce Township Board of Trustees Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan 2019 – 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**D. Resolution Approving the Establishment of Receiving Boards for All Commerce Township Elections**

**MOTION** by Creech, supported by Sovel, to approve the Resolution Approving the Establishment of Receiving Boards for all Commerce Township Elections.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. Edgewood Country Club Garbage Collection Fee Refund**

**MOTION** by Weber, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the refund for the 2018 winter bill garbage charge of \$193.54 to Edgewood County Club.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 9:2-12 NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**F. Banner permit – Orchard Lake Fine Art Show**

**MOTION** by Creech, supported by Weber, to approve a 4' x 50' netted banner across Union Lake Road, south of Cooley Lake Road from July 10, 2019 to July 29, 2019 for Hot Works LLC Orchard Lake Fine Art Show subject to receipt of a valid Certificate of Insurance.

Discussion - Trustee Sovel said the Certificate of Insurance will be expired in April.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G. SAFER Grant Application – Fire Department**

Jim Dundas, Fire Chief, is requesting approval to apply to FEMA for a SAFER Grant to fund 8 firefighter positions.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Creech, to approve the request of the Fire Chief to apply to FEMA for a SAFER Grant to fund 8 firefighter positions.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 10:2-12 OLD BUSINESS**

**D. RFP for Residential Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, reviewed the revised garbage RFP with the Board and together made changes to the RFP, including accelerating the timeline with a target to award the bid in early May, 2019.

**ITEM 11:2-12 ORDERS**

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Creech, to approve the Orders and Add Ons.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 12:2-12 OTHER MATTERS**

Supervisor Scott –

- Renewal of the pollution insurance policy is due on June 1, 2019. He will meet with the insurance agent tomorrow.
- The Township will be participating in the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN/Bidnet) to register RFPs, bids and awards for access by registered vendors.
- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training was held at the Library for Township employees. There will be another class held at the Township Hall for those who could not attend this training class. Employees will also attend a CPR training class at the Township Hall.
- If Walled Lake gives up their portion of the Michigan Air Line Trail, is the Township interested in taking over their portion? The consensus of the Board was they do not want to take over Walled Lake's portion of the Air Line Trail.

**ITEM 12:2-12 OTHER MATTERS (continued)**

Trustee Weber –

- Questioned if the Township has an Emergency Fund. A comment was made a few months ago that if the Township had an emergency, and required State funding to help pay for necessary repairs, the State would require the Township to exhaust its own Emergency Fund balance first. If the Township had no Emergency Fund established – there is a risk the State would say the Township was unprepared and not assist. This happened to Highland Township several years ago. Supervisor Scott will ask Janet Bushey if the Township has an emergency fund.

Trustee Berkheiser –

- Asked Jay James, P. E. Building Official, about the February revenue in his report. Mr. James said this was a slow period although plans are still coming in.
- Asked for the status of Oak Hill. David Campbell, Planning Director, said he met with the buyer and seller. The project may not go thru if Pulte cannot put in the amount of houses they need. They want to build in 91 homes and the present zoning allows for only 77 sites.
- Does the Sheriff's Department visit establishments that hold a liquor license? Lieutenant Schroeder said there were three businesses that sold alcohol to minors last year.
- What was the M5 Bridge check in the amount of \$3,700.00 for? David Campbell, Planning Director, said it was payment for the bridge architect and electrical contractor.
- Asked for the status on the color scheme for the M5 Bridge. David Campbell, Planning Director, said MDOT has the drawings for the blue wave panels on the south side of bridge, northbound approach. Has not decided on color schemes yet, although he would like to have color schemes for different times of the year such as holidays/events.
- Was property at the cemetery sold? Supervisor Scott answered no.

Trustee Sovel –

- In the process of reviewing insurance requirements for the Township.

Jay James, P.E. Building Official –

- Oakland County changed the assignment sheet for REU's. He forwarded them to Dawn Lund, to see how the rates will be affected. He will report back to the Board at the April, 2019 Township Board of Trustees meeting.
- A developer is very interested in purchasing the gravel pit.

**ITEM 13:2-12 ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no other matters to come before the Board.

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Creech, to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Charter Township of Commerce

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## memo

**To:** **Kristen Wiltfang**  
**Organization:** Oakland County Parks  
**From:** Leah Groya, Principal  
**Date:** 3/19/2019  
**Re:** Commerce Township Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan (2019-2023)

On behalf of Commerce Township, per the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements, and for your files, we are forwarding to you via email the **Commerce Township Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan (2019-2023)**. The Plan was adopted by the Township Board on March 12, 2019.

Thank you -



## memo

**To:** **Tyler Klifman**  
**Organization:** SEMCOG  
**From:** Leah Groya, Principal  
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**Resolution of Adoption  
Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan 2019 - 2023**

WHEREAS, the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of recreational facilities and activities in Commerce Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee has made investigations and surveys of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation facilities and services through the development of a Five-Year Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan for the period 2019 – 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Plan was developed with citizen input via an Opinion Survey in August/September 2018 of 340 individuals, a Public Workshop on September 18, 2018, and a Public Hearing on February 25, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, this plan meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), thereby making Commerce Township eligible for state and federal grant funding administered by the MDNR; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee, hereby adopts the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2019-2023 to serve as a guide for future parks, recreation and trail development and activities in Commerce Township.

Ayes: Rachel Kast, Barbara Garbutt, Tim Wichea, Linda Champagne  
Bill Petsch, Michelle Holmes

Nays:

Absent: Robert Berkheiser

Adopted: February 25, 2019

I, Rachel Kast, Chair of the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Commerce Township, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Committee at its Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2019.

  
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Rachel Kast, Chair  
Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Commerce Township

**Resolution of Adoption  
Commerce Township Board of Trustees  
Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan 2019 - 2023**

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WHEREAS, this plan meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), thereby making Commerce Township eligible for state and federal grant funding administered by the MDNR; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee adopted the Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan by Resolution on February 25, 2019; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commerce Township Board of Trustees, hereby adopts the Commerce Township Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan 2019-2023 to serve as a guide for future parks, recreation and trail development and activities in Commerce Township.

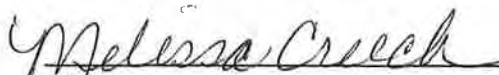
Ayes: Creech, Sovel, Scott, Berkheiser, Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Phillips, Magner

Adopted: March 12, 2019

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Board at its Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2019.

  
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Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Charter Township of Commerce



# COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

## CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:  
Parks, Recreation + Trails Master Plan (2019-2023)

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Charter Township of Commerce	Oakland	March 2019

### PLAN CONTENT

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

**1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

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

**Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

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

**3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

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

**4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice January 25, 2019

Type of Notice Newspaper; web/facebook

Plan Location Web; senior ctr; twp hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 25, 2019

Name of Newspaper Oakland Press; Royal Oak Tribune

Date of Meeting February 25, 2019

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: March 12, 2019

2. Official resolution of the Charter Twp of Commerce Parks Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: February 25, 2019

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: March 19, 2019

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: March 19, 2019

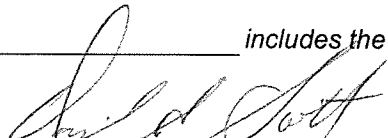
**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Charter Township of Commerce  
(Local Unit of Government)  
*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

3/27/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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



