CITY OF LANSING
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Virg Bernero, Mayor

FIVE YEAR RECREATION PLAN
2015-2020

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life through the preservation and maintenance of park lands, the provision of quality leisure time activities and the provision of special facilities which would otherwise not be available to Lansing residents.

Introduction

The 2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed as a guide for the City as they work to fulfill the Department's mission over the next 5 years. The plan will not only provide guidance, but is necessary to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The format of this plan has been established by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Section.

The plan was formulated based on information gathered, analyzed and compiled from the following sources:

1. Input from the citizens of Lansing through:
    - A community survey
    - Six (6) public meetings in conjunction with monthly Park Board meetings
    - Public Meetings
        - Park Board – Draft Review
    - Public Hearings
        - Park Board
        - City Council
    - Data gathered from various Parks Department surveys
2. Collaboration with other City planning efforts including:
    - The City-Wide Master Plan
    - The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
3. Evaluation of:
    - Demographics
    - Natural features
    - Parks and Recreation trends
4. Data compiled from previous Recreation Plans and City Policies

Accomplishments 2010-2015

Park Millage

Over the past five years, the department has been able to accomplish programmatic and capital improvement goals from the 2010-2015 recreation plan, largely due to the successful renewal of the Lansing Park Millage. A new one mil, five year millage was passed in August of 2010 with a 73% voter approval. If authorized to appear on the August 2015 ballot, the department can seek another renewal of one mil for five years. The department has been successful in using millage funds as a match for State grant funding. The following is a partial list of the projects that have been funded with millage and grant funding from 2010 to 2015.

Kids Camps: Each year, using park millage funds, the Parks Department sponsors a summer kids camp.

Maguire Park Playground and Park: Playground equipment and a picnic shelter were installed at the park, enhancing the southernmost trailhead of the River Trail.

Tennis Court Reconstruction at Georgetown and Elmhurst: Each park location has two tennis courts. All four courts were reconstructed.

Mount Hope Cemetery Basin – Phase III: The project involved the installation of the first section of the columbarium, decorative fountain and pool, landscaping, irrigation and benches.

Jones Lake Park: With the help of donations from Emergent Biosolutions, a grill, several picnic tables, and playground safety surfacing were installed at the park.

Kircher Ballfield Lighting: As one of the final phases to the ongoing improvements at Kircher Ballfield, the field lighting was replaced. By using current ballfield lighting products, the city was able to reduce the number of lights and poles while still providing increased and better lighting

River Trail Quarter Mile Markers: River Trail markers were replaced with new, recycled plastic, green 4” x 4” posts, standing 2 ½ feet tall.

Burchard Park Silo Demolition: The old and structurally unsafe silos at Burchard Park were removed.

Mount Hope Cemetery Basin – Phase IV: A paved walkway was constructed from the upper level to the lower basin level and from there connect all the elements which were part of Phase III.

Moores Park Swimming Pool: In 2013, the city partnered with the Lansing Board of Water and Light to repair the pumps at the Moores Park swimming pool.

River Trail Wall Repair and Bank Stabilization: Approximately 80 feet of gabion basket retaining wall had to be removed and replaced with a steel sheet piling wall along the trail behind General Motors near the Elm Street entrance. Where the River Trail runs north of Trager Park, bank stabilization measures had to be constructed to repair the bank after heavy rains damaged it.

Cherry Hill and Riverfront Parks: Floating docks were installed at each of the parks.

New ShowMobile: The city purchased a new ShowMobile mobile stage for special events. The new stage has many new features including an ADA accessible lift, generator and hydraulic leveling.

Scott Woods Bridge: The city contracted to have the bridge over the Sycamore Creek in Scott Woods repaired allowing River Trail access to users who park at Scott Woods.

Saginaw Street Bridge/River Trail Improvements: Repairs to the Saginaw Street bridge allowed for improvements to the River Trail by raising the level of the trail to help eliminate future flooding issues and allow trail users additional clearance under the bridge. This project also allowed for the extension of the pathway on the west side of the river to connect from Michigan Ave to Oakland Ave.

Crego Park: Following over 25 years of being closed to the public, re-Opened Crego Park with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. New features include an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch on a 15 acre lake, fishing platforms, and a connection to the Lansing River Trail.

City Wide Facility Improvements: Recipient of CDBG funding to install new and unique playground equipment at Gier Ball Fields, Letts Center, Davis Park and Baker Donora. These funds were also used to install an accessible canoe/kayak launch at Cherry Hill Park. Installed LED lighting at Gier Center and sound panels in the Letts Center gymnasium. Total investment over $260,000. Non CDBG funded improvements include new park entry signs were installed at Grand River, Crego and Kaynorth. Additionally, landscape improvements were completed at the following locations: Letts Center, RE Olds Monument at Kalamazoo Plaza and Burchard Park.

Turner Dodge: Renovations included water damage repair, exterior painting and masonry work. Total investment was just under $200,000

Burchard Park: Replaced decking on the fishing dock and demolished the deteriorating restrooms.

St. Joe Park: Installed Rugby Field that will be shared with Mid -Michigan Youth Football and the Capital Area Crisis Rugby Football Club. Greater Lansing Sports Authority provided the grant to fund the purchase of the goal posts.

Moores Park: Completed landscape improvements along with a new walkway by the dam. A new concrete retaining wall was installed by the River Trail bridge, in Moores Park, to prevent shore failure.

Projects completed by volunteer groups and local donors

The Friends of Lansing River Trail group was established as a 501c3 group. The group received contributions totaling over $5,000 at their first fundraiser event. There are over 350 friends to date.

Neogen, a local Lansing business and a neighbor to the east of Oak Park, donated the funds to construct a paved walking path in the park. They also have taken over the cost of maintaining the park.

The city received a cash donation and in-kind labor to repair the tennis court backboards at the Letts Community Center tennis courts.

The Friends of Greater Lansing Cemeteries raised funds to fix several monuments in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The group also participated in a cleanup effort at North Cemetery.

The Westside Neighborhood donated 2 grills for Letts Community Center.

The Friends of Dunnebacke Park installed a community garden, re-painted the pavilion and led several neighborhood events at the park.

The city teamed with 120 student and staff volunteers from New Covenant Christian School for a cleanup day at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Participants removed brush, raked leaves, and installed flower beds.

Michigan Department of Corrections inmates removed brush along the River Trail and at Grand River Park to help with sight lines and safety concerns in those areas.

Capital Region Community Foundation grant in the amount of $6,450 to purchase a tool trailer and tools for volunteer groups to use.

Basketball court repairs were made at a variety of parks by South Church of the Nazarene. This group also raised funds for the purchase of the supplies.

Burchard, Elm, St Joe, Elmhurst, and Ferris Parks received playground boarders by Michigan Department of Transportation's Youth Development Mentoring Program.

General Motors supplied money and staff for a field makeover with the Lansing Lugnuts at Quentin Park. Both fields received upgrades for the beginning of the youth baseball season.

New Covenant Christian Students planted roses, installed playground wood chips, and pulled weeds at Frances Park.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints painted the pedestrian bridge at Riverfront, weeded the landscape at Durant and installed playground safety surfacing at Graves, Baker Donora, Georgetown and Risdale Parks

Michigan State Police Human Resources Department installed landscaping in Riverfront Park at the Saginaw St. Bridge, installed playground surfacing at the City Market and Burchard Park. They also purchased 5 gallons of paint for the Riverfront Park pedestrian bridge.

Land Acquisitions

Hunter's Ridge – With the help of a Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition grant, the City was able to purchase the Hunter's Ridge property. The City plans to develop a network of nature trails and bike trails throughout the Hunter's Ridge area, and through the adjacent Fine Park.

Regionalization

In 2006, the Potter Park Zoo millage was passed, providing funding from Ingham County residents. In July 2007, the Zoo officially became an Ingham County run facility. Although the ownership of the Zoo remains with the city of Lansing, passage of a county-wide zoo millage put both the funding and management of the zoo under the County. The City and the County are also collaborating to share the maintenance of the River Trail. Currently, the County maintains the portions of the trail in and around Potter Park Zoo as well as the River Trail South segment from the zoo to Maguire Park.

Goals and Objectives

GOAL	OBJECTIVE
Goal I: Naturalization and Ecology Management	***Objective A:*** Identify potential natural areas in parks by creating no mow zones in areas that are currently not used for active recreation
	Objective B : Partner with Michigan State University and Fenner Nature Center to protect against invasive species that may currently exist within the parks
	Objective C: Identify current natural areas throughout the city for acquisition
	Objective D: Identify and maintain natural areas for wildlife
	Objective E: Minimize impervious area on new projects
	Objective F: Remove existing paved or otherwise impervious surfaces no longer being utilized within the parks.
Goal II: Tree Planting and Replacement	***Objective A:*** Protect the existing tree population through proper care and pruning
	Objective B : Install new trees where space and activities provide
	Objective C: Replace damaged or dying trees in parks
Goal III: Access to the Rivers	***Objective A:*** Install universally accessible canoe/kayak launch at Cherry Hill Park
	Objective B: Promote “blueways” similar to how trails and greenways are promoted
	Objective C: Identify erosion problems along the Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Sycamore Creek. In particular, areas adjacent to the River Trail. Work with city staff to determine necessary repairs
	Objective D: Protect and restore riparian buffers along rivers and creeks
	Objective E: Establish plans, with the help of volunteers, to remove trees and brush from the waterways
	Objective F: Plan special events that promote river related recreation activities
	Objective G: Provide access to the Baker Donora Center from the nearby River Trail

Goal IV: Parks Foundation	***Objective A:*** Establish 501c3 Friends of Lansing Parks group
	Objective B: Apply for grants specifically offered to 501c3 groups
	Objective C: Advocate for Parks and Recreation Department programs
	Objective D: Organize fundraising events to raise money for Parks projects and services
	Objective E: Organize volunteer driven Parks projects
Goal V: Non-motorized Trail Use	***Objective A:*** Update the Lansing River Trail map including new links to the South Lansing Pathway and the Delhi Township trail
	Objective B: Create off-road biking and hiking trails through Fine, Fulton, and Hunters Ridge parks
	Objective C: Extend the River Trail to the north to connect to the Delta Township path; from Moores Park to Riverside Park; from Frances Park to Grand River Park
Goal VI: Diversify and Expand Recreational Opportunities	***Objective A:*** Hold discussions with current park users to identify new recreational trends
	Objective B: Reach out to faith based organizations via the Mayor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives
	Objective C: Work with local school districts to develop more athletic teams
	Objective D: Reach out to the refugee community, and other potential new users, to determine recreational needs
	Objective E: Expand athletic fields, courts, and play surfaces to meet growing needs of youth and adult recreation

Action 2015-2020

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, neighborhood park renovations, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement projects that are not grant eligible. For example, every year funds are allocated for improvements and maintenance of five to six neighborhood playgrounds. These items are not included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or park millage, or they are not eligible for MDNRE grant funds.

Several Capital Improvement projects from the 2010-2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were not completed in the last five years. These items are being moved forward into this Plan or proceeding through other organizations. Those items include:

- River Trail – Extend River Trail from Moores River Drive to Riverside and Grand River Parks.
- River Trail – Extend northern route to Delta Township.
- Location TBD – Develop an outdoor basketball facility.
- City wide – Maintenance and sustainability of neighborhood parks.

Capital Improvement Schedule

Project	Match	Potential Grant Funds	Project Total
River Trail - Extend Northern Route to Delta Township	$1,500,000	$500,000	$2,000,000
River Trail – Moores River Dr. to Riverside Park to Grand River Park	$452,500	$1,357,500	$1,810,000
TBD - Develop an Outdoor Basketball Facility	$25,000	$25,000	$50,000
Maintenance and Sustainability of Neighborhood Parks	$250,000		

Political Boundaries

Lansing is the capital city of Michigan, and is the sixth largest city in the state. It is located in Ingham County and is bordered by the cities of East Lansing, Holt, DeWitt, and Delta Township. Lansing is an urban area with small areas of undeveloped land which are mainly held by the City of Lansing, Lansing School District and the Board of Water and Light. The city is divided into four political wards.

Land Use Patterns, Development Trends and Zoning

With the resurgence of the local and state economies, there have been several new developments in downtown Lansing including redevelopment of the Lansing Board of Water and Light Ottawa Street Power Station into offices for the Accident Fund World Headquarters, a new city market, conversion of the Prudden Wheel Factory into lofts, the new Board of Water and Light Cogeneration Power Plant, and the construction of the Stadium District mixed use building. A partnership between the City, the Lugnuts, and a local developer was formed to break ground in November, 2014, on a new business/residential development project on the north side of Cooley Law School Stadium, and a new apartment building adjacent to the city market just completed construction in early 2015.

The Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development is responsible for building safety, code compliance, economic incentive programs and administration of the zoning code, land use planning and the City Master Plan. Working closely with elected officials, local developers, and local and state agencies, the Planning Department has been successful in continuing to move Lansing forward.

Natural Features

Topography

There is generally very little change in elevation within the city, except for areas that lie on the Mason Glacial Esker. The rivers and creek banks have gradually sloping banks that rise between 0 to 10 feet.

Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife

Lansing has abundant water resources. The Grand and Red Cedar Rivers, as well as Sycamore Creek, flow through the city. The Grand River flows east into the city from the western boundary to the central region of this city where it joins the Red Cedar River and from there it turns and flows north through the downtown. Just beyond downtown, the Grand River turns and flows westward to exit the city. The Red Cedar River enters the city on the eastern boundary at Michigan State University and flows westward until it joins the Grand River. The Sycamore Creek flows from the south end of the city north and joins the Red Cedar River at Shubel Park.

There are four lakes in the city. The department owns Fidelity Lake, located in the recently developed Crego Park. It was a borrow pit created during the construction of Expressway 127. It has sufficient size and water quality to support aquatic life and a fish population. There is public access to Jones Lake, a small lake in the northern region of the city, which is also owned by the department. Ingham County operates Hawk Island Park in the southern end of the city. This is another borrow pit that was converted to a small lake with public

access for swimming, boating and fishing. The only other lake in the city is Bear Lake, which is owned by Michigan State University and does not currently provide public access.

The floodplains and wetlands associated with the rivers and creeks provide many benefits to the city including a pollution buffer for the waterways, storm recharge areas and wildlife habitat. Many of these areas are associated with city-owned park land and consequentially are preserved from development.

The waterways, and the small and large land holdings, provide valuable habitat within an urban environment that benefit fish and other wildlife. The contiguous green space created from the proximity of several park areas in the city as well as the rivers provide key wildlife corridors in the city. There are two areas where the combined park land creates large wildlife corridors. One area is over 705 acres and it includes Potter Park, Shubel Park, Fenner Nature Center, Crego Park, Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemetery, Scott Woods and Hawk Island. The other area is over 128 acres and includes Bancroft Park, Groesbeck Golf Course, Ormond Park and Fairview Park.

The abundant water resources provide fishing opportunities as well as wildlife habitat. Natural areas such as the Fenner Nature Center, Crego Park, Shubel Park and Scott Woods provide habitat for wildlife from small rodents to wild turkeys, fox, deer, cranes and other birds.

Soils and Vegetation

The majority of the soils in the city are disturbed urban soil, classified as Marlett-Capac soils. These soils are associated with well drained to poorly drained loamy soils. There is also a large ratio of land within the floodplain of the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers that is subject to periodic flooding and silting. Most of the land, with the exception of Scott Woods, has been disturbed by development. The existing vegetation was primarily planted through the years. The park lands contain a large amount of Oak, Ash and Maple trees in the drier areas and Black Locust, Willow, Box Elder and Cottonwoods along the river banks.

Climate

The city experiences four-seasons, modulated by the effect of the Great Lakes. The climate is typical of most Michigan cities in the Lower Peninsula.

Transportation

There are several different types of transportation routes in the city. There are surface roads, highways and expressways that run through and around the city. Buses for public transportation are owned and operated by the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA). The buses stop near many of the parks and community centers. The Spec-Tran service offered by CATA provides paratransit service for people who are unable to use CATA's fixed route service. There are also non-motorized transportation routes in the city including on-street bike lanes, sidewalks and the River Trail. The River Trail system is the heart of the existing non-motorized trail network. In the late fall of 2014, the River Trail South segment was extended by more than six miles, beginning at Maguire Park and terminating at Waverly Road just south of Jolly Road. At the same time the City completed the extension of the Frances Park Trail, from Mount Hope Road to Waverly Road. This trail segment runs along the south side of the Grand River.

Planning Initiatives

There are a few key planning initiatives underway in the City. Information is continually shared between the various City departments and their consultants to allow for cohesion of information between the various plans, and to encourage a shared vision for Lansing.

Lansing Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Board reviewed the *Design Lansing* Plan at public meetings on August 2, September 6, October 4, and October 18, of 2012. After its public hearing on November 9, 2012, the Planning Board adopted the Plan. It was then transmitted to the Mayor for City Council consideration and final adoption, and on April 9, 2012, the Design Lansing Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council.

In this plan, Lansing has shown that it can unite around a new vision – the vision that is supported by the Administration and adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council. That vision will not be realized, however, without the continued support of Lansing's citizens. This community support is needed to ensure that:

•The goals, objectives and policies of the plan are put into practice.

•Functional plans, (e.g. corridor improvement plans, streetscape plans, the Consolidated Plan, the Parks and Recreation Plan, etc.) support the comprehensive plan.

•Regulatory realignment is implemented to reflect new realities and the new vision. Placemaking, quality and community appearance are key elements of Lansing's future success.

•The plan is updated regularly, with a course correction every five years as required by law.

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

The City Public Service Department, with assistance of trail planners and trail design consultants, is developing a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The goal of the plan is to develop a framework for creating a comprehensive network of sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, crosswalks and other non-motorized facilities in the city of Lansing. The plan will include maps of existing and proposed routes, guidelines, policies, objectives, strategies and actions for implementation of the plan. As part of this initiative, the City Council adopted the Complete Streets Ordinance in August 2009. The ordinance states that the city will have a non-motorized network plan, and will update it every 5 years. The ordinance sets a goal of 5% of infrastructure funding per year for non-motorized facilities. The City will begin updating the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in the spring of 2015.

Adado River Front Park

The construction of the Market Place Development began, in 2009, on the east side of the river with the new Lansing City Market. Future phases include an outdoor artificial skating rink and a mixed-use condominium complex. The condominiums were completed in the late fall of 2014.

Adado Park has hosted the Common Ground Music Festival for the last 10 years. The main stage is set up across the river from the City Market. Each year the main stage is rented and it is one of the largest expenses. The construction of a festival stage would greatly impact the festival's bottom line and provide facilities for other events that take place in the park throughout the summer. The City is currently working on updating the Adado Riverfront Park master plan, and is looking into grant opportunities to begin some of the improvements.

Demographics

The Lansing region, in Michigan, offers a range of opportunity. Incubation and innovation, renowned research capabilities with global connectivity, leading edge employers, incredible talent and abundant resources await you. Located in south-central Michigan, and within a two-hour drive of 90% of the state's population, the Greater Lansing area offers easy access to the Midwest and is one of the region's most affordable places to work and live.

Historically a hub for industry, academia and government, Lansing has broadened its horizons and is now a leader in a wide variety of categories including being a hub for insurance company national headquarters, information technology and nuclear physics. The City of Lansing offers a diverse, well-educated and growing population, plus ready access to one of the world's premier education resources in Michigan State University. (Source: LEAP website)

Lansing is the largest population center in the tri-county area which includes Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties. Lansing, in fact, has a larger population than Clinton or Eaton County. It is a diverse community with most of the population in the working age range of 18 to 65, with the median age being 32. Skilled workers in a variety of occupations live in the City with the top three industries being education services, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing.

Most people work within 19 minutes of their home. The majority of people drove to work, but the passage of the Complete Streets Ordinance in August 2009 by the Lansing City Council and the current development of the Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan show public and administrative support of providing infrastructure for non-motorized transportation. The population of Lansing steadily declined over the past 20 years. The decline is greater in Lansing than in any of the tri-counties. The decrease was first caused by emigration to the surrounding suburban areas and more recently due to poor economic conditions in Lansing and the State of Michigan. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of September 2014, Lansing has a 5.3% unemployment rate compared to 6.7% for the state of Michigan.

Below is a list of Lansing's top employers. The list is quite diverse, with representation from government, manufacturing, health care, retail, and service providers.

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Largest Number of Employees by NAICS Code

Name of Company	Number of Employees
STATE OF MICHIGAN	14,390
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	11,100
SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM	7,000
GENERAL MOTORS	5,800
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE GROUP	3,700
LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE	3,144
LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT	3,000
MCLAREN HEALTH	3,000
PECKHAM INC	2,510
MEIJER STORES	2,000
MEIJER DISTRIBUTION CTR	1,500
COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPT	1,400
DELTA CTR	1,398
JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	1,300
DART CONTAINER CORP	1,200
DEMMER CORP	1,110
DEAN TRANSPORTATION INC	800
DELTA DENTAL	800
US POST OFFICE	750
QUALITY DAIRY	730
SPARTAN MOTORS CHASSIS INC	730
BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT	722
MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOC	615
MULTI PACKAGING SOL (JOHN HENRY)	600
LEAR CORP	550
SAM'S CLUB	550
CITY OF EAST LANSING	548
ATTORNEY GENERAL	530
CONSUMERS ENERGY CO	500
PNC BANK	500
ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE CO	445
SYMMETRY MEDICAL	430
EAST LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	420
BURCHAM HILLS RETIREMENT CMNTY	400

Administrative Structure

Executive Branch - Mayor
Article 4 of the City Charter establishes the executive branch of government. The Charter establishes the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the City of Lansing. The Mayor is responsible for the implementation and administration of city policy. The Mayor is elected every four years. The office is currently held by Mayor Virg Bernero, who was reelected in November 2013 to serve from January 2014 to December 2017.

Legislative Branch - City Council
The City Council is comprised of eight members serving four year terms, whereby four members represent individual political wards and four members are elected at large. Below is a list of each of the members:

1st Ward	Jody Washington	At large	Kathie Dunbar
2nd Ward	Tina Houghton	At Large	Judi Brown Clarke
3rd Ward	A'Lynne Boles	At Large	Vince Delgado
4th Ward	Jessica Yorko	At Large	Carol Wood

Advisory Board - Park Board
The department is assisted by a citizen based Park Board which serves the department in an advisory capacity. Members of the Park Board are appointed to four year terms by the Mayor and approved by City Council as provided for under Article 5, Chapter 1 of the City Charter. The Park Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at various park facility locations. Current members of the park board are as follows:

1st Ward	Rita O'Brien	At Large	Paul Holland
2nd Ward	Rick Kibbey	At Large	Veronica Gracia Wing
3rd Ward	Adam Hussain	At Large	Clayton "Gib" King
4th Ward	Jim McClurken	At Large	Brian Beverly

Regular monthly meetings are held to review the progress and concerns of the department and to ensure that all activities are in accordance with the accepted city policy. The board itself may propose changes in the department's operations for the purpose of making the department or program more effective. Proposed policies and programs, or change in existing policies or programs requiring Council action, must be submitted by the Department Director to the Park Board prior to submission to the Mayor and Council for action. The board in turn submits written recommendations concerning the proposal to the Mayor, along with the department's proposal. When the Mayor submits the proposal to council for action, the board's recommendations are also forwarded. This same procedure is followed with regard to budgetary matters. Each year, prior to December 1st, the board is required to prepare a written report evaluating the effectiveness of services and analyzing the status of priorities for services and activities of the department.

Mission and Roles

PARKS & RECREATION
The Department of Parks and Recreation creates community through people, parks and programs. The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance lifestyle opportunities for the citizens of Lansing through the provision of leisure time activities, and the preservation and maintenance of park lands and special recreation facilities. The Department accomplishes this mission in the following ways:

- organization of youth, adult, and senior citizen recreational programming in parks, community centers, schools, swimming pools, nature center, and historic home;
- regular maintenance of all parks and natural areas owned by the City of Lansing, including maintenance of Lansing's urban forest areas through regular cycles of tree planting, fertilization, and trimming;
- providing public golfing opportunities at Groesbeck Golf Course which support recreational and league play in the area;
- providing burial services and cemetery maintenance at the City's three municipal cemeteries;
- supporting youth through the teaching of life-skills through The First Tee of Mid-Michigan program at Sycamore Creek Golf Academy
- provision of special recreation facilities such as Ranney Skate Park, Soldan Dog Park, Gier Park BMX Bicycle Track, Cooley Gardens, Frances Park Rose Garden and the Lansing River Trail linear park.
- sustaining working partnerships with the Lansing School District, Ingham County Parks and Recreation, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing Community College, Capital Region Community Foundation, Michigan State University and various community banking organizations.

The Department receives advisory support from the citizens of Lansing by encouraging their involvement in the following citizen groups: City of Lansing Parks Board, Friends of Turner-Dodge, Fenner Conservancy, the individual Community Center advisory boards and their youth advisory boards, the Baseball and Softball advisory boards and over 38 neighborhood park "Friends" groups. The Department provides support in policy decisions regarding recreational options and facilities to the Mayor and City Council.

Organization

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of four separate divisions:

- Administration

The Administration Division includes Management and Business Administration, Park Design, Planning and Research, and the staff support for park and pavilion rentals, event planning, and support services for both the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund programs. The Management and Business Administration section is responsible for the salary, hourly, Temporary Employment Agreements, and seasonal payroll and time cards. This section also processes procurement card reconciliations, accounts payable and receivable, and processes paperwork for yearly employee evaluations and step increases.

- Field Services

Funding for Field Services which includes; Forestry, Grounds and Landscape Maintenance, and Athletic Field and Pool Maintenance, is located in this part of the budget. Staffing for these activities now resides in the Public Service Department. Below is a description of these services.

The Forestry Section of the Field Services Division is responsible for maintenance of safe and healthy trees in City parks and on City streets. Care includes trimming and removal of dead, damaged or diseased trees and limbs from these areas. They also maintain and stock a city nursery, which provides trees for residential streets, parks, cemeteries, and golf course plantings as needed. Grounds & Landscape Maintenance Section is responsible for care and maintenance of turf, shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers, as well as planting new growth for the next season. They also handle repair of tables, benches, signs and playground equipment, as well as ice and snow removal on trails, parking areas, and park sidewalks during the winter season. Athletic Fields and Pool Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance of City athletic fields and the public outdoor pools at Hunter and Moores Parks, as well as Cemetery burials and grounds maintenance (see Cemetery Fund).

- Leisure Services

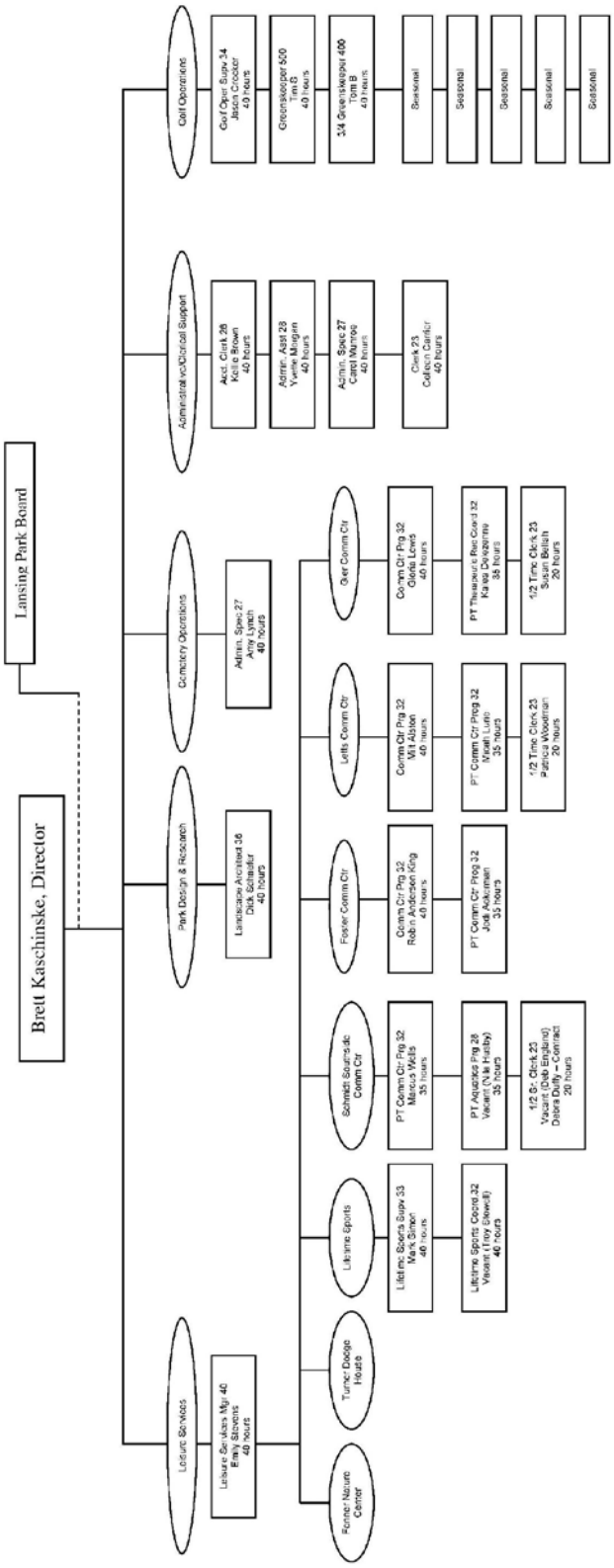
The Leisure Services Division operates recreation programs at four Community Centers (Gier, Foster, Letts, Schmidt), Special Recreation Services (Hunter and Moores Swimming Pools, Kids Camp and Therapeutic Recreation) and Lifetime Sports. The division also operates specialized facilities such as the Turner-Dodge House (historic home) and the Fenner Nature Center. Programming at the Fenner Nature Center is conducted by the Fenner Conservancy.

- Golf Operations

The department operates Groesbeck Golf Course which is an 18 hole golf course located at 1600 Ormond. The Sycamore Driving Range and Practice Facility is operated by The First Tee of Mid-Michigan, and is located at 1526 E. Mount Hope Avenue. This program provides quality instruction on the game of golf for youth and adults. The First Tee of Mid-Michigan operates the driving range, which is open to the public for practice.

Facilities

Programmed recreation sites are Letts, Gier, Schmidt and Foster Community Centers; Groesbeck golf course; Sycamore Golf Academy and Driving Range; Lansing River Trail; Moore's Park and Hunter Park swimming pools; Fenner Nature Center; the Turner-Dodge House; Davis, Gier, Ranney, Sycamore, Davis and Kircher Park ball fields. We have several neighborhood parks and athletic fields throughout the city where recreation programming occurs throughout the year. We also provide several facilities for rental which include Frances Park Rose Garden and Overlook, and Cooley Gardens.


Lansing Park Board
Brett Kaschinske, Director
Leisure Services
Leisure Services Mgr 40
Erin Stevens
40 hours
Ferner Nature Center
Turner Dodge House
Lifetime Sports
Lifetime Sports Supv 33
Mark Simon
40 hours
Lifetime Sports Coord 32
Vacant (Troy Stewart)
40 hours
Schmidt Sports dc Comm Ctr
PT Comm Ctr Prog 32
Marcus Wells
35 hours
PT Aquatics Prog 28
Vacant (Nate Hadley)
35 hours
1/2 Sr. Clerk 23
Vacant (Deb England)
Debra Duffy – Contract
20 hours
Foster Comm Ctr
Comm Ctr Prog 32
Robin Anderson King
40 hours
PT Comm Ctr Prog 32
Josh Ackerman
35 hours
Letts Comm Ctr
Comm Ctr Prog 32
Will Abbott
40 hours
PT Comm Ctr Prog 32
Micah Lutts
35 hours
1/2 Time Clerk 23
Patricia Woodman
20 hours
Gier Comm Ctr
Comm Ctr Prog 32
Gloria Lewis
40 hours
PT Therapeutic Rec Coord 32
Kaleb Dougherty
35 hours
1/2 Time Clerk 23
Susan Belish
20 hours
Park Design & Research
Landscape Architect 36
Dick Schneider
40 hours
Cemetery Operations
Admin. Spec 27
Amy Lynch
40 hours
Administrative/Clerical Support
Acct. Clerk 28
Kim E Brown
40 hours
Admin. Asst 28
Yvette Morgan
40 hours
Admin. Spec 27
Carol Munros
40 hours
Clerk 23
Colleen Carter
40 hours
Golf Operations
Golf Oper. Supv 34
Jason Crocker
40 hours
Greenskeeper 500
Tim S
40 hours
3/4 Greenskeeper 400
Tom B
40 hours
Seasonal
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Relationship with Other Agencies, Departments and Organizations

Regional Directors Group
As a spin off of the 2000-2005 Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan process, a Regional Directors Group was formed and later was renamed the "Heart of Michigan Trails". The intention was to meet on a regular basis to maintain contact with each other in an effort to advance regional goals. That group has evolved into a regional trails group, but several park directors felt it beneficial to continue to meet and discuss a broad range of topics. The group meets on a quarterly basis and includes directors from the City of Lansing, DeWitt, East Lansing, Meridian Township, Eaton County, Ingham County, Delta Township, Delhi Township, and Portland.

Lansing School District
Lansing park property abuts many of the District schools leading to a school/park relationship. In 2009, the South Side Community Center opened at the former Harry Hill High School. The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, Police Department and Lansing School District are sharing the facilities including recreational and meeting spaces. The schools also use many of the park facilities for school athletic functions. The department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities as well. The department is working with the Lansing School District in hopes of improving integration between the school district's numerous facilities and the department's programming ability. The intent is to foster a close integration and cooperation to prevent the duplication of facilities to allow both organizations to better serve the Lansing residents.

Fenner Conservancy

Through a license agreement, the Fenner Conservancy now manages programs at the Fenner Nature Center. The City maintains ownership of the property and provides some funding for staffing and maintenance.

Lansing Boat Club

The Lansing Boat Club manages the Lansing Municipal Marina located at Grand River Park.

Downtown Lansing, Inc

The Downtown Lansing, Inc. promotes the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods in Lansing. They also organize several social and recreational events in downtown Lansing each year, including Frost Fest, Taste of Downtown, Trick or Treat on the Square, Silver Bells in the City, and Breakfast with Santa.

Citizen Advisory Groups

The department is assisted by several citizen advisory groups. These groups have been formed to advocate for a particular facility or recreational activity. During the planning and budgetary process, they advocate for their specific area and throughout the year they provide many hours of volunteer support, as well as funding for many development projects and equipment at various park facilities. The size and membership of these groups vary from a few to several hundred. Each has established its own set of by-laws and several of them operate as non-profit corporations.

Department Sponsored Boards

Organization	Park or Facility
Foster Center Advisory Board	Foster Community Center
Foster Park Youth Advisory Board	Foster Community Center
Gier Park Advisory Board	Gier Park Community Center
Letts Advisory Board	Letts Community Center
Letts Youth Advisory Board	Letts Community Center
Schmidt Center Advisory Board	Alfreda Schmidt Community Center

Friends Groups

Organization	Park or Facility
Friends of Cooley Gardens	Cooley Gardens
Friends of Frances Park	Frances Park
Friends of Turner Dodge House	Turner Dodge House
Friends of Ferris Park	Ferris Park
Friends of Durant Park	Durant Park
Friends of the Lansing River Trail	River Trail
Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries	Evergreen, Mt. Hope and North Cemeteries
Friends of Hunter Park	Hunter Park
Friends of Bancroft Park	Bancroft Park
Friends of Reutter Park	Reutter Park

Neighborhood Organizations

Various neighborhood groups organized through the Lansing Neighborhood Council and Neighborhood Watch Program assist the department with neighborhood specific parks and facilities. See Appendix for list.

Other Organizations

Organization	Park or Facility
Lansing Community College	Westside and Ranney Park
Old Town Commercial Association	Burchard Park
Lansing Garden Club	Scott House: Sunken Gardens
Greater Lansing Food Bank	Foster Park
MSU Women's Crew	Grand River Park
MSU Men's Crew Club	Grand River Park
Lansing Oar and Paddle Club	Grand River Park
J & K Steamboat	Grand River Park
Lansing Boat Club	Grand River Park
Capitol Area BMX Association	Gier Park
Moores Park Neighborhood Organization	Moores Park
Friends of Fenner Conservancy	Fenner Conservancy
Information Technology Empowerment Center	Foster Community Center
Greater Lansing African American Health Institute	Letts Community Center

Other Organizations (cont.)

Organization	Park or Facility
Peppermint Creek Theater	Miller Road Community Center
Neogen	Oak Park
Michigan State University Softball Club	Ranney Park
Mid Michigan Turf LLC	Hope Soccer Complex

Policies

Charter of the City of Lansing

Establishment:
The Charter of the City of Lansing, Michigan, was approved by the voters on August 8, 1978. Article 1, Chapter 1, Section 101 states, "The people of the City of Lansing, by adoption of this home rule Charter, create and continue a body corporate known as the 'City of Lansing' and provide for continuing control of their municipal corporation."

Sale of Land:
Section 403.6 of the Charter states, "No park, recreation, cemetery, or waterfront land may be sold without the approval, by a majority vote, of the electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special election."

Grants:
City Council Grants Policy (Resolution 357 of 11/23/98) states, "Any grant shall be subject to the same budgetary policies required of other City expenditures as required in Sections 7-107 through 7-110 of the City Charter. Applications for grants requiring the addition of City staff or a City match of $10,000 or more, or exceeding $100,000 or exceeding one year in length, shall require a financial impact statement and approval of the City Council. Any grant funded position shall terminate upon the expiration of elimination of grant funding. No grant, which is subject to these provisions, shall be accepted without the approval of City Council."

City Council Policy Resolutions

Park Land Policy:
This policy was adopted by City Council, in 1979, and covers policies and procedures for the acquisition, development, encroachment and disposal of park land. In April 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution classifying City properties as dedicated park land. City ordinance states that the Mayor shall designate whether or not property acquired shall be added to the written inventory. When the Park Board is advising the Mayor on acquisitions, they need to recommend whether the land should be dedicated as park land and recommend a classification for the acquisition (i.e. neighborhood, community, city-wide or special use park).

Funding and Budget

Operating Budget
The Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget is funded through the general fund of the City. The department also administers two enterprise funds for the Golf and Cemetery operations. The enterprise funds are used to cover operating and capital costs. Service and program fees are charged to offset the general fund operations.

Infrastructure Budget
The capital improvement projects for the Parks and Recreation Department are funded in the City's infrastructure budget. The Parks and Recreation portion of this infrastructure budget is also known as the Lansing Park Millage. The city of Lansing's definition of a capital improvement project is a project that has a useful life of at least ten years and costs no less than $15,000. Capital improvement projects must meet accounting definitions for items that can be capitalized. Generally, professional services and free-standing equipment are not considered to be capital improvements.

Current and Projected Budget 2013 – 2015

Department Appropriation	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Projected	FY 2015 Adopted	% Change FY 14 Amended FY15 Adopted
Parks and Recreation					
General Fund	$6,629,218	$7,048,750	$7,430,195	$8,790,130	5.30%
Cemeteries Fund	636,516	713,800	713,800	$703,830	-2.40%
Golf Fund	863,241	932,400	920,326	$891,640	-0.50%
Parks Capital Improvements	215,000	300,000	300,000	$1,260,000	21.70%
Total Parks & Recreation	$8,343,975	$8,994,950	$9,364,321	$9,410,070	

Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Parks and Recreation Department. It allows the Department to assess the quantity and type of facilities and where they are located, identify where new facilities should be built, where ADA upgrades are needed. It also allows the Department to showcase the variety of programs and events offered, and opportunities for programs and events. The City performs annual on-site inspections of each park, continually updating the Facilities Inventory as renovations and additions occur so they have a current list. Programs and events administered by the Parks Department within the past year are included in the program and event listing.

After the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, in 1990, the Parks and Recreation Department developed a Transition Plan. The process involved completing accessibility assessments of the Lansing Park system and its facilities. The plan targeted barriers that hinder the availability of services, facilities, programs and activities for people with disabilities. The plan was completed and adopted by the City Council, in 1993. The Parks and Recreation Department's recent projects have been constructed to comply with all federal and state statutes regarding barrier-free compliance, including a universally accessible canoe and kayak launch at Crego Park. It is a goal of the Department to continue to bring all facilities into compliance with these standards.

PARK FACILITIES INVENTORY

LANSING PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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F-3	ADADO RIVERFRONT	1,4	18.42								●			●		D	●	●	●	CW	CITY MARKET, AMPHITHEATER FESTIVALS
E-8	ATTWOOD	3	28.80		●	●				●	●	●								C	LARGE OPEN FIELD
C-6	AVERILL	3	8.00		●					●										N	
H-2	BANCROFT	1	42.43		●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		C	KETTLE LAKE
F-5	BARB DEAN TOT LOT	1	0.89						●	●	●									N	
E-2	BASSETT	4	3.40		●	●			●	●										N	
F-8	BECK	2	10.50							●							●			N	
F-8	BLUEBELL	2	2.71			●				●										N	
F-3	BURCHARD	4	5.10							●	●		●	●		D	●	●	●	CW	FISH LADDER, N. DAM, CANOE PORTAGE
G-5	CAESAR-DONORA	1	2.90							●										C	
F-7	CAVANAUGH	2	25.10		●	●				●										C	
G-4	CHERRY HILL	4	4.97					2	●	●		●				R / D	●	●		N	
G-5	CLIFFORD	1	5.44		●	●		3		●	●						●			N	COMMUNITY GARDEN
E-3	COMSTOCK	4	8.29	2		●				●	●			●	●		●			C	
F-4	COOLEY GARDENS	4	1.40								●	●		●			●	●		CW	FORMAL GARDEN
I-5	CREGO (LARGEST)	2	200.70										●			D	●	●	●	U/W	LAKE FRONTAGE, NATURAL SETTING, KRUEGER LANDING
C-8	DAVIS	3	45.80	4	●	2	●			●	●		●	●			●			CW	FARMERS MARKET
F-2	DIETRICH	4	5.00								●	●	●				●	●	●	CW/ W	
F-2	DODGE	4	8.69											●			●	●	●	CW/ W	HISTORIC HOUSE, INDOOR MEETING CENTER
D-3	DUNNEBACK	4	6.40					2		●	●	●								N	
F-3	DURANT	4	3.00							●	●									C	HISTORIC SITE, ARCH
F-2	EDMORE	4	0.40							●	●							●		N/W	
G-4	ELM	1	5.60	●		●											●	●	●	C/W	
D-5	ELMHURST	3	5.30		●	●		2		●										N	
G-6	EVERETT	2	3.00		●	●	●										●			C	
I-3	FAIRVIEW	1	4.20										●					●		CW	NATURAL AREA

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I-5	FENNER NATURE CENTER	2	130.00								●		●	●			●	●		CW	ARBORETUM, TOURS
F-3	FERRIS	4	5.92			2				●	●									N	LARGE OPEN FIELD
A-7	FINE	3	35.99															●		U/W	
I-6	FOREST VIEW	2	8.10		●	3		2	●	●	●	●			●		●			N	
I-4	FOSTER	1	4.00		●	3				●	●	●		●						N	COMMUNITY GARDEN
I-3	FOSTER COMM. CTR.	1	2.30						●	●	●			●			●			C	COMMUNITY CENTER, GYM
C-5	FRANCES	4	57.80		●	3	●		●	●	●	○	●	●			●	●		CW/ W	FORMAL FLOWER GARDENS, RIVER OVERLOOK
A-6	FULTON	3	26.30							●	●	●				D	●	●		C/W	RIVER OVERLOOK
E-9	GEORGETOWN	3	11.20		●	3		2		●	●	●								N	
G-1	GIER	1	36.22	4		●				●				●	●		●			CW	COMMUNITY CENTER, GYM, SOFTBALL COMPLEX, BMX TRACK
I-6	GLEN EDEN	2	2.50																	N	
C-5	GRAND RIVER	4	41.62											●		R/ D	●	●		CW/ W	
A-1	GRAND WOODS	4	139.3							●	●	●	●	●			●	●		C/W	ADMINISTERED BY DELTA TOWNSHIP
C-8	GRAVES, GERALD W.	3	8.74			●				●										N	
F-5	GREENCROFT	2	1.50																	N	
B-7	HILLBORN	3	6.20		●	●				●										N	
E-4	HILLSDALE	4	3.20							●										N	
D-6	HOLLY	3	5.00							●										N	
D-1	HORSEBROOK	4	4.37			●				●										N	
E-3	HULL COURT	4	1.30						●	●			●							N	
H-4	HUNTER	1	14.00			●		2		●	●	●	●	●			●			C	OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL, SPRAY PARK, GREEN HOUSE
C-6	INGHAM	3	11.80		●	●				●										N	
G-5	IRVING	1	0.40																	N	
F-1	JONES LAKE	4	2.38							●							●	●		N/W	LAKE FRONTAGE
G-4	KALAMAZOO PLAZA	4	0.83								●						●	●		C/W	R.E. OLDS MEMORIAL STATUE
G-8	KAYNORTH	2	2.55							●										N	
G-7	KENDON	2	5.72	●		●														N	
I-2	KIMBERLY	1	19.50																	N	NATURAL MARSH ECOSYSTEM
E-4	KINGSLEY (LETTS CC)	4	4.60		●	●		4		●	●	●		●			●			C	COMMUNITY CENTER, GYM, COMMUNITY GARDEN

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J-4	KIRCHER	1	6.70	●						●	●			●			●	●	●	CW	BASEBALL STADIUM
G-3	LARCH	1	0.50																	N	
C-5	LEWTON	3	1.70				●													N	
G-6	LYONS	2	5.00			●		2												N	
H-7	MAGUIRE	2	8.86							●							●	●	●	CW	
H-9	MARSCOT	2	5.00		●			2		●										N	
H-3	MARSHALL	1	11.40	2		●	●		9	●	●	●		●			●			C	SAND VOLLEYBALL
E-8	McKINCH	3	22.50		●	●				●										N	
B-3	MICHIGAN AVE.	4	28.12		●										●		●			CW	
G-8	MILLER ROAD COMM. CTR.	2	0.30											●			●			C	INDOOR MEETING CENTER
F-1	MOORE, HAROLD	4	2.20			●			●	●	●	●								N	
F-5	MOORES	4	22.90		●	●		2		●	●	○		●		D	●	●	●	C/W	SHUFFLEBOARD S. DAM, OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL, LABYRINTH
I-7	MUNN	2	14.36			●					●						●	●		N/W	
G-3	OAK	1	16.70			●				●	●			●	●		●			N	
H-3	ORMOND	1	8.20		●	●				●										N	
D-3	OSBORN	4	0.60		●					●										N	
D-7	PLEASANT VIEW	3	7.40			●														C	
G-5	POTTER	1	98.50		●	●				●	●	○		●			○	●	●	CW/ W	ADMINISTERED BY INGHAM COUNTY, ZOO – FEE
H-2	PORTER	1	10.70		●	●			●	●										N	
G-6	POXSON	2	16.70			●				●										N	
D-5	QUENTIN	4	10.30	2				2		●					●					C	
J-3	RANNEY	1	19.10	●				2						●	●		●			CW	SKATEBOARD PARK, HANDBALL
F-2	REASONER	1	6.62		●	●				●	●	●								N	
J-4	RED CEDAR	1	61.30											●		●	●	●		CW	NATURAL AREA
H-4	REGENT	1	4.90							●										N	
F-6	REOLA	2	0.60			●				●										N	
F-4	REUTTER	4	3.00								●									C	FOUNTAIN
D-7	RISDALE	3	17.60	●	●	2				●							●			N	COMMUNITY GARDEN

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F-4	RIVERPOINT	1	4.37							●	●	●				D	●	●	●	C/W	RIVER CONFLUENCE
E-5	RIVERSIDE	4	7.30															●		N/W	
D-4	ST. JOSEPH	4	18.80	3	●	●		6		●				●			●			C	
F-4	SCOTT CENTER AND PARK	4	5.50											●			●	●		CW/ W	SUNKEN GARDEN, INDOOR MEETING CENTER
H-6	SCOTT WOODS	2	86.80			●				●	●	●	●				●	●	●	CW/ W	NATURAL SETTING, DOG PARK
G-2	SEVENTH	1	1.58			●				●										N	
C-8	SCHMIDT COMM. CTR	3				●				●							●				LEASED FROM LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT - GYM, AUDITORIUM, POOL, MEETING ROOMS
H-5	SHUBEL	2	55.50															●	●	CW/ W	CEMETERY OFFICE
H-4	STABLER	1	1.30			●				●										N	
H-5	STROUD	2	0.80																	N	
C-2	SUNSET HILLS	4	0.40																	N	
G-5	SYCAMORE	2	10.00	●	●	●	●			●				●			●			C	
I-6	TAMMANY	2	1.60			●				●										N	
D-2	TECUMSEH	4	39.00		●	●		2		●	●	●						●		N/W	
G-5	TRAGER	1	0.60															●	●	N/W	
F-2	TURNER (SMALLEST)	1	0.04								●									N	MINI PARK
C-7	WAINWRIGHT	3	5.40		●			2			●	●								N	
G-7	WALDO	2	0.50			●				●										N	
H-4	WALSH	1	4.00		●	●				●										N	
F-6	WASHINGTON	4	44.01	●						●	●	○		●			●			CW	
C-3	WAVERLY	4	87.80											●			●			CW	NATURAL AREA
F-4	WENTWORTH	4	0.90															●		C/W	
D-3	WEST SIDE	4	15.50	2	●	●	●				●	●		●			●			C	HORSEHOES
F-10	WILLOUGHBY	2	50.00																	U	
B-1	WILSON	4	4.92		●	●		2		●	●	●								N	
B-6	WOODCREEK	3	4.43		●			2		●										N	

TOTAL PARK ACREAGE 1912.57 AVERAGE PARK SIZE 18 ACRES

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GOLF COURSES																					
C-6	GROSEBECK	1	74.00											●		●	●			CW	18 HOLES, SHOWERS, LOCKERS, FEE*
F-6	SYCAMORE	2	53.20											●			●	●		CW	DRIVING RANGE

TOTAL G.C. ACREAGE 127.20 AVERAGE G.C.SIZE 63.6 ACRES

CEMETERIES

G-7	EVERGREEN	2	103.90																		
G-6	MT. HOPE	2	84.20															●			
J-6	NORTH	2	14.40																		

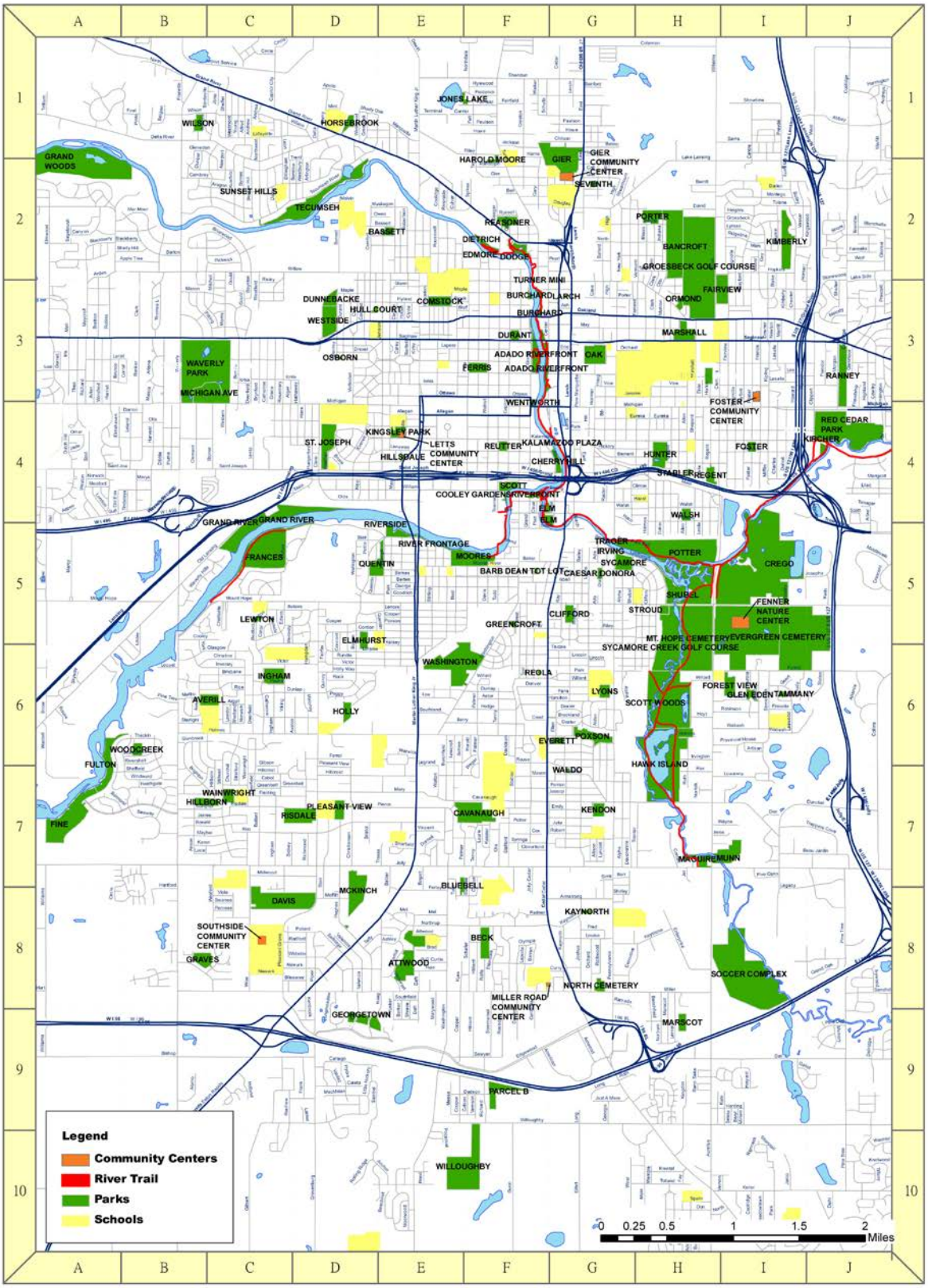
TOTAL CEM. ACREAGE 202.5 AVERAGE CEM. SIZE 67.5 ACRES

RIVERTRAIL 16 MILE LENGTH AS OF 2014

	1, 2, 4 PAVED AND BOARDWALK TRAILWAY ALONG THE RED CEDAR AND GRAND RIVERS (SEE ACCESS POINTS ABOVE)	L

● = ONE FACILITY/ACTIVITY ○ = FEE

CLASSIFICATION
C = COMMUNITY PARK
CW = CITY WIDE PARK
L= LINEAR PARK
N = NEIGHBORHOOD
U = UNDEVELOPED
W = WATERFRONT



Lansing Parks and River Trails

Comparison to Recreation Standards

The city of Lansing park land was classified using the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for mini, neighborhood, community, or linear Park and the Cities definition of a city-wide park based on size, equipment, facilities and location.

Lansing has 17.7 acres of park land per 1,000 people going beyond NRPA guidelines of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of land per 1,000 people. The various park types are distributed throughout the four city wards. The quantity of neighborhood parks is above the minimum recommended acreage. The acreage for community parks is below the recommended amount. There are several undeveloped sites that, once developed, will most likely be classified as community parks. The development of these parks will bring the community park acreage within the recommended acreage per thousand people.

City of Lansing Parks						
Park	**Mini-Park (0.25 -.5 A/1000)**	**Neighborhood Park (1-2 A/ 1000)**	**Community Park (5-8 A/ 1000)**	**City-Wide (no NRPA recomm.)**	**Linear Park (no NRPA recomm.)**	**City Total**
No. of Parks	8	50	24	25	1	106
Park Acreage						
Ward 1	1.34	85.37	83.0	318.44	X	488.15
Ward 2	0.8	78.14	38.4	334.36	X	451.7
Ward 3		107.87	62.5	45.8		216.17
Ward 4	0.9	86.76	227.42	285.04	X	600.12
Total Acres by Type	3.04	*358.1*	*411.3*	*983.6*	*16 Miles*	***1756.14***
Acres / 1000 people	**374.9**	**3.2**	**2.8**	**1.1**		
Other Park Land						
Undeveloped Park Land		Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Total
Acres			250.7	35.99		286.69
				Total City Park Land		2039.8
				Total Acres Park Land/1000 People		**0.55**
				Total City Parks		107.0
Cemeteries			3	Cemetery Acreage		202.5

National Recreation and Park Association, recommends 6.25-10.5 Acres/1000 people
Population of 113,972 based on 2013 US Census Bureau data

The City has 107 designated parks, 2 golf course facilities, 2 former golf courses, and 3 cemetery facilities for a total of 114 designated park facilities operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The City also has a lease agreement with the Lansing School District for the use of the South Side Community Center.

City-Funded Programs

Scholarships
The City offers partial scholarships to assist Lansing residents under 18 years of age who meet Federal HUD low income guidelines for the Lansing area. Scholarships may be used for Parks and Recreation sponsored programs and do not include team fees, supply costs, out of town trips or one day activities.

Turner-Dodge House
Public Visitor Hours: May-October
Meet Your City – local history lecture series on cable
Time Travelers History Camp
Harry Potter Days
Guided Tours, Tours & Tea
School Tours
Seasonal Teas
Holiday Luncheons
Old Fashioned Family Christmas: December
Children's Birthday Parties
Heritage Badge Program (Brownie Try-Its, Girl Scouts, Cub & Boy Scouts)
Rentals for Weddings and other special events
Mayors River Walk Destination
Concert on the Lawn site

Sports, Games and Fitness
Adult Baseball (Wooden Bat, Ages 30 & Over; Ages 40 & over)
Youth Baseball (Junior, Wildcat, Tee Ball)
Adult Basketball (Women, Men)
Youth Basketball
Girl's Basketball Clinic
Lil Hoopers Basketball Clinic (Co-ed, Ages 4-6)
Youth Flag Football
Youth Floor Hockey (Leagues, Pre & Post season tournaments)
Youth Floor Hockey Clinic (Ages 3-6)
Adult Softball (Men, Women, Co-ed)
Youth Softball (Slow pitch, Fast pitch)
Senior Softball (Ages 50 & over, 60 & over, 70 & over)
Youth Soccer
Adult Tennis (Men, Women, Mixed doubles)
Adult Volleyball (Men, Women, Co-ed)
Sand Volleyball (Co-ed)
Camp Lansing (Youth Basketball, Youth Soccer)
Low Impact Aerobics
Pilates
Adult Karate (Beginning & Advanced)
Youth Karate (Beginning & Advanced)
Family Karate
Jr. Karate
Kai Shin Ryu Karate
Pre-School Gymnastics (Ages 2-4)
Teddy Bear Indoor Soccer (Ages 3-5)
Youth Wrestling
Yoga
Acrobatics
Tai Chi
Roller Skating

Open Recreation
Evening Open Basketball
Evening Open Volleyball
Youth Recreation (Ages 6-17)
Teen Recreation (Ages 13-17)
Adult Game room
Tot Time (Ages 5 & under)
NIA Dance

Dance
Tap
Ballet
Modern Dance
Jazz (Levels I & II)
Mexican (Levels I & II)
Belly (Beginning, Intermediate, Master & Choreography)
Clogging

Ballroom
Pre-Dance
AcroDance
Latin Dance
Hawaiian Hula Dance
Creative Movement
Urban Dance
Women's Improvisational Dance
Scandinavian Dance
Hip Hop

Fifty Plus Programs
50 + Men's Basketball League
Fit for Life Exercise/Walking Program
Walking for the Health of It
Tai Chi
Getting in Shape
Line Dancing
Chair Exercise
Clogging
On-going Guest Presentations to include the following topics:

- Senior Employment
- Diabetes
- Blood Pressure
- Bone Density
- Medications
- Estate Planning
- Medicare
- Nutrition
- Heart Disease
- Fire Safety
- Quit Smoking
- Internet Fraud
- AARP
- Tri-County Office on Aging Programs

Picnics
Travelogue
Potluck Dinners
Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Valentine Celebration
Christmas Celebration Dinner
Halloween Party
Evening Dances
Euchre
Skip-Bo
Billiards
Darts
Crafts
Bridge
Table Tennis
BINGO
Board Games
Birthday Celebrations
Soaring Eagle Trip
Domino Farms Trip

Enrichment Classes & General Interest:
Scrap Booking
Learn to Sew
New Items and Craft Sale
Birthday Parties
Beginning Piano (Adult and Youth)
Conversational Japanese
Conversational Spanish
Conversational Italian
Chess Theory
Antique Appraisals
Babysitting
Girl Power
Massage Therapy
Ukrainian Egg Art
Cake Decorating
Dog Training
Crocheting
Knitting (Adults)
City Kidz Knit
Genealogy Search
Written Memories Class
Hunter's Safety
Home Buying Seminar
Financial Resources
Model Builder's Workshop
Young Chefs
Travelogue

Skratch DJ
Basic Home Repair
Successful Futures
Social Graces
CPR/First Aid
Computer Lab
Computer Classes
- Adult Computer Fun
- Beyond the Basics
- Computer Instead of Typewriter
- Spreadsheets
- Making it Look Good
- Mail Merging
- Microsoft Publisher
- Timesaver on Word
- Power Point Presentations
- Intro to Internet
- Viruses/Losing Documents
- Intro to Access

Creative Drama
Poetry Reading/Teens
Rubber Stamping Cards
Planning Your Flower Garden

Special Programs
Community Centers Summer Programs
Kids Camp Program/Field Trips
Summer Teen Recreational/Field Trip Program
Hotcakes for the Holidays
Lunch with Santa
Drive-up Santa
Teddy Bear Lunch with Santa
Christmas Carnival
Brunch with the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt
Teen Limousine Scavenger Hunt
Monster Munch Lunch
Teddy Bear Halloween Party
Teddy Bear Ooey Gooey Fun Day
Barbie Party (Theme parties)
Horseback/Hayride
Carnival
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Boarshead Theater Presents
Scrabble Tournaments

Co-Sponsored Capital Area District Library (CADL) Programs:
Pre-school Story time
Pre-school Crafts
Toddler Story time
Becoming a Story Teller/Teens
Babies and Books
Adult Book Discussion
Family Nights/Presentations
Parent/Child Activity Time

Programs Supported at City Facilities

Fenner Nature Center
Programs funded through the Friends of Fenner Nature Center:
Nature Day Camp – 2 different themes each summer
Fall Color Walk
Winter Wildflowers
Spring Wildflowers
Animal Tracks and Signs
Spring Bird Walks – Weekly for April and May
Winter Night Hikes – (2)
Spring Evening Walks
Beginning Bird Watching
Landscaping for Wildlife
Bird Feeding Tips
Nature for Preschoolers
Explorations for Parent and Child
Designing a Butterfly Garden
Girl Scout Badges – (7)
Brownie Try-Its (9)
Cub Scout Badges
Saturday Children's Programs – Seasonal, natural history, art, etc.
Interpretive tours for schools, scouts, adults
Programs in the community for schools, adult service clubs, etc.
Maple Syrup Festival

Apple Butter Festival
Earth Day Event
Arbor Day (at Potter Park)
International Migratory Bird Day (at Fenner and Potter Park)

Tri-County Office on Aging – Meals on Wheels
Letts & South Side Community Center

Lansing Events

Various events are held in Lansing and at Lansing parks and facilities throughout the year. When events are held at Lansing parks and facilities the Department schedules the facilities, makes sure that the site is prepared and cleaned up afterwards. The Department also rents a Showmobile to groups in the Lansing area that can be used as a portable stage for events. The following is a list of 2014 events.

Sponsored by Others (* denotes Showmobile rental/use)

- Clifford Park Neighborhood Association Picnic
- Common Ground Music Festival at Adado Park
- U.S.S.A. Tournament at Kircher Municipal Ball Field
- Michigan Baseball Players Association Tournament at Gier Park
- Faith Fellowship Baptist Church Annual Youth Block Party at Walsh Park
- Capitol Area BMX Association "Capital Area Fun Day" at Gier BMX Track
- Friends of Cooley Gardens "Glass Artist Presentation" Fundraiser at Cooley Gardens
- Michigan Amateur & Recreational Volleyball Association (MARVA) Volleyball Tournament at Marshall Park
- Latin American Softball League Game at Davis Park
- Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce "Ultimate Member Mixer" in Old Town and Turner Mini Park
- Blues on the Square downtown Lansing*
- Meadows Music Celebration in DeWitt*
- MHSSCA Tournament at Ranney Park
- Child Benefit Fund BBQ at Reutter Park
- "Celebrating the Legacy" – Letts Advisory Board Fundraiser at Letts Community Center
- 3rd Annual Westside Summer Fest
- "Alls Well that Ends Well" play at Adado Park
- Moores Park Neighborhood Carnival at Moores Park
- Juneteenth Festival Make Up Baseball Game at St. Joseph Park
- "Lansing 150 Rocks" music festival on the Capital lawn*
- YMCA 5k Race
- National Night Out Kick Off at Washington Park
- Poetry in the Park at the Scott House near Cooley Gardens
- Lansing JazzFest in Old Town and Turner Mini Park
- Mount Hope United Methodist Church "Vacation Bible School" at Clifford Park
- Senior Activities Fair at Gardner Middle School
- Greater Lansing Area Horseshoe Pitchers Association Tournament at Westside Park
- City of Lansing Employee Picnic at Frances Park
- Bless Fest at Adado Park
- Southside Showcase at Davis park
- 15th Annual Lansing Community College Caribbean Festival
- Eastside Jubilee at Hunter Park
- Gospel Concert at Adado Park
- Capital Area Mustangs Car Club "Cruise-N-For-A-Cause Car Show" at Adado Park
- Shared Pregnancy Women's Center "Labor of Love Run/Walk" on the Lansing River Trail
- Lansing 150 Labor of Love Festival at Adado Park
- "Over the Edge" Fundraiser

- 2nd Annual Walk for Christ & Christian Festival
- Motor City Pride Basketball Tournament at Kircher Municipal Baseball Field
- Old Town BluesFest in Old Town and Turner Mini Park
- 3rd Annual Back in the Day Community Festival at Frances Park*
- Montessori Children's House School Picnic at Frances Park
- 10th Annual Capital City African American Parade & Family Reunion at Ferris Park and downtown*
- Cruisin the Gut Classic Car Show
- Capitol City River Run "Fall into Fitness", Lansing River Trail and Adado Park*
- Old Town Oktoberfest in Old Town and Turner Mini Park
- American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Run/Walk downtown
- Silver Bells in the City*
- Turkeyman Trot

<u>Sponsored by Lansing Parks and Recreation Department</u>

- Concerts in the Park at various parks throughout the City*
- 4th of July Parade*
- 50th Anniversary Celebration of Fenner Nature Center – co-sponsored by Friends of Fenner Nature Center*
- Lacrosse Camp
- Senior Picnic at Letts Community Center

Department of Natural Resources - Recreation Grant History

Project No	*Application Year*	*Project Title*	*Grant Amount*	*Grant Status*	*Project Description*
26-00045	1966	Sheffield Park (formerly Southwest River Park)	$69,615.00	Closed	Acquire 26.78 A for park development & scenic drive extending Moores River Dr.
26-000550	1974	Lansing Outdoor Ice Rink	$190,063.00	Closed	Building addition, ice making equipment, fencing, batter boards, lighting, walks, parking and site development
26-00693	1976	Lansing Riverfront Park	$82,812.31	Closed	Wharf and starter deck, 2 lighted deck tennis courts, viewing deck, site furniture, signs, landscape, LWCF sign
26-00926	1977	Dietrich Park Development	$38,714.31	Closed	Develop 5 acres for parking, pedestrian/bike path, landscape, site preparation, LWCF sign, 2 docks with stairs and entry woodwork
26-01023 J3	1977	Davis Park	$38,781.05	Closed	Well, vault toilets, decking & steps, pathway, fence, parking, road, bench, landscape, picnic tables, fire circle, LWCF sign
26-01023 K3	1977	Lansing Tennis courts at four Parks	$46,317.49	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts at Marscott, River Street, Wilson and Woodcreek Parks
26-01023 L3	1977	Forest View Park	$14,312.91	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts
26-01023 M3	1977	Gier Park	$60,438.00	Closed	Lighting & fencing for 3 existing ball diamonds, LWCF sign
26-01060 C4	1975	Theo Fulton (Sheffield) Park	$30,454.31	Closed	Overlook dock, play area, parking, picnic area, LWCF sign
26-01134	0	Lansing Riverpoint Park (formerly Elm St. Park)	$31,300.00	Withdrawn	Development of dock, boat ramp and parking lot
26-01221	1981	Chadwell Launch	$53,297.83	Closed	Develop canoe launch, demolition, earth moving, retaining walls, asphalt path, landscape, dock, LWCF sign
26-01296	1984	Lansing Urban Recreation Trail	$68,407.00	Closed	Trail, demolition, site development, landscape, boardwalks, furniture, signs, asphalt path, LWCF sign at Elm and Cedar Street.

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TF86-229	1986	Urban Recreation Trail	$262,500.00	Closed	Construction of 2 links to Riverfront Trail. Commence at Elm St. east of S. Cedar.
TF87-244	1987	Lansing Urban Rec. Trail	$250,000.00	Closed	Continue trail east of Potter Park Zoo towards MSU.
TF88-138	1988	River Trail	$375,000.00	Closed	Continue walkway along Grand River with observation decks, fishing & canoe access
TF88-139	1988	Lansing River Trail	$80,250.00	Withdrawn	
TF89-187	1989	Lansing River Trail '89	$375,000.00	Closed	Continue River Trail from Turner Dodge Mansion to Brenke Fish Ladder. Boardwalk, stairs, grading, walls/handrails, paving and landscape
BF89-405	1989	Moores Park Renovations	$272,325.00	Closed	Rebuild restroom, renovate and resurface 12 concrete shuffleboard courts, renovate picnic shelter and stairs, resurface 2 tennis courts, parking, play equipment and landscape.
BF89-407	1989	Potter Park Renovations	$200,000.00	Closed	Renovation of pavilion including new restroom facilities and renovation of farmyard area in the zoo.
TF90-261	1990	Lansing River Trail '90	$316,500.00	Closed	Construction of asphalt pedestrian path with wooden decks along the Grand River from Grand River Ave. to the Dodge Mansion
BF90-262	1990	Fenner Natural Area	$187,500.00	Closed	Redevelopment of existing trail system, new barrier-free loop, interpretive signs, educational exhibits in the center and paving existing parking lots.
BF91-096	1991	Tennis Court Repairs	$97,500.00	Closed	Test 3 methods of repairing cracked asphalt at Clifford, St. Joseph and Ranney and replacement of fence.
BF91-097	1991	Riverpoint Park	$159,300.00	Closed	Develop the River Trail from Elm St. to Washington Ave. and Riverpoint Park and from Clippert St. to Kalamazoo St.
BF93-270	1993	Neighborhood Play Equip.	$210,000.00	Closed	Adding modern accessible play structures at Davis, Washington, Frances and Hunter Parks

26-01536	1993	Frances Park Renovations	$101,537.51	Closed	Restoration of pavilion and overlook structures and removal/replacement of roads and parking lot surfacing/curb cuts for accessibility
TF95-122	1995	River Trail West-Phase 2	$375,000.00	Closed	Link existing River Trail from Spring St. to Riverpoint Park and from Riverpoint Park to Washington Ave.
TF96-102	1996	Frances Park Shoreline	$408,900.00	Closed	Provide improved parking areas, fishing docks and riverbank stabilization along the Grand River.
TF97-027	1997	River Trail Moores Park - Elm Street	$500,000.00	Closed	Construction of 1,600 feet of asphalt and boardwalk paths, bridge over Grand River and, on adjacent property, wooden stairs and walkway.
CM00-099	2000	Kircher Park Renovations	$360,000.00	Closed	Construction of new restroom/concession/equipment storage building, paved parking lot, fencing improvements and accessibility improvements.
TF02-127	2002	Moores Park Improvements	$247,800.00	Closed	Develop an extension to the Grand River Trail through Moores Park with riverbank stabilization and improved fishing access and canoe launch.
TF03-106	2003	River Trail South Extension	$226,500.00	Closed	Southern extension of the Lansing River Trail from Shubel Park to Hawk Island County Park. Ten foot wide, paved trail to connect residential neighborhoods to existing park land.
TF04-078	2004	River Trail South Extension	$500,000.00	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide asphalt trail to include a 14 foot wide bridge and site amenities which provides 8,100 linear feet of access to Sycamore Creek.
TF05-071	2005	Lansing River Trail South Extension	$426,500.00	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide, 4,100 linear foot bituminous trail, boardwalk and bridge along the Sycamore Creek from Hawk Island Park to Maguire Park.
TF06-050	2006	Hunter Pool Renovation	$500,000.00	Closed	Improvements to Hunter Park Pool including installation of splash park, upgrades to existing pool with zero depth entry, mechanical upgrades, drains and

					pool deck for water-based outdoor recreation in an urban setting.
TF10-050	2010	Crego Park Development	$500,000.00	Active	Improvements to Crego Park included permeable pavement parking lot, universally accessible kayak/canoe launch, walking paths, fishing docks, site amenities.
TF12-019	2012	Frances Park Trail Improvement	$300,000.00	Active	Improvement to the River Trail. Includes fishing docks, benches, bike racks, and viewing platform

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TF95-125	1995	Fenner Arboretum In holding Acquisition	$360,000.00	Closed	Acquire 10 acre parcel, a commercial inholding, and return it to its natural setting
TF97-218	1997	Poyet Parcel Acquisition	$900,000.00	Withdrawn	Acquire 31 acres of forested natural area in the Sycamore Creek corridor for preservation and extension of the River Trail.
TF08-147	2008	Hunter's Ridge Land Acquisition	$785,300.00	Active	Acquisition of 28.47 acres of property with 500 feet of frontage on the Grand River to be used for walking trails, wildlife viewing, fishing opportunities and habitat protection.

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The Department has maintained the facilities constructed with grant funds to allow for aesthetically pleasing sites and safe use for the public.

Non-City Owned Recreational Opportunities

Billiards

Barley's American Outpost: 727 E. Miller, Lansing
Freddie's Place: 2215 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing
Lansing Billiards: 5214 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
Pinball Pete's: 220 Albert, East Lansing
Pockets: 1618 S. Washington, Lansing
Royal Scot Bowling Lanes: 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
Tripper's: 354 Frandor, Lansing

Bowling

Spare Time Bowling Lanes: 3101 E. Grand River, Lansing
Lansing Bowling Association: 3407 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt
Marvelanes: 2120 M-78, East Lansing
City Limits Bowling Center: 801 N. Cedar, Mason
Michigan State University Union: Abbot @ Grand River, East Lansing
Pro Bowl: 2122 N. Martin Luther King, Lansing
Redwing Bowling Lanes: N. US-27, St. Johns
Royal Scot Lanes: 4722 W Grand River, Lansing
Sky Lanes: 5141 S. Martin Luther King, Lansing

Campgrounds

Hickory Lake Campgrounds: 11433 S Beardslee Rd., Perry
Lansing Cottonwood Campground: 5339 Aurelius, Lansing
Moon Lake Campground: 12700 S. Colby Lake Rd., Laingsburg
Mullican's Riverside Resort: 3266 N. Ionia Rd., Vermontville
Wheel Inn Campground: 240 Fogg, Leslie

Camps

Aim High Sports: 7977 Centerline Dr., Dimondale
Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting Retreats: 606 Outer Dr., Eaton Rapids
Girl Scout Camp Wacousta: 13360 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge
Mystic Lake YMCA & Pa-Wa-Pi YMCA Day Camp: 2306 Haslett, Lansing
Tutor Time Adventure Camp:
2273 Club Meridian Dr., Okemos
1150 Commerce Park Parkway, DeWitt

Canoe/Boat Rental

Burchfield Park: 630 ½ N. Cedar, Mason
Harlow's Wacousta Canoe Rental: 9988 Riverside Dr., Eagle

Clubs

American Legion:
112 S Howard, Lansing
731 N Clinton, Grand Ledge
1240 E. Grand River, Laingsburg
Capital City Old Car Club: 2373 W. Barnes, Mason
Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club: 4667 Gunnell, Dimondale
City Club of Lansing: 213 S. Grand Ave., Lansing
Country Club of Lansing: 2200 Moores River, Lansing
Family Motorcycle Club: 1206 S. Washington, Lansing
Jug & Mug Ski Club: 2216 E. Michigan, Lansing
Kiwanis Club of East Lansing: MSU Union Building, Williamston
Lansing Association of Women's Club: 301 N. Butler Blvd., Lansing
Lansing Boat Club: 2901 W. Main, Lansing Township
Lansing Sailing Club: 6039 E. Lake Drive, Haslett

Leiderkranz Club: 5828 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing
Metropolitan Flying Club: 2216 E. Michigan, Lansing
Michigan State Grange: 1730 Chamberlain Way, Haslett
Michigan Trap Shooting Association: 1534 Service Rd., Mason
Okemos Seahawks Aquatic Club: 1632 Alpha, Lansing
Polish Home Federated: 1030 Mt. Hope, Lansing
Rotary Club of Lansing: 417 Seymour, Lansing
Spartan Water Polo Club
Ten Pound Fiddle: 431 Gainsborough Dr., East Lansing
Tri-County Bicycle Association: 5825 Oak Knoll, Lansing
University Club of Michigan State: 3435 Forest Rd., East Lansing
V.F.W. Post 6034: 412 E. Main, Potterville
V.F.W. Post 7309: 1243 Hull, Lansing

Dance and Gymnastics

Academy of Dance Arts: 2224 E. Michigan, Lansing
Ann's School of Dance: 3320 E. Lake Lansing, East Lansing
Assiff Studio of the Dance: 140 W. Grand River, East Lansing
Baur Nancie Dance Studio: 2018 Cedar St., Delhi Twp.
Synergy Dance: 1723 E Grand River, Okemos
Children's Ballet Theatre: 1235 Center St., Lansing
Dance Fusion: 2168 Cedar St., Delhi Twp.
Dance World: 16262 Chandler, East Lansing
Danzalot LLC: 1493 Haslett Rd., Haslett
DeMellio Studio of Dance: 1115 ½ N. Washington, Lansing
Donna Marie's Studio of Dance: 800 Thomas L. Parkway, W. Delta Twp.
Great Lakes Gymnastics: 1900 S. Cedar, Lansing
Greater Lansing Ballet Company: 2224 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Happendance Studio YWCA: 3448 Hagadorn, Okemos
Island Dance Center: 224 S. Main, Eaton Rapids
Karyn's Dance Place: 4462 Holt, Delhi Twp.
Lansing Chamber Dance: 2456 Cedar St., Holt
Red Cedar Gymnastics: 1860 ½ W. Grand River, Okemos
Rising Star Studio: 526 Lentz, Lansing
Studio de Dance: 1306 Michigan, East Lansing
Synergy Touring Company: 2002 Cedar St., Holt
Tari's Cornerstone Studio: 1673 Haslett, Haslett
Twistars USA Inc.: 9410 Davis Hwy., Dimondale
Patsy Watson School of Dance: 3222 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
Williams School of Dance: 128 W. Grand River, Williamston

Golf Courses - Miniature

DeWitt Family Golf Center: 11890 US-27, DeWitt
Funtyme Adventure Park:
800 Hogsback, Mason
6295 E. Saginaw, Grand Ledge
3384 James Phillips Dr., Okemos
King Par Golf: 1410 W. Grand River, Okemos
WindRiver Adventure Golf: 5800 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing

Golf Courses – Practice Ranges

Applegate Golf Center: 2055 Towner, Haslett
Branson Bay Golf Course: 215 Branson Bay Dr., Mason
DeWitt Family Golf Center: 11890 US 27, DeWitt
El Dorado: 3750 W. Howell, Mason
Forest Akers Golf Course: 3535 Forest Rd., Lansing
Funtyme Adventure Park:
800 Hogsback, Mason
6295 E. Saginaw, Grand Ledge
3384 James Phillips Dr., Okemos
Highland Hills: 450 W. Alward, DeWitt
King Par: 1410 W. Grand River, Okemos
Lansing Golf Center: 5855 M-99, Dimondale

Eagle View Golf Club: 2602 Tomlinson, Mason
Royal Scot: 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
Timber Ridge: 16339 Park Lake, East Lansing

Golf Courses - Private

Country Club of Lansing: 2200 Moores River, Lansing
Grand Ledge Country Club: 5813 E. St. Joseph Hwy, Grand Ledge
Walnut Hills: 2874 Lake Lansing, East Lansing

Golf Courses - Public

Akers: Mt. Hope & S. Harrison, East Lansing
Bonnie View: 194 S. Michigan, Eaton Rapids
Branson Bay: 215 Branson Bay, Mason
Brookshire Inn: 205 W. Church, Williamston
Centennial Acres: 12485 Dow Road, Sunfield
Eagle View Golf Club: 2395 S. Washington, Lansing
El Dorado: 3750 W. Howell, Mason
Glenbrier: 4178 W. Locke, Perry
Governors Club of Michigan LLC: 4036 S. Hagadorn, Okemos
Grand Ledge Country Club: 5813 E. St. Joseph, Grand Ledge
Hawk Hollow Golf Course: 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath
Highland Hills: 450 E. Alward, DeWitt
Hunter's Ridge Golf Course: 8101 Byron Rd., Howell
Indian Hills: 4887 Nakoma, Okemos
Ironwood Links: 742 N. Eifert, Mason
Lake O' the Hills: 2101 LacDuMont, Haslett
Ledge Meadows: 1801 Grand Ledge Highway, Grand Ledge
Meridian Sun Golf Club: 1018 Haslett Rd., Haslett
Oak Lane: 800 N. Main, Webberville
Pine Hills: 6603 N. Woodbury, Laingsburg
Prairie Creek: 800 Web Road, DeWitt
Royal Scot: 4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
The Falcon at Hawk Hollow: 555 Quarter Horse, East Lansing
Timber Ridge: 16339 Park Lake, East Lansing
Twin Brook: 2200 Island Hwy., Charlotte
Twin Oaks: 6345 N. US-27, St. Johns
Wheatfield Valley: 1600 Linn Rd., Williamston

Health & Fitness

Court One:
1609 Lake Lansing, Lansing
2291 Research Circle, Okemos
Curves for Women:
2040 N. Aurelius Rd., Delhi Twp.
602 Elmwood Rd., Delta Twp.
Fitness USA:
5611 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Frandor Mall, 656 Frandor
Go Work Out: 6135 W. Saginaw, Lansing
Gold's Gym: 4790 S. Hagadorn, Lansing
Hawaii Health Spa: 4979 Lansing Rd., Lansing
Michigan Athletic Club: 2900 Hannah, East Lansing
Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Art:
5218 S. Martin Luther King, Lansing
2128 Hamilton, Okemos
One on One Personal Training: 4749 Central Park, Okemos
Powerhouse Gym: 12900 US-27, DeWitt
Spartan Swim Team
World Gym: 2380 N. Cedar, Holt
YMCA:
Dewitt Branch, 13161 Schavey Rd., DeWitt
Downtown Branch, N. Washington Ave., Lansing
Oak Park Branch, 900 Long Blvd, Lansing
Parkwood Branch, 2306 Haslett Rd, East Lansing
Westside Community, 3700 Old Lansing Rd., Lansing

Museums

Abrams Planetarium: Michigan State University, East Lansing
Impression Five: 200 Museum Dr., Lansing
Michigan Historical Museum: 717 W. Allegan, Lansing

Eli and Edith Broad Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing
Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center: 925 W. Ottawa
Michigan State University Kresge Art Gallery: Michigan State University, East Lansing
Michigan State University Museum: W. Circle Dr., East Lansing
Michigan Women's Museum & Hall of Fame: 213 W. Main Street, Lansing
R.E. Olds Transportation Museum: 240 Museum Dr., Lansing
Telephone Pioneer Museum: 221 N. Washington Sq., Lansing

Nature Centers

Harris Nature Center: 3998 Van Atta Rd. Okemos
Woldumar Nature Center: 5739 Lansing Rd. Delta Twp.

Skating Rinks/Parks/Rental

Apple Sports: 1050 Trowbridge, Lansing
Edru Skate-A-Rama: 1891 S. Cedar, Holt
Suburban Ice Sports: 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing
Munn Ice Arena: Michigan State University, East Lansing
The Summit: 9410 Davis Hwy., Dimondale

Theatres - Cinema

Celebration Cinema: 200 E. Edgewood Blvd., Lansing
Lansing Mall West Cinema: 921 W. Mall Dr., Lansing
Studio C: Meridian Mall, 1999 Central Park Dr., Okemos
Meridian 8 Theaters: 1982 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos
NCG Lansing Cinemas: 2500 Showtime Dr., Lansing Township
Sun Theatre: 316 S. Bridge, Grand Ledge

Theatres – Performing Arts

All of Us Express – Childrens: 3222 S. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Lansing
Lansing Community College: 401 N. Capitol, Lansing
Michigan State University Department of Theatre: East Lansing
Riverwalk Theatre: 228 Museum Dr., Lansing
Wharton Center: Michigan State University, East Lansing

Lansing School District Facilities

The Lansing School District and the Parks Department share many facilities and programming choices. The schools use some park facilities for school activities and the Department's athletic and summer programming often use school facilities. The Parks Department also runs the school aquatic programs.

The Lansing School District covers 52 square miles and is the 5th largest school district in the state of Michigan. It includes 23 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, 6 magnet programs, 2 administrative and support facilities and 1 vocational/alternative education building. It is one of twelve school districts within the Ingham Intermediate School District.

Non-Public Schools

There are 26 different non-public schools from parochial, Montessori to charter schools including Capital Area Academy, Education Options, Cole Academy, El-hajj Malik El-shabazz Academy, Emmanuel Lutheran School, Greater Lansing Adventist School, Hope Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir, Lansing Baptist School, Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing Christian Schools, Lansing Seventh-Day Adventists, Harley Franks Early Childhood Center, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, Mid-Michigan Public School Academy, Montessori Children's House, Mosaica Education, New City Academy, New Covenant Christian School, Our Savior Lutheran School, Pam's Academy of Champions, Resurrection Catholic School, St. Gerard Catholic School, IHM Catholic School and Windemere Park Charter Academy.

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

Sleepy Hollow State Park, State of Michigan

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located in Clinton County off Price Road and US-27, between St. Johns and Laingsburg. The park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and contains over 2600 acres, with a 410 acre lake, Lake Ovid, which was developed from the Little Maple River.

The Park has a modern campground with 181 sites and restroom accommodations. Also available is a rustic youth organization site for youth groups, scouts and church and school group use. The camp sites are within a short walk to the park's beach area. Day use facilities at the park include a ½ mile beach with beach house and concessions, shelters and picnicking, play equipment, restroom facilities, ball fields, trails for hiking and mountain biking, groomed cross-country ski trails, and activities such as snowmobiling, hunting and trapping (during appropriate seasons) and year round bird watching.

Sleepy Hollow is also the site of the annual Indian Pow-Wow, hosted by the Lansing North American Center.

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area, State of Michigan
Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is located in Bath and Woodhull Townships with parking off of Bath, Clark, Peacock, Robson, State, Stoll and Upton Roads. The park is operated by the MDNR and contains Rose lake, Potter Lake and a portion of Mud Lake.

Existing facilities provide opportunities to study wildlife habitats, and activities such as hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and trails for hiking and mountain biking. Most of the facilities provide limited access. Parking and roadways are around the perimeter with facilities located in the middle.

Burchfield Park and Riverbend Natural Area, Ingham County
Burchfield Park contains the Riverbend Natural Area within it, making Burchfield Park the county's largest park. The park contains over 540 acres and is located along the central western edge of the county, south of Lansing between Dimondale and Holt, along the Grand River. The land is mostly wooded with some grass areas. The park also contains the McNamara Canoe Landing, which is state owned land that Ingham County has a long-term operating agreement for.

Existing features include: more than 6 miles of hiking trails, over 10 miles of mountain bike trails, a softball diamond, bank and boat fishing, a beach with swimming on a natural spring fed pond, canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals, horseshoe pits, nature day camp, picnic grounds & shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, a stocked fishing pond, 6.9 miles of cross-country ski trails with rentals and lessons, two sledding hills, dual 700 foot toboggan runs and a warming lodge & snack bar.

Hawk Island Park, Ingham County
Hawk Island Park is Ingham County's most recent development. The park is located in the city limits of Lansing, between Aurelius and Pennsylvania with access to the park on the north side of Cavanaugh Road. The north end of this park connects to Scott Woods, a City of Lansing park. It is also where the Soldan's off leash dog park is located.

The park was built on the former Solomon Gravel Pits, reaching completion in 2001. Facilities at the park include: a 35 acre lake, beach, bath house, boat rental, fishing with the lake stocked, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through the park and, cooperatively with the City, into Scott Woods Park and Sycamore Golf Course. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park.

In 2003 and 2004, the City was awarded MDNR and MDOT grant funding to extend the River Trail South from Potter Park to Hawk Island. This connection was completed in 2007. In 2009 the trail was extended south to Jolly Road. The long term goal is to extend the trail further south to Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex.

Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex, Ingham County
The Kenneth A. Hope Soccer Complex is a premier soccer complex in the tri-county area. The complex consists of six state-of-the-art fields that have earned World Cup ratings. The complex officially opened September 9, 2000. Located at 5801 Aurelius Road, between Jolly and Miller Roads in Lansing the complex will be utilized for youth recreational soccer, adult leagues and tournaments.

Lake Lansing Park - South, Ingham County
Lake Lansing Park – South contains 30 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Lake Lansing and Marsh Roads in Meridian Township. The park is formerly the site of a popular amusement park. The old carousel building was preserved and remains on location. The park is very popular during the warm months because of its sandy swimming beach. Overcrowding is typical during warm weekends with swimmers and boaters. Currently, the County Parks Department owns and leases out the house at the southwest end of the property. Access to the picnic shelter is paved and also handicap accessible.

Existing facilities include: a amphitheater/band shell, beach and bath house, horseshoe pits, pedal boat rental, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds and tricycle track, shuffleboard courts, snack bar, volleyball courts, and ice fishing.

Lake Lansing Park – North, Ingham County
Lake Lansing Park – North consists of 410 acres of land and is operated by Ingham County Parks Department. It is located to the northeast of Lake Lansing in Meridian Township, with a majority of the park lying north of Lake Drive. Only a small boat launch links Lake Lansing Park – North with Lake Lansing. A good portion of the park is wooded upland consisting of mature oaks and maples. Much of the park is marshlands, consisting of pine plantations and transitional field grasses.

Existing facilities include: softball diamonds, a boat launch, hiking trails and boardwalks, horseshoe pits, nature study area, picnic grounds and shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, cross-country skiing and rentals, ice fishing and winter warming lodge.

East Lansing Soccer Complex, East Lansing
The East Lansing Soccer Complex includes 7 full-size fields and one smaller practice field that are available for use for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, Frisbee, kickball, shelter, concession, restrooms and team rooms. It is located at 3700 Coleman Road, just off Chandler Road in East Lansing.

East Lansing Softball Complex, East Lansing
The East Lansing Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. It is located at 410 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

Alliance Lake Softball Complex, Potterville
Alliance Lake Softball Complex includes 4 lighted ball fields that support softball, baseball and kickball. The complex is located southwest of Lansing in Potterville at 515 Alliance Drive.

Fitzgerald Park, Eaton County
Fitzgerald Park is a 78 acre park operated by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. It is located at 133 Fitzgerald Park Drive, in Grand Ledge, along the Grand River and is on top of ancient sedimentary rocks known as the “Ledges.” The park offers picnicking, trails, a Nature Center, ball diamonds, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, a playground, and disc golf, sledding, and skateboard park. The park also rents canoes and cross-country skis seasonally.

Naturalist services are offered at the park, by the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Naturalist, for civic groups, school groups, and any other organization. These services include presentations on ecology (i.e. trees, plants, wildlife, and natural history).

Lincoln Brick Park, Eaton County

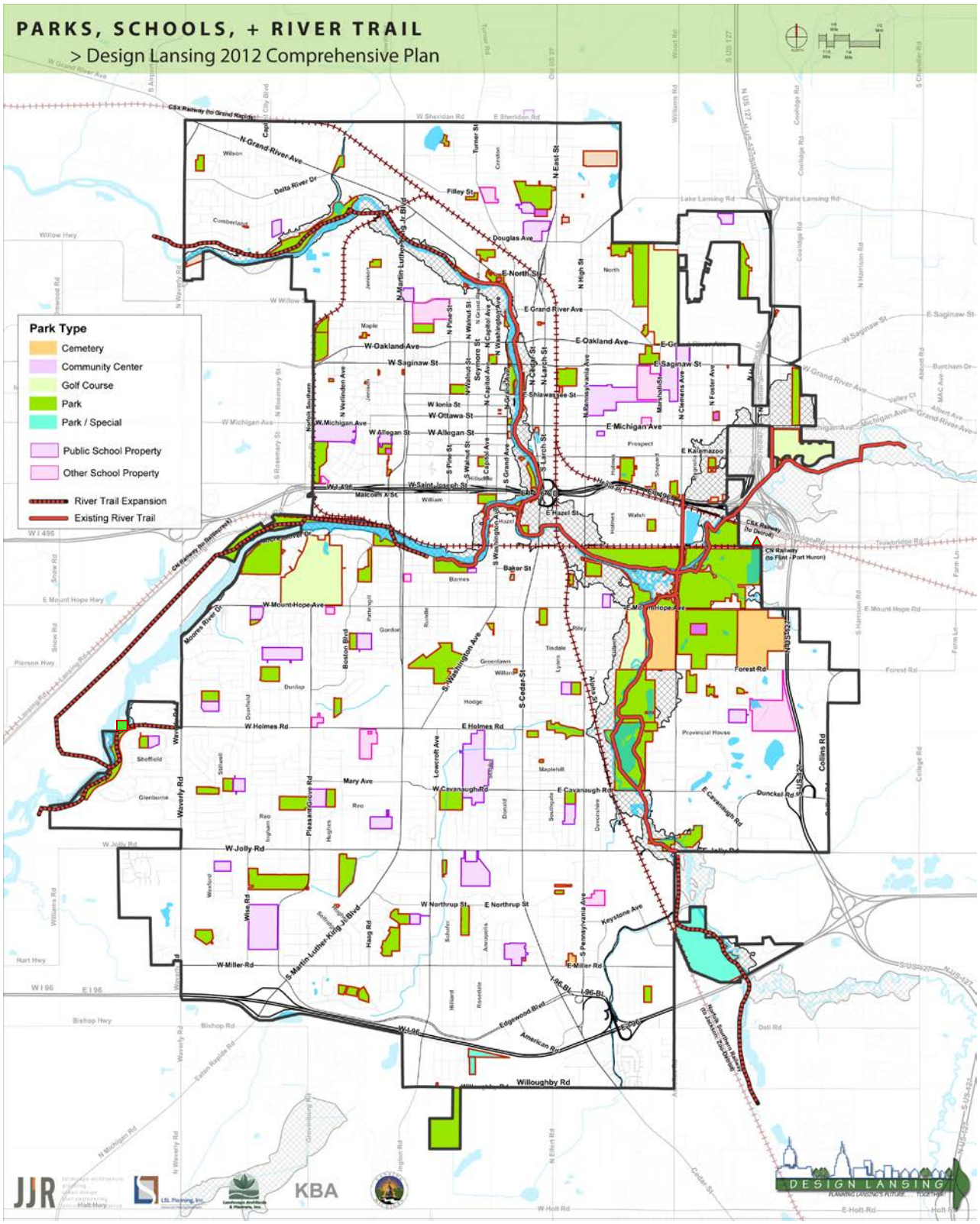
Lincoln Brick Park is historically named after the decade of brick production that once took place on the site. The park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road, one mile west of M-100 off State Road. The park consists of 90 acres and is positioned just across the river from Fitzgerald Park. The park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage. The park provides pavilions and picnicking, a tot lot, nature trails, cross country skiing, fishing, archery range and diversified wildlife. The park has proposed developments which would provide access across the Grand River to Fitzgerald Park.

Harris Nature Center, Meridian Township

Harris Nature Center is a recently developed nature center located at 3998 Van Atta Road and is operated by the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department. The center consists of over 200 acres of land dedicated to promoting and interpreting the Red Cedar River and the surrounding ecosystems. The center provides programs and exhibits intended to assist in the learning process. Renovated buildings and facilities are used to complement hiking and nature observation opportunities. The nature center opened its doors in the summer of 1997.

Woldumar Nature Center, Nature Way Association

Woldumar Nature Center was established in 1966 when a land donation of 177 acres was made to the Nature Way Association; the governing body of Woldumar. It is located at 5539 Lansing Road, in Lansing, and currently maintains 188 acres of land. The Nature Way Association is a private, non-profit educational organization, providing outdoor education to 1,500 school children annually. Over 40,000 guests visit during the same period. The nature center provides an educational trail system through woodlands, fields, prairie, pine forests, orchards, and along the Grand River. There are over 5 miles of trails and at least 1 mile of river shoreline.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Park Type
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Community Center
Golf Course
Park
Park / Special
Public School Property
Other School Property
River Trail Expansion
Existing River Trail
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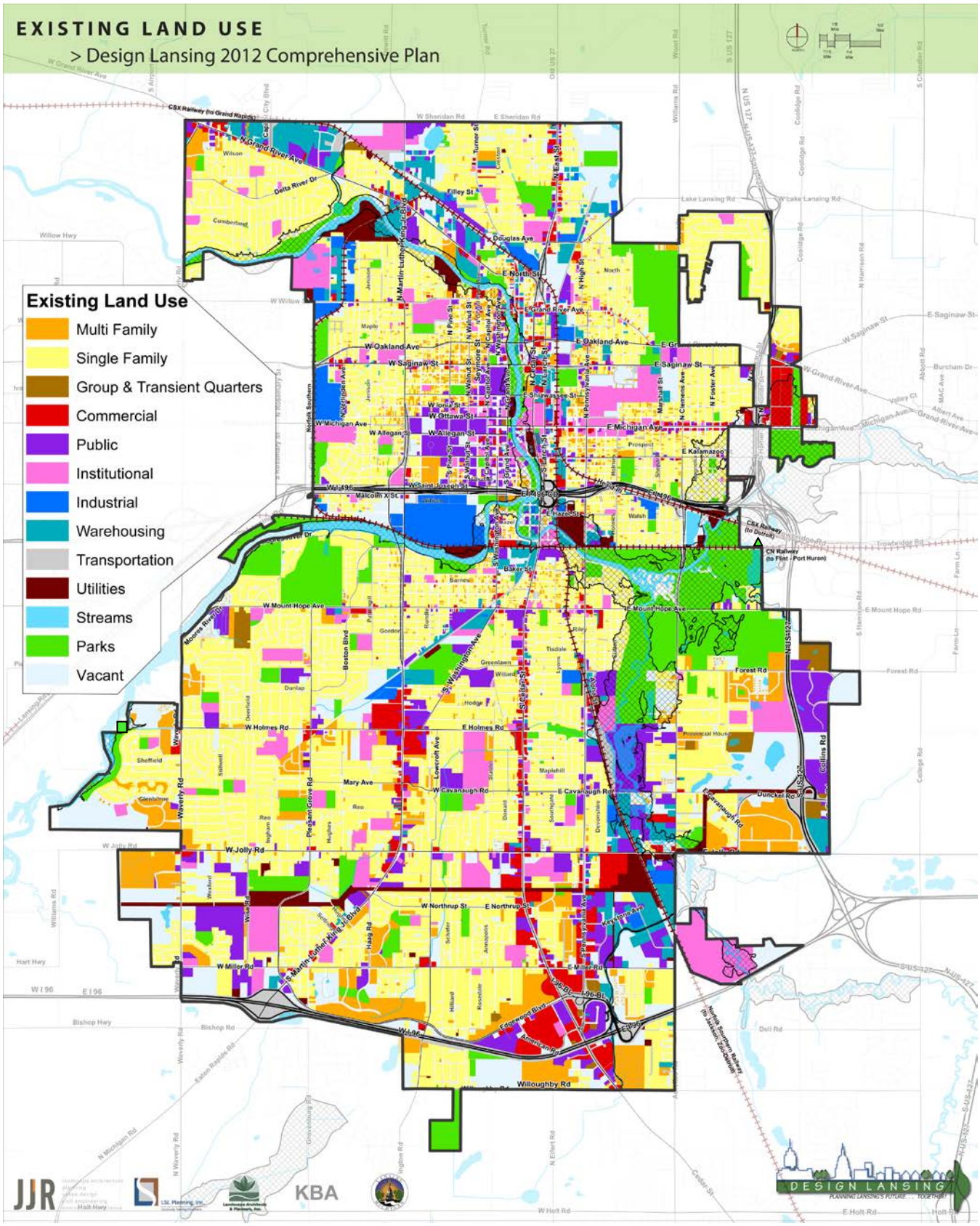
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Single Family
Group & Transient Quarters
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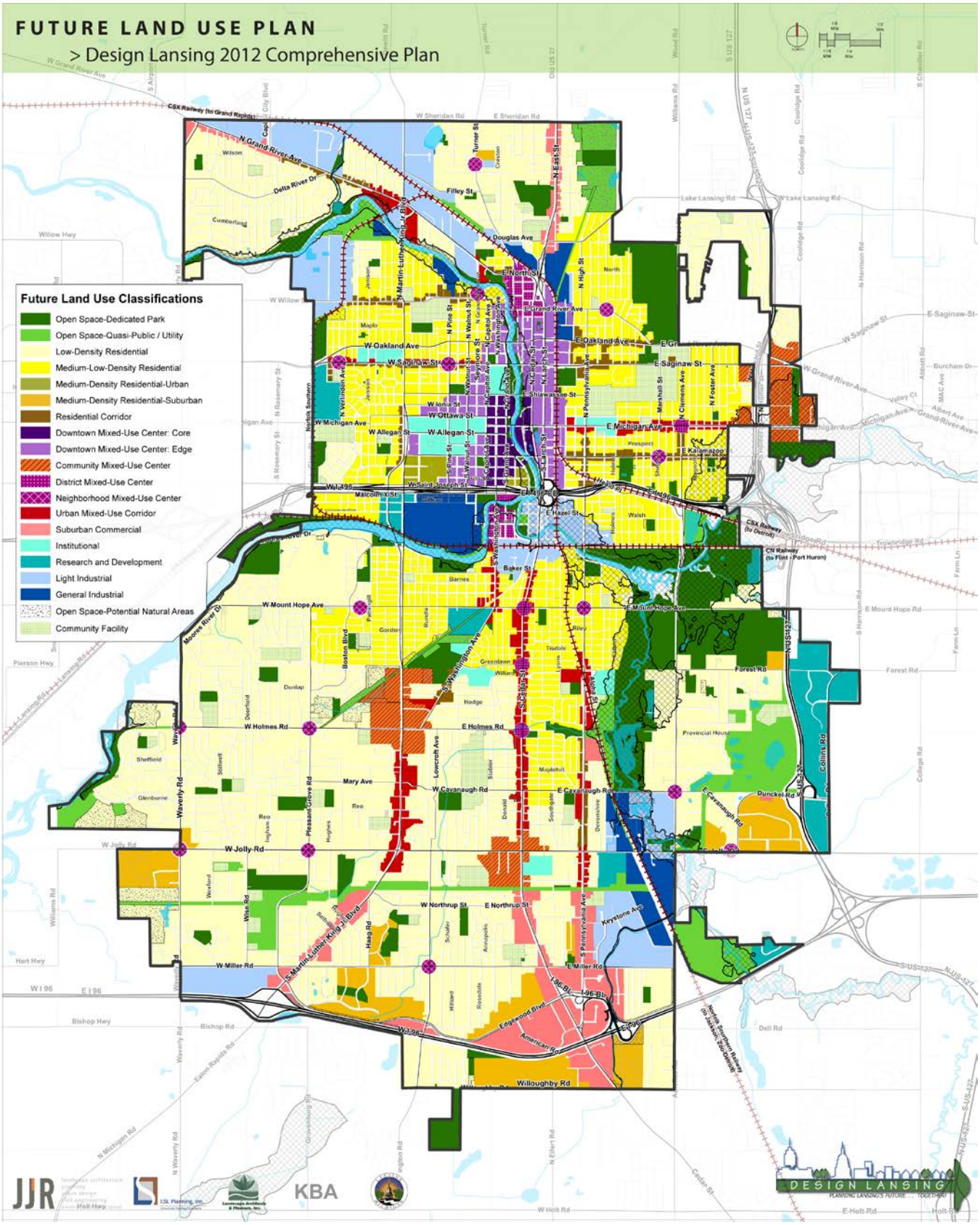
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Future Land Use Classifications
Open Space-Dedicated Park
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Low-Density Residential
Medium-Low-Density Residential
Medium-Density Residential-Urban
Medium-Density Residential-Suburban
Residential Corridor
Downtown Mixed-Use Center: Core
Downtown Mixed-Use Center: Edge
Community Mixed-Use Center
District Mixed-Use Center
Neighborhood Mixed-Use Center
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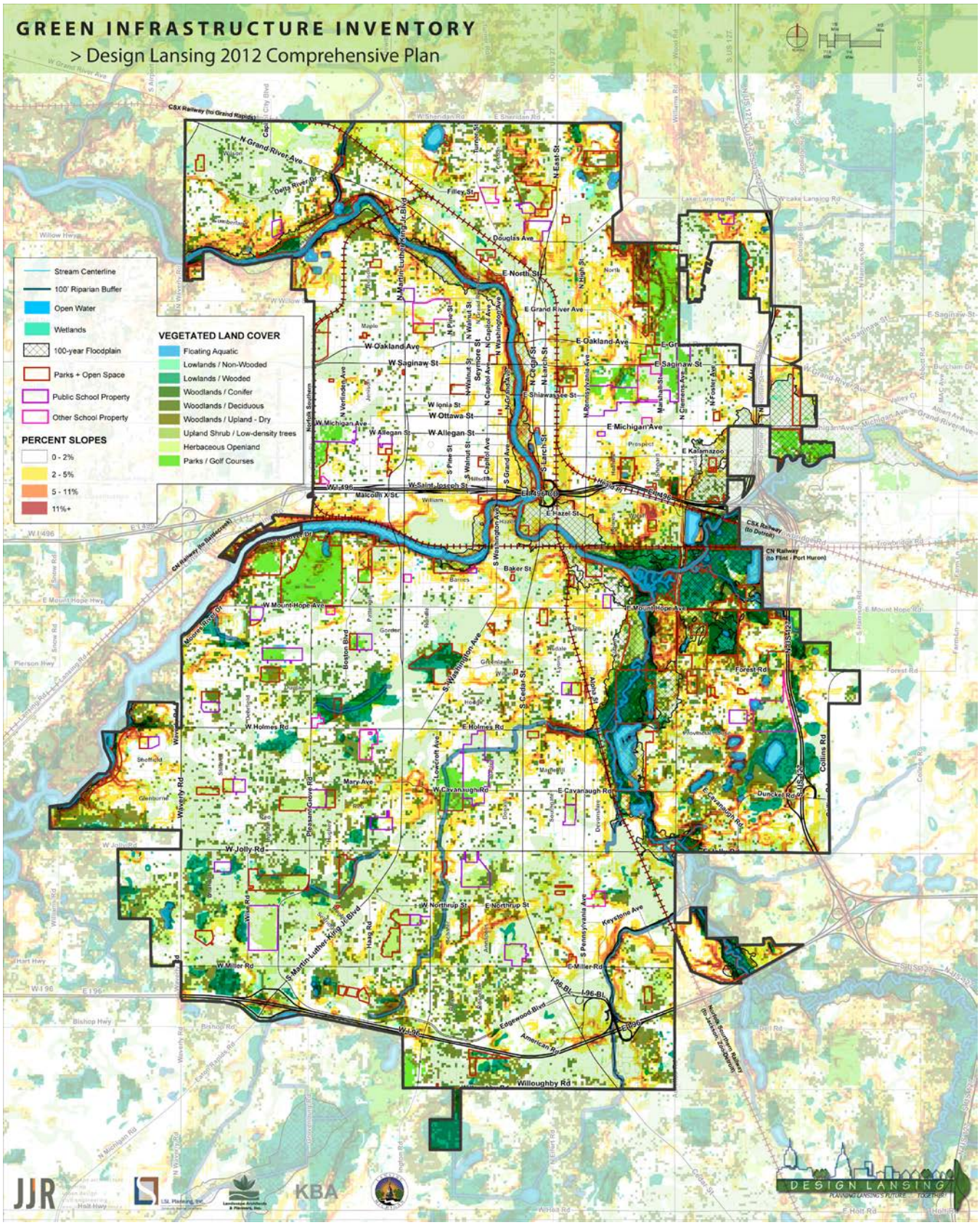
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Stream Centerline
100' Riparian Buffer
Open Water
Wetlands
100-year Floodplain
Parks + Open Space
Public School Property
Other School Property
PERCENT SLOPES
0 - 2%
2 - 5%
5 - 11%
11%+
VEGETATED LAND COVER
Floating Aquatic
Lowlands / Non-Wooded
Lowlands / Wooded
Woodlands / Conifer
Woodlands / Deciduous
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Parks / Golf Courses
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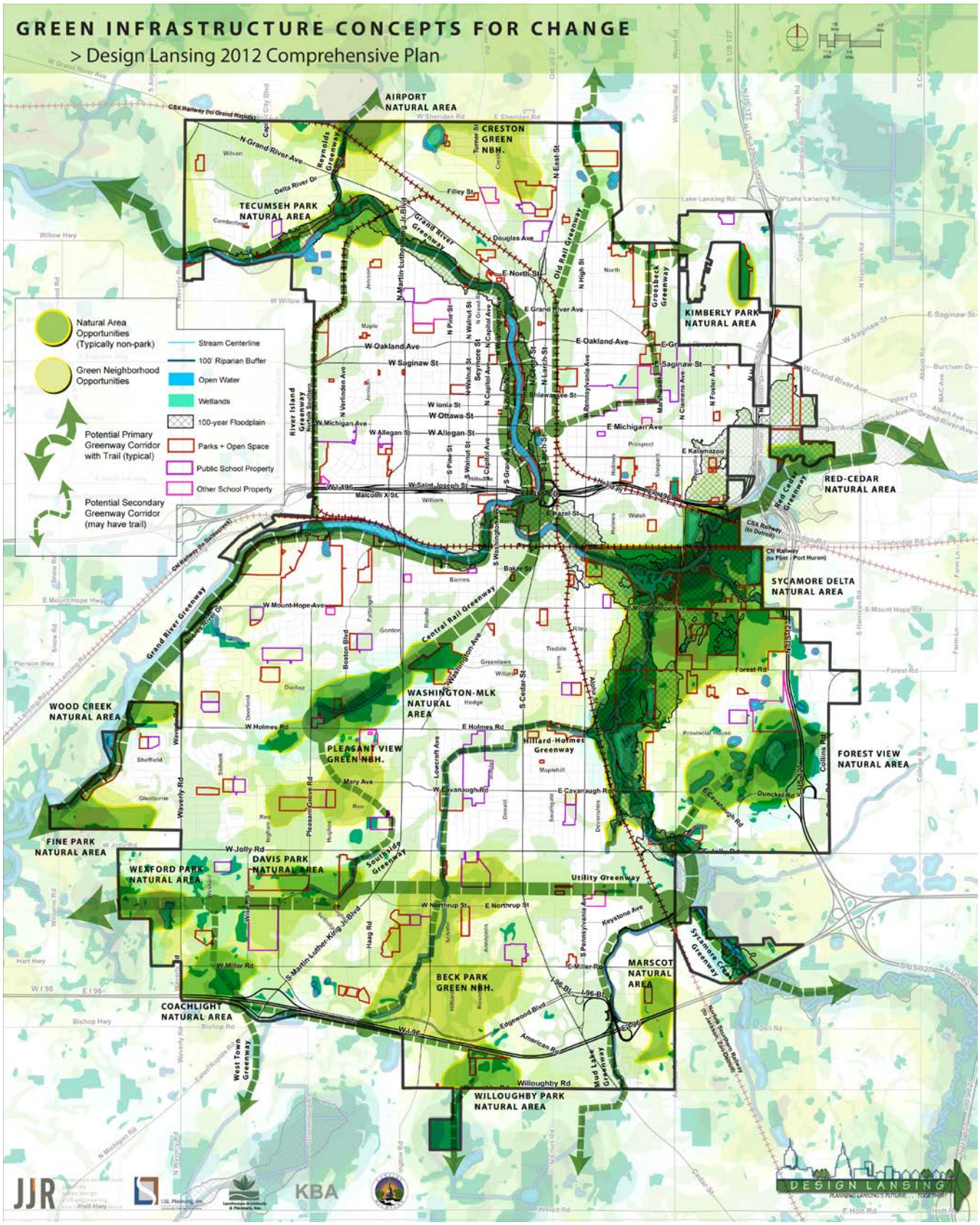
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Natural Area Opportunities (Typically non-park)
Green Neighborhood Opportunities
Potential Primary Greenway Corridor with Trail (typical)
Potential Secondary Greenway Corridor (may have trail)
Stream Centerline
100' Riparian Buffer
Open Water
Wetlands
100-year Floodplain
Parks + Open Space
Public School Property
Other School Property
AIRPORT NATURAL AREA
CRESTON GREEN NBH.
TECUMSEH PARK NATURAL AREA
KIMBERLY PARK NATURAL AREA
RED-CEDAR NATURAL AREA
SYCAMORE DELTA NATURAL AREA
WOOD CREEK NATURAL AREA
WASHINGTON-MLK NATURAL AREA
PLEASANT VIEW GREEN NBH.
Hillard-Holmes Greenway
FOREST VIEW NATURAL AREA
FINE PARK NATURAL AREA
WEXFORD PARK NATURAL AREA
DAVIS PARK NATURAL AREA
Utility Greenway
BECK PARK GREEN NBH.
MARSCOT NATURAL AREA
COACHLIGHT NATURAL AREA
WILLOUGHBY PARK NATURAL AREA
Grand River Greenway
Reynolds Greenway
Old Rail Greenway
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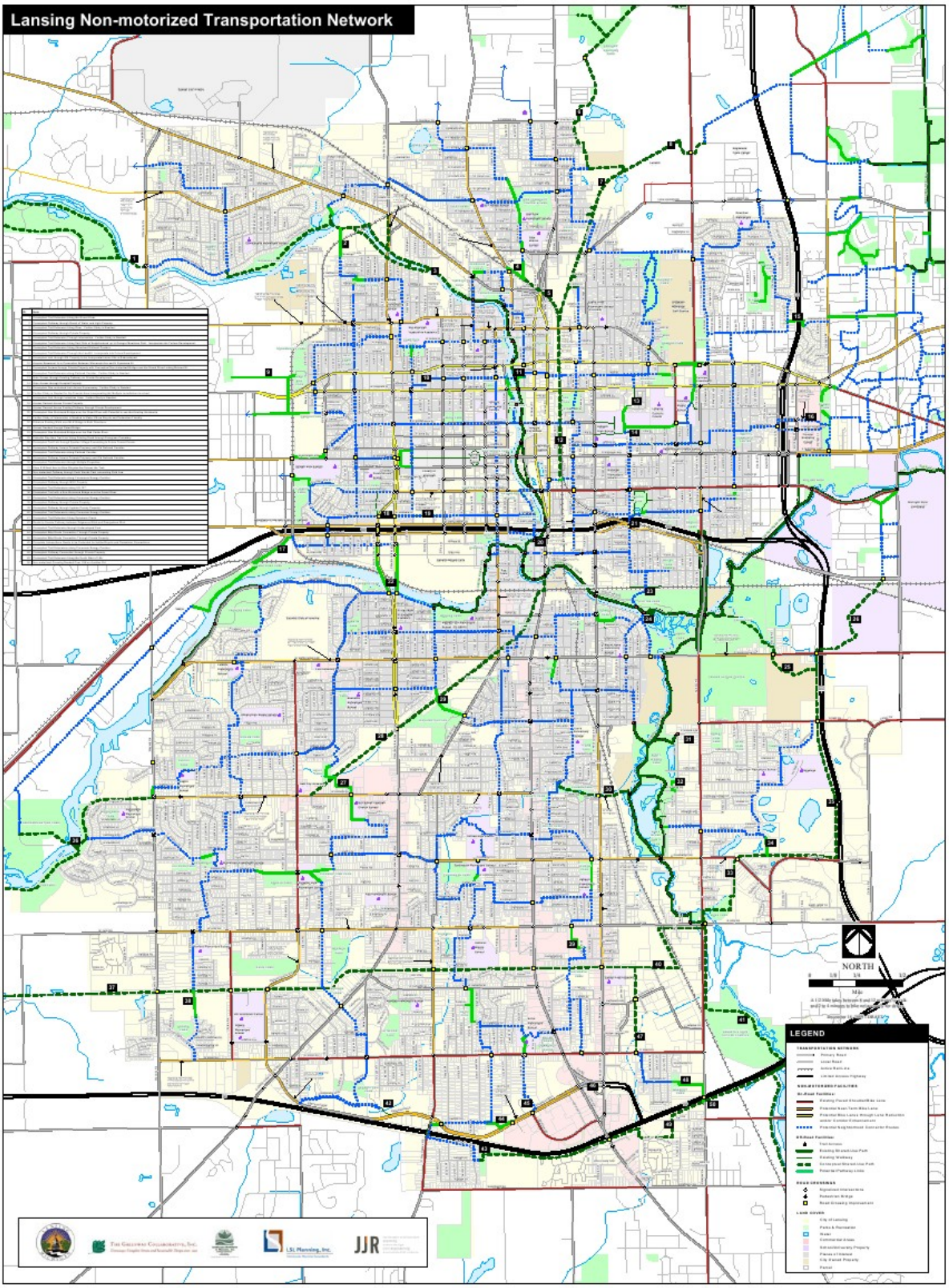
Lansing Non-motorized Transportation Network
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City Planning Efforts

The City staff began the preparation of their five year recreation plan in April of 2014. Utilizing their in-house staff of professional recreation planners, landscape architects, engineers, and operations staff, they looked at what was accomplished over the past five years and what they were looking to accomplish in the next five years.

The Parks staff routinely follows up with participants in their recreational programs to get user feedback. Input varies from parents who have children in the soccer program to children who were involved in the annual Kids Camp. Data gathered from these follow-up surveys was used in the development of this plan.

Other City departments such as the Public Service, Transportation, and Property Management work on planning efforts of their own. In 2015, the Transportation Department will be updating the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. This plan focuses on the City's non-motorized bike lanes, paths, and trail systems including the River Trail. The Parks Department and Transportation Department continue to work together to develop the City's non-motorized path system.

Neighboring Communities

Delhi Township – Delhi Township borders the south side of Lansing. The Township, Ingham County and Lansing have had discussions about creating a non-motorized connection from the Township, to the Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex owned by the city of Lansing, but leased to Ingham County and to the Lansing River Trail. The Township adopted a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in 2007 and has implemented a portion of the Plan to Willoughby Road, 1 mile south of the Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex. In 2014, the Township completed a significant trail connection to the Lansing River Trail. The Township trail segment begins at the southeast corner of Jolly Road and Aurelius Road, just across the street from Maguire Park. It travels along the Sycamore Creek for almost two miles to where the creek crosses under I-96.

Delta Township – Delta Township borders the west side of Lansing. The Township has a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan adopted in 2003 with proposed connections to Lansing on Willow Highway, Michigan Avenue and near the intersection of Mt. Hope and Old Lansing Road.

East Lansing – East Lansing borders the east side of Lansing. They have been a partner in various projects with the city of Lansing in the past including the River Trail, Ranney Skate Park and others. The Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan shows connections from Lansing to East Lansing in various locations.

Lansing Township – Lansing Township borders a portion of the north side of Lansing near Interstate 127 and to the east between the north and south branch of the Grand River. The Township is currently undergoing a revision to their Master Plan. The city of Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan studies suggest connecting to the Township in various locations.

Public Input Meetings

The Parks Board holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month to discuss park business, events, and other related topics. Beginning in May of 2014, they held a special five year recreation planning meeting in conjunction with their regularly scheduled meeting where the public was invited to participate in the development of goals and objectives for the five year plan.

Each meeting was advertised using social media (Facebook, Twitter) and the City Pulse newspaper. The Parks Board, with the help of staff, developed the preliminary goals and objectives; there were a total of six goals developed. The meeting minutes from each meeting are attached in an appendix to this document.

Surveys

The Leisure Services division of the Parks Department is responsible for the planning and programming of all recreational activities for youth and adult including, but not limited to: fitness, sports, arts & culture, dance, therapeutic recreation, special events, after school programs and summer camps. The Leisure services division also oversees the use and upkeep of four community centers, a historical mansion, two outdoor pools, and several athletic fields.

Program Surveys

Part of the programming process includes following up with those who use the facilities and participate in the programs. The recreation staff administers between 10-20 surveys per year, after some programs like their Kids Camps in the summer, and after every major event such as the Mayor's River Walk, Concerts in the Park, or the Daddy Daughter Dance.

Data gathered from these surveys directly reflect the goals set by the department, as well as how to direct millage funding. For example, following the Kids Camps this summer, of those surveyed 91% rated the programs very good to excellent. 90% of the parents surveyed said that the program met the needs of their children. Of the 13 activities provided at the Kids Camps, the parents rated all of them good to excellent, and when asked to rate the staff, 97% of the responses were either very good or excellent.

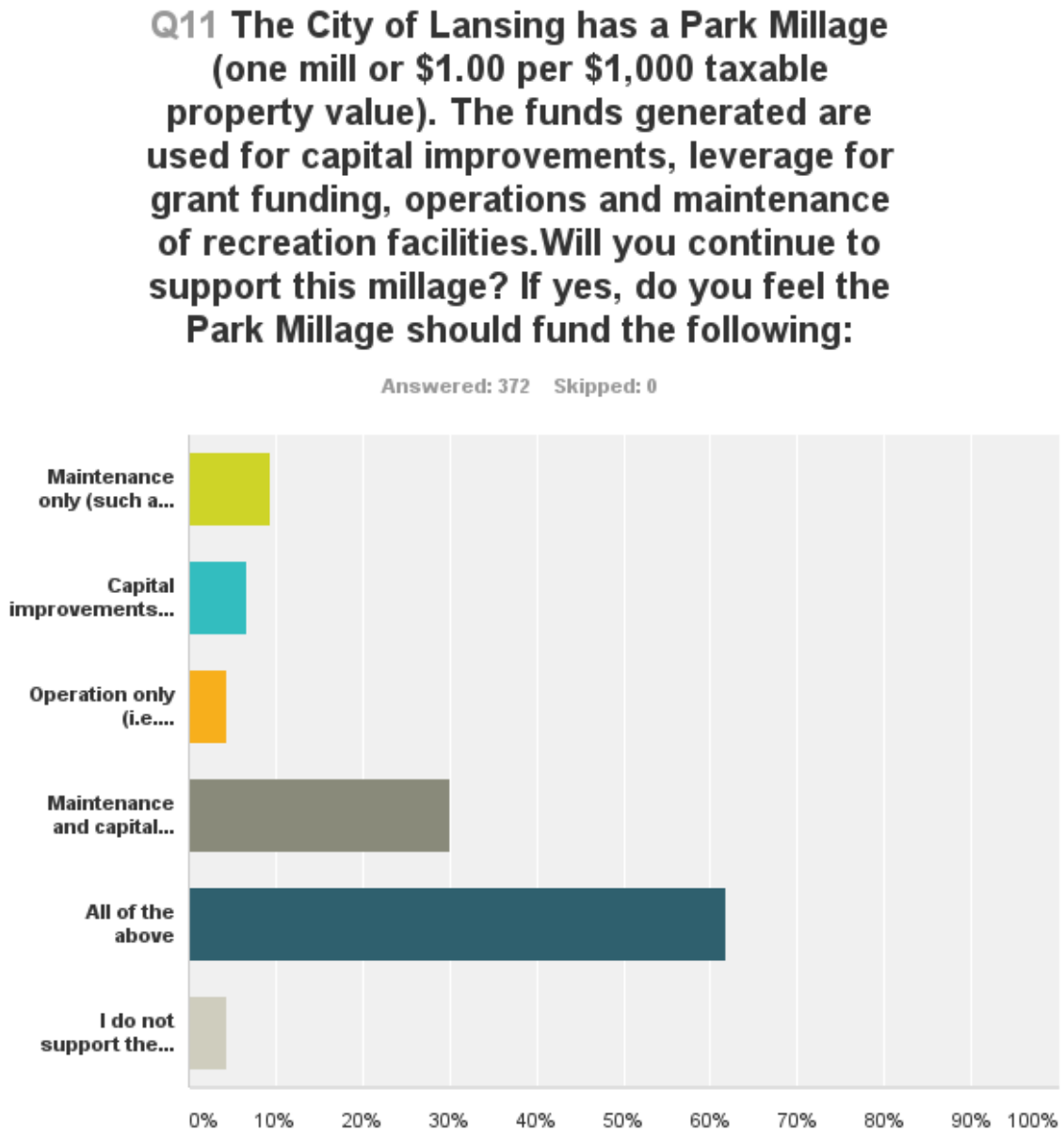
Recreation Opinion Survey

A recreation opinion survey was made available from November through January on the Parks and Recreation website and Facebook page. The survey, with a link, was also advertised in the City Pulse.

One-hundred and eleven surveys were collected. The results represent people in all wards of the community. The complete survey results are in the appendix.

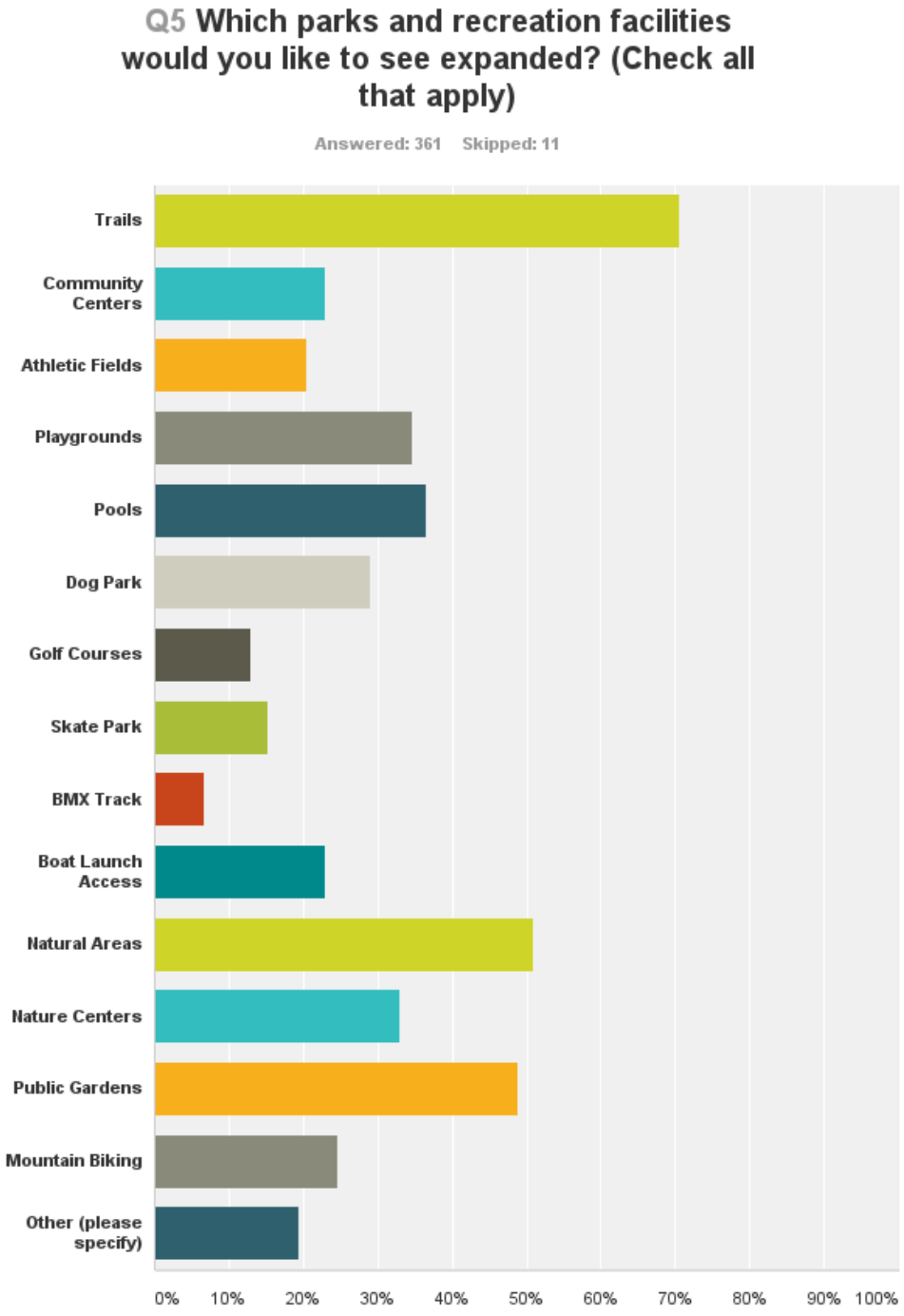
Expansion and Funding for Park Facilities

The majority of people said that they want the City to expand the park facilities and would support a millage to fund the expansion. The most popular response was to continue to improve and expand the River Trail system. Other popular expansion suggestions were recreational programs for senior citizens, canoe and kayaking programs or opportunities, and swimming or aquatic activities.



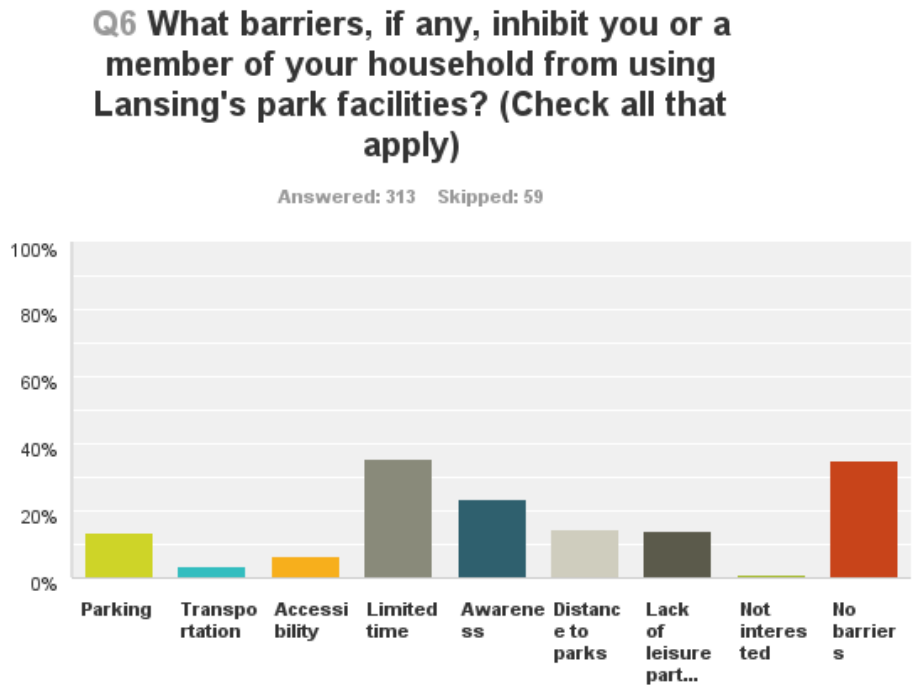
Facilities

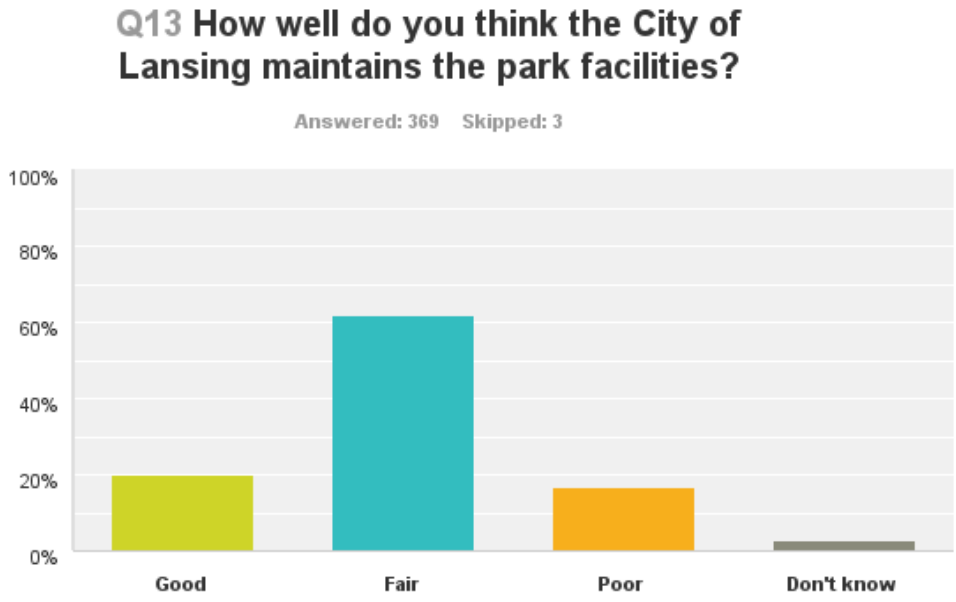
The majority of people indicated that they think there should be more nature-based recreation facilities such as trails and natural areas/preserves. The top five choices for facility expansion were trails, natural areas, public gardens, nature centers, and playgrounds.



Satisfaction

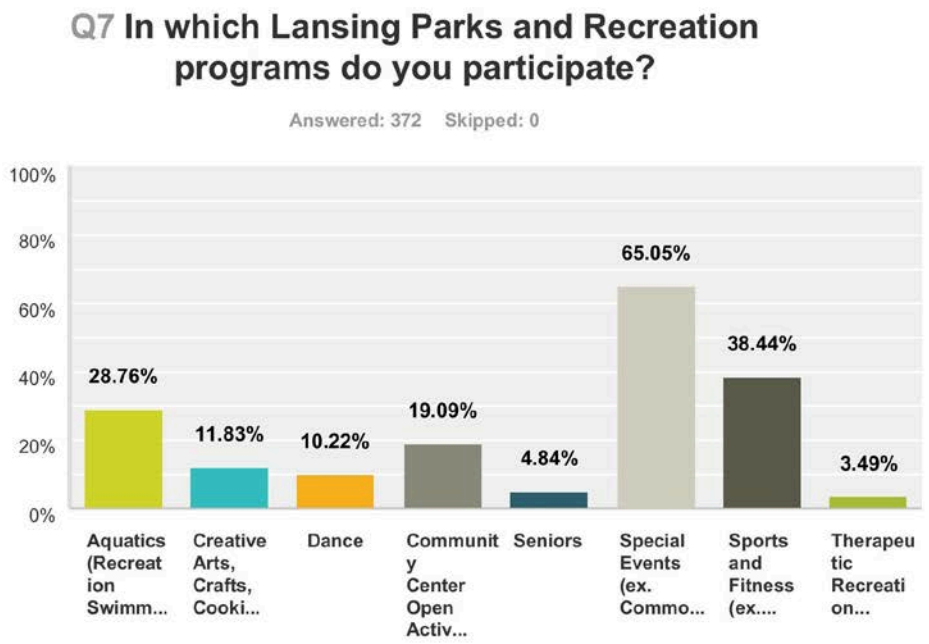
Overall, people were satisfied with the existing condition of park facilities and were not limited by their location. Most of the limitations were from time constraints or awareness of what is available.





Programming

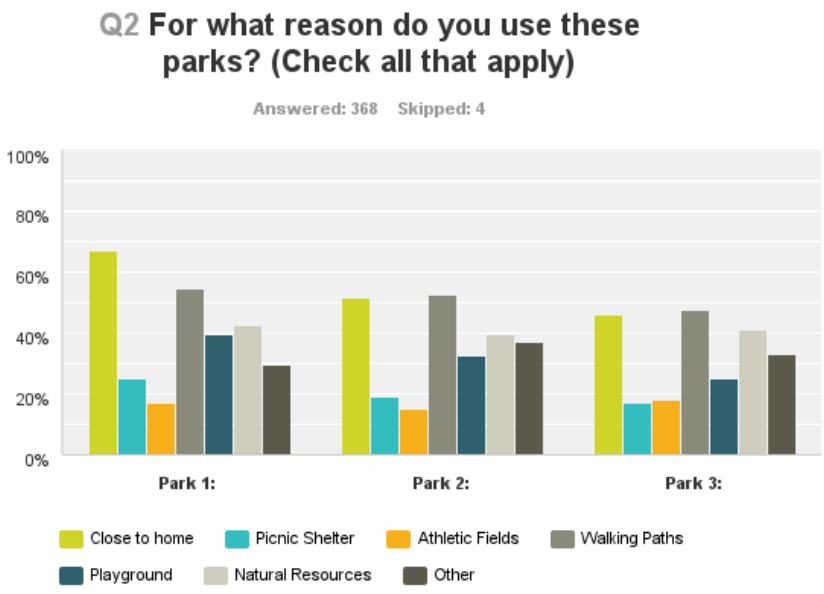
The top three programs people participated in were special events, sports and fitness, and aquatic activities. They also identified various programs they would be interested to see in the future, and other programs they participate in with different providers, both public and private.

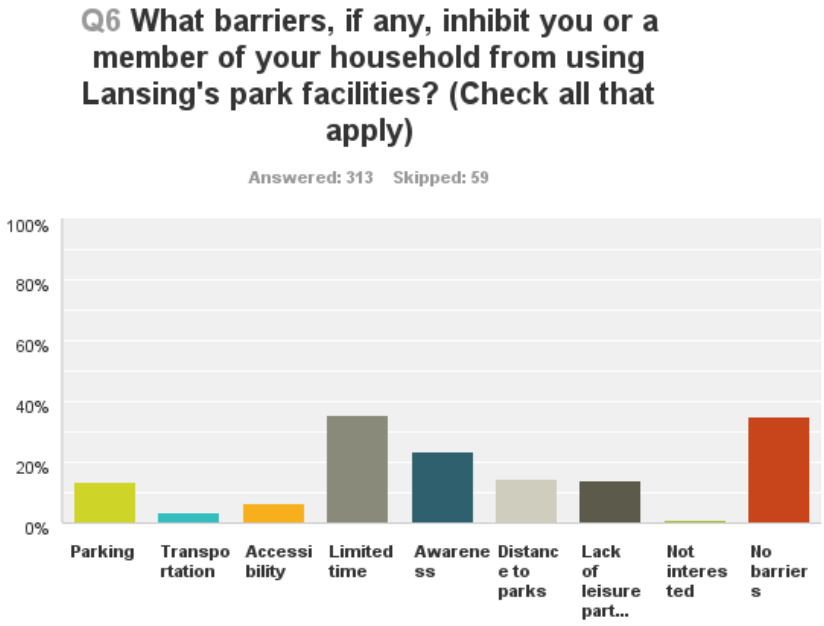


Answer Choices	Responses	
Aquatics (Recreation Swimming, Swim Class, Fitness)	28.76%	107
Creative Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Theater	11.83%	44
Dance	10.22%	38
Community Center Open Activities (ex. open gym, game room, basketball, volleyball)	19.09%	71
Seniors	4.84%	18
Special Events (ex. Common Ground, Jazz Fest, Holiday Events)	65.05%	242
Sports and Fitness (ex. youth baseball, adult softball, aerobics, etc)	38.44%	143
Therapeutic Recreation (Inclusive recreation for people with disabilities)	3.49%	13
Total Respondents: 372		

Use and Barriers

The students selected the top three parks they use and why they use those parks. The majority chose a particular park because it was close to their home and offered a place to hang out. The main barriers that prevent them from using the parks were transportation, distance to parks or they just weren't interested.





Park Board Meetings

The Park Board discussed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan at 6 board meetings. These were regularly scheduled meetings, and were also advertised to gather public input on the Plan. The meetings were held to get updates on the Plan, review data gathered through public input meetings, and provide comments on the Plan through various stages of its development.

City Council Committee on Public Services

After the draft Plan was available for review and prior to the public hearing before City Council, the City Council Committee on Public Services held 2 public input meetings. They were advertised through a press release for public input on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Consultant and Parks Department clarified items in the plan and also made revisions to the Plan to address question and concerns. The following revisions were made to address those concerns.

Public Hearing

Park Board – A public hearing was advertised and held before the Park Board on February 11, 2015. The Park Board adopted the plan, and recommended adoption by the City Council on February 11, 2015.

City Council – A public hearing was advertised and held before the Lansing City Council on March 19, 2015. The City Council adopted the plan on March 23, 2015.

Background

In order to develop the recreation goals, the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department and the Park Board evaluated all of the information gathered throughout the planning process. The evaluation was based upon physical characteristics, demographics, input from the citizens who live in the City, stakeholder interviews and other planning efforts in the city and region. All of the information gathered was evaluated and used to develop the general goals and objectives for the Recreation Master Plan.

Many goals and objectives were identified through the process. They are numbered for ease of discussion and do not reflect any particular priority.

I. Naturalization and Ecology Management

A. Identify potential natural areas in parks by creating 'no mow' zones in areas that are currently not used for active recreation.

B. Partner with Michigan State University and Fenner Nature Center to protect against invasive species that may currently exist within our parks.

C. Identify current natural areas throughout the city for acquisition.

D. Identify and maintain natural areas for wildlife.

E. Minimize impervious areas on new projects.

F. Remove existing paved or otherwise impervious surfaces no longer being utilized within the parks.

Rationale:
The city of Lansing is fortunate to have an extensive parks system that includes several properties with large open space or natural areas, or both. For many of these parks, the past practice has been to mow the open spaces. In an effort to minimize increasing labor costs, and to work towards better stewardship of the environment, the city decided to allow a few select areas to grow as 'natural areas'. The results have been very favorable, leading to a greater push towards this practice in other parks.

II. Tree Conservation, Planting, and Replacement

A. Protect the existing tree population through proper care and pruning.

B. Install new trees where space and activities provide.

1. Create program for neighborhood associations and other groups to purchase trees for planting within the parks.
2. Work with the Board of Water and Light (BWL) to assist with their tree planting program.
3. Using the BWL model, work towards educating the public on the value of trees in the landscape.
4. Plant appropriate trees in lowland areas within parks to help promote storm water management best practices.

C. **Replace damaged or dying trees in parks.**

Rationale:
The value and benefits that trees bring to the landscape are countless. According the website Canopy.org some of the most relative benefits when it comes to parks are air cleaning, climate cooling, water filtration and retention, and wildlife habitat. Some more specific benefits include:

- *Providing inviting and cool areas for recreation and relaxation*
- *The color green is calming and relieves eye strain*
- *People walk and jog more on shady paths (and streets), which encourages interaction with neighbors and improves the sense of community*
- *Trees absorb and block sound, reducing noise pollution by as much as 40 percent*

III. Access to rivers and river management

A. **Install universally accessible canoe/kayak launch at Cherry Hill Park**
B. **Promote "blueways" similar to how trails and greenways are promoted**
C. **Identify erosion problems along the Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Sycamore Creek. In particular, areas adjacent to the River Trail. Work with city staff to determine necessary repairs.**
D. **Protect and restore riparian buffers along rivers and creeks**
E. **Establish plans with the help of volunteers to remove trees and brush from the waterways**
F. **Plan special events that promote river related recreation activities**
G. **Provide access to the Baker Donora Center from the nearby River Trail**

Rationale:
The river bodies in Lansing are such an important part of the overall recreational landscape. The city is fortunate to have both the Grand River and Red Cedar River flowing through the heart of the city, and adjacent or through several parks. The Sycamore Creek is also a highly utilized resource which connects south Lansing to the Red Cedar River near Potter Park Zoo. The city has done a wonderful job at providing water-based recreation opportunities and hopes to continue that long standing tradition. In addition, the Parks Department realizes the importance of the rivers as natural resources and wants to do their part to manage them and the adjacent ecosystems properly.

IV. Create Parks Foundation

A. **Establish 501c3 Friends of Lansing Parks group**
B. **Apply for grants specifically offered to 501c3 groups**
C. **Advocate for Parks and Recreation Department programs**
D. **Organize fundraising events to raise money for Parks projects and services**
E. **Organize volunteer driven Parks projects**

Rationale:

There are many recreation grant opportunities available only to non-profit organizations. Likewise, it is more advantageous for donors to contribute to non-profit organizations.

V. Non-motorized trail use

A. Update the Lansing River Trail map including new links to the South Lansing Pathway and the Delhi Township trail

B. Create off-road biking and hiking trails through Fine, Fulton, and Hunters Ridge parks

C. River Trail extension

1. To the north to connect to the Delta Township path
2. From Moores Park to Riverside Park
3. From Frances Park to Grand River Park

Rationale:

The city of Lansing has an extensive non-motorized trail system. The nationally recognized River Trail currently has over ten miles of paved trails connecting north, south, east, and west Lansing. Three parks – Davis, Frances, and Hunter – have paved trail loops within their boundaries. These loops are all about one mile long and get used frequently by the nearby residents. Of all of the opportunities available to the residents, the walking paths continue to be one of the most popular assets, so the city wants to look for ways to provide additional opportunities and locations for trails.

VI. Diversify Recreational Opportunities

A. Hold discussions with current park users to identify new recreational trends

B. Reach out to faith based organizations via the Mayor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives

C. Work with local school districts to develop more athletic teams

D. Reach out to the refugee community and other potential new users to determine recreational needs

E. Expand athletic fields, courts, and play surfaces to meet growing needs of youth and adult recreation

F. Review ADA compliance of playground equipment when repair and/or updates are scheduled

Rationale:

The City's diverse population brings with it a need to expand beyond the more traditional recreational programs offered by the Department.

Introduction

The action plan was developed as a way to identify how the City intends to meet the goals and objectives set forth in Recreation Master Plan in the next 5 years. The actions are not listed in any particular order. The basis for the following actions are consistent with information gathered through the Parks and Recreation Survey, public input meetings, interviews, city-wide planning efforts, demographic data, land use trends and recreation master plans of adjacent communities. All projects will be subject to the availability of funding through the Lansing Park Millage, general fund and the approval of the Lansing Park Board, Mayor and City Council.

The action plan is divided into two separate focus areas including the Capital Improvement Schedule and Planning Projects. Development projects that were identified as meeting the Recreation Master Plan goals and objectives, are grant eligible, and capable of being completed in the next five years, are included in the Capital Improvement Schedule. Master plans, studies and marketing strategies that meet the goals and objectives and will be funded through the park millage, general fund and partnerships are included on the Planning Program.

The Parks Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The Department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, neighborhood park renovations, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement projects that are grant eligible. For example, every year funds are allocated for improvements and maintenance of five to six neighborhood playgrounds. These items are not included in the Capital Improvement Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or park millage, or they are not eligible for MDNRE grant funds.

The items identified in the Capital Improvement Schedule meet Goals & Objectives as follows:

Location	Project	Goal
To be determined	Acquisition of park land along the river or with contiguous park land	I-C
Davis & Quentin	Improve youth ball fields	VI-E
To be determined	Construct canoe and kayak launches along the river	III-A
To be determined	Construct an outdoor basketball complex	VI-E
To be determined	Connect River Trail to Red Cedar River	V
Ferris Park	Construct small artificial turf soccer field	VI-E
To be determined	Construct youth football complex	VI-C
Groesbeck Golf Entrance	Construct an entrance to the Groesbeck golf course from Grand River Ave. through Ormond Park	
River Trail	Extend River Trail from Moores River Drive to Riverside and Grand River Parks	V-C
River Trail	Extend northern route to Delta Township	V-C
To be determined	Located two splash pads at two park locations to be determined	VI-E
Bear Lake	Extend River Trail towards MSU campus	V-C
River Trail	Extend River Trail from Frances Park to Cambridge Road	V-C
City wide	Maintenance and Sustainability of Neighborhood Parks	I, II, IV, V, and VI

Capital Improvement Project Descriptions

Acquire Park Land – The Parks Department is always looking for additional property to acquire or purchase to improve the offering of facilities and activities to the public. There are areas along the River Trail where the City would like to extend it, but are unable to do so because they don't own the property needed.

Davis Park and Quentin Park – Davis and Quentin are two parks that provide youth baseball and softball fields. Both facilities have aging fields, backstops, and bleachers that need to be improved.

Canoe and Kayak Launch – Lansing has one lake, two rivers, and one creek that offer great canoeing and kayaking experiences. There are currently eight locations where one can put in and take out a boat. Both activities are becoming popular. Based on feedback gathered from the surveys, both canoeing and kayaking are activities that the residents want more access to.

Outdoor Basketball Complex – The proposed development will include an outdoor basketball facility including: paving, lighting, parking, basketball goals, fencing and team benches. The facility will support the city-wide use of the park and may be used for pick-up games and to host basketball camps and small tournaments.

River Trail Connection to Red Cedar – In anticipation of the redevelopment of the old Red Cedar golf course, the Parks Department would like to connect the River Trail to the new development by extending the current trail to the northeast, behind the Kircher Ballpark.

Ferris Park – Similar to the indoor soccer experience, the Parks Department is looking to construct an outdoor soccer field at Ferris Park with side boards, solar powered lights, and artificial turf. This field would be open for both youth and adult soccer games

Youth Football Complex – The Parks Department would like to create a youth football complex with perimeter fencing and bleachers. There are two locations currently being considered for the placement of this complex.

Groesbeck Golf Course Entrance – The Parks Department would like to construct a dedicated entrance road off of Grand River into the Groesbeck Golf Course in order to reduce the traffic through the neighborhood.

River Trail, Extend Northern Route to Delta Township – The existing River Trail ends on the northwest side of Lansing at Dietrich park. The proposed extension would run to Tecumseh Park and connect to Delta Township's non-motorized system. Delta Township has a non-motorized transportation plan that includes a connection to Lansing in this location. The proposed project includes: boardwalk, bridges, paved trail, signs, benches and trash receptacles.

River Trail, **Moores River Dr. to Riverside Park to Grand River Park –** The existing River Trail stops at Moores Park located in the southeast corner of ward 4 and starts back up again at Frances Park in the southwest corner of ward 4. The proposed route would run from Moores Park to Riverside park and then across the river

to Grand River Park. A future connection could run from Grand River Park to Delta Township. The proposed project would include: boardwalk, a bridge, paved trail, way-finding signs, benches and trash receptacles.

Splash Pads – The City is currently exploring placing up to two splash pads throughout the park system. City staff is working towards determining the best location.

Bear Lake – The River Trail currently terminates at a point near Cavanaugh Road. The City would like to work with the city of East Lansing and Michigan State University to extend the trail from that point into campus.

River Trail, Frances Park to Cambridge Road – Completing this segment of the trail would allow those who live in the subdivision surround Frances Park to walk safely to Frances Park, the France Overlook, and to connect to the Waverly Road Path, which leads to the newly constructed River Trail South Extension.

City wide Maintenance and Sustainability of Neighborhood Parks – In addition to the annual allocation of funds for park maintenance and improvements, these funds will be set aside specifically for Neighborhood Parks. The intent is to locate matching funds to increase the dollar value that can be allocated to these types of projects.

March 10, 2015 ***CONTACT: City Council Offices***

IMMEDIATE RELEASE ***(517) 483-7683***

To be eligible to receive grant funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) a five (5) year Parks & Recreation Plan, meeting their criteria, must be filed with the MDNR. The Park Board reviewed the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2015-2020 and capital improvements schedule for grants, and held six (6) public meetings for input in 2014. In February 2015 the Park Board forwarded the Plan to City Council. A public hearing must be held to make any amendments, and that public hearing will be held on March 23, 2015 at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Prior to this required public hearing City Council will take the opportunity to review the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2015-2020 at a Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

Thursday, March 19, 2015
6:30 p.m.
City of Lansing
South Washington Office Complex
2500 S. Washington Avenue
City Clerk Election Unit
(rear entrance)

This is a public meeting and the public is encouraged to attend. This will be the only item on the agenda, and input will be appreciated, however this will not be the required public hearing.

Public hearing advertisement

died November 25, 2014. ditors of the decedent are filed that all claims against estate will be forever barred ess presented to Diane K. ott, personal representative, o both the probate court at W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, 48933, and the personal resentative within 4 months er the date of publication of notice.

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decedent, Dolores May Cherry, died December 13, 2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Colleen Ann Palmer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Correction

An article in the March 11 issue on developing a policy to identify police officers involved in shooting deaths should have stated: "Guilford was killed and Frost was injured. The Sheriff's Department released the name of Guilford shortly after the accident; Frost was identified on March 4." Because of a reporting error, the story reversed their names in stating when they were identified.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Ingham County solicits proposals to provide professional consulting services to assist the Ingham County Trails and Parks Task Force in assembling a plan for the expenditure of trails & parks millage dollars. Info: http://pu.ingham.org, under Current Bids link, Packet 28-15

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Ingham County seeks bids from experienced and qualified excavators for the purpose of making improvements to the Donkey and Dressage Arenas located at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. Info: http://pu.ingham.org, under Current Bids link, 46-15

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers located at 124 W. Michigan Avenue, on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan.

For more information, please call Parks and Recreation Department 517-483-4042. These documents are available for review at the office of the City Clerk or at http://www.lansingmi.gov/clerk under the heading of Documents Placed on File. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2015, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

CP#15_058

Lansing City Council resolution adopting the plan

RESOLUTION #2015-077

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible to receive grant funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) a five (5) year parks recreation plan, meeting their plan content criteria, has to be on file with the MDNR; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan 2015-2020, held public meetings for input on May 14, 2014, June 11, 2014, July 9, 2014, September 10, 2014, October 8, 2014 and November 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan 2015-2020, at its meeting on February 11, 2015 and moved that the Draft Master Plan be forwarded to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor forwarded the Draft Master Plan 2015 – 2020 to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee on Public Service has reviewed the Draft Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Master Plan may be made by the City Council only after a public hearing is held.

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on March 23, 2015 and public comment received regarding the Draft 2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2015 – 2020 and capital improvements schedule for grants.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Department is to forward the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2015-2020 to the MDNR for review and approval.

Chris Swope 3/27/2015 4:19:04 PM

SIGNED BY
CHRIS SWOPE
LANSING CITY CLERK

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Meeting notice – Public meeting #1

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on May 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the first goal of the plan - NATURALIZATION AND ECOLOGY MANAGEMENT.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION

CP#14_115

CITY OF LANSING
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The City of Lansing
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Is now accepting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

on the

PROPOSED ABATEMENT OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS

ON THE BUILDING

located at 4000 NORTH GRAND RIVER AVE., Lansing, Michigan

The City of Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) is recommending that asbestos-containing materials be abated during the demolition of the building at 4000 North Grand River Avenue to support site redevelopment.

Copies of a Community Involvement Plan, Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives, and other related documents will be available during regular business hours for review at:

Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
1000 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 201
Lansing MI 48910

The administrative record, which contains the information upon which the final decision will be based, is available for review at the location listed above.

Written comments on the referenced documents may be submitted from April 30, 2014 to May 20, 2014 to:

Karl Dorshimer
Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
1000 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 201
Lansing MI 48910
(517) 702-3387 x210
e-mail: karl@purelansing.com

CP#14_116

2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
May 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Hussain, Olivia Martin,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Kibbey, Patricia Spitzley, Paul Holland, Patricia Pisano

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Joe Wright, Public Service, Landscape Coordinator; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:05 p.m.

Brett Kaschinske stated this is the first of 6 meetings to discuss the Master Plan goals. One goal will be discussed at each meeting. The meetings will be held one hour prior to the regular scheduled Park Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

The meeting notice was advertised by the following means: paid notice in City Pulse, City of Lansing Parks web site, Facebook, E-newsletter, media PSA, and schedule sent to City Council and City Clerk's office. Contact will be made with Lansing Neighborhood Council asking them to distribute to neighborhood groups.

Joe Wright stated this meeting is to discuss the first goal on the Master Plan which is Naturalization and Ecology Management. Wright provided the following list of objectives:

Naturalization and Ecology Management

- *A. Identify potential natural areas in parks by creating "no mow" zones in areas that are currently not used for active recreation.*
- *B. Partner with Michigan State University and Fenner Nature Center to protect against invasive species that may currently exist within our parks.*
- *C. Identify current natural areas throughout the city for acquisition.*
- *D. Identify and maintain natural areas for wildlife.*
- *E. Minimize impervious areas on new projects.*
- *F. Remove existing paved or otherwise impervious surfaces no longer being utilized within the parks.*

Rationale: The city of Lansing is fortunate to have an extensive parks system that includes several properties with large open space or natural areas, or both. For many of these parks the past practice has been to mow the open spaces. In an effort to minimize increasing labor costs, and to work towards better stewardship of the environment, the city decided to allow a few select areas to grow as "natural areas". The results have been very favorable, leading to a greater push towards this practice in other parks.

Wright stated the first objective is to create "no mow" zones such as the one at Washington Park. Kaschinske stated there have been a number of other areas over the years such as Ingham Park, Davis Park, Ormond Park, Pleasant View,

Ranney (hill area), and south end of St. Joe Park. St. Joe and Ranney, as well as Waverly and Red Cedar have been mowed for the hay.

Wright inquired if these parks have signs identifying the natural area similar to the sign at Washington. Kaschinske stated no. Washington Park was in a forested area ravaged by Emerald Ash and cutting down the trees allowed for the natural area. The natural succession takes time to look natural and not just neglected.

Adam Hussain inquired if there was an effort to partner with a group for Washington. When this was originally being discussed, he thought it was introduced as a potential pilot program but it was already being implemented. He thought there was an effort to plant non-invasive species to beautify the area or did this just occur. He recalls a heated discussion on whether this was truly a naturalized area or just a "no mow" zone.

Wright stated it appears there was something planted and if not, it was truly a natural succession.

Kaschinske stated the only managed natural area is Fenner which is where invasive species are pulled, there are active volunteers, and some plantings are done. What this goal is talking about is "no mow" areas and letting nature take over. We do get requests from professors to go into our parks and do projects for specific species removal.

Wright stated objective B is to partner with MSU and Fenner to remove invasive species, which sounds like it is already being done. Will objective B continue the partnership or formalize the partnership.

Kaschinske asked if this goal could be combined with the Parks Foundation to create an active friends group to plant trees and remove invasive species. However it would need to be under MSU and Fenner's guidance to remove species.

Hussain stated when he first saw the layout it appeared certain pockets of the city had an over concentration of these "natural" areas. He understands there is a demand, but not everyone likes the way the areas look and there needs to be an effort so every part of the city is getting a fair share of the "naturalized" areas otherwise the message it sends it bad.

Wright stated the message needs to be improved so people understand why this is being done. When he first saw Washington Park he could not understand it, and as a park designer the first thing he thought was safety and the inability to see through the park. Once it was explained he understood why it was done.

Kaschinske stated the natural areas were not mapped out by ward.

Hussain stated if you look at the sites it appeared the parks were concentrated in impoverished areas.

Kaschinske stated whole parks were not "naturalized", only sections. There may still be opportunities in parks with difficult areas to mow such as hillsides.

Hussain stated he has another concern about placement near schools, such as Pleasant View and it could create safety issues and will that possibility be considered.

Kaschinske stated there have been issues at Pleasant View, but it is an issue with an all-terrain vehicle. In this instance, it would help if the vegetation was stronger in the park. One of the things you hear with "no mow" zones and longer vegetation is crime; however in talking with Chief Yankowski the crime is not any different from houses close together and any other obstacles.

Olivia Martin commented it appears there has been a lot of “naturalization” and is there a plan to do more.

Kaschinske stated there is over 2,000 acres of park land and we mow between 600 and 700 acres. This takes into account parking lots, playgrounds, ponds, buildings, etc.

Kaschinske stated there is not a concentrated effort to add more “no mow” zones at this time. The city’s mowing cost at this time is relatively low compared to when this program was started.

Martin stated the parts of this goal that make a lot of sense is E and F on the list which could be combined if the wording is changed.

Wright stated they really could not be combined because E refers to new projects, such a Crego and F refers to existing properties. Anytime new things are developed E should be considered and F would refer to current situations such as old basketball courts, shuffleboard courts, etc. that are not in use and may be removed.

Wright inquired about objective C.

Martin stated it makes sense, especially along the river.

Kaschinske stated we have always identified river front property for acquisition. Wright stated he understands and will reword it.

Hussain inquired if objective C is to guard against potential development on the river front. Wright stated it is to increase the river trail; Martin mentioned blue trails also. Kaschinske stated it is also for land adjacent to current park land.

Wright reviewed objective D and inquired if there is something specific.

Kaschinske stated he does not know if it fits in this or not. There is a problem with wildlife in the area of Mt. Hope and Aurelius. Neighbors have discussed the issue, especially about the number of deer.

Martin inquired how the deer management program is working in Meridian.

Kaschinske stated what has been seen in the statistics so far is that they have not turned the corner. Feedback is positive from the residents; however car/deer accidents continue even with the kill numbers increasing. They are able to provide meat for the food bank system.

Martin inquired if the process is expensive.

Kaschinske stated outside of the costs for staff time there are no supplies that he is aware of.

Wright stated if there is a natural area, you preserve it but do not maintain it and maybe the word maintain should be changed to preserve.

Kaschinske stated Crego is an example because the lake will need to be managed for fishing, such as stocking or not allowing anyone to take out bass to keep.

Wright verified objectives E and F paved areas not being used should be removed. Hussain and Martin agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting notice – Public meeting #2

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the second goal of the plan - TREE CONSERVATION, PLANTING, AND REPLACEMENT

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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Notice of Public Sale

2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
June 11, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Hussain, Paul Holland, Patricia Pisano

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Kibbey, Patricia Spitzley, Olivia Martin

OTHERS PRESENT: Anita Beavers; Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:18 p.m. by Adam Hussain

Kaschinske advised board members the meeting notice was advertised by the following means: paid notice in City Pulse, City of Lansing Parks web site, Facebook, E-newsletter, and media PSA. It was also sent to Lansing Neighborhood Council and Allen Neighborhood Center asking them to distribute to neighborhood groups.

Kaschinske stated this meeting is to review the second goal of the Master Plan which is **Tree Conservation, Planting, and Replacement.**

G. Protect the existing tree population through proper care and pruning.

H. Install new trees where space and activities provide.

1. Create program for neighborhood associations and other groups to purchase trees for planting within the parks.
2. Work with the Board of Water and Light (BWL) to assist with their tree planting program.
3. Using the BWL model, work towards educating the public on the value of trees in the landscape.
4. Plant appropriate trees in lowland areas within parks to help promote storm water management best practices.

I. Replace damaged or dying trees in parks.

Rationale:
The value and benefits that trees bring to the landscape are countless. According the website Canopy.org some of the most relative benefits when it comes to parks are air cleaning, climate cooling, water filtration and retention, and wildlife habitat. Some more specific benefits include:

- *Providing inviting and cool areas for recreation and relaxation*
- *The color green is calming and relieves eye strain*
- *People walk and job more on shady paths (and streets), which encourages interaction with neighbors and improves the sense of community*

- *Trees absorb and block sound, reducing noise pollution by as much as 40 percent*

1. Create program for neighborhood associations and other groups to purchase trees for planting within the parks.

Hussain stated most municipalities have a street planting program. Could there be an online application for residents to complete and get on a list for this type of program

Kaschinske stated the Westside Neighborhood recently did a large tree planting program and there were some individuals who rejected the tree.

Holland stated they planned 5 days to dig holes and plant trees and it only took 3 days. Westside Neighborhood partnered with the City and also made cash contribution toward the city's tree fund. The city marked sties; residents dug the holes and agreed to care for the trees.

Holland stated he would like to have a plan in place for every neighborhood association to participate in a tree planting program. He would like "and right of ways" added to item #1.

Kaschinske stated he would like himself, Adam and Paul to sit down with the Forestry division and maybe Board of Water and Light to work on a program for residents to work with city and BWL to plant trees in the city.

2. Work with the Board of Water and Light (BWL) to assist with their tree planting program.

Kaschinske stated the city has worked with BWL in the past and with this past winter storm there is an additional focus on tree trimming. Joe Wright mentioned at the last board meeting that BWL has a tree planting program where they give away trees. Kaschinske stated he would find out more about the program and included them in the neighborhood discussion.

3. Using the BWL model, work towards educating the public on the value of trees in the landscape.

Kaschinske inquired if Holland or Hussain used this when they planted trees in their neighborhoods. Holland stated he is not aware of the BWL model. Kaschinske commented it may be about where is the tree going to go in regard to power lines, what type of species is best for the area, and planting a diversity of species.

Holland stated it is good to piggy back off BWL, but in terms of a stated goal in a Master Plan he would strike "using the BWL model" and say "educate the public on the value of trees in the landscape and provide the proper planting and care information and techniques".

Kaschinske inquired how this would be done. Holland stated Forestry provided guides from the U.S. Forestry Services on how to care for your backyard tree and our Forestry Department has pamphlet. It seems like we could combine the two to create a one page pamphlet with the necessary information. This could be put on the website.

Anita Beavers recommended working with someone who has knowledge of trees and to plant slow growing species with less aggressive root systems.

4. Plant appropriate trees in lowland areas within parks to help promote storm water management best practices.

No comments or changes

C. Replace damaged or dying trees in parks

Kaschinske reviewed the rational on this.

Holland inquired if there could be similar language including right of way as we did in B, so it would read Replace damaged or dying trees in parks and along right of ways.

Hussain inquired if it is the plan to replace on a one to one basis. Kaschinske stated yes.

Holland stated in the rational could the word countless be innumerable; and the term most relative he is thrown off by; and instead of “some more” use the word additional.

Holland also would like to see under C some facilitation with the City to assist with the cost of removing stumps, such as a group rate for the neighbors, providing a reasonable contractor and work with the neighbors.

Kaschinske inquired if this could be C, 1. Holland stated yes.

Hussain inquired what the language for C1 is; Kaschinske stated “Create a program for neighborhood associations and other groups to work to remove stumps within right of ways and in parks”

Anita Beavers stated with issues such as these, that having a parks staff person visit and discuss these matters at neighborhood group meetings to explain what the costs are for tree and stump removal, the equipment necessary, liability issues, etc that neighbors may be more receptive to helping out.

Beavers stated the Colonial Neighborhood Association has small committees within the association, such as a garden committee, to take care of different areas of the neighborhood.

Kaschinske inquired if there was an agreement with the City on this. Beavers stated no.

Hussain stated he has concerns with agreements, such as the community gardens, when leadership changes or neighborhood demographics change, who keeps up with the terms of the agreements and who is held accountable.

Kaschinske stated he has an example of what Adam referred to. At Potter Walsh there is a sign with blocks around the sign and sometime ago it was hit by a vehicle. This is an example where he does not know the history and whose responsibility it is. It turns out that it was a project by Martin Block, which is next door, they donated the blocks and a neighbor laid the blocks. The neighborhood is now asking the city to replace the sign, but there is nothing written about maintenance and upkeep.

Beavers stated Colonial Neighborhood has about 1,400 homes and total annual donations are about $500 to $700 to pay for projects. If larger projects need to be done they ask for additional donations of $5 or $10.

Beavers recommended board members and Parks Director attending annual picnics have a booth to present plans. She also recommended working with BWL to look at state grants and Arbor Day funding sources.

Kaschinske stated once this plan is in place, he will work with the Lansing Neighborhood Council on getting the information to neighborhood groups.

Kaschinske stated he would get information from Paul Dykema, City Forester, regarding tree grants, what we have done in the past and what we can do now. He will send the information to board members and Anita.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting notice – Public meeting #3

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on July 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the third goal of the plan - **ACCESS TO RIVERS AND RIVER MANAGEMENT**

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
July 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Kibbey, Patricia Spitzley, Olivia Martin, Adam Hussain, Paul Holland, Patricia Pisano

OTHERS PRESENT: Eve Brown; Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:15 p.m.

Kaschinske stated this meeting is to review the fourth goal of the Master Plan which is **Access to Rivers and River Management:**

A. **Install universally accessible canoe/kayak launch at Cherry Hill Park**
B. **Promote "blueways" similar to how trails and greenways are promoted**
C. **Identify erosion problems along the Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Sycamore Creek. In particular, areas adjacent to the River Trail. Work with city staff to determine necessary repairs.**
D. **Protect and restore riparian buffers along rivers and creeks**
E. **Establish plans with the help of volunteers to remove trees and brush from the waterways**
F. **Plan special events that promote river related recreation activities**

Rationale:
The river bodies in Lansing are such an important part of the overall recreational landscape. The city is fortunate to have both the Grand River and Red Cedar River flowing through the heart of the city, and adjacent or through several parks. The Sycamore Creek is also a highly utilized resource which connects south Lansing to the Red Cedar River near Potter Park Zoo. The city has done a wonderful job at providing water-based recreation opportunities and hopes to continue that long standing tradition. In addition, the Parks Department realizes the importance of the rivers as natural resources and wants to do their part to manage them and the adjacent ecosystems properly.

Eve Brown stated she was from the Sycamore neighborhood which is located on the river and they are concerned with flooding and flood insurance.

Kaschinske inquired if she received something from the Emergency Management Department.

Brown stated the flood in '75 only made it up to the windows of homes. Flood insurance does not cover water coming in from basement only from river or street. She feels the cost of flood insurance will affect home values and the City should be concerned of the effect on the city as a whole because so much of the city is on or near the river.

Meeting notice – Public meeting #4

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 1340; an Ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Code of the City of East Lansing by adding Section 22-40 to Article II - Civil Rights - to prohibit city contractors from discriminating against employees in the provision of benefits to their employee's domestic partners based on marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression

Ordinance No. 1342; an Ordinance to amend Section 1-12 of Chapter 1 – General Provisions – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to clarify the costs that may be imposed by the court for violations of ordinances

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the fifth goal of the plan – **CREATING A PARKS FOUNDATION**

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
September 10, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kibbey, Olivia Martin, Adam Hussain, Paul Holland, Rita O'Brien

MEMBERS ABSENT: Veronica Gracia-Wing

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Deanna Swisher, Friends of Reutter Park; John Krohn, Fenner/Land Bank

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m.

Kaschinske stated this meeting is to review the Fifth goal of the Master Plan which is Create a Parks Foundation:

5. Create Parks Foundation
A. Establish 501c3 Friends of Lansing Parks group
B. Apply for grants specifically offered to 501c3 groups
C. Advocate for Parks and Recreation Department programs
D. Organize fundraising events to raise money for Parks projects and services
E. Organize volunteer driven Parks projects

Rick Kibbey stated what had started this idea originally was during the past 5 years of budget crisis and what could be done to supplement the level of activities we had. There were other issues and contracting services took care of some of those. There were a lot of programmatic ideas that were in need of a friend and there were a couple of things that were added in; which would be the sale of Red Cedar and we wanted a way to ensure the funds from the sale of parks would go back into parks and the other discussion was to build a closer relationship with park users and park neighbors.

Rick Kibbey stated he did some research and contacted a couple of friends groups that have created foundations and the roles they have in the park system.

The first thing that needs to be done is create by-laws for the foundation to proceed to becoming a 501c3. Articles of Incorporation need to be filed and an employer ID number.

Applying for grants is also necessary. There are three ways to do this which are; foundation grants, grants within the governmental process such as city, county and state and the third is fund raising by the foundation.

Rick Kibbey stated the tree project recently done in the Westside Neighborhood has appeal and is a project that has a beginning and an end, it is fairly succinct, is transferrable to almost any neighborhood, has modest financial requirements and modest administrative requirements. There are a number of friends' organizations throughout the city that are doing very good work.

Rick Kibbey asked the Board where we should be on this and does this seem like a good idea and what aspects are most appealing.

Olivia Martin stated the most appealing aspect for her is that it will be a 501c3 and is a place to gift to parks for charitable donations, when donations cannot come to the department.

Brett Kaschinske stated you can donate to the City however you do not get the exemptions as you do with a 501c3 and the difference of gifting to government and gifting to a 501c3 makes a difference to people.

Olivia Martin stated the other thing is organizing the Friends of the Parks and projects; having shovels available or an individual available who a neighborhood association could go to for planning and organizing an event. Also, having a standard practice for groups would be valuable.

Brett Kaschinske stated when a neighborhood group comes to the City and wants to do an event in a certain park; it is a calling of people in. Usually not involving fees, but for groups the City requires insurance which neighborhood groups and organizations do not have. One of the things, through the foundation, does it fit under an overall umbrella for the neighborhood activities that we want to see in the park. However, who carries the liability for the bounce house, vendor or whatever is in the park and could the friends group be an umbrella.

Rick Kibbey stated when this project first started he put together an 8 page memo asking the questions the City had to answer before we could proceed. The first question was how we draw a line so when individuals know when they are responsible for insurance or they can work under the foundation. An example would be a group of volunteers working with chainsaws.

Brett Kaschinske stated we have an answer for that. At Fenner volunteers are allowed to use chainsaws, but they need to go through training, safety and certification course.

Rita O'Brien clarified the current neighborhood groups would be incorporated into the foundation and the foundation would be the host.

Paul Holland stated the foundation would be a friend of friends group so the current groups remain as they are, but the foundation is a source of information, best practices and groups could be added as a rider for events.

Paul Holland stated what interests him is a composition of the board for the foundation; he would like to see at 15 or 16 member board and all Park Board members would be on the foundation board.

Deanna Swisher stated as a member of Friends of Reutter Park when she was asked to lead the group her immediate thought was that she did not want to be held personally responsible. If you have properly organized and documented 501c3 your By-laws and Articles will include the magic language that will provide a liability shelter for individuals and groups trying to do good things. If you look at board membership for the friends of friends to include the people who preside over each of the individual friends group then you have given them some structure.

Brett Kaschinske inquired if under the goals if anyone has any issues with A through E or if there are any additions.

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   A. Establish By-Laws
   B. Establish 501c3 Friends of Lansing Parks group
   C. Apply for grants specifically offered to 501c3 groups
   D. Advocate for Parks and Recreation Department programs
   E. Organize fundraising events to raise money for Parks projects and services
   F. Organize volunteer driven park projects
   G. Clearing house for insurance and technical assistance to neighborhood friends groups
   H. Matching grant funds required of community groups

Rick Kibbey inquired if park board members would like to have all park board members on the foundation board, one member or a number of members.

Rita O'Brien, Olivia Martin would like to see all members as part of the foundation board; Adam Hussain would like to see all members if the park board can maintain consistency on the park board with full eight members. Hussain is also in full support of the foundation as long as the increased organization funds and resources are viewed as supplement and not to replace any current funding. This should be a way to take the parks above and beyond and not stay status quo.

Brett Kaschinske stated the Friends of Lansing River Trail has recently formed and it has gone well. This started with a letter to the Mayor thanking him for the River Trail and an article in the State Journal. At the inception, there were hundreds who said they wanted to be friends and the board was formed by going through the list and considered the people with specific area of employment such as attorney, marketing, fund raising, web site design graphic artist, and pulled from this list to form the board. Do we want to form the foundation board based around someone who has a specific background?

Paul Holland stated this is a great way to do it to create a professional board, but the river trail is something that is throughout the city and if we are looking at a parks foundation we would need rotating representation. However, we would not know neighborhood organization presidents backgrounds.

Rick Kibbey stated those functions are essentially done for pay and it would be easier to solicit someone to donate services to a project than to ask them make a commitment to be on the board. The other way is to

have an advisory board who may meet twice a year and an administrative board. The type of board would need to be resolved before the by-laws can be submitted.

John Krohn stated he likes the idea of involving volunteers and the possibility of training them to use equipment to perform larger tasks. He also indicated he would be interested in joining the park board. Kaschinske stated he would get an application to him.

Meeting adjourned

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PARK BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at Foster Community Center located at 200 N. Foster Avenue, Room 211, on October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering goals for the 2015-2020 Parks 5-Year Master Plan. This meeting will focus on receiving public input on the sixth goal of the plan – **NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL USE**

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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CITY OF EAST LANSING
NOTICE
LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the **CITY OF EAST LANSING,**
Counties of INGHAM and CLINTON, State of Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTIES OF INGHAM AND CLINTON, AND THE CITY OF EAST LANSING, WILL HOLD AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

For the purposes

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
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State Senator
State Representative
State Board of Education
University of Michigan Board of Regents
Michigan State University Board of Trustees
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The following non-partisan offices:

2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
October 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kibbey, Adam Hussain, Rita O'Brien, Veronica Gracia-Wing

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Holland

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Brian Baer; Debbie Mikula, Arts Council of Greater Lansing; Amy Valleau, Paul Johns, Moores Park Neighborhood Association; Dwight Washington.

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m.

Kaschinske stated this meeting is to review the Fifth goal of the Master Plan which is **Non-motorized trail use**

G. **Update the Lansing River Trail map including new links to the South Lansing Pathway and the Delhi Township trail**
H. **Create off-road biking and hiking trails through Fine, Fulton, and Hunters Ridge parks**
I. **River Trail extension**
   1. To the north to connect to the Delta Township path
   2. From Moores Park to Riverside Park
   3. From Frances Park to Grand River Park

Rationale:
The city of Lansing has an extensive non-motorized trail system. The nationally recognized River Trail currently has over ten miles of paved trails connecting north, south, east, and west Lansing. Three parks – Davis, Frances, and Hunter – have paved trail loops within their boundaries. These loops are all about one mile long and get used frequently by the nearby residents. Of all of the opportunities available to the residents, the walking paths continue to be one of the most popular assets, so the city wants to look for ways to provide additional opportunities and locations for trails.

Rick Kibbey provided new board members some background how the master plan originated and the purpose of the plan.

Communities around the nation are using pathways in various ways. One element is trails along water and trails which connect parks.

Rick Kibbey provided copies of the green infrastructure framework consisting of potential natural resource areas and greenway links.

Brian Baer stated his concern about maintenance especially wooden structures and with the expansion will there be money for repair.

Brett Kaschinske stated the south Lansing extension is all pavement. On the November ballot there will be a countywide initiative and it will speak to funder the river trail because it is viewed as a regional asset.

The Friends of Lansing River Trail was recently established. One of their objectives is maintenance and fund raising. We are also looking at sponsors adopting areas to clean up and maintain.

Adam Hussain inquired, as a parks department, what drives our decisions and what determine what is removed such as ball field, backstops, etc.

Brett Kaschinske stated quality or condition of the field, amount of use and what we program, along with open play use. Also review and request by the public is considered.

Brett Kaschinske inquired if board is ok with this goal.

Non-motorized trail use

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Current River Trail map is outdated and we are looking to redo the map. Would we want to continue with individual park walking trails on the back or only the main River Trail. Should rules and guidelines for the trail be included.
Rick Kibbey inquired about the paths within the cemeteries.

Veronia Gracia-Wing clarified if there were two parts to the question; one is if we are interested in including on the map the south Lansing trail and the loops within the parks.

Brett Kaschinske stated first do we need a map and if we do want do we want to include.

Rita O'Brien asked if it could be a larger map and stated she likes the individual park trails. Kaschinske stated yes.

Rita O'Brien would like to see full park system map. She would like to see better location recognition, maybe a comprehensive map with what the parks have to offer, similar to the Be a Tourist booklet.

Brett Kaschinske stated we have looked at naming the branches to correspond with the city areas.

Adam Hussain inquired if we have looked at other cities and their trail maps.

Rick Kibbey asked to get maps from other cities to use as examples.

Brett stated traditionally this has been put out for an RFP.

Rick Kibbey stated this could be a class project for college students.

Brett stated item B on the goal list is being looked into now. Item C is part of the next steps for Public Service. If there are not objections, these items will remain in the plan.

Veronica Gracia-Wing inquired if we have an understanding of how hikers and bikers get along. Kaschinske stated yes; what do not get along are motorized vehicles with hikers and bikers.

Brett Kaschinske inquired if we should include language for mile markers and signage along the trail; the county wide millage or the county taking over maintenance of the trail.

Rita O'Brien stated item D should be added for mile markers and destination spots along the trail.

Veronica Gracia-Wing wants to be mindful to accommodate not just English reading individuals.

Adam Hussain recommended directions to major roadways be included on the map.

Rick Kibbey stated there were two parts, maintenance and do we want to put a lot of extra on the trails and the second is to navigate the trail with phones, GPS and technology.

Veronica Gracia-Wing would like to see in A and the addition of D to include non-traditional ways to accomplish those goals. Does the master plan include a general section on messaging and communication or is that not part of this master plan.

Brett Kaschinske stated it can be part of the master plan, but it is not one of our goals at this time.

Brett Kaschinske stated the county maintenance language will be addressed at the November meeting after the election.

2015-2020 MASTER PLAN
MEETING NOTES
Foster Community Center
November 12, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kibbey, Rita O'Brien, Veronica Gracia-Wing, Clayton "Gib" King

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Holland, Adam Hussain

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Kris Reader; Jennifer Olson, Fenner Nature Center; Mark Ledebuhr, Fenner Nature Center; Dwight Washington

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m.

Kaschinske stated this meeting is to review the sixth and final goal of the Master Plan which is

Diversify Recreational Opportunities

A. Hold discussions with current park users to identify new recreational trends
B. Reach out to faith based organizations via the Mayor's Office of Faith Based Initiatives
C. Work with local school districts to develop more athletic teams
D. Reach out to the refugee community and other potential new users to determine recreational needs

Kris Reader stated he is not familiar with the Master Plan but lives in the neighborhood of Foster Center. He inquired about the numerous pocket parks throughout the city and if there is a way to advertise those parks.

Jennifer Olson stated she is on the Fenner Nature Center Board and noticed the advertisement in the City Pulse and is curious what other goals have been discussed. She stated she works with the DNR and diversifying recreation is always something to work on. She inquired what the other goals were and have the objectives been identified based on internal results.

Brett Kaschinske stated the objectives have been from public input and he reviewed the previous goals that have been discussed.

Dwight Washington stated he likes this goal and the objectives. This goal incorporates both diversity of recreational opportunities and populations. Use environmental literacy to engage youth with nature and engage them in outdoor activities that extend beyond commercial sports like football, basketball, such as fishing, hunting, etc.

Brett Kaschinske stated trends in recreation used to have a baseball field or tennis court in every park. We have seen over the years changes in this with skate parks, dog parks, and trails. The questions we need to ask is are we meeting the needs of the new recreational trends. We are seeing more soccer with the different

ethnic groups, smaller soccer fields or utilizing tennis courts. There was a request for a Cricket Field a Frances Park, however that did not happen. The older population has taken an interest in Bocce Ball and Pickle Ball, which is a slowed down version of tennis.

The faith based initiative office is working with programs and they are looking into President Obama's My Brother's Keeper program and if it has opportunities for us.

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Kaschinske stated in reference to C in the goals, we are finding if children participate in sports they are not participating with their school and we are losing that community identity. We would like to get back to the school pride and we have met with the principals.

Kaschinske stated in regard to goal D we are making contact with the refugee community to meet their needs. If there are other needs we do get requests from the community.

Kaschinske stated opening Crego Park provided access to boating and fishing in a controlled environment. One idea is to get kids to the park for camping and experiencing different opportunities. Many kids have never walked on a dock or been out on the water.

Dwight Washington stated schools seem to support basketball and football; however they do not cross over to other outdoor activities. One activity that comes out the most obvious is swimming and is it the responsibility of the school to teach children to swim or could the parks department get involved in the crossover sports.

Kaschinske stated teaching children to swim is important. We are in Michigan with lakes and pools. The school district has gone from 3 swim teams at each of the high schools to one team total. This is a public safety issue and there are some scary statistics on drowning.

Gib King inquired if there are any allegiances with the YMCA. Kaschinske stated yes and he has met with the new CEO. We currently do not have an aquatics programmer. The pool at the Southside Center is supposed to be open by 2016 by contract. The goal is to get the pool at Southside open and offering swimming with the afterschool program and lessons.

Mark Lederuhr inquired if there is an opportunity to use Hawk Island to teach outdoor lessons. Kaschinske stated we have looked at that for Hunter and Moores, but weather is an issue, the water is cooler and some will only swim in chlorinated water.

Jennifer Olson inquired if there is archery in the schools in Lansing. Kaschinske stated he did not know. We offer archery in our activity guide and Milt Alston, Programmer at Letts is a certified instructor. We have also granted permission to Trinity Church to teach archery at Baker Donora.

Kris Reader stated she has concerns with developing more teams and it leaves some kids out. If the goal is to get kids active and healthy, then smaller intramural activities rather than teams, such as hiking, biking, swimming, archery, 3 on 3 basketball would meet the goal.

Veronica Gracia-Wing stated there is money for archery and an opportunity to travel.

Gib King stated Michigan has an asset with one of the top ranking world archers who is a young girl out of Rockford.

Rita O'Brien recommended farming education and gardening and there is money.

Rick Kibbey recommended reaching out to the refugee community at the Lutheran Church on Pennsylvania. They recently received a grant for soccer.

Dwight Washington stated going back to the school district developing more athletic teams and one of the differences between school teams and parks and recreation is parks and recreation has a conservation aspect. There was a soccer community in Tanzania and before each game if the team did community service they came into the game with one point. There should be a reciprocal relationship with the schools and parks.

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Kaschinske stated Wexford has put in a natural playground with stacking trees or rocks and using natural resources. He will be interested to see it when it is complete and hear the feedback.

Gib King mentioned hunting which is a great opportunity and could help with deer management in some of the parks and raise money.

Kris Reader also mentioned looking at Arts.

Rita O'Brien would like to see more park based programs.

John Krohn would like a snowboarding hill and more intense sports like a rock climbing wall and more extreme sports.

Kaschinske stated there is an indoor climbing wall at Gier, however it is not an extreme wall. Also, there was snowboarding at Hawk Island, but it is being taken out a Hawk.

Kaschinske stated we are seeing more diversity other than the average 5K run.