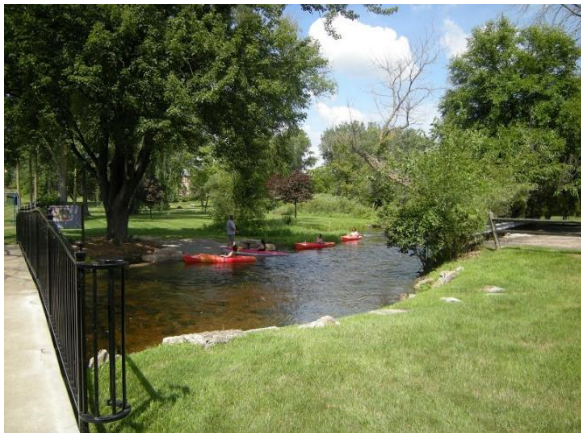


# SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN

# 2022- 2027



**SLPR**  
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ADAAG	Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
AHCP	Aquatic Habitat Grant Program
CDBG	Community Development Block Grants
DDA	Downtown Development Authority
FAPS	Fenton Area Public Schools
FARR	Fenton Area Resources and Referral
FCCC	Fenton Community and Cultural Center
LAFF	City of Linden, Argentine Township, City of Fenton, and Fenton Township
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
MEDC	Michigan Economic Development Corporation
MNRTF	Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund
MTA	Mass Transportation Authority
NHS	National Honor Society
SLPR	Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program



## I. INTRODUCTION

The residents of southern Genesee County enjoy a diverse range of parks and recreation facilities, provided by the various cities, Genesee County, and the local school districts. To maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents, the different communities must take an active role in the delivery of recreation opportunities.

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District (herein known as SLPR), inclusive of the City of Fenton, Fenton Township, and the City of Linden, is an organization charged to operate and provide recreational programming opportunities for community members. Founded in November 2000 by a vote of the people of Linden, Fenton, and Fenton Townships (under Act No. 312 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1929, as amended “PA1929, No. 312”), SLPR continues to provide oversight over all recreational programming in southern Genesee County. Along with recreational opportunities for the youth, adults, and seniors, SLPR provides oversight and management for multiple community events, including the Fenton Farmer’s Market, the “Back to the Bricks” Tune-Up Parties in Fenton and Linden, concert programs by the river and specialized mini-events for larger venues like the Fenton Street Experience. The organization has continued to provide community education programming to Fenton Area Public Schools.

SLPR has created this “Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan” as a useful tool to guide the development and preservation of the park facilities and programming, in a manner that is consistent with its mission of “establishing, maintaining and operating a system of parks, recreation facilities and programs.” This recreational plan will also make SLPR eligible for various grants made available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). In 2013, the State of Michigan recognized SLPR as an MDNR Park Authority.

This plan is divided into separate sections that represent the planning process used in its development. In addition to this introduction, the plan contains:

- ❖ **Community Description:** An overview of the community’s current and projected social, physical, and economic characteristics.
- ❖ **Administrative Structure:** Identifies the entities responsible for administration of the park and recreation programs and facilities provided throughout the city.
- ❖ **Parks, Facility, and Program Inventory:** Describes the specific parks, facilities, and programs that are offered through SLPR.
- ❖ **Planning Process:** Describes the participatory process by the community and other partners; process will discuss the community description, recreation inventory, public participation, analysis, action program, and plan completion and adoption.
- ❖ **Basis for Action:** Analyzes the programs and facilities and contains a description of the public involvement process used in development of the plan.
- ❖ **Action Plan:** Identifies the plan’s goals and objectives, all project and system recommendations, and a five-year plan for investment.

The Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan will be used as a solid foundation for future recreational facilities and programming improvements through the services rendered by SLPR, as well as continued investments and policies that will continue to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the residents in the service area.



## II. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

SLPR is in the southern corner of Genesee County, bordering Oakland County to the east and Livingston County to the south. Residents from Fenton Township, Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, Mundy Township, and the cities of Fenton and Linden support the programs offered by the regional recreation service provider. SLPR service area is in the southwestern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula; 60 miles northwest of Detroit, 10 miles southwest of Flint.



### **Cities/Townships**

### **Population**

<i>Argentine Township (Genesee County)</i>	7,091 (2020 Census)
<i>City of Fenton (Genesee County)</i>	12,050 (2020 Census)
<i>Fenton Township (Genesee County)</i>	16,843 (2020 Census)
<i>City of Linden (Genesee County)</i>	4,142 (2020 Census)
<i>Mundy Township (Genesee County)</i>	15,281 (2020 Census)
<i>Tyrone Township (Livingston County)</i>	10,432 (2020 Census)

The municipalities included in SLPR are primarily a residential community; and boasts numerous aquatic recreational attractions as well as currently experiencing commercial development growth.

The land use characteristics of the service area provided by SLPR includes land that is described as residential and rural agricultural with mixtures of retail, trade, and services located in the downtown areas of the City of Fenton and the City of Linden.

Primary transportation connections through the area include US-23, which runs from north to south, connecting to I-75 south of Flint. Bus/train stations are located 15 miles northwest in Flint; aviation transportation is also located in Flint through Bishop International Airport which operates flights to destinations to various locations in the country. Local public transportation is provided through the MTA (Mass Transportation Authority), which operate routes in and



around the SLPR area. The MTA also provides curb-to-curb service in certain areas of Genesee County including the area around SLPR.

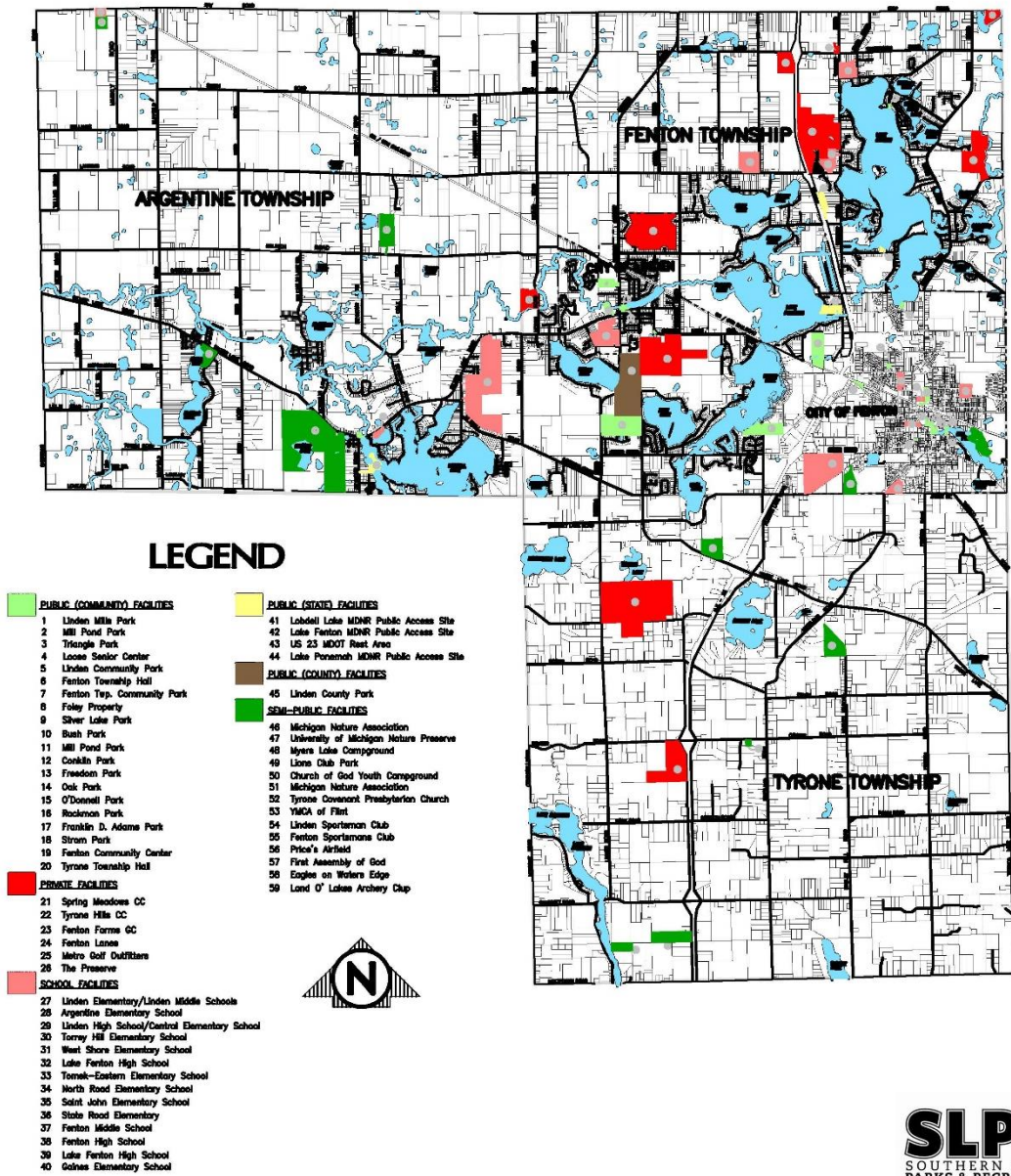
Genesee County is in the southeastern section of Michigan, where “lake effect” weather conditions are not as great of a concern as in other areas of the state. Average annual precipitation is 32.3 inches, with an average snowfall of 36.7 inches. The average temperature in the winter is 15 degrees; the average temperature in the summer is 82 degrees.

Water resources in this section of Genesee County are plentiful.. There is also a public access point for citizens at Lobdell Lake, Lake Fenton, and Lake Ponemah. Other resources include the Shiawassee River, Silver Lake, Byram Lake, and Pine Lake, Squaw Lake, Hoisington Lake, and Marl Lake.



Map 1: Location Map

# SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION AREA RECREATION FACILITIES AND PARKS LOCATION MAP





### III. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

SLPR is the first of its kind in the state of Michigan; acting under Act No. 312 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1929, as amended “PA1929, No. 312” – The Metropolitan District Act of 1929. Under this act, the state allows “two or more” municipalities to incorporate into a metropolitan district for the purpose of “acquiring, owning, operating and maintaining properties”. In 2000, the communities of Fenton Township, City of Linden, and City of Fenton jointly agreed upon a charter to fund the regional recreational authority. SLPR is operated from a 0.4 mil operating millage, which generated \$484,000 in 2021.

Currently, SLPR does not own its own properties and therefore does not have a separate office or location housing its programs. The current administrative offices and storage facilities are in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center (FCCC), while programming opportunities are offered in all school districts as well as the FCCC.

The organization structure of SLPR includes a district commission; made up of two (2) members from each participating city or township. The commission acts as the legislative body of the district and holds the authority to enact laws, ordinances, and regulations, to adopt such resolutions as it shall deem proper, develop goals and objectives of the district, and to act as the general policy making body within the district. The commission is also charged with hiring the Executive Director, who is charged to execute the goals and objectives of the commission. The current members of the district commission are provided in Figure 1.

Day-to-day operations are handled by the Executive Director. According to the charter for SLPR, the Executive Director “may hire such full and part time staff to carry out the commissions programs and operation.” The departmental structure is identified in Figure 1. The Executive Director is charged with submitting the proposed annual budget, as well as other financial projections to the commission to approve, plan, conduct, and operate programs that meet the needs of the citizens of the district (as approved by the commission). Currently, he supervises the following positions:

- ❖ Marketing, Enrichment, and Grant Coordinator
- ❖ Program Coordinator/Office Manager
- ❖ Accounting/HR Coordinator
- ❖ Custodian/Maintenance Staff/Receptionists
- ❖ Auxiliary Staff
- ❖ Enrichment Program Instructors
- ❖ Aquatic Director
- ❖ Gymnastics Director
- ❖ Dance Director
- ❖ Fitness Director
- ❖ Athletic Programmer/Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) Scheduler

#### Current Funding Sources

Current funding sources are made available from an operating millage, approved by the residents in the service area of the cities of Fenton and Linden, and Fenton Township in 2000.



### **Role of Volunteers**

Volunteers continue to be a huge support system for the programming operated through SLPR. Parent volunteers are just a few of the collaborations that have been fostered from the recreational programming provided. Volunteer groups that work with SLPR include Flag Football, Wrestling, Swimming, Keepers of the Shiawassee, Happening in Linden Committee, Fenton Lakes Sportsmen Club, LOOSE Senior Citizens Center, National Honor Society (NHS) students from all three high schools, and various other community groups. The Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs) of the City of Linden and the City of Fenton also provide support and volunteers to various programming provided through SLPR.

LAFF Pathways, Inc. (The City of Linden, Argentine Township, the City of Fenton, and Fenton Township) is a Michigan non-profit organization that was established in 2015 with the goal of supporting non-motorized trails throughout the SLPR service area. LAFF has been involved in previous discussions with trail development in communities and partnerships with preserving trails and is the major fund raising organization for the pathways in southern Genesee County.

Corporate sponsors also volunteer their time and equipment to ensure various other programming throughout the service area, such as Randy Wise Buick/GMC that supplies driver's education vehicles for use by area residents.

### **Relationships with school districts, other public agencies, or private organizations**

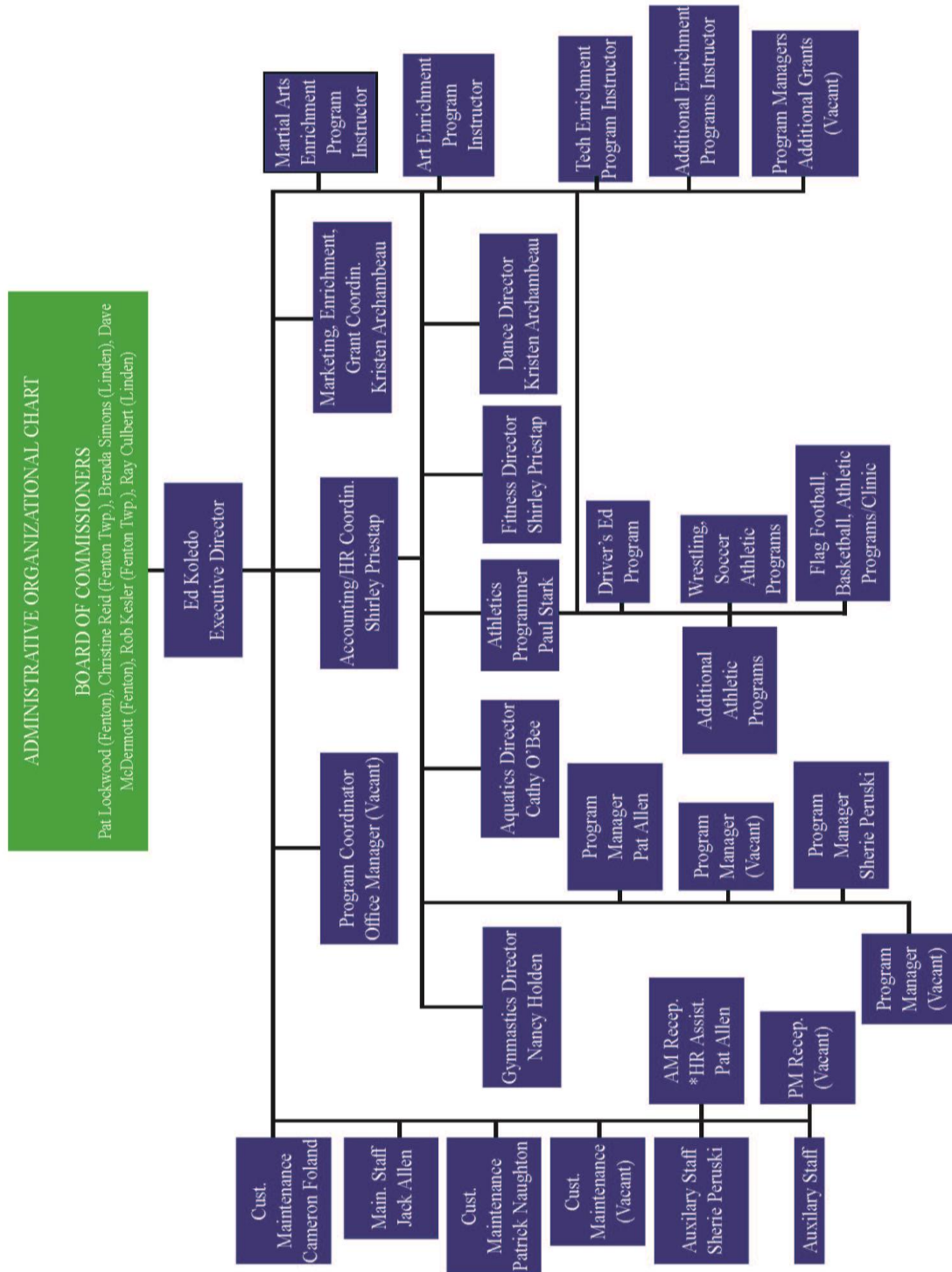
School districts in the SLPR boundary include Lake Fenton Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, and Linden Community Schools. SLPR uses the existing facilities made available from the local school districts to provide space for recreational activities, such as swimming/aquatics, basketball, and other community involvement programs. Also, SLPR provides community education programming for Fenton Area Public Schools. In the Linden School District, the community organization "Project Graduation" works with the authority for the support of the graduating classes from Linden High School. Additional public/private partnerships include the Flint & Genesee Group (formerly the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce), which has aided with the Summer Youth Initiative for SLPR. The Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Fenton Arts Council, Fenton Arts and Cultural Commission, Fenton Area Resources and Referral (FARR), and the Genesee County Parks and Recreation have all recently become partners with SLPR. The authority has also partnered with the Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village in Flint for their Gus Macker 3x3 basketball tournament.

### **Relationship between the Authority or Commission and Recreation Department of Participating Communities**

SLPR has been successful in the 21 years since its inception through the collaborations between the communities represented. Members of the board of commissioners are representatives of the communities that are a part of SLPR; meaning that the concerns, goals, and objectives of each municipality are represented in the decision-making of the regional authority. Also, with programming, all recreational activities are open to the residents of Fenton Township, Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, Mundy Township, and the cities of Linden and Fenton.



Figure 1: Administrative Structure





**Table 1: Budget Analysis****SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION  
2020 ACTUAL BUDGET SUMMARY**

The Budget Narrative contains the summarized list of Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District's Chart of Accounts and the recommended budget for each of these accounts.

**GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE**

Millage	\$ 463,530.67	
Interest & Dividends	35.94	
Misc. Revenue	1,626.58	
Donations	5,000.00	
Administrative Fees Collected	6,117.39	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 476,310.58</b>

**RECREATION REVENUE**

Programs	375,130.02	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center Reimbursement	15,788.38	
Fenton Schools Facility Rental Income	3,486.23	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 394,404.63</b>

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 870,715.21</b>
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**GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

General Administrative Expense	240,201.86	
Loose Appropriations	(A) 73,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 313,201.86</b>

**RECREATION EXPENSES**

Programs	386,525.18	
LF Schools Utilities Reimbursement	0.00	
Fenton Schools Utilities Reimbursement	0.00	
Linden Schools Utilities Reimbursement	0.00	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center	15,788.38	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 402,313.56</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 715,515.42</b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 155,199.79</b>
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## SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION

### 2021 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY

The Budget Narrative contains the list of Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District's Chart of Accounts and the recommended budget for each of these accounts.

#### GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE

Millage	\$ 484,000.00	
Interest & Dividends	400.00	
Misc. Revenue	5,100.00	
Administrative Fees Collected	6,200.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 495,700.00</b>

#### RECREATION REVENUE

Programs	597,348.00	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center Reimbursement	35,000.00	
Fenton Schools Facility Rental Income	6,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 638,348.00</b>

**TOTAL REVENUES** **\$ 1,134,048.00**

#### GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

General Administrative Expense	341,819.00	
Loose Appropriations	50,370.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 392,189.00</b>

#### RECREATION EXPENSES

Programs	595,646.00	
Fenton Schools Facility Use	10,000.00	
Linden Schools Utilities for Facility Use	5,000.00	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center	35,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 645,646.00</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 1,037,835.00**

**NET INCOME** **\$ 96,213.00**

<u>MANAGEMENT GOALS:</u>	Contribution to Fund Equity	(35,000.00)	
	SLPR Scholarship Fund (\$15K)	(15,000.00)	
	SLPR Equipment Fund (\$17.5K)	(17,500.00)	
	SLPR Facility Fund (\$35K)	(35,000/28,713)	
			<u>(96,213.00)</u>

**2021 BUDGET LOSS to Meet Management Goals** **0.00**



**SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION**  
**2022 APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY**

The Budget Narrative contains the list of Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District's Chart of Accounts and the recommended budget for each of these accounts.

**GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE**

Millage	\$ 500,909.46	
Interest & Dividends	100.00	
Misc. Revenue	200.00	
Administrative Fees Collected	16,655.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 517,864.46</b>

**RECREATION REVENUE**

Programs	564,443.00	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center Reimbursement	30,000.00	
Fenton Schools Facility Rental Income	5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 599,443.00</b>

**TOTAL REVENUES** **\$ 1,117,307.46**

**GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

General Administrative Expense	497,090.00	
Loose Appropriations	60,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 557,090.00</b>

**RECREATION EXPENSES**

Programs	503,704.55	
Fenton Schools Facility Use	19,435.00	
Linden Schools Utilities for Facility Use	5,000.00	
Fenton Community & Cultural Center	30,000.00	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 558,139.55</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 1,115,229.55**

**NET INCOME** **\$ 2,077.91**



## IV. RECREATION INVENTORY

### Inventory of Facilities

Currently, SLPR does not own any facilities or recreational property; the Metropolitan Authority is charged with overseeing the programming and activities at parks and facilities throughout the Cities of Linden, Fenton, and Fenton Township. SLPR had previously conducted a facility/property feasibility study, and analyzed the data in regards to the potential for future property ownership and land management. The study contains recommendations that the commission and organization review the potential for acquiring vacant properties/buildings for possible use for recreational purposes. SLPR should evaluate acquiring properties to be developed or used by SLPR for unique conditions that do not conflict with other recreation providers, or in a partnering capacity. The following is a compiled analysis of parks and facilities that are located within the boundary of SLPR that the authority has programming oversight.

#### Barrier-Free Inventory

The following summaries address existing conditions and the accessibility of the park properties regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 was required to comply with these guidelines. A general ranking for each park was determined through site visits and documented in the parks and recreation inventory on page 25 and through the park summaries of park properties in the service area. These rankings are:

- 1 – None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 – Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 – Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 – The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 – The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

#### *Parks*

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| ❖ Linden Mill Park               | ❖ Mill Pond Park   |
| ❖ Triangle Park                  | ❖ O'Donnell Park   |
| ❖ Bush Park                      | ❖ Oak Park         |
| ❖ Conklin Park                   | ❖ Rackham Park     |
| ❖ Franklin D. Adams Park         | ❖ Silver Lake Park |
| ❖ Freedom Park                   | ❖ Strom Park       |
| ❖ Fenton Township Community Park | ❖ Millpond Park    |

#### *Other Recreational Facilities/Attractions*

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| ❖ Fenton Intermediate School Facility             | ❖ Linden Middle School          |
| ❖ Fenton Schools High School/Middle School Campus | ❖ Linden High School            |
| ❖ Loose Senior Center                             | ❖ Hyatt Elementary School       |
| ❖ Fenton Township Hall                            | ❖ Torrey Hill Elementary School |
| ❖ Linden Elementary School                        | ❖ West Shore Elementary School  |
|   | ❖ Lake Fenton High School       |



- ❖ Lake Fenton Middle School
- ❖ North Road Elementary
- ❖ Ellen Street Campus
- ❖ Shiawassee Riverwalk
- ❖ State Road Elementary
- ❖ Fenton Community Center/Rackham Park
- ❖ Tomek - Eastern Elementary School
- ❖ Central Elementary School

## Local Parks and Facilities

Table 2 (at the end of this section) is an inventory of the city's parks and indicates the location of sites. Data included in Table 2 are summarized and included in the following evaluation:

### Linden Parks and Recreation

- ❖ **Linden Mills Park (Passive Park):** Linden Mills Park is considered a “passive park” in the downtown area of Linden. Located off Mill Street and near Mill Pond, Linden Mills highlights many amenities including the Linden Mill historical building and an outdoor natural amphitheater. Also is a connection point to the county-wide trail system via N. Bridge Street.



- Size:** 2.09 acres of land; Mills Pond runs through park
- Age Groups Served:** All ages
- Location:** Centrally located in the city, sandwiched between N. Bridge Street to the east, E. Broad Street to the south, and Mill Street to the north
- Facilities:** Gazebo located on site, with sitting area, amphitheater, canoe launch, fishing, water wheel, and walking trails that connect to downtown Linden
- Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 3)** Park has barrier-free parking available on site and accessible seating
- DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **Mill Pond Park (Passive Park):** Located on the south side of the Mill Pond, it is a small downtown railway park with a butterfly garden and seating area.



- Size:** 0.39 acre
- Age Groups Served:** All ages
- Location:** Located on the southern border of Mill Pond near Tickner Street in Linden
- Facilities:** No facilities
- Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 2)**  
This facility has limited barrier-free features
- DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date



- ❖ **Triangle Park (Passive Park):** Park is located between Silver Lake Court and Silver Lake Road in the City of Linden near Prince's Airport, used primarily as a picnic area.

**Size:** 1.26 acre

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Located on the southern edge of Linden, MI. Park is not developed with any equipment or parking facilities.

**Facilities:** Picnic area

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 1)**

This facility has no barrier-free features or parking access.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date



### Linden High/Middle School and Central Elementary School Campus

- ❖ **Linden Community Schools** recently began work on building improvements and construction for new educational and recreational facilities in the community. Expected completion date for the work is Fall 2023.

- ❖ **Linden High School Campus:** Located in Linden, the campus provides adequate baseball and softball facilities and football practice field. New improvements include replacing sidewalks, renovated front entrance, and new fixtures in restrooms and water stations. In Linden, the schools provide the most recreational equipment for use by SLPR.



**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 5)**

This facility has barrier-free features, parking access, and renovated building features to provide for accessibility.

- ❖ **Linden Middle School Campus:** Located south of Linden High School, the facility provides access to baseball/softball fields (that are shared with the high school) and a football field for the high school with running tracks – which was renovated in 2018. Also, the Middle School has recreational facilities inside of the building that are utilized by SLPR, including the gym and various classrooms for programming. New improvements identify new concrete sidewalk around the facility.



**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 5)** This facility has barrier-free features and parking access. The football field for the district is in the same area and improvements to the field have been done to enhance universal access.



- ❖ **Central Elementary** Located to the immediate east of Linden High School, Central Elementary provides playground equipment and recreational facilities that are open and available to community members in the City of Linden and surrounding neighborhoods. Improved sidewalk connection are identified in the new bond construction and a new driveway access. It also has an outdoor basketball court for use by patrons.

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 4)** This facility has barrier-free features. Bathrooms are slated to be renovated during the current building improvement plan.

**Size:** **236 acres**

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Located on Silver Lake Road, west of Hogan Road

**Facilities:** 3 softball fields, 1 baseball fields, 3 basketball courts, 1 soccer field, 4 football fields, 4 volleyball courts (indoor/gymnasium), ¼-mile track, 1 playground, multi-purpose room, indoor gymnastics, and outdoor athletic stadium.



### Hyatt Elementary/Linden Elementary Campus

- ❖ **Hyatt Elementary:** Located near downtown, the school provides opportunities for various recreation outlets with baseball/softball fields that are to the east of the building. The close proximity to Linden Elementary and its facilities also make the location prime for programming and activities. The site also includes playground equipment for all ages to use. Site improvements from the recent bond project include replacing sidewalk and new play equipment.



**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 3)** This facility has barrier-free features (i.e., parking and door openings). New architectural work well help to provide additional universal access to the entire building.

- ❖ **Linden Elementary:** Located to the north of Hyatt Elementary; facility and accompanying land provides recreational opportunities for students and community members. Four baseball fields are in the vicinity of both sites. Ample parking is provided around the school. The new bond construction calls for a new media center, replacing sidewalk around the building, new playground equipment, and new surfacing around the playground.

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 3)** This facility has barrier-free features, but current equipment can be improved. Site improvements slated



for completion call for new equipment which could promote accessibility.

**Size:** **38 acres**  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on S. Bridge Street and Stan Eaton Drive  
**Facilities:** Several ball diamonds, playground equipment, track, gyms, and open space.

❖ **LAFF Pathway:** Phase 1 of the trail was completed in 2020 and is a 2-mile long (10'-wide) trail that begins on Lobdell Road and runs through the Linden Schools campus, then east on Silver Lake Road. A new trailhead parking lot was constructed near the entrance to the Linden Community Schools campus (off Lobdell Road). The trails' main goal was to provide new routes to the school campus and enhanced non-motorized trail routes in the community. Future expansion of the trail will include The State Bank Trail, connecting the City of Fenton to the City of Linden and corridors along Fenton and Owen Roads.



**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 5)** This facility has barrier-free features and was constructed with the latest barrier-free standards. The trailhead has ample parking and accessible parking spaces. The trail width is 10 feet wide and cross slopes and running slopes meet the requirements for accessibility.

**Size:** **2 Miles**  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Lobdell Road/Haviland Beach Drive to Silver Lake Road  
**Facilities:** Walking Trail

### Fenton Parks and Recreation

❖ **Bush Park (Neighborhood Park):** Bush Park is one of the most heavily used parks in Fenton and encompasses about 5 acres of land. It is located behind the St. John Catholic Church on North Adelaide Street and has the Shiawassee River running along the eastern edge of the site. The Rotary Club has “adopted” Bush Park and contributes money and volunteer labor each year to make improvements. The proposed county-wide trail system runs through Bush Park and provides river access to the Shiawassee River.

**Size:** **5.5 acres** of land; Shiawassee River runs through park  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Centrally located in the city sandwiched between Leroy and Adelaide Streets  
**Facilities:** Large and small play-scapes, two sand volleyball courts, swing sets, jungle gym, slides, merry-go-round, mini soccer goals,





pavilion with grills, and picnic tables and a gazebo. There is also a ball diamond associated with St. John's Catholic Parrish as well as basketball hoops belonging to St. John's. The Shiawassee River meanders through the park with several places being shallow enough to wade, yet deep enough for a canoe/kayak.

*Accessibility:*

**Accessibility ranking – 3)** The Park has barrier-free bathroom facilities located near Leroy Street. The play-scape has barrier-free, safe play material surrounding it.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date

- ❖ **Conklin Park (Passive Park):** This 1-acre park is located between the CNN/Grand Trunk Railroad and Silver Lake Road, east of US-23. The area contains a picnic area with a swing set and play equipment. The park is used by residents of the community as well as travelers along US-23 because it is located just east of the Silver Lake Exit off US-23. Many visitors of this park enjoy stopping to eat lunch and picnic here.



*Size:*

**1 acre**

*Age Groups Served:*

All ages

*Location:*

Located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Poplar Street

*Facilities:*

Two picnic tables, two grills, and a swing set

*Accessibility:*

**Accessibility ranking – 1)** This facility has no barrier-free features other than sidewalk along the south edge of the property

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date

- ❖ **Dauner-Martin Nature Sanctuary (Nature Preserve):** Nature preserve that is apart of the Michigan Nature Association with entrances on Dauner Road; complete with walking trail that connects to other focal points around Fenton.



*Size:*

**155 acres**

*Age Groups Served:*

All ages

*Location:*

Located on Dauner Road and North Leroy Street (Fenton Road) in Fenton

*Facilities:*

N/A

*Accessibility:*

**Accessibility ranking – 3)** Park has barrier-free parking available on site

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date





- ❖ **Franklin D. Adams Park (Mini Park):** This park is located off of South Long Lake Road at the north end of the city. This park is only 1.5 acres. The play area, basketball court, and picnic area were installed over the period 1998-2002 based on recommendations of a previous park plan. Adams Parks also provides a possible trail connection to the county trail system that runs along S. Long Lake Road.

**Size:** 1.5 acres

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Situated on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Long Lake Road and Apple Tree Lane

**Facilities:** Swing set, half basketball court, benches and picnic tables, grills, small spring-action play equipment, trash cans

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 2)** This park has sidewalks with barrier-free ramps along S. Long Lake Road, however, the remainder of the facility would not be considered barrier-free.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date



- ❖ **Freedom Park (Passive Park):** This small park, measuring only 0.35 acres in area, is located between West Shiawassee and Elizabeth Streets in the City of Fenton.

**Size:** 0.35 acre

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Located at the point of Shiawassee and Elizabeth Streets

**Facilities:** Gazebo and war memorials

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 2)** This site has no parking; however, the gazebo is accessible. For the site to be considered universally accessible, connecting routes to the site amenities need to be on the site.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date





- ❖ **Millpond Park (Mini Park):** This park is located across from Fenton City Hall, on the north side of the Shiawassee River. This park is very popular throughout the year due to the river festivities and direct access to Shiawassee Riverwalk. The gazebo is highly used for weddings, concerts, the Christmas tree display, and many other events throughout the year. There is also a war monument at this site honoring those who have fallen in combat.



**Size:** 2.3 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located along Leroy Street between E. Shiawassee Avenue and Ellen Street  
**Facilities:** Picnic area, play-scape, swing-set, benches, gazebo, fishing, and waterfall  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 3)** North parking lot provides barrier-free parking. Connecting routes down to the river as well as accessible seating.  
**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **O'Donnell Park (Passive Park):** Located at the corner of Ellen and S. East Streets overlooking the Millpond. Park includes a picnic area with benches around the Millpond.



**Size:** 2 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on the southeast corner of Ellen and S. East Streets, bound on the south side by the Shiawassee River  
**Facilities:** Park benches, river walk, large picnic deck, tennis courts, and fishing platform  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 3)** River walk and deck are accessible; however, there is no accessible parking (limited to on-street parking).  
**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **Oak Park (not currently used as a park):** This 1-acre site is located off Oak Park Drive, just north of North Road and was recommended for a sale under the 2003 plan. It is currently used as a community garden.



**Size:** 1 acre  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on Oak Street Drive about one block north of North Road  
**Facilities:** Storage shed, picnic tables, and a swing set. Park is currently being utilized as a community garden.  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 1)** There are no barrier-free facilities at this park.  
**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date



- ❖ **Rackham Park (Special Use Park):** Rackham Park is named after the Rackham family because of their generous donations to the community of Fenton. They donated this parcel of land and the Community Center to the city. It is a 3-acre strip of land located along the Shiawassee River, just west of the Fenton Community Center. The area is also part of the future Shiawassee Riverwalk system.



**Size:** 3 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located along Leroy Street behind the Fenton Community Center  
**Facilities:** River walk, benches, tennis courts, and a bridge over the Shiawassee River  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 3)** The majority of this park is accessible. However, seating options are limited. Some obstructions to sidewalk panels are damaged.  
**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **Silver Lake Park (Community/Regional Park):** This is a city-owned Regional/Metro-Park which also serves as a local facility. It includes 300 feet of beach area with lifeguards, concessions, nature trails, picnic areas with grills, bath house, and badminton courts. The park is open year-round, but the beach is only open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Outside of the months of late May through Labor Day, there is no fee to enter the park; fees are only applied during the peak season between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The proposed county trail is planned to run along Silver Parkway utilizing the existing sidewalk.



**Size:** 37 acres, including beach frontage on Silver Lake  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located off Jennings Road on the west side of the city  
**Facilities:** 2 pavilions, several grills, hiking trails, playground equipment, and a beach with a concession stand  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 3)** Currently, the restrooms and concession stand are barrier-free. Parking lot areas have not been paved, which would promote universal design (with concrete sidewalk routes).  
**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date



- ❖ **Strom Park (Passive Park):** Strom Park is .7-acre, located off S. East Street, overlooking the Millpond. It is also slated as part of the Shiawassee Riverwalk system.

**Size:** 0.7 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located along S. East Street on the southern bank of the Shiawassee River.  
**Facilities:** Small covered picnic area, river trail wayfinding sign and a small boat launch.  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 2)** Site has been developed but there is a lack of barrier-free parking on-site and the potential for developing a canoe/kayak launch on the site.



**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date.

- ❖ **Fenton Community and Cultural Center:** This building is located on approximately 3.3 acres in Fenton and is host to a variety of uses. The center is owned by the City of Fenton but is operated and maintained by SLPR. The Rackham Foundation initially provided the funding for the construction. The foundation is a perpetual endowment fund which is responsible for half of the center's income. Residents and groups are able to rent the community center for many different purposes including art and craft shows, receptions, luncheons, etc. The center itself is made of a main hall with stage, recreation room, the VanGilder Room, club room, kitchen, and the new expansion provides additional space for an art room, modern restrooms, and elevator access.



- ❖ **Fenton High School and Andrew S. Schmidt Middle School Campus:** The high school contains multi-purpose practice fields, tennis courts, indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, and track and field. The site lacks play equipment, hiking trails, and picnic areas and other things found in a typical community park. It does serve specific recreational needs of the community and the students. Both schools share a common campus and athletic fields. The middle school has baseball diamonds, multi-purpose practice fields, and an indoor gymnasium to the list of school district facilities in the past few years.





**Size:** 116.1 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on Owen Road just east of US-23  
**Facilities:** Several ball diamonds, a football field, a walking/running track, 2 gyms, soccer fields, indoor swimming pool, and open space  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 4)** Both buildings have made improvements to provide universal access such as barrier-free parking and routes in the parking lot to the school. District is still making improvements on access in the facilities.



❖ **Fenton Intermediate School/Ellen Street Campus:** This school site, like the high school, has high intensity recreational facilities including a football field, soccer goals, and one baseball diamond. The school property covers only 15.7 acres and lacks the play equipment, hiking trails, picnic areas, and many other facilities found in community parks.



**Size:** 15 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** Predominantly youth  
**Location:** Located on Ellen Street between Adelaide and West Street  
**Facilities:** Playground, ball diamond, two gyms, and a large grassy field  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 4)** This facility has plenty of outdoor space and concrete sidewalk connections. Also, there are plenty of barrier-free parking spaces. Most barrier-free parking spaces are located at least 115 feet from the parking lot to the west and 160 feet from the parking lot to the south.

❖ **North Road Elementary:** Considered one of the larger recreational locations in Fenton, North Road Elementary is located between North Road and Wood Street.



**Size:** 10 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** Predominantly youth  
**Location:** Located off North Road within a dense residential area  
**Facilities:** Gymnasium, playground, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and soccer fields  
**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 3)** Site does have routes that connect the walking trails and playground equipment with the parking lot. Some of these routes need to be repaired. Parking area to the east of the building does not have accessible parking.



- ❖ **State Road Elementary:** This school is located on State Road, at the southern-most end of Fenton. This site has good access for children from the school as well as from the adjacent parking lot. Various groups use the ball diamonds and soccer goals for various programming.

**Size:** 13.2 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** Predominantly youth  
**Location:** Located off State Road in a residential area

**Facilities:** Gymnasium, large play-scape, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and large grass field with soccer goal posts

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 3)** This facility has had some renovations to improve barrier-free access. However, some modern improvements (cut-outs from the parking lot and ADA-parking to the entrance) need to be revised.



- ❖ **Tomek-Eastern Elementary:** This school site is on approximately 15.5 acres located on the east side of Fenton.

**Size:** 15.5 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** Predominantly youth  
**Location:** Located off 3rd, 4th, and 5th Streets within a dense residential neighborhood

**Facilities:** Gymnasium, playground, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and large grass field

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 4)** Site amenities promote ADA-accessibility. Playground equipment has been revised and adjusted to promote universal design. Parking lot has cut sections to allow for accessibility to crossing areas. Restroom facilities inside the building are accessible.

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- ❖ **Fenton Township Civic Community Center & Mantawauka Park (Community Park):** Site of the township office; is located off North Long Lake Road and Bowles. It is situated on the north end of Lake Fenton. Building is used for public and private meetings and other events. Mantawauka Park is open to the public and has a gazebo, picnic tables, play-scape, and a swimming area with 100 feet of sandy beach frontage.

**Size:** 3.88 acres, including beach frontage on Lake Fenton  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located off N. Long Lake and Bowles Road  
**Facilities:** Meeting/banquet rooms, kitchen, swimming beach, picnic area, play-scape, gazebo





**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 4)** All facilities meet accessibility requirements.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **Thompson Road Regional Dog Park (Community Park):** Partially developed; was acquired by Fenton Township in 2012 from the Genesee County Land Bank. The dog park has two separate fenced-in areas for large or small dogs to run free. Ample parking area and a well to provide water. Future plans call for the site to be developed into a recreation area with soccer fields, basketball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, playground equipment, and parking.

**Size:** **34.69 acres**

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Located off Thompson and Torrey Roads

**Facilities:** Park has not been developed yet; proposed amenities to park include soccer fields, baseball/softball diamonds, playground equipment, and parking facilities

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility ranking – 4)** Current amenities on site meet ADA accessibility but the park is still undeveloped.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None awarded to date

- ❖ **Lake Fenton High School Campus:** Constructed in 2005, Lake Fenton High School boosts recreational facilities for tennis, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, track, and full gymnasium. Does lack playground equipment but has consistently been used for recreational programming and activities through SLPR. Other facilities available on-site include restrooms and concession areas.

**Size:** **86.69 acres**

**Age Groups Served:** All ages

**Location:** Located on Lahring and Jennings Road

**Facilities:** Several ball diamonds, a football field, a walking/running track, gym, soccer fields, and open space

**Accessibility:** **Accessibility Ranking – 5)** Building was recently constructed and met ADA requirements at the time. Outdoor recreational facilities have been updated to meet current standards.





- ❖ **Lake Fenton Middle School Campus:** Formally, Lake Fenton High School; currently being used as the middle school for the Lake Fenton School District. Various recreational programming exists with facilities such as baseball and softball fields, football field and stadium, track readily available.



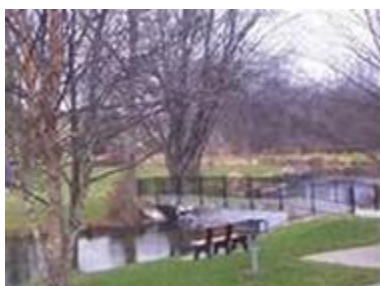
**Size:** 26.35 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on N. Long Lake and Torrey Road  
**Facilities:** Baseball and Softball fields, a football field and stadium, a walking/running track, gym, and open space



- ❖ **West Shore Elementary & Torrey Hill Intermediate School Campus:** Located at the corner of Torrey and Lahring Roads, these facilities contain basketball courts and playground equipment that is available to all residents to use. Other amenities include restroom facilities and parking access.

**Size:** 30.93 acres  
**Age Groups Served:** All ages  
**Location:** Located on Torrey and Lahring Road  
**Facilities:** Basketball courts, playgrounds (3), ball diamonds, and open space

- ❖ **Shiawassee Riverwalk:** The riverwalk spans O'Donnell, Mill Pond, and Rackham parks and was funded under MDNR Grant #88-160. The grant was to acquire the land connecting the parks and the land is still in use as the walkway.





**Table 2: Existing Recreation Facilities**

	Acres	Play areas	Ball-fields/ Backstops	Softball Fields	Soccer	Football	Volleyball	Tennis Courts	Track/Field	Basketball	Play Equipment	Picnic Areas	Hiking Trail	Pavilion/ Deck/ Gazebo	Pond/ Lake	Boat Launch	Historical Monument	Concession /Restroom	Gymnasium	Indoor Pool	River Access
<b>School Facilities</b>																					
<b>Fenton Area Public Schools</b>																					
Fenton High School/AGS Middle School Campus	116.1		3	6	2	1	1	8	1									Y	2	1	
State Road Elem. School	13.2	Y		1						1	Y	1						Y	1		
North Road Elem. School	10	Y		1	2					1	Y		Y					Y	1		
Tomek-Eastern Elem. School	15.5	Y	1		2					2	Y	1		Y				Y	1		
Ellen Street Campus	15	Y	1		1	1			1	1									2		
<b>Lake Fenton Community Schools</b>																					
Lake Fenton High School	86.69		2	2	3	2	1	8	1	1								Y	1		
Lake Fenton Middle School	26.3		1	1		1	1		1	1									1		
West Shore/Torrey Hill Elem. School	30.9	Y		3	1						Y							Y	2		
<b>Linden Community Schools</b>																					
Linden High School, Linden Middle School, Central Elem. School	236	Y	1	3	1	4	4		1	3	Y							Y	3		
Hyatt Elem. School		Y		4						1	Y							Y	1		
Linden Elem. School		Y		6						1	Y							Y	1		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>549.69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>City of Fenton Parks</b>																					
Bush Park	5.5				1		2				Y	1		Y					1		Y
Conklin Park	1										Y	1									
Franklin Adams Park	1.5									1	Y	1									
Millpond Park	2.3										Y	1		Y	Y		1				Y
O'Donnell Park	2											1		Y	Y						
Oak Park	1																				
Freedom Park	0.35											1		Y				Y			
Rackham Park	3							2	3						Y						Y
Silver Lake Park	37			2			2				Y	2	Y	Y	Y	Y			1		
Strom Park	0.7											1		Y	Y	Y					
Fenton Community Center	3.3																	Y	1		
<b>Charter Twp. of Fenton</b>																					
Thompson Rd. Park	34.7																				
Fenton Twp. Civic Community Center and Mantawanka Park	3.88	1									Y	1		Y	Y	Y		Y			
<b>City of Linden Parks</b>																					



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Linden Mill Park	2.09											1	Y	Y	Y						
Mills Pond Park	0.39											1	Y		Y						
Triangle Park	1.26											1									
Subtotal	99.97	1	-	2	1	-	4	2	3	1	6	13	3	8	8	3	1	3	3	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>649.66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>



## Regional Recreation Facilities and Parks

Regional recreational facilities offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, fishing, boating, hiking and trail use. The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Department provides active play areas in close proximity to the member-communities of SLPR. Another source of recreational programming exists with the Oakland County Parks and Livingston County Parks.

The boundaries for SLPR lie in Genesee County, which falls in the jurisdiction of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Department. Genesee County hosts 10,000 acres of recreation areas that include activities such as swimming, boating, and hiking.



- 1) Linden County Park
- 2) Flushing County Park
- 3) Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path
- 4) Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad Stepping Stone Falls and Picnic Area
- 5) Bluegill Board Launch
- 7) Administrative Offices
- 8) Buell Lake County Park
- 9) For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum
- 10) Davison Roadside County Park
- 11) Everett A. Cummings Event Center
- 12) Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area
- 13) Goldenrod Disc Golf Course
- 14) Richfield County Park
- 15) Holloway Dam Public Access Fishing Site and Canoe Launch
- 16) Walleye Pike Boat Launch
- 17) Wolverine Campground/Buttercup Beach
- 18) Toboggan Hill
- 19) Elba Equestrian Complex
- 20) Hogbacks Area
- 21) Zeemer Park

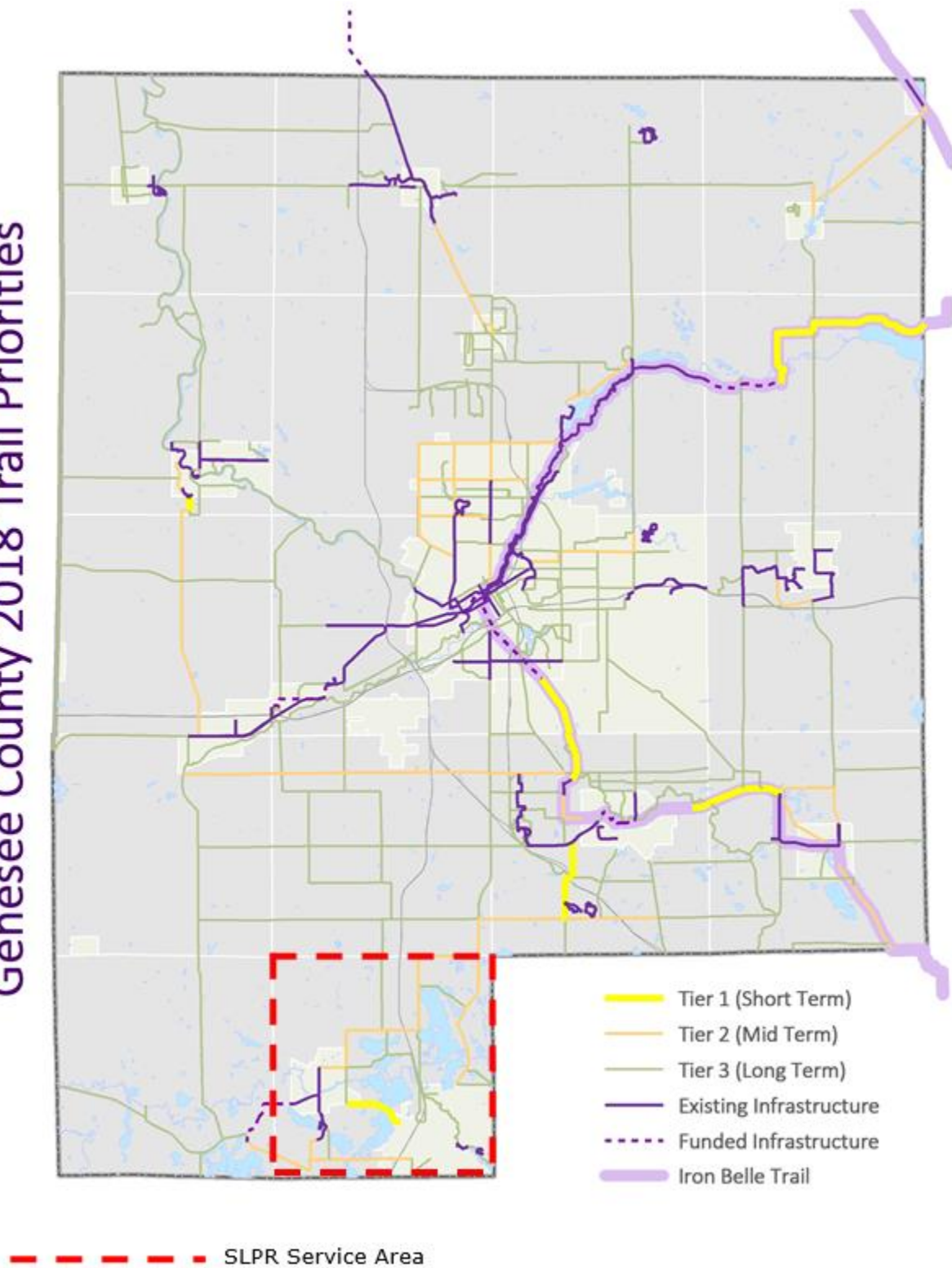
### Genesee County Non-Motorized Recreational Trails

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has recently presented the 2014 Priority Non-Motorized trail project. These trails contain both pedestrian trails and water system routes. SLPR will work in a supportive role with the Metropolitan Planning Commission in the implementation and development of recreational trail locations to serve the residents of the service area. Map 2 indicates the non-motorized recreational trail priorities map for Genesee County with the SLPR service area identified. Map 3 indicates the water trail map locations for Genesee County.



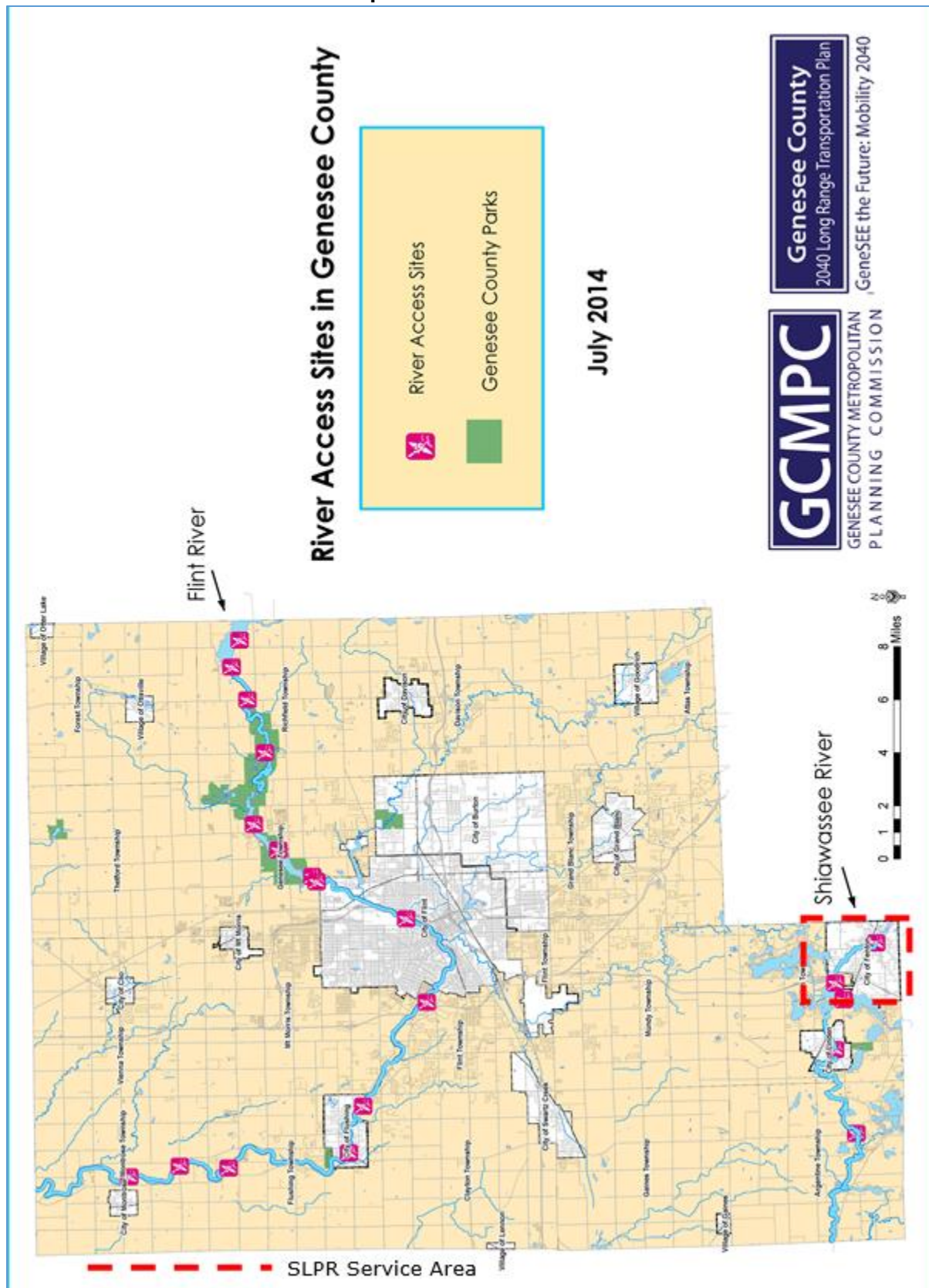
**Map 2: Non-Motorized Recreational Trail Priorities Map**

Genesee County 2018 Trail Priorities





Map 3: River Access Points





## *Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Facilities*

### **Major Parks**

#### ❖ ***Bluebell Beach and Flint River Trail Bike Path - Genesee Township***

*Size:* 350 acres, including 2,000 feet of frontage on Mott Lake  
*Age Groups Served:* All ages  
*Location:* Bray Road or Carpenter Road via the Flint River Trail  
*Facilities:* Splash Park, swimming beach, pavilions, playground, aquatic feature, play equipment, and .8 miles of paved trail linking Carpenter Road and Bluebell Beach

#### ❖ ***Linden County Park - Fenton Township***

*Size:* 234 acres, including 1,200 feet of frontage on Byram Lake  
*Age Groups Served:* All ages  
*Location:* Access adjacent to the Village of Linden  
*Facilities:* Swimming beach, play fields, tennis and multi-purpose courts, trails, play equipment areas, picnic areas, restrooms, and shelters

#### ❖ ***Flushing County Park - Flushing Township***

*Size:* 105 acres, with 2,080 feet of frontage on the Flint River  
*Age Groups Served:* All ages  
*Location:* McKinley Road adjacent to the City of Flushing  
*Facilities:* Play fields, horseshoe courts, preschool play equipment areas, picnic areas, and shelters

#### ❖ ***Buell Lake County Park - Thetford Township***

*Size:* 241 acres of land, 3,600 feet of frontage on Buell Lake  
*Age Groups Served:* All ages  
*Location:* Lake and Genesee Roads, relates well to Clio and Otisville. Barrier-free boat launch, trail system, and boardwalk allow for excellent access once in the park. Safe play zones need to be incorporated into a transitional plan.  
*Facilities:* Play fields, play equipment areas, picnic areas, fishing, shelters, and model airplane flying field

#### ❖ ***For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum - City of Burton***

*Size:* 384 acres of land; 2 acres of water  
*Age Groups Served:* All ages  
*Location:* Access via Genesee Road and Davison Road, relates well to the City of Flint  
*Facilities:* Nature trails, interpretive buildings, and indoor and outdoor exhibits



❖ **Richfield County Park - Richfield Township**

<i>Size:</i>	345 acres, with 3,120 feet of frontage on the Flint River
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Access via Irish Road
<i>Facilities:</i>	Play fields, shelters, picnic areas, tennis courts, and canoe launch site

❖ **Davison Roadside County Park - City of Burton**

<i>Size:</i>	9 acres
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Accessibility and Location:</i>	Good - Access via Davison and Belsay Roads
<i>Facilities:</i>	Picnic area, beginners' sledding hill, pavilion, and playground

**Regional Recreational Facilities/Attractions**❖ **Holloway Reservoir Regional Park**

The Holloway Reservoir Regional Park in Genesee and Lapeer Counties encompasses 5,500 acres of land, including 1,975 acres of water (Holloway Reservoir). The park provides open space for a variety of educational and recreational activities, including swimming, boating, picnicking, camping, and fishing. Recent shoreline stabilization efforts have been added along the Wolverine Shoreline to minimize loss of campground area due to erosion. Additional activities have been designed to increase interest in the park on both the local and regional level. Located in Richfield Township and Lapeer County, the following summarizes the area:

<i>Size:</i>	5,860 acres
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Accessibility and Location:</i>	Approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Flint
<i>Facilities:</i>	Holloway Reservoir, Buttercup Beach, Walleye Pike Boat Launch, Hogbacks Area, Zemmer Road Fishing Site, Toboggan Hill, Equestrian Trail, and Wolverine Campground

❖ **Genesee Recreation Area**

The Genesee Recreation area consists of 4,460 acres of scenic land in Richfield and Genesee Townships. Like the Holloway Reservoir Park, traditional recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, boating, and fishing are provided. Activities and attractions such as Stepping Stone Falls, Crossroads Village, and the Huckleberry Railroad create a greater regional appeal, as well as add to the tourism industry of the area. Located in Genesee and Richfield Townships, the following summarizes the area:

<i>Size:</i>	4,460 acres
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Facilities:</i>	Stepping Stone Falls, C.S. Mott Lake, Bluebell Beach, Historical Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad, Bluegill Boat Launch, Everett A. Cummings Center, Goldenrod Beach Disc Golf, Richfield Park, Timber Wolf Fishing Site, Equestrian Trails, Snowmobile Trails, and Richfield Park BMX Course.



❖ **Mounds ORV Area - Genesee Township**

<i>Size:</i>	370 acres, with 240 acres open to ORV use
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Access via E. Mt. Morris Road. Genesee County Road Commission has begun the process of developing a master plan.
<i>Facilities:</i>	For motorcycles, mini-bikes, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles

❖ **Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad**

<i>Size:</i>	Approximately 80 acres, 4 miles of track
<i>Age and Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Bray Road and Stanley Road to I-475
<i>Facilities:</i>	Historical Crossroads Village, a bicentennial project, offers a glimpse of a Michigan village in the 1860 to 1880 historical period.

The Huckleberry Railroad is located within Crossroads Village and follows an 8-mile loop through the Genesee Recreation Area on a narrow-gauge rail. The train equipment is steam-powered and restored to 1800s vintage.

❖ **Stepping Stone Falls**

<i>Size:</i>	Approximately 30 acres
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Stepping Stone Falls is part of the dam which forms Mott Lake.
<i>Facilities:</i>	The height on the main fall is 11.5 feet and is lighted from sunset to midnight with changing-colored lights.

❖ **Everett A. Cummings Event Center - Genesee Township**

<i>Size:</i>	Approximately 1,740 acres from Genesee Road to Irish Road, over 300 acres accessed from Mt. Morris Road.
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Access via Mt. Morris Road and Irish Road
<i>Facilities:</i>	Trails for hiking, horses, and snowmobiles. Fishing and water access to Flint River. Duck hunting island is located along the Flint River. Location of major events such as Genesee County Fair, Color Vibe, and other functions. 18-hole Goldenrod disc golf course.

❖ **Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach - Columbiaville**

<i>Size:</i>	195 campsites available
<i>Age Groups Served:</i>	All ages
<i>Location:</i>	Access via Baxter Road
<i>Facilities:</i>	Campsites, beach, swimming, playground, and boat launch



### ❖ **Deer Run Soccer Park – Fenton Township**

Size: 81.25 Acres  
Age Groups Served: All ages  
Location: The northeast corner of Linden and Owen Roads  
Facilities: 16 soccer fields, restroom facilities, parking and concession stand building. Deer Run Soccer Authority runs the park.

### **Michigan Department of Natural Resources Public Boat Launch**

#### ❖ **Lake Fenton**

Size: 845 water acres  
Age Groups Served: All ages  
Facilities: Picnic area is available on the other side of Lake Fenton off South Long Lake Road; site is operated by the Parks and Recreation Division of the department of the MDNR. Site is closed from 11 p.m. until 4 a.m.; fees are charged for use. Site is closed to all swimming, wading, and bathing.

#### ❖ **Lobdell Lake**

Size: 545 water acres  
Age Groups Served: All ages  
Facilities: Site is operated by the Parks and Recreation Division of the MDNR. Site is closed from 11 p.m. until 4 a.m. Fees are charged for use of a boating and access. Site is closed to swimming, wading, and bathing.

#### ❖ **Lake Ponemah**

Size: 379 water acres  
Age Groups Served: All ages  
Facilities: Site is a Michigan public access site; operated by the Parks and Recreation Division of the MDNR. Site has restrooms, parking, boat launch and docks.

Other regional recreational facilities exist in other counties (Oakland, Livingston, and Lapeer) that are operated by the State of Michigan through MDOT. Table 3 details the different amenities to each park as well as square footage of each park.

**Table 3: Regional Parks Facilities**

Recreation Facility	Acres	Boat Launch	Camping	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Pavilions/Shelters	Picnic Area	Playground	Swimming
<b>Oakland County</b>									
Bald Mountain	4,637	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



Recreation Facility	Acres	Boat Launch	Camping	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Pavilions/Shelters	Picnic Area	Playground	Swimming
State Park									
Dodge No. 4 State Park	139	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Groveland Oaks Campground	N/A	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Highland State Park	5,524	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holly State Park	7,470	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marshbank State Park	N/A	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Ortonville State Park	3,205	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Pontiac Lake State Park	3,700	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proud Lake State Park	3,614	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seven Lakes State Park	1,378	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Livingston County</b>									
Brighton State Park	4,913	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Island Lake State Park	3,466	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kensington State Park	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Lapeer County</b>									
Metamora – Hadley State Park	683	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

### Private Recreation Facilities

Several privately owned recreational facilities are located within the communities of Fenton Township, the City of Fenton, and the City of Linden which provide additional recreational activities. Although these facilities are privately operated and often have a user fee or require membership, they were considered in the plan analysis because they meet specific community needs. Private facilities include:

- ❖ **Bowling Alleys:** Fenton Lanes and Holly Lanes
- ❖ **Dance:** Fenton School of Dance, Visions in Motion, Linden Academy – Dance and Music, Great Lakes Dance Factory, Fenton Ballet Theater, Miss Bridget's School of Dance, Peltonen School of Dance, and Dance Arts
- ❖ **Fitness Clubs:** Anytime Fitness, Planet Fitness, Powerhouse Gym, Fenton Fitness and Athletic Center, CrossFit Fenton, Fit Box, and Boomers Boot Camp



- ❖ **Golf Courses:** Spring Meadows Country Club, Fenton Farms Golf Club, The Preserve, and Tyrone Hills
- ❖ **Martial Arts:** World Martial Arts Academy, Fenton Karate LLC, Anderson Karate, Tenfold Martial Arts, and Major League Fitness and Martial Arts.
- ❖ **Miscellaneous Facilities:** Camp Copneconic (YMCA), Dibbleville Yoga, Waldenwoods Resort, Deer Run Soccer Park, McBrooks Sports Complex, Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club, Linden Sportsman Club, and Painting with a Twist

### SLPR Recreational Programs

Numerous recreational programming are offered and available to residents of the surrounding communities in southern Genesee County through SLPR. The program year runs year-round, and programs are constantly occurring that benefit the stakeholders in the service area. These events are broken down into Youth Sports, Youth Fine Arts, Youth Special Events, Adult Sports, Adult Special Events, Enrichment, Special Events, and Programming Inventory. Sign up and registration for programs is handled both online at the website for SLPR and also in-person at the SLPR office at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Although programs are held in buildings in Fenton, Fenton Township, and Linden, they are open to all residents of southern Genesee County including Tyrone Township, Argentine Township, and Mundy Township. SLPR programs are open to everyone, regardless of their geographical location.

### Youth Sports

During the school year and into the summer months, SLPR continues to provide equipment, management, and oversight of all recreational programs for Southern Genesee County. In 2020, SLPR had 3,487 registered participants in 620 program sessions, but with COVID, many programs did not run. The data from 2021 is not available due to COVID cancellations. The following is a summarized list of some of the recreational activities that are offered through SLPR.

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ❖ Baseball and Softball | ❖ Soccer          |
| ❖ Basketball            | ❖ Adaptive Soccer |
| ❖ Open Gym Nights       | ❖ Swimming        |
| ❖ Flag Football         | ❖ Tennis          |
| ❖ Golf                  | ❖ Volleyball      |
| ❖ Gymnastics            | ❖ Lacrosse        |
| ❖ Martial Arts          | ❖ Wrestling       |

### Youth Fine Arts

Fine Arts programs are also offered in SLPR, offered to children ranging from preschool age through teenagers. Some of the programs offered include:

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|--|--------------------|
| ❖ Dance: Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Kickline, Creative Motions, Pom, Summer Dance Camps, Dance Clinics | ❖ Sculpture        |
| ❖ Painting   | ❖ Science          |
|  | ❖ Foreign Language |
|  | ❖ Gymnastics       |
|  | ❖ Music            |

### Youth Special Events

The special event programs are offered through SLPR for children ranging from preschool age through teenagers.



- ❖ Special Needs Soccer Program
- ❖ Youth Wrestling Tournament
- ❖ Mother/Son Dance
- ❖ Fall Dance Showcase
- ❖ Spring Dance Recital
- ❖ Gymnastics Invitational
- ❖ USA Swim Meet

### Adult Sports

Adult recreational opportunities are also made available to the residents in the townships and the cities. These programs are housed in the local schools but also in township parks and other locations in Fenton Township, Linden, and Fenton. In 2020, over 871 participants were registered in 150 program sessions. These programs include:

- ❖ Fitness: Group Fitness Classes, Wellness Expo, Workshops
- ❖ Golf
- ❖ Martial Arts
- ❖ Softball
- ❖ Adaptive Soccer
- ❖ Volleyball
- ❖ Water Fitness

### Adult Special Events

Program designed to provide additional recreational and engagement programs for the adults serviced by SLPR.

- ❖ Senior Holiday Lunches
- ❖ Senior Fridays
- ❖ Howling Halloween Dog Parade
- ❖ Witches' & Wizards Ball
- ❖ Health/Wellness & Building Workshop

### Enrichment

These programs are designed to provide continuing education, teach new skills, and are just for fun. The following is a summarized list of leisure programs under the supervision of SLPR.

- ❖ Book Club
- ❖ Driver's Education (Segment I & II)
- ❖ Computers
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ Painting Classes
- ❖ Variety of other Art Classes
- ❖ Foreign Language Classes
- ❖ Financial
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Pet Classes
- ❖ Safety

### Special Events

Other recreational programming offered by SLPR includes the driver's education program, summer festivals and programs, Farmer's Market, and "Back to the Bricks" Tune Up Party.

- ❖ **Farmer's Markets** – SLPR oversees and manages the Fenton Farmer's Market. The market has expanded and brought countless individuals to downtown Fenton on Thursdays throughout the spring and summer. The Linden Farmer's Market, when in session, has been run by SLPR as well. The success of the market is attributed to a good working relationship between SLPR, the vendors that provide them with many opportunities for expansion and support, and the municipalities and their DDAs for all the extras they help provide during the Farmers Market.
- ❖ **Back to the Bricks** – Back to the Bricks is an annual summer event that has brought hundreds of thousands of people to Genesee County over a week-long car show. The cities of Fenton and Linden are both involved with the "Tune-Up" parties that occur during the Back to the Bricks week. During those times, cars are made available for display and numerous vendors are present. Since the adoption in 2011 as sites for the "Tune-Up"



party, SLPR has been instrumental in overseeing the coordination and implementation of the festivities in Linden and Fenton. These Tune-Ups have brought an estimated 10,000 visitors to the area for these events.

- ❖ **Fenton Street Experience** – SLPR teamed up with the City of Fenton to plan a summer-long street experience in 2021 that would be as “COVID proof” as possible. The Fenton Street Experience had multiple events planned during 22 weeks of Thursday and Friday nights. These “Mini Events” were spread out in the streets of downtown Fenton and included: corn hole, skate park, street music and entertainment, concerts, kid’s art display, kid’s wood working, kid’s gardening activities, kid’s pumpkin carving/decorating, kid’s corn hole and giant connect four, kid’s chalk the walk, mini-golf, witches dance, Bollywood dance, Zumba – latin dance/fitness, Werq – hip hop dance/fitness, karate demonstrations, book author events, table tennis, interactive art displays, mini car shows, and a free pumpkin patch. Partnerships like this help promote SLPR as well as providing opportunities for residents to participate in various programming during the summer months.
- ❖ **Concerts in the Park** – The Fenton Concerts in the Park series is presented by SLPR and sponsored by the City of Fenton DDA. Summer concerts at the Fenton Millpond Park Gazebo are a tradition loved by the community. Spending a fun and entertaining evening on the grass by the Millpond is the kind of activity that makes Fenton a family-friendly locale.
- ❖ **Music by the Mill** – Linden’s Music by the Mill is presented by SLPR and sponsored by the City of Linden and the Linden DDA and are held at the Linden Mill Park Gazebo, located directly across the street from the Price Crane Robinsons VFW Post 4642.
- ❖ **Art Walk** – SLPR teams up with the City of Fenton Arts and Cultural Commission to manage the Fenton Art Walk. This is a community event celebrating the arts and showcasing local and regional talent with the visual art, music, entertainment, technology integrated art, and children’s activities. Artists will display their work along the streets of downtown Fenton or inside participating businesses and at local organizations like the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful downtown, excellent restaurants, and purchase amazing pieces of art.

### Programming Inventory

SLPR currently provides programming for the cities of Fenton, Linden, and Fenton Township. There are numerous volunteer organizations that provide athletic programs and assistance during various sports seasons.

In many communities, SLPR has taken the place primarily performed by the municipality for parks and recreation programming. This collaboration has allowed for increased participation and joint sharing of athletic opportunities and equipment.

To continue to provide quality programs, SLPR should seek a greater influence over the maintenance and operations of the facilities that the programs rely on.

## V. PLANNING PROCESS

SLPR directed this updated Recreation Master Plan to be completed to provide a blueprint for future facilities, programming, and funding sources through the MDNR. Residents of the SLPR service area were asked to provide input to provide support or new options to enhance



the programming and facilities that SLPR operates/manages. The following process is discussed below:

- ❖ **Community Description** – The process began with an analysis of the authority’s physical and social characteristics. These characteristics included location, history, transportation system, natural features, and population of participating communities.
- ❖ **Recreation Inventory** – SLPR does not own any property but uses properties throughout Linden, Fenton Township, and Fenton for its recreational programming and activities. The inventory is inclusive of all properties that are available for SLPR to utilize. The authority also has an accessibility assessment that was conducted on all properties that SLPR has programs in. A list of private business, neighboring communities’ facilities, state parks, Genesee County Parks, and other locations that would be essential in providing recreational opportunities is also included in the inventory.
- ❖ **Public Participation** – On **November 8, 2021**, SLPR began collecting survey information from community members and residents of the service area. Promotion for the survey was handled by notices on Facebook and using the QR codes and allowing respondents to complete the survey on their mobile devices. The survey was completed by 125 people and the information collected was used and analyzed to develop the goals and objective statements for the recreation master plan. A copy of the questions from the survey and the response from the participants is available in Appendix D of the master plan.
- ❖ **Analysis** – The data collected from the surveys were analyzed based on experience of staff, committee members, and board of directors. After the information is analyzed, it was compared based on financial/funding sources and the specific needs and desires of residents.
- ❖ **Action Plan** – Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide the framework for the Action Plan. The Goals and Objectives were developed at internal meeting with SLPR staff and ROWE Professional Service Company staff. The Goals and Objectives along with the Action planned were created on **November 22, 2021**.
- ❖ **Plan Completion** – After the plan was completed, it was presented to the Board of Directors and Executive Director for approval. Once the plan has been reviewed, it will be available for review for public input for 30 days. Following the 30 days, a public hearing will be held in order to solicit any additional input from residents. Following the public input, it was endorsed by the Board of Directors of SLPR, ratified by the three municipalities represented on the Board of Commissioners for SLPR, and was submitted to the MDNR for approval.

### Basis for Action Plan

The previous sections of the plan provided valuable insight and information into the parks and recreation operations of SLPR. The Basis for Action Plan is set up to evaluate the information, to understand the needs and priorities for future park land, current parks and recreational facilities, and programming in the community.

There were various resources incorporated into the recreational analysis. To begin, public participation is essential in discovering the community priorities for recreation and programming. This public participation was handled by responses from a survey, through Survey Monkey, formulated by SLPR. Next, an analysis of recreation facilities such as athletic fields, playgrounds, accessibility assessment, and trails was evaluated. Current recreation programs were then evaluated to best understand future programming needs and opportunities. Finally, to ensure that all perspectives were considered, existing planning



documents were reviewed to ensure that the Action Plan coincided with the current vision and goals of other related community development efforts.

SLPR is fortunate to have a surplus of land with recreational potential in the immediate service area. Opportunities that exist include the potential for turning vacant properties into the potential for park land. Also, with the potential for recreational acreage and programming, SLPR has plenty of opportunity for expanding programs to incorporate some of the desires and activities that many of the residents expressed interest in. However, with all the potential for expansion and new programming, there are areas where SLPR can make improvements with their delivery of services and partnerships within the service areas.

### Public Participation Survey

In early November, SLPR began promoting an online survey that asked respondents to give information pertaining to the status of SLPR programming and the potential for increased programming and acquiring/developing facilities. The information collected from the online survey was very critical in constructing the goals and objectives for the recreation plan. Overall, 76 percent of the respondents replied that they were satisfied with the current programs offered by SLPR. Residents that participated in the survey were from the SLPR Service Area (City of Fenton, City of Linden, Fenton Township) – 83 percent of respondents; with another 17 percent coming from other areas in Southern Genesee County and northern Livingston County. The results from the survey are included in Appendix D.

## VI. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

An overall guide for the recreation goals for the SLPR district will be to focus efforts on developing additional recreation programming, defining key opportunities for developing SLPR recreation facilities, and supporting recreational routes throughout Linden, Fenton, and Fenton Township. Of the goals and objectives listed, the top priorities ranked in order include:

- ❖ Expanding program opportunities in the SLPR service area.
- ❖ Securing key properties for ownership by SLPR.
- ❖ Constructing a new recreation and administrative facility to house SLPR administrative operations and recreational programming.

The overall theme for improving recreation will be to develop and maintain recreation programming that will continue to support the growing needs of SLPR communities.

The following goals support this (not listed in any order of priority):

### ***Goal 1: Continue to support programming in SLPR that encourage the development of new events and activities.***

From the survey information compiled by SLPR, most respondents were supportive of the programs currently offered by SLPR. However, there were some instances that improvements would provide better usage by current program participants.

Objectives:

- ❖ Increase amount or type of programming to better meet needs of residents.
- ❖ Develop additional recreation activities with various municipalities and communities.



- ❖ Increase visibility of SLPR programs through various other information-sharing.
- ❖ Programs operated or facilitated by SLPR need to be marketed to all community members in southern Genesee County; and better branding of programs to identify programming as SLPR-sponsored activities.

***Goal 2: Promote non-motorized connections throughout southern Genesee County and connecting them to key destinations.***

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission has proposed a series of recreational trails that will connect various cities and communities to parks and recreational facilities. Currently, three different routes are proposed to operate through the SLPR service area. The added recreational trails will develop facilities that will provide greater opportunity for quality-of-life benefits and access to natural features.

**Objectives:**

- ❖ Coordinate with Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission in a support role for the location of non-motorized routes. Propose potential internal walking routes around parks and school facilities to encourage additional usage by residents.
- ❖ Support ongoing water trail branding, programs, and development.
- ❖ Continue coordination of non-motorized trails in partnership with the LAFF Pathway Inc. group.

***Goal 3: Continue partnerships with various for-profit groups and educational institutions in the service area of SLPR.***

SLPR continues to have a great working relationship with various school districts, volunteer groups, and the various municipalities represented on the SLPR Board of Directors. These various relationships contribute to the overall success of both programming and recreational activities in the area. The role of SLPR, in relation to public school community education programming stakeholders needs to be defined as SLPR moves forward with creating new programs and activities. Currently, there is some confusion with which entity is charged with specific duties of recreation and community education. Establishing the areas of interest by SLPR and the programs and activities that each school district would like to continue to operate would eliminate any uncertainty of programs between parents and community members.

**Objectives:**

- ❖ Maintain roles with existing stakeholders and monitor communications annually.
- ❖ Increase partnerships with various for-profit organizations and volunteer groups to expand program and recreational offerings.
- ❖ Explore the possibility of expanding community education programs to other school districts in southern Genesee County.
- ❖ Coordinate with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation for certain programs to enlarge the scope and recreational participation of residents in the surrounding communities (i.e. providing space for the Deer Run Soccer Authority, running programming in County parks, and partnering for grant opportunities).
- ❖ Maintain/Increase opportunities to partner with other community programming institutions like Happening in Linden, the Fenton and Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, etc.).



***Goal 4: Evaluate and pursue acquisition for park development.***

Review vacant properties in the area for potential use as recreational and programming opportunities.

Objectives:

- ❖ Coordinate with the Genesee County Land Bank on potential vacant properties within the SLPR area.
- ❖ Construct recreation center along with park property around a proposed site, centrally located in the service area.
- ❖ Identify non-motorized trail access for future properties, per the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the LAFF Pathway.

***Goal 5: New capital improvement project for SLPR***

As SLPR continues to expand programs and opportunities for residents, the authority must be prepared to widen its for additional participation.

Objectives:

- ❖ Evaluate alternate funding sources; develop a capital financing strategy for development projects. Pursue funding and leverage available financial resources with grants.
- ❖ Conduct a feasibility study for future SLPR administrative offices and/or recreational facility that identifies spatial needs and development of a budget.

***Goal 6: Continue to modify programming and recreational activities to reflect the changing demographics, needs, and age of the population of the service area.***

Currently, SLPR provides programming and activities that match the needs of the current participants within the service area of southern Genesee County. As the population of southern Genesee County continues to expand and the demographics and age groups continue to change, it would be highly recommended that SLPR explore other recreational programming to match the changing needs of the community.

Objectives:

- ❖ Evaluate additional programs and activities not offered currently (per the 2021 Parks and Recreation Survey).
- ❖ Expanded senior activities with the LOOSE Center.
- ❖ Evaluate coordination role with municipalities for events and programming.

## VII. ACTION PLAN

SLPR currently does not possess any property. All administrative offices and programs are either operated out of the local schools or through contractual agreements with local municipalities to coordinate recreational programming. Moving forward, it is the plan of SLPR to incorporate property and to construct a recreational facility to house offices and different programs. While many of the recommended improvements to SLPR deal with the need for physical buildings and park land; other improvements such as the non-motorized route through southern Genesee County will benefit from a support role from SLPR.



### **Current Programming and Partnerships**

Moving forward, SLPR should continue to maintain the programming and activities currently in place for the residents of the service area. New recreational opportunities should constantly be implemented to match the demand by the community and participants.

### **Continue Collaborative Work with School Districts and Other Organizations**

From the previous plan, SLPR continues to improve communications between the member municipalities and the authority. Residents are aware of which programs are sponsored and operated by SLPR. As more partnerships and activities are developed in the service area, being specific of the responsibilities and duties of the authority will be important for the success of the program.

### **Thompson Road Regional Dog Park**

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park has been developed, with the support of a volunteer groups in the area and is overseen by its own board. SLPR will maintain a position on the park's board and continue to help facilitate planning for finance and park improvements.

### **Stronger Marketing and Identification**

Branding will continue to be important to getting more interest and participation in programming in the authority. During the pandemic, the use of social media and other interactive resources became important; those resources will not go away – and SLPR should take advantage of reaching as many people in the service area as possible.

### **Regional Recreational Non-Motorized Connections**

In collaboration with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission; the implementation of non-motorized trails connecting to key destinations throughout the service area is important in providing additional activities for community members. SLPR will serve in a support role towards promoting the trail system through the service area. These non-motorized routes include water trails and paved trails (i.e., LAFF Pathway). There have been proposals of extending other trails around southern Genesee County and northern Livingston County. Reviewing funding and expanding trails in areas that promote safe transit throughout the community would be ideal for future recreational programming.

- ❖ Regional non-motorized connections also would support active, healthy lifestyle options for residents in the community. More routes in the service area provides more walkable areas for people to connect to.

### **Construct and Acquire New Park Properties**

As stated, SLPR does not currently possess any land or buildings to house their programming or administrative offices. SLPR intends to seek and develop feasibility studies on the potential for constructing a new facility, centrally located in the service area, that would provide administrative space and recreational programming. These plans also include outdoor recreational space for outdoor sports. The authority also seeks to acquire properties in the service area to expand outdoor recreational programming using SLPR-owned properties. Along with the feasibility studies, studies should be conducted on options for funding sources and extensive background on the specific programming that those that participate in SLPR activities have desires of engaging in.

### **Expanding Current Service Area to Other Communities**

Currently, SLPR is represented by three neighboring communities in southern Genesee County (Fenton, Linden, and Fenton Township); however other communities have also



become a part of the programming and activities around the service area. As SLPR continues to expand, the thought of adding other communities must be investigated. Residents should be asked if they would support the additional municipalities being included on the governing body.

### **Funding**

Various grant programs can be used to leverage funds for development projects and property acquisition. A summary list of sources includes:

#### ❖ **General Fund**

Continue to allow for re-investment in facilities to avoid future increased maintenance costs and ensure revenue streams when possible.

#### ❖ **User Fee**

Continue to charge reasonable fees to participants of recreation programs and key facilities. Evaluate the fees annually to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount of funding to allow the programs to continue.

#### ❖ **Special Millage**

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as parkland improvements and facility upgrades. A millage is an effective method to divide costs over time among all the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects out-right. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is used than a bond.

#### ❖ **Bonds**

Several bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

#### ❖ **Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF)**

Provides funding assistance for the purchase of land (or interest in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. The improvement grants are between \$15,000 and \$500,000 with a required minimum local match of 25 percent. Acquisition grants vary depending upon the value of property and local match amount; therefore, there is not a minimum or maximum amount. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans and for land acquisition in the future. Applications are due in April and September of each year for acquisition projects and April of each year for development projects.

#### ❖ **State Water Trail Designation Program**

A new program that is under the direction of the MDNR that will classify certain water trails in communities as state water trails. Partnering groups and organizations would be vital in supporting the community in pursuing the grant. Funding sources are still being reviewed and analyzed; but funding is expected to be finalized in 2022.



❖ ***Michigan Recreation Passport***

Provides capital improvement plans and development projects in communities throughout Michigan. Projects must be in public recreation use for the life of the project rather than perpetuity. Indoor recreation facilities and existing park locations are eligible for the grant. The primary focus is on improving and renovating existing parks. The application deadline is April 1st, with a November grant award announcement. Duration of the grant usually runs 3 years. Minimum grant request must be \$7,500 with a maximum request of \$45,000; there is a 25 percent match by the local municipality or organization. The 25 percent match can either be cash/credit (for locally assumed costs including labor and equipment) donations of goods and services from non-government entities, cash donations from non-governmental entities, or repurposed land.

❖ ***Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)***

Projects eligible for CDBG funding must be in a low-moderate income service area and/or provide access to the disabled to qualify. Investments using CDBG funds must provide a documented benefit to low-moderate income households. Projects eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements and those that provide ADA accessibility.

❖ ***Aquatic Habitat Grant Program***

The Aquatic Habitat Grant Program (AHCP) began in October 2013 and will operate each year that funding is available. A total of approximately \$1,250,000 will be available for the second-round of 2014 grand funding from the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The AHCP's purpose is to improve fish and other aquatic organism's populations by protecting intact and rehabilitating degraded aquatic habitat. Grant applications are due in November with award information available in April.

❖ ***Boating Infrastructure Grant***

This grant is also offered from the MDNR providing federal assistance for the design and construction of public recreational harbor facilities. Grant funds are used to cover 75 percent of the total approved project costs for construction of infrastructure improvements.

❖ ***Waterways Program Grant***

The Waterways Program Grant is available for communities to provide both financial and technical assistance for design and construction of public recreational boating facilities (including state-sponsored harbors and mooring facilities). Information that is collected deals with traffic for the harbor and the last three financial summaries for the harbor. The amount depends on the base amount for the project; the grant normally provides 50 percent of the estimated project cost.

❖ ***Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)***

LWCF provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. The minimum award is \$15,000 and the maximum of \$500,000 with a 50 percent local match. The eligibility criterion emphasizes preservation of natural resources such as waterways. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans for land acquisition in the future.

❖ ***Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)***

TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as non-motorized paths, streetscapes and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options.



These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability and improving the quality of life. The program uses federal transportation funds designed by Congress for these types of activities. TAP grant funding requires matching funds of at least 20 percent of the eligible project cost.

❖ **MEDC Patronicity Crowd Funding**

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has developed an additional way of securing funding for community development projects by using crowdfunding to support developments. Communities, non-profits, and municipalities can submit projects by applying to the Patronicity campaign. The projects that meet the programs parameters and successfully crowd-fund their goal will receive a matching grant from the MEDC of up to \$50,000 .

❖ **Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships**

Reduced funding at the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities as well as between two or more public entities, to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands.

❖ **Donations**

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefits the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

❖ **Foundations**

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan. These grant funding opportunities can be accessed through the *Michigan Foundation Directory*. The city has been successful demonstrating leveraging of these funds as match against other grant sources and demonstrating the ability to build capacity for long-term economic stability.

## Conclusion

SLPR is an important and vital part of the quality of life for the residents within the service area. The vision of SLPR is to offer park, recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the education, physical health, personal well-being, and social interactions within the community. The purpose of this five-year plan is to provide direction for the regional authority to effectively accomplish the vision set forth by the board of directors. Additionally, SLPR will be updating their charter in November 2022 by making an amendment to the charter to include revised standards and policies for the authority.

By implementing the changes outlined in the recreation plan, SLPR will continue to expand its programming and will continue to be a very supportive agent of providing recreational activities for communities directly in the SLPR service area.



## Appendix A: Resolutions



**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2022 - 2027  
FOR  
SOUTHERN LAKES METROPOLITAN PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a prioritized list of capital improvements for the next five year; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making The Southern Lakes Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Southern Lakes held a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments and subsequently adopted said Recreation Plan;

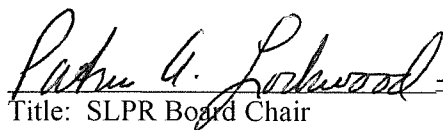
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for Southern Lakes Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District

AYES: Patricia Lockwood, Ray Culbert, Brenda Simons, Christine Reid, David McDermott


NAYS:

ABSENT: Robert Kesler

Adopted: January 28, 2022

 - Patricia Lockwood  
Title: SLPR Board Chair

ATTESTED

  
Witness: Ed Koledo, SLPR Executive Director





# City of Fenton

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January 26, 2022

Ed Koledo, Executive Director  
Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation  
150 S. Leroy Street  
Fenton, Michigan 48430

Re: SLPR 5-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2022-2027

Dear Mr. Koledo,

I am writing to acknowledge my support for the general approval of Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation Authority's submission of the 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2022-2027.

The City of Fenton, along with Fenton Township and the City of Linden approved the creation of SLPR in November of 2000 under the authority of PA 312 of 1929 (the Metropolitan District Act. Since 2000 SLPR has provided a growing and wide range of recreation and enrichment programs to our community as well as collaborating on many community and special events.

The proposed SLPR Recreation Master Plan looks to expand those recreation services while also playing its part in the expansion of park opportunities, playing a role in regional multi-use trail way development and improving access to undeveloped lake and river resources. The proposed plan is a compliment to the City of Fenton's plan and lists the city's plan as an addendum.

In addition, the SLPR plan provides a regional approach to Recreation Plan development as is evident with their reference to the Genesee County Metropolitan Multi-use trail plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lynn H. Markland", is written over the typed name and title.

Lynn H. Markland  
City Manager



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02**

***A resolution supporting the proposed Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.***

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton is a member of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District, and

WHEREAS, Fenton Township supports the mission of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation to establish, maintain and operate recreational facilities and programming, and

WHEREAS, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has drafted a new proposed five year parks & recreation master plan, and

WHEREAS, the parks & recreation plan provides a solid foundation for the development of recreational facilities and continued improvements in recreational programs to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the residents throughout the Southern Lakes region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby declares its support for the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation 2022-2027 Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2022-02 as presented:

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Lorraine, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Reid

Nays: Krug

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

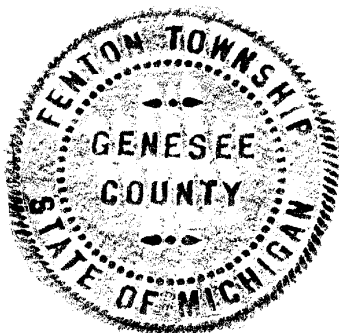
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STATE OF MICHIGAN       )  
  ) SS:  
COUNTY OF GENESEE    )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 4, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk





**CITY OF LINDEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 05-22**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN LAKES PARKS & RECREATION FIVE  
YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN.**

Council Member Culbert, supported by Council Member Simons, made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden is a member of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District, and


**WHEREAS**, the City of Linden supports the mission of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation to establish, maintain and operate recreational facilities and programming, and

**WHEREAS**, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has created and adopted a five-year parks & recreation master plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the parks & recreation plan provides a solid foundation for the development of recreational facilities and continued improvements in recreational programs to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the residents throughout the Southern Lakes region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Linden hereby declares its support for the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan, in the future.

**CONSIDERED AND APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, by the City Council of the City of Linden, Michigan.

  
Danielle N. Cusson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Tessa Sweeney, City Clerk



## Appendix B: Recreation Plans

1. City of Fenton Five-Year Recreation Plan
2. City of Linden Five-Year Recreation Plan
3. City of Fenton Township Five-Year Recreation Plan



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Master Plan

2017-2022

City of Fenton Parks







City of Fenton  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
2017 - 2022

Spring 2017

City of Fenton, Michigan

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Prepared by OHM Advisors









# CITY OF FENTON PARKS AND RECREATION

## MASTER PLAN 2017-2022

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### City of Fenton Council

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David McDermott	Councilman, Parks and Recreation Board Liaison
Nancy Draves	Councilwoman
Scott Grossmeyer	Councilman
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Patricia Lockwood	Councilwoman
Cherie Smith	Councilwoman

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Juan Alvarado	Member
Sonja Brooks	Fenton Schools Liaison
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Wade Shelton	Member
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### Special acknowledgements to:

Lynn Markland	City Manager
Michael Hart	Assistant City Manager
Daniel Czarnecki	Director of Public Works
Mary Hansen	Former Parks and Recreation Board Member

Public Workshops: **January 18 and 25, 2017**

Recommended by Parks and Recreation Board: **June 13, 2017**

Public Hearing and Adoption by City Council: **June 26, 2017**







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The 2017-2022 City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared by the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board and adopted by the City of Fenton Council to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs. The Plan presents an inventory of existing facilities and programs within the community, as well as an evaluation of opportunities and needs. The Plan considers the existing facilities in and around the community, as well as the anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. The Plan also includes goals, objectives and a 5-Year Action Plan.

The jurisdiction of this Recreation Master Plan includes the City of Fenton.

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

## Plan Summary

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Provided below is a general description of the planning and public input process used for the preparation of this plan.

The necessary data to begin the creation of the plan was collected from various sources including: current City master plans, Southern Lakes Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan, past Five Year Parks and Recreation Plans, resident and staff input, and field observations.

The **Community Description** includes a brief introduction to the Fenton area.

The **Administrative Structure** section describes how parks and recreation is governed and operated within the City of Fenton. This includes information gathering, staff responsibilities, the function of the Board and Council and a fiscal analysis (as it relates to recreation) of the last few years.

The **Parks and Recreation Inventory** provides an inventory of the recreational facilities and programs provided for the residents of Fenton. This information was collected in November 2016. The location of each facility is defined, described, and mapped.

The **Basis for Action** section of the document analyzes factors inside and outside of the community that may have an effect on the direction of the recreation over the next five years. This portion of the plan provides the rationale for the goals, guidelines and recommended capital improvements. Several factors were analyzed including current recreation trends, comparison of recreational opportunities to



acreage and facility standards, service area gaps, existing plans and reports, and results of the community workshops, community survey, staff and Park and Recreation Board's input. The draft Basis for Action was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for their review on February 14, 2017.

Two methods of gaining public input were used for the development of this plan. **Public Workshops** that were held January 18 and 25, 2017 at the Fenton Area Community Center. Residents were notified about the workshop through a variety of methods including flyers, a notice in the local newspaper, emails, and announcements made at City meetings. A **Community Survey** was also conducted. This survey was made available through the City's website and hard copies were made available at the City Hall. Similar to the Public Workshops, residents were notified through flyers, a notice in the local newspaper, emails, and announcements made at City meetings. Input from these meetings and survey are found within the Appendix, including advertising details.

The **Draft Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan** was made *available for public review* between April 24 and May 24, 2017 at the City Hall and the City Library for *one month*. A notice of the plan being available for review was advertised in the local newspaper.

The **Action Plan** outlines the direction that the City of Fenton would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve recreational opportunities within the community. The Action Plan includes goals and objectives, as well as a **Capital Improvement** schedule. The draft Action Plan was presented to the Fenton Parks and Recreation Board on March 14, 2017 for review, discussion and consensus.

**Public Hearing and Adoption by City Council** June 26, 2017



## CHAPTER 1 | Community Description

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City of Fenton Parks







## Community Description

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The City of Fenton is located in the southeastern corner of Fenton Township in Genesee County, with small portions of the City in both Oakland County to the east and Livingston County to the south. Fenton is 16 miles south of Flint, 40 miles north of Ann Arbor, and 43 miles north of Detroit.

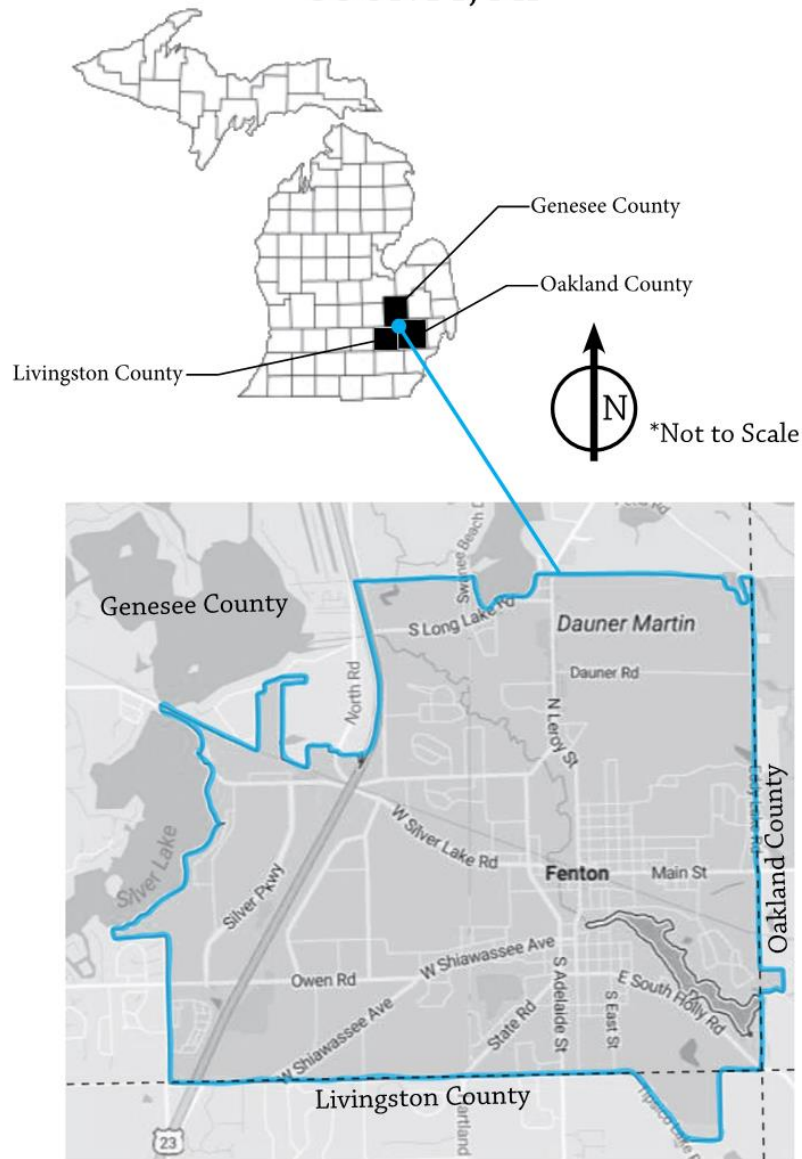
The City is primarily a residential community, and boasts a number of lakes that attract people from miles around for recreational uses. Based on census information taken in 2015, Fenton has a population of 11,442. The City of Fenton's downtown area retains much of its historical look while at the same time including a town square-style shopping plaza nearby. The Shiawassee River also flows over a dam through the park in the center of town.

Recently, Fenton has begun experiencing an increase in residential, as well as commercial development. The most recent commercial growth has taken place in the northern portion of the City at the Silver Lake shopping district, which has attracted a variety of restaurants, office, and commercial uses.

The City of Fenton is located adjacent to Silver Lake and Lake Fenton, with the Shiawassee River running through the City. Fenton is located in a region dominated by lakes and the river, so water recreation is a critical recreation component. The City's primary transportation connection is US-23, which runs from the southern state line north through Ann Arbor to Fenton and then north to I-75 south of Flint, as depicted in Map 1 on the next page.



## LOCATION OF THE CITY OF FENTON GENESEE, LIVINGSTON & OAKLAND COUNTY, MI



Map 1

**Map 1- Location Map**



## Demographic Characteristics

The following is a demographic report of the City of Fenton, which reveals some unique characteristics of the community. Age, household, ethnicity and disability statistics for the City are included. The demographic makeup of the community helps determine the quality and quantity of the Department of Special Service's facilities and programs necessary to serve Fenton residents.

**Population.** Recent projections indicate that the City's population is expected to steadily increase at a slow, but consistent rate. The recorded increase in population is primarily due to people who commute to work in the Detroit and Flint metropolitan areas. The U.S. 23 and nearby I-75 corridors provide quick access to these major employment centers while allowing them to enjoy the small town atmosphere and quiet lifestyle that Fenton offers. The population has steadily but slowly increased based on data from more recent censuses as is shown in Table 1.1. The City of Fenton alone has seen a population increase of 1,145 people between the years of 2000 and 2010.

**Table 1.1: Change in Community Population 2000-2010**

Fenton, Michigan - Overview	2010 Census		2000 Census		2000-2010 Change	
	Counts	Percentage	Counts	Percentage	Change	Percentage
<b>Total Population</b>	11,756	100.00%	10,611	100.00%	1,145	10.79%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



As shown in Table 1.2, since 2000, most of the surrounding communities have begun to increase in population while some of the counties and the state itself are on the decline. This is attributed to the slow economic and job recovery, attraction of residents from the City of Detroit, as well as an overall decrease in household size.

**Table 1.2: Population Trends 2000-2010**

Area	2015 (Estimate)		2010 Census		2000 Census		2000-2010 Change	
Location	Count	Change	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Change
Fenton	11,442	-2.70%	11,756	100%	10,611	100%	1,145	10.79%
Linden	3,886	2.60%	3,991	100%	2,861	100%	1,130	39.50%
Grand Blanc	7,993	-3.40%	8,276	100%	7,864	100%	412	5.24%
Holly	6,169	1.40%	6,086	100%	6,142	100%	-56	-0.91%
Genesee County	410,849	3.50%	425,790	100%	436,143	100%	-10,353	-2.37%
Oakland County	1,242,304	3.30%	1,202,362	100%	1,194,214	100%	8,148	0.68%
Livingston County	187,316	3.50%	180,967	100%	156,954	100%	24,013	3.67%
Michigan	9,922,576	0.40%	9,883,640	100%	9,938,444	100%	-54,804	-0.55%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Housing.** Households are defined as a person or group of people occupying a housing unit. The number of households in Fenton is expected to decrease as indicated in Table 1.3. Average household size, defined as the number of persons per household, has been declining and this trend is expected to continue. The City's growth has slowed and is anticipated to decrease slowly as evidenced by the population projections. The decrease in population and the consistency in households will mean additional demands for current residents and increased maintenance for aging facilities. The leveling of household size will create a more dispersed population if housing densities do not increase accordingly. Future parks and facilities will need to be dispersed accordingly.

**Table 1.3: Housing Distribution**

Population	2000 Census	2010 Census	2015 (Estimate)
Total	10,611	11,756	11,442
Households	2000 Census	2010 Census	2015 (Estimate)
Total	4,569	5,572	5,067
Household Size	2000 Census	2010 Census	2015 (Estimate)
Size	2.58	2.27	2.27

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Households are classified as Families with Children, Families without Children, and Non-families, which include persons living alone and two or more non-related persons living in the same home. In Fenton, 18.7% of households are classified as Families with Children 42% as families without children, and 39.3% as Non-Families. A significant number of households do not have children. The composition of households in Fenton is important to help plan the facilities and programs in a manner that is consistent with a proportionate to these



characteristics. With a fairly even distribution of families without children and non-families, passive recreation with the ability to include all age groups is necessary.

**Age Distribution.** An understanding of the age distribution in the City is essential in planning for future recreational needs. As we pass through the various stages of life, our activity requirements change resulting in the need for different facilities and programs. Each of these groups requires different facilities and programs. The Parks and Recreation Board of Fenton and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation facilities and programs should change to address the different needs of an aging population while at the same time account for the youth and adults in the community. Healthy living, recreational, and cultural opportunities play a major role in where people choose to live, raise families, and retire.

**Table 1.4: Community Age Distribution 2000-2010**

<b>Fenton, Michigan - Overview</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>		<b>2000 Census</b>		<b>2000-2010 Change</b>	
	Counts	Percentages	Counts	Percentages	Change	Percentages
<b>Population by Age</b>						
Persons 0 to 4 years	855	7.27%	810	7.63%	45	5.56%
Persons 5 to 17 years	1,983	16.87%	1,883	17.75%	100	5.31%
Persons 18 to 64 years	7,226	61.47%	6,475	61.02%	751	11.60%
Persons 65 years and over	1,692	14.39%	1,443	13.60%	249	17.26%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Community Ethnicity.** The City of Fenton population is predominantly white, accounting for 95.12%. While the number of minorities makes up only a small percentage of the population, there has been an increase in the minority population in the last ten years.

**Table 1.5: Race Distribution 2000-2010**

<b>Fenton, Michigan - Overview</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>		<b>2000 Census</b>		<b>2000-2010 Change</b>	
	Counts	Percentages	Counts	Percentages	Change	Percentages
<b>Population by Race</b>						
American Indian and Alaska native alone	40	0.34%	42	0.40%	-2	-4.76%
Asian alone	88	0.75%	100	0.94%	-12	-12.00%
Black or African American alone	151	1.28%	64	0.60%	87	135.94%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific native alone	2	0.02%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Some other race alone	55	0.47%	70	0.66%	-15	-21.43%
Two or more races	238	2.02%	125	1.18%	113	90.40%
White alone	11,182	95.12%	10,210	96.22%	972	9.52%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Economic Characteristics.** A variety of economic indicators suggest that Fenton enjoys relatively strong economic health. The residents of the City of Fenton earn more than County residents overall, however they earn less than State residents overall. Over the past 10 years median household income has decreased however this can be attributed to downturn and slow recovery from the market recession of 2008. Since 1990 there has been a significant



increase in managerial and professional jobs. This increase in the “white collar” professions is expected to continue as those who can afford to, move away from large metropolitan areas in favor of suburban living.

The relatively strong economic health of the City suggests that Fenton residents will continue to demand high-quality services and facilities from the Parks and Recreation Board of Fenton and that increased funding is necessary to help fund these activities. This position is supported by the previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan and by City residents.

### Physical Characteristics

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of Fenton, including land use and natural features. This is important in understanding the potential for the type, location, and extent of Parks and Recreation Department improvements.

**Land Use.** There are thirteen different land-use categories within the city of Fenton and they are as follows; Low Density Single-Family Detached, Medium Density Single-Family Detached, Single-Family Attached, Manufactured Home Community, Multiple-Family, Commercial, Office, Industrial, Public, Quasi-Public / Institutional, Parkland, Nature Preserve, and Vacant. The largest of the categories is the Low Density Single-Family Detached, comprising over a quarter of the land area of the city.

**Environmental and Natural Features.** An environmental feature such as a climate, and natural features, topography, hydrology, soils, and vegetation, are important to planning for the Parks and Recreation Department. Natural features are not easily restored after they are impaired. These natural features provide numerous existing and potential parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities.

1. **Climate–** There are no unusual climatic conditions which severely impede outdoor recreational activities in the City. The climate is humid continental modified by the Great Lakes. Due to the variations in the weather patterns in Central and Southeast Michigan, local residents have the opportunity to enjoy many seasonal recreational activities.
2. **Topography–** The topography of the City of Fenton is generally characterized by gentle rolling and flat terrain with fairly steep areas primarily along some of the river courses. The elevation of the City of Fenton is approximately 902’ above sea level.
3. **Hydrology–** The Shiawassee River winds its way diagonally through the city of Fenton and Fenton Township. The Fenton Mill Pond is an anchor within the City and plays a large role in recreation as well. Lake Fenton borders the city to the north and Silver Lake to the west. Much of the land along the Shiawassee River or its tributaries is subject to seasonal flooding. The severity of flashing of the streams has increased in the past several years because of the increase in storm water runoff which causes erosion and water quality issues.
4. **Soils–** Soils in Fenton consist primarily of the Miami Loam series noted in the soil survey completed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This soil type is the most important in Genesee County for its point of extent and agricultural value. The gravelly phase of this soil found in Fenton has good natural drainage. Agricultural practices are well adapted to this soil type although not as productive as the typical Miami Loam.



## CHAPTER 2 | Administrative Structure and Funding

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## Administrative Structure

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The City of Fenton is a home rule City that has operated under the council-manager form of government since its incorporation in 1964. The Fenton City Council is comprised of the Mayor and six council members who are elected on an at-large basis. Council members serve four year staggered terms except for the Mayor, who is elected every two years. The City Manager and City Attorney are both appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. There are no positions elected by the City's population other than the City Council. In the council-manager form of government, the City Council is the legislative or policy-making arm of the City, while the City Manager is the chief administrative officer.

The figure on the next page outlines the administrative structure as it relates to parks and recreation. In December 1965, the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board was established. This board is a recommending body to the City Council on matters related to parks and recreation. The board shall be made up of nine residents of the City. One member is a representative from the City Council and one is recommended by the Fenton School District. The members of the board are eligible to serve for two consecutive three-year terms. Terms of the board members are staggered to provide for a stable transition over the years.

The duties of the Parks and Recreation Board, as defined in the Fenton Code of Ordinances, are two-fold in nature. The first is to conduct long-range planning aimed at "improving, maintaining, and supervising parks and recreational facilities in the City including the development of areas into parks and other recreational facilities". The second is for operational activities which are stated as "planning, organizing and operation of cultural, athletic and recreational activities in the City and cooperation with other groups and individuals in carrying out these activities".

Another board involved in recreation planning, the Fenton Planning Commission, is a nine-member body responsible for all planning activities within the City. The commission makes recommendations to the Council on matters such as changes in zoning.

The City's Department of Public Works and Parks Department, both under the immediate direction of the Director of Public Works, are responsible for the operation and maintenance of all City recreational facilities.

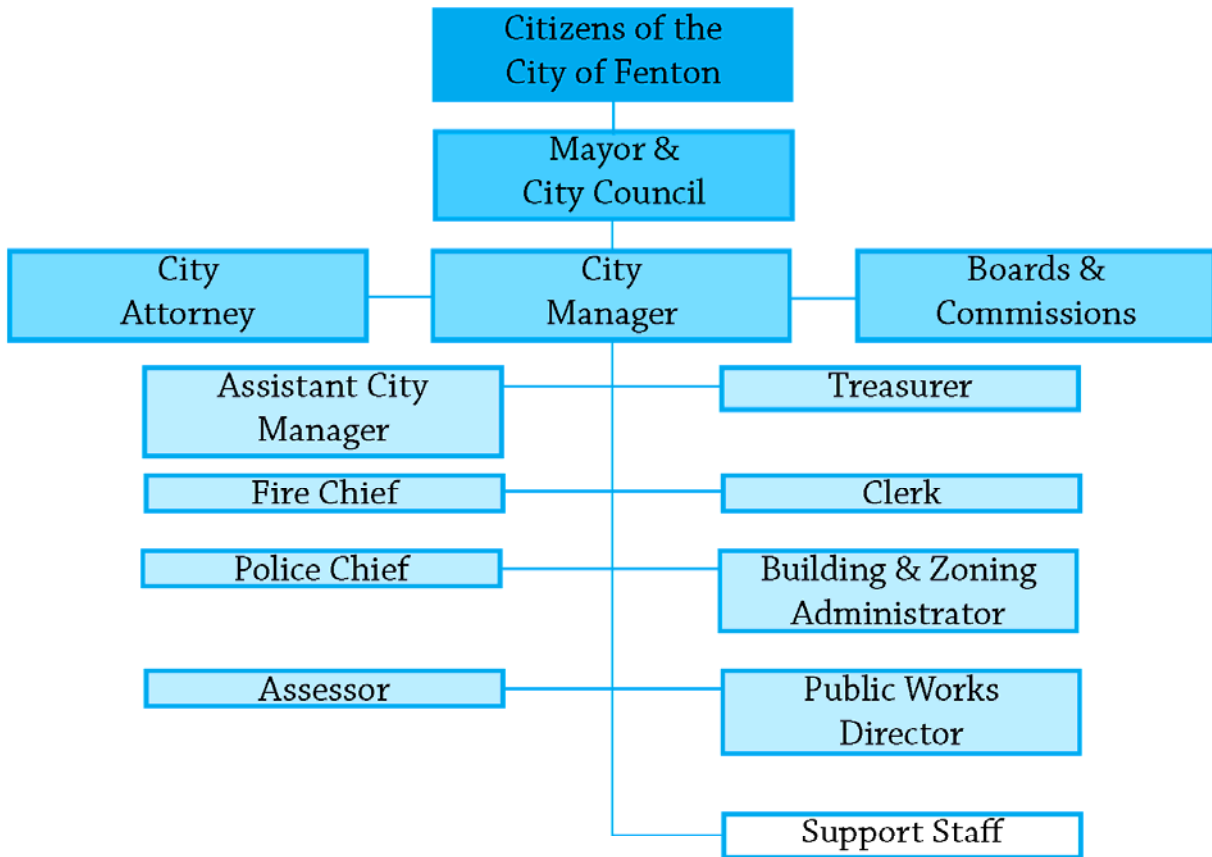
The Parks and Recreation Commission works through the City Council and the Planning Commission on recreational matters. These bodies are responsible for setting policy with regard to City-sponsored recreation facilities and programming. It is the City administration, under the leadership of the City Manager, which is primarily responsible for implementing these policies.



Volunteer involvement in the parks include the work of the Parks and Recreation Board, City's Beautification Commission and local service clubs. The residents of Fenton are offered programs and activities primarily by the Southern Lakes Regional Recreation Authority. Additionally, there are a number of volunteer organizations that offer athletic programs to residents including soccer, flag football, and baseball; plus, activities offered by the community organizations such as the Kiwanis, Lions Club, and Rotary Club.



## City of Fenton Government Organization:



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Funding is provided by the City Council through the City's general fund. Parks and Recreation Revenues and Expenditures are displayed on the next two pages.



**Table #2**  
**Parks & Recreation Revenues**

		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgets	
		2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Actual Thru 03/2016	Original	Amended	Proposed		
Fund 208	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Fund Revenues</b>									
566.000	Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
651.000	Use & Admission Fees	30,979	29,834	27,904	28,458	30,000	30,000	30,000		
653.000	Concert Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
653.100	Park Donations	1,350	1,188	1,826	664	1,000	1,000	1,000		
664.000	Interest on Investments	148	125	15	0	0	0	0		
676.000	Contribution from General Fund	131,000	110,500	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000		
677.000	Rental Income – Gazebo & Pavilion	5,460	5,205	5,705	3,275	5,000	5,000	5,000		
680.000	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
687.000	Refunds & Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Fund Revenues</b>	168,937	146,852	160,450	157,397	161,000	161,000	161,000		



**Table #3**  
**Parks & Recreation Expenditures**

		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgets	
		2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Thru 03/2016	Original	Amended	Proposed	
Fund 208	Parks & Recreation Fund Expenditures					2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017	
	691.000 Recreation & Parks								
	Personnel Services								
701.000	Administration	4,532	4,615	4,708	3,133	5,800	5,800	5,800	
702.000	Maintenance Salaries	14,674	18,820	27,574	14,610	21,500	21,500	21,500	
705.000	Part-Time Supervisor	6,937	7,147	7,314	4,803	7,700	7,700	7,700	
708.000	Lifeguard Salaries	21,708	22,174	22,937	16,644	24,500	24,500	24,500	
709.000	Gatekeeper Salaries	7,582	9,233	9,377	7,057	10,200	10,200	10,200	
719.000	Benefits	8,200	8,053	6,513	3,901	9,250	9,250	9,250	
	Operating Expenses								
740.000	Operating Supplies	2,857	4,900	3,067	1,193	4,500	4,500	4,500	
741.000	Uniforms	0	682	0	0	400	400	400	
775.000	Repair & Maintenance	4,295	5,306	3,984	1,001	7,500	7,500	7,500	
775.500	Ice Rink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
810.000	Professional Services	3,544	1,476	4,901	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	
920.000	Utilities	3,809	3,167	2,931	2,032	4,000	4,000	3,500	
943.100	Equipment Rental	3,649	6,074	12,741	6,866	5,000	7,500	7,500	
956.100	Miscellaneous	1,732	1,993	1,323	628	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	Capital Outlay								
970.000	Capital Outlay	0	1,900	0	0	15,000	10,000	15,000	
970.200	Gazebo Repairs	0	0	1,165	190	1,000	1,000	1,000	
970.300	Tennis Court	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	
970.400	Bush Park	147	0	0	0	500	500	1,500	
970.500	Bike Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	
	Contractual								
775.600	Lawn Cutting	55,722	49,903	54,638	36,214	60,000	60,000	60,000	
	Total Parks & Recreation Fund Expenditures	139,388	145,443	163,173	98,272	185,850	183,350	193,850	
	Excess (Deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	29,549	1,409	(2,723)	59,125	(24,850)	(22,350)	(32,850)	
	Fund Balance July 1	41,004	70,553	71,961	69,240	69,237	69,240	46,890	
	Fund Balance June 30	70,553	71,962	69,238	128,365	44,387	46,890	14,040	







## CHAPTER 3 | Parks and Recreation Inventory

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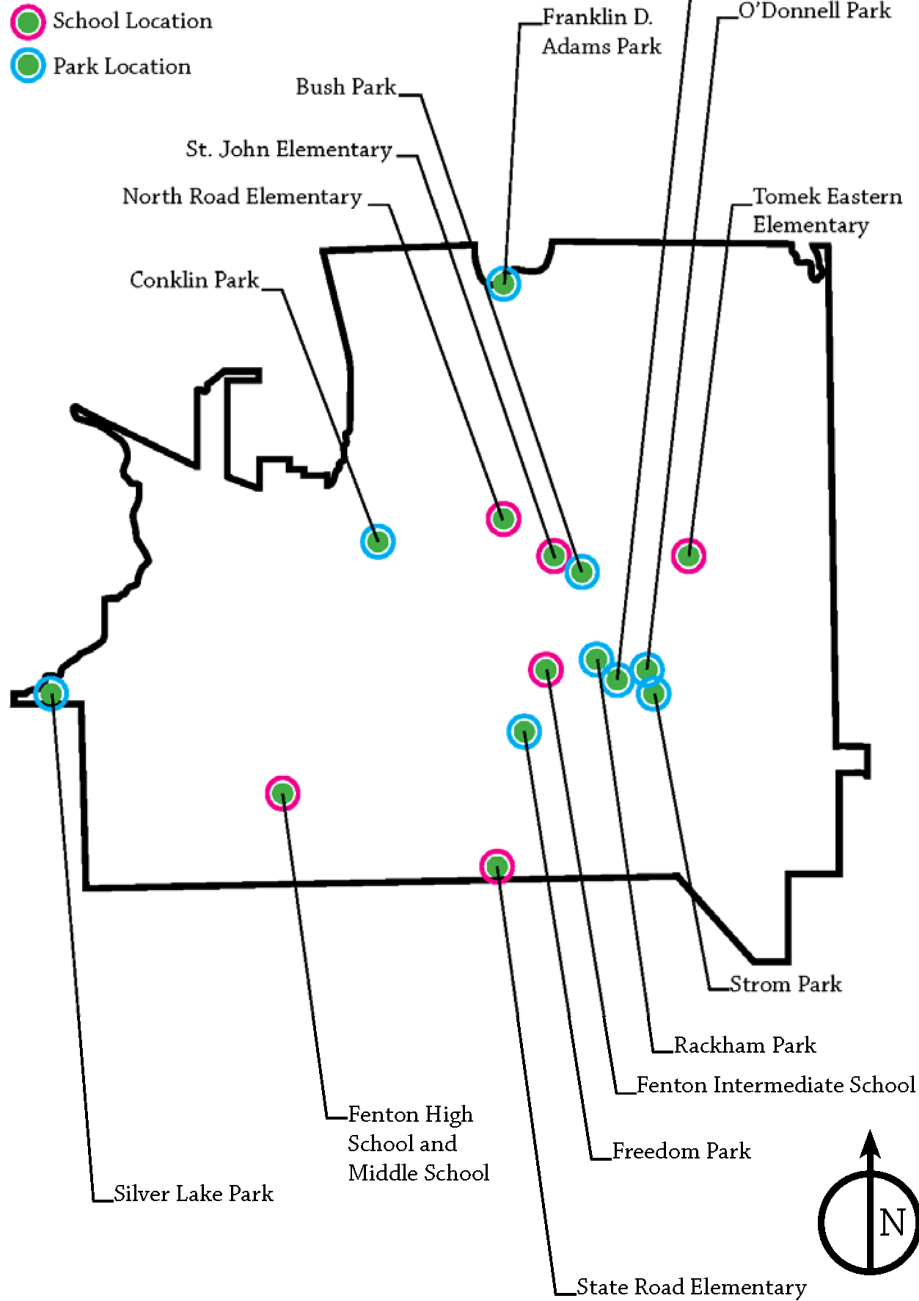
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### City of Fenton Parks and School Location Map:



**Map 2 – Park/School Location Map**



## Parks and Recreation Inventory

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The City of Fenton is fortunate to have an abundance of park facilities scattered throughout the City ranging in size from 40 acres to less than one acre. The spatial distribution of parks within the City is such that the majority of residents are located within a 10-minute walk from a park or school facility. The City maintains nine parks, and a community center located in the downtown. There are also six school facilities within the City limits. The following is a list of these facilities:

### **Parks**

- Bush Park
- Conklin Park
- Franklin D. Adams Park
- Freedom Park
- Millpond Park
- O'Donnell Park
- Rackham Park
- Silver Lake Park
- Strom Park

### **Other Recreational Facilities/Attractions**

- Fenton Community Center at Rackham Park
- Fenton Intermediate School Facility
- Fenton Schools High School/Middle School Campus
- North Road Elementary
- Shiawassee Riverwalk
- St. Johns Elementary
- State Road Elementary
- Tomek-Eastern Elementary

### **Parks**

Table 4 is an inventory of the City's parks. The park graphics, located within each park description, indicate the location and park boundary of sites. Data included in Table 4 is summarized and included in the following evaluation:



- ***Bush Park (Neighborhood Park).*** Bush Park is one of the most heavily used parks in the City and encompasses about five acres of land. It is located behind the St. John Elementary School on North Adelaide Street and has the Shiawassee River running along the eastern edge of the site.



*Size:* 5.5 acres of land; Shiawassee River runs through park

*Age Groups Served:* All Ages

*Location:* Centrally located in the City between Leroy and Adelaide Streets.

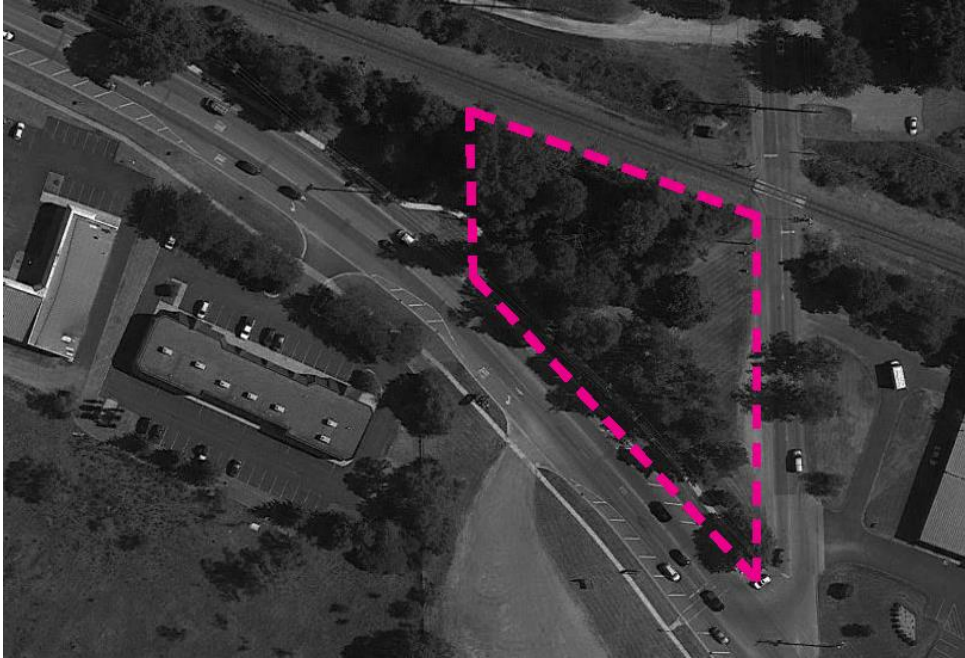
*Facilities:* Large and small playscapes, two sand volleyball courts, swing sets, jungle gym, slides, merry-go-round, mini soccer goals, pavilion with grills and picnic tables and a gazebo. There is also a ball diamond associated with St. John's Catholic Parrish, as well as basketball hoops belonging to St. Johns. The Shiawassee River meanders through the park with several places being shallow enough to wade, yet deep enough for a canoe/kayak.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 3. This park has barrier-free bathroom facilities located near Leroy Street. The playscape has barrier free, safe play material surrounding it. Other barrier free improvements are planned for this facility in the near future.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- **Conklin Park (Passive Park).** This one-acre park is located between the CNN/Grand Trunk Railroad and Silver Lake Road, east of US-23. The park contains a picnic area with a swing set and is one of the most heavily used parks in the City. The park is often used by residents of the City as well as travelers along US-23 because it is located just east of the Silver Lake Exit. Many visitors of this park enjoy stopping to eat lunch and picnic here.



*Size:* 1 acre.

*Age Groups Served:* All Ages.

*Location:* Located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Poplar Street.

*Facilities:* Two picnic tables, two grills, and a swing set.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 1. This facility has no barrier free features other than sidewalk along the south edge of the property.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- **Franklin D. Adams Park (Mini Park).** This park is located off of South Long Lake Road at the north end of the City. This park is 1.5 acres.



*Size:* 1.5 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Situated on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Long Lake Road and Appletree Lane.

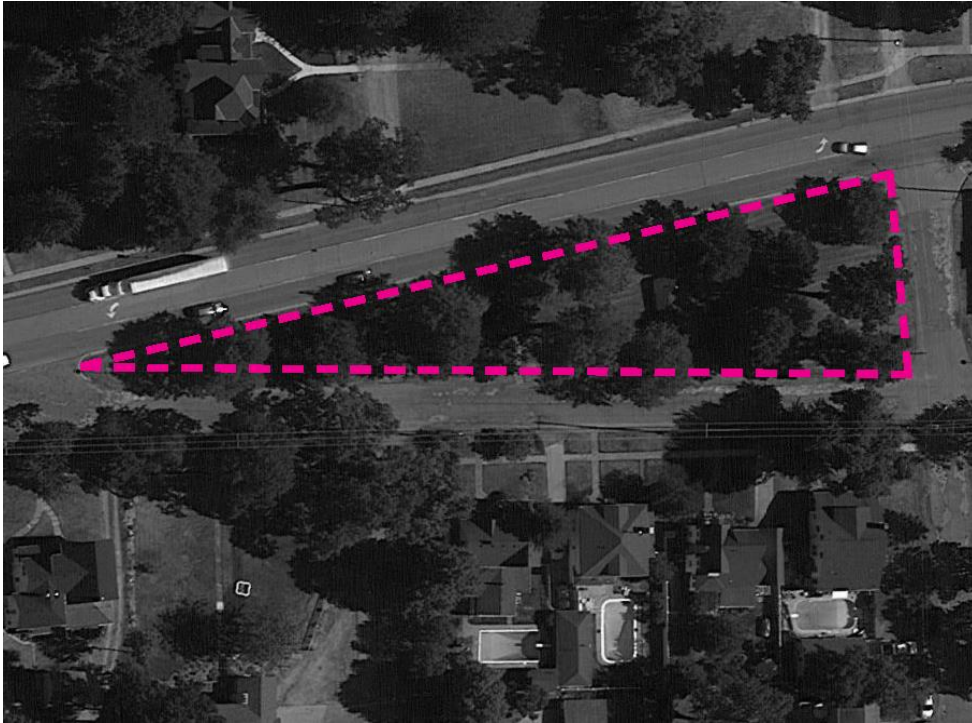
*Facilities:* Swing set, half basketball court, benches and picnic tables, grills, small spring-action play equipment, and trash cans.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 2. This park has sidewalks with barrier-free ramps along S. Long Lake Road, however, the remainder of the facility would not be considered barrier-free.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- ***Freedom Park (Passive Park).*** This small park is located between West Shiawassee and Elizabeth Streets.



*Size:* 0.3 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located at the point of Shiawassee and Elizabeth Streets.

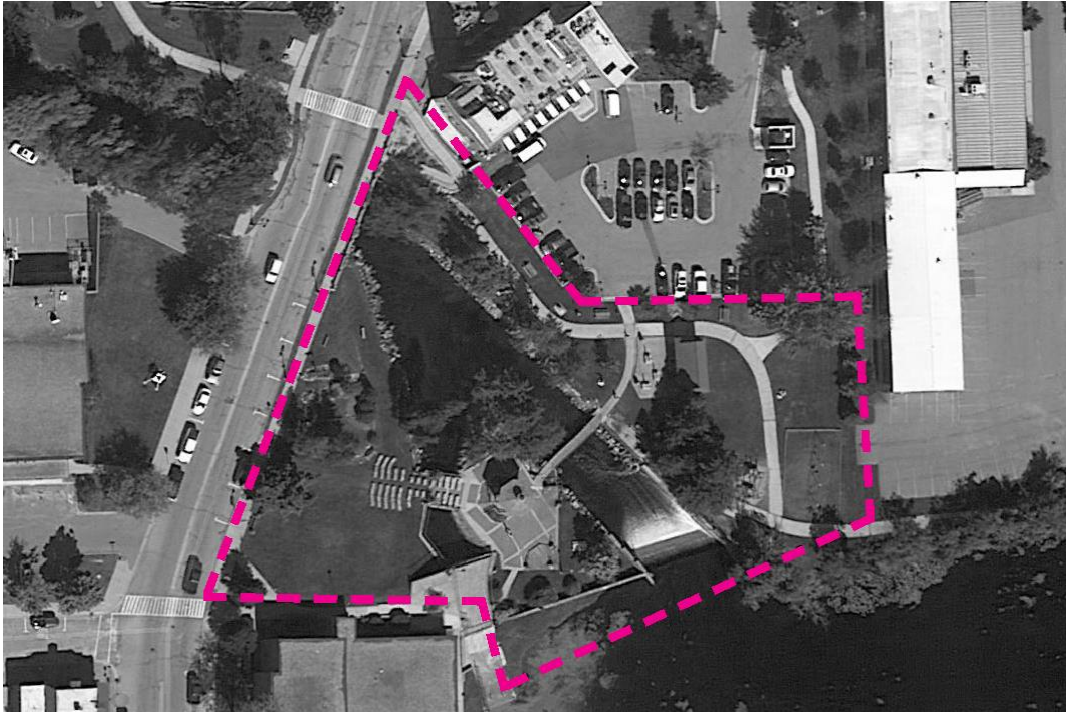
*Facilities:* Gazebo and war memorials.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 2. This site has no parking however, the gazebo is accessible.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- **Millpond Park (Mini Park).** This park is located across from Fenton City Hall, on the north side of the Shiawassee River. This park is very popular throughout the year due to the river festivities and direct access to the Shiawassee Riverwalk. The gazebo is highly used for weddings, concerts, the Christmas tree display, and many other events throughout the year.



*Size:* 2.3 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located along Leroy Street between E. Shiawassee Avenue and Ellen Street.

*Facilities:* Picnic area, playscape, swing set, benches, gazebo, fishing area, and waterfall.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 2. North parking lot provides barrier-free parking.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- ***O'Donnell Park (Passive Park).*** Located at the corner of Ellen and S. East Street overlooking the Millpond.



*Size:* 0.6 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located on the southeast corner of Ellen and S. East Streets, bound on the south side by the Shiawassee River.

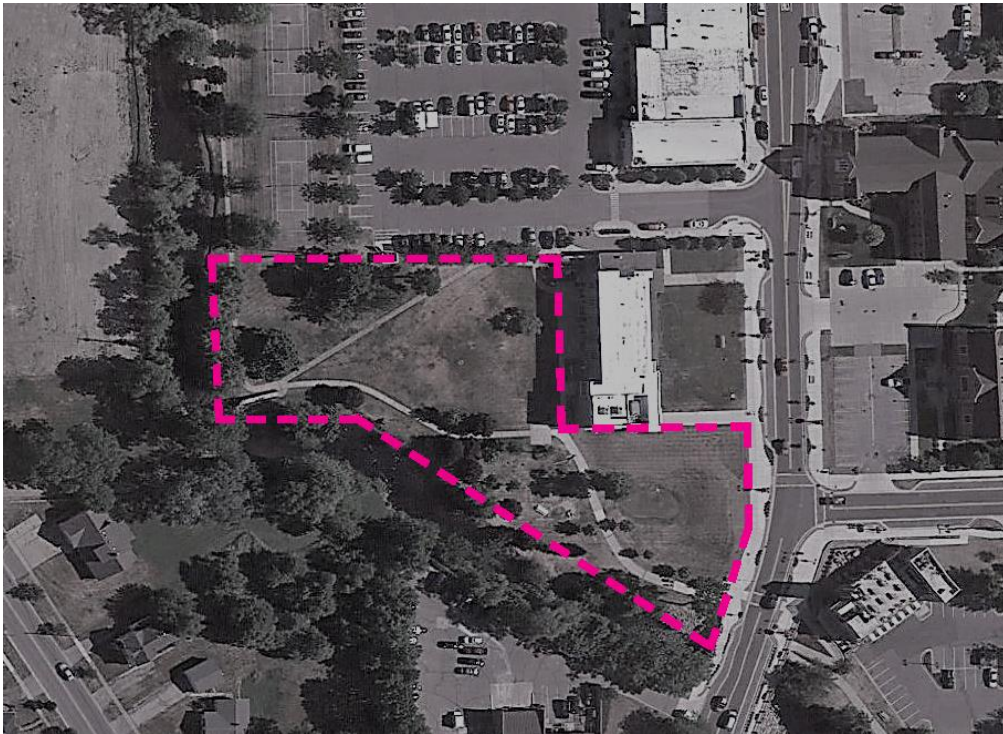
*Facilities:* Park benches, riverwalk, and fishing platform.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 2. Riverwalk and deck are accessible, however, there is no accessible parking.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- ***Rackham Park (special use park).*** Rackham Park is named after the Rackham family because of their generous donations to the community. They donated this parcel of land and the Community Center to the City. It is a three-acre strip of land located along the Shiawassee River, just west of the Fenton Community Center. The area is also part of the future Shiawassee Riverwalk system.



*Size:* 3 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located along Leroy Street behind the Fenton Community Center.

*Facilities:* Riverwalk, benches, tennis courts, and a bridge over the Shiawassee River.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 3. The majority of this park is accessible.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- **Silver Lake Park (Community/Regional Park).** This is a City-owned regional/metro park, which also serves as a local facility. It includes 300 feet of beach area with lifeguards, concessions, and badminton courts. There is an entrance fee into this park from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



*Size:* 35.4 acres, including beach frontage on Silver Lake.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located off of Jennings Road on the west side of the City.

*Facilities:* Two pavilions, several grills, hiking trails, playground equipment, and a beach with a concession stand.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 3. Currently, the restrooms and concession stand are barrier-free. Future improvements could include paving all parking areas and adding sidewalk to the pavilions.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



- ***Strom Park (Passive Park).*** Strom Park is a seven-tenths of an acre site located off of S. East Street, overlooking the Millpond. It is also slated as part of the Shiawassee Riverwalk system.



*Size:* 0.7 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* All ages.

*Location:* Located along S. East Street on the southern bank of the Shiawassee River.

*Facilities:* Small covered picnic area, river trail wayfinding sign, and a small boat launch.

*Accessibility:* Accessibility ranking – 2. Barrier-free improvements could be made to this facility including paving the parking lot, as well as adding a barrier-free canoe/kayak launch.

*DNR Recreation Grants:* None awarded to date.



**Table 4  
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Facilities Inventory**

Park/Facility Name	Acres	Ballfields / Backstops	Softball Fields / Backstops	Soccer	Football	Volleyball	Tennis Courts	Track & Field	Basketball Courts (B-Boards)	Play Equipment	Picnic Areas	Nature/Hiking Trails	Pavilion/Deck/Gazebo	Pond/Lake	Creek/River	Boat Launch	Historical Monument / Memorial	Buildings	Concessions	Restrooms	Gymnasium/Stage	Indoor Pool
<b>School Facilities</b>																						
Tomek Elem.	15.5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5(7)	Y	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	1	-
North Road Elem.	10.3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3(6)	Y	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	1	-
St. John Elem.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2(4)	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	1	-
State Road Elem.	13.2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2(5)	Y	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	1	-
Fenton Intermediate	15.7	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	2	-
Fenton High and Middle	116.1	3	6	2	1	-	8	1	-	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	2	2	2	1
Subtotal Schools	182.8	4	9	8	1	0	8	1	10(22)	5	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	6	2	2	8	1
<b>Public Facilities</b>																						
Franklin Adams Park	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Bush Park	5	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	Y	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	N	-	-	-	-
Conklin Park	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Freedom Park	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	N	-	-	-	-
Millpond Park	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-
O'Donnell Park	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Rackham Park	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	N	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Strom Park	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	N	-	-	-	-
Fenton Comm. Center	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	Y	-	-	1	-
Silver Lake Park	35.4	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	Y	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	Y	1	1	-	-
Subtotal Public	53.1	1	2	2	0	4	2	0	1(1)	5	11	1	7	4	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>235.9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11(23)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>



## Other Fenton Recreational Facilities/Attractions

- *Fenton Community Center.* This building is located on approximately 3.3 acres in the center of town, and is host to a variety of uses. The Center is owned by the City, but is partially funded by the Rackham Foundation. The Rackham Foundation was set up by Horace Rackham and is now run by the Regents of the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. The foundation is a perpetual endowment fund which is responsible for half of the Center’s income. Residents and groups are able to rent the Community Center for many different purposes including art and craft shows, receptions, luncheons, etc.
- *Fenton High School and Middle School Campus.* The largest of the three community parks, with over 116 acres of land, this site has some of the features of a typical community park. It contains multi-purpose practice fields, tennis courts, and track and field facilities. While it lacks the play equipment, hiking trails, picnic areas, and other things found in a typical community park, it does serve specific recreational needs of the community. This school is located on the same campus with the high school. The new middle school adds new baseball diamonds, multi-purpose practice fields, and an indoor gymnasium to the list of school district facilities.

*Size:* 116.1 acres

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly youth

*Location:* Located on Owen Road just east of US-23

*Facilities:* Several ball diamonds, a football field, a walking/running track, 2 gyms, soccer fields, and open space

- *Fenton Intermediate School.* This school site, like the high school, has high-intensity recreational facilities, including: a football field, soccer goals, and one baseball diamond. The school property covers only 15.7 acres and lacks the play equipment, hiking trails, picnic areas, and many other facilities found in community parks.

*Size:* 15 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly K-12.

*Location:* Located on Ellen Street between Adelaide and West Street.

*Facilities:* Playground, ball diamond, 2 gyms, and a large grassy field.

- *North Road Elementary:* Considered one of the larger parks in Fenton, North Road Elementary is located between North Road and Wood Street.

*Size:* 10 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly youth.



*Location:* Located off North Road within a dense residential area.

*Facilities:* Gymnasium, playground, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and soccer fields.

- *St. John Elementary.* This parochial school site is located on Lincoln Street just west of Bush Park. It should be noted that this area is intended for the use of the school children and is not necessarily a public park; although the church keeps it open for public use.

*Size:* 12 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly youth.

*Location:* Located off of Adelaide in a dense residential area and adjacent to Bush Park.

*Facilities:* Gymnasium, playground, basketball hoops, and a ball diamond.

- *State Road Elementary:* This school is located on State Road, at the southernmost end of the City. This site has good access for children from the school as well as from the adjacent parking lot.

*Size:* 13.2 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly youth.

*Location:* Located off of State Road in a residential area.

*Facilities:* Gymnasium, large playscape, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and large grass field with soccer goal posts.

- *Tomek-Eastern Elementary.* This school site is approximately 15.5 acres located on the east side of the City.

*Size:* 15.5 acres.

*Age Groups Served:* Predominantly youth.

*Location:* Located off of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets within a dense residential neighborhood.

*Facilities:* Gymnasium, playground, basketball hoops, ball diamond, and large grass field.

- *Shiawassee Riverwalk.* The riverwalk spans O'Donnell, Millpond, and Rackham Parks and was funded under MDNR Grant #88-160. The grant was to acquire the land connecting the parks and the land is still in use as the walkway.



## Regional Parks and Facilities Inventory

Regional recreation areas are large facilities serving people within a broad geographic area. For the purpose of the Fenton Recreation Master Plan, the region has been defined as the area within a one-hour drive radius of the City of Fenton. This includes facilities with a large area having unique features and activities that will attract people from a broad geographic area. The size and type of facilities vary, but in general these facilities are 200 acres or more in size.

Within the Fenton region there are four types of park ownership and authority. There are private, county, state, and metropolitan parks. Privately owned parks include most of the golf courses, downhill ski facilities, and some campgrounds within the region. County and state areas include municipal golf courses, fairgrounds, state parks, and state recreation areas.

Regional facilities have been outlined in the following Tables. These tables show the distance from Fenton, acreage, and type of activities available at each facility. There are additional specific use facilities that, due to their size or the nature of their facilities, were not included. Note however, there are two Oakland County parks in the area, (Groveland Oaks and Independence Oaks County Campground), which are identified in Table 5.

Fenton has a number of regional facilities within a small radius. Such facilities as Bald Mountain Recreation Area that offer a variety of activities spanning from group camping to a shooting range. Other facilities in the area are Pontiac Lake, Seven Lakes, Holly, and Brighton Recreation Areas. Regional recreational facilities have been grouped according to their similar features. These facilities include: parks, including State and County parks; campgrounds; golf courses; cross-country trails; and downhill ski areas. While the ownership and operation of these facilities can be either public or private, they are all open to the public. These facilities can be viewed in Tables 6-9.







**Table 6: Existing Regional Golf Courses**

<b>Name and Location</b>	<b>Number of Holes</b>	<b>Banquet Facilities</b>	<b>Food Service</b>
0 to 5 mile radius			
Fenton Farms - Fenton Twp.	18	X	X
The Preserve - Tyrone Township	18	X	X
Tyrone Hills - Tyrone Twp.	18	X	X
6 to 10 mile radius			
Dunham Hills - Milford	18		
Goodrich - Goodrich	18	X	X
Grand Blanc - Grand Blanc	27	X	X
Heather Highlands - Holly	18	X	X
Majestic - Hartland	27		X
Seifert's-Golf - Grand Blanc	9		
Springfield Oaks - Davisburg	18		
11 to 15 mile radius			
Bogie Lake - Union Lake	18	X	X
Dama Farms - Howell	18		
Faulkwood Shores - Howell	18	X	X
Genesee Valley - Swartz Creek	18		
Hartland Glen - Hartland	18		
Highland Hills - Highland	18		
Ironwood - Howell	9		
Loch Lomond - Flint	9	X	X
Southmoor - Burton	18		
Spring Lake - Clarkston	18		
Flint Golf Club - Flint	18	X	X
St. Andrews - Pontiac	DR		
Swartz Creek Municipal - Flint	18		
White Lake Oaks - Pontiac	18	X	X
Willow Brook - Byron	18		
Woodland - Brighton	18	X	X
16 to 20 mile radius			
Oak Point Country Club - Brighton	36	X	X
Clarkston - Clarkston	9		
Davison Road - Burton	DR		
El Dorado - Pontiac	9		
Glenlore Milford	18		
Harley's - Union Lake	27		
Hickory Hills - Wixom	9		



Kearsley Lake Municipal - Flint	18		
Kensington Metro - Milford	18		
Links at Pinewood - Walled Lake	18	X	X
Mott Municipal - Flint	9		
Paint Creek - Lake Orion	18	X	X
Pierce Park Municipal - Flint	18		
Pine Knob - Clarkston	18	X	X
Pontiac - Pontiac	18	X	X
River Forest - Flint	9		
Silver Lake - Pontiac	9	X	X
21 to 25 mile radius			
Arrowhead - Pontiac	27	X	X
Bald Mountain - Lake Orion	18		
Beechwood Greens - Mt. Morris	9		
Bon-O-Link - Novi	18		
Carls Golfland - Bloomfield Hills	DR		
Unable to verify facilities			
DR-Driving Range			

A complete listing of regional ski facilities is below in Table 7.

**Table 7: Regional Ski Facilities, City of Fenton**

	<b>Ski Rental</b>	<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Shelter/ Lodge</b>	<b>Concessions</b>
<b>Cross-Country Ski</b>				
Heavner Cross-Country Ski Area, Milford	X	X	X	X
Independence Oaks, Clarkston	X	X	X	X
Addison Oaks	X	X	X	X
<b>Downhill Ski</b>				
Mt. Holly, Holly	X	X	X	X
Alpine Valley, Milford	X	X	X	X
Mt. Brighton, Brighton	X	X	X	X
Pine Knob Ski Resort, Clarkston	X	X	X	X



## Regional Boating, Fishing and Swimming Inventory

There are three major lakes in the Fenton area, two of which are partially within the City boundaries. They are Lake Fenton, Lake Ponemah, and Silver Lake. There are predominantly seven species of fish within these lakes. The former District Fisheries Biologist for the Fenton area, Mr. Gary Towns, speaks very positively about the lakes. He indicated that Lake Fenton is one of the clearest lakes that he has ever surveyed. He also mentioned that the area lakes provide a quality habitat for the fish including bluegill, crappie, bullhead, northern pike, perch, walleye, and small and large mouth bass can be found in the area lakes. Area lakes are listed in Table 8 below.

**Table 8: Area Lakes with Recreational Opportunities**

Lake	Size (Acres)	Max. Depth	% Developed	Water Sports	Access
Barnum Lake	22	60'	60%	Fishing, Swimming	Private
Bennett Lake	150	125'	95%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Private
Byram Lake	132	50'	85%	Swimming	Private
Lake Copneconic	110	50'	10%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Private
Crane Lake	39	20'	80%	None	Private
Crooked Lake	60	6'	70%	Fishing, Swimming, Pontoon Boating	Private
Hoisington Lake	125	62'	10%	None	Private
Lake Fenton	845	92'	95%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Public
Lobdell Lake	545	78'	85%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Public
Loon Lake	142	70'	50%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Private
Pine Lake	132	32'	65%	None	Private
Lake Ponemah	350	75'	60%	Camping, Swimming, Boating, Fishing	Public
Runyan Lake	160	70'	100%	None	Private
Lake Shannon	262	25'	n/a	None	Private
Silver Lake	330	95'	95%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Public
Squaw Lake	70	50'	95%	Fishing, Swimming, Boating	Private



## Private Recreation Facilities Inventory

While generally not included within the spectrum of open-access, public recreation facilities, an inventory of private facilities helps to identify acute needs, and those which are being at least partially met through private means. Table 9 below provides a brief rundown of Fenton area private recreation facilities.

**Table 9: Private Recreation Facilities, Fenton Metro Area 2017**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Camp Copneconic YMCA	10407 Fenton Road	Camp
Fenton School of Dance	112 E. Ellen St.	Dance School
Uncle Ray's Mini Golf	1462 N. Leroy St.	Mini Golf Course
Dauner Nature Preserve	Dauner Road	Nature Preserve
Spring Meadows Country Club	1129 Ripley Road, Linden	Private Golf and Pool
Balloon Quest	2470 Grange Hall Road	Hot Air Balloon Rides
Michigan Balloon Corp.	958 Maple, Holly	Hot Air Balloon Rides
Capt. Phogg Enterprises, LTD	14165 Fenton Road	Hot Air Balloon Rides
Waldenwoods Resort	2975 Old US 23, Hartland	Family Resort
Premier Indoor Sports	14261 Torrey Road	Soccer, Flag Football

## Programming Inventory

The residents of Fenton are offered programs and activities primarily by the Southern Lakes Regional Recreation Authority. Additionally, there are a number of volunteer organizations that offer athletic programs to residents including soccer, flag football, and baseball; plus, activities offered by the community organizations such as the Kiwanis, Lions Club, and Rotary Club.

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District (herein known as Southern Lakes), inclusive of the City of Fenton, Fenton Township and the City of Linden, is an organization charged to operate and provide recreational programming opportunities for community members. Founded in November 2000 by a vote of the people of Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township (under the Metropolitan District Act, PA 312), Southern Lakes continues to provide oversight over all recreational programming in southern Genesee County. Residents from Fenton Township, Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, Mundy Township, the cities of Linden and Fenton take advantage of the programs offered by the regional recreation service provider. Along with recreational opportunities for the youth, Southern Lakes also provides oversight and management for the Linden Farmer's Market and the Fenton Farmer's Market; which has been a tremendous success in both communities.



*Southern Lakes Recreational Programs:*

Numerous recreational programming is offered and available to residents of the surrounding communities in southern Genesee County through Southern Lakes. The program year runs year-round and programs are constantly occurring that benefit the stakeholders in the community. These events are broken down into Youth Sports, Youth Fine Arts, Adult Sports, Leisure and Special Events. Sign up and registration for programs is handled both online at the website for Southern Lakes and also in-person at the Southern Lakes office at the Fenton Train Depot. Although programs are held in buildings in Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden, they are open to all residents of southern Genesee County including Tyrone Township, Argentine Township and Mundy Township.

*Youth Sports:*

During the school year and into the summer months, Southern Lakes continues to provide equipment, management and oversight of all recreational programs for Southern Genesee County. In the previous year, over 4,000 participants were registered in 855 program sessions. The following is a summarized list of some of the recreational activities that are offered through Southern Lakes.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Baton Twirling
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Martial Arts
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

*Youth Fine Arts:*

Southern Lakes offers fine arts programs to children ranging from preschool age through teenage years including dance and music.

*Youth Special Events:*

The special event programs offered through Southern Lakes for youth include:

- |                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| • Girl's Night Out  | • AAU Volleyball Tournaments |
| • Mother/Son Dance  | • Gymnastics Invitational    |
| • Kid to Kid Sale   | • Dance Recital              |
| • Touch – A – Truck | • USA Swim Meet              |
| • Fall Festival     |                              |



*Adult Sports:*

Adult recreational opportunities are also made available to the residents in the townships and the cities. These programs are housed in the local schools but also in township parks and other locations in Fenton Township, Linden and Fenton. In the previous year, over 734 participants were registered in 150 program sessions. These programs include:

- Fitness
- Golf
- Kayaking
- Martial Arts
- Softball
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Fitness

*Adult Special Events:*

Programs designed to provide additional recreational and engagement programs for adults serviced by Southern Lakes.

- Ladies Night Out
- Mom to Mom Sale

*Leisure:*

These programs are designed to provide continuing education, teach new skills and are just for fun. The following is a summarized list of leisure programs under the supervision of Southern Lakes:

- Book Club
- Computers
- Dance
- Financial
- Health
- Music
- Pet Classes
- Safety

*Special Events:*

Other recreational programming offered by Southern Lakes includes driver's education programs, summer festivals and programs, Farmer's Markets, and "Back to the Bricks".

**Driver's Education** – Southern Lakes offers driver's training programs (Segment I and Segment II). For a fee, students are able to take drivers training during the year through a partnership with Vic Canever Chevrolet that provides the cars.



**Farmer's Markets** – In 2005, Southern Lakes was offered the opportunity to oversee and manage the Fenton Farmer's Market. Since then, the market has expanded and brought countless individuals to participate in the market. With the success provided through Southern Lakes, in 2009, the Linden Farmer's Market was opened with similar success. Wanting to duplicate the success in Fenton Township, Southern Lakes started the Fenton Township Farmer's Market. As of 2014, Southern Lakes operates three farmer's markets in three locations in Southern Genesee County. The success of these markets is attributed to a good working relationship between Southern Lakes and the vendors that provide them ample opportunities for expansion and support.

**Back to the Bricks** – Started in 2005, Back to the Bricks has brought hundreds of thousands of people to Genesee County over a week-long car exhibit. The cities of Fenton and Linden are both involved with the "Tune-Up" parties that occur during the Back to the Bricks week. During those times, cars are made available for display and numerous vendors are present. Since the adoption of Fenton and Linden in 2011 as sites for the "Tune-Up" party, Southern Lakes has been instrumental in overseeing the coordination and implementation of the festivities. These Tune-Ups have brought an estimated 10,000 visitors to the area for these events.

**Summer Festivals** – Southern Lakes also works with the local municipalities to bring the summer concert series to Fenton through "Fiddling in Fenton" in September and the Fenton "Concert in the Park"; also in Linden with "Music by the Mill". These programs help promote Southern Lakes as well as providing opportunities for residents to participate in various programming during the summer months.







## CHAPTER 4 | Basis for Action Plan

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## Basis for Action

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### Planning Method

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has adopted a set of standards, to determine the need for recreation facilities in each community. These standards are based upon those developed by the National Parks and Recreation Association. They are used to establish: (1) the specific recreation activity, such as tennis courts or softball fields, that should be available based upon the population of the community; and (2) the “service areas”, or number and type of parks that should be available to residents within a certain distance of their homes. Each of these standards will be applied to the existing inventory of Fenton recreation facilities to determine if there are any deficiencies present. The results of this analysis will then be incorporated into the Action Plan that will follow.

### Specific Recreation Activities

The MDNR standards mentioned above are incorporated into Table 10. These standards set forth guidelines for communities to follow when creating recreational facilities. Their purpose is to ensure that all residents’ needs are met as adequately as possible. It is the City’s responsibility to meet these needs as efficiently as practical, while understanding that these are guidelines; not rules that must be followed blindly. One must also keep in mind that these standards are City-wide and do not reflect locational deficiencies that will be addressed later in this section. The City must also take into consideration the characteristics of its community and the availability of nearby regional facilities before determining whether a facility will be provided.

The majority of current recreation facilities are located on school district properties. This could potentially limit the opportunities for those who do not feel comfortable in a school setting. Based upon the standards, the greatest need for facilities currently, is for additional recreation fields and courts that can be utilized for multiple purposes. Driving ranges and golf courses also appeared as a deficiency, however, Table 6 included in this document provides an extensive list of nearby golf courses for residents. Owning and operating a golf course is a costly and oftentimes risky business venture for a community and is not often recommended particularly when there is an abundant supply of affordable facilities in the area. The City may want to consider adding facilities such as basketball courts, ballfields, and soccer fields on City property because the majority of the demand is currently being met by school facilities.



**Table 10:**  
**Suggested Facility Development Standards**

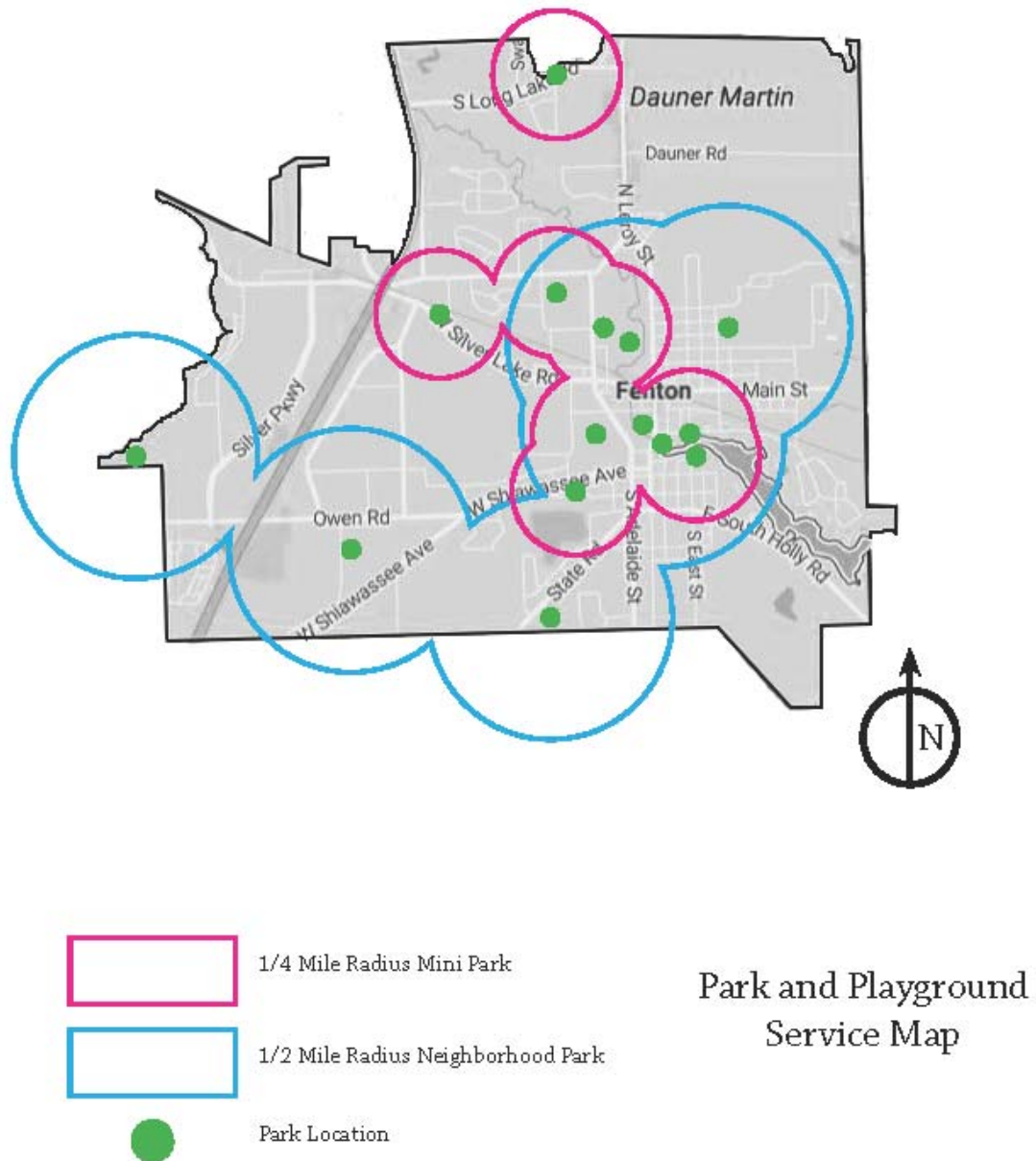
	NRPA Recommended Facilities	City of Fenton Facilities	School District Facilities	Total Facilities	Surplus (Deficiency)
Basketball	1/5,000	3	18	21	0
Tennis Courts	1/2,000	8	0	8	0
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	4	0	4	0
General Hard Court Space	1/10,000	0	0	0	(2)
Baseball/Softball Fields	1/5,000	3	13	16	0
Football Fields	1/20,000	0	1	1	0
Soccer	1/10,000	2	8	10	0
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	0	1	1	0
Ice Hockey	1/100,000	0	0	0	0
Running Track	1/20,000	0	2	2	0

### Analysis of Service Areas

The City maintains many different types and sizes of parks within its boundaries. Each plays an important role in meeting the recreation needs of the residents in Fenton. Recreation service areas, as they are called, are directly related to whether the park is a mini-park, a neighborhood park, or a community park. Each is intended to serve a specific portion of the population based upon distance from the park. Regional parks are also important but for the purpose of providing facilities within the City, are not included in the analysis.

As shown on Map 3 on the next sheet, the service area boundaries for both mini and neighborhood parks cover most of the City of Fenton.





Map 3- Park Service Areas



## **Service Area Deficiencies**

### *Geographic*

According to Map 3 on previous sheet, the far northeast corner of the City is not properly served by a neighborhood park. Franklin D. Adams Park is located in the northernmost central area of the City, but this facility cannot presently support the needs of the growing population of this area. Improvements to this park will help alleviate the need for a mini-park in that area of the City. Tomek Eastern Elementary School is also considered in the service area for neighborhood parks but does not qualify as a mini park.

Another area that is currently underserved by both mini-parks and neighborhood parks, is the western side of the City, including areas adjacent to US-23 and Silver Lake Road. This is the largest area in the City that is underserved by neighborhood and mini-parks. It is, however, relatively close to two community facilities: Silver Lake Park and Fenton High School. The High School lacks facilities such as play equipment and picnic areas, and other typical amenities found in neighborhood parks. Silver Lake Park contains all of these facilities, but does not provide the same accessibility as a neighborhood park. Since it is a waterfront recreation area, there are gates to monitor and control access to the park. These drawbacks prevent the High School and Silver Lake Park from acting as neighborhood parks for the western side of the City.

The western side of Fenton, and the northeast section contain large tracts of open land. In the past ten years, a considerable amount of this land has been developed or proposed for development for residential use. This trend has slowed substantially, but development is expected in the future, so the lack of existing recreation facilities in these locations takes on even greater importance.

A third area shown to be underserved by mini and neighborhood parks is the southeast corner of the City. This area is relatively small in size and a large portion is covered by the Millpond. As a result, the amount of future development that can occur here is limited. So while providing proper facilities for all areas of the City is a priority, this location is less critical than those already mentioned.

In all, the City of Fenton has only two mini-parks. This leaves the majority of the City underserved by these type of facilities. Yet neighborhood parks can, and currently do, help to fill this void. Mini-parks are intended to accommodate primarily younger children and senior citizens. By providing improvements at the neighborhood parks for these two age groups, the need for additional mini-parks is lessened. This cannot be accomplished at school facilities, however, so there will still be areas of the City where the creation of new park land is necessary.



## Programming

The City of Fenton offers a great deal of recreational programs all sponsored by a variety of different groups and community organizations. Some of the major contributors are as follows:

- Southern Lakes Regional Recreation Authority – Organizes and sponsors activities such as sports and classes for all age groups within the region.
- Fenton Chamber of Commerce – Sponsors the Fenton Business Expo to let different companies display their products or services.
- Lions Club – Sponsors the white cane sales, money raffle and chicken barbecue, all to help the community improve their facilities and to aid the underprivileged.
- Rotary Club – Organizes and sponsors the rubber ducky regatta, seniors' picnic, the Christmas tree walk, and many other events in the community.
- Kiwanis Club – Puts on a pancake breakfast, a child safety day, and a murder mystery dinner as well as other community activities.
- St. John's Catholic Church – Sponsors the St. John's Apple Fest in the fall.
- River Clean-up Committee – Organizes the clean-up of the Shiawassee River; they are in their 28<sup>th</sup> year of this event.

Aside from these major contributors to community activities that are countless other groups that sponsor activities throughout the year. The City of Fenton contracts with Southern Lakes for extensive recreational programming, ranging from concerts in the park, community-wide festivals, to craft shows. The City has only a few gaps in their programming calendar, in which improvements can be made. These gaps are mid-January to February, mid-March to the last week in April, and mid-October to mid-November. By far the largest setback for community activities is the lack of advertisement and the fact that it is not organized and controlled by one organization.

## Park Facilities

When preparing the Plan, it was determined that much of the play equipment in the City of Fenton parks was generally old and obsolete. Most of the pieces were from an earlier period and not designed with safety in mind. Few, if any, had resilient surfaces underneath them and could be dangerous for children to play on. Since that time, the City has continued to upgrade this equipment and improve the safety of their parks. While all the equipment has had some sort of resilient surface installed since 2003, not all the equipment meets current standards yet. Standards that must continue to be considered are the Consumer Product Safety Commission for play equipment and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for accessibility.



The Fenton School District has made progress in updating the play equipment and providing resilient surfacing at their school sites. They also leave the facilities open during non-school hours, so the playgrounds can serve as neighborhood parks. This adds a great deal to the recreation system in Fenton.

It was also determined that there is a strong need for connectivity throughout the parks and the park system. This connectivity includes both land and water trails.

Recreation trends as shown in the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) national survey that measures activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey show that persons seven years and older who have participated in an activity more than once a year have participated in:

- Exercise walking
- Exercising with equipment
- Swimming
- Camping
- Bowling

In terms of change from 2013-2015, the top six fastest growing sports were:

- Lacrosse up 80%
- Soccer up 56%
- Kayaking/Canoeing up 56%
- Mountain biking up 48%
- Walking/jogging up 43%



## CHAPTER 5 | Action Plan

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## Action Plan

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The Action Plan outlines the direction that the Fenton Community would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve recreation opportunities within the community. As it was described in the Basis for Action Section, a community must base recreation improvement and service decisions on recreational trends, national standards, existing facilities, community opinion, and the City's land and fiscal capabilities.

### Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives were developed to assist in providing direction to the Parks and Recreation Board, City Council, and City Staff. Goals statements describe how the Board views its own future. These statements are long-term and meet the following:

- Providing guidance without too much detail;
- Be realistic and achievable;
- Inspire people to action.

The following **Goals** were developed by discussing new issues the community is facing, as well as input from the public workshops. They are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

1. Support and enhance a more livable community through walkability that will lead to whole, happy, and healthy lives.
2. Develop and promote active outdoor recreational opportunities.
3. Increase the awareness of, and accessibility to the lakes, rivers and other natural features in Fenton. Appendix B depicts the support language and a map of the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail.
4. Develop and promote park resources and amenities that progress the City's sense of place.
5. Increase accessibility to and within all City recreational facilities.

Based on these goals the following **Objectives** through a project list were developed

1. Non-Motorized Trails (**Supports Goals 1, 2, and 5**):
  - a. Extend Riverwalk Trail:
    - i. Extend Riverwalk from Rackham Park along sanitary line easement to S. Long Lake Road:
      1. Phase 1
        - a. Rackham Park to Bush Park extension including a pedestrian tunnel under railroad tracks.
      2. Phase 2
        - a. Bush Park to S. Long Lake Road and Torrey Road.



### 3. Phase 3

- a. Extend trail south on Torrey Road to North Road and north on Torrey Road to City Limits.
    - b. Extend trail east along North Road to Poplar Street where a newly constructed sidewalk will connect into existing trailway on Silver Lake Road (Already sidewalk on North Road, south side to Poplar Sreet).
  - b. Update existing Riverwalk Trailway **(Supports Goals 1, 2, and 5)**:
    - i. Trail repairs along Riverwalk between O'Donnell Park and Rackham Park including the removal of the brick pavers, replaced with decorative concrete.
    - ii. Trail repairs and realignment within Rackham Park including the construction of an ADA accessible bridge over the Shiawassee River.
    - iii. Pedestrian lighting (i.e. bollards, site up-lighting) from O'Donnell Park through Millpond Park and ending at north end of Rackham Park.
    - iv. Exercise stations from O'Donnell Park through Millpond Park and ending near north end of Rackham Park.
  - c. Signage (directional/educational) to unify existing Riverwalk along the loop.
  - d. Support the Linden, Argentine, Fenton, and Fenton Township Multi-Use Recreational Pathway. (Appendix C)
2. Waterway Trail **(Supports Goals 2, 3 and 4)**:
- a. Trail designation signage along water trail similar to National Waterway Trails.
  - b. Take out/put in station above and below the Millpond Dam that is ADA compliant.
  - c. Clearing strategic bank areas for visual access.
  - d. Riverbank stabilization from Millpond dam to Caroline Sreet, and also through Bush Park.
  - e. Support the creation of National Waterway Trail designation for the Shiawassee River.
3. Park Improvements **(Supports all Goals)**:
- a. Millpond Park:
    - i. Create restroom facilities.
    - ii. Create kayak lockers.
    - iii. Replace existing playground equipment with an inclusive alternative.
  - b. O'Donnell Park:
    - i. Create a trailhead at O'Donnell Park.



1. Extend trail east from O'Donnell Park to existing sidewalk system.
  2. Develop an entry road parking lot off of East Ellen Street.
  3. Provide water fountains, and bicycle racks and benches.
  4. Create a safe non-motorized connection into Strom Park when bridge is replaced along S. East Street.
- c. Strom Park:
- i. Parking lot improvements.
  - ii. Boat launch improvements.
  - iii. Develop restroom facilities.
  - iv. Create picnic area.
- d. Rackham Park
- i. Re-establish rain garden area outside of the Fenton Community Center along trail.
  - ii. Relocate sidewalk that cuts across back to the foot bridge.
  - iii. Create a Master Plan to discern potential program elements, specifically picnic areas, seating, ice rink, or children's water feature at this site.
- e. Temporary Projects:
- i. Art installations along trail
- f. Bush Park
- i. Construct restrooms on west side of river near pavilion/play structure.
  - ii. Improve existing restrooms on east side of river.
  - iii. Upgrade/improvements to sand volleyball area.
  - iv. Pave west side parking lot.
  - v. Improve/repair existing pavilion and add second pavilion.
  - vi. Install security cameras.
  - vii. Upgrade playground equipment to ADA compliant.
- g. Silver Lake Park
- i. Construct restrooms near ballfields and east pavilion.
  - ii. Expand/improve parking areas.
  - iii. Install a fence around entire property.
  - iv. Expand on the disc golf course.
  - v. Install security cameras.
- h. Freedom Park
- i. Monument Park/Veteran's Park Improvements.



# Fenton Parks Riverwalk

Key >>

- Existing Trail
- Existing Sidewalks
- Railroad Tracks
- Proposed Trail
- Possible Trail Connection
- Proposed Canoe Launch
- Existing Fenton Park Location
- Site Water Location
- View Boundary

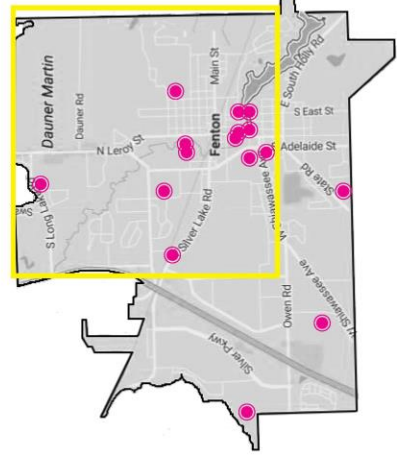
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Area: 6.988 Square Miles

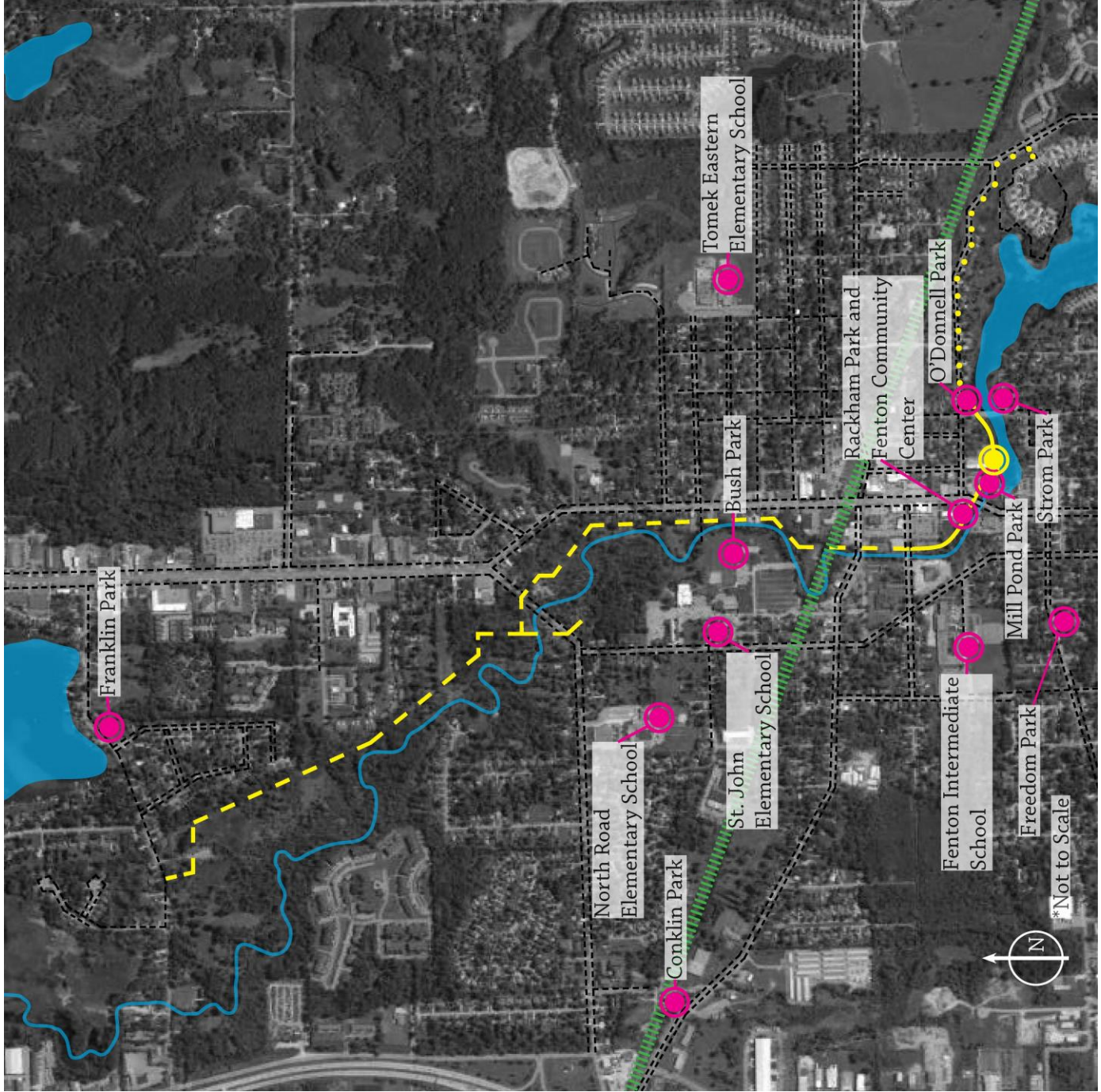
Avg. Rainfall: 30"

Avg. Temperatures: High: 82 °F Low: 15 °F

City of Fenton Parks Locations:



Map 4







## Project Guide Key:

### Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan Fenton, MI

- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail Easement Connection
- Proposed Trail Connection
- Water Trail Area
- Project Location
- View Location

Note: Find the full list of projects within the Parks and Recreation Plan

#### Non-Motorized Trails:

- New sidewalk with signage to unify trailway

#### Bush Park:

- Updates / improvements to a majority of on-site facilities
- Additional security measures

#### Water Trail:

- Signage to delineate trail with new access points along the River Walk
- Environmental support to stabilize banks and improve river health

#### Rackham Park:

- Re-establish rain garden area adjacent to the community center
- Add new community facilities (ie, picnic area, ice rink, splash pad)

#### Millpond Park:

- Restrooms and improvement of activity spaces

#### Freedom Park:

- Monument improvements

#### Silver Lake Park:

- Add restroom facilities near baseball fields
- Increased security

#### Temporary Projects:

- Art installations along the River Walk

#### O'Donnell Park:

- Establish a trailhead and improve amenities on site

#### Strom Park:

- Renovate boat launch and add restroom facilities

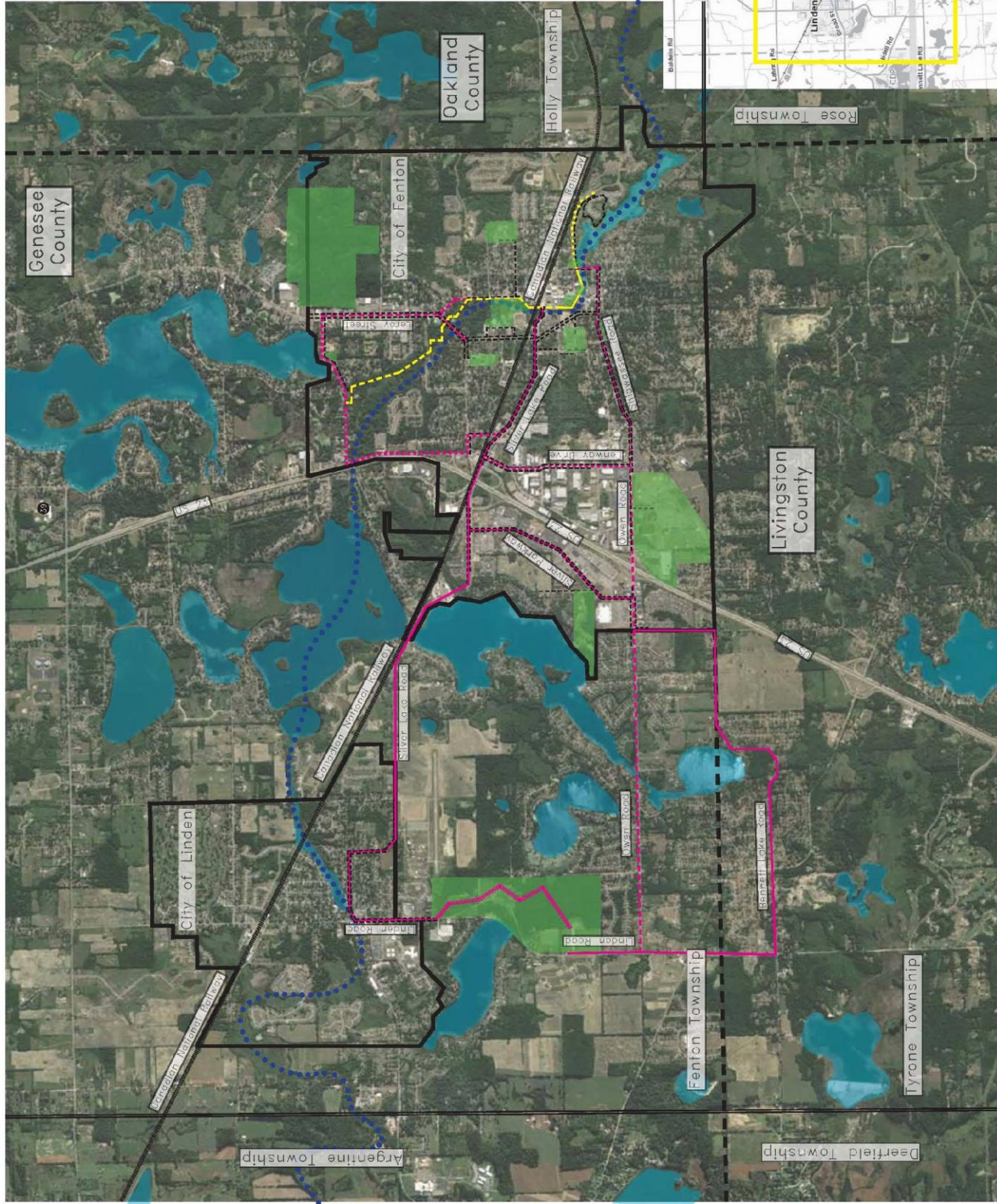
#### Mill Pond



# Southeastern Genesee County Regional Trail Map City of Fenton & City of Linden

Key:

- Suggested Trail Routes
- - - Alternative Trail Routes
- Possible Trail Connections
- Existing River Trail
- Proposed Fenton Rivertrail Connection
- - - Proposed Fenton Rivertrail Easement Connection
- Shiawassee River Trail
- - - Linden County Park Trail
- - - Canadian National Railway
- - - Existing Sidewalks
- County Lines
- = Township Lines
- = City Limits
- Existing Parks
- Existing Water





## Capital Improvement Schedule

Potential capital improvements for this recreation plan have been established not only to provide a guide and foundation for decision makers, but also to enable the City to apply for grants. This schedule is not a fixed element and is not all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule should be considered in close conjunction with the goals and objectives of the plan.

**Table 11: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan**

**\*Project specifics are detailed out in the Action Plan Outline**

<b>Year 1: 2017/2018</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
	Trail repairs along Riverwalk (1.b.i.)*	\$56,500
	Riverwalk signage (1.c.)*	\$7,000
	National Waterway Trail signage (2.a.)*	\$7,000
	Security cameras in designated parks	\$10,500
	Begin fundraising efforts for Freedom Park Improvements	N/A
	Support National Waterway Trail designation	N/A
	Support LAFF	N/A
	<b>Year 1 (2017/2018) TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>
<b>Year 2: 2018/2019</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
	Realignment of Riverwalk in Rackham (1.b.ii.)*	\$220,000
	Riverwalk Trail lighting (1.b.iii.)*	\$498,000
	Exercise stations along Riverwalk Trailway	\$175,000
	Riverwalk Master Planning	\$32,000



	Clear areas along the Shiawassee River shoreline	\$15,000
	Construct two (2) ADA compliant kayak/canoe launches at Millpond Dam	\$55,000
	Millpond Park Improvements (3.a.i.-iii.)*	\$320,000
	Expand disc golf at Silver Lake Park	\$4,000
	Master Plan for Rackham Park Improvements	\$9,000
	Support National Waterway Trail designation	N/A
	Support LAFF	N/A
<b>Year 2 (2018/2019) TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,328,000</b>
<b>Year 3: 2019/2020</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
	Freedom Park Improvements (7.a)*	\$382,000
	River bank stabilization (2.d.)*	\$18,000
	Bush Park playground equipment (5.g.)*	\$450,000
	Support National Waterway Trail designation	N/A
	Support LAFF	N/A
<b>Year 3 (2019/2020) TOTAL</b>		<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>Year 4: 2020/2021</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
	Phase 1 Riverwalk Trail extension to Bush Park (1.a.i.1.)*	\$1,282,000
	Strom Park improvements (3.c.i.-iv.)*	\$585,000
	Silver Lake Park improvements (6.a.-c.)*	\$410,000
	Rackham Park Improvements (3.d.)*	\$154,000



	Support National Waterway Trail designation	N/A
	Support LAFF	N/A
	<b>Year 4 (2021/2022) TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,431,000</b>
Year 5: 2021/2022	<b>Capital Improvement</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
	Trail repairs and realignment of Riverwalk (bridge and angled sidewalk portion (1.b.ii.)*	\$520,000
	Phase 2 Riverwalk Trail extension (1.a.i.2.)*	\$670,000
	Phase 3 Riverwalk Trail extension (1.a.i.3.)*	\$345,500
	O'Donnell Park Improvements (3.b)*	\$275,000
	Bush Park Improvements (5.a.-e.)*	\$405,000
	Art displays along Riverwalk	\$12,000
	Support National Waterway Trail designation	N/A
	Support LAFF	N/A
	<b>Year 5 (2021/2022) TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,227,500</b>
	<b>Years 1 – 5 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,917,500</b>



## Funding Opportunities

Potential funding sources from outside entities for recreation, non-motorized, and environmental restoration projects change and evolve on a regular basis. Understanding available funding programs, their requirements and deadlines requires continuous monitoring. A few of the more common funding sources have been detailed here as a reference and resource. These are in addition to traditional funding methods such as the general fund, millages, bonds, DDA's, etc.

- Transportation Enhancement Funds

Transportation Enhancements through the Michigan Department of Transportation activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the enhancement activities and relate to surface transportation. Activities that relate to the implementation of this Master Plan include:

Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles including new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses.

Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets and signage.

Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian and bicycle trails).

Acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; developing rail-with-trail projects; purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

The MNRTF provides funding for both the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to: 1) protect Michigan's natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment; 2) provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes, and facilitate their recreation use; 3) meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities; 4) improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in Michigan's urban areas; and, 5)



stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation-related tourism and community revitalization.

Any individual, group, organization, or unit of government may submit a land acquisition proposal. However, only state and local units of government can submit development proposals. All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

- Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus in recent years has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ballfields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests were \$30,000 and maximum grant requests were \$75,000. The match percentage must be 50% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due in June or July.

- Bikes Belong

The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often.

- Facility Education Capacity Building

Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and transit, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis. More information can be found at [www.bikesbelong.org](http://www.bikesbelong.org).

- Safe Routes to School Program

The Safe Routes to School Program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need to succeed. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's SR2S program will make schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program as defined in the federal legislation is:



To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;

To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and

To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.



## APPENDIX A- PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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**City of Fenton  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Public Notice**

There will be two public meetings held at the Fenton Community Center located at 150 South Leroy Street to solicit input from the public regarding its Five Year Joint Park and Recreation Plan. The dates are January 18 and 25 at 7:00. This two meeting format is designed to give residents scheduling flexibility and provide two opportunities to gather input. The City welcomes individuals to participate in either one or both sessions if they are interested in doing so. Please call 810-629-2261 if you have any questions.







*Be a Part of Shaping*

# Your Community's Future

*These are VERY IMPORTANT gatherings!*

*Please consider attending:*

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 or

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

7:00 – 8:30 pm at the

Fenton Community Center.

The City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Committee is in the process of formulating a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will lay the groundwork for the programs and facilities that will be offered to our community for the next five years.

***In order to provide a superior recreational experience to the community, we invite your input at this important event!***

The Plan presents an inventory of existing facilities and programs within the community, as well as an evaluation of opportunities and needs, and the anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. Some examples of the facilities that are currently offered are:

- **Millpond Park** – outdoor amphitheater, water access, non-motorized trails, canoe/kayak launch, playground equipment, and over 2,000 feet of shoreline, and much more.
- **O'Donnell Park** – offers trailhead parking and access to the non-motorized trail.
- **Rackham Park** – open space for programmed and non-programmed activities plus connection to the non-motorized trail way.
- **Silver Lake Park** - Fields, courts, water access, play equipment and picnic pavilions.
- **Bush Park** – fields, courts, playground equipment, canoe/kayak launch, and pavilion.
- **Special Events** –

**Your input is extremely important to the success of the Master Plan and the direction for the future of the Parks and Recreation Committee and recreational opportunities throughout the area. We sincerely hope you will attend.**

For more information, call the Fenton City Office at 810-629-2261







# Obituaries

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## James John Rausch

1933-2017

James John Rausch - age 84, of Fenton, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM, Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Entombment in the Mausoleum at Oakwood Cemetery, Saginaw. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Monday, January 30, 2017 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM, where a Knights of Columbus Memorial service will be held at 7 PM and at church Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114, 30905 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Surviving are: his wife of 59 years, Ora Mae; children, Mark (Linda) Rausch of Canton, Debra Welsh of Redford, and Diane (Jeffrey) Hoffman of Redford; grandson, James Richard Rausch of Canton. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Robert M. Rausch; son-in-law, Kenneth Welsh; and brother, Richard Rausch. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Freda Ridge

Freda Ridge - age 91, died January 16, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Grant Serrell

Grant Serrell - age 95, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Jean Coselman

Jean Coselman - age 87, died January 15, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Margaret Rainey

1936-2017

Margaret Rainey - 80, of Holly, passed away with her family by her side on January 17, 2017 from complications of open heart surgery. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Ronald R. Rainey. A memorial service will be held at the Holly Presbyterian Church on January 28, 2017 at 11 AM with fellowship and lunch following the service. Margaret was born on May 10, 1936 to John and Elizabeth Adams of Holly. She devoted her spare time to quilting, sewing, reading, Mahjong, and movies. Margaret also loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and traveling. Margaret was a librarian at the Holly Township Library for over 30 years and a member of the Holly Presbyterian Church. At the library, she was well known for being helpful and often researched Holly history and worked for decades with children during story hour. Margaret is survived by her son Frank (Laura), daughters, Elizabeth Thoreson (Donald), and Rhonda Bowling (Bill); seven beloved grandchildren, Katie, Amanda, and Genny Rainey; Erik and Alex Thoreson; Cecelia Borema and Mae Whiteside; as well as eight great-grandchildren she adored. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, St. Jude's Children Hospital, or the Holly Presbyterian Church. [www.dryertfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryertfuneralhomeholly.com).

## Mary Sherman

Mary Sherman - age 78, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Mary Tymrak

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## Phuong Burton

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## Stanford Stewart Swartz

1918-2017

Stanford Stewart Swartz - age 98, of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Fenton, died Friday, January 13, 2017. Services have been held. Stan was born February 14, 1918 in Lima, OH, the son of Jacob and Alice (Lightfoot) Swartz. He grew up and went to school in Fenton. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. Stan started the first taxi service in Fenton in 1937. Surviving are: son, Kenneth Swartz; daughter, Nancy Swartz; grandson, Vincent Swartz; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Evelyn Koller and Dorothy Bazzy; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marjorie Ruckel, Jean Freeman, Virginia Mitchell and Beverly Swartz; brothers, Bib, Jacob, Jr., and Clifford Swartz.

## Phyllis Trundle

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## Rosalind Silver

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## Loretta Krumlauf

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## Christopher Martin

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## Kathleen Bailey

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## Mary Stoerker

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## Raymond Fuller

Raymond Fuller - age 72, died January 19, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## Helen Aurand

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### TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In compliance with Public Act No. 198 of 1974, as amended, you are hereby notified that the Tyrone Township Board has scheduled a public hearing on an application by TRW Automotive, 9475 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, 48430, for an 8 year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, 48430. The purpose of this hearing is to allow taxing units to be heard regarding said application for the abatement of transferred equipment from the Village of Fowlerville to Tyrone Township totaling \$670,512.00 for the facility located at 9475 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

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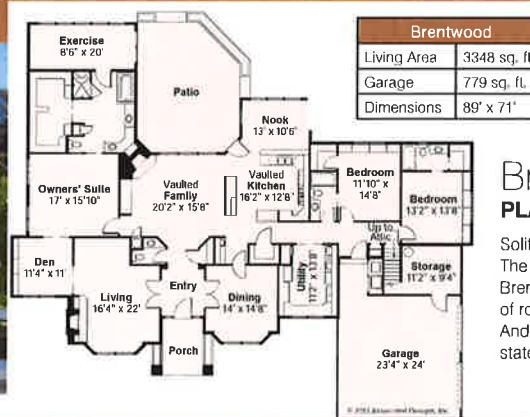
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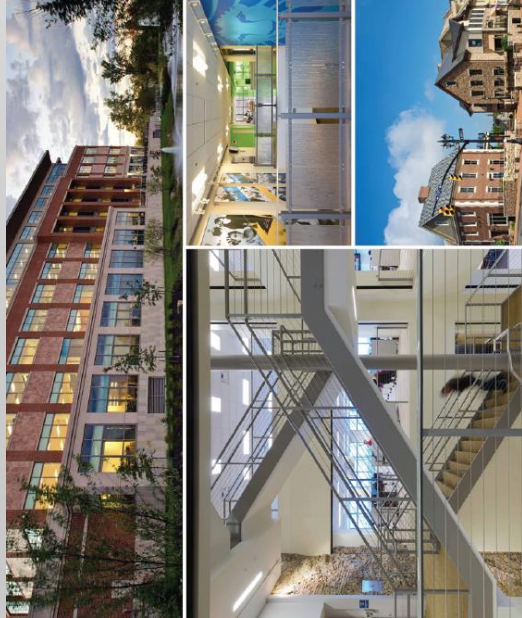
# Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan Workshop

Brought to you by City of Fenton and the City  
Parks and Recreation Committee





# Welcome



## ARCHITECTS



## ENGINEERS

Presenters and Facilitators

Vanessa Warren

Tim Juidici

Abigail Reimel



## PLANNERS



# A Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

## What?

It is a process that:

- Inventories

- Evaluates

- Discovers needs

- Establishes goals

- Develops a foundation for growth

Based on:

- Public input

- Village, Township and Schools input

- Existing facilities

## Why?

Guides the community on decisions pertaining to:

- Grant opportunities

- Financial allocation

- Changes in programs and facilities

- Identification and development of partners

Mandatory for MDNR Grants, and preferred by many granting agencies



# The Engagement Process

1. Solicit public input;
  - a. Public Workshops
  - b. Community Survey
    - i. Available on-line after the public workshops
    - ii. Copy at the City Office
2. Solicit Staff input;
3. Solicit Committee input;
4. Develop draft goals and objectives from that input;
5. Assign capital improvement projects including grants that respond to those goals and objectives;
6. Develop an inventory of facilities and program;
7. Allow for a final solicitation of public input;
8. City adoption.



# The Engagement Process<sup>®</sup>

## Last Plan

Expired at the End of 2015

### Goals

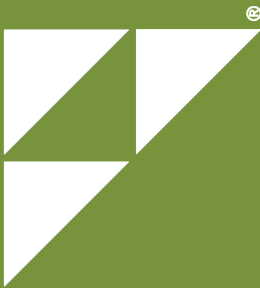
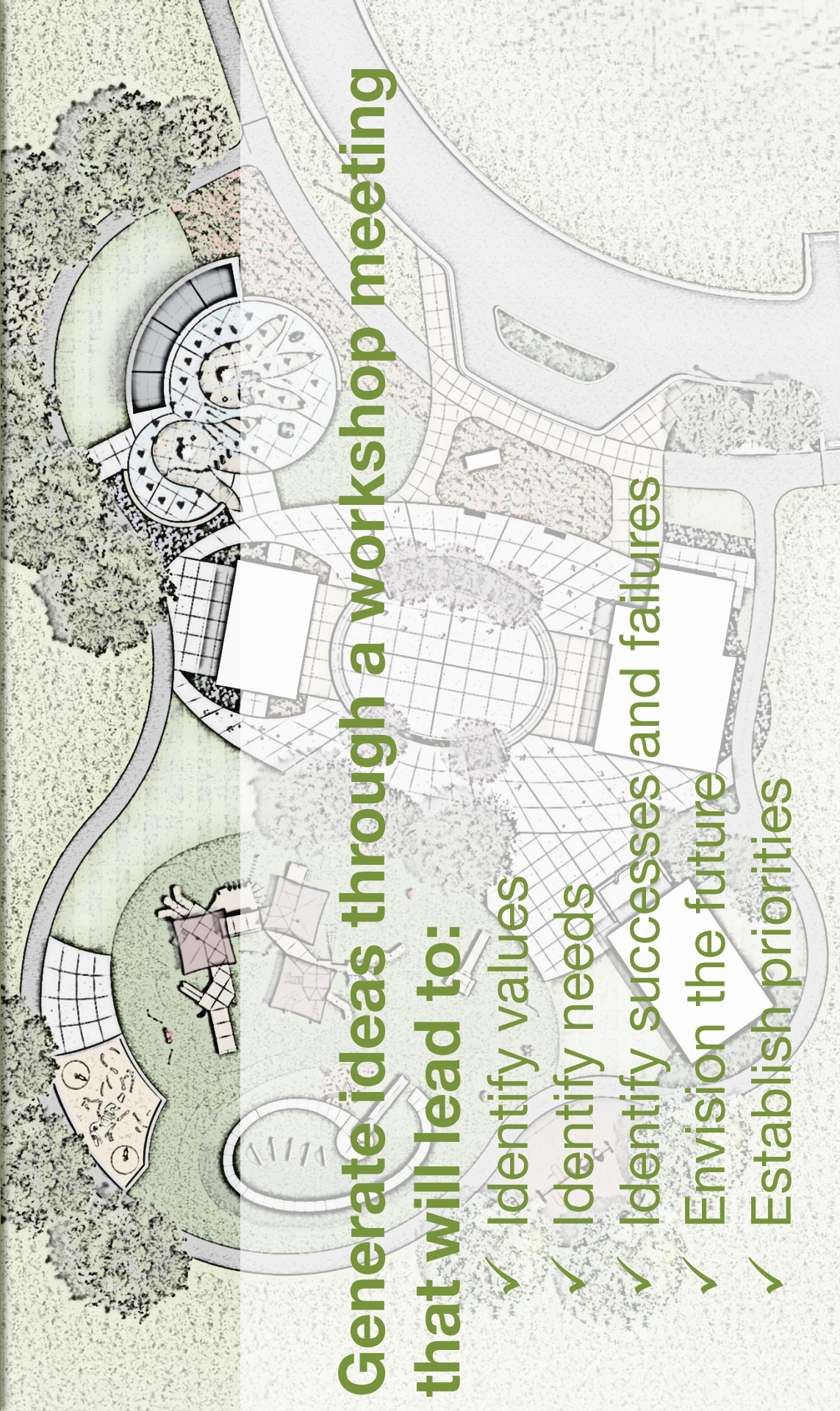
1. Maximize recreational opportunities for residents of the City.
2. Increase the awareness of, and accessibility to, the lakes, rivers, and other natural features in Fenton.
3. Maximize the investment made by City taxpayers in park facilities and programs.
4. Use park facilities to help create a sense of place in the City.
5. Promote public health and safety.
6. Increase accessibility to and within all City recreational facilities.



# Tonight's Objective

## Generate ideas through a workshop meeting that will lead to:

- ✓ Identify values
- ✓ Identify needs
- ✓ Identify successes and failures
- ✓ Envision the future
- ✓ Establish priorities

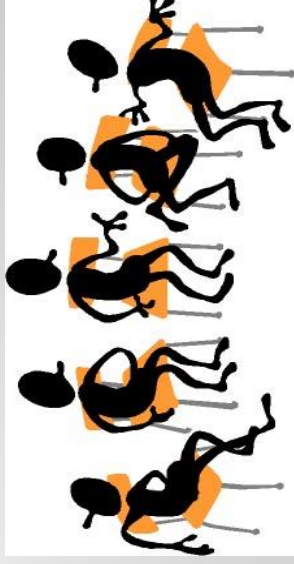




# Workshop Mechanics- Brainstorming

- Organize into groups of 6-10
- Brainstorm and create a list of ideas for each of the categories
- Each category gets 12 minutes of brainstorming and 3 minutes of voting.

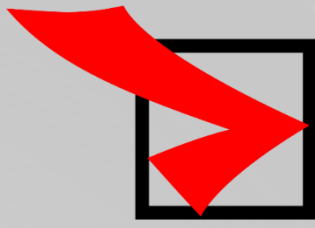
- Protect
- Add
- Remove
- Keep





# Workshop Mechanics- Voting

- Vote on the ideas that are most important to you by using the sticker dots (you have 3 votes per category that you can use on one idea or spread them out throughout to various ideas within the category)
- Hand in each of the sheets with your votes for each of the categories before moving on to the next category
- OHM begins to tally the ideas that received votes and place those items on the large Post-It Notes
- At the end of the meeting use your last three votes to vote on ideas from the various groups as you leave the room
- The COLOR OF THE DOTS mean NOTHING







Thank you and

**LET'S GET STARTED**







Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #1

Table #1		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	<b>Add</b>			<b>Protect</b>		
	Walkability from downtown to Bush Park	3	2	Mill Pond	6	
	Riverwalk Trail - entire length of city	3		Shiawassee river	6	
	Bathroom on playground side of Bush Park	2	1	Silver Lake Parks - Nature Trails	0	2
	Library - childrens park	0		Dauner Martin Nature Preserve	0	
	Canoe / Kayak put-in / take-out above and below the dam	3	4	Protect existing parks	3	
	Canoe / Kayak launch at Silver Lake Park	2		SLPR Programming Activities	0	
	Upgrade existing Bush Park bathrooms	0		Walkability through downtown	3	3
	Bathrooms a Mill Pond	2				
	Upgrade play equipment at Mill Pond	1	2			
	Add tennis courts at Bush Park	1				
	ADA accessible facilites at all parks	1	2			



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Public Visioning Session #1

	Voting			Voting	
	First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
Remove and replace railing at gazebo	4	1	Remove tennis courts at Rackham	2	
Remove and replace old, worn-out, playground equipment at Bush Park	4		Remove old play equipmentn at Bush Park	2	
Tennis courts in parks	1	1	Downed trees at Silver Lake Park	12	1
Upgrade / maintain gazebos	8	3			

Table #1



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #1

Table #3		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Add</b>	Security cameras in all parks	4	4	<b>Protect</b>		
	Fix fencing in Silver Lake Park	0		Trees - keep big trees		4
	ADA Playground equipment	3	1	Nature sanctuary		
	Community Service programs for vandalism	1		Lakes, rivers, and wetlands		3
				Park land		0
	Kayak / canoe launch in Silver Lake Park	3		Protection from vandals		0
	Park policing on Silver Lake Beach	1	2	River banks		0
				Water quality		4
				Monuments		1



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Public Visioning Session #1

	Voting			Voting	
	First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
Gazebo	1		Duckweed buildup at the Mill Pond	3	3
Water Access	2		Dam	1	
Playground equipment	2		Vandals	3	
Keep activities in parks (horseshoes and volleyball)	2		Algae and silt from Mill Pond	3	
Concessions	3		Free loaders' in the parks	2	1
Pet stations	0				
Fishing line fill-up	0				
Park employees	2	3			
Restroom facilities	0				

Table #3



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Public Visioning Session #1

Add

Table #4

	Voting			Voting	
	First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Non-motorized pathways / trails throughout city and regional conections	5	14	Natural environment	6	
Restrooms (all seasons)	1		Park acerage	2	
Lighting	1		Natural shorelines	5	
Signage (maps)	0		Public access	0	
Connections - pedestrian between parks	5		Residential property	0	
Signage - water access	0		Protect current zoning	0	
Skatepark	1	2	Users of paths	3	
BMX Bike Trails	0		Free access	2	
Splashpad	0				
Outdoor Ice Rink	0				
Bike Racks / Benches	1				
Kayak lockers	3	2			
Designated sledding hill	1	2			



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Public Visioning Session #1

Table #4		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
	Current non-motorized trails		2	Invasive plants		7
	Keep regional planning with adjoining communities	8	3	Remove and replace unsafe equipment facilities	3	
	Keep water access - lakes and rivers	4		Speed bumps along river walks / pedestrian trails	4	1
	Open access for all parks - no fences	4		Dead trees / brush	4	
	Promote the parks	0				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #1

	Voting			Voting	
	First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Add</b>			<b>Protect</b>		
Pathways - Multi-use paved and River Walk	6	4	Shiawassee River	9	
New sports park (dome, sports, athletic venue)	7	4	Gazebo	2	
Improve / add playground equipment / accessible	3		Mill Pond Dam	4	
Multi-use paved pathway	2	1	Dibbleville buildings	3	
Playground equipment	0				
Swim areas / wade areas in Bush Park	0				
Canoe launch	0				
Ice rink	0				
Franklin Adams Park parking	0				
Athletic fields in new park	0				
Utilizing plot of land by Bush Park	0				
Enclosed Sports Dome	0				
Winter Sports	0				

Table #5



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #1

	Voting			Voting	
	First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
Tennis courts	3		Remove difficulties from SLPR for registrations and scheduling	5	
Gazebos	3		Wooden structure at Mill Pond	7	
Fields at Bush Park	3		Conklin Park	6	
Silver Lake Beach	2	4			
Soccer / athletic fields	4	2			
Connectivity	3				

Table #5



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

Table #1	Add	Voting		Protect	Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Interpretive signs on trails	Handicap accessible playgrounds /parks	0		Water	5	
		5		Parks (existing and greenspace)	9	
Ball field sports park	ADA park play equipment	2	2	Historical (monuments, markers, and signs)	0	
		2	1	Trails	4	1
Stabilizing river banks	Bathrooms in parks	0				
		0				
Fishing docks along the rivers		3				
Biking / walking trails	Tipsico Road Park	1				
		2				
Continuation of River Walk	Add more picnic tables and sitting areas at Rackham Park	3	7			
		0				
Basketball courts at SLP	Splash pad at SLP	0				
		0				
Tennis Wall on fence at Racham Park		0				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Table #1	<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
	Gazebos, pavilions, and tennis courts	6		Outdated / Unsafe Playground equipment	2	
	Lifeguards and staff at SLP	6	1	Duckweed on Mill Pond	2	2
	Playscapes	4		Remove overpopulated waterfowl	3	2
	BBQ put at Bush Park	0				
	Athletic Facilities at parks	2				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

Table #2		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	<b>Add</b>			<b>Protect</b>		
	Restrooms in Park	2		Shiawassee River / waterways	5	
	Bike path	0		Trees	0	
	Walking trail	0		Strom Park	0	
	Non-motorized path	3		Lakes and Beaches (Silver Lake Beach)	3	
	Natural water trail	1		Launches and water access	0	
	Waterway access	3		Watershed	2	
	"River Town " designation	0		Greenspaces	0	
	Picnic tables	0		Walking trails	1	
	Safer playground equipment at playground	0		Pet Stations	2	
	Fence around playground	0		Playground equipment and space	1	
	Public Ice Rink	1		Sidewalks	0	
	Splash pad like in Grand Haven	2				
	Riverwalk	3				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

Table #2		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	<b>Keep</b>			<b>Remove</b>		
	Monuments in the parks	3		Remove wooded area by beach	4	2
	Tennis courts	1		Removal of algae at Mill Pond	6	
	Gazebos	3		Removal of water plants and terrestrial invasive plants	8	1
	Walkability downtown	4	2			
	Boat launch at Strom Park	2				
	Disc golf / ball fields / horseshoes at SLP	5				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

Table #3	Add	Voting		Protect	Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	Veterans Park in					
	Freedom Park	3	4	Shiawassee River	6	
	Restrooms in					
	Downtown area	3	1	Waterways	2	
	Multi-purpose bike path	4	7	Gazebos	1	
	Add more ADA					
	accessibility in parks					
	and playgrounds	1	1	Parks and green space	4	
	Skate park	1	1	Mill Pond	1	
	Canoe or kayak launches	1	1	Silver Lake Beach	2	
	Splash pad	1	4	Woodlands	2	
	Official sledding hill	0				
	Surveillance equipment	1	1			
	Better playground at					
	Millpond Park	0				
	Improvements to					
	Franklin Adams Park					
	(ice rink and basketball					
	courts)	1	1			
	Add to River Walk	2				



Fenton Parks and Recreation Plan  
Public Visioning Session #2

Table #3		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
<b>Keep</b>	Silver Lake Park disc golf	1	1	<b>Remove</b>	2	
	Tennis courts	3		Weeds and algae on Mill Pond	4	
	Basketball courts	0		Weeds on snake area of Silver Lake Road by RR tracks	2	
	Riverwalk	4		Remove the pavers in the River Walk	3	1
	Volleyball courts at Bush Park	3		Poison Ivy and invasive plants in Silver Lake Park	7	1
	Open green spaces in parks	0				
	Gazebos	4				



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Public Visioning Session #2

Add		Voting		Protect	Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Table #4	Full basketball courts	4	3	Shorelines / River banks	9	1
	Ice rink	1		Silver Lake	1	
	Kayak launches	0		Shiawassee River	2	1
	Kayak / Canoe racks and storage	1	1	Mill Pond	2	
	Pickleball	0		Wetlands	1	
	Shuffle board	0				
	Exercise stations	1				
	Multi-use pathway	5				
	Extend Riverwalk	0				
	Camping at SLP	0				
	Tipsico Site trails (unpaved)	2				
	Mile markers along river	0				
	Seminary Park	0				
	Better signage for launches and take outs	0				
	Information stations in parks and waterways	0				
	Bathrooms on the west side of Bush Park	1				



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Public Visioning Session #2

Table #4		Voting			Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Keep	National Water Trail	2	1	Remove Conklin Park	0	
	River City Designation	0		Derbis from river - tress and branches	1	
	Dog stations	2		Old playground equipment	1	
	Playgrounds	1		Old storage garage at SLP	2	
	Gazebos	2		Basketball and other derbis from behind storage garage	3	
	Art work	0		Remove and rebuild bathrooms at SLP	4	2
	Sidewalks	1		Remove and Replace basketball courts at Adams Park	4	
	Downtown beautification (flowerscape)	2	1			
	Monuments	0				
	Recreational Programs at SLP	1				
	Bike racks	1				
	Tennis Courts	2				
	Baseball fields	1				



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Table #6	<b>Add</b>	Voting		<b>Protect</b>	Voting	
		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
	Basketball courts	2		Mill Pond Gazebo	1	
	Baseball fields	1		Waterways (Lakes and Rivers)	2	
	Band shelter	0		Heritage Trees / General Greenspace	1	
	Parking in parks	0		Upkeep of parks	0	
	Ice rink (refrigerated)	0		Silver Lake Beach	2	
	Park bathrooms	1		River Trail (Shiawassee River)	2	
	Tennis courts (Bush Park)	0		Green space downtown (Strom Park to Bush Park)	4	5
	Improvement to River Walk (Canoe launch, playground, exercise stations)	4				
	Water features	2	1			
	Freedom Park (make Memorial Park)	2				



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		First-Round	Second-Round		First-Round	Second-Round
Table #6	Keep			Remove		
	Park furniture	0		Outdated playground equipment	4	
	Pavilion / Picnic Tables	1		Foliage on Mill Pond Riverwalk and bush Park	4	
	Parks	1		Trees on the Disk Golf course	4	
	Freedom Park	0				
	Basketball courts	1				
	Disk golf course	1				
	Playground equipment	0				
	Gazebos	2				
	Baseball fields	1				
	Heritage trees	1				
	Tennis courts	0				
	Riverwalk pathway by Mill Pond	2				
	Horseshoe pits	0				
	Volleyball courts	0				
	Canoe launches	2				



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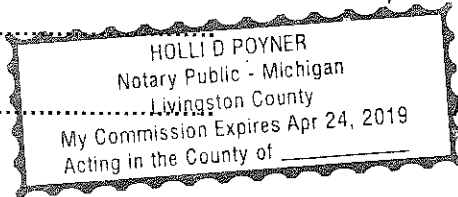
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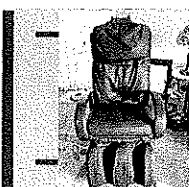
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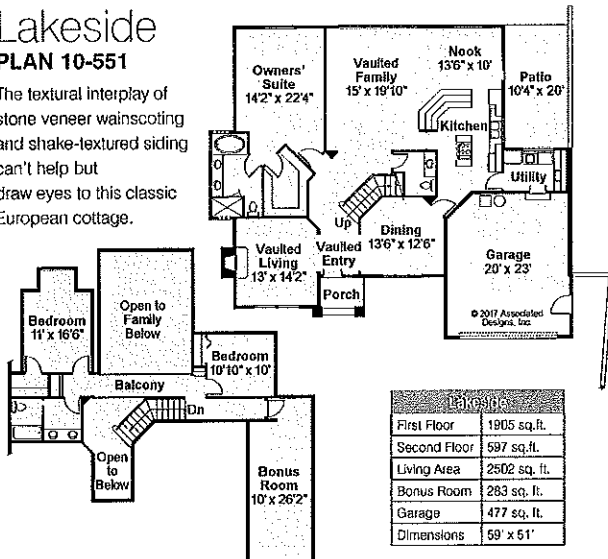
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# Mill Pond

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2-2-17

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mcdonalds one reason we  
shuolde put a pool at mcdonalds

is Because then you wood not Be Board  
Another reason we shuolde put a pool at mcdonalds  
is Because you wood have fun I  
love having fun Also you wood Love  
it Because it wood be cool  
you cood swim that's why we shuolde  
have a pool at mcdonalds are you redy to  
go to mcdonalds.



February 10, 2017

Dear Parks and Rec,

"Mom! Catch me!" Do you hear that? It's a child who is going to fall off the dangerous play structure. I think we should make the Mill Pond play structure safer! After you read this letter, I know you will agree.

One reason we should make the Mill Pond playground safer is because it is so tall that little ones can't play on it safely. The monkey bars are very high and wiggly causing us to fall a long way down onto rocky pebbles. One of the loose bars is near the wood and we could hit our heads when we fall. We could break a bone falling that far.

Another reason we should make the Mill Pond playground safer is because the swings are up to high. One time when Campbell was at that play structure, the swing was so high that she had to jump to get on it and pull herself up. She also had to jump to get off of it and couldn't drag her feet to stop! She didn't even land on her feet. Austin says there is a wooden plank at the edge of the swing that we land on when trying to get down sometimes.

Also, we should make the Mill Pond playground safer because it is too close to the water. When Mrs. Brooks is at the structure she gets nervous about how close her kids are to the waters edge when playing in the structure. Alani thinks that if we put up a fence, Mrs. Brooks won't have to worry about her kids falling in the pond. AJ thinks the structure could be moved to a safer place near the ice cream stand. How fun would it be to get ice cream and play on a nice day?

Lastly, we should make the Mill Pond playground safer because the structure is all wooden. Kids get splinters when they play on it. Many students in our class have reported splinters from the structure! We could make it out of metal, plastic, painted or stained wood to protect us from splinters.

That's why we should make the Mill Pond playground safer! Thank you for reading our letter today. If we get the new structure we will hear things like... "Yay! Hooray! Mom, catch me as I zoom down this new slide!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brooks' 1st and 2nd Graders



February 03, 2017

Dear Parks and Rec,

Have you ever been to Grand Haven, MI?  
They have a beautiful monument that  
becomes a splash pad every 15 minutes!

It is my opinion that Fenton should have a  
monument that turns into a splash pad... a  
MONU-PAD!

One reason we should have a monu-pad is  
because we can recognize and honor  
important people and events while having  
fun! *An example of a monu-pad is in Grand  
Haven, MI. It is fun to play in and pretty to  
look at when it's off.*

Another reason Fenton should have a monu-  
pad is because we go to events like the  
Farmers Market and Freedom Festival and we  
get very hot... sweaty hot. Mom won't let me  
jump in the river so I need a different place to  
cool down and splash around. A monu-pad is  
the perfect place.

Also we should have a monu-pad because it  
would be unique to our community. People  
would come from other communities to see  
and use it.

As you can see, Fenton should have a monu-  
pad!

You won't have to drive all the way to grand  
Haven to enjoy a monu-pad anymore! We  
can have one RIGHT HERE in good ole  
Fenton, MI!

Thank you for reading my letter today. I hope  
you take the time to consider my thoughts.  
Please let me know if you have any questions  
for me!

Sincerely, Mrs. Brooks' Class



February 14, 2017

Dear Parks and Rec,

Good day. We are Mrs. Brook's first and second grade class from State Road Elementary in Fenton, Michigan.

It is my opinion that the city should build the LAFF Pathway for us to bike, jog, walk, and run on safely. When you are done reading our letter we just know you will agree.

One reason we want the LAFF Pathway in our community is because we want to be safe. We get tired of riding up and down our driveways. We want to bike further and be safe doing it. The road is not safe because of cars and people not paying attention to us. The LAFF Pathway would be a safe place to ride.

Another reason we want the LAFF Pathway in our community is because we want get more exercise. It would be exciting to be able to ride to town. This makes me want to get outside more and exercise! I could go here with my friends and family. I could even walk my dog.

In conclusion the LAFF Pathway would be great in our community. Don't you agree?

Thank you for reading our letter today. We can't wait for the pathway to be built!

Sincerely, Mrs. Brooks' First adn Second Graders



# Make Another Bike-A-Thon

By Caroline McGlinchey

Have you ever been to a bike-a-thon?  
Well I have. It's really fun.

I think we should make another bike-a-thon.

One reason that we should have another bike-a-thon is because bike-a-thons are really fun and it is exercise. Bike-a-thons are really fun because they include exercise and that's good for your body.

Another reason we should have another bike-a-thon is because riding your bike is exercise. Exercise is good for your body.

Also, we should have another bike-a-thon because they include outside people always stay inside. People stay inside because they think it's too hot outside and they have air conditioner.

That's why we should have another bike-a-thon.

So that's how you can get to see a bike-a-thon.



# I want a waterslid.

by Chris

Splash as we wer going down  
the water Slid weeeeee! wodent  
it be soo fun? I think we Shood have  
automatic water slide that is 100,000,000,000,  
Feet tall.

One reason we Shood hav a water Slide  
is because we get vorey vorey hot in the summer.  
All fo us are put of scool and we  
all go fising downtown and after we  
sit down we can splash around.

Another reason we Shood hav a  
waterslide, is because pepull  
wood giv you a Splash!!!

Also we shood hav a waterslid  
because it wood be sow cool to  
Loock at. It wood look like sum thing  
coold but it is worm.

Obviously we shood hav a automatic  
100,000,000,000, Feet tall water  
slide.

thank you for reding.



Q-2

def site casing

Have you ever  
been to a splash pad?  
It is fun to play in.

One reason it is fun  
to play in is because  
you can splash in it.

THANK YOU FOR

since Nolan.



Dear city council,

Do you like fishing? I prefer fishing at the river. You should start a fishing club. You know how to fish. You learn from your parents. We can learn from you.

One reason you should start a fishing club because it's fun. You could become a champion fisher. We could be really good at fishing. It's good for your heart. As you can see, tell your parents to take you there for 1 day. Thank you for reading.

Sincerely, Awasah.



2-2-17

hear ~~Parks~~ and Rec,

"Mom catch me!" Hear

that? That is The sound

of a child who is going  
to fall!

I think The Mill

pond Should have a

safer play ground.

one reason we should

have a safer play



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it is Danger!

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and get hurt of  
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bar is Wigly  
on The Monkey bars.

another reason That  
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because the  
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high. if someone  
tried to get on  
the swing and  
they jump. they  
could fall and  
land on the  
ground. and



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Also That The Mill  
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people will come.  
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any more  
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ground lots of  
people will come.

that's why The Mill  
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play ground.

"Mom catch me Thank  
you Mom" That is  
The sound of a  
play ground that needs  
to get fixt. Thank you for  
~~reading~~ sincerely

Alan:



2-2-17

Dear City Council

close your eyes imagine McDonalds

I think McDonalds should have a water park

One reason I think McDonalds should have a water park is because they are fun they are really fun

Another reason I want to have a water park at McDonalds is because I like water parks.

Some times I get hot at restaurants. Also I want they are really fun

As when you are hot you can be in



Obviously McDonalds  
Should have a war Park.  
Thank you for feeding  
my left. Close your eyes  
and Omain McDonalds  
now.

Sensefully Bellem

Ratt back



# \*Where is Our Splash Pad?

By: Campbell

\*Splash! Splash! Did you hear that? That's the sound of a splash pad. But wait! We don't hear that! Because we don't have a splash pad. It is my opinion that Fenton should have a splash pad outside the community center.

\*One reason Fenton should have a splash pad outside the community center is because Fenton does not have a nice place to cool off. There are no splash pads in Fenton... most cities around me have a splash pad.

\*Another reason Fenton should have a splash pad outside the community center is because kids really like to have fun. There isn't really any fun places to go that are fun in Fenton... and a splash pad is super fun.

\*Also, Fenton should have a splash



pad outside the community center because people have to drive all the way to Grand Blanc. Grand Blanc has the closest water park, but Grand Blanc is far away. I don't like spending too much time in the car.

\*Let's have a splash pad in Fenton.

\* Therefore, Fenton should have a splash pad outside the community center.

Splash! Splash! I can't wait to hear that in Fenton outside the community center. Thank you for reading my article today! I hope you make my thoughts reality!



2-2-17

Dear city council:

Have you ever  
gone fishing before?

I think Fenton should  
have a fishing club.

One reason some  
people need practice is be-  
cause they don't know how to fish.  
They don't.

Example some people d-



only fish a lot. Another  
reason why i think Fenton

should have a fishing  
club is because it is fun to  
do. Example I like to fish

with my COUSINS. Also  
why Fenton should have

a fishing club because  
it is good to go outside.

Example you get fresh  
air. Obviously Fenton

should have a fishing club.  
thank you for reading. sincerely



# Where is are Splash-Pad

Splash! Did you here that? That's the sound of a Splash-pad... oh ho! I forgot. Fenton does not have a splash pad!

I think the Fenton high school should have a Splash-pad in side.

One reason Fenton should have a splash-pad is because Fenton does not have any splash-pads. White lake has one and two other cities do too!

Another reason Fenton should have a splash-pad is because there is not really any place to cool off. We could cool down at the high school splash-pad if that was one!



Also, Fenton should have a  
splash pad because it's level  
Splash pads. It's for you to play  
with the water.

Obviously, Fenton should have  
a splash pad in side the high school.

Thank you for reading my letter.  
Splash, so do not forget we  
want a splash pad in side  
the Fenton high school.





2-2-17

At Greaves  
Dear Pokts and Rock

"Make the Mill Pond  
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"I think that we

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Pond Playy reat Safr"

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Mack the Mill Pond

Playy reat Safr is

because "we Nevve get

to Play on it. you neede

to Mack the Mill the Mill Pond



playground safe! my

friends tell me it is  
too big there is no  
gate. You should make  
the mill pond playground  
safe. is because

We don't have fun.  
You need to make  
the mill pond playground

safe. So we can have  
fun instead of being  
scared.



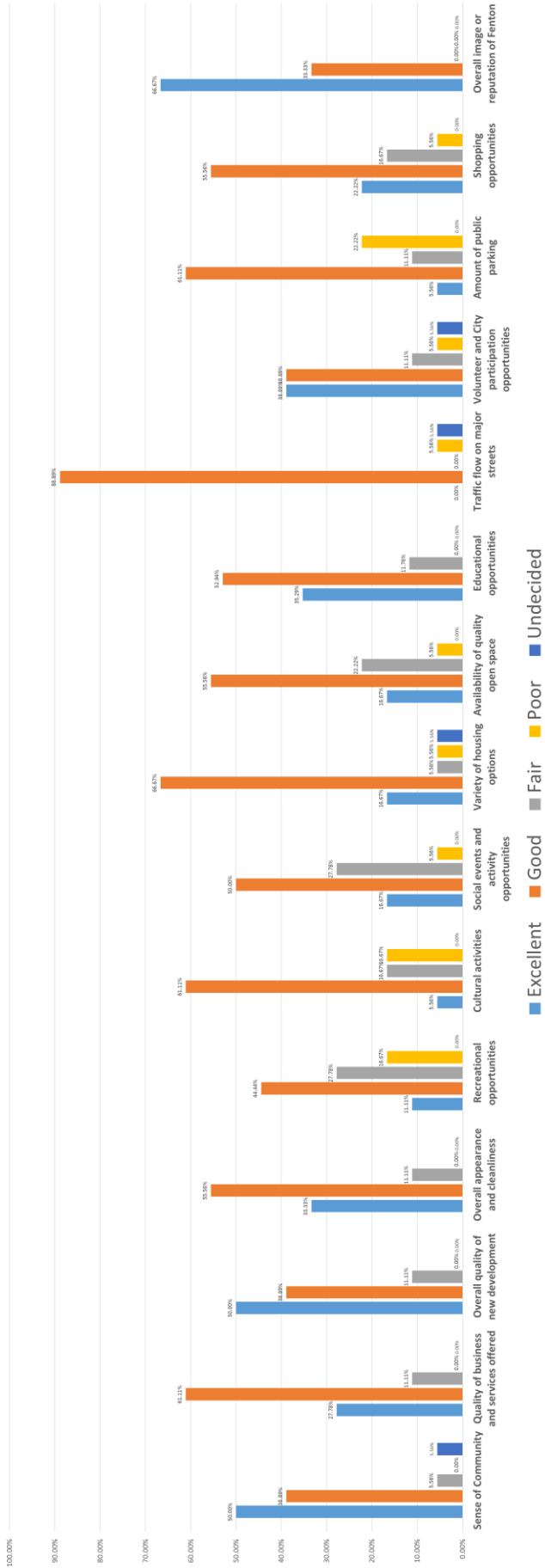
Also you should make  
the mill pond ~~play area~~  
play area safer.  
because the little  
boys are too big,  
you need to love  
them a little that's  
what you should  
make the mill pond  
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Thank you for being  
my friend

Sincerely  
At



Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Fenton.

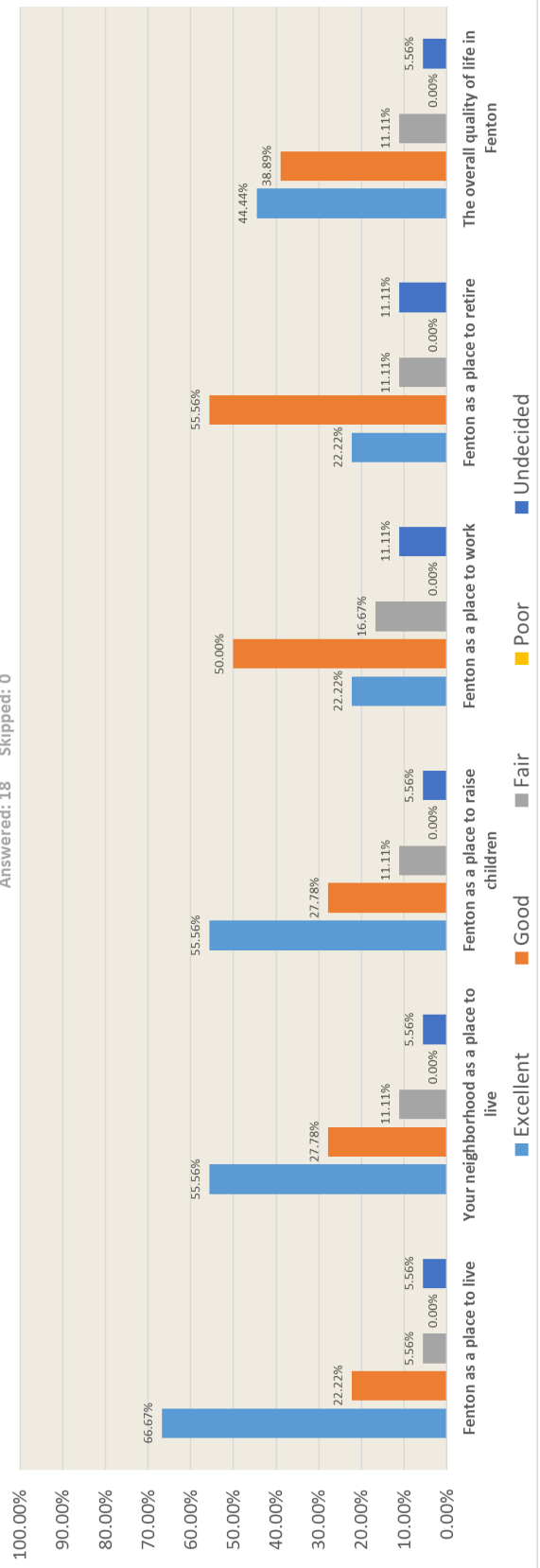
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Please rate each of the following pertaining to living in Fenton.

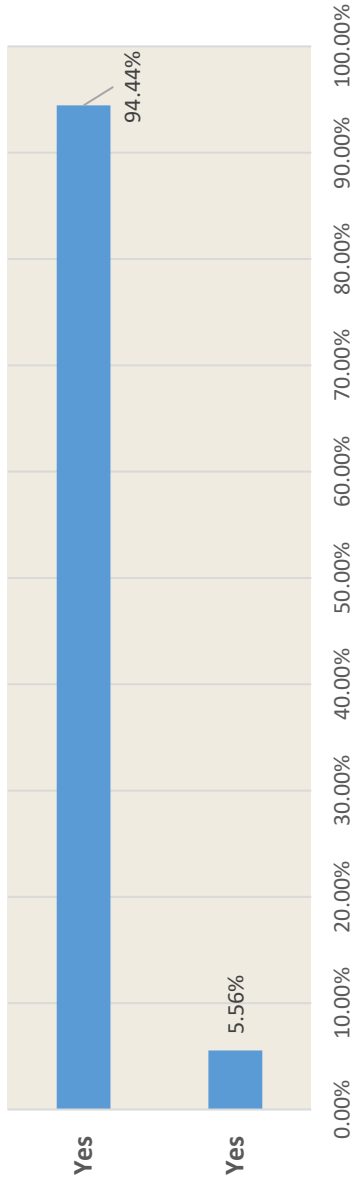
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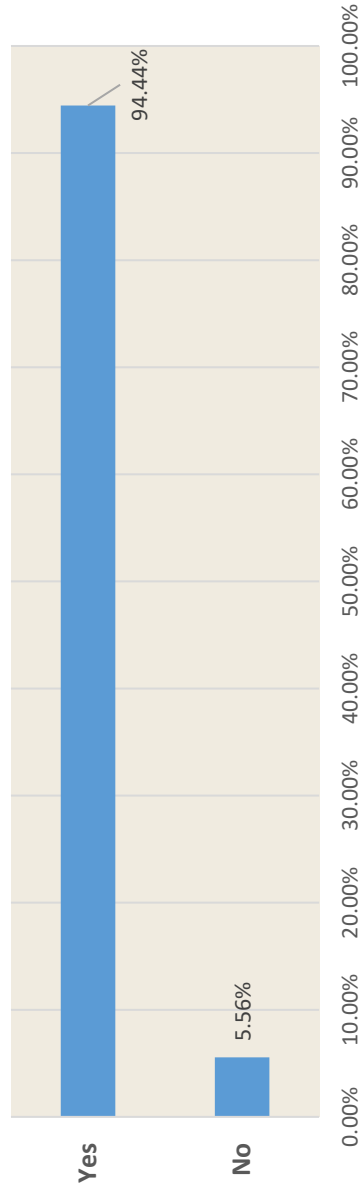
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**Are you familiar with the programs offered to the residents of Fenton through the Southern Lakes Regional Recreational Authority?**

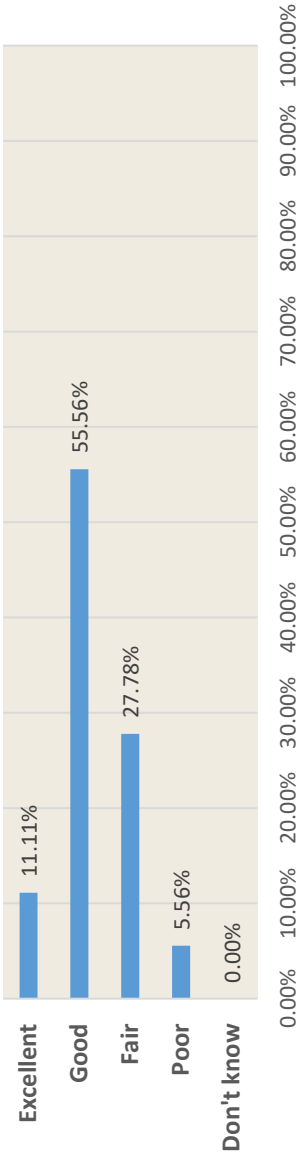
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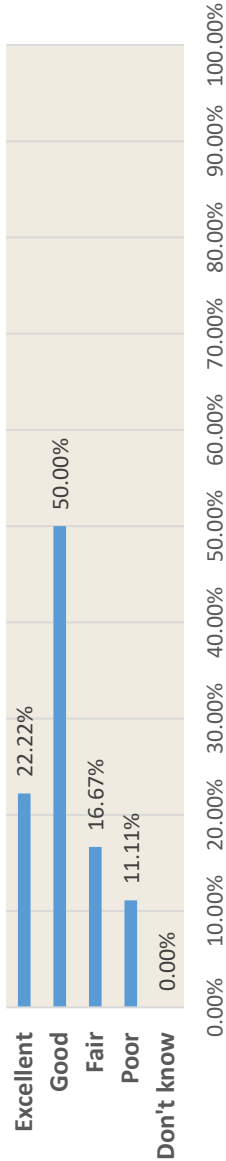
Overall, how would you rate the existing outdoor parks in the City of Fenton?

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Overall, how would you rate the existing indoor facility of the Fenton Community Center?

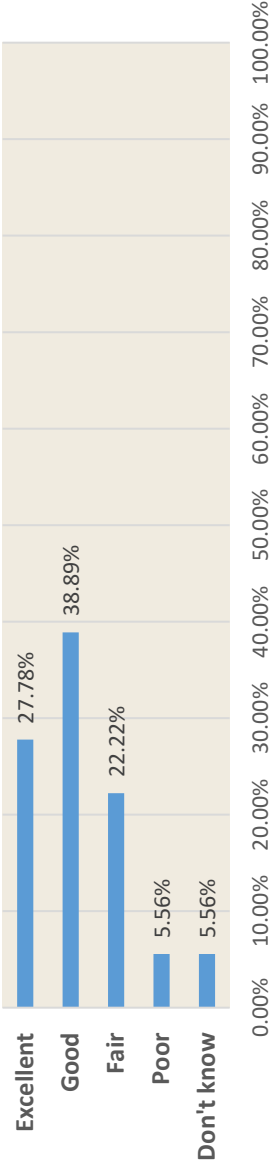
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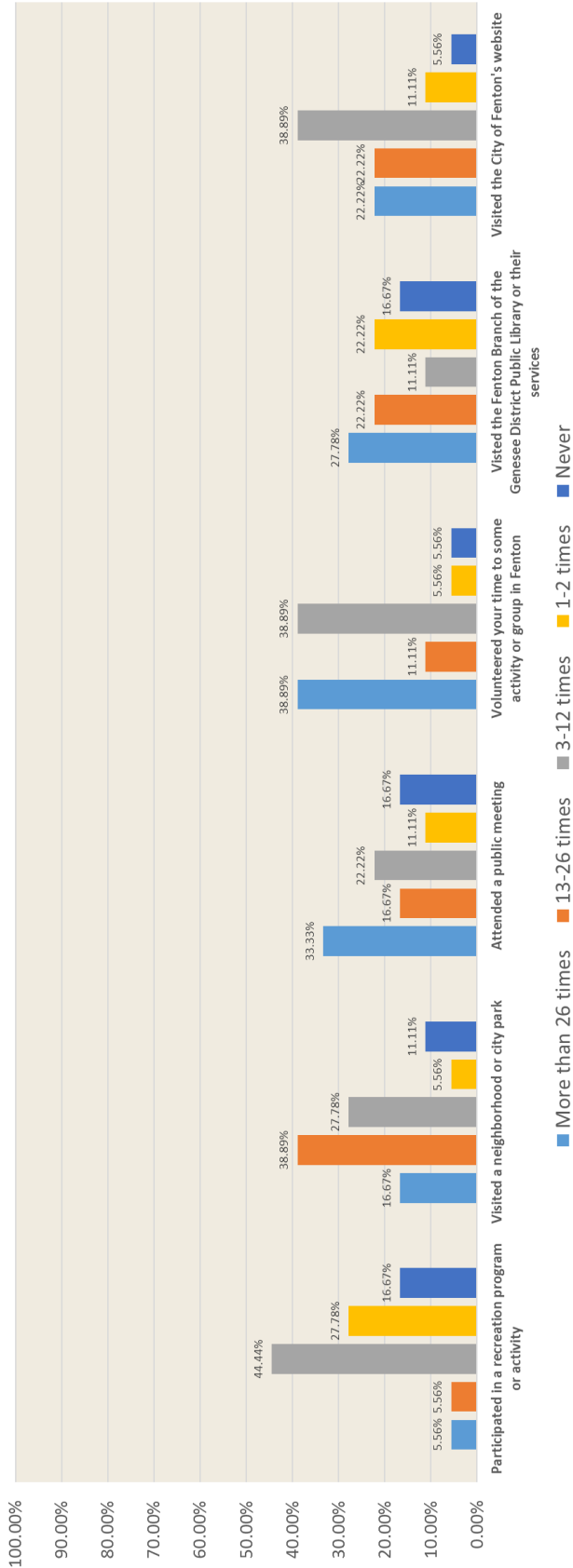
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# In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Fenton?

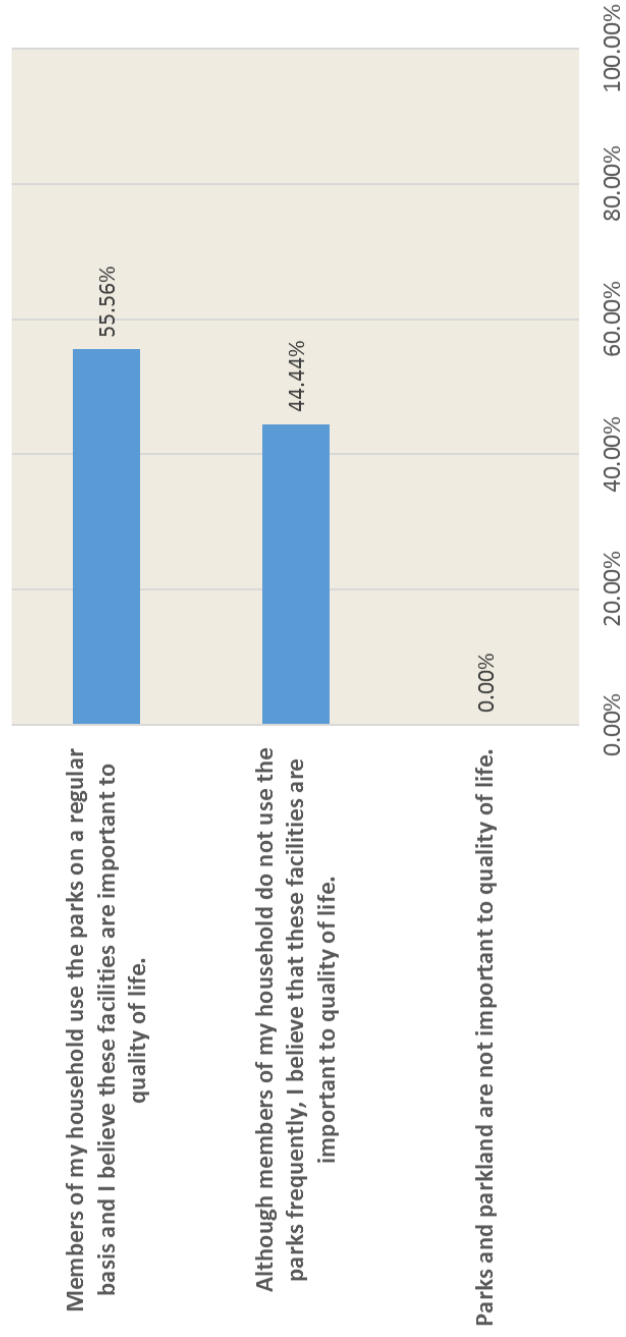
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Which of the following three statements comes closest to the way  
you feel about the parks in your community?

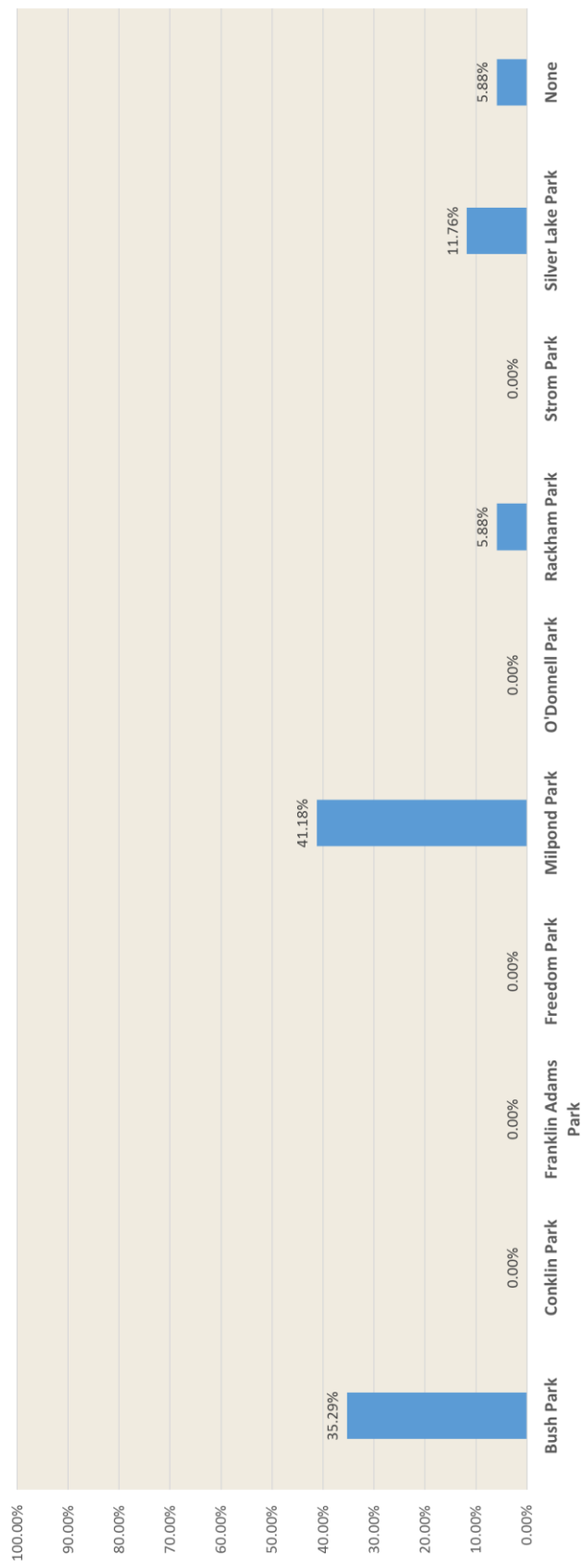
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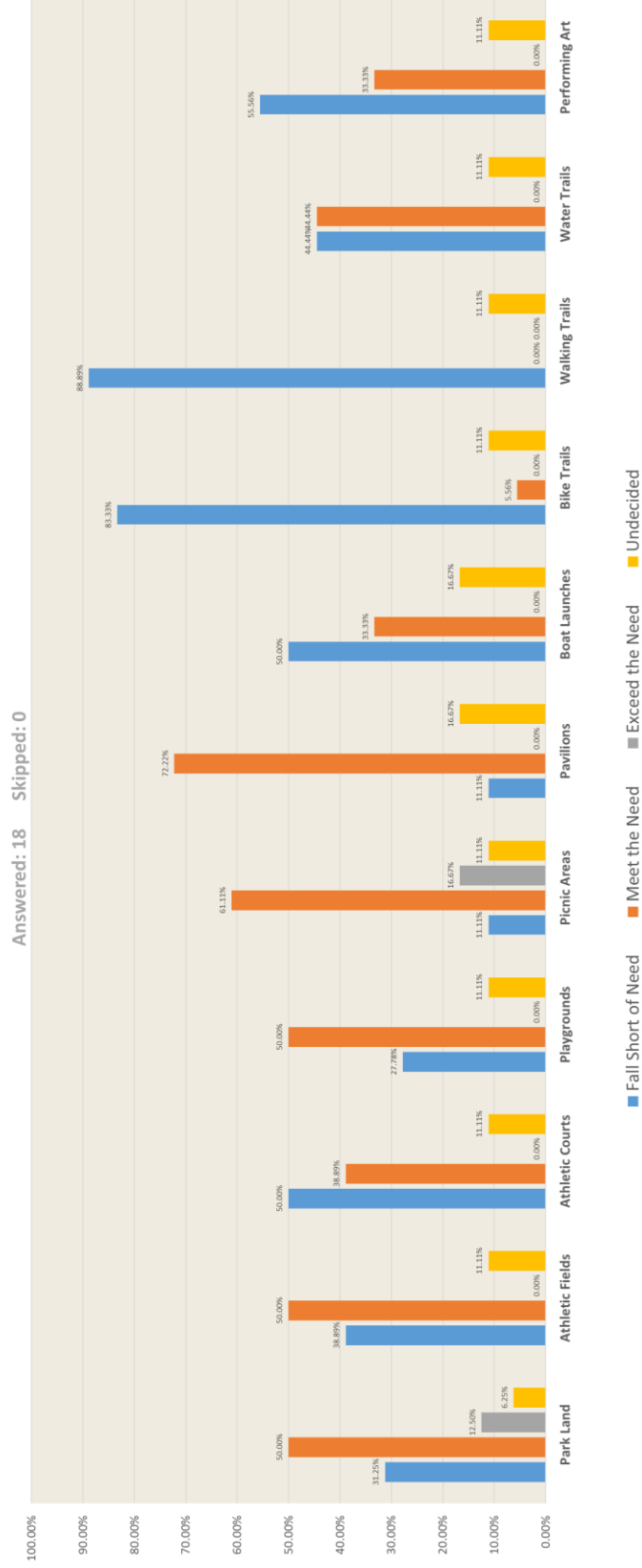
What City Park, if any, do you visit/use the most?

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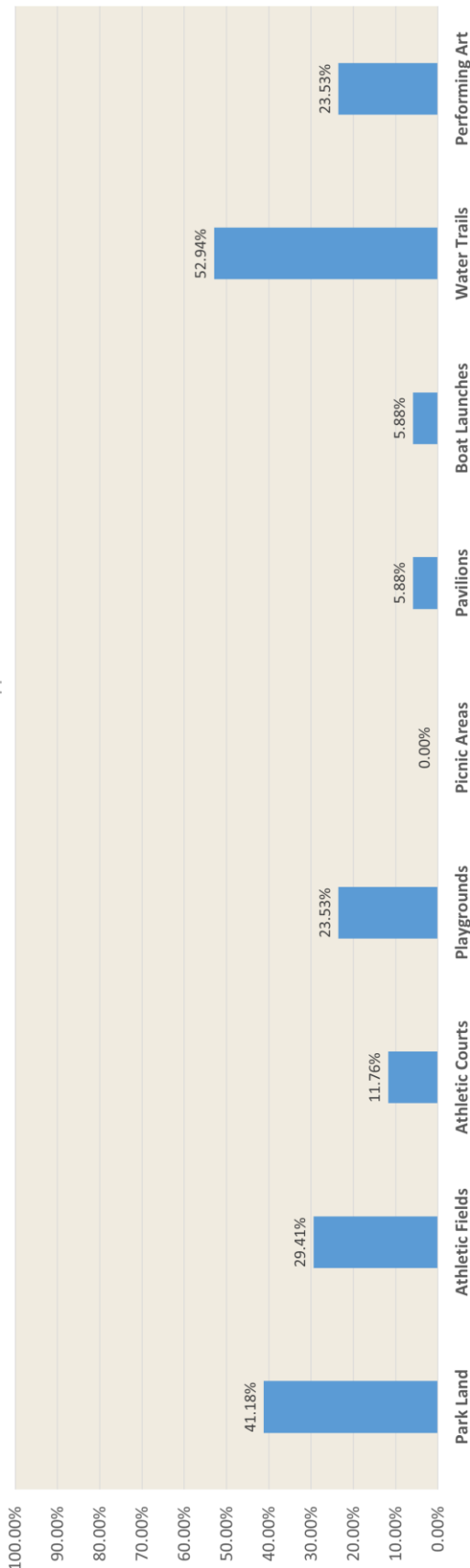
Please indicate if you feel the facilities currently available in the City of Fenton fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.





Which two facilities of those mentioned above do you think are the most important to the future of the City of Fenton?

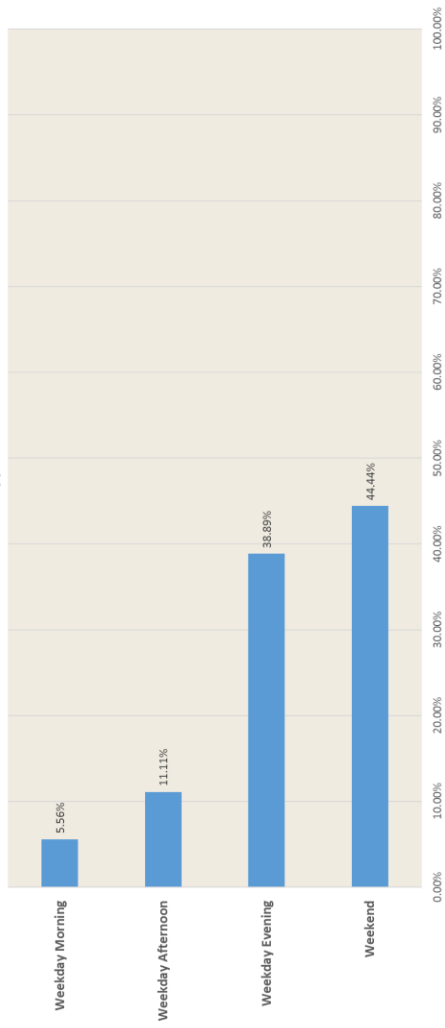
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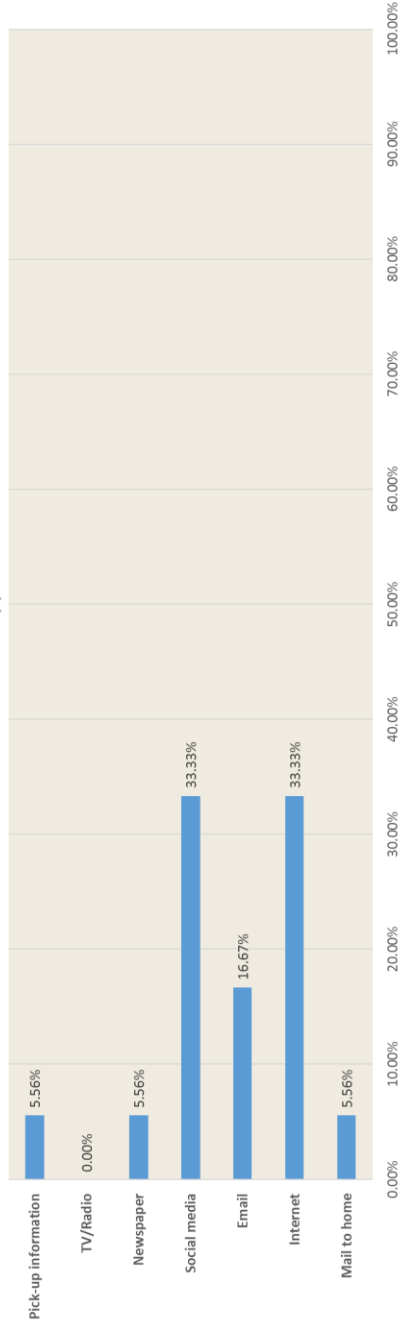
What is the best time for you, or any member of your household to participate in activities or use facilities?

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What is the best method for you to stay informed of parks and recreation activities in the City of Fenton?

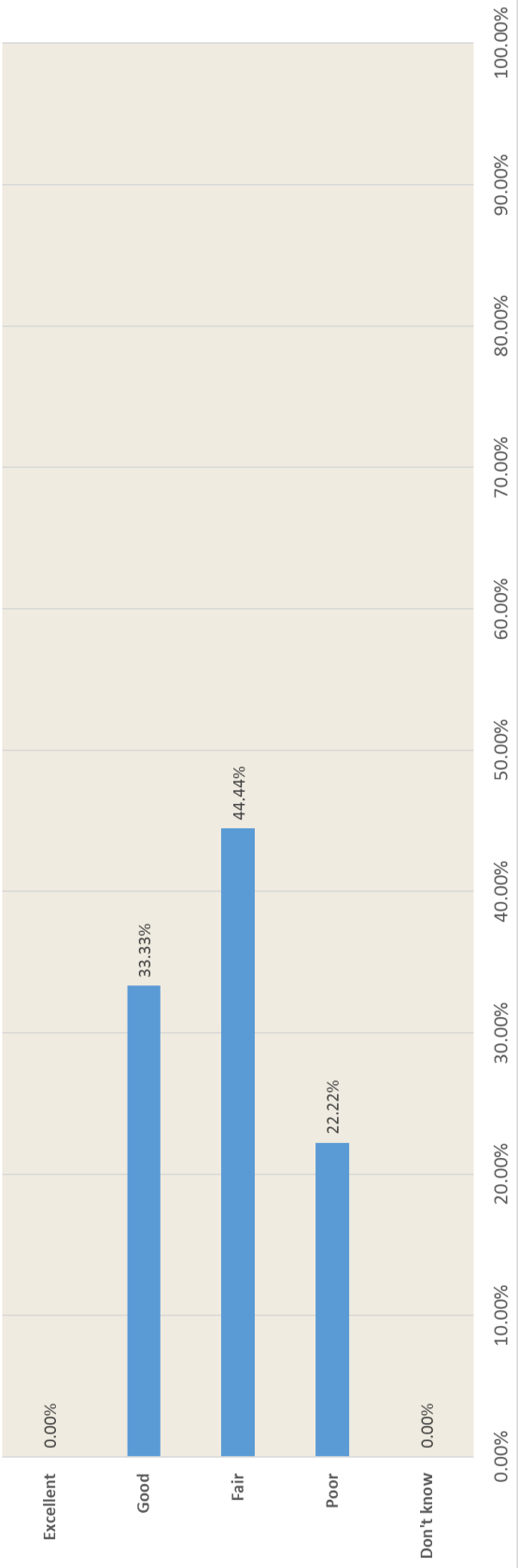
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Overall, how would you rate the communication and marketing of parks and recreation offerings from the City of Fenton?

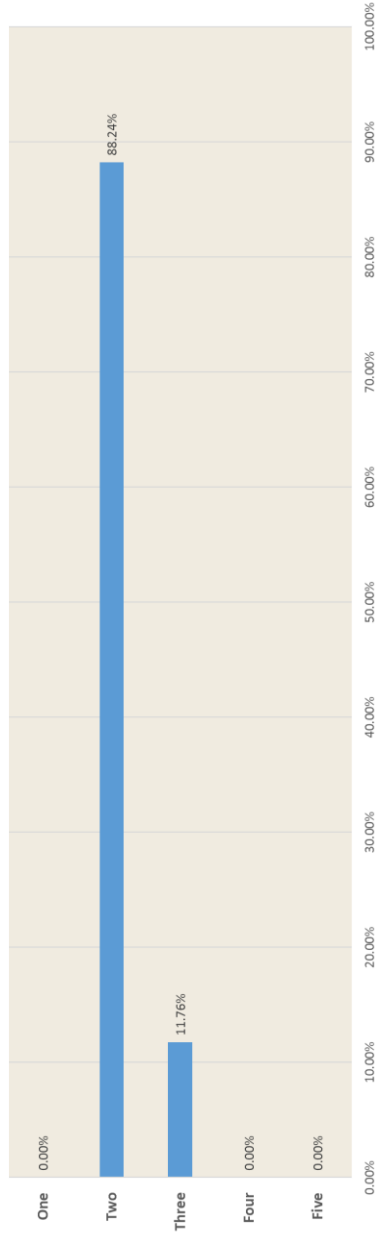
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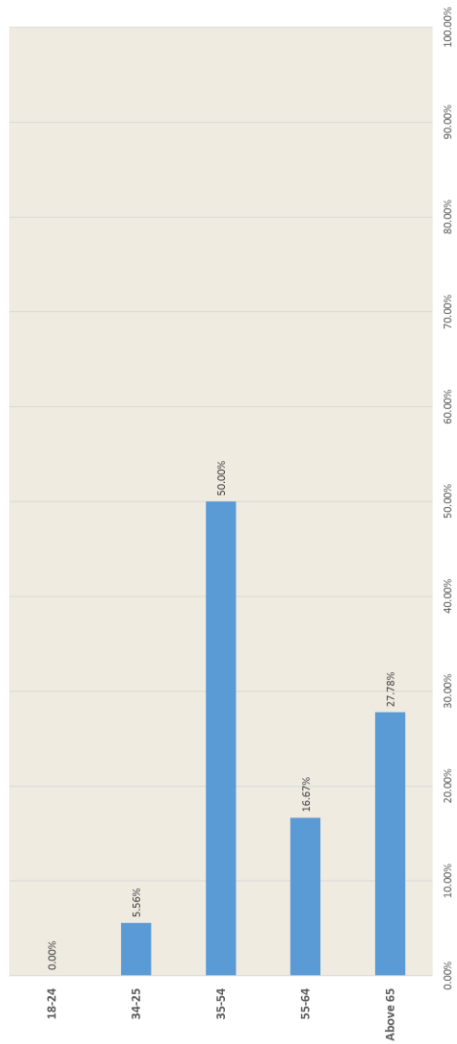
### How many adults age 18 and over currently live in your household?

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### Is your age between?

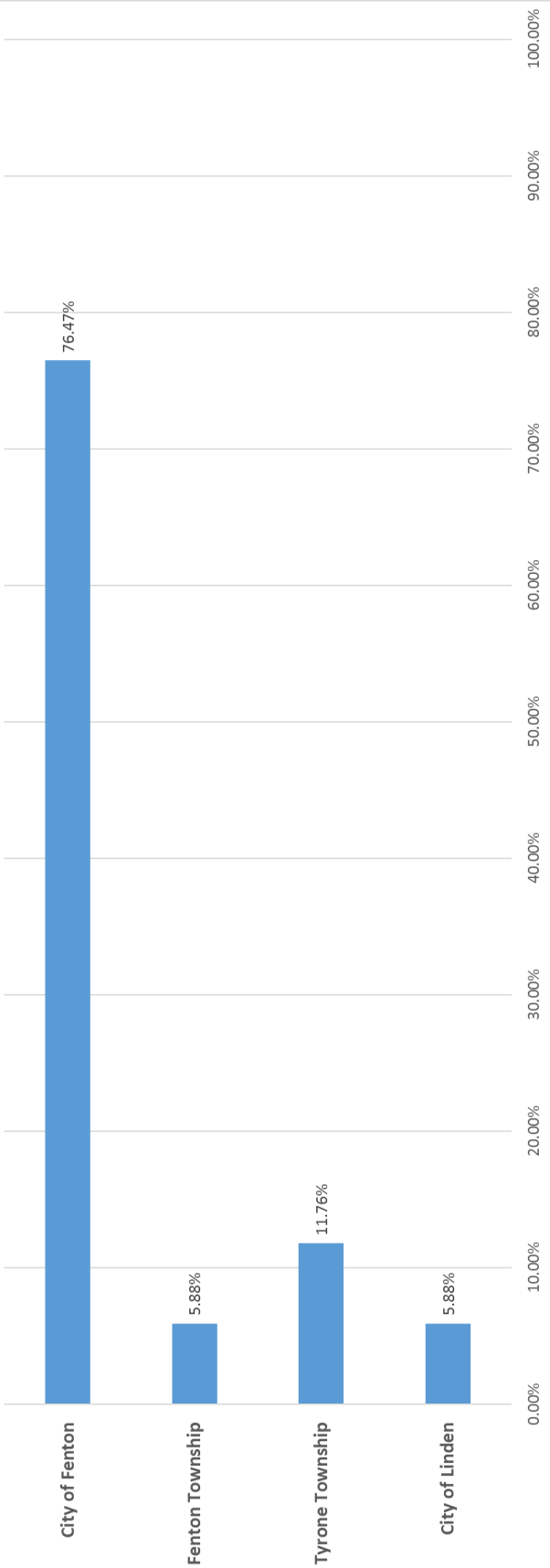
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# Where do you live?

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Other: Argentine Township



## Public Comments

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4/24/2017

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**CITY OF FENTON**  
Five Parks and Recreation Draft Plan Review  
SIGN IN SHEET

Date: April 17 to May 17, 2017

*Please print the following information.*

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Courtney Prout	City of Fenton	2016cstnprout@gmail.com
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Dave Minder	City of Fenton	
<del>Boothman</del>		







# **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA**

**JUNE 13, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.  
(REVISED)**

**Call to Order**

**Swear-In New Member**

**Roll Call**

**Approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017, meeting.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** If you wish to address any agenda item, please identify yourself and you will be called on when that item is reached. Comments to items not on the agenda may be made at the call to the audience.

**Chairpersons Report and Communications to the Board**

**New Items**

1. Annual Monthly Art Shows in City Parks, Alan Annis
2. Rackham Park Birthday Party with Petting Zoo, Gautham Gadiraju
3. Sunday Yoga in Rackham Park

**Old Items**

**Items for Discussion**

1. Park Master Plan Update

**Call to Audience**

**Administration Items**

**Board Member Comments**

**Adjournment**

**The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday July 11, 2017.**







**CITY OF FENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 17-11**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE  
2017-2022 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, held in the Fenton City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy St., in said City, on August 14, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson McDermott and supported by Councilperson Jacob.

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board has prepared an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Fenton, and;

WHEREAS, the plan has been available for public review and comment for at least 30 days, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board met at their regular meeting on June 13, 2017, and;

WHEREAS, at that meeting the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board passed a resolution recommending adoption of the draft plan, and;

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held by the Fenton City Council on July 10, 2017 to gather additional public comment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Fenton City Council approves and adopts the 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

AYES: Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Draves

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



## CERTIFICATION

I Renee Wilson, Clerk for the City of Fenton, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council for the City of Fenton at a regular meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been available as required by said Act.



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Renee Wilson, City Clerk



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November 10, 2017

GLS Region V Regional Planning Commission  
1101 Beach Street  
Room 223  
Flint, MI 48502

RE: City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Commission:

Please find attached a copy of Fenton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which has been completed and accepted by the City Council for your records. Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you.

Sincerely,  
OHM Advisors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa V. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Vanessa V. Warren, ASLA

Encl: City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Master Plan







**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND  
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

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

**PLAN INFORMATION**

Name of Plan:

City of Fenton Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

City of Fenton

Genesee

August 2017

**PLAN CONTENT**

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

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

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

**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

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

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

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

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**



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

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

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

Date of the Notice Wednesday April 12, 2017

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

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Date of Meeting July 10, 2017

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☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

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

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: August 14, 2017
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: November 10, 2017
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: Above Organization

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

CITY OF FENTON

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

[Signature]  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

11/10/17  
Date

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## APPENDIX B- WATERWAY TRAIL

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City of Fenton Parks







Support of National Water Trail Designation Resolution

Shiawassee River Brochure







CITY OF FENTON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO 17-01

Support of National Water Trail Designation of  
The Shiawassee River in the City of Fenton

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of designation of the Shiawassee River in the City of Fenton as a National Water Trail include being recognized nationally as a recreation destination, nationally promoted on maps and through websites, increased tourism, and increased revenue for local businesses;

**WHEREAS**, our community benefits from promoting nature based recreation opportunities, especially paddling, biking, hiking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing, to increase health benefits to our local communities and encouraging youth and families to participate in outdoor activities;

**WHEREAS**, the community benefits from promoting the culture and history contained within the waterway of the Shiawassee River, drawing visitors eager to explore its history;

**WHEREAS**, the Shiawassee River National Water Trail offers a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to explore area of our community not seen by most visitors;

**WHEREAS**, the cultural, historical and natural resources of this areas are unique;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Board endorses and supports the creation and designation of the Shiawassee River in the City of Fenton as a National Water Trail by the United States Department of the Interior, and recommends that Fenton City Council do the same.

ON A MOTION OF SAGE SUPPORTED BY McCARTY, the foregoing

Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

AYE ALVARADO, McDERMOTT, TANTON  
WENZEL, McCARTY, SHELTON  
SAGE NAY NONE ABSENT NONE

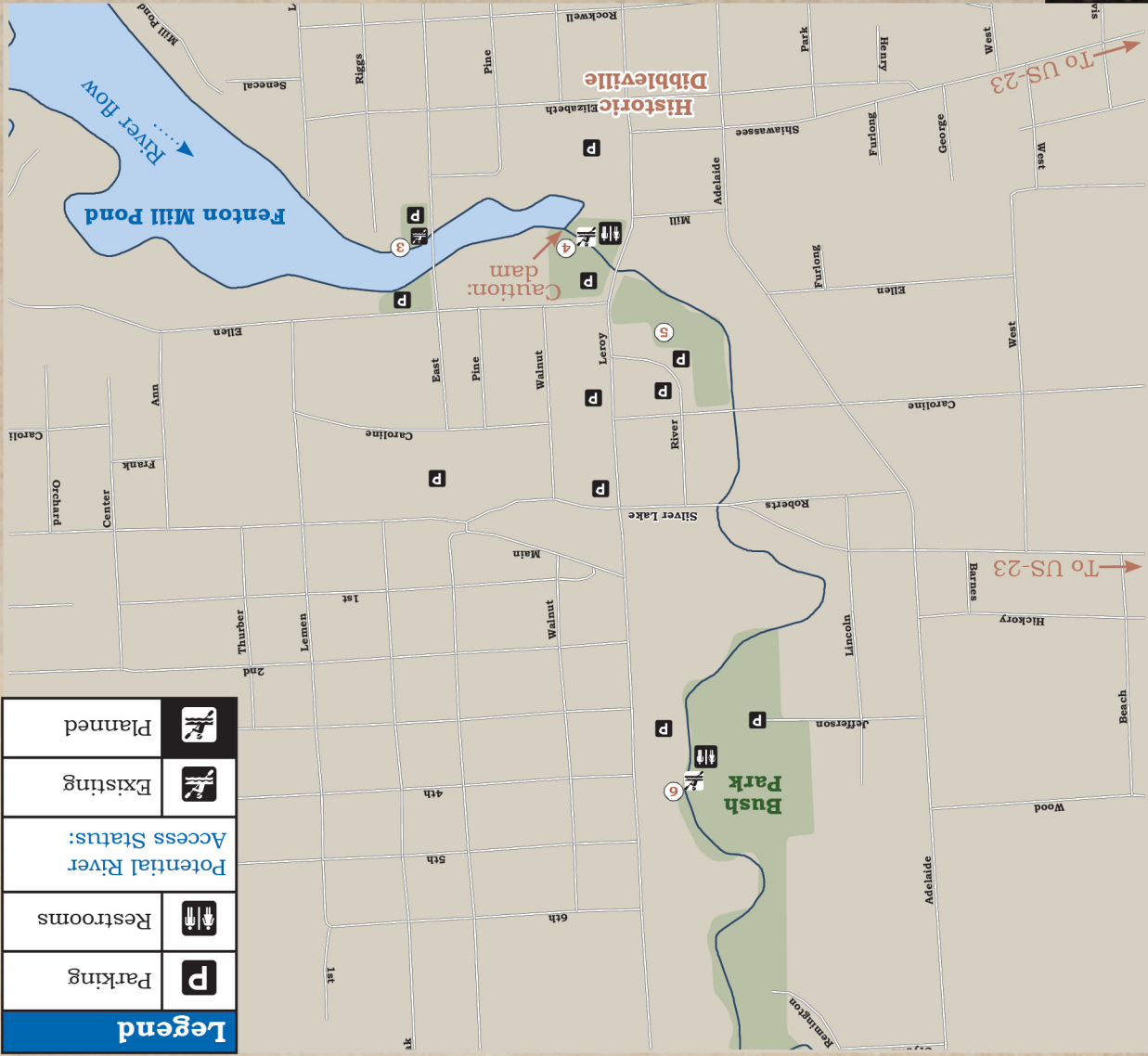






# Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail

The Shiawassee River is a shallow, slow moving stream which features an "Up North-Close By" view of nature starting from the old water works building in the Village of Holly and traveling seven river miles downstream through an unspoiled natural landscape to Strom Park in the City of Fenton. Travel another seven miles down river as it continues to wind through Fenton's parks, Lake Ponemah, Tupper Lake, and Linden Mill Pond. The river becomes more secluded and will past Historic Linden winding for eight miles through wetlands and woods into Argentine.



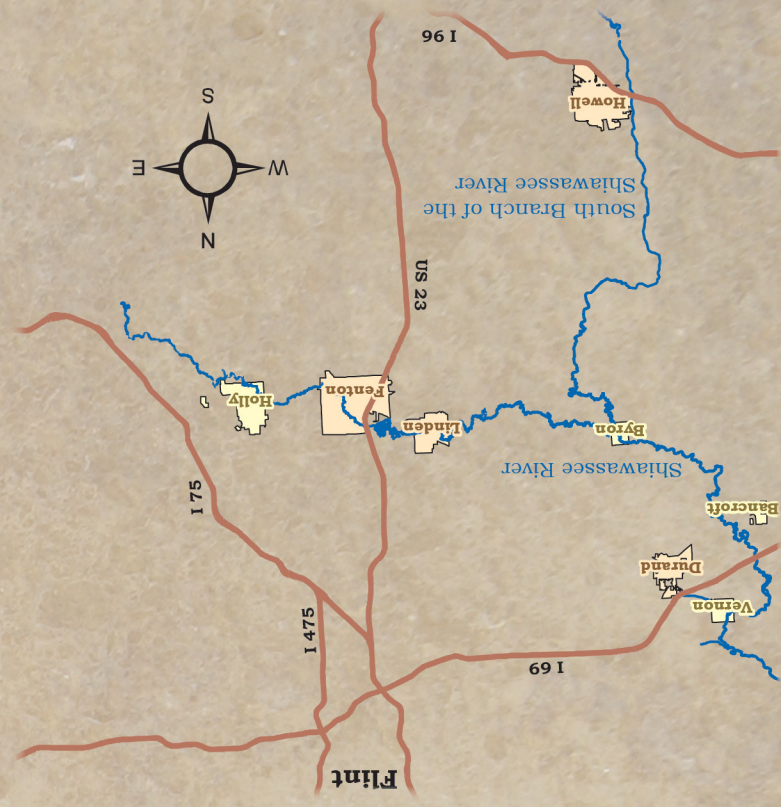
Downtown Fenton



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Downtown Linden



Area Overview

## Paddling Safety

- Dams are hazardous and can be deadly. Learn to recognize them – not all are marked. Always portage around dams.
- Wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) - life jacket
- Research/scout out your trip and paddle water appropriate to your skills.
- Check weather and conditions before you paddle - including relevant river flow levels (**river flow data is available at <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov>**) and **wind warnings (for lakes)**.
- Always tell someone about your plans, including where you intend to kayak and when you expect to be back.
- Look out for and avoid possible hazards such as overhanging or submerged tree branches, a high volume of water, unpredictable currents, low water temperature, and other craft.
- Talk to local kayakers for information specific to the waterway you plan to paddle.

## Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is an Educational and Ethical program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts in reducing their impact on nature. The following principles lead to responsible use and enjoyment of the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and park on durable surfaces to reduce impact to natural areas
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find (unless it's trash!)
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others and protect the quality of their experience.

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## Linden Area Businesses

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**Keepers of the Shiawassee**  
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## Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail



Up North Close By





Vision for the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail

We envision a developed paddling trail from Holly to the Shiawassee Flats that will allow residents and tourists to enjoy the Shiawassee River and the communities along its course.

We believe in and promote Leave No Trace Ethics and Share the Resource values as we work to protect the integrity of the river as a valuable natural and community resource.

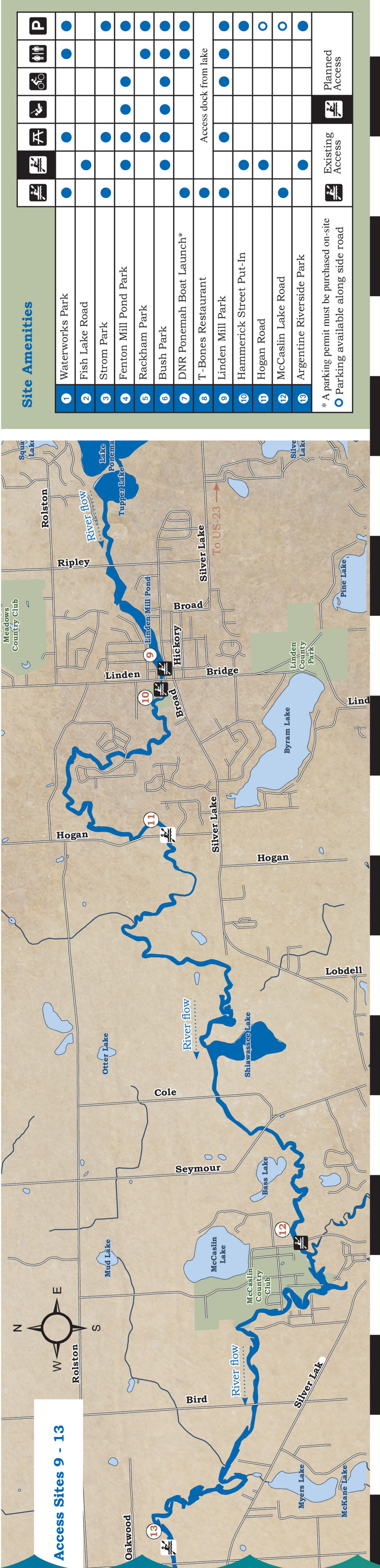
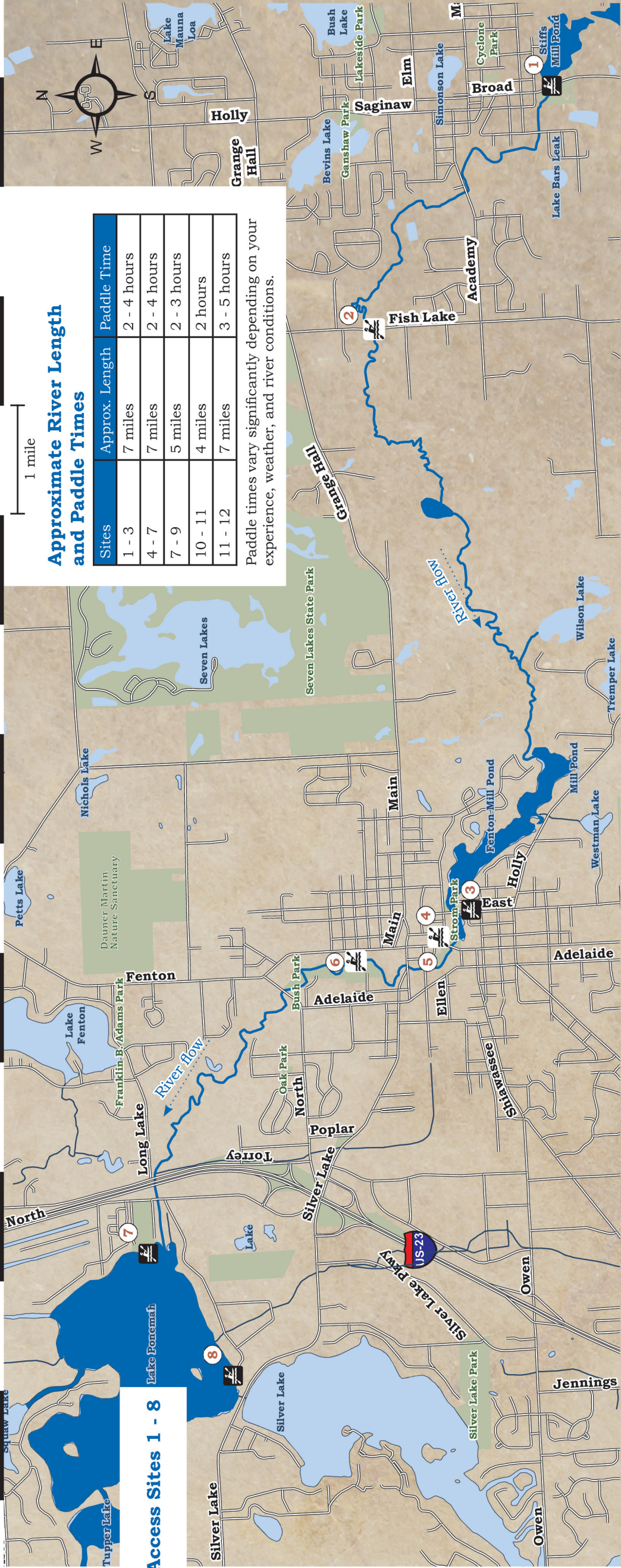
What is a Heritage Water Trail?

Heritage water trails are routes on navigable waterways such as rivers, lakes, and canals designed and implemented to foster an interactive historical education experience.

Water Trails are the water equivalent to hiking trails. They are created to facilitate recreation in and along rivers and water bodies and are found in urban settings as well as remote environments.

Who We Are

The Water Trail Committee is a volunteer committee supported by local resource professionals. The committee represents water trail interests from the communities of Linden, Fenton, and Argentine.



Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail

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APPENDIX C - LINDEN, ARGENTINE, FENTON, AND  
FENTON TOWNSHIP MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL  
PATHWAY

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City of Fenton Parks







Joint Resolution

County Regional Non-Motorized Plan Map

Proposed LAFF Trail Map







**Joint Resolution No. 15-16**  
**of**  
**City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township**

At a meeting of the Linden City Council, held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, MI 48451 on the 14 day of September, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton City Council, held in the Fenton City Hall Council Chambers, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees, held in the main level meeting room of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 21 day of Sept, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (6) and nays (1) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.

At a meeting of the Argentine Township Board of Trustees, held in the Township Offices at 9048 Silver Lake Rd. Linden, Michigan 48451 on the 28TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (5) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.



Joint Resolution No. 15-16

of

City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

A resolution supporting the joint governmental cooperation between the City of Linden, the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Linden, the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township seek to connect our regional area with non-motorized trails and pathways that create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses; and,

WHEREAS, our communities strive to provide connectivity via non-motorized trails and pathways, through joint community and infrastructure planning because it connects adjoining community attributes with shared school facilities, regional features, programs, and parks; and,

WHEREAS, our communities endeavor to enhance the quality of life of area residents; and,

WHEREAS, four routes in our region have been identified for prioritization (*in no particular order*) with the understanding there will be supplemental routes in each community:

- Silver Lake Road between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton,
- Silver Lake Road between Argentine Township and the City of Linden,
- Owen Road between Linden Road and Leroy Street,
- Fenton Road between Thompson Road and Fenton City Limits; and

WHEREAS, working together to support the efforts of adjoining communities to promote smart commuting and alternate forms of transportation that will create strategic growth, environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social equality, making all the communities in southern Genesee County great places to work, live and play.



Joint Resolution No. **15-16**  
of  
City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by these aforementioned communities, that we hereby go on record in support of the aforesaid non-motorized multi-use trail Project.

Passed the 14 day of September, 2015

By the Linden City Council

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: CITY MANAGER

Passed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

By the Fenton City Council

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: CITY Manager

Passed the 21 day of Sept, 2015

By the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Supervisor

Passed the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

By the Argentine Township Board of Trustees

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Title: Supervisor







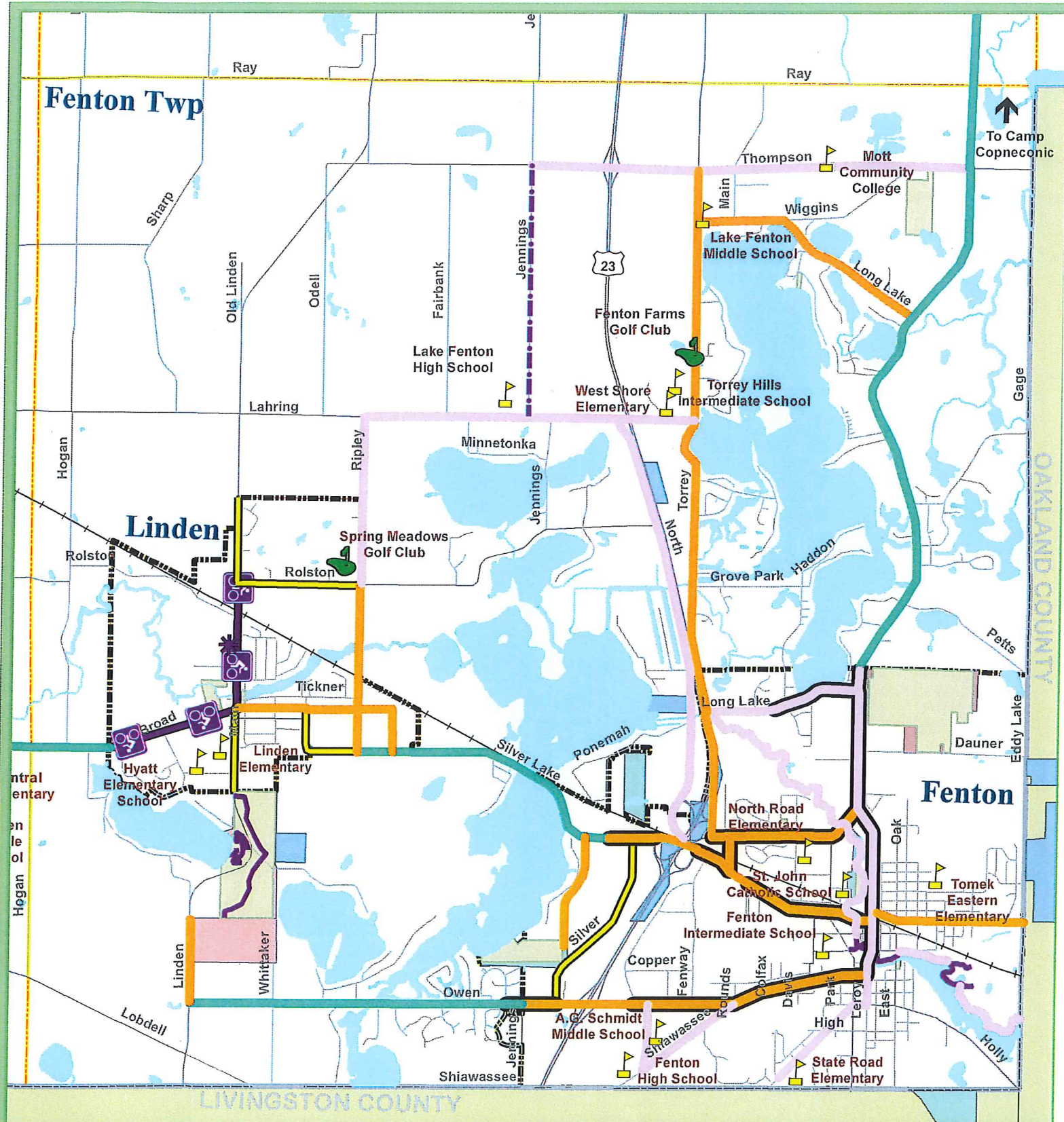
Taken from the Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan, the county-wide system of existing and proposed non-motorized routes is shown on the map below:











## Proposed Regional Trail Alignment

### Phases

- Short Term
- Mid Term
- Long Term

### Existing Facilities

- Existing Trail
- Existing Bike Lanes
- Paved Shoulder Connection
- Sidewalks Existing

### Existing Green Infrastructure

- County
- City, Township, or Village
- State
- Parks
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Municipality
- Railroad

### Destinations

- School
- College
- Cultural
- Golf
- Library
- Market
- Orchard
- Hospital
- Senior Center











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# Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021

City of Linden  
Genesee County, Michigan

Adopted by the Linden City Council  
on February 27, 2017



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# ***Introduction***

Recreation plays a major role in the lives of the residents of the City of Linden. The community was formed around a natural waterway on the Shiawassee River. The River and Mill Pond have become a destination place for residents of the City and citizens in the region.

## **Purpose of the Plan**

The 2017-2021 City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared by the City to serve as a guide and decision making document for future recreation facilities and programs. The Plan presents an inventory of existing facilities and programs within the community as well as an evaluation of opportunities and needs. The Plan considers the existing facilities in and around the community, as well as the anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities and programs. The Plan also includes goals, objectives and a 5-Year Action Plan.

The jurisdiction of this Recreation Plan includes the geographical limits of the City of Linden.

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

The most recent Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted in 2012. It included long term goals, some of which were accomplished in the following years. Accomplishments in the last five (5) years included:

- Added new pedestrian amenities, including benches, throughout downtown Linden
- Constructed a new entrance sign and entryway landscaping at Eagles Wooden Park (formerly Walmar Park)
- Improved Eagles Wooden Park with ADA accessible sidewalks and ramps
- Secured a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for a new restroom facility at Eagles Wooden Park. The new restroom facility is expected to be constructed and open for public use in the Summer of 2017.

## **Planning Process**

The process used to generate the Master Plan consisted of three (3) phases:

1. *Background Studies*
2. *Evaluation*
3. *Plan Development*

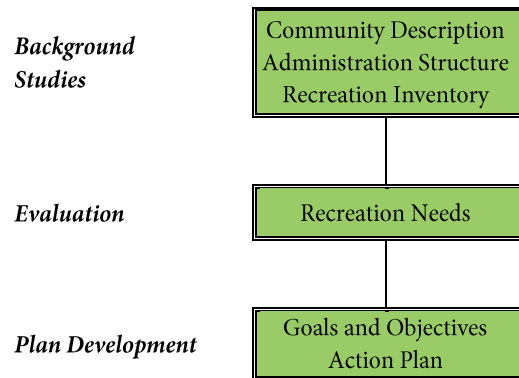
Background studies involved gathering and updating information from existing documents and plans. The information is organized into three (3) main categories:

1. *Community Description*
2. *Administrative Structure of the Parks and Recreation Commission*
3. *Recreation Inventory*



The second phase in the planning process involved evaluation and analysis of the gathered data and included community input to determine recreation facilities and program needs. Community input was sought through two primary methods: a community workshop and a public hearing.

Finally, the last phase in the process entailed plan development and adoption. Goals, objectives, and a 5-Year Action Plan were formulated based on the input gathered. The following diagram illustrates the process and the corresponding requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



The Linden Parks and Recreation Plan was developed with input from members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, City staff, and the residents of Linden. All meetings were open to the public and input was sought during all phases of the planning process.



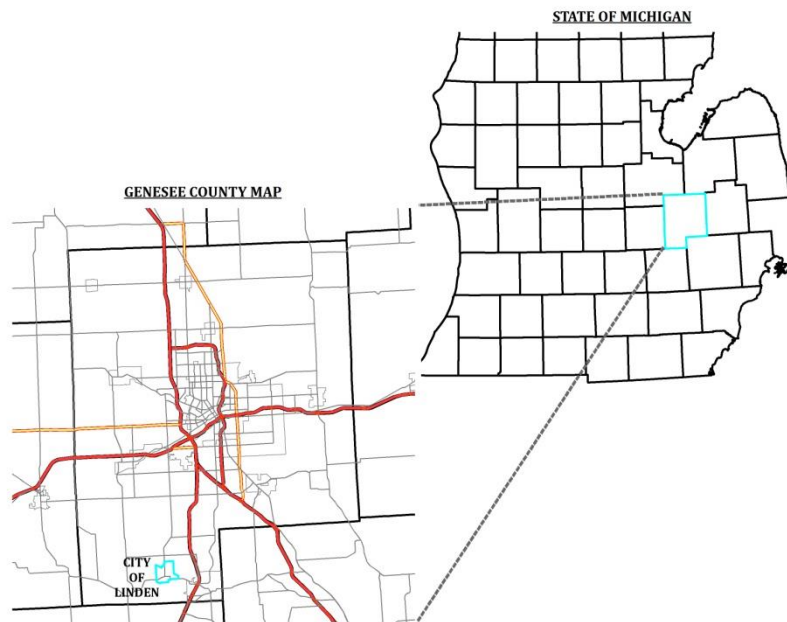
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# Community Description

Recreation plays a major role in the lives of the residents of the City of Linden. The community was formed around a natural waterway on the Shiawassee River. The River and Mill Pond have become a destination place.

The Village of Linden was officially incorporated in 1871. The name Linden came from the Linden trees that were dominant in the area. In December 1988, the Village was officially incorporated as a City.

The City of Linden is situated in southwestern Genesee County, approximately 22 miles southwest of the City of Flint. The City is surrounded by Fenton Township, while other nearby regional communities include the City of Fenton, Argentine Township, and Tyrone Township in Livingston County.



Map 1  
Regional Context

The allure of the City of Linden is that it still maintains its small town charm of the past. As the trend to return to traditional small towns grows in the United States, the charm of Linden's downtown commercial/residential area, along with its high quality of life, will continue to attract people to Linden. Maintaining the character of the City will be an important issue for the future of the community.



## Historical Background

The southern tiers of Michigan's counties already were being settled by the beginning of the nineteenth century, but the land between Detroit (to the south) and St. Ignace (to the north) remained a virtually untouched wilderness of woods, swamps and rivers. During the 1820s and 1830s, however, settlers began moving north in search of good farm lands and thick stands of marketable hardwoods and softwoods. The settlers' need for water power generally led the settlers to select town sites along rivers which could be channeled and dammed. Such was the beginning of Linden, located at a convenient bend in the Shiawassee River.

Mills were constructed along the Shiawassee in Linden to support the lumber industry. In the 1840s, a fire destroyed many of the original buildings. The grist mill was rebuilt in the 1850s and still stands as the signature landmark of the community. The area around the mill continued to grow. In the 1800s, the primary products being produced in Linden were buggies and barrels. After World War II, the factories in Flint needed workers and Linden quickly became a bedroom community. The mill ceased operations and was eventually converted into a community building, which now houses a local library, museum and the City Council Chambers.

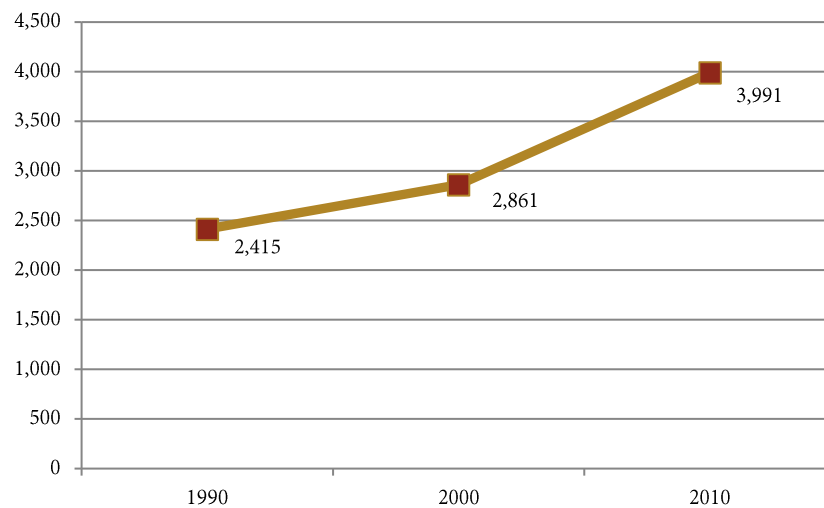
## Demographics

### Historical Population Growth

The City of Linden's population has increased steadily since 1990 due to a substantial amount of new housing starts and development in the City. Between 1990 and 2000, the City's population grew by 15.6%. Between 2000 and 2010, the population increased by 39.5%. As of 2010, the City's population stood at 3,991 residents. Linden's population growth between 2000 and 2010 was exceptional when compared to other municipalities in Genesee County and the State. No other municipality in Genesee County grew at a faster rate than the City of Linden between 2000 and 2010. Additionally, Linden's 39.5% growth placed it as the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest growing City or Village in the State of Michigan. Figure 1, below, illustrates the growth that occurred between 1990 and 2010. The City's significant historical population increase generally points to the need to develop new parks and recreation facilities to accommodate a growing population.



**Figure 1**  
**Population Growth**



Source: 2010 U.S. Census

#### Population Change Since 2010

The 2010-2014 population estimate for the City of Linden, as noted in the Census Bureau's 2010-2014 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, was 3,919. This indicates that the City's population may have leveled off since 2010. However, recent residential building permit data suggests that the population has continued to increase since 2010. Between 2011 and 2015, a total of 6 building permits for new home construction were issued by the City. In 2016 (through October), a total of 8 building permits for new home construction were issued. In 2012, the Caretel Inns assisted living/senior care center expanded by adding two new 20-bed buildings (40 total new beds). In 2016, a new 20-unit apartment complex was constructed (Willow Haven apartments).

Voter registration figures also indicate that the City's population has continued to increase in recent years. In 2012, the City had a total of 3,022 registered voters. As of October 2016, the City had a total of 3,146 registered voters. This represents an increase of 4.1 percent (124 voters) over the 5-year span.

#### Age Trends

Over the years, the City of Linden's median age has been steadily increasing. In 2010, the median age of Linden's residents was 39.5 years. This represents an increase of 2.9 percent from its median age in 2000 (38.4 years). As of 2014, according to 2010-2014 ACS data, the City's median age has again increased to 40.0 years. This represents an increase of 4.2 percent from the City's median age in 2000.



Significantly, the City's percentage of the population over 65 years increased from 16.7 percent in 2000 (478 residents) to 19.9 percent in 2010 (795 residents) to 20.1 percent in 2014 (787 residents). These statistics generally point to the need for recreational facilities that are desired by, and accessible to, an aging populace.

### Housing

Based on the United States Census information in 2010, the City of Linden had a total of 1,695 housing units, which represents an increase of 38.3% from the total housing units in 2000 (1,226 units). Of the 1,552 occupied housing units, 1,289 or 83.1% were owner occupied versus 263 or 16.9% that were rental units.

Housing types and styles vary in the City. Close to the downtown, homes were predominantly built prior to 1940. The core neighborhoods still maintain the small-town character and charm attributed to Linden. Newer developments have occurred on the outer edges of the City which result in more modern development patterns. The recently constructed Caretel Inns of Linden assisted living facility, located just south of downtown, has added well over 100 units to the City's housing stock.

### Employment

Traditionally, the unemployment rate in the City of Linden has been low due to many residents working in neighboring communities. As recorded in the previous recreation plan, the Genesee County unemployment stood at 11.9% in December of 2010. As of July 2015, this county-wide unemployment rate had decreased to 7.1 percent, a substantial improvement. The following table indicates employment statistics for people over the age of 16, as reported in the 2010-2014 ACS 5-year estimates:

**Figure 2**  
**Employment by Occupation**  
**City of Linden, 2014**

Occupation	Number	Percentage
Managerial & Professional	584	36.3%
Service	319	19.9%
Sales & Office	295	18.4%
Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	167	10.4%
Production & Transportation	242	15.1%
TOTAL	1,607	100.0%

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



## Natural Features

Even though the City of Linden is largely developed, the City contains many valuable natural features that contribute to the character and quality of life for the residents in the City. These areas, as described below, should be considered during the process of identifying new lands for recreational development and when considering new or expanded recreational facilities.

### Topography

The City of Linden is predominantly flat with elevations ranging from 850 feet to 910 feet above sea level. Elevations increase north of the railroad tracks but not significantly. Vacant parcels that remain in the City do not contain elevation restraints that would discourage future development.

### Wetlands and Watercourses

The Shiawassee River and its associated wetlands serve as the predominant water body in the City of Linden. The river is controlled by a dam, which has created the Mill Pond just east of Bridge Street. Houses border the Mill Pond, which provides an opportunity for fishing and canoeing.

Located on the southwestern edge of the City is Byram Lake, which is 132 acres in size. Byram Lake is an all-sports lake with a maximum depth of fifty (50) feet surrounded by residential homes. Swimming is also available through the Linden County Park, located on the east side of the lake. However, the lake does not have public boat access.

The City of Linden has several wetland areas, located primarily in the western and northeastern portions of the City. All of these wetlands are regulated by the State of Michigan. A regulated wetland is defined as any wetland over five (5) acres in size that is connected to a river or other body of water. The City does not currently have a wetlands protection ordinance that further regulates wetlands.

### Woodlands and Street Trees

Although Linden is almost fully developed, several areas remain heavily wooded. The Shiawassee River corridor remains in its natural setting with dense vegetation surrounding the river. A large woodland is located just east of Linden Elementary School off of Stan Eaton Drive. This property is owned by the Linden School District.

## Road Network

In the City of Linden, nearly all of the roads are under the City's jurisdiction. Therefore, the City is responsible for all maintenance of the road and its right-of-way, which includes utilities, snow clearing and paving. Genesee County has control over two (2) small portions of the road network on Silver Lake Road, from Ripley Road to the eastern City limits, and Ripley Road, from E. Rolston Road to the northern City limits.

Nearly five (5) miles of the road network are classified as major roads. These include Bridge Street, Broad Street, Hickory Street, E. Rolston Road and Ripley Road. The major roads are in good condition and were repaved in the late 1990's. The remaining roads are classified as local streets.



There is only one (1) major route each for east-west (Broad Street) and north-south (Bridge Street) traffic through the City of Linden. Therefore, circulation and traffic is mainly limited to Bridge Street and Broad Street. As population increases and housing developments continue to be built in neighboring communities, traffic counts will continue to increase and will place an increased burden on these roads.

### Complete Streets

Complete Streets is a planning and design concept that provides safe access for all road users across the entire right-of-way. Users include motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. During the planning and design of a road project, the complete streets concept would require the consideration of any relevant accommodations that are necessary or appropriate to serve these users. The many benefits of a complete street design include improved safety, quality of life, mobility, economic development, public health and active living. To promote complete streets and recognize these benefits within the City of Linden, the City Council recently passed a complete streets resolution. Presently, Bridge Street and Broad Street feature some of the necessary components of a complete street, including sidewalks along both sides of the street, bike lanes, and only two-lanes of traffic (a middle-turn lane is provided in certain sections and at intersections). However, additional complete street components could be implemented, such as the addition of on-street bicycle-lanes and pedestrian amenities (benches, etc.).

### **Community Facilities**

The City of Linden has more than 13 acres of City-owned recreational property, including four City-operated parks. The locations of these parks are shown on the **Recreation Inventory Map**. A detailed description of each City-operated park is included in the Recreation Inventory chapter of this report.

Beyond City parks, the City owns numerous other properties, as shown on the Recreation Inventory Map. These City properties include City Hall, which is located on East Broad Street in downtown. The City Hall contains the City Administration, Police Department and Fire Department. The Public Works Garage property is located west of North Bridge Street, along the north side of the Shiawasse River. The Linden Mill Building, located on the Linden Mills Park property, houses a library, historical society museum and City Council Chambers. Other smaller City-owned properties are scattered throughout the City.

Linden Community Schools operates two elementary schools within the City: Linden Elementary and Hyatt Elementary. These are located adjacent to each other on the west side of South Bridge Street.

### **Existing Land Use Pattern**

The below narrative presents a generalized picture of existing land uses in the City. The City of Linden **Existing Land Use Map**, as developed for the City of Linden Master Plan, is included at the end of this chapter.



### Single Family Residential

The predominant land use in the City is single family residential. The large number of single family homes adds to the diversity in the City. Construction of housing spans many years and creates a variety of architecture that adds to the appeal of Linden. Some houses were built during the time when the mill was rebuilt. The historic homes are located in the downtown area while modern single family homes are being developed in outer areas of the City on formerly vacant land.

### Attached Single Family Residential

Although only a small portion of the housing stock, the City has seen a recent increase in the construction of attached single family residential dwellings. These units are sometimes confused with duplex structures but the key difference is that each unit is independently owned. This type of unit is typically a site condominium and has proven attractive to people that desire less yard maintenance than with a single family home.

### Two-Family Residential

Two-family residential structures are buildings with two units under single ownership. The duplexes in Linden are generally older structures, are scattered throughout the community, and are intermingled with single family housing.

### Multiple Family Residential

Only a small portion of the City's remaining housing stock is multiple family. Multiple family buildings are located near the southern city limits (one of which is federally subsidized), the eastern city limits, and the northern city limits.

### Manufactured Housing

The Shiawassee Shores Community, located in the northwest portion of the City, accounts for all two hundred sixty-four (264) units of manufactured homes in a land-lease development in Linden. The community is well maintained and offers an exceptional quality of living for the residents. The homes are placed upon foundations (some upon basements), providing an added benefit to the homes. Additional amenities include a private executive golf course and a pavilion for the residents.

### Public and Semi-Public

Several areas throughout the City are utilized for public use. The historic Linden Mill Building, which houses the local library and museum, is the focal point of the City located on the banks of the Shiawassee River. Other public areas include Fairview Cemetery (owned and maintained by the City).

### Commercial

Other than the immediate downtown area, commercial districts are located near the western city limits on W. Broad Street and near the northern city limits on N. Bridge Street. These commercial districts are separated from the downtown area by traditional residential neighborhoods. Most of the businesses within the City are small, locally-owned businesses, but a few national franchises have established operations within the City as well.



### Office

Low-intensity office uses are found along S. Bridge Street and Main Street. These are primarily medical and dental offices in one-story buildings, located in close proximity to adjacent residential neighborhoods. Although office uses are also found downtown, offices requiring larger amounts of off-street parking are located in the Office Zoning District.

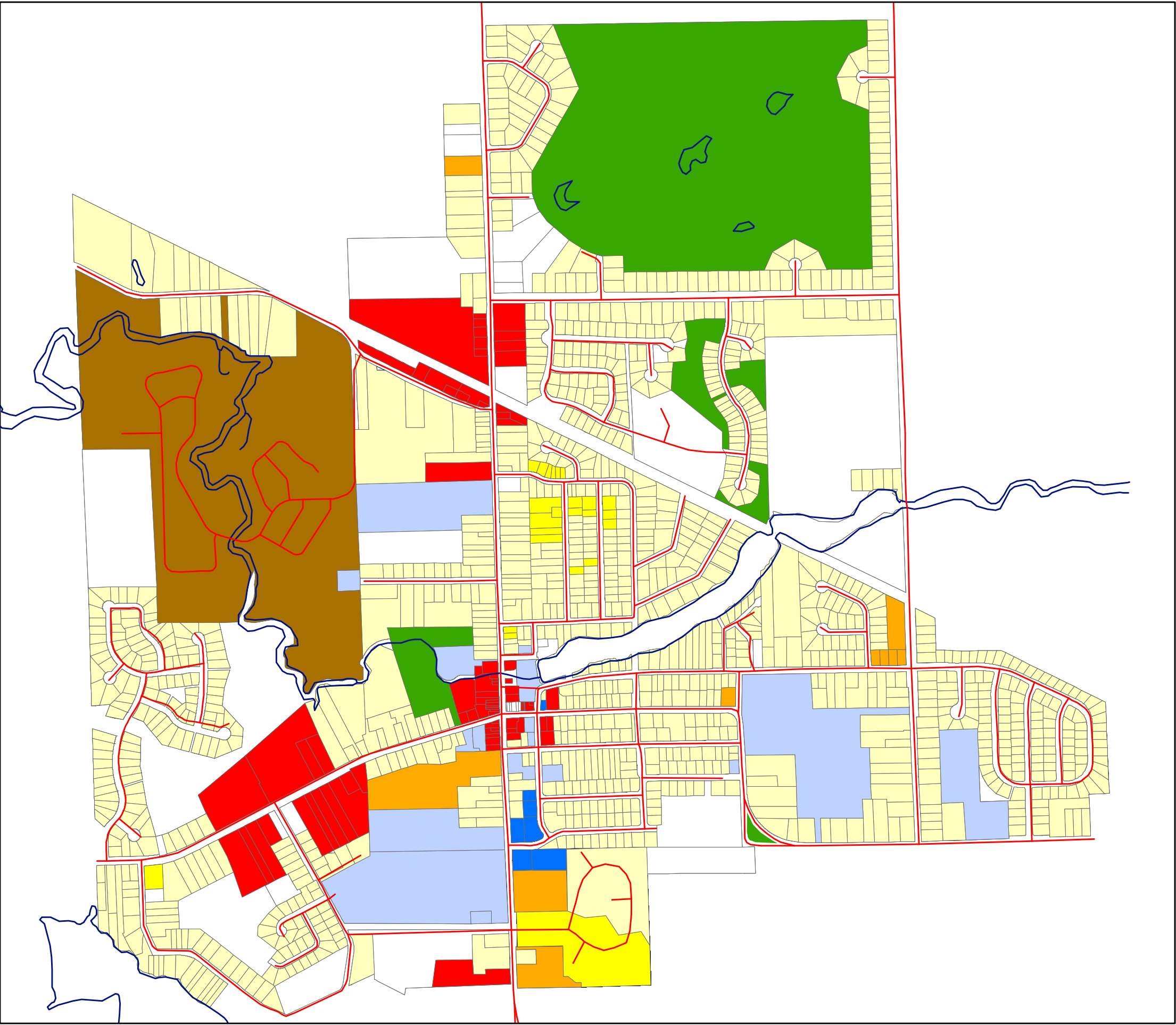
### Central Business District

The Central Business District encompasses the historic downtown Linden. This area consists of several small, locally-owned businesses occupying the street level of historic buildings. Some buildings contain second-story residential apartments. City Hall and the Fire Department are also located in the downtown.











### Industrial

No industrial operations are present in the City, due primarily to the limited availability of suitable land and close proximity to industrial developments in neighboring communities.





**CITY OF LINDEN**  
**MASTER PLAN**

-  Vacant
-  Single Family Residential
-  Two Family Residential
-  Multiple Family Residential
-  Mobile Homes
-  Office
-  Commercial
-  Public-Semi Public
-  Open Space
-  Industrial

**MAP 3**  
**EXISTING LAND USE**



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# *Administrative Structure*

The following describes how parks and recreation facilities, activities and resources are governed and administrated within the City of Linden. The function of the various entities with recreation responsibilities and the overall administrative hierarchy of the City is outlined. Additionally, City expenditure and revenue trends are summarized.

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

## **City Organizational Structure**

The Linden City Council, elected by the residents, is the primary authority in the City. As the legislative body of the City of Linden, the City Council is responsible for adopting all policies, rules, regulations and ordinances relating to the operation, maintenance, facility development and financing of parks and recreation programming and facilities. Additionally, the City Council has the ultimate responsibility for recreation and is responsible for the adoption of this Parks and Recreation Plan.

Linden has a “Strong Manager/Weak Mayor” form of government. The City Manager serves at the pleasure of the City Council and runs all day-to-day activities in the City. The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, and as such, oversees the daily administration of parks and recreation facilities and programs. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, and is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on parks and recreation programming, development and financing in accordance with the Master Plan and city budget constraints. The City Manager is also responsible for the proper procurement and administration of grant funding and grant programs related to parks and recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of 7 members including 1 City Council liaison and 6 residents. Members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the City Council. The Commission is responsible for advising the City Manager and City Council on parks and recreation policies, projects and programs. Its mission is to ensure facilities and programs provide the maximum benefit to the community and individual.

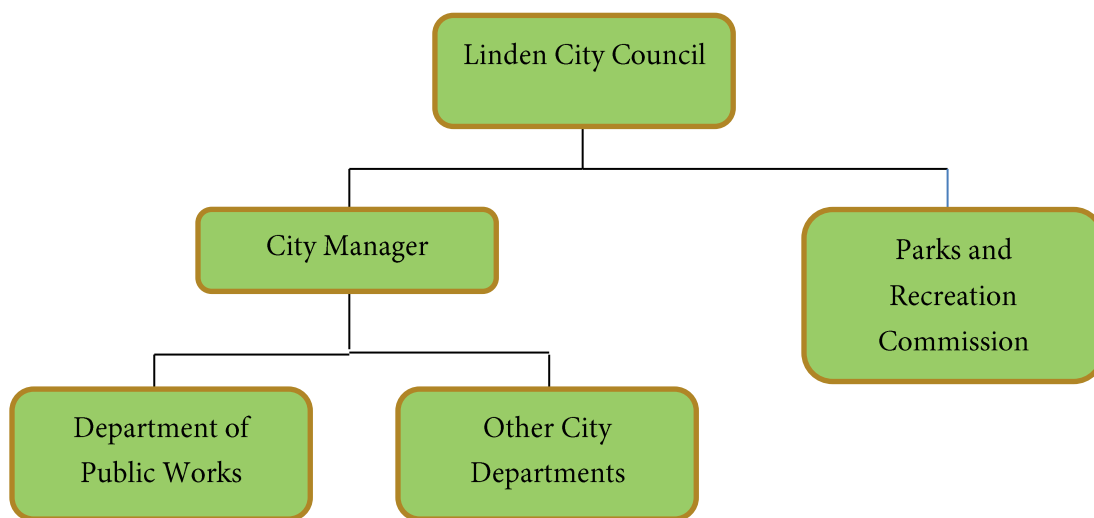
The City’s Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the daily maintenance and upkeep of park grounds, buildings and equipment. The DPW oversees maintenance activities and reports to, and takes direction from the City Manager.



Volunteer groups are an integral part of the City's efforts to maintain and conduct special projects in park areas on a yearly basis. These include spring clean-ups, playground maintenance and even construction of additional facilities in the City's parks. The Linden Beautification Committee is one example of an active volunteer group who assists with City-wide beautification efforts such as flower planting, watering and upkeep.

The organizational structure of the City is outlined in the chart below:

**Figure 3**  
**City Organizational Chart**



### **Recreation Funding and Budget**

Parks and recreation facilities and services are supported primarily by the Linden general fund. Major improvements and construction funding have been through private donations and the procurement of grants such as the Natural Resources Trust Fund and Community Development Block Grants. A breakdown of revenues and expenditures is as follows, for each of the past 5 fiscal years:



**Figure 4**  
**Parks and Recreation Revenues and Expenditures**

	Fiscal Year				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
<i>Revenues</i>					
<i>Gazebo Rental (Linden Mills Park)</i>	\$1,250	\$1,875	\$2,010	\$2,250	\$1,775
<i>Grants</i>	\$0	\$4,834	\$0	\$29,728	\$0
<i>Expenditures</i>					
<i>Salaries</i>	\$5,736	\$6,851	\$7,978	\$6,203	\$7,173
<i>Parks Maintenance</i>	\$9,224	\$5,245	\$17,605	\$6,525	\$14,312
<i>Parks Commission</i>	\$2,543	\$825	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Parks Improvements</i>	\$0	\$4,834	\$0	\$2,894	\$0

Source: Linden City Treasurer, 2016



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# *Recreation Inventory*

The residents of the City of Linden are able to take advantage of a variety of local and regional recreational resources. In addition to the parks and recreation facilities available in the City, the Linden School District and private entities also play a key role in providing recreational opportunities.

This section details the recreation inventory of the City, schools, private and regional recreation facilities, using information compiled from previous recreation plans, a field survey and City staff.

## **City Parks Facilities**

The City has four parks facilities inside its jurisdiction, all of which are owned by the City of Linden. They are as follows:

### *Linden Mills Park*

This 2.09 acre community park is located on both sides of the Shiawassee River in downtown Linden, and includes the historic Linden Mill building. The park features a natural amphitheater built into a hillside, gazebo, an operating waterwheel, canoe launch and fishing opportunities. A walkway over the dam links the north side of the park and south side of the park. The park is served by two hard surfaced parking lots, one accessed by Mill Street and the other accessed by Main Street.

The park is frequently used for community-wide events. These include the popular Music by the Mill event.

### *Mill Pond Park*

This 0.39 acre mini-park is located on the south shore of the Mill Pond adjacent to Linden Mills Park. This park features a volunteer-built and maintained butterfly garden, picnic table and benches. The park also features an unimproved canoe/kayak access site. No parking area serves the park; however, the park is in close proximity to two public parking lots in the immediate vicinity.

### *Triangle Park*

Located along Silver Lake Road in the southeastern portion of the City, this 1.26 acre neighborhood park is currently utilized for casual picnicking and other passive activities. Aside from a “welcome to Linden” sign, this open space area does not include any recreational facilities. No parking lot serves the park; however, a gravel access drive does offer some space for vehicular parking.

### *Eagles Wooden Park (formerly Walmar Park)*

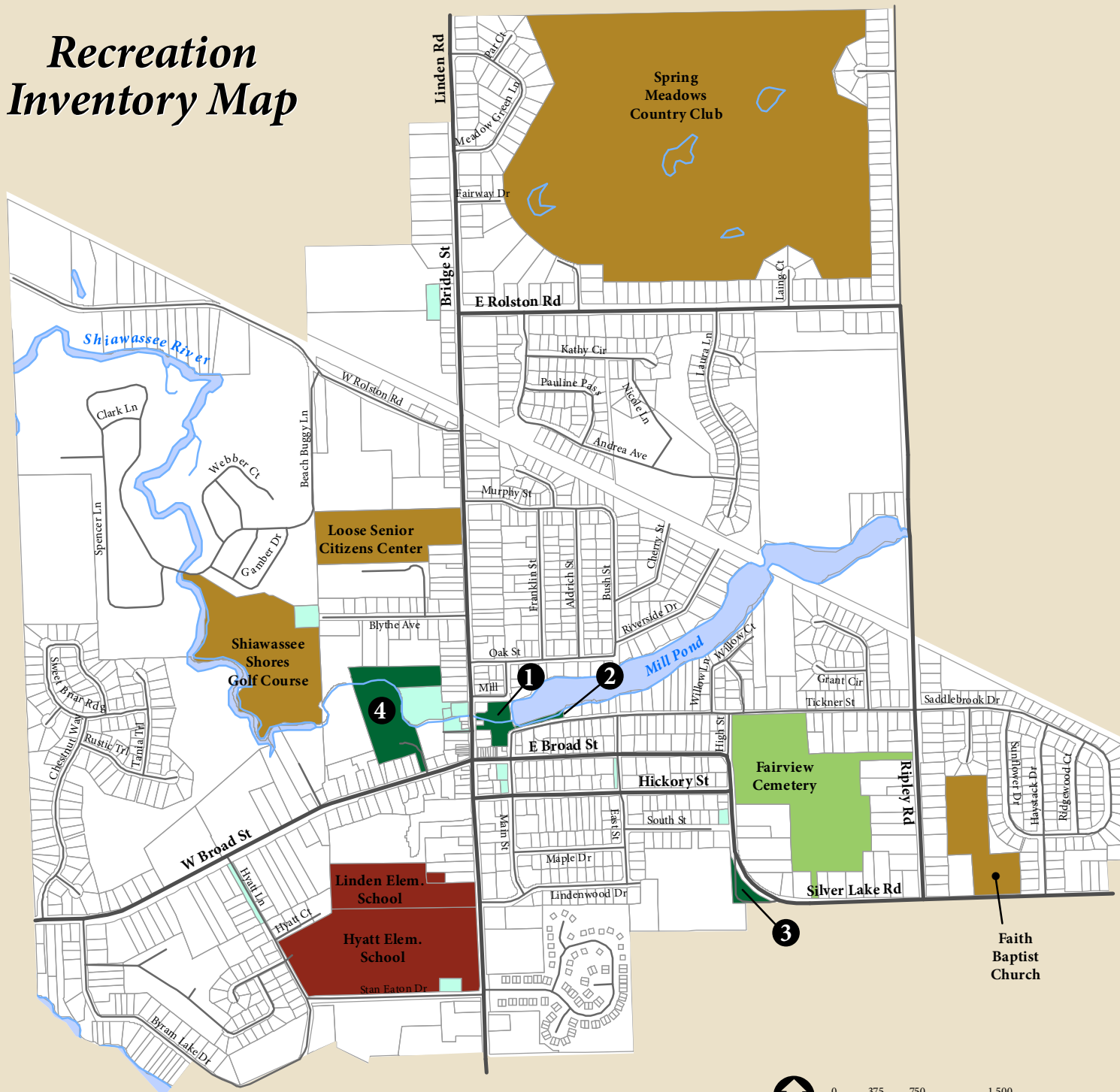
Eagles Wooden Park is the largest of the City parks at 9.70 acres in size. Formerly called Walmar Park, the Parks and Recreation Commission recently solicited community comments on a new name. This effort resulted in a name change to Eagles Wooden Park. This neighborhood park features a large play structure



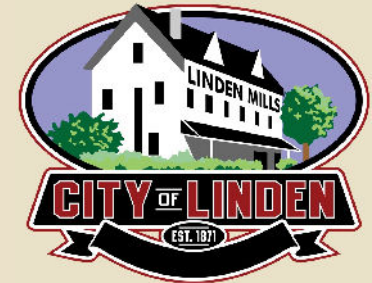
and picnic pavilion. Additionally, the park features boardwalks along the Shiawassee River that provide opportunities for the enjoyment of the natural river ecosystem. In 2015, the City received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the construction of ADA accessible restrooms, drinking fountain and pathway. Construction for this project will occur in 2017 and the facility is expected to be open for public use in the Summer of 2017.



# Recreation Inventory Map



## Parks and Recreation Plan



- 1 City Parks:**
1. Linden Mills Park
  2. Mill Pond Park
  3. Triangle Park
  4. Eagles Wooden Park
- Private Recreation Facilities
  - School Facilities
  - Cemeteries
  - Other City-Owned Properties
  - Major Roads
  - Other Roads
  - Rivers and Streams
  - Water Bodies
  - Parcels
  - City of Linden

Source: Wade Trim Field Survey, October 2016

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A map and photograph(s) of each of the City parks are included on this page and the following pages.



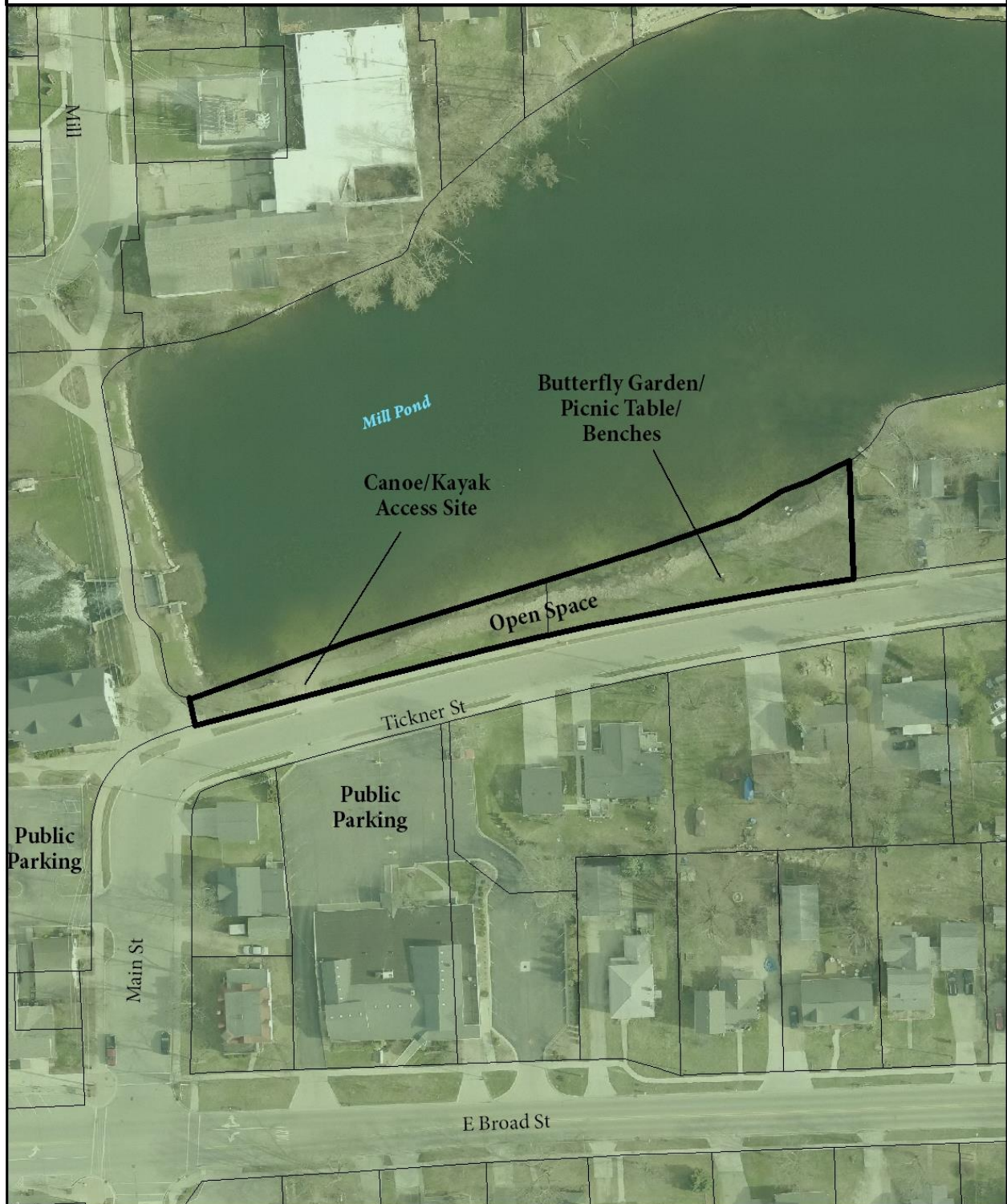


Linden Mills Park Photos





# Mill Pond Park



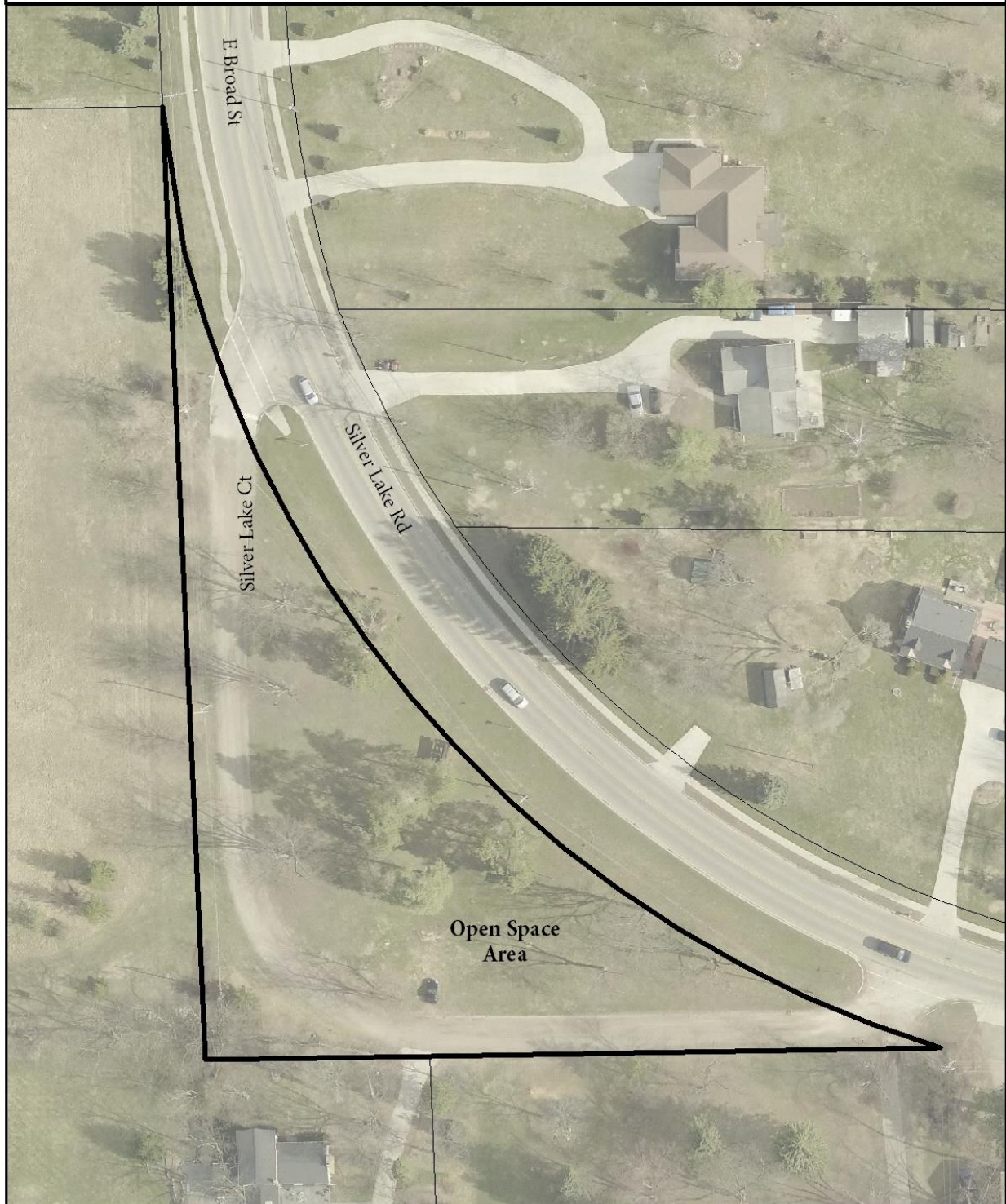


Mill Pond Park Photos





# Triangle Park



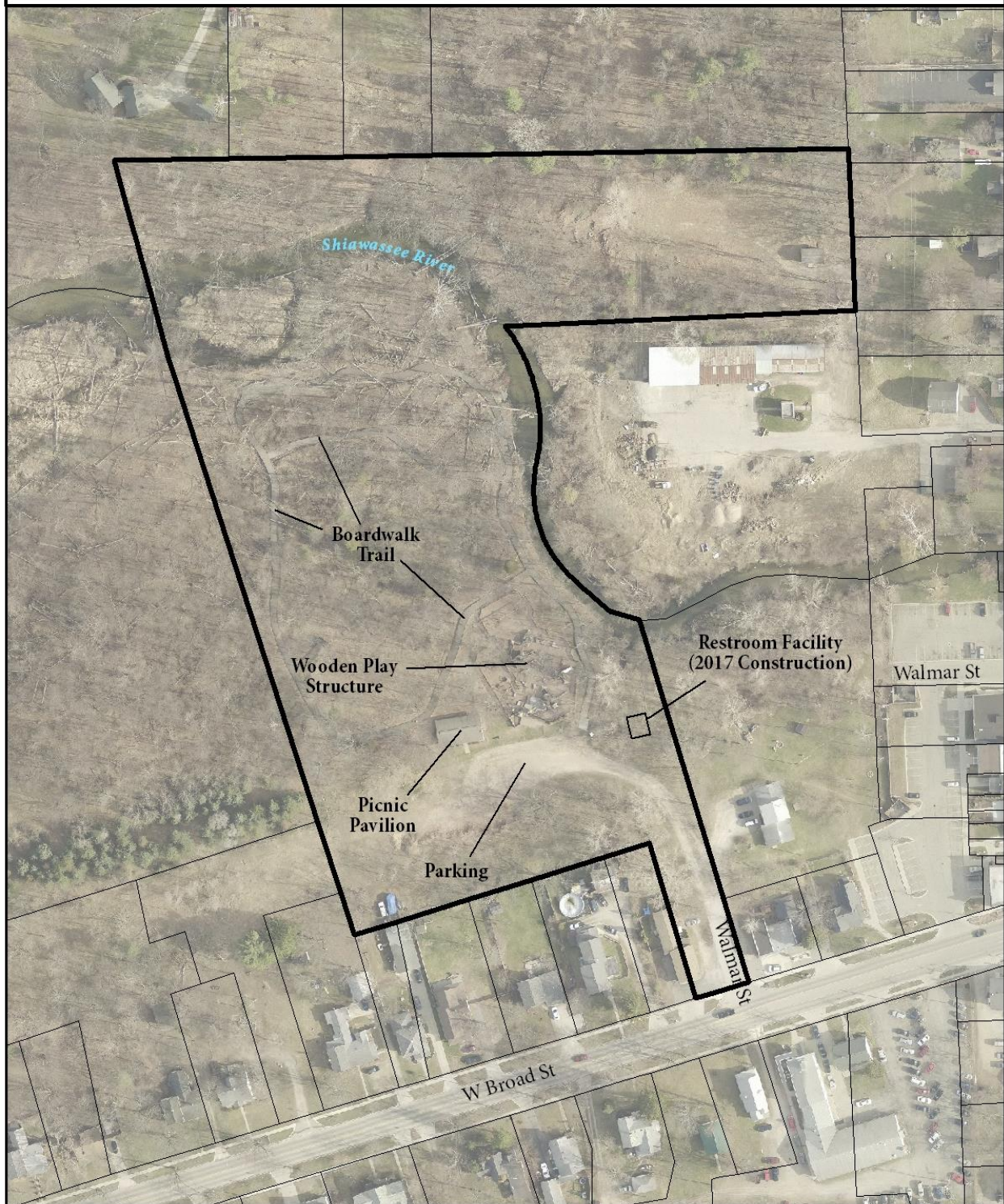


Triangle Park Photos



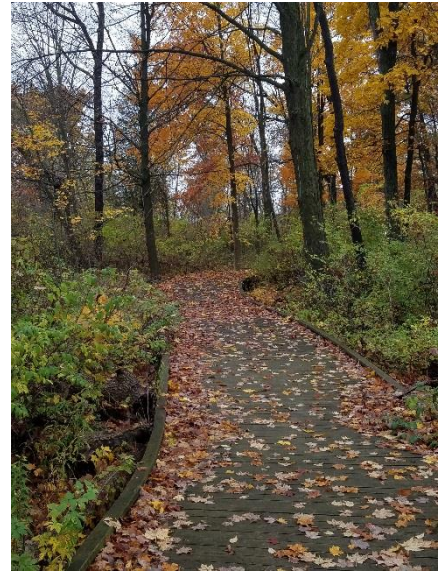


# Eagles Wooden Park





Eagles Wooden Park Photos





## School Facilities

The public school grounds in the City of Linden provide valuable recreation opportunities for residents. Public access to these facilities is dependent on school policies and is limited to when the facilities are not in use for school related activities. The following recreational facilities are located at the Linden Elementary School property:

- Gymnasium
- 4 baseball/softball fields
- 4 basketball hoops and ball shoot court
- Playground

The following recreational facilities are located at the Hyatt Elementary School property:

- Gymnasium
- 4 basketball hoops and ball shoot court
- 2 youth baseball fields
- Soccer field

## Private Recreation Facilities

In addition to City and School-operated recreational facilities, several recreational facilities are operated by private institutions and are generally available for use by the general public. A description of these privately operated facilities is provided below.

### Spring Meadows Country Club

Spring Meadows Country Club is a private country club located in the northeastern portion of the City. Established in 1957, the club has over the years seen dramatic growth and improvements to both the golf course and clubhouse. In 2007, Spring Meadows celebrated its 50th anniversary of providing its members with an ideal family oriented setting in which to entertain and relax with family, friends and business clients.

### Loose Senior Citizen Center

Loose Senior Citizen Center (LSCC) is a community-based nonprofit organization that is firmly committed to addressing the needs and interests of the rapidly growing population segment of the Southern Lakes region 50 and over. LSCC provides or coordinates responsive programs and services that enhance dignity, support independence, and provide stimulating educational and recreational opportunities. In addition, LSCC is a trusted source of information about, and is an advocate for, programs and services that are important to adults over 50 years of age.

LSCC provides a broad range of high-quality programs and services, within a welcoming atmosphere, at both the Center's facilities and at other accessible locations throughout the service area. Because LSCC is committed to excellence, it subjects itself to national standards for senior center accreditation.

LSCC is open to all segments of the population age 50 and over, including the very old, the disabled and those of limited means. Further, LSCC serves those who are part of the social support system for adults age 50-plus, such as family caregivers.



#### Shiawassee Shores Golf Course

The Shiawassee Shores manufactured housing community, located in the northwest portion of the City, offers an executive (par-3) golf course and a pavilion for use by its residents. This golf course is located among heavy woodlands near the Shiawassee River.

#### Faith Baptist Church

Significant to this Parks and Recreation Plan, the Faith Baptist Church site along the north side of Silver Lake Road offers one baseball/softball field.

### **Nearby Recreation Facilities**

The City of Linden is surrounded by Fenton Township, while other nearby regional communities include the City of Fenton, Argentine Township, and Tyrone Township in Livingston County. All of the surrounding communities offer a variety of recreation facilities that are generally accessible for residents of the City of Linden. These facilities are summarized in Figure 5.



**Figure 5**  
**Nearby Recreation Facilities**

Name	Acres	Facilities and Activities	Public/Private
Spring Meadows Country Club	160	18-hole golf course, swimming pool	Private
Tyrone Hills Golf Club		18-hole golf course	Private
Fenton Farms Golf Club	115	18-hole golf course, driving range	Public
Linden Free Methodist Church	15	Church located just north of Linden which offers various recreation facilities (soccer fields, baseball diamond, pavilion, playgrounds) and programs	Semi-Public
Linden County Park	135	Swimming at Clover Beach, pavilions, play areas, tennis courts, ball diamonds, bike/hike trail, cross-country ski trails, intermediate sledding and toboggan hill	Public
Myers Lake Resort	2.9	Boating, fishing, swimming, camping	Public
Linden Sportsman Club	20	Trap shooting, hunter safety classes, rifle range	Private
Swartz Creek Sportsman Club	40	Fishing, hunting	Private
Flint Bowman's Club	34	Archery	Private
Grand Blanc Golf Club	245	36-hole golf course	Public
AYSO Deer Run Soccer Park	40+	Soccer fields	Public
Silver Lake Park	40+	Swimming, picnicking	Public
Mt. Holly Ski Area	N/A	14 downhill ski runs, 7 chairlifts	Public
Holly State Recreation Area / Seven Lakes State Park	7,817	Camping, fishing, skiing, hiking, swimming, hunting, snowmobiling, Holly Woods Disc Golf Course, Holdridge mountain bike trail system	Public
Deerfield Hills Nature Area	365	Nature preserve, trails, parking, canoe launch	Public
Groveland Oaks County Park (Oakland County)	362	Picnicking, swimming, camping, waterslide, trails, mini golf course	Public

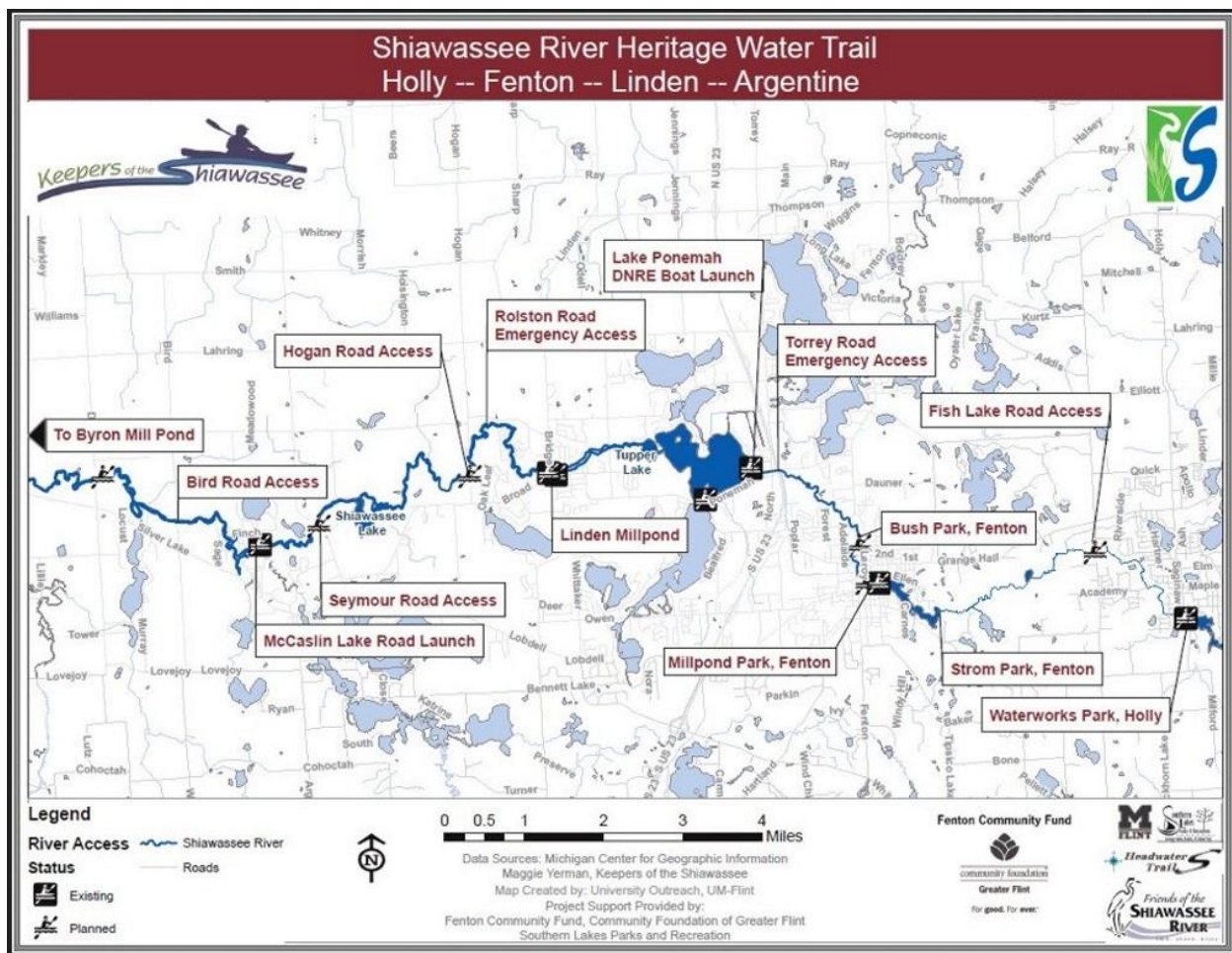
Source: Linden 2012-2016 Recreation Plan



### Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail

The Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail is part of a planned 120-mile water trail traversing through communities in Oakland, Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw counties. A “water trail” is defined as an officially designated trail along a waterway or portion of waterway that usually contains a sufficient water level to navigate a small watercraft such as a canoe or kayak with unobstructed passageways while providing safe and convenient access points (put-in and take-out points). Support facilities for water trails may include parking areas, restrooms, signage and picnic areas.

The Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail presently connects the communities of Holly, Fenton, Linden, Argentine and areas in-between (see map below). Within this route, the Shiawassee River is a shallow, slow moving stream, which features a view of nature starting from the old water works building in the Village of Holly and travels seven river miles downstream through a natural landscape to Strom Park in the City of Fenton. The river and water trail continues seven miles downstream winding through Lake Ponemah, Tupper Lake and the Linden Mill Pond. From downtown Linden and continuing downstream, the river and water trail becomes more secluded and wild for eight miles through wetlands and woodlands into Argentine.





The volunteer organization Headwaters Trails has added mile markers, interpretive signage, launch sites and trailhead parking along the water trail. Future development and improvement of this Heritage Water Trail will enable extended trips to the west through Fenton, Linden and Byron in Genesee County and further northward toward Saginaw.

### **Genesee County Recreational Facilities**

Genesee County offers a variety of regional parks facilities that can be enjoyed by the citizens of Linden as well as the entire region. The closest county park, Linden County Park, is located just south of the City limits on Linden Road. A listing of the facilities provided at each park is provided below, while a map showing the county park locations follows this section. Not included on the map or listing below, the Genesee County Parks also operates four parks in partnership with the City of Flint which are located within Flint. These four parks include Flint Park Lake Park, Max Brandon Park, McKinley Park, and Thread Lake Park.

#### *Linden County Park*

- Ball diamonds
- Beach
- Cross-country ski trails
- Paved multi-use trail
- Intermediate sledding and toboggan hill
- Pavilions
- Picnic areas and playground
- Snowmobile area
- Tennis courts

#### *Flushing County Park*

- Ball diamonds
- Cross-country ski trails
- Pavilions
- Picnic areas and playground
- Tennis courts

#### *Bluebell Beach*

- Pavilions
- Walking trail
- Beach
- Splash pad

#### *Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad*

- Historic village and railroad



#### Stepping Stone Falls

- Man-made waterfall feature
- Picnic areas

#### Bluegill Boat Launch

- Boat launch
- Snowmobile areas

#### Buell Lake County Park

- Ball diamonds
- Pavilions
- Picnic areas and playground.
- Fishing site
- Radio-controlled model airplane field
- Snowmobile area

#### For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum

- Nature preserve
- Arboretum
- Hiking trails

#### Davison Roadside County Park

- Sledding hill
- Picnic area
- Pavilion

#### Everett A. Cummings Center

- Equestrian complex
- Waterfowl hunting
- Snowmobile area

#### Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area

- ORV area

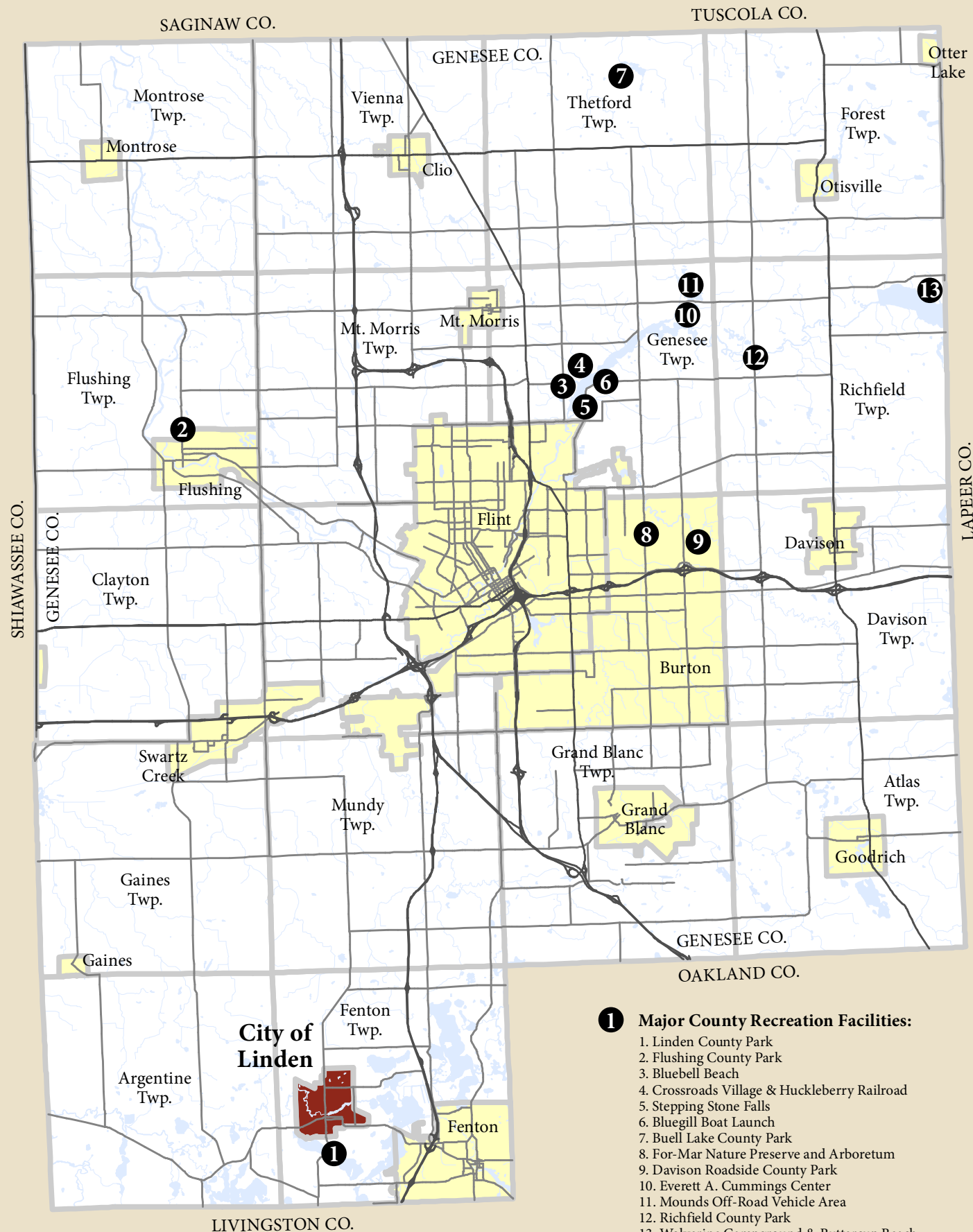
#### Richfield County Park

- Ball diamonds
- Bicycle motocross track (BMX)
- Canoe launching site
- Cross-country ski trails
- Pavilion
- Picnic areas and playground
- Snowmobile area
- Tennis courts



# County Recreation Inventory Map

## Parks and Recreation Plan



- 1 Major County Recreation Facilities:**
1. Linden County Park
  2. Flushing County Park
  3. Bluebell Beach
  4. Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad
  5. Stepping Stone Falls
  6. Bluegill Boat Launch
  7. Buell Lake County Park
  8. For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum
  9. Davison Roadside County Park
  10. Everett A. Cummings Center
  11. Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area
  12. Richfield County Park
  13. Wolverine Campground & Buttercup Beach



### Wolverine Campground & Buttercup Beach

- Campgrounds
- Beach
- Outdoor activities

### **Recreation Programs and Services**

Most programs available to City residents are either provided through the Linden School District, the Loose Senior Citizen Center, or the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Commission.

### School District Programs

In the case of the School District, the District either directly sponsors the activity or, as in the case of the Boy/Girl Scouts and Little League, provides space for the programs to meet. Indoor activities typically take place inside of the Linden Elementary School building or the Hyatt Elementary School building. A summary of the School District programs are as follows:

**Figure 6**  
**School District Recreation Programs**

Program	Sponsor	Number Served
Scouting (Boy & Girl)	Scouts	240
Little League	Linden Complete Auto	+250
After School Sports/Seasonal Sport Activities	School	30-40
Men's Basketball	School	15-20
Arts/Crafts (Summer Recreation)	School	30-40
Enrichment Classes (Adult/Various)	School	150
Hunter Safety	Linden Sportsman Club	150-200
Soccer	AYSO	+300
Co-ed Volleyball	School	20-30
Karate (Adults/Children)	School/Tang So Do	20-30
Boaters Safety (Adults/Children)	School/Sheriff's Department	30

Source: Linden 2012-2016 Recreation Plan

### Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation

The Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Commission (SLP&R) was formed in 2000, when the cities of Linden and Fenton, and Fenton Township voted a perpetual millage of .4 mills to operate a year-round Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District. Since that time, the Commission has worked diligently to offer a variety of recreational programs from citizens of all ages and backgrounds within the three communities.



The following programs are currently being offered through Southern Lakes:

- Aquatics
- Art
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Dance
- Driver's Education
- Essential oils
- Fitness
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Horseback riding
- Lacrosse
- Legos
- Martial arts
- Photography
- Pilates
- Senior programming
- Soccer
- Special events
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Water fitness
- Writing

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#### **Comparison to Planning Standards**

The National Recreation and Park Association provides a recommended park classification system which recognizes that open space has various functions. The system categorizes open space as either mini-parks, neighborhood parks or community parks. The desirable characteristics relative to size, function, amenities and acreage provisions per 1,000 people (where available) are identified in Figure 7.



According to the population standards for the three types of parklands, 0.25 to 0.5 acres of mini-parkland should be provided for every 1,000 persons, 1.0 to 2.0 acres of neighborhood parkland should be provided for every 1,000 persons, and 5.0 to 8.0 acres of community parkland should be provided for every 1,000 persons. Based on these standards, the City of Linden, with a total population of 3,991 (2010 Census), should provide the following amount of parkland:

- Between 1 and 2 acres of mini-parkland
- Between 4 and 8 acres of neighborhood parkland
- Between 20 and 32 acres of community parkland
- Between 25 and 42 acres of total parkland (all types)

Currently, the following parks are found within the City of Linden:

- Linden Mills Park (Community Park) – 2.09 acres
- Mill Pond Park (Mini-Park) – 0.39 acres
- Triangle Park (Neighborhood Park) – 1.26 acres
- Walmar Park (Neighborhood Park) – 9.70 acres

Thus, based on the NRPA acreage standards, the City of Linden is deficient in terms of mini-parkland and community parkland, but has a surplus of neighborhood parkland. For total parkland, based on the NRPA standards, the City of Linden would be considered deficient and in need of additional parkland. Therefore, the City should consider acquisition of additional parkland, where future opportunities arise.



**Figure 7**  
**Park Classification System**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>General Description</b>	<b>Location Criteria</b>	<b>Size Criteria</b>	<b>Acres / 1,000 Population</b>
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 A
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 A
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5.0 to 8.0 A

Source: National Recreation and Park Association

However, it should be noted that other types of parks, including regional parks, school sites, greenways, and private recreation facilities, can also contribute to local park and recreation system. For example, the Linden County Park, located just outside of the City limits provides more than 100 acres of parkland within easy reach of Linden residents.



### Accessibility Assessment of City-Owned Parks

An important component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system, from one (1) to five (5) is described as follows:

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

Each of the parks were evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements considered including parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, support facilities such as restroom, and surfacing. The figure below provides the results of this assessment:

**Figure 8**  
**Accessibility Assessment**

Park	Accessibility Rating	Comments
Linden Mills Park	2	Parking lot and all pathways are ADA compliant. Barrier-free access is not provided to the gazebo and amphitheater.
Mill Pond Park	1	No barrier-free access is provided from the sidewalk to the bench and picnic table. Canoe launch is unimproved and not compliant with universal design principles.
Triangle Park	N/A	No facilities are located at the park.
Eagles Wooden Park	3	Parking lot and routes to all facilities are barrier free. Pavilion and boardwalk are barrier free facilities. Playground is not fully accessible. Amenities, such as benches and tables are not compliant with universal design principles.

Source: Wade Trim October 2016 Field Survey



## History of Recreational Grants

In its history, the City of Linden has received four grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for recreational facility development. These past grants are listed below, along with a description of the current use of the grant-assisted facility.

### Project No. 26-01113 – Linden Mill Site Improvement

This grant was awarded to the City in 1980 in the amount of \$29,757 for the purpose of developing a seating area, lighting, landscaping and paved walkway at Linden Mills Park. These facilities remain in place and are a vital component of this highly utilized and highly visible City park.

### Project No. 26-01359 – Linden Mills Site Phase 4

This grant was awarded to the City in 1985 in the amount of \$35,710 for the purpose of developing an amphitheater, parking lot, interpretation display, aeration fountain, landscaping, fishing and canoe dock at Linden Mills Park. As with the previous grant, these facilities remain in place and are a vital component of this highly utilized and highly visible City park.

### Project No. TF01-134 – Shiawassee River District Trails

This grant was awarded to the City in 2001 in the amount of \$125,000. This grant helped fund the development of the boardwalk trail which is currently located at Eagles Wooden Park. This boardwalk is well maintained and well utilized, and provides an exceptional opportunity for experiencing the riverine and wetland setting of the park, which is located on the shore of the Shiawassee River.

### Project No. 26-01758 – Eagles Wooden Park Restrooms

This grant was awarded to the City in 2015 in the amount of \$50,000 to help fund the construction of ADA accessible restrooms, drinking fountain and pathway at Eagles Wooden Park. Currently under design, construction of the project is expected to commence in 2017.



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# *Public Participation and Needs Assessment*

An essential component of the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. The needs provide the rationale for the goals and objectives and identify areas for future improvement. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends, public engagement results, regional planning initiatives, and direction provided by City leaders and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **National Recreation Trends**

Recreation trends occurring nationally may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey. The definition of participation includes those persons seven years and older who have participated in the activity more than once during the year of the survey.

Figure 9 ranks activities by highest participation in 2011 and compares it to the level of participation over the past decade.

In 2011, the top five sports in which people participated were:

- Exercise walking (97.1 million)
- Exercising with Equipment (55.5 million)
- Swimming (46.0 million)
- Camping (42.8 million)
- Aerobic Exercising (42.0 million)

In terms of change over the past ten years, the top five fastest growing sports were:

- Kayaking (102.8%)
- Target Shooting (82.6%)
- Aerobic Exercising (73.0%)
- Running/Jogging (57.6%)
- Hiking (49.9%)

In terms of change over the past ten years, the top five declining sports were:

- In-Line Roller Skating (-68.4%)
- Dart Throwing (-44.8%)
- Billiards/Pool (-39.0%)
- Skateboarding (-31.4%)
- Fishing, Freshwater (-28.3%)



**Figure 9**  
**National Sports Participation Trends**  
**2001-2011**

Sport	Participation in Millions		Percent Change	Rank by Change
	2011	2001		
Exercise Walking	97.1	71.2	36%	7T
Exercising w/Equipment	55.5	43.0	29%	10
Swimming	46.0	54.8	-16%	26T
Camping (Vacation/Overnight)	42.8	45.5	-6%	19
Aerobic Exercising	42.0	24.3	73%	3
Bicycle Riding	39.1	39.0	0%	16T
Hiking	39.1	26.1	50%	5
Running/Jogging	38.7	24.5	58%	4
Bowling	34.9	40.3	-13%	23
Workout at Club	34.5	26.5	30%	9
Weightlifting	29.1	21.2	37%	6
Fishing (Freshwater)	28.0	39.1	-28%	32
Basketball	26.1	28.1	-7%	20
Golf	20.9	26.6	-21%	29T
Billiards/Pool	20.0	32.7	-39%	34
Target Shooting	19.6	15.9	23%	11
Boating (Motor/Power)	16.7	22.6	-26%	31
Hunting w/Firearms	16.4	19.2	-15%	25
Soccer	13.9	13.9	0%	16T
Tennis	13.1	10.9	20%	12
Baseball	12.3	14.9	-17%	27
Backpacking	11.6	14.5	-20%	28
Softball	10.4	13.2	-21%	29T
Volleyball	10.1	12.0	-16%	26T
Fishing (Saltwater)	9.7	11.3	-14%	24
Dart Throwing	9.3	16.9	-45%	35
Football (Tackle)	9.0	8.6	5%	14
Kayaking	7.1	3.5	103%	1
Skiing (Alpine)	6.9	7.7	-10%	22
Skateboarding	6.6	9.6	-31%	33
Archery (Target)	6.3	4.7	34%	8
Inline Roller Skating	6.1	19.2	-68%	36
Mountain Biking (Off Road)	6.0	6.3	-5%	18T
Paintball Games	5.3	5.6	-5%	18T



**Figure 9 (cont.)**

Sport	Participation in Millions		Percent Change	Rank by Change
	2011	2001		
Target Shooting (Airgun)	5.3	2.9	83%	2
Snowboarding	5.1	5.3	-4%	17
Hunting w/Bow & Arrow	5.1	4.7	9%	13
Water Skiing	4.3	5.5	-22%	30
Wrestling	3.2	3.5	-9%	21
Muzzleloading	3.1	3.0	3%	15
Hockey (Ice)	3.0	2.2	36%	7T
Skiing (Cross Country)	2.3	2.3	0%	16T

Source: National Recreation and Park Association, 2011

The NSGA also projects sports participation on a state-by-state basis for certain sports. According to NSGA data, Michigan residents are more than twice as likely as the average American to participate in water skiing, in-line roller skating, snowboarding, play softball, and hunt with bow and arrow.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have published a list of future trends compiled from different sources that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. These trends include an increase in:

- Environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management and water quality protection
- Concerns for personal and family security, in the importance for wellness activities and a desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage
- Public costs, in the provision of leisure services through the public and private sectors and partnerships, a greater recognition of the economic value of parks, open space, and green infrastructure
- Senior citizens, fewer traditional family households, greater number of smaller households and an increase in cultural diversity of residents.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. Conclusions regarding the implication of the trends noted combined with the demographic and physical characteristics of the City of Linden are summarized below:

- As population increases, demand for recreation will likely increase
- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors
- There is and will continue to be a need for more linear parks along corridors to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian pathways for recreation and non-motorized transportation
- With the increased popularity of exercise walking and fitness related activities, there will continue to be an increased importance on recreation contributing to walkable, livable, and sustainable communities



- The continued collaboration and partnerships between public, private, and non-profit agencies as well as with adjacent local municipalities for the provision of parks and recreation programs and facilities will continue to be critical to the future success of Linden Parks and Recreation

## 2016 Public Workshop Results

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, a Parks & Recreation Workshop was facilitated by the City's Parks and Recreation Commission and technical consultant. The workshop was attended by more than 20 interested citizens. The first portion of the workshop included a presentation of the key informational highlights from the background planning sections of this report. The rest of the workshop was devoted to brainstorming exercises and discussions related to future recreational planning, programming and facility needs. Preliminary goals and objectives for recreation were also presented and reviewed with workshop participants.

Finally, each existing City park was given special attention and attendees were prompted to identify specific improvements needed at each park. The following is a listing of the needed improvements identified during the workshop:

### Linden Mills Park

- Consider the acquisition of the "Evans" building/property for expansion of the park to the northeast
- Improvement/maintenance of the waterwheel
- New/improved bridges across the creek between the amphitheater and the gazebo
- Tree trimming
- Railing repairs along sidewalk
- Improve top row seating at amphitheater to be ADA accessible

### Mill Pond Park

- Establish an improved, ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch
- Develop a clear portage area to bypass the dam
- Construct a canoe locker/rack
- Potential concern of water runoff from the public parking lot to the south



The flyer is titled "Parks & Recreation Workshop" and is dated "Wednesday, November 16th at 6 PM". It is held at the "City Council Chambers (Lower Level of the Mill Building)" at "201 N. Main Street, Linden". The flyer includes three circular images: a playground, a water feature, and a group of people walking. To the right of the images are three questions: "What are your priorities for park facilities over the next five years?", "What types of facilities or events would you like to see offered?", and "Where would you like to see parks and recreation improvements?". At the bottom, it says "Please plan on attending the workshop to brainstorm potential improvements and priorities for parks and recreation in the City. We will use your input in the development of the City's updated Parks & Recreation Plan." and includes the City of Linden logo.

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› What types of facilities or events would you like to see offered?

› Where would you like to see parks and recreation improvements?

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### Eagles Wooden Park

- Establish a campground site for bikes/canoe users
- Establish a more direct pedestrian connection to downtown
- Establish a connection/bridge to the property on the north side of the Shiawassee River

### Triangle Park

- Develop a Veteran's Honor Roll monument
- Change park name, if developed as Veteran's Honor Roll
- Develop a pathway along the south side of Silver Lake Road to connect to the proposed LAFF Pathway

### General/City-Wide

- Better signage/information related to Linden parks facilities at Linden County Park
- Installation of non-motorized related pedestrian amenities
- Promote Linden as a destination for both biking (regional trails) and canoeing (Shiawassee River water trail)
- Better advertise the canoe/kayak access site to the west of the N. Bridge Street bridge
- Add signage along major roads advertising the City's canoe/kayak access sites
- Promote/install bike racks throughout the City
- Sidewalk/pathway improvements along South Bridge Street connecting to Linden County Park

## **Linden Trail Interest Survey (2016)**

In 2016, the LAFF Pathways community group developed and administered a Trail Interest Survey for Linden residents and the 48451 zip code. This survey was developed as part of the larger LAFF Pathways effort to promote the development of non-motorized connections within the region (a more detailed description of this effort is included later in this chapter). The survey was an internet-based survey and promoted through social media. In total, there were 567 survey respondents, with 214 representing citizens of Linden. The majority of the remainder of respondents lived outside of Linden but within the 48451 zip code.

The survey results concluded that residents of 48451, both inside and outside City limits, were overwhelmingly supportive of the development of non-motorized trail systems. For the main question of “would you support an initiative to develop non-motorized trails...”, residents of the 48451 zip code responded in the affirmative at a 98.6% rate. This percentage was in line with a similar survey LAFF Pathways conducted across the wider planning area, comprising Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, the City of Fenton and Fenton Twp. The complete results of the survey are presented in Appendix A.

## **2010 Recreational Needs Survey Analysis**

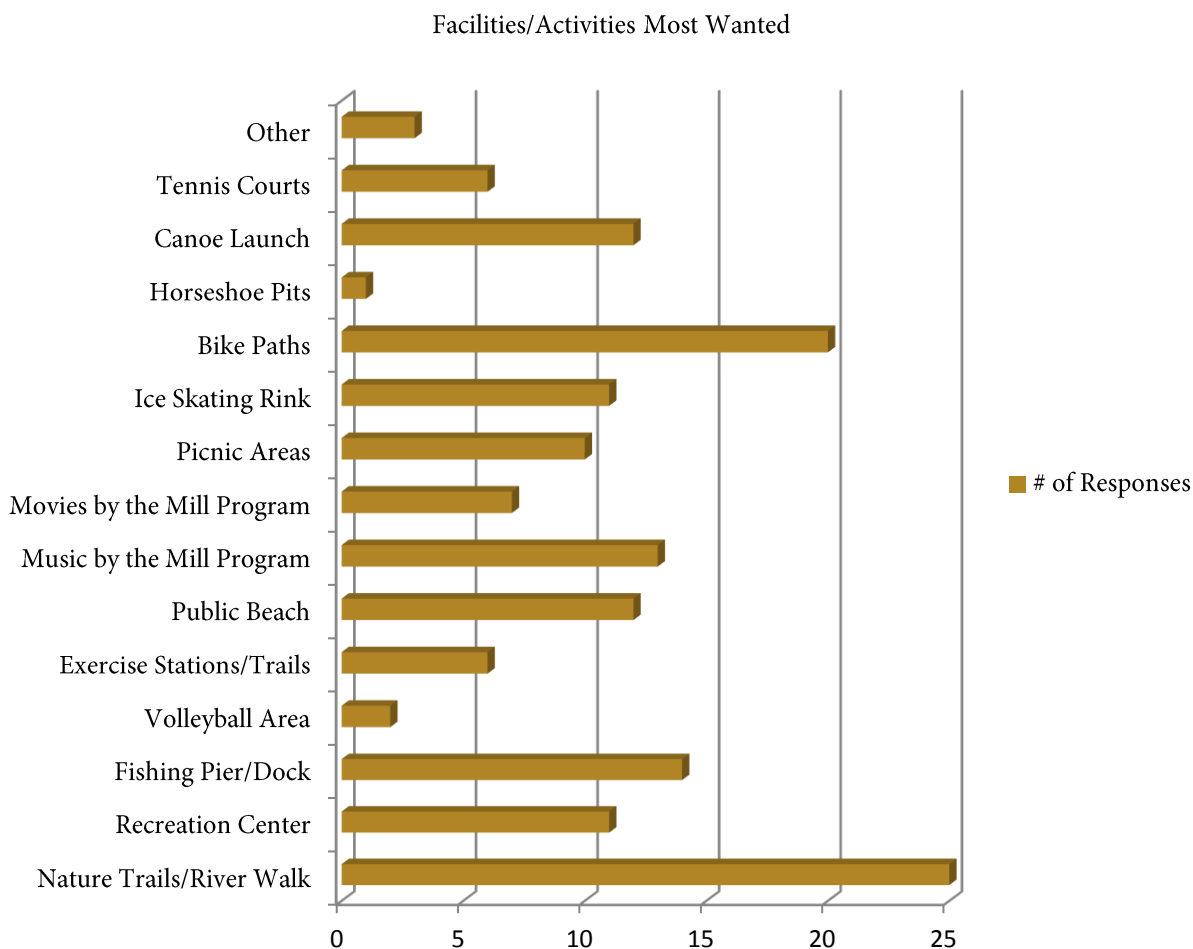
As part of the previous City Parks and Recreation Plan (2012-2016), a public opinion survey was conducted to analyze the views of City of Linden residents on issues related to parks and recreation in the City. Although somewhat dated, the results of the 2010 survey still may provide helpful insight into overall desires of the citizens of Linden in terms of parks and recreation. For this reason, the 2010 survey results are included within this Parks and Recreation Plan.



Conducted in December 2010, the survey was sent to ten percent (10%) of the households in the City (170 households). The City received approximately twenty percent (20%) of the surveys back (35 surveys). Of the returned surveys, eighty-seven percent (87%) were from households headed by individuals over the age of 55. Just over thirty percent (30%) had children under 16 years old, and residents between the ages of 22 and 55 resided in thirty-seven (37%) of the households.

Respondents were asked to select 5 recreational facilities/activities they would like to see developed in Linden. Of the 14 choices given, the most are as follows: nature trails and river walks (25 votes); bike paths (20 votes); fishing pier or dock (14 votes); Music by the Mill program (13 votes) (see Figure 10).

**Figure 10**  
**2010 Recreational Survey Results**



Even though only 7 respondents indicated that they used the Eagles Wooden Park community playground often, 17 of them use it occasionally, and the majority of voters believe that Eagles Wooden Park could use bathrooms, as well as improvements on the walking trails and parking area.



The Music by the Mill and Movies by the Mill programs, both held at Linden Mills Park, were shown to be widely appreciated by Linden residents. Nearly all voters (97%) expressed that they believe the program should be continued. Although less than half of respondents believe that Linden Mills Park needs to be improved, some suggestions for improvement were to add bathrooms, install picnic tables and benches, build a concession stand, and to make the pond more suitable for fishing and canoe launching.

The recreational needs survey provided Linden residents the opportunity to express their interests, and serves as a solid reference for the City when considering future recreational improvements. Although the individuals who responded to the survey were mostly over the age of 55, many of them expressed desire for more activities that will appeal to children within the City. Suggestions were made to build a community pool, skate park and a community center.

### **Regional Planning Efforts**

This plan recognizes the efforts of many groups that continually strive to provide recreational opportunities for the residents of the entire region, including the greater Flint area (Genesee County) and Southeast Michigan. These efforts, particularly as they relate to local recreation planning within Linden, are described below.

#### *Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) 5-Year Master Plan (2015-2020)*

Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) recently prepared an updated 5-Year Master Plan, covering the years 2015 through 2020. As noted earlier in this plan, the SLPR jurisdiction includes the communities of Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township. The Action Plan chapter of the 5-Year Master Plan outlines a strategy for regional recreational facilities and programs to enhance the quality of life for the residents within the SLPR service area.

As stated in the Action Plan, the vision of the SLPR is to offer park, recreational facilities and program opportunities that enhance the education, physical health, personal well-being and social interactions within the community. The Action Plan indicates SLPR's desire to incorporate property and to construct facilities to house different programs (currently, SLPR is focused on programming and does not own/operate any park land or facilities). Two properties have specifically been identified for development by the SLPR as parkland: the Foley property (owned by Fenton Township) and Rolston property (owned by Genesee County Drain Commission). Other Action Plan strategies of the SLPR include:

- Maintain programming and partnerships
- Establish stronger collaborative work with school districts
- Maintain and expand not-for-profit and for-profit partnerships
- Establish stronger marketing and identification
- Promote recreational trail connections
- Expand programs and recreational facilities
- Evaluate funding and feasibility of future facilities
- Examine the potential for expanding the SLPR service area



### LAFF Pathways

The LAFF Pathway is a vision to connect Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township in southern Genesee County with a non-motorized trail. This trail will greatly enhance recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation. A LAFF Steering Committee, made up of area residents, has been established to support the development, funding, construction and safe use and preservation of non-motorized pathways. The LAFF Pathway will seek financial and volunteer resources to assist local communities with the construction of non-motorized pathways, and has already established the LAFF Fund with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for this purpose.

The grassroots LAFF Pathway planning effort began in 2009 and has gained momentum since that time. After preliminary analysis and through participation with area residents, the Genesee County Planning Commission, and local officials, the following routes in the region have been identified for prioritization:

- Silver Lake Road, between Linden and Fenton (top priority) – preliminary plans completed
- Silver Lake Road, between Argentine and Linden – preliminary plans completed
- Owen Road, Linden County Park to Silver Lake Parkway
- Fenton Road, Thompson Road south to the City of Fenton

The proposed LAFF Pathway routes are planned to consist of a combination of new off-street multi-use pathways, new on-street bike lanes (signed/marked), and/or existing sidewalks and bike lanes. Starting within the City of Fenton, a 0.7 mile on-road signed bicycle route is proposed along Jennings Road, from Silver Lake Park to Silver Lake Road (see Jennings Road Connector image). From there, a 1.8 mile 10-foot wide multi-use pathway is proposed along Silver Lake Road, from Jennings Road to Triangle Park (see Silver Lake Rd Connector – Fenton image) within the eastern edge of the City of Linden. A proposed 1.6 mile on-street dedicated multi-use lane will then extend through the City of Linden, starting at Silver Lake Road and connecting to downtown Linden by way of the following streets: Haystack Drive; Saddlebrook Drive; Tickner Street; and, Main Street (see Tickner Street Connector image). From downtown Linden to the western City limits, a 0.78 mile segment along West Broad Street is proposed, which will utilize existing sidewalks and bike lanes (see Silver Lake Rd – Argentine Twp. Connector image). A 2.0 mile 10-foot wide multi-use pathway is proposed generally following the Silver Lake Road corridor from the western City limits through the Linden Schools campus to Lobdell Road, then south to Haviland Beach Road.

Presently, the LAFF Pathway group is engaged in fundraising, grant application submittals, and public awareness activities. In support of non-motorized efforts such as those proposed by LAFF Pathways, a joint resolution of support was passed by the councils/boards of Linden, Fenton, Fenton Township and Argentine Township (see Appendix).



LAFF Pathway Route Concept Illustrations are presented below:





#### Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission 5-Year Plan (2014-2018)

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has created the “Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission Five Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan” as a tool to guide the development and preservation of the Genesee County Parks system in a manner that is consistent with its mission of “providing affordable, quality recreational facilities and programs to all citizens of Genesee County, and to act as a conservator of publicly-held recreational lands and facilities, historical structures, and educational facilities”.

The plan has a particular focus on improvements to the existing county-owned park facilities, such as Linden County Park. For the Linden County Park, which is located just south of the Linden City limits, the plan proposes the following improvements:

- Develop sports area, including grading, utilities, sports fields, sports courts, parking, sidewalk, road, landscaping, restrooms and signage
- Develop events area, including utilities, grading, roads, parking, paths, landscaping and fencing
- Improve park entrance, including signage, landscaping and fencing

#### Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan (2014)

This Plan outlines a framework for creating an interconnected system of trailways throughout Genesee County. As of 2014, the plan noted more than 81 miles of existing non-motorized pathways in Genesee County. However, the plan also noted that the existing non-motorized pathways are not interconnected. Therefore, a key objective of the plan is to outline potential trail connections for an interconnected system. Additional goals of the plan include alternative transportation, safety for all users, recreation opportunities, and providing resources for implementation and education.

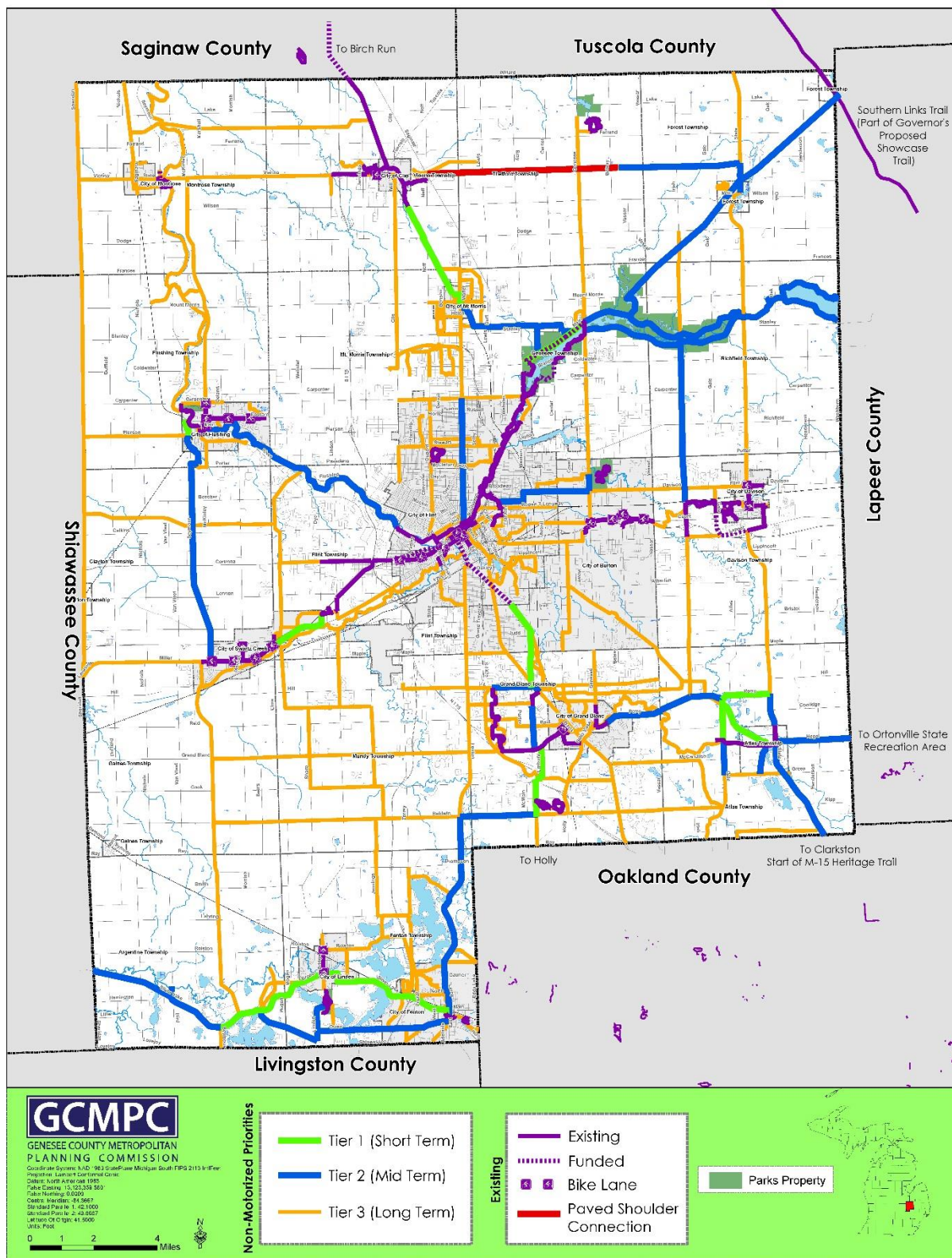
The plan outlines three priority tiers for future trail development:

- Tier 1 – short-term priorities (1-10 years)
- Tier 2 – mid-term priorities (11-20 years)
- Tier 3 – long-term priorities (beyond 20 years)

Within and near the City of Linden, one key Tier 1 non-motorized priority route has been identified. This route begins at the City of Fenton and extends generally along Silver Lake Road to the City of Linden, and then continues west along Silver Lake Road into Argentine Township. This route is generally consistent with the proposed LAFF Pathway route described earlier in this section.



Taken from the Genesee County Regional Non-Motorized Plan, the county-wide system of existing and proposed non-motorized routes is shown on the map below:





### *Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail Planning Efforts*

As was noted earlier in this report, organizations such as Headwaters Trails, Inc., Friends of the Shiawassee River, and Shiawassee Water Trail Coalition have worked diligently to develop the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail, a planned 120-mile water trail through communities in Oakland, Genesee, Shiawassee and Saginaw counties. An approximately 2.5-mile segment of the water trail extends through the City of Linden by way of the Shiawassee River and Mill Pond.

A Shiawassee River Water Trail Planning Team is currently leading planning efforts for improvements to the water trail. The Planning Team has outlined important factors for establishing a water trail, which include the provision of safe and convenient access to the navigable waterway with unobstructed passageways. An unimproved canoe/kayak public access point has already been established at Mill Pond Park. Access to the river is also possible at Linden Mills Park. However, both of these existing access points are candidates for improvement. Other water trail improvements within the City of Linden could include clearing logjams for navigability, installing wayfinding and educational signs, and providing safe portaging areas. In addition, narrow or low underpasses (i.e. small culverts or low bridges) should be replaced with larger openings, when reconstruction is warranted. Large box culverts or higher bridges are recommended, provided that the floodwater flow and storage capacity is not significantly affected, which is subject to approval by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Since bridges or overpasses may not be reconstructed for a period of time or not at all, an alternative is to provide safe portaging areas. A durable path should be provided for carrying watercraft, which should consist of more natural, less engineered facilities, such as submerged pavers with openings for vegetation to grow through to help retain the natural river bank appearance, along with providing proper roadside signage forewarning motor vehicle traffic of potential portage crossings.

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Planning Team has indicated its desire to prepare a detailed water trail plan to guide development of the Shiawassee River Water Trail. Such a plan would identify improvements for trail-related facilities to help establish a safe and navigable trail corridor for both recreational and educational pursuits in an ecologically sensitive manner. The designation of an official water trail may further instill a sense of trail stewardship among canoeists/kayakers to respect the quality of the water and become good caretakers of the river. Specific trail improvements and support facilities that should be identified on the plan may include providing parking facilities, restrooms, handicapped access, and picnicking areas; removing litter and fallen trees for navigability; installing wayfinding and educational signs; and improving underpasses or providing safe portaging areas with durable paths and crossing signs.



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## Goals and Objectives

The City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan identifies goals and objectives for the next five years. They are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed by residents, Parks & Recreation Commission members, City officials and staff, as well as address the observed deficiencies in the parks and recreation resources of the area. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources and general recreational trends.

Goals can best be broken up into general categories of *Development, Cooperation, Balance and Community Health, Preservation and Conservation, Accessibility and Connectivity* and *Community Development*. They are as follows:

### Development

**Goal:** *Develop a recreation system within the City of Linden which will provide for the full range of recreation and open space needs of City residents.*

**Objective:** Renovate, improve, and where possible and appropriate, expand existing and future parks and recreation facilities.

**Objective:** Continue the development of Eagles Wooden Park as a unique community park by making various park improvements.

**Objective:** Encourage developers of new subdivisions to provide dedicated open space.

**Objective:** Look for opportunities to acquire land that: is within neighborhoods which do not have neighborhood parks; is adjacent to or near existing parks; could provide increased and enhanced recreation opportunities; and/or will help to ensure protection and access to the natural features in the community. Lands located along the Shiawassee River and the Mill Pond should specifically be targeted.

**Objective:** Develop and implement consistent signage within parks and along access roads to raise the level of awareness of park locations and facilities, including multi-use trails/trailheads and water trails/access sites.

**Objective:** Take advantage of regional recreation programs and facilities (i.e., Linden County Park) to promote and provide information relative to local Linden parks and recreation facilities.

**Objective:** Monitor and conduct surveys of park usage, to better understand and accommodate the diverse needs of City residents and visitors.



*Objective:* Work with entities such as the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Commission in the development of a dog park which would serve residents within the region.

## **Cooperation**

**Goal:** *Promote cooperation between all groups, individuals, organizations and neighboring communities that are involved with recreation planning for area residents.*

*Objective:* Study, in conjunction with Linden Schools, the possibility of further utilizing schools facilities to meet the needs of area residents.

*Objective:* Promote coordination of common goals with neighboring municipalities.

*Objective:* Support entities such as Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and the Loose Senior Citizens Center in providing recreational programming to area residents.

*Objective:* Foster, promote, and encourage cooperative relationships with other public recreational entities and interests such as: Linden DDA; Linden Schools; Loose Senior Center; Genesee County Parks; Genesee County Regional Trail Council; Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission; Genesee County Road Commission; Headwaters Trails; LAFF Pathways, and, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the provision of local and regional recreation facilities, programs and trail networks.

## **Balance and Community Health**

**Goal:** *Develop a balanced year-round recreation program for Linden that will encompass a full range of facilities and activities, serve individuals of all ages and abilities, and promote healthy living.*

*Objective:* Provide a variety of activities that can occur in each season of the year.

*Objective:* Promote recreation activities that will allow all residents to take part, including disabled and senior citizens.

*Objective:* Promote the planning and design of complete streets to ensure safe and efficient access for all road users.

*Objective:* Support the operation of a farmers' market within the Linden community.

*Objective:* Support and promote various community events throughout the year, such as parades, festivals and races.



## Preservation and Conservation

- Goal:** *Dedicate and preserve sufficient and suitable land for recreation and open space.*
- Objective:** Locate and preserve passive recreation facilities and to take advantage of natural features.
- Objective:** Preserve irreplaceable wetland resources within the City through land development controls, property purchase or other mechanisms.

## Accessibility and Connectivity

- Goal:** *Ensure that parks and recreation facilities are accessible, and provide non-motorized links to promote a walkable and connected community.*
- Objective:** Develop linkages between residential neighborhoods/developments to all City Parks.
- Objective:** Ensure connectivity between the downtown area and nearby parks (including Eagles Wooden Park) through paths, trails, and non-motorized bridges.
- Objective:** Ensure barrier free accessibility to all parks within the community, including paths, transfer points, resilient surfacing, picnic tables, play equipment, curb cuts, parking, etc.
- Objective:** Ensure connectivity between the City of Linden and adjacent communities and destinations (nearby parks and schools) through sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike lanes and water trails (Shiawassee River). An enhanced pedestrian connection along South Bridge Street to the Linden County Park has specifically been identified as a key community need.
- Objective:** Support and coordinate with the LAFF Pathway planning efforts for the development of a regional non-motorized trail connecting the communities of Linden, Fenton, Fenton Township and Argentine Township.

## Community Development

- Goal:** *Implement recreation projects and programs which complement other federal, state, local and private investments being made in the community and which further the City's development strategy.*
- Objective:** Plan and locate needed recreation facilities in such a manner as to complement existing resources and reinforce other investments which have been made in the City's historic downtown area.



- Objective:* Plan and locate needed facilities in such a manner as to compliment and reinforce the City's strategy for neighborhood preservation.
- Objective:* Plan and locate facilities in such a manner to promote an attractive living and working environment and to foster community identity and community pride.
- Objective:* Consider the conversion of the City DPW yard to a City park to provide additional recreation land and facilities for City residents.
- Objective:* Allow for and encourage the development of recreation-supportive land uses within the City, such as sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, and bicycle/canoe/kayak sales, rental and repair businesses.



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# *Action Program*

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

## **Capital Improvements Schedule**

Potential capital improvements for this Parks and Recreation Plan have been established not only to provide a guide and foundation for decision makers, but also to enable the City to apply for grant funding for proposed projects. The capital improvements schedule is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive nor exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of discussion with the Parks and Recreation Commission, City staff, and input from the public workshop, public meetings, and public hearing. As a complement to the Capital Improvements Schedule, an Action Plan map has been developed and is included in this chapter to highlight the locations of the proposed improvement projects.

The Capital Improvements Schedule is to be used as a general guide for decision-making. The estimated costs listed in the schedule are a gauge of the financial resources needed to implement the project, but are not meant to strictly dictate future City budgeting. It is very likely that the schedule and plan will be amended at some point during its life due to unanticipated circumstances such as private donations, changing recreation trends, community opinion, and/or available funding. The schedule should be considered in close conjunction with the goals and guidelines of the plan. The following capital improvements schedule provides an outline and guide as to the desires of the community.



## Year 1 – 2017

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Eagles Wooden Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of ADA restrooms</li> </ul>	\$100,000	GF; LWCF (grant funds already secured)
Eagles Wooden Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boardwalk improvements</li> <li>Playscape improvements, including ADA and safety surfacing</li> </ul>	\$40,000 - \$60,000	GF; LWCF; RP
Linden Mills Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waterwheel improvement/maintenance</li> <li>Tree trimming</li> <li>Railing repairs</li> <li>New/improved bridges across creek to gazebo</li> <li>ADA improvements (amphitheater)</li> </ul>	\$50,000 - \$100,000	GF; LWCF; RP
LAFF Pathway Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver Lake Road multi-use pathway (east City limits to Triangle Park)</li> </ul>	TBD	LAFF; GF; TF; TE
Installation of Parks & Non-Motorized Amenities at Strategic Locations throughout City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, signage, etc.</li> </ul>	TBD	GF; DDA
<p>Key:</p> <p>TBD = To Be Determined; NA = Not Applicable; GF = General Fund; DDA = Downtown Development Authority; CDBG = Community Development Block Grant; TF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund; RP = Recreation Passport; TE = Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Program; SR2S = Safe Routes to School Program; LAFF = LAFF Pathway Funding/Partnership</p>		



## Year 2 – 2018

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Mill Pond Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved, ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch</li> <li>Portage improvements</li> <li>Canoe locker/rack</li> </ul>	\$50,000 - \$100,000	GF; DDA; LWCF; RP; CDBG
Triangle Park Trailhead for LAFF Pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead amenities (parking, bike rack, signage, etc.)</li> </ul>	\$10,000 - \$100,000	LAFF; GF; TF; TE
Signage/Information Kiosk at Linden County Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To advertise local Linden recreation facilities to regional park users</li> </ul>	\$1,000 to \$5,000	GF
Hyatt Lane / Stan Eaton Drive Pathway Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct new multi-use trail along Hyatt Street and Stan Eaton Drive, providing safe pedestrian routes for students to and from Linden and Hyatt Elementary Schools</li> </ul>	\$150,000	GF; SR2S; CDBG
Installation of Parks & Non-Motorized Amenities at Strategic Locations throughout City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, signage, etc.</li> </ul>	TBD	GF; DDA
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### Year 3 – 2019

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Sidewalk/Pathway Improvements Along S. Bridge Street to Linden County Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalk maintenance/repairs</li> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>	\$5,000 to \$10,000	GF; TE; SR2S
Triangle Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish Veteran's Honor Roll</li> <li>• New picnic areas (tables &amp; grills)</li> <li>• New water fountain feature</li> <li>• Improved parking areas</li> <li>• Service Branch Flags</li> <li>• Lighting for Honor Roll</li> <li>• Flowers and Plantings</li> <li>• Decorative sponsor bricks</li> </ul>	\$50,000 to \$100,000	GF; TF; LWCF; RP; American Legion/VFW Partnerships
LAFF Pathway Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-use lane (along Haystack/Saddlebrook/Tickner/Main Street between Silver Lake Road and downtown Linden)</li> <li>• Existing sidewalk/bike lane enhancements (W. Broad Street from downtown Linden to west City limits)</li> </ul>	TBD	LAFF; GF; TF; TE
Installation of Parks & Non-Motorized Amenities at Strategic Locations throughout City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, signage, etc.</li> </ul>	TBD	GF; DDA
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## Year 4 – 2020

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Pathway Connection from Eagles Wooden Park to Downtown Linden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop new non-motorized connection from Eagles Wooden Park to Downtown</li> <li>Includes 10' wide asphalt trail section</li> </ul>	\$50,000 - \$75,000	GF; DDA; TF
Eagles Wooden Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campground facility</li> <li>Bridge over Shiawassee River, which would open up the north side of the park for development</li> </ul>	\$250,000 - 500,000	GF; DDA; TF; LWCF; RP
Installation of Parks & Non-Motorized Amenities at Strategic Locations throughout City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, signage, etc.</li> </ul>	TBD	GF; DDA
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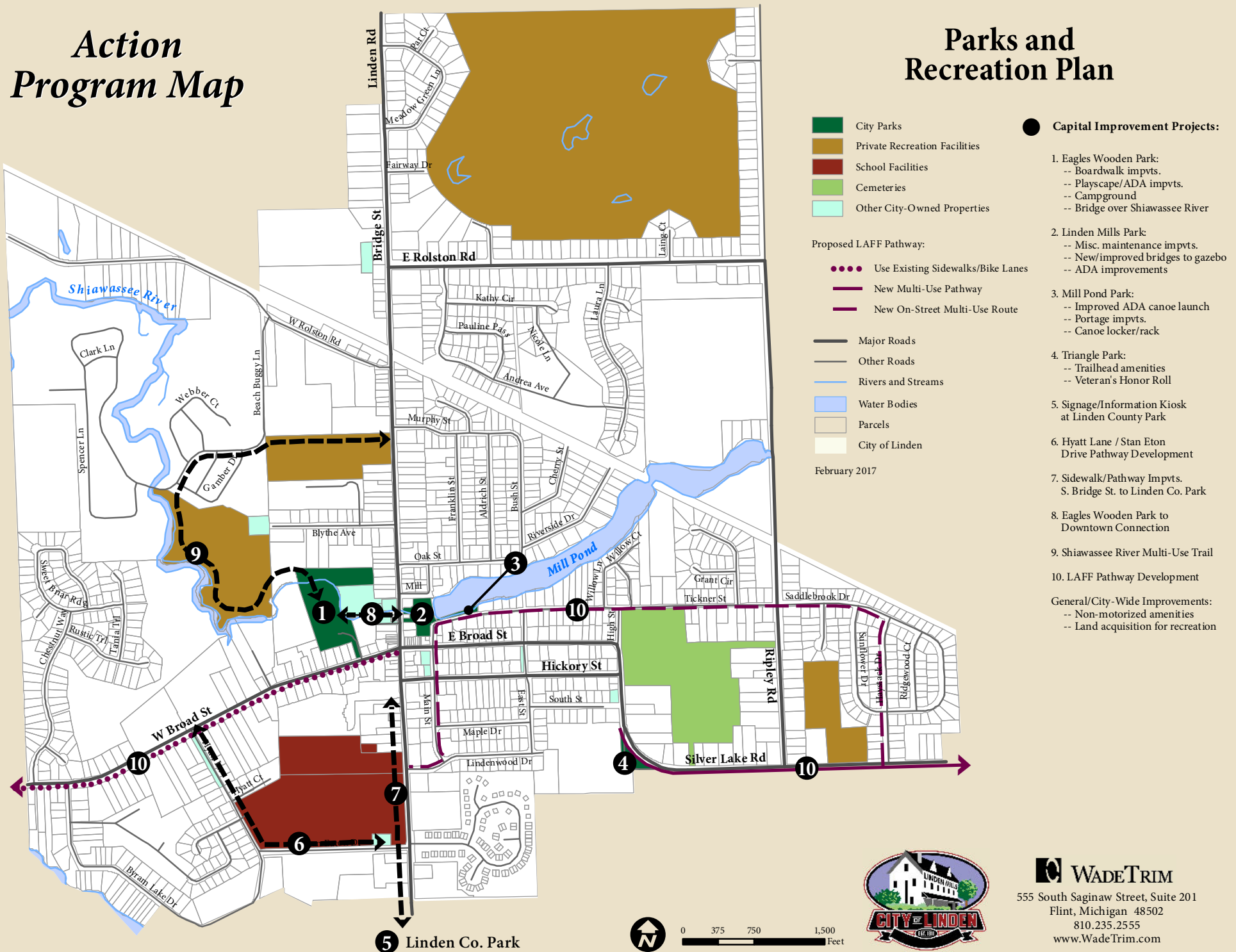
## Year 5 – 2021

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Shiawassee River Multi-Use Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop new multi-use trail loop from Downtown Linden through Shiawassee Shores to the Loose Senior Center.</li> <li>May connect to Downtown via the proposed bridge over the Shiawassee River or may connect through the public property on the north side of the river</li> <li>Includes 10' wide asphalt and 14' wide boardwalk sections</li> </ul>	\$1.0m - \$2m	GF; DDA; TF; LWCF; TE
Land Acquisition for Future Recreation Facility Development	TBD	GF; DDA; TF
Installation of Parks & Non-Motorized Amenities at Strategic Locations throughout City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, recycling receptacles, signage, etc.</li> </ul>	TBD	GF; DDA
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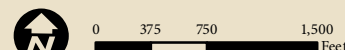


# Action Program Map

## Parks and Recreation Plan



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## Funding Opportunities

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five (5) years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the projected expenses involved in the project schedule.

Potential funding sources from outside entities for recreation, non-motorized, and environmental restoration projects change and evolve on a regular basis. Understanding available funding programs, their requirements and deadlines requires continuous monitoring. A few of the more common funding sources have been detailed here as a reference and resource. These are in addition to traditional funding methods such as the general fund, fees, millages, bonds, DDA's, etc.

### Transportation Enhancement Funds

MDOT's Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded, community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the 12 TE activities and relate to surface transportation. Activities that relate to the implementation of this Parks and Recreation Plan include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
  - Includes new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, bus racks, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses.
  - Paved shoulders four or more feet wide
  - Curb lane width greater than 12 feet
  - Bike lanes
  - Pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks
  - Shared use paths 10 feet wide or greater
  - Path/trail user amenities
  - Grade separations
  - Bicycle parking facilities
  - Bicycle accommodations on public transportation
  - Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
  - Programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets and signage.
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian and bicycle trails).
- Acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; developing rail-with-trail projects; purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

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



### Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, offered through the MDNR, provides funding for both the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to: 1) protect Michigan's natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment; 2) provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes, and facilitate their recreation use; 3) meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities; 4) improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in Michigan's urban areas; and, 5) stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation-related tourism and community revitalization.

Any individual, group, organization, or unit of government may submit a land acquisition proposal. However, only state and local units of government can submit development proposals. All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

### Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. In the past, this program has been used for a variety of recreational development purposes, including trailway systems, playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. The minimum grant request is \$30,000 and the maximum grant request is \$100,000. The match percentage must be 50% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due in April of each year.

### Recreation Passport

The Recreation Passport grant is a relatively new grant offered by the MDNR. The objective for the program is to provide funding to local units for the development of public recreation facilities. This includes the development of new facilities and the renovation of old facilities. The program emphasizes renovations to existing facilities and providing unmet recreation needs. For 2012, the dollar amount available is expected to be \$7,500 to \$45,000 for each grant. Applications are typically due in April of each year.

### Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Linden participates in Genesee County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as a sub-recipient community. Each year, the City receives an annual allotment of CDBG funding from the County to be used for eligible activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens and other special needs groups. Related to recreation, the CDBG program could provide funding assistance for the following activities:

- ADA accessibility improvements
- Public facilities improvements (Senior Centers, etc.)
- Recreation facility development within designated low- and moderate-income eligible areas



- Sidewalks within designated low- and moderate-income eligible areas
- Programming (which serves low- and moderate-income citizens or other special needs groups)

#### Safe Routes To School Program

The Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need to succeed. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. Michigan's SR2S program makes schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program as defined in the federal legislation is:

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

To be eligible, schools must be registered, attend a day long training session, and develop a Walking Audit in order to be eligible to apply. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required. 70% of the funding must be used for infrastructure projects, 10% for non-infrastructure projects, and 20% for either. [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

#### Other Sources of Funding

The City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.



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# *Appendices*

- A. Linden Trail Interest Survey
- B. Joint Resolution in Support of LAFF Pathways
- C. Draft Plan Availability and Public Hearing Public Notice
- D. Minutes from the Public Hearing
- E. City Council Adoption Resolution
- F. Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution Recommending Adoption
- G. Letter of Support from LAFF Pathways
- H. Letter of Transmittal to Genesee County / GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission
- I. DNR Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports
- J. DNR Recreation Plan Certification Checklist



Linden and the 48451 zip code

# TRAIL INTEREST SURVEY 11/16/16

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16 November 2016 / For presentation at Linden Parks & Rec Meeting

## METHOD

Google Form Survey, promoted by a Facebook ad targeting the City of Linden and the immediate surrounding area. There was no interest-based or demographic targeting in addition, in an attempt to create as random a sample of 48451 residents as possible.

## RESPONDENTS

- **567 Respondents**
  - 214 City of Linden Residents - **37.7% of survey**
  - 298 Residents of 48451, but outside city limits - **52.6% of survey**
  - 55 Respondents who live outside of the 48451 area code - **9.7% of survey**

## QUESTIONS, RESULTS

Have you used other pathways in other areas of the state or country? (paved, non-motorized. e.g. Rail Trails, etc.)

93.1% of respondents answered "Yes" - 4.26% m.o.e.

Do you consider an area with accessible paved trails to be more desirable to visit?

96.12% of respondents answered "Yes" - 4.26% m.o.e

Do you consider an area with accessible paved trails to be more desirable to live in?

95.41% of respondents answered "Yes" - 4.26% m.o.e

Would you support a community initiative to develop non-motorized multi-use pathways in your community?

98.59% of respondents answered "Yes" - 4.26% m.o.e



**What activity would you or your loved ones use a non-motorized, multi-use pathway for the most?**

Cycling - 34.57%

Running - 13.4%

Walking - 48.85%

None - 1.06%

Other - 2.12%

## **COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SURVEYS**

**Residents of 48451, both inside and outside City Limits, responded in line with general attitudes both in the surrounding areas, and in desirable places nationwide.**

For the main question of “Would you support an initiative to develop non-motorized trails...”, residents of the 48451 Zip code responded in the affirmative at a 98.59% rate, in line with a similar survey LAFF conducted across the wider “LAFF” area, comprising Argentine Township, Tyrone Township, the City of Fenton, Fenton Township, and the 48451 Zip code areas here, in which respondents replied “yes” at a 98.7% rate.

Additionally, and a bit more generally, Linden attitudes towards Non-Motorized trails fell in line with the outlook surveyed across a large sample size in Oregon’s “Oregon Non-Motorized Trail Participation and Priorities” report, published in July 2015, in which 98% of their respondents expressed interest in planning a day trip to utilize one of Oregon’s plentiful non-motorized pathways. Perhaps more interestingly, 98% of respondents in that survey had reported taking such a trip in the last year prior to the survey.

Respondents in the Oregon Trail surveys reported an 85% satisfaction rate in their state’s non-motorized trail systems, which are very numerous and more widely available when compared to southern Genesee County’s. A similar report in Arizona from 2009, “Arizona Trails 2010: A Statewide Motorized & Non-Motorized Trail Plan”, found a similar 85% satisfaction rate in the states’ similarly extensive trail systems. Tellingly, when the 15% of BOTH studies were canvassed as to the reasons for their dissatisfaction, a majority of the dissidents expressed their desire for even MORE trails before they would respond as satisfied in a future, similar survey.



## Joint Resolution No.

of

City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

At a meeting of the Linden City Council, held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, MI 48451 on the 14 day of September, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton City Council, held in the Fenton City Hall Council Chambers, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees, held in the main level meeting room of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 21 day of Sept, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (6) and nays (1) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.

At a meeting of the Argentine Township Board of Trustees, held in the Township Offices at 9048 Silver Lake Rd. Linden, Michigan 48451 on the 28TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (5) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.



**Joint Resolution No.**

**of**

**City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township**

**A resolution supporting the joint governmental cooperation between the City of Linden,  
the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township as follows:**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden, the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township seek to connect our regional area with non-motorized trails and pathways that create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses; and,

WHEREAS, our communities strive to provide connectivity via non-motorized trails and pathways, through joint community and infrastructure planning because it connects adjoining community attributes with shared school facilities, regional features, programs, and parks; and,

WHEREAS, our communities endeavor to enhance the quality of life of area residents; and,

WHEREAS, four routes in our region have been identified for prioritization (*in no particular order*) with the understanding there will be supplemental routes in each community:

- Silver Lake Road between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton,
- Silver Lake Road between Argentine Township and the City of Linden,
- Owen Road between Linden Road and Leroy Street,
- Fenton Road between Thompson Road and Fenton City Limits; and

WHEREAS, working together to support the efforts of adjoining communities to promote smart commuting and alternate forms of transportation that will create strategic growth, environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social equality, making all the communities in southern Genesee County great places to work, live and play.



Joint Resolution No.  
of  
City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by these aforementioned communities, that we hereby go on record in support of the aforesaid non-motorized multi-use trail Project.

Passed the 14 day of September, 2015

By the Linden City Council

Authorized Signature: 

Title: CITY MANAGER

Passed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

By the Fenton City Council

Authorized Signature: 

Title: CITY Manager

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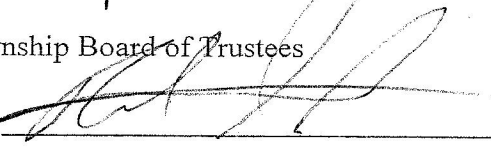
By the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees

Authorized Signature: 

Title: Supervisor

Passed the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

By the Argentine Township Board of Trustees

Authorized Signature: 

Title: Supervisor



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## CITY OF LINDEN

DRAFT PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN  
FOR REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, MI, 48451. The public hearing is being held to receive comments from citizens and consider the adoption of the Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021.

A Parks and Recreation Plan assists the City in identifying recreation needs. The Plan will serve as a guide to document priorities for improvements. If approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the Plan qualifies the City for recreation grants, which are administered through the MDNR. The proposed Plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the City, an inventory of existing facilities, a recreation needs analysis, goals and objectives, and capital improvement priorities for the next five years.

Copies of the draft Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021 will be available for public review at the Linden City Hall located at 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, MI, 48451, as well as on the City website at [www.lindenmi.us](http://www.lindenmi.us).

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
2017-2022 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on February 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442.

Holly Township is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the Plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed Recreation Master Plan and to seek public input before final adoption.

The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the Recreation Master Plan may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays or online at [www.hollytownship.org/publicnotices](http://www.hollytownship.org/publicnotices)

The Holly Township Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving a seven (7) day advance notice. Contact Holly Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 ext. 301 for special services.

Karin S. Winchester  
Holly Township Clerk

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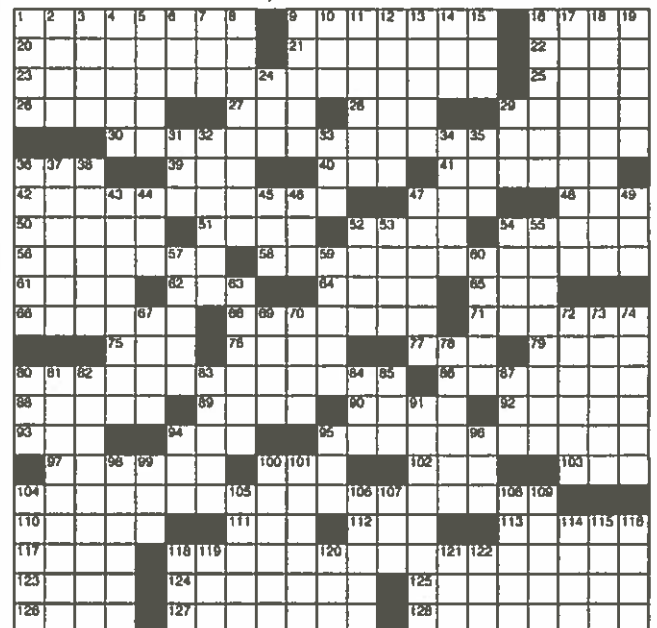
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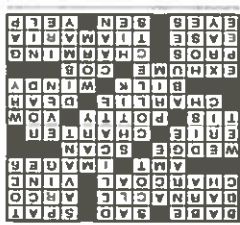
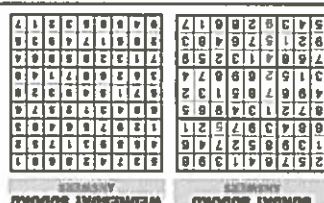
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Separates by a boundary  
9 Ruca  
18 "Mamma Mia!" group  
20 Perennial Italian encore  
21 Place to spend drama  
22 James Brown's style  
23 Arriving where there's no outlet  
25 Kind of wrestling  
26 Week in the  
27 One more than bl-  
28 Tight spot  
29 Baggins of "The Hobbit"  
30 "Calm down!"  
36 Ga. hours  
39 Any of les  
40 Works in a gallery  
41 Stem (from)  
42 One the Blessed Virgin's titles  
47 "Gangnam Style" rapper  
48 Sit-up work them  
50 River vessel  
51 Unrefined metals
- 52 Like sports cars, briefly  
54 Common lot sizes  
58 Assertion  
58 Instruction in force indefinitely  
61 Web programming language  
62 "— really help it —"  
64 Day to "beware"  
65 Suffix with Benedict  
66 Ford bombs  
68 They're hidden in the center of this puzzle's eight longest answers  
71 Tabloid "monster"  
75 Kimer or Guest of film  
76 Descartes of rationalism  
77 Homeboys' howdies  
78 Moral lapses  
80 Marked with a very cold iron, as cattle  
88 Pronics, e.g.  
88 In an unstrict way  
89 Elongated fish
- 90 — Sea (Asian body)  
92 Problematic plant swelling  
93 Old Giants' great Mel  
94 Vase variety  
95 Shout just before flying  
97 Small monastery  
100 During each  
102 Bullfight yell  
103 Decade diva  
104 Celebrity advocate for UNESCO  
110 Tom apart  
111 Diffraction of rock  
112 Play scenery  
113 Sarnicola's cousin  
117 Out of port  
118 Hiragana or katakana, in a sense  
123 Injury, in law  
124 Dessert style  
125 Ticketmaster specification  
126 Payment to play cards  
127 Sorcerers  
128 Extra
- 4 — light (filing lamp)  
5 Touch, e.g.  
6 Textor's "Wow!"  
7 Hissy  
8 Boos, e.g.  
9 Silks' spouse, say  
10 Before, in poetry  
11 Key with one sharp  
12 Stingy insect  
13 Military foe  
14 Baking pen  
15 Unhappy  
16 Home of St. Francis  
17 Broad street  
18 Stinging insect  
19 Chilly  
24 Airport landing: Abbr.  
29 "It's chilly!"  
31 Avila aunt  
32 Just about  
33 "Fast as —"  
34 Insects too much of, informally  
35 100-degree turn, informally  
36 Break out of  
37 Fanned (off)  
38 Voices below alto
- 43 Not at all advanced  
44 Grazing spot  
45 Hi — across  
46 Suffix with 40- or 50-  
47 Oh-so-prim  
48 Latvia was one: Abbr.  
52 All that — bag of chips  
53 Biographer  
54 Top-rate  
55 Toyota of the 1980s  
57 Cotton thread type  
58 Painted a firearm  
60 Knife in old infomercials  
63 "Noah" director  
69 "Hud" co-star  
70 Rural hotels  
72 Wily  
73 Film director  
74 Elia pieces  
78 "Fe-a-ency!"  
80 Mel's breezy waitress  
81 Rodon's test meal, maybe  
82 Gargantuan  
83 Gem mineral
- 84 "The Raven" poet's initials  
85 — Hill (R&B quartet)  
87 Billa film bud  
91 Felt  
94 Celler of mentalism  
95 City area, for short  
96 Rowen of art songs  
98 Form a thought  
99 BYOB part  
100 Neighbor of Colombia  
101 Key with one sharp  
104 Persona  
105 Bolivian city  
106 Horae relatives  
107 Witness  
108 Earthy hue, to a Brit  
109 Potable sica  
114 Suits' dogs  
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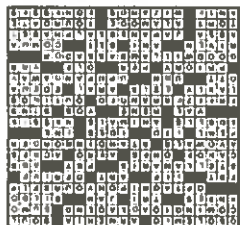


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4. Stigma  
3. Absent  
2. Speak  
1. Funtish

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MEASLY CACTUS  
SKULK, LUNGE  
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**CITY OF LINDEN**  
**Minutes for Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Held at 6pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Burch. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Present: Dietz, Plumb, Cusson, Bretzlaff, MacDermaid  
Absent: Dick  
Others Present: Paul Zelenak, City Manager, Adam Young, City Planner

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**(A) Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Special Meeting**

Motion by MacDermaid, seconded by Cusson to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting, with one amendment to reflect that Plumb was present. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**(A) Public Hearing: Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021**

The public hearing was opened at 6:10 PM.

Victor Lukasavitz, 809 E. Rolston Road – spoke in favor of the draft Parks and Recreation Plan and felt that it supports and advances the development of pathways and non-motorized facilities for all citizens.

The public hearing closed at 6:12pm

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021**

The Commission deliberated on the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Zelenak commented that there should be a clarification in the text about the amounts listed in the Capital Improvements Schedule, in that they are a guideline and not meant to strictly dictate future City budgets.

Motion by Cusson, seconded by MacDermaid, to pass the resolution recommending adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan, and forward the Plan on to City Council for approval. Motion passed.

**COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cusson:** Future event planning for Earth Day/Holiday Happening

**Dietz:** What will the Parks & Recreation Commission be working on next?

**Zelenak:** We will convene as necessary to discuss the Eagles Wooden Park restroom project and other initiatives.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



**Resolution of Adoption  
Linden City Council  
Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021  
Resolution No. 03-17**

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body and establishes direction and policy regarding parks and recreation facilities, projects and programs; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for overseeing and guiding the development of a Parks and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas, said Parks and Recreation Commission has made investigations and surveys of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation facilities and services; and

Whereas, in order to gather input from the public, the Parks and Recreation Commission held several public meetings, including a community workshop held on November 16, 2016; and

Whereas, a draft Parks and Recreation Plan was completed and made available for public review on January 15, 2017, and a public hearing was held before the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 16, 2017, to enable additional comments from the public; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed a Resolution Recommending Adoption of the Plan at their February 16, 2017 meeting;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Linden does hereby adopt the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021.

Be It Further Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Plan shall serve as a guide to future recreation development in the City of Linden.

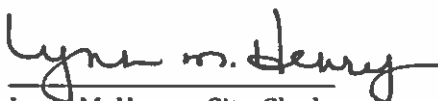
Ayes: Dick, MacDermaid, Franz, Simons, Culbert, Cusson, Ross

Nays: None

Absent: None

Adopted February 27, 2017

I, Lynn Henry, Clerk of the City of Linden, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted by the Linden City Council at a meeting held on February 27, 2017.

  
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk



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City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission  
Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021**

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Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Adopted February 16, 2017

I, Lynn Henry, Clerk of the City of Linden, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution that was offered by the Linden Parks and Recreation Commission at a meeting held on Thursday, February 16, 2017

  
Lynn Henry, City Clerk



January 26,2017

City of Linden  
132 East Broad Street  
Linden, Michigan 48451

RE: Proposed Five (5) Year Park and Recreation Plan

This is a letter of support for the City of Linden, proposed Park and Recreation Plan 2017 – 2021.

I represent the Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township (LAFF) Pathways Inc. group as past chairman and current Government Relations Liaison. The LAFF is a non-profit organization which supports “CONNECTING COMMUNITIES” with non-motorized trail/pathway facilities. We have been working successfully with the local communities in southern Genesee County and adjoining communities in Oakland County, as well as, various county agencies to this end.

I have reviewed your proposed 2017 -2021 document and find it to be well written and it considers all opportunities that support the park and recreational needs of the local community and regional non-motorized connections to adjoining communities. The LAFF is pleased to support the city’s effort to bring quality recreational and healthy opportunities to the Linden community.

The LAFF supports all proposed non-motorized trail planning and construction efforts within our local regional communities. Currently there are nearly no safe places to be off the roadway to ride a bicycle. Development of safer places to ride, run and walk are needed and bring opportunities for more mobility to all people. These pathways will bring economic gains and more value to our area, as well as, help create an improved healthier life style.

I also sit on the Cycle-Fit Sports Club, a multi sports club, board of directors from this same area. The club is also very supportive of the city’s efforts.

Personally, I bicycle about 2500 miles a year. Sometimes my wife and grandchildren will ride along BUT never in southern Genesee County as there is no safe place and there is a lack of non-motorized trails/pathways.

Thank you for your progressive planning. We look forward to the MDNR final approval of your new plan and of course the construction of non-motorized facilities.

Victor Lukasavitz  
LAFF Pathways Inc.





*If transmitted items are not as noted, notify writer immediately.*

To: GLS Region V Planning and Dev. Commission /  
Genesee County Metro. Plan. Commission  
1101 Beach St. Room 223  
Flint, MI 48502-1470

Date: February 28, 2017

Attn: To Whom it may Concern

Transmitted By: ☒ Regular Mail ☐ Overnight Delivery  
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RE: City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021

We are transmitting 2 copy(s) of the following:

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For your: ☐ Action ☐ As Requested ☒ Information ☐ Review/Comment ☐ Use  
☐ Approval ☐ Distribution ☒ Records /Files ☐ Signature

Remarks: As is required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and on behalf of the City of Linden, we are forwarding you a copy of the approved City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan for your information and files. Please copy the Grants Section of the MDNR, if you should have any comments on the enclosed plan.

It is our understanding that your office serves both the regional planning commission (GLS Region V) and county planning commission (GCMPC); therefore, we are sending 2 copies of the plan to your office for distribution to each commission.

Job No. LDN6008-01D

By: Adam Young, AICP

cc:

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**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT  
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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**GRANT TYPE:** ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** City of Linden

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01113

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Linden Mill Site Improvement

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Develop seating area, lighting, landscaping, and paved walkway.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Linden	Mr. Paul Zelenak	City Manager
Address	Telephone	
132 E. Broad Street	810-735-7980	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Linden, MI 48451	manager@lindenmi.us	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Not all facilities are barrier free. Some of the lower elevation facilities by the river are not accessible (gazebo, waterwheel and bottom portion of amphitheater).

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Park property includes a gazebo, waterwheel, canoe launch and fishing opportunities, amphitheater, sidewalks, interpretive signage and off-street parking areas. Park property also includes the historic Linden Mills building which is used as a library.



## POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

### SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

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Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

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At a minimum, the City DPW does a weekly check of the park throughout the year.

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Year-round, dawn to dusk



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**Mr. Paul Zelenak, City Manager**

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2/21/17  
Date

**Eric Armstrong**

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Witness Signature

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Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
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**GRANTEE:** City of Linden

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01359

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Linden Mills Site Phase 4

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Amphitheater, site prep., parking lot, fishing and canoe dock, etc.

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**GRANTEE:** City of Linden

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF01-134

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Shiawassee River District Trails (at Eagles Wooden Park)

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Construct boardwalk trail with nature/wildlife observation stations

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Parking lot and routes to all facilities are barrier free. Pavilion and boardwalk are barrier free facilities. Playground and misc. amenities are not universal design.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Large wooden play structure, picnic pavilion, boardwalks along the Shiawassee River with overlook, gravel parking area, sidewalks and amenities. A restroom, drinking fountain and pathway will be constructed in 2017 with funding provided by a LWCF grant.



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**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT  
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Linden

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01758

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Eagles Wooden Park Restrooms

PROJECT SCOPE: Const. of ADA accessible restrooms, drinking fountain and pathway

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>City of Linden</b>	Contact Person <b>Mr. Paul Zelenak</b>	Title <b>City Manager</b>
Address <b>132 E. Broad Street</b>	Telephone <b>810-735-7980</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Linden, MI 48451</b>	Email <b>manager@lindenmi.us</b>	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Parking lot and routes to all facilities are barrier free. Pavilion and boardwalk are barrier free facilities. Playground and misc. amenities are not universal design.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Large wooden play structure, picnic pavilion, boardwalks along the Shiawassee River with overlook, gravel parking area, sidewalks and amenities. The restroom, drinking fountain and pathway that is funded by this grant will be constructed later in 2017.



## POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Photograph provided.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

At a minimum, the City DPW does a weekly check of the park throughout the year.

### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Year-round, dawn to dusk



**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)**


**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Mr. Paul Zelenak, City Manager

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Grantee Authorized Signature

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**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND  
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

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

**PLAN INFORMATION**

Name of Plan:

City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2017-2021

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

City of Linden

Genesee

February 2017

**PLAN CONTENT**

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

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)

☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart

☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

☒ Current Funding Sources

☒ Role of Volunteers

☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**

☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities

☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)

☒ Accessibility Assessment

☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**



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

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

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

Date of the Notice January 15, 2017

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location City Hall and City Website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 33

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

Date of Notice January 15, 2017

Name of Newspaper Tri-County Times

Date of Meeting February 16, 2017

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

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

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 27, 2017
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: February 16, 2017
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 28, 2017
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 28, 2017

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

City of Linden

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

[Signature]  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2/28/17  
Date

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





***FENTON TOWNSHIP  
FIVE YEAR  
PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN  
2014-2018  
(amended 2016)***









## ***ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS***

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## *INTRODUCTION*

### *Parks and Recreation Planning*

Residents of Fenton Township enjoy a wide range of parks and recreation facilities provided through Genesee County and other municipalities in the surrounding area. In order to maintain and improve the quality of those facilities and activities, it is customary for the township to adopt a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which is used to highlight current recreation initiatives and also potential investments into the infrastructure of the parks and recreation department.

The previous Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan was adopted in 1998 by the Fenton Township Board of Trustees. In that plan, some of the major goals of the recreation plan included:

- 1) Identifying the Fenton Township recreation needs and opportunities in an effort to establish a comprehensive community recreation initiative that provides a range of positive experiences
- 2) Addition of recreational facilities not presently available in the Township to complement the existing system of facilities and natural features.
- 3) Development of recreational equipment and infrastructure throughout the Fenton Township park system to improve park aesthetics, foster community pride and improve the recreational opportunities available to Township residents.
- 4) Development of a connected pedestrian pathway system throughout the area to encourage interaction participation, improve pedestrian safety and strengthen linkages between area parks.
- 5) Improve the quality of accessibility to the Township-owned public beach in order to improve water-based recreational opportunities for Township residents, including the disabled.

In this updated plan, the Township concentrated on identifying the goals for the 2014-2018 Recreation Plan by analyzing the programs and facilities that would support the desire to create a healthy, desirable quality of life for Fenton Township residents.

In 2016, the Township secured a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to prepare an amendment to the plan to strengthen the support for; a regional non-motorized pathway system within the community, a National Heritage Water Trail designation for the Shiawassee River, updated plans for the Thompson Road park property, and other recreation updates. There was strong input from community stakeholders in this effort.



## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION



Map 1 Fenton Township Location Map

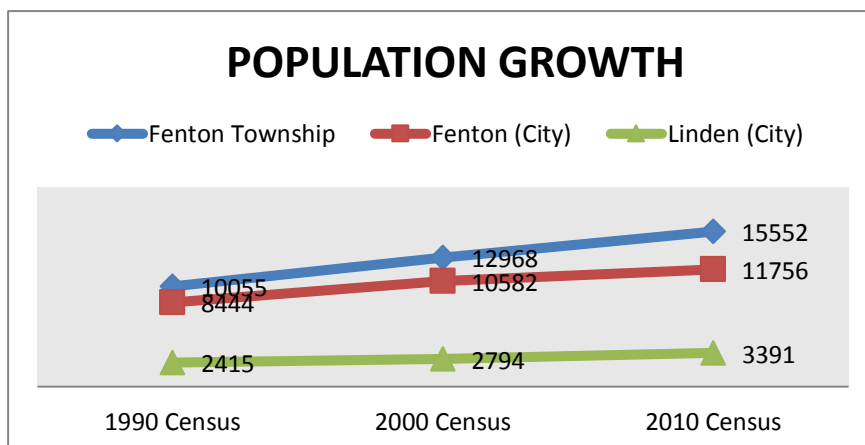
Fenton Township is a charter township, located in southwestern Genesee County approximately 8 miles south of the City of Flint. U.S. 23 runs north and south through the township, roughly dividing the township in half. According to the 2010 U.S. Census data, the population was 15,552. The Township has a total area of 27.5 square miles, of which 23.9 square miles is land and 3.7 square miles is water.

### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Population data was gathered from the US Census for the years 1990, 2000 and 2010 (TABLE 1). Recent trends indicate an increase in terms of population and the number of households. It should be noted that although the county population has decreased that the population of Fenton Township has continued to increase in recent years.

TABLE 1  
POPULATION TRENDS FOR FENTON TOWNSHIP AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES (1990-2010)

	1990 Census	2000 Census	% Change 1990-2000	2010 Census	% Change 2000-2010
<b>Fenton Township</b>	10,055	12,968	+22.4%	15,552	+20%
<b>Fenton (City)</b>	8,444	10,582	+25.3%	11,756	+11.1%
<b>Linden (City)</b>	2,415	2,794	+15.7%	3,391	+21.4%
<b>Genesee County</b>	430,459	436,141	+1.3%	425,790	-2.37%
Sources: U.S. Census 1990, 2000 and 2010					



The previous projections for Fenton Township have been exceeded by the current population estimates from the U.S. Census. The projection in 1990 for the year 2020 was at 11,914. However, the Township has exceeded this expectation and has experienced a 30.5% increase in population.



### AGE

As shown in TABLE 2, the breakdown of the age distribution in comparison to the City of Fenton, City of Linden and Genesee County. The majority of residents that reside within Fenton Township are in the 35-54 age groups. Generally, the elderly tend to retire in urban areas where there is a greater transportation access and residential units (retirement housing).

TABLE 2  
AGE DISTRIBUTION

	Fenton Township	Fenton (City)	Linden (City)	Genesee County
Under 5	911 (7.0%)	807 (7.6%)	193 (6.7%)	31,622 (7.3%)
5 -19	2,666 (20.5%)	2,094 (19.8%)	580 (20.3%)	100022 (23%)
20-34	2,156 (16.6%)	2,544 (24%)	491 (17.1%)	86,176 (19.7%)
35-54	6,780 (35.7%)	2,871 (27.2%)	866 (30.3%)	129,777 (29.7%)
55-64	1,439 (11.1%)	823 (7.8%)	253 (8.9%)	37,937 (8.7%)
65+	1,172 (9.1%)	1,443 (13.6%)	478 (16.7%)	50,607 (11.6)
Source: 2010 U.S. Census				

### ETHNIC COMPOSITION

TABLE 3 breaks down the ethnic demographic of Fenton Township.

TABLE 3  
ETHNIC COMPOSTION

	2010 Census
White	12,585 (97.0%)
Black or African American	36 (0.3%)
American Indian and Alaska Native	53 (0.4%)
Asian	100 (0.8%)
Other Races	57 (0.4%)
Two or More Races	149 (1.1%)
Source: 2010 U.S. Census	



### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Understand the status of disabled persons will assist in planning future programs and appropriate locations for recreational activities. Also, with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all public services including parks and recreational facilities are subject to barrier-free requirements. TABLE 4 illustrates the information collected pertaining to the disability population in Fenton Township for 2000. The data was not reported for the Township in the 2010 census

TABLE 4  
DISABLED PERSONS

Disability Status	2000 Population
Age 5-20	2,733
With a Disability	196 (7.2%)
Age 21-64	8,051
With a Disability	1,001 (12.4%)
Employed	65.4%
Age 65 & Over	1,201
With a disability	363 (30.2%)
Source: 2000 U.S. Census	

### INCOME

Median household income, the level of income where half of all the households earn more and half of all households earn less, is a broad measure of the relative economic health. In Fenton Township, the median household income is considerably higher than that of the county median income and the state. TABLE 5 details the median household income from all areas from the 2008 – 2012 American Community Survey (ACS)

TABLE 5  
INCOME

Area	Median Household Income
Fenton Township	\$70,742
Genesee County	\$42,730
State of Michigan	\$48,471



## **EMPLOYMENT**

Fenton Township has maintained relatively low unemployment rates (2.0%) compared with the state of Michigan (13.1%) and the National unemployment rate (9.6%). According to TABLE 6, the most popular industry in Fenton Township is manufacturing; due in large part to the heavy General Motors presence that still exists in Genesee County.

TABLE 6  
INDUSTRY

Industry	2008-2012 Average	Percentage
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, Mining	81	1.1%
Construction	348	4.9%
Manufacturing	1,278	18.1%
Wholesale Trade	328	4.6%
Retail Trade	809	11.4%
Transportation	266	3.8%
Information	115	1.6%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate and Rental/Leasing	549	7.8%
Professional, Scientific, Management & Administration, Waste Management Services	771	10.9%
Educational, Health and Service	1,674	23.7%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	493	7.0%
Public Administration	226	3.2%
Other Services	134	1.9%

## ***PHYSICAL FEATURES***

### ***Topography***

The Saginaw Lobe of the Cary Glacier extended south over all of Fenton Township and shaped the landscape as it exists today. As the Glacier receded, materials such as silts, sand, gravel, and cobbles were deposited over the landscape to a depth of one to two hundred feet. The glacial moraine, on the far southern edge of the Township, contains the highest elevations within Genesee County.

Fenton Township's landscape is generally level to gently rolling and tends to be poorly drained with many wetland depressions. Wetlands comprise over six percent of the total land area while natural lakes comprise another ten percent. The natural lakes were formed by large isolated chunks of glacier ice, or by a combination of isolated ice and a valley train, created by the glacial melt waters spewing out over what is now the Shiawassee River valley.

Glacial melting also created an ancient lake over a portion of the northwestern quarter of the Township. Eventually, watershed erosion breached the ancient lake and the lake waters drained



away; but not before existing soil materials were deposited on the bottom of the ancient lake. The wetlands found in northwestern portions of the Township were marshes along the edge of the ancient lake.

### **Water Resources**

The lakes in Fenton Township have played a major role in the township's development. Generally, lakefront property tends to be built out and developed to higher densities in the township. There are 18 lakes in the township that are 11 acres in size or greater. There are two public boat launches in the township, one on Lake Fenton and the other on Lake Ponemah. There are two public beaches, one which is owned and maintained by the Township and is located at the Township Hall and the other at Linden Park, which is part of the Genesee County Parks system.

A lake quality study was completed for all of the lakes in the Township by Wallace and Bene Fusilier, in 1996, in cooperation with Insight Environmental Services. The study is entitled The Lakes of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan. The following Table 9 illustrates many of the characteristics of each of the 18 lakes in Fenton Township. The information has been condensed from the report for parks and recreation planning purposes. It is only a brief summary of the information compiled on the lakes

### **Soils**

A generalized soil survey was completed for Genesee County by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service in April 1972. The survey categorizes the soils of Fenton Township into four broad soil associations (see Map). The characteristics of each soil association are as follows:

***Miami–Metea–Muck association: Undulating to rolling well–drained loams and loamy sands that have a clay loam to loamy sand subsoil, on uplands; and very poorly drained muck soils, in potholes and swales.***

Upland soils of this association differ in limitations for recreational use according to their slope. Gently sloping areas are slightly limited, but the steeper slopes are severely limited for most kinds of construction by a high water table and the instability of the organic matter.

***Celina–Conover–Miami association: Level to sloping, somewhat poorly drained to well–drained loams that have a clay loam subsoil; on uplands.***

The major soils in this association differ in their limitations for highways and residential development. The somewhat poorly drained Conover soils have severe limitations for streets and buildings because of a seasonal high water table and the hazard of frost heaving. The seasonal high water table also hinders the operation of septic tanks. The better drained Celina and Miami soils provide fair to good foundation material for buildings and roads, but because of the slope, some cutting and filling is generally required for building sites and roads. The Celina and Miami soils vary in their limitation for septic tank disposal fields, and they generally require onsite investigation.



***Del Ray–Lenawee association: Level to gently sloping, somewhat poorly drained and poorly drained silt loams and silty clay loams that have a silty clay loam subsoil; on lake plains.***

Soils of this association are severely limited as sites for highways and residences because of their moderately high clay content. Highways and foundations are subject to frost heaving. Cracking and other displacements are caused by alternate wetting and drying of the soil material. Moderately slow permeability and a seasonal high water table hinder the operation of septic tank disposal fields in these soils. These problems are more serious on the poorly drained soils of this association.

***Boyer–Spinks–Ceresco–CoHoctah association: Nearly level to gently sloping, well–drained loamy sands that have a dominantly sand to sandy loam subsoil, on outwash plains and terraces; and level, somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained and very poorly drained fine sandy loams underlain by fine sandy loams to sand; on bottom lands.***

Upland soils are suitable sources for all material and are only slightly limited for roads and buildings. Septic tank disposal fields normally function well because these soils are well drained. River–bottom soils, mainly Ceresco and CoHoctah, are severely limited for buildings because of the high water table and the hazard of flooding.

Part of the initial planning process for potential recreational areas should include consideration and evaluation of existing soil types. This should be a contributing factor in determining the potential recreational use of an area.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

U.S. 23 bisects Fenton Township into east and west parts. The major highway, built to interstate standards primarily provides access to the employment centers in the Flint area, Ann Arbor area, and the Detroit Metropolitan area. Access to U.S. 23 is provided with primary county roads at Thompson, Silver Lake and Owen Roads. A rest area for the north bound U.S. 23 roadway is located 1 ½ miles north of the Silver Lake Road exchange.

Primary county roads traveling east–west include Owen, Silver Lake, Lahring, Rolston, Lobdell and Thompson Roads. North–south primary roads include Linden, Torrey, North and Fenton Roads.

### ***Airports***

Price’s Airport is located south of the City of Linden in Section 29. It is a privately owned and operated Class B Airport. Bishop International Airport is located approximately six miles north of Fenton Township and serves as the area’s major airport.

### ***Railways***

The CN North America/Grand Trunk Railway passes through the southern half of the township in a northwestern/southeastern direction.



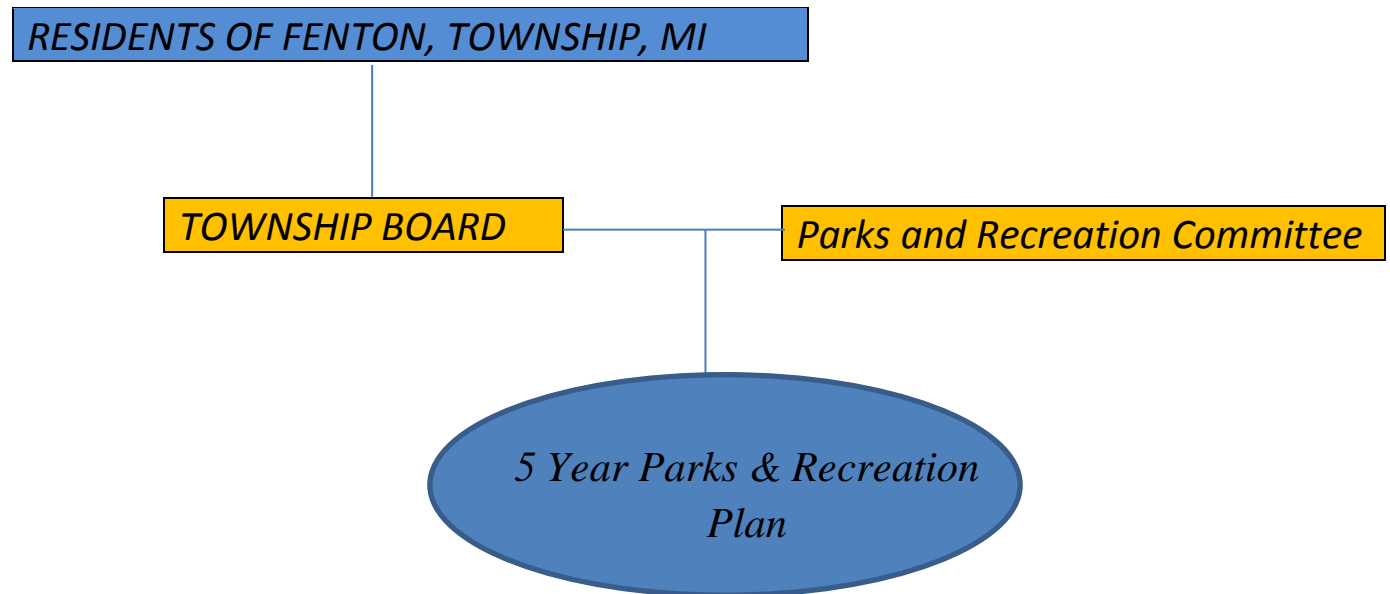
### EXISTING LAND USE

The land use for Fenton Township has not dramatically changed over the years. Open space still makes up a huge part of the land use for the Township. Vacant land still makes up a majority of the land use in the area (50.7%) with residential parcels following (25.7%) and public land use following (2.9%).



## ***ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE***

Fenton Township is a municipal corporation in Genesee County. The Township elects its own board trustees and supervisor and the town board is given the task with appointing a parks and recreation committee that makes recommendations to the board of trustees and oversees park functions.



### ***Staff***

Due to the Fenton Township not possessing ownership of any parks facilities, there is currently no staff that has been hired to attend to the maintenance and supervision of any parks.

### ***Budget***

There is currently no money allocated to the parks and recreation department due to the fact that there are currently no parks under the authority of Fenton Township.

### ***Funding Sources***

Sources available for municipal improvements to park facilities include the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grant), various federal grant opportunities and also through local non-profit organizations.

### ***Volunteer Activities***

Fenton Township relies heavily on volunteers from a range of local organizations to assist with recreational activities for the youth and young adults in the Township. These groups contribute to the quality and quantity of such events. These volunteer groups include:



- Jet Basketball League – This group organizes basketball games and is available for youth 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, currently servicing 60-75 kids. Volunteers are coaches, referees, scorekeepers and concession stand attendants.
- AYSO – Youth soccer has been organized in the Fenton area for years; with over 50 youth participating every year; volunteers assist with registration, coaching and fundraising.
- Lake Fenton Youth Football – Volunteer groups assist with fundraising opportunities for team as well as coaching and officiating during games. Over 100 youth take advantage of the football program annually.
- Heartland Lacrosse League – Parents and volunteers in the Heartland/Fenton area that support Lacrosse. Over 30 youth are involved in the league and volunteers provide coaching and fundraising. Also, group works with school districts to ensure playing surface is adequately maintained.

#### ***Relationship with Lake Fenton Community Schools***

As part of this plan's development Fenton Township anticipates working with Lake Fenton School District for possible future programming in any future township facility.

#### ***Relationship with Southern Lakes Park and Recreation Commission***

Fenton Township has township trustee representation in the Southern Lakes Park and Recreation Board which coordinates recreation programming and development for the community. Its mission is to establish, maintain and operate a system of parks, recreational facilities and program opportunities that enhance the education, physical health, personal well-being, and social interactions within the Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton communities.



## ***PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY***

### ***Township Facilities***

An inventory of all existing recreational facilities owned by Fenton Township was conducted using the previous Township Plan, the Township GIS system and site visits

#### **A. Fenton Township Civic Community Center & Mantawauka Park**

Fenton Township Civic Community Center is the site of the Township Office. It is located off of North Long Lake Road & Bowles at 12060 Mantawauka. It is situated on the north end of Lake Fenton. The building has one large and one smaller meeting room for public and private meetings and other events. Mantawauka Park is open to the public, has a gazebo, several picnic tables, a playscape and swimming area with 100 foot of frontage sandy beach and playscape. The beach is enjoyed by all ages and is sometimes used for weddings.

**Size:** 3.88 acres

**Service area:** Fenton Township Community

#### **Recreational Facilities:**

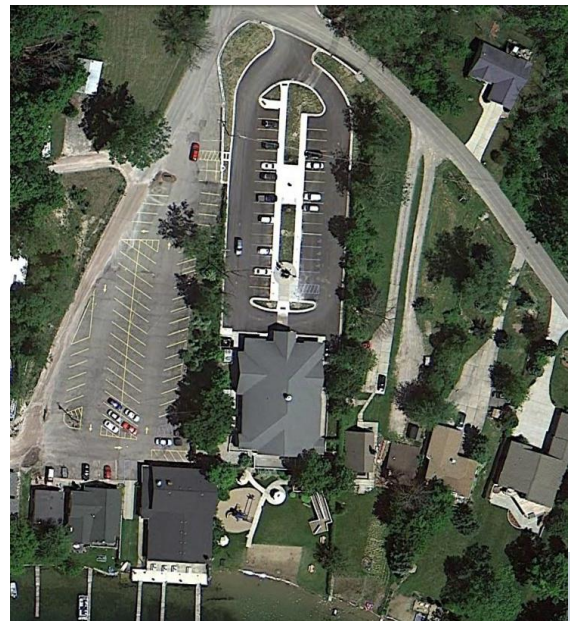
Meeting/Banquet Rooms  
Kitchen  
Swimming Beach  
Picnic Area  
Playscape  
Park Benches  
Gazebo  
Picnic Tables (2 covered)

#### **Support Facilities:**

Paved Parking  
Restrooms  
Kitchen

**Accessibility:** 4 – all facilities meet accessibility guidelines

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None





**B. Thompson Road Park** (currently not developed)

Thompson Road Park is located on Thompson Road between Fenton and Torrey Roads. It was acquired by the Township in 2012 from the Genesee County Land Bank. It is planned to be developed as a public park with recreational facilities to include soccer fields, a basketball court, softball and baseball diamonds, a sledding hill, parking and a playground.

**Size:** 34.69 acres

**Service Area:** Fenton Township Community

**Recreational Facilities:** None

**Support Facilities:** None

**Accessibility:** All proposed facilities will be designed to meet accessibility guidelines.

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None

**C. Blue Gill Island**

Located in Silver Lake this Island is a natural resource area and it has been placed in the care of the Township

**Size:** 4.47 acres

**Service Area:** Fenton Township Community

**Recreational Facilities:** None

**Support Facilities:** None

**Accessibility:** N/A

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None





**D. Emerald Pointe Preserve**

Located along the east channel connecting Squaw Lake and Lake Ponemah this is a natural resource area.

**Size:** 27.61 acres

**Service Area:** Fenton Township Community

**Recreational Facilities:** None

**Support Facilities:** None

**Accessibility:** N/A

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None

**E. Torrey/Grove Park Preserve**

Located this is a natural resource area.

**Size:** 14.67 acres

**Service Area:** Fenton Township Community

**Recreational Facilities:** None

**Support Facilities:** None

**Accessibility:** N/A

**DNR Recreation Grants:** None

***Barrier-Free Accessibility***

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) required all areas of public service to have barrier-free accessibility and transition plans for addressing these needs, including parks and recreation parks and facilities. An evaluation of Fenton Township ADA compliance has been conducted as part of the local recreational inventory. A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each park's accessibility which is described below and reflected in the inventory above.



**Accessibility Level 1:** The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. This site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

**Accessibility Level 2:** The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

**Accessibility Level 3:** The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved; some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

**Accessibility Level 4:** The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

**Accessibility Level 5:** The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, which is a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability or situation.



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

## TOWNSHIP PARK INVENTORY



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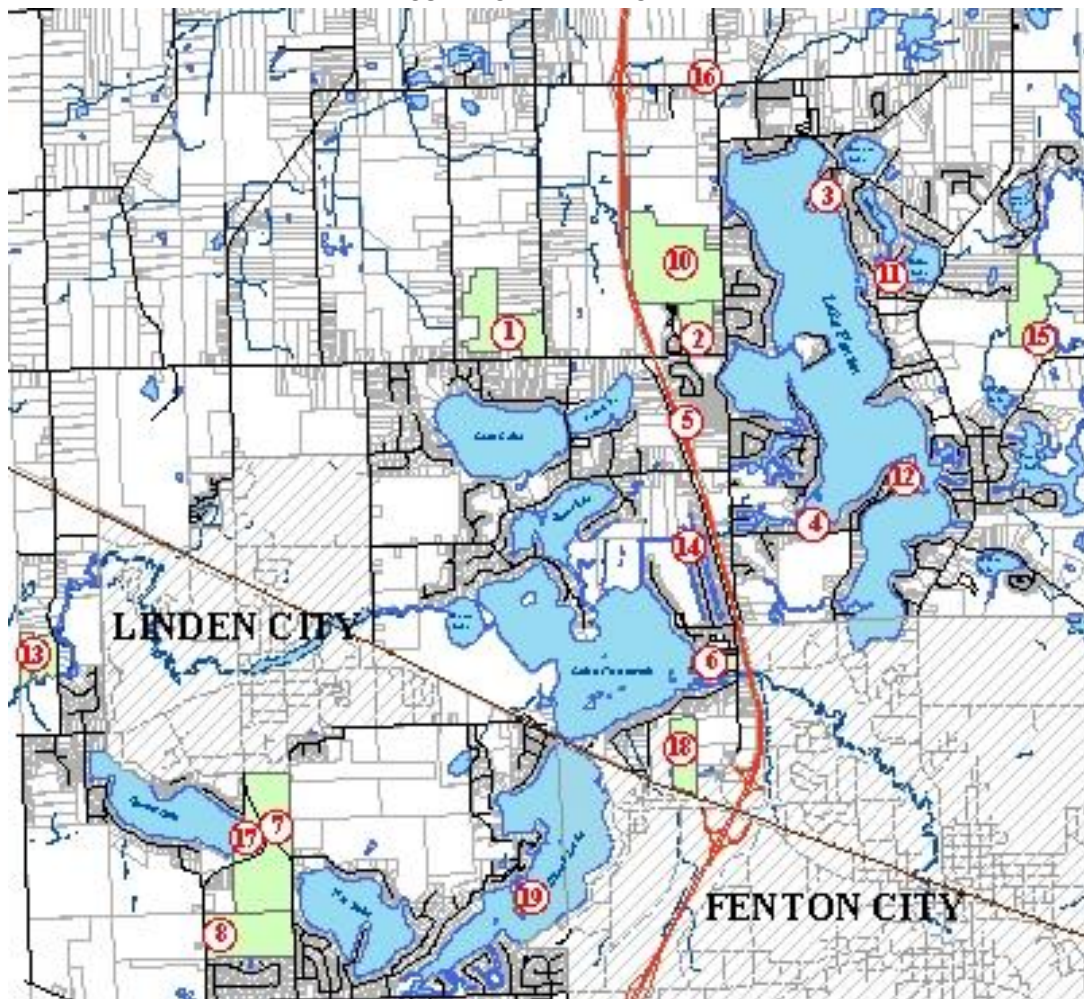


### ***Other Local Facilities***

The following is a comprehensive list of public and private recreational areas and facilities within Fenton Township. The inventory will be used as a basis for determining the need for specific recreation facilities in the township.

As in many communities in Michigan, the local school districts provide a valuable resource of facilities and programs for local community recreation. For this reason, facilities provided by school districts have been included in the Local Recreational Inventory. Private recreational facilities can relieve demand and use pressures on public facilities. While private facilities are generally pay-per-use, they can include a wide range of uses, including golf courses sports fields, batting cages, rifle ranges, etc. For this reason, the recommendation to include private local recreational activities was also included.

MAP 3  
COMMUNITY PARKS MAP





- 1) Lake Fenton High School
- 2) West Shore & Torrey Hill
- 3) Township Center Park
- 4) Lake Fenton DNR Access
- 5) Michigan Department of Transportation Rest Area
- 6) Lake Ponemah DNR Access
- 7) Linden Park/Clover Beach County Park
- 8) AYSO Deer Run Soccer Park
- 9) Lake Fenton Middle School
- 10) Fenton Farms Golf Club
- 11) Private Park
- 12) Private Park
- 13) Linden Sportsman Club
- 14) Private Park
- 15) Fenton Lakes Sportsmans Club
- 16) Fenton Lanes
- 17) Linden Park/Clover Beach County Park
- 18) Foley Park
- 19) Blue Gill Island in Silver Lake

### ***MDNR Public Access Launch Sites***

#### **4. Lake Fenton Public Access Launch Site**

Located off Torrey Road on Grove Park Road on the southwest side of Lake Fenton

**Size:** 2.88 acres

#### **Recreational Facilities:**

2 boat launch areas

Docks

#### **Support Facilities:**

Restrooms

Parking



#### **6. Lake Ponemah Public Access Launch Site**

Located off North Road on east side of Lake Ponemah

**Size:** 16.12 acres

#### **Recreational Facilities:**

Boat Launch

Dock

#### **Support Facilities:**

Restrooms

Parking





## ***School Facilities***

### **1. Lake Fenton High School**

Located on the corner of Lahring and Jennings Roads



**Size:** 86.69 acres

#### **Recreational Facilities:**

- Tennis Courts (8)
- Baseball Field
- Softball Field
- Practice Fields
- Football Field and Stadium
- Track
- Soccer Field
- Auditorium
- Gymnasium
- Open Space

#### **Support Facilities:**

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Concessions





## Lake Fenton Middle School

Located on the corner of North Long Lake and Torrey Roads

**Size:** 26.35 acres

### Recreational Facilities:

Baseball Field  
Softball Field  
Football Field and Stadium  
Track  
Gymnasium  
Open Space

### Support Facilities:

Restrooms  
Parking  
Concessions



## 2. West Shore Elementary & Torrey Hill Intermediate School Campus

Located at the corner of Torrey & Lahring Roads

**Size:** 30.93 acres

### Recreational Facilities:

Basket Ball Courts  
Play Grounds (3)  
Ball Diamonds  
Open Space

### Support Facilities:

Restrooms  
Parking



## OTHER FACILITIES



## **US 23 Rest Area**

Picnic Tables

## **Private Recreation Facilities**

### **Fenton Farms Golf Club**

18 Hole Par 72 Public Golf Course

Pro Shop

Restaurant

### **Linden Sportsman Club**

Trap Field

Gun Range

Archery Course

Dining Hall

### **Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club**

Sporting Clays

Gun Range

Banquet Hall

Kitchen

Gazebo

### **Fenton Lanes**

Bowling Alley – 25 Lanes



## ***Genesee County Parks within the Township***

### **7. Linden Park & Clover Beach**

Located 1,200 feet of frontage on Byram Lake

**Size:** 144.18 acres

**Recreational Facilities:**

Ball Fields  
Basket Ball Courts  
Tennis and Multi-purpose  
Courts  
Pavilions  
Swimming Beach  
Picnic Areas  
Play Equipment Areas  
Trails

**Support Facilities:**

Restrooms  
Parking





## 8. Deer Run AYSO Soccer Park

Located on the northeast corner of Linden and Owen Roads from US-23, exit #78 (Owen Road) left onto Owen Road until road ends. Turn right onto Linden Road. Soccer complex is on the right about 1/4 mile. Complex enters from the south and exits from the north.

**Size:** 81.25 acres

### Recreational Facilities:

Soccer Fields 16

### Support Facilities:

Restrooms

Parking

Concessions

:



### Regional Facilities

On a regional level, Fenton Township is located within a 30-mile radius of numerous state recreational and game areas. The township lies within the boundaries of the **Genesee County Parks System**, which contains over 10,000 trees of recreational area. Two of these county parks, the Genesee Recreation Area the Holloway Reservoir Regional Park, provide over 9,500 acres of recreational areas that includes such activities as swimming, boating and hiking. The remaining five major Genesee County Parks contain over 800 acres which offer similar kinds of facilities to county residents (MAP 1)



MAP 4  
COUNTY PARKS MAP

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS  
*Get away. Right away.*



- 1) Linden County Park – 15349 Linden Road, Linden, MI
- 2) Flushing County Park – 4417 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI
- 3) Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path – 5500 Bray Road, Flint, MI
- 4) Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad – 6140 Bray Road, Flint, MI
- 5) Stepping Stone Falls and Picnic Area – 5161 Branch Road, Flint, MI
- 6) Bluegill Boat Launch – 4045 Coldwater Road, Flint, MI
- 7) Administrative Offices - 5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI
- 8) Buell Lake County Park – 14098 N. Genesee Road, Clio, MI
- 9) For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum – 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI
- 10) Davison roadside County Park – 6160 Davison Road, Burton, MI
- 11) Everett A. Cummings Event Center 6130 E. Mt. Morris Road, Mt. Morris, MI
- 12) Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area – 6145 E. Mt. Morris Road, Mt. Morris, MI
- 13) Goldenrod Disc Golf Course – 6405 Irish Road, Davison, MI
- 14) Richfield County Park – 6322 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI
- 15) Holloway dam Public Access Fishing Site and Canoe Launch
- 16) Walleye Pike Boat Launch – 7240 N. Henderson Road, Davison, MI
- 17) Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach – 7698 N. Baxter Road, Columbiaville, MI
- 18) Toboggan Hill – Carpenter Road, Oregon Township, MI
- 19) Elba Equestrian Complex – Elba Road, Lapeer, MI
- 20) Hogbacks Area – Genesee County/Lapeer County Lines
- 21) Zeemer Park – Marathon Road



Other regional recreational facilities exist in other counties (Oakland, Livingston and Lapeer). These parks are under the direct authority of the State of Michigan. TABLE 7 details the amenities to each park as well as the square footage of each park.

TABLE 7  
REGIONAL RECREATIONAL INVENTORY (STATE OPERATED)

Recreation Facility	Acres	Boat Launch	Camping	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Pavilions/Shelters	Picnic Area	Playground	Swimming
Bald Mountain State Park	4,637	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dodge No. 4 State Park	139	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Groveland Oaks Campground	N/A	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Highland State Park	5,524	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holly State Park	7,470	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marshbank State Park	N/A	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Ortonville State Park	3,205	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Pontiac Lake State Park	3,700	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proud Lake State Park	3,614	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seven Lakes State Park	1,378	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brighton State Park	4,913	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Island Lake State Park	3,466	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kensington State Park	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metamora – Hadley State Park	683	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

\*Red lettering denotes Oakland County Parks; Green lettering denotes Livingston County Parks and Purple Lettering denotes Lapeer County Parks.



## ***PLANNING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

The previous sections of the plan provided valuable insight into all aspects of parks and recreation in Fenton Township. This section of the Plan evaluates the information to best understand the needs and priorities for park land, recreation facilities and programs in the community.

There are several resources incorporated into the analysis. To begin, public input was important in order to understand community priorities and preferences. Next, existing park land was evaluated in terms of size, location and function. This was followed by an analysis of recreation facilities such as athletic fields, playgrounds and trails. Current recreation programs were then evaluated to best understand future programming needs and opportunities.

### ***Public Input***

Each of the opportunities for public participation is briefly described below, followed by a summary of comments and consistent themes.

**Recreation Parks and Recreation Committee:** The Township hosted two meetings with individuals representing various groups to discuss specific topic areas related to the provision of parks and recreation related activities. These consisted of a recreation visioning session followed by a set of one-on-one interviews with representatives of organizations that provide recreational opportunities in the community.

**Public Hearings:** A copy of the draft plan was made available to the public for their review prior to action by the Township. Prior to their endorsement of the Plan, the Township Parks Committee conducted a public hearing on February 3, 2014. The plan was then review by the Townships Board at a public hearing, also on February 3, 2014 prior to their adoption of the plan. Both the availability of the Plan and notice of the public hearing were advertised in the local paper and on the local cable access channel.

### ***Recreation Provider Interviews/Recreation Visioning Session:***

To assist in determining the level of demand and need for recreational facilities, the Park Committee formulated a list of recreation providers in the area. Recreation providers were those organizations in some way responsible for the provision of recreational opportunities in Fenton Township and the surrounding communities through coaching, programming or organizing. Generally, providers were well informed about the facilities available and had insight into the recreational needs of the community, particularly in their specific area of interest. In September 2013, representatives of Rowe Professional Services Company interviewed the providers. Also in September, the Township held a Recreation Visioning Meeting to elicit comments from the public on issues related to recreation in the community. The input from those two sets of meetings is summarized below.



***Organizations Represented:***

Lake Fenton Little League

AYSO

Basketball – Jet League

Lake Fenton Youth Football

Heartland Youth Lacrosse

**What are the greatest recreational assets Fenton Township has?**

- Community support – Local government, parents and business owners (2)
- Lakes and Rivers
- Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (Untapped asset)
- Youth recreational programs with a lot of parental involvement
- Volunteerism
- New high school and new middle school (2)
- Water
- AYSO

**What are the greatest recreational needs Fenton Township has?**

- Additional space – Civic space to hold large number of people and vehicles (2)
- Cheerleaders
- Need for a central location
- Storage facilities
- Practice fields and sports fields (2)
- More soccer fields
- All types of facilities (2)
- Non-motorized trails
- Field hockey/soccer – Need for more leagues to let kids play
- Communication between Lake Fenton and Linden School Districts
- Central location for baseball facilities
- “Home Base” for various clubs that provide opportunities for kids to play

**What are one or two of the most important goals the community should concentrate on in order to improve recreation in the Fenton Community:**

- Addressing childhood obesity
- Providing recreation opportunities for youth (3)
- Increase access to athletic and recreational fields and to expand range of recreational activities
- Improve access to recreational facilities and fields
- Economic development
- Family (2)
- Bring the community residents together (2)
- Promote health / teamwork for children (2)



**What are some of the most important improvements that the community should concentrate on in order to improve recreation in the Fenton Community (new or improved infrastructure, event programming, etc.):**

- Fitness Paths
- Football / Soccer Fields (5)
- Softball / Baseball Fields (5)
- Additional lighting for fields
- Pavilions with running water and restroom facilities
- ADA access
- Many facilities are not well located in relationship with parking / concessions / bathrooms
- Non-motorized pathway – exercise
- Community space
- Swimming Pool
- Central facility with good security and good fields
- An all-season facility to provide space for field sports and recreational uses

**Any other thoughts or comments:**

- A site for other types of activities (music in parks, summer activities for kids, festivals)
- Look at it from the standpoint of a “system of parks” including pocket parks; identify potential properties
- Multi-use; serve all age groups
- Tennis courts / basketball courts
- Look at Davison Park

### ***Public Input for Plan Amendment***

The Township advertised on June 12, 2016 for a public input opportunity to be held as part of the Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees regular meeting on June 20, 2016. At the meeting a copy of the current 5 Year Recreation Plan goals and objectives was distributed for reference as well as a copy of the proposed Regional Trail Alignment plan that is supported in the current 2014 Regional Non-motorized Trail Plan for Genesee County. A copy of the public notice, meeting minutes and other information associated with this public input is included in the appendix.

The meeting was well attended by approximately 100 residents, business owners and representatives from the non-profit LAFF (advocates for pathway connections in the Linden, Argentine Township, Fenton and Fenton Township communities). Information was provided by LAFF from over 1600 “Yes Statements” from residents within the local region that support non-motorized improvements. At the recent Fenton Expo, over 433 forms were collected with over



50% from Fenton Township residents. Results from an on-line survey identify over 90% support for non-motorized facilities.

There was also a request to support of the National Heritage Water Trail designation for the Shiawassee River and the various active living, economic and public benefits this brings to the community.

Various individuals supported trails for benefits including safety due to high traffic on local roads, accessibility for use by all ages and abilities, use by youth for fitness, testimony by a physical therapist for use of trails for active living and business owners on the positive economic impact. There was one comment raised by a resident along the path route with concern for impacts to residents along the proposed route and another comment with concern that impacts to wetlands would be addressed in the design of the trail.

On July 10 a legal notice will be placed in the local paper providing notice that the draft plan amendment will be available for a two- week period of review and that a public hearing will be held on July 25, 2016 prior to action by the Township. Based on supportive comments from the public hearing the Township Board adopted the amended plan immediately following the public hearing on July 25, 2016.

### ***Standards for Need***

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has adopted a set of standards to determine the need for certain recreational facilities, based on the population of the community. Table 3 below compares the facilities located in the Fenton Community as identified in the Recreation Inventory to the State's recreational standards.

TABLE 8  
FENTON TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL INVENTORY, 2013 AND STATE RECREATION STANDARDS

Column #1	Column #2	Column #3	Column #4	Column #5	Column #6
Item	Public Facilities	School Facilities	State Standards	Township Standards	Need 2014
Park Land (acres)	128.5	144	10/1,000	155	26.5
Soccer Field	—	4	1/20,000	1	1
Hiking Trails (mi.)	—	—	1/5,000	3	3
Playground	1	3	1/3,000	5	4
Ball Field	—	6	1/3,000	5	5



Column #1	Column #2	Column #3	Column #4	Column #5	Column #6
Item	Public Facilities	School Facilities	State Standards	Township Standards	Need 2014
Outdoor Basketball Court	—	—	1/5,000	3	3
Ice Rink (outdoor)	—	—	1/20,000	1	1
Fishing Access (ft.)	—	—	1,000/1,000	15,552	15,552
Picnic Areas (tables)	2	—	1/200	77	75
Outdoor Swimming Pools	—	—	1/40,000	—	—
Swimming Beaches	1	—	1/25,000	1	0
Sledding Hills	—	—	1/40,000	—	—
Bicycle Trails/Walkways (mi.)	—	—	1/40,000	0.1	0.1
Tennis Courts (A)	—	8	1/4,000	4	4



### ***Summary of Comparison Table***

The comparison table identifies the types of recreational facilities (Column #1) owned by the Fenton Township (Column #2) as well as those owned by Lake Fenton Community Schools within the township (Column #3). The State Recreational Standards are listed in Column #4. These standards have been adopted by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources to serve as a measurement of need for recreational facilities. Column #5 shows the present demand for each facility, assuming State Standards are to be met. Column #6 illustrates the deficiencies in the current number of facilities within Fenton Township, based on a 2010 combined village and township population of 15,552 people.

The comparison table indicates there is a significant demand for many of the recreational facilities listed in Column #1. There are presently about 128.5 acres of open space under the control of the Township, (which includes the 34.7 acres on Thompson Road owned by the Township but not yet developed) but 90 acres of that is in the form of nature preserves. An additional 115 acres of open space is owned and maintained by the Lake Fenton Community Schools. While efforts are made to encourage township residents to utilize school facilities whenever possible, during school hours and extracurricular activities, the availability of these facilities for public use is limited. For this reason, it appears that there is demand for recreational park land that is owned, developed, and maintained by the township.

The comparison table indicates the need for the following: 26.5 acres of parkland; 1 soccer field, 3 miles of hiking trails; 4 playground; 3 outdoor basketball court; 1 outdoor ice rink; 15,552 feet of fishing access; 75 picnic tables and 4 tennis courts. The State standard for Bicycle Trails/Walkways is 1 mile per 40,000 population.

The soccer field demand is misleading in two ways. While not owned by the Township the Deer Run AYSO Soccer Park provides 16 soccer fields for use by area residents. However, input from recreation providers indicates that there is still a demand for additional fields.

These findings were considered by the Parks and Recreation Committee, together with the results of the recreation provider interviews, in reviewing the Goals and Objectives as well as the Action Plan.



## ***GOALS AND OBJECTIVES***

Following review of its preliminary “prouds” and “sorries” list and comments received from recreation providers and participants in the Recreation Open House, the Park Board outlined a set of overall goals for recreation in the community. These were refined by the Board and ROWE staff and reviewed and revised a second time by the Board following consideration of the findings of the recreation inventory. They were used to evaluate and prioritize the action plan. Additional revisions were made at direction from the Township Board based on input received during the plan amendment process.

### ***Goal 1***

Increase the recreational opportunities for the youth of the community to promote healthy lifestyles and to teach teamwork.

Basis for Goal: Several recreational providers reported that a lack of recreational facilities, particularly fields for softball, soccer and lacrosse have prevented them from being able to form an adequate number of teams to allow all of the interested children to play or have forced them to create teams that were too large, limiting the playing time of many of the participants.

Objective 1A: Provide for a central location where multi use fields can provide needed facilities for teams

Objective 1B: Coordinate with Lake Fenton Community Schools, Fenton Community Schools and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation to leverage existing facilities in the Township and maximize their usage.

### ***Goal 2***

Provide recreational opportunities that will increase opportunities for community residents to interact and strengthen a shared sense of community.

Basis for Goal: Members of the public indicated that an important goal for the Township Recreation Plan should be to provide an opportunity for members of the community to meet and get to know one another, whether at their child’s softball game, at an event such as “Music in the Park” or other similar activities

Objective 2A: Provide for a central location where a range of recreational facilities provide opportunities for these community building activities.

Objective 2B: Work with the community organizations and recreation providers to program activities in available community facilities



### **Goal 3**

Provide opportunities for recreational activities that can be shared by the all family members to help strengthen family ties

Basis for Goal: Many members of the public interviewed identified the community as “family friendly” To continue to promote this character; many members of the public expressed the need to provide recreational activities and facilities that permit families to play together

Objective 3A: Provide facilities for all age ranges.

Objective 3B: Identify opportunities for family based recreational use

### **Goal 4**

Support the development of universally accessible, multi-use non-motorized paved pathways and water-trails within the township.

Basis for Goal: Many members of the public expressed the need and support for developing a pathway system that provides a safe environment for walking, bicycle use, paddling and connectivity that promotes physical activity for all ages, abilities, and supports economic prosperity through alternate transportation routes.

Objective 4A: Support the development of trails within Fenton Township based on the 2014 Regional Non-motorized Trail Plan for Genesee County.

Objective 4B: Support the National Heritage Water Trail designation for the Shiawassee River



## ***ACTION PLAN***

### ***Basis for Action Plan***

The basis for this action plan is the Park Committee's review of its goals and objectives, their evaluation of existing facilities and improvements proposed by recreation providers and the general public.

### ***Action Plan***

- A. Develop proposed Phase 1 of Fenton Township Community Park.  
The initial development of this 34.6 acre site owned by the Township on Thompson Road is proposed to include soccer fields, baseball/softball fields and parking.

Development of Phase I is supported by Objectives 1A, and 2A of this plan.

- B. Develop proposed Phase II of Fenton Township Community Park.  
The second phase would build on the first, increasing the range of uses available by adding a sledding hill, nature center, picnic pavilions a basketball court, splash pad and dog park.

Development of Phase II is supported by Objective 1A, 2A and 3A of this plan.

- C. Improve the Township's ability to program and maintain recreational facilities  
Expand the Recreation Committee to include representatives of the recreational groups in the community and work to develop programing for the Township Park..

Development of these trails is supported by Objectives 2B, 2C and 2D of this plan.

- D. Establish permanent Joint Parks and Recreation Committee (Township and School)  
To help coordinate future efforts by the township and the school district the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee would be made a permanent joint committee reporting to both jurisdictions. The committee would have the responsibility of identifying and recruiting other organizations to work with the committee on coordinating recreation programming and facilities

Expansion of the township's ability to maintain and program the park is supported by Objectives 1B and 2B of this plan.

- E. Support the development of pathways as outlined in the Proposed Regional Trail Alignment Plan as identified in Objective 4A.

- F. Support the development of the National Heritage Water Trail designation for the Shiawassee River as identified in Objective 4B.

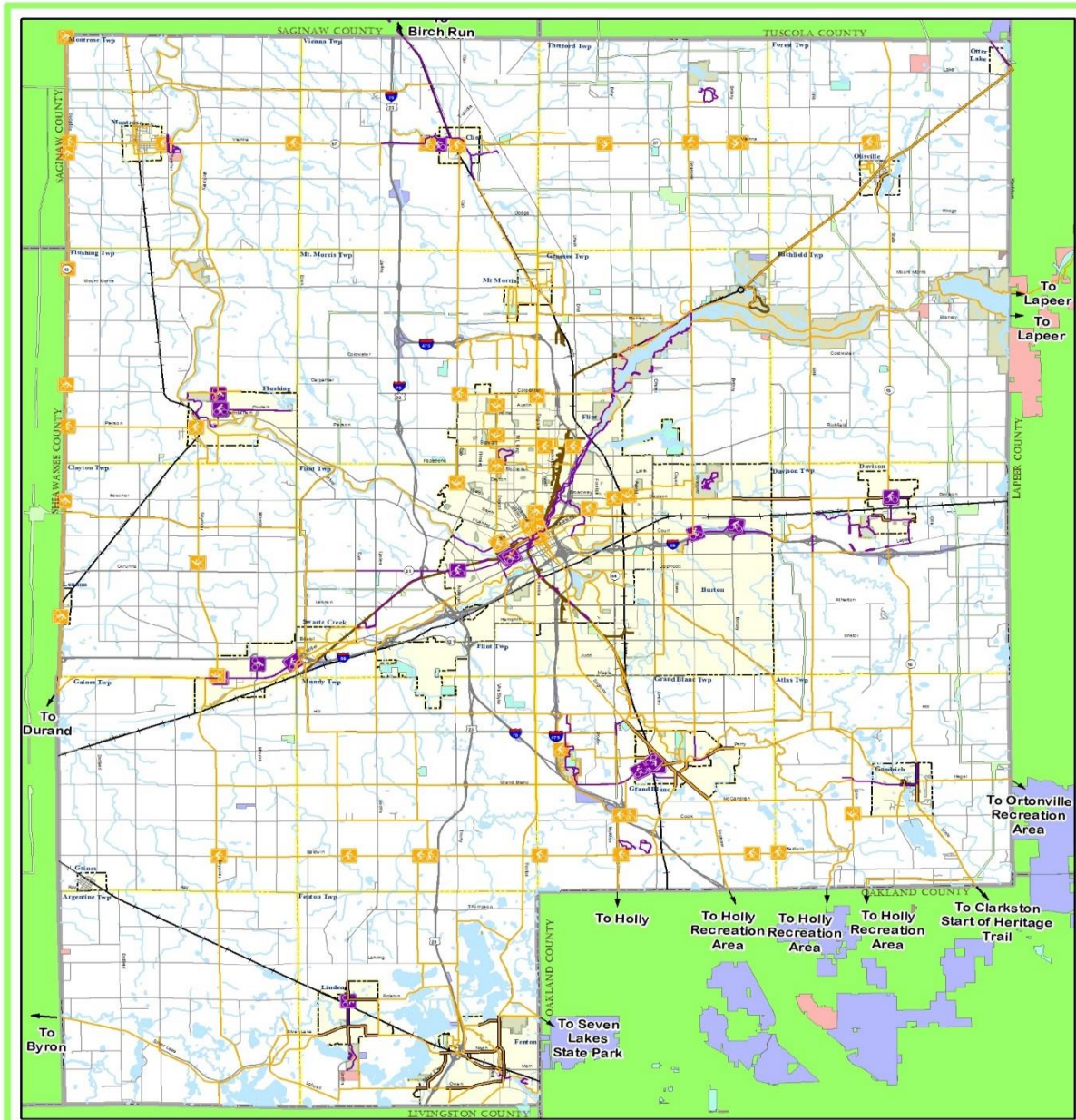


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MAP5  
GENESEE COUNTY REGIONAL NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL PLAN

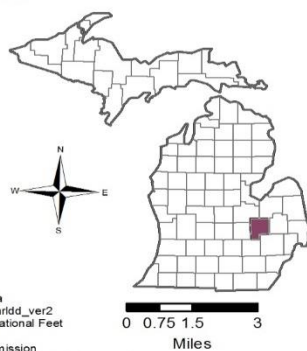


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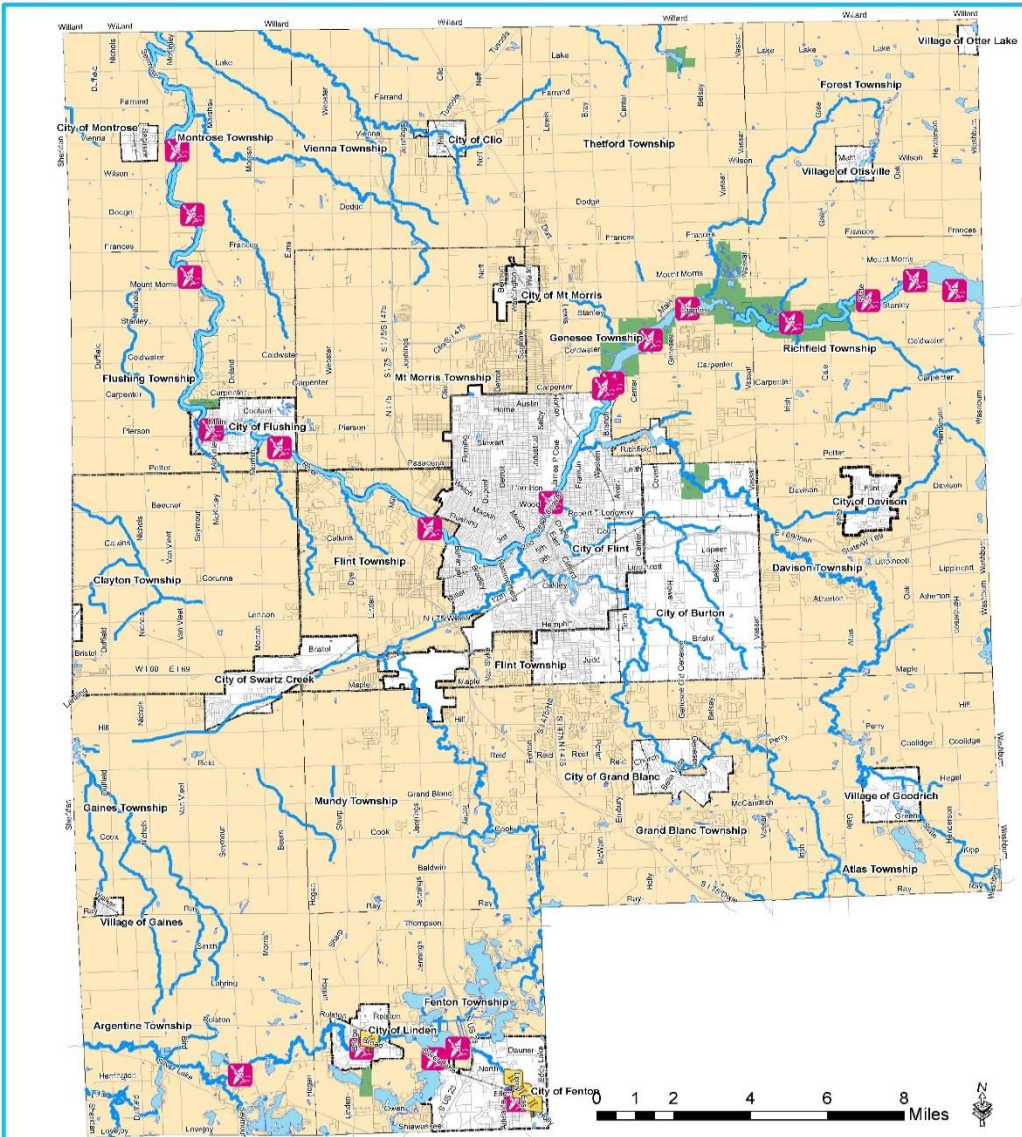
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- Parks
- Highways
- Major Roads
- Local Roads
- Railroad
- Lake, River, or Stream

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- Existing Bike Lanes
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- Potential Trails
- Potential Trails with Sidewalks Existing
- Potential Bike Lanes
- Abandoned Railroads

- Existing Green Infrastructure
- County
  - City, Township, or Village
  - Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
  - State
  - Consumers Energy



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What is a Water Trail?

The National Water Trails System defines water trails as recreational routes on waterways with a network of public access points supported by broad-based community partnerships providing both conservation and recreational opportunities.

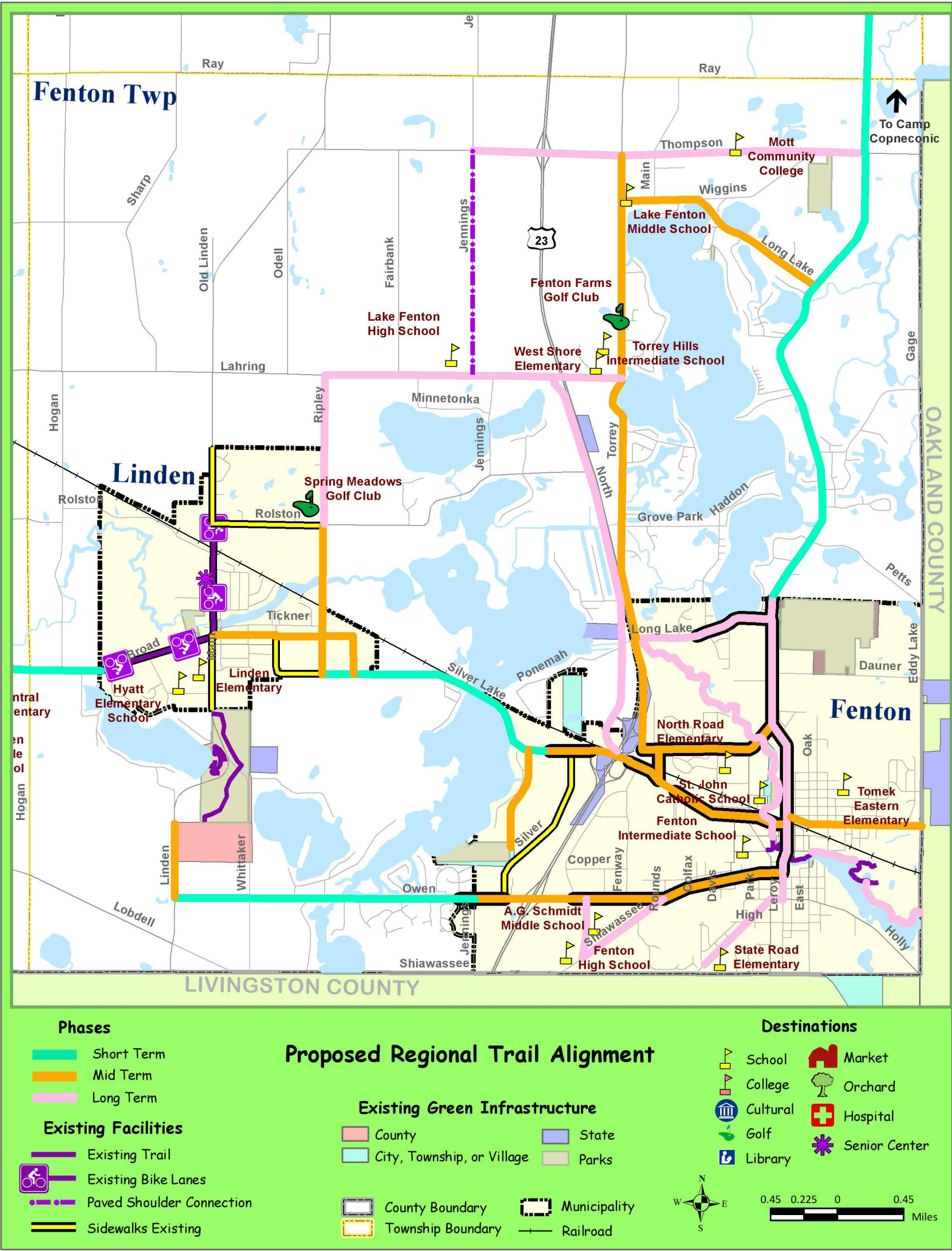
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- River Access Sites
- Water Sign Locations
- Genesee County Parks

May 2014









### Silver Lake Road

Silver Lake Road currently has a pathway/trail planned between Ripley Road and Jennings Road to connect to the existing sidewalks of both the City of Linden and the City of Fenton, respectively. During previously held public meetings and forums, this segment continues to be identified as a tier 1 priority trail regionally and the first choice by local residents. Currently there is no safe way for pedestrians, bicyclists and walkers to move between the two cities. The US-23 expressway overpass of Silver Lake Road located within the City of Fenton has an existing sidewalk with sufficient room to place a full width non-motorized trail. This Silver Lake Road corridor holds great benefit in connecting many business in both downtowns and along the route as well as many schools, parks and life service facilities for the users of the trail and those who live in the adjoining communities. This route also will connect to the public service facility area of Silver Lake Parkway.

### RIPLEY ROAD AND LAHRING ROAD

Ripley Road provides a strategic extension to the non-motorized trail proposed along the Silver Lake Road running between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton. It will offer a great opportunity for all residents of the City of Linden and those who would travel east on the proposed Argentine Township, Silver Lake Road pathway to safely travel north into township neighborhoods. The placement of a non-motorized trail along Lahring Road would provide connections to the Lake Fenton High School, the paved shoulders along Jennings Road; as well as connections to two (2) elementary schools.

In total there are five (5) routes to cross US-23 within Fenton Township borders. The Lahring Road bridge crossing offers a unique opportunity to connect residents to other neighborhoods. Due to the age of the crossing, careful consideration must be made by the Township and MDOT when developing a non-motorized path at this crossing. Any potential bridge crossings should be identified in a locally approved plan to ensure proper consideration during any programming and budgeting in the future by MDOT.

### THOMPSON ROAD

This route provides a great opportunity for a non-motorized connection between the existing paved shoulders along Jennings Road and a proposed pathway along Fenton Road. Thompson Road also offers connection possibilities to pathways that could be placed along Torrey Road, to the community schools, various parks, and to multiple business.

The Thompson Road overpass of US-23 is critical to the development of an interconnected non-motorized pathway system which could serve the southern Genesee County communities. This overpass has a high demand for truck use which is evident by the traffic and land development patterns in the area. A crossing redevelopment demand of this overpass for this kind of vehicle transportation is witnessed by the continuous turning radius damage to the guard railing systems. During any future improvement of this overpass, a non-motorized element should be included by MDOT.

### FENTON ROAD

Fenton Road is a great, potential corridor for a non-motorized pathway between the City of Fenton and outlying communities north of the City. Future connections may include the Fenton Township Dog Park, Camp Copneconic, Mundy Township, Grand Blanc Township, and the Governor's Iron Belle Trail; passing through on the southern end of Grand Blanc Township. A Fenton Road pathway will also provide opportunities to one of the most densified residential areas of the Township.



### TORREY ROAD

A non-motorized pathway along Torrey Road is a great opportunity for people living in the northwest part of the City of Fenton to safely enjoy opportunities at schools, parks and other facilities located in Fenton Township. This route would help children connect to schools located along Thompson Road, Long Lake Road and Lahring Road.

### NORTH ROAD

A proposed non-motorized pathway along North Road would provide a safe opportunity for many who live on the west side of US-23 to enter the life support services area of the City of Fenton. Many who live in that area are seen daily walking, pushing baby strollers and riding bicycles in or along the road even after dark as apparently they are without vehicle transportation. This route also has an opportunity to pass a non-motorized pathway under the expressway as there is sufficient space already existing. This proposed pathway would provide connection to parks and schools as well as a potential pathway along Lahring Road. This route could provide for the least expensive construction cost as it could be placed between the US-23 expressway fence line and North Road driving surface. There exist almost no driveways and yards to reconstruct or disturb during such construction compared to other typical routes. North Road does have both an exit and entrance ramp for US-23 expressway which will require coordination with MDOT.

### NOTE:

The planning of appropriate and safe crossings of the US-23 expressway is critical to non-motorized bicycling, pedestrian and walking activities. There are five (5) crossings from the southern limits of Genesee County to the north limits of Fenton Township, some of which are already sufficient with a clear and safe opportunity existing but still require some action to complete and identify.

- **Owen Road** overpass has been constructed with extra laneage along both sides in favor of non-motorized activity but will require identification signage, paint markings and other attributes placed for safe and active use.
- **Silver Lake Road** crossing has sufficient space and the expressway travels over Silver Lake Road. There is an existing pedestrian sidewalk through this area.
- **North Road** currently passes under the expressway and there exists sufficient space to allow for a non-motorized pathway along North Road passing under the expressway.
- **Lahring Road** has an existing overpass for the expressway crossing. This crossing is most likely the most aged from improvements compared to the other four (4) crossings. It does not appear, prior to a traffic study being completed, that there is a vehicle traffic/volume/capacity concern here BUT there is a need for a safe and effective non-motorized crossing as none currently exist.



- **Thompson Road** is the most northern crossing opportunity in the Fenton areas to cross the expressway. Currently this overpass is most likely running close to its maximum capacity as none of the heavy truck traffic was anticipated when the crossing was last placed or improved. As Thompson Road develops further there will be higher traffic demand placed on this crossing. As witnessed the trucks have difficulty maneuvering this crossing while making turns through this intersection. This road crossing may already be failing its intended service level. The large amount of truck traffic, with the trucks continually turning into the safety railings at each expressway ramp when making their turns, is evidence that improvements are necessary.

Once again it is critical to have a locally approved and submitted non-motorized plan so that should MDOT decide to reconstruct any overpass it would be on file with MDOT and the Genesee County Road Commission to consider all needed improvements including pedestrians. MDOT and the GCRC will consider such things in the programming and budget activity for construction projects. HOWEVER, IF THE PLAN IS NOT ON FILE AND BEING PROACTIVELY APPROACHED THERE WILL BE NO CONSIDERATION BY THE AGENCIES ABOVE THE TOWNSHIP LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.



## *APPENDIX* (2016 amendment)

- Public Input information
- Community Resolutions of Support for Trails
- Post Completion Self-Certification Reports (Not required – Township has not received MDNR grant funds)
- Resolutions and Minutes
- Copy of Notice
- Transmittal Letters

Plan Certification Checklist



**FENTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION PLAN 2014-2018**  
**PLAN AMENDMENT - PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**  
**JUNE 20, 2016**

*Thank you for attending tonight's public input session. The Fenton Township Board is planning to adopt an amendment to update the Township's 5-year Parks & Recreation Plan. For your reference, the **Goals and Objectives** and **Action Plan** from the current plan are listed below. Please feel free to provide comments, suggestions or other input that may be used to update, expand or enhance the plan as part of the amendment process.*

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Goal 1**

Increase the recreational opportunities for the youth of the community to promote healthy lifestyles and to teach teamwork.

Basis for Goal: Several recreational providers reported that a lack of recreational facilities, particularly fields for softball, soccer and lacrosse have prevented them from being able to form an adequate number of teams to allow all of the interested children to play or have forced them to create teams that were too large, limiting the playing time of many of the participants.

Objective 1A: Provide for a central location where multi use fields can provide needed facilities for teams

Objective 1B: Coordinate with Lake Fenton Community Schools, Fenton Community Schools and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation to leverage existing facilities in the Township and maximize their usage.

### **Goal 2**

Provide recreational opportunities that will increase opportunities for community residents to interact and strengthen a shared sense of community.

Basis for Goal: Members of the public indicated that an important goal for the Township Recreation Plan should be to provide an opportunity for members of the community to meet and get to know one another, whether at their child's softball game, at an event such as "Music in the Park" or other similar activities

Objective 2A: Provide for a central location where a range of recreational facilities provide opportunities for these community building activities.

Objective 2B: Work with the community organizations and recreation providers to program activities in available community facilities

### **Goal 3**

Provide opportunities for recreational activities that can be shared by the all family members to help strengthen family ties

Basis for Goal: Many members of the public interviewed identified the community as "family friendly" To continue to promote this character; many members of the



public expressed the need to provide recreational activities and facilities that permit families to play together

Objective 3A: Provide facilities for all age ranges.

Objective 3B: Identify opportunities for family based recreational use

## ***ACTION PLAN***

### ***Basis for Action Plan***

The basis for this action plan is the Park Committee's review of its goals and objectives, their evaluation of existing facilities and improvements proposed by recreation providers and the general public.

### ***Action Plan***

#### **A. Develop proposed Phase 1 of Fenton Township Community Park**

The initial development of this 34.6 acre site owned by the Township on Thompson Road is proposed to include soccer fields, baseball/softball fields and parking.

Development of Phase I is supported by Objectives 1A, and 2A of this plan.

#### **B. Develop proposed Phase II of Fenton Township Community Park**

The second phase would build on the first, increasing the range of uses available by adding a sledding hill, nature center, picnic pavilions a basketball court and splash pad.

Development of Phase II is supported by Objective 1A, 2A and 3A of this plan.

#### **C. Improve the Township's ability to program and maintain recreational facilities**

Expand the Recreation Committee to include representatives of the recreational groups in the community and work to develop programming for the Township Park.

Development of these trails is supported by Objectives 2B, 2C and 2D of this plan.

#### **D. Establish permanent Joint Parks and Recreation Committee (Township and School)**

To help coordinate future efforts by the township and the school district the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee would be made a permanent joint committee reporting to both jurisdictions. The committee would have the responsibility of identifying and recruiting other organizations to work with the committee on coordinating recreation programming and facilities

Expansion of the township's ability to maintain and program the park is supported by Objectives 1B and 2B of this plan.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2016**

**FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker, Attorney  
Belzer and Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: None

**OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 6/20/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**Plante & Moran, PLLC-Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Supervisor Mathis introduced Pam Hill and Amar Rushing of Plante & Moran, PLLC. Ms. Hill and Ms. Simpson reviewed several graphs outlining year-to-year changes in revenues, expenditures and fund balance in the General Fund and cash flows in the Sewer Fund.

Areas highlighted included:

- ⇒ Total fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$118,800 to a total of \$1,535,388. Unassigned fund balance totaled 993,436, which represents approximately 5 months of budgeted expenditures, which within the recommended range of 3-5 months.
- ⇒ General Fund revenues increased \$13,785 from 2014.
- ⇒ General Fund expenditures increased \$131,761 from 2013, due primarily to Building & Grounds expense and PEG expenditures.
- ⇒ All Special Revenue Funds, (Fire Protection, Solid Waste and Mosquito Control), are financially stable with adequate fund balances.
- ⇒ The Sewer Fund experienced a slight increase in cash reserves due to operating transfers. The fund is still able to cover the operating costs and debt payment obligations, although the reduced cash reserves have resulted in tighter cash flows.

The board thanked Ms. Hill and Mr. Rushing for their report.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the 6/6/16 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$372,299.20 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker



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Seconded: Kesler  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Public Input Session – Proposed Amendment to Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan**

Supervisor Mathis noted that the township received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to cover the cost of amending the Township's existing Parks & Recreation Plan. The primary focus of the amendment is to incorporate a regional non-motorized pathway system into the plan, although other updates (such as the dog park and revised Thompson Road park layout) will also be included in the amendment. The amended plan will put Fenton Township in a more favorable position when applying for recreation grants.

One required step in the plan amendment process is a public input session for citizens to provide input and comments regarding recreational needs.

Public comment:

The following individuals representing the LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton & Fenton Township) Pathways group spoke in support of adding the non-motorized pathway network to the Township's parks & recreation plan:

Ron Stack, LAFF Chairperson

Victor Lukasavitz, LAFF Government Relations Chairperson

Jesse Anderson, Red Fox Outfitters co-owner and LAFF member

They pointed out the many benefits of a community-wide network of pathways, including:

- Increased recreation opportunities
- Improved health
- Environmental preservation
- Economic development
- Increased property values
- Better overall quality of life

Several maps were also distributed showing not only the current regional trail plan for the LAFF area, but also extending into the Holly area.

The group has also conducted surveys showing that over 90% of local residents are in favor of non-motorized pathways.

Maggie Yerman, 15163 Restwood Drive

Ms. Yerman is a member of the *Keepers of the Shiawassee*, a group that is actively pursuing a "National Heritage Water Trail" designation for the Shiawassee River. She requested that the water trail be included as a priority in the Township's parks & recreation plan.



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Cole Merchant

Mr. Merchant's family owns farm on Silver Lake Road, along the proposed trail route. He asked if the federally protected wetland in this area will be considered while developing the pathway. Supervisor Mathis stated that environmental issues would be addressed during the design of the project.

The following individuals spoke in support of adding non-motorized trails/pathways to the Township's parks & recreation plan:

Ginger Virkler  
Patti Smith  
Annette Walker  
David Kemp  
Martha Kemp  
Megan Manley  
Emma Brant  
Jennifer Blackwood  
Monica Ryneanson  
Kim Weber

Their reasons for supporting non-motorized pathways include:

- Benefit to the community
- Improved safety
- Safe biking routes for people of all ages
- Improved overall community health

Ross Merchant, 4214 Silver Lake Road

Mr. Merchant expressed concern regarding a 10-foot wide pathway being constructed across the front yards of residents. Silver Lake Road is a very busy road and an alternate route should be considered for the pathway.

It was also noted that the updated site plan for the Thompson Road park property, including the planned dog park, should be considered as part of the plan amendment process.

Supervisor Mathis stated that the information gathered at this meeting will be provided to Rowe Professional Services Company to draft the proposed amendment to the Parks & Recreation Plan. The amendment should be prepared within the next two weeks, at which time the Township will schedule a formal public hearing on the plan amendment, which is tentatively scheduled for the July 25th board meeting.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Marine Patrol**

Trustee Goupil reported that he has spoken to Undersheriff Swanson regarding Marine Patrol services. They will continue discussing budget scheduling in an attempt to maximize the benefit received from the limited funding for marine patrol.



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**Retirement Reception for Richard Cooley**

Supervisor Mathis stated that the Township plans to host a reception/open house for recently retired township attorney Richard Cooley. After a brief discussion the event was tentatively scheduled for Monday 8/1/16 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Proposed Ordinance to Repeal Obsolete Ordinances/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed ordinance to repeal five obsolete ordinances, which was introduced at the 6/6/16 meeting. The ordinances are: Ordinance No. 260, Mobile Home Parks, (adopted 1977); Ordinance No. 403, Wetland Protection, (adopted 1991); Ordinance No. 640, Plumbing Code, (adopted 2005); Ordinance No. 641, Mechanical Code, (adopted 2005); Ordinance No. 642, Electrical Code, (adopted 2005).

There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 789, an ordinance to repeal the following general ordinances due to obsolescence, as presented:

Ordinance No. 260 (Mobile Home Parks)

Ordinance No. 403 (Wetland Protection)

Ordinance No. 640 (Plumbing Code)

Ordinance No. 641 (Mechanical Code)

Ordinance No. 642 (Electrical Code)

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Reminder: Next Meeting July 11, 2016**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that, due to holidays and election dates, township board meetings for July and August have been scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Our next meeting will be in three weeks, which is Monday 7/11/16.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Local Road Project – Hogan Road Ditching**

Supervisor Mathis noted that the Township Board previously approved two local road projects for 2016: asphalt resurfacing of Wiggins Road and replacement of storm sewer outlet on Old Linden Road at Dooley Drive. A third project has now been brought forward as a high priority need.

The area of Hogan Road between Lahring and Smith Roads is experiencing drainage problems that negatively impact the quality of the road. The Genesee County Road Commission and the Township Engineer have recommended ditching this section of road, including replacement of driveway culverts as needed, to improve the road.



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The board reviewed a revised cost analysis for 2016 local road projects. Operations Manager Broecker explained that, in order to complete all projects, it will be necessary to amend the road improvement budget for 2016. Local road projects costs for 2014 and 2015 were a combined \$184,000 under budget, therefore the General Fund has sufficient reserves to accommodate a budget increase for this year.

Motion to approve a local road project for ditching and culvert replacement on Hogan Road between Lahring Road and Smith Road as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Proposed Sale of 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe**

Supervisor Mathis noted that the township has been attempting to sell the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe that was previously used as the Fire Chief Vehicle. The vehicle was placed up for auction in April on **Municibid**, an online auction site for governmental agencies. When the auction concluded on 5/19/16 the highest bid was \$3,700, which was \$1,300 below the reserve price of \$5,000, so it did not sell. The Tahoe was then placed in front of Fire Station No. 1 with a "For Sale" sign in the window and we have now received a cash offer of \$5,000.00 for the vehicle. It was noted that the offer is from former Trustee Tony Brown and is the only offer received.

Treasurer Tucker asked Trustee Shoemaker if \$5,000 was an acceptable price. Trustee Shoemaker indicated that the Township may have been able to get a little more for the vehicle if was advertised through Craig's List, however \$5,000 is still a good price and \$800 more than the proposed trade-in.

Motion to approve the sale of the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, as is with no warranty, to Tony Brown for a cash price of \$5,000.00. The purchaser shall be responsible for taxes, title, licensing and any other costs.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: No

Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Trustee Goupil noted that motorists should be made aware that the ramp from Torrey Road to northbound US-23 is in need of repair. This will be brought to the attention of the Genesee County Road Commission and MDOT.

Treasurer Tucker asked if the recent damage to the Lahring Road overpass might be an opportunity to add a pedestrian lane to the bridge when it is repaired. This will be discussed with MDOT as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Terry Garfield, 14008 Eastview Drive

Mr. Garfield asked about the status of getting someone from the State of Michigan to meet with them regarding their mobile home park concerns. Clerk Krug responded that



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he is working on making contact. He had to make a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain the names of the Mobile Home Commission members.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

<b>Minutes Posted 6/21/16</b>
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Maggie Yerman,  
15163 Restwood Dr.  
Linden, MI 48451

I am a member of the Keepers of the Shiawassee and an active kayaker who enjoys paddling the Shiawassee River and the lakes that are part of its watershed. The river has its headwaters in Davisburg, with the official beginning of the trail in Holly. From there it flows into Fenton and directly into Fenton Township by way of Lakes Ponemah, Tupper and Squaw. It then enters Linden for a few miles then back to the township before heading to Argentine, Byron and north to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge lies in the Saginaw Bay watershed, historically one of the largest and most productive wetland ecosystems in Michigan. The Bad, Flint, and Cass Rivers flow into the Shiawassee River in the refuge. Here also the Shiawassee converges with the Tittabawassee River to form the Saginaw River which empties into Saginaw Bay.

Our group along with Headwaters Trails Inc in Holly and Friends of the Shiawassee in Owosso are in the process of pursuing "National Heritage Water Trail" designation for our river. We are working under the direction of

Sara McDonnell  
Project Coordinator, University Outreach  
University of Michigan-Flint  
810-424-5489

and

Barbara Nelson-Jameson

National Park Service  
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program  
Michigan Program Coordinator

**Office- 231-334-3130**

The Water Trail should be a priority in the Fenton Twp. 5 year Park and Recreation Plan, to receive grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, MI Natural Resource Trust Fund for any projects related to the water trail, such as a new launch site or launch site improvements. Having the water trail as a priority in the Park and Recreation Plan also shows public support for the water trail which is one of the criteria they look at when reviewing applications for National Water Trail designation.

We encourage you to include supporting your surrounding communities' projects along the Shiawassee in your Parks and Recreation Plan. This includes the possible development of property along the river for parks and launch sites.



# Online Survey of Attitudes to Non-Motorized Trails

## Breakdown by Respondents - 224 Total

Ad targeted to all facebook users within 10 miles of City of Linden.

City of Linden - 8%

Argentine Township - 6.6%

Fenton Township - 33.2%

City of Fenton - 35.8%

Other - 16.6% (Tyrone and Other areas of Genesee County)

**Question 1** - Have you used paved, non-motorized pathways in other areas of the state or country?

All Respondents - Yes - 94.5% (m.o.e. 3.01%)

Fenton Township - Yes - 98.5%

**Question 2** - Do you consider an area with accessible paved trails to be more desirable to visit?

All Respondents - Yes - 95.1% (m.o.e. 2.35%)

Fenton Township - Yes - 92.86%

**Question 2** - Do you consider an area with accessible paved trails to be more desirable to live in?

All Respondents - Yes - 95.1% (m.o.e. 2.35%)

Fenton Township - Yes - 91.42%





# Vision

*To connect the Linden, Argentine, Fenton, and Fenton Township communities with non-motorized pathways. This will create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses.*

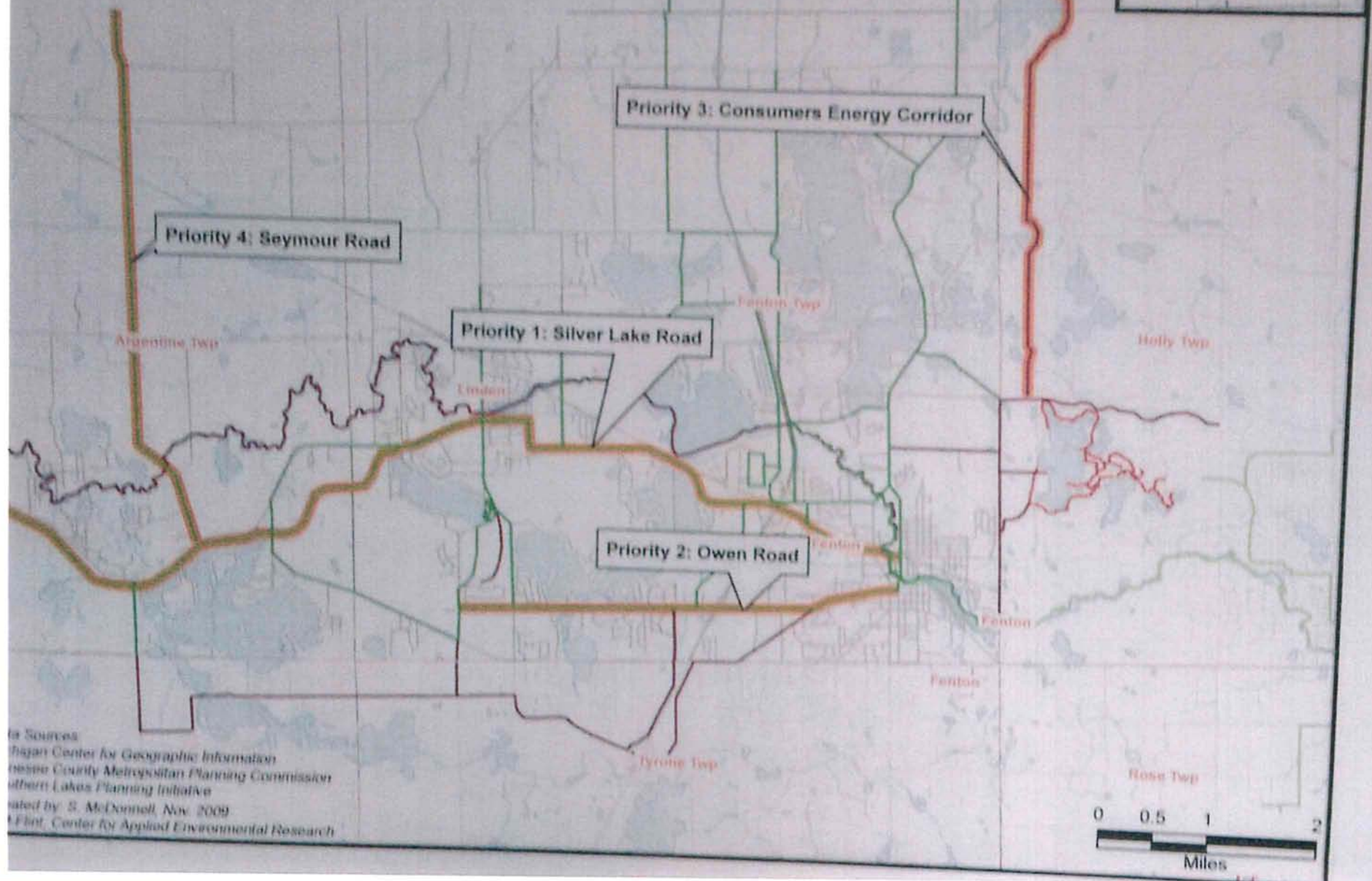




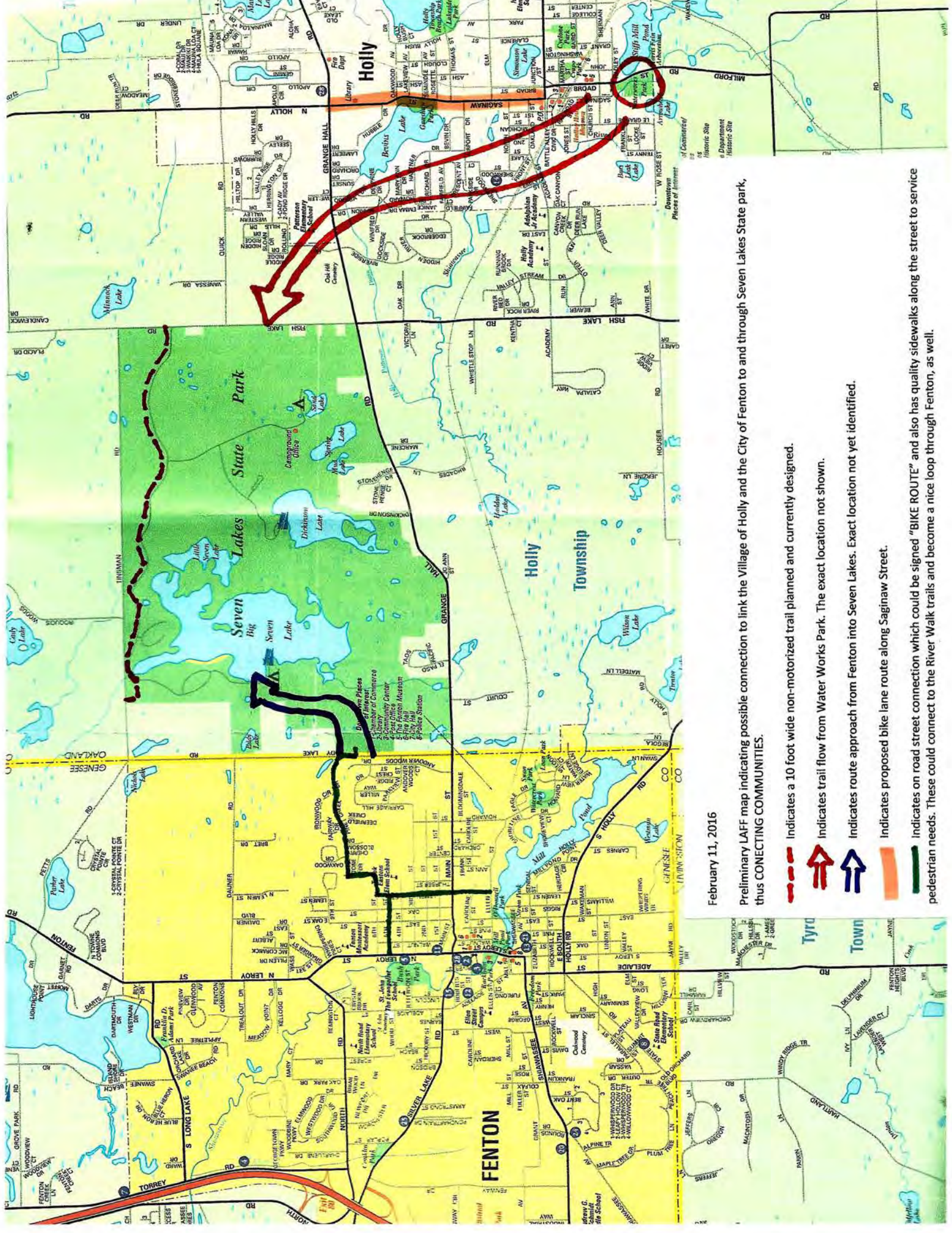
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Flint CAER's Greenlinks Program facilitated meetings on May 20, 2009 and October 7, 2009 to identify (1) additional routes it listed in the County Trail Plan, and (2) prioritize the top trails in the "Southern Lakes" area of Genesee County.







February 11, 2016

Preliminary LAFF map indicating possible connection to link the Village of Holly and the City of Fenton to and through Seven Lakes State park, thus CONNECTING COMMUNITIES.

--- Indicates a 10 foot wide non-motorized trail planned and currently designed.

↑↑↑ Indicates trail flow from Water Works Park. The exact location not shown.

↑↑↑ Indicates route approach from Fenton into Seven Lakes. Exact location not yet identified.

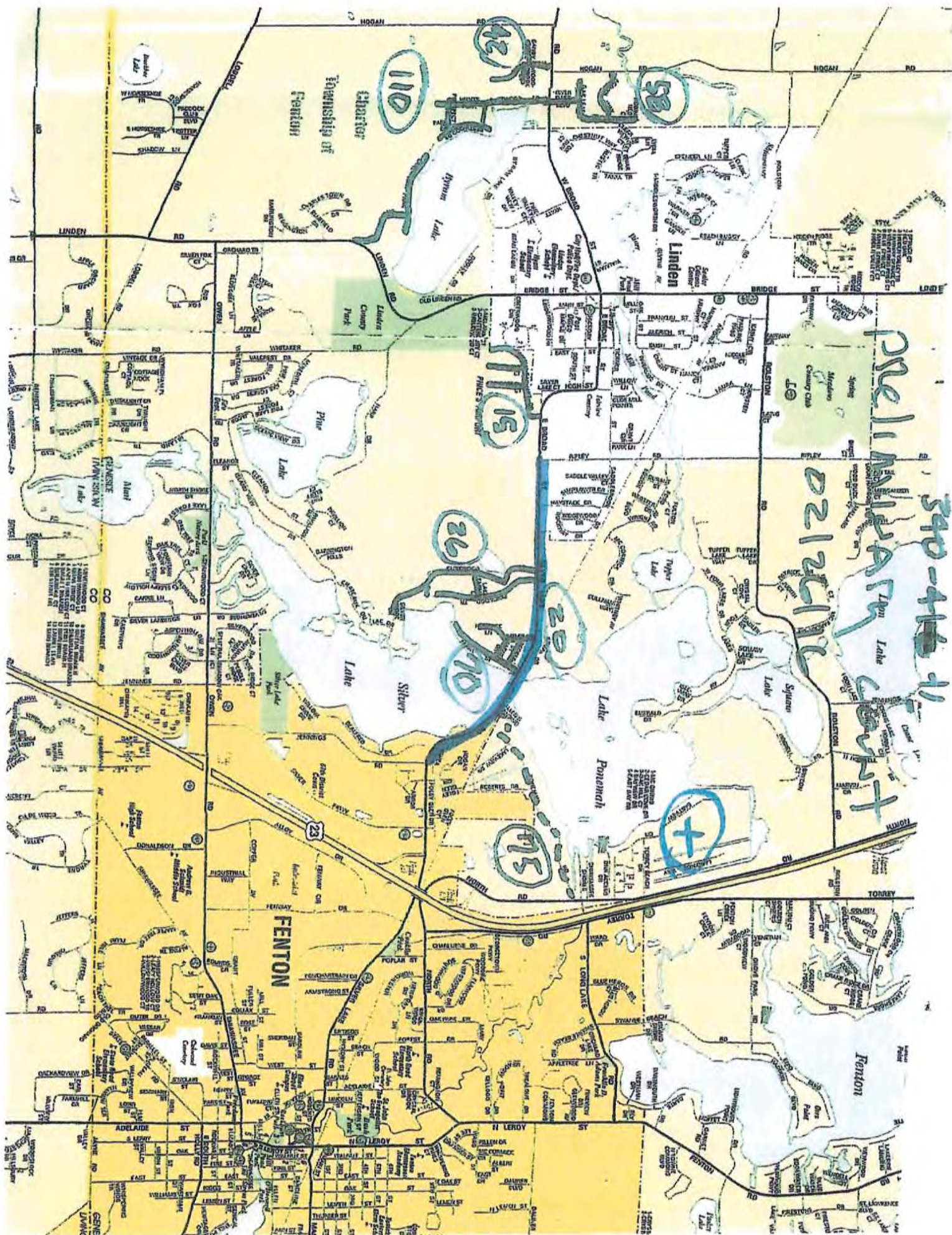
--- Indicates proposed bike lane route along Saginaw Street.

--- Indicates on road street connection which could be signed "BIKE ROUTE" and also has quality sidewalks along the street to service pedestrian needs. These could connect to the River Walk trails and become a nice loop through Fenton, as well.











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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

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January 15, 2015

Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission  
101 Beach Street, Room 223  
Flint, MI 48502

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate Fenton Township's preferences for prioritization of non-motorized trails in the Fenton area. In general we are in agreement with the Non-Motorized Priorities as proposed by the GCMPC. Our top three priorities would be:

1. Silver Lake Road Trail
2. Owen Road Trail
3. Fenton Road/Leroy Street Trail

Please let me know if any additional information is needed. Thank you.

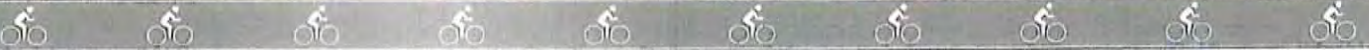
Sincerely,

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Township Supervisor



the economic impacts of

# BICYCLE TOURISM IN MICHIGAN



The total economic impact of organized bicycling events in 2014 was

**\$21.9 million**

## GENERAL FINDINGS

The average economic impact of self-supported touring bicyclists per trip:

**\$760**



**69%**



of out-of-state self-supported touring bicyclists reported using US Bicycle Routes 20 or 35

## CASE STUDY EVENTS

### Apple Cider Century

Total economic impact:

**\$1.94 million**

### DALMAC

**1 in 3**

out-of-state participants traveled from a non-neighboring state

### Iceman Cometh Challenge

participants traveled from:

**36** different states and **2** countries

### Michigander

Highest average expenditures per participant of the six case study events

**\$742**



**97%**

were non-local participants



**7,500**

participants in 2014

For more information contact Josh DeBruyn, MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at [debruynj@michigan.gov](mailto:debruynj@michigan.gov)

This study was made possible through the Federal Highway Administration State Planning and Research Program administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation.





For more information on the methodology and data sources, please see Section II – Methodology and Appendix B – Data Sources from the full statewide report.

The statewide report is accompanied by an infographic highlighting key statistics from the research.

### **III.1 - Economic and Community Benefits of Bicycling in Michigan**

Below is a summary of economic and health benefits calculated by the study team for Michigan due to bicycling including:

- Household spending on bicycling (for both bicycle-specific and general retail) - \$175 million;
- Manufacturing - \$11 million;
- Avoided health costs - \$256 million;
- Reduced absenteeism - \$187 million; and
- Event and tourism spending - \$38 million.

The total benefits calculated for the state of Michigan is approximately \$668 million.

Based on interviews with key stakeholders throughout the state, a number of themes emerged regarding the relationship between bicycling and the economy including:

- Bicycling fits into a larger agenda focusing on placemaking as an economic development strategy;
- Michigan could see substantial benefits from bicycle-related tourism with appropriate investment;
- There is a gap between available funding and the demand for new bicycling infrastructure;
- Even in spite of the funding challenges, Michigan is viewed as a leader in adopting bicycle-friendly policies;
- Bicycles are increasingly seen as viable transportation options, not just recreational vehicles; and
- Communities and regions see opportunities to link key trail infrastructure.

These themes are further explored below, along with more details about the calculation of the economic and community benefits accrued from bicycling in Michigan.

While qualitative information collected from various parties across the state proved to be of great value, the views and opinions expressed by stakeholders cited in this report do not necessarily represent those of MDOT.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

*A resolution supporting Argentine Township's five year 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan.*

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Fenton encourages joint governmental cooperation with the City of Fenton, City of Linden, and Argentine Township through joint community and infrastructure planning because it connects adjoining community attributes with school facilities, regional features and programs, and Genesee County Parks; and

WHEREAS creating intercommunity connections through multi-use pathways and complete streets coincides with the Charter Township of Fenton's long term planning goals and objectives to create a safe, pedestrian-friendly environment that will encourage residents to walk, bicycle, and interact with other communities without worry; and

WHEREAS multi-use pathways proposed in Argentine Township's 2010-2014 Parks & Recreation Plan will provide opportunity for Fenton Township citizens and those of adjoining communities to improve their physical health and contribute to a greener environment; and

WHEREAS working together to support the efforts of adjoining communities to promote smart commute and alternate forms of transportation will create strategic growth, environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social equality making all the communities in southern Genesee County great places to work, live and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees hereby declares its support for Argentine Township's 2010-2014 Parks & Recreation Plan.

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2010-10 as presented:

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill, Kesler

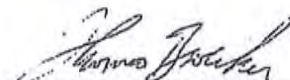
Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 15, 2010, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk



## Joint Resolution No.

of

City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

At a meeting of the Linden City Council, held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, MI 48451 on the 14 day of September, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton City Council, held in the Fenton City Hall Council Chambers, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Council was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (7) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Council.

At a meeting of the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees, held in the main level meeting room of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 on the 21 day of Sept, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (6) and nays (1) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.

At a meeting of the Argentine Township Board of Trustees, held in the Township Offices at 9048 Silver Lake Rd. Linden, Michigan 48451 on the 28TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken by yeas (5) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.



**Joint Resolution No.**

**of**

**City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township**

**A resolution supporting the joint governmental cooperation between the City of Linden,  
the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township as follows:**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden, the City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township and Argentine Township seek to connect our regional area with non-motorized trails and pathways that create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses; and,

WHEREAS, our communities strive to provide connectivity via non-motorized trails and pathways, through joint community and infrastructure planning because it connects adjoining community attributes with shared school facilities, regional features, programs, and parks; and,

WHEREAS, our communities endeavor to enhance the quality of life of area residents; and,

WHEREAS, four routes in our region have been identified for prioritization (*in no particular order*) with the understanding there will be supplemental routes in each community:

- Silver Lake Road between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton,
- Silver Lake Road between Argentine Township and the City of Linden,
- Owen Road between Linden Road and Leroy Street,
- Fenton Road between Thompson Road and Fenton City Limits; and

WHEREAS, working together to support the efforts of adjoining communities to promote smart commuting and alternate forms of transportation that will create strategic growth, environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social equality, making all the communities in southern Genesee County great places to work, live and play.




Joint Resolution No.  
of  
City of Linden, City of Fenton, Fenton Charter Township, and Argentine Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by these aforementioned communities, that we hereby go on record in support of the aforesaid non-motorized multi-use trail Project.

Passed the 14 day of September, 2015

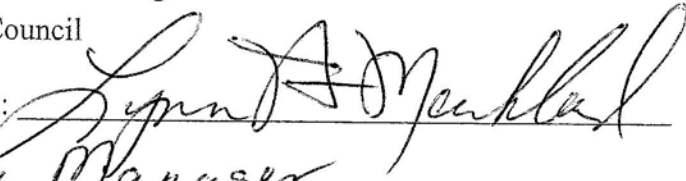
By the Linden City Council

Authorized Signature: 

Title: CITY MANAGER

Passed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

By the Fenton City Council

Authorized Signature: 

Title: CITY Manager

Passed the 21 day of Sept, 2015

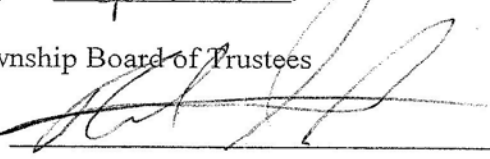
By the Fenton Charter Township Board of Trustees

Authorized Signature: 

Title: Supervisor

Passed the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

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Authorized Signature: 

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## Resolution of Support

### LAFF Pathway

The Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Commission (SLRPC) met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6 pm at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. A quorum of the Board was present and the following resolution was adopted by the vote taken by yeas ( 5 ) and nays ( 0 ) and entered at large upon the record of the said Board.

WHEREAS, the SLRPC Board wants to show its support for better connection of our regional area with non-motorized trails and pathways that create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses: and,

WHEREAS, the SLRPC Board supports the efforts of the local communities (City of Linden, Argentine Township, City of Fenton and Fenton Township) to provide connectivity via non-motorized trails and pathways because it connect adjoining community attributes with shared school facilities, regional features, programs, and parks; and,

WHEREAS, such development enhances the quality of life of area residents; and,

WHEREAS, four routes in our region have been identified for prioritization (*in no particular order*) with the understanding there will be supplemental routes throughout each community:

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## Resolution of Support

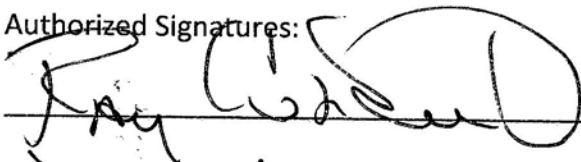
### LAFF Pathway

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby go on record in support of the aforesaid non-motorized LAFF Multi-use Trail Projects.

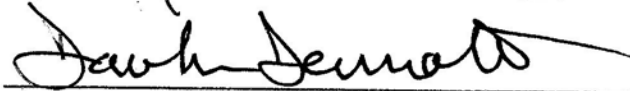
Passed the 19 day of November, 2015

By the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Commission

Authorized Signatures:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Culbert", written over a horizontal line.

Ray Culbert, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave McDermott", written over a horizontal line.

Dave McDermott, Secretary



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At a meeting of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce (FRCC) Board of Directors held at the chamber offices in Fenton, Michigan, on the 16th day of December, 2015, at which time a quorum of the Board was present, the following resolution was adopted by vote taken of yeas (18) and nays (0) and entered at large upon the record of said Board.

WHEREAS, the FRCC Board wants to show its support for better connection of our regional area with non-motorized trails and pathways that create recreational opportunities and alternative forms of transportation, improve public safety, increase community and home values, and realize economic gains for area businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the FRCC Board supports the efforts of the local communities (City of Linden, Argentine Township, City of Fenton and Fenton Township) to provide connectivity via non-motorized trails and pathways because it connects adjoining community attributes with shared school facilities, regional features, programs, and parks; and,

WHEREAS, such development enhances the quality of life of area residents; and,

WHEREAS, four routes in our region have been identified for prioritization (*in no particular order*) with the understanding there will be supplemental routes throughout each community:

- Silver Lake Road between the City of Linden and the City of Fenton,
- Silver Lake Road between Argentine Township (Linden High School campus) and the City of Linden,



Resolution by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

- Owen Road between Linden Road (Genesee County parks pathway) and Leroy Street,
- Fenton Road between Thompson Road and Fenton City Limits; and

WHEREAS, working together to support the efforts of adjoining communities we promote smart commuting and alternate forms of transportation that will create strategic growth, environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social equality, making all the communities in southern Genesee County great places to work, live and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby go on record in support of the aforesaid non-motorized multi-use trail Projects.

Passed the 16th day of December, 2015

By the Board of Directors of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Authorized Signatures:

Chelsee Hill	Mark Hill	Mike Green
Jim Gots	Stacey Mullen	RL Shup IT,
Walt Sten		
Jacquie Oaks		
Shirley Zorman		
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Abraham		
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# Giving Power

Fenton Community Fund

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## LAFF Pathway Will Connect Local Communities

Six years ago, a group of community health advocates had an idea to establish non-motorized, paved trails in the southern Genesee County region. They started meeting, each came with their own expertise and interests—walkers, bikers and runners. After six years of talking, the group formed a broader committee now known as the LAFF (Linden-Argentine-Fenton-Fenton Township) Trails Coalition. The LAFF “district” coincides with the three southern school district areas of Linden, Lake Fenton and the Fenton School Systems.

Through many public hearings that began in 2009, and the gathering of public support, four routes were identified for placement of a 10-foot wide, multi-use paved trail. Top on the list is the 2-mile long Silver Lake Road corridor between the cities of Linden and Fenton.

To support trail development, the LAFF Pathway Fund was established on August 27 at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Gifts will support the group’s goals to raise funds for matching grants.

“You have to have grants to support trail development, and most grants require matching dollars,” said Victor Lukasavitz, Chair of the LAFF Trails Coalition. “Coalition members

started the Fund because we wanted to demonstrate that we have skin in the game. And we will continue to give to the Fund, and we hope others interested in the pathways’ project will do the same.”

Beyond matching funds and grant dollars, it’s important to have community cooperation and coordination with local planning commissions, park systems, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources, says Lukasavitz. The retired engineer says the more local partnering, the better opportunity there is to receive grants. To date, the Coalition is very pleased with the support of all the local communities and the county agencies involved. Public support is important to the project’s success.

“The LAFF Pathway is not a pipe dream. It is going to happen,” says Lukasavitz. “We are within three to five years of seeing a trail on the ground. We want to develop something sustainable and progressive.”

The LAFF Trails Coalition meets monthly to continue the progress. For more information, join the LAFF Pathway Facebook page or visit the new website at [laffpathways.com](http://laffpathways.com). Tax-deductible gifts can be made to the LAFF Pathway Fund online at [cfcg.org](http://cfcg.org).

## About Us

Established in 1991, the Fenton Community Fund (FCF) is a permanently endowed Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Grants from FCF support community projects and nonprofit organizations that exclusively benefit the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden communities and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

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- Florence Michelson Fund
- Popa Family Endowment Fund
- South Lakes Youth Initiative Program Fund
- Kim and Ginger Virkler Community Trails Fund
- Winegarden Family Endowment Fund



Members of the LAFF Trails Coalition include (front, from left) Autumn Perry-MacClaren, Lisa Wismer, Sue Shaw, Shannon Brant; (back, from left) Victor Lukasavitz, Patric Parker, Denny Dunfield, Gary McFarren and Jesse Anderson. Not pictured: Ann Walker and Noah Morgan.





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## Notice of Public Input Session Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment

The Fenton Township Board will conduct a public input session to obtain citizen input for a planned amendment to the 2014-2018 Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan. The input session will be part of the Fenton Township Board meeting to be held on Monday June 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton Township Hall, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430.

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### Notice of Public Review and Public Hearing Fenton Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment

Copies of the draft of the 2014-2018 Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment will be available for public inspection starting Monday July 11, 2016 at the Fenton Township Hall, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton MI 48430

Comments on the plan should be directed to the Fenton Township Board at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton MI 48430. The comment period will end on July 25, 2016, prior to the public hearing on the draft plan amendment.

The Fenton Township Board will conduct a public hearing on the draft plan amendment at the Fenton Township Board meeting on Monday July 25, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Fenton Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend this hearing.

Robert E. Krug  
Fenton Township Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE GROVELAND TWP. GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS Deferment of Summer Taxes

Application for deferment of Summer Taxes are available at the Township Hall. Principal residents who are Senior citizens, paraplegics, quadriplegics, eligible serviceman, eligible veterans, eligible widows, blind persons or totally and permanently disabled, who can verify that their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000, are eligible for Summer Tax Deferment until February 14, 2017. Also, Agricultural Real Property, if the gross receipt of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year or average gross receipts in the past 3 years are not less than your household income for the preceding year or the combined household incomes in the previous year, as per state requirements. These forms must be signed and returned to Township Office not later than September 14, 2016.

If you have any question, please call Shelly Kidd, Deputy Treasurer Groveland Township at (248) 634-4152.



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MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2016**

**FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker, Attorney Doyle  
and Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: None

**OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 7/25/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the 7/11/16 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$196,025.05 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan Amendment**

Supervisor Mathis opened a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan, which is based on input obtained at the 6/20/16 board meeting, and has been on file at the township for the past two weeks. Doug Schultz of Rowe Professional Services provided a brief overview of the amendment process and noted that the main thrust of the amendment is to incorporate a non-motorized pathway network into the plan.

Public comment:

Victor Lukasavitz, LAFF

Mr. Lukasavitz thanked the board for moving forward with the plan amendment. A regional non-motorized pathway network will be a great benefit to the community. He also urged the board to consider taking the plan further by developing plans and budgets for specific recreational improvements.



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A letter was also received from Ross and Cathy Merchant of 4214 Silver Lake Road. They expressed concerns over the location of a pathway in front of their property, the impact on their property and the impact on the wetlands.

Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

*WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton has undertaken a Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment which describes changes to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan originally adopted in 2014 and indicates actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the same five year period, and*

*WHEREAS, a public comment session was held June 20, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input to be included in the Recreation Plan Amendment, and*

*WHEREAS, a public hearing was held July 25, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment, and*

*WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Fenton Township Board has determined to move forward with the adoption of said Recreation Plan Amendment.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby adopts the Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2014-2018 Amendment as presented.*

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-08, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Mathis

Ayes: Mathis, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: Krug

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

**REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Enforcement 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

The board briefly reviewed the second quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie. Blight, tall grass and zoning issues had the highest volume of complaints for the quarter.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – 8/20/16**

Supervisor Mathis announced that there will be a summer Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day this year. The event will be held on Saturday 8/20/16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Flint East Water Service Center and Lake Fenton High School.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

***A Resolution to Adopt and Amendment to the Fenton Township 2014-2018 Parks and Recreation Plan***

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Seconded: Mathis

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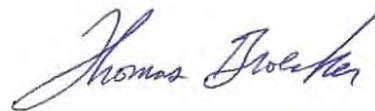
Nays: Krug

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 25, 2016, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



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Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk



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**Rezoning #R16-003, Charles Chapple, parcel 06-03-200-014, (11220 Torrey Road);  
R-3 to M-2 (Conditional Rezoning)/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone property on Torrey Road from R-3 to M-2, with conditions. Treasurer Tucker explained that applicant initially request a “straight” rezoning to M-2. The Planning Commission was not comfortable with all uses under the M-2 zoning district so the applicant offered to include conditions to restrict the use. He also noted that this request brought to light the need to revisit and update the Thompson Road Corridor Plan. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the conditional rezoning. Trustee Shumaker suggested that the board consider not acting on this application until the Thompson Road Corridor Plan is updated. Treasurer Tucker stated that, for most any other rezoning request within the corridor area, he would agree with that approach. This property, however, is small and boxed in by the existing bowling alley and the new Miller Industries facility. He does not believe this rezoning negatively impacts the potential updating of the Thompson Road Corridor Plan.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 8/8/16 meeting.

**Rezoning #R16-004, Steve Steffey, parcel 06-04-200-017, (north of 4150 Thompson Road); R-2 to R-3/ 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone property off Thompson Road from R-2 to R-3. Treasurer Tucker explained that the applicant is purchasing the property from a neighbor to add to his existing parcel. In order to do so, both properties must be in the same zoning district. He also noted that the rezoning would be in compliance with the Future Land Use Plan designation of medium density residential.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 8/8/16 meeting.

**Rezoning #R16-005, Michael Krause, parcels 06-19-100-034 & 06-19-100-021 (14083 Hogan Road); R-3 to R-1/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone property on Hogan Road from R-3 to R-1. Treasurer Tucker explained that the request is to “down zone” property from R-3 to R-1, which would give the property owner an opportunity to apply for a Special Use Permit to keep chickens on the property. Ultimately the Planning Commission recommended denial based on language in the Future Land Use Plan that indicates that agricultural uses would be phased out over time.

**Public Comment:**

Michael Krause, 14083 Hogan Road

Mr. Krause explained that he has owned the property for 20 years and has always raised chickens. The property was zoning AG (Agricultural) at one time. He is willing to install fences and move the chickens to the north end of the property if that would make the rezoning more acceptable.

Russ Tithof, 14097 Hogan Road



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Mr. Tithof, who lives next to the subject property, clarified that the 1-acre parcel that currently has the chickens was not part of the property that was once zoned AG and has been owned by Mr. Krause for much less than 20 years. He also stated that there have been many instances where the chickens have wandered onto his property. Mr. Tithof cited studies that indicate that backyard chickens are a significant cause of disease, and he believes the illegal agricultural uses on the subject property have negatively impacted the value of his property. He also pointed out that about half of the subject property is wetland and therefore not large enough to support agricultural uses.

Jamie Reager, 14109 Hogan Road

Ms. Reager is also a neighbor to the subject property. She has not had a problem with chickens coming into her yard but the noise is a nuisance. She is not in favor of the rezoning request.

There was no further public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 8/8/16 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Reminder – Reception for Richard Cooley 8/1/16, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that the Township is hosting an informal reception for retired Township Attorney Dick Cooley next Monday 8/1/16 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2016-09, Schedule Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll for Lake Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment District**

Operations Manager Broecker reminded the board that a special assessment district was established in October 2015 to repave Lake Valley Drive, Lake Valley Court and South Lake Valley Drive. The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) recently completed final engineering & construction plans and put the project out for bids. Bids were opened and tabulated earlier today and it is anticipated that GCRC will award a contract at their 8/16/16 meeting, with construction beginning within 10 days of contract award. In order to complete the special assessment process in a timely manner, the Township needs to conduct a public hearing at the 8/8/16 meeting to confirm the special assessment roll for this project. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09**

*WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of Fenton Township has, in accordance with the Resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$778,862.00 covering all parcels of land in the Lake Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment District, and has affixed thereto her Certificate as required by said Resolution;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular business hours of regular business days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing, and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 7:30 p.m. on August 8, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at*



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*12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the Township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto, and*

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in a newspaper of local circulation prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Lake Valley Road Improvement Special Assessment District as shown on the current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.*

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-09, as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Shumaker

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Clerk Krug reported that a meeting last week with Representative Graves, local residents and representatives from LARA regarding the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park went very well. One concept that came out of the meeting was to potentially adopt an ordinance to allow inspection of multi-unit rental properties, including mobile home parks, (complaint-driven only). The board discussed the merits of such an ordinance and also the issues that create concern. This will be researched further.

Treasurer Tucker reported that attempts to convince MDOT to add a non-motorized trail to the Lahring Road bridge while it is being repaired not likely to go anywhere because the repairs are being paid by insurance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Maggie Yerman

Ms. Yerman thanked board for including water trail in the Parks & Recreation Plan amendment.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 7/26/16
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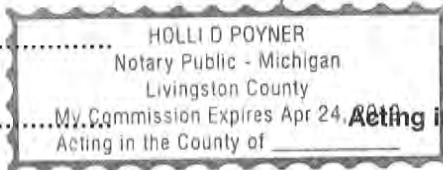
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Attached, for your information, is a copy of the recently amended Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan now includes updated goals for non-motorized connections in conjunction with the county non-motorized master plan.

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## Appendix C: Meeting Agendas and Public Notices



**Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District**  
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:00pm  
Held via Zoom

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Attendance**

Present: Patricia Lockwood, David McDermott, Brenda Simons, Rob Kesler, Christine Reid  
Delayed: Ray Culbert  
Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was a quorum with five board members  
Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap  
Public Present: None

**Call to the Audience:**

None present

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 special meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount \$ 106,508.35
  - Payroll paid prior to October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$ 18,162.22
  - September 2021 Financial Statements

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Simons to approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Culbert joined the meeting.

**Executive Director's Report:** Koledo noted no Pathway updates since the special meeting. He reported that of the eighteen easement, twelve letters went out and six are being completed. A list of community interactions was presented. He highlighted the staff BBQ open house where employees, instructors and board member Lockwood met to get to know each other better. Also highlighted was the 'thank you' breakfast for those involved in making the Street Experience happen and the FARR fundraising event. Lockwood noted the upcoming 'Street Experience critique' meeting. Simons stated she'd like to see a similar event in Linden next year.

Koledo announced the sale of the skate park to Jupiter Skate in Linden for \$1,200. He also informed the board that the FCCC/SLPR Letter of Understanding is under review re: revision recommendations. He stated that the FCCC board has not met for several months and a plan for the City of Fenton to appoint new members is pending.

**Accounting Coordinator's Report:** Priestap stated the bills paid prior to the meeting were higher than usual due to the payment to NFE for pathway easement and trail scope expenditures to be reimbursed by LAFF on a quarterly basis. She stated the expenditures for the Farmer's Market and Street Experience will be billed back to the City of Fenton DDA next month when it is certain all the outstanding invoices have been paid. Priestap presented a spreadsheet to illustrate the comparison of programming with the current year to date and 2020, noting Driver's Training and Fitness have remained consistent, with gymnastics bouncing back. Dance is down due to no Spring recital and AAU volleyball is down due to no Winter season. Other instructional programs such as soccer, martial arts and flag football are doing well.



**Action Item: Phase 3 Matching Fund Commitment - \$20,000**

Koledo explained of the \$112,500 required commitment, all municipalities (Fenton, Linden, Fenton Township, and SLPR) had approved and pledged \$20,000 to the matching fund, except for Argentine Township who had not. He asked the board for consideration on pledging the outstanding \$20,000 to make the difference so the TAP grant process could move forward by the deadline, which was the end of the week.

Motion by: Lockwood, seconded by Culbert to have SLPR provide an additional \$20,000 towards the Phase 3 Matching Fund Commitment for Fenton Township's Genesee County Road Commission TAP Grant application for phase 1 of the Owen Road and Fenton Road Connector Trails.

A discussion followed to clarify that providing this additional \$20,000 at this time allows Argentine Township time to approve supporting the application with matching funds at their November council meeting. Furthermore, if Argentine Township does not pass the matching funds commitment at the \$20,000 level, planning to recoup the additional monies SLPR has extended will be determined by other parties to the agreement, including SLPR.

Roll Call:

Reid	Aye
Kesler	Aye
Simons	Aye
Culbert	Aye
McDermott	Aye
Lockwood	Aye

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Item for Discussion: SLPR Charter Update**

Koledo discussed the planning meeting with representatives from Rowe and presented the Charter with the changes previously discussed to Article 5, Paragraph A. He reiterated the necessity of updating the Charter with the language to assign responsibility of any land acquired through MDNR grants. A discussion followed re: the timeline for ballot application, ballot language, and the plan to present it to the public.

**Item for Discussion: SLPR/Loose Financial/Cooperative Agreement**

Koledo presented the agreement with noted changes for discussion. It was the board's consensus that it be clearly stated as a one-year agreement; that an annual in-person presentation be made to the SLPR board by Loose; and the SLPR Chairperson will hold a seat on the Loose board. Koledo stated he and Gabrielson would meet to hammer out the details, make the changes with the Board's intent, and have it ready for approval at the next meeting.

**Item for Discussion: Five-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update**

Koledo presented a timeline for the preparation, review, public hearing, approval, and submission of the Master Plan to the MDNR by February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022. Also presented were the Master Plan public survey questions. A discussion and review followed and it was noted that the surveys would go out to the public via 'Survey Monkey', email, social media, and the paper.

**Commissioner Comments:** Simons stated the mural was approved by the Linden City Council and now it will go to the DDA. Culbert noted nothing new on the FACT PEG but a meeting is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting**

There was discussion about the remaining meetings for 2021. It was the board's consensus to cancel the November meeting and change the December meeting to Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00pm via zoom

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary  
Recording Secretary, Shirley Priestap



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"Making the move to Fenton with me is my wife, Emily, and our three children Addison, Quinn, and Henry."

As for hobbies, Ahlersmeyer enjoys going to concerts with his wife and taking hikes with the family. He is also an avid record collector and has enjoyed exploring all the record stores in the Flint area.



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Authority seeks public input on Master Plan

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Authority is preparing for the update of its Five-Year Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Master plan is useful for the acquisition of properties and implementation of programming in the service area. As Fenton, Fenton Township and Linden continue to expand, creating recreational opportunities that support the residents of this area is important to maintaining strong community connections. The authority will have a survey available from Nov. 8 to Nov. 22. We invite you to add your input as we plan for the future. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLPR2022Up> date to complete the survey.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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### Senate Bill 687: Create school choice tax credit and K-12 scholarships program

To create a K-12 "student opportunity scholarship program" that would allow individuals and companies to get a tax credit for contributing to a nonprofit "scholarship organization" that would provide grants to lower income families to pay tuition at a non-public school, or pay for other education expenses, services and supplies. Beneficiaries would get individual accounts from which families could draw money for permitted expenses. Senate Bill 688 and House Bill 5405 would

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**Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District**  
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:00pm  
Held via Zoom

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Attendance**

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Ray Culbert, Rob Kesler, Christine Reid  
Delayed: Brenda Simons  
Excused: David McDermott  
Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was a quorum with four board members  
Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap  
Public Present: None

**Call to the Audience:**

None present

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount \$ 73,003.86
  - Payroll paid prior to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$ 26,177.30
  - November 2021 Financial Statements

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Reid to approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Executive Director's Report:** Koledo updated the pathway initiative noting the Kildee earmark funding fell through and LAFF continues to fundraise and look for sponsorships. Also noted was SLPR's and LAFF's pathway information campaign and shared the FAQ flyer and pathway map. Koledo stated the easements are moving forward with six assessments pending completion and three ready to be signed off on. He noted that there may be a necessity for eminent domain which would pay the landowner the amount deemed appropriate by the assessment. A discussion followed re: consultation with the municipalities before any domain discussions.

The written report listed community interactions, and Linden and Fenton events.

**Accounting Coordinator's Report:** Priestap stated the bills paid prior to the meeting were higher than usual because they dated back to October 22<sup>nd</sup> due to no meeting in November. She noted the projected net income for 2021 would exceed the budgeted amount and that a journal entry would be made at year end to allocate contributions to the scholarship, equipment, and facility funds per the approved 2021 management plan.



Also noted was the profit and loss statement for the recreational programs and comparisons to 2020 numbers. The loss in the 'outdoor recreation' expense account was explained to be in part SLPR's share of the skate park. A discussion followed re: the sale of the skate park at a loss. Priestap stated there was a substantial revenue increase in the youth instructional soccer and basketball programs due to increased class size and additional program opportunities. Priestap explained the increase in administrative fees revenue reflects the 15% administrative cost to be collected from the City of Fenton DDA for managing the Street Experience and Farmer's Market. She also stated that the final check for 2021 would be issued to Loose before the end of the year, anticipating their preliminary financial statements would be delivered timely.

6:11pm Brenda Simons joined the meeting.

Koledo stated there was an amendment to the agenda under 'Discussion Items'.

Motion by: Lockwood, seconded by Culbert to amend the agenda and add 'Item C' Review of the SLPR and Loose Contract to 'Discussion Items'.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### **Discussion Item (a): Fenton Township Appointees**

Priestap noted the term for Fenton Township expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> and a letter from the Township Board Supervisor is required to appoint/reappoint representatives. Lockwood asked Reid and Kesler if they wished to continue, and both stated yes.

#### **Discussion Item (b): Review Draft of SLPR 5-Year Master Plan**

Koledo presented the Master Plan draft stating staff had reviewed and offered input too. He shared the timeline noting the 30-day public review would commence December 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022, followed by a Public Hearing on January 27<sup>th</sup> and submission to the MDNR on February 1<sup>st</sup>. A discussion followed re: the pictures on the cover and the logo to be changed. The board requested to see the survey questions and answers.

#### **Discussion Item (c): Review SLPR/Loose Financial Contract**

Koledo presented the contract and noted changes the Loose committee had made. He noted the conversation with Loose Director Gabrielson stating the reference Gabrielson made re: the old interlocal agreement was irrelevant to this new agreement. It is the board's unanimous consensus to retain the in-person presentation of the annual report on programs and operations to be made within 60 days of the end of Loose's fiscal year by the Loose Director. It is also the board's unanimous consensus to retain the 'further considerations' paragraph in totality which includes four facility uses by SLPR, and that SLPR shall have at least one voting member position on the Loose board to include the SLPR Chairperson.

Koledo stated he would amend the draft document as per the discussion and share it with the board prior to the upcoming Loose meeting.

**Commissioner Comments:** Culbert stated safety concerns in the wake of the Oxford incident and recommended our instructors and staff be trained. Koledo agreed and noted the ALICE active shooter training program which he will initiate after the first of the year. Lockwood noted the police department should be aware of the training and Koledo said they'd be involved in it. He will brief the board on the plan.



Lockwood noted the personnel committee will meet to discuss the Director's evaluation. Simons will prepare an evaluation document. Lockwood also requested the dates that SLPR would be closed for the holiday and asked that Koledo meet with her to discuss recognition awards for staff which they will then email to the board for approval. Koledo described the monthly staff meetings where SLPR provided lunch for staff.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 27, 2022

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary  
Recording Secretary, Shirley Priestap



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Lake Fenton's defense made life challenging for Imlay City. The Blue Devils defeated the Spartans 52-35. **Photo: David Troppens**

## LF'S

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defense on the ball just got better, better and better," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We tried different match-ups. We have had Amaya Smith on the ball a lot on the point ... and we switched it up a bit. Emerson Baker was on the ball a little bit. Both Anna (Prevost) and Ella (Prevost) came in and guarded the ball a little bit. The fact we can move people around, still guard the basketball and still apply pressure on the wings like we did, I think that was a big deal."

Early on, Imlay City did a decent job against the Blue Devils' pressure. In fact, Imlay City's Jaya Forti and Mary Lengemann hit back-to-back treys to put the visitors up 6-0 early. That lead didn't last. The Blue Devils went on a 9-1 run and took the lead after a fastbreak layup by Emerson Baker. Lake Fenton led 10-7. The Blue Devils ended up leading 14-11 after one quarter.

Imlay City tied the contest at 16-all on a three-pointer by Lengemann, and eventually took its biggest lead of the second quarter at 23-20 on a three-pointer by

Lexa Forit, but that lead didn't last long. Just seconds later, a Sisk layup was followed by a conventional layup, foul and converted free throw by Kerrigan Howdeshell. About 40 seconds later, Smith hit a trey, and what was a three-point Imlay City lead was suddenly a 28-23 Lake Fenton lead just 90 seconds later. Lake Fenton took a 32-25 lead into the half-time after Sisk scored the Blue Devils' final four points of the first half on layups.

The Spartans made one more push for the lead early in the third quarter, beginning the stanza with two converted free throws by Lengemann. However, Lake Fenton went on to score the game's next eight points. Sisk scored the first four with layups and Howdeshell scored the next four on converted free throws. Lake Fenton led 40-29, and the Blue Devils led by double-digits for most of the remainder of the contest.

The contest was a match-up of the two teams expected to play in the 2020 regional championship game before COVID-19 canceled the remainder of the tournament. One could sense the intensity among the fans, probably due to that fact.

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## EAGLES

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was 47 in a first-game loss to Holt.

The Eagles' stingy defense remains sound. The 32 points represents the fourth time in five games Linden has allowed 32 or less points. The defense has helped the Eagles to three straight wins and a 4-2 record overall.

Against Powers, Reichen Lund opened the contest with back-to-back treys, giving Linden a 6-0 lead. The 10-0 run continued with a Monte Keener assist on a Brandon Green layup. About 55 seconds later, Keener scored on a layup giving the Eagles the 10-0 lead. Linden's lead grew to 13-2 at the end of the first quarter after a three-pointer by Joe Miller.

"We came out and they played a 1-3-1 zone and we did really well against it with our ball movement and made some key shots," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Lance Belill said. "When we play the type of defense we play and score points, we are a tough out. We finally broke 50 for the first time all year."

Miller also hit a three-pointer to start

the second quarter as Linden jumped to a 16-2 lead. The Eagles' lead grew to as many as 29-9 on two converted free throws by Lund with 2:43 left in the first half, but Flint Powers Catholic was able to finish the half on a 6-2 run to cut the Linden lead to 31-15 at the intermission.

Powers tried to make the game interesting in the second half. Powers outscored Linden 11-5 in the third quarter, and cut the Linden lead to 36-26 entering the fourth quarter. The lead was as little as 33-26 at one time before a trey by Miller.

In the fourth quarter, neither team scored until Lund hit a driving layup with 5:16 left in the contest. He followed that hoop with a three-pointer, giving Linden a 41-26 lead with 5:00 left. Those hoops pretty much ended any potential Powers comeback attempt.

Lund finished with a game-high 22 points while Miller netted 11 points.

Linden returns to action on Jan. 4, 2022 when the Eagles host the Lake Fenton Blue Devils in a Flint Metro League crossover contest.

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*Ed Koledo*

Executive Director, SLPR

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*Executive Director, SLPR*

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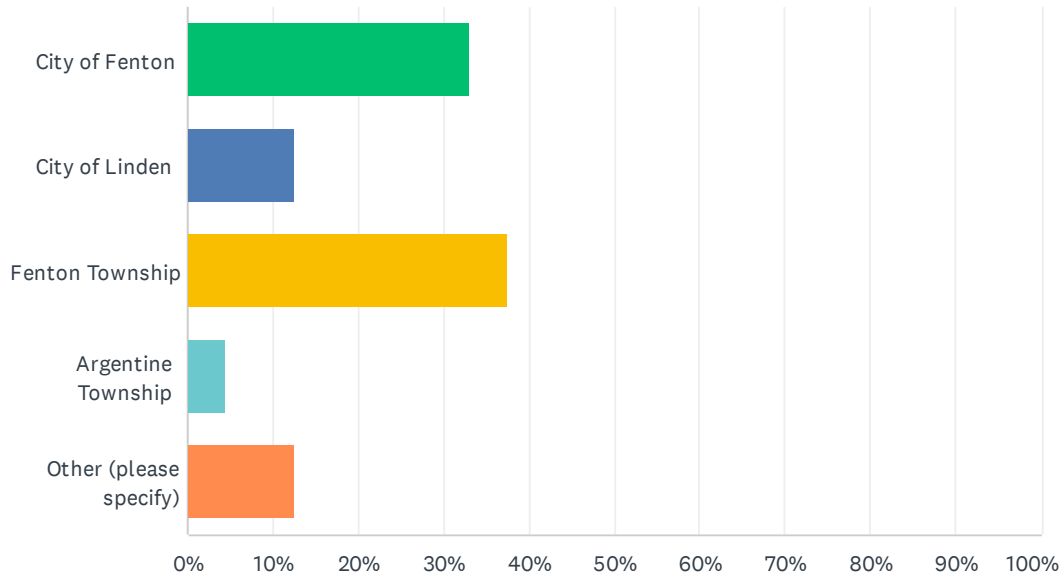


## Appendix D: Survey Responses



## Q1 What municipality do you reside in?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 0

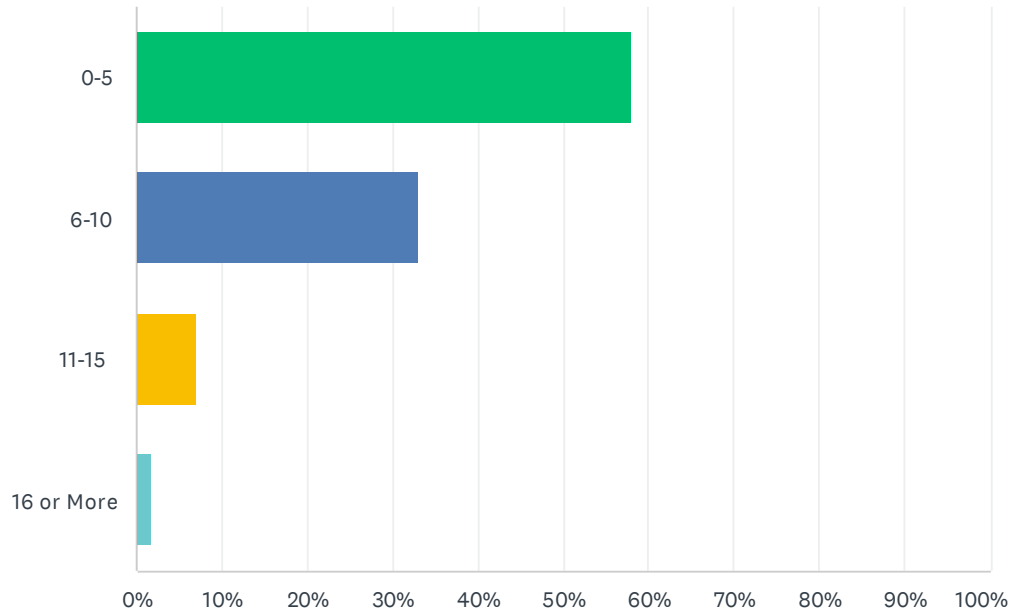


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Fenton	33.04%	37
City of Linden	12.50%	14
Fenton Township	37.50%	42
Argentine Township	4.46%	5
Other (please specify)	12.50%	14
TOTAL		112



## Q2 What distance (in miles) do you travel to participate in SLPR programming and events?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 0

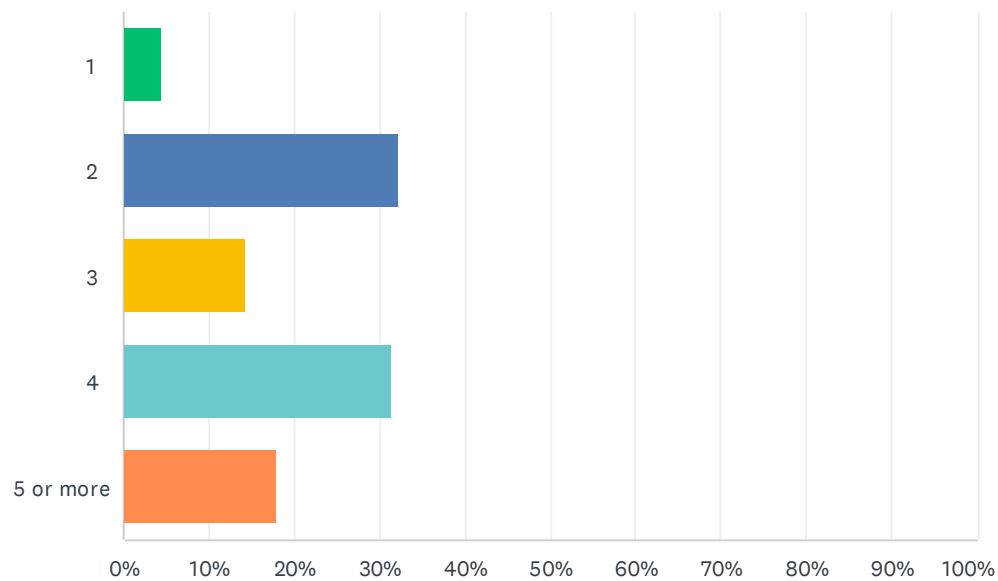


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	58.04%	65
6-10	33.04%	37
11-15	7.14%	8
16 or More	1.79%	2
TOTAL		112



### Q3 How many people are in your household?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 0

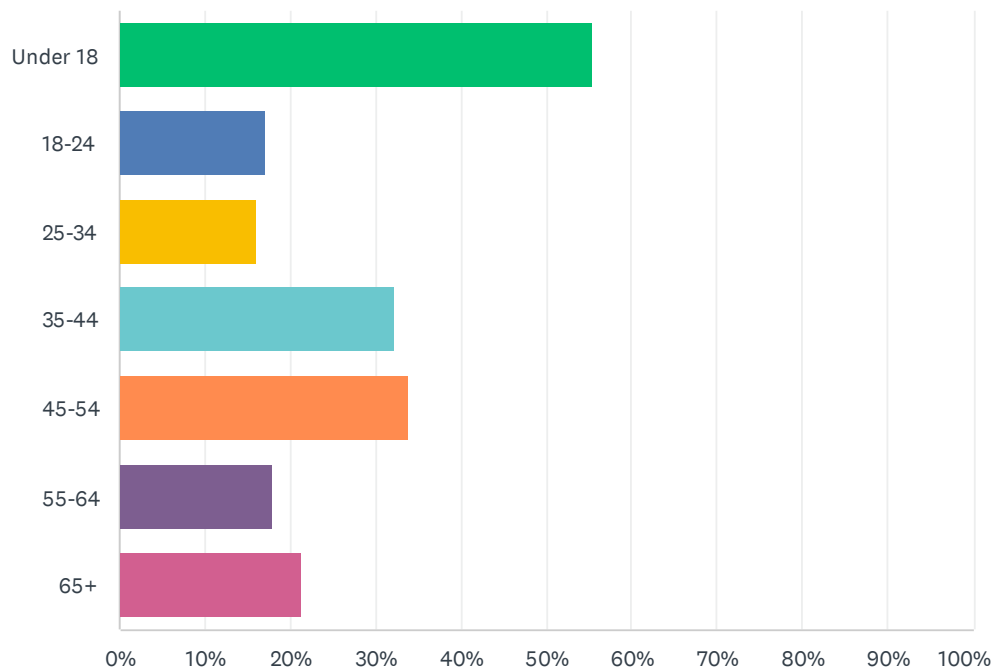


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	4.46%	5
2	32.14%	36
3	14.29%	16
4	31.25%	35
5 or more	17.86%	20
TOTAL		112



## Q4 What are the age groups of those in your household? (Select All That Apply)

Answered: 112 Skipped: 0

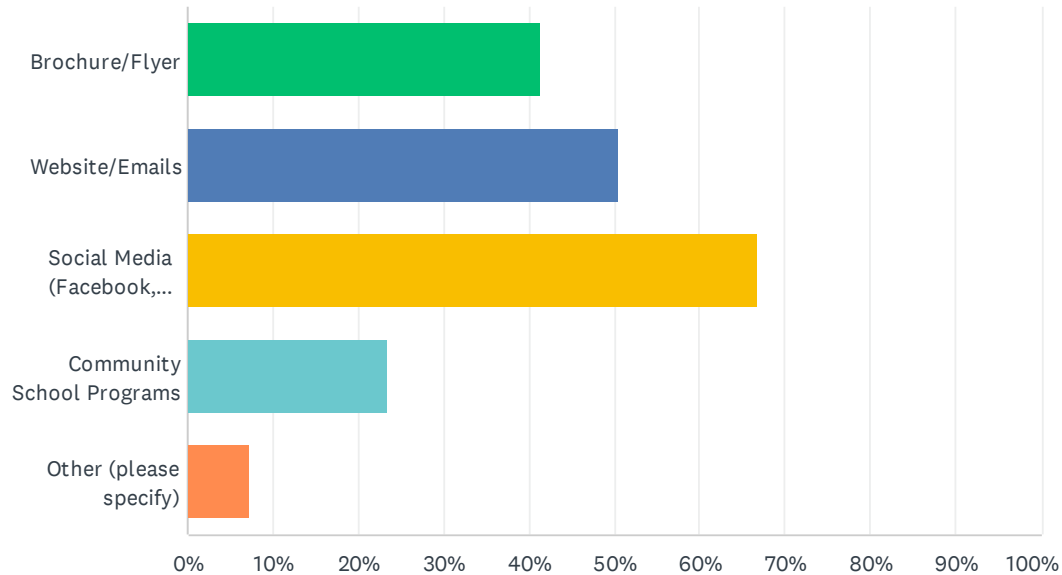


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	55.36%	62
18-24	16.96%	19
25-34	16.07%	18
35-44	32.14%	36
45-54	33.93%	38
55-64	17.86%	20
65+	21.43%	24
Total Respondents: 112		



## Q5 How do you get your information about SLPR programs and events? (Select All That Apply)

Answered: 111 Skipped: 1

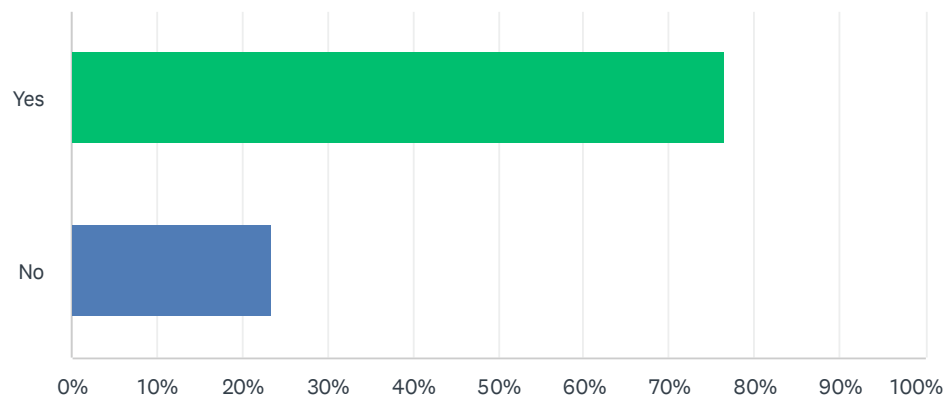


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brochure/Flyer	41.44%	46
Website/Emails	50.45%	56
Social Media (Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter)	66.67%	74
Community School Programs	23.42%	26
Other (please specify)	7.21%	8
Total Respondents: 111		



## Q6 Overall are you satisfied with the current programs offered by SLPR?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 5

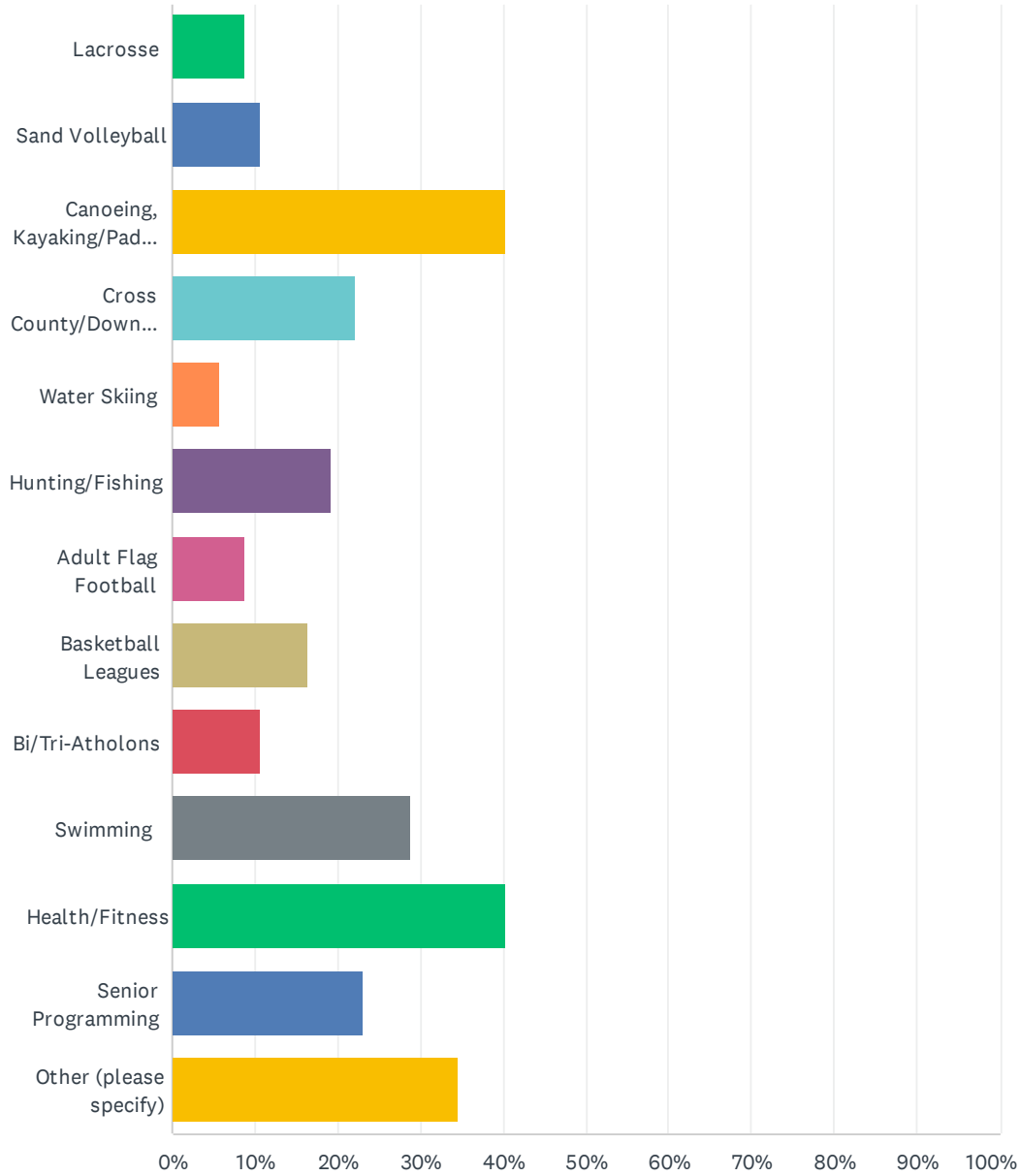


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.64%	82
No	23.36%	25
TOTAL		107



## Q7 What types of programs and/or events would you attend if they were offered by SLPR? (Select All That Apply)

Answered: 104 Skipped: 8





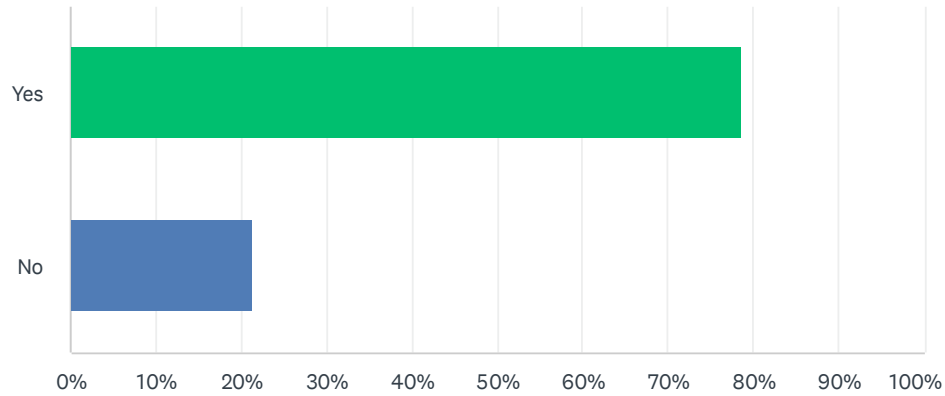
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lacrosse	8.65%	9
Sand Volleyball	10.58%	11
Canoeing, Kayaking/Paddle Boarding	40.38%	42
Cross County/Down Hill Skiing	22.12%	23
Water Skiing	5.77%	6
Hunting/Fishing	19.23%	20
Adult Flag Football	8.65%	9
Basketball Leagues	16.35%	17
Bi/Tri-Atholons	10.58%	11
Swimming	28.85%	30
Health/Fitness	40.38%	42
Senior Programming	23.08%	24
Other (please specify)	34.62%	36
Total Respondents: 104		



## Q8 Would you like to see SLPR acquire property/facilities to expand its program offerings?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 4

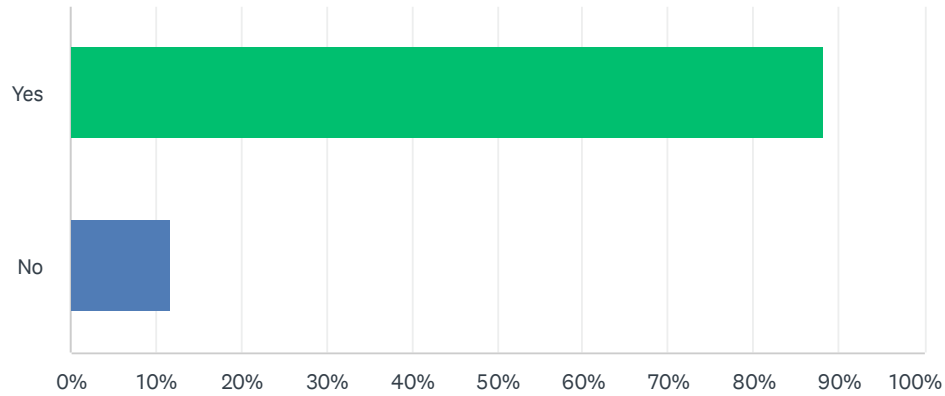


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.70%	85
No	21.30%	23
TOTAL		108



## Q9 Would you like to see SLPR continue to work on the development of future corridors for a non-motorized pathway system?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.18%	97
No	11.82%	13
TOTAL		110



**Q10 Do you have any other feedback or comments about SLPR or its programs?**

Answered: 41   Skipped: 71



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Answered: 41 Skipped: 71

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We love the pathway in Linden!	11/23/2021 8:20 AM
2	I greatly appreciate all of the work you do for our community. The support and opportunities you provide make the Fenton area feel like home.	11/22/2021 10:06 PM
3	Would like more communication. Mailings with descriptions, locations, updates. Community events that would involve and bring out community members .	11/22/2021 3:46 PM
4	doing a great job, can you offer teen programs?	11/22/2021 3:25 PM
5	Please get the path completed.	11/22/2021 2:46 PM
6	SLPR needs to build their own athletic facility.	11/22/2021 1:56 PM
7	Keep doing things out in the community. Make sure that when working within school district buildings, you allow for school groups access to their own facilities.	11/22/2021 1:36 PM
8	No	11/22/2021 1:34 PM
9	The people are great. Especially the Director. Ed's a great guy	11/22/2021 1:15 PM
10	seems like Fenton City gets the majority of activities. Not much going on in Linden. Would be interesting to see how funds are allocated.	11/21/2021 8:13 PM
11	Pathways are great connecting our communities.	11/21/2021 7:10 PM
12	Totally support the bike paths, those are a great addition to the community. We have so many great neighborhoods on Owen road between Fenton and Linden. But no way to travel between the neighborhoods, not even a sidewalk. Bike path or sidewalk would be amazing.	11/21/2021 11:33 AM
13	More educational offerings for adults.	11/21/2021 6:16 AM
14	Pricing has become high over the years for children's programs. Cost needs to be lower for most of us to participate	11/21/2021 5:03 AM
15	When you call someone to ask about a program it would be very helpful if they called you back!	11/21/2021 12:35 AM
16	great programs , good variety, love the downtown events, would like to see more day events (vs. 2 month commitment) or events catered toward when kids are out of school- Vetrans day, christmas break, etc.	11/18/2021 1:17 PM
17	Keep up the good work. See if you can get another beach, so Linden isn't so crowded. Also, consider an invasive species removal program.	11/18/2021 6:00 AM
18	I'd love to see SLPR collaborate more with other organizations.	11/17/2021 7:49 PM
19	Based on the Why, What, How model, I developed strategic objectives to guide the mission and activities of the Fenton Orchestra's for the next 5-10+ years. This excerpt from Bob Iger's book was the inspiration for developing this strategic planning model. It's simple and gives long-term guidance and clearly states the organization's goals to its constituencies. ABC News: <a href="https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/News/book-excerpt-bob-igers-ride-lifetime-lessons-learned/story?id=65791448&amp;fbclid=IwAR34YIRoZYWOYh4gLL1r54t57XJcIENIsQKicFRVppKpFCqjH0KskxY1OPT4">https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/News/book-excerpt-bob-igers-ride-lifetime-lessons-learned/story?id=65791448&amp;fbclid=IwAR34YIRoZYWOYh4gLL1r54t57XJcIENIsQKicFRVppKpFCqjH0KskxY1OPT4</a>	11/17/2021 10:35 AM
20	I would be willing to volunteer my time and knowledge for any disc golf course installations. The current course at Silver Lake is in desperate need of a redesign and upkeep. With the	11/17/2021 10:10 AM



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growing popularity in disc golf we could use an additional 18 hole course in close proximity of Fenton. Thanks, Tom

21	Great program. Love this is available in our area. Would love to see more opportunities.	11/16/2021 9:02 AM
22	I believe that Mr. Koledo and the SLPR Board are doing a fine job.	11/16/2021 7:59 AM
23	SLPR should better support programming and communication for the development of the LAFF Pathway.	11/16/2021 7:18 AM
24	Get a park for skateboarding	11/15/2021 8:36 PM
25	bring the printed brochure back	11/12/2021 10:49 AM
26	More pathways	11/10/2021 8:03 PM
27	More community swim at Fenton high school	11/10/2021 4:09 PM
28	Disc golf Skate park BMX park	11/10/2021 11:11 AM
29	Please continue with the non-motorized pathway. It will greatly benefit the local community.	11/9/2021 2:27 PM
30	N/A	11/9/2021 9:44 AM
31	If faps properties are used, families who pay faps taxes should get the community rate.	11/9/2021 6:47 AM
32	Would love to see more walking paths or hiking, mountain bike trails	11/9/2021 6:46 AM
33	It would be great to have a skate park. Teens need a place	11/9/2021 3:28 AM
34	Connect the bike path to argentine	11/8/2021 10:07 PM
35	No	11/8/2021 10:01 PM
36	LAFF Pathway would be an amazing investment.	11/8/2021 9:54 PM
37	I'm still in favor of bringing the non-motorized trail north up Fenton Rd	11/8/2021 9:53 PM
38	Please continue to work and support LAFF pathway. Too dangerous to walk and bike around town. Traffic is bad and even driving is hazardous. Our community needs more/larger/longer non-motorized pathways connecting our communities.	11/8/2021 9:30 PM
39	It would be nice to see some additional program options for 65+ folks, in addition to what Loose provides.	11/8/2021 9:05 PM
40	Bike path is my highest priority!!	11/8/2021 8:46 PM
41	Need pickleball courts in SLPR area - grants available to secure monies to build either in county park or in the SLPR area - demand is there from adults up to seniors.	11/8/2021 8:23 PM



## Appendix E: SLPR Charter



# **SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT**

## **CHARTER**

### **PREAMBLE**

We the people of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan District, including the Cities of Fenton and Linden (together the “Cities” and each a “City”) and the Townships of Argentine, Fenton and Tyrone (together the “Townships” and each a “Township”) in the Counties of Genesee and Livingston, State of Michigan, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Michigan, particularly Act No. 312 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1929, as amended (“PA 1929, No. 312”), in order to establish a Metropolitan District government, and to provide for and maintain the common interests and welfare of our people, do hereby ordain and establish this Charter of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District (the “District”).

### **Section 1. Name**

The corporate name of this District shall be the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District.

### **Section 2. Boundaries**

The District, to the extent approved by the electors, shall include lands of the Cities of Fenton and Linden, County of Genesee, State of Michigan; Townships of Argentine T5N, R5E, and Fenton T9N, R6E, County of Genesee, State of Michigan; and Township of Tyrone, T4N, R6E County of Livingston, State of Michigan. The Cities of Fenton and Linden are within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Fenton. The boundaries of the District may from time to time be enlarged consistent with the terms and provisions of PA 1929, No. 312.



### **Section 3. General Powers**

**Article 1.** The District shall be a body corporate and as such shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in accordance with the provisions of PA 1929, No. 312.

**Article 2.** The District shall have the right to sue and to be sued, shall have the power to contract, and may have a corporate seal.

**Article 3.** The District shall possess all powers permitted and allowed to Metropolitan Districts under the authority of the law, the statutes and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and as relate to the establishment, maintenance and operation of a system of parks, recreational facilities and programs. Any enumeration of specific or particular powers in this Charter shall not operate as an exclusion of or limitation upon any general powers of the District as allowed by law.

### **Section 4. Particular Powers**

The District shall have the following further powers:

**Article 1. Acquisition and Maintenance of Property.** To acquire (by purchase, lease or otherwise), own, operate and maintain, either within or without its territorial limits, a system of parks and public recreational facilities including, but not limited to, related buildings, structures, sports fields, apparatus, equipment, pathways, waterways, courts and pools used in connection with the operation of a Parks & Recreation program.

**Article 2. Acquisition of Private Property.** To acquire private property either by purchase, gift, or condemnation, for any public use or purpose within the scope of this District's power.

**Article 3. Acquisition of City or Township Rights, Obligations or Property.** To acquire, by lease, purchase or otherwise, and succeed to any or all of the rights, obligations and property of the Cities or Townships, or any parts thereof, comprising lands and structures within the territorial limits of the District, respecting, affiliated, or connected with a system for the maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The following parks and recreation facilities presently within the District include: Franklin D.



Adams Park, Bush Park, Conklin Park, Freedom Park, Millpond Park, Oak Park, O'Donnell Park, Rackham Park, Strom Park, Silver Lake park, Triangle Park, Wal-Mar Park, Linden Mill Area, Mill Pond Park and the Loose Senior Center. The District may enter into a legally binding agreement with any City or Township to execute its authority. Upon approval of this Charter, no further approval shall be necessary for the District to execute its authority in regard of facilities within the District as approved.

**Article 4. Sale of Parks and Facilities.** To sell or lease owned lands and facilities within or without its territorial limits.

**Article 5. Management and Control of Property.** To exercise all District powers in the management and control of District property, including the extent of use by persons residing outside the territorial limits of the District, and in the administration of the District, whether such powers are expressly enumerated or not.

**Article 6. Enactment and Enforcement of Law.** To pass and enforce all laws, ordinances, and regulations relative to its concerns, and for the care, protection, control, operation and management of the property and the parks program, subject to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Michigan.

**Article 7. Collection of Funds.** To lay and collect rents, tolls, excises, service charges, and assessments.

**Article 8. Revenue Bonds.** To borrow money and issue revenue bonds in accordance with the provisions of 1933 PA 94, The Revenue Bond Act, as amended.

**Article 9. Borrowing Power.** To borrow money and issue bonds on the credit of the District in a sum not to exceed 2 per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the District for the purpose of acquiring, owning, purchasing, constructing, maintaining or operating a system of parks and recreation facilities or any combination thereof: Provided, that the District may borrow money and issue bonds for any of the above purposes or any combination thereof which will impose no liability upon the District but which may be paid and secured only by special assessment levied against



each parcel for the particular improvement herein provided for and for the payment of which bonds are issued.

**Article 10. Taxation.** To appropriate money annually for district purposes and to lay and collect taxes for district purposes in a sum not to exceed one-half of one (1/2 of 1) percent of the taxable value of all real and personal property in the district; provided, however, that the District shall not levy a sum in excess of .4 mill (four-tenths mill) on taxable value without approval of the electors of the District.

**Article 11. Lien.** To create a lien on any property and for taxes for the payment of any bonds issued or for the cost and expense of making any improvement herein provided for.

**Article 12. Special Assessments:** To create a special assessment district to provide for the cost and expense of any park or recreation facility, or combination thereof, herein provided for. The Commission shall prescribe, by general ordinance, a complete special assessment procedure concerning the initiation of projects, plans and specifications, estimates of costs, notice of hearings, the making and confirming of the special assessment rolls and correction of errors therein, the collection of special assessments, and any other matters concerning the making of improvements by the special assessment method.

## **Section 5. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the District shall commence on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December following.

## **Section 6. Organization**

**Article 1. District Commission.** All the powers of the District, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be vested in a commission consisting of two (2) members from each participating City or Township ("Commission"), to be appointed as specified in Section 7.

**Article 2. Powers of the Commission.** The Commission shall constitute the legislative body of the District and shall possess full authority to enact



such laws, ordinances and regulations and to adopt such resolutions as it shall deem proper for the exercise of any or all powers possessed by the District. The Commission shall act as a general policy making body will formulate the overall goals and objectives of the District.

**Article 3.      Qualifications.**

Any qualified elector of the participating Cities or Townships shall be eligible for the office of District Commissioner. Such Commissioners shall be appointed by a majority vote of their representative City or Township governing bodies.

**Article 4.      Term of Office.**

- A. Commissioners shall serve a term of 3 years from the date of appointment by their participating City or Township. Commissioners may be removed for cause.
- B. Staggered terms will be used initially based on City and Township population at the time of approval of this Charter. Commissioners from the City or Township with the highest population at the time of adoption shall receive 3-year terms. Commissioners from the City or Township with the second highest population shall receive 2-year terms. Commissioners from Cities or Townships with the next lowest population shall receive the 1-year terms.

**Article 5.      Meetings**

- A. The first Commission meeting shall be held on the third Monday following certification of the adoption of this Charter by the qualified electors of the District. Thereafter, the Commission shall meet at least twelve times a year. Notice of meetings shall be given in accordance with the provisions of 1976 PA 267, the Open Meetings Act. Notices shall be posted within each participating Cities or



Townships in the customary locations at which Open Meetings Act notices are posted.

- B. The Chairperson or a majority of the members of the Commission may call a special meeting of the Commission by giving written notice to the public and to each member of the Commission at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time fixed for meeting, which notice may be posted or published, and may be served on Commissioners personally or by leaving same at the Commissioner's usual place of residence. Such notice calling the special meeting shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.
- C. The Commission shall formulate its own rules and order of business, shall keep in the English language a printed or written journal of its proceedings, and all meetings shall be meetings pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267. Any citizen within and without the territorial limits of the District may have access to the journal of the proceedings of the Commission during regular business hours and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442.

**Article 6. Commission Officers.** The Commission at its first regular meeting following the adoption of this Charter and thereafter at the first regular meeting each December shall elect each of the following officers to serve the following calendar year:

- A. Chairperson, who shall be the presiding officer of the Commission and who shall perform such duties as are or may be imposed or authorized by the laws of this State or Charter.
- B. Vice Chairperson, who shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.



C. Secretary, whose duty it shall be to attend all meetings, keep records of its proceedings in the English language, and all administrative records of the Commission, and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Commission or by the general laws of this State. Subject to approval by the Commission, the Secretary may retain the professional services of qualified firms and individuals to assist in these functions.

D. Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all finances of the District, to keep and supervise all accounts and financial records, and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Commission or by the general laws of the State of Michigan. The Treasurer shall keep a system of accounts that shall conform to any uniform system required by the general laws of the State and shall give bond as required by the Commission. The premium or cost of the bond required of the Treasurer shall be an expense of and paid by the District. Subject to approval by the Commission, the Treasurer may retain the professional services of qualified firms and individuals to assist in these functions.

**Article 7. Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Commission then qualified and serving shall constitute a quorum.

**Article 8. Compensation.** There will be no compensation paid to Commissioners by the District for their services or attendance at meetings. Upon approval of the Commission, Commissioners may be reimbursed for actual, verified expenses associated with the work and objectives of the Commission as set forth in this Charter.

**Article 9. Contract Interest Forbidden.** Except as expressly permitted under the provisions of the State Conflicts of Interest Act, PA 1968, No. 317, as amended or other applicable law, no member of the Commission shall



have a personal financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or work in which the District is a party; nor shall any member have a personal financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the sale to or by the District of any lands, materials, supplies, or services. Any member of the Commission who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties PA 1968, No. 317.

**Article 10. Appointment of Administrative Agents.** The Commission shall have authority to employ and fix compensation of such administrative agents, as it deems necessary for the successful management of the business of the District. Specifically, the Commission shall hire an Executive Director who will be charged to effectuate goals and objectives of the Commission and who shall be responsible to plan, conduct and operate a program to meet the needs of the citizens of the District as approved by the Commission. The Commission may enter into employment contracts with any employees, including the Executive Director. Subject to the approval of the Commission, the Executive Director may hire such full and part time staff to carry out the Commission's programs and operations. The Executive Director shall submit a proposed annual budget and other financial projections to the Commission for approval no later than 60 day prior to the start of each fiscal year.

#### **Section 7. Appointment to District Commission**

**Article 1. Local Appointments.** Each participating City and Township shall appoint two Commissioners to the Commission.

**Article 2. Oath of Office.** All members of the District Commission, before commencing their duties, shall take the constitutional oath of office.



## **Section 8. General Taxation**

**Article 1. Taxation Subjects.** The subjects of taxation for the District purposes shall be the same as for state, county and school purposes under the general law of the State of Michigan. Provided, however, that the subjects of taxation for the District shall be limited to those specified in Section 4, Article 10 of this Charter unless otherwise expanded by amendment of this Charter and as shall be approved by the electors of the District.

**Article 2. Levy, Collection, and return of Taxes.** All taxes shall be levied, collected and disbursed by the proper assessing and taxing officer or officers of the Cities and Townships which comprise the District in the same manner that other Cities and Townships' taxes are levied, collected and disbursed according to the General Tax Law for the State of Michigan. The Commission shall ascertain the total millage to be appropriated for the District in any year, and shall thereupon certify to the appropriate officer or officers of the Cities and townships, the millage to be levied for the District by the Cities and Townships in the manner required by PA 1929, No. 312. All real and personal property taxes shall become due and payable on December 1 of each current year. The millage is to be levied against the current taxable value of all real and personal property in each respective unit. Such sums so certified shall be a direct obligation of the Cities and Townships in the District.

**Article 3. Taxes a Debt and a Lien.** The taxes thus levied shall become a debt to the District from the persons to whom they are assessed on the same day that taxes of the Cities and Townships become a lien against real property. The lien on such real property and the lien for such amounts and for all interest charges and penalties thereon shall continue until payment thereof. All personal property taxes shall also be a lien on all personal property of such persons so assessed from and after the same day the Cities and Townships personal property taxes become a lien. Such lien shall take precedence over



any sale, assignment, or chattel mortgage levy or any other lien on such personal property except for such property as actually shall be sold in the regular course of retail trade.

### **Section 9. Sinking Funds**

The District shall have authority to create any sinking fund or funds as are required by the laws of the State of Michigan or as otherwise may be deemed appropriate by the Commission.

### **Section 10. Legislation**

**Article 1. Form.** All proposed ordinances shall be introduced in written or printed form and the style of all ordinances shall be “The Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District ordains...”

**Article 2. Adoption and Amendment.** Except in the case of ordinance declared to be emergency ordinance no proposed ordinance shall be adopted by the Commission at the same meeting at which it is introduced. Such proposed ordinances may be adopted at any subsequent meeting. No ordinance shall be amended unless the section or sections that are intended to be amended shall be restated as amended.

**Article 3. Vote Necessary to Adopt.** The adoption of any ordinance by the Commission shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Commission.

**Article 4. When Ordinances Take Effect.** The time at which any ordinance shall take effect shall be stated therein and except for an emergency ordinance, no ordinance shall take effect less than fourteen (14) days after its adoption and publication. An emergency ordinance is hereby defined to be one necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, the protection of property, or providing for the continuing operation of a department or division of the District. An emergency ordinance shall contain a statement of its urgency and may be given immediate effect upon publication.



**Article 5. Publication.** Each ordinance shall be published once within fourteen (14) days after its adoption, in newspapers circulated within the District, and the Secretary shall certify on the records of ordinances the date of publication and the name of the papers in which it was published. Such certificate shall be prima facie evidence that such ordinance has been officially published.

**Article 6. Authentication of Records.** Each ordinance shall, within fourteen (14) days after its final passage be recorded in an Indexed book marked “Ordinance Record”, and the record of the ordinance authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Commission, but failure to record and authenticate it shall not invalidate it or suspend its operation.

**Article 7. Repeal.** Any ordinance adopted by the Commission may be repealed in the same manner as provided for its adoption.

### **Section 11. Vacancies**

- A. Unless otherwise specified herein, a vacancy shall exist in any appointed office when an appointed officer dies, resigns, is removed from office, removes from the District, is convicted of Misfeasance, Malfeasance or Nonfeasance, or is convicted of a felony.
- B. If a District Commissioner has missed at least four (4) consecutive meetings, then the Commissioner may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of the District Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District Commission.
- C. If such an event occurs, the Commission shall within 90 days thereof request that the participating Cities or Townships appoint a new Commissioner to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term.

### **Section 12. Amendment of Charter**

This Charter may be amended from time to time in the manner provided PA 1929, No. 312.



### **Section 13. Restrictions Upon Authority**

- Article 1.** The District shall not have the following powers:
- A. To shorten or extend the term of any official of the Commission beyond the period for which the official was elected or appointed unless the official resigns or is removed for cause, where such office is held for a fixed term.
  - B. Except as otherwise provided by Sec. 8 of PA 1929, No. 312, and this Charter, to adopt a charter or any amendment thereto unless approved by a majority of electors of each city, village or township, voting on such charter or amendment.
  - C. To make any contract with or give any official position to anyone who is default to the District.
  - D. To issue any bonds without providing a sinking fund to pay them at maturity unless such sinking fund shall not be required by the constitution or general laws of the State of Michigan.
  - E. To repudiate any debt by any change in its Charter or by consolidation with any other municipality.

### **Section 14. Schedule**

**Article 1. Time for Submission.** This Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection at the November, 2000 general election.

**Article 2. Notice.** Notice of this election shall be given as provided in PA. 1929 No. 312

**Article 3. Publication.** This Charter shall be published in the Tri County Times or other newspaper circulated in the District in the manner and at the times provided by law.



**Article 4. Form of Ballot.** The form of ballot to be used at the special election to be held for the purposes of submitting this Charter shall contain instructions and shall be as follows:

“Shall the Charter for the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan parks & Recreation District, which authorizes a levy of .4 mill (four-tenths mill), be adopted?”

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Article 5. Charter Rejected in Portion of District.** In the event of an unfavorable vote in any city, village or township on this Charter at an election called in accordance with the provisions of PA 1929, No. 312, this Charter shall not take effect as to such city, village or township, but this Charter shall be deemed effective as to all other cities, villages or townships voting favorably thereon.

**Article 6. Effective Date.** This Charter shall take effect after its adoption by the electors and upon filing copies of the Charter as required by the provisions of 1929 Public Act 312.



## Appendix F: MDNR Documentation



**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN****CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

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

**PLAN INFORMATION**

Name of Plan:

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District Five Year Master Plan

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

City of Linden, MI

Genesee

January 24, 2022

City of Fenton, MI

Genesee

Pending

Fenton Township

Genesee

January 4, 2022

**PLAN CONTENT**

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

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)

☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart

☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

☒ Current Funding Sources

☒ Role of Volunteers

☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

**Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

☒ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities

☒ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)

☒ Accessibility Assessment

☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☒ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**



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

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

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

Date of the Notice January 2, 2022

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Fenton Community Center

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) Dec. 20, 2021 - Jan. 18, 2022

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

Date of Notice January 25, 2022

Name of Newspaper Posted on SLPR Website

Date of Meeting January 27, 2022

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

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

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 27, 2022
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 27, 2022
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 28, 2022
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 28, 2022

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation *includes the required content, as indicated*  
(Local Unit of Government)  
*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*Ed Koledo*

– SLPR Executive Director

January 31, 2022

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

Date

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





January 28, 2022

Mr. Derek Bradshaw, Director  
GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission  
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Sincerely,  
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