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Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in Woodhaven. The most recent Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2016, and then updated in 2018 to reflect changes to the City's recreation system. It included both short and long-term goals, some of which were accomplished in the following years.

Over the past ten years, the City of Woodhaven completed major upgrades to the parks system. Using a new master plan every five years as a guide, the City has created quality individual and family opportunities. From 2010 to 2015, upgrades and improvements in Civic Center Park included the construction of a splash pad with zero entry area; the Big Timber Playscape, an inline skate rink, a skate park; tennis court, dog park, bocce ball courts, football/soccer field; improvements to existing volleyball courts; and installation of new shade systems. During the past five years (2015-2020), the City continued upgrades and improvements based on continuing input from community members during and after the planning process in 2015. New projects completed during the past five years included construction of an inclusive playground, pickleball courts, a disc golf course, the West Road pathway connector, a new parking lot and constructed a new road serving the south end of Civic Center Park. In addition to new projects and programs, crucial elements of the plan placed a focus on maintenance and safety of existing facilities. Projects since 2015 included installation of playground safety surfacing, playground equipment and pathway safety upgrades at neighborhood parks, an installation of ADA bleachers at ballfield complex.

The purpose of the 2021 - 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department over the next five-year period. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. The revised and updated Plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning which are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

KEY PLAN FINDINGS

Woodhaven has a robust and heavily used park and trail system which is a source of pride for the community.

Generally speaking, residents are happy with the state of the Woodhaven park system. For most residents, maintaining and developing existing parks and facilities is of higher importance than acquiring new property. Residents did not list many capital-intensive projects, although upgrading or constructing a new community center was suggested by some residents. For a summary of community input, see the Needs Assessment & Public Participation section beginning on page 17.

WHAT THE PLAN CONTAINS

The Woodhaven Parks & Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans (2009, rev. 2018). While the order of the chapters in this plan are different than in previous years, the required elements are in place.

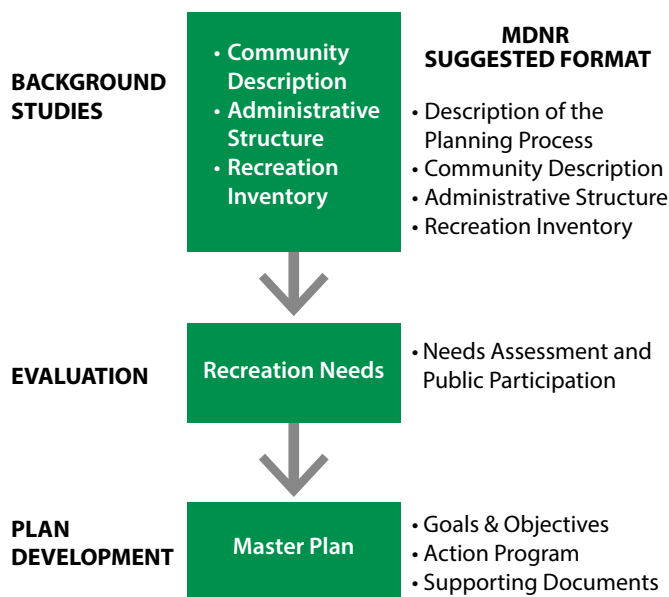
- This plan begins with Woodhaven's **Goals and Objectives** which outline the overarching desires for Woodhaven parks, recreation facilities, and programs.
- The **Action Program** chapter outlines an action plan and strategies for implementation.
- The **Public Participation** portion of the plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents. This information helped in formulating the Goals & Objectives and Action Plans.
- **Recreation Inventory** describes the existing parks and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the state and the region located nearby.
- The **Administrative Structure** chapter includes a description of how parks and recreation services are administered in Woodhaven, including budget and funding information.
- The **Community Description** chapter provides a summary of both the social and physical characteristics of the community.
- Finally, supporting documents including the resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by City Council, are included in the appendices to the plan.

Planning Process

The process used to draft the Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development. Each is described more fully below:

- **Background Studies.** This phase involved gathering and updating data from the U.S. Census, existing documents and plans, and from field observations. The data is organized into three main categories: *community description*, *administrative structure*, and *recreation inventory*.
- **Evaluation.** The second phase in the planning process evaluated and analyzed the data compiled to determine recreation facility deficiencies and needs. Public input to assess recreational needs was also sought at this level. A written survey and a public hearing were conducted to receive residents' opinions and ideas for the park and recreation system. Input from City officials and members of the Recreation Commission were also used.
- **Plan Development.** The last phase in the process involves Plan development and adoption. Based on the deficiencies and needs, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan developed. Strategies to implement the Plan were also discussed.

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier:



The City of Woodhaven recognizes the importance of public participation in the recreation planning process. This Master plan was developed with input from City officials, staff, community stakeholders, and residents. All meetings of the Recreation Commission were open to the public. The City conducted an online survey from September 8 to October 9. The Plan was approved by Woodhaven's Recreation Commission on , 2020. Finally, the Plan was subject to a public hearing following the 30-day public comment period, and prior to the City Council adoption on January 5, 2021.

Table 1. Input Participation

Participants	Rec. Inventory, Resource Inventory, & Community Description	Public Input	Goal Formulation	Action Program	Public Hearing	Plan Adoption
City Council		√			√	√
Planning Commission		√			√	
Recreation Commission	√	√	√	√	√	
City Staff	√	√	√	√	√	
Community Stakeholders		√			√	
City Residents		√	√		√	

Chapter 2: Goals & Objectives

The City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission has formulated the following goals and objectives for the next five-year planning period. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public and from City officials and staff and the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources of the area. They also consider demographics, current growth and forecasted development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

Goal # 1: Programming: Continue indoor and outdoor recreation program development providing opportunities for persons of all ages and all abilities.

- Provide balanced program offerings across all age groups
- Provide new and updated programs that address unmet program needs and community preferences
- Accommodate changing youth and adult sport program interests
- Increase and/or update active and aging adult programs including health and wellness
- Continue developing leadership and coordination with youth sports programs
- Explore offering more alternative and non-traditional programs.

Goal # 2: Connectivity: Promote a walkable and bicycle friendly community by striving to make sure all City parks, recreation sites, schools and commercial districts are accessible.

- Continue to design and develop a system of all-season, non-motorized pathways, trails, sidewalks, and bike paths linking City neighborhoods with both City and adjacent non-City parks, greenways, pathways, recreation venues, schools, and commercial retail areas
- Provide support amenities throughout the existing trail/pathway network such as seating, shade, signage and trail markers, bike stations and racks, and drinking fountains with dog bowl
- Develop a marketing campaign for trail/pathway awareness and events on the trails and pathways
- Continue to focus on improving barrier free and universal accessibility

Goal # 3: Maintenance: Strive to ensure effective and efficient operation and maintenance of public parks and facilities

- Continue investment in high quality maintenance and upkeep of parks and recreation facilities
- Address park assets that are beyond their useful life, under-utilized and/or in declining condition
- Provide improved and/or additional space for maintenance operations and storage
- Train staff to maintain trails/pathways for safety of the public and conservation of the natural resources

Goal # 4: Facilities: Seek opportunities to improve and expand parks and recreation facilities

- Provide additional indoor space for active recreation
- Renovate or enhance existing athletic fields and support amenities
- Provide new park amenities that align with current recreation trends and community preferences
- Provide park and open space facilities and amenities geared to active and aging adults
- Address neighborhood park deficiencies
- Strive to make sure all parks and recreation assets are barrier-free and universally accessible.

Goal # 5: Management: Use sound planning, financial, and operational management practices.

- Continue to work with Finance Department to enhance management tools to effectively track and manage costs to deliver services
- Explore grant and sponsorship opportunities to assist with funding
- Conduct space needs assessment/utilization study to better define and understand existing space utilization and space needs in regard to indoor activities and program offerings
- Deliver superior service to citizens and others seeking help
- Deliver on our stated goals and objective
- Review Master Plan annually
- Enhance and improve internal and external communications regarding Department activities and services.
- Staff appropriately to meet current demand and maintain established levels of service.

Goal # 6: Partnerships: Coordinate with a variety public and private entities for a more efficient and effective recreation system for Woodhaven residents.

- Continue strong relationship with school district by expanding shared use of facilities
- Increase existing volunteer program
- Explore and expand partnerships with groups such as Downriver Linked Greenways, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Wayne County Parks and Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- Collaborate with Downriver Lacrosse and AYSO to align program offerings with unmet community needs
- Maintain strong communication and cooperation with community non-profit groups, service clubs and athletic organizations
- Develop an online resource to serve as a central location and calendar for recreational opportunities in Woodhaven

Goal # 7: Natural Resources: Preserve and protect the natural resources and environmentally sensitive lands within community while maintaining appropriate public use, access and enjoyment

- Provide increased public access, education, and programming in natural areas to encourage use
- Utilize environmentally-friendly design and construction standards when making improvements to city parks and facilities
- Encourage developers to preserve green open space and mature trees in their projects, to protect significant ecosystems, and to use greenways and linear parks to buffer their projects, to provide for the safe movement of wildlife, and to connect to the linear parks or greenways of adjacent jurisdictions.
- Perform maintenance as required within natural areas to enhance the environment for native species.
- Acquire additional lands for Parks & Recreation and preservation purposes.

Chapter 3: Action Program

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as suggested improvement projects, timing, and strategies for implementation.

ACTION PLAN

The following outlines a list of specific projects and actions which are recommended for accomplishment during the planning period. Concept plans showing Civic Center Park improvements and the City-wide pathway system is also included to illustrate the proposed actions.

Action #1: Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities and landscaping (All City parks)

This objective includes replacing old equipment which are in a state of disrepair, are outdated, or are dangerous. It also includes improving the appearance of the City Parks and properties through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All upgrades must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and efforts should be taken to remove remaining barriers to universal access. Proposed actions or projects include::

- Removal/repair of outdated play equipment at all neighborhood parks
- Install new play equipment focusing on all ages and abilities
- Continue to upgrade all park facilities based on Safety Assessment
- Repair, upgrade, and install new accessibility pathways
- Refurbish baseball/softball field at Bates Park
- Install park amenities including benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, and signage
- Maintenance and safety inspections of park equipment, facilities and athletic field surfaces
- Refurbishing of parking area and walkway pavement surfaces
- General maintenance of restroom buildings and park pavilions including roof repair, exterior painting, and other repairs
- Evaluate areas for and install field sports in neighborhood parks.

Action #2: Improve Civic Center Park as the main community park for the City of Woodhaven

Because of its prime location and size, Civic Center Park is a high priority for future park improvements. Proposed improvements are described below for the north and south portions of the park as well as for the overall property. Concept plans for the park are included in Appendix G.

Community Center:

- Evaluate feasibility of community center expansion including community outreach to determine desired amenities, size requirements, and acquisition of cost data for different construction scenarios

North Area:

- Construct inclusive playground - Phase II
- Improve lighting and site amenities at outdoor skating rink
- Expand pickleball courts from 2 to 4

South Area:

- Installation of a new pavilion
- Maintain existing picnic shelter, exterior painting and roof repairs
- Renovate four (4) outfielders at the baseball/softball complex

- Enhance dugout areas
- Development of a central pathway from Hall Road to eastern developed pathway
- Maintain and improve play structure and surrounding area with improved access and site amenities
- Improve athletic fields for youth sports practice and games
- Continue to improve activity areas and surfacing to exercise stations along fitness trail
- Improve lighting and site amenities at outdoor skating rink

Overall:

- Continue to address drainage issues throughout park
- Continued development of a property-wide walkway system with trailheads and pedestrian amenities including kiosks, maps, drinking fountains, benches, and mile markers
- Enhancement of the site's vegetation with addition of shade trees, vegetation buffer along I-75 maintaining selective view onto the site, management of the forested area, and other landscaping improvements
- Repair and seal paved pathways throughout the park.

Action #3: Develop Ford Lane Nature Area

Access to natural areas improves resident well-being and offers a number of health benefits. Providing access to the Ford Lane Nature Area and offering passive-use facilities should be a priority for this property. This includes:

- Determine feasibility of including a sports center and/or athletic fields in the Ford Lane area
- Develop accessible trailhead and local trails within the Nature Area
- Provide connection to the Ford Lane sidewalk on the east side of I-75
- Develop an ADA compliant parking lot
- Install picnic pavilions, shelters, and comfort stations
- Install overlooks near the ponds and wetlands
- Install entry, educational, and wayfinding signage
- Provide park amenities such as benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles
- Develop a tree maintenance and replacement program
- Develop educational programs and stewardship plans
- Perform safety upgrades and general maintenance upgrades on an ongoing basis

Action #4: 4. Develop a continuous pathway/trail system

There is a need for more walking paths within the City. Priority should be placed on the development of walkways/pathways connecting the parks to form a continuous park system tying community facilities, schools, neighborhoods, and downtown Woodhaven. This includes:

- Construct shared use path connecting Civic Center Park trails to Van Horn Road
- Construct pathway within Ford Lane Nature Area
- Construct pathway route within the floodplain connecting Van Horn and Vreeland Roads
- Coordinate with Planning Commission and City Council to implement walkways connecting neighborhoods, parks, and schools
- Coordinate with City Council and Planning Commission in the review of development proposals to ensure sidewalks/walkways are built in conjunction with new developments
- Continue to attract sponsors and donations to install benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, and signage.

Action #5: Acquire and dedicate parkland and community space

Future parkland acquisition and dedication is an important action the City should consider as opportunities arise. Desired parkland should focus on providing connection to existing parks. This includes:

- Working with City Council, Planning Commission, and the Downtown Development Authority to ensure parkland needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land for parks or community space.

Action #6: Improve Woodhaven recreation services

Facilitate and promote the use of City parks, recreation programs, and facilities by community groups including seniors, youth groups, and public schools. More specific actions include:

- Evaluate and monitor recreation programs and work to broaden the participant base
- Continue to broaden the variety of activities for all ages and abilities
- Expand community special events at Civic Center Park
- Maintain and expand volunteer opportunities
- Raise community awareness of the Recreation Department offerings, staff, opportunities, and facilities by seeking alternate communication opportunities. These should include use of the City website, Facebook page, email, provision of guides and maps at City departments, and through use of emerging technologies, such as social networking, websites, and/or cable television
- Continue to develop on-line services to include facility maps/inventory, program registration, interactive calendar of community events/activities to assist in facility use and scheduling.
- Develop and implement a marketing campaign for the Recreation Department that highlights the resources and quality programming and services provided to residents and non-residents alike.

Action #7: Continue to forge new partnerships with other recreation providers

Continue to increase coordination and involvement with other recreation providers. Proposed actions include:

- Coordination of the shared-use of facilities with civic organizations, area sports organization, public schools, adjacent community and regional recreation providers, and other private recreation groups

Action #8: Administration and finance

A means of curbing operational costs and increasing revenues where possible must become a priority to support the desired park improvement projects and to maintain the existing and future park facilities to a high quality standard. Seeking grants and sponsorships where possible must be done aggressively. Recreation Commissioners must become advocates and promote the social, economic, and environmental values and benefits of parks and recreation by reaching to the community and the region.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 2 lists the individual projects along with the specific tasks the City would like to accomplish, the project goal reference, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. These projects are not prioritized, and will be implemented as funding and/or resources are available. However, to guide implementation, each project is assigned a time frame for completion.

Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years, while longterm (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, five years or beyond. Mid-term (MT) falls between the two other categories.

Table 2. Improvement Schedule

Description	Goal	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
General Park Upgrades				
Remove/upgrade outdated play equipment at Upper Constitution, Lower Constitution, Deerfield and Heritage IV parks	1	To be determined	GF, G, D, V	OG
Evaluate areas for and install field sports in neighborhood parks	1	To be determined	GF, G, D, V	OG
Repair, upgrade, and install new accessibility pathways	1	To be determined	GF, G, D, V	OG
Refurbish baseball/softball field in Bates Park	1	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Install park furnishings including benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains with dog bowls, and signs at all neighborhood parks	1	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Continue to upgrade all park facilities based on safety assessment	1	To be determined	GF, G, D, V	ST
Civic Center Park				
Improve drainage throughout park	2	To be determined	GF, DDA, CDBG, G	ST
Construct large pavilion/band shell in southern area of the park	2	\$250,000	GF, G, D	ST
Install Phase II of universally designed inclusive playground	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Install pathway connector from main walkway to bleacher areas for ADA access	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Expand pickleball courts from 2 to 4	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	MT
Enhance ball field dugout areas	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	MT
Renovate (4) outfielders at the baseball/softball complex	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Renovate football/soccer practice fields at south end of park	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Construct central, east-west paved pathway connecting baseball/ softball complex to Hall Road and the north-south pathway extending along I-75	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Improve activity areas and surfacing to exercise stations along fitness trail - Some Work Completed	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST
Repair and seal paved pathways throughout the park	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Insert trailheads and pedestrian amenities along walkways including kiosks, maps, drinking fountain, benches, and mile markers	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Add shade trees, vegetation buffer along I-75, and other landscaping	2	To be determined	GF, G, D	ST

GF = General Fund, G = Grant, D = Donation, V = Volunteer, DDA = Downtown Development Authority, CDBG = Community Development Block Grant

OG = Ongoing, ST = Short Term, MT = Medium Term, LT = Long Term

Table 2. Improvement Schedule (cont)

Description	Goal	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
Ford Lane Nature Area				
Develop accessible trailhead and local trails within the Nature Area	3	\$ 500 - 600,000	GF, G, D	ST
Provide connection to the Ford Lane Trail on east side of I-75	3	\$ 35,000	GF, G, D	ST
Develop an ADA compliant parking lot	3	\$ 50 - 100,000	GF, G, D	ST
Install picnic pavilions, shelters, and comfort stations	3	\$ 100,000	GF, G, D	MT - LT
Install overlooks near the ponds and wetlands	3	\$ 60,000	GF, G, D	MT - LT
Install entry, educational, and wayfinding signage	3	\$ 15 - 18,000	GF, G, D	ST
Provide park amenities such as benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles	3	\$ 10 - 15,000	GF, G, D	ST
Develop a tree maintenance and replacement program	3	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Develop educational programs and stewardship plans	3	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Perform safety upgrades and general maintenance upgrades on an ongoing basis	3	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Evaluate feasibility of adding sports center and/or athletic fields in the Ford Lane area	3	-	-	OG
Continuous pathway/walkway system				
Construct shared use path connecting Civic Center Park trails to Van Horn Road	4	To be determined	GF, G, D	OG
Construct pathway route within the floodplain connecting Van Horn and Vreeland Roads.	4	To be determined	GF, G, D	LT
Coordinate with Planning Commission and City Council to implement walkways connecting neighborhoods, parks, and schools	4	-	-	OG
Coordinate with Planning Commission and City Council to ensure walkways are built in conjunction with new developments	4	-	-	OG
Attract sponsors and donations for installing benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, mile markers, and signs along trails	4	-	-	OG
Parkland acquisition				
Work with Planning Commission, City Council, and Downtown Development Authority to ensure parkland needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land for parks or community space	5	-	-	OG
Recreation Service				
Evaluate and monitor recreation programs and work to broaden the participant base	6	-	-	OG
Continue to broaden the variety of activities offered	6	-	-	OG
Expand community events at Civic Center Park	6	-	-	OG
Maintain and expand volunteer opportunities	6	-	-	OG
Expand the use of web-based communication tools	6	-	-	OG
Raise community awareness of Recreation services and facilities	6	-	-	OG
Develop and implement a marketing campaign	6	-	-	OG

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Table 2. Improvement Schedule (cont)

Description	Goal	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
Partnerships				
Coordinate the shared-use of facilities with civic organizations, area sports organization, public schools, adjacent community recreation providers, and other private recreation groups		-	-	OG
Administration & Finance				
Identify fund raising opportunities and potential grant seeking opportunities as an on-going task		-	-	OG

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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five 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. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds **Transportation Enhancements (TE)** activities for 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 TE activities. Activities which may apply to Woodhaven include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses;
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage; and
- Preservation, conversion, and use of abandoned railway corridors for acquisition, development, planning, design, and construction of multi-use trails, as well as purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

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 for a healthy lifestyle. 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 Safe Routes to School program made 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;
- 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
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in school areas.

The program provides mini grants for programming and major grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure. Up to \$200,000 per school is available for infrastructure projects, and \$8,000 to build programming around the project. Communities must undergo an in-depth planning process prior to submitting an application. Deadlines are ongoing and awarded on a rolling basis. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the *Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)* and the *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)* continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource based preservation and recreation. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent 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.

The 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 of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$500,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

The *Recreation Passport* grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$150,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

Local units of government may use the Forest Stewardship program to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. A total of \$2,000 may be granted with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due in September. Non-game Wildlife Fund Grants have also been offered in the past to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, and other natural features.

Apply for County Funding

At the county level, the *Wayne County Recreation Millage* provides funding opportunities for local municipalities. Wayne County voters have consistently renewed a tax that funds county parks and distributes money to local communities for their parks. When submitting an application, a local municipality can receive an allocation of 15% of total millage funds generated from that municipality.

Apply for Other Grant Funding

The ***Detroit Edison Tree Planting program*** began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are typically due in February.

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as ***Bikes Belong Coalition***. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Access to Recreation is a grant program available for universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:

Recreation Access Matching Grant provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and

Accessible by Design Awards is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the City will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park or trail acquisition, development, or maintenance.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

Woodhaven's Parks and Recreation should continue to search for 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.



Chapter 4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks system. Needs provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives as well as identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends an on-line survey was made available to Woodhaven residents. The opinions focused on identifying priorities for park development in the future.

National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 3 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

The 2016 study shows a continued trend towards individual-based outdoor activities, with open water sports, outdoor activities, and snow sports all showing increases in participation. Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, have showed a steady decline in popularity in recent years, while trail related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (87.5 to 106.3 million), running/jogging (28.8 to 44.5 million), hiking (31.0 to 42.2 million) and kayaking (5.9 to 9.2 million).

Table 3. Top Outdoor Activities - 2016

Activity	Participation (National)	Overall Rank	Participation (East North Central Region)	Overall Rank
Exercise walking	106.3 million	1	15.4 million	1
Swimming	46.3 million	3	6.3 million	7
Running / jogging	44.5 million	5	6.2 million	8
Hiking	42.0 million	6	5.3 million	12
Camping	40.1 million	7	6.4 million	5
Bicycle riding	36.0 million	9	5.8 million	9
Fishing	29.5 million	13	5.4 million	10

SOURCE: NSGA SPORTS PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES 2016

These trends are consistent with trends observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, walking outdoors was identified as the most important outdoor activity by 26 percent of users statewide. A list of participation rates for the most popular activities is listed in Table 4 below. Participation rates for children under age 18 is provided in Table 5 on page 18.

Table 4. Top Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

Activity	Participation Rate
Relaxing outdoors	75%
Walking outdoors, including dog walking	74%
Visit parks or playgrounds	67%
Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure	64%
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	56%
Swimming outdoors	54%
Picnicking	53%
Fishing	41%
Biking of any kind (on or off road)	40%
Camping of any kind (modern, RV, tent, rustic)	39%
Team or individual sports outdoors	37%
Wildlife viewing and/or photography including birding	36%
Hiking/backpacking	34%
Jogging/running	34%
Canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, or wind surfing	32%
Road biking	31%
Motor boating	31%
Sledding/tubing	30%
Tent or rustic camping	30%
Shooting sports, including archery	30%
Modern or RV camping	25%
Hunting of any kind	20%

SOURCE: MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Table 5. Outdoor Recreation Activities - Children under 18

Activity	Participation Rate
Visit parks or playgrounds	85%
Swimming outdoors	76%
Sledding/tubing	54%
Fishing	52%
Non-league team or individual sports	46%
Tam or individual sports in a league	44%
Road biking	41%

SOURCE: MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Some key findings from the Metro Detroit region include:

- Nearly 75 percent of residents feel that outdoor recreation is very important or moderately important to their household.
- Walking outdoors, including dog walking, was identified as the most important outdoor activity.
- 87 percent of participants went outside 52 or more days per year, with nearly 54 percent doing so for more than 100 days.

These national trends are consistent with trends in Michigan. According to a telephone survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2013-2017 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the top 10 outdoor recreation activities are: biking (all types), camping, fishing, walking outdoors (including dog walking), hiking (all types), playing outdoor games/sports, hunting or trapping, swimming (all types), boating, and visiting playgrounds.

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 increases in:

- Environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural area 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 and number of smaller households

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the area can be summarized as follows:

- While future recreation facility development should respond to the expected increase in seniors, developments should be designed to accommodate a variety of abilities and interests. Meeting or exceeding ADA standards for recreation uses will be critical.
- There is a need for more walk/bike ways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable environment. The City should make efforts to connect with existing regional hike/bike systems in surrounding communities and facilities.



PUBLIC INPUT

Public input was sought at multiple points and through a variety of methods during the planning process to ensure that resident opinions were considered. Outreach to residents included:

- During the period of September 3, 2020 to Friday, October 9, 2020, Woodhaven residents were invited to participate in an on-line survey to provide ideas and suggestions related to the City's Recreation Plan update. The survey was made available through the City website, Facebook page and was advertised on cable television.
- A letter was sent to residents seeking community support in updating the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and inviting residents to attend monthly meetings of the Recreation Commission via Woodhaven Today Magazine, March, July, and September 2020.
- Notifications and Links requesting residents to complete online parks and recreation master plan survey were posted on the City of Woodhaven Website, September 3, 2020 through October 9, 2020, and periodic Facebook posts inviting residents to click on and complete parks and recreation master plan survey

108 persons provided responses to the survey. Of the total respondents, 97 (94%) were residents of Woodhaven. A summary of survey responses in addition to the entire survey including tables, graphs, and open-ended responses are provided in the appendices of this document.

The survey results suggest that Woodhaven residents are generally satisfied with their park system and the direction that park and recreation development is taking. Residents were asked to describe their satisfaction levels for nineteen different parks or amenities using a five point scale. Excluding entries marked "Don't know / haven't visited" allowed us to focus on active users of the facility in question.

Of the nineteen facilities, only Deerfield Park had an overall negative rating, with 50% stating that the park did not meet their needs very well or at all. In contrast, eleven facilities had an overall positive rating, i.e. the park met user needs very well or completely. The bocce ball courts (76%) and dog park (73%) had the highest ratings overall, while Civic Center Park (65%) was the highest rated park. This high rating was reflected in number of visits; almost 52% of residents visit Civic Center Park at least once per week, while less than 20% of residents visited their local neighborhood parks at that same rate.

When asked how the park system can be improved, 67 residents ranked "Maintaining existing parks and facilities" as their top priority, with a weighted score of 343. Similarly, "Developing and improving existing facilities" was the top priority for participants in a later question, suggesting a desire to work with and keep up existing amenities as opposed to acquiring new land for park development.

While there was fairly clear consensus regarding the need for ongoing maintenance of existing park facilities, there were a few points in the survey where data in one question seemed to contradict data in another question. For example, in question seven, construction of a new community center finished last out of the nine potential choices, but several participants noted that they felt the existing center was "outdated". Similarly, while almost 87% of participants regularly participate in trail sports such as walking, hiking, and biking, non-motorized trail development finished fourth, however, on a list of priority initiatives. As the city moves forward with development projects, it will be important to continue to reach out to the community for input on proposed projects.

In regards to programming, youth sports was viewed as the top priority for residents. Only eight points separated the next six categories of programs, however, suggesting that the demand for recreation programming covers a wide variety of age ranges, abilities, and interests. The main reason for not participating in Woodhaven programs is the physical infrastructure; 40% of participants stated that "better facilities elsewhere" is a barrier to using Woodhaven programs.

There did not seem to be any one item that needed immediate attention. While upgrades to the skate park, construction of a new community center or indoor sports facility, and construction of a pool all received multiple mentions, there was not overwhelming support or opposition to any one topic.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

After the Recreation Commission considered the input received, reviewed the recreation trends, needs, and other background information, they established the master plan goals, objectives, and an action program for implementation.

A draft plan was then made available for public review for one month beginning on November 2, 2020. Copies were placed at the Community Center, City Hall, and online. The plan's availability for public review was posted in the local newspaper, on Facebook, and on the City's website (Appendix A). Following the public review period, the Recreation Commission considered the comments received, made adjustments to the Master Plan, and recommended adoption of the Plan by City Council at their regular meeting December 21, 2020 (Appendix B). The Recreation Commission endorsed the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan on December 21, 2020. The public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing held at the City Council meeting of January 5, 2021 (Appendix &). After the hearing, the Council adopted the plan (Appendix).

The overall parks and recreation issues considered by the Recreation Commission focused on

- Programming
- Connectivity
- Maintenance
- Facilities
- Partnerships
- Natural Resources

These issues served to formulate the goals and objectives of City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Chapter 5: Recreation Inventory

Residents of the Woodhaven are able to take advantage of a variety of recreational resources at local and regional levels. There are a host of township and city-owned parks and schools, as well as privately-owned recreational facilities located in or near Woodhaven. This section describes these recreational opportunities. The information contained in the following pages was compiled from local community recreation plans, community websites, aerial photographs, and a field survey.

WOODHAVEN PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The City of Woodhaven currently operates eight park and open space areas totaling over 182.6 acres of land. Map 1 illustrates these parks as well as the community facilities in Woodhaven. A ninth park is in early planning stages. This facility will add an additional nine acres once design and construction is completed.

Following the safety audit of playground equipment and surfacing in 2015, the City now has a parks and recreation department employee (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) who is trained to properly inspect playgrounds for safety hazards and monitor the condition of equipment to maintain compliance with national standards set by the American Society for Testing and Material (ASTM) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

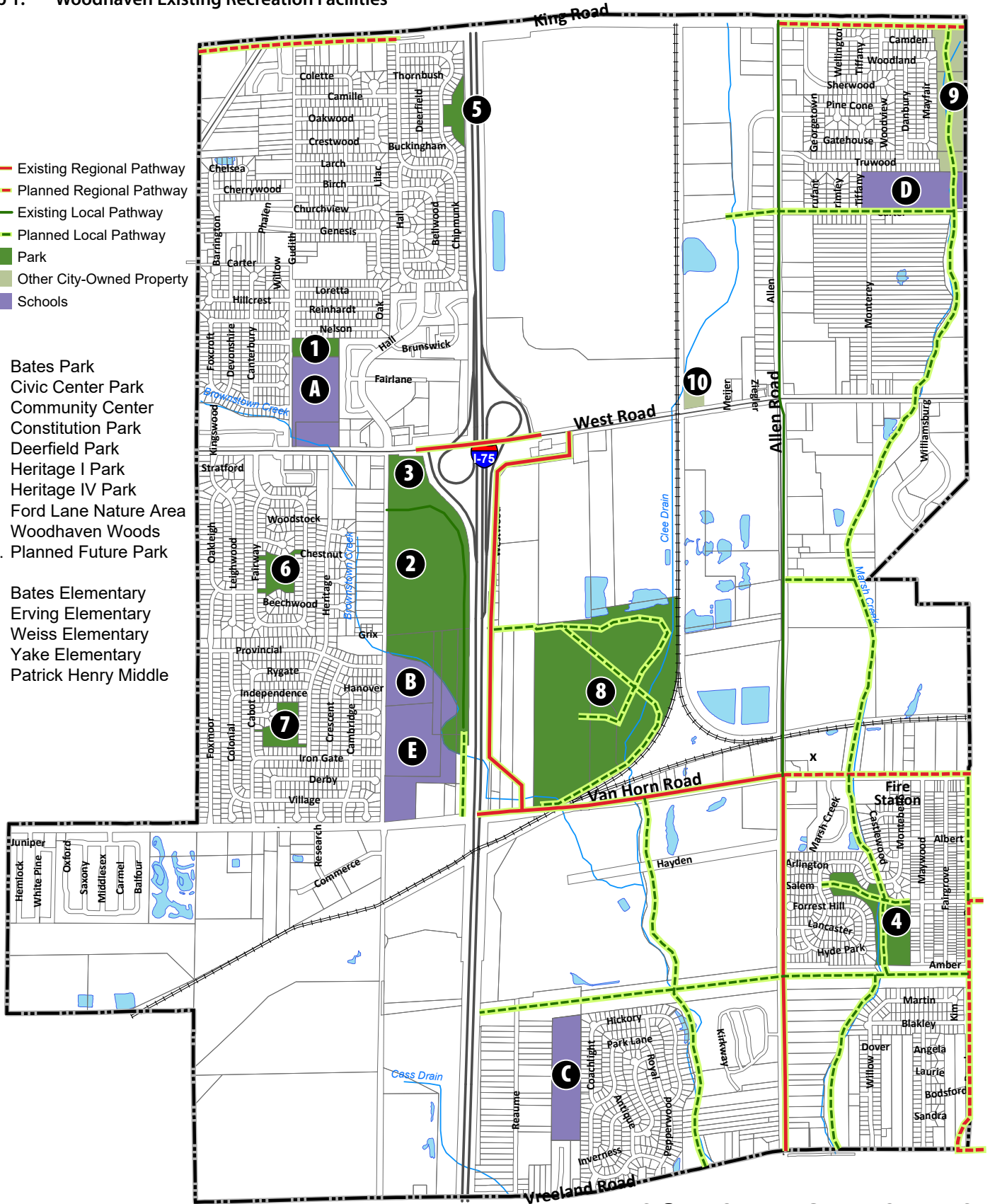


Map 1. Woodhaven Existing Recreation Facilities

- Existing Regional Pathway
- Planned Regional Pathway
- Existing Local Pathway
- Planned Local Pathway
- Park
- Other City-Owned Property
- Schools

1. Bates Park
2. Civic Center Park
3. Community Center
4. Constitution Park
5. Deerfield Park
6. Heritage I Park
7. Heritage IV Park
8. Ford Lane Nature Area
9. Woodhaven Woods
10. Planned Future Park

- A. Bates Elementary
- B. Erving Elementary
- C. Weiss Elementary
- D. Yake Elementary
- E. Patrick Henry Middle



PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

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CIVIC CENTER PARK

With over 71 acres, Civic Center Park is the largest park in the City. It is centrally located, south of West Road, and incorporates City Hall and the Community Center. This community park is a City landmark visible from motorists traveling along I-75. The park contains the following recreation facilities:

- A. Gazebo
- B. Memorial
- C. Fountain
- D. Football / Lacrosse field
- E. Parking areas (2)
- F. Skating rink
- G. Baseball fields (4 fields, 2 lighted)
- H. Skate Park
- I. Inline Skate Rink
- J. Pickleball Courts
- K. Safety Town
- L. Splash Pad
- M. Sled hill
- N. Shuffleboard courts (2)
- O. Picnic pavilion/restrooms
- P. Playground (2)
- Q. Inclusive Playground
- R. Sports Practice Fields
- S. Sand volleyball courts (2)
- T. Concession Building/Restrooms
- U. Paved pathways
- V. Fitness Trail
- W. Dog Park (small & large)
- X. Bocce Ball Courts (2)
- Y. Horseshoe Courts (4)
- Z. Disc Golf Course

Figure 1. Civic Center Park - North



Figure 2. Civic Center Park - South



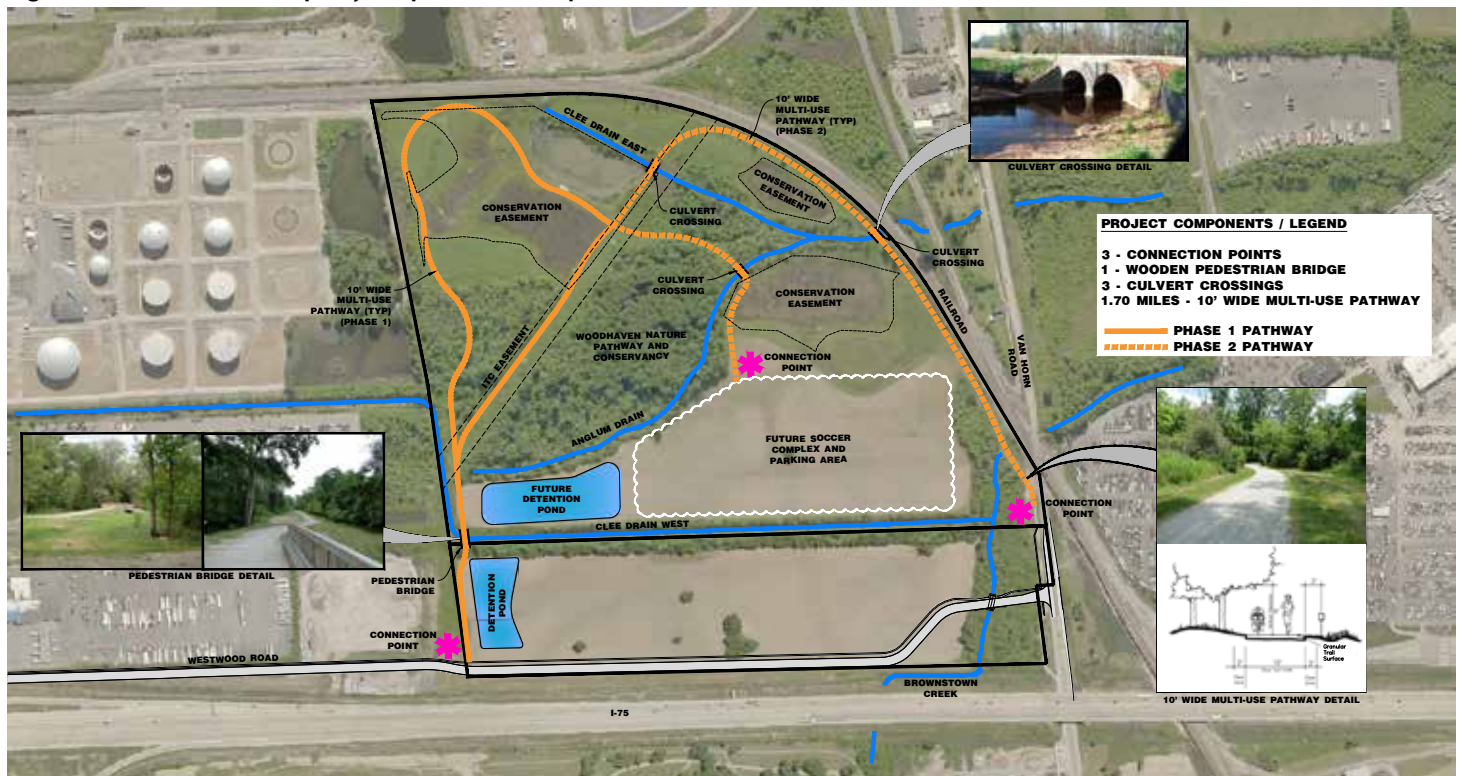
FORD LANE NATURE AREA

The 144-acre Ford Lane property was purchased by the City from the Ford Motor Company in 2017. Bordered to the south, east, and west by the Clee Drain, the property represents one of the largest publicly accessible natural areas remaining in Woodhaven. Wetlands and open ponds are scattered across the property. Approximately 65.5 acres of the site is preserved for a community nature area and roughly 30 acres of the site is forested.

Development plans include local trails throughout the area with connection to sidewalks along Ford Lane and Van Horn Road, an ADA compliant parking lot, pond and wetland overlooks, a possible picnic pavilion and/or comfort station, and park amenities such as benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles. A tree program, stewardship plan, and educational programs are also under consideration. Safety and general maintenance upgrades are ongoing.



Figure 3. Ford Lane Property Proposed Development



CONSTITUTION PARK

Located in the southeast part of the City within a residential subdivision, Constitution Park is a neighborhood park containing a total of 15.8 acres of land bisected by Blakely Drain. The upper portion of the park is accessible from Bradford Road while the lower portion is accessible from Montebello and Maywood roads and includes the following facilities:

- A. Multi-purpose field
- B. 2 playgrounds
- C. Paved pathway
- D. Picnic pavilion



Figure 4. Constitution Park



BATES PARK

Located in the northwest part of the City, Bates Park is a 3.8-acre neighborhood park north of Bates Elementary School. While the school grounds include playgrounds, athletic fields, and parking, the park includes:

- A. Multi-purpose field
- B. A small ball field



Figure 5. Bates Park



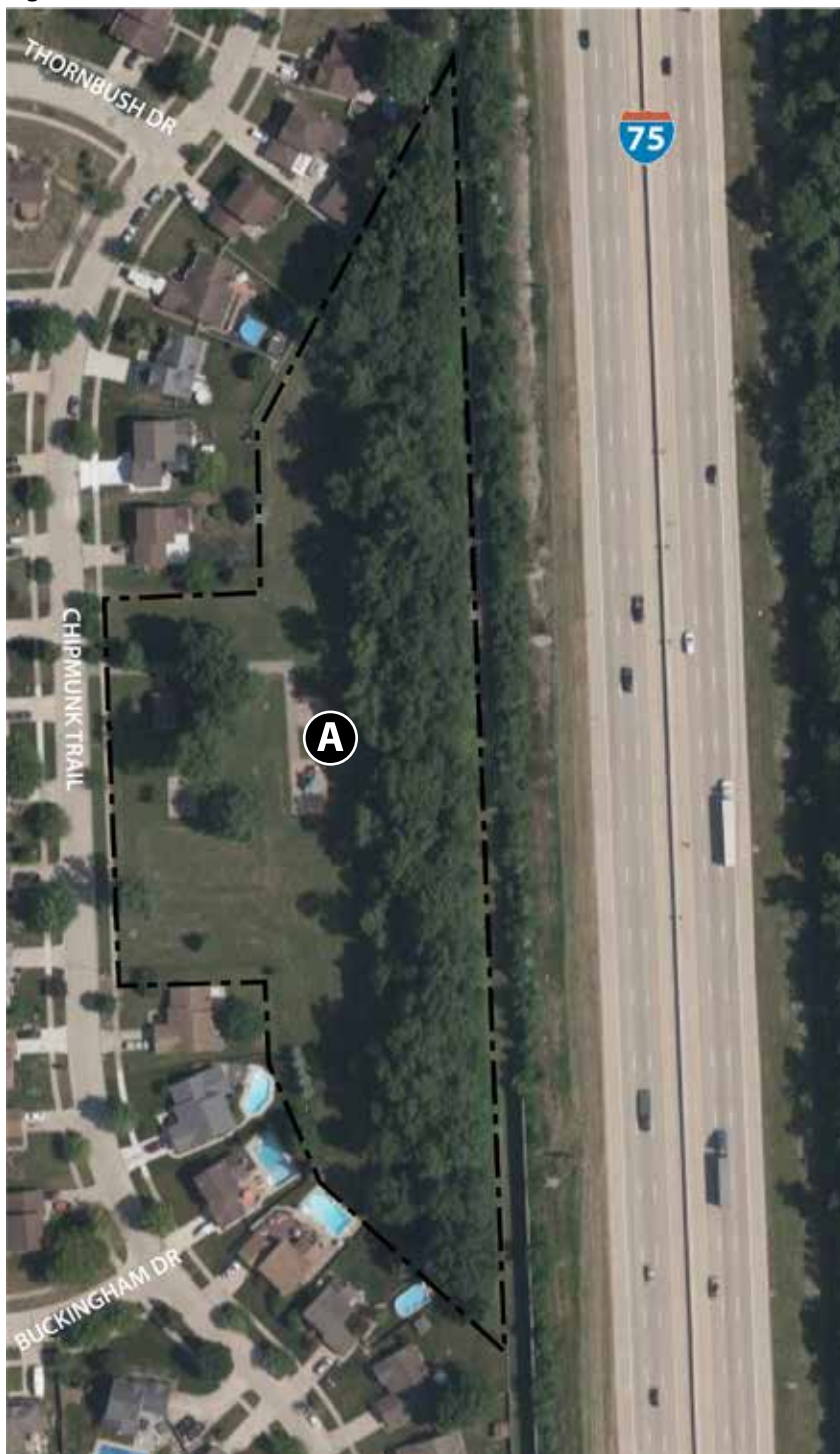
DEERFIELD PARK

Deerfield Park is a neighborhood park located along I-75 in the north part of the City within Woodhall Forest Subdivision. It contains 5.1 acres with:

- A. Playground
- B. Picnic pavilion



Figure 6. Deerfield Park



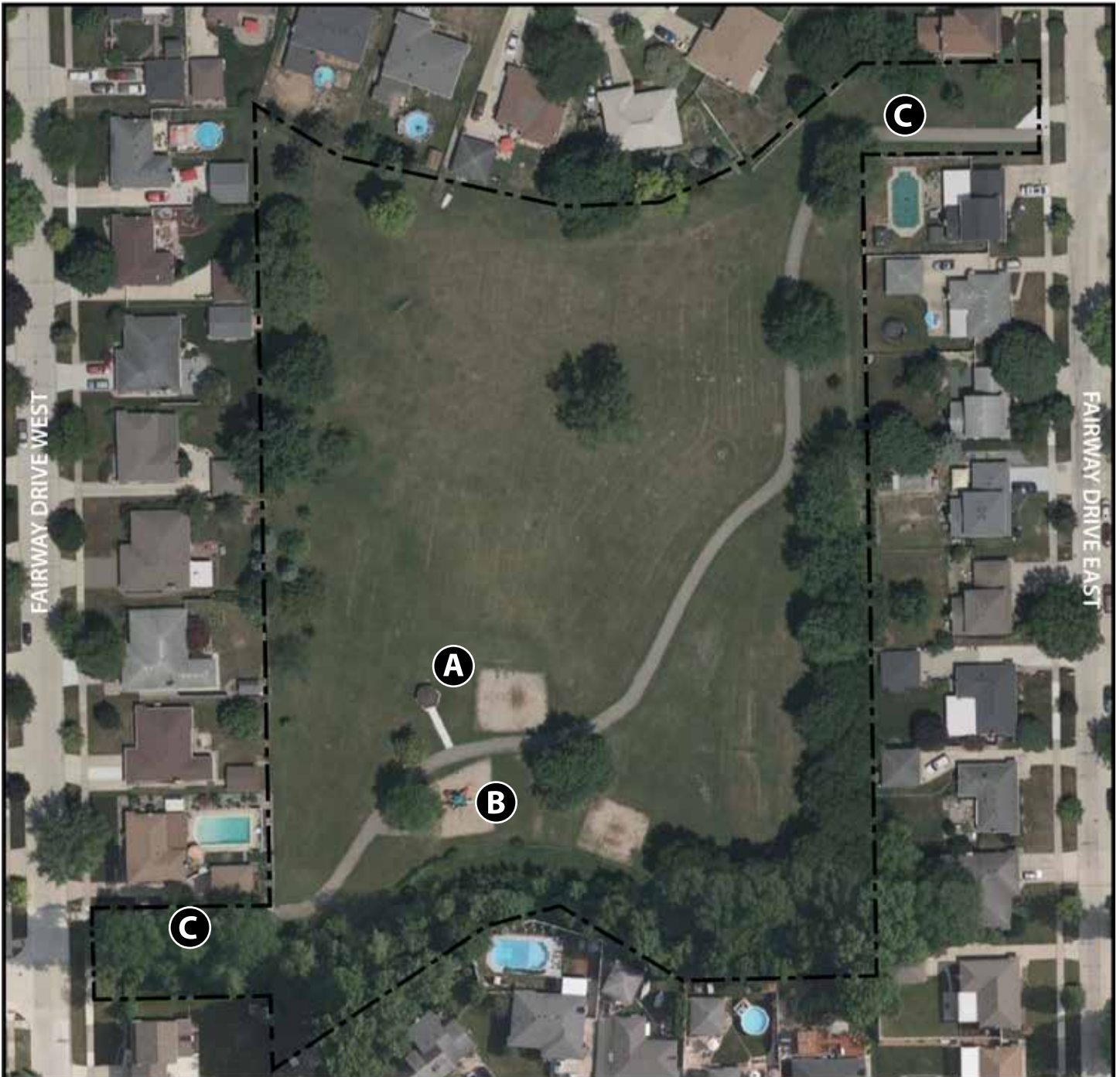
HERITAGE I PARK

Heritage I Park is located in the west part of the City within Heritage Square Subdivision. It has 5 acres of land with the following facilities:

- A. Picnic pavilion
- B. Playground equipment (removed old structure and installed new equipment in 2015)
- C. Paved pathway



Figure 7. Heritage I Park



HERITAGE IV PARK

Heritage IV Park is also located in the west part of the City within Heritage Square Subdivision. It has 5.9 acres of land with the following facilities:

- A. Playground equipment
- B. Swing set
- C. Small picnic pavilion
- D. Paved pathway



Figure 8. Heritage IV Park



WOODHAVEN WOODS (OPEN SPACE)

Woodhaven Woods is an undeveloped 10-acre open space located in the northeast part of the City. The property is accessible from Mayfair Road. The property is traversed by Blakely Drain.



NEW PLANNED PARK

A park is being planned in conjunction with a new development on a 9-acre parcel at the intersection of Allen and West Roads. While the design of the facility has yet to be completed, it will tentatively contain a play structure, and walking paths.



Figure 9. Woodhaven Woods



SCHOOL FACILITIES

In addition to the City parks, there are schools offering recreation opportunities to the residents of the City of Woodhaven. These facilities are shown on Map 1 on page 23 and are briefly described as follows.

BATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located in the northwest part of the City, it includes about 10.4 acres of land with:

- 2 ball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- 1 basketball court
- Play structure
- Playground equipment
- Indoor gymnasium

ERVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located south of Civic Center Park on Hall Road, Erving Elementary includes 8.5 acres of land with:

- 2 ball fields
- 2 soccer fields
- Play structures
- Cafeteria
- Playground equipment
- Fitness area
- Indoor gymnasium

PATRICK HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Located immediately south of Erving Elementary School, Patrick Henry Middle School includes 21.6 acres of land with:

- 1 baseball fields Soccer/football field
- Indoor gymnasium Indoor auxiliary gymnasium
- Cafeteria



WEISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located in the south part of the City, Weiss Elementary School contains 12.1 acres of land with:

- 1 ball field
- 3 outdoor basketball courts
- 2 play structures
- Playground equipment
- Indoor gymnasium
- Cafeteria

YAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located in the northeast part of the City, Yake Elementary School contains 13.1 acres of land with:

- 2 ball fields
- 2 outdoor basketball courts
- 2 play structures
- Playground equipment
- Paved pathway
- Indoor gymnasium
- Cafeteria

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Located on Van Horn Road east of Telegraph Road in Brownstown Township, the school facilities include:

- Football Field
- Running Track
- Soccer Field
- Varsity Baseball Field
- Varsity Softball Field
- 2 Recreation baseball/softball fields
- 8 Tennis Courts
- Swimming Pool / Diving Well
- Wrestling Room
- Fitness/weight Room
- Theatre
- Cafeteria
- 2 Gymnasiums
- Indoor Turf Area

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RECREATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The City of Woodhaven offers outstanding youth and adult team and individual sport opportunities and special events to City residents and non-residents. The programs listed below are offered by the City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department.

ADULT ACTIVITIES:

- Adult Dodgeball
- Total Body Sculpt
- Cardio Drumming
- Aquacise/Aqua Zumba
- Deep Water Aquacise
- Adult Martial Art
- Adult Lacrosse
- Cross Training
- Tai Chi
- Adult Softball (Co-Ed & Men's)
- Sand Volleyball
- Intro Pickleball
- Pilates
- Zumba
- Bootcamp
- Yoga
- Men's Softball League & Co-ed League
- Aerobics
- Aqua Zumba
- Pound: Rockout-Workout
- Line Dancing
- Health & Wellness Series
- Off Road Vehicle Safety
- Snowmobile Safety
- Marine Safety
- Painter Workshops & Classes
- Drop-In Painting
- Co-Ed Sand Volleyball
- Mediterranean Cuisine
- Ukulele Lessons
- Get Fit with the Hits
- Sewing & Quilting Classes

SENIORS:

- Chair Exercise Class
- Senior Club
- Downriver Senior Olympic Games
- Luncheon Series
- Zumba
- Bocce Ball
- Self Defense
- Meals on Wheels
- Pickleball Lessons
- Health Series
- Blood Pressure Clinics
- Travel Program
- Tai Chi
- Theme Parties (Holidays & Sports)
- Walking Program
- Morning Drop-In Exercise
- Horseshoes
- Transportation
- A Matter of Balance
- Bunco Days
- Grief Support

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Uncle Sam Jam
- Easter Bunny Breakfast
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Baseball Kick-off
- Concerts in the Park
- Mother & Son Bowling
- Monster Mash Run & Walk
- Daddy/Daughter Date Night
- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Supper with Santa
- Movies in the Park
- HalloHaven
- Family Fun Nights

COMMUNITY TRAVEL:

- Theater (Various Venues)
- Concerts (Various Venues)
- Parks, Nature Center, Color Tours and Orchards
- Casinos
- Sporting Events
- Historical Sites
- Boat Cruises
- Shopping Trips
- Dining



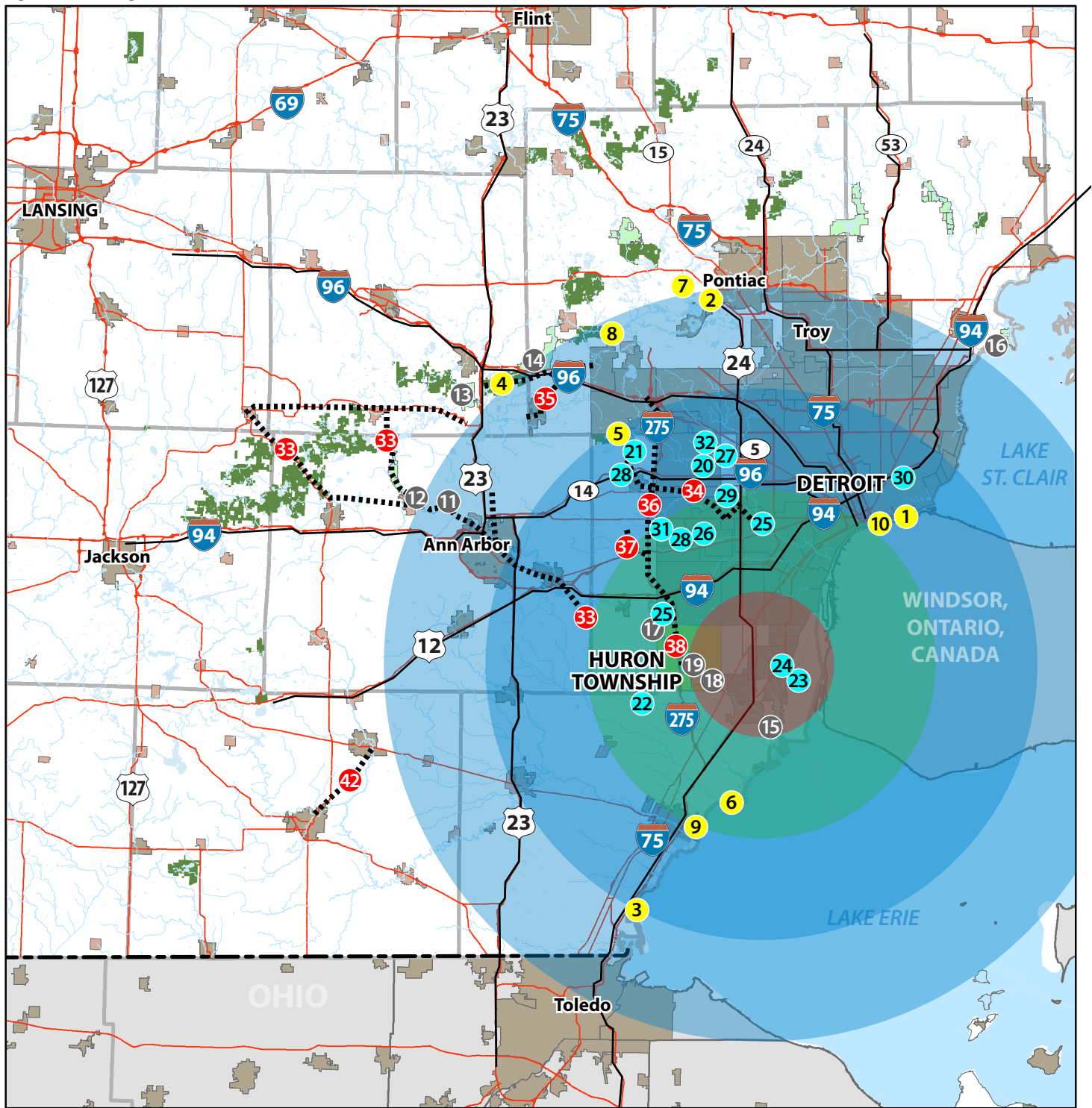
YOUTH:

- Learn to Swim Program
- Marlins Swim Club
- Competitive Swim Camp
- Preschool Art Classes
- Youth T-Ball
- I League
- Boys Baseball, 18 years & under
- Girls Softball
- Babysitting Workshop
- After School Sports
- After School Science
- Art & Crafts (After School & Camps)
- Youth Flag Football
- Safety Town
- Youth Tennis (After School, Camps & Tournaments)
- Pre-K Sports
- Self Defense (Karate, Tae Kwon Do & Spectrum)
- Cheerleading
- Yoga (Baby & Kid)
- Junior Running Camp
- Lacrosse (Lessons & Camps)
- Youth Basketball League (3rd to 8th Grade)
- Basketball for 1st & 2nd Graders
- Inclusive Fitness Program
- Theatre Camps
- Drawing Workshops
- Magic Camp
- Gymnastics
- Park Playground Program
- Dodgeball
- Preschool Music

There are also other organizations providing recreation programs in Woodhaven. They include the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), the Woodhaven Warriors Junior Football, Woodhaven Hockey Association, Junior Warriors Wrestling Club, and the Michigan Youth Flag Football.



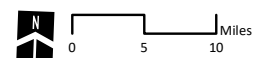
Figure 10. Regional Recreation Facilities



- | STATE PARKS | METROPARKS | COUNTY PARKS | MAJOR TRAILS |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Belle Isle State Park | 11. Delhi | 20. Bell Creek | 33. Border-to-Border |
| 2. Dodge #4 State Park | 12. Dexter-Huron | 21. Bennett Arboretum | 34. Hines Park Greenway |
| 3. Erie State Game Area | 13. Huron Meadows | 22. Crosswinds Marsh | 35. Huron Valley Trail |
| 4. Island Lake Rec Area | 14. Kensington | 23. Detroit Int'l Wildlife Refuge | 36. I-275 Metro Trail |
| 5. Maybury State Park | 15. Lake Erie | 24. Elizabeth Park | 37. Lower Rouge River Trail |
| 6. Pointe Mouillee Game Area | 16. Lake St. Clair | 25. Hines Park | 38. Metroparks Trail |
| 7. Pontiac Lake State Rec Area | 17. Lower Huron | 26. Inkster Valley Golf Course | |
| 8. Proud Lake Rec Area | 18. Oakwoods | 27. Lola Valley Park | |
| 9. Sterling State Park | 19. Willow | 28. Lower Rouge Parkway | |
| 10. WG Milliken State Park | | 29. Warren Valley Golf Course | |
| | | 30. Wayne County Aquatic Center | |
| | | 31. WP Holliday Forest & Preserve | |
| | | 32. Kinloch Park | |

Regional Recreation Opportunities

City of Woodhaven



DRIVE TIMES

- 15 minutes or less
- 30 minutes or less
- 60 minutes or less

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REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

Although there are no state or county parks within the City of Woodhaven, a variety of major regional recreational facilities and opportunities are available nearby to residents. There are over 2,000 acres of parkland owned by Wayne County Parks, over 6,700 acres of state or federally owned land and recreational facilities, and an additional 6,150 acres of parkland from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA). These facilities are considered regional recreational facilities. They are large facilities that provide opportunities such as camping, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, and golfing which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. Figure 10 on page 36 depicts the location of the regional parks around Woodhaven while Table 6 on page 40 lists the recreational activities they offer.

Figure 11. Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

One of the largest regional recreation facilities near Woodhaven is the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, which is located along the Detroit River south of Wyandotte. It is along the major flyway for many migratory birds and a great place to see waterfowl. The refuge includes 465 acres of islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals, and waterfront lands along both the Detroit River and the Lake Erie shorelines. It contains Humbug Marsh, Grassy Island, and Mud Island. The refuge manages land for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and for Detroit Edison and includes, within its boundaries, several existing parks and state game areas.



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There are several state-owned facilities located within a short drive of Woodhaven including Sterling State Park, Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, and Erie State Game Area. The state-owned facilities provide opportunities such as hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, and hiking.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority operates more than a dozen parks in southeast Michigan. The parks closest to Woodhaven include Lower Huron, Willow, and Oakwoods Metroparks along the Huron River, and Lake Erie Metropark on Lake Erie's shoreline. They provide a wide range of recreation opportunities including picnicking, play, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, golf, court games, cross-country skiing, ice-skating, tobogganing, and sledding.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

Wayne County Parks also provide other large parkland areas providing opportunities for active sports, picnicking, exercise, play, and nature viewing. The Lower Rouge Parkway, Crosswinds Marsh, and Elizabeth Park are the closest of the County Parks to Woodhaven. The Lower Rouge Parkway is a greenway along the Rouge River including three park areas: Colonial, Inkster, and Venoy parks, which include active sports fields, picnic areas, playground, and restrooms. Crosswinds Marsh, located west of Woodhaven in Sumpter Township, includes 1,000 acres of wetland preserve offering hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, picnicking, canoeing, fishing, and a variety of environmental education programs. Historic Elizabeth Park consists of 162 acres of land along the Detroit River featuring a Victorian shelter and a riverwalk. Activities include softball, fishing, cycling, in-line skating, hiking, cross-country skiing, and ice-skating.

Figure 12. Huron Clinton Metroparks Bike Path



Figure 13. Crosswinds Marsh



Figure 14. Elizabeth Park



Figure 15. Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge



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Table 6. Regional Recreation Facilities

				ACTIVE-USE ACTIVITIES										PASSIVE-USE ACTIVITIES														
Category	Name	Acres / miles	Approximate distance from City Hall in miles	Baseball / Softball Fields	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes / Shuffleboard	Sand Volleyball	Skate Park	Soccer / multi-purpose field	Tennis & Pickleball	Zip Line	Banquet Facilities / Spec Events	Visitors Center	Community Center/ Indoor Facility	Fitness Center / Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Parks / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Radio Control Flying	Watchable Wildlife / Birding
STATE PARKS	Belle Isle State Park	982	25									•							•	•				•	•	•		•
	Dodge #4 State Park	139	48																				•	•	•	•		
	Erie State Game Area	3,653	28																									•
	Island Lake State Rec Area	4,000	47																				•		•			•
	Maybury State Park	1,000	34																						•	•	•	
	Pinckney Rec Area	11,000	54																•		•			•	•	•		•
	Pointe Mouillee St. Game Area	4,040	11																								•	
	Pontiac Lake State Rec Area	3,745	47																•					•	•	•	•	•
	Proud Lake State Rec Area	4,700	43																•					•	•	•		
	Sterling State Park	1,300	18																•					•	•	•		
	Waterloo Rec Area	20,000	26			•										•						•		•	•	•		•
	WG Milliken State Park	31	21																•						•	•		
METROPARKS	Delhi	81	44																•	•				•	•	•		
	Dexter-Huron	122	54	•															•	•				•	•	•		
	Huron Meadows	1,576	51					•			•								•	•				•	•	•		
	Kensington	4,543	47			•	•	•	•			•		•					•	•				•	•	•		•
	Lake Erie	1,607	9				•																	•	•			
	Lake St. Clair	770	44		•			•				•									•	•		•	•	•		•
	Lower Huron	1,258	16																									
	Oakwoods	1,756	7																									
	Willow	1,700	9			•																						
COUNTY PARKS	Bell Creek	56	21	•							•	•												•	•	•		
	Bennett Arboretum	142	31																	•								•
	Crosswinds Marsh	1,050	13													•				•								•
	Detroit Int’l Wildlife Refuge	5,047	13													•												•
	Elizabeth Park	162	5	•										•										•	•	•		
	Hines Park	2,300	29	•	•	•			•		•	•											•	•	•	•		
	Inkster Valley Golf Course	97	16				•							•														
	Lola Valley Park	26	21			•																						
	Lower Rouge Parkway	1,000	18	•							•													•	•	•		
	Warren Valley Golf Course	290	17				•							•														
	Wayne County Aquatic Center	205	26																									
	WP Holliday Forest & Preserve	550	24																								•	
	Kinloch Park	-	19																						•	•	•	
TRAILS	Border-to-Border Trail	20 mi	24																									
	Hines Park Greenway	17 ml	21																									
	Huron Valley Trail	12.2 m	45																									
	I-275 Metro Trail	33 mi	13																									
	Lower River Rouge Trail	4 ml	21																									
	Metroparks Trail	16 mi	16																									

Trails				Water / Boating		Winter Sports		Camping Amenities												Hunting											
Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX Course	Equestrian	Swimming / Beach	Splash Pad / Pool / Water Slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat Launch	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins And Lodges	Rustic Site	Group Use Area	Walk-In / Paddle-In Sites	Yurt	Vault Toilet	Modern Restrooms	Sanitation Station	Shooting Range	Hunting / Archery	Fishing	Fishing Pier	
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COMPARISON TO RECREATION STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has classified parks and recommended an appropriate amount of parkland for a given population size. Although these guidelines are useful in pointing out deficiencies, a community's recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community and not based on national guidelines.

According to the NRPA, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All City Parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of close-to-home parkland recommended is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. For Woodhaven residents, this would include the Wayne County Parks, the HCMA metroparks, and the state- and federally-owned parks and recreation areas described in the preceding pages. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 people.

The NRPA also recognizes other types of parks such as schoolyards and private recreation facilities, which can contribute to the local parks and recreation system. This would include the public schools and private recreation facilities discussed earlier. These facilities, however, offer some limitations to regular public access for Woodhaven residents.

Table 7. Comparison to Suggested Parkland Acreage Standards

Type of Park	NRPA Standard per 1000 population	Required Acreage based on ACS 2020 population estimate of 12,116	Required Acreage based on SEMCOG 2045 estimate of 13,216	Existing Acreage
Close-to-Home Parks	6.25 - 10.5 acres	76 - 127	83 - 139	116.7 acres
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	182 - 242	198 - 264	79,000 + acres
Schools (within City)	not specified	not specified	not specified	65.7 acres

Table 8. Comparison to Suggested Facility Development Standards

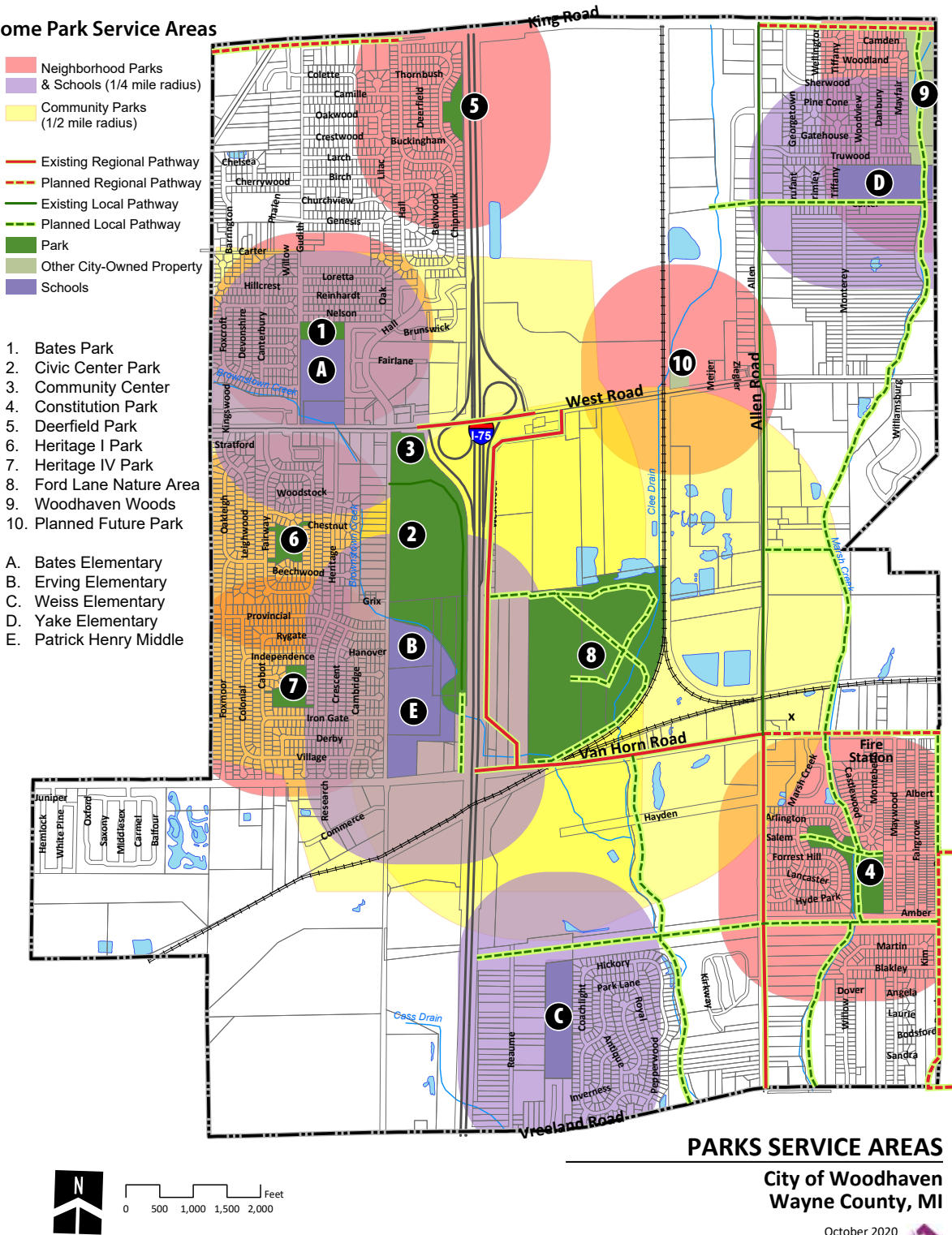
Type of Facility	NRPA Standard (units / population)	Suggested Amount ACS 2020 estimate 12,116	Existing in Woodhaven		
			City	School	Private
Badminton	1 / 5,000	3			
Basketball (outdoor)	1 / 5,000	3	4	5	
Handball	1 / 20,000	0			
Ice Hockey	1 / 100,000	0	1		
Tennis	1 / 2,000	7		8	
Volleyball	1 / 5,000	3	2		
Baseball	1 / 5,000	3	5	2	1
Field Hockey	1 / 20,000	0			
Football	1 / 20,000	0	0.5		
Soccer	1 / 10,000	1	2	4	3

Type of Facility	NRPA Standard (units / population)	Suggested Amount ACS 2020 estimate 12,116	Existing in Woodhaven		
			City	School	Private
Golf-driving range	1 / 50,000	0			
1/4 Mile Running Track	1 / 20,000	0			
Softball	1 / 5,000	3	2	5	2
Multi-use Court	1 / 10,000	1	1		
Trails	1 / region	1	exist		
Archery Range	1 / 50,000	0			
Skeet/Trap Field	1 / 50,000	0			
Golf course	1 / 50,000	0			
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1 / 20,000	0			

Table 7 compares the NRPA suggested standard with existing City parks based on American Community Survey (ACS) 2020 population estimates and SEMCOG projected population for 2045. As evident from this comparison, Woodhaven parks meet the acreage requirements for close-to-home parkland in 2020 and 2045. In addition, the residents of the City of Woodhaven are well-served by the regional park facilities provided by the county, HCMA, the state and federal governments that are located in and around Woodhaven.

Table 8 is a comparison of the City's park facilities against NRPA's suggested park facility development standards. The City generally meets the public active recreational facilities standards, except for badminton courts. Other activities such as golfing, driving range, swimming pool are served by area businesses including the Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Woodside Meadows Golf Course, Westburn Golf Club, and the Downriver YMCA in Southgate.

Map 2. Close-to-Home Park Service Areas



ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of all people, including disabled individuals. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines (2006) to determine accessibility was used to evaluate City parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5:

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

Each of the parks was evaluated using the MDNR ranking system (Table 9). The specific elements that were evaluated include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, support facilities such as restrooms, and surfacing.

Future park projects will be designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are mainly the result of older equipment or facilities which pre-dates ADA guidelines. It is the intent of the City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department to retrofit these facilities with park upgrades and renovation projects.

Table 9. Accessibility Assessment

Facility	Rank	Description
Bates Park	2	There is an accessible route to the ball field but not the soccer field
Civic Center Park	4	Play equipment and other amenities are ADA compliant, accessible routes are provided to most areas. Sections of the park are designed for universal access.
Community Center	4	Building is ADA compliant
Lower and Upper Constitution Park	3	There are accessible routes to most activity areas
Deerfield Park	3	There are accessible routes to most activity areas
Heritage I Park	3	There are accessible routes to most activity areas
Heritage IV Park	3	There are accessible routes to most activity areas
Woodhaven Woods	1	Park is undeveloped
I-75 Connector	4	Trail was designed to be ADA compliant

STATUS OF GRANT ASSISTED PROJECTS

The City of Woodhaven has received one Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grant for parkland development in 1977 (see Table 10 below). Other grants received by the City include a 2012 tree planting grant from DTE in the amount of \$6,050, and a TAP grant to complete the I-75 connector pathway along West Road in 2016 in the amount of \$2,524,700.

Table 10. MDNR Grant Assisted Projects

Grant Number	Application Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Current Condition
#26-00953 LWCF	1977, LWCF	Civic Center Park, 2 baseball fields, backstop fencing, and LWCF sign	\$30,219	Park and ball fields are heavily used and are in excellent condition.



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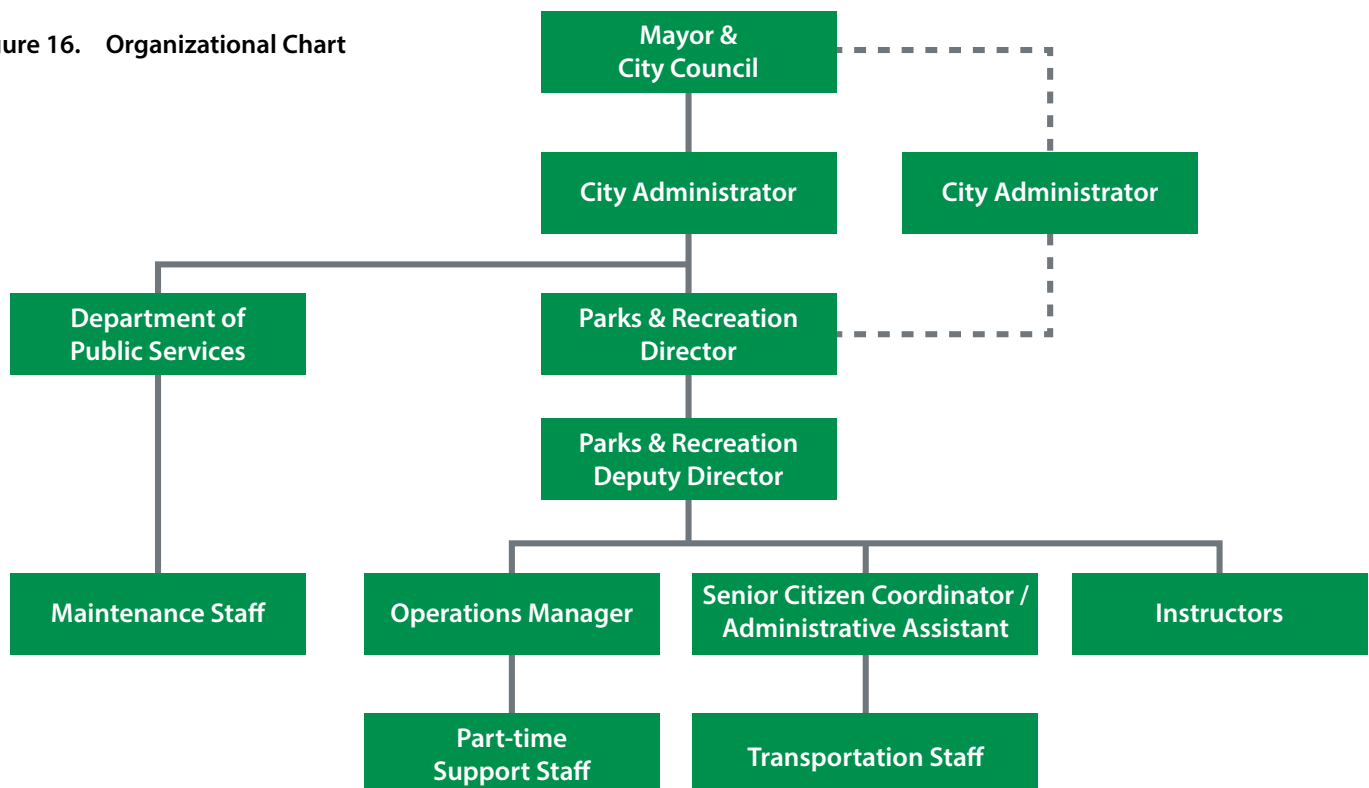
The City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission was established in 1976 under Public Act 156 of 1917. The eight-member Recreation Commission includes citizen members that are appointed by City Council. The Commission is an advisory body to City Council. It develops plans for the development and improvement of the City parks, and advises on the management of parks and recreation.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration of parks and recreation services in Woodhaven is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for all City park activities and programs, assists with the Recreation Commission involvement, promotes the role of parks within the City of Woodhaven, and serves as a liaison between the City Council and the Recreation Commission.

While parks are planned by the Parks and Recreation Department, maintenance is the responsibility of the Department of Public Services. The Department of Public Services Director is responsible for all park maintenance. The Parks and Recreation Director and the Department of Public Services Director report to the City Administrator who, in turn, reports to City Council. Figure 16, below, illustrates the organizational structure of the City of Woodhaven as it relates to parks and recreation services.

Figure 16. Organizational Chart



Funding & Budget

Funding for parks and recreation is appropriated from the City general fund. A portion of the Department of Public Services' fund is specifically allocated for the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities. As shown in Table 11, expenditures for parks and recreation have varied from about \$1,068,422 in 2018-19 to \$808,656 in 2020-21. Additional funds are designated for the park's maintenance through the Department of Public Services. Additional revenues also come from gifts, sponsorships, and donations.

Table 11. General Fund Budget Summary

REVENUES	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Use & Admissions	\$ 226,500	\$ 229,100	\$116,100
Community Center Rental	\$ 28,200	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Park Pavilion Rental	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Grant Revenue	\$ 92,054	\$ 289,754	\$ 176,254
Total Revenue	\$ 347,754	\$289,754	\$ 176,254
EXPENDITURES	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Recreation Department	\$ 866,192	\$ 840,529	\$ 786,276
Recreation Commission	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,230
Community Center	\$ 199,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 19,150
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,068,422	\$ 934,759	\$ 808,656



VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERSHIPS

The City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating programming efforts with neighboring communities including Brownstown Township, and the cities of Trenton and Riverview. Area schools, volunteers, service clubs, community groups, government agencies, and private businesses play an active role in supporting parks and recreation in the City of Woodhaven.

Woodhaven/Brownstown Schools include a number of athletic fields and other recreation facilities that are open for leagues. The City offers Youth Baseball, Men's Softball, and Coed Leagues. The active athletic groups providing services in the City are Downriver Lacrosse Association, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), Woodhaven Elite Junior Football, Woodhaven Hockey Association, Junior Warriors Wrestling Club, and the Michigan Youth Flag Football. These organizations use the facilities offered by the City and the schools.

Service clubs and community groups have also played a significant role in providing volunteer labor and financial support for park facilities and programs. Recent park volunteer opportunities include assistance with the Easter Bunny Breakfast, Community Spring Clean-up, Uncle Sam Jam Celebration, the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), Hallohaven, Supper with Santa, and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and the 2015 Downriver Senior Olympics hosted by the City of Woodhaven. The clubs and groups include:

CIVIC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- City of Woodhaven DDA
- Woodhaven/Brownstown School District
- Wayne County TEFAP
- American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)
- Michigan Humane Society (Mega March for Animals)
- Animal Resource Funding Foundation (ARFF)

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS:

- American Youth Soccer Organization
- Downriver Lacrosse
- Downriver Marlins Swim Club
- Woodhaven Hockey Association
- Junior Warriors Wrestling Club
- Michigan Youth Flag Football
- Woodhaven Elite Junior Football
- Woodhaven Band Boosters

LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS:

- Woodhaven Garden Club
- Woodhaven Senior Citizens

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Kiwanis Club
- Goodfellows
- Loyal Order of Moose
- Woodhaven-Brownstown Rotary Club

SCOUTING GROUPS:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of America

LAND CONSERVANCIES:

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

PRIVATE BUSINESSES:

- Meijer
- Wal Mart
- Farm Bureau – J.C. Muzzy-Moczydlowsky
- Lowe's
- Home Depot





Chapter 7: Community Background

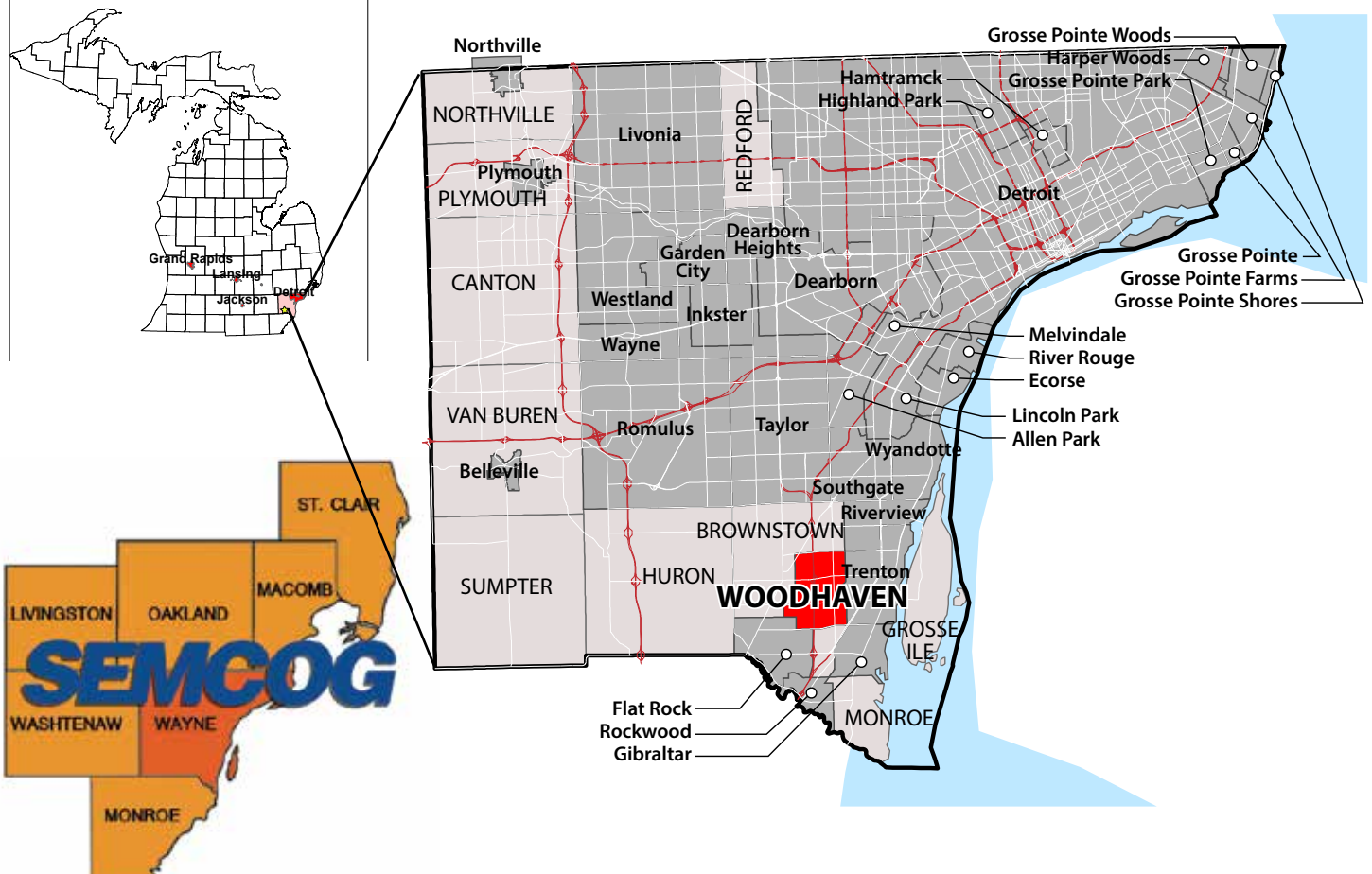
REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Woodhaven is located in the southern portion of Wayne County in southeast Michigan approximately 20 miles south of Detroit and 40 miles north of Toledo along Interstate 75. About 6.5 square miles in area, Woodhaven is located in the Detroit Downriver area, which is comprised of Detroit suburbs located south of the City along the Detroit River. The Downriver area is roughly bounded by River Rouge to the north, the Detroit River to the east, the county's southern border to the south, and I-275 and I-94 to the west. A number of organizations work to enhance the quality of life in and attract investment to Downriver communities such as the Downriver Community Conference and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber.

Wayne County is located in the west area of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) region. SEMCOG is the regional planning agency that conducts planning studies and maintains a comprehensive database of information about each community it serves. It is a source for some of the population and land use related data included in this report.

In planning for the future recreation needs of the City, it is essential to understand the community being planned for – both the community of people to be served and the recreation resources which the community has to offer. A determination of residents' needs will define what types of recreational opportunities are desired, while an evaluation of the existing recreational resources will identify where and how these opportunities may be provided. The purpose of the final chapter of the Master Plan is to provide an overview of the community's characteristics with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities Woodhaven offers.

Figure 17. Context Maps - State of Michigan, Wayne County, and SEMCOG Region

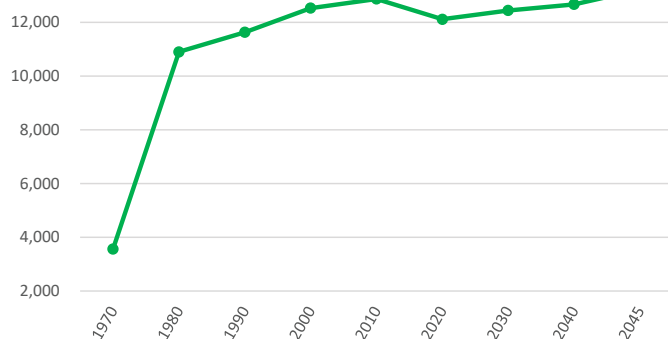


POPULATION AND HOUSING

Woodhaven's population increased from 11,631 in 1990 to 12,530 in 2000, an 8 percent increase. In 2010, population growth leveled off with 12,875 persons residing in the City (a 2.8% increase). SEMCOG estimates the City's population to be 12,116 in 2020, a 6.1% decrease. By 2045, SEMCOG is projecting a population of 13,216, an increase of 9.1% from 2020 levels.

In 2000, there were 4,708 households in Woodhaven, a 19 percent increase from 1990, with a further increase to 5,159 households in 2010. According to American Community Survey (ACS), the City's total number of households in 2019 was 5,303, a 2.8% increase. The number of households in the community is expected to be effectively stagnant through 2045, with SEMCOG projecting an increase to 5,359 units. Household sizes dropped from 2.46 to 2.29 residents between 2010 and 2019, but is projected to increase back to 2.43 in 2045. The City's decreasing household size and is consistent with region-wide trends toward an overall decrease in household size, and slow housing growth may be attributed to the limited amount of developable area available for residential development within the City.

Figure 19. Woodhaven Population Trends



SOURCE: US CENSUS, SEMCOG

Table 14. Historical Population Data, Woodhaven Area

Community	1990	2000	2010	2020 (SEMCOG Estimate)	Percent change 2010 - 2020
Woodhaven	11,631	12,530	12,875	12,116	-6.1%
Flat Rock	7,290	8,488	9,878	9,280	-7.0%
Gibraltar	4,297	4,264	4,656	4,892	5.5%
Riverview	13,894	13,272	12,486	11,928	-4.2%
Rockwood	3,141	3,442	3,289	2,721	-16.5%
Trenton	20,586	19,584	18,853	17,361	-7.6%
Brownstown Township	18,811	22,989	30,627	31,541	4.0%
Monroe Township	11,909	13,491	14,568	14,038	-3.9%
Wayne County	2,111,687	2,061,162	1,820,650	1,738,700	-4.0%
Southeast Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,768,427	1.3%

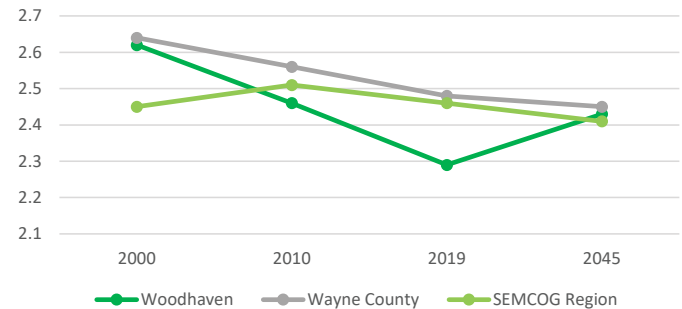
SOURCE: US CENSUS, SEMCOG

Table 12. Household Size, Woodhaven & Region

	2000	2010	2019	2045
Woodhaven	2.62	2.46	2.29	2.43
Wayne County	2.64	2.56	2.48	2.45
SEMCOG Region	2.45	2.51	2.46	2.41

SOURCE: US CENSUS, SEMCOG

Figure 18. Household Size Trends



SOURCE: US CENSUS, SEMCOG

Table 13. Population Projections, Woodhaven Area

Community	2020	2045	% change 2020-2045
Woodhaven	12,116	13,216	9.1%
Flat Rock	9,280	9,902	6.7%
Gibraltar	4,892	5,276	7.8%
Riverview	11,928	12,662	6.2%
Rockwood	2,721	2,952	8.5%
Trenton	17,361	18,507	6.6%
Brownstown Twp	31,541	35,690	13.2%
Monroe Twp	14,038	14,816	5.5%
Wayne County	1,738,700	1,844,061	6.1%
Southeast Michigan	4,768,427	5,104,922	7.1%

SOURCE: US CENSUS, SEMCOG

Table 15. Household Characteristics

Household Types	Census 2010	ACS 2018	% change	2045 SEMCOG
With seniors 65+	1037	1460	40.8%	2009
Without seniors	4122	3791	-8.0%	3350
2 or more persons w/out children	2208	2237	1.3%	2316
Live alone 65+	335	458	36.7%	716
Live alone, under 65	1026	1289	25.6%	802
With children	1590	1267	-20.3%	1525

SOURCE: US CENSUS, ACS, SEMCOG

The number of housing units increased from 4,140 to 4,850 between 1990 and 2000, and to 5,580 in 2010. This represents a 17 percent increase between 1990 and 2000, and another 15 percent between 2000 and 2010. SEMCOG estimates that Woodhaven currently has 5,566 housing units as of 2019, a 1 percent increase over the 2010 number. The majority of the housing units, 60 percent, are single-family homes. Multi-family units account for 35 percent of the units, with the remaining units comprised of manufactured houses, townhouses/ attached condos, and duplexes.

The median age in the City has changed significantly over the past decade, rising from 37.9 years in 2010 to 43.8 in 2018. While Wayne County (36.5 to 37.9) and the state of Michigan (38.1 to 39.7) are also seeing increases, their changes are not as dramatic. ACS estimates show that children age 19 or under make up 22 percent of the total population, a decrease from 25 percent in 2010. In contrast, the number of people 65 years and over increased from 12 percent in 2000 to 18 percent in 2018. The 20 to 44 years (32 percent to 29 percent) and 45 to 64 years (31 percent to 30 percent) age groups also saw reductions. Through 2045, SEMCOG projects a further decrease of nearly 7 percent for children under 18, while the number of people 65 years and over will increase by almost 19 percent during that same time period.

Figure 20. Age Distribution Comparison 2000 - 2018

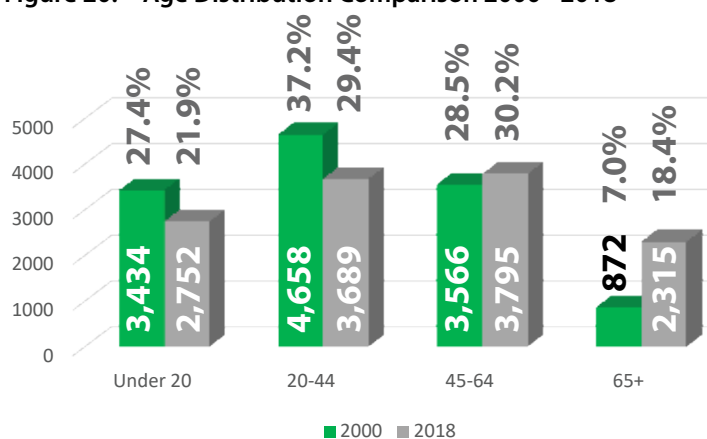


Table 16. Median Age, Woodhaven & Region

Year	Woodhaven	Wayne County	State of Michigan
2010	37.9	36.5	38.1
2011	37.6	36.9	38.5
2012	37.9	37.2	38.8
2013	40.7	37.6	39.1
2014	40.8	37.7	39.3
2015	42.3	37.8	39.5
2016	42.2	37.8	39.6
2017	42.5	37.9	39.6
2018	43.8	37.9	39.7

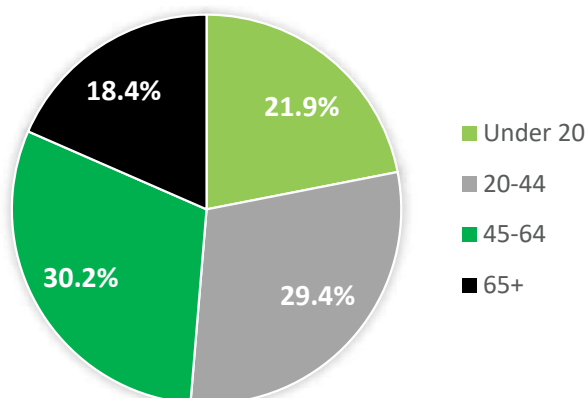
SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2010 - 2018

Table 17. Woodhaven Age Ranges 2000 - 2018

Age group	Census 2000	Census 2010	ACS 2018	% change 2000 - 2018
Under 5	787	655	592	-24.8%
5 - 9	899	843	738	-17.9%
10 - 14	852	821	646	-24.2%
15 - 19	896	895	776	-13.4%
20 - 24	893	770	538	-39.8%
25 - 29	811	728	814	0.4%
30 - 34	926	813	780	-15.8%
35 - 39	971	853	789	-18.7%
40 - 44	1057	919	768	-27.3%
45 - 49	1135	970	757	-33.3%
50 - 54	1237	1039	904	-26.9%
55 - 59	778	986	1080	38.8%
60 - 64	416	1048	1054	153.4%
65 - 69	247	644	885	258.3%
70 - 74	226	351	772	241.6%
75 - 79	175	195	394	125.1%
80 - 84	114	181	174	52.6%
85 and up	110	164	90	-18.2%

SOURCE: US CENSUS, ACS

Figure 21. Woodhaven Age Distribution 2018

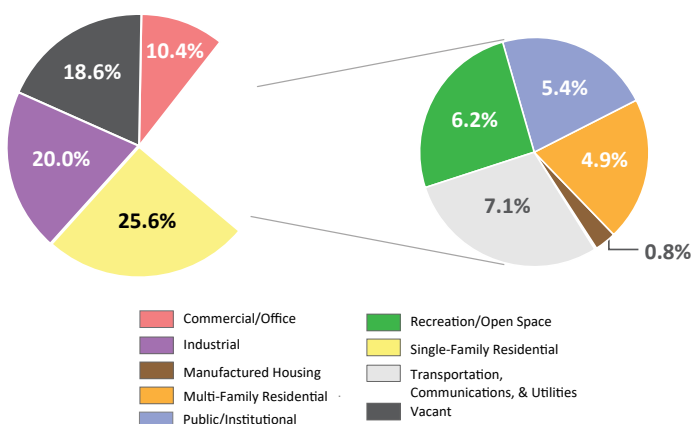


LAND USE PATTERNS & DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

According to the City's Master Land Use Plan, the predominant land use in Woodhaven is single family residential land uses (26%). Industrial land makes up 20 percent of Woodhaven's land area, while vacant land comprises over 18 percent of the City's land area. The other land uses occupy approximately 36 percent of the City's total area. Parks and recreation land uses make up only about 5 percent of the City's land area. Map 3 on page 54 illustrates the existing land uses within the City of Woodhaven and Table 18 and Figure 22 below presents the statistical breakdown for each use.

In preparation of the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 78.5 commercial acres and 65.6 acres of parks and recreation land was included for a new overall total of 3,639.9 acres. The new acreage comes from the City's purchase of the Ford Lane property.

Figure 22. Existing Land Use 2019



SOURCE: CITY OF WOODHAVEN MASTER PLAN, 2012 & LAND USE DATA UPDATED 2018

Table 18. Existing Land Use 2019

Land Use	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	932.9	25.6%
Multiple-Family Residential	171.0	4.9%
Manufactured Housing	28.1	0.8%
Commercial/Office	365.3	10.4%
Industrial	700.2	20.0%
Public/Institutional	188.5	5.4%
Parks and Recreation	217.4	6.2%
Transportation, Communication, & Utility	248.7	7.1%
Vacant	650.9	18.6%
Total Acres	3503.0	100%

SOURCE: CITY OF WOODHAVEN MASTER PLAN, 2012 & LAND USE DATA UPDATED 2018

Despite the increase in population and housing units from 1990 to 2010, the SEMCOG region has experienced a decline in residential construction. Table 19 shows that this trend is also true for the City of Woodhaven, which has seen a significant decline in residential building permits issued since 2004.

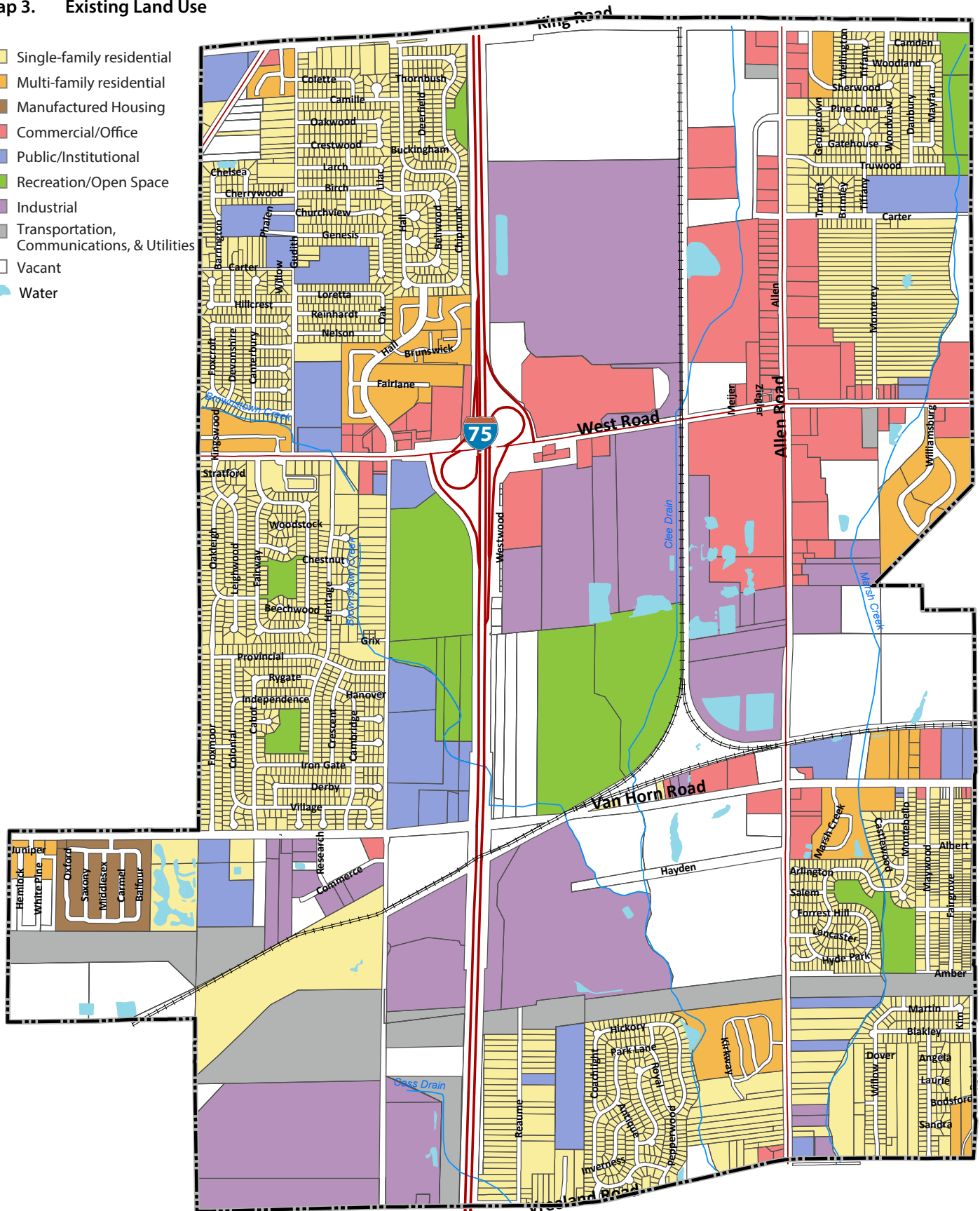
The City has planned for future growth with the update of its Master Land Use Plan. While modest growth in residential and commercial uses is envisioned, a decrease in industrial land use is planned. This would be replaced with mixed and downtown uses which would include areas devoted to a mix of retail, office, and residential uses.

Table 19. Residential Building Permits

	Single Family	Tow Family	Attached Condos	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	39	0	0	0	39	0	39
2001	39	0	42	0	81	0	81
2002	29	0	47	0	76	1	75
2003	31	0	60	0	91	1	90
2004	16	0	269	0	285	1	284
2005	14	16	80	0	110	1	109
2006	0	0	12	0	12	0	12
2007	16	0	0	0	16	0	16
2008	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
2009	10	0	0	0	10	0	10
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2014	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2015	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
2016	0	0	2	0	2	2	0
2017	2	0	4	0	6	0	6
2018	2	0	8	0	10	0	10
2019	2	0	12	0	14	0	14
2000 to 2019 totals	207	16	536	0	759	6	753

Map 3. Existing Land Use

- Single-family residential
- Multi-family residential
- Manufactured Housing
- Commercial/Office
- Public/Institutional
- Recreation/Open Space
- Industrial
- Transportation, Communications, & Utilities
- Vacant
- Water



EXISTING LAND USE

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NATURAL FEATURES

The City of Woodhaven is characterized by relatively flat terrain. The land surface of the City varies by approximately 30 feet from its lowest point to its highest point. In general, the lowest elevations occur in the eastern portion of the City and elevations rise towards the west. The lowest elevation is 580 feet (NGDV) and is located near Lower Constitution Park and the abutting utility corridor. The highest elevation is 610 feet in the northwest portion of the City adjacent to Dix-Toledo Road.

Half of the City is characterized by the Hoytville Silty Clay Loam soil association. According to the Wayne County Soil Survey, this association was created by clayey glacial till and modified by former lake waters. It is composed of somewhat poorly drained to poorly drained soils, located on low-lying, flat topography. The Blount Loam soil association is found along the eastern edge of the City and makes up approximately 18 percent of the City. It is formed in loamy glacial till. Nappanee Silt Loam and Pewamo Loam are the next most important soil associations, making up about 11 percent of Woodhaven’s land area.

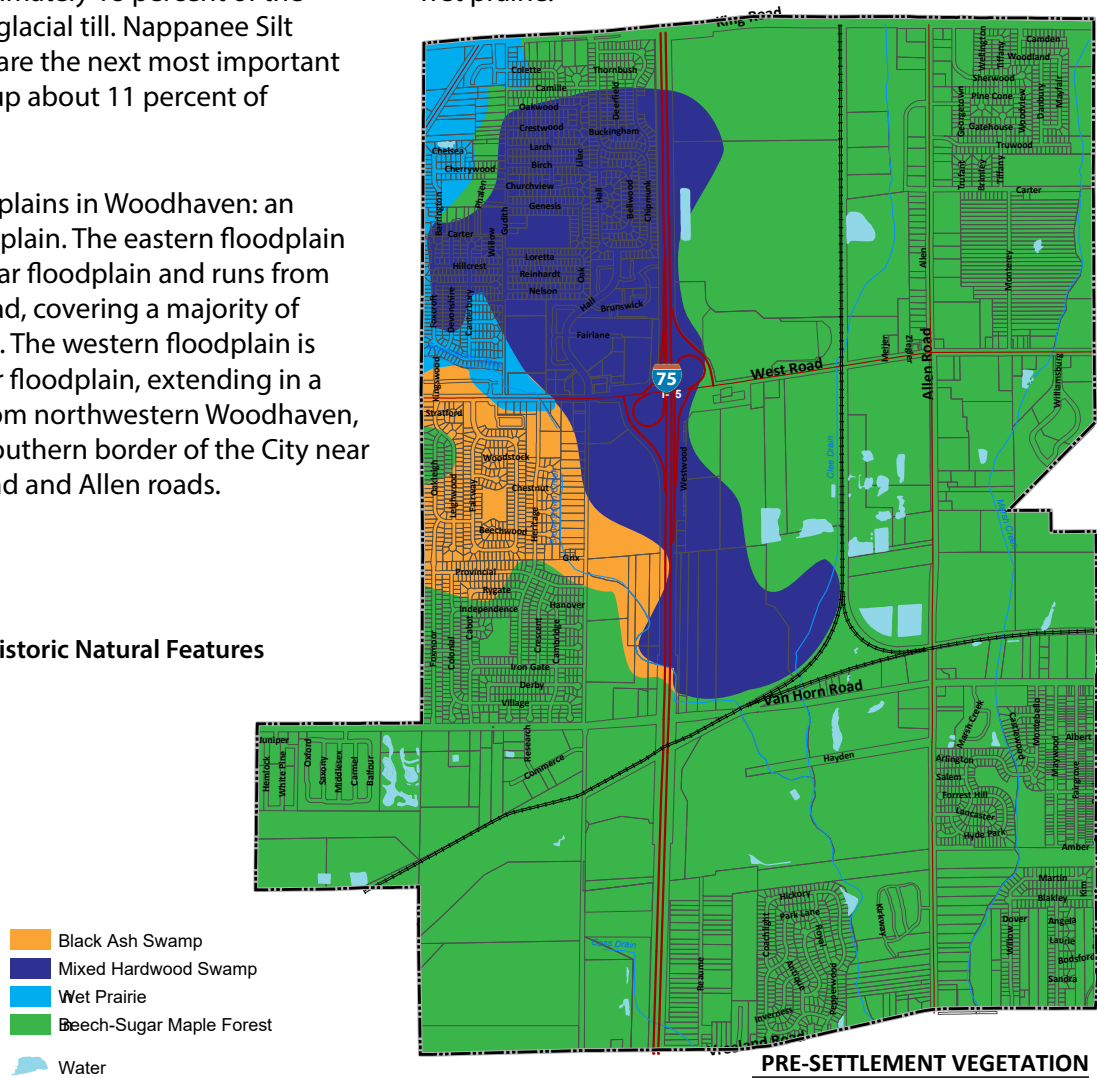
There are two major floodplains in Woodhaven: an eastern and western floodplain. The eastern floodplain is predominantly a 100-year floodplain and runs from King Road to Vreeland Road, covering a majority of the area east of Allen road. The western floodplain is a mixed 100- and 500-year floodplain, extending in a southeasterly direction from northwestern Woodhaven, near Carter Road, to the southern border of the City near the intersection of Vreeland and Allen roads.

The great majority of the City lies in the Detroit River watershed, except for a small portion located in the southwest section of the City which is in the Huron River watershed. According to the National Wetland Inventory map, there are a dozen small wetland areas scattered in Woodhaven. Woodlands are found in the center, east, and north of the City, with isolated stands of trees located to the west of I-75.

The City of Woodhaven’s natural features are depicted on Map 4 on page 56.

Today, the City’s woodlands and wetlands are fragmented by roads, building, and lawns. Historically, most of upland area of Woodhaven was covered a beech-sugar maple forest, while a black ash swamp and mixed hardwood swamp was included in the northwestern portion of the City. Abutting the swamp areas to the northwest was a wet prairie.

Figure 23. Woodhaven Historic Natural Features



PRE-SETTLEMENT VEGETATION

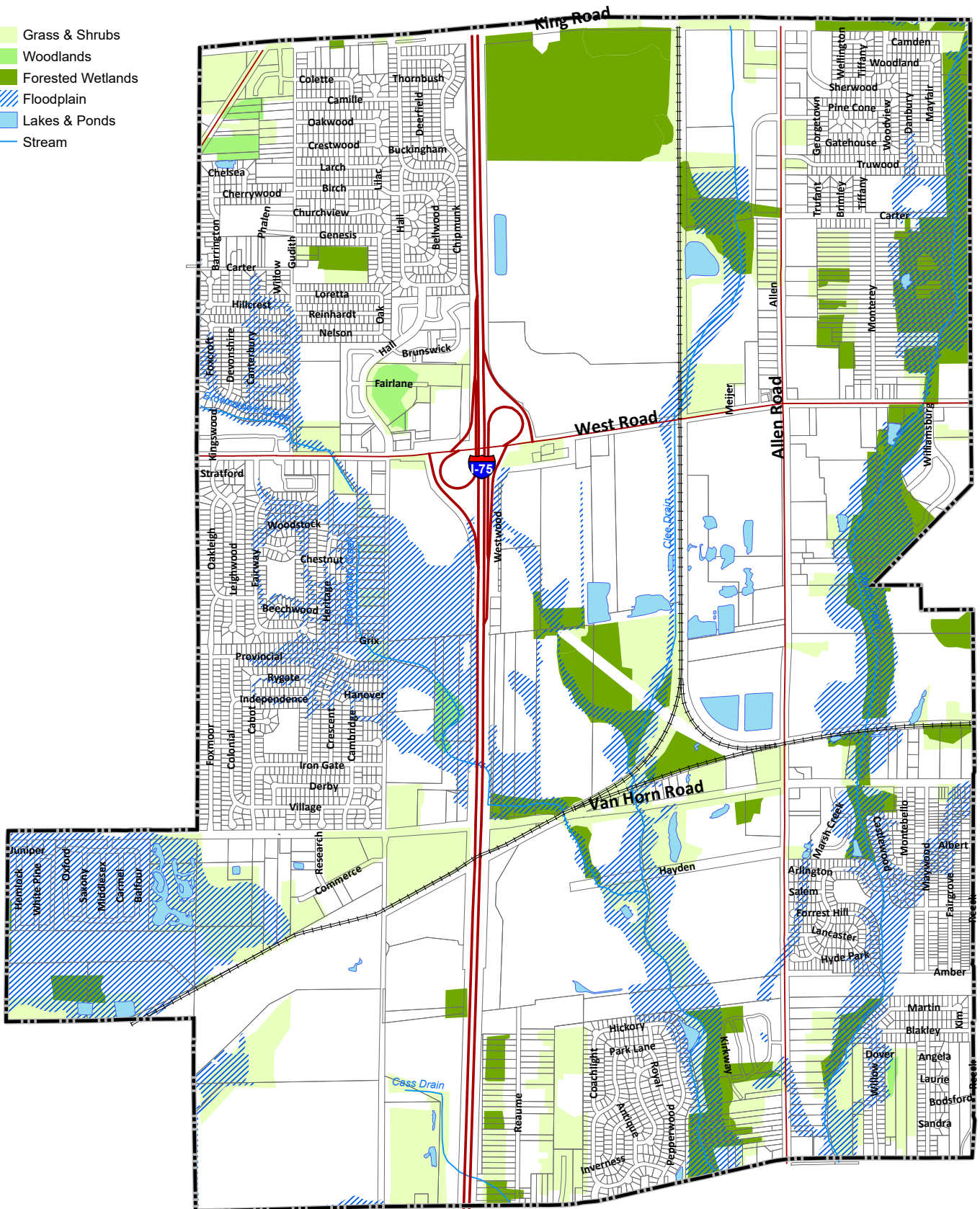
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Map 4. Natural Features

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PLANNING INITIATIVES

While change is inevitable and growth in population, household, and housing has occurred, the City of Woodhaven is committed to managing that growth to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for City residents.

Various local and regional planning efforts have taken place in the City of Woodhaven that have relevance to the current plan. They include:

- The 2017 Master Plan for the City of Woodhaven
- Efforts led by the Downtown Development Authority
- Trails and Greenways

2017 Master Plan for the City of Woodhaven

The City’s Master Plan includes several priorities that relate to parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation facilities and services in the City. They include the following:

- **Goal:** Promote the use of non-motorized facilities throughout Woodhaven:
 - Identify and prioritize road areas where additional pedestrian safety measures are needed, and determine appropriate improvement techniques.
 - Promote construction of a network of bicycle paths connecting residential areas with destinations such as Downtown, neighborhood shopping areas, schools, and parks, including a bridge over Blakely Drain at east end of Carter.
 - Develop and/or refine standards that require non-motorized facilities as a part of all new development.
 - Encourage non-motorized linkages with neighboring communities through participation in the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative and similar programs.
- **Goal:** Maintain existing City services and public facilities, and promote the growth of public services consistent with the needs of the future population:
 - Follow the most cost-effective paths when providing facilities and services. Evaluate opportunities for partnering with neighboring communities to provide services and facilities, such as recreational opportunities, where feasible and desirable.
- **Goal:** Continue to improve the City’s parks system and recreational facilities:
 - Provide enhanced access to existing parks and open space areas.
 - Evaluate service areas of the City’s existing parks and target new park site acquisition to underserved areas.
 - Seek out sites for new parks that incorporate natural features or protect important natural resources.
 - Maintain a balance between active and passive recreational opportunities (e.g., ballfields as well as nature areas).
 - Maintain existing recreational programming, and encourage recreational programming to continue to be responsive to changing demands of Woodhaven’s population.
 - Implement Woodhaven’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and pursue the continued development and implementation of a regular cycle of five-year Recreation Plans.
 - Consider results from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan surveys when making decisions regarding development of new recreational facilities and programs.
 - Seek grants, contributions, and dedications to accomplish improvements to the parks system and recreational facilities and programs.
 - Coordinate efforts to provide parks and recreation services and facilities with neighboring communities through joint development and/or operation.
 - Participate in regional efforts such as the Heritage Water Trail, the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative, and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

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Downtown Development Authority

The purpose of the City of Woodhaven Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is to preserve, beautify, and unify the downtown to enhance the quality of life and enable an economically prosperous future. This committee works to improve the downtown's image by enhancing its physical appearance. In addition to buildings, the DDA oversees the design of streetscapes, parking areas, signs, sidewalks, and promotional materials within the downtown.

The Downtown Development Authority has contributed to improving Woodhaven parks with funding to purchase landscaping materials, signage, and waste receptacles. Funding was also provided for upgrades to the Veteran's Memorial, the dog park, ball field complex upgrades, pickleball courts, and skate park.

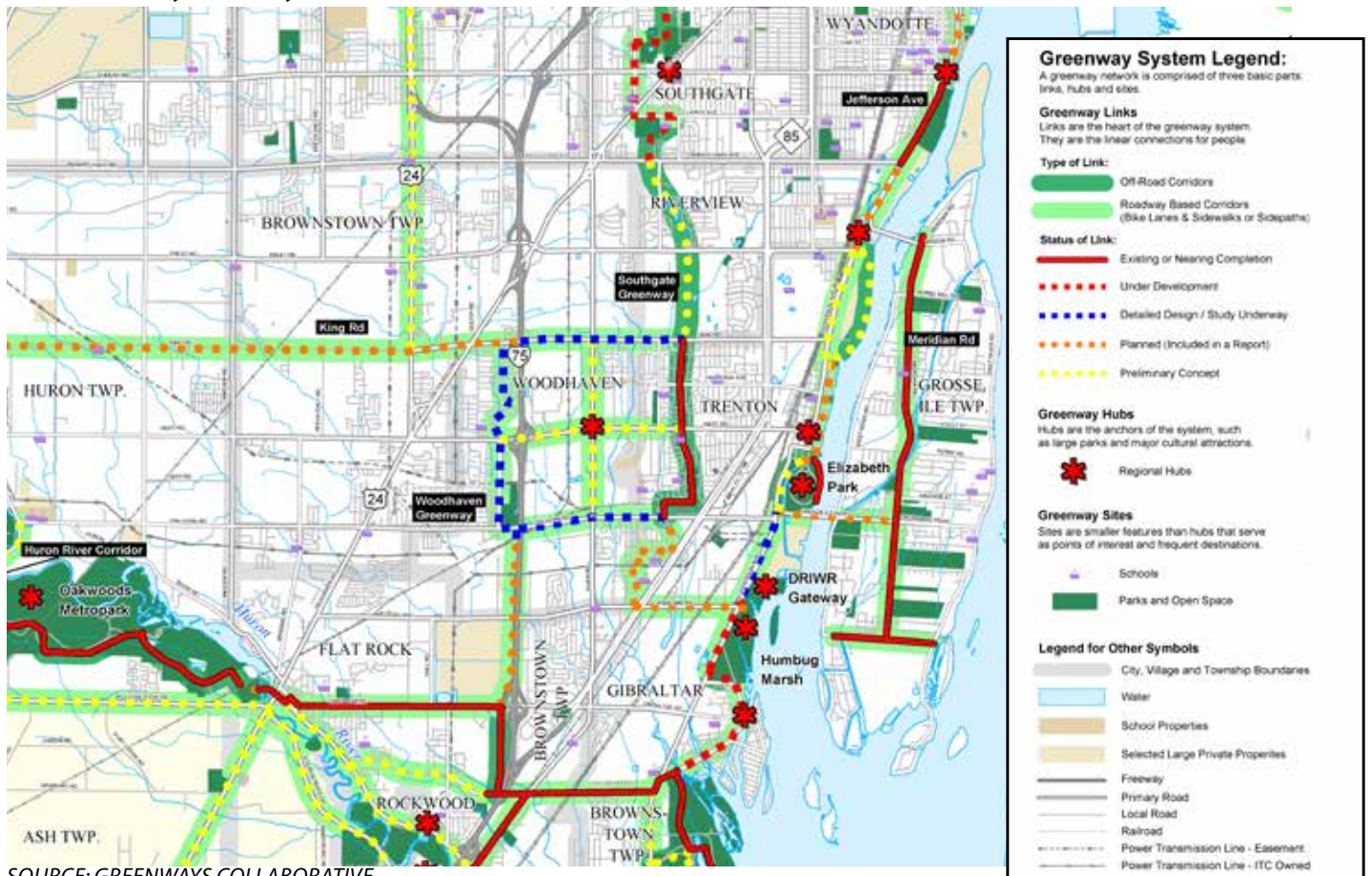
Trails and Greenways

In 2001, 21 communities along with many business partners developed the Downriver Linked Greenway Initiative, a master plan that established an interconnected system of trails for bicycling and walking in the Detroit Downriver area. The plan identified several levels of pathways with regional, primary, and local non-motorized paths.

In 2006, the seven-county region of southeast Michigan updated the Southeast Michigan Greenways Vision to reflect the desired non-motorized connections in the region. This initiative was facilitated by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Counties worked together with local municipalities and community interest groups to develop a long-term vision for a connected system of greenways and trails.

Since the initial framework was developed, the initiative has expanded to include water trails as well as hiking and biking trails. All told, the Downriver Linked Greenways hiking, walking and biking trail network includes over 50 miles of community trails which connect residents with over 7,000 acres of parkland. Figure 24 depicts the vision for the Woodhaven area, identifying the regional framework in which Woodhaven belongs.

Figure 24. Detail: Regional Trails & Greenways Vision for Wayne County



SOURCE: GREENWAYS COLLABORATIVE

Pathway System

Over the past several years, Woodhaven has been implementing a City-wide vision for pathways. Past and current results from online community surveys and from public workshops demonstrate the high priority residents place on current and future pathways within the City and access to the regional non-motorized system.

The City supports the continued development of the pathway system and is committed to ensuring routes connect residents to local park and recreation facilities, schools, business districts, and the regional linked greenways system. The commitment to a regional plan began in the summer of 2000, when many Downriver communities, institutions and individuals joined forces to create the Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative (DLGI). The committee formed to coordinate the Downriver communities' development efforts in regard to non-motorized trails which consists of regional, Downriver, and locally significant pathways. The Regional System will have the ability to accommodate large volumes of users of various types and abilities. This Regional System is conceptually proposed to traverse the I-275 corridor, the Rouge River, and Jefferson Avenue (Detroit River).

The Downriver Primary System has four major segments:

- a north/south connector which travels through Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Brownstown, Taylor, and Allen Park;
- an east/west connector which is proposed through Huron Township, Taylor, Southgate, Wyandotte, and Lincoln Park;
- an east/west connector which is proposed through Huron Township, Brownstown Township, and Trenton; and
- a non-motorized connection from the Regional System along Jefferson Avenue in Trenton along the Detroit River and the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge.

Since the inception of the DLGI, the City of Woodhaven has been a steadfast partner in the planning process and has been committed to opening the regional pathway system to the I-275 Connector and back to the Detroit River. The region's rich history extends from the river to beyond Huron Township.

Beginning with the 2010 plan and continuing through 2017 the City has installed pathways along major roadways and greenways creating a loop connecting non-motorized access to key destinations within the City.

Completed projects include:

- Hall Road – King Road to Van Horn Road
- Van Horn Road – Allen Road to Cabot Drive
- Allen Road – King Road to Van Horn Road
- West Road – Connector over I-75 Expressway
- Ford Lane - West Road to Van Horn Road

The West Road Connector was funded through a \$2.5 million MDOT/TAP grant matched with City funds. The project connects existing sidewalks on the east and west sides of I-75. The connector will be a major link opening the system to the I-275 corridor and the Detroit River. This major development also provides an east/west connector to parklands, commercial recreation facilities, and small businesses that did not exist before 2017.

The I-75 connector also links to the newly installed sidewalk along Ford Lane on the east side of the I-75 corridor which connects West and Van Horn Roads. The Ford Lane sidewalk provides users the option to exit the commercial portion of the trail as they head to and from the Detroit River and western areas of the system.

The Ford Lane sidewalk links the new nature area which acts as a natural buffer between the commercial district and the expressway. Users will eventually be able to use a scenic trail coming from either West or Van Horn Roads. The Ford Lane sidewalk will also provide a pedestrian and bicycle trail to a planned regional soccer/lacrosse sports facility.

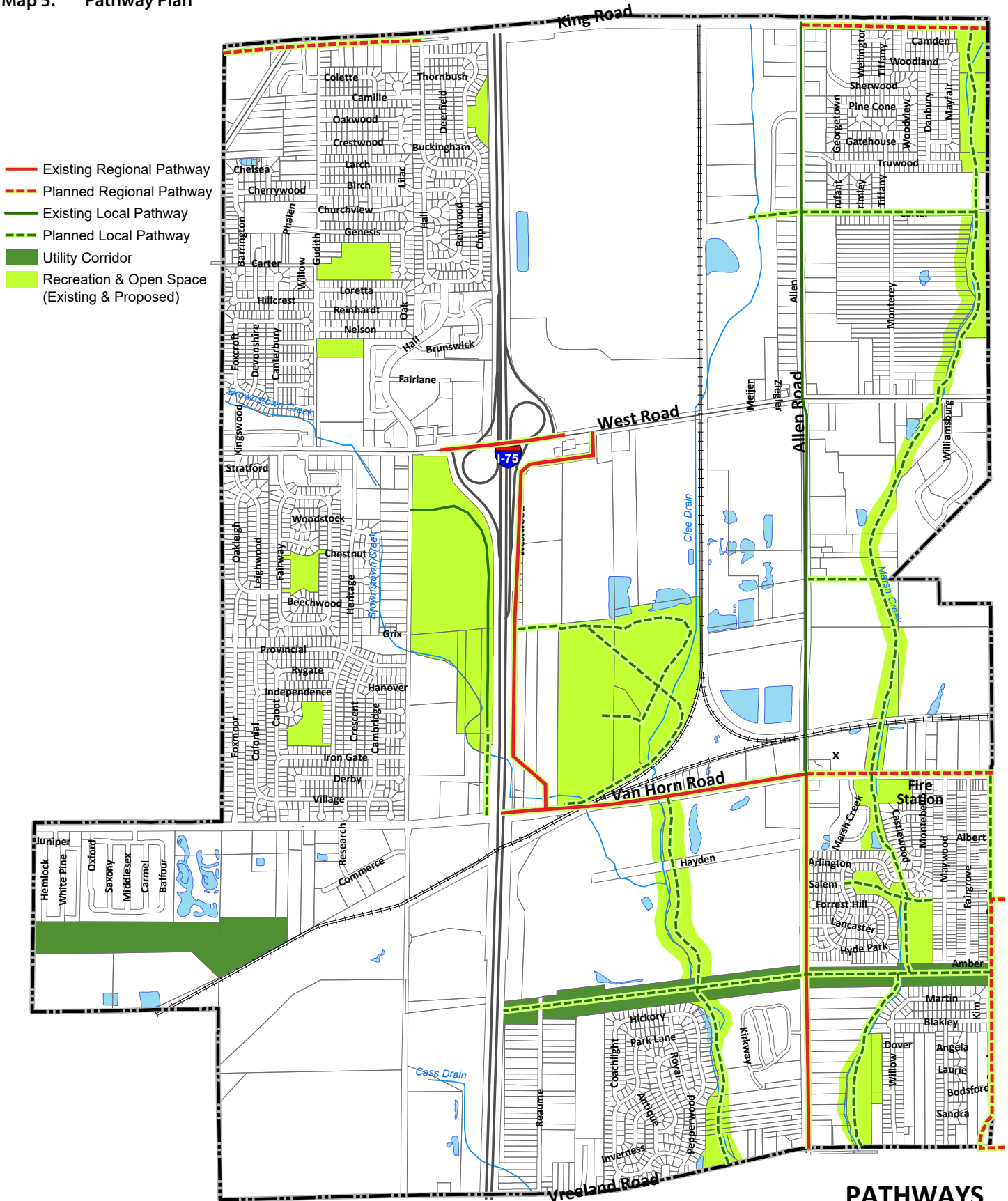
Future Pathway Projects include:

- Construct shared use path connecting Civic Center Park trails to Van Horn Road
- Construct pathway loop connecting Westwood Road pathway to Woodhaven Nature Area
- Construct pathway route within the floodplain connecting Van Horn and Vreeland Roads

The King Road pathway running from Allen to Hall Roads will eventually connect to I-275 and the Huron-Clinton Metroparks to a north-south off-road existing pathway in Trenton.

The City's current Pathway Plan, illustrated in Map 5 on page 60, shows the major pathway routes.

Map 5. Pathway Plan



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SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan

The SEMCOG plan, adopted in 2019, was developed to highlight available recreation resources and ensure that the region's recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors. The Plan notes that with over 2,300 parks covering 214,000 acres, over 400 miles of trails and greenways, and 450 miles of designated water trails, the region is well served by local, state, regional, and federal recreation authorities.

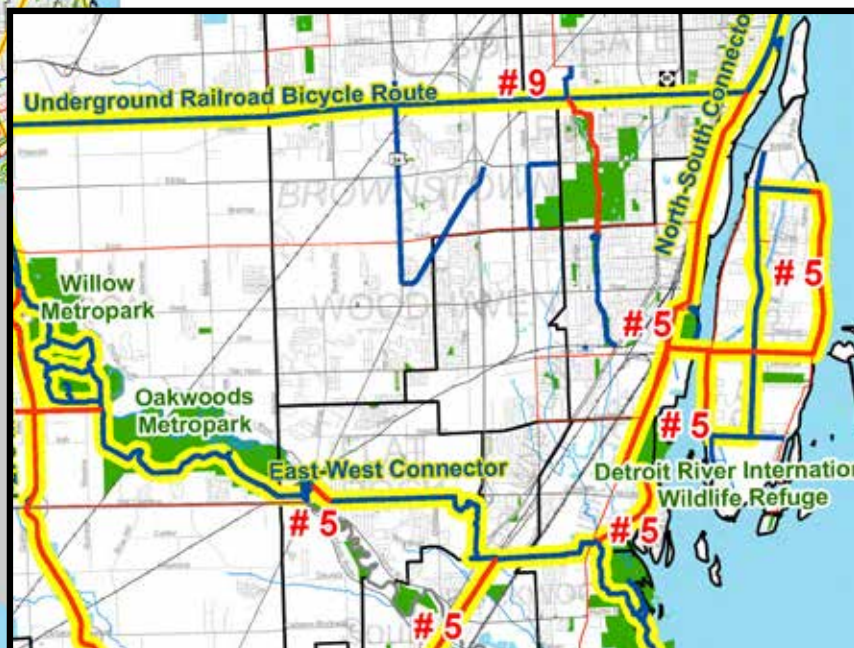
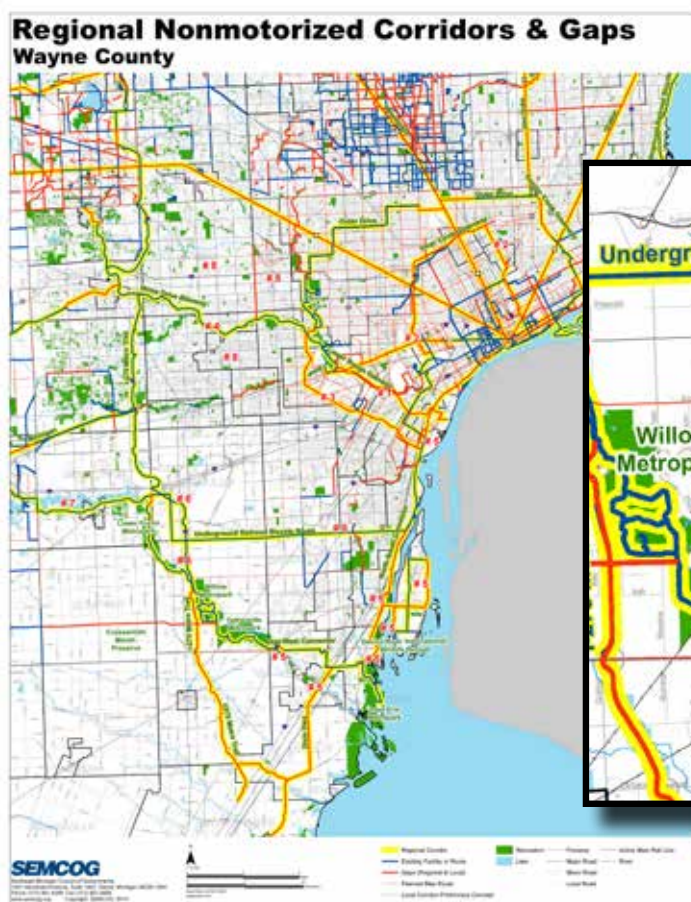
The plan provides several regional policy recommendations to address recreation development. Among the recommendations, prioritization of investment in land acquisition is viewed as necessary to address gaps in access to outdoor recreation facilities. Fostering collaboration among outdoor recreation stakeholders speaks to the need for ongoing cooperation between local and regional recreation authorities. Utilization of universal design principles ensures that facilities are accessible to residents of all abilities. Supporting conservation and stewardship of natural resources recognizes the value of open space and the desire of the region's residents to have access to natural areas in reasonable proximity to their homes.

SEMCOG 2045 Regional Transportation Plan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for SE Michigan

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan provides broad transportation recommendations for projects across the seven-county region, with a budget of over \$5 billion proposed for transportation infrastructure improvements. While this plan focuses on motorized infrastructure, it does provide a chance to look at upcoming projects and plan accordingly for other related infrastructure improvements. Generally speaking, road infrastructure improvements represent opportunities for adding to bicycle networks and implementing complete street programs.

The 2014 SEMCOG plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The plan provides recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities across 10 regions and incorporating 60 different action items. SEMCOG's larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options.

Maps of existing and planned facilities highlight the potential for connections to a number important trail networks in the area. The only existing non-motorized facilities show in the city proper are along Dix-Toledo Road; gaps are highlighted on King, Van Horn, and Allen Roads.

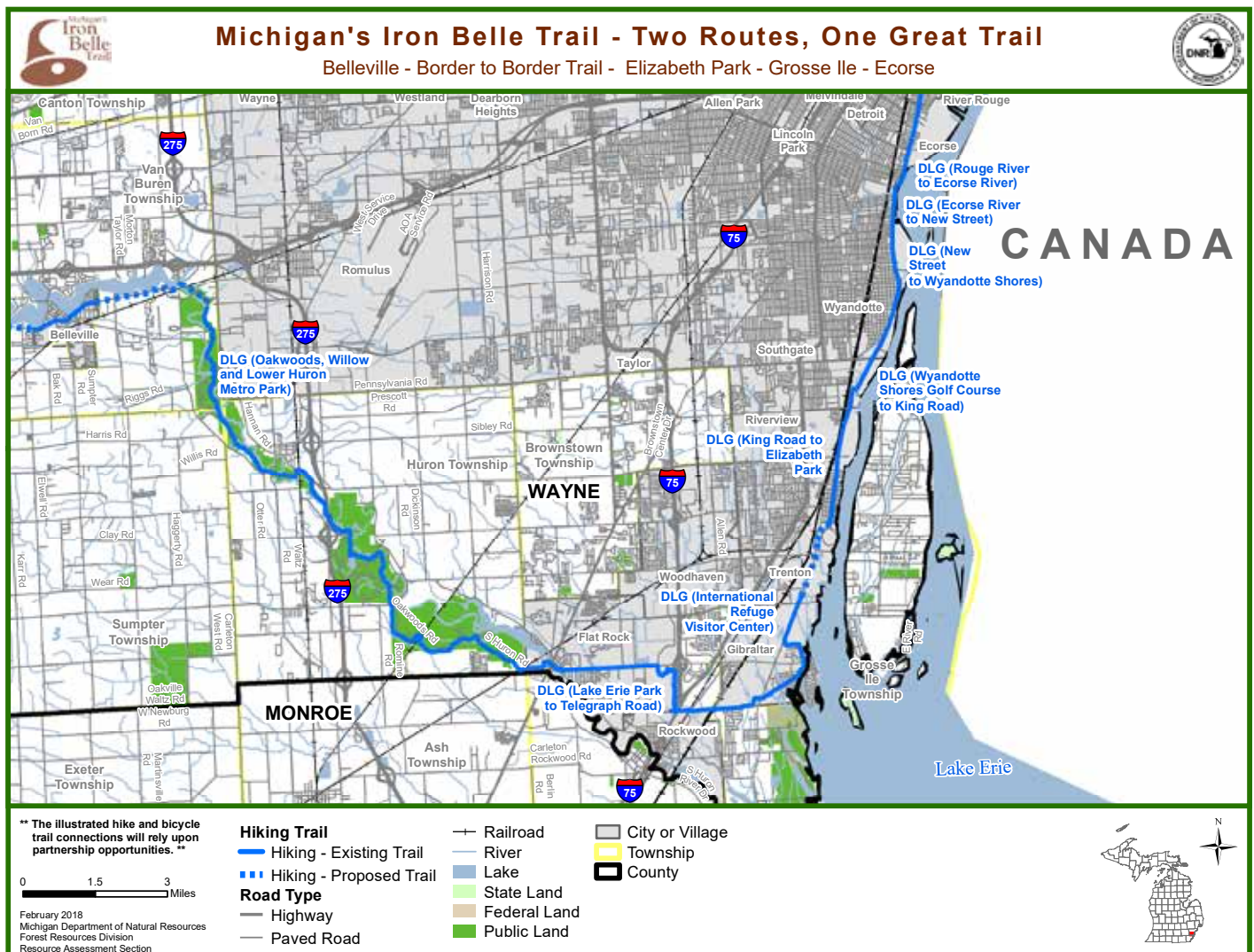


State of Michigan - Iron Belle Trail

The ambitious project by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) would connect a series of trails from Detroit's Belle Isle to Ironwood in the far west of the Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) includes a 1,273 mile long hiking route which winds along the west side of the Lower Peninsula and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. The 791 mile long biking trail uses existing multi-use trails on the east side of the state and follows US-2 in the Upper Peninsula. The IBT has had a tremendous impact on trail development in Michigan in recent years; since 2012, over \$68 million in grant and local funds and \$155 million in private donations have been collected. Over 200 miles of trails are scheduled to be completed in the next few years.

The hiking portion runs approximately one mile south of the City along Gibraltar Road, and uses established Metropark pathways to continue west. The route follows Jefferson Avenue north-northeast on Belle Isle in Detroit.

The Iron Belle Trail, in turn, becomes part of the North Country National Scenic Trail which travels from eastern New York to central North Dakota. The trail passes through the seven states along the way, with the longest stretch found in Michigan. At approximately 4,600 miles, it is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails.



APPENDICES





Seeking Community Support *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update*

The City of Woodhaven is home to a dynamic and vibrant community of people who express a high value on building, preserving and maintaining a full service parks and recreation department. Respect for the community's strong commitment to healthy lifestyles for all ages will serve as key priority as the Woodhaven Recreation Commission begins the process of updating a five-year comprehensive master plan for recreational facilities, programs and management.

To achieve the overall goal of the plan, the process must be customer driven and oriented. Input from residents, community leaders, school supporters, business owners, and the many volunteers will be aggressively sought and integrated into a plan representing the priorities of the community as a whole. With strong working relationships, partnerships and collaborations, the use of community's resources will be maximized for the benefit of all residents.

During the coming months, residents are encouraged to provide input at the monthly meetings of the Woodhaven Recreation Commission held at 7:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at City Hall located at 21869 West Road. In addition to the commission's regular meetings, an online survey will be made available through the city website and a public input meeting will be held for residents to share information and help identify potential program, facility and service improvements.

A sound recreation plan is an expression of the community's objectives, needs and priorities for services and facilities. The plan's intent is to serve as a guide for policy formulation and decision-making as it relates to services and facilities provided by and through the parks and recreation department. With community support and direction, the Woodhaven City Council and Recreation Commission will be able to better meet the current and future needs of the residents by presenting imaginative and new recreational opportunities, which are practical and fiscally realistic to implement.

The parks and recreation department staff members are honored to serve the residents and committed to working hard to provide quality programs, services and facilities.

Sincerely
Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department Staff

Important Program & Service Information Update!!!

In the coming months, the department will be offering a variety of programs and services all ages will enjoy and benefit from including fitness and exercise, sports, educational opportunities, travel, art and community-wide special events. Please continue to check the www.woodhavenmi.org for new programs, special events and services not currently listed in this edition of Woodhaven Today.

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RECREATION COMMISSION

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Seeking Community Support *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update*

The City of Woodhaven is home to a dynamic and vibrant community of people who express a high value on building, preserving and maintaining a full service parks and recreation department. Respect for the community's strong commitment to healthy lifestyles for all ages will serve as key priority as the Woodhaven Recreation Commission begins the process of updating a five-year comprehensive master plan for recreational facilities, programs and management.

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The parks and recreation department staff members are honored to serve the residents and committed to working hard to provide quality programs, services and facilities.

Sincerely
Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department Staff

Important Program & Service Information Update!!!

In the coming months, the department will be offering a variety of programs and services all ages will enjoy and benefit from including fitness and exercise, sports, educational opportunities, travel, art and community-wide special events. Please continue to check the www.woodhavenmi.org for new programs, special events and services not currently listed in this edition of Woodhaven Today.

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What do you like about the parks, programs, services & facilities?

What do you want improved?

What facilities, programs & services are you looking for?

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Planning for the Future

The purpose for the survey is to gather information from the residents on how the City of Woodhaven can improve services based on community values, satisfaction levels, needs and priorities.

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Our Senior Coordinator Pam Miller made a cameo in this wonderful story. Pam set up a performance with the Open Book Theater Company in Civic Park for our Senior Citizens Club. This was a great event and fun was had by all! COVID19 has turned our lives upside down and made us all think outside the box. How do we still get out and enjoy our summer days yet remain safe and healthy? Well we figured out a few ways to help our seniors connect with one another. Our Senior Citizens ... [See More](#)



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Woodhaven residents encouraged to review five-year recreation plan before final draft to council

By Jackie Harrison-Martin jmartin@medianewsgroup.com; @JackieMartin22 on Twitter
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The importance of the popular Safety Town program is one of the many popular activities mentioned on the Woodhaven recreation survey. Chief Robert Toth announced that the event had to go virtual this year.

Photo courtesy of the Woodhaven Police Department

The newly proposed five-year Woodhaven Parks and Recreation master plan is now available for public review.

Residents are able to look over the plan and make comments on it until at least the end of the month.

According to city officials, in order to achieve the overall goal of the plan, the process must be customer driven and oriented.

Input from residents, community leaders, school supporters, business owners and volunteers was being sought and integrated into the plan representing the priorities of the community.

Prior to making the final submission to the City Council for its consideration and then approval, plans call for the Recreation Commission to further consider and discuss the additional public input during its Dec. 21 virtual meeting.

Residents recently completed a survey asking for thoughts on various recreational activities offered in the city.

The responses from the survey and additional input helped formulate a vision for the city in terms of other programs, services and facilities.

The survey was designed to show officials how the services offered are working and what things would be attractive for the future.

It was put together to gauge opinions, interests and beliefs about the city's parks and recreation department.

The input helped formulate a vision for the city in terms of other programs, services and facilities moving forward.

Some of the questions focused on improving the park system, the operation and maintenance of parks and facilities, city sponsored events, underserved recreational needs and prioritizing the appeal of various activities.

Recreation has been a focus for Mayor Patricia Odette over the past several years. Among other things, she has brought playground area amenities, a dog park, Splash Pad, fitness trails, renovated Safety Town buildings, added a skate park and more to the city.

A draft of the proposed master plan is available on the city's website at woodhavenmi.org.

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WOODHAVEN RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

**RECOMMENDING THAT CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE CITY OF WOODHAVEN PARKS AND
RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2021-2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven has prepared a five-year parks and recreation master plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing recreation programs, facilities, services and the desired actions to be taken to maintain and improve parks and recreation operations during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission reviewed the Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of several public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan's goals and objectives were developed in response to the needs and deficiencies identified in a community-wide survey, commission meetings and work sessions; and

WHEREAS, the City Woodhaven has followed the planning guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the residents were notified of the availability of the draft plan on November 1, 2020 and afforded thirty days to review and provide comments on the draft of the plan prior to Woodhaven City Council taking formal action to adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven has developed a plan expressing the objectives, needs and priorities for future programs, services and facilities desired by the community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, affording opportunities for residents to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all areas of the plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodhaven Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025 as a guide for improving community parks and recreation programs, facilities and services on behalf of the residents.

Ayes: Mr. Conz, Ms. Puchalsky, Mr. Maher, Mr. Kekich, Mr. Holland, Ms. Lancaster, Mr. Von Linsowe

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

December 21, 2020

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RECREATION COMMISSION - ZOOM MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2020

Recreation Commission Meeting of December 21, 2020 was held on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Richard Conz, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT: Mr. Richard Conz, Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Mr. Scott Maher, Mr. Terry Kekich, Mr. Donald Holland, Mr. Mike Von Linsowe, Ms. Sally Lancaster and Tim Rooney, Director of Parks and Recreation

ABSENT: Ms. Shannon Fuller (Excused)

Moved by Ms. Puchalsky, seconded by Mr. Conz, to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of September 21, 2020 and November 16, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORT:

Staffing/Program Update.

The City held the Santa Parade on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Decorated vehicles toured every neighborhood in the city. The Police Department, Fire Department, DPS and Recreation Department all took part in the parade. A very special thank you was extended to Linda Puchalsky and Shawn MacDonnell for their tireless efforts making certain Santa & Mrs. Claus were able to visit each neighborhood and wave to the children with holiday music filling the air.

Facility/Services Report

The ADA Bathroom projects in Civic Center Park will be complete this week. The renovations included the removal and replacement all fixtures, partitions, doors and accessories meeting ADA guidelines. The renovations also included the application of a two-part epoxy coating on cleaned concrete floors. The majority of the project cost was funded by Community Development Block Grants.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director Rooney summarized the planning process through the public review period. Commission members were pleased community members provided comments on the plan and made suggestion on potential improvements.

In preparation to consider and approve the "Resolution Recommending the City Council Adopt the Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025" the commission members were asked to provide any additional comments on the plan content including:

The Goals and Objectives, Action Program, Public Participation, Recreation Inventory, Administrative Structure, and the Description of the Community.

Commission members discussed the importance of listing the future expansion of the community center under the action program and improvement schedule.

The commission approved the following resolution based on efforts over the past twelve months to seek public input at multiple points and through a variety of methods during the planning process to ensure that resident opinions were of the highest priority throughout the process:

Moved by Mr. Kekich, seconded by Mr. Holland, to approve:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodhaven Recreation Commission recommends that City Council adopt the Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025 as a guide for improving community parks and recreation programs, facilities and services on behalf of the residents.

Ayes: Mr. Conz, Mrs. Pulchalsky, Mr. Maher, Mr. Kekich, Mr. Holland, Mr. Mike Von Linsowe

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Director Rooney thank Chris Nordstrom from Carlisle-Wortman Associates, Inc. for his excellent guidance and technical support during the planning process. He provided quality work on all areas of the plan including the new layout, improved graphics and updated photos.

There was no public comment.

Commission members wished each the best for the Holiday Season.

Moved by Mr. Von Linsowe, seconded by Mr. Maher, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Richard Konz, Chairman

Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Secretary

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2021

Regular City Council Meeting of January 5, 2021 held at Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, Michigan, held as a ZOOM Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Patricia Odette.

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Odette, Council Members, Preston Abadie, JC Moczydlowsky, Randy Odette, Don Belcher, Darrel Penix, Janet Sikes

ALSO PRESENT: Kristie Keene, City Clerk, Jeff Harris, City Administrator, Brandon Fournier, City Attorney, Robert Toth, Police Chief, J.P. Cacciaglia, DDA & Economic Development Director, Tim Rooney, Recreation Director, John Hennessey, Hennessey Engineers

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. City Council Members Excused Absences.
- B. Approval of Council Meeting minutes of December 15, 2020.
- C. Approval of Special Council Meeting minutes of December 22, 2020.
- D. General Fund Obligations in the amount of \$98,661.55 be approved for payment.
- E. Local Highway Fund Obligations in the amount of \$7,811.54 be approved for payment.
- F. Major Street Fund Obligations in the amount of \$2,029.13 be approved for payment.
- G. Street Paving Fund Obligations in the amount of \$74,100.00 be approved for payment.
- H. Community Activity Fund Obligations in the amount of \$82.41 be approved for payment.
- I. Garbage and Rubbish Fund Obligations in the amount of \$52,118.00 be approved for payment.
- J. Building Department Fund Obligations in the amount of \$299.06 be approved for payment.
- K. Police Department Forfeiture Fund Obligations in the amount of \$49,460.50 be approved for payment.
- L. Water and Sewer Fund Obligations in the amount of \$258,703.28 be approved for payment.
- M. Recreational Vehicle Storage Fun Obligations in the amount of \$256.99 be approved for payment.
- N. Trust and Agency Fund Obligations in the amount of \$9,581.83 be approved for payment.

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- O. Motor Pool Fund Obligations in the amount of \$13,327.93 be approved for payment.

21-001 Moved by Sikes, seconded by Belcher, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Public Hearing on Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025

21-002 Moved by Mayor Patricia Odette, seconded by Sikes, to open the Public Hearing on the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON 2021-2025 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Mayor and Council would like to see more Winter Activities for the Community.

No additional public comments were given.

21-003 Moved by Mayor Patricia Odette, seconded by Penix, to close the Public Hearing on the 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Robert Toth, Police Chief

- A. Recognition of Officers

Recognition was given to Lieutenant Gary McSweeney and Lieutenant Frank Zdankiewicz on their retirements from the Woodhaven Police Department. Police Chief Robert Toth also informed Mayor and Council on the promotions of Sergeant Ryan Smith to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant and Sergeant Jeff Brust to the rank of Lieutenant and assume command of the Detective Bureau. Officer Alan Jackson has been promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant and Detective Adam Ruffner has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will remain in the Detective Bureau.

In addition, the police department has hired two new officers to fill the staffing vacancies.

Tim Rooney, Recreation Director

- A. Resolution for the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan

21-004 Moved by Mayor Patricia Odette, seconded by Abadie, the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTION OF THE WOODHAVEN PARKS
AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2021-2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven has prepared a five-year parks and recreation master plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing recreation programs and facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to maintain and improve parks and recreation operations during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission reviewed the Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of several public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan's goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified by public input from a survey, commission meetings and work sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Master Plan has been made available during a 30 day public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission; and

Whereas, the City Woodhaven has followed the planning guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the plan was recommended for Council's adoption by the City of Woodhaven Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community and a public hearing was held on January 5, 2021 to provide another opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Master Plan; and

NOW THERE FORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodhaven City Council here by adopt the City of Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2021-2025.

Ayes: Mayor Patricia Odette, Council Members Abadie, Belcher, Moczdlowsky, Penix, Sikes, Mayor Pro-tem Randy Odette

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

MAYOR PATRICIA ODETTE

- A.
 - 1. **Appoint Council Member Darrel Penix as Liaison to DPW.**
 - 2. **Appoint Council Member Donald Belcher as Liaison to Police Department.**
 - 3. **Appoint Council Member Janet Sikes as Liaison to Fire Department.**
 - 4. **Appoint Council Member JC Moczdlowsky as Liaison to Recreation Department.**
 - 5. **Appoint Council Member Preston Abadie as Liaison to Building Department.**

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6. **Appoint Council Member Randy Odette as Liaison to Treasures Department.**
7. **Mayor Patricia Odette as Liaison to Clerks Department.**

21-005 Moved by Mayor Patricia Odette, seconded by Belcher, to approve the Appointments of the Mayor and Council as Liaison Officers to following Departments:

1. Appoint Council Member Darrel Penix as Liaison to DPW.
2. Appoint Council Member Donald Belcher as Liaison to Police Department.
3. Appoint Council Member Janet Sikes as Liaison to Fire Department.
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6. Appoint Council Member Randy Odette as Liaison to Treasures Department.
7. Mayor Patricia Odette as Liaison to Clerks Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENTS

- A.
 1. **Appoint Council Member Randy Odette as Mayor Pro-tem.**
 2. **Appoint Council Member Preston Abadie (Delegate) and Council Member Darrel Penix (Alternate) to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council.**
 3. **Appoint Council Member Janet Sikes (Delegate) and Mayor Patricia Odette (Alternate) to Downriver Community Conference and Downriver Mutual Aid.**
 4. **Appoint Council Member Donald Belcher (Delegate) and JC Moczydlowsky (Alternate) to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).**
 5. **Appoint Tim Neighbors (Delegate) and Wally Tackett (Alternate) to South Huron Valley Utility Authority (SHVUA).**
 6. **Appoint Council Member Darrel Penix (Delegate) and Council Member Preston Abadie (Alternate) to Thirty-Third District Court Management Council.**
 7. **Appoint Mayor Patricia Odette to serve as the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Contact.**
 8. **Appoint Council Member JC Moczydlowsky (Delegate) and Council Member Donald Belcher (Alternate) as Liaison to Recreation commission.**
 9. **Appoint Council Member JC Moczydlowsky, (Delegate) and City Treasurer/Finance Director Jeff Daigneau (Alternate) to the Library Board.**

21-006 Moved by Mayor Patricia Odette, seconded by Sikes, to approve the following Appointments:

Mayor Pro-tem: Council Member Randy Odette

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board:

Delegate: Preston Abadie, Council Member

Alternate: Darrel Penix, Council Member

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Downriver Community Conference and Downriver Mutual Aid:

Delegate: Janet Sikes, Council Member
Alternate: Patricia Odette, Council Member

Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG):

Delegate: Donald Belcher, Council Member
Alternate: JC Moczydlowsky, Council Member

South Huron Valley Utility Authority:

Delegate: Tim Neighbors, Director of Public Service and Water
Alternate: Wally Tackett, Water Department

Thirty-Third District Court Management Council:

Delegate: Darrel Penix, Council Member
Alternate: Preston Abadie, Council Member

Michigan Municipal League Legislative Contact: Patricia Odette, Mayor

Recreation Commission Liaison:

Delegate: JC Moczydlowsky, Council Member
Alternate: Donald Belcher, Council Member

Library Board:

Delegate: JC Moczydlowsky, Council Member
Alternate: Jeff Daigneau, Treasurer/Finance Director

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Sikes asked that all Department Heads start attending the ZOOM City Council Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Patricia Odette adjourned the Woodhaven City Council Meeting of January 5, 2021 at 7:28 pm.



Mayor Patricia Odette



Kristie Keene, City Clerk

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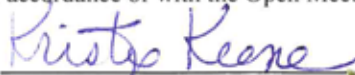
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Ayes: Mayor Patricia Odette, Council Members Abadie, Belcher, Moczvdlowsky, Penix, Sikes, Mayor Pro-tem Randy Odette

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Kristie Keene, City Clerk for the City of Woodhaven do hereby certify that the foregoing is an excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting of the City of Woodhaven City Council on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act No. 267 of 1976 as amended


Kristie Keene City Clerk





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January 22, 2021

Tyler Klifman
Regional Review Office
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Klifman:

The Woodhaven City Council adopted the city's Parks & Recreation Master Plan at a meeting held on January 5, 2021. The plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the City Council and the Woodhaven Recreation Commission.

Please feel free to contact the City of Woodhaven or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.

Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA
Landscape Architect

cc. Tim Rooney, Parks & Recreation Director



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A - Public Notices

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G - PCSC Reports

January 22, 2021

Ms. Alicia Bradford
Director of Wayne County Parks
Wayne County Parks Division
33175 Ann Arbor Trail
Westland, MI 48185
Dear Ms. Watts:

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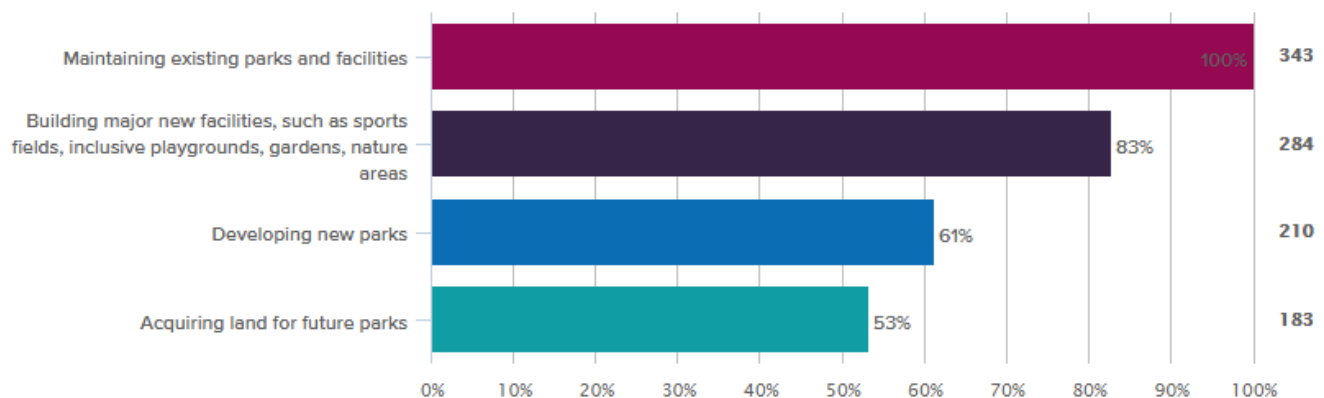
cc. Tim Rooney, Parks & Recreation Director

City of Woodhaven Recreation Plan Survey Results

An online survey was made available to Woodhaven residents from September 2 through October 15, 2020. The survey was advertised via social media and on the City website. 108 unique responses were received during that time period. The following pages provide a summary of the results. For open-ended questions, responses are provided verbatim; no edits have been made for grammar or spelling errors.

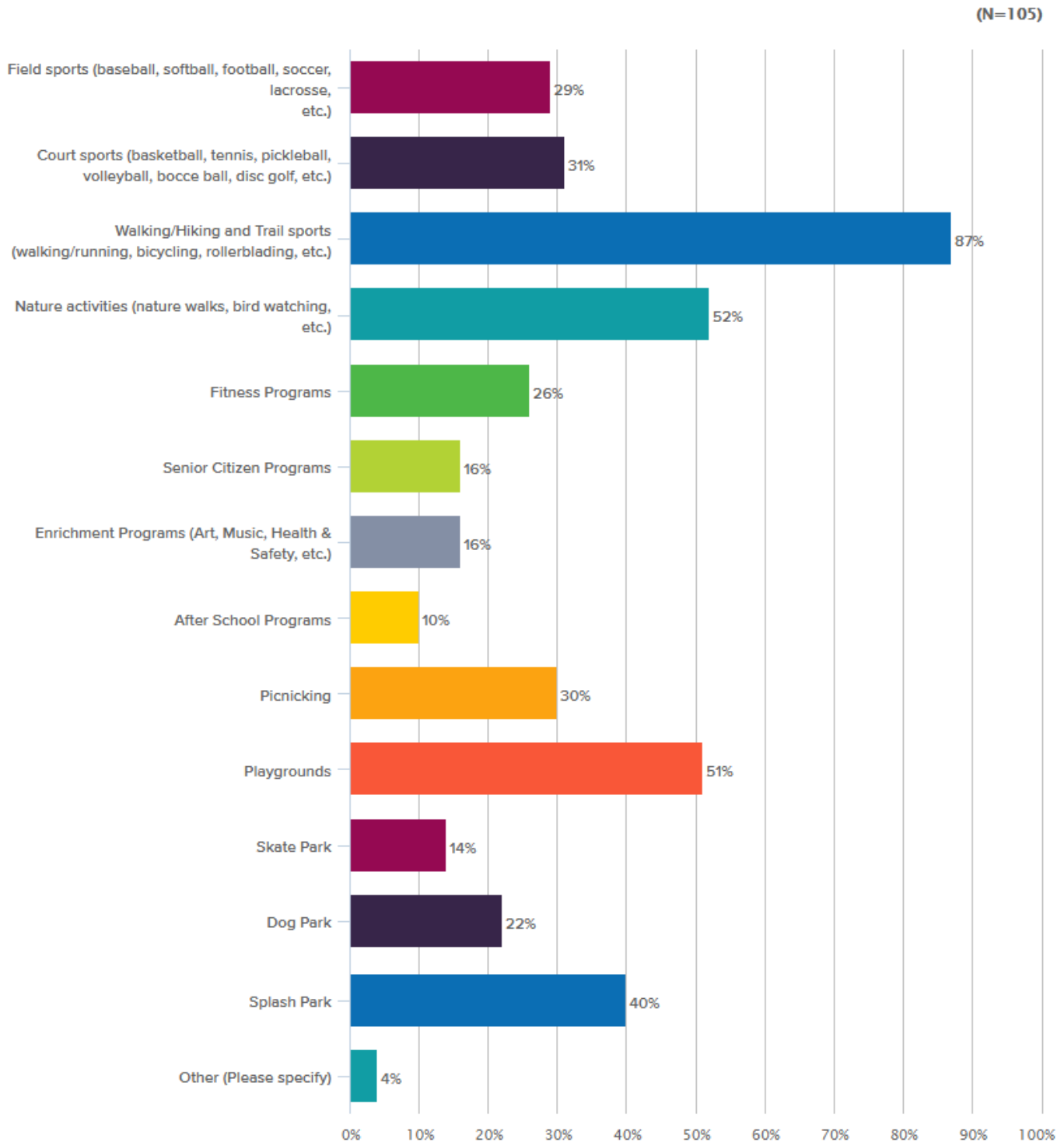
Question 1: How can the City of Woodhaven park system be improved? Please rank the following four items.

(N=102)



Responses	Rank				Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4			
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	67	16	8	11	343	100	1
Building major new facilities, such as sports fields, inclusive playgrounds, gardens, nature areas	21	51	17	13	284	83	2
Developing new parks	7	20	47	28	210	61	3
Acquiring land for future parks	7	15	30	50	183	53	4
Total Responses							102

Question 2: What types of recreation activities do you or your family members regularly participate in? Choose all that apply.



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Responses	# of responses	% of responses
Field sports (baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse, etc.)	30	28.57%
Court sports (basketball, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, bocce ball, disc golf, etc.)	33	31.43%
Walking/Hiking and Trail sports (walking/running, bicycling, rollerblading, etc.)	91	86.67%
Nature activities (nature walks, bird watching, etc.)	55	52.38%
Fitness Programs	27	25.71%
Senior Citizen Programs	17	16.19%
Enrichment Programs (Art, Music, Health & Safety, etc.)	17	16.19%
After School Programs	10	9.52%
Picnicking	32	30.48%
Playgrounds	54	51.43%
Skate Park	15	14.29%
Dog Park	23	21.90%
Splash Park	42	40.00%
Other (Please specify)	4	3.81%
	105	

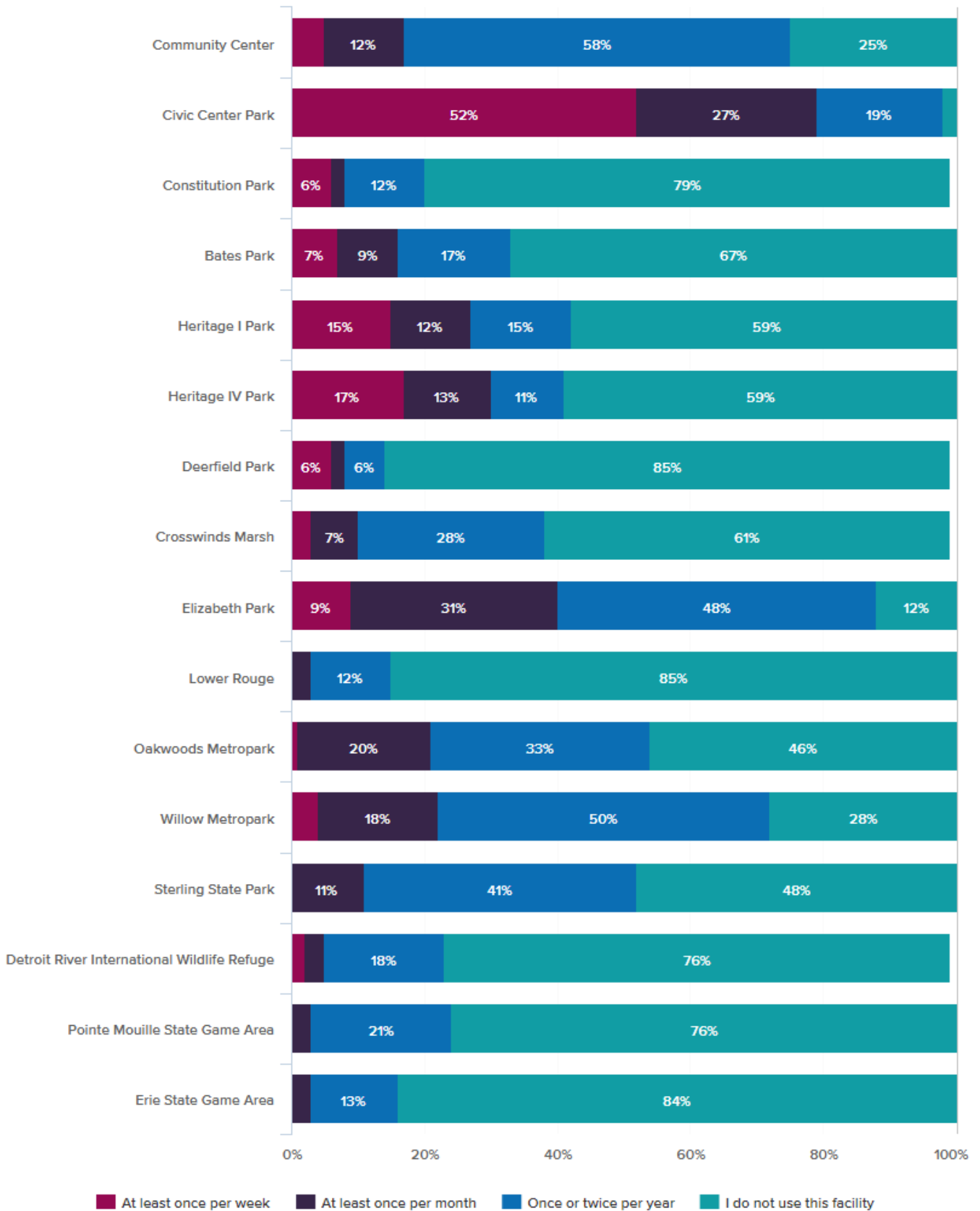
Other Responses:

- swimming
- special events Hallohaben. tree lighting
- Indoor pool
- It would be ideal to have an expanded skate/bike park.

Question 3: How frequently do you visit the following Woodhaven and regional recreation facilities?

Responses	At least once per week		At least once per month		Once or twice per year		I do not use this facility		Total responses
Community Center	5	4.95%	12	11.88%	59	58.42%	25	24.75%	101
Civic Center Park	53	51.96%	28	27.45%	19	18.63%	2	1.96%	102
Constitution Park	6	6.19%	2	2.06%	12	12.37%	77	79.38%	97
Bates Park	7	7.45%	8	8.51%	16	17.02%	63	67.02%	94
Heritage I Park	14	14.74%	11	11.58%	14	14.74%	56	58.95%	95
Heritage IV Park	16	17.20%	12	12.90%	10	10.75%	55	59.14%	93
Deerfield Park	6	6.32%	2	2.11%	6	6.32%	81	85.26%	95
Crosswinds Marsh	3	3.16%	7	7.37%	27	28.42%	58	61.05%	95
Elizabeth Park	9	9.00%	31	31.00%	48	48.00%	12	12.00%	100
Lower Rouge	0	0%	3	3.23%	11	11.83%	79	84.95%	93
Oakwoods Metropark	1	1.06%	19	20.21%	31	32.98%	43	45.74%	94
Willow Metropark	4	4.08%	18	18.37%	49	50.00%	27	27.55%	98
Sterling State Park	0	0%	10	10.53%	39	41.05%	46	48.42%	95
Detroit River Int'l Wildlife Refuge	2	2.17%	3	3.26%	17	18.48%	70	76.09%	92
Pointe Mouille State Game Area	0	0%	3	3.19%	20	21.28%	71	75.53%	94
Erie State Game Area	0	0%	3	3.16%	12	12.63%	80	84.21%	95

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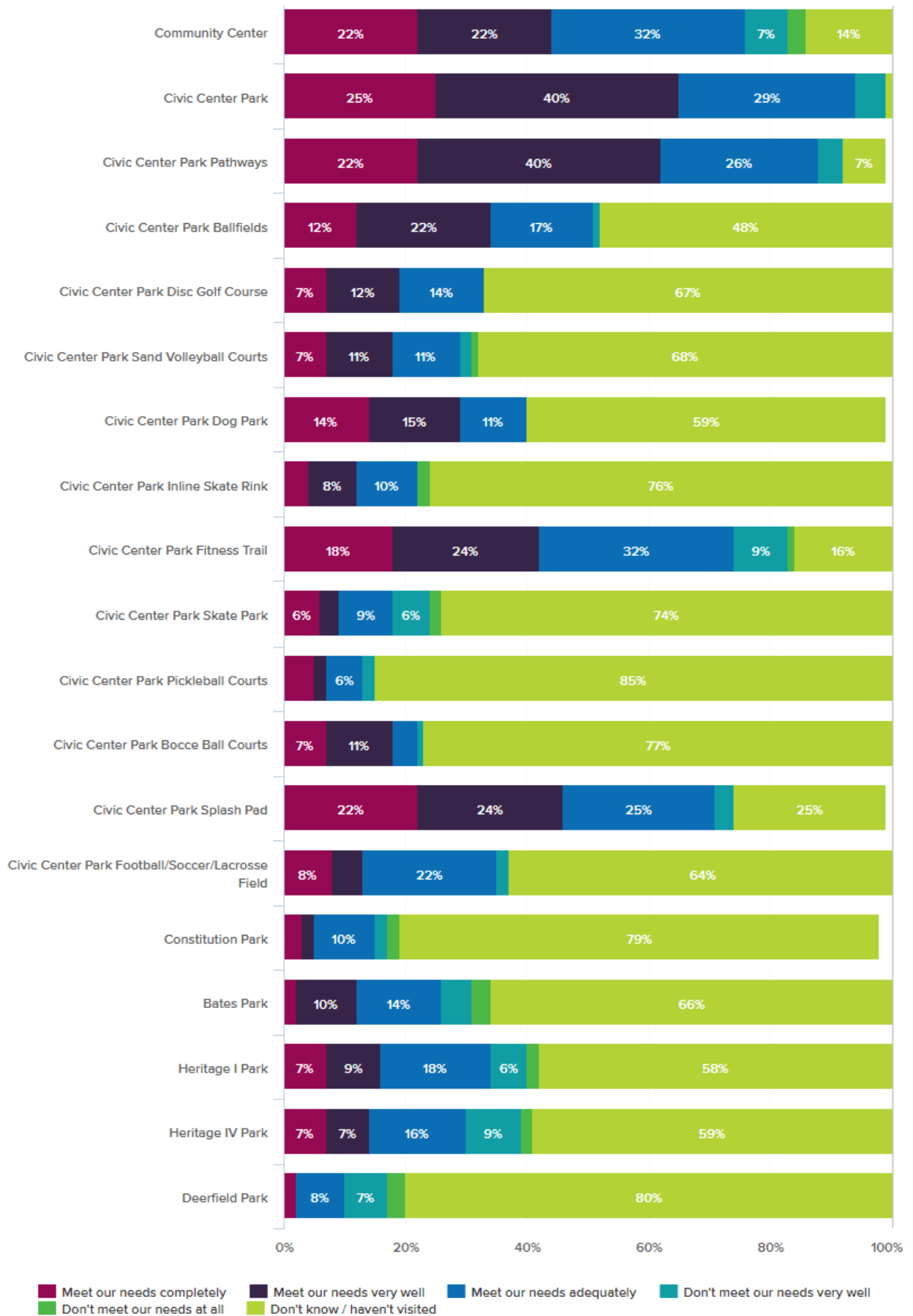




Question 4: If you visit other parks not listed above, please tell us the name of the park and how frequently you visit.

- Lake Erie Metropark and Bishop Park
- Bishop Park. A few times a year.
- Lake Erie MetroPark a few times per year
- Lake Erie metropark
- Van horn and hall road sidewalk from hall road
- Kensington metro park 6+ times a year
- White Pine State Park 3 or 4 times a month
- Lower Constitution park at least once a week.
- lake erie metropark
- Belle Isle
- Luna Pier Beachfront Park
- Huroc 2x week
- West Michigan Grand Haven
- Hines park. Once a week.
- Sterling state park
- Huroc Park once a week
- Lake Erie Metropark at least once a month

Question 5: How satisfied are you with the following Woodhaven recreation facilities?



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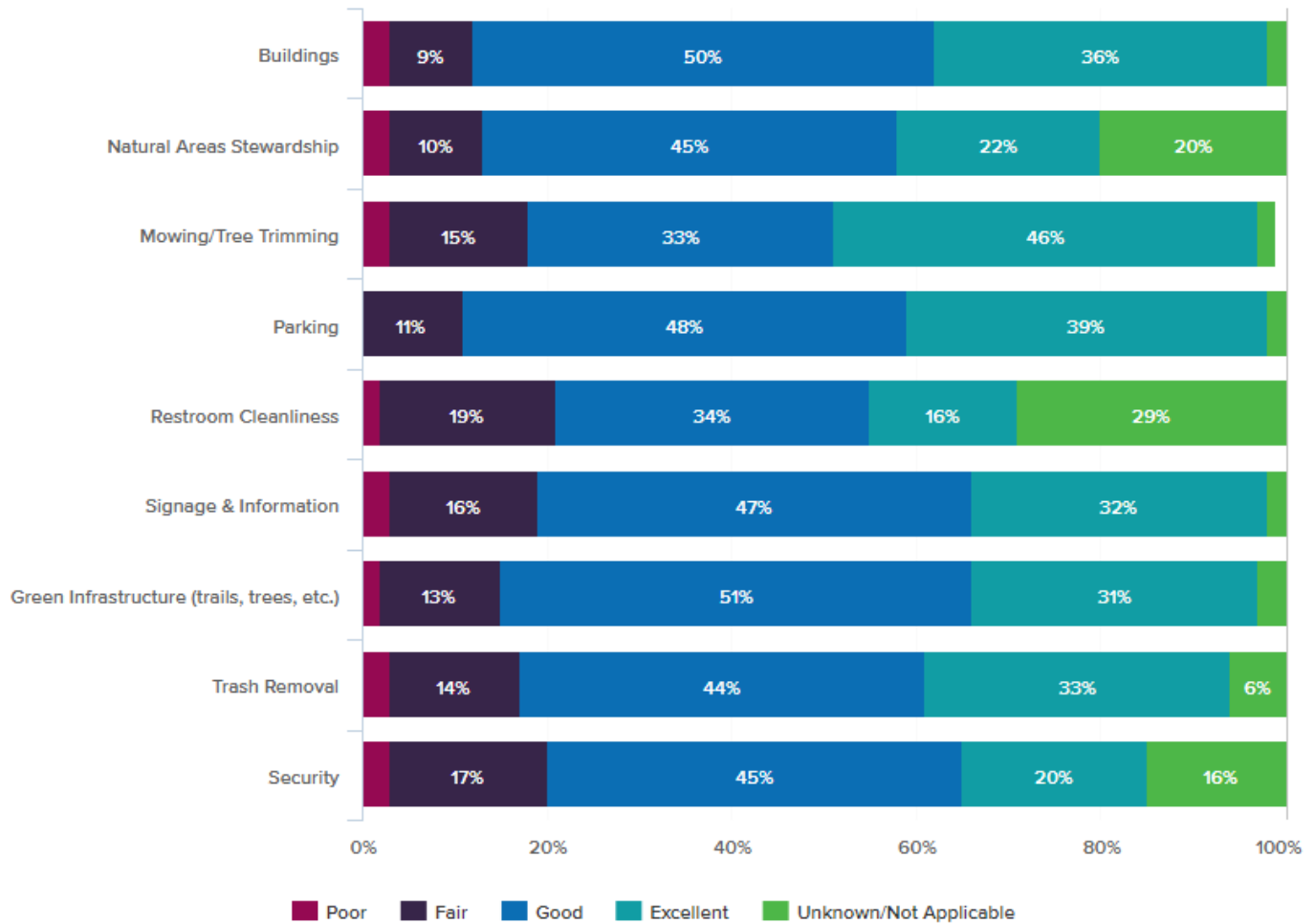
Facility	Meets our needs completely		Meets our needs very well		Meets our needs adequately		Does not meet our needs very well		Does not meet our needs at all		Don't know / haven't visited		Total responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Community Center	21	21.65%	21	21.65%	31	31.96%	7	7.22%	3	3.09%	14	14.43%	97
Civic Center Park	24	25.00%	38	39.58%	28	29.17%	5	5.21%	0	0%	1	1.04%	96
Civic Center Park Pathways	21	22.34%	38	40.43%	24	25.53%	4	4.26%	0	0%	7	7.45%	94
Civic Center Park Ballfields	11	12.22%	20	22.22%	15	16.67%	1	1.11%	0	0%	43	47.78%	90
Civic Center Park Disc Golf Course	6	6.52%	11	11.96%	13	14.13%	0	0%	0	0%	62	67.39%	92
Civic Center Park Sand Volleyball Courts	6	6.52%	10	10.87%	10	10.87%	2	2.17%	1	1.09%	63	68.48%	92
Civic Center Park Dog Park	13	14.29%	14	15.38%	10	10.99%	0	0%	0	0%	54	59.34%	91
Civic Center Park Inline Skate Rink	4	4.40%	7	7.69%	9	9.89%	0	0%	2	2.20%	69	75.82%	91
Civic Center Park Fitness Trail	16	17.58%	22	24.18%	29	31.87%	8	8.79%	1	1.10%	15	16.48%	91
Civic Center Park Skate Park	5	5.62%	3	3.37%	8	8.99%	5	5.62%	2	2.25%	66	74.16%	89
Civic Center Park Pickleball Courts	4	4.60%	2	2.30%	5	5.75%	2	2.30%	0	0%	74	85.06%	87
Civic Center Park Bocce Ball Courts	6	6.67%	10	11.11%	4	4.44%	1	1.11%	0	0%	69	76.67%	90
Civic Center Park Splash Pad	19	21.84%	21	24.14%	22	25.29%	3	3.45%	0	0%	22	25.29%	87
Civic Center Park Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Field	7	7.95%	4	4.55%	19	21.59%	2	2.27%	0	0%	56	63.64%	88
Constitution Park	3	3.49%	2	2.33%	9	10.47%	2	2.33%	2	2.33%	68	79.07%	86
Bates Park	2	2.30%	9	10.34%	12	13.79%	4	4.60%	3	3.45%	57	65.52%	87
Heritage I Park	6	6.74%	8	8.99%	16	17.98%	5	5.62%	2	2.25%	52	58.43%	89
Heritage IV Park	6	6.90%	6	6.90%	14	16.09%	8	9.20%	2	2.30%	51	58.62%	87
Deerfield Park	2	2.25%	0	0%	7	7.87%	6	6.74%	3	3.37%	71	79.78%	89

Question 5 results with "Don't know / haven't visited" excluded

Facility	Meets needs completely or very well	Neutral (Meets needs adequately)	Does not meet needs very well or at all
Comm. Center	51%	37%	12%
Civic Center Park	65%	29%	5%
Pathways	68%	28%	5%
Ballfields	66%	32%	2%
Disc Golf	57%	43%	0%
Sand Volleyball	55%	34%	10%
Dog Park	73%	27%	0%
Inline Skate Rink	50%	41%	9%
Fitness Trail	50%	38%	12%
Skate Park	35%	35%	30%

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Pickleball Courts	46%	38%	15%
Bocce Ball Courts	76%	19%	5%
Splash Pad	62%	34%	5%
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Field	34%	59%	6%
Constitution Park	28%	50%	22%
Bates Park	37%	40%	23%
Heritage I Park	38%	43%	19%
Heritage IV Park	33%	39%	28%
Deerfield Park	11%	39%	50%

Question 6: How do you rate the quality of operation and maintenance of the City of Woodhaven parks and/or facilities?



Facility	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know / not applicable		Total responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Buildings	35	35.71%	49	50.00%	9	9.18%	3	3.06%	2	2.04%	98
Natural Areas Stewardship	21	21.88%	43	44.79%	10	10.42%	3	3.13%	19	19.79%	96
Mowing/Tree Trimming	45	46.39%	32	32.99%	15	15.46%	3	3.09%	2	2.06%	97
Parking	37	38.95%	46	48.42%	10	10.53%	0	0%	2	2.11%	95
Restroom Cleanliness	15	15.79%	32	33.68%	18	18.95%	2	2.11%	28	29.47%	95
Signage & Information	30	31.91%	44	46.81%	15	15.96%	3	3.19%	2	2.13%	94
Green Infrastructure (trails, trees, etc.)	29	30.85%	48	51.06%	12	12.77%	2	2.13%	3	3.19%	94
Trash Removal	32	33.33%	42	43.75%	13	13.54%	3	3.13%	6	6.25%	96
Security	19	19.79%	43	44.79%	16	16.67%	3	3.13%	15	15.63%	96

Q7. What types of recreation facilities, if any, should be considered for future park development?



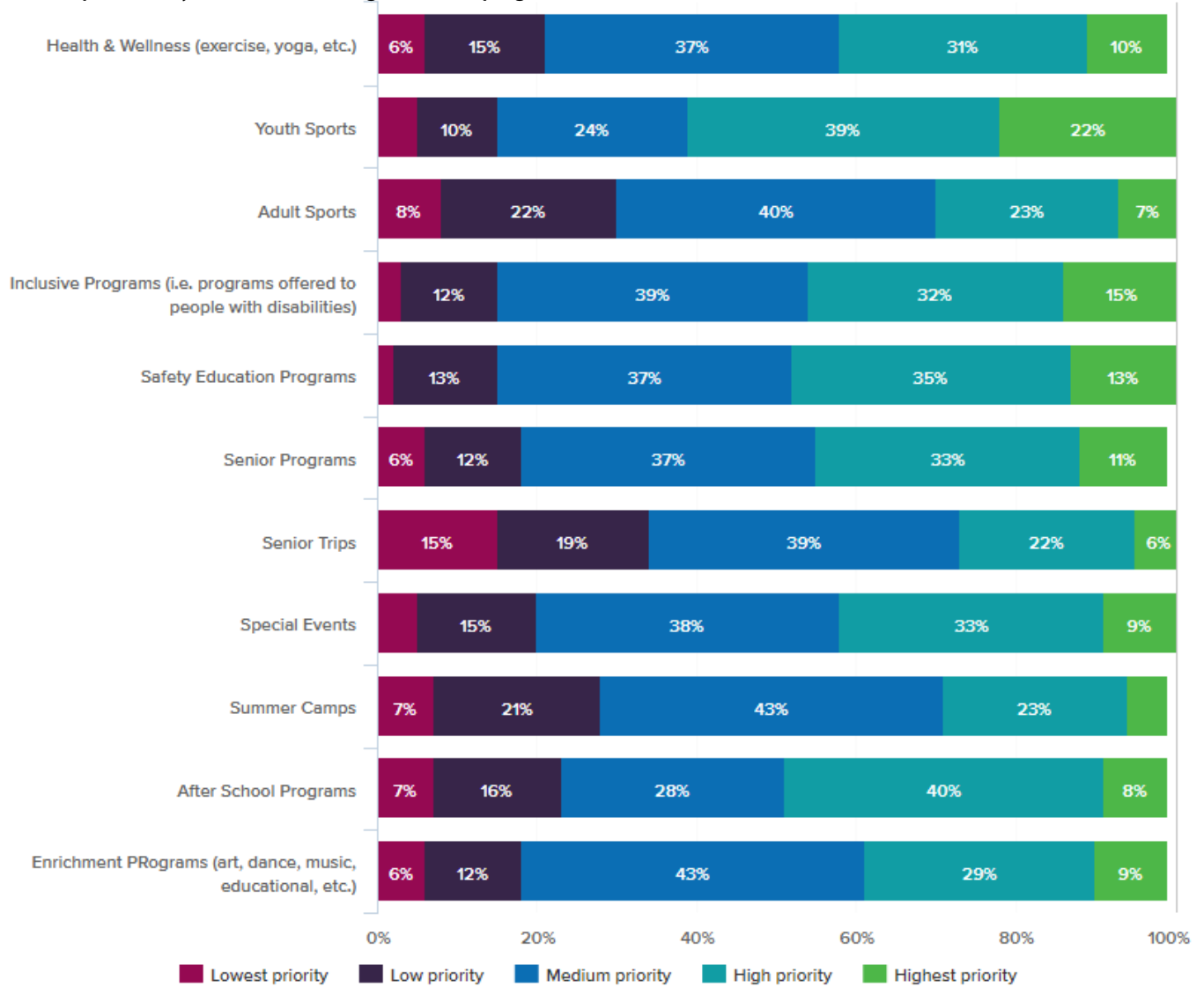
Facility	Lowest priority		Low priority		Medium priority		High priority		Highest priority		Total	Weighted score
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Walking/Bicycling Paths or Trails	3	3.13%	5	5.21%	22	22.92%	40	41.67%	26	27.08%	96	369
Nature Trails	5	5.21%	10	10.42%	23	23.96%	35	36.46%	23	23.96%	96	349
Forest & Nature Areas	6	6.32%	9	9.47%	33	34.74%	31	32.63%	16	16.84%	95	327
Playground Structures	3	3.13%	14	14.58%	37	38.54%	30	31.25%	12	12.50%	96	322
Indoor Sports Facility (pool, gym, courts, fields)	8	8.25%	21	21.65%	25	25.77%	24	24.74%	19	19.59%	97	316
Picnic Areas & Pavilions	1	1.09%	13	14.13%	49	53.26%	24	26.09%	5	5.43%	92	295
Sports Courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, bocce ball, etc.)	7	7.22%	28	28.87%	43	44.33%	10	10.31%	9	9.28%	97	277
Sports Fields (baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, disc golf, etc.)	6	6.38%	24	25.53%	46	48.94%	13	14%	5	5.32%	94	269
New Community Center	17	17.53%	30	30.93%	31	31.96%	10	10.31%	9	9.28%	97	255



Q8. Please tell us your suggestions for other types of facilities that were not listed above.

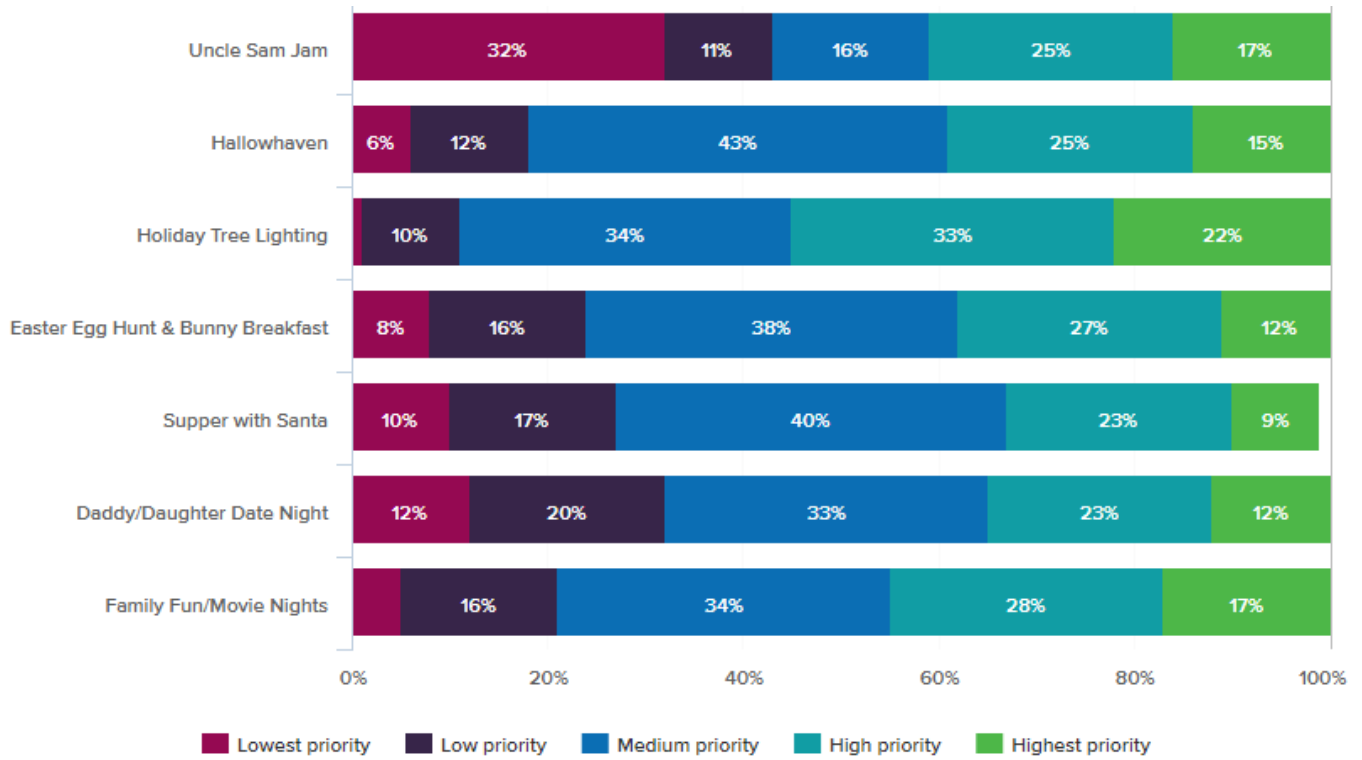
- i would love to see a community center like flat rock. that is where i go for their pool and gym and walking track.. it is all free with silver sneakers. i also go to kennedy pool in trenton in the summer
- Upgrade to community center kitchen
- Please make sure that all structures include this with disabilities. Thanks!
- Would love outdoor basketball courts
- Maybe a bigger outdoor gathering theater/area that's paved and accessible all year due to this "social distancing" in case of future events
- Linking bicycle trails to metro park. Finishing sidewalk on the west side of Hall Road. I prefer Brownstown community center..
- Add trash containers on both sides of Hall road for dog walkers and others to throw trash away. Only have one by the park entrance
- The skatepark should be added on to
- Highest Priority- Sidewalks & crosswalks throughout the city, in particular on major roads such as Vreeland. This side of town is very disconnect from commercial and other residential areas, as well as local elementary school (Weiss). Additionally, it would be really nice to have a restroom at Upper or Lower Constitutional park.
- Mountain bike trails in the new Ford park
- Better skate park
- need park for residents west of Allen and north of Vreeland
- More exercise equipment along trails and add picnic/ washroom facilities.
- Expand skatepark. Makes sense to expand areas that are being utilized.
- Expand pickle ball courts. More sand volleyball courts. Put up wind divider to stop volleyball from going in road etc.
- I would like community garden areas like Brownstown has where residents can rent a plot to grow vegetables etc.
- I would like more lighting for evening walks and possibly cameras or emergency phone lines.
- Autism friendly
- Basketball court needs to be put in we have so many things at this wonderful park really would complete the park with stands I think we would get even more kids out into the parks
- Would like to see additional play structures in local parks. My backyard opens to Upper Constitutional Park and children/teens/young adults are always on the swings/ play structures. The addition of the new structure has drawn even more people to the park for exercise/play.
- Skateboard park needs a pump track and more skate ramps/bowls
- Skate park
- Indoor sports complex,, something like Taylor sport plex with different types of room's to allow different types of sports. Golf, gymnastics, tennis, wrestling, track, there are so many sports that go year round. People travel to other areas due to certain sports aren't available in our area year round. Even a hitting cage for baseball & softball players.
- Recently stopped by the fire department and appears to be very out dated building. Outside would benefit to landscaping like City hall
- Please expand the skatepark in civic center park, over the summer its been hard not to find the current one crowded. Please consider adding pools and perhaps a large half pipe.
- Woodhaven doesn't need a nature trail. Take care of the neighborhood parks first.
- Walking and running trails should not be next to x-ways..... Who wants to "get close to nature next to all that noise.

Q9. How important to you are the following recreation programs?



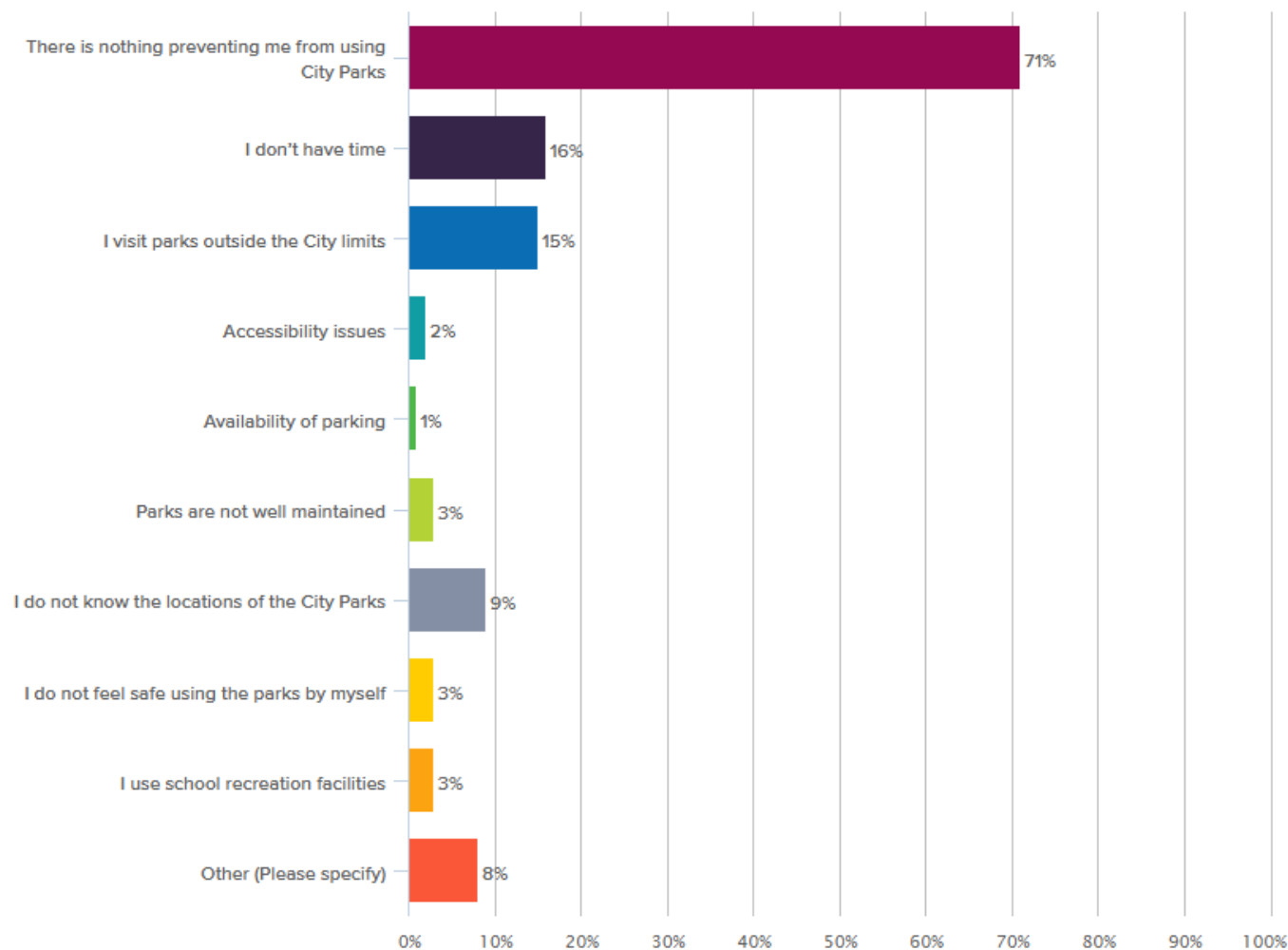
Facility	Lowest priority		Low priority		Medium priority		High priority		Highest priority		Total	Weighted score
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Youth Sports	5	5.00%	10	10.00%	24	24.00%	39	39.00%	22	22.00%	100	363
Inclusive Programs (i.e. programs offered to people with disabilities)	3	3.16%	11	11.58%	37	38.95%	30	31.58%	14	14.74%	95	326
Health & Wellness (exercise, yoga, etc.)	6	6.06%	15	15.15%	37	37.37%	31	31.31%	10	10.10%	99	321
Senior Programs	6	6.19%	12	12.37%	36	37.11%	32	32.99%	11	11.34%	97	321
Safety Education Programs	2	2.15%	12	12.90%	34	36.56%	33	35.48%	12	12.90%	93	320
After School Programs	7	7.22%	16	16.49%	27	27.84%	39	40.21%	8	8.25%	97	316
Special Events	5	5.21%	14	14.58%	36	37.50%	32	33%	9	9.38%	96	314
Enrichment PPrograms (art, dance, music, educational, etc.)	6	6.19%	12	12.37%	42	43.30%	28	28.87%	9	9.28%	97	313
Adult Sports	8	8.25%	21	21.65%	39	40.21%	22	22.68%	7	7.22%	97	290
Summer Camps	7	7.45%	20	21.28%	40	42.55%	22	23.40%	5	5.32%	94	280
Senior Trips	14	14.58%	18	18.75%	37	38.54%	21	21.88%	6	6.25%	96	275

Q11. How important to you are the following City sponsored special events?



Facility	Lowest priority		Low priority		Medium priority		High priority		Highest priority		Total	Weighted score
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Holiday Tree Lighting	1	1.00%	10	10.00%	34	34.00%	33	33.00%	22	22.00%	100	365
Family Fun/Movie Nights	5	5.00%	16	16.00%	34	34.00%	28	28%	17	17.00%	100	336
Halloween	6	5.94%	12	11.88%	43	42.57%	25	24.75%	15	14.85%	101	334
Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast	8	7.92%	16	15.84%	38	37.62%	27	26.73%	12	11.88%	101	322
Daddy/Daughter Date Night	12	12.00%	20	20.00%	33	33.00%	23	23.00%	12	12.00%	100	303
Supper with Santa	10	10.10%	17	17.17%	40	40.40%	23	23.23%	9	9.09%	99	301
Uncle Sam Jam	33	32.04%	11	10.68%	16	15.53%	26	25.24%	17	16.50%	103	292

Q12. Please check all of the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using City parks:



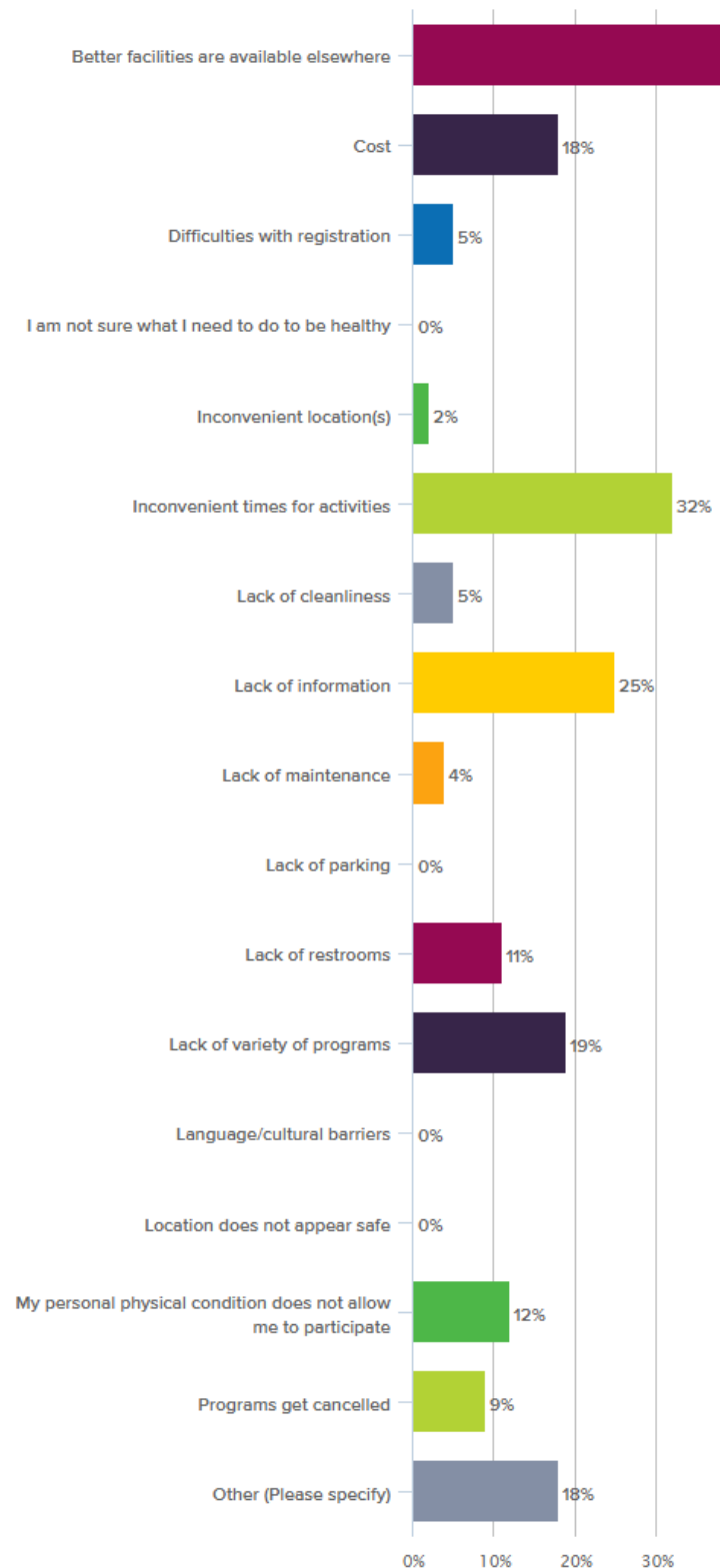
Response	#	%
There is nothing preventing me from using City Parks	72	71.29%
I don't have time	16	15.84%
I visit parks outside the City limits	15	14.85%
I do not know the locations of the City Parks	9	8.91%
Parks are not well maintained	3	2.97%

Response	#	%
I do not feel safe using the parks by myself	3	2.97%
I use school recreation facilities	3	2.97%
Accessibility issues	2	1.98%
Availability of parking	1	0.99%
Other (Please specify)	8	7.92%
Total responses	101	

- not really into that
- There are no basketball courts to use, no indoor pool, no indoor recreational facilities to use and/or not easily accessible. The recreation center is outdated and inadequate.
- To noisy
- Wet weather floods pathways.
- I like walking or biking to the park and there aren't sidewalks on major roads connecting my subdivision to parks aside from Upper and Lower Constitution parks. If I'm driving to a park, I expect several miles of trails.

- no local area park. west of Allwn, north of Vreeland
- Little shaded areas
- Crowded/Covid guidelines often unfollowed

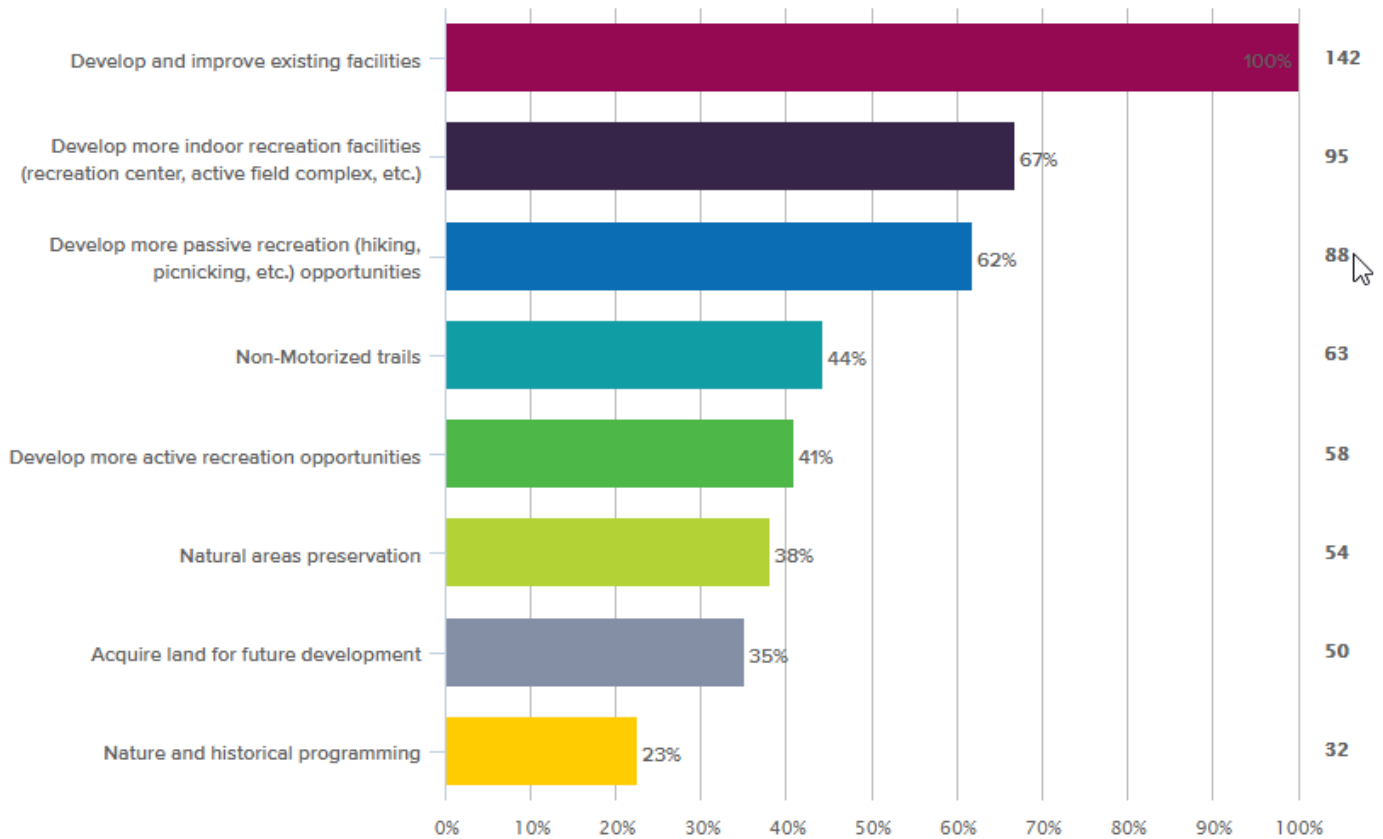
Q13. Please check any of the following items that are barriers to participation in Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Department programs. Choose all that apply.



Response	#	%
Better facilities are available elsewhere	23	40.35%
Inconvenient times for activities	18	31.58%
Lack of information	14	24.56%
Lack of variety of programs	11	19.30%
Cost	10	17.54%
My personal physical condition does not allow me to participate	7	12.28%
Lack of restrooms	6	10.53%
Programs get cancelled	5	8.77%
Difficulties with registration	3	5.26%
Lack of cleanliness	3	5.26%
Lack of maintenance	2	3.51%
Inconvenient location(s)	1	1.75%
I am not sure what I need to do to be healthy	0	0%
Lack of parking	0	0%
Language/cultural barriers	0	0%
Location does not appear safe	0	0%
Other (Please specify)	10	17.54%
Total	57	

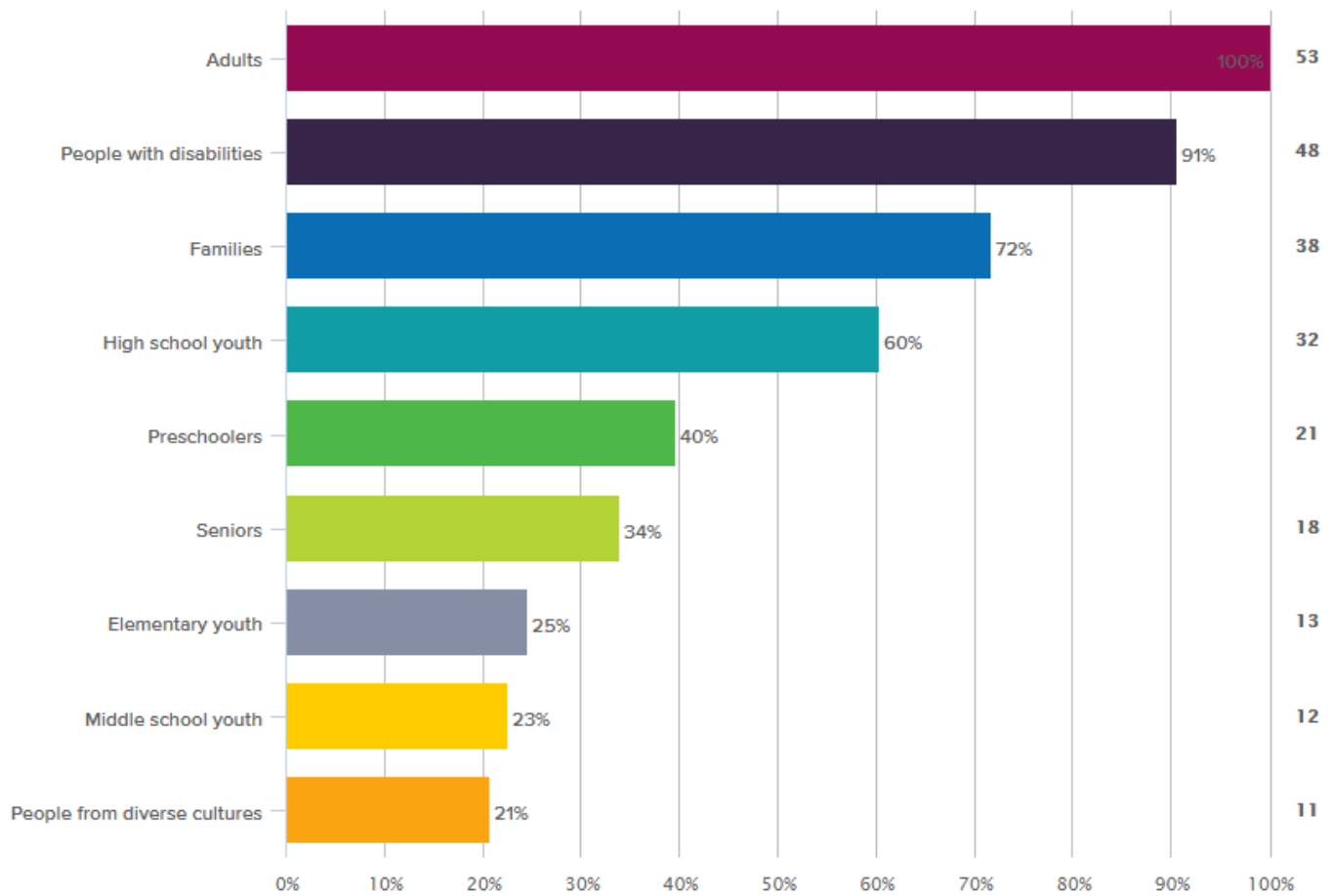
- i use flat rock
- There are not a lot of options for youth programs. A lot of time I have to look elsewhere to find something. My kids are 6 and 3 for reference.
- We need a pamphlet of options.
- There is nothing wrong with all parks feel very safe Woodhaven police make me my family feel safe when we go
- Na
- not interested
- Attended Flat Rock Rec for aquatic exercise.
- Belong to gyms
- Crowded
- I like to walk in nature, and I also do a lot of running. So, Elizabeth, Erie Metro, and now the International Wildlife Refuge are the places that work best for me.

Q14. Which initiatives should the City of Woodhaven prioritize for future implementation? Please rank your top three.



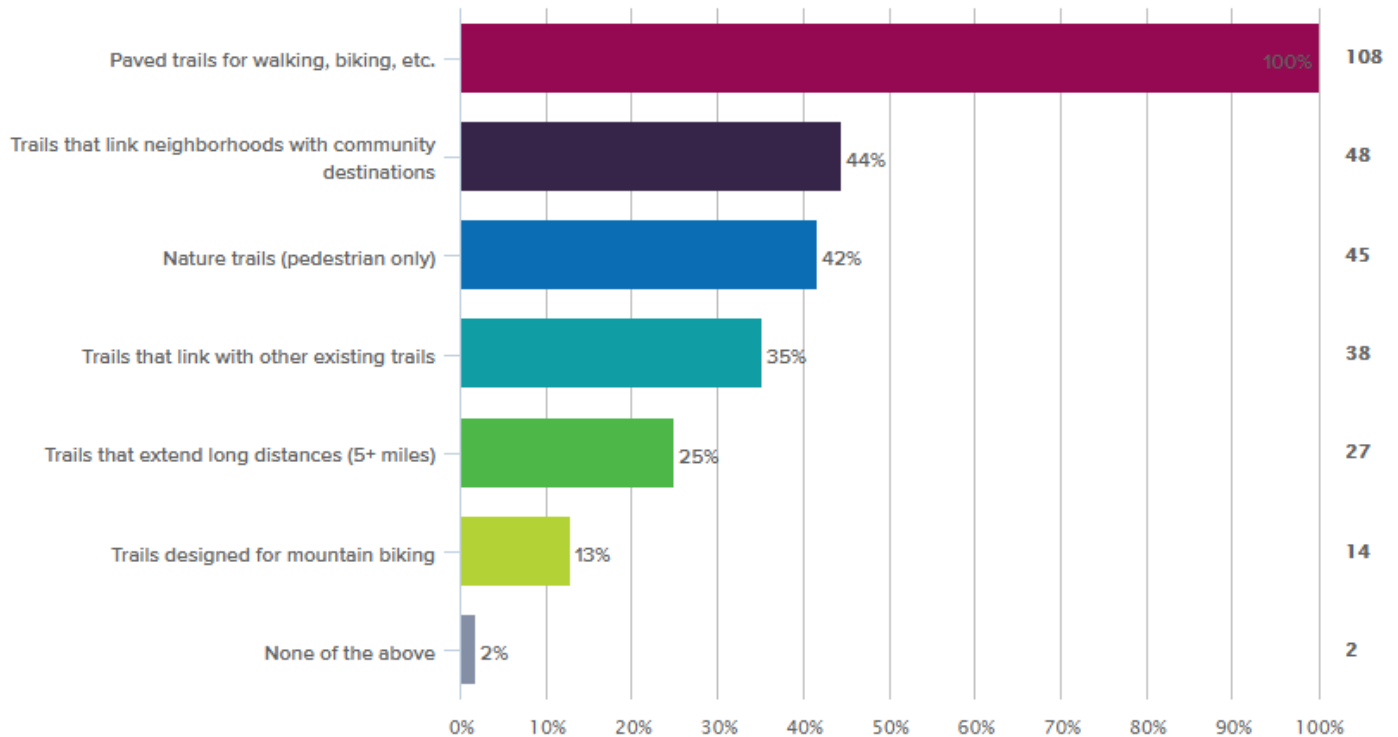
Facility	Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3		Total	Weighted score
	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Develop and improve existing facilities	31	17	15	142	34	34.00%	100	365
Develop more indoor recreation facilities (recreation center, active field complex, etc.)	17	18	8	95	34	34.00%	100	336
Develop more passive recreation (hiking, picnicking, etc.) opportunities	14	16	14	88	43	42.57%	101	334
Non-Motorized trails	9	11	14	63	38	37.62%	101	322
Develop more active recreation opportunities	5	13	17	58	33	33.00%	100	303
Natural areas preservation	7	10	13	54	40	40.40%	99	301
Acquire land for future development	10	6	8	50	16	15.53%	103	292
Nature and historical programming	4	6	8	32				

Q15. In your opinion, which groups are most underserved by current recreation services? Please rank your top TWO choices.



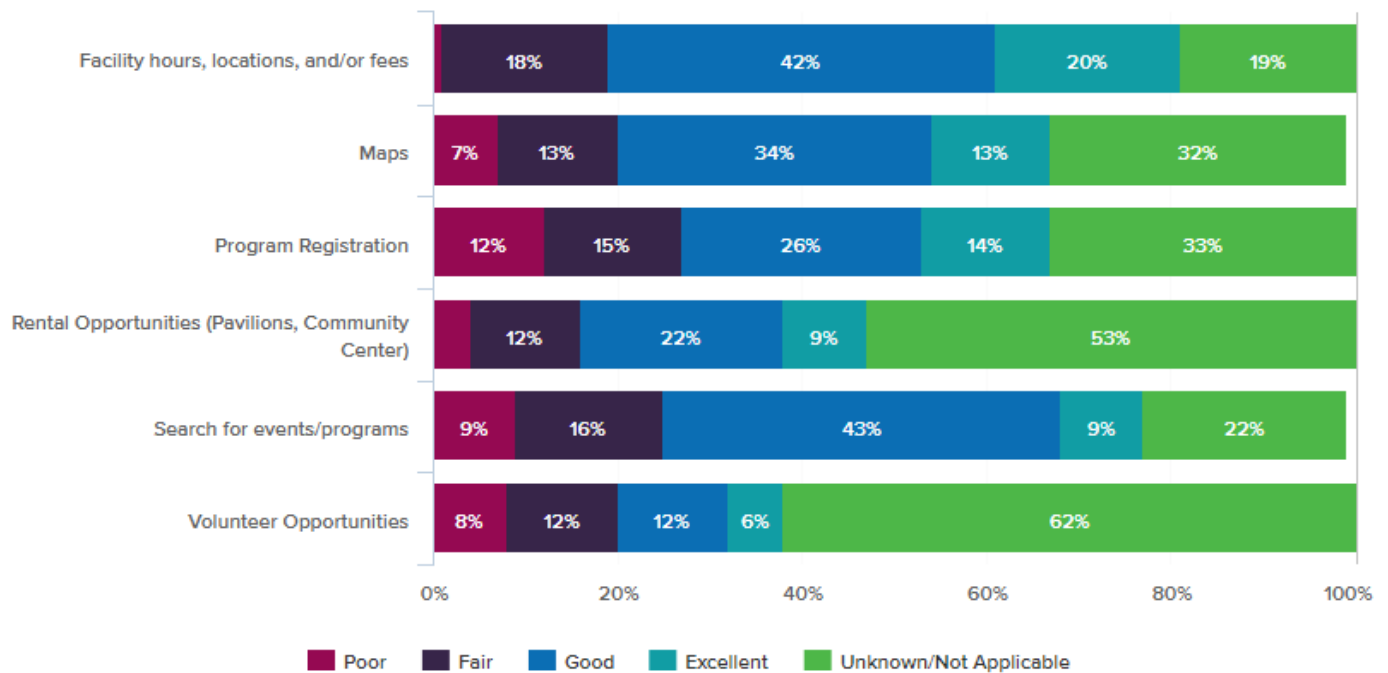
Facility	Rank 1	Rank 2	Weighted Score
Adults	21	11	53
People with disabilities	19	10	48
Families	13	12	38
High school youth	9	14	32
Preschoolers	8	5	21
Seniors	4	10	18
Elementary youth	3	7	13
Middle school youth	3	6	12
People from diverse cultures	2	7	11

Q16. What type of trails/pathways should have the highest priority? Please rank your top TWO choices.



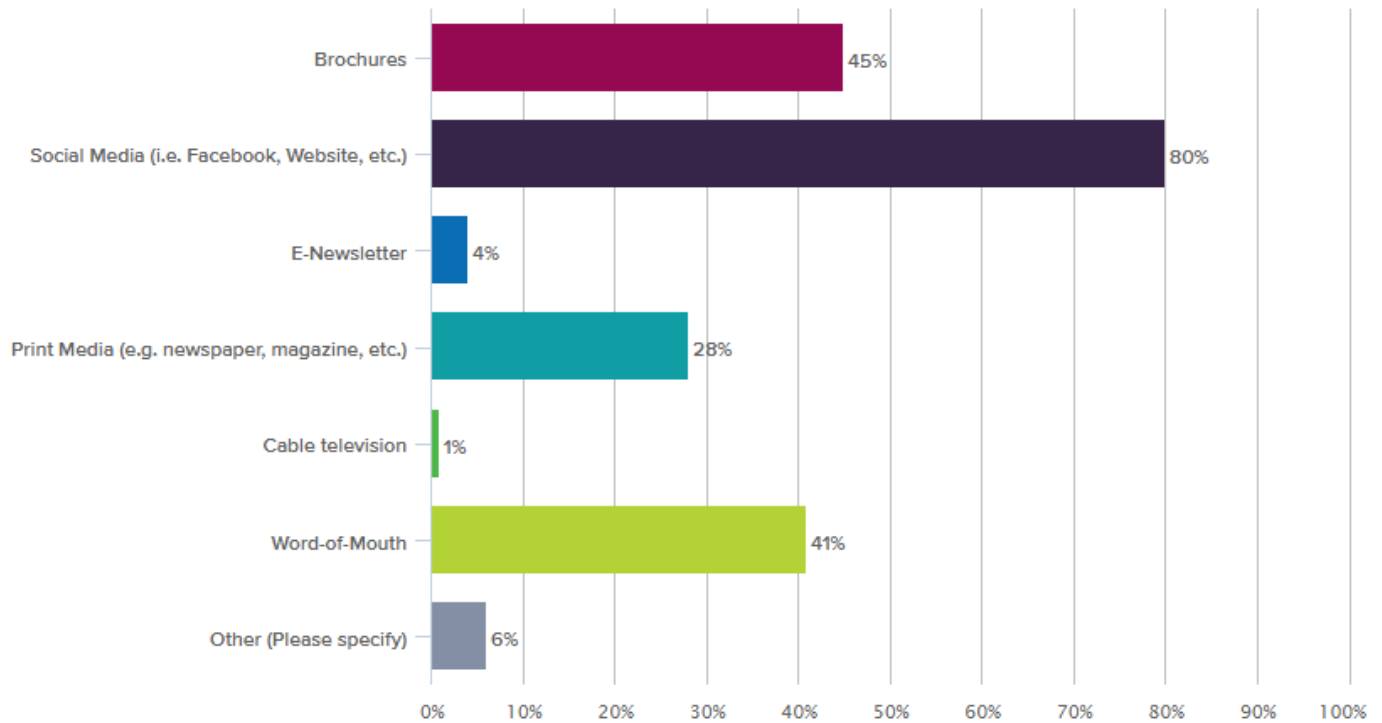
Facility	Rank 1	Rank 2	Weighted Score
Paved trails for walking, biking, etc.	46	16	108
Trails that link neighborhoods with community destinations	17	14	48
Nature trails (pedestrian only)	13	19	45
Trails that link with other existing trails	7	24	38
Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)	6	15	27
Trails designed for mountain biking	4	6	14
None of the above	1	0	2

Q17. If you have used the City of Woodhaven Parks & Recreation Department website for any of the following, rate your experience.



Facility	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know / not applicable		Total responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Facility hours, locations, and/or fees	15	20.27%	31	41.89%	13	17.57%	1	1.35%	14	18.92%	74
Maps	9	13.24%	23	33.82%	9	13.24%	5	7.35%	22	32.35%	68
Program Registration	10	13.70%	19	26.03%	11	15.07%	9	12.33%	24	32.88%	73
Rental Opportunities (Pavilions, Community Center)	6	8.82%	15	22.06%	8	11.76%	3	4.41%	36	52.94%	68
Search for events/programs	7	9.46%	32	43.24%	12	16.22%	7	9.46%	16	21.62%	74
Volunteer Opportunities	4	6.15%	8	12.31%	8	12.31%	5	7.69%	40	61.54%	65

Q18. How do you obtain information about Woodhaven Parks & Recreation Department programs, services and facilities?



Source	Number	Percent	Total
Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Website, etc.)	77	80.21%	108
Brochures	43	44.79%	48
Word-of-Mouth	39	40.63%	45
Print Media (e.g. newspaper, magazine, etc.)	27	28.13%	38
Other (Please specify)	6	6.25%	27
E-Newsletter	4	4.17%	14
Cable television	1	1.04%	2
Total	96		

Other Responses:

- I don't ever see anything about it
- Sign on west road
- By calling
- Google
- Website
- School fliers

Q19. Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns regarding City Woodhaven facilities or events?

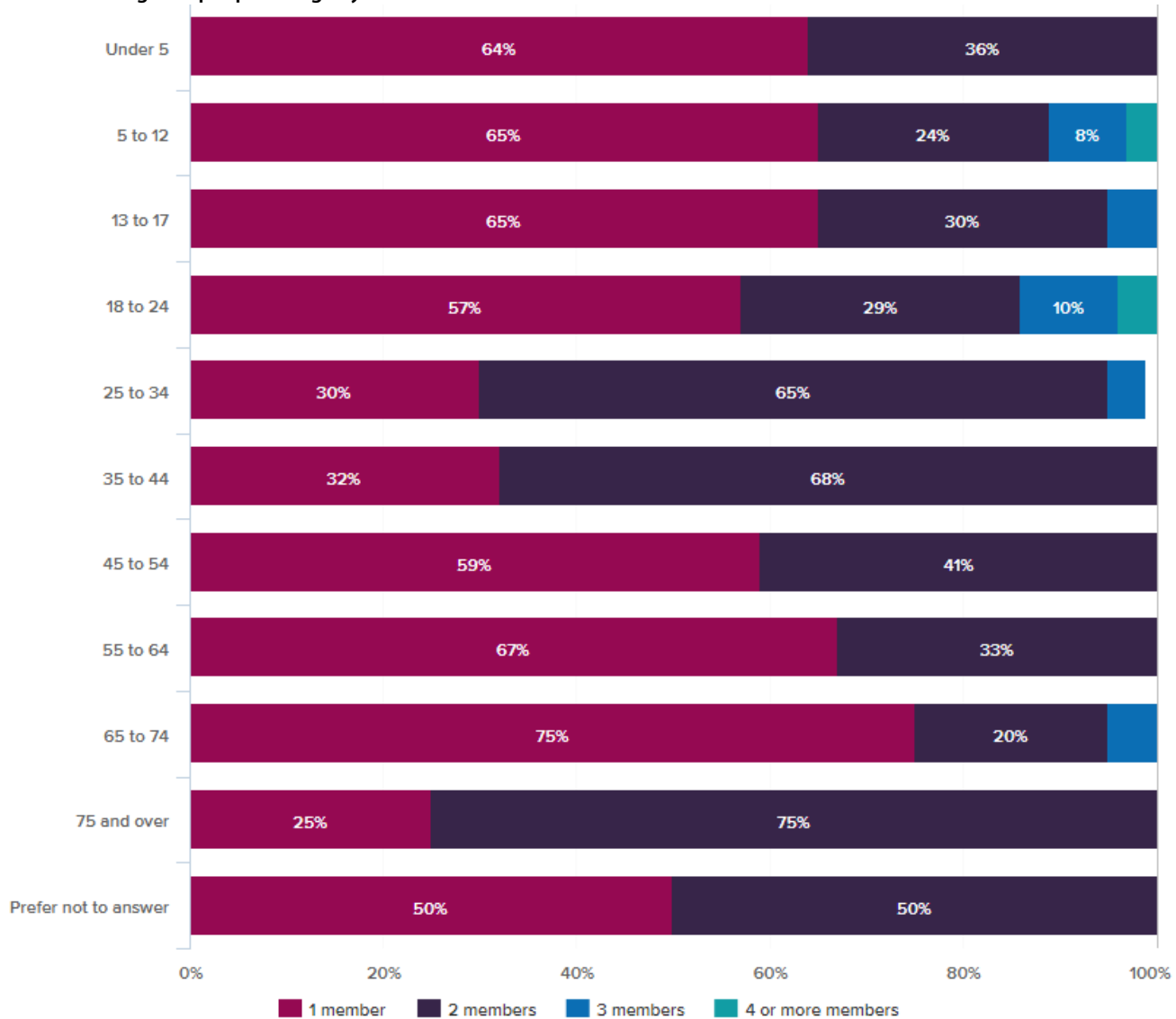


- i know having a pool is a big liability but maybe you could find out how flat rock does it
- Pam and Tim are great
- The recreation center is outdated and inadequate.
- Heritage Park I could use better benches closer to the playscape. the splash pad could be made more exciting. with more interactive water features. A normal swing-set at the Civic Park playground would be fantastic.
- I would like to see arrows directing walking in one direction, and biking in opposite direction. On path by civic center. They could be painted on asphalt. This would prevent walkers from being startled when bike is approaching .
- Day time exercise adults
- The Indoor bathroom(s) in the Civic Center need drastic updating...even the toilets are crooked! The women's is horrid.
- Pave both sides hall road to allow walking on both sides.
- Lower constitution playground equipment needs updated
- Ditch Uncle Sam Jam.
- I'd love to see the skatepark Expanded. My son loves going there. I see males and females if all ages using the facility. It be easy enough to add onto and develop in stages. The nicer it is the more it will get used.
- Woidhaven is a great city to live in and we have a great Civic Park. It would be nice to have an updated Community Center that can offer more youth programs.
- Extra lighting would be great.
- Do not let mayor retire she is the best thing for this city she cares about the family's and that means the world to me and my family we love her just really appreciate her for everything she does for us citizens we feel safe here in Woodhaven just want to say thank you and god bless our mayor and the police,firefighters, and paramedics just want to say a big thank you from our family
- I suggest paving roads like sibley and king so biking and walking can be done to other cities safely.
- Build more on the skate park it gets very packed and boring after a while it's very small and little to do
- Building is very out dated like the rest of the City buildings. You should take care of the parks you have before we worry about new. The only partlk that has been very well taken care of is on Hall Road the rest are forgotten! Safety issues on Hall Road need to be addressed! Hall Road should have stop signs to slow traffic down and should have sidewalks on both sides along with a bridge over the creek on the west side of Hall Road!!!
- I believe the existing buildings in the City need to be updated and maintained before the City takes on additional real estate.
- Outdated programs and building
- There is a large skating community around, an indoor skate park would also be a welcome addition
- The facilities are so outdated

Q20. Where do you live?

Source	Number	Percent
I live within the Woodhaven City limits	97	94.17%
I am a former Woodhaven resident living outside the City limits	2	1.94%
I live outside of the Woodhaven City limits	4	3.88%

Q21. What are the ages of people living in your household?



Facility	One member		Two members		Three members		Four or more members		Total responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Under 5	14	63.64%	8	36.36%	0	0%	0	0%	22
5 to 12	24	64.86%	9	24.32%	3	8.11%	1	2.70%	37
13 to 17	13	65.00%	6	30.00%	1	5.00%	0	0%	20
18 to 24	12	57.14%	6	28.57%	2	9.52%	1	4.76%	21
25 to 34	7	30.43%	15	65.22%	1	4.35%	0	0%	23
35 to 44	12	32.43%	25	67.57%	0	0%	0	0%	37
45 to 54	17	58.62%	12	41.38%	0	0%	0	0%	29
55 to 64	16	66.67%	8	33.33%	0	0%	0	0%	24
65 to 74	15	75.00%	4	20.00%	1	5.00%	0	0%	20
75 and over	1	25.00%	3	75.00%	0	0%	0	0%	4
Prefer not to answer	1	50.00%	1	50.00%	0	0%	0	0%	2

2021-2025 Woodhaven Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Review Input Results
December 2, 2020

Facebook Input

Liz [REDACTED] - A pathway from Van Horn to Vreeland Road would be FANTASTIC!

Pete [REDACTED] - A pump track for bicycles would be great at civic center park by skate park.

Ethel [REDACTED] - What about the land on the new Road (Ford Lane)? Maybe a parking lot there to explore that piece of land, with walking paths?

Victoria [REDACTED] - I always say it. Pool like Fat Rock Recreation Center. I know too much liability.

Email

Tyler [REDACTED] - As a follow-up to our call on Friday, I am reaching out to you to inquire into the possible planting of trees throughout Civic Center Park. My initial interest was to bring natural shade to (and around) the skatepark area but, I think we can expand this to other areas of the park. I would like to add that I will volunteer my time to support the planting efforts and suggest that an event is to be created to allow other individuals to partake in this educational activity.

James [REDACTED] - Thanks for developing Woodhaven's 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan and providing the opportunity to comment on it. Note that I merely use the bike path/sidewalk along Van Horn and drive past the community center and parking along Hall Road. I am not a resident of Woodhaven.

First of all, I like to thank the city for the recent additions to the Van Horn path between Telegraph and Allen Road. They greatly improve the safety of bikers along that stretch of road section versus having to share the road with cars. That was a dangerous section of road previously because of the presence of intermittent curbs, a road shoulder that was in places non-existent or in poor condition, traffic volume, and the relatively high speed limit. Now it's much safer. Again, thank you. I have a minor quibble, maybe as a change to

engineering specs for future bike path installations: the zig zags just east and west of the highway underpass are so abrupt that they require braking (which is anathema to bikers) and there's no backfill along the zig zag on the west side (so the errant biker would be in for a nasty spill). Perhaps the spec could be changed to require soil next to the path get leveled within an inch or so of the path's level and maximum angle for the zig zag increased.

The bike path/sidewalk along Van Horn east of Allen Road could use some work. Small sections are missing, the surface is uneven, and the ground settled on both ends of the bridge just east of Marsh Creek apartment complex. The settlement creates two abrupt dips on both ends of the bridge. Those problems are minor but a fix would be appreciated by walkers and hikers alike. The mere presence of the path/walk greatly improves safety for pedestrians compared to walking along the road so the problems I listed are annoyances, not big deals.

Phone Message

Phil, Wild Birds - Would like to meet with the parks and recreation staff and tour Civic Center Park and other green space to determine if community members are interested a planning and developing Native Gardens within the city.



**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 Woodhaven

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00953

PROJECT TYPE: Construction of Sports Fields

PROJECT TITLE: Civic Center Park Ball Fields

PROJECT SCOPE: Two (2) baseball fields, backstops, fencing and LWCF sign

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Woodhaven	Tim Rooney	Recreation Director
Address	Telephone	
23101 Hall Road	734 -675-4926	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Woodhaven, Michigan 48183	Trooney@woodhavenmi.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Complex now consists of four (4) fields, concession stand, restrooms
and batting cages. No changes to original field layout.

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

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, 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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
A regular DPS crew is assigned to the daily upkeep and regular maintenance
of the park. Ball fields are recondition by an outside contractor every two years.

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
Fields are available for rent on limited weekends. \$100 per field for the entire day

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Seasons: Year Round Daily: 8AM to 10:30PM

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Ball fields are utilized for public parks and recreation programs and public school teams.
The fields are used on a regular basis by the general public on a drop-in basis. The
project has had a positive impact on the community.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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.

Tim Rooney

Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

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Date

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Witness Signature

1-21-21
Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

City of Woodhaven Ball Field Comple



Above - Photos highlight two baseball fields funded by 1977 LWCF Grant



Access Path to baseball fields, concession stand and restrooms



LWCF Program Recognition Plaque and Facility Sign