

# **City of Saginaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan**

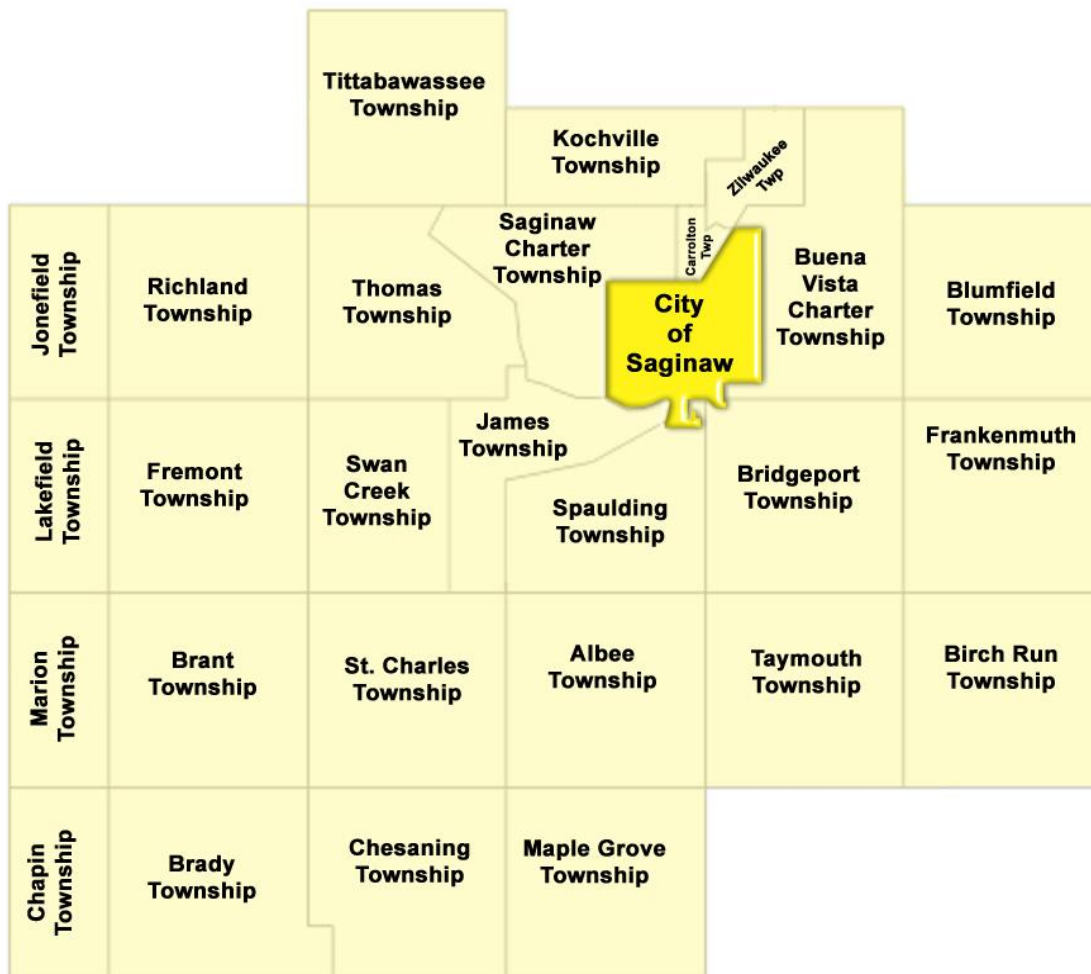
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# Community Description

The City of Saginaw is the most populated jurisdiction in Saginaw County. It is also the most developed and the community providing the most diverse range of recreation opportunities in the County. Though still a dense urban environment, the City of Saginaw has changed substantially during the past 10 years in terms of population, housing and open space, parks and recreation.



**Figure 1** Saginaw County. The City of Saginaw is noted in bright yellow.

# Administrative Structure

This section describes the existing organizational structure for the provision of recreation facilities and services in the City of Saginaw. Changes in the current administrative structure, which have been proposed or which might be desirable in the future, will also be discussed as part of the parks and recreation planning process.

## Policy and Decision-Making Functions

The City of Saginaw operates under a Council-Manager plan of government. The City Council consists of nine members elected at large for overlapping four-year terms. The Council is responsible for setting all municipal policies not otherwise designated by City Charter or state law.

The City Manager is appointed by and is directly responsible to the City Council. As the administrative head of the City, the Manager carries out the policies that are made by the Council, and directs and coordinates the work of all City departments. The Manager also prepares the annual budget for the Council's consideration and sees that the adopted budget's provisions are carried out. Under this system of government, the ultimate responsibility for setting policy and making decisions concerning municipal parks and recreation rests solely with the City Council. The Council's authority over parks and recreation matters includes budgeting, land acquisition and development, ordinances, rules, and other related matters. The Council must also approve any formal agreements with other recreation agencies such as the Saginaw Board of Education or the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

In general, the Saginaw City Council makes decisions on parks and recreation issues under three main sets of circumstances:

- During preparation of the City's annual budget
- When the City Manager brings a particular recreation issue before the Council for special consideration.

- When a parks issue is identified by a Council member, a citizen, or an interest group.

Saginaw's system of government typically requires the City Manager to provide considerable leadership in identifying and resolving major policy issues. Staffing for the parks and recreation related functions within the City's departments are also a Charter responsibility of the Manager. The Manager generally delegates the administrative responsibilities for recreation operations and maintenance to staff.

Under the present organizational structure, there is no formal Parks and Recreation Commission or similar entity charged with recreation functions. However, other City commissions are directly and indirectly involved in recreation-related matters. The Saginaw Riverfront Development Commission advises City Council on Riverfront Development and the Implementation of the River Corridor Master Plan. These commissions serve in an advisory role to the City Council.

## **Administration, Operation, and Maintenance**

The City of Saginaw divides the day-to-day administration, operation, and maintenance of its recreation facilities and services into two separate areas within the Public Services: Grounds and Facilities Maintenance.

### **Public Works**

This department provides a variety of services related to the management, maintenance, and improvement of public facilities. The Department of Public Services operates under the general direction of the City Manager. Current services that the Parks Department performs are described below:

- Facilities Administration functions include the following major areas:
  - o Coordinating programs, services, and management systems.
  - o Arrange for and manage contractual services.
  - o Provide services and supplies required for daily operation of City departments.

- Direct the activities of a work force dedicated to providing maintenance and repair services for public buildings and the community park system.
  - Manage operational, security, and enforcement activities.
- Capital Improvements such as the planning, scheduling and implementation of projects building facilities and parkland and the preparation and administration of grants

## **Parks Building and Grounds Maintenance**

This program provides the labor and material resources necessary to maintain buildings and other facilities included in the City parks system. The scope of these responsibilities encompasses approximately 55 individual areas, which comprise more than 615 acres of developed community parkland. Resources in this program are responsible for the maintenance of over 615 acres of developed park facilities, including: the Central Parks System, riverfront park areas, district and neighborhood parks, downtown urban parks, park drives, walks, and parking lots. This area also provides building maintenance support for all programs and activities utilizing City Park and recreation facilities.

## **Recreation Grant History**

The City of Saginaw has received several grants from DNR-administered grant programs. A full accounting of the grants is provided in the appendix. They include:

- TF00-106 Westside Riverfront Park \$256,153 Development
- TF410 Green Point Nature Center \$19,800 Acquisition
- TF90-343 Ojibway Island Renovation \$165,000
- TF91-222 Rust Ave. Boat Launch \$375,000 Development
- TF07-072 Andersen Park \$51,800 Development
- TF08-039 Andersen Water Park \$480,000 Development
- TF-12-086 Boulder Climbing Garden and Connector Path, \$67,000 Development

## Programming

The City of Saginaw does not directly provide recreation programming to its residents. The City historically has assisted with recreation programming through a number of different agencies and organizations.

There are many organizations and groups that offer recreation programming through the City of Saginaw and more emerge each year. Those mentioned in this document are not intended to be exhaustive but rather an illustrative list of those groups who have been, and continue to work, to provide programming in the City. The First Ward Community Center provides year round recreation programs for youth.

## Relationships with Other Agencies Involved in Recreation and Volunteers

The City of Saginaw has creatively worked with a number of different groups and agencies in order to ensure maintenance and improvement of parks facilities with dwindling dedicated resources. There are five such agreements:

- The Andersen Enrichment Center and the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission
- The Friends of Hoyt Park
- Garber Tennis Courts and the Urban Youth Tennis Foundation
- The Japanese Cultural Center, a Tea House and Gardens and the Tea House Board
- The Lions Club, with an agreement to assist with Bliss Park

The Andersen Enrichment Center is located within the city's central parks system. The indoor meeting and gathering facility and adjacent Lucille E. Andersen Memorial Garden hosts a number of different events throughout the year, both indoors and outdoors and is available for private rental.

The Friends of Hoyt Park work in concert with the Saginaw YMCA to maintain Hoyt Park for spring and summer baseball and softball programs or other sport programs as mutually agreed. The Friends group provides maintenance and programming. The Urban Youth Tennis Foundation maintains the Garber Tennis Courts for the purposes of tennis education, competitions and other programs. The foundation is solely responsible for maintenance and repairs to the tennis courts. The Japanese Tea House and Gardens is actually funded and maintained by the City of Tokushima, Japan. The Tea House Board is responsible for its operation, management, and maintenance. The Lions Club of Saginaw recently developed an agreement with the City to assist with maintenance and improvements at Bliss Park.

Get Outside for a Healthy Inside (GOHI) is an affiliate of the Saginaw Community Foundation. The three year old organization is focused on increasing physical activity in Saginaw, specifically focusing on parks and trails. There have been ongoing conversations with GOHI and the Public Works Department regarding parks improvements.

# Recreation Inventory

An inventory of existing recreation within the City of Saginaw was performed to determine the existing level of recreational facilities and to compare the existing facilities with nationally accepted standards of recreation. Regional recreation, including county facilities, is also discussed in this plan.

**Classification System and Standards** - A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an action program. A comparison of the existing parks and facilities to accepted national standards provides a good indication of additional recreational resources to meet the needs of the City's residents. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association guide. It recognizes types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and use groups. Furthermore, it lists definitions and sets of standards for the various park levels established for use in this plan. These standards are based on nationally accepted criteria.

## Local/Close to Home Space

**Neighborhood Parks (NP)** – These parks are normally suited for intense development. That is, they are designed for more intense recreational activities such as field games, court games, crafts, playground equipment, skating, picnicking, wading pool, etc. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distances and bike access. The desirable size for a neighborhood park is 15 acres or larger, serving a population up to 5000. The standard acreage for neighborhood parks is 1.0 to 2.0 acres per 1000 population.

**Community Parks (CP)** – These parks are intended to serve a broader need with a service radius of 2 miles or more. These parks are areas of diverse environmental quality, which vary in use. Community parks may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities such as athletic complexes or large swimming pools, or may be an area of high natural quality with little

development for outdoor recreation such as walking, viewing, boating, or picnicking. There may be a combination of the listed uses depending upon site suitability and community needs. These parks may also include natural features such as bodies of water, wooded land, or hills. They should also be easily accessible to the neighborhoods served. Typical community parks are 25 acres or greater in size. The standard acreage for community parks is 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1000 population.

## Regional Space

**Regional Parks (RP)** – Parks in this classification can serve the entire county as well as areas outside the county that are within one-hour drive time. They are particularly suited for nature-oriented outdoor recreation such as viewing or studying nature, picnicking, fishing, wildlife habitat conservation, camping, and trail uses. Typically, these parks are 200 acres or greater and may encompass large land areas to be preserved for natural character. Regional parks may have diverse or unique natural resources such as lakes, streams, marshes, flora, fauna, or topography. The standard acreage for regional parks is variable but generally accepted as 5.0 to 10.0 acres per 1000 population.

The City of Saginaw's Central Park System, which includes Ojibway Island, Anderson Water Park and numerous other facilities, are all considered regional parks. Also included in this classification are Green Point Nature Center and Morley Park. Morley Park does not meet the typical standards for a regional park, however its intense use and location justify it being placed in this category. These parks and facilities are intended, designed and function in such a way to serve the City and the greater area. Regional parks in the City of Saginaw are:

Andersen Celebration Park

Lake Linton

Hoyt Park

Lake Linton Reservoir

Children's Zoo at Celebration Square

Ojibway Island

Japanese Tea House and Gardens

Webber Park

Riverwalk (includes Pothoff Park)

Morley Plaza

Ezra Rust Park

Green Point Nature Center

Wickes Park, Wickes Park Extension

Anderson Enrichment Center

There are several community parks within the City. These parks include Bliss Park, Unity Park, Deindorfer Woods, and others. Community parks are designed to meet specialized recreation needs, such as tennis courts, or a mixture of recreational activities. Typically, community parks are most highly used when located in such a way as to provide recreational opportunities for a one to two mile radius. Many of the community parks in the City should be evaluated in terms of use, not so much because their location is inappropriate but because recreational needs and trends have changed in the past ten to 20 years. Community Parks within the City of Saginaw are:

Crayola Park/Harvey Randall Wickes Park

Deindorfer Woods

Garber Tennis Courts

Linton Park

Bliss Park

Unity Park

Fordney Park

Veteran's Memorial Park

The majority of the City's parks are classified as neighborhood parks. For the purposes of this recreation plan, school park and playground facilities are considered neighborhood parks. Neighborhood parks are smaller and sense and tend to serve a more immediate area. The Neighborhood Parks within the City of Saginaw are:

Germaine Park

Jeffers Park

Merrill Park

Otto Roeser Park

Schroeder

St. Vincent's

Park Place

Weadock Park

Dr. Archer Claytor Park

Other recreation facilities within the city include the Civitan recreation center, and the Rust Avenue and Wickes Park boat launches. The Civitan Recreation Center is currently closed due to property maintenance issues. The City is seeking to perform selective demolition on the building so that it can be returned to use.

## **Regional Recreation**

The Green Point Environmental Learning Center is a 76-acre natural area located within Saginaw, one of Michigan's largest cities, and across the Tittabawassee River from the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, one of Michigan's largest wetland ecosystems. Originally a city-operated nature center, Green Point closed in 1988 due to budget cuts but was re-opened five years later with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managing the facility as an interpretive center for the refuge.

Along with the interpretive building with natural history exhibits, Green Point also offers a wide range of programs throughout the year and a network of short paths that wind 2.5 miles through the floodplain of the Tittabawassee River.

Saginaw County provides six county parks with a variety of recreational activities for residents and visitors. Price Nature Center and Ringwood Forest focus more on passive recreation and woodland activities with nature trails and hiking. Imerman Park and Haithco Recreation Area provide more

active recreational activities such as ball diamonds, swimming, fishing, and tennis. The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail is a 10-mile vertical park that runs from St. Charles to Saginaw. Veterans Memorial Park is primarily used for its boat launch and fishing opportunities along the Saginaw River.

The Crow Island State Game Area encompasses 3,465 acres and includes portions of Saginaw and Bay counties along the lower Saginaw River in east-central Lower Michigan. A small part of this Department of Natural Resources Game Area lies within Buena Vista Township. The Crow Island State Game Area is presently a complex of wetlands, diked croplands and agricultural uplands that provide habitat for a wide variety of migratory birds, as well as associated invertebrate and mammalian wildlife. The area present provides public hunting, trapping and limited fishing opportunities and is capable of providing additional recreational opportunity.

The Michigan State Park that is closest to the City of Saginaw is the Bay City State Recreation Area. It contains a 193-site campground, a nature center, swimming, fishing, hiking trails, and picnicking facilities.

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1953 and contains more than 9,800 acres of marsh, bottomland hardwood forest, and grasslands. It was authorized by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act "...for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." Additional purposes designated under the Refuge Recreation Act are "...incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, the protection of natural resources, and the conservation of endangered and threatened species." The refuge's mission is to preserve and manage an undeveloped expanse of floodplain forest, marshes, rivers, and associated habitat within an agricultural and urban landscape through habitat management, encouraging public stewardship, educational programs, and private land activities. Shiawassee Refuge is designated as a United States Important Bird Area for its global significance to migratory waterfowl.

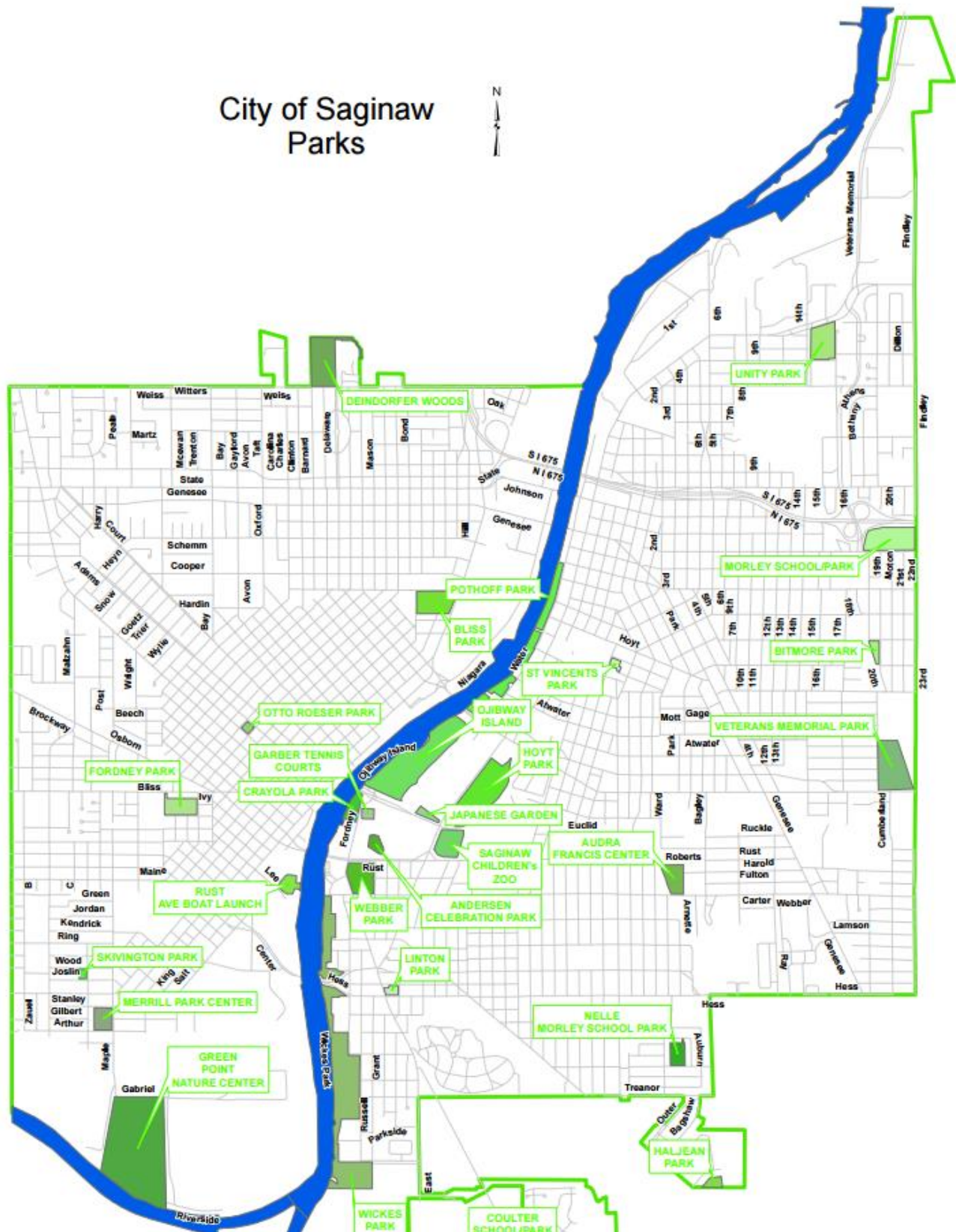
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# Barrier Free Compliance

As part of this inventory process, staff evaluated parks to determine if a person with mobility limitations, limited sight or is blind, has a hearing impairment or is deaf, or has a mental impairment. The scale below details how each park was evaluated.

1	None of the facilities are accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. In general, the site includes little paved areas and features such as equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible
2	The park is somewhat accessible – the parking areas or pathways may be paved but not both. Many of the facilities are not accessible.
3	The park is generally accessible. Most of the facilities and the park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities.
5	The entire park was designed and constructed using the principals of universal design.

Park Name	Accessibility Ranking	Comments
Andersen Celebration Park	4	
Hoyt Park	3	Repairs and improvements needed to and from the warming house
Children's Zoo at Celebration Square	4	
Lake Linton	2	
Lake Linton Reservoir	NA	Passive water feature, no access
Ojibway Island	3	Pathway improvements and connections needed to access all features, some equipment not accessible, restroom updates needed
Webber Park	3	Pathway connections needed
Riverwalk (includes Pothoff Park)	4	Additional accessible equipment (picnic tables, benches, desirable)
Morley Plaza	3	
Green Point Nature Center	2	Mainly passive recreation and nature trails.
Andersen Enrichment Center	4	
Japanese Tea House	4	
Crayola Park/Harvey Randall Wickes Park	3	Additional accessible equipment and improved pathways desirable
Garber Tennis Courts	3	Improvements to gates and fencing desirable
Bliss Park	2	Pathway connections to and from areas of interest and accessible equipment needed

<b>Park Name</b>	<b>Accessibility Ranking</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fordney Park	2	Pathway connections to and from areas of interest and accessible equipment needed
Deindorfer Woods	3	No sidewalk to park. Pathway connections to and from some areas of interest needed. Newer improvements provide these connections
Linton Park	1	Open space
Unity Park	2	
Veteran's Memorial Park	1	Pathways to and from park and to and from areas of interest needed.
Germaine	3	Pathway connections and from areas of interest needed
Jeffers Park	2	
Merrill	2	
Otto Roeser	4	
Schroeder	2	
St. Vincent's	4	
Park Place	2	
Weadock Park	2	
Civitan Recreation Center	NA	Closed
Merrill Recreation Center	NA	Closed
Rust Avenue Boat Launch	4	
Wickes Park Boat Launch	3	

Many of the parks are somewhat accessible. Access to all features is lacking in many parks as most capital improvements, especially at neighborhood and smaller parks were funded prior to the passage of the 1990 ADA Act.

# Description of the Planning Process

## System Approach to Planning

This planning approach suggests that there be an incorporation of information gained from surveys, meetings and detailed recreation inventories. The City of Saginaw, with the largest population in the County, is also host to the County's largest medical facilities, important arts and tourist attractions. The City's park systems helps host some of the County's largest events – ranging from the City Fireworks the WKCQ Musicfest to other musical events and concerts. In addition to these large scale events, there has recently been a regional emphasis placed on the importance of connectivity in terms of pathways and multi-modal transportation. The City of Saginaw is one of just a few communities in the County who can realistically expect to use walking, biking and pathways as part of a comprehensive approach to transportation. As this comprehensive planning for pedestrian connections continues, linkages to and from the river, business districts, neighborhoods and traffic generators such as schools and churches will be important. It is important to consider that while the City is home to 50,000+ residents, it also the County Seat and the de facto entertainment destination for events ranging from hockey to theater and for businesses from medical facilities to manufacturing.

Additionally, looking at the survey results and the participation at the public meeting, it is clear that people living outside the City of Saginaw value and participate in the City's parks and open space opportunities. It would be remiss to limit the impact that parks, recreation and open space to residences alone. That being said, one of the overwhelming responses from residents was for parkland, especially neighborhood parks, to be reflective of the neighborhoods in which they are located.

## Survey

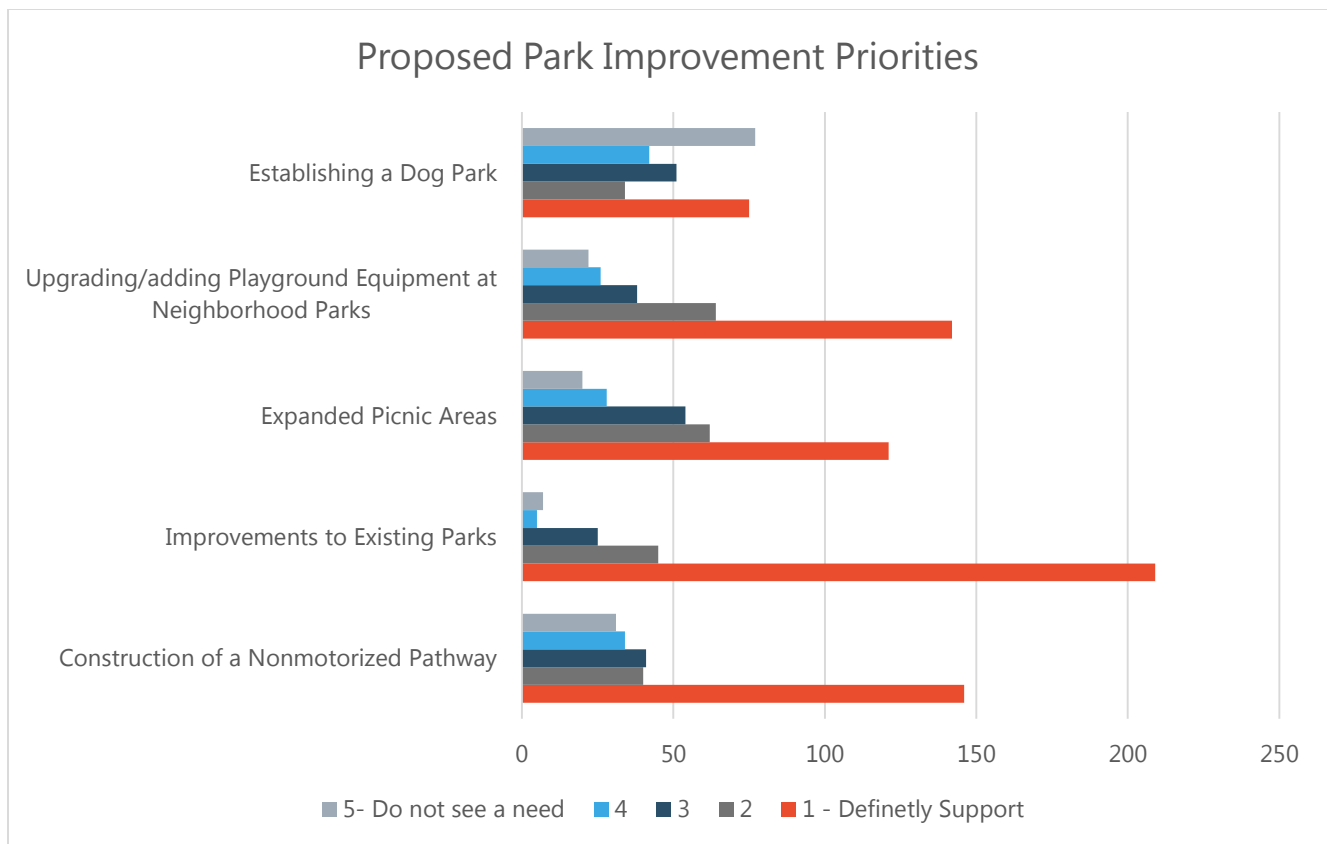
In addition to the draft review of the plan, the City of Saginaw sought to obtain public input through a survey and through an advertised open house and workshop. The survey was provided online and in limited paper copies. Paper copies of the survey were distributed through the City's monthly meetings with Neighborhood Associations. A total of 298 surveys were returned. Of the returned surveys, 56 were paper copies collected by and through neighborhood associations and existing parks supporters. The survey was advertised on the City's website, and Twitter account and an article in the local paper, The Saginaw News, was also published providing the web address for the online survey. A complete copy of the survey results is found in the appendix of this document.

Of those responding to the survey, 65.77% (196) lived in the City of Saginaw and 34.23% (102) respondents lived outside the City of Saginaw. The most frequent response for those who identified where they lived outside the City of Saginaw included Saginaw Township, Bridgeport, Carrolton and Buena Vista Townships. Also telling in the survey results was that 67.78% of households responding to the survey were home to those aged 50 and older.

Respondents were asked to select projects they would support in the City. They were provided with five options:

- Construction of a non-motorized path or trail
- Improvements/repairs to existing parks
- Expanded picnic areas/gazebos for special and family events
- Upgrading/adding playground equipment within neighborhood parks
- Establishing a dog park

A total of 71.82% of respondents would "definitely support" improvements and/or repairs to existing parks. When you consider those would "support" improvements, the total was 87.28% of respondents favoring improvements to existing facilities. Other highly valued improvements included construction of a non-motorized pathway or trail (50%), upgrading or adding playground equipment to neighborhood parks (48.63%) and expanded picnic areas for special and family events (42.46%). Of those potential projects that respondents did not see a need for, approximately 27% did not see a need for establishing a dog park.



Respondents were also asked to suggest specific improvements for parks in the City. While the results were wide ranging, there was substantial focus on improvements to existing facilities. In general the suggestions fell into three distinct categories:

- **Maintenance and Physical Environment:** concerns regarding trash, lighting, the perception of safety; improvements desired to landscaping and maintenance
- **Capital Improvements:** physical improvements at specific parks relative to equipment, desire for new equipment, and upgrades to items such as restroom facilities, pavement/parking areas, and drinking fountains.
- **Programming and Recreation Related:** concerns regarding a desire for recreation programming and organized recreation opportunities for younger children; a desire for year round activities and special events, specifically those geared toward families.

As a number of surveys were circulated by and through neighborhood associations it was not surprising that a theme present in many of the surveys was a focus on maintaining neighborhood

parks and ensuring that the neighborhood park was responsive to those living within close proximity. The potential impact of planning parks with and for neighborhoods also became evident at the end of the survey, when more than one third of all respondents provided their contact information because they would like to help improve parks and recreation in the City. This will take effort and careful planning and consideration with and for the neighborhoods. However, by working in partnership to create and renovate or repurpose a park to reflect the neighborhood should result in a park that is more highly used, highly valued and better monitored and maintained by those who live near it.

Reading the survey results, it was also evident that although Hoyt Park is classified as a regional park, it serves as a neighborhood and community park for a broad variety of individuals in the City. Hoyt Park is a classic, multi-use facility that has gained popularity over the years not only as a destination for organized sports, but as a social destination and as a destination for those within



"PARK ARE VITAL TO EVERY CITY...IT ALSO SERVES AS A TOOL TO HELP BRIDGE RACIAL GAPS WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS AND ENTERTAINMENT." – SURVEY RESPONDENT

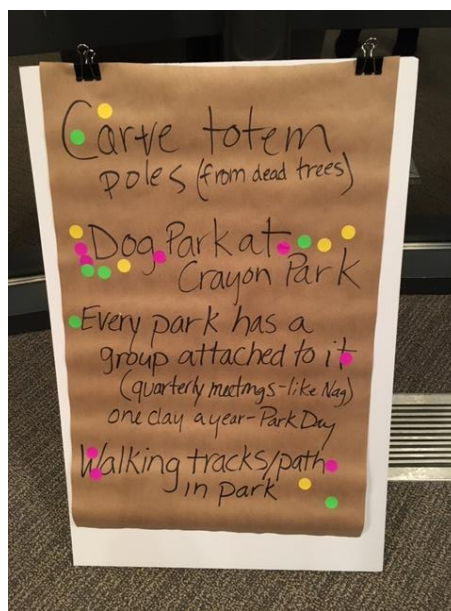
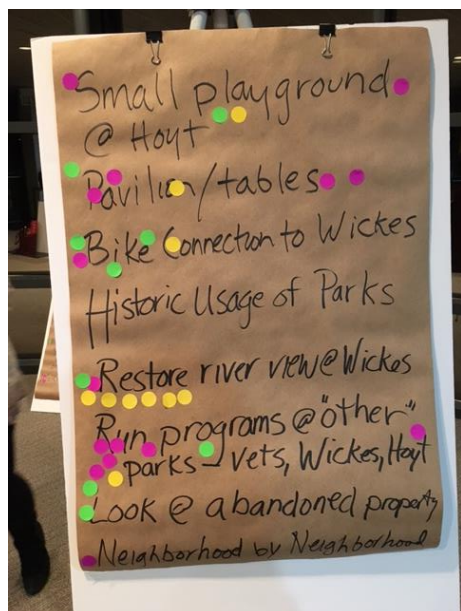
close proximity for walking and biking. The fact that it essentially shares space with the Children's Zoo and is part of Celebration Square adds to its appeal.

Though written responses to open ended survey questions can be difficult to quantify, the trending responses of several survey questions were telling.

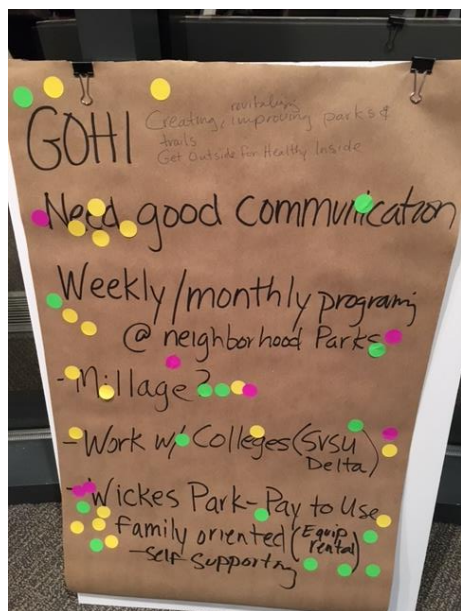
## Open House and Workshop

On February 23, an open house and workshop was held at the Andersen Enrichment Center to solicit additional comment on the proposed recreation plan. Approximately 20 people attended the event. The evening began with an overview of the purpose of the plan and how it was intended to be used. Throughout the courses of the evening a number of concerns were identified. The attendees at the public meeting included residents, members of differing "friends" organizations who

maintain and improve differing parks within the City of Saginaw. An overarching comment from the



*Workshop participants developed potential goals and objectives and "voted" for their most desired improvements.*



group was a need to communicate with the City, with other groups seeking to make park improvements, with the County Parks Commission and Department, and with other groups working within City Government, including the Planning Commission and the Riverfront Commission, whose projects and plans impact parks, recreation and open space.

Additional themes varied in terms of some of the specifics, but very much mirrored the three distinct categories found in the written, open ended survey results:

- Maintenance and Physical Environment
- Capital Improvements
- Programming and Recreation Related

### **Maintenance and Physical Environment**

Several residents present at the meeting expressed concerns regarding maintenance, landscaping and concerns regarding safety and the perception of safety. Several residents expressed concern regarding the maintenance of vegetation at Wickes Park. An example that was given was the grass being allowed to grow up very tall along the river, which then shielded the river from view and, according to the resident, took away one of the best things about going to Wickes Park. During the conversation there was an acknowledgement by those present that it was understandable that not everything could be

manicured lawn in a park that large. The focus and conversation centered more on creating a well thought out plan and process for ensuring that the best of the park was still available and finding a way to make it reasonable and still not unattractive, to have reduced maintenance in some areas.

Other comments regarding maintenance were more general and are most relevant in terms of things like deferred maintenance. For example, instead of replacing park equipment every eight years, budgets are stretched so items are replaced every ten or twelve years. Landscaping also was discussed in terms of creating a level of comfort at a park as well as incorporating certain landscaping elements and changes that can help improve safety. In particular it was discussed that to use a park, someone needs a general feeling of safety. This can be achieved by incorporating certain crime prevention through environmental design standards to ensure “eyes on the park” and clean lines of sight. Additionally, neighborhood parks are mostly designed to serve those within walking distance. If the house across the street is vacant and open, residents are going to feel less comfortable using the park and less inclined to allow small children to play unaccompanied.

## **Capital Improvements**

One of the challenges with deferred maintenance and reduced budgets is that items which once were low cost repairs can transform into capital improvements. Roadway seal cracking and pothole repairs can be a maintenance item, but when deferred year after year, becomes more of capital improvement project. This is the case with some park facilities. Specific items mentioned that would fall into this category include the lower roadway circling Hoyt Park and the bathrooms and stage area at Ojibway Island. The need for other capital improvements at a variety of parks was obvious in discussions. Desired park features ranged from playground equipment at neighborhood parks, to sidewalks and pathways connecting the surrounding residential neighborhoods to the park itself. Additional capital improvements mentioned include connections to and from the riverfront to other areas, potential to connect the Iron Belle Trail through the City of Saginaw, and conversion of the former Fairgrounds to a public park. There was discussion, in the public meeting and the survey, regarding desire for a disc golf course. There was also much discussion regarding determining and investigating exactly how parks are being used and if there may be another, better, parks or recreation related use for an otherwise low-use park.

## Programming and Recreation Related

Those attending the meeting expressed a desire for recreation programming and for those groups, such as Friends of Hoyt Park who provide programming, expressed a desire for assistance in maintaining and improving the programming. In addition to traditional, organized sports-type programming, there was a desire by those present to look at different outdoor programming activities that may involve group play, health or more physical fitness related activities and outdoor and science/exploration activities. It was discussed that bringing in more unorthodox partners for programming in parks may be easier to find funds, attract new users and make sustainable.

## Other Plans

The [City of Saginaw Comprehensive Plan/Master Plan](#) is currently under development. As the master planning process is just beginning, it may be necessary to amend or revisit this plan as necessary to incorporate and reflect the potentially changing land use and needs of the community.

The City, in cooperation with the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan State University, recently completed a [Place Plan for the City of Saginaw](#). The plan addresses a number of issues, barriers and goals relative to parks, recreation and open space. In particular, one of the comments early in the plan states, “Saginaw currently has an impressively dedicated core group of residents, nonprofit organizations and business leaders who volunteer significant time and resources to improving downtown and Old Town. But the whole is less than the sum of its parts, because these volunteers and donations are dispersed inefficiently across more than a dozen different volunteer committees working on overlapping, or sometimes competing, initiatives that lack a unified vision and measures of success. Even those initiatives that do bear fruit are often not harvested for maximum impact, as we experienced many times in our background research and informational meetings.” One of the priorities identified in the Place Plan focused on multi-modal transportation. The plan purports that while improvements to public transportation and non-motorized transportation can sometimes be viewed as “quality of life luxury items” they help communities retain and attract residents and businesses.

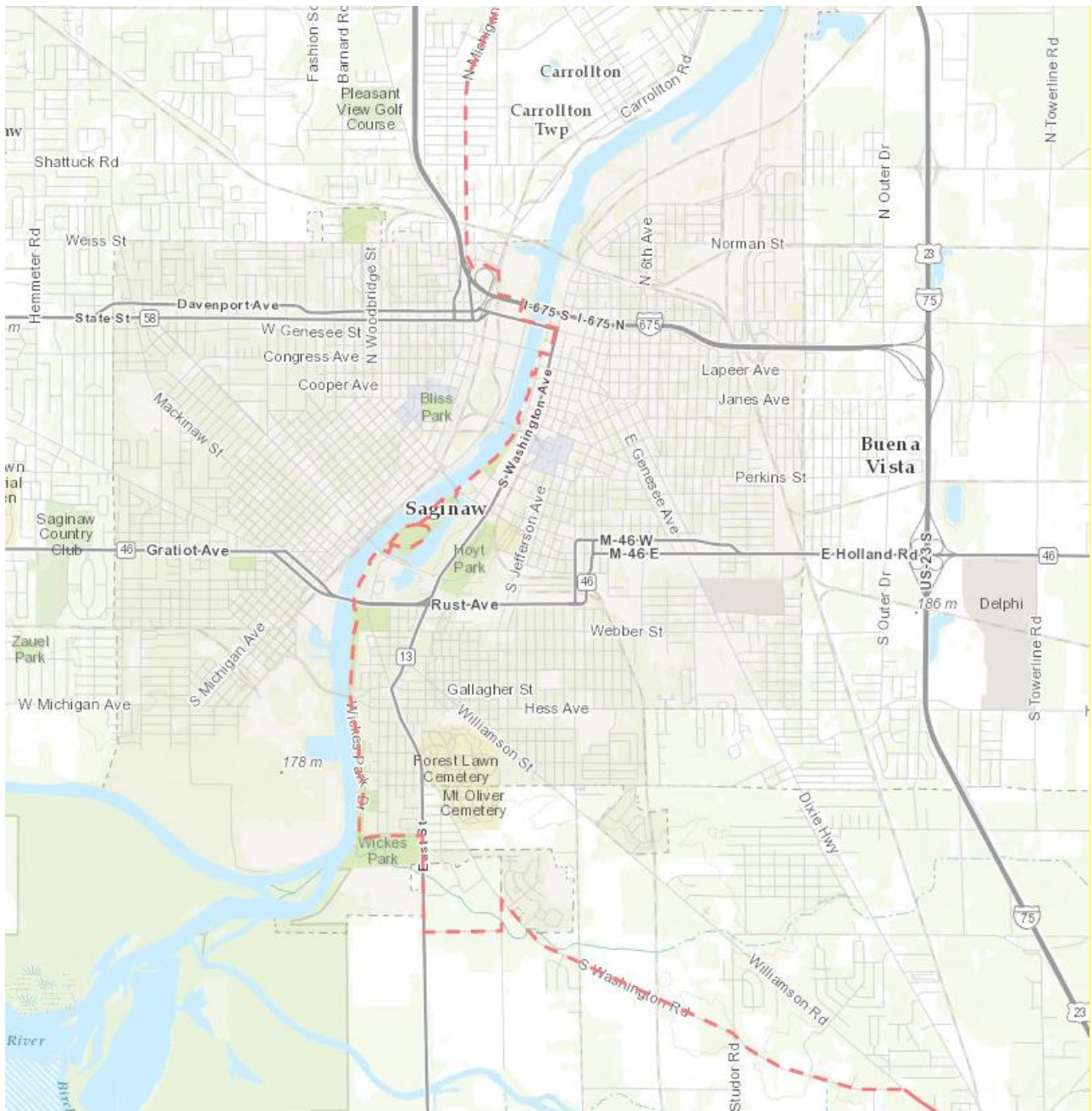
The [City of Saginaw Consolidated Plan, 2016-2020](#) identified the five year programmatic goals and activities for the Community Development Block Grant for the City of Saginaw. The plan is prepared in order to qualify for CDBG dollars and other formula grants available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to this draft plan there is a significant demand for after school and recreation programs for City youth. Also included in the Plan’s description of needed public

improvements includes a focus on existing infrastructure. Specifically the plan details, “To the extent possible and permitted by funding restrictions, the City recognizes a basic need to address issues with existing public improvements, including sidewalks, complete streets...neighborhood parks (page 68 of the Draft Consolidated Plan). Additionally, the plan also mentions a need to create new public improvements, to the extent possible in the following categories: community parks, riverfront improvements/beautification... (Page 68-69 of the Draft Consolidated Plan).

In August of 2014, voters of Saginaw County renewed a parks and recreation millage and increase. The millage will run through 2020. As part of the campaign **Saginaw County Parks and Recreation** committed to finding a way to assist and/or partner with the City of Saginaw in terms of parks and recreation as there is not a county owned and operated facility within the City limits. The details of this arrangement are still being worked out. As this arrangement continues to be developed and vetted, the City and County should continue to talk to develop an agreeable solution.

**City of Saginaw Riverfront Development Commission** was formed by the City Council to examine ways of improving Saginaw’s most important natural resource – the Saginaw River. The Riverfront Commission members are appointed by the City Council. The Riverfront Development Commission has actively pursued and supported parks and open space development in and along the Saginaw River.

**The Iron Belle Trail** is a proposed route designed to 1,259 miles for hiking and 774 miles for biking. The bicycling trail connects many different segments of trail, including the route identified in red below which would connect through Wickes Park, the Riverfront Park system along the Saginaw River, before eventually connecting to the existing pathway system in Kochville Township/Zilwaukee. Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail is a priority state trail. Portions of the trail further to the south in Bridgeport and Frankenmuth where recently funded for signage improvements. This linkage will provide important connectivity to a state wide trail system but also highlight the recreation resources of the City of Saginaw.



**Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy** is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to help preserve land and water quality throughout the Saginaw Basin. They have a total of 84 conservation projects sites, including 9 public nature preserves, 71 privately owned conservation easements and four outdoor recreation project sites. The SBLC has been working in coordination with Saginaw County Parks and recently presented information to the City's Riverfront Commission regarding the potential of recreation projects in the City of Saginaw. It is proposed that this sort of recreation development would most likely mirror O.U.R Bay City – which is a collaboration between non-profit organizations, municipalities, recreation clubs,

businesses and foundations. Four such areas were created and/or improved in Bay City – the Michigan Sugar Trails, the Discovery Preserve, the Bay City Rowing Club, and the Golson Nature Area.

## Other Public Comment

The plan was released for draft review to the public. A number of comments were received (summarize here and include in appendix if applicable) A public hearing was held before City Council on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7 pm. SUMMARIZE COMMENTS.

# Goals and Objectives

The long term impact of a decreasing population is an important consideration in recreation planning. In the particular situation of the City of Saginaw, its peak population was upwards of 90,000 residents. The City is built, not just in terms of roads and sewer, for 90,000 residents, but potentially in terms of parks as well.

## A Changing City

The loss of population and housing that the City has seen is not a unique phenomenon. Shrinking cities and the challenges that can accompany them are found across the Midwest and the United States. One of the peculiar challenges that faces the City of Saginaw is that while attempting to control costs and address population loss, the City is beginning to experience a renewed reputation

	2010	2000	1990
<b>Population</b>	51,508	61,799	69,512
<b>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, 1990, 2010 Census</b>			

for entertainment and seeing new housing development downtown for the first time in

decades. Quality of life amenities and improvements like multi modal transportation are attractive amenities to many residents choosing to live in an urban area. The City is faced with the challenge of trying to improve these features while maintaining and improving more traditional – and still needed – parks options.

As populations have shifted and changed, some neighborhood or community parks may be located in areas that are actually not serving the neighborhood base they were initially designed to serve. The City's shrinking financial resources have made what were once routine maintenance items more difficult. Shrinking population has also impacted the number of households, their size and composition. For example in 2000, there were 23,178 households in the City with an average household size of 2.62. By 2010, the number of households decreased to 19,799 with an average household size of 2.52. The housing vacancy rate in 2000 was 9.6%, in 2010 the housing vacancy rate was 16%. Stabilization of population and housing in urban areas is a trend that has occurred, and is continuing to occur throughout the Michigan and portions of the United States. It is important to consider parks, recreation and open space as one approach to helping to stabilize population and neighborhoods.

A less dense and more diverse population in terms of age and race allows for more creative and shared use of park land. While the City is not aging as dramatically as some other communities in Saginaw County, the residents of the City are trending older. In 2000, the median age was 30.7 and in 2010 the median age was 33.5. As the population ages now is the time to begin to address mobility issues and connectivity to and from parks and commercial centers. Older park users may mean neighborhood parks have the potential to focus less on active play equipment and more on open space, public gathering space and fitness. For seniors, parks and community centers often serve as a social outlet and a way to connect to other residents. Additionally, having users in a park helps make the park safer. Mobility and accessibility become important considerations in addressing an aging population. Paved and accessible to and from key components in a park and even to and from the park itself, will need to be evaluated.

#### Population Under 10

- 16% (8,240)

#### Population 16 and Older

- 75% (38,636)

Source: US Census, 2010

## Goals and Objectives

Parks, recreation and open space are important to the success of every community. The interest and commitment to improving parks in the City of Saginaw is impressive. The groups, neighborhood associations and not for profit entities who have actively and eagerly engaged in making improvements sends a strong message to the City that residents value parks and recreation. During the past five years, the City has made impressive strides in terms of partnerships and engagement with the community in general. As evidenced elsewhere in this plan, the number of people, organizations and plans that touch on recreation, connectivity, walkability, multi-modal transportation and place making are impressive. This level of interest and commitment is important to capitalize on and will require continued communication and coordination between and among the City, its participants and stakeholders. As a result of the public participation process, the goals have been formatted to address the three recurrent themes found in both the survey results and the discussion at the open meeting and workshop:

- Maintenance and Physical Environment

- Capital Improvements
- Programming and Recreation Related

## **Maintenance and Physical Environment**

### **Goal 1: Work to create a parks management system that is sustainable and allows the City to reduce costs while maintaining or increasing park access and appearance**

This goal will involve a careful and thorough study of the different parks and will involve planning with neighborhoods and other user groups. The demographics of the City have shifted and will continue to shift and evolve over time. Well used parks are parks that are safer and better volunteer commitment and access to resources. In order to ensure that parks are well used, they should be carefully planned to serve the appropriate populations.

Some parks within the City are vast and maintenance of these grounds as manicured lawn is expensive and inefficient. A plan to naturalize certain areas may be effective. Naturalizing a park or portions of a park does not mean it is not valuable open space but only that its form and function may change.

**Objective: Ensure parks have a maintenance plan that is feasible and sustainable.** This should involve a detailed investigation of potential areas of parkland that could be naturalized and what potential cost savings that could result. Effective naturalization can be done in ways that preserves scenic views, improves safety and protects the riverfront AND still can provide valuable parks, recreation and open space opportunities. A capital improvement plan should be developed for all parks that accounts for routine replacement costs and necessary improvements such as road resurfacing, roof pavilion repairs, etc. Care should be taken to work in concert with parks that have active Friends organizations so that work can be coordinated and leveraged, as well as potentially prioritized to coincide with private funding efforts.

**Objective: Continue to foster and nurture partnerships with organizations and neighborhoods.** There are examples of these successful partnerships already occurring in the City, such as Hoyt Park. A recurring theme during the public participation process was a hope that the City, while not being able to fund certain improvements and programs, would be a more active partner with a variety of organizations to investigate different strategies for funding, including grants, user fees, volunteer contributions, private organizations, etc. Volunteer groups are highly

effective at engaging resources – human capital, dollars and donations, but are also at risk of burning out. Open communication and coordination to leverage resources and effort is important to the ongoing success of such partnerships.

**Objective: Create, facilitate or otherwise provide for a coordinating of all parks, open space and recreation stakeholders, organizations and friends groups.** A lack of

coordination is creating a system where dozens of different agencies, organizations and groups' efforts are creating less impact than possible because the impacts are not synchronized.

Communication and coordination between these differing groups can create momentum for the City as a whole and quality of life issues like parks, recreation and open space.

## **Goal 2: Plan with the Neighborhoods**

The intent is to work with the Planning Commission as they move their land use document forward. Planning with the neighborhoods will allow the City to incorporate the strategies and plans of the local neighborhood associations and other agencies into the parks improvement strategy.

The age of the city's population and the age of the park system, it requires care and attention to items that ensure the usefulness of the park for all residents. Many neighborhood parks are designed for active recreation geared toward children. Changing demographics may make playgrounds for small children less of a need. Parks that are well used are safer, and then used more. Neighborhoods should be the impetus for the use of *their* neighborhood park.

**Objective: Evaluate the level of use and the users of neighborhood parks.** Involve neighborhoods in the process to determine the appropriate features for the park and those that will be used. Develop plans that address potential shifts in neighborhood parks.

**Objective: Plan for routes to and from neighborhood parks.** Access to neighborhood parks, especially with an aging population is important. Not only should parks be accessible, routes to and from parks should be accessible and inviting.

## **Objective: Incorporate Crime Prevention through Environmental Design into Parks and Open Space.**

Three elements need to be present in order for crime to occur – opportunity, desire and ability.

A city cannot effect or remove a criminals desire to commit a crime. If someone truly is seeking to commit a crime, they will. A city can also not

eliminate the ability of a criminal to commit a crime. Opportunity is the one component that can be eliminated. By removing the opportunity for the crime to occur you can eliminate the crime. Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) is a well-documented and accepted strategy in reducing crime. There are four main principles to CPTED:



1. Natural Surveillance: This is keeping the environment maintained so that people can be easily seen by other users, staff, and anyone who may pass by the park, trail or playground.

2. Natural Access Control: Naturally control ingress and egress controlled by some means, such as a fence or a flower bed - something should signal "walk here" and "do not walk" there.

3. Territoriality: Territorial reinforcement is used to distinguish public and private spaces. This can be done through use of landscaping, maintenance or signage. The idea is to show that someone owns and cares about this space.

4. Maintenance: Parks should only build what they can maintain. Without maintenance, a public area is inviting criminal behavior.

## **Capital Improvements**

### **Goal 1: Share responsibility.**

The partnership with the Shiawassee National Refuge at Green Pointe Nature Center is a great example of this type of shared responsibility. Capital improvements and even new parkland may best occur or be located within the City of Saginaw, but these costs and potential maintenance legacies need to be carefully considered. Partnering to develop a new park, acquire additional land, or other such capital improvements should include a discussion about shared responsibilities. Even with limited funds it is important to maintain a mindset that is open

### **Objective: Pursue joint and cooperative improvements to Parks**

Because funding is at a premium, capital improvements should be carefully considered and evaluated. Although budgets are tight, there will most likely be situations that present themselves unexpectedly to acquire additional land or to pursue specific improvements based on available grant dollars.

### **Objective: Consider new partners**

Partners in improving and providing parks, open space and recreation may appear in unlikely places. The City should be open to considering new partners in development, maintenance and programming. For example, the interest of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy in urban areas is a relatively new development and will most likely provide a resource and potential park/recreation component in the City.

### **Goal 2: Maintain the importance and function of Community and Regional Parks**

The partnership with the Shiawassee National Refuge at Green Pointe Nature Center is a great example of this type

### **Objective: Carefully plan and budget for improvements to maintain the desirability and functionality of Community and Regional Parks**

Because funding is at a premium, capital improvements should be carefully considered and evaluated.

**Objective: Continue to build on the success and momentum of the Saginaw River.** The City's Riverfront Commission has, during the past decade or, pursued implementation of a detailed plan for improvements, recreation, and open space and entertainment along the Saginaw River. The Riverfront Commission, in pursuit of their goals of improving the waterfront areas, have acknowledged that much of the existing land in the river corridor is already parkland and it will be in perpetuity. The plan recommends provisions be made for non-motorized transportation possibly linking bikeways and the existing Riverwalk.

### **Goal 3: Improve connectivity**

The City of Saginaw is one of the few communities in the County where residents have access to transit and multi modal transportation. Improving connectivity, not just in parks or with trails or pathways, but in between neighborhoods and pathways, will help move people from place to place. Trails and walkability is also a quality of life issue that many seek when looking to locate in a new city.

**Objective: Pursue development of the Iron Belle Trail.** This potential pathway link is not only an alternative mode of transportation, it is potentially an important step in inviting new visitors to the City and in broad strokes, economic development in general.

**Objective: Strengthen connections from neighborhoods to the riverfront and parkland.**

Connectivity does not necessarily have to happen on a dedicated path – connections can be made to move people over surface streets and sidewalks to a pathway. Work with Public Works to determine potential routes and low cost improvements that may facilitate these connections.

## **Programming and Recreation**

### **Goal 1: Be a strong partner.**

Several not for profit organizations, inclusive of friends groups and neighborhood associations, have readily and successfully assisted the City in improving parks facilities and providing limited programming. The City should develop a way to assist and coordinate these efforts and provide support, whether in kind, through staff support, or limited financial support, when possible. The current plan to put back into commission the Civitan Center is a great example. The City has purchased the deteriorated and attached school building from the School District for \$1, with the goal of demolishing it. The deterioration of the school building rendered the Civitan Center unusable due to air quality issues. Once the dilapidated portion of the structure is removed, the Civitan could be returned to use.

**Objective: Pursue partners and other resources for programming that could be offered at City Parks.**

Investigate ways to offer programming at local parks. Pursue the development of a “parks programming” permit which would allow commercial or not for profit agencies to run specialized programs at parks with specific approval from the City. Many communities do this with programs from fitness training to tai chi to outdoor nature programs for children.

### **Goal 2: Advocate for Parks and Recreation**

Recreation programming was eliminated several years ago. Though it is unlikely that those dedicated dollars for recreation programming will reappear, the City can be a strong advocate for Parks and Recreation. This can be done in partnership with the County, the Riverfront Commission, friends groups

and neighborhood organizations. Parks, recreation and open space play an important role in the success of a community and local leaders can help keep the importance of parks at the forefront.

## The Action Program

The Action Program identifies goals and specific tasks the City has highlighted to undertake over the course of the next five years. Potential projects are detailed in the chart below. Each specific action item relates to one of the goals from the “Goals and Objectives” section.

The potential capital improvements that are described below are intended to provide a working list for City leaders. The project list will likely change in terms of the list and in terms of the priority of an item on the list in any given year. The list itself is designed to be flexible. Changes in funding and in local groups and organizations willing to help fund improvements will also impact the action program.

City of Saginaw Action Program		
Action Item	Relates to Goal	Justification
Join, create or otherwise convene routine meetings of all those organizations, groups and stakeholders seeking to improve parks, recreation and open space and/or providing recreation services in the City	Maintenance and Physical Environment, Goal 1	Other local plans, public survey results, workshop results
Evaluate and plan for the best and most responsive use of Neighborhood Parks	Maintenance and Physical Environment, Goal 1, Goal 2	Public survey results, workshop results
Evaluate landscape of parks to enhance functionality, safety and appeal and reduce maintenance	Maintenance and Physical Environment, Goal 1, Goal 2	City Staff

Pursue development of the Iron Belle Trail and connections to and from the riverfront and neighborhoods	Capital Improvements, Goal 1, 2 and 3	City Staff, Other local plans, survey results
Budget for improvements at Community and Regional Parks that serve as destinations for all ages, residents and visitors	Capital Improvements, Goal 1, 2 and 3	City Staff, Other local plans, survey results
Work with partners to pursue improvements at regional and community parks that improve accessibility and promote more use	Maintenance and Physical Environment, Goal 1, 3  Capital Improvements, Goal 1, 2 and 3	City Staff, Other local plans, survey results
Budget for deferred maintenance items at Community and Regional Parks	Capital Improvements, Goal 1, 2 and 3	City Staff, Other local plans, survey results
Investigate recreation programming opportunities in partnership with others	Programming and Recreation, Goal 1, 2	Other local plans, survey results, public meeting
Seek funding in partnership with neighborhoods to make improvements at neighborhood parks	Maintenance and Physical Environment, Goal 1, Goal 2	Other local plans, survey results, public meeting

# Appendix

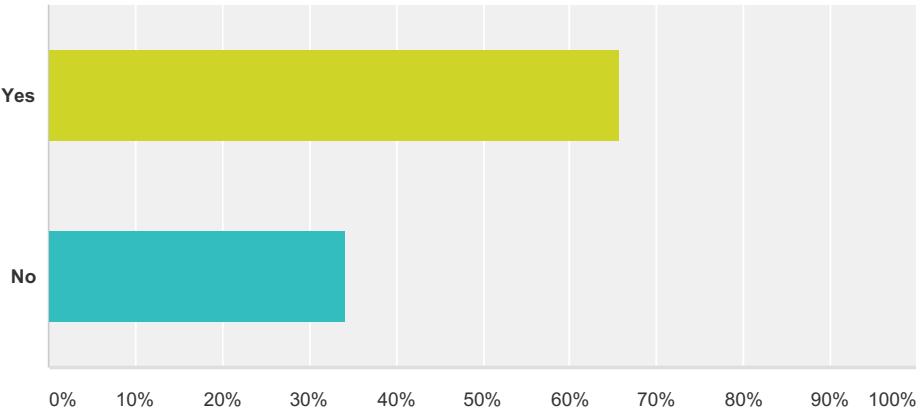
## Self-Reporting Grant Information

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## Survey Results

Q1 Do you live within the City of Saginaw?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.77%	196
No	34.23%	102
Total		298

## Q2 If yes, do you identify with a specific neighborhood association and/or neighborhood park?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 116

#	Responses	Date
1	Weiss & Deleware area	2/21/2016 12:44 PM
2	Wickes Park	2/21/2016 12:37 PM
3	Fordney	2/21/2016 12:30 PM
4	Houghton Jones Neighborhood	2/21/2016 12:25 PM
5	Civitan Park	2/21/2016 12:23 PM
6	Lyons Park	2/21/2016 12:16 PM
7	Ojibway	2/21/2016 12:10 PM
8	Hoyt, Ojibway, Morley, Bliss	2/21/2016 12:02 PM
9	East Side	2/21/2016 11:53 AM
10	West Side	2/21/2016 11:45 AM
11	Ojibway	2/21/2016 11:38 AM
12	Crayon Park	2/21/2016 11:29 AM
13	Crayon Park	2/21/2016 11:25 AM
14	Ojibway, Hoyt, Wickes	2/21/2016 11:17 AM
15	Crayon	2/21/2016 11:08 AM
16	Vets	2/21/2016 11:05 AM
17	BV Park, Ojibway	2/21/2016 10:59 AM
18	Adams Boulevard	2/21/2016 10:42 AM
19	Adams Boulevard	2/20/2016 10:58 AM
20	Adams Boulevard	2/20/2016 10:50 AM
21	Adams Boulevard	2/20/2016 10:28 AM
22	Adams Boulevard	2/20/2016 10:24 AM
23	Covenant	2/20/2016 9:32 AM
24	Abana	2/19/2016 9:29 PM
25	west side, Court Street	2/19/2016 5:56 PM
26	Rouse (south)	2/19/2016 5:52 PM
27	Wickes Park	2/19/2016 11:55 AM
28	no	2/19/2016 10:03 AM
29	Otto. Roeser	2/19/2016 1:52 AM
30	Wickes Park	2/18/2016 9:49 PM
31	Hoyt Park	2/18/2016 6:50 PM
32	Sheridan Park	2/18/2016 6:39 PM
33	I really like hoyt park, ojibway island, and the riverwalk.	2/18/2016 6:01 PM

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34	no	2/18/2016 4:50 PM
35	Fordney Park	2/18/2016 4:47 PM
36	No.....I consider the entire City part of my neighborhood.	2/18/2016 2:41 PM
37	Ojibway	2/17/2016 6:33 PM
38	East side	2/17/2016 6:29 PM
39	Houghton Jones Neighborhood Association	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
40	Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 6:14 PM
41	Cathedral District Neighborhood, Park Place Park	2/17/2016 6:11 PM
42	Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:49 PM
43	yes, Northeast Saginaw neighborhood Association and Unity Park	2/17/2016 3:10 PM
44	Yes.	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
45	Sheridan park	2/15/2016 1:50 PM
46	no	2/12/2016 7:46 PM
47	No	2/12/2016 5:55 PM
48	Hoyt Park and Deindorfer	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
49	no	2/11/2016 10:50 PM
50	St. Stephen / Carmen Park Neighborhood Association	2/11/2016 2:50 PM
51	Hoyt Park	2/10/2016 3:16 PM
52	Deindorfer Park	2/10/2016 10:04 AM
53	ABANA	2/10/2016 9:58 AM
54	Saginaw West side...Bay Rd & Weiss (Kempton School Area specifically)	2/10/2016 9:22 AM
55	ABANA	2/9/2016 7:03 PM
56	Yes, Houghton-Jones NTF, Morley Park group, and The Cathedral District.	2/9/2016 4:22 PM
57	Butman Fish Neighborhood Watch	2/8/2016 8:11 PM
58	Adams Blvd Assoc.	2/8/2016 7:20 PM
59	Covenant	2/8/2016 3:16 PM
60	Adams Blvd. Neighborhood Group	2/7/2016 9:15 PM
61	Adams Blvd.	2/7/2016 2:48 PM
62	ABANA	2/6/2016 2:22 PM
63	no	2/6/2016 6:58 AM
64	Adams Blvd. Area Neighborhood Assn.	2/6/2016 1:41 AM
65	Fordney Park	2/5/2016 5:39 PM
66	Adams Boulevard	2/5/2016 1:33 PM
67	yes, ABANA Neighborhood Association	2/5/2016 11:26 AM
68	ABANA....Adams Blvd Area Neighborhood Assn	2/5/2016 10:34 AM
69	No	2/5/2016 9:51 AM
70	Sothwest Association	2/5/2016 8:24 AM
71	Covenant Association, Bliss park and Deindorfer park.	2/4/2016 10:59 PM
72	Adams Blvd	2/4/2016 8:02 PM
73	Butman Fish	2/4/2016 7:49 PM
74	St. Stephen/Carman Park	2/4/2016 3:08 PM

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75	abana	2/4/2016 2:55 PM
76	Charles	2/4/2016 2:42 PM
77	Southwest Assoc.	2/2/2016 9:58 PM
78	No	2/2/2016 7:40 PM
79	no	2/2/2016 5:00 PM
80	Yea	2/2/2016 4:23 PM
81	ABANA (Adams Blvd)	2/2/2016 3:40 PM
82	Yes	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
83	Old Town Saginaw - Ojibway Island	2/2/2016 2:29 PM
84	Deindorfer park	2/2/2016 2:14 PM
85	not a resident.	2/2/2016 1:21 PM
86	Arthur Eddy Neighborhood Association/Northeast Neighborhood	2/2/2016 12:18 PM
87	Ojibway Island and Bliss Park	2/2/2016 12:03 PM
88	Adams Blvd Area Neighborhood Association	2/2/2016 8:03 AM
89	No	2/2/2016 12:23 AM
90	Adams Blvd. neighborhood association	2/1/2016 9:58 PM
91	no	2/1/2016 9:37 PM
92	Adams Blvd.	2/1/2016 9:07 PM
93	Bliss park, and hoyt park	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
94	Bliss	1/29/2016 12:55 PM
95	Adams Blvd	1/29/2016 9:52 AM
96	Not with any particular neighborhood association but do identify with the major parkland spaces throughout the city.	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
97	Wicked parks	1/28/2016 11:37 PM
98	Hoyt Park	1/28/2016 8:10 PM
99	Houghton-Jones Neighborhood Association	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
100	NONE IS SPECIFIC	1/28/2016 9:41 AM
101	No	1/27/2016 10:07 PM
102	HoytPark	1/27/2016 9:24 PM
103	Carrollton	1/27/2016 6:36 PM
104	Wickes Park	1/27/2016 5:29 PM
105	HoltPark	1/27/2016 4:56 PM
106	no	1/27/2016 4:48 PM
107	No	1/27/2016 3:45 PM
108	Covenant Harrison/Bliss Park neighborhood	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
109	No	1/27/2016 2:09 PM
110	Heritage Square	1/27/2016 1:44 PM
111	Yes - Heritage District	1/27/2016 1:00 PM
112	Heritage Square Neighborhood Association, Otto Roeser	1/26/2016 6:48 PM
113	Heritage Square Neighborhood Otto Roeser Park	1/26/2016 3:22 PM
114	NO	1/26/2016 9:56 AM
115	Heritage Square Neighborhood and Otto Roeser Park.	1/26/2016 7:59 AM

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116	Heritage Square/Otto Roeser park	1/25/2016 11:24 PM
117	Old Town, South Michigan Avenue	1/25/2016 10:30 PM
118	heritage squares/ otto roesser	1/25/2016 9:22 PM
119	Heritage Square Neighborhood, Otto Roeser Park	1/25/2016 8:50 PM
120	Heritage Square	1/25/2016 8:13 PM
121	Otto Roeser Park is 1/2 block from our front door in Heritage Square	1/25/2016 7:57 PM
122	No	1/25/2016 4:12 PM
123	No	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
124	Southwest Saginaw	1/25/2016 10:26 AM
125	The sandhill	1/25/2016 9:22 AM
126	Cathedral district directly across the street from weadock park.	1/25/2016 8:42 AM
127	Heritage Sq.	1/25/2016 8:41 AM
128	no	1/24/2016 11:17 PM
129	Adams Boulevard	1/24/2016 9:44 PM
130	Northmore association	1/24/2016 6:51 PM
131	Cathedral District	1/24/2016 6:15 PM
132	Cathedral District	1/24/2016 5:42 PM
133	Nextdoor Northmoor.	1/23/2016 10:08 PM
134	Covenant (not sure)?? We live close to Weiss but still in city limits.	1/23/2016 1:48 PM
135	Hoyt Park Morley Park Downtown	1/23/2016 12:37 PM
136	Near Bliss Park	1/23/2016 12:29 PM
137	Fordney Park	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
138	Covenant	1/22/2016 9:01 PM
139	Northmoor	1/22/2016 3:38 PM
140	No	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
141	neighborhood association = ABANA neighborhood park that I identify with would be Ojibway and Hoyt parks.	1/22/2016 12:58 PM
142	Wicks and Hoyt	1/22/2016 11:12 AM
143	Southwest Neighborhood	1/22/2016 11:01 AM
144	Wickes Park	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
145	Wicks	1/22/2016 10:57 AM
146	Wickes Park on hospital road in Saginaw Township	1/22/2016 10:51 AM
147	Wicked Woods	1/22/2016 8:30 AM
148	Have not been to a neighborhood association meeting in a while	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
149	East holland and Brown are association (cathedral district).	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
150	Northmoor	1/21/2016 6:55 PM
151	Adams Blvd. Association	1/21/2016 6:33 PM
152	Butman Fish neighborhood.	1/21/2016 4:05 PM
153	heritage square neighborhood association "Otto Roser park"	1/21/2016 1:29 PM
154	No	1/21/2016 1:01 PM
155	Use to for 14 years.	1/21/2016 12:24 PM
156	Yes. Adams Blvd. Association	1/21/2016 12:20 PM

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157	Adams Blvd.	1/21/2016 11:46 AM
158	No	1/21/2016 11:00 AM
159	Cathedral District.	1/21/2016 10:47 AM
160	Northwest neighborhood watch	1/21/2016 10:25 AM
161	Adams Boulevard Area Neighborhood Association	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
162	Old town	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
163	Wickes Park off of Douglas St	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
164	Houghton Jones	1/21/2016 9:15 AM
165	Adams Blvd.	1/21/2016 9:05 AM
166	Northmoor Neighborhood and Deindorfer Woods.	1/21/2016 9:00 AM
167	No	1/21/2016 8:54 AM
168	Old Town	1/21/2016 4:34 AM
169	Adams Blvd neighborhood association	1/20/2016 10:20 PM
170	adams blv	1/20/2016 7:14 PM
171	Deindorfer Woods	1/20/2016 5:45 PM
172	Northmoor	1/20/2016 5:30 PM
173	Northwest Neighborhood Association	1/20/2016 5:26 PM
174	Covenant Association Bliss Park	1/20/2016 1:48 PM
175	No	1/20/2016 12:19 PM
176	Deindorfer/ Northmoor	1/20/2016 11:58 AM
177	yes, Covenant	1/20/2016 11:13 AM
178	South West region	1/20/2016 10:59 AM
179	No	1/20/2016 10:05 AM
180	Covenant neighborhood Association	1/20/2016 9:53 AM
181	Fordney Park	1/20/2016 9:18 AM
182	no neighborhood assoc. Otto Roeser Park Fordney Park	1/20/2016 8:57 AM

### Q3 If you live outside the City of Saginaw, please tell use where you live?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 183

#	Responses	Date
1	<b>Midland</b> Midland	2/21/2016 12:50 PM
2	<b>Buena Vista</b> Buena Vista	2/21/2016 11:36 AM
3	<b>Saginaw Township</b> Saginaw Township	2/21/2016 10:52 AM
4	<b>Buena Vista</b> Buena Vista	2/21/2016 10:46 AM
5	<b>Saginaw Township</b> Saginaw Twp. for 21 years (Lived in the City for 8 years prior)	2/19/2016 10:14 PM
6	<b>Saginaw Township</b> Saginaw Township	2/19/2016 6:14 PM
7	Northwest corner	2/19/2016 12:45 PM
8	Black River, Mi	2/19/2016 10:03 AM
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19	Saginaw Township	2/17/2016 5:44 PM
20	NITY Northeast section of city	2/17/2016 3:10 PM
21	carrollton	2/16/2016 10:08 AM
22	Austin, Texas	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
23	Bay City	2/15/2016 9:07 AM
24	Thomas township	2/14/2016 7:38 PM
25	saginaw twns north	2/12/2016 12:36 PM
26	does not apply	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
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28	Freeland	2/5/2016 9:51 AM
29	Saginaw Township	2/4/2016 9:48 PM
30	Saginaw Township	2/4/2016 8:46 PM
31	N/a	2/4/2016 8:02 PM
32	Saginaw Twp	2/4/2016 1:55 PM
33	I am a former Saginawian now living in Phoenix, AZ	2/4/2016 7:33 AM
34	Saginaw Township but I spent the last year in the city to renovate a house, prior to that 20 years in the city	2/3/2016 8:24 AM

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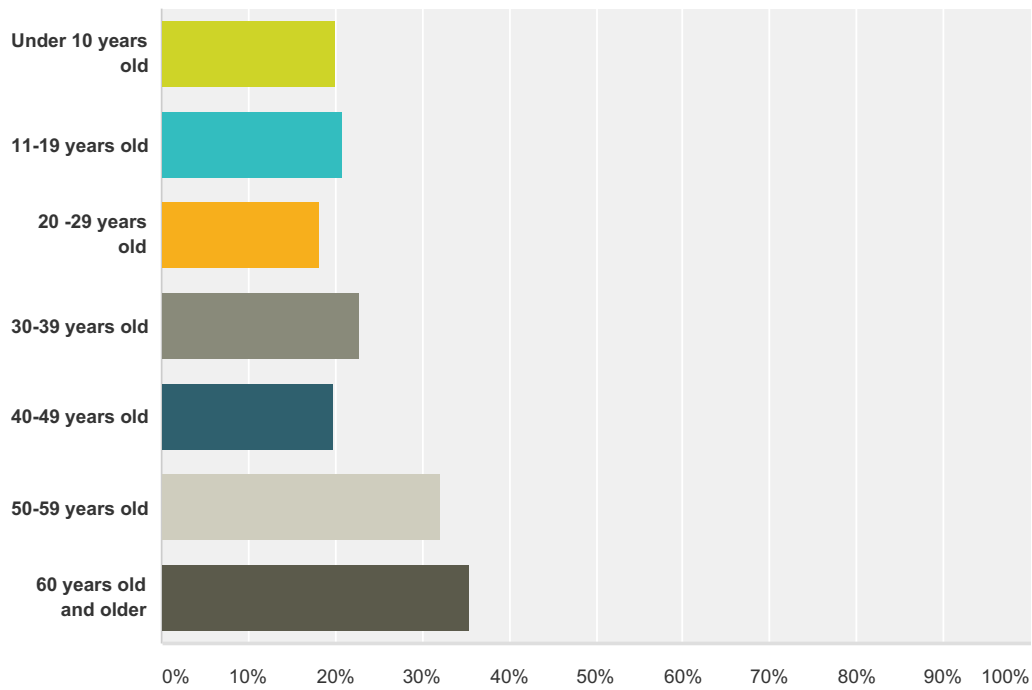
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59	Saginaw Township, grew up in St. Stephen's neighborhood	1/28/2016 8:33 AM
60	Sag Township parks	1/27/2016 9:24 PM
61	Northern MI I grew up in Saginaw and visit regularly.	1/27/2016 6:47 PM
62	Thomas twp	1/27/2016 6:45 PM
63	Carrollton	1/27/2016 6:36 PM
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65	Lancaster tx	1/27/2016 4:56 PM
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67	Saginaw township	1/27/2016 4:20 PM
68	birch run	1/27/2016 3:48 PM
69	N/A	1/25/2016 10:30 PM
70	Bay City, MI	1/25/2016 7:30 PM
71	Saginaw Township	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
72	saginaw township	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
73	I live in Chesaning, but have worked in the south east side of Saginaw for over 35 years.	1/25/2016 10:31 AM
74	N/a	1/25/2016 9:22 AM
75	Saginaw Township	1/25/2016 9:11 AM

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76	N/a	1/25/2016 8:42 AM
77	Zilwaukee	1/24/2016 10:49 PM
78	I live in Saginaw Township area.	1/24/2016 10:43 PM
79	Bridgeport Spaulding	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
80	Saginaw township, lived in the city all my life until about 12yrs ago. Still care about it.	1/24/2016 12:42 PM
81	Saginaw township	1/23/2016 6:03 PM
82	Lathrup Park, Saginaw Township	1/23/2016 12:12 PM
83	N/A	1/22/2016 3:38 PM
84	NA	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
85	Saginaw Township	1/22/2016 12:44 PM
86	Bay City	1/22/2016 12:31 PM
87	Saginaw township but grew up in the city playing softball and fishing from the banks of the river	1/22/2016 11:17 AM
88	Saginaw Township	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
89	My parents live in hemlock Michigan and visit the park there often	1/22/2016 10:51 AM
90	Hemlock	1/22/2016 10:00 AM
91	Carrollton	1/22/2016 8:30 AM
92	Saginaw Township	1/21/2016 10:14 PM
93	St. Charles	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
94	Saginaw Township	1/21/2016 5:57 PM
95	Bridgeport	1/21/2016 5:20 PM
96	Zilwaukee	1/21/2016 1:25 PM
97	Birch Run	1/21/2016 12:24 PM
98	Bridgeport Township.	1/21/2016 12:19 PM
99	St Charles	1/21/2016 10:18 AM
100	Midland	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
101	Montrose, but still within Saginaw county. I work in Saginaw and have for the last 12yrs also.	1/21/2016 9:48 AM
102	Saginaw Township, Lathrup Park	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
103	Township	1/21/2016 9:40 AM
104	Saginaw Township	1/21/2016 9:35 AM
105	Midland	1/21/2016 9:31 AM
106	Bay City	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
107	N/A	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
108	Frankenmuth	1/21/2016 9:01 AM
109	Saginaw Township	1/21/2016 8:57 AM
110	No	1/21/2016 8:54 AM
111	Saginaw Township	1/21/2016 8:09 AM
112	Bridgeport Twp.	1/20/2016 9:56 AM
113	Saginaw Twp.	1/20/2016 9:31 AM
114	Burt	1/20/2016 9:09 AM
115	Saginaw Township	1/20/2016 8:57 AM

## Q4 What age groups live in your household?

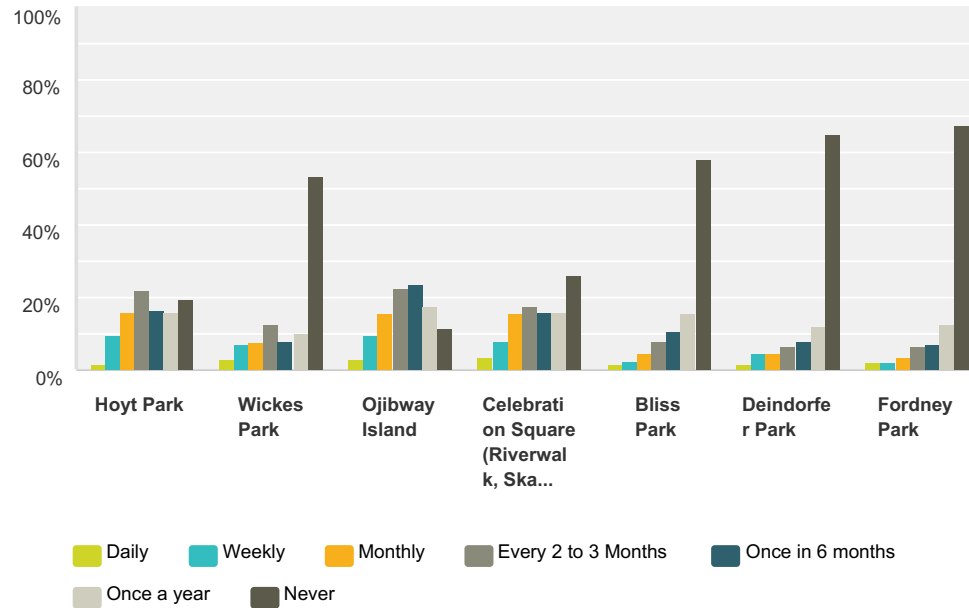
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Answer Choices	Responses
Under 10 years old	20.13% 60
11-19 years old	20.81% 62
20 -29 years old	18.12% 54
30-39 years old	22.82% 68
40-49 years old	19.80% 59
50-59 years old	32.21% 96
60 years old and older	35.57% 106
Total Respondents: 298	

## Q5 In the past 12 months, how often have you or those living in your household used the following Parks and Recreation facilities?

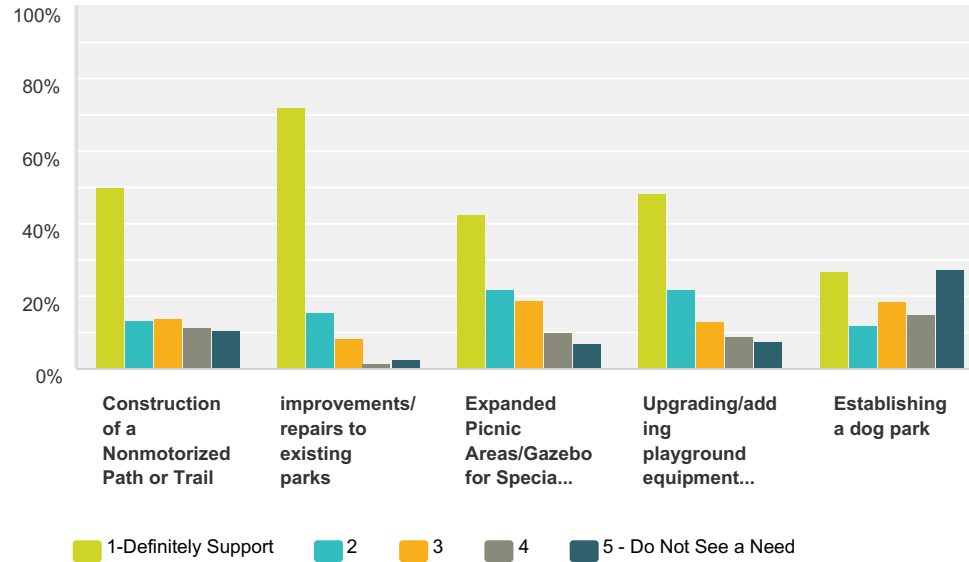
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	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every 2 to 3 Months	Once in 6 months	Once a year	Never	Total Respondents
Hoyt Park	1.54% 4	9.65% 25	15.83% 41	22.01% 57	16.60% 43	16.22% 42	19.31% 50	259
Wickes Park	2.98% 7	7.23% 17	7.66% 18	12.34% 29	8.09% 19	10.21% 24	53.62% 126	235
Ojibway Island	2.92% 8	9.49% 26	15.33% 42	22.26% 61	23.36% 64	17.52% 48	11.31% 31	274
Celebration Square (Riverwalk, Skate Park, Splash Park)	3.46% 9	8.08% 21	15.38% 40	17.31% 45	16.15% 42	16.15% 42	26.15% 68	260
Bliss Park	1.29% 3	2.58% 6	4.29% 10	8.15% 19	10.73% 25	15.45% 36	57.94% 135	233
Deindorfer Park	1.73% 4	4.33% 10	4.33% 10	6.49% 15	8.23% 19	12.12% 28	64.94% 150	231
Fordney Park	2.20% 5	2.20% 5	3.52% 8	6.61% 15	7.05% 16	12.33% 28	67.40% 153	227

**Q6 On a scale from 1 (definitely want ) to 5 (see no need), please rate the potential park improvements you would like to see most in the City. The more you support a project, the lower you would rate it (The project you want the most would be #1, the project you support the least would be #5)**

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



	1-Definitely Support	2	3	4	5 - Do Not See a Need	Total
Construction of a Nonmotorized Path or Trail	50.00% 146	13.70% 40	14.04% 41	11.64% 34	10.62% 31	292
improvements/repairs to existing parks	71.82% 209	15.46% 45	8.59% 25	1.72% 5	2.41% 7	291
Expanded Picnic Areas/Gazebo for Special and Family Events	42.46% 121	21.75% 62	18.95% 54	9.82% 28	7.02% 20	285
Upgrading/adding playground equipment within neighborhood parks	48.63% 142	21.92% 64	13.01% 38	8.90% 26	7.53% 22	292
Establishing a dog park	26.88% 75	12.19% 34	18.28% 51	15.05% 42	27.60% 77	279

**Q8 What additional ideas for parks or recreation projects do you have that are not listed above?**

Answered: 174 Skipped: 124

Answer Choices	Responses	
Park improvement Suggestion	100.00%	174
Park improvement Suggestion	60.34%	105
Park improvement Suggestion	37.36%	65

## Q8 What additional ideas for parks or recreation projects do you have that are not listed above?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 124

Answer Choices	Responses
Park improvement Suggestion	100.00% 174
Park improvement Suggestion	60.34% 105
Park improvement Suggestion	37.36% 65

#	Park improvement Suggestion	Date
1	Construction of a new park on the old Morley School grounds with a walking and riding trail and a portion for a dog park	2/21/2016 12:48 PM
2	A dog park on the east side of the City	2/21/2016 12:44 PM
3	Baseball Fields	2/21/2016 12:37 PM
4	Vets Park needs major improvement	2/21/2016 12:30 PM
5	Wave/swimming pool	2/21/2016 12:16 PM
6	Bathroom Facilities	2/21/2016 12:10 PM
7	Landscaping	2/21/2016 12:02 PM
8	Improve and upgrade equipment	2/21/2016 11:45 AM
9	Improve and upgrade equipment	2/21/2016 11:38 AM
10	Summer programs	2/21/2016 11:36 AM
11	More events for the fall and winter season. Snow fests in Saginaw	2/21/2016 11:29 AM
12	Hold more art showings or events in local parks to promote the park and City	2/21/2016 11:25 AM
13	Free summer jazz concerts and music from local artists	2/21/2016 11:17 AM
14	Upgrade them	2/21/2016 11:05 AM
15	Improve drainage at Hoyt Park	2/21/2016 11:03 AM
16	Improvements and repairs to existing parks most important	2/21/2016 10:59 AM
17	Beautification of the parks, more flowers	2/21/2016 10:52 AM
18	More lights	2/21/2016 10:46 AM
19	Landscaping	2/20/2016 10:50 AM
20	I feel Deindorfer is unsafe. Can something be done?	2/20/2016 10:28 AM
21	Small parks in areas where vacant lots exist	2/20/2016 10:24 AM
22	More places for kids to p lay in neighborhoods to keep them from playing in the streets. Use large vacant lots.	2/20/2016 10:16 AM
23	New municipal tennis courts, that could also be used as the "home" courts for the Saginaw High and Arthur Hill High Schools	2/19/2016 10:14 PM
24	Better grass	2/19/2016 5:56 PM
25	Regular maintenance	2/19/2016 5:52 PM
26	The roads to enter and exit this park needs new concrete.	2/19/2016 11:55 AM
27	Planting of trees and scrubs.	2/19/2016 10:03 AM
28	I	2/19/2016 1:52 AM

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29	Water Fountains	2/18/2016 9:49 PM
30	More activities at Hoyt Park	2/18/2016 6:54 PM
31	Summer recreation activities	2/18/2016 6:39 PM
32	Add more trash cans along the walking path in parks	2/18/2016 4:47 PM
33	Polished landscapes	2/18/2016 2:41 PM
34	Bathrooms could be more up to date, tables	2/17/2016 6:42 PM
35	Upgrade bathrooms at Ojibway	2/17/2016 6:38 PM
36	Wickes	2/17/2016 6:33 PM
37	Former Morley School grounds, pavilions with stations	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
38	Steps to ice rink and lower road	2/17/2016 6:14 PM
39	Walking areas with distance markers	2/17/2016 6:11 PM
40	Playground and picnic facilities at Hoyt Park - it's safe	2/17/2016 6:06 PM
41	Lower road improvements	2/17/2016 5:56 PM
42	Staffing!!	2/17/2016 5:49 PM
43	Road repair at Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:47 PM
44	Paid staffing	2/17/2016 5:44 PM
45	Crayola park need updated playground sand and some new equipment on it.	2/16/2016 10:08 AM
46	Running trail at Hoyt where at least a mile can be run	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
47	basketball rims	2/15/2016 1:50 PM
48	Have public toilets or portable toilets available year round	2/15/2016 9:07 AM
49	Find way to help with current & adding more youth & family programs at Hoyt Park	2/14/2016 7:38 PM
50	More events in parks	2/12/2016 7:46 PM
51	Hoyt Park - wish warming house could be open more in the winter and the lower road could use some upgrading	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
52	Lower road rehab at Hoyt Park	2/10/2016 3:16 PM
53	walking track around parks are a nice touch as walking riding bikes on the road is not always safe for children	2/10/2016 9:22 AM
54	add fitness trail	2/9/2016 12:07 PM
55	Year Round Financial Support	2/9/2016 11:37 AM
56	Neighborhood associations helping to clean	2/8/2016 7:20 PM
57	make them handicap accessable	2/8/2016 3:16 PM
58	TAKE BETTER CARE OF GRASS	2/7/2016 9:15 PM
59	fishing platforms	2/6/2016 6:58 AM
60	Fordney Park having a sound ordinance for the park and especially the pavillion, they like to come with their amplifiers and vehicles and play music so loud it shakes the windows and doors of the people's homes across the street. They have no respect and if you call the police all you get is excuses.	2/5/2016 5:39 PM
61	Gardens	2/5/2016 1:33 PM
62	Play area for kids	2/5/2016 8:24 AM
63	Spray for Bees	2/4/2016 9:48 PM
64	A bike or running trail would be amazing, but without policing, I still wouldn't use it	2/4/2016 8:02 PM
65	Have nice restrooms	2/2/2016 5:00 PM
66	Updated playground and basketball	2/2/2016 4:23 PM
67	The parks need excellent lighting and benches	2/2/2016 4:11 PM

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68	Birding trail at south end of Wickes Park	2/2/2016 3:40 PM
69	Large built in professional telescopes to look at the stars and sky -	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
70	Bathrooms	2/2/2016 2:14 PM
71	Adding basketball courts at Bliss Park again	2/2/2016 2:09 PM
72	Make it bigger.	2/2/2016 1:21 PM
73	Space conducive for reading	2/2/2016 1:16 PM
74	Bliss: roads, Ojibway: playground	2/2/2016 1:10 PM
75	Ojibway is in desperate need of stage repair and bathrooms/upgrades. More grills and newer picnic tables would be great. Expanded play area on the island	2/2/2016 12:30 PM
76	Safety is a key issue with all of the parks.	2/2/2016 12:20 PM
77	a walk trail around the park that is mapped out a mile	2/2/2016 12:18 PM
78	Linked to current rail trail	2/2/2016 12:14 PM
79	some how make them safer	2/2/2016 12:09 PM
80	Add more trails	2/2/2016 12:03 PM
81	Bike path through out the city	2/2/2016 12:02 PM
82	Childrens Crayon park is in need of new sand or woodchips so the children don't hurt themselves	2/2/2016 12:23 AM
83	Clean and safe	2/1/2016 9:58 PM
84	Restore skating rink at Hoyt.	2/1/2016 9:37 PM
85	Exercise park	2/1/2016 9:07 PM
86	Youth afterschool concession stands	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
87	Improved/updated playground equipment	2/1/2016 8:21 AM
88	expand the non motorized trails;	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
89	Play area	1/28/2016 11:37 PM
90	Coverage for maintenance costs	1/28/2016 8:10 PM
91	Former Morley School grounds, pavillions with stationary picnic tables, exercise equipment cemented to the ground, walking path, bathrooms, lighting, more electrical outlets	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
92	Better lighting for night running/walking	1/28/2016 9:41 AM
93	More things for young kids to do	1/27/2016 9:24 PM
94	wading pools	1/27/2016 6:47 PM
95	Pavilion- picnic tables-paid recreation supervisor Hoyt Park	1/27/2016 6:45 PM
96	More trash bins	1/27/2016 6:36 PM
97	recreation activities in summer	1/27/2016 5:35 PM
98	A dog park near the Splash Park would be nice	1/27/2016 4:50 PM
99	well lit	1/27/2016 3:48 PM
100	Basketball parks	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
101	Sustainable funding	1/27/2016 2:09 PM
102	The road around Wickes park and tie hit in to a even bigger bike and walking trail that meets up with the counties bike trail	1/27/2016 1:44 PM
103	Bliss park/dog park	1/26/2016 6:48 PM

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104	I would design park improvements to address wildlife diversity. For example, an area could be set aside near the confluence of rivers that form the Saginaw River, with milkweed and other plants that might help Monarch butterflies. A similar argument might be advanced for other at risk species that exist in this area. In a similar vein, it might be useful if each park were evaluated for planting berry bushes or specific tree varieties that would provide food and habitat for desirable species of birds or other creatures.	1/26/2016 9:56 AM
105	Extend bike/walk trails.	1/26/2016 7:59 AM
106	An exercise trail	1/25/2016 8:50 PM
107	Toboggan runs	1/25/2016 7:57 PM
108	Mountain Biking Trails	1/25/2016 7:30 PM
109	Ojibway Island facilities/infrastructure upgrade	1/25/2016 3:33 PM
110	security cameras	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
111	Redoing lower deck at hoyt park. Stone is falling apart.	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
112	security	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
113	Maintain riverfront parks	1/25/2016 10:31 AM
114	activities in the summer for children. Art and swimming	1/25/2016 8:41 AM
115	improve safety	1/24/2016 11:17 PM
116	Connection of the parks by non-motorized (bike) paths.	1/24/2016 9:44 PM
117	Security, #1 priority, Saginaw needs park rangers and law enforcement to insure the safety of citizens and children.	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
118	Fishing Docks in Wickes Park	1/24/2016 6:15 PM
119	improve pavement along riverwalk	1/24/2016 5:42 PM
120	Make them feel safe to use them,keep street people and drunks out	1/24/2016 12:42 PM
121	A park where fort Saginaw was	1/24/2016 11:40 AM
122	accessible bathrooms	1/23/2016 1:48 PM
123	More trash cans	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
124	Security and discouragement of drinking and using drugs. It keeps families from using the parks	1/22/2016 3:38 PM
125	More equipment for young kids under age10	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
126	keep the lawns cut and trimmed	1/22/2016 12:58 PM
127	18 hole Disc Golf course	1/22/2016 12:31 PM
128	Fishing docks at wickets park where rivers all come together	1/22/2016 11:17 AM
129	Disc Golf	1/22/2016 11:12 AM
130	The Japanese Garden is a beautiful park and it is the most limited park for residents. It should be open until sunset like Midland's Dow Gardens - not timing of 12 to 4 pm and open 7 days.	1/22/2016 11:01 AM
131	Leave the disc golf baskets in all year please	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
132	More trash barrels	1/22/2016 10:57 AM
133	Disc golf course	1/22/2016 10:51 AM
134	More Areas To Disc Golf	1/22/2016 8:30 AM
135	Disc Golf park at Wicks park	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
136	Make it kid friendly with things to do, equipment I teach near there and would like to use it for school activities.	1/21/2016 10:14 PM
137	Cross country skiing at Ojibway	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
138	special events, like, movies, music, art	1/21/2016 7:42 PM
139	Partner with the county and other organizations to improve recreational spaces.	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
140	Upgrade more softball diamonds	1/21/2016 6:55 PM

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141	better playground equipment for toddlers on up	1/21/2016 6:33 PM
142	More disc golf areas!	1/21/2016 5:57 PM
143	Ojibway - walking paths, fishing	1/21/2016 5:20 PM
144	Pick up trash more regularly and have a few more trash cans.	1/21/2016 4:05 PM
145	General clean up of trashbins at all parks.	1/21/2016 2:00 PM
146	update lighting after switch to LED lighting center of park is dark at night	1/21/2016 1:29 PM
147	Permanent police presence.	1/21/2016 12:20 PM
148	trim the skirts of the trees at both Hoyt and Wickes.	1/21/2016 12:19 PM
149	More bike trails and bike lanes.	1/21/2016 11:46 AM
150	Improved lighting	1/21/2016 10:47 AM
151	More disc golf	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
152	increase lighting/security	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
153	Trails!!!	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
154	Spruce up the gazebo and drinking fountain in Baurchard park next to St. John's... Old Town is really coming up!	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
155	Security cameras at Wicks to deter dumping	1/21/2016 9:35 AM
156	disc golf options in most EVERY park, even 1 or 2 baskets for practice and disc horseshoe	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
157	Fun activities like baseball soccer	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
158	lighting	1/21/2016 9:15 AM
159	Utilization of Lake Linton at Ojibway for water related events. e.g. Classic Boat show, water skiing contests, Dragon & Swan Boats like Baltimore's inner harbor.	1/21/2016 9:05 AM
160	Create a safe and marked pedestrian crossing area to access Deindorfer Woods at Weiss St. and Mershon St.	1/21/2016 9:00 AM
161	Basketball courts	1/21/2016 8:57 AM
162	Pavement area entering Lee Street boat launch	1/21/2016 8:54 AM
163	More benches/gazebod	1/20/2016 10:20 PM
164	more events-cheaper to rent	1/20/2016 7:14 PM
165	Frisbee golf (9 hole) at Diendorfer	1/20/2016 5:30 PM
166	A dog park has to be fenced in with a double gait walk in so you don't allow any dogs out without a leash. Open one gait and walk 10 feet to the other gait, seperate to big dogs and little dogs. Biters have to be muzzled	1/20/2016 5:26 PM
167	Grass cut more offen	1/20/2016 3:49 PM
168	Another water park but kept affordable	1/20/2016 12:19 PM
169	Level off the ground by the volleyball net i provide at deindorfer	1/20/2016 11:58 AM
170	Make them handicapped accessable	1/20/2016 11:13 AM
171	Remove some of the horse shoe pits	1/20/2016 9:53 AM
172	Water fountains. Better park maintenance, pick up broken glass.	1/20/2016 9:31 AM
173	cut the grass more often	1/20/2016 9:18 AM
174	Security cameras	1/20/2016 8:57 AM
#	Park improvement Suggestion	Date
1	Better bathrooms and play areas	2/21/2016 12:37 PM
2	Volleyball	2/21/2016 12:16 PM
3	Remove blight	2/21/2016 11:45 AM
4	Concerts in the park	2/21/2016 11:36 AM

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5	Sledding matches, snowmen contests for all ages.	2/21/2016 11:29 AM
6	More events for families	2/21/2016 11:17 AM
7	Drinking water pumps	2/21/2016 10:46 AM
8	Playscapes	2/20/2016 10:50 AM
9	More walking and bike trails	2/20/2016 10:24 AM
10	More picnic table and park benches at several locations.	2/19/2016 10:14 PM
11	upgraded playground equipment	2/19/2016 5:56 PM
12	The playground equipment needs improvement for the children in the area to play with.	2/19/2016 11:55 AM
13	Trimming of trees	2/19/2016 10:03 AM
14	Another Wave Pool with Security	2/18/2016 9:49 PM
15	Warming building needs indoor and outdoor improvements	2/18/2016 6:54 PM
16	Enforced usage times	2/18/2016 2:41 PM
17	Playful items for kids	2/17/2016 6:38 PM
18	Morley	2/17/2016 6:33 PM
19	Ojibway	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
20	Playground and picnic facilities at Bliss	2/17/2016 6:06 PM
21	lower level steps and walls at the warming house	2/17/2016 5:56 PM
22	More programs and upgrades	2/17/2016 5:49 PM
23	Hire seasonal workers at Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:47 PM
24	Road maintenance	2/17/2016 5:44 PM
25	Forney park need to be updated	2/16/2016 10:08 AM
26	Park benches at Hoyt	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
27	slides and monkey bars and swings	2/15/2016 1:50 PM
28	Have trash picked up more regularly	2/15/2016 9:07 AM
29	Repave potholed lower road Hoyt Park	2/14/2016 7:38 PM
30	frepair, upgrade existing park facilities, fixtures, amenities,etc.	2/12/2016 7:46 PM
31	Hoyt park - needs playground equipment	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
32	Sidewalks on North side of Weiss from Bay to Bethlehem Lutheran would be nice (not a park improvement though). Specifically by Diendorfer park is much needed	2/10/2016 9:22 AM
33	Open year round	2/9/2016 11:37 AM
34	More workout stations	2/8/2016 7:20 PM
35	MAINTAIN TREES	2/7/2016 9:15 PM
36	Grills	2/5/2016 1:33 PM
37	Replace/cleanup barbeque grills	2/4/2016 9:48 PM
38	Same as above	2/2/2016 4:23 PM
39	Playground equipment is critical for our children	2/2/2016 4:11 PM
40	Romantic themed park with Lovers Gate where they can place colored keylocks	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
41	Trash pick up/cans clear	2/2/2016 2:14 PM
42	all around upkeep	2/2/2016 1:10 PM
43	Hoyt could use a small play area for the children to use while their parents play softball all summer long	2/2/2016 12:30 PM
44	add landscaping features, bushes, perenials. benches	2/2/2016 12:18 PM

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45	Ojibway needs to be monitored because people are dealing drugs in the park and people feel unsafe to use it.	2/2/2016 12:23 AM
46	Trails for walking, hiking, biking, snowshoe	2/1/2016 9:58 PM
47	Programs for elderly,summer,consessions stands	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
48	layer of asphalt on basketball courts at Vets/McKinley Park	2/1/2016 8:21 AM
49	dredging the southern end of the island to make it an island again	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
50	Bring back full time recreation supervisor	1/28/2016 8:10 PM
51	Ojibway, same as above	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
52	road repair	1/28/2016 9:41 AM
53	baseball diamonds	1/27/2016 6:47 PM
54	good night lighting for activities and general safety	1/27/2016 5:35 PM
55	Basketball court	1/27/2016 4:50 PM
56	safety programs and activeties for kids	1/27/2016 3:48 PM
57	Chess Tables & Chairs	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
58	Closing parks at night to prevent vandalism	1/27/2016 2:09 PM
59	Community farm gardens	1/27/2016 1:44 PM
60	Years ago, the EPA approved up to \$100,000 for improvements to the marshland near SASA that lies between Niagara and N. Michigan Avenue. Some fastfood restaurant owners agreed to consider putting in tables and chairs so that persons visiting the hospitals (now Covenant Hospital Campus) could have a place for respite. Perhaps to have a cup of coffee and to view the wildlife from the Michigan Avenue side that overlooks the Marshland. AT that time the Fish and Wildlife Service agreed they might oversee the area. Thus, that marshland could be used by students at SASA and other schools to study nature. Birders were very supportive due to the number of species spotted there. Everyone seemed to agree a view area supported by private parties and a marshland with its various species of critters would provide a great area for hospital staff to relax at, for visitors from out of town to use as a respite from the stress of having a loved one hospitalized and for other reasons. I suggest you revisit this because Rifkin is supposed to be moving out and its a good idea even with them there.	1/26/2016 9:56 AM
61	Tai chi classes	1/25/2016 8:50 PM
62	Symphony outdoor concerts (not just country music & rock)	1/25/2016 7:57 PM
63	Sustainability plan for any new implementations	1/25/2016 3:33 PM
64	no basketball rims	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
65	Redo wood steps on lower deck at hoyt park warming house.	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
66	fishing access	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
67	Close and sell unused parks	1/25/2016 10:31 AM
68	Music	1/25/2016 8:41 AM
69	Or, creation of bike lanes for use to get between parks.	1/24/2016 9:44 PM
70	Improved recreation areas for Small children and young mothers... Kids need to be able to enjoy summer and winter activities, Ice Skating and roller skating, walking, soccer, should be encouraged...	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
71	Special activities for the 200tg anniversary of the signing of the Saginaw treaty in 1819	1/24/2016 11:40 AM
72	over all maintainance	1/23/2016 1:48 PM
73	Remove the leaves at the end of the season because it really makes the neighborhood look bad when not cleaned up	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
74	More equipment for teenagers	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
75	keep the trash cleared	1/22/2016 12:58 PM
76	More picnic table along river for relaxing	1/22/2016 11:17 AM
77	Thank you for all the work that was done this year on the course, it looks beautiful	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
78	Better signs	1/22/2016 10:57 AM

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79	Disc golf course	1/22/2016 10:51 AM
80	Play ground or garden park at Ojibway park	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
81	Re asphalt Wickes and add to existing bike trails	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
82	Minimize static equipment in parks in favor of natural amenities	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
83	Better lights	1/21/2016 6:55 PM
84	picnic tables and benches	1/21/2016 6:33 PM
85	Hoyt - ice skating	1/21/2016 5:20 PM
86	De-ice around Ojibway Island's road and parking lot.	1/21/2016 2:00 PM
87	install several lights in park center	1/21/2016 1:29 PM
88	Keep the grass areas cut and trash picked-up	1/21/2016 12:19 PM
89	Ojibway is beautiful! Keep up the good work. Only complaint is the nasty, stinky portajohn when the restrooms are closed.	1/21/2016 11:46 AM
90	A more urban-like river park	1/21/2016 10:47 AM
91	maintain weeds & brush	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
92	Talk with Counter Cruise!	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
93	Clean up shore at south end of Wicks for fishing and a fishing dock for handicap	1/21/2016 9:35 AM
94	ice skating rinks	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
95	Electronic games that you can play. There's one at Sanford beach in Midland county	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
96	Time period appropriate ball diamond @ Ojibway for the Saginaw Old Golds.	1/21/2016 9:05 AM
97	Create paved walkway at Deindorfer Woods Park from Weiss St. to pavilion and playground. Lumpy uneven ground is all that is present now.	1/21/2016 9:00 AM
98	Add more boat launch opportunities to Ojibway Island	1/21/2016 8:54 AM
99	More walking paths	1/20/2016 10:20 PM
100	public activities	1/20/2016 7:14 PM
101	Repair fence at Barnard and weiss. Need 2 wires to put fence back together	1/20/2016 11:58 AM
102	paint benches very much in need of	1/20/2016 9:53 AM
103	playgrounds, added security measures	1/20/2016 9:31 AM
104	better maintenance	1/20/2016 9:18 AM
105	police patrols	1/20/2016 8:57 AM
#	Park improvement Suggestion	Date
1	go carting	2/21/2016 12:16 PM
2	Fall arts and crafts activities with leaves	2/21/2016 11:29 AM
3	ice skating	2/21/2016 11:17 AM
4	Security	2/21/2016 10:46 AM
5	Freshen up	2/20/2016 10:50 AM
6	picnic areas	2/19/2016 5:56 PM
7	Summer Recreation Programs for the Youth	2/18/2016 9:49 PM
8	Full playgrounds, swings, waterslides, etc.	2/17/2016 6:38 PM
9	Wickes	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
10	Bring back Hoyt Park more than just Friends. Need maintenance help and supervision.	2/17/2016 6:06 PM
11	replace some of fences at Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:56 PM

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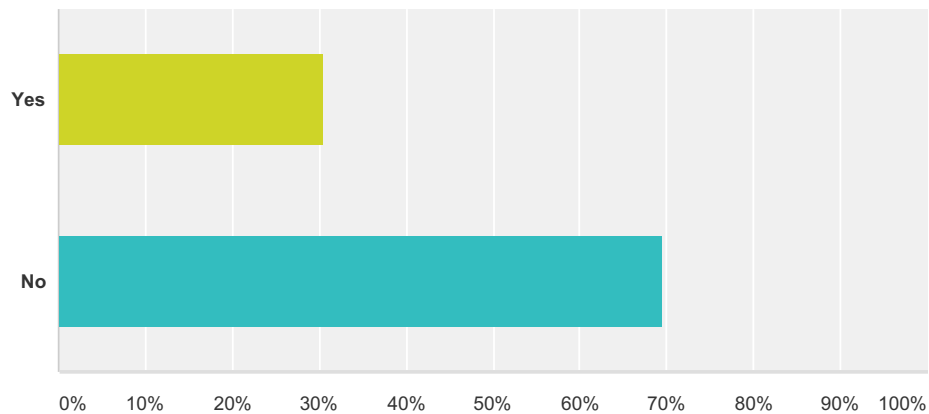
12	warming house walls and steps	2/17/2016 5:44 PM
13	Pet plastic bag dispensers so owners will p/u feces.	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
14	lighting	2/15/2016 1:50 PM
15	Fis lower wall Hoyt Park building where stone walls & steps are very deteriorated	2/14/2016 7:38 PM
16	Make them more attractive	2/12/2016 7:46 PM
17	Paint Shelters	2/4/2016 9:48 PM
18	Same as above	2/2/2016 4:23 PM
19	Vendor friendly for street musicians, artists, to paint in open air & sell their art & for food vendors too sell	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
20	activities	2/2/2016 2:14 PM
21	playgrounds, more community activites at Bliss.	2/2/2016 1:10 PM
22	fence	2/2/2016 12:18 PM
23	Wickes would be a good place to build condos or some kind of development.	2/2/2016 12:23 AM
24	Summer program for elderly disabled	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
25	Demolish old bathrooms at Vets/McKinley Park	2/1/2016 8:21 AM
26	resurrect Wicks Park	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
27	Pave the lower road at Hoyt Park	1/28/2016 8:10 PM
28	Wickes, same as above	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
29	specific garden areas could be opportunity for volunteers	1/27/2016 5:35 PM
30	Restrooms	1/27/2016 4:50 PM
31	Drinking fountains and monitored restrooms	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
32	Bathrooms , Lighting,Fishing docks, Ball diamonds, Boat docks	1/27/2016 2:09 PM
33	beautification and Michigan native plants along the river!	1/27/2016 1:44 PM
34	I would like to suggest that a plan be developed for the long term identification of the value components of Saginaw's parks. For example, college students or volunteer groups with expertise could be brought in each year for the purpose of completing an inventory or trees. In this way, it could be determined if aging trees had value for harvesting by lumbering firms. It also would provide a data base of trees that might be unusual or exceptionally old. Another approach is to bring in birders to identify the variety of wildlife that currently exists in Saginaw's parks. Having parks that are attractive immediately "softens" the image of a community and they act as a counter to the perception of blight. Knowing of the abundance of nature and making it public can create a sense of pride in community. It may also foster stewardship. The ultimate goals of these suggestions are to: 1) provide Saginaw's citizens with knowledge that can instill pride; 2) to quantify what we already know about Saginaw's draw as a place to fish or bird watch or canoe; 3) to provide information about community that could be incorporated with schools classrooms. Joe Turner 989 878-3367	1/26/2016 9:56 AM
35	Fishing Pier	1/25/2016 3:33 PM
36	Grass Cut and Debris Free Park	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
37	Repaving lower road at hoyt park.	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
38	walking paths	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
39	sports	1/25/2016 8:41 AM
40	A centralized source to learn about happenings at the parks.	1/24/2016 9:44 PM
41	Their is a great need for larger pavilions to encourage families to rent and enjoy family outings...improved barbecue grills, restrooms safe for a adults and children, boat launches and improved areas around the river park where kids can fish...	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
42	Path lighting - led	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
43	More lighting and clean, working rest rooms	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
44	repair broken drinking fountains and fixtures	1/22/2016 12:58 PM
45	Clean up along the rock walls that where put along river bank. Can't fish in most areas along banks	1/22/2016 11:17 AM

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46	Please allow us to play tournaments at this course, it is the most challenging and competitive course around	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
47	Disc golf course	1/22/2016 10:51 AM
48	Lighting and work out equipment more landscaping on the riverwalk	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
49	Bigger river walk bike/walking trails that would add on to exsisting Saginaw County Trail.	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
50	Partner with county on projects that provide the potential for county residents to visit/utilize spaces. Especially projects that would create a unique experience (i.e. Mountain bike trail, etc)	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
51	Better parking	1/21/2016 6:55 PM
52	basketball, baseball, tennis areas	1/21/2016 6:33 PM
53	Wickes-fishing , boating	1/21/2016 5:20 PM
54	add horse shoe pit and picnic tables	1/21/2016 1:29 PM
55	Increase city worker and police presence	1/21/2016 12:19 PM
56	improve information on the parks website	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
57	Canoe and kayak rental on river	1/21/2016 9:35 AM
58	x-country ski trails	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
59	Park trails are a must! So much fun!	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
60	Clearing the south end channel between Ojibway Island and Rust Blvd.	1/21/2016 9:05 AM
61	Exercise stations	1/20/2016 10:20 PM
62	Clean the drain from Deindorfer to the Saginaw river. So the back of the woods will drain that runs next to the R xR tracks. Thus reducing mosquitos	1/20/2016 11:58 AM
63	repair roof on historic out building it is falling in.	1/20/2016 9:53 AM
64	sculptures, points of interest, memorials	1/20/2016 9:31 AM
65	ccurfew enforcement	1/20/2016 8:57 AM

**Q10 Currently the City does not offer recreation programming directly but works in partnership with other organizations including the Friends of Hoyt Park, the First Ward Community Center and others. Do you or anyone in your family participate in organized recreation programming activities?**

Answered: 298 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	30.54%	91
No	69.46%	207
Total		298

**Q11 If you and/or your family members participate in organized recreation programming, please tell us where, even if it is outside the City of Saginaw:**

Answered: 117 Skipped: 181

#	Responses	Date
1	First Ward Community Center	2/21/2016 12:48 PM
2	FWCC after school program	2/21/2016 12:44 PM
3	baseball at Hoyt Park	2/21/2016 12:37 PM
4	Sometimes my daughter attends different programs at First Ward. She participated in baseball at Hoyt Park for a short time. I used to work for the City Recreation department where we provided various programs throughout the year.	2/21/2016 12:10 PM
5	Boys and Girls Club and First Ward	2/21/2016 11:29 AM
6	First Ward during summer and after school	2/21/2016 11:25 AM
7	My son attended First Ward for many years	2/21/2016 11:13 AM
8	Walking trails at Immerman Park; paddle boats at Haithco Park	2/20/2016 10:24 AM
9	Garber Tennis Courts weekly during the summer months through the Urban Tennis Foundation.	2/19/2016 10:14 PM
10	Neighborhood House	2/19/2016 11:55 AM
11	Neighborhood House	2/18/2016 9:49 PM
12	Saginaw Township Parks, Softbal	2/18/2016 6:50 PM
13	baseball	2/18/2016 6:39 PM
14	The Saginaw YMCA	2/18/2016 2:41 PM
15	Great niece attends after school programs at First Ward.	2/17/2016 6:33 PM
16	League for children	2/17/2016 6:29 PM
17	Center Courts, YMCA	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
18	Hoyt Park winter and summer	2/17/2016 6:14 PM
19	Ojibway Island, Celebration Square, Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 6:11 PM
20	City Federation Football, ice skating hoyt park	2/17/2016 6:06 PM
21	Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:56 PM
22	Hoyt Park	2/17/2016 5:49 PM
23	Softball at Hoyt	2/17/2016 5:47 PM
24	Ball at Hoyt Park, sledding	2/17/2016 5:44 PM
25	yes	2/17/2016 3:10 PM
26	Pease Park and Zilker Park, both in Austin, Texas	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
27	Hoyt Park	2/14/2016 7:38 PM
28	n/a	2/12/2016 7:46 PM
29	Hoyt park sledding and skating	2/12/2016 5:55 PM
30	Hoyt Park - Winter skating and sledding - summer ball games	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
31	hoyt park, vets park	2/11/2016 10:50 PM
32	Light up thr City, Bliss Park	2/11/2016 2:50 PM

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33	Hoyt Park	2/10/2016 3:16 PM
34	Greater Saginaw Area Hockey Association, Saginaw Township Soccer, have done YMCA camps/sessions in the past, Delta College, Midland Community Center,	2/10/2016 9:22 AM
35	YMCA	2/9/2016 4:22 PM
36	Hoyt Park, Ojibway Island	2/9/2016 11:37 AM
37	Friends of Hoyt	2/8/2016 7:20 PM
38	N/A	2/7/2016 9:15 PM
39	Roethke Park	2/5/2016 9:51 AM
40	Hoyt Park	2/4/2016 9:48 PM
41	Friends of Hoyt Park	2/4/2016 8:46 PM
42	STCS community ed water exercise	2/4/2016 2:55 PM
43	Na	2/4/2016 2:42 PM
44	I am the Director of Neighborhood House Community Center, we would like to partner with you	2/3/2016 8:24 AM
45	NA	2/2/2016 5:00 PM
46	ObjibwAy	2/2/2016 4:23 PM
47	YMCA	2/2/2016 4:11 PM
48	Bay City	2/2/2016 3:40 PM
49	Ice & rollerskating rinks & Center Courts	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
50	Township Parks	2/2/2016 2:09 PM
51	Township soccer complex and Saginaw Ice Arena	2/2/2016 1:31 PM
52	Dow Family Y	2/2/2016 1:30 PM
53	Saginaw Township, Midland	2/2/2016 1:24 PM
54	First Ward	2/2/2016 1:16 PM
55	Hoyt & Celebration Square	2/2/2016 1:10 PM
56	Bridgeport Parks and Recreation Board member	2/2/2016 12:30 PM
57	First Ward summer program/YMCA	2/2/2016 12:18 PM
58	Friends of Hoyt Park & Sag. Township P & R	2/2/2016 12:11 PM
59	Softball	2/2/2016 12:05 PM
60	yes	2/2/2016 12:02 PM
61	Hoyt Park - Softball activities	2/2/2016 12:23 AM
62	Hoyt, Haithco, Rail Trail, Bay City State Park, Green Pointe, Shaiwassee Refuge, Chipewa Nature Center	2/1/2016 9:58 PM
63	Bay City	2/1/2016 9:37 PM
64	Na	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
65	Harrison Mi, Arnold Lake Association	1/29/2016 12:55 PM
66	Saginaw County; Bay City, Midland	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
67	na	1/29/2016 8:04 AM
68	Hoyt Park	1/28/2016 8:10 PM
69	Center Courts, YMCA	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
70	Saginaw Twp Soccer, Saginaw Township Little League	1/28/2016 8:33 AM
71	splash park, skate park, music pavilion, fishing docks	1/27/2016 6:47 PM
72	Hoyt Park	1/27/2016 6:45 PM

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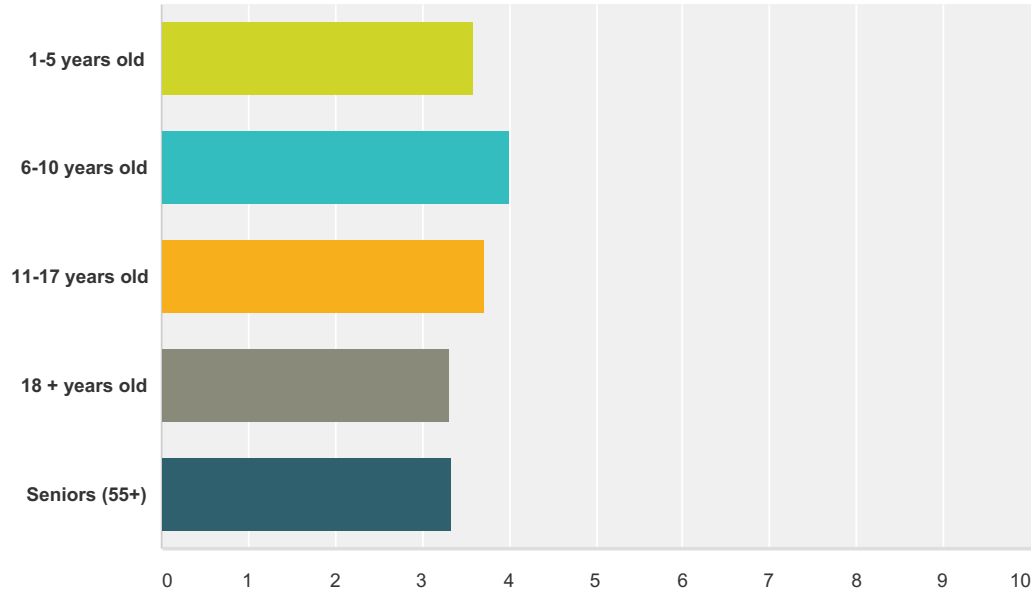
73	saginaw	1/27/2016 5:35 PM
74	Wickes Park	1/27/2016 5:29 PM
75	Na	1/27/2016 4:50 PM
76	Softball, basketball volleyball	1/27/2016 4:20 PM
77	Hoyt Park, R. Wickes (Sag Twp), another park in Saginaw Twp. possibly Can-America park or something like that.	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
78	Hoyt Skating	1/26/2016 6:48 PM
79	We use Hoyt park during the winter. We view others playing sports there in the summer. We take in events at Greenpoint. We canoe the river.	1/26/2016 9:56 AM
80	none	1/25/2016 9:22 PM
81	Bike trail that goes out to St. Charles	1/25/2016 7:57 PM
82	Freeland Sportszone	1/25/2016 4:12 PM
83	Hoyt Park, YMCA, Saginaw Twp, Auburn, Midland	1/25/2016 3:33 PM
84	Saginaw Township	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
85	Hoyt park volunteer	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
86	Township parks...Hatcho, Immermann	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
87	Center Court, Planet fitness, Hoyt Park, Wenona Park	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
88	Friends of hoyt park	1/24/2016 6:51 PM
89	Slow-roll biking in Detroit and the emerging slow-roll biking that began in Saginaw late summer.	1/24/2016 5:42 PM
90	None	1/24/2016 12:42 PM
91	I am able to help some projects!!	1/23/2016 10:08 PM
92	saginaw twp. south little league	1/23/2016 1:48 PM
93	downtown	1/23/2016 12:37 PM
94	I pick up blowing garbage by myself in Fordney Park.	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
95	Fordney, Hoyt, Ojibway	1/22/2016 1:29 PM
96	Saginaw County Parks	1/22/2016 12:44 PM
97	I live alone and retired.	1/22/2016 11:01 AM
98	NA	1/22/2016 10:57 AM
99	NA	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
100	YMCA	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
101	Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
102	Saginaw township softball and baseball	1/21/2016 6:55 PM
103	YMCA. North Country Natl Scenic Trail. Michigan Rails to Trails.	1/21/2016 4:05 PM
104	Softball at Hoyt	1/21/2016 12:19 PM
105	Ice skating at Hoyt Park	1/21/2016 11:46 AM
106	Midland	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
107	I didn't know these organizations existed	1/21/2016 10:06 AM
108	Uncle was director for Kochville	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
109	NA	1/21/2016 9:35 AM
110	most any park if the event was of interest	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
111	Mostly Saginaw County Parks, Ice Skating at Hoyt, or Events at Ojibway	1/21/2016 9:01 AM
112	STSA Soccer and the Saginaw Zoo	1/21/2016 8:57 AM

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113	Numerous friends of hoyt sponsered activities holidays in the city, veterans day, sledding etc	1/20/2016 10:20 PM
114	skating at Hoyt, music in the summer at a park in Freeland	1/20/2016 5:30 PM
115	Gardening	1/20/2016 5:26 PM
116	Ojibway	1/20/2016 3:49 PM
117	Imerman Park.	1/20/2016 9:31 AM

**Q12 As a household, you would be most interested in recreation programming for which of the following age groups:**

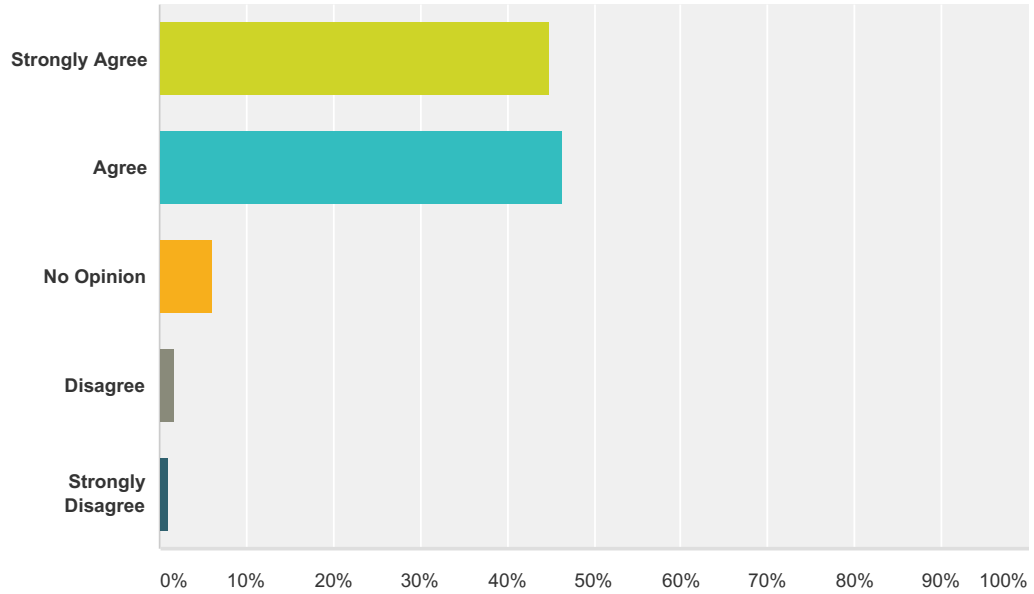
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	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	Total	Score
1-5 years old	18.46% 55	5.70% 17	5.70% 17	5.03% 15	6.38% 19	58.72% 175	298	3.60
6-10 years old	20.47% 61	22.82% 68	5.03% 15	4.36% 13	2.01% 6	45.30% 135	298	4.01
11-17 years old	14.77% 44	15.44% 46	15.77% 47	5.70% 17	0.67% 2	47.65% 142	298	3.72
18 + years old	14.43% 43	11.41% 34	13.42% 40	11.07% 33	5.70% 17	43.96% 131	298	3.32
Seniors (55+)	21.81% 65	10.07% 30	8.72% 26	10.07% 30	11.41% 34	37.92% 113	298	3.34

**Q13 I believe volunteers play an important role in the maintenance and improvements of the City Parks and Recreation facilities.**

Answered: 283 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	44.88%	127
Agree	46.29%	131
No Opinion	6.01%	17
Disagree	1.77%	5
Strongly Disagree	1.06%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>283</b>

**Q14 If you are willing to assist in park improvements, or if you may be interested in working with an established parks group please provide a way for us to contact you.**

Answered: 110 Skipped: 188

Answer Choices	Responses	
Name	93.64%	103
Company	0.00%	0
Address	85.45%	94
Address 2	6.36%	7
City/Town	78.18%	86
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	75.45%	83
Country	53.64%	59
Email Address	87.27%	96
Phone Number	75.45%	83

**Q15 Please use the space below to provide any additional information which may be helpful.**

Answered: 74 Skipped: 224

#	Responses	Date
1	Parks are vital to every city especially states with winter climates. It also serves as a tool to help bridge racial gaps with outdoor activities, programs and entertainment events. Also I think youth input to the design and future use is important because they will be using them the most.	2/21/2016 10:59 AM
2	Creating a park at the old fair grounds. Perfect location off 675 if people feel safe to go there. Increased equipment at Celebration Square. Increased lighting, grounds maintenance. Make (parks) more inviting visually - look at other cities that have developed parks and don't reinvent the wheel. Work closely with the GOHI project.	2/20/2016 10:24 AM
3	I would like to work in planning. I am very concerned about our entire parks system.	2/20/2016 10:16 AM
4	The Urban Tennis Foundation maintains the Garber Tennis Courts as best it can through a lease agreement with the City. Outdoor recreation funding and programming for youth is one of the best ways to mentor and develop better behavior and attitude; instill personal and community pride and achievement; mitigate obesity; encourage health and nutritional lifestyles; and establish goal oriented futures for our youth.	2/19/2016 10:14 PM
5	I may be interested in volunteering, preferably in the summer	2/19/2016 5:56 PM
6	As a child growing up near Wickes Park, it was always great to go to the park to play on the red rocket and enjoy watching the teens play basketball. Over the years, the park's ambience has deteriorated and the roads are awful to run on with the massive potholes. This park, which is in a largely black populated area, was a recreational outlet for most of the people. Now, children have no where to play and let their imaginations run wild. It saddens me to go into Saginaw Township and see completely updated and well kept parks, and our city parks cannot compete with. Even a city like Mt. Pleasant, which has no city income tax can keep their parks in excellent condition.	2/19/2016 11:55 AM
7	we need kids to be active	2/18/2016 6:54 PM
8	At my age I am little old to be part of organized recreation but I can say that when I choose to raise my children in the City of Saginaw organized recreation came into play. A City must have recreational opportunities for youth in order to attract people to the City of Saginaw and also to attract businesses that might want to relocate to Saginaw.	2/18/2016 2:41 PM
9	I am 59 years old and during my childhood we had access to school playgrounds which included an outdoor swimming pool. I believe this is why we didn't have hardly deliquient activiites. We had the Little Olympics which allowed us to keep our athletic skills up to par and maintain healthy lifestyles. This also brought the neighborhood families out to support the youth and ultimately the community. We have to make the sacrifice to bring back what actually worked.	2/17/2016 6:25 PM
10	Celebration Square gets DNR funds already?	2/17/2016 6:14 PM
11	Hoyt would be a great place for family gatherings. It's next to the Zoo and could once again be the central family destination for fun and family.	2/17/2016 6:06 PM
12	Bunching Celebration Square, Skate Park and Splash Park is misleading. Answer to meaning one gives credit to all four. Celebration Square encompasses zoo, Ojibway, Hoyt Park, Andersen Enrichment and more. Think survey results misrepresent or at least give credit to all when not intended. Bunch those four together tilts results. Consideration should be given to redo the survey or at least consider this fact.	2/17/2016 5:56 PM
13	Make Hoyt Park great again.	2/17/2016 5:49 PM
14	city of Saginaw needs a balance of parks available throughout. Kids don't have travel access to some open.	2/17/2016 3:10 PM
15	Is there an online link where former Saginaw residents can donate to the Hoyt Park? My email: rosemary@hookthetalent.com	2/15/2016 7:04 PM
16	Question #12 - I really wasn't sure how that question was intended to work .... are we rating 1-5 with 1 being the highest?	2/12/2016 8:24 AM
17	Mowing the grass is highly needed on a regular basis.	2/8/2016 8:11 PM
18	Boshaw	2/6/2016 2:22 PM

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19	If fishing platforms are not a financially feasible project, maybe steps could be installed along various points along the riprap at Wickes. It'd improve access for fisherfolk when river levels are lower.	2/6/2016 6:58 AM
20	I am a member of IBEW local 557(Saginaw Electricians) which consist of 270 members, we would be happy to help with any park improvements and/or up keep	2/5/2016 1:33 PM
21	City of Saginaw employees are the worst i have dealt with of any municipality. Horrible customer service, competency and work ethic. If you want Saginaw to improve start with the leadership.	2/5/2016 11:26 AM
22	So long as you have crime you will never have a viable parks system :(	2/4/2016 8:02 PM
23	Our community center is right by wickes park but its unusable. theres a lot of people close by who would use it, mostly kids	2/3/2016 8:24 AM
24	Saginaw Valley Audobon society may help. And if you want traffic to your Facebook group, make "Saginaw" a discrete, searchable word. By putting it all in one word, people can't search "Saginaw" and find you.	2/2/2016 3:40 PM
25	Each park has a unique & different personality. Unique, cool unusual parks could provide a desire for visitors to come to Saginaw. One park could be filled with food vendors & street musicians nightly for people to bring their dates or families for various ethnic lunches & dinners. It could be filled with lights & lanterns for a festive atmosphere. Another park could be known for where lovers go to carve their initials on a huge man-made wall or tree and to hang purchased cool locks on a built-in gate specifically for this. (I saw this in a Korean movie & it was awesome watching this unique way for couples to make memories at this park) I believe brainstorming for the unusual in some of our parks would really make Saginaw unique.	2/2/2016 2:51 PM
26	If a volunteers are need to make improvements to Unity Park then I would be interested but I do not have the time to put towards any other park that I don't utilize.	2/2/2016 12:18 PM
27	I believe improvement in the rail trail system would help, especially if they linked various parks through Saginaw.	2/2/2016 12:05 PM
28	It's unfortunate that our city is getting to be an unsafe place to live. I'm afraid to walk down my street.	2/2/2016 8:03 AM
29	The biggest barrier to utilizing parks in our area is a fear of criminal activity.	2/2/2016 5:06 AM
30	Programs for elderly and kids to work together	2/1/2016 4:41 PM
31	Work with the Saginaw Community Foundation to host a workshop or series of events: What neighborhood associations and volunteer groups can do to improve their local parks.	2/1/2016 8:21 AM
32	Support GOHI	1/29/2016 9:52 AM
33	The residents of our city need a healthy environment to get out and play in. The Taking Root is Saginaw initiative is getting a lot done as well as the non profits that have taken ownership of our parks and open space. Any support that the city itself can give to support these organizations/people is strongly encouraged.	1/29/2016 9:19 AM
34	Santos	1/28/2016 11:37 PM
35	I am 59 years old and during my childhood we had access to neighborhood school playgrounds which included an outdoor swimming pool. I believe this is why we did not have hardly any delinquent activities. We had the Little Olympics which allowed us to keep our athletic skills up to par and maintain healthy lifestyles. This also brought the neighborhood families out to support the youth and ultimately the community. We have to make the sacrifice to bring back what ACTUALLY WORKED!!	1/28/2016 12:37 PM
36	As a lifelong resident of Saginaw, I have played t-ball, little league, league, softball in mexican leagues years ago and now playing in church softball leagues. Also have begun to run at Hoyt park on a consistent basis. Even played in my first winter softball tournament this past weekend at Hoyt. Have yet too lace up the skates but the idea of bringing Hoyt Park back to life is great for the Saginaw Community	1/28/2016 9:41 AM
37	Hoyt Park can not sustain by volunteers. Need help grant writing, paid supervisor and/ or staff	1/27/2016 6:45 PM
38	Need more picnic tables, trash cans, grass cut on regular basis & more recreational activities for all ages	1/27/2016 5:29 PM
39	I think the City should have paid staff to maintain and upkeep ALL of the parks.	1/27/2016 3:34 PM
40	The parks need sustainable funding to maintain them, grants are great but after the money is gone the improvements that where done with the grant money never get maintained.	1/27/2016 2:09 PM
41	Park maintenance, park improvements, park events and community beautification create a stronger and more livable Saginaw!	1/27/2016 1:44 PM
42	It would great if someone would come to a neighborhood meeting to speak with us.	1/26/2016 3:22 PM
43	Some of my comments are based upon my previous experience as an employee of the city of Saginaw. Others are based upon research I currently undertake regarding the affect of parkland on nearby property values.	1/26/2016 9:56 AM

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44	Our parks need summer rec programs for kids in the neighborhoods. Even a 2 week day camp with physical activities, arts and crafts options would be good.	1/25/2016 8:50 PM
45	As Heritage Square residents, we actively help in picking up trash, planting trees, raking/bagging leaves, & monitoring kids in warmer months. We pick up litter all over our historic neighborhood as we walk our dog.	1/25/2016 7:57 PM
46	The parks should be clean and the grass should be cut in a timely manner. Remove basketball rims as they attract an element to the park that is disruptive to the overall climate, environment and enjoyment for others.	1/25/2016 1:08 PM
47	A dog park would be nice. Frisbee golf. NO matter what improvementafe will not work without security.	1/25/2016 12:55 PM
48	The population of Saginaw is half what it was when these parks were built. Trying to continue maintaining them all is foolish. The City does a poor job of trying to take care of more than they can handle. It would be better to concentrate your maintainence efforts on half of the parks, and closing and selling the rest. Start by selling the Wickes Park soccer fields on the south end of town on M-13. I am sure this area would be purchased by a farmer to be used as farm land. In short, get rid of the spaces that no one uses.	1/25/2016 10:31 AM
49	Out of the all of the parks listed above, only a few don't have much in them for anyone to enjoy. So maybe improving the two parks I named in question #9 would help. I grew up around Fordney park and had programs that got us young children involved in activities and it was great fun. It would be great to see this happen again. The kids need more things to get involved with.	1/24/2016 10:43 PM
50	Retired General Motors- Supervisor, Michigan State University BA Urban Studies, minor Recreation Adminstration.	1/24/2016 7:54 PM
51	I help out at the zoo.Im on some of there committee and I have a garden there that takes a lot of my time in the summer.	1/24/2016 12:42 PM
52	We can't complain about young people 'doing things' if we don't provide them any options. Recreation would provide activities for young and employment for the teenager!	1/23/2016 12:37 PM
53	It's very discouraging when I call the city in the fall requesting the cleanup of the leaves in Fordney Park and I am told that 'the park is not utilized enough' to properly maintain it! Living across the street from the park, I can tell you that the leaves from its many acres blow around the neighborhood and remain in the streets for most of the following year! Especially with the discontinued street leaf pickup - the lack of MAINTENANCE by the city has shifted those burdens onto the surrounding neighbors unfairly! I hope this isn't just a touchy touchy feel good excercise and that something actually results from this...	1/23/2016 11:36 AM
54	I already work with the group.	1/22/2016 3:38 PM
55	I am liking how Saginaw County Parks has started to work with the City. Moving forward together, the two should work on existing City parks that many in the region recognize such as Hoyt and Ojibaway. Other interest in properties such as the GM/RacerTrust/landfill or the Nature Center should be secondary - please focus on the assets the City already has, then build from those successes	1/22/2016 12:44 PM
56	Hope enprovementas are made in 2016	1/22/2016 11:17 AM
57	Thank you for asking the questions above. The Japanese Garden park used be a 24 hrs park. I took my daughters all the time. It has been the difficult park for residents unless people retired - even retired people cannot enjoy them with the timing schedule. I understand damage in the tea room years ago but the fence and very limited access makes it a park only for few people can use it.	1/22/2016 11:01 AM
58	Thank you very much for your time, please call if I can help in any way	1/22/2016 10:58 AM
59	The city had a hard time cutting the grass in certain parks, maybe starting a community volunteer group for each park like Adopt a Park to keep clean and help cut grass or tax breaks for local farmers to cut grass or something to motivate the youth to care about the city we live in and how a community that unites to make a difference in the future of our city parks.	1/21/2016 11:59 PM
60	An outdoor pool would be a nice luxury item . Every improvement adds to the quality of living here in Saginaw. I'm from the Detroit are and absolutely love Saginaw	1/21/2016 8:02 PM
61	I am currently President of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy and we are currently programming several recreation projects across the City as part of the Outdoor Urban Recreation program. I am also helping a few neighborhood groups that are interested in improving parks in their areas.	1/21/2016 7:02 PM
62	Various community service organizations should be utilized, ie clubs fraternities etc.	1/21/2016 5:20 PM
63	Neighbor Doug Baldwin started program with neighborhood youth at Otto Roser park last summer. A recreational youth coordinator would be very helpful.	1/21/2016 1:29 PM
64	I believe the Lions are working on Bliss Park - I'd love to help out.	1/21/2016 11:46 AM
65	This was a nice survey, I hope it helps.	1/21/2016 10:25 AM

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66	I serve on the Lathrup Park Association board and may be able to help provide some awareness of upcoming improvement efforts.	1/21/2016 9:41 AM
67	I would be most interested in any talks, planning and development of disc golf options. My thinking is that Youths Deserve A Basket as part of ALL playground equipment. The cost is minimal and the benefits are great. GREEN activities is what I prefer to see in parks. Kayak rental, canoes, x-country skiing, walking, rollerbalding, disc golf, volleyball, ice rinks and stuff like that. low cost, major benefits	1/21/2016 9:25 AM
68	MUST be coordination among groups looking to improve outdoor activities/parks/green spaces in community. There appears to be multiple entities pursuing common ideals but I perceive a lack of communication/coordination of efforts. If funding sources such as private foundations are going to be approached they will be very interested in seeing groups organized around initiatives all agree upon. I also believe strongly that the wetlands behind Rifkin and adjacent to the Children's Museum and SASA represent an untapped resource for learning about nature, etc. in the heart of an urban environment.	1/21/2016 9:05 AM
69	I think by allowing Saginaw County to take over the all of the City Parks not just assisting or helping with a few then the park system would flourish again. I put that I disagree that volunteers play an important role as I don't think they should have to. Allow the County to take over and make significant improvements. Give these volunteers a break on all of their back breaking work that they have done for so long! The City can't financially take care of these parks so they should give them up.	1/21/2016 9:01 AM
70	I think that Deindorfer woods needs to be dedicated to Veterans, should have a VETERANS Picnic every year, since next to the VA.	1/20/2016 5:26 PM
71	My time is limited but if I can work it in some where I will might even include my 14 year old when I have him on visits	1/20/2016 12:19 PM
72	If there is something a person in a wheelchair can do to help I would be glad to help	1/20/2016 11:13 AM
73	If you want people to come to your downtown area for more than the Dow Event Center and the park across the street you need to provide a SAFE place for them to go, or walk, or their children to play.	1/20/2016 9:56 AM
74	Efforts need to go to vacant homes/blight and crime before improving parks.	1/20/2016 8:57 AM