



City of Oak Park  
**Parks and Recreation Master Plan**  
**2018 - 2022**

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# INTRODUCTION

The City of Oak Park's Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan covers years 2018 to 2022. It is an update from the previous Five-Year Master Plan for years 2006 to 2010 and an extension of the current Oak Park Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is based on a planning process that involves gathering input from the community, stakeholders, and staff. This plan is built upon the needs, concerns and wishes of all these groups. This plan contains key findings and information gathered from the recently completed community survey; public meetings; demographic analysis; current, historic and future information and trends; and a comprehensive inventory and analysis of existing parks, facilities, recreation programs, and maintenance operations. This Five-Year Master Plan is intended to meet the state requirements for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In addition, this plan serves as a tool to guide the Parks and Recreation Departments over the next five years; to better serve the community; and to provide quality parks, facilities and programs.

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# SECTION 1

## Community Description

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

## OAK PARK: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

### THE PLACE

The City of Oak Park is centrally located within Metro Detroit and benefits from convenient freeway access. The City encompasses 5.18 square miles and is predominantly comprised of single-family residences. Almost all of Oak Park's residents are within two miles of the city center. Oak Park is known for its tight-knit neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, and wooded parks. The large, centrally located David H. Shepherd Park hosts the City's major events like the annual Fourth of July festivities, Boo Bash and Summerfest. There are nine smaller neighborhood parks that serve the neighborhoods. Once known as the "Family City", Oak Park has been rebranded to "Community, Culture and Commerce" and adopted a new vision. "The City of Oak Park will lead the region as the most dynamic city in metropolitan Detroit, serving as a destination for vibrant, cutting-edge community life." This new branding is a better representation of the City of Oak Park today.

### THE PEOPLE

The 2010 U.S. Census states Oak Park's population is approximately 29,319 people. The average number of persons per household is 2.50 and is expected to decrease to 2.48 over the next five years. The number of households with children under 18 years is less than 30%. According to the 2013 Oak Park Retail Market Study, the primary trade area population is expected to drop by 2% between 2013 and 2018. The median household income of \$40,200 in the primary trade area is modest compared to regional and state levels; however, it is estimated to increase at an annual rate of 3.98% to \$48,900 in 2018. The largest employment sectors in the primary trade area are service (52.7%), retail trade (14.1%), and manufacturing (6%). An economic boost from new retail could create positive demographic changes. The Retail Market Study discovered the most prominent lifestyle groups in Oak Park's primary trade area portray a cluster of aging residents and established, community-oriented families. Lifestyle tendencies of Oak Park residents include being active in the community, attending church, helping with fundraising projects, and participating in civic activities. The diversity in Oak Park's population makes it an interesting place to live and visit. The strong Jewish, African-American, Chaldean, and Arab populations provide an eclectic mix of race, culture, and religion in a relatively small land area. This diversity is exciting and provides a strong marketing base.





*Nine Mile Corridor, date and source unknown*



*Nine Mile Corridor, current conditions*



*Rendering of the Nine Mile Redesign, created by OHM*

## THE INFRASTRUCTURE

Oak Park has a solid foundation upon which to build. It has a strong tradition of affordable homes, stable neighborhoods, recreational amenities, good local schools, and a central location. Ensuring the pieces are in place to create a viable, vibrant, and attractive place for economic activity involves looking at the city's physical infrastructure and the degree to which the physical environment facilitates economic activity. Most major roads in Oak Park have been repaired or replaced within the last ten years; their ability to connect people to goods and services offered in the community is unquestionable. Traffic flow, parking arrangements, and non-motorized transit play a huge role in economic activity, and when planned carefully, their benefits can also improve the health of residents and the environment.

Oak Park is similar to other suburban communities throughout the country, with a development pattern that expanded for 50 years only to result in declining properties, lifeless business parks, and empty storefronts. Many communities are responding to the changing suburban markets and consumer preferences by transforming their auto-dependent landscapes into more sustainable, urban places - a trend called "retrofitting suburbia".

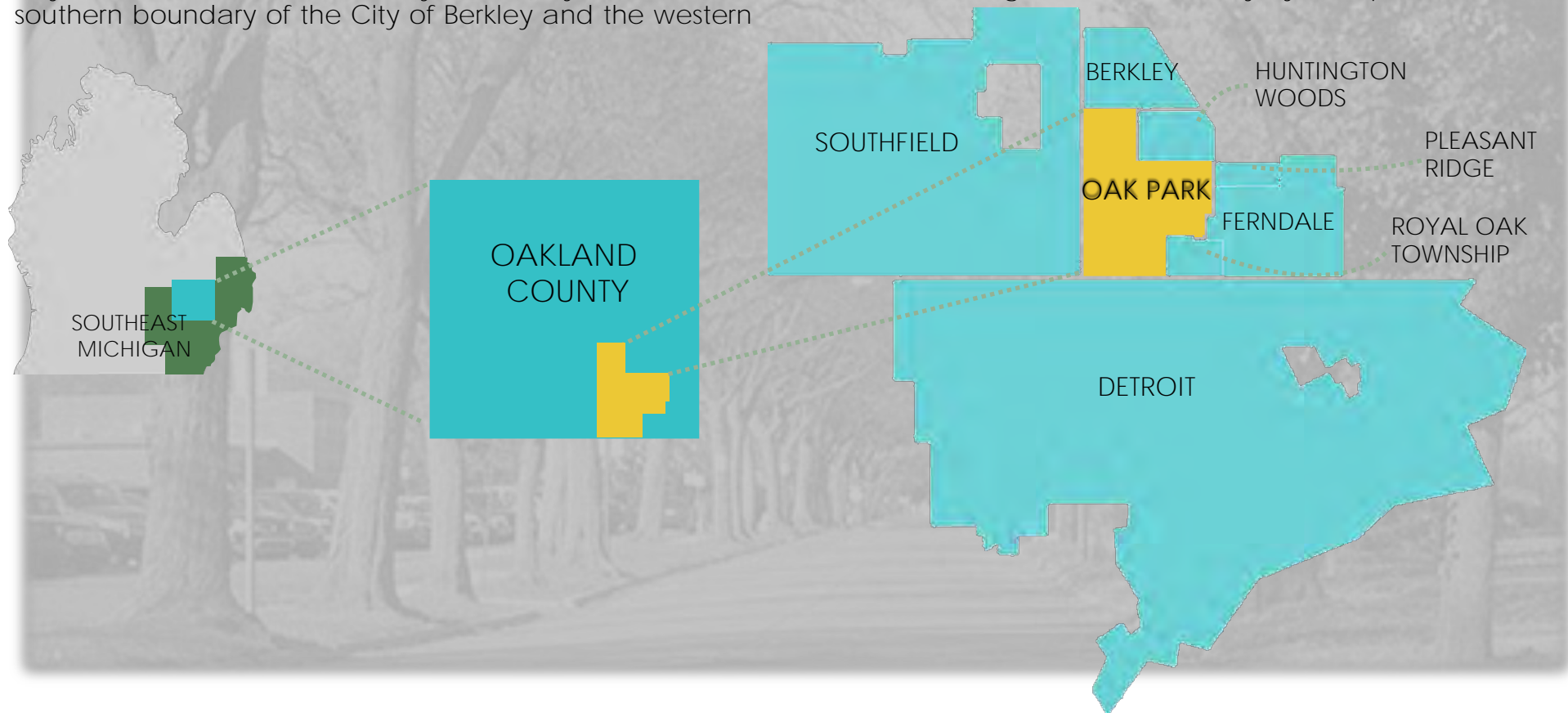
Today, Oak Park lacks the urban qualities other communities have that attract young people. While finding new uses for old structures is one strategy, the most effective redevelopments are considered those that retrofit the streets, blocks, and lots to provide environments designed for pedestrians, density, and a mix of uses. The Nine Mile Redesign Plan suggests creating a more urban, walkable environment by implementing a "road diet" on Nine Mile Road.

# REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Oak Park was named the “fastest growing city” in the country in the late 1950's. It is optimally located in southeastern Oakland County with easy access to many freeways and highways. Freeway and regional highway access are provided by I-696, US-10, and M-102. These provide regional connections to I-75, the Southfield Freeway, and Woodward Avenue to name a few. Oak Park is adjacent to the north boundary of the City of Detroit, eastern boundary to the City of Southfield, southern boundary of the City of Berkley and the western

boundaries of the cities of Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, and the Charter Township of Royal Oak.

Oak Park developed as one of the inner ring suburbs of Detroit and incorporated in 1945. The City annexed a portion of Royal Oak Township north of Ten Mile Road in 2003 and another portion north of Ten Mile Road in 2004, thus increasing the size of the City by .14 square miles.





# HISTORY

First surveyed in 1817, the area was described to territorial governor Lewis Cass as “irreclaimable and must remain forever unfit for culture or occupation, and their obvious destiny must be to remain in the possession of wild beasts.” After camping the area, Governor Cass named the township Royal Oak due to the great Royal Oak trees. The area that now makes up the City of Oak Park was located in the southwest corner of then Royal Oak Township, and was known as marshlands because of its muddy, swampy make-up.

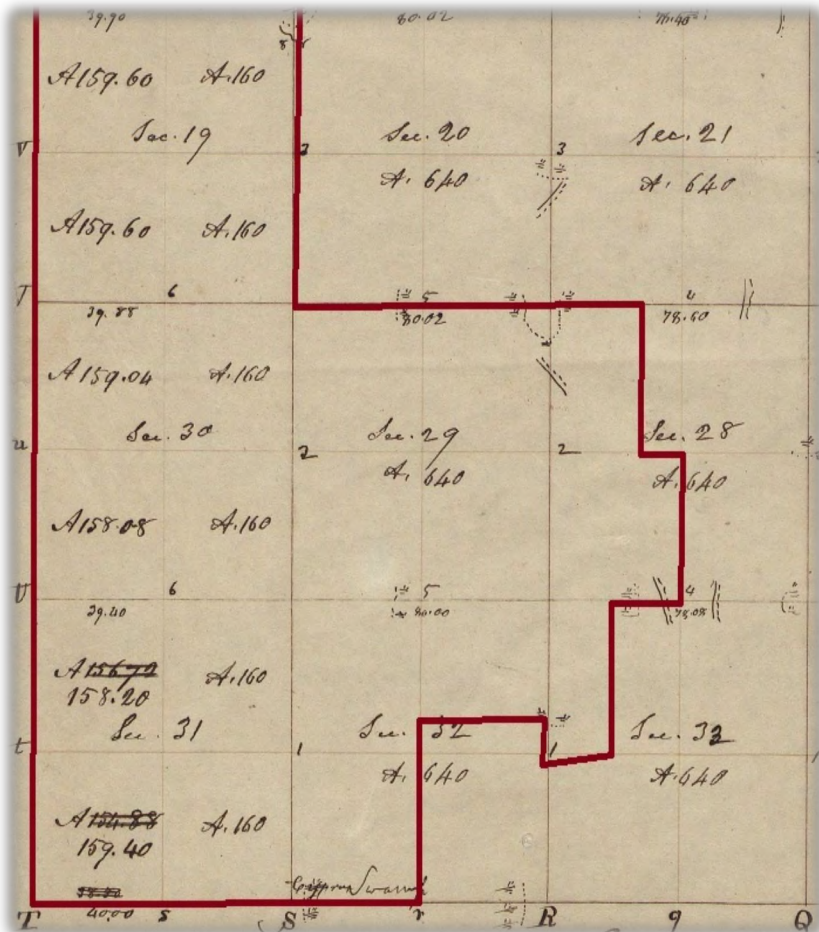
Over the years Oak Park grew from a swampy corner of Royal Oak Township to an independent village, and eventually an incorporated city. In 1945, the new City's first elected body branded it the “City with a Future.” Its population grew impressively after WWII, when veterans returned with home loan guarantees through the G.I. Bill. By the 1950s residential construction had accelerated so much that Oak Park was acknowledged as Detroit's first northwest-corridor suburb, and the nation's fastest-growing city. As the City grew over the years its largely residential nature fueled a new motto: “The Family City.” To many, its network of beautifully tree-lined streets, numerous parks, and tight-knit neighborhoods will forever validate this motto. In 2013, to reflect the City's progressive nature and strong resolve to provide a high quality of life for all residents City Council adopted a fresh set of goals within the three tenants “Community, Culture, and Commerce,” the City's new motto.





1817: Surveyors reported "...the lands were irreclaimable and must remain forever unfit for culture or occupation, and their obvious destiny must be to remain in the possession of wild beasts." Located in the southwestern corner of what Governor Cass was to name Royal Oak Township.

1846: The Clinton School is built as a one room school house on a half-acre located on the northwest corner of present day Nine Mile and Stratford.



Current day Oak Park boundary overlaid on 1908 plat map of Royal Oak Township – [Historicmapworks.com](http://Historicmapworks.com)

1890: The oldest remaining building in Oak Park and the only known building to pre-date the 20th century is the home located at 24231 Coolidge. It was the home of the William Schrader forty acre farmstead.

1890-1919: According to assessor's data, a total of 28 buildings were built between 1890 and 1919. The majority of these buildings are homes built along the eastern border of present day Oak Park.

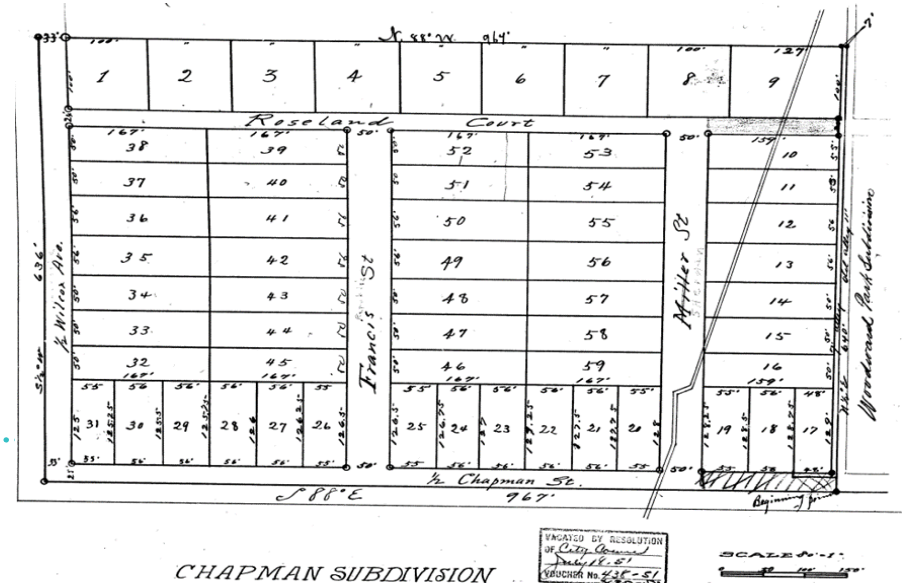
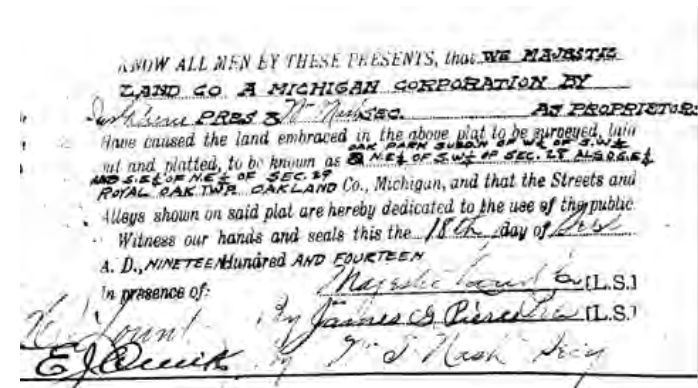


**1900:** 8502 Colgate may have been Oak Park's first commercial property. For many years it served as a neighborhood general store. It is located at the corner of Colgate and Republic.



**JULY 27TH, 1914:** Up until 1914, development in the township was clustered toward Royal Oak and Ferndale. Developments began to spur out along Woodward. Next to present day Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park's first significant subdivision and neighborhood is created, Chapman Subdivision.

**SEPTEMBER 18, 1914:** Oak Park is formed as a subdivision of the former William McGee 327 acre farmstead by the Majestic Land Company, owned by Detroit developer James G. Pierce. Mr. Pierce named a boulevard after his company and several streets after cities in New York. The company named the subdivision, "Oak Park" subdivision because of the abundance of Oak trees. A state limitation on the selling of bonds by townships restricted the construction of streets, sewers, and other community infrastructure.



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After many meetings with legal, engineering and financial advisors, a charter and code of ordinances were drafted. It provided for a village form of government with a president to be elected for a one-year term, two commissioners who would be elected for two-year terms, two commissioners to be elected for one-year terms, a treasurer to be elected for a two-year term, and a village clerk to be elected for a one-year term.

**MARCH 14, 1927:** After the Honorable Fred W. Green, Governor of the State of Michigan, approved the Charter, the Charter Commission set May 3, 1927 as the date for election to accept or reject the Charter and elect village officers.

There is no record of the number of votes cast (there were 98 registered voters), but the charter passed. Charles R. Raine was elected first Village President by virtue of receiving the largest number of votes. James Fisher was easily elected a two-year commissioner, having the next highest number of votes. However, Chester Brill and Clarence O. Kirby each had an equal number of votes and had to toss a coin to decide who would be a two-year commissioner and who would serve for one year; Kirby won. William Cameron was elected as the other one-year commissioner. Harold Webber was elected part-time treasurer and Fred G. Yehle became part-time clerk.

The first meeting of the Commission was held in the home of its president on May 16, 1927. Later the Martz and McLaughlin Real Estate Company offered their offices, including three 26-foot lots, as the Village offices in lieu of all Village, County, and State taxes on the property. The Commission would also be responsible for keeping the building painted and in good repair.

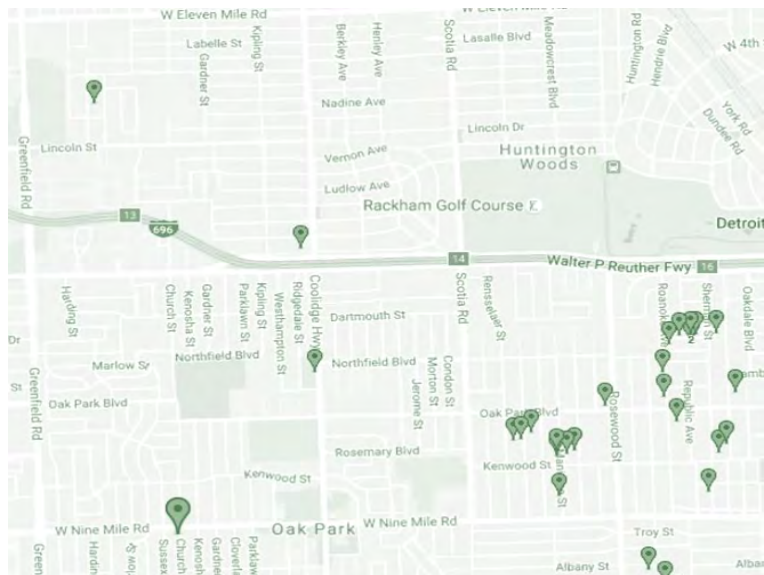
**1928:** The Commission was desperate for more office space. There was no money for a new Village Hall and the Commission could not spend Village funds to add to a borrowed real estate office. However, a particularly resourceful Village Manager, Glendon J. Mowwitt, came up with an ingenious answer. He found two abandoned real estate offices and an old Village voting booth.

In November, a sleet storm coated the entire countryside with two inches of ice. The Village office rounded up a group of public minded citizens and the Department of Public Works put skids on the buildings and slid them right down to the Village Hall lots. One building became a private office for the Manager and the other offices eventually became the police station. The voting booth served as both office space and voting booth. These "borrowed" buildings were destined to be the Village Hall, and later the City Hall, for the next 20 years.

The years 1928 and 1929 were particularly busy ones for the Village and its new Commission. The Village initiated an ambitious program to develop sewers and water mains. Further, new ordinances had created planning boards and zoning boards which necessitated added personnel. Subdividers, excited by the prospect of a building boom for Oak Park, were to add streets, sidewalks, electricity and other improvements that called for more supervision and inspection by the already overworked and underpaid Village employees. Despite angry protests, the Village Commission passed the 1929 budget calling for expenditures of \$52,210. By the fall of 1929, the struggling Village had fallen on hard times.



**1930-1939:** The era of the Great Depression ushered in a decrease in the development rate, only thirty new buildings were constructed in this decade. Oak Park was also facing its share of the nation's economic difficulties. Unemployment was high and the County was forcing the Village to take care of its own welfare cases. There were more than \$30,000 worth of uncollected taxes on the books and the Village had already borrowed \$9,000 against them.



Map of present day buildings built between 1930 and 1939.

Source: google Maps

**1932:** Detroit expressed an interest in annexing the Village. Detroit wanted the property for expansion and a bus route to the zoo. They knew that the village was penniless, with thousands of dollars in bonded indebtedness, and expected Oak Parkers to jump at the opportunity.

Good things were happening during these years that helped to balance the adversities. Oak Park was the first municipality to start a fight against the State to recover

that portion of State gasoline taxes collected in the village that was not actually needed for the operating and maintenance of state highways. Oakland County also joined the fight. When the Detroit papers took Oak Park's side, the whole state joined the village's cause. Oak Park won the case and achieved a new source of revenue.

The Village Commission granted permission for an airport to be built at Ten Mile Road and Coolidge Highway. Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge joined to fight against it, and angry Oak Park citizens threatened a tax strike and a law suit. When the State approved the Commission's plans, Oak Park's taxpayers went to Circuit Court and won an injunction that killed the airport. The 1932 attempt ended with the land being put to much better use than an airport. The defeated Commission agreed to cooperate with the Ford Motor Company in turning all of the other acreage in the Village into gardens where the unemployed could grow food. Unemployed people from Oak Park and surrounding communities farmed 700 acres of Oak Park land.

During this period Oak Park's police force was rated "best in the State." This was achieved despite the fact that they had to provide their own cars and guns, and had to raise a disproportionate amount of money from traffic violations to earn enough money for the Village to pay their salaries.

The volunteer fire department was also winning kudos from all over the State for their efficiency. Because the Village had no money to pay for equipment, the firemen raised their own money and provided all their own equipment, including a fire truck. Swamp fires continued to plague the Village until 1950, when the swamp areas were drained and covered with the construction of business and industrial buildings.

**1940-1945:** Financial troubles and other difficulties continued to plague the Village of Oak Park until 1944. The war had brought new industry to the village which in turn brought new residents and new taxes to the treasury. The Village was beginning to pay off its debts and was even able to repay some of its long time, loyal employees (who had gone payless) by giving them small raises and paid vacations. Real estate brokers and builders bought land at State land sales that had been forfeited for inability to pay taxes. Expecting a real building boom, they were buying large parcels for as little as \$40 a lot. These lots would eventually sell for more than \$1,000 a lot. Oak Park began to grow rapidly; new homes were springing up. The Commission appropriated \$55,000 to start a new City Hall. During that time 63 new homes were built in Oak Park.

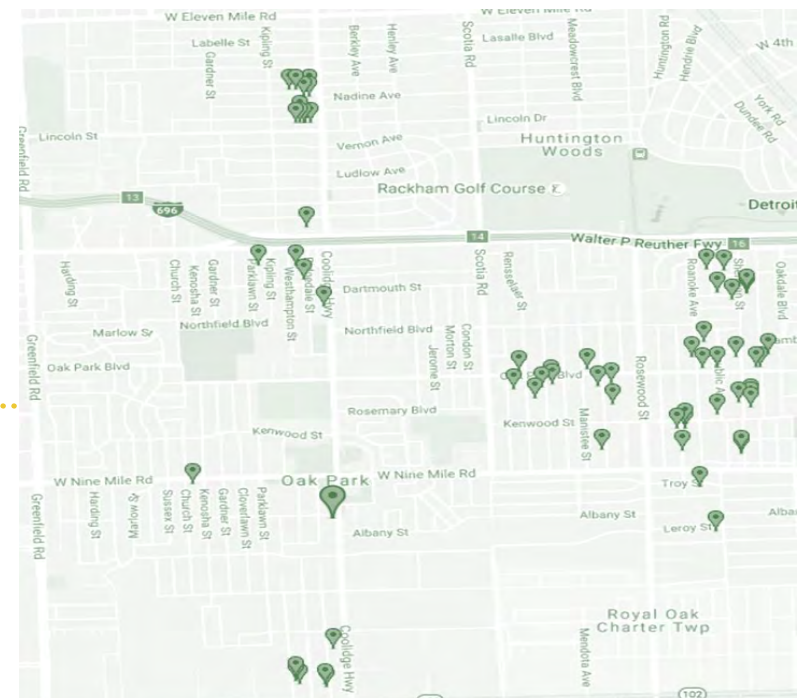
**JUNE 24, 1944:** President Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill into law.

**1945:** In June, the citizens of Oak Park elect to become a city. World War II ends on September 2nd. By December, with an approved Charter, City Council, and City Manager; Oak Park was ready to kick off the biggest building boom in America.

**1946-1949:** With the war over and soldiers returning home, a housing shortage was in effect. Oak Park's 5.04 square miles was the biggest piece of largely undeveloped real estate in the Detroit Metropolitan area. From 1946 to 1949 alone, there were 1,119 new buildings erected.



Aerial map, 1940



Map of present day buildings built between 1940 and 1945. Source: Google Maps

**1950-1960:** In 1950 with a population of 5,200 residents, and a growth of 300% since 1946, the City leaders saw the need to properly plan the growth of the City. Little Oak Park earmarked \$5,000 to hire nationally recognized expert David S. Geer to design a master plan. They also hired Jay Gibbs, an experienced City Manager, from Ferndale.

Geer predicted Oak Park's population would grow eight times by 1970. The planners started working toward making room for a maximum of 30,000 people. (The

population peaked at 36,762 in 1970.) The Master Plan separated industrial from residential zones, reserving vacant land for wide “greenbelts.” It outlines areas for neighborhood shopping and central business. The planners set aside 13% of land for industrial development.

Throughout the 1950's, Oak Park was building on average two houses a day for ten years straight. Where as in 1949 there were 1,368 households in Oak Park, by 1959, there was 8,548 households. For multiple years, Oak Park was the fastest growing city in America.

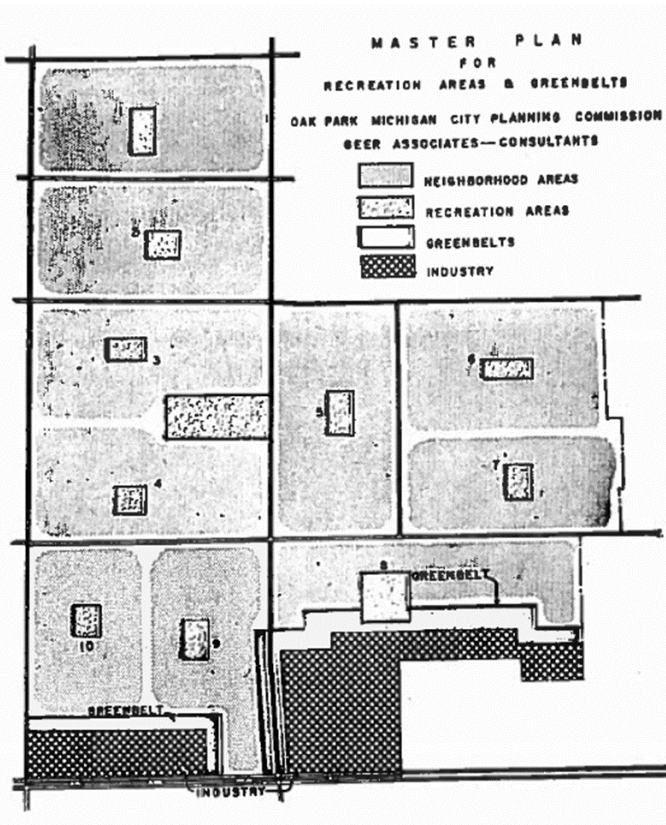
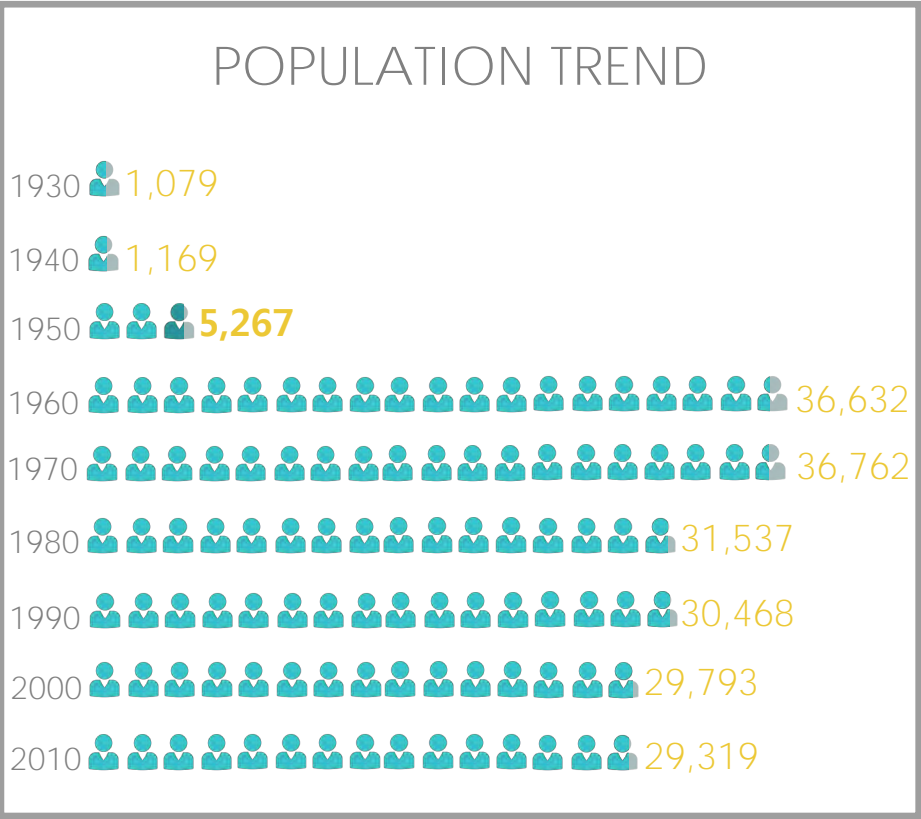


Figure 8 - Map of recreation and greenbelt areas, 1950



City of Oak Park population 1930—2010, U.S. Census Bureau



**1960-1969:** Buildable land was becoming scarce in the 1960's. Most homes were built in the northwest corner of the City. Higher density condominium developments were also being constructed. There were only 929 housing units built in this decade.

**1970-2010:** Oak Park becomes almost fully developed. In forty years, only 220 new buildings are erected. A few major, historical events occurred which forever changed the landscape of the City during this time.

Planning for the construction of the I-696 freeway started in the 1950s. Michigan state officials proposed the designation I-98, but this was not approved. Construction started on the first segment in 1961, and the Lodge Freeway was designated Business Spur Interstate 696 (BS I-696) the following year. The western third of the freeway opened in 1963, and the eastern third was completed in January 1979. The central segment was the subject of much controversy during the 1960s and 1970s. Various municipalities along this stretch argued over the routing of the freeway such that the governor locked several officials into a room overnight until they would agree to a routing. Later, various groups used federal environmental regulations to force changes to the freeway. The Orthodox Jewish community in Oak Park was concerned about pedestrian access across the freeway so I-696 was built with a set of parks on overpasses to accommodate their needs.

Final approval in 1981 of the freeway's alignment was contingent on these mitigation measures. To address the community's unique needs, the State hired a rabbi to serve as a consultant on the project. In addition, a series of landscaped plazas were incorporated into the design,

forming the tunnels through which I-696 passes. These structures are a set of three 700-foot-wide (210 m) bridges that cross the freeway within a mile. They allow members of the Jewish community to walk to synagogues on the Sabbath and other holidays when Jewish law prohibits driving. The Detroit Zoo and the City of Detroit also fought components of the freeway design. These concessions delayed the completion of I-696 until December 15, 1989

**NOVEMBER 1, 2004:** Oak Park annexes a remaining section of Royal Oak Charter Township in the northwest section of the city. The annex includes commercially developed land containing multiple medium to high density apartment blocks.



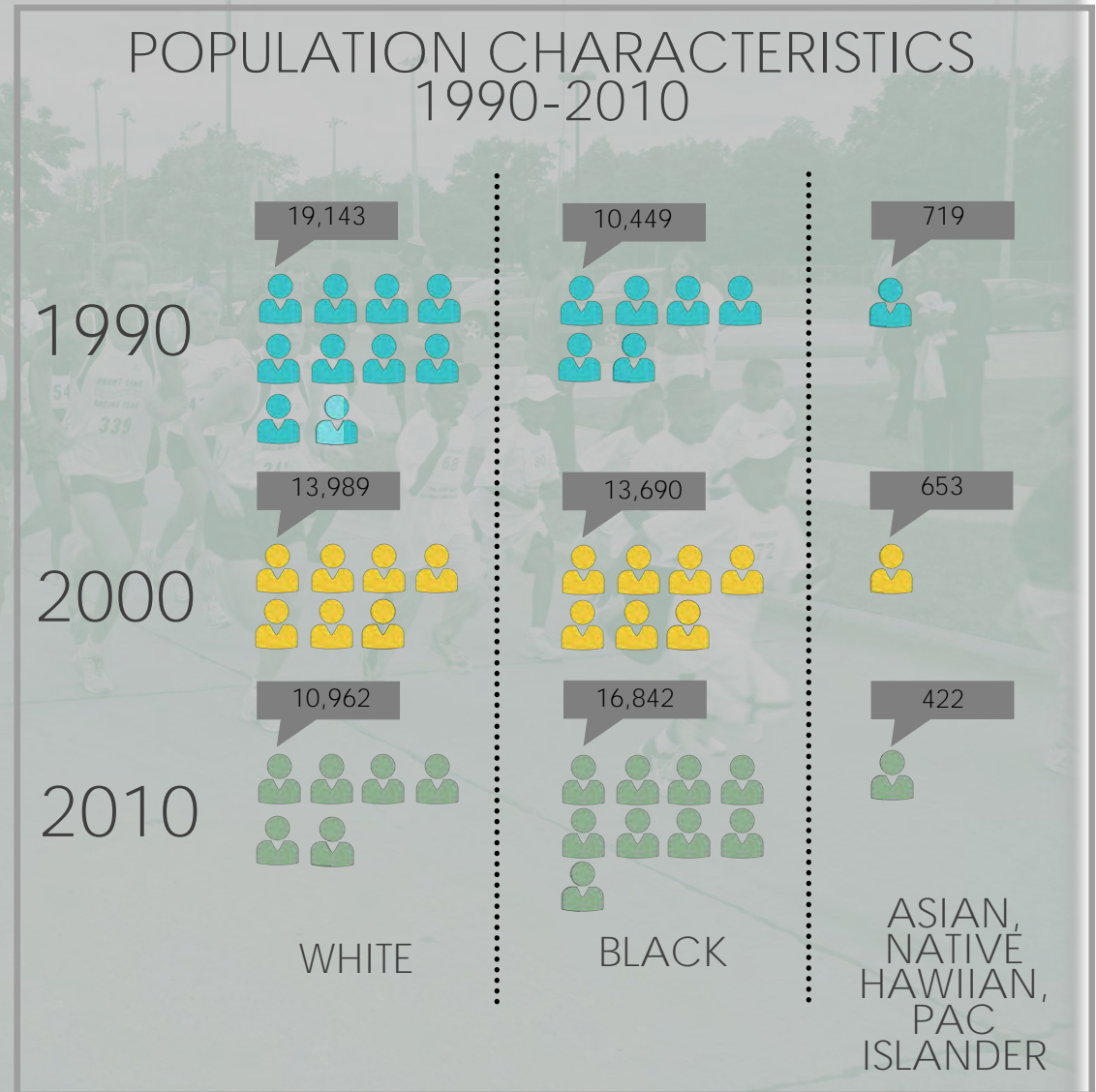
*I-696 Bridge Decks aerial photo*

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

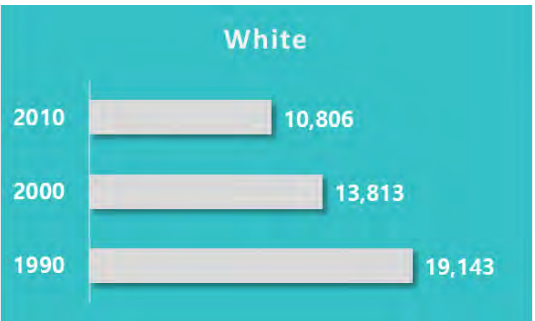
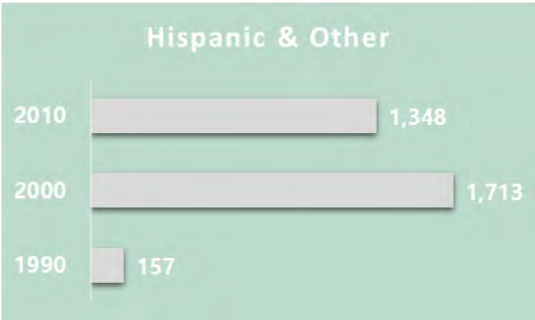
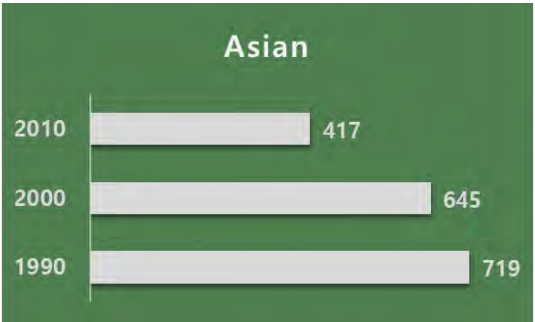
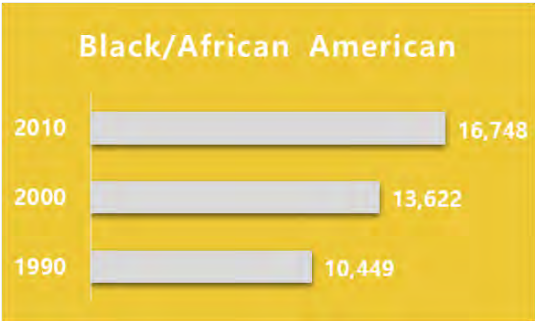
The Community Profile examines a variety of information from the U. S. Census and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to provide a snapshot of the people living in the City of Oak Park and a forecast for the future. This examination of demographic information is useful in understanding present and future community needs. Furthermore, it provides the City the necessary data to develop plans that guide Oak Park in properly serving its residents.

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

In the 1950's the City of Oak Park was one of the fastest growing communities in the United States going from a population of 5,267 to 36,632 by 1960, a phenomenal increase of over 350%. Since the 1970 Census high of 36,762, the population of Oak Park has been steadily decreasing to its 2010 Census count of 29,319. According to the SEMCOG 2040 Forecast the trend will continue and the population will further decrease to 26,981 by 2040. This decrease in population is consistent with population decreases in the communities neighboring Oak Park and is in large part due to reductions in household sizes seen across the nation.

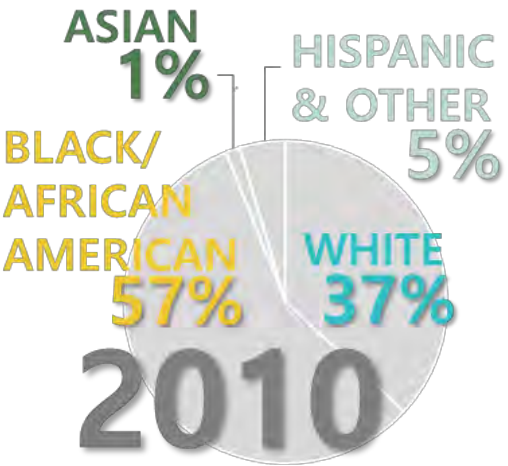
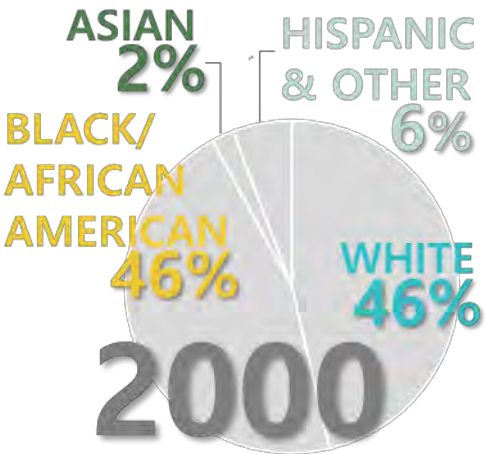
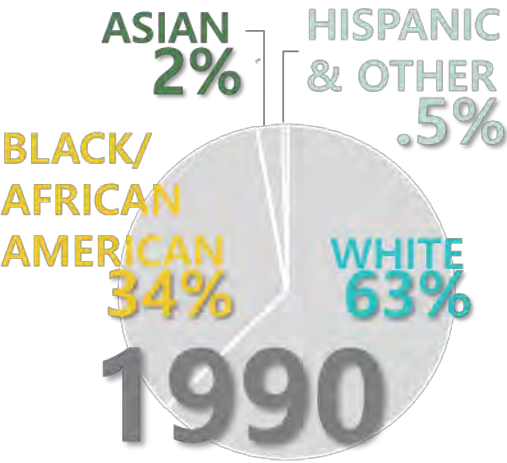






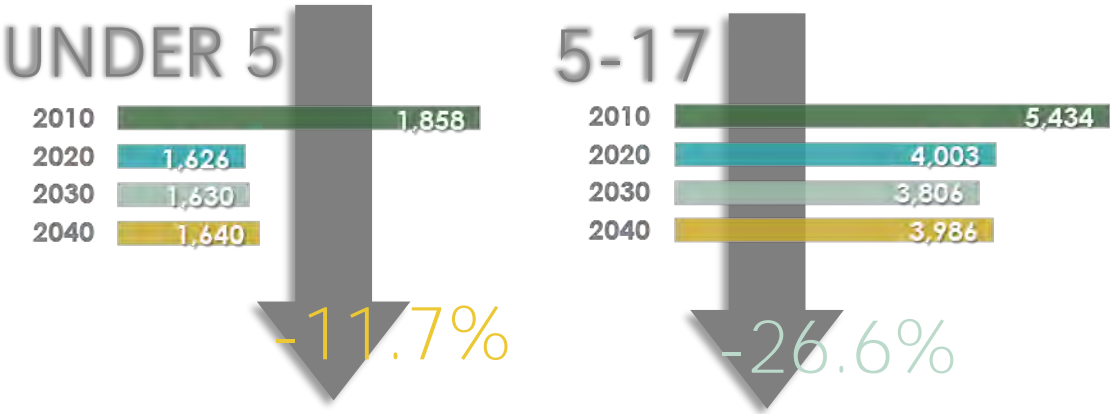
RACE AND ETHNIC ORIGINS

From the 1990 Census to the 2010 Census the City of Oak Park has seen a demographic shift from a population with a White majority (62.8% in 1990) to one with a Black or African American majority (57.1% in 2010). Over that same time period the Asian population decreased from 2.4% to 1.4%. The Hispanic population remained steady from 2000 to 2010 at 1.4% of the overall population.



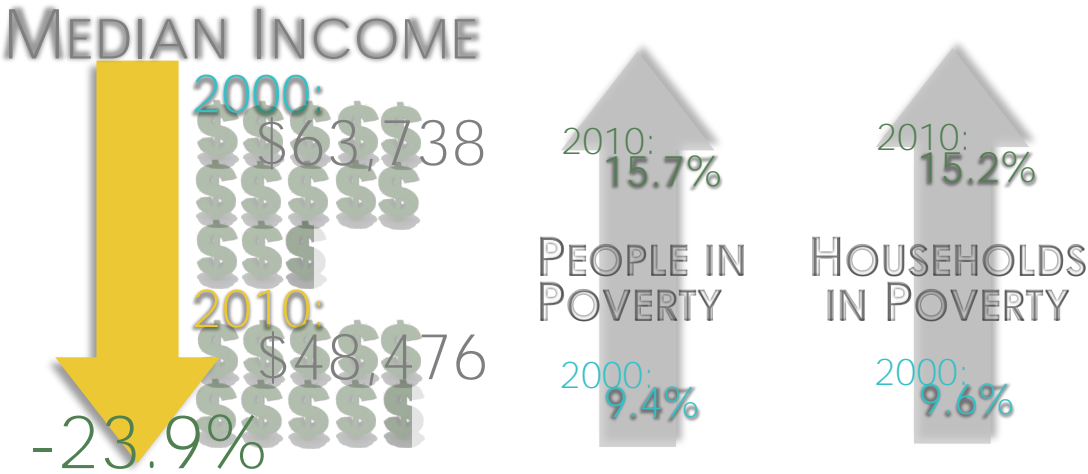
AGE

From the 1990 Census to the 2010 Census the median age of the City's population has increased from 32.8 (1990) to 34.6 (2000) to 37.5 (2010). The increased median age is a reflection of rising life expectancy and lower birth rates. This is a worldwide phenomenon with the aged population currently the highest level in human history. In Oak Park, this can be seen in the population forecasts for the youngest two age groups, with decreases of 11.7% (under age 5) and 26.6% (5 to 17 years of age) from the 2000 Census to the 2040 projection. Conversely, the 65 years and older age category dramatically increases from 3,626 to 7,203, a 90.8% increase, from the 2000 Census to the 2040 forecasted number.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The Oak Park Median Household Income in 2010 was \$48,476 (5-Yr ACS 2010) a drop of \$15,262 (-23.9%) from 2000. Comparatively, the median household income in 2010 was \$53,242 for Southeast Michigan as a region, \$51,201 for Southfield, \$50,273 for Ferndale, and \$34,873 for Hazel Park. The number of persons in poverty increased to 15.7% (4,700) in 2010 and the number of Households in poverty rose to 15.2% (1,776) in Oak Park according to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.



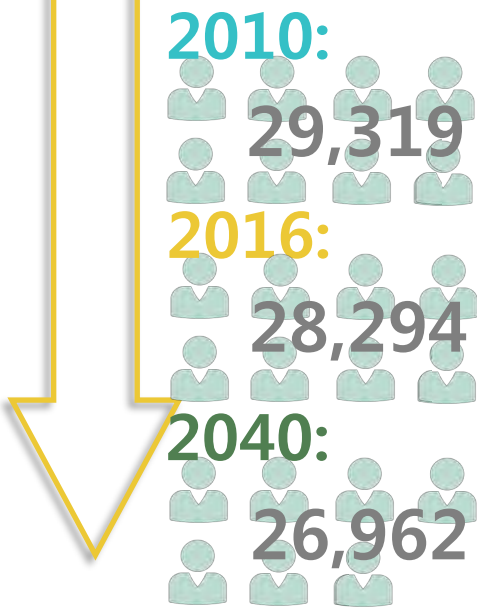
HOUSEHOLDS

As defined by the 2010 U.S. Census, “a household includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as living quarters.” According to the SEMCOG 2040 Forecast both the number of Housing Units and the number of Households will remain constant through the year 2040 in Oak Park. This is mostly a function of the fact that the City is “built out” and there is relatively little opportunity for new housing construction on a large scale.

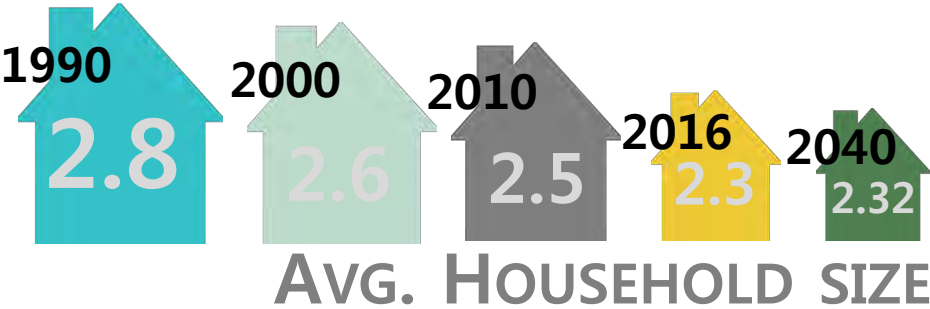
HOUSEHOLDS

	CENSUS 2000	CENSUS 2010	% CHANGE
With Seniors 65+	2,807	3,038	8.2%
Without Seniors	8,297	8,681	4.6%
2+ people without children	3,844	4,195	9.1%
Live alone, 65+	1,158	1,284	10.9%
Live alone, under 65	1,794	2,343	30.6%
With Children	4,308	3,897	-9.5%
Total Households	11,104	11,719	5.5%

HOUSEHOLD POPULATON



Average Household Size has decreased over time from 2.8 persons (1990 Census) to 2.68 (2000 Census) to 2.5 (2010 Census). The reasons for the decrease in Household Size are a result of more people living in single person households. From the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census persons living alone, 65 and older, increased by 10.9% while those under 65, living alone, increased by 30.6% in Oak Park. In addition, households with children decreased by 9.5% over the same time period.



## EDUCATION

From 2000 to 2010 the number of people with post-high school education has increased to 66.7% of the population age 25 and over. According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 38.6% of the population age 25 and over have either an Associates, Bachelor's or Graduate degree.

	2010	2000 – 2010 % change
Graduate/ Professional Degree	10.8%	-1%
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	17.9%	.5%
Associate Degree	9.9%	2.7%
Some College, No Degree	28.1%	2.9%
High School Graduate	21.2%	-1.5%
Did not graduate High School	12.2%	-5.6%

## EMPLOYMENT

According to the SEMCOG 2040 Forecast the number of jobs in Oak Park will slowly and steadily increase from 10,175 in 2010 to a forecasted 11,182 jobs in 2040, an increase of 9.9%. The SEMCOG 2040 Forecast indicates that the largest increases will be in Private Education & Healthcare (+588) and Services to Households & Firms (+464). A decrease of 240 Retail Trade jobs is anticipated during the same period.

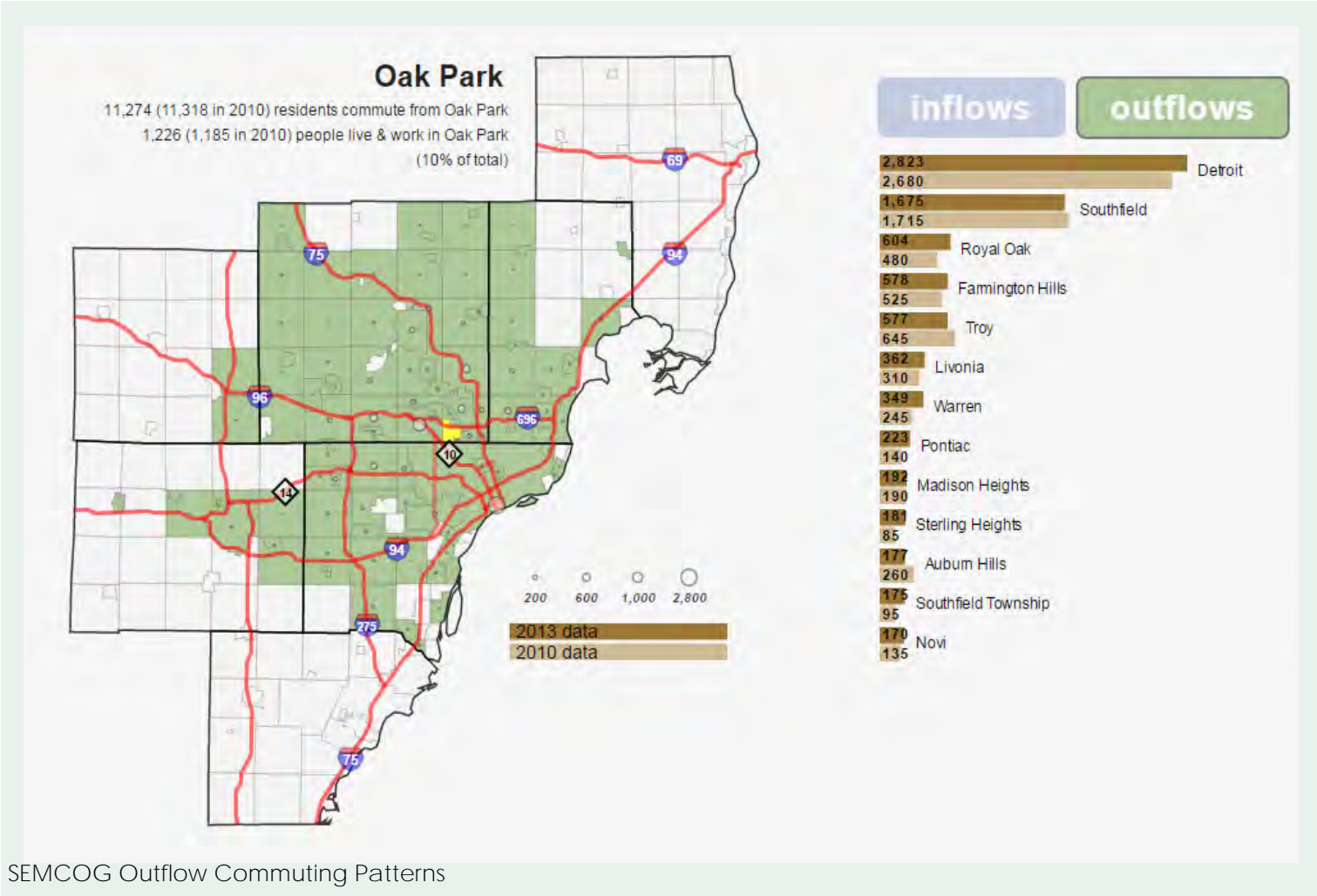
	2010	2020	2030	2040
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	874	986	1,098	1,059
Manufacturing	688	740	705	675
Wholesale Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	852	864	848	852
Retail Trade	1,281	1,163	1,141	1,041
Knowledge-based Services	1,756	1,924	1,754	1,735
Services to Households & Firms	1,924	2,325	2,494	2,388
Private Education & Healthcare	1,007	1,206	1,371	1,595
Leisure & Hospitality	604	587	576	558
Government	1,189	1,220	1,255	1,279
TOTAL	10,175	11,015	11,242	11,182

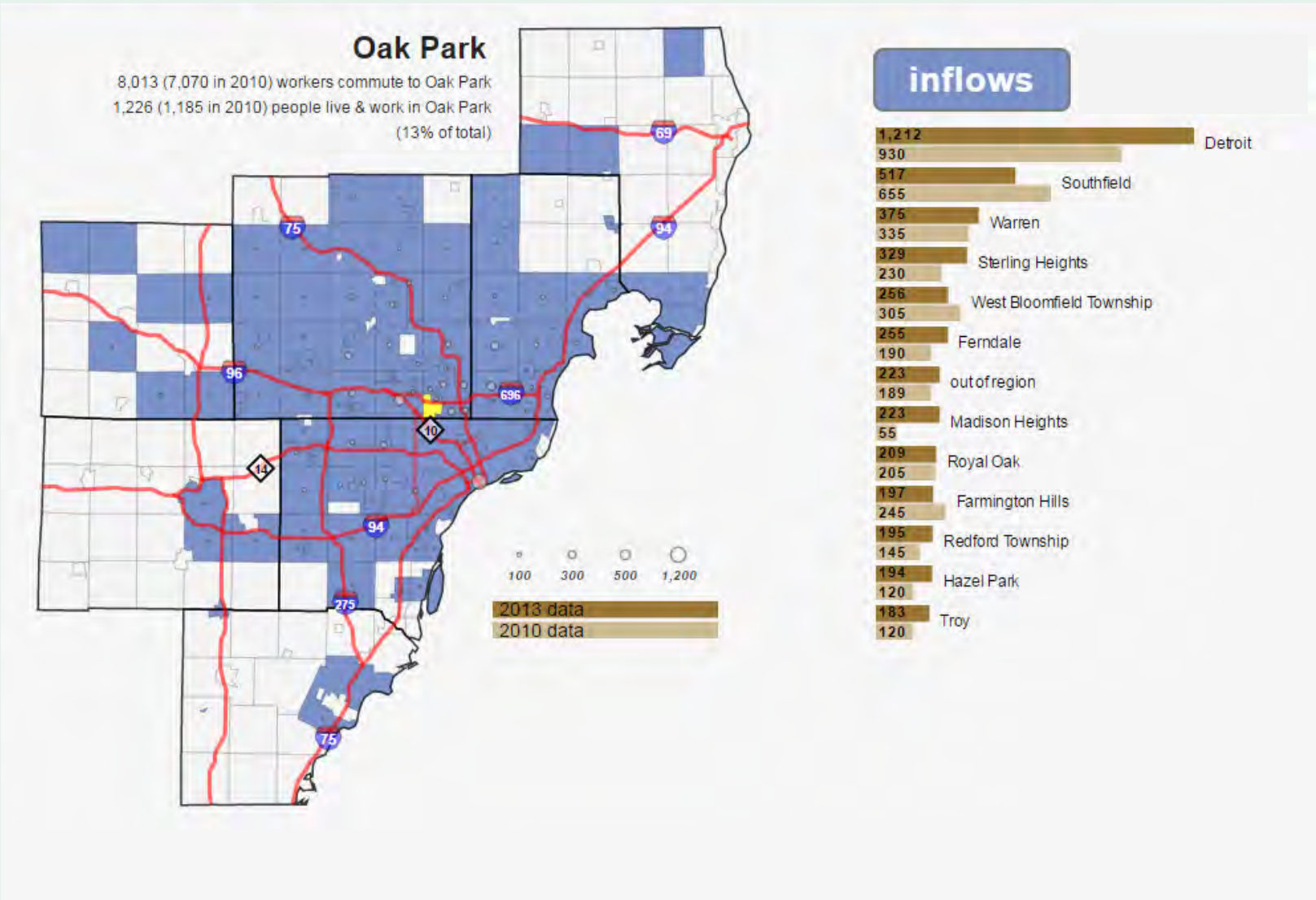


COMMUTING

Over 90% of Oak Park residents travel outside of Oak Park to work. Commuters travel an approximate average of 30 minutes of commute time. Most commuters in Oak Park travel to Detroit and Southfield for work. While many of the residents travel outside of Oak Park to work, many others commute into Oak Park to work as well. With over 10,000 jobs available in Oak Park almost 9,000 of those

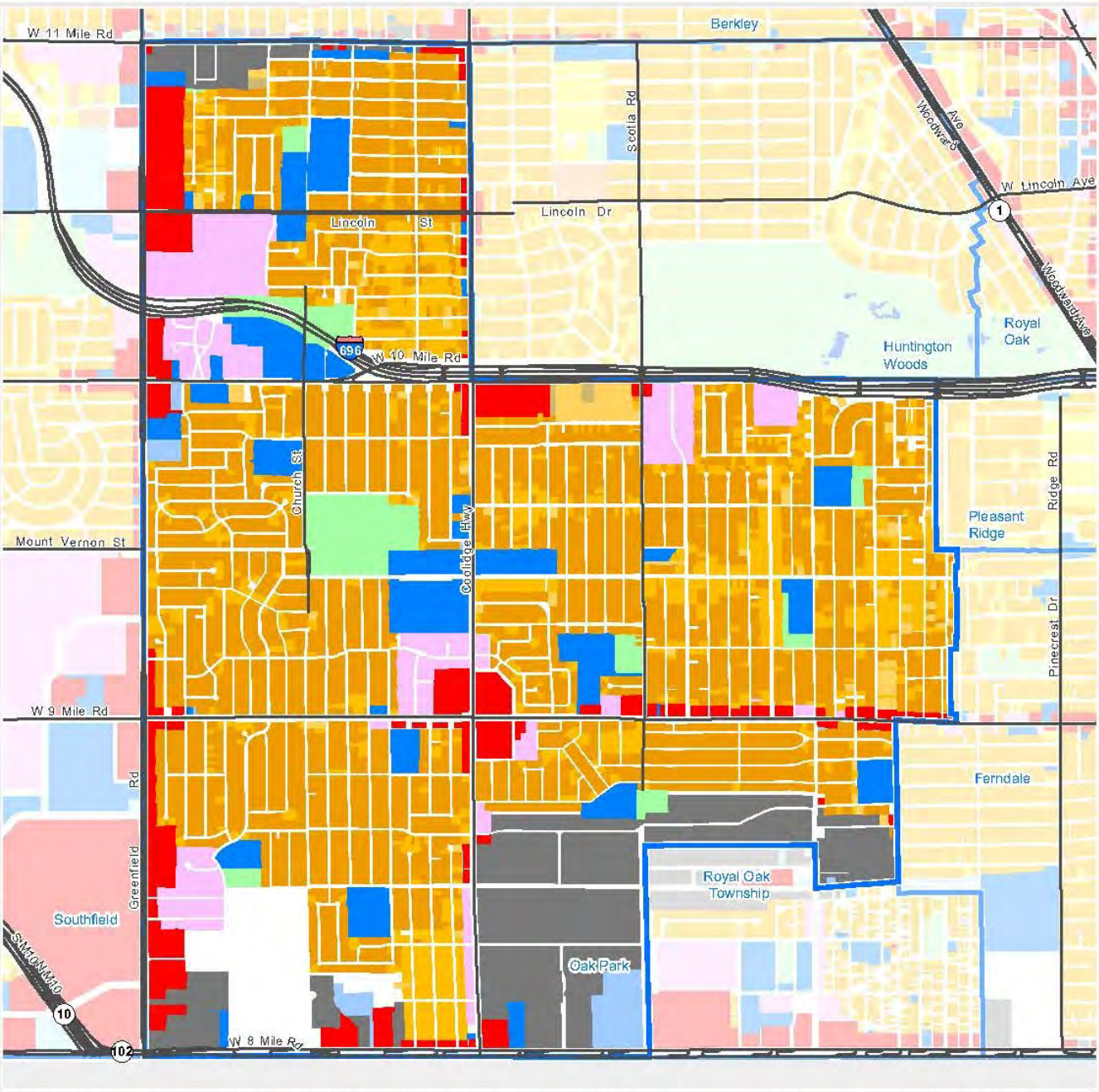
employees travel to work in Oak Park from other communities. The daytime population, 26,649, does not differ much from the overall population, 29,319. Based on SEMCOG commuting patterns between 2010 and 2016 there has been an increase in people living and working in Oak Park as well as commuters coming into Oak Park for work.





SEMCOG Outflow Commuting Patterns





**2015 Land Use**  
City of Oak Park

- Legend**
- Agricultural
  - Single Family, 10 acres or greater
  - Single Family, 5 to 9.9 acres
  - Single Family, 2.5 to 4.9 acres
  - Single Family, 1 to 2.4 acres
  - Single Family, 14,000 to 43,659 sq. ft.
  - Single Family, 8,000 to 13,999 sq. ft.
  - Single Family, Less than 8,000 sq. ft.
  - Single Family, More than one unit per parcel
  - Multiple Family
  - Mobile Home Park
  - Commercial/Office
  - Industrial
  - Public/Institutional
  - Recreation/Conservation
  - Transportation/Utility/Communication
  - Vacant
  - Extractive

1 inch = 2,307 feet  
Map created on December 14, 2015

Created by Oakland County  
Planning Department

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# SECTION 2

## Administrative Structure

Administrative structure information.

# CITY OF OAK PARK

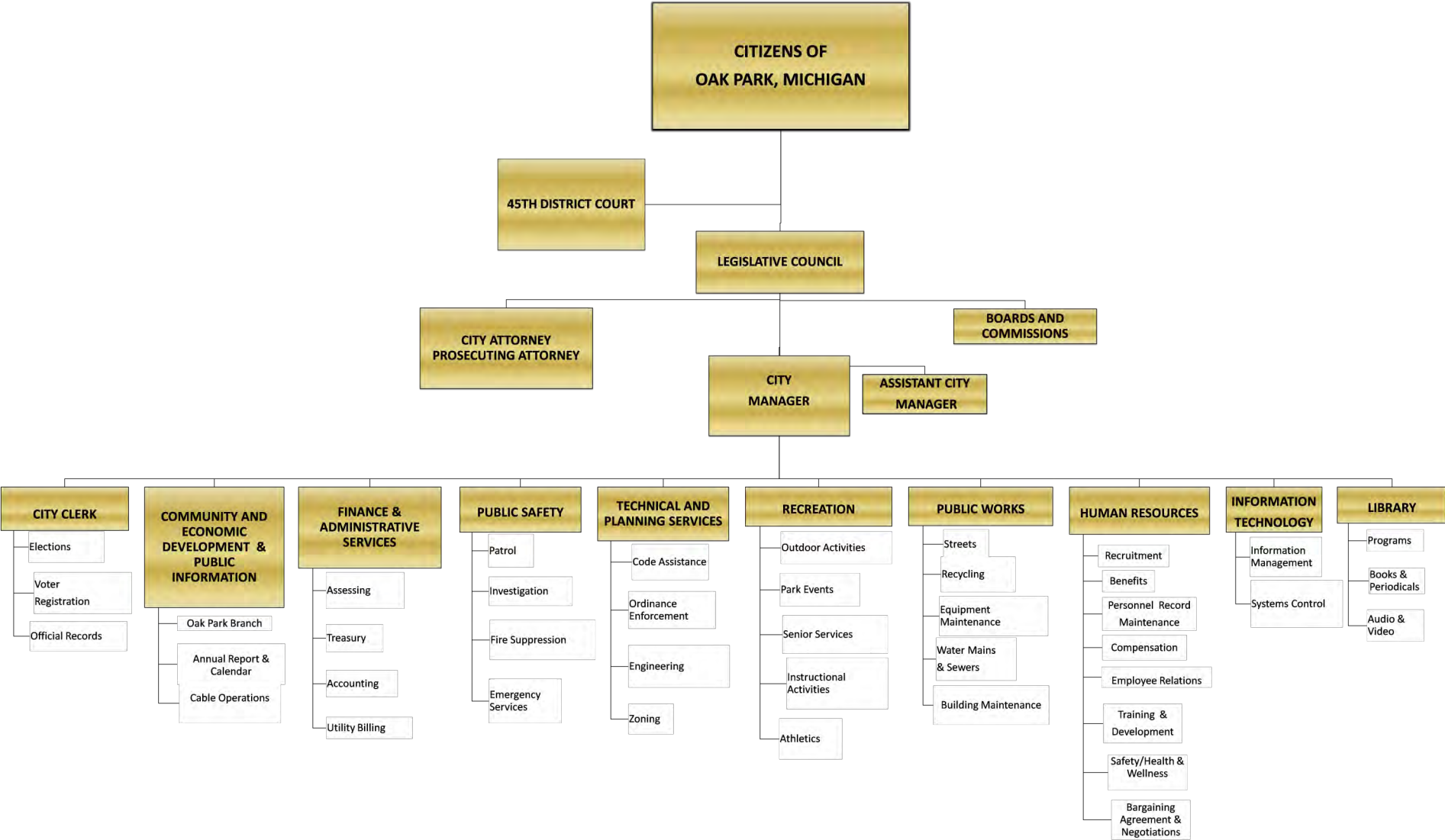
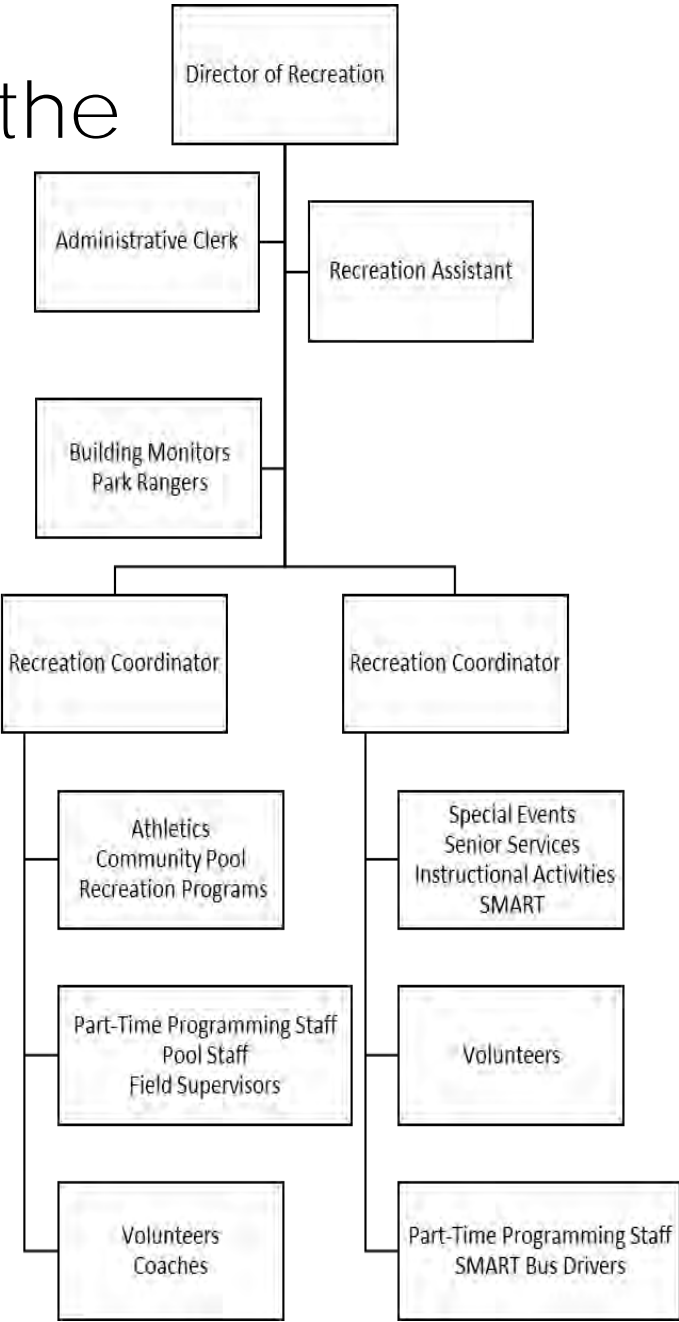




Figure 1:  
Administrative structure of the  
Recreation Department.





# SECTION 3

## Recreation and Resource Inventory

The City of Oak Park Parks and Recreation Departments have received eight Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants for development projects since 1972. Table 1 (following page) describes these projects.

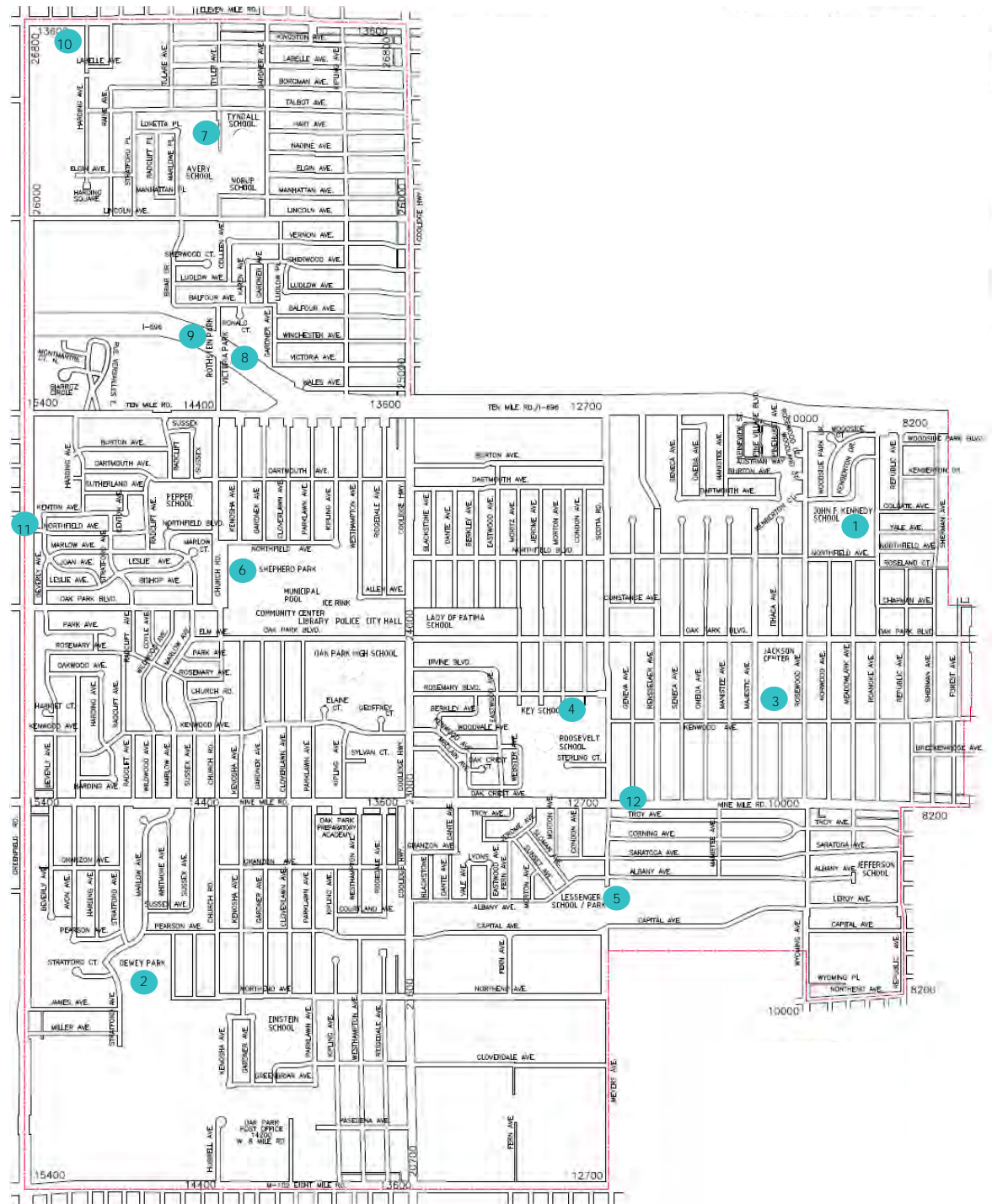


## DRAFT 1 OAK PARK RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Grant Number	Application Year	Project Description	Grant Amount	Current Use/Condition
26-00296	1972	Major Park: Combination restroom/shelter building	\$18,300.00	Shelter in fair condition, some lights were replaced in 2017. The sliding gate/bathrooms/and kitchen are all in fair condition but could use improvements. This shelter has a high volume of usage continually throughout the summer.
26-00612	1975	Best Park: Lighted magic square, and LWCF sign	\$20,569.52	Magic square has been removed.
26-00613	1975	Tyler Park: Develop two lighted tennis courts, and LWCF sign	\$21,001.37	No longer have tennis courts at Tyler Park, two baseball fields and a soccer field.
26-00614	1975	Major Park: Develop lighting at five existing tennis courts, and LWCF sign	\$11,085.80	Tennis courts in poor condition but lighting system still works adequately.
26-00866	1977	Major Park: Develop less than one acre for one basketball court, and LWCF sign	\$2,820.00	Outdoor basketball courts have been moved. We have 5 total hoops, two-full court and one half-court section.
BF89-283	1989	Shepherd Park Infrastructure: Replace ballfield lights at Merton Colburn Field, replace fencing at Merton Colburn and CP#2 ballfield, replace hand-capped accessible asphalt path through nature area	\$81,300.00	Asphalt is in fair condition. Fencing has some issues with it becoming raised up and rusting. Lighting structures are in good shape and used on a regular basis, some individual lights were replaced in 2017.
CM00-156	2000	<b>Pool Renovation: Renovate the city's outdoor 50-meter pool and diving tank</b>	\$495,000.00	Pool is used 7 days a week during the summer months. Some patchwork repairs were made in 2016 and 2017 including the zero depth area and locker room floors. New renovations need to be made moving forward including the pool deck area, the pump room, the deep areas, the kiddie features, and new filter sand.
26-01685	2008	Key Park Play Equipment: Development of play equipment at Key Park	\$50,000.00	Fair amount of usage, and the equipment is in fair condition. However there is some graffiti and it needs some general upkeep and maintenance.

## PARKS

1. BEST PARK
2. DEWEY PARK
3. JACKSON PARK
4. KEY PARK
5. LESSINGER PARK
6. DAVID H. SHEPHERD PARK
7. TYLER PARK
8. VICTORIA PARK
9. ROTHSTEIN PARK
10. HARDING PARK
11. GREENFIELD GREENBELTS
12. NINE MILE ROAD GREENBELTS





FACILITIES:

- 1 swing set
- 1 baseball field

\* *School Facilities*  
contain 2 swing sets and  
a play structure

BEST PARK  
PARK HOURS: 8 AM-10 PM  
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED  
DOGS ALLOWED ON LEASH ONLY  
PLEASE KEEP PARK CLEAN

BEST PARK  
4.6 acres





## FACILITIES:

- 1 swing set
- 4 half court basketball courts
- 1 kids basketball court

\* School Facilities  
contain monkey bars



# DEWEY PARK

3.6 acres



FACILITIES:

1 baseball field  
w/bleachers

*\* School Facilities  
contain monkey bars, a play  
structure, and a slide*

JACKSON PARK

3.7 acres





FACILITIES:

1 baseball field  
w/bleachers  
1 play structure  
ADA Accessible

\* School Facilities  
contain 2 soccer goals

KEY PARK  
5.5 acres





## FACILITIES:

- 1 baseball field  
w/bleachers
- 1 play structure

*\* School Facilities  
contain 2 soccer goals, a  
basketball court, picnic  
area, a play structure*

LESSENGER PARK  
3.3 acres





## FACILITIES:

grills & tables  
walking trail  
sledding hill  
indoor restrooms  
indoor ice arena  
nature path  
train play structure  
3 pavilions  
2 basketball courts  
3 play tunnels  
3 play tires  
2 practice walls  
2 ADA Accessible play  
structures  
2 baseball diamonds with  
lights  
7 tennis courts  
2 half tennis courts  
pool  
mini golf



# DAVID H. SHEPHERD PARK

56.8 acres



## FACILITIES:

- 1 swing set
- 1 baseball field w/bleachers
- 2 soccer goals
- 1 sledding hill

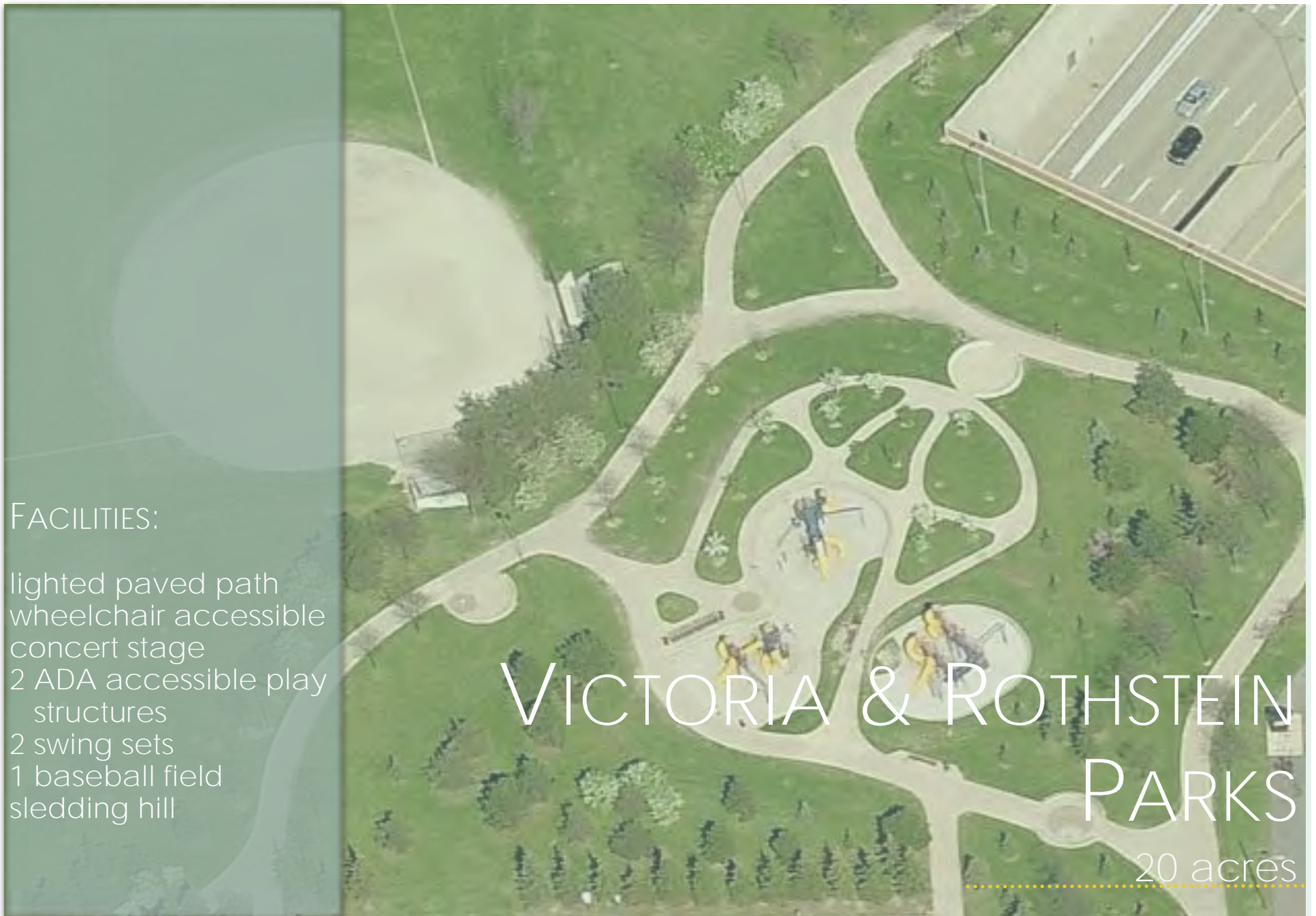
*\* School Facilities contain 2 swing sets and a large play structure*

# TYLER PARK

8 acres







FACILITIES:

lighted paved path  
wheelchair accessible  
concert stage  
2 ADA accessible play  
structures  
2 swing sets  
1 baseball field  
sledding hill

# VICTORIA & ROTHSTEIN PARKS

20 acres





FACILITIES:

2 play structures  
3 swing sets

HARDING PARK

.4 acres



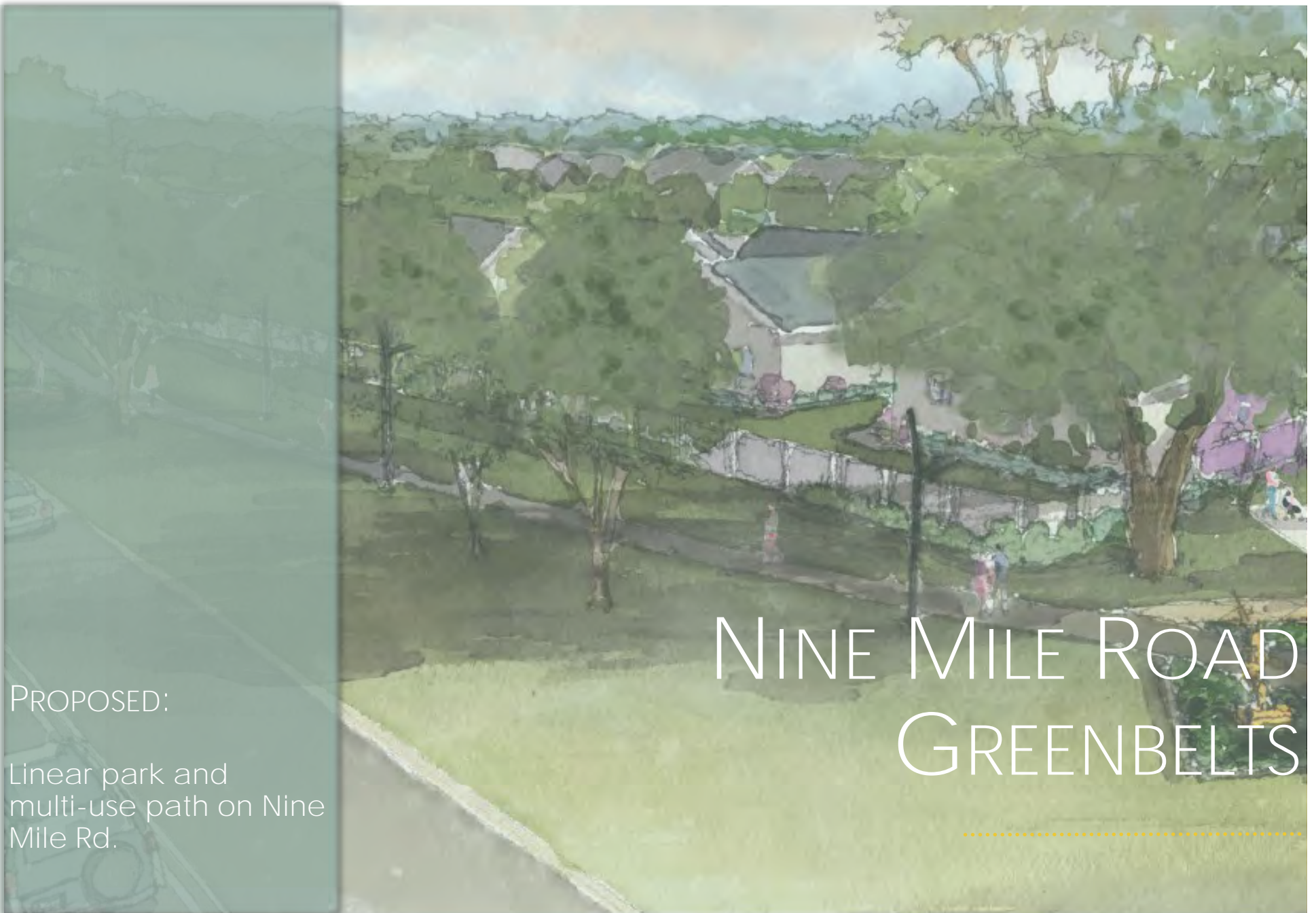


PROPOSED:

Multi-use path between  
Nine Mile Rd. and Ten  
Mile Rd.

# GREENFIELD GREENBELTS





# NINE MILE ROAD GREENBELTS

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# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City of Oak Park's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a planning tool which is analyzed annually and revised accordingly during the budgeting process. The goal is to identify and schedule capital improvements over a six-year period. The CIP is an opportunity to formulate strategic long-term policy decisions that extend beyond the current fiscal year. Each year, the City of Oak Park invests significant time and resources to design, construct, and maintain the infrastructure and facilities needed to deliver municipal services to residents and businesses. Because of the high costs associated with building and maintaining capital assets, the City must carefully balance the need for such assets with our requirements to sustain a strong financial position.

The CIP is first and foremost, a planning tool and can be quite useful as a primary guide in implementing the Master Plan. With thoughtful foresight and review as a result of a CIP, the many outstanding capital projects that communities are faced with implementing every year, can be viewed as one package, rather than as small, fragmented groups or lists, with no unified sense of focus

and direction. When capital improvements begin with careful planning and study, the City of Oak Park's chances for receiving State and Federal grants are greatly enhanced. Some grants require the inclusion of a CIP with their application. Formulation of a CIP assists those involved to look at alternative funding mechanisms that might not have been considered before. Instead of relying on local revenue sources alone, the CIP allows the City to think more creatively to fulfill Master Plan goals and policies. The CIP often avoids reactive planning, and instead replaces it with balanced initiatives.

## PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Quality of life initiatives, such as those represented by parks, open space, and trails projects, are an important component of the Capital Improvement Program. The City of Oak Park Department of Recreation offers ball fields, picnic grounds and playgrounds. Funding for parks, open space, and cultural events is primarily from the dedicated Recreation millage that was established for parks and recreation purposes.



# COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

## COMPLETE STREETS IN MICHIGAN

In 2010, Michigan became the 14<sup>th</sup> state to pass legislation that requires state and local governments to plan for the safety and convenience of bike and foot traffic when building roads. The legislation defines **Complete Streets** as “roadways planned, designed and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle” (PA 135 of 2010).

A Complete Streets policy provides a community with the framework to implement a comprehensive transportation plan that considers appropriate access for all legal roadway users. The law states that the policy should be sensitive to the local context and consider the functional class of the roadway, project costs, and the varying mobility needs of all legal users of the roadway. The legislation requires the State Transportation Commission to adopt a Complete Streets Policy that may be adopted by local units of government, and it also requires the establishment of a Complete Streets Advisory Commission. The law also requires that municipalities coordinate with neighboring communities and road agencies, and furthermore, interjurisdictional cooperation in preparing 5-year transportation improvement programs.

Complete Streets integrate people and place in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of our transportation networks. Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. They make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from bus stops.



## COMPLETE STREETS IN OAK PARK

Transforming Oak Park into a healthier, safer, more vibrant and prosperous city will require a new approach and way of thinking. The creation of public spaces, alternative modes of transportation, and the desires of the millennial and senior population for a walkable, urban environment need to be considered.

Good transportation networks are an important factor in a community's quality of life. A multi-modal transportation network is a necessity in the City of Oak Park. Many of our residents rely on public transportation to get to work, appointments, and shopping. Oak Park also has a very rich cultural diversity, which includes a group of people whose only form of transportation during religious holidays is walking. By prioritizing a comprehensive transportation network the City can enhance quality of life by providing all users safe and equal access to their destinations.

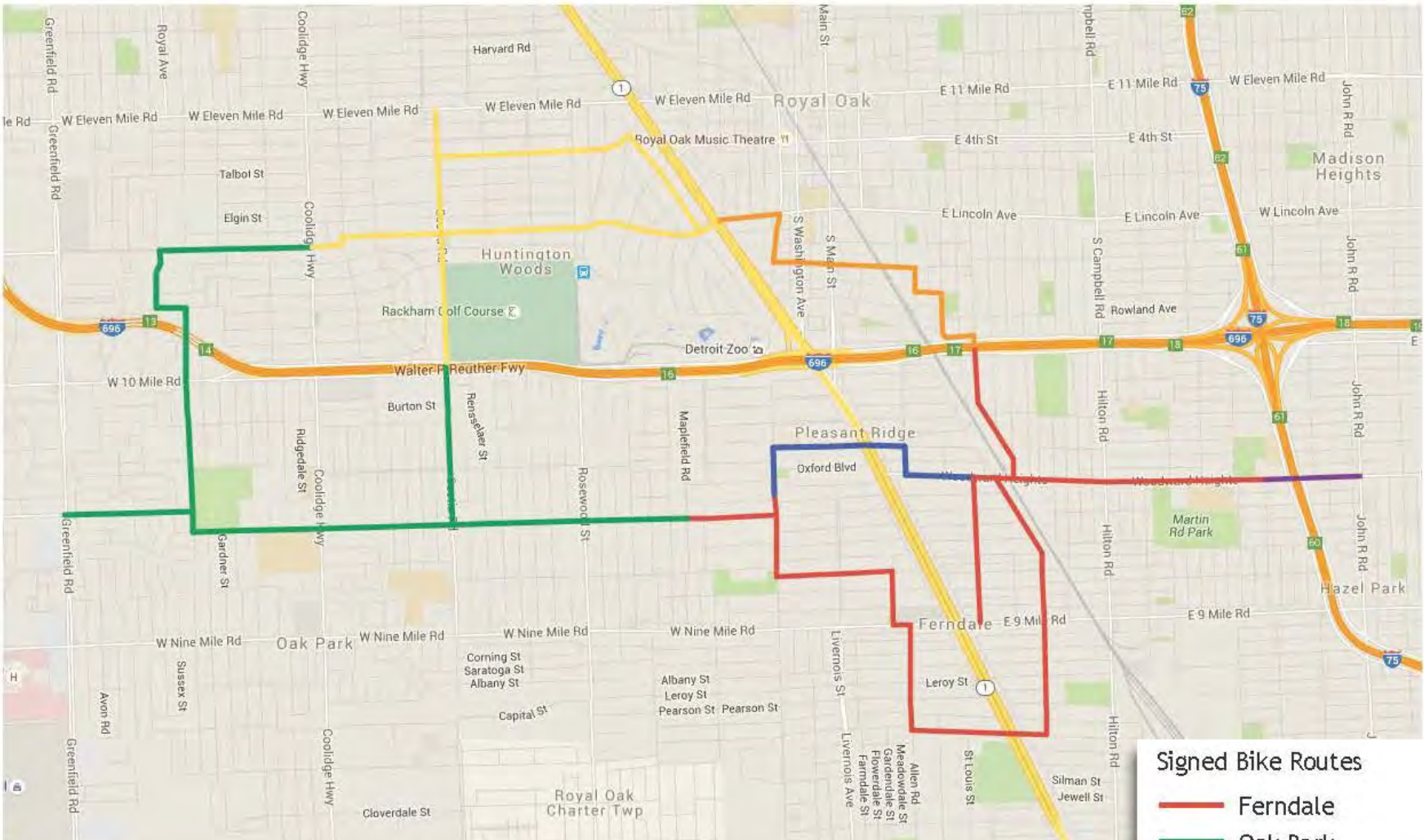
Acknowledging the benefits of a complete streets approach several years back, the City began to rethink the way the Nine Mile Road corridor meets the needs of all Oak Park residents. Driven, in part, by the recommendations of the 2014 Strategic Economic Development Plan, the City began the process of planning the redesign of the currently over-sized Nine Mile Road. This process began with the assistance of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), and their Nine Mile Report, which provided an array of recommendations to improve the experience of the corridor, all within a complete streets framework. These recommendations include additional crosswalks, bike lanes, a linear park, on-street parking, and a road diet. Based on these recommendations, the City has been working on a comprehensive rehabilitation plan of Nine Mile Road so that it accommodates all modes of travel, while providing a safe, comfortable environment for all users.

Understanding that a true Complete Streets approach means a well-designed network of streets, Oak Park is not limiting its redesign efforts to Nine Mile Road. The City will create a non-motorized transportation plan and adopt a Complete Streets policy that will consider all users when designing, retrofitting, or improving any right-of-way within the community.



Rendering of Nine Mile Road Diet, OHM Engineering

ROUTED BIKE MAP



Over 17 miles of signed bike routes connecting 6 communities, 13 parks, 10 schools, 2 libraries, and 1 university.



By adopting a non-motorized transportation plan and Complete Streets policy, City planners and engineers will have a framework in which to design and operate the entire right of way to enable safer access for people of all ages and abilities in a way that complements the community's needs. This means that every transportation related project will be viewed as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible streets for all users, while taking into account the uniqueness of each street and its position within the City's comprehensive network.

### NEXT STEPS TO COMPLETE STREETS:

- ◆ Continue discussions with community stakeholders that began the planning for the Nine Mile Road Redesign with the Center For New Urbanism.
- ◆ Host a variety of public input and feedback sessions to educate the public.
- ◆ Create a plan, based on public feedback, which will determine the best paths to connect pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit facilities to public amenities, commercial areas, work and education.
- ◆ Collaborate with surrounding communities and consider their non-motorized transportation plans in order to create a comprehensive regional network of streets that meet the needs of all users.
- ◆ Analyze traffic patterns and determine where streets can be right-sized to include alternative and public transportation options. The City will consider right sizing roads and include bike lanes wherever possible.
- ◆ Determine desired outcomes and establish performance standards, to be adopted by City Council and Planning Commission, Oakland County Road Commission, and Michigan Department of Transportation.



Renderings Nine Mile Road Diet, OHM Engineering



# PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY



# VISION STATEMENT





## SECTION 4

Description of Public Input Process



Public input process information.





**We Need Your Input!**  
Come Help Us Create the  
**New 5-Year Recreation Plan**  
**Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m.**  
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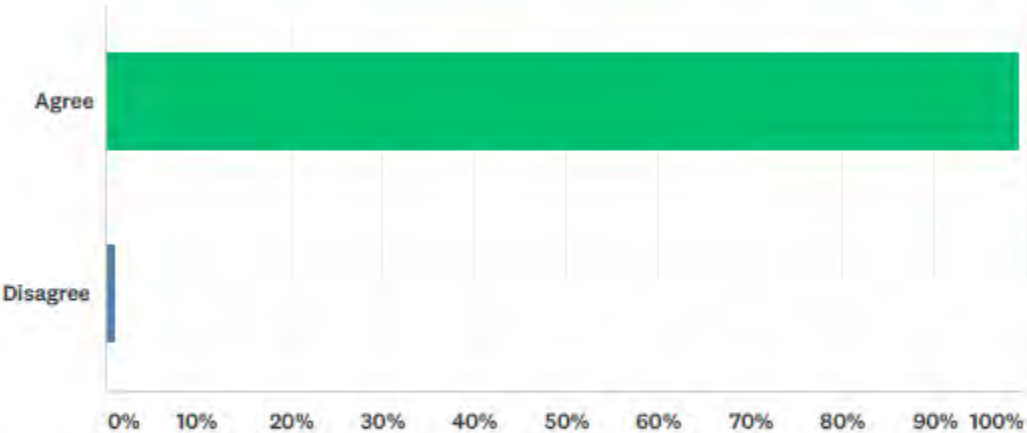
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Q1 Parks and recreation facilities and programs are important to the quality of life here in Oak Park.

Answered: 321 Skipped: 0

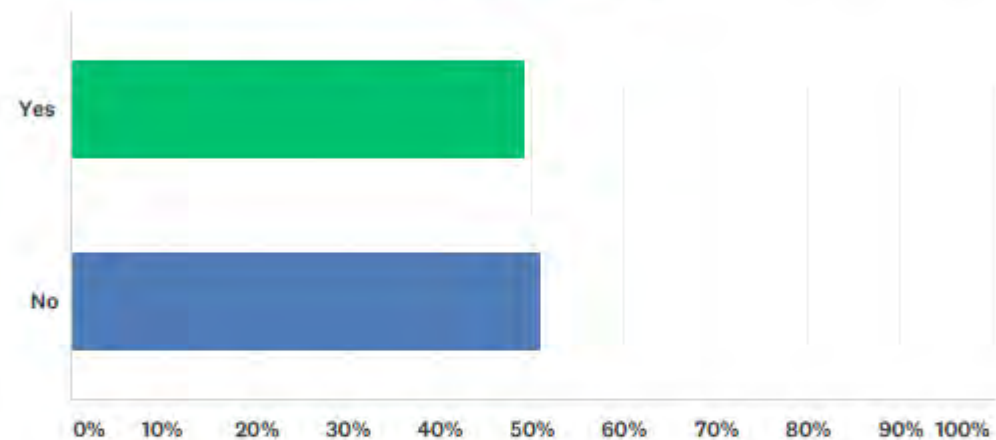


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	99.07%	318
Disagree	0.93%	3
TOTAL		321



Q2 Do our existing facilities and recreation programs meet your needs?

Answered: 315 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.21%	155
No	50.79%	160
TOTAL		315

## Q3 Why, or why not?

Answered: 256 Skipped: 65

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	dog park/ community garden/ exercise trails	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	The city needs to offer more indoor recreational opportunities	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	Indoor swimming with lessons for all ages offered would be great	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	Looking for gymnastics program and more adult classes	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	I wasn't even aware of them.	1/7/2018 6:46 PM
6	I wish there were more programs for regular ole adults. I appreciate everything the city does for our seniors and our children but adults need more drop in exercise classes and activities	1/7/2018 6:23 PM
7	-	1/7/2018 3:47 PM
8	There are activities available for all ages.	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
9	Gym, running path, bike lanes, dog park	1/7/2018 1:11 PM
10	There are no indoor pools.	1/7/2018 2:52 AM
11	I was not ever constricted from doing my activities	1/6/2018 3:29 PM
12	Limited offerings. Need more updated options and evening offerings.	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
13	Well i have a grand childand we have enjoyed each time we go. I think one thing is we need more water fountain by the play grounds.	1/6/2018 10:54 AM
14	They are comfortable and clean	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
15	too many activities on Thursdays and during daytime when I have to work. Activities should be on other days and evening hours. For example most day shifts for work is 7am-3:30pm. at least 5:00pm on should be some activities on different days of week. Also the Jazz concerts I wanted to attend were only onThursday evenings when I go to my place of worship spiritual meeting.	1/6/2018 7:52 AM



16	There are parks to go to and activities to take up.	1/6/2018 7:43 AM
17	I love all of the communications lately. I would love to see a bar/grill soon!	1/5/2018 8:01 PM
18	Because everything is centered around family.	1/5/2018 6:58 PM
19	Convenient and affordable	1/5/2018 6:44 PM
20	I wrote yes, because recreation is important for quality of life. But truth be told, I haven't used anything in a while.	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
21	Good mix of programs	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
22	Outdoor pool facilities should be updated (specifically changing room area).	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
23	Need more kids programs, more fitness programs after work hours.	1/5/2018 3:26 PM
24	There are very few activities for 40-something adults. Too young to be allowed to join the seniors, and without children, not interested in family activities.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
25	Excellent programs for the family	1/5/2018 1:00 PM
26	Program offerings are good and affordable	1/5/2018 12:28 PM
27	Don't use them	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
28	I think I can utilize the programs more but I don't see much a variety	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
29	I personally do go frequently	1/5/2018 11:22 AM
30	Gives the family a place to feel like they belong.	1/5/2018 11:09 AM

31	I walk in a neighborhood park	1/5/2018 10:38 AM
32	They are tailored to fit all age groups.	1/5/2018 9:59 AM
33	Updates and staying current with the needs if the neighborhood.	1/5/2018 9:42 AM
34	I work during the day. Not enough programs in the evening.	1/5/2018 9:16 AM
35	No programs for the many kids whose parents are divorced, there's no option for every other weekend classes or drop in classes, it would be great to have karate or something that didn't require every weekend. Why not have some events where kids could drop in or a different activity each Saturday out of the month? Also... lastly, If there is anyway the pool could be indoors, simply renovated so we could access it all year. I currently drive to the costick activity center in Farmington since there's is indoor and all year— can it be moved to the ice arena, jk, but it would be nice for the pool to be renovated and made indoors.	1/5/2018 9:14 AM
36	Lack of certain facilities in the neighborhood parks. ie bathrooms/drinking facilities, basket ball and soccer nets,	1/5/2018 8:43 AM
37	My daughter used the Summer Camp when she was younger we love Winterfest as a working senior 55+ I see there are events for seniors that I can partipate in once I retiret	1/5/2018 8:20 AM
38	We don't use them	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
39	Not alot for toddler boys	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
40	Not enough	1/5/2018 6:32 AM
41	I rent space occasionally for business related events, I'm a Doula. I appreciate the affordability, and professionalism of the staff. My friends and I use the nature very often, there are times it could use a little maintenance but we enjoy it nonetheless.	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
42	All I need	1/5/2018 4:54 AM
43	Classes are cancelled when registred	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
44	Hours, awareness of what is available	1/5/2018 1:58 AM
45	The pool needs to be open earlier and later	1/5/2018 1:37 AM



46	Lack of promotion	1/5/2018 1:26 AM
47	Boo Bash is on Halloween, and we like to trick or treat in the neighborhood	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
48	Close by	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
49	They are diverse and comprehensive.	1/5/2018 12:07 AM
50	I am not aware of what programs are available	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
51	Clean and good options are available	1/4/2018 10:41 PM
52	They meet the needs of my family and I as they are plentiful	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
53	Would like more affordable senior exercise classes in the evening or Saturday. Some seniors still work.	1/4/2018 9:32 PM
54	Would like more affordable senior exercise classes in the evening or Saturday. Some seniors still work.	1/4/2018 9:31 PM
55	Lots of choices	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
56	Would be great if we could get a pickleball court and the nature trail is often quite littered.	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
57	need a warm indoor swimming pool for lap swimming year-round	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
58	residents harass me to give money to aerobics and yoga instructors during holidays.	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
59	I want an Indoor, heated pool with women's only hours throughout the week.	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
60	Just not enough places to enjoy.	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
61	I do not feel as though there are enough parks within walking distance. We could use a nice functioning downtown area with a park nearby. I tend to go to Ferndale to spend time at their parks as they are close to fun restaurants and shops.	12/28/2017 2:09 PM
62	There are a lot of programs for all ages.	12/27/2017 12:13 PM

63	Location; no Indoor pool; not aware of options	12/24/2017 6:48 PM
64	I like to swim and prefer women-only. Thank you for adding that!	12/23/2017 7:15 PM
65	We could use lots of "pop up" type parks around the city.	12/22/2017 4:30 PM
66	I need group exercise classes to get me to keep active	12/20/2017 12:38 PM
67	Great summer concerts, safe places to walk/exercise, city hall area is nice	12/19/2017 3:50 PM
68	I nwork iin the theare professional all my life- and retired to Oak Park I'd love to see some theatre clases- scene study or a play to produce with residents	12/19/2017 11:28 AM
69	Unsure - we are new to the area.	12/19/2017 8:55 AM
70	it needs a Giant slide, every park needs a giant slide	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
71	When I go for a run, I prefer to have a path or trail that is not interrupted by roads	12/18/2017 4:25 PM
72	The other existing parks need some type of recreational structures & or pools for swimming. Perhaps a paved rink for skate boarding or roller blading too	12/17/2017 9:37 PM
73	Seem okay, need to check out more	12/17/2017 8:40 AM
74	I go for exercise classes. They have them Monday thru Friday, which is wonderful for me. I also understand, but have not experienced, yoga classes and hustle classes are available. Variety is important to me.	12/17/2017 7:40 AM
75	Need indoor pool, warm, for all especially didsabled and seniors	12/16/2017 5:02 PM
76	Such limited pool hours.	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
77	You took away the baby swing at vets park there are a lot of small children that could use that swing	12/16/2017 10:42 AM
78	Good amount of recreation opportunities	12/16/2017 9:09 AM
79	They focus on the community	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
80	The pool feels like it's crumbling under my feet	12/16/2017 6:08 AM



81	Needs to be more family friendly	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
82	More programs for people in their 40's, 50's, single events, wellness programs could be expanded	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
83	Used by non residents, not taxpaying citizens	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
84	Senior activities are essential to keep me connected.	12/15/2017 2:58 PM
85	Days open need to be extended.	12/15/2017 2:29 PM
86	I like the different depths	12/15/2017 7:26 AM
87	Family friendly	12/14/2017 9:46 PM
88	I'm satisfied with everything overall. I would like to see the pool locker room upgraded. Or maybe a indoor gym for basketball.	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
89	The locker rooms at the pool needs updates. We also have stopped going to the library due to the inability to disipline out of control teens.	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
90	I would love to see an adult day swim	12/14/2017 7:48 PM
91	used to be more in summer programs	12/14/2017 7:28 PM
92	No indoor pool, no fitness center like many other cities have.	12/14/2017 3:38 PM
93	Programming use to be more plentiful 5 - 10 years agso	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
94	Our grounds are beautiful but I would like to see Shepard Park get remodeled.	12/13/2017 2:44 PM
95	Parks need better upkeep	12/13/2017 10:54 AM
96	mini golf can improve	12/12/2017 10:51 PM
97	Like the track and paths for walking around and through parks.	12/12/2017 10:41 PM
98	The playground is kept clean and safe for my children.	12/12/2017 10:39 PM

99	We love the parks!	12/12/2017 7:53 AM
100	Would like indoor pool	12/11/2017 9:52 PM
101	I really only use the pool and park.	12/11/2017 7:49 PM
102	Need more safe biking areas	12/11/2017 6:37 PM
103	I would like to see more interactive library events and more fitness classes	12/11/2017 3:45 PM
104	The hours are great	12/11/2017 11:13 AM
105	Never used them, but seem to have everything	12/11/2017 10:15 AM
106	I love the clean atmosphere as well as safe environment	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
107	Not enough room	12/10/2017 9:22 PM
108	I think more space could help bring more money in for different events and even can mature adults events.	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
109	More weekend programs would be nice	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
110	We have recently moved here and haven't fully engaged.	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
111	We have a park at the end of our block. Would like more opportunities for swimming	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
112	Not enough activities and should have weekend hours for residents...both Saturday and Sunday, including the library	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
113	Don't know what's offered.	12/10/2017 11:08 AM
114	Would like the smaller parks to be more of a destination with picnic tables and/or benches, trash cans, etc.	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
115	Library can be very loud & hard to find an open computer	12/10/2017 9:01 AM
116	Seperate swimming	12/10/2017 7:08 AM
117	Not enough bike lanes	12/10/2017 2:28 AM
118	We need an indoor pool with separate mens and ladies hours	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
119	mostly the pool, should be heated, an indoor pool with separate hours would be great.	12/10/2017 12:43 AM



120	Nothing available for the orthodox Jewish community	12/9/2017 11:29 PM
121	I fulfil a lot of my needs	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
122	We enjoy the parks that we have. My daughter loves Rita's dance class	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
123	They do not meet the needs and time constraints of the Orthodox Jewish community. Programs for children need to be scheduled after the religious schools get out or on Sunday.	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
124	I would love to have access to an indoor pool with separate men's and women's hours.	12/9/2017 9:54 PM
125	????	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
126	need more walkable parks and shops	12/9/2017 9:15 PM
127	Rentals are over priced	12/9/2017 9:12 PM
128	Not enough evening classes or events	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
129	My family is pleased with current facilities, but more greenspace is always welcome	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
130	Times are not great	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
131	I don't use them so it doesn't matter	12/9/2017 5:17 PM
132	The programs offered do not be for teenager	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
133	I have participated in the 5k fun run and some of the other recreational activities.	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
134	Different structured activities are needed.	12/9/2017 1:10 AM
135	Nice trails	12/8/2017 2:38 PM
136	Programming is either too early or too late in the day for me.	12/8/2017 2:35 PM

137	Tennis courts need updating.	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
138	I don't use them a lot, but they are nice.	12/8/2017 12:22 PM
139	Needs volleyball courts	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
140	Keep the fun & love in the city	12/8/2017 6:35 AM
141	They offer a variety of activities for people of all ages	12/7/2017 11:52 PM
142	The tennis backboards need upgrading, as well as, the tennis courts. .	12/6/2017 2:19 PM
143	I would like more evening exercise classes.	12/6/2017 11:33 AM
144	They offer nice activities for the kids	12/6/2017 8:56 AM
145	I would like to have water exercise classes and family activities	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
146	Need more evening adult programs.	12/4/2017 8:18 PM
147	not activities for more family events	12/4/2017 5:14 PM
148	I would like to see our parks have more things to do for youngsters/teenagers/seniors	12/4/2017 4:42 PM
149	Need more variety in classes for adults, not seniors. Arts, cooking, exercise, education.	12/4/2017 2:38 PM
150	More things for new moms and infants	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
151	no Dog park	12/4/2017 12:13 PM
152	I am not a senior and do not have children, not sure if programs directed to my age group	12/4/2017 11:50 AM
153	Indoor and outdoor recreation options	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
154	more programs for teenagers	12/2/2017 7:21 PM
155	Should have more indoor physical activities, ie skating or bowling	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
156	The many varied activities for our young people, adults and seniors are phenomenal. I love the remodeling of Shepherd Park, we use it for non-profit organization and family recreational needs	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
157	Easy accessibility	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
158	We need a better variety of recreation programs. Like pottery classes, painting courses, Pilates exercise classes, etc.	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
159	Not of interest currently	12/1/2017 5:28 PM
160	I am retired and do not use them much.	12/1/2017 5:22 PM



161	They are family friendly, thoughtfully planned and there is enough variety to find something for everyone	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
162	I enjoy the senior programs. But rec center is very old and dated. Would like to see separate areas for seniors and kids. It gets a little noisy. Also areas where you don't need to breakdown and reset rooms for different events.	11/29/2017 10:13 PM
163	I would like to see more activities for tweens/teens	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
164	The city needs to update the facilities and programs to accommodate adults in the 30-50 range. I believe the seniors have excellent programs and activities. The youth have age appropriate programs. As a middle-aged adult, I tend to look for activities centered on health and wellness.	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
165	I currently participate in trips and certain exercise class for seniors	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
166	My family loves Shepards Park	11/27/2017 3:05 PM
167	There are many programs, trips and activities for all ages and abilities, therefore it meet my family's needs fairly well.	11/27/2017 12:41 PM
168	my grand kids enjoy karate here, and I use the shelters for family parties	11/27/2017 9:31 AM
169	more programs for 5-year-old kids	11/27/2017 9:28 AM
170	facilities are adequate	11/27/2017 9:25 AM
171	great location, great instructors	11/27/2017 9:23 AM
172	spacious rooms, great instructors	11/27/2017 9:16 AM

173	large facility, lots of room	11/27/2017 9:12 AM
174	Good parks	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
175	The park are clean, leagues are organized	11/22/2017 9:50 PM
176	I would like to see more toddler/tot park equipment at parks	11/22/2017 2:30 PM
177	a public workout facility and an indoor pool are missing	11/21/2017 10:26 AM
178	more senior programs need to be added	11/21/2017 9:22 AM
179	have sufficient facilities for Soccer, playground and picnic	11/20/2017 10:14 AM
180	good selection	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
181	Most activities during working hours.	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
182	being retired, it's a great place to come	11/20/2017 9:18 AM
183	convenient location, safe & secure	11/20/2017 9:16 AM
184	Would love to see a splash pad	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
185	No indoor facilities	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
186	Lack bathroom facilities and shelters	11/19/2017 9:10 AM
187	Would like more in north Oak Park.	11/19/2017 8:50 AM
188	Not enough activities for children	11/19/2017 8:46 AM
189	We have only used the city parks, we have not yet used the recreational buildings.	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
190	Not enough	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
191	Availability	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
192	Things I want do are offered	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
193	Lack of knowledge of parks. Sense of safety and cleanliness of Shepard's park.	11/18/2017 11:08 PM
194	Need more offerings	11/18/2017 9:48 PM
195	Yes they do	11/18/2017 9:22 PM



196	I would love more things not during the work day.	11/18/2017 7:28 PM
197	Wished they offered more	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
198	Would like to have more senior activities at a reasonable cost.	11/18/2017 4:46 PM
199	The park by me has not been maintained and is not safe for children.	11/18/2017 3:00 PM
200	Would like an indoor pool with area reserved for adults only. Would also like to see a community garden	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
201	More wooded parks	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
202	Would like an indoor swimming facility, also would like more flower garden and native plants plantings in existing parks, would like to get away from herbicide and insecticide use citywide	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
203	No recreation building left any mire for programs. After new construction of the city bldgs recreation got pushed out.	11/18/2017 9:05 AM
204	Need more parks	11/18/2017 9:00 AM
205	because Liquor is not allowed	11/18/2017 7:57 AM
206	Hours of use.	11/18/2017 7:41 AM
207	Not enough programs	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
208	Needs remodeling	11/18/2017 2:08 AM
209	NA	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
210	Limited pool hours and calendar	11/17/2017 11:16 PM
211	The limited amount of time I use them I am pleased	11/17/2017 10:38 PM

212	They are unsafe and not maintained.	11/17/2017 10:00 PM
213	Haven't used them yet	11/17/2017 9:59 PM
214	parks for my dogs	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
215	I appreciate everything OP offers, but would also be open to utilizing additional services if they were made available.	11/17/2017 9:20 PM
216	No infant swings at most parks	11/17/2017 9:09 PM
217	Lack of variety.	11/17/2017 9:01 PM
218	Oak Park has added onto instead of taking away from services	11/17/2017 8:48 PM
219	We need a better community center. The current one isn't very welcoming.	11/17/2017 8:20 PM
220	There's not enough activities that are offered & Shepaed Park needs a complete redo it's terrible	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
221	I would like a place to play indoor sports, such as basketball and volleyball. I would also like a dog park.	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
222	You can have events inside or outside	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
223	You can have events inside or outside	11/17/2017 7:15 PM
224	Keeps kids busy. Fun for family	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
225	I like the trail at Shephard Park, the shelters, and the play structures	11/17/2017 5:01 PM
226	My family have grown. We used and enjoyed all the rec programs through out all the years.	11/17/2017 2:05 PM
227	need activities for teens after school	11/17/2017 1:45 PM
228	It could be more organized	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
229	Evening pool hours would be great for those that work during the day. Maybe once or twice a week or even on a Saturday.	11/17/2017 12:23 PM
230	Need Indoor Gym Facility	11/17/2017 10:51 AM



231	the free programs	11/17/2017 10:49 AM
232	There is a lot to do at the park. I'd like to see a disc golf course put in though and a dog park.	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
233	I think our city need more programs in the summer/winter for seniors as well as children. Residents need to get out of their houses, get exercise, more activities more all. Especially kids whose parents can't afford daycare. As a kid we made projects to do at Einstein for like .50. for a mosaic cup holder, or loom pot holder, shoot, maybe the seniors can teach the kids.	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
234	this meets my financial needs	11/17/2017 9:34 AM
235	More focus on library updates and pool updates. Indoor walking track.	11/17/2017 9:24 AM
236	very accommodating, adequate utilities, good customer service	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
237	I am not a city resident, but I am a teacher at the high school, and there is not a park/activity that keeps me here once I leave work.	11/17/2017 9:14 AM
238	wish the parks had more walking trails	11/17/2017 9:12 AM
239	need an indoor gym and pool	11/17/2017 9:08 AM
240	would like a skateboard park and more recreation activities for teens.	11/17/2017 9:00 AM
241	we need more programs	11/17/2017 8:52 AM
242	movies, concerts, parade	11/17/2017 8:41 AM
243	communication is the worse.	11/17/2017 8:36 AM
244	There are a lot of young families in Oak Park now. It would be nice to see some playground equipment and programming for babies and toddlers.	11/17/2017 8:07 AM
245	We need more activities for the teens	11/17/2017 7:55 AM
246	I would like to see more trip activities for adults & children or adults only, not just seniors.	11/17/2017 7:07 AM
247	Aside from Shepherd, at other parks there is nothing appealing	11/17/2017 6:27 AM

248	not enough activities like when i was a child we had summer recreation programs	11/17/2017 6:11 AM
249	Would like more options for young children. Indoor pool, soccer, gymnastics, etc	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
250	They don't have excersise programs	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
251	Not enough schedule of variety	11/16/2017 11:51 PM
252	Nice	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
253	General questions....difficult to answer when it's not defined.	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
254	Variety of activities and programs to choose from.	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
255	Reasonable fees and programs	11/16/2017 5:42 PM
256	The activities are not very organized.	11/16/2017 12:51 PM



### Q4 How often have you or a member of your household visited a park located in the City of Oak Park in the last year?

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	NOT AT ALL	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Shepherd Park	15.93% 47	16.95% 50	6.10% 18	43.73% 129	18.31% 54	295
Best Park	7.17% 18	9.16% 23	5.18% 13	19.52% 49	60.16% 151	251
Dewey Park	1.66% 4	2.49% 6	1.66% 4	7.05% 17	87.14% 210	241
Harding Tot Lot	1.26% 3	3.78% 9	1.26% 3	6.72% 16	86.97% 207	238
Jackson Park	3.72% 9	2.89% 7	1.65% 4	14.88% 36	77.27% 187	242
Lessenger Park	0.83% 2	1.67% 4	1.25% 3	5.00% 12	91.25% 219	240
Key Park	2.46% 6	3.28% 8	2.87% 7	10.25% 25	81.15% 198	244
Rothstein Park	4.05% 10	7.69% 19	3.64% 9	15.79% 39	69.23% 171	247
Tyler Park	3.33% 8	2.92% 7	2.50% 6	10.00% 24	81.67% 196	240
Victoria Park	5.16% 13	5.56% 14	3.97% 10	15.48% 39	70.63% 178	252

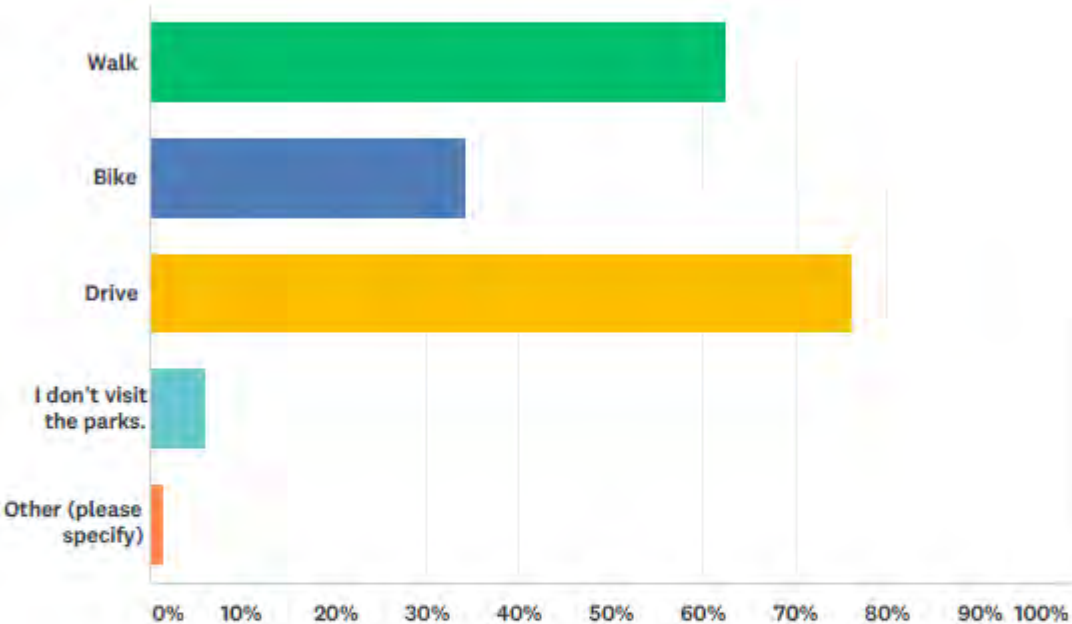
### Q5 Why do you visit our parks? Check all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Structured activities	23.10%	70
Special events	46.53%	141
Relaxation	46.53%	141
Exercise	49.17%	149
Walking trails	48.51%	147
Athletics/sports	14.52%	44
Picnics	36.30%	110
Children playspaces	48.18%	146
Sledding hill	24.09%	73
Pool	28.38%	86
Family time	44.22%	134
Socializing with friends/neighbors	35.31%	107
Other (please specify)	11.88%	36
Total Respondents: 303		



Q6 How do you get to our parks? Check all that apply.

Answered: 311 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	62.38%	194
Bike	34.08%	106
Drive	76.21%	237
I don't visit the parks.	5.79%	18
Other (please specify)	1.29%	4
Total Respondents: 311		

## Q7 What amenities would you like to see added in our parks?

	HIGH PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	NOT NEEDED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Walking/jogging trails	54.04% 147	36.40% 99	9.56% 26	1.10% 3	272
Outdoor fitness equipment	24.64% 68	42.75% 118	25.72% 71	7.97% 22	276
Skateboard park	10.16% 25	21.54% 53	43.09% 106	26.02% 64	246
Bike pump track	20.82% 51	35.10% 86	31.43% 77	13.47% 33	245
Basketball courts	23.41% 59	36.51% 92	28.17% 71	11.90% 30	252
Pickleball courts	7.79% 18	17.32% 40	40.69% 94	34.20% 79	231
Tennis courts	19.83% 48	40.08% 97	30.17% 73	10.74% 26	242
Dog park	36.64% 96	24.81% 65	20.61% 54	18.32% 48	262
Disc golf course	11.81% 28	28.69% 68	41.77% 99	17.72% 42	237
Picnic areas/shelters	60.90% 162	29.70% 79	8.65% 23	1.50% 4	266
Grills	42.42% 112	34.47% 91	18.56% 49	5.68% 15	264
Picnic tables	66.42% 180	28.04% 76	4.80% 13	1.48% 4	271
Playground equipment	71.21% 188	21.21% 56	3.79% 10	3.79% 10	264
Small children play areas	64.94% 176	26.57% 72	4.43% 12	4.80% 13	271
No change	13.16% 15	13.16% 15	21.05% 24	57.02% 65	114

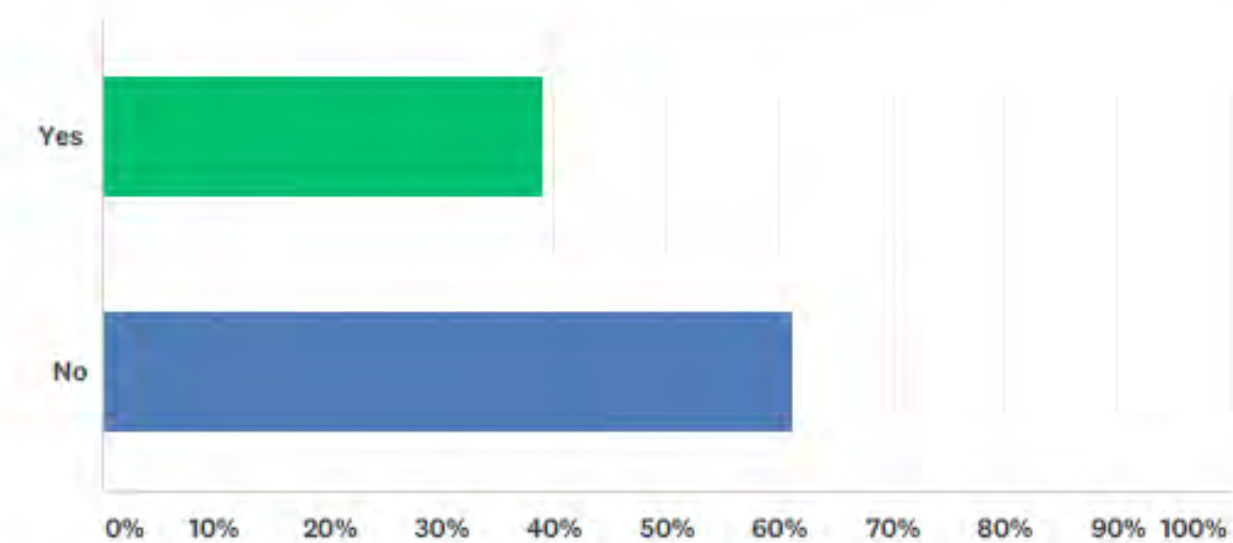


## Q8 How would you rate the following?

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW	NO OPINION	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Number and size of parks	20.20% 61	50.99% 154	18.54% 56	0.99% 3	5.63% 17	3.97% 12	302
Condition of our parks	12.05% 37	43.00% 132	32.57% 100	6.84% 21	3.91% 12	2.61% 8	307
Condition of facilities	7.62% 23	40.07% 121	32.45% 98	8.94% 27	8.28% 25	3.64% 11	302
Condition of our park amenities	8.00% 24	34.67% 104	36.33% 109	8.67% 26	9.33% 28	4.00% 12	300
Variety of park activities	8.08% 24	30.30% 90	35.35% 105	13.13% 39	9.43% 28	5.05% 15	297
Amount of flexible green (open) space in parks	14.52% 44	47.19% 143	23.76% 72	3.30% 10	8.25% 25	3.30% 10	303
Quality of sports fields and courts	5.37% 16	32.21% 96	27.52% 82	8.72% 26	18.79% 56	8.39% 25	298
Connections to and between parks	4.38% 13	28.28% 84	25.25% 75	11.45% 34	21.21% 63	10.10% 30	297
Variety of recreation programs	7.69% 23	28.76% 86	31.44% 94	14.05% 42	13.38% 40	5.35% 16	299
Variety of art and cultural events	6.08% 18	30.74% 91	28.72% 85	15.54% 46	12.50% 37	7.09% 21	296

# Q9 Do you use our community pool in the summer?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 7

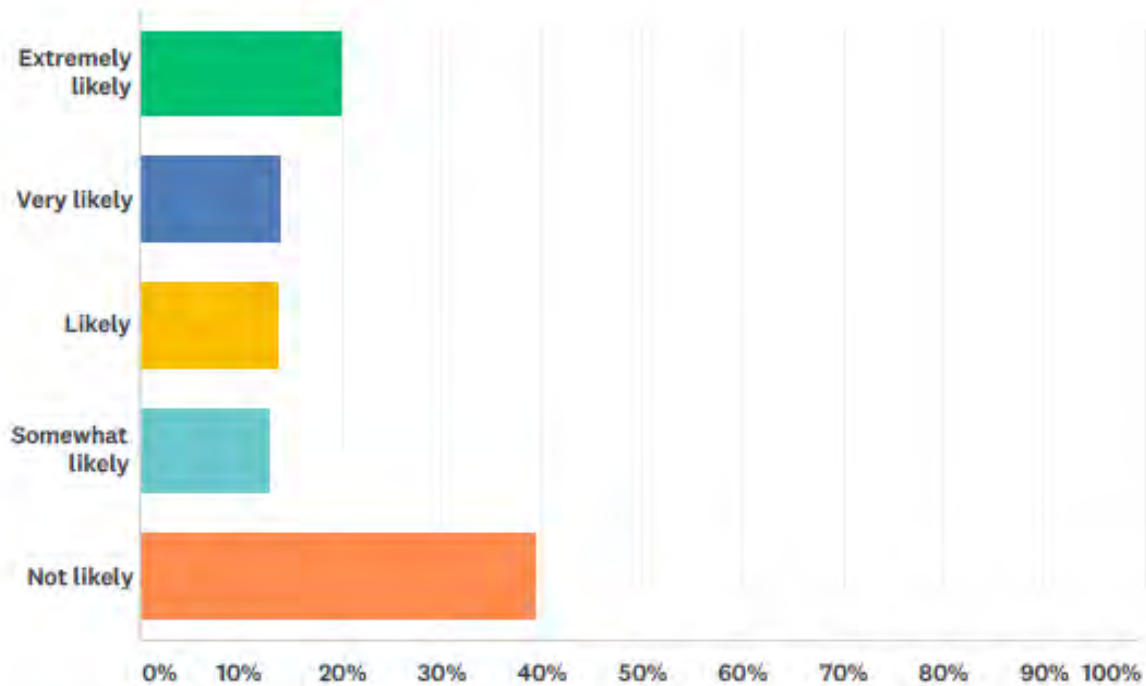


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		38.85%	122
No		61.15%	192
TOTAL			314



Q10 How much more likely would you use our pool if we had a splash pad?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely likely	20.13%	63
Very likely	14.06%	44
Likely	13.74%	43
Somewhat likely	12.78%	40
Not likely	39.30%	123
TOTAL		313

## Q11 Besides a splash pad, what other amenities would you like to see at our pool?

Answered: 193   Skipped: 128

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	adult swim only times	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	I would like to see swimming classes offered for all ages.	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	Swimming lessons offered	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	None	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	Very clean facilities and signs that encourage good hygiene and rules	1/7/2018 6:46 PM
6	Adult only area. In my dreams right?	1/7/2018 6:23 PM
7	I don't know what amenities are currently available.	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
8	Adult swim time	1/7/2018 1:11 PM
9	Better snack bar and adult only times	1/6/2018 9:56 PM
10	Im not for sure	1/6/2018 10:54 AM
11	Just make sure the water isn't freezing	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
12	A smaller pool for little kids. Again, I have a toddler.	1/6/2018 7:43 AM
13	N/A	1/5/2018 8:01 PM
14	Children area	1/5/2018 6:55 PM
15	No opinion	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
16	Splash pad	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
17	Better updated changing room facilities	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
18	HEATED POOL!!!!!! I would also love to see a whirlpool for adults. Also, an indoor pool would be great since the JCC closed.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM



19	Jacuzzi	1/5/2018 1:00 PM
20	General maintenance updates	1/5/2018 12:28 PM
21	No one under 18 day/weekends	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
22	I don't use the pool but I think any amenities added should be geared to families with young children	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
23	Games	1/5/2018 11:09 AM
24	warmer water, cleaner pool	1/5/2018 10:14 AM
25	..	1/5/2018 9:42 AM
26	I would like for the pool to be renovated so we can access it all year and stop driving and paying the costick activities center in Farmington hills. Either move it to the arena lol or renovate and cover the pool— make it an indoor heated pool.	1/5/2018 9:14 AM
27	slide	1/5/2018 8:43 AM
28	Consistency with the rules and more conscientious life guards, better management. It's coming up but more work needs to be done. We love the pool and the concessions lady is the best!!	1/5/2018 8:41 AM
29	Swim classes, swim team, picnic area, concession stand, shaded area,	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
30	N/A	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
31	Don't know	1/5/2018 6:32 AM

**Q12 Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities are most important to you for Oak Park to plan for and maintain?**

	HIGH PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	NOT NEEDED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Indoor pool	52.74% 154	27.05% 79	14.38% 42	6.51% 19	292
Indoor gym (for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and/or badminton)	48.43% 139	33.80% 97	13.94% 40	4.18% 12	287
Indoor walking track	53.79% 156	32.76% 95	11.03% 32	2.76% 8	290
Dedicated dance room	21.51% 60	35.13% 98	32.97% 92	10.39% 29	279
Dedicated art room	29.03% 81	43.37% 121	24.01% 67	4.30% 12	279
Dedicated youth space	65.14% 185	27.46% 78	6.34% 18	1.76% 5	284
Culinary kitchen (for cooking classes and nutritional education)	42.40% 120	36.75% 104	18.37% 52	2.83% 8	283
None of the above.	10.29% 7	7.35% 5	13.24% 9	73.53% 50	68

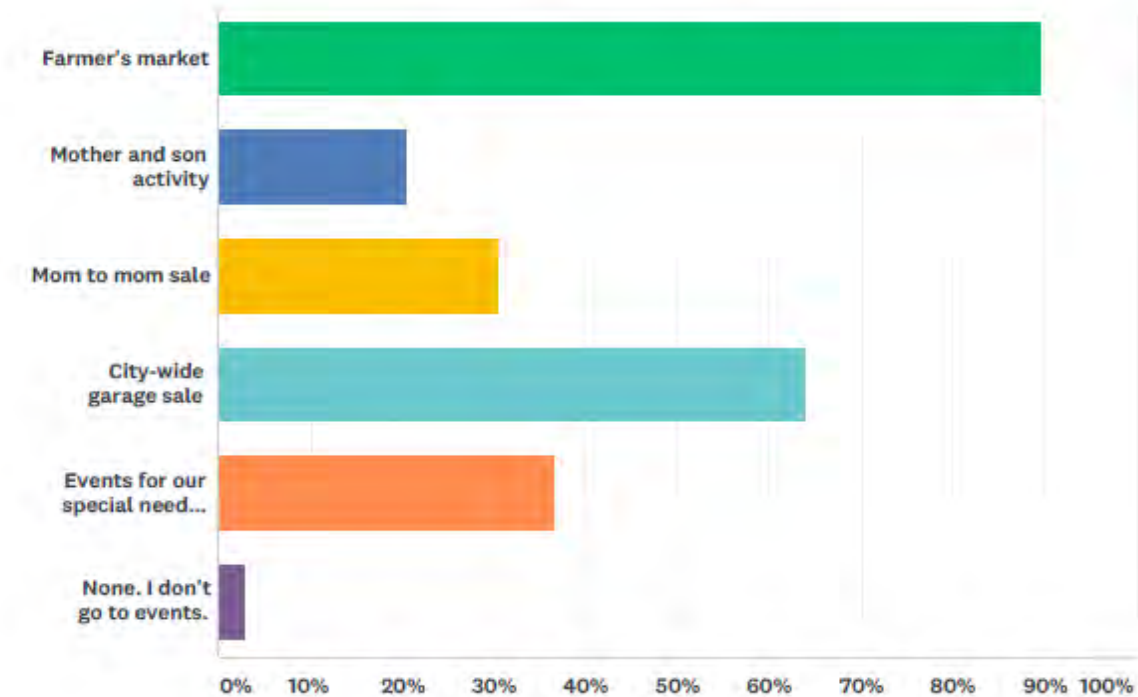


### Q13 What events have you attended in the last 12 months? Please check all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Winterfest	31.17%	96
Daddy Daughter Dance	3.90%	12
St. Patrick's Day Social for Adults with Special Needs	0.32%	1
Fourth of July Parade	54.87%	169
Fourth of July Fun Fest	36.36%	112
Mayor's 5k Walk/Run	7.47%	23
Concerts in the park	46.43%	143
Summer Fest	41.23%	127
Dog Day at the Pool	3.90%	12
Come Out and Play/Movie Night	14.61%	45
Autumn Fest	18.51%	57
Halloween Boo Bash	20.78%	64
None	24.03%	74
Total Respondents: 308		

Q14 What special events would you like to see happen in Oak Park?  
(Check all that apply.)

Answered: 301   Skipped: 20

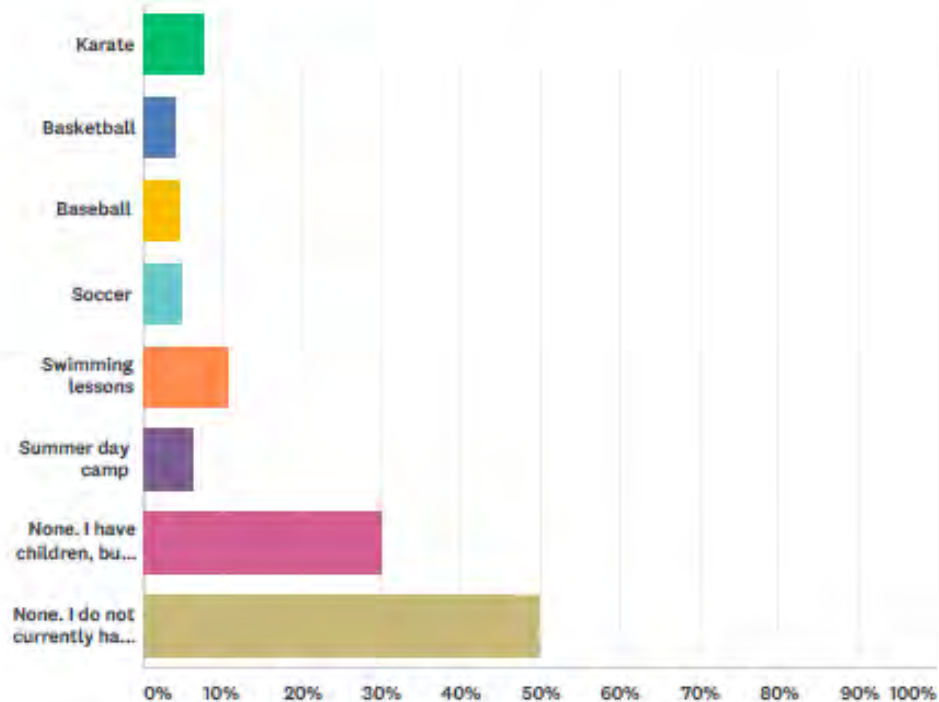


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmer's market	89.70%	270
Mother and son activity	20.60%	62
Mom to mom sale	30.56%	92
City-wide garage sale	64.12%	193
Events for our special needs population	36.54%	110
None. I don't go to events.	2.99%	9
Total Respondents: 301		



Q15 What youth programs have your children participated in during the last 12 months? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 301 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Karate		7.64%	23
Basketball		3.99%	12
Baseball		4.65%	14
Soccer		4.98%	15
Swimming lessons		10.63%	32
Summer day camp		6.31%	19
None. I have children, but they do not participate in the youth programs.		29.90%	90
None. I do not currently have children in my household.		49.83%	150
Total Respondents: 301			

## Q16 What youth programs would you like to see offered?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	youth yoga	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	Competitive tech programs, and programs to teach socialization skills	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	Gymnastics, tumbling in indoor gym	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	More level driven youth programs than can progress as they do. Little leagues for cheerleading, sports	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	Computer programming, gaming, computer building	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
6	Small business market, flea market	1/7/2018 1:11 PM
7	Yoga	1/7/2018 12:12 PM
8	Boxing	1/7/2018 2:52 AM
9	Not sure	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
10	Sports for little kids. (Toddler age); mommy and me.	1/6/2018 7:43 AM
11	My children are older now	1/5/2018 8:01 PM
12	Petting zoo	1/5/2018 6:44 PM
13	No youth	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
14	Toddler music classes, toddler gymnastics, Ballett for toddlers/little kids	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
15	Classes like kids yoga and kids cooking. One time events on special topics (ie Animal/Nature focused classes, try a new sport day)	1/5/2018 3:26 PM
16	Teen Volunteer program!!!!!! Teen Center after school Children's classes such as Spanish, art, drama, writing, technology, video games, and more. Make Oak Park a fun place to be! Bring back Box Hockey tournaments for youth AND adults!!!!	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
17	Technology	1/5/2018 1:00 PM
18	None	1/5/2018 12:24 PM

19	When I was younger, each school offered activities during the summer such as box hockey, arts and crafts, etc. Bringing something like that back would give kids something to do when school is out for the summer.	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
20	A place for High School kids to hang out. Instead of the library,	1/5/2018 10:14 AM
21	.	1/5/2018 9:42 AM
22	Coding— and I can teach a scratch camp I'm a computer teacher (middle school) rashidakgriffin@gmail.com, and some form or karate or an activity for youth who aren't in the household every weekend— some sort of drop in class / sport	1/5/2018 9:14 AM
23	Dance	1/5/2018 8:20 AM
24	Martial arts, swim programs (such as lifeguarding, swim safety, )	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
25	Toddler programs	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
26	Tumbling for my granddaughter	1/5/2018 6:32 AM
27	Anything that keeps kids focused and out of trouble	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
28	Tutoring	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
29	Culinary lessons, reading programs, year round swim lessons, indoor play areas/programs, splash pad	1/5/2018 1:58 AM



30	Cooking classes would be great. Archery, gymnastics, social justice workshops	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
31	Continue with the current ones	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
32	I don't know	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
33	N/A	1/4/2018 10:41 PM
34	Reading club for girls, robotics club for girls, stem activities for girls	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
35	Hustle, yoga, hair braiding in the evenings for adults	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
36	Mentorship and entrepreneurship programs.	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
37	mural painting on area business walls, painted by talented youth	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
38	etiquette	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
39	none	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
40	N/A	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
41	N/A	12/28/2017 2:09 PM
42	Yoga for kids.	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
43	Affordable swimming lessons in indoor pool	12/24/2017 6:48 PM
44	N/A	12/19/2017 3:50 PM
45	Play production, improvisation for young people, creative dramatics	12/19/2017 11:28 AM
46	speech class	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
47	any educational opportunities	12/18/2017 4:25 PM
48	Keep teens busy instead of disrupting library, serve food,	12/16/2017 5:02 PM
49	Ok with them as-is. The Berkley school district already has good programs going. No need to duplicate.	12/16/2017 3:35 PM

50	Any just to get them off the streets	12/16/2017 10:42 AM
51	Reading and writing workshops	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
52	Reading	12/16/2017 6:08 AM
53	Don't know	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
54	not sure	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
55	Not sure	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
56	Basketball volleyball softball	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
57	Cooking, science, Stem and or Steam, movie nights, parents night out programs.	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
58	football would be nice and summer recreation was free when I was a child	12/14/2017 7:28 PM
59	n/a	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
60	Not sure	12/12/2017 10:39 PM
61	My son is just now reaching the age of participation for youth programs. I have seen quite a few programs that I know he'll enjoy immensely this coming year. Such as, the Halloween event, concerts in the park, the Fourth of July fest, and movie night. I'd love to see these all continue as well as a mother son activity of some sort. I don't know what sports he'll enjoy as he ages but it's great to know that the city offers so many different options.	12/12/2017 7:53 AM
62	Lgbt specific, ASD, social skills	12/11/2017 6:37 PM
63	Swim team	12/11/2017 11:13 AM
64	Toddlers programs on Saturday morning or afternoon	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
65	Continue sports	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
66	After school activities	12/10/2017 3:08 PM

67	Our daughter is too young for most things right now	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
68	Idk	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
69	Tennis, dance, sewing	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
70	?	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
71	Soccer & hockey	12/10/2017 9:01 AM
72	Chess	12/10/2017 2:28 AM
73	Basketball Swim classes	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
74	don't know	12/10/2017 12:43 AM
75	Programs suitable for the orthodox Jewish community	12/9/2017 11:29 PM
76	swim lessons	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
77	Separate gender programs	12/9/2017 10:37 PM
78	My daughter has participated in the dance classes	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
79	Gymnastics, ballet but only girls and boys separate.	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
80	N/a	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
81	after school programs	12/9/2017 9:15 PM
82	No comment at this time	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
83	Nature walks, Urban Cycling.	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
84	LaCrosse, yoga, skating lessons	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
85	Tennis	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
86	More 5k runs	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
87	youth sports	12/9/2017 1:10 AM
88	Reading clubs, skill building clubs	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
89	Not sure	12/8/2017 12:52 PM



90	All are good. My child plays school sports which conflict	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
91	Guitar lessons, driver training	12/8/2017 6:35 AM
92	Gymnastics classes	12/6/2017 8:56 AM
93	Tutoring/homework help, chess club, poetry/spoken word club, anime club	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
94	Mentoring Program/Job Training	12/4/2017 5:14 PM
95	Something for infants and toddlers	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
96	Self defense, etiquette and peer pressure training	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
97	anything to keep them busy!	12/2/2017 7:21 PM
98	Structured after school activities and latch key for working moms	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
99	Youth Music Mentoring programs. I am proud that Oak Park makes music a priority in our community knowing that some communities lost their ability to provide that art.	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
100	ice skating. Youth assisting elders	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
101	see question answered earlier	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
102	After school activities for teens waiting to be picked up by parents.	12/1/2017 5:22 PM
103	Beginning sports programs for children younger than 5, and structured, creative play classes for moms and younger children that take place in the evening hours for those who are not stay at home moms.	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
104	Fencing	11/29/2017 10:21 AM
105	Language lessons, Fencing	11/29/2017 7:00 AM

106	computer graphics or programming, lego competitions, robotics, open mic(poetry)	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
107	Is soccer available?	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
108	flag football	11/27/2017 9:44 AM
109	youth cooking classes	11/27/2017 9:16 AM
110	DARE	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
111	Coding	11/22/2017 9:50 PM
112	Indoor Soccer	11/20/2017 10:14 AM
113	No opinion	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
114	After school programs	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
115	Tennis, art, karate, self defense,	11/20/2017 12:29 AM
116	Science related events.	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
117	Indoor swimming	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
118	Dance for toddler, tennis for toddler	11/19/2017 9:10 AM
119	Nothing additional	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
120	Anything. To keep them involved and out of trouble	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
121	Variety	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
122	Ninja course	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
123	Team sports, Music, Culinary, Junior Achievement.	11/18/2017 11:08 PM
124	Track and volleyball	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
125	I would love to see more classes for young children. Art classes, sports not on Saturdays, something for kids after school.	11/18/2017 7:28 PM
126	Tutoring, Mentor program	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
127	After school tutoring and other activities	11/18/2017 3:00 PM
128	N/A	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
129	Leadership	11/18/2017 1:35 PM

130	swimming lessons, summer day camp, and sports programs that people with children prefer	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
131	ones away from the adults	11/18/2017 7:57 AM
132	More science based	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
133	Na	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
134	Some kind of afternoon class that offers youth info on etiquette. Proper ways of communicating. Community laws for bike riding and crossing the roads and safety concerns for our youth.	11/17/2017 10:00 PM
135	More classes for kids	11/17/2017 9:59 PM
136	na	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
137	My son is only 4, but when he gets older he will participate.	11/17/2017 9:20 PM
138	Chess. Music. Art. Cooking/Baking.	11/17/2017 9:01 PM
139	Soccer	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
140	Volunteer / Leadership / Internship opportunities. Structured activities centered around athletics, art, STEM, writing, etc. Mentorship opportunities. Opportunities for youth and seniors to work together (youth can teach seniors how to use technology, seniors can teach youth how to knit, etc.)	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
141	Art	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
142	Art	11/17/2017 7:15 PM



143	.	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
144	mentoring, leadership training	11/17/2017 1:45 PM
145	Swimming classes	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
146	for youth and seniors, maybe painting on canvas, chalk drawing, small pottery classes	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
147	more swim classes, and longer time with the instructors	11/17/2017 9:12 AM
148	no children	11/17/2017 9:08 AM
149	we need to connect to the schools, sharing plays, concerts, etc.	11/17/2017 8:52 AM
150	Programming for babies and toddlers; swim classes, music, Gymboree type stuff.	11/17/2017 8:07 AM
151	STEM, crafting nights, mentoring, anything to help them grow into responsible adults, and get them off the streets where they can cause trouble.	11/17/2017 7:55 AM
152	More exercise / movement classes. More STEM activities	11/17/2017 7:07 AM
153	summer recreation	11/17/2017 6:11 AM
154	Arts, music	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
155	Cooking, hair braiding, ceramics	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
156	Singing, tutoring, art, coding, sewing, crochet	11/16/2017 11:51 PM
157	N	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
158	Baseball, soccer, fencing, golf lessons/team, football, hockey teams during winter months for the city, I like the idea of art classes and 101 cooking for students. Homework hour at the library. Free tutoring.	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
159	There are enough.	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
160	Free tutoring	11/16/2017 5:42 PM
161	Hockey, Baseball, Mentor	11/16/2017 12:51 PM

## Q17 What adult programs have you participated in during the last 12 months? Please check all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Aerobic Hustle	7.85%	23
Enhanced Fitness	8.87%	26
Kickball	2.39%	7
Middle Eastern Belly Dance	2.05%	6
R.I.P.P.E.D.	1.71%	5
Softball	2.73%	8
Tai Chi	1.37%	4
Yoga is for Every Body	7.51%	22
Zumba	4.78%	14
I am an adult, but do not participate in these programs.	71.67%	210
None. I am not an adult.	1.02%	3
Other (please specify)	13.31%	39
Total Respondents: 293		

## Q18 What other adult programs would you like to see offered?

1	trips to shows/ similar to those offered for senior citizens	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	I think the recreation department offers a wide range of adult programs, but unfortunately I do not have the time to take advantage of them.	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	Sales	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	Career ready courses. Computer classes, resume writing, job fairs	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	Singing or dancing. I was not even made aware of these events listed.	1/7/2018 6:46 PM
6	Indoor aqua aerobics	1/7/2018 6:23 PM
7	I don't know what programs ar currently available.	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
8	Kick boxing and year round water aerobics	1/7/2018 2:52 AM
9	Ice skating	1/6/2018 9:56 PM
10	More offerings for people with developmentally disabilities.	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
11	None. I just moved here and need to get involved	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
12	water aerobics	1/6/2018 7:52 AM
13	Cooking	1/5/2018 8:01 PM
14	Evening classes and opportunities for seniors that have not yet retired	1/5/2018 6:44 PM
15	I like day trips for seniors! More of them, please. City of Southfield has an annual seniors trip going to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Hotel in late October.	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
16	Kangaroo jump	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
17	Knitting/sewing class, meditation class,	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
18	Night events. I would love to participate in the yoga and creative classes, but I work on weekdays.	1/5/2018 3:26 PM
19	Box Hockey!!!!!! Exercise for people in our 40's who have physical disabilities. Crafts, current events, cooking, healthy living, meditation, Vision Boards, goal setting, financial literacy, volunteer programs, writing groups, and more.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
20	Cocktail hour	1/5/2018 12:24 PM



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21	Culinary classes would be fun; or offer classes in the evening or weekends for those of us who work during the day.	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
22	Chicago Step Class Sewing class	1/5/2018 11:22 AM
23	more art, craft classes	1/5/2018 10:14 AM
24	Food eating contests. alcohol related events.	1/5/2018 8:43 AM
25	Walking club	1/5/2018 8:20 AM
26	Sewing, coloring /game night, monthly Mom meetup,	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
27	N/A	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
28	Nonw	1/5/2018 6:32 AM
29	Morning classes	1/5/2018 6:13 AM
30	Something for special needs adults in our community,	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
31	Health activities	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
32	More yoga at variety of times/days, parents groups for school age kids	1/5/2018 1:58 AM
33	None	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
34	Education workshops	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
35	Cooking class, photography class	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
36	Water aerobics if offered indoors	1/4/2018 10:41 PM
37	Self defense, couponing, cooking	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
38	Zumba Gold or other in the evening or Saturday.	1/4/2018 9:32 PM
39	Zumba Gold or other in the evening or Saturday.	1/4/2018 9:31 PM
40	Hair braiding, cooking, ballroom dance	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
41	Art workshops	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
42	adult lap swimming	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
43	none	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
44	yoga	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
45	Brewery Tours, Day Trips, Dog Obedience Classes	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
46	Tai Chi in the evening 7-9pm	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
47	I would like a dance class that is for adults to learn how to dance at parties, or a jazz class.	12/23/2017 7:15 PM
48	Fitness programs offered after 6 p.m. Would love to participate in a walking club - would volunteer to serve as a walk leader if needed.	12/19/2017 3:50 PM
49	same as above I have a feeling this is not the right place to propose these activities!	12/19/2017 11:28 AM

50	nun	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
51	Ballroom dancing & hustle	12/17/2017 9:37 PM
52	Indoor warm pool year around	12/16/2017 5:02 PM
53	Travel club	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
54	Don't know	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
55	Meditation or other spiritually related meet ups and activities. Adult mental health type classes that are fun. Doodling. Paint and sips. Kickboxing. Something eclectic.	12/15/2017 9:26 PM
56	Pickleball	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
57	Unknown	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
58	Financial planning,grant writing, fine art, healthy cooking classes.	12/15/2017 2:29 PM
59	I don't know	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
60	Unknown	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
61	Pickleball	12/14/2017 7:48 PM
62	Training griuos, cycle, run, etc	12/14/2017 3:38 PM
63	pilates	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
64	Talk to an attorney--advice.	12/12/2017 10:51 PM
65	Meditation	12/12/2017 10:41 PM
66	It looks like there are programs that I wasn't aware of!	12/12/2017 10:39 PM
67	I believe I saw something about a kickball league that sounded like a lot of fun. I think a card night could be fun or a softball league.	12/12/2017 7:53 AM
68	Femaleswim hours for indoor pool	12/11/2017 9:52 PM
69	Dodgeball, meditation, making friends groups for adults because of the difficulty past age 30 meeting new people, dogs and humans play group, baking, side hustles	12/11/2017 6:37 PM
70	Walking groups	12/11/2017 11:13 AM

71	N/A	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
72	Piano lessons	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
73	Not sure	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
74	Arts programs	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
75	I forgot there were adult programs	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
76	Sewing, knitting, crochet, home improvements from saying floors to do it yourself decorating tips	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
77	More senior trips or luncheons	12/10/2017 11:35 AM
78	Bring your own craft days	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
79	Biking club	12/10/2017 2:28 AM
80	Swimming pool	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
81	fine arts classes , computer literacy for adults classes, both in the evening.	12/10/2017 12:43 AM
82	Art dance	12/9/2017 11:29 PM
83	exersise for over wight adults	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
84	If I wasn't so busy with my young children I would love to attend one of the programs!	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
85	I don't know	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
86	N/a	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
87	Ceramics class, painting class, sewing class, family reunion planning, cooking class, home ownership programs, bingo night, and adult education classes for 25 and older.	12/9/2017 9:12 PM
88	Unknown at this time	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
89	none	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
90	Water aerobics in the evening	12/9/2017 6:58 PM



91	Cooking classes	12/9/2017 5:17 PM
92	Money management	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
93	More weekend options	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
94	Yoga, walking club, community garden.	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
95	Not sure	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
96	Volleyball	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
97	Bingo nite	12/8/2017 6:35 AM
98	chair exercises that include population under 50 for those with limited mobility and/or physical disabilities	12/7/2017 11:52 PM
99	Sewing classes, cooking classes, teachings on investing.	12/6/2017 11:33 AM
100	Water aerobics	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
101	sewing program coupon program entrepreneur program	12/4/2017 5:14 PM
102	Art, cooking, more physical fitness variety, education, computer skills.	12/4/2017 2:38 PM
103	N-a	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
104	Adult cooking class	12/4/2017 11:50 AM
105	Self defense and karate	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
106	something for seniors	12/2/2017 7:21 PM
107	Already good variety	12/2/2017 10:05 AM

108	Allow residents to enroll in the 50 and over club online, we may have problems getting transportation to the community center during recreation department hours to enroll. If we are allowed to enroll online and able to use Oak Park transportation to the center, we can provide the recreation department with identification and enroll fees, etc	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
109	Safety awareness. Ways of protecting yourself as a disabled female	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
110	painting, art classes, pilates	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
111	Ballroom dancing	12/1/2017 5:22 PM
112	I'd like to see more adult art, business, and special interest classes that are not exercise classes that take place in the evenings (between 7-9pm) for those who work.	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
113	Meditation/Wellness classes	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
114	high intensity cardio class, painting retro/ progressive class, neighborhood watch club, Keep our kids safe club, cell phone usage classes, Oak Park Beautification Club	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
115	Book club - but probably should see librarian	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
116	water aerobics	11/27/2017 9:44 AM
117	Not sure	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
118	senior lunch program	11/21/2017 10:42 AM
119	a Red Hat Society	11/21/2017 9:22 AM
120	Cooking, painting class, basic yard improvement	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
121	Na	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
122	None	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
123	More exercise classes with better times	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
124	Tennis	11/19/2017 9:10 AM
125	Nothing additional	11/19/2017 8:34 AM

126	N/a	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
127	Variety	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
128	Na	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
129	Women/men only dance and work out classes	11/18/2017 9:48 PM
130	Big brother Big Sister	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
131	I would love to see things offered after work hours or on Sundays.	11/18/2017 7:28 PM
132	N/A	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
133	Art programs	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
134	None	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
135	discussion about issues that affect all of us and getting to know our neighbors--ways that neighbors can help each other with smaller repairs and yard work	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
136	free computer and smart phone classes	11/18/2017 7:57 AM
137	None	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
138	NA	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
139	-	11/17/2017 11:16 PM
140	More yoga	11/17/2017 9:59 PM
141	na	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
142	Senior programs for young adults.	11/17/2017 9:01 PM
143	Craft classes	11/17/2017 8:56 PM
144	Speakers	11/17/2017 8:29 PM



145	Na	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
146	Volleyball League / Hockey League	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
147	Nothing	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
148	Nothing	11/17/2017 7:15 PM
149	.	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
150	Crotchet classes or club, traveling wine tasting events or club	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
151	Indoor year-round sports leagues	11/17/2017 10:51 AM
152	**See #16	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
153	Weight Watchers groups	11/17/2017 9:08 AM
154	tennis league, outdoor pickleball	11/17/2017 8:52 AM
155	More variety of exercise classes & more weekend classes. Art classes	11/17/2017 7:07 AM
156	We offer yoga and Zumba but not when I can come.	11/17/2017 6:27 AM
157	N/a	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
158	Excercise classes, hair techniques	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
159	Book clubs, wine tastings, art painting nights, poetry readings	11/16/2017 11:51 PM
160	N	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
161	crocheting day and evening classes, art classes day and evenings.	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
162	N/A	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
163	Ice skating class	11/16/2017 5:42 PM

## Q19 What senior programs (age 55 and older) have you participated in during the last 12 months? Please check all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None, I am not a senior citizen	60.36%	166
I am a senior citizen, but I have not participated in any recreation programs	17.09%	47
AARP Driver Training	2.18%	6
Blood Pressure Clinic	5.09%	14
Chess Club	1.45%	4
Day Trips	10.18%	28
Drop-in Bid Whist	1.45%	4
Drop-in Bingo	4.00%	11
Drop-in Dance	1.82%	5
Drop-in Hustle	6.18%	17
Drop-in Pickleball	1.82%	5
Drop-in Quilting	1.09%	3
Drop-in Scrabble	2.18%	6
Drop-in Watercoloring	1.45%	4
Estate Planning	2.91%	8
Enhanced Fitness	8.00%	22
Extended Overnight Trips	2.18%	6
Financial Planning	1.45%	4
Health and Wellness Presentations	4.36%	12
Lecture Series	3.64%	10
Lunch Trips	6.55%	18
Meals on Wheels	2.91%	8
Matter of Balance	0.73%	2
Theatre Trips	5.09%	14
Total Body Workout	5.09%	14
Yoga	2.91%	8
Other (please specify)	5.45%	15
Total Respondents: 275		

## Q20 What other senior programs would you like to see offered?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The senior programs are offer a well balanced variety of activities.	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
2	None	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
3	Na	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
4	N/A	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
5	Computer and smart phone training	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
6	Not sure	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
7	water aerobics	1/6/2018 7:52 AM
8	Candidates for office forums.	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
9	Na	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
10	Grandparenting 101	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
11	I would like to see seniors able to stay for the ENTIRE event when they go on trips that cost over \$80/person. They should not leave early unless there is a medical emergency, not just because some people are bored!!! I would also like for seniors to receive a kind, compassionate response when this happens, not just being told, "You're all adults!" Very unprofessional, and not how things should be done in Oak Park.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
12	HAPPY hour	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
13	I am not 55 yet	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
14	Yoga Sewing	1/5/2018 11:22 AM
15	More evening scheduling	1/5/2018 9:16 AM
16	Financial literacy retirement	1/5/2018 8:20 AM
17	I feel like you already have a good selection, but I'm not old enough to participate	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
18	N/A	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
19	I don't know	1/5/2018 6:32 AM
20	N/a	1/5/2018 6:10 AM



21	Camping	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
22	None	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
23	Computer classes	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
24	I am not a senior	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
25	N/a	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
26	N/a	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
27	Connect seniors with services for snow removal, light housekeeping, etc.	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
28	presentation on volunteer opportunities in the area	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
29	None. This senior bunch is an unhealthy cliché that needs to be disbanded.	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
30	none	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
31	N/A	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
32	Don't know.	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
33	I enjoy the silver fit programs that are now offered by outside groups in the rec center.	12/22/2017 4:30 PM
34	Plays done with seniors and for seniors and gen'l public.---I know of a great one- i would direct it - a great play to produce with seniors and gen'l public i would volunteer to direct it.	12/19/2017 11:28 AM
35	nun	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
36	N.a.	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
37	Not a senior	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
38	Don't Know	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
39	not sure	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
40	Unknown	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
41	Na	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
42	Not known	12/14/2017 7:56 PM

43	Senior formal dances and gatherings	12/14/2017 10:26 AM
44	n/a	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
45	N/A	12/12/2017 10:39 PM
46	Meet and greet neighbors	12/11/2017 11:13 AM
47	I love everything that's offered currently	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
48	Game night	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
49	Not sure	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
50	?	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
51	N/A	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
52	I'm not a senior citizen	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
53	?	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
54	None, I'm not a senior	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
55	senior programs are always during the day, assuming that (incorrectly) that no seniors work.	12/10/2017 12:43 AM
56	i am not a senior	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
57	Senior programs are so important!	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
58	I don't know	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
59	N/a	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
60	Not eligible for senior activities at this time. Should offer events for single residence.	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
61	n/a	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
62	N/A	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
63	N/a	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
64	N/a	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
65	n/a	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
66	N/A	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
67	N/A	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
68	None	12/8/2017 6:35 AM
69	Not sure	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
70	N-A	12/4/2017 12:14 PM

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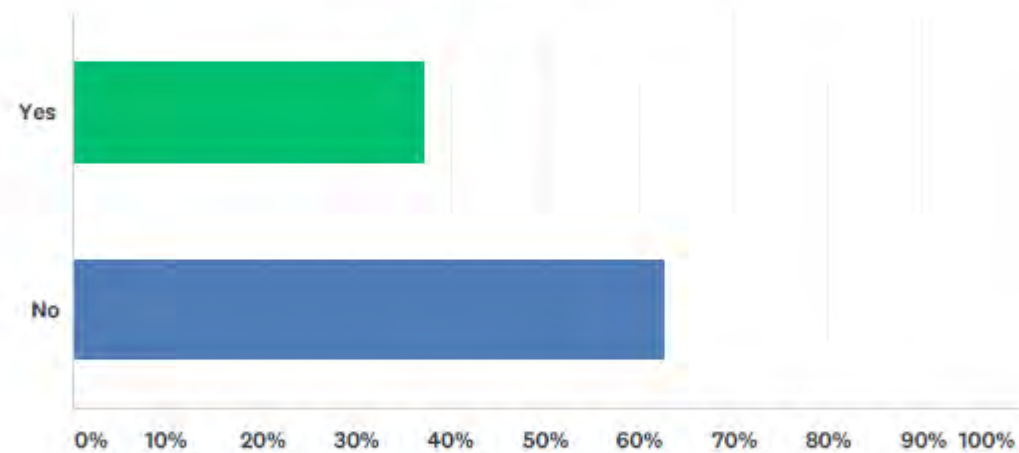
71	N/A	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
72	more day trips	12/2/2017 7:21 PM
73	More programs that promote the coming together of the seniors	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
74	Free crochet and knitting classes. This can help seniors earn much needed income by selling their art and crafts in an annual winter event.	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
75	n/a	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
76	n/a	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
77	n/a	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
78	Not a senior yet	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
79	More lunch trips to restaurants	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
80	No opinion	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
81	piano lessons, lunch programs, knitting or crochet groups	11/21/2017 10:42 AM
82	I was not aware of the variety of things listed above	11/21/2017 10:26 AM
83	Senior Appreciation Day, Knitting or Crocheting Group, Red Hat Society, Senior Singing Group	11/21/2017 9:22 AM
84	mini golf course	11/21/2017 9:05 AM
85	Does not apply	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
86	Na	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
87	more plays	11/20/2017 9:16 AM
88	None	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
89	N/A	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
90	Nothing additional	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
91	Na	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
92	Not applicable at this time	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
93	Na	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
94	None	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
95	N/A	11/18/2017 7:17 PM



96	Additional daytime yoga class for seniors at a nominal/reasonable cost (2 classes a week)	11/18/2017 4:46 PM
97	Lunch programs	11/18/2017 3:00 PM
98	Activities for seniors who are still working. More educationally relevant topics.	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
99	Looks good to me	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
100	See answer to number 19—Also it would be great to have a group to address aging and end-of-life issues. Organize help for people who live alone and on fixed incomes—a program that would help us fix our houses and property—a program like this could also help low-income moms and families	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
101	None	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
102	NA	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
103	.	11/17/2017 11:16 PM
104	Exercise yoga classes	11/17/2017 9:59 PM
105	na	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
106	Help at home.	11/17/2017 8:56 PM
107	NA	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
108	Nothing	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
109	Nothing	11/17/2017 7:15 PM
110	...	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
111	Na	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
112	#16	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
113	water aerobics	11/17/2017 9:37 AM
114	water aerobics	11/17/2017 9:34 AM
115	Meet and greets.	11/17/2017 9:24 AM
116	volleyball, tennis	11/17/2017 8:52 AM
117	Na	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
118	N/A	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
119	N	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
120	Game nights....board games, card games, or games in general	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
121	N/A	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
122	Children interaction day	11/16/2017 5:42 PM

Q21 Did you know there is a SMART bus transportation service that will transport seniors (age 55 and older) and individuals with disabilities to the Oak Park Community Center?

Answered: 300 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.33%	112
No	62.67%	188
TOTAL		300

**Q22** The Recreation Department will be offering a mobile recreation program next summer that will bring recreation equipment and activities to neighborhood parks. The focus of this program will be to encourage kids to participate in fun games, sports, and activities. The benefits of health, physical activity, positive peer interaction and good sportsmanship will be promoted. This program may include: sports, group games, cardio hula hoops, scooter carts, jumbo balls, broad jump, basketball, soccer, volleyball, badminton, hop balls, agility ladders, giant tunnels, over sized board games, sidewalk chalk, arts and craft activities, music, dance, creative fun, read-along programs, and much more! What additional equipment or program ideas would you like to see added to the mobile recreation program?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	gardening	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	Tech games	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	Going over rules, score keeping, fair play	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	Sounds great	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	I can't think of any.	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
6	No, this program sounds like it's going to be a blast.	1/7/2018 2:52 AM
7	More for people with disabilities.	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
8	None	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
9	Something for little kids/toddlers.	1/6/2018 7:43 AM
10	Everything you have listed	1/5/2018 5:19 PM



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11	Yoga, bounce house, petting zoo	1/5/2018 4:14 PM
12	BOX HOCKEY!!!!!!!	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
13	No Need for this	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
14	Sounds like you have everything covered.	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
15	Love it! Sounds great— add some karate moves!	1/5/2018 9:14 AM
16	Water station	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
17	All of that sounds great.	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
18	Musical	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
19	Sounds great!!!	1/5/2018 1:58 AM
20	Quality jump ropes, skateboards, programs to encourage young girls specifically to be athletic (this does not mean bring things that are pink)	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
21	Sounds like it's covered	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
22	Don't know but this is a great idea!	1/5/2018 12:07 AM
23	I don't know	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
24	Not sure	1/4/2018 10:41 PM
25	Those all look good	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
26	Baseball	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
27	Basic gardening activities such as planting seeds in a cup and how to plant seedlings at home.	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
28	sportsmanship	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
29	none	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
30	N/A	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
31	gardening, macrame	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
32	massage,,,exercise	12/19/2017 11:28 AM
33	Nice!	12/19/2017 10:34 AM
34	nun	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
35	Better class selections, replace JCC	12/16/2017 5:02 PM

36	N.a.	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
37	Everything listed is great	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
38	Maybe include it with or bring back the summer playground rec program	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
39	sounds great!	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
40	None. All programs must be for taxpaying citizens. No non residents!	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
41	Water aspect	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
42	Sounds like a great program.	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
43	roller skating mobile swimming mobile too	12/14/2017 7:28 PM
44	n/a	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
45	Bubbles, water fun	12/13/2017 10:54 AM
46	Yoga!	12/12/2017 10:39 PM
47	Air pump for bikes, ninja warrior course!	12/11/2017 9:58 PM
48	Tennis	12/11/2017 6:37 PM
49	N/A	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
50	More sports	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
51	None	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
52	This is an awesome idea!	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
53	Sounds good	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
54	Equipment for gymnastics would be great	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
55	Pickleball	12/10/2017 11:35 AM

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56	?	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
57	Love this idea!! Sounds great!!	12/10/2017 9:01 AM
58	All good	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
59	looks pretty good already. liked the DIA trailer in the summer.	12/10/2017 12:43 AM
60	fuwey	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
61	Sounds great!	12/9/2017 10:37 PM
62	This sounds awesome	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
63	Seems like you have it covered	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
64	N/a	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
65	bubble soccer	12/9/2017 9:15 PM
66	Sounds like everything is covered.	12/9/2017 9:12 PM
67	Unknown	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
68	That sounds sufficient	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
69	LaCrosse and nature activities	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
70	Inflatable movie screen	12/9/2017 5:17 PM
71	No this sounds great	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
72	N/a	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
73	I can't think of anything.	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
74	None - sounds good	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
75	slack line	12/8/2017 12:22 PM
76	Sounds fun	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
77	Bike share program, roller skating.	12/6/2017 11:33 AM
78	Sandbox	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
79	None	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
80	A wellness component	12/3/2017 10:00 PM



81	Things that can involve seniors as well	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
82	I don't have any ideas at this time. Great idea. I live in Stratford Villa Townhouses and Apartments and I would love to see our children engage in summer activities. For convenience, please consider bringing the mobile recreation to larger apartment complexes such as Stratford Villa. We also have Fredrick Douglas Academy next to us with wide open fields for activities. The children are not close to Shepherd Park and may not be able to participate in the mobile recreation program	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
83	not sure	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
84	sounds great!	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
85	This is a great idea! I would add a small mobile rock climbing wall for kids who like to climb on things. I would bring this to some of the neighborhood school playgrounds as well (even though they may not be considered parks). I live closest to Einstein, and there really isn't a park near my house that's walkable within a couple of blocks besides Einstein.	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
86	DO NOT close any street for a pocket park...upgrade the parks we already have. The people are speaking out...please listen to them.	11/29/2017 10:21 AM
87	Interaction with Pets,	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
88	Sounds great...bring Oak Park into the future	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
89	Not really in-tune with equipment type for kids these days, but definitely support programs that will encourage and inspire team play and good sportsmanship	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
90	none	11/27/2017 9:31 AM
91	fantastic!	11/27/2017 9:16 AM
92	No opinion	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
93	Sounds great as planned	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
94	Sounds fun	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
95	Baseball, tennis	11/20/2017 12:29 AM
96	Sounds amazing.	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
97	All great ideas	11/19/2017 9:16 AM

98	This is a great idea	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
99	?	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
100	I like all of the above idea	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
101	Bounce house	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
102	Organized travel coaches	11/18/2017 11:08 PM
103	None	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
104	This sounds amazing!	11/18/2017 7:28 PM
105	You have listed a great number of them	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
106	None	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
107	None, that sounds awesome as is!	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
108	Teaching and participating in appreciating the trees and nature all around us. Community gardening opportunities. Appreciating our diversity.	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
109	beer	11/18/2017 7:57 AM
110	Games for middle school kids	11/18/2017 7:41 AM
111	None	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
112	NA	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
113	na	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
114	Don't know	11/17/2017 8:29 PM
115	Na	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
116	Theatre / performance opportunities	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
117	None. That is great	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
118	Sounds great!	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
119	None, all is good	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
120	not sure, not up on technology	11/17/2017 9:08 AM

121	Programming appropriate for babies and toddlers.	11/17/2017 8:07 AM
122	the pool the roller skating when i was a child these would come to the summer recreation programs	11/17/2017 6:11 AM
123	None	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
124	Not sure	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
125	Skating	11/16/2017 11:51 PM
126	Roller skates	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
127	N/A	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
128	Paint ball	11/16/2017 5:42 PM



## Q23 Do you have any other suggestions or comments about Parks and Recreation in the City of Oak Park?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more walking paths/ connecting other neighborhoods to ours/ dog park/ other park amenities like water fountains/ add more dirt to raise the sledding hill	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	N/A	1/11/2018 2:28 AM
3	No	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
4	The team is doing a great job.	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
5	I was not aware of how much was offered by Parks and Rec in Oak Park. Please spread more information about it, including activities, facilities, and events.	1/7/2018 6:46 PM
6	No	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
7	Thank you for the care an planning that goes into keeping our parks functioning and beautiful!	1/7/2018 2:52 AM
8	Transportation for seniors to appointments expanded to those with disabilities. .	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
9	Not at this time	1/6/2018 10:54 AM
10	None	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
11	Keep doing good job and improving the weekly jazz concerts in shepherd park and the summer fest in shepherd park. Be nice have food taste festival in shepherd park also! (live near shepherd park)	1/6/2018 7:52 AM
12	Book club	1/5/2018 6:44 PM
13	Please offer more discounts to area attractions. I'd like more movie matinees schedule, perhaps with a discussion following.	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
14	No	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
15	- Surface of some play areas in shepherd park needs to be changed from very dirty mulch to maybe a rubber type surface. That particular type of mulch tends to make kids very dirty. - GOOD LIGHTING IN PARKS IS HIGH PRIORITY TO FEEL SAFE WHEN WALKING IN EVENING.	1/5/2018 4:14 PM

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16	We need a new building. We need honesty. We need respect, kindness, and to be heard instead of shut down when offering suggestions. We need a teen center which is not housed in the library. We need activities for ALL ages, not just the easy kids and seniors.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
17	No	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
18	None	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
19	Doing a good job ; you brought in staff that are interested in improving the quality of our lives.	1/5/2018 11:09 AM
20	Although I see room for improvement the Parks and Recs is the thing I love most about Oak Park. I think my family made a good decision when we decided to purchase a home here-- it will be 3 years in Feb. We chose Oak Park over Redford and Southfield and so far it's been a good choice	1/5/2018 9:14 AM
21	N/A	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
22	Green space/natural landscapes	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
23	No	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
24	More communication about what is offered	1/5/2018 1:58 AM
25	No	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
26	No	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
27	Where is the new overpass sign that was going to be placed over 696 as well as the bike paths along 9 mile?	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
28	No	1/4/2018 10:41 PM
29	No	1/4/2018 10:15 PM
30	Swimming classes and fitness classes for the youth	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
31	Dog park!! Dog park!!	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
32	Love the pop-up rec program, love the fact that you are asking residents what we want!	1/4/2018 8:05 AM
33	Eliminate collecting holiday donations for instructors	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
34	no	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
35	Dog Park, Safe walking trails, bike trails	12/29/2017 10:58 AM



36	No, they seem to be doing a great job. Perhaps more recycling by the staff at events -- is there an alternative to styrofoam cups?	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
37	Keep offering the separate swim times!	12/23/2017 7:15 PM
38	Don't mix 2 or more different classes together, keep exercise classes separate.	12/20/2017 12:38 PM
39	Yes, let's get a walking club going and some outdoor bootcamps in the park. Would love that!	12/19/2017 3:50 PM
40	no	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
41	Adult & family clean friendly options to enjoy the outdoors	12/17/2017 8:40 AM
42	Bad to have to pay do much for jcc in w bloomfield..too far..	12/16/2017 5:02 PM
43	No	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
44	Parks should be more small child friendly	12/16/2017 10:42 AM
45	No	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
46	Maybe bring back the summer playground rec program	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
47	no	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
48	No	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
49	None	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
50	No	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
51	no pop up park fix parks,we have	12/14/2017 7:28 PM
52	As a Recreation Therapist, I hope to see an increase in opportunities for those with disabilities	12/14/2017 3:38 PM
53	No I love my city. Moved here 24 years ago	12/14/2017 10:26 AM
54	n/a	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
55	Nope	12/12/2017 10:39 PM



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56	You guys do a great job and are always thinking of your residents and their needs and working to improve. Keep up the great work!	12/12/2017 7:53 AM
57	Need Open ice skating hours expanded!!!!	12/11/2017 6:37 PM
58	Can you PLEASE put benches at Key Park? There is currently no where for adults to sit down.	12/11/2017 6:20 PM
59	More areas for dogs.	12/11/2017 10:15 AM
60	No not at this time	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
61	No	12/10/2017 9:22 PM
62	No	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
63	No	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
64	The inability to advertise a garage sale and the meaness of the code enforcement offices is a real turn off. Perhaps a better way would be to fine people who leave the signs out after the sale is done.	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
65	More hours and days, maybe volunteer day at the parks where residents can get together and clean up the nearest parks, help the elders , etc....and all volunteers must register some type of way to participate	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
66	No	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
67	When having a city event, advertising the event throughout the city like you do with the parade with signs would be a great.	12/10/2017 9:09 AM
68	We desperately need an indoor pool with separate ladies and men's hours	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
69	Again, don't forget about the Orthodox Jewish Sabbath observing population, please.	12/10/2017 12:43 AM
70	no	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
71	No	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
72	No	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
73	No	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
74	needs a dog park and more color to the parks	12/9/2017 9:15 PM
75	More information should be mailed to homes in Oak Park	12/9/2017 9:12 PM

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76	Not at this time	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
77	More park connectivity. It will help with the cycling and foot traffic of OP.	12/9/2017 9:01 PM
78	No	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
79	No	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
80	Overall they do a great job!	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
81	Offer after school programs for youth.	12/9/2017 1:10 AM
82	A lot of programming happens during the day or after 6:30 pm. I would like to see more programming around 5:30 pm.	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
83	No	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
84	Not at this time	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
85	no	12/6/2017 2:19 PM
86	None	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
87	They dont clean park's regularly . More security. The people are teens are out of control.	12/5/2017 7:21 AM
88	Improvement on the Fourth of July Parade. Could someone PLEASE work on making it more family friendly	12/4/2017 5:14 PM
89	No	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
90	No	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
91	I think we have a good recreation department	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
92	Have the summer mobile recreation program partner with apartment complexes in Oak Park to bring the mobile unit to the children. Some don't live near the parks with working parents and can't enjoy the activities offered by Oak Park	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
93	no	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
94	Continue to send emails regarding up coming events. Send activity magazine via email...	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
95	No, thanks!	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
96	I think it is going up!	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
97	Thank you for being aware that the City needs an upgrade. I am looking forward to participating in the New Recreation Plan. Our city is a part of the future with diversity the major priority.	11/28/2017 10:22 PM



98	Sorry I haven't offered much. However, I have certainly benefited from the wholesome programs that were available when my grandson participated in the Parks & Recreation offerings of yesteryear. Willing to support future offerings for present day youth.	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
99	No	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
100	Place some soccer goals	11/22/2017 9:50 PM
101	I love living within walking distance to a park (Best Park/Upper Elementary playground) but I am often disappointed by how much garbage and broken glass is all over. Seems like there could be a community clean-up effort, or increase the garbage/waste collection. I also wish there were some toddler equipment at Best Park. We play at the school playground, but the baby swings were removed from Best Park about 18 months ago. There are a lot of opportunities to greatly improve that park!	11/22/2017 2:30 PM
102	hire people who really know how to maintain the facilities properly	11/22/2017 1:06 PM
103	Add some flowering shrubs or burning bushes etc, low maintenance items that add value	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
104	More after 5pm activities	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
105	No	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
106	How feasible would it be to get a facility like Livonia has	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
107	Take over the former Jewish Community Center space.	11/19/2017 8:50 AM
108	I wish the pools hours were extending. It's very difficult to get over there after working during the day. Also, if it was open earlier on the weekend would be nice too.	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
109	No	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
110	Not at this time	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
111	No	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
112	No	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
113	No	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
114	We need better lighting in the parks so they can be used in the evenings during winter.	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
115	N/a	11/18/2017 1:35 PM

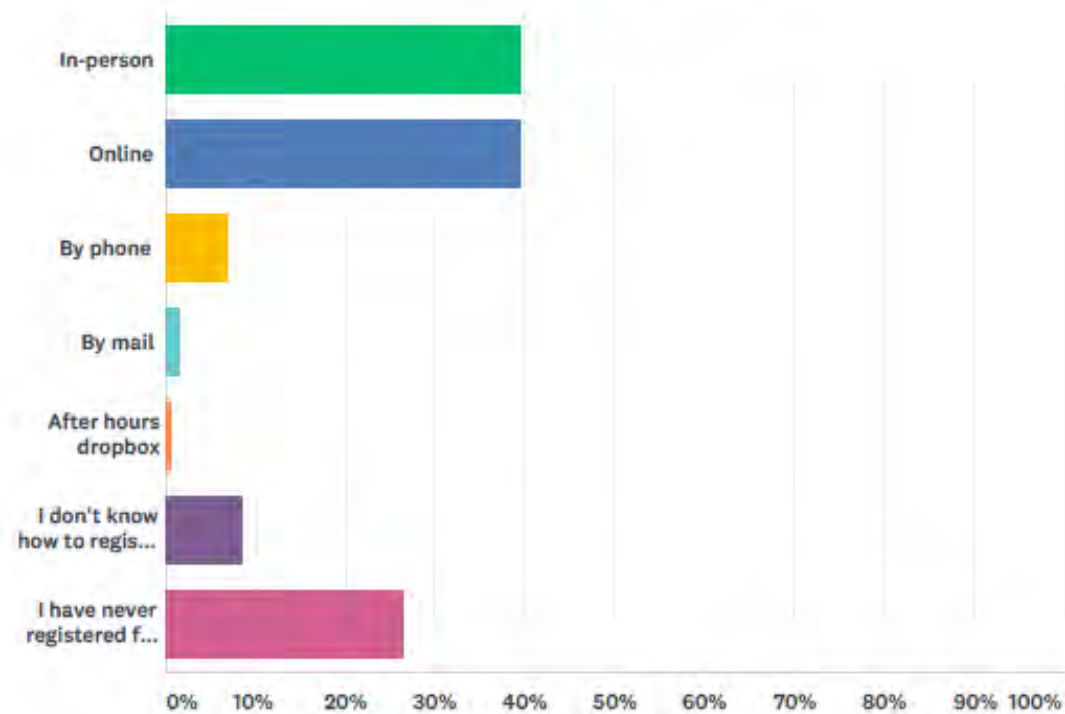


116	I love Oak Park and what we have done in the face of the ridiculous cuts by the State legislature. Hope together we can keep doing more to make it better.	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
117	No	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
118	No more pop up parks	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
119	I have been continually impressed with the P&R offerings since moving here 5 years ago.	11/17/2017 9:20 PM
120	No	11/17/2017 8:29 PM
121	No	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
122	I really think that the city should prioritize building an indoor recreation facility for basketball/volleyball, etc. I think that the mini golf area should be demolished and repurposed, as it's not used and looks kind of sad. The ice arena seems underused as well.	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
123	No	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
124	No	11/17/2017 7:15 PM
125	No	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
126	Shepard Park is great! The rest of the parks are meh.	11/17/2017 5:01 PM
127	None at this time	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
128	Indoor Gym	11/17/2017 10:51 AM
129	No	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
130	great job!	11/17/2017 9:23 AM
131	more trips for people under 55	11/17/2017 9:12 AM

132	Change Park and Recreation personal, The people are not friendly with the citizen.	11/17/2017 8:36 AM
133	Please move the boo bash to a day other than Halloween. I wanted to attend but I had plans on Halloween proper.	11/17/2017 8:07 AM
134	Please move the Boo Bash to the weekend before Halloween, so the neighborhoods can bring back trick or treating!	11/17/2017 7:55 AM
135	A lot of the programs cost about the same as other communities near OP, but OP's programs run shorter. Extend the programs longer than 4 or 5 weeks.	11/17/2017 7:07 AM
136	Best team we've had. Energetic. Positive. Innovative. Went from Yawn to Wow	11/17/2017 6:27 AM
137	no pop up parks upgrade and utilize our parks we have	11/17/2017 6:11 AM
138	I've searched for youth programs in oak park online and didn't find any. So these are not easily accessible. I've had to sign my son up for soccer in royal oak in the past.	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
139	No	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
140	No	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
141	I will have to put more thought into this.....such short notice	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
142	No	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
143	See saws	11/16/2017 5:42 PM
144	The sports programs should not be offered unless there are adequate coaches available prior to start of program. To accept parents to step up and volunteer at the beginning of the program is not fair to the others that paid money and expected their kid to actually learn some skills and fundamentals of the sport.	11/16/2017 12:51 PM

Q24 How do you register for programs with Oak Park Recreation? Check at least one.

Answered: 301 Skipped: 20

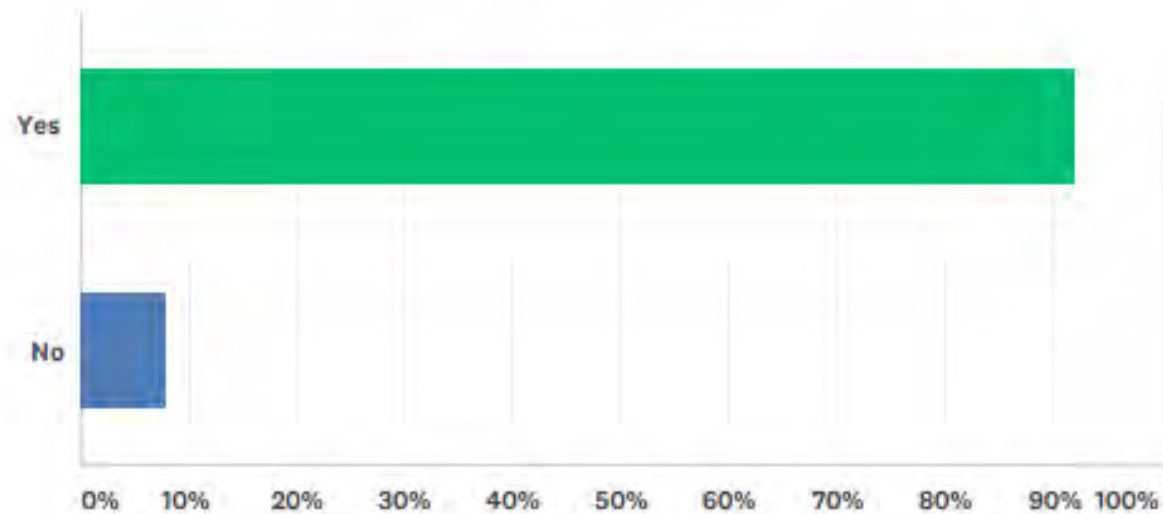


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In-person	39.53%	119
Online	39.53%	119
By phone	6.98%	21
By mail	1.66%	5
After hours dropbox	0.66%	2
I don't know how to register for programs with Oak Park Recreation.	8.64%	26
I have never registered for a program with Oak Park Recreation.	26.58%	80
Total Respondents: 301		



# Q25 Are you an Oak Park resident?

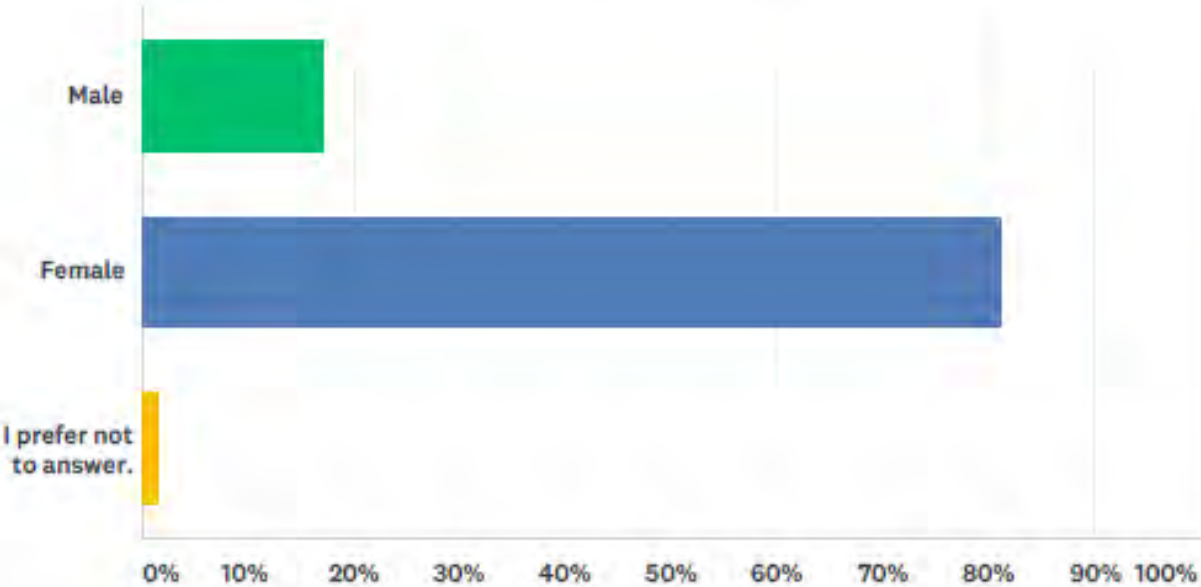
Answered: 312 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		91.99%	287
No		8.01%	25
TOTAL			312

### Q26 Your gender is:

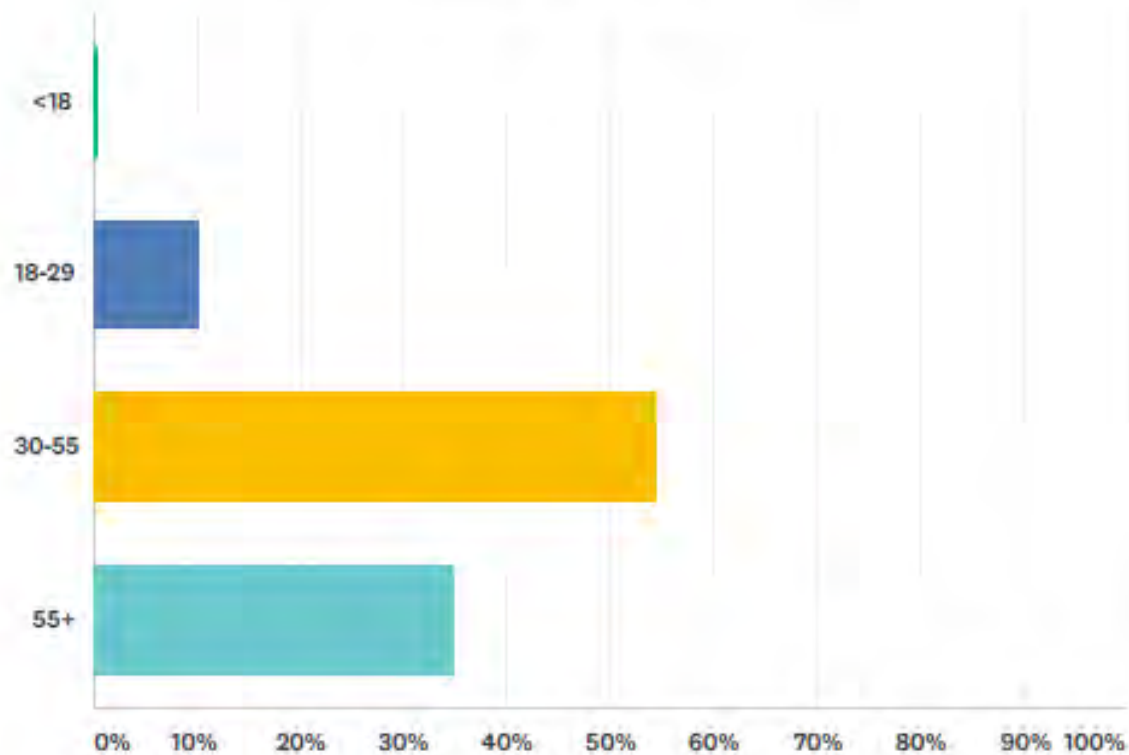
Answered: 313    Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	17.25%	54
Female	81.15%	254
I prefer not to answer.	1.60%	5
TOTAL		313

Q27 Your age is:

Answered: 312 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<18	0.32%	1
18-29	10.26%	32
30-55	54.49%	170
55+	34.94%	109
TOTAL		312



**Q28 If you or anyone in your household has a disability, what kind of accommodations would make our facilities easier to use?**

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	Extra bathrooms like portapotties including handicapped accessible ones at large events	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
3	None	1/7/2018 7:43 PM
4	N/A	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
5	There needs to be people that are trained in working with developmental disabilities. Just offering their participation is not enough to make it successful for the disabled.	1/6/2018 1:56 PM
6	None	1/6/2018 9:32 AM
7	N/a	1/6/2018 7:43 AM
8	No	1/5/2018 5:56 PM
9	Na	1/5/2018 5:19 PM
10	It would be nice to have more activities for people like me who have physical disabilities and can't play sports, but want to join in activities. It would be nice to be included in events geared to seniors, but without the Senior age requirement.	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
11	None	1/5/2018 12:24 PM
12	Not applicable	1/5/2018 11:58 AM
13	Splash pad should be available to all disabilities	1/5/2018 8:06 AM
14	N/A	1/5/2018 7:07 AM
15	N/a	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
16	None	1/5/2018 3:09 AM
17	Na	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
18	No disabilities	1/5/2018 1:05 AM
19	No family members with a disability	1/4/2018 11:06 PM
20	None	1/4/2018 10:15 PM

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21	No	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
22	N/A	1/4/2018 7:52 PM
23	none	1/3/2018 7:33 PM
24	no	12/30/2017 9:04 PM
25	N/A	12/29/2017 10:58 AM
26	Don't know.	12/27/2017 12:13 PM
27	nun	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
28	Warmer pool, closer parking to pool, have over 12 section, indoor pool without a long g walk	12/16/2017 5:02 PM
29	None	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
30	Splash pads	12/16/2017 3:04 PM
31	N/A	12/16/2017 7:19 AM
32	NA	12/16/2017 6:08 AM
33	Not applicable	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
34	no disability	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
35	Na	12/15/2017 5:26 PM
36	Nome	12/14/2017 8:54 PM
37	Don't have any.	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
38	n/a	12/13/2017 6:37 PM
39	N/A	12/12/2017 10:39 PM
40	wheelchair accessible	12/11/2017 6:20 PM
41	No one does	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
42	No	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
43	No disability	12/10/2017 3:08 PM
44	We do not	12/10/2017 2:54 PM
45	Dementia training for city employees	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
46	No one has any disabilities in my home	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
47	N/A	12/10/2017 9:32 AM
48	Wheelchair access	12/10/2017 2:28 AM
49	None	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
50	na	12/10/2017 12:43 AM

51	no	12/9/2017 11:15 PM
52	N/A	12/9/2017 10:21 PM
53	No disabilities	12/9/2017 10:02 PM
54	Na	12/9/2017 9:23 PM
55	N/A	12/9/2017 9:08 PM
56	N/A	12/9/2017 6:58 PM
57	No	12/9/2017 3:48 PM
58	N/a	12/9/2017 10:46 AM
59	n/a	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
60	N/A	12/8/2017 12:52 PM
61	N/A	12/8/2017 12:11 PM
62	Wheelchair accessible. More handicap parking at the parks.	12/6/2017 3:40 AM
63	N-A	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
64	N/A	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
65	none	12/2/2017 7:21 PM
66	Na	12/2/2017 10:05 AM
67	Transportation	12/2/2017 9:38 AM
68	unable to walk short distances.	12/2/2017 1:40 AM
69	n/a	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
70	none	12/1/2017 1:50 PM
71	n/a	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
72	Doesn't apply to my family	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
73	N/A at this time	11/27/2017 9:23 PM

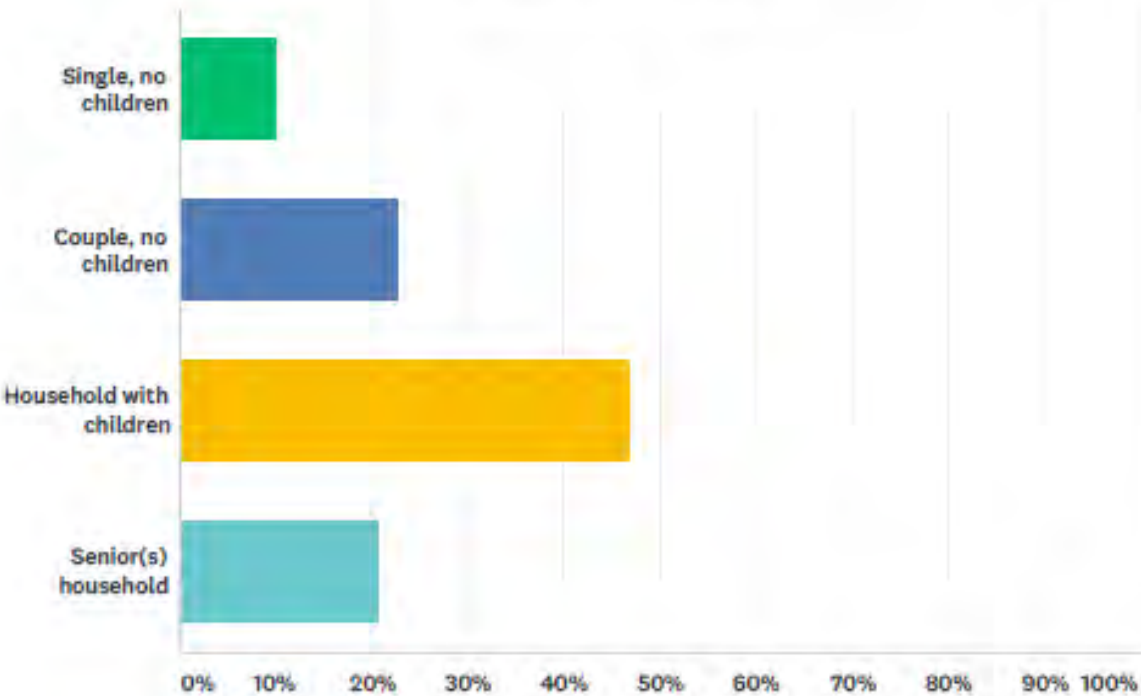


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74	N/A	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
75	ramps, lifts sidewalks or pavement in parks	11/20/2017 10:14 AM
76	Does not apply	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
77	Na	11/20/2017 9:29 AM
78	None	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
79	N/A	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
80	N/a	11/19/2017 8:34 AM
81	Na	11/19/2017 8:06 AM
82	Not applicable at this time	11/19/2017 7:02 AM
83	Na	11/18/2017 11:51 PM
84	NA	11/18/2017 9:22 PM
85	N/A	11/18/2017 7:17 PM
86	Not applicable	11/18/2017 4:46 PM
87	Good lighting for visual disabilities	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
88	N/A	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
89	I'd be more likely to use parks to walk more if there were a restroom facility.	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
90	No	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
91	NA	11/18/2017 12:07 AM
92	No	11/17/2017 9:59 PM
93	na	11/17/2017 9:46 PM
94	NA	11/17/2017 8:00 PM
95	N/A	11/17/2017 7:59 PM
96	No	11/17/2017 7:38 PM
97	No	11/17/2017 7:15 PM
98	--	11/17/2017 6:14 PM
99	No	11/17/2017 1:16 PM
100	I would always need a place to sit down at some point	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
101	more activities for children with special needs	11/17/2017 9:08 AM
102	Na	11/17/2017 5:00 AM
103	None	11/17/2017 12:10 AM
104	None	11/16/2017 11:51 PM
105	N	11/16/2017 11:35 PM
106	Great question....everything must have handicap accessibility.	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
107	N/A	11/16/2017 9:37 PM
108	Wheel chair lifts	11/16/2017 5:42 PM

### Q29 How would you describe your household?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single, no children	10.00%	31
Couple, no children	22.58%	70
Household with children	46.77%	145
Senior(s) household	20.65%	64
TOTAL		310

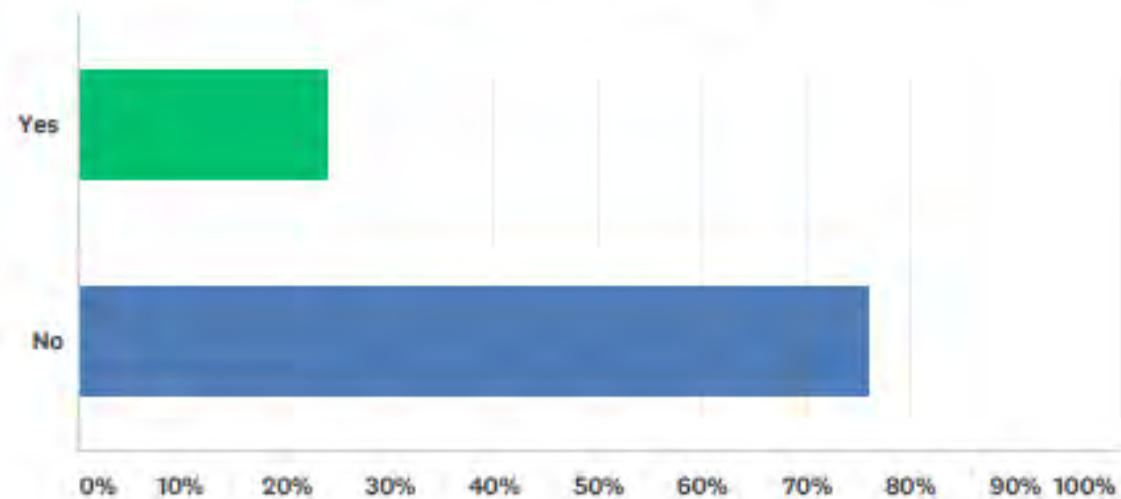
### Q30 What's the best way to inform you of our events, programs, and services? (Check all that apply.)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City website (www.oakparkmi.gov)	66.77%	207
The Oak Park City Magazine and Recreation Program Guide	64.52%	200
Social media (i.e., YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and/or LinkedIn)	67.74%	210
Email eBlasts (i.e., Calendar of Events, City Manager Releases, and Mayor's Message)	49.03%	152
Cable channel (OPTV 15)	8.39%	26
City's calendar	46.77%	145
City's literature racks (found in City Hall, Library, Recreation and Public Safety)	21.29%	66
Marquees	24.52%	76
School flyers	8.06%	25
Board and Commission members	5.16%	16
Paid advertising (i.e., OC115, Woodward Talk, Ferndale Friends, and more)	11.61%	36
Block Clubs and Boards and Commission Members	9.03%	28
Word-of-mouth	22.58%	70
Other (please specify)	4.19%	13
Total Respondents: 310		



Q31 Would you like to be contacted in order to discuss your opinions further?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.07%	71
No	75.93%	224
TOTAL		295

**Q32 Thank you for filling out our Parks and Recreation Survey -- we appreciate your input! Survey results will be listed in our master plan, on our website, at our Community Center, and shared on social media.**

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	thanks for asking our opinions!	1/11/2018 1:43 PM
2	Ok	1/7/2018 11:55 PM
3	Dmps248@yahoo.com	1/7/2018 1:48 PM
4	Thank for asking my opinion	1/6/2018 7:52 AM
5	Ok	1/5/2018 1:44 PM
6	city needs to enforce it's ordinances that residents are ignoring before rewarding them with more extras. Just think of all the money you'd have for the extras if you enforced codes. You can't even reach a live person when you call city offices, just have to leave message and they don't respond.	1/5/2018 12:41 PM
7	I appreciated your survey being done.	1/5/2018 11:09 AM
8	You're welcome.	1/5/2018 8:43 AM
9	Thank YOU	1/5/2018 6:10 AM
10	Ok	1/5/2018 1:19 AM
11	-	1/4/2018 9:28 PM
12	Perfect thanks.	12/19/2017 3:50 PM
13	ok	12/18/2017 7:25 PM
14	Thank you	12/16/2017 3:35 PM
15	You're welcome	12/15/2017 10:12 PM
16	thank you!	12/15/2017 9:21 PM
17	Good job on the survey!	12/15/2017 2:29 PM
18	K	12/14/2017 7:56 PM
19	Thank you	12/14/2017 10:26 AM
20	Thanks	12/12/2017 10:39 PM

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21	Ok	12/11/2017 8:27 AM
22	Welcome	12/10/2017 5:15 PM
23	K	12/10/2017 1:05 PM
24	Thank you	12/10/2017 1:03 PM
25	Ok	12/10/2017 1:02 AM
26	Thank you	12/8/2017 2:35 PM
27	Yeah, no problem.	12/8/2017 12:22 PM
28	Ok	12/4/2017 12:14 PM
29	thanks	12/4/2017 12:13 PM
30	Thank you!!	12/4/2017 11:50 AM
31	Ok	12/3/2017 10:00 PM
32	ok	12/1/2017 7:59 PM
33	Thank you.	11/29/2017 7:00 AM
34	Thank you....I love Oak Park...small town pride.	11/28/2017 10:22 PM
35	Thank you for the opportunity to participate - Passed out the surveys to my neighbors at Pine Village Condominiums	11/27/2017 9:23 PM
36	Ok	11/25/2017 1:13 AM
37	Thanks for asking !	11/20/2017 10:11 AM
38	Cool	11/19/2017 9:32 AM
39	Ok	11/19/2017 9:16 AM
40	I would also like to see more focus put on environmentally friendly and green initiatives	11/18/2017 2:11 PM
41	Ok	11/18/2017 1:35 PM
42	Thank you for seeking our participation	11/18/2017 10:54 AM
43	Ok	11/18/2017 7:04 AM
44	Cool	11/17/2017 10:01 AM
45	Please list how many people filled out the survey when you post.	11/16/2017 9:57 PM
46	My pleasure	11/16/2017 5:42 PM





# Goals and Objectives

The City of Oak Park's Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018-2022) has formulated the following goals and objectives for the next five years. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from residents, community stakeholders, City officials, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and staff. They also address observed deficiencies in the area's recreation resources, demographic trends, current growth and forecasted development, natural and cultural resources, and recreation trends.

## Goals

### 1. Maintain and update existing park and recreational facilities

- Need to ensure that existing park facilities are maintained and upgraded to a high quality standard to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users.
- Develop a plan to update equipment at existing parks as equipment reaches the end of its useful life.

### 2. Develop a plan for under-utilized facilities; consider repurposing to fit community needs

- Develop a plan to incorporate new capital intensive amenities; consideration for a dog park, permanent bathroom facilities at Shepherd Park , splash pad, walking/biking paths, and picnic shelters/tables/grills.

### 3. Develop new parks and recreation facilities

- Develop new parks and facilities that respond to the changing needs of the residents.
- This would include development, re-development and improvement of all city parks.
- Desired new park facilities include picnic area, pocket parks, linear parks, swimming facilities, splash pad, multi-use trails, passive recreation areas, indoor gym/pool/walking, interactive play-spaces, and outside gym equipment.

### 4. Establish a continuous pathway/trail system

- The establishment of trails, pathways, and greenways that connect parks, business corridors, community facilities, school facilities, and neighboring cities to one continuous pathway system.

### 5. Identify financial resources that are available for funding future capital improvement projects

- Develop a means of generating and increasing revenues through grants, sponsorships and partnerships.

6. Provide for the efficient administration and operation of the Parks and Recreation facilities and programs

- Continue to provide staff members with educational training opportunities to meet the needs of the Oak Park Recreation Department.
- Evaluate and monitor staffing needs that will assist in administration and coordination of programs, facility use, and future trends in recreation.
- **Where necessary, increase the number of staff to support the needs of the City's programs and facilities.**
- Evaluate the need to expand office hours to better serve our residents

7. Provide well-rounded recreational experiences and programs that reflect the needs of all residents equitably, improve the quality of life, celebrate the diversity, and promote inclusion for all our residents to enjoy

- Expand program offerings for all demographics and age groups; senior services and transportation programs, preschool, youth, teens, special needs, adult offerings and special events.
- Create activities that capitalize on the uniqueness, amenities and character of specific parks.
- Develop a mobile recreation program that delivers a staff supervised program to bring recreation equipment and activities to all City parks.

8. Promote communication and partnerships

- Continue to identify creative opportunities and partnerships for promoting shared resources.
- Improved coordination between various entities, organizations, school districts, local municipalities, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and **private recreation providers to maximize the City's recreation potential.**
- Utilize volunteers to enhance program services and provide volunteers with an experience that will strengthen their connection and loyalty with the Oak Park Recreation Department.



# RECREATION

Providing well-rounded, recreational experiences and quality facilities for residents is the number one priority for the Recreation Department. The City aims to improve the quality of life for residents by continuously upholding a high standard of excellence in programs, activities and special events, and by providing safe, clean, well-maintained parks. Oak Park embraces and celebrates the diversity of its community, and all programs strive to reflect the needs of all residents equitably. Promoting diversity and inclusion in recreation events and programs creates a strong sense of community, connectedness and social cohesion. Below is a list of initiatives of the Recreation Department developed to support the vision of Oak Park's future.

- ◆ Continue collaboration in programing through intergovernmental agreements with the City of Ferndale and potentially the City of Hazel Park. These cooperative agreements result in increased programs, participation, and maximize the use of public resources.
- ◆ Combine neighboring recreation programs to allow for sharing of departmental resources and offer more regionally based programs, thus maximizing available space and assets.
- ◆ Continue to foster a cooperative relationship with the schools and encourage shared use of valued resources

for students, faculty, and community members. Schools are an important reflection on the community and the City is fortunate to have several parks within close proximity to Oak Park, Ferndale, and Berkley school districts' facilities.

- ◆ Collaborate with community and faith-based organizations to offer diversity-related programs and events.
- ◆ Create activities that capitalize on the uniqueness, amenities and character of specific parks.
- ◆ Develop and strengthen partnerships. Collaborate with community groups, businesses, healthcare facilities, organizations, Oakland County Parks, Michigan State Association, MParks, and the Department of Natural Resources to expand programs and special events.
- ◆ Utilize volunteers to enhance program services and provide volunteers with an experience that will strengthen their connection and loyalty with the Recreation Department.

- ♦ Create community building relationships with local businesses that provide alternate sources of revenue to provide community events at no cost or low cost to residents.
- ♦ Work with other city departments to maintain, enhance, and create safe city parks and resources to ensure environments for optimal program opportunities for our residents and guests

The City currently has ten parks which comprise 102.5 acres of land. In addition, the City maintains four greenbelt areas. These greenbelts present an opportunity for increased recreational space in the City's park system. These areas include the south Nine Mile greenbelts both east and west of Coolidge; the greenbelt behind Capital Street connecting to Lessenger Park; and the Greenfield Road greenbelt. These new recreational pathways and parks would add an additional 11.4 acres of recreational amenities. To date, plans have been designed to include active and passive nodes along the South Nine Mile Linear Park with a multi-use path. The Greenfield Linear Park, although not yet planned, provides an opportunity for an additional multi-use pathway.

During the Master Plan Town Hall Meetings and accompanying survey, it was discovered that although residents are satisfied with their neighborhood parks, they would like to see additional amenities. The online survey revealed that while 57.7 percent of participants choose to visit Shepherd Park, only four percent choose to visit Dewey Park. It also revealed the amenities residents deem most important. Although we received valuable feedback through the Master Plan public input channels, the Recreation Department will be expanding on this public input during their Recreation Master Plan process.

Through a more thorough analysis of the needs of the Oak Park community, the Recreation Department will aim to create a comprehensive plan for the future of the City's parks and open spaces.

## WHAT PARK OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK?



Source: Master Plan Public Input presentation



# Action Program



Action program information.











# ADA Compliance Study

# Accessibility Assessment

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system by the MDNR Guidelines (2009) was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1-5 and is as follows:

- 1) None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 2) Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- 3) Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- 4) The entire park meets accessibility guidelines; and
- 5) The entire park was developed/renovated using the principle of universal design.

Each of the parks was evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements reviewed included parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, and surfacing. Table 2 provides the result of this assessment.

Park	Rank	Description
Best Park	1	No accessible pathways or parking. Cannot access equipment or ballfield
David H. Shepherd Park	2	Multiple access points with accessible pathways throughout the park and access to Shelter #1. Ample handicapped parking. However path does not lead to playground equipment or other shelters. Nor is their access to most of the grills, picnic tables, or Forbes Field.
Dewey Park	2	Open blacktop area is accessible with some of the play features. However no trails or access to the swing sets, etc.
Harding Park	1	No parking, no ADA accommodations whatsoever
Jackson Park	2	Ample parking with sidewalk access, but there are no paths to the ballfield or any other features
Key Park	3	There was extra rubberized paving that allows access to play-scape and swings. Parts of the playground equipment is outfitted with ADA ramps. No path to adjacent ball field and some up-keep could be done on the current paving
Lessenger Park	1	Only two handicap parking spots, otherwise no ADA features whatsoever.
Rothstein Park	4	Park is somewhat closed off, but there is ample parking when you find it. Pathways are ample throughout the park and through the park structures allowing access to most features. Could still update to newer more ADA friendly playground equipment.
Tyler Park	2	The pathway is not easily accessible but it does run throughout most of the open space in the park and runs closely to the ball fields. However it does not lead you anywhere close to the playground equipment, making it nearly impossible to reach.
Victoria Park	5	There are multiple accessible pathways with the whole playground being paved with new, ADA surfacing. All equipment can be used and there is also ample handicap parking. Pathway leads to the ballfield as well. The newly renovated space used proper ADA guidelines when constructing this park.



# CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

### PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oak Park's Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018-2022) is available for public viewing. The five-year plan details the City's plans for parks, facilities, capital improvements and programs. The public may view the plan at the Oak Park Recreation Department, Oak Park Library, and Oak Park City Hall, or on the City's website at [www.OakParkMI.gov](http://www.OakParkMI.gov). Public comments and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please contact the Oak Park Recreation Department, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI, or call (248) 691-7576.