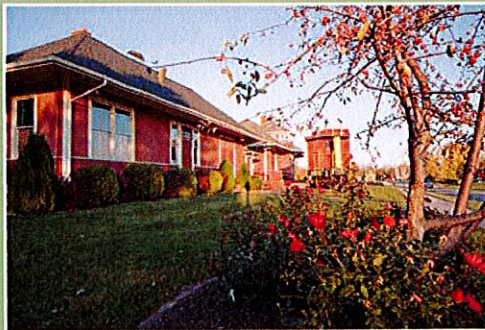


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## CITY OF SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

2016-2021



Adopted **XXXX**, 2016



# RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

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## CITY OF SOUTH LYON

### CITY COUNCIL

XXXX, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Lyon has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2016 through 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Lyon, with assistance from Russell Design and Community Image Builders, began the process of developing the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the City of South Lyon were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least two weeks, and

**WHEREAS**, a final public comment session was held on (date) at (place) to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Lyon has developed the plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the City of South Lyon.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the South Lyon City Council hereby adopts the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

In a continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of South Lyon has put together the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2016–2021. The purpose of this plan is to serve as a tool to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available to South Lyon residents, identify problems and future needs, and establish a strategy to address those needs in a programmed, systemic manner.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2016–2021 represents the most current effort by the City to formulate new recreational goals and objectives for the community. This plan has been developed with the objective of meeting the recreation needs of South Lyon residents through the year 2020 and to serve as a policy guide for City officials in developing efficient recreational services and facilities in the long and short term. The plan will also make the City eligible for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the City in reaching its recreational goals. The scope and jurisdiction of this recreation plan, while recognizing both local and regional recreational opportunities, focuses solely on the City of South Lyon.

## REGIONAL SETTING

The City of South Lyon consists of 3.7 square miles located in the southwest corner of Oakland County, in the northwest portion of Metro Detroit, as illustrated in Map One. Surrounding communities include Green Oak Township in Livingston County to the west, Salem Township in Washtenaw County to the south and Lyon Township in Oakland County to the north and east.

Map One  
Regional Setting



Source: Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Land Use.** The City of South Lyon is located in the middle of an area that once was largely rural. Settled in 1832 and incorporated in 1873, South Lyon transitioned from village to city government in 1931. Development spread outward from the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Ten Mile Road (known in the City as Lafayette and Lake Streets respectively) gradually. Today, a traditional downtown remains at this intersection with strip commercial development concentrated along the length of Pontiac Trail. The land in the rest of the community is comprised mainly of residential development and park land.

**Transportation.** Interstate 96, a major east-west highway runs approximately five miles north of South Lyon. Nine miles to the west is US-23, a north-south expressway running the length of the Lower Peninsula south into Ohio. These highways make the metropolitan areas of Flint, Detroit, Lansing and Ann Arbor, as well as the more rural outlying areas, readily accessible to South Lyon. Regional trail systems are continually being expanded in Oakland County, many of which use abandoned rail lines.

## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The amount of park facilities and level of recreational programming required in South Lyon is a result of demand. An understanding of existing and future demographics helps to identify trends, emerging needs, and deficiencies in the system.

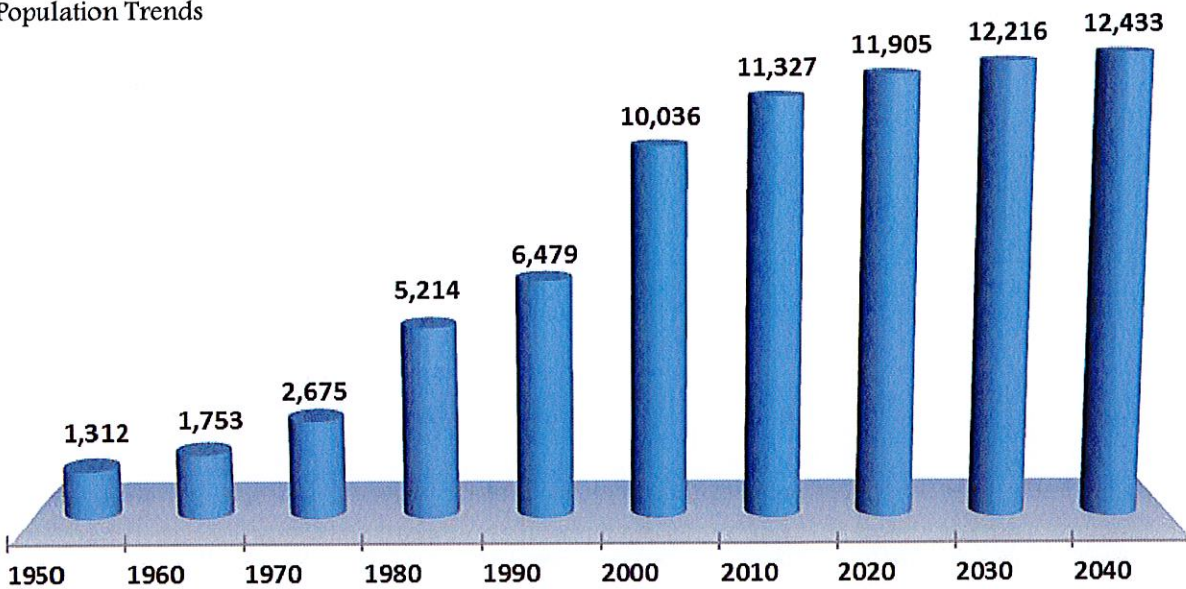
**Population Trends.** The City of South Lyon has seen rapid gains in population during the last forty years as illustrated in Figure One. From 1970 to 1980, the City doubled in size from 2,675 to 5,214 residents. Since then the City increased 24% between 1980 to 1990, and 55% between 1990 and 2000. The recession slowed population growth to 13% between 2000 and 2010. As of the 2010 Census, the City's population was 11,327. South Lyon's location at the outer periphery of suburban Detroit has made it attractive to those who work in or near the city, but want to live in a rural area. Such rapid growth had a tremendous impact on the recreation plans created during this time period. However, we can now see that the population of the City has begun to plateau and this should be reflected in the content of current and future recreation plans.

A population estimate for December 2013 from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) puts the current population at 12,193. The SEMCOG population projection for the year 2040 is 12,433, or an approximately 2% increase over the next 25 years.

**Population by Age.** As one passes through the various stages of life, recreational needs change, resulting in



Figure One  
Population Trends



Source: SEMCOG

different facility and programming requirements. Like most other areas in the United States, South Lyon has seen a slight aging of its population over the past several decades and this aging is expected to continue and most likely accelerate in the near future. From 2000 to 2010, the median age increased from 35.2 to 38.4.

As indicated in Table One, as of the 2010 Census, the largest increase in percentage among all age groups has those in the 50 to 59 and 10 to 19 age ranges. This can likely be attributed to an influx of people attracted by South Lyon's small town atmosphere, safe neighborhoods, and strong school system.

As the population as a whole ages there tends to be a decrease in the number of residents in the family-forming group. This is notable because residents in this age range are typically very active in local recreation and as a result, they are often the most vocal when it comes to issues such as cost for services, availability of facilities and safety. Even if this age group continues to decrease in numbers, their involvement and avid concern for recreation issues will likely keep their concerns at the forefront.

Age Range	2010		2000
	Number	Percent	
Under 10 years	1,652	14.6%	16.4%
10 to 19 years	1,611	14.2%	10.3%
20 to 29 years	1,145	10.1%	12.7%
30 to 39 years	1,572	13.9%	20.2%
40 to 49 years	1,962	17.3%	14.1%
50 to 59 years	1,341	11.8%	8.4%
60 to 69 years	808	7.1%	6.0%
70 to 79 years	629	5.6%	7.7%
80 years & over	607	5.4%	4.1%

Source: SEMCOG

As baby boomers age, the 50 to 69 year age ranges will continue to grow significantly. As Table Two illustrates, this is already starting to occur. Economically, this tends to benefit communities. People in this age range are usually in their prime earning potential years, and their children have either left the household or

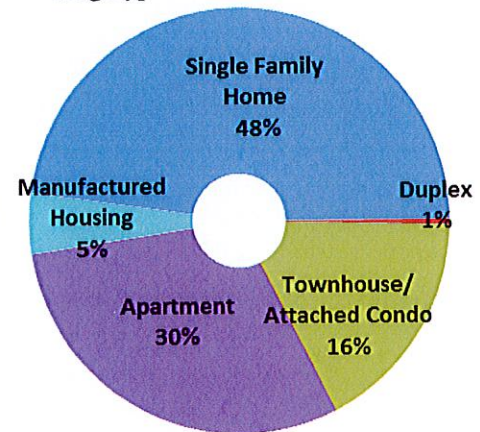
are in the process of leaving. With higher earnings and lower costs, these households often have significant disposable income. Perhaps even more important and relevant to this plan is the fact that this group is typically very health conscious. Providing programs and facilities for them is very important. Those within this group will likely be the biggest users of such facilities as walking trails, sidewalks and bike paths.

Senior groups can be broken into two subcategories: young seniors, ages 60 to 69, and older seniors, ages 70 and above. Younger seniors tend to be interested in more active recreation than older seniors. Educational programs and walking are popular activities with this age group. Older seniors tend to focus more on health issues, transportation, and opportunities to interact with others. In the future, improved medical technology will have a substantial impact on this group, as seniors will begin to live longer and lead more active lives.

**Housing Type.** As illustrated in Figure Two, in 2010, nearly 50% of the housing in South Lyon consisted of single-family homes. Another 46% of the housing is categorized as multiple-family in the form of apartments or townhouses/attached condos, and the remaining 6% as two-family duplex units and manufactured housing.

The percentage of multiple-family units in the City is rather high when compared to most other communities of a similar size. This can be attributed mainly to the several large multiple-family developments that have existed for many years, including the senior housing complex located at Eleven Mile and Pontiac Trail. The addition of new condominium developments in recent years has also bolstered the multiple-family figures.

**Figure Two**  
**Housing Types**



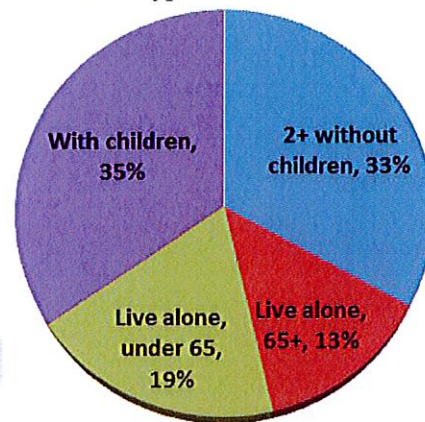
*Source: SEMCOG*

**Household Size and Composition.** Household size describes the number of people living in a dwelling unit. Since the baby boom, which ended in 1964, household sizes have been steadily declining in the U.S. The decline has actually been a product of several different trends: high divorce rates, low birth rates and a growing number of seniors who live alone after a spouse has died. In South Lyon, average household size has declined from 2.57 in 1980 to 2.42 in 2010 and there is a trend toward more and more residents living alone with nearly one third of the households consisting of people living alone as illustrated in Figure Three.



Household size is very important because it can have a substantial impact on the total population of communities, especially those that have very little land left to develop like South Lyon. As household size decreases in these “built-out” communities, population simultaneously decreases because it is not offset by new housing growth. Even with new housing growth, decreases in household size tend to cause a decrease in population density. From a recreation standpoint, this means fewer people using each park, or a wider geographic service area for park use. The downward trend in household size has not yet had a significant impact on South Lyon, because until recently, the City had sufficient space for housing growth and that offset any decreases. As developable land dwindles, household size will become an even more important factor in recreation planning.

Figure Three  
Household Types



Source: SEMCOG

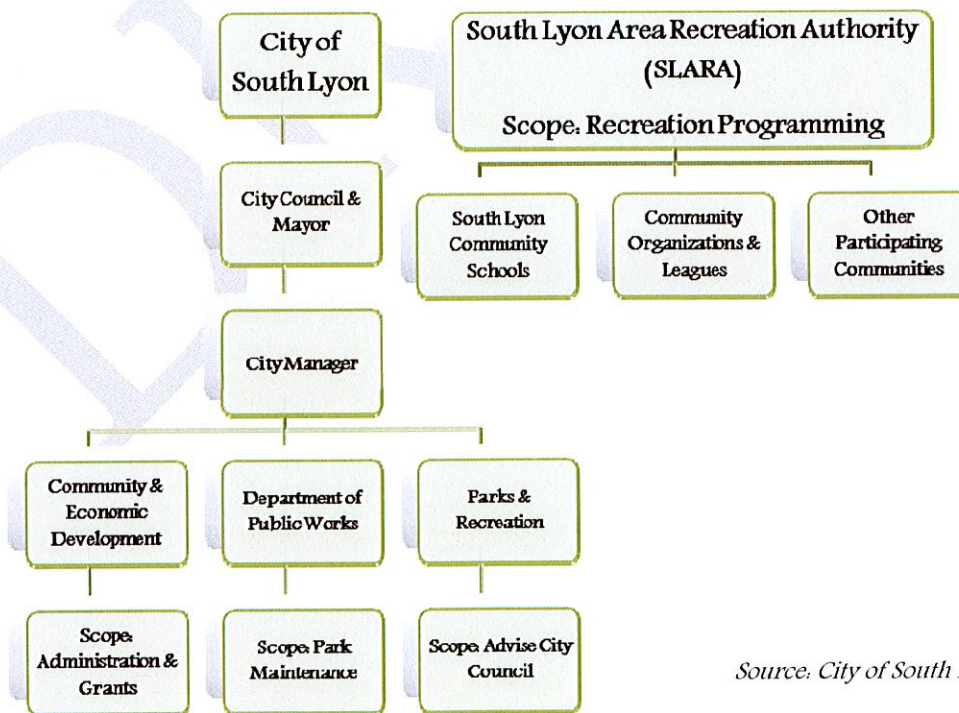
# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing parks and recreation in the City of South Lyon involves a variety of elements. First, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan combines data, ideas and public comments into a set of goals and objectives. The City has an established administrative structure that is made up of appointed and elected officials, staff, and volunteers. They ensure that an organized hierarchy is utilized during both the planning and implementation process as illustrated in Figure Four.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Under the direction of the Mayor, City Council and City Manager, the City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Commission is an advisory board responsible for the long and short term planning of City recreation facilities and parks. The Commission also advises the City Council, City Manager, Department of Public Works and Economic and Community Development on policies affecting the operation of City owned recreational facilities.

**Figure Four**  
**Administrative Structure**



*Source: City of South Lyon*



The Parks and Recreation Commission, established under PA 156 of 1917, is comprised of seven members appointed by City Council to three year terms. The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month. The Director of Economic and Community Development serves as a liaison to the Commission.

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

All recreation programming including sports, aquatics, enrichment programs, day camps, and special events are carried out by the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA). SLARA includes representatives from the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township and Green Oak Township. The service area of SLARA encompasses the portion of Green Oak Township that falls within the South Lyon Community School District, as well as all of Lyon Township and the City of South Lyon, and offers year round recreational opportunities for community residents.



The City of South Lyon and the South Lyon Community School District's facilities are utilized for programmed activities. The school district allows SLARA to rent its facilities when they are available. However, to meet current and future programming demands, local communities will need to consider expending additional resources on land acquisition for facility development.

The last component of recreation programming in South Lyon is the contribution of resources by various organizations and leagues within the area that are not affiliated with SLARA. This includes Cheer, Pom-Pon, Junior League Baseball, Panther Football, South Lyon Soccer Club, South Lyon Boys Club Lacrosse and the Salem South Lyon District Library.

## **CITY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent and the Director of Community and Economic Development have direct authority from the City Manager. The DPW maintains the City's infrastructure including water, sewer and storm water systems, roads, trees and the City cemetery. The DPW is also responsible for the maintenance of the City's parks and the 4.5 miles of Rail Trail that intersect the City. The Director of Economic and Community Development performs administrative duties, handles grant applications and attends monthly Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

The City of South Lyon is fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who are a true asset to the community. The Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the City's Beautification Committee, have performed numerous hands-on projects that have visibly improved park land in the community. Other groups, such as the Boy Scouts, have shown their support through volunteer projects that have accomplished a number of goals, most notably repairs to park bridge and landscaping, installing a new flagpole at the baseball diamonds.

## **BUDGET AND FUNDING**

The operating budget for park and recreation related operations and improvements for the fiscal year 2016-2017 is proposed to be \$140,755 and projected to be \$136,600 for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Funding for the Parks and Recreation is included in the City's General Fund which is derived from real and personal property taxes.



# INVENTORY

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The City of South Lyon has just over 170 acres of public parkland within its boundaries provided by the City, with another 350 acres provided by the South Lyon Community School District that provide recreational facilities and amenities. In addition, numerous private facilities provide a wealth of additional recreation opportunities. These entities play distinct roles in providing balanced, high-quality recreation opportunities for the community. Map Two identifies the location of the existing recreation facilities that were evaluated as part of this Plan.

## METHODOLOGY

Since the last Parks and Recreation Master Plan was written, there have been modest changes to the six parks that lie within the city limits of South Lyon area. South Lyon Parks and Recreation and SLARA continue to utilize district school facilities for programming. An inventory of existing local and regional recreational facilities was conducted by the consultant team in the fall of 2013 and spring 2014. The recreation inventory required an inspection of all City-owned park land and recreation facilities, including the quantity and condition of recreation equipment. The data gathered in this inventory is presented in Table Two. Conditions were rated according to the following general guidelines:

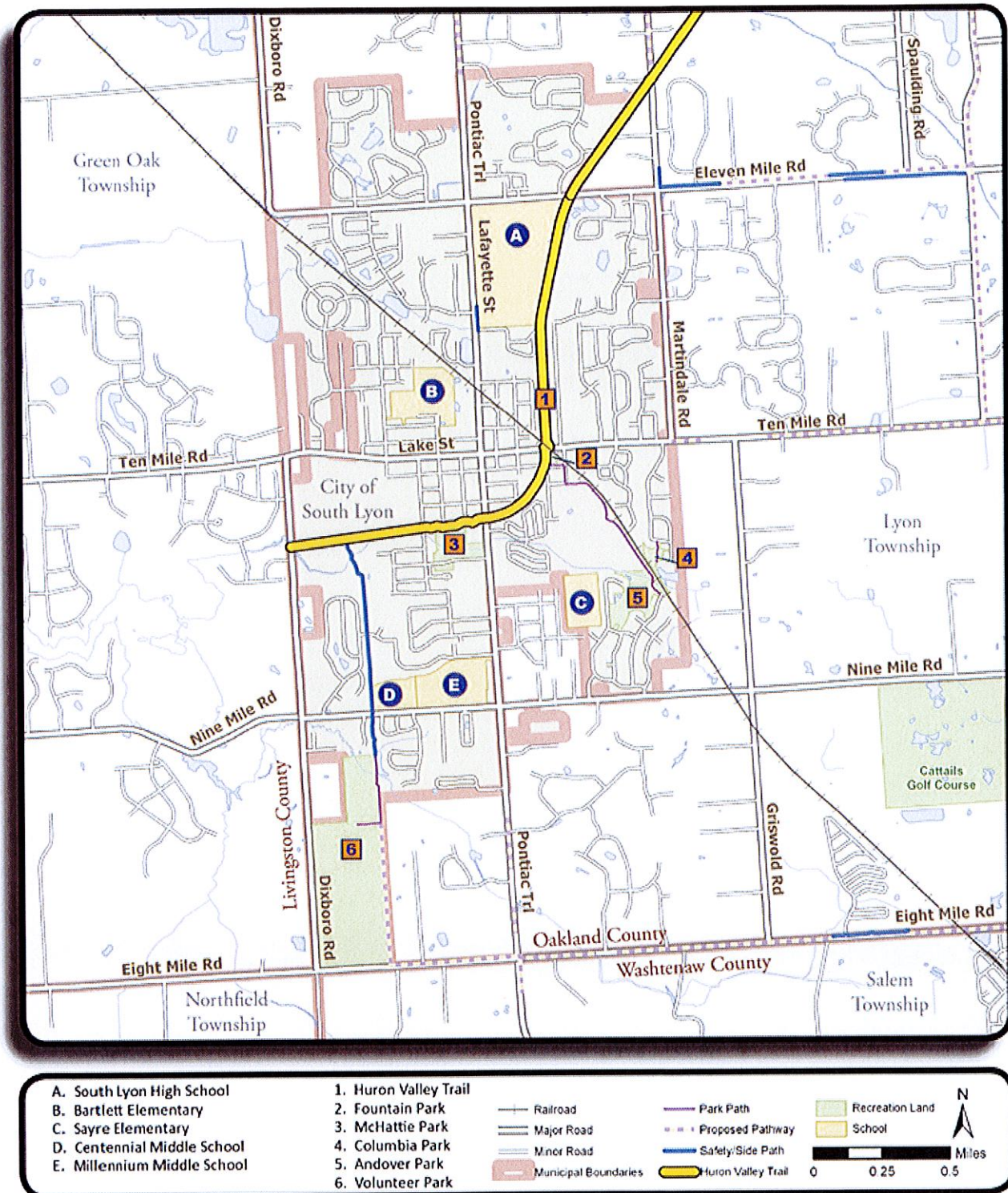
- **Good:** Equipment is in working condition with no immediate concern for repair or maintenance. Meets ADA criteria and is generally safe to use.
- **Fair:** Equipment is usable, but maintenance or repair is needed. May not meet ADA requirements or current safety standards.
- **Poor:** Equipment is not usable; reconstruction or considerable repair is necessary.

Data about schools and regional inventory was also compiled using information gathered from site inspections, review of programming brochures and the Internet.

**Accessibility Assessments.** With the passage of the ADA in 1990, all public facilities must accommodate all persons equally. This includes parks and recreation facilities and programs. Under the ADA, disabilities must be accommodated to include (but are not limited to) the following:

- |                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ▪ Mobility impairments | ▪ Mental impairments              |
| ▪ Vision impairments   | ▪ Difficulty in communicating     |
| ▪ Hearing impairments  | ▪ Endurance/breathing impairments |

Map Two  
Parks and Recreation Facilities



Source: Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services



Accessibility is not defined by persons with disabilities, or the elderly population. It is imperative that all new park development and programming address not only accessibility, but universal accessibility. This will help ensure that future park development addresses access to all facilities for all people of all abilities.

Many of the existing six parks within the city of South Lyon lack accessibility to existing facilities. As funds become available for park improvements, uninterrupted access to all facilities must be implemented throughout the park system for all park users with varying abilities. The issue of accessibility will become even more important with the continued aging of the general population. The number of elderly residents, who often experience reduced mobility, limited physical strength, and impaired hearing and sight, will only continue to grow. South Lyon already has a higher percentage of people over the age of 65 than does the State of Michigan as a whole. The sooner their needs are addressed, the easier the transition will be in the future. Also, much of the City's park land has yet to be developed, and many of its current facilities are aging and will need to be replaced in the future.

Barriers that could potentially impede those with disabilities include the following.

- Curbs or stairs
- Lack of a flat, paved surface leading to recreation facilities
- Gates or inadequate doorway openings
- Inaccessible restrooms, drinking fountains and other facilities
- Play equipment design

## RECREATION DEFICIENCIES

**Existing Facilities.** According to the community recreation standards put forth by the Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the recreation inventory conducted by City staff, the City of South Lyon has a deficit in the area of mini-parks, and a surplus of both neighborhood and community parks.

**ADA Compliance.** The City must strive to retrofit existing facilities to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and to ensure that all future development is accessible to the entire community.

Table Two

## Inventory of City Owned Recreation Facilities

Acres	Athletic Fields/Courts	Play Structures/Playground Equipment	Passive Areas	Buildings/ Parking	Condition
<b>Community Parks</b>					
	2 ball diamonds (regulation)		1 picnic pavilion		
	2 soccer fields (regulation)	None	15 wood picnic tables (seasonal)	1 pump house for sprinkler	Good,
<b>Volunteer Park</b>	1 basketball court		8 wood player benches		bleachers &
	1 sand volleyball court		12 grills	306 gravel spaces	parking fair
			4 wood bleachers		
			1 multi-use trail		
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>					
			1 walking path & trailhead		
<b>Columbia Park</b>			3 tennis courts	6 paved spaces	Good
			2 benches		
					Good,
		1 Tot Lot play structure	1 pavilion	Historic village buildings	athletic fields/courts,
	2 ball diamond (non-regulation)	1 (5-12 yr. old) play structure	3 gazebos	Museum & meeting rooms	swing set, rockers &
	4 sand volleyball courts	1 merry go round	4 grills		picnic tables
<b>McHattie Park</b>		1 metal swing set (4 seats; 1 accessible seat)	14 wood/metal picnic tables (seasonal)	1 comfort station with restrooms	fair, road and
	1 outdoor ice rink (seasonal)	1 metal swing set (4 bucket seats)	14 metal/wood benches	73 paved spaces (42 north & 31 south)	sidewalks
		1 metal swing set (1 tire)	Sledding Hill		poor
		1 metal zip cord			
		3 diggers, spring rockers& bike racks			



Table Two

Inventory of City Owned Recreation Facilities

Acres	Athletic Fields/Courts	Play Structures/Playground Equipment	Passive Areas	Buildings/ Parking	Condition
<b>Mini Parks</b>					
Paul Baker Memorial Park	0.9		1 fountain		
			4 metal benches		
			1 gazebo		Good
			1 picnic table		

Linear Parks					
Andover Park	17.8			1 trash receptacle 6 path lights	Good
Rail Trail	4.5 miles			1 paved bike trail 1 paved rail trail & spurs	Good





## CITY OF SOUTH LYON FACILITIES

**McHattie Park.** The most significant recreational features at McHattie Park are the playground equipment and picnic pavilion. The playground equipment is not all designed in a barrier-free fashion, and there are no hard-surface paths leading from the parking lot to the equipment or the pavilion. A paved/solid surface leading to various recreation activities would be beneficial. As new playground equipment is installed, it should be located over an approved surface so that it can be accessed by people with mobility handicaps. The perimeter of the playground should be flush with adjacent surfaces to provide uninterrupted access. Currently there are no accessible routes to many of the existing facilities including, but not limited to, the baseball, softball and volleyball games. Recommendations for McHattie Park include:

- Provide barrier-free, paved sidewalks that lead from parking lots to activity areas such as playground equipment, picnic pavilion, baseball/softball field and volleyball courts.
- Repair/Repave parking lot and grass parking area donated by Michigan Seamless Tube
- Repave parking lot next to water building
- Replace or add sand to existing volleyball courts
- Provide areas adjacent to baseball/softball field and volleyball courts where people in wheelchairs can view events alongside those in the bleachers.
- All future park improvements must be of barrier-free design.

**Volunteer Park.** The existing Volunteer Park parking lot is not paved, making movement very difficult for those with mobility impairments. Currently there are no accessible routes from the parking lot to park facilities and recreational fields. Several acres to the south of the existing park are being considered for development. Future development should address accessible routes. Recommendations for Volunteer Park include:

- Pave existing park entry road.
- Pave existing parking lots to make movement easier for those with mobility impairments.
- Provide accessible routes to all baseball, softball fields and soccer fields.
- Add a playground.
- All future park improvements must be of barrier-free design.

**Paul Baker Memorial Park and the Huron Valley Rail Trail.** Both facilities provide accessibility to many of the existing facilities. The Rail Trail is used primarily by bikers and walkers, and has few major physical barriers. Crossing at major streets could present a problem, especially for those with visual impairments, but there is no easy or inexpensive solution to this issue. "Talking" traffic crossing lights could be installed at such intersections if funds permitted. The same accessibility issues apply at Paul Baker Memorial Park.

**Andover Park.** Andover Park is largely undeveloped. The existing trail must be evaluated to insure future improvements provide unlimited accessibility.

**Columbia Park.** A paved accessible route from the parking lot to a paved spectator area near the tennis courts at Columbia Park would make the facility much more accommodating. Any future improvements to the park should be of barrier-free design.

## **SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

<b>Table Three</b>				
<b>Inventory of School Owned Recreation Facilities</b>				
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Athletic Fields/Courts</b>	<b>Play Structures/ Playground Equipment</b>	<b>Condition</b>
<b>South Lyon High School</b>	91.0	1 football field with track (lighted) 2 football/soccer fields (practice) 1 baseball diamond (regulation) 3 softball diamonds (regulation) 8 tennis courts		Good
<b>South Lyon East High School</b>	104	1 football field with track (lighted) 2 baseball diamonds (regulation) 2 softball diamonds (regulation) 3 soccer fields (regulation) 8 tennis courts		Good
<b>Centennial Middle School</b>	14.5	1 soccer field (practice) 1 baseball diamond (practice)		Good
<b>Millennium Middle School</b>	13.8	1 football field with track (lighted) 1 soccer field (practice) 1 softball field (non-regulation) 1 baseball diamond 4 tennis courts		Good
<b>Bartlett Elementary School</b>	28.3	4 soccer fields (non-regulation) 2 ball diamond (non-regulation) 1 ball diamond (backstop only)	3 Play Structures 5 metal swing sets Assorted climbers & slides	Good, swing sets, climbers & slides fair
<b>Brummer Elementary School</b>	18	1 soccer field (practice) 1 ball diamond (practice) 4 basketball hoops	2 Tot Lot play structures Assorted climbers & slides 4 swing sets	Good
<b>Kent Lake</b>	46	2 soccer field (practice)	3 Tot Lot play structures	Good



Table Three Inventory of School Owned Recreation Facilities				
	Acres	Athletic Fields/Courts	Play Structures/ Playground Equipment	Condition
Elementary School		1 ball diamond (practice)	Assorted climbers & slides 4 swing sets	
Sayre Elementary School	29.6	2 ball diamonds (non-regulation) 1 soccer field (non-regulation) 5 soccer fields (mini-fields)	3 play structures 4 metal swing sets Assorted climbers 4 basketball hoops	Good, play structures, swing sets, climbers and slides fair

## REGIONAL FACILITIES

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the City of South Lyon, they provide active and passive recreation opportunities to South Lyon residents. There are several regional recreation opportunities located within close proximity of the City. Regional facilities are provided by Oakland County, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as follows.

**Oakland County Parks.** The Oakland County Park System consists of nearly 6,700 acres of public land, including some significant and rare natural areas. Thirteen County parks are conveniently located within a short distance from South Lyon, providing nature preserves, athletic fields, golf courses, banquet facilities, swimming pools, trails, playgrounds, and picnic shelters including:



- Addison Oaks (Addison Twp., east of Lake Orion)
- Catalpa Oaks Park (Southfield)
- Glen Oaks Golf Course (Farmington Hills)
- Groveland Oaks (Groveland Twp., between the Villages of Holly and Ortonville)
- Highland Oaks (Highland Twp.)
- Independence Oaks (Independence Twp.,

- northeast of Clarkston)
- Lyon Oaks (Wixom)
- Orion Oaks (Orion Twp., west of Lake Orion)
- Red Oaks (Madison Heights)
- Rose Oaks (Rose Twp.)
- Springfield Oaks (Springfield Twp., southeast of Holly Village)
- Waterford Oaks (Waterford Twp., northwest of the City of Pontiac)
- White Lake Oaks (White Lake Twp.)

**Huron–Clinton Metropolitan Authority Facilities.** The Huron–Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park authority that encompasses the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston. The HCMA park system includes 13 parks totaling 24,000 acres of park land, all located in the metro Detroit region. The parks provide a variety of outdoor recreation and educational activities including picnicking, hiking, golf, biking, winter sports, golf, water-related activities, horseback riding, and special programs. The HCMA regional parks located within a 30-minute drive of the City of South Lyon include:



- **Delhi Metropark.** Located 5 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, this park consists of 53 acres of mature oak trees and open, grassy lawns. Nestled against a bend in the Huron River, this is a popular fishing and canoeing destination in addition to bird watching. The park also features playgrounds, softball diamonds and picnic areas.
- **Dexter Huron Metropark.** This 122-acre park is located roughly 7 miles northwest of Ann Arbor. This heavily wooded park offers picnic areas, swings, slides, a softball diamond, fishing, and canoe launching.
- **Hudson Mills Metropark.** Located 12 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, this park features 1,549 acres of dense woodland, abandoned fields and serene wetlands, teeming with wildlife. The park is a popular canoe, kayak and fly fishing destination. The park also features an 18-hole, par-72 golf course, two disc golf courses, a paved 5.3-mile hike-bike trail, 2-mile Acorn Nature Trail, cross-country ski trails, various athletic fields, picnic shelters, swings, slides, a canoe camp, a group camp, children's play area, tennis and shuffleboard courts.
- **Huron Meadows Metropark.** Located along the Huron River ten miles west of South Lyon, this 1,540 acre park features an 18-hole public golf course and golf-activity center. Activities include picnicking, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, and boating.



- **Indian Springs Metropark.** This 2,215-acre park is located nine miles northwest of Pontiac in Springfield and White Lake Townships. The park is situated at the headwaters of the Huron River and encompasses the Huron Swamp, which is the largest undisturbed natural area remaining in southeastern Michigan. Most of the park activities focus on the preservation and interpretation of the natural environment. Features include a 18-hole golf course and driving range, nature and paved trails, picnic area, tot lot, baseball diamond and volleyball court.
- **Kensington Metropark.** This 4,481 acre park, located in Milford Township, is four miles northwest of South Lyon. Kent Lake is the primary natural feature at this Metropark, which offers a variety of recreation facilities including ball diamonds, an 18-hole golf course and activities including include swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, picnicking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and other summer activities. A variety of winter activities including ice skating, cross-country skiing, and sledding are also available.

The HCMA also maintains the following parks in the region that are beyond a 30-minute drive from South Lyon, but, nevertheless, provide significant recreation opportunities.

- Lake Erie Metropark (Brownstown)
- Lower Huron Metropark (Belleville)
- Lake St. Clair Metropark (Mt. Clemens)
- Oakwoods Metropark (Belleville)
- Stony Creek Metropark (Shelby Twp.)
- Willow Metropark (Belleville)
- Wolcott Mill Metropark (Ray Twp.)



**Michigan State Facilities.** There are several Michigan State Parks in the area that provide recreation opportunities to the citizens of South Lyon. Nine state- owned facilities are located within 30 miles of the City of South Lyon and provide a variety of recreational facilities and activities as follows:

- **Brighton Recreation Area.** Located in Howell, this 4,947 acre park offers both modern and rustic campsites in addition to group camp and cabins. Facilities include picnic area, playgrounds, beach house, boat launch and complete equestrian facilities. Available activities include swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding.
- **Dodge No. 4 State Park.** This 139 acre park located in on Cass Lake in Waterford Township offers picnicking, swimming, fishing, hiking, and snowmobiling.



- **Highland Recreation Area.** Located in White Lake Township, this 5,524 acre park has rustic campsites and a horseman's camp, a group camp and cabins. Facilities include picnic area, playgrounds, beach house, boat launch, and nature trails. Activities include swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding.
- **Island Lake Recreation Area.** This 4,000 acre area located in Brighton offers rustic campsites, a group camp and cabins. Facilities include four miles of paved biking trails, two swimming beaches with beach house, picnic areas and pavilions, hunting, fishing, an archery range, and more than 32 miles of trails for hiking and biking. There are also seasonal opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.
- **Lakelands Trail State Park.** Lakelands Trail State Park is one of four linear state parks in the Michigan State Park system that has been converted from abandoned railroad corridors. This trail currently is completed between Stockbridge and Pinckney. It is approximately 13 miles long with a gravel surface. Lakelands is designed for hiking, bicycling, and wheelchair use on the north side and horseback riding on the south side of the trail, with cross-country skiing in the winter.
- **Maybury State Park.** This nearly 1,000 acre park located in Northville Township offers no regular camping but has a group camp. Facilities include picnic area, playgrounds, living farm, visitor center, bridle trails, and 4-miles of paved biking and walking trails. Activities include fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding.
- **Pinckney Recreation Area.** Located in Pinckney Township, this 11,000 acre recreation area has modern and rustic campsites and a group camp. Facilities include picnic area, playgrounds, a beach house and a boat launch. Activities include swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding.
- **Pontiac Lake Recreation Area.** This nearly 3,800 acre area located in Waterford Township has modern campsites and offers a horseman's camp, group camp and tent rentals. Facilities include picnic area, beach house and boat launch. Activities include swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking and horseback riding.
- **Proud Lake Recreation Area.** Adjacent to South Lyon in Commerce Township, this 4,700 acre recreation area has modern campsites, a group camp, mini cabins, tent rentals, and over 20 miles of trails. Facilities include picnic area, playgrounds, a beach house and boat launch. Activities include swimming, hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

## PRIVATE FACILITIES

In addition to the multitude of publicly owned parks and recreation facilities in the area, South Lyon residents have some of the recreation needs fulfilled by privately owned open spaces and recreation facilities that have been made available as the result of development in the community. These privately-owned areas offer access

to nature, and sometimes active recreation such as athletic fields or courts, playgrounds and swimming pools that are available for use by its residents. Examples of such facilities include:

- Brookdale. 0.5 acres featuring an in-ground swimming pool
- Brookfield. 5.7 acre open space and detention area
- Brookwood Farms. 2.5 acres featuring 2 tennis courts and an in-ground swimming pool
- Carriage Trace. 16.5 acre nature preserve featuring 3,700 lineal feet of walking paths
- Charleston Park. 4.5 acre open space and detention area
- Eagle Heights. 10.5 acre wetland preserve and detention area
- East Creek Park. 12.7 acre wetland preserve
- Glen Meadows. 2 acres of landscaped open space
- Hidden Creek. 22.5 acre wetland preserve and open space featuring 2,350 lineal feet of paths and boardwalks
- Hunter's Creek. 6.8 acre wetland preserve
- Lyon Meadows. 4.3 acre wetland preserve
- Parkside. 3.3 acres of open space featuring 500 lineal feet of walking paths
- Trotter's Pointe. 32.8 acre wetland preserve featuring 2,800 lineal feet of walking paths, a tennis court and tot lot play structure
- Oak Creek Village. Wetlands and walking paths

## PROGRAMMING

Outside of league and club sports, the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA) is the exclusive provider of recreation programs within the City of South Lyon. The programs offered by SLARA are both extensive and varied, with a wide range of options for residents of all ages and abilities. SLARA offers programs year round and include sports, recreation and educational programs such as: swimming, scuba, dance, language, hunter safety, bowling, flag football, soccer, basketball, gymnastics, martial arts, yoga, arts and crafts, golf and aerobics. Programs specific to senior citizens include: a walking club, water aerobics and golf among others. Another programming resource is the Center for Active Adults providing an abundance of senior program options.

## GRANT INVENTORY

The City of South Lyon received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to develop a portion of Volunteer Park in 1999. There are currently no other grant-assisted parks or facilities within the City of South Lyon.



The South Lyon Parks & Recreation Commission was one of eleven organizations that was awarded a mini-grant from the Brooksie Way Mini-grant program. The Commission applied for the \$250 mini-grant to help fund its Jingle Bell Walk as part of South Lyon's Cool Yule celebration to help promote community fitness as a year round objective.



# PLANNING PROCESS

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There is no single way to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Ideally, the Plan will include those elements necessary to assure that the Plan results in logical conclusions that mesh well with the public's wishes. Furthermore, the Plan should be detailed enough to document the steps in the decision making process and give clear direction to administrators. In addition, in order to be eligible for DNR grants, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan must include certain elements and involve certain steps. The planning process used to develop this Plan can be outlined as follows:

1. The City's first recreation plan was adopted in 1980. While this plan was a new document, there is no doubt that recreation planning in the City has followed an evolution of form and thought. Many of the ideas raised in earlier plans have been brought forward. Thus, the first step in the process was a review of existing information to evaluate which ideas were of value and which needed to be updated or eliminated.
2. The primary direction for updating the plan was through the Parks and Recreation Commission, who reviewed drafts and provided input.
3. Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public, and public input regarding the Recreation Plan was invited.
4. An electronic public parks & recreation survey was distributed via the City's website for 3 months, starting in April 2014. Over 180 responses were recorded and this public input influenced the planning process and is reflected in the goals and action plan. The full results of this survey are found in Appendix A, but in summary the survey found:
  - McHattie Park was the most frequently used park, followed closely by the Rail-Trail path system.
  - The children's playground was the biggest reason people tended to visit the parks, followed by those that visit to run or walk, with bicycling and community events being the third and fourth largest draw respectively.
  - Almost half of the respondents were satisfied with the existing park facilities in South Lyon, with roughly a quarter being undecided and another quarter being unsatisfied. The results were similar

when asked if they were satisfied with the programming provided by the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA), with nearly a half being satisfied, about a third being undecided, and the remainder being unsatisfied.

- When asked what type of outdoor facilities are most needed in South Lyon, over 2/3 of the respondents indicated they would like a splash/spray park. A dog park and trails, both nature and paved, were also listed as highly desirable.
- In terms of indoor recreation, a swimming pool, followed by a fitness center were the two most desired facilities mentioned by the majority of respondents.
- The top three responses to what was most liked the most about the parks in South Lyon were the playgrounds, followed by pathways and then location.
- When asked what were the three things that should be improved at the parks in South Lyon, the top three responses were the addition of a community pool, followed closely by having both indoor and outdoor swimming, and improved bathrooms/comfort stations in all the parks.
- Additional types of programming that respondents would like to see included more concerts/family events, followed by additional athletics for children and adults.

5. A draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was available for public comment for a 30-day period beginning XXXXX, 2016. Copies of the plan were available the City's website, at the City of South Lyon City Hall and the Salem-South Lyon District Library. There was no public input on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan from this public review period.

6. The Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on XXXXX, 2016 to invite public comment on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan and any other recreation-related issue in South Lyon. There was no public input on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan from this public hearing.

7. An updated draft of the plan was presented to City Council on XXXX, 2016 and the Council formally adopted the Parks and Recreation Plan by resolution which is included in the beginning of this plan.

INSERT NOTICE

Parks and Recreation Commission Public Hearing Notice  
Published XXXXX, 2016 in the South Lyon Herald

8. A final copy of the adopted plan was transmitted to Oakland County, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

**INSERT NOTICE**

Notice of 30 Day Public Comment Period

Published XXXXX, 2016 in the South Lyon Herald

**INSERT NOTICE**

City Council Public Hearing Notice

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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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The goals and objectives for the parks and recreation plan are based on needs identified by the community's demographics, comparisons to standards, and input from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Also taken into consideration have been responses by City residents at Commission meetings and public input avenues such as surveys, as well as practical consideration, such as funding and staffing levels.

With national acreage standards for neighborhood and community parks now met for years to come, the focus is shifted to facilities development. There is sufficient park land throughout the city; the key is to develop the land with facilities that will be fully utilized by city residents. This section of the plan will focus on such development.

For the South Lyon Recreation Master Plan, "Goals" are intended to be broad concepts which set the stage for future focus. "Objectives" are narrower in scope and concentrate thought toward a specific item, such as a park or recreation program. "Actions" are definite acts, which will accomplish an objective.

## GOAL ONE

**The provision of recreation land in quantity and distribution to meet the present and future needs of the South Lyon population and continue to require private developers to set aside open space.**

**Objective A.** According to standards, there is not a need to acquire additional land for neighborhood parks. However, much of the land included within this category is clustered at large sites and thus may not be located convenient to future population concentrations. Additional park land should be considered for purchase when funds are available.

- **Action 1.** The development of private neighborhood facilities through the use of subdivision open space should continue to be encouraged. If this alternative is pursued, linkages between private areas should be encouraged as well as linkages to schools, other public facilities and the Huron Valley Rail Trail.
- **Action 2.** Provide access points within the City neighborhoods to the rail trail.

**Objective B.** There is a present deficiency of mini-parks in two areas of the City. Attempts should be made to provide open space in these areas, as well as future areas.

- **Action 1.** Provide a mini-park for the neighborhood northeast of Pontiac Trail and Ten Mile.

- **Action 2.** Provide a mini-park for the neighborhood southeast of Pontiac Trail and Ten Mile.

## **GOAL TWO**

In addition to the provision of actual land area for parks, facilities must be provided on that land. The furnishing of equipment and facilities to meet the needs and recreation desires of South Lyon residents is a major goal of this plan.

**Objective A.** The City owns several park sites in various stages of development. The city will keep on developing these sites with facilities so that they can function as recreation providers for the community and evaluate them at different stages to continuously improve them.

- **Action 1.** As funds become available, complete the construction of facilities planned for Volunteer Park. This should be carried out over the next 10 to 15 years.

**Objective B.** McHattie Park, located near the center of the City, should continue to be to be enhanced to encourage appropriate use by all age groups, particularly families.

- **Action 1.** Install decorative lighting throughout the park to improve its' aesthetic quality and help eliminate vandalism.
- **Action 2.** Consider the construction of a walking/fitness path around the park. This path would connect with the existing Huron Valley Rail Trail.
- **Action 3.** Construct a pavilion that can be used for outdoor performances and programming.

**Objective C.** Provide excellent recreation facilities in all South Lyon City parks that are adequately funded to provide proper maintained.

- **Action 1.** The Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation Commission will continue to make periodic visits to City-owned park facilities to check for damaged equipment and initiate repairs when needed.

**Objective D.** Provide only recreation facilities and equipment that the community expressly requests or is of apparent need

- **Action 1.** Conduct citizen surveys on a regular basis to determine the expressed needs of the community regarding recreation facilities and equipment.
- **Action 2.** Continue discussions with key recreation providers, including sports clubs and leagues, as well as community education officials, to determine needs.

- **Action 3.** Conduct informal surveys of equipment use in the parks by observing use at random periods over a weekly time span. Surveys should address quality of equipment for safety and accessibility.

**Objective E.** The provision of recreation equipment and facilities that meet the needs of all age groups and comply with ADA accessibility criteria.

- **Action 1.** Develop a skateboard park somewhere within the City, preferably a central location.

**Objective F.** Continue to encourage a pedestrian/bicycle-friendly downtown.

- **Action 1.** Continue to work with the Downtown Development Authority to install bike racks and signage throughout the downtown, so that they are visible and easy to use by all residents. Incorporate complete street principles throughout the downtown and strengthen connection to Huron River Rail Trail.

**Objective G.** South Lyon's recreation facilities will be used by a variety of individuals. Thus, they should be easily accessible to all people, including those with disabilities.

- **Action 1.** Whenever possible, new facilities installed in City parks must be ADA compliant.
- **Action 2.** Provide barrier-free access from parking lots to all park activity areas.

**Objective H.** The need for a community recreation center has been repeatedly expressed by both the Parks and Recreation Commission and citizens of the City of South Lyon. Within the next five to fifteen years, the City, in conjunction with the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority, should provide a community recreation center which can be utilized by all city residents.

- **Action 1.** Survey City residents as to what types of facilities they would like to see in the recreation center.
- **Action 2.** Participate in the development of a recreation center.

### **GOAL THREE**

**The provision of recreation programming to meet the needs of South Lyon residents of all ages with a variety of interests.**

- **Action 1.** Work with the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority to provide recreation programs that support persons with disabilities and create programs that will encourage social interaction.



- **Action 2.** The South Lyon Area Recreation Authority is responsible for the majority of current recreation programming. The South Lyon Area Recreation Authority should utilize future park development and other city facilities to increase its role in the programming of special events for the residents of South Lyon and adjacent communities.

# ACTION PROGRAM

The section that precedes this one, Goals and Objectives, establishes plans for the future based on needs identified by standards and by recreation providers. Not all of the goals include capital expenditures. Also, many of the goals cannot be accomplished within the five-year time frame of this plan. However, they are included to provide direction for future planning efforts as will be necessary in the future. The action program functions as an annual checklist that should be reviewed at the beginning of each year in order to track implementation progress.

## FIVE-YEAR ACTION PROGRAM

Table Four provides a five-year implementation checklist for the City of South Lyon. Included for each item are rough cost estimates and potential funding sources to consider. The cost estimates are based on general assumptions and construction costs for similar facilities in the Midwest, but the actual costs may vary. An approximate inflation rate of 5% is reflected in the table for each year. The ongoing cost of maintenance and miscellaneous equipment is included in the total expenditure for each year.

**Table Four**  
**Five-Year Action Program**

Project	Cost	Funding
<b>2016-2017</b>		
<b>Volunteer Park.</b>		
Master Plan Update, Phasing Plan with budget estimate and Fundraising alternatives.		
<i>Description: The vacant land south of the existing park will be master planned to include, but not be limited to, athletic fields, parking and an accessible trail system.</i>	\$10,000	General Fund
<b>Community-Wide.</b>		
Create bike and pedestrian-friendly downtown		
<i>Description: Continue to work with DDA to improve non-motorized transportation routes in the downtown to enhance current facilities with the ultimate goal to create a more "bicycle-friendly" city.</i>	\$15,000	General Fund

Table Four

## Five-Year Action Program

Project	Cost	Funding
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Re-pave existing parking lots		General Fund
<i>Description: Re-pave parking lots. Consider expansion of vacant lot north of existing parking lot.</i>	\$6,000	Capital Improvement Fund,
<b>2016-2016 Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>	
<b>2017-2018</b>		
<b>Volunteer Park.</b>		
Begin Phase One Development	\$500,000	General Fund
<i>Description: Construct portion of the athletic fields and parking</i>		Capital Improvement Fund
		State/DNR Grants
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Continue to improve landscaping and path lighting		General Fund
<i>Description: The Recreation Commission will oversee the implementation of landscape and lighting improvements in the park.</i>	\$300,000	State/DNR Grants
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Re-pave existing parking lots	\$6,000	General Fund
<i>Description: Re-pave parking lots. Consider expansion of vacant lot north of existing parking lot.</i>		Capital Improvement Fund,
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Replace pavilion	\$60,000	General Fund
<i>Description: The current gazebo is older and beginning to deteriorate. A new pavilion that will have lighting.</i>		Capital Improvement Fund
<b>Community-Wide.</b>		
Create bike and pedestrian-friendly downtown		
<i>Description: Continue to work with DDA to improve non-motorized transportation routes in the downtown to enhance current facilities with the ultimate goal to create a more "bicycle-friendly" city.</i>	\$15,000	General Fund
<b>2017-2018 Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$881,000</b>	
<b>2018-2019</b>		
<b>Volunteer Park.</b>		
Continue Phase One Development	\$500,000	General Fund
<i>Description: Continue with construction of the athletic fields and parking and accessory structures.</i>		Capital Improvement Fund
		State/DNR Grants

**Table Four**  
**Five-Year Action Program**

Project	Cost	Funding
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Hire consultant to design skate park		General Fund
Construct skate park	\$300,000	State/DNR Grants
<i>Description. The Recreation Commission will oversee the design and implementation of skate park</i>		
<b>Community-Wide.</b>		
Create bike and pedestrian-friendly downtown		
<i>Description. Continue to work with DDA to improve non-motorized transportation routes in the downtown to enhance current facilities with the ultimate goal to create a more "bicycle-friendly" city.</i>	\$15,000	General Fund
<b>2018-2019 Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$815,000</b>	
<b>2019-2020</b>		
<b>Volunteer Park.</b>		
Continue Phase One Development		General Fund
<i>Description. Continue with construction of the athletic fields and parking and accessory structures.</i>	\$1,000,000	Capital Improvement Fund State/DNR Grants
<b>Volunteer Park.</b>		
Develop accessible path	\$1,000,000	General Fund Capital Improvement Fund State/DNR Grants
<i>Description. Begin accessible path development at Volunteer Park.</i>		
<b>McHattie Park.</b>		
Hire consultant to design spray pad		General Fund
Construct spray pad	\$300,000	State/DNR Grants
<i>Description. The Recreation Commission will oversee the implementation of landscape and lighting improvements in the park.</i>		
<b>2018-2019 Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	
<b>2020-2021</b>		
<b>Community-Wide.</b>		
Update Recreation Master Plan		
<i>Description. The Recreation Plan will cease to be valid in 2021. An update of the plan is targeted for the year 2020 so that it can be approved by the first of 2021</i>	\$15,000	General Fund



# **APPENDIX A**

## **PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS**

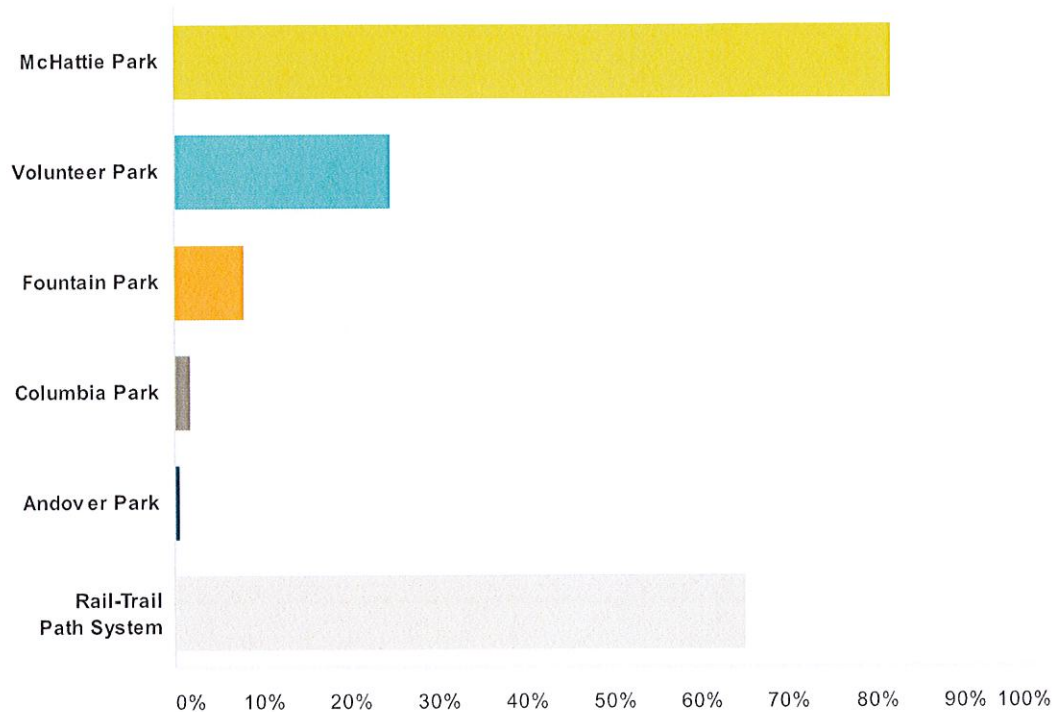
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A fourteen question survey was available on City's website during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update period from April through June, 2014. Over 180 responses were received, the findings of which follow.

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q1 What South Lyon Recreation facilities do you frequent the most? (Please circle up to three facilities)

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2

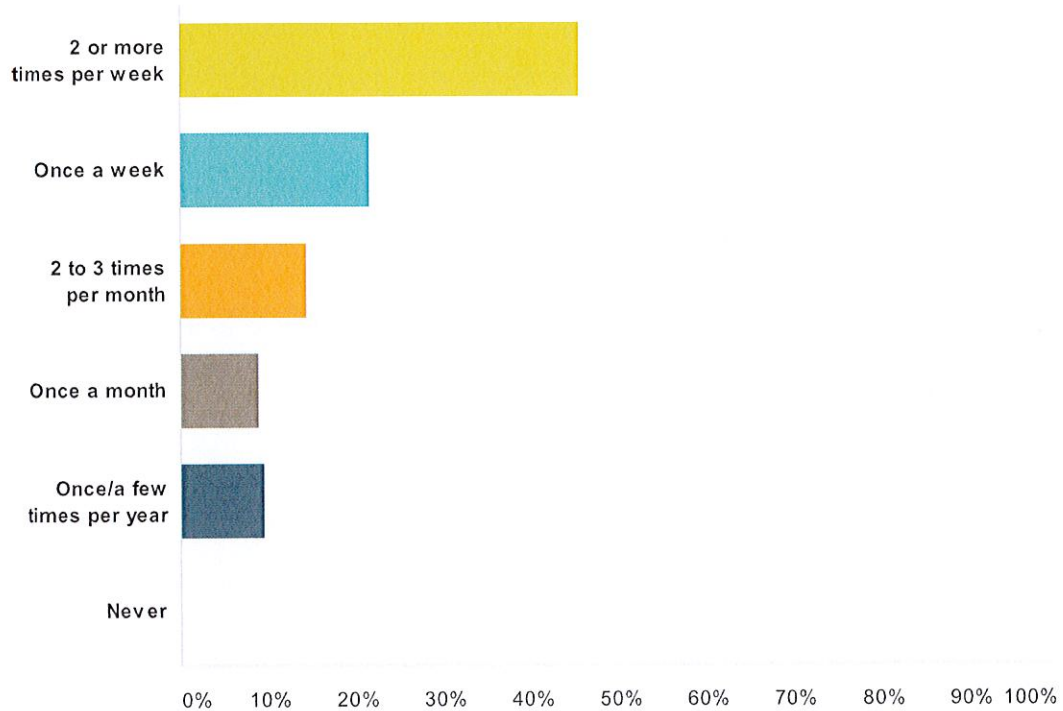


Answer Choices	Responses	
McHattie Park	81.93%	136
Volunteer Park	24.70%	41
Fountain Park	7.83%	13
Columbia Park	1.81%	3
Andover Park	0.60%	1
Rail-Trail Path System	65.06%	108
Total Respondents: 166		

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q2 On average, how often do you use the City of South Lyon Parks during the Spring and Summer?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 1

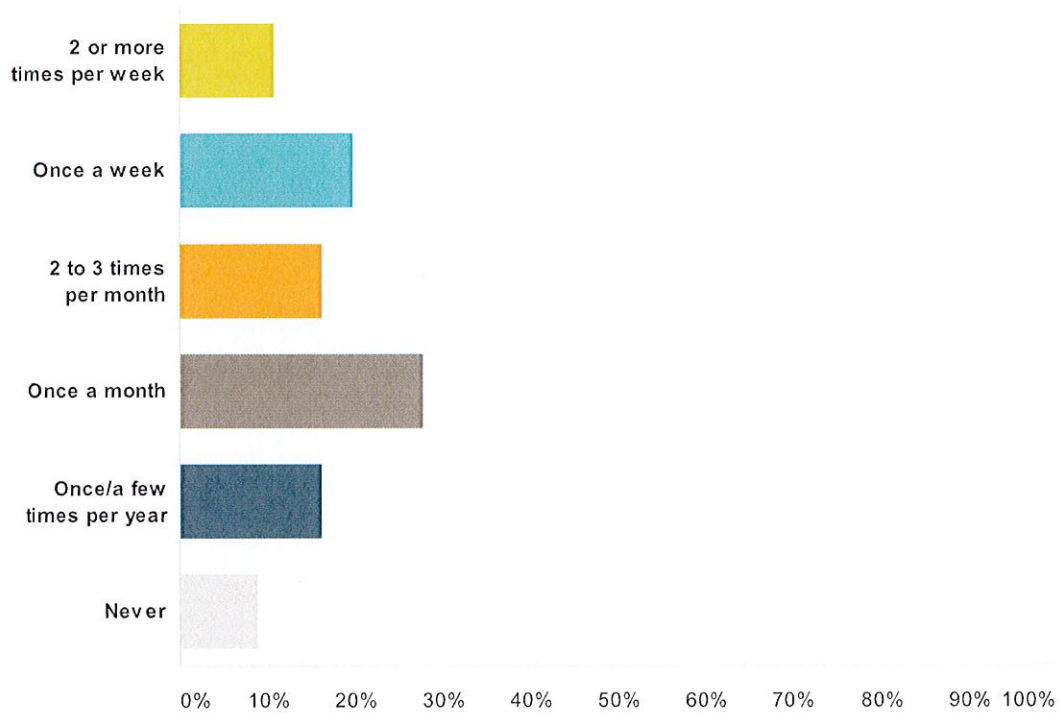


Answer Choices	Responses	
2 or more times per week	45.51%	76
Once a week	21.56%	36
2 to 3 times per month	14.37%	24
Once a month	8.98%	15
Once/a few times per year	9.58%	16
Never	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>167</b>

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q3 On average, how often do you use the City of South Lyon Parks during the Fall and Winter?

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2



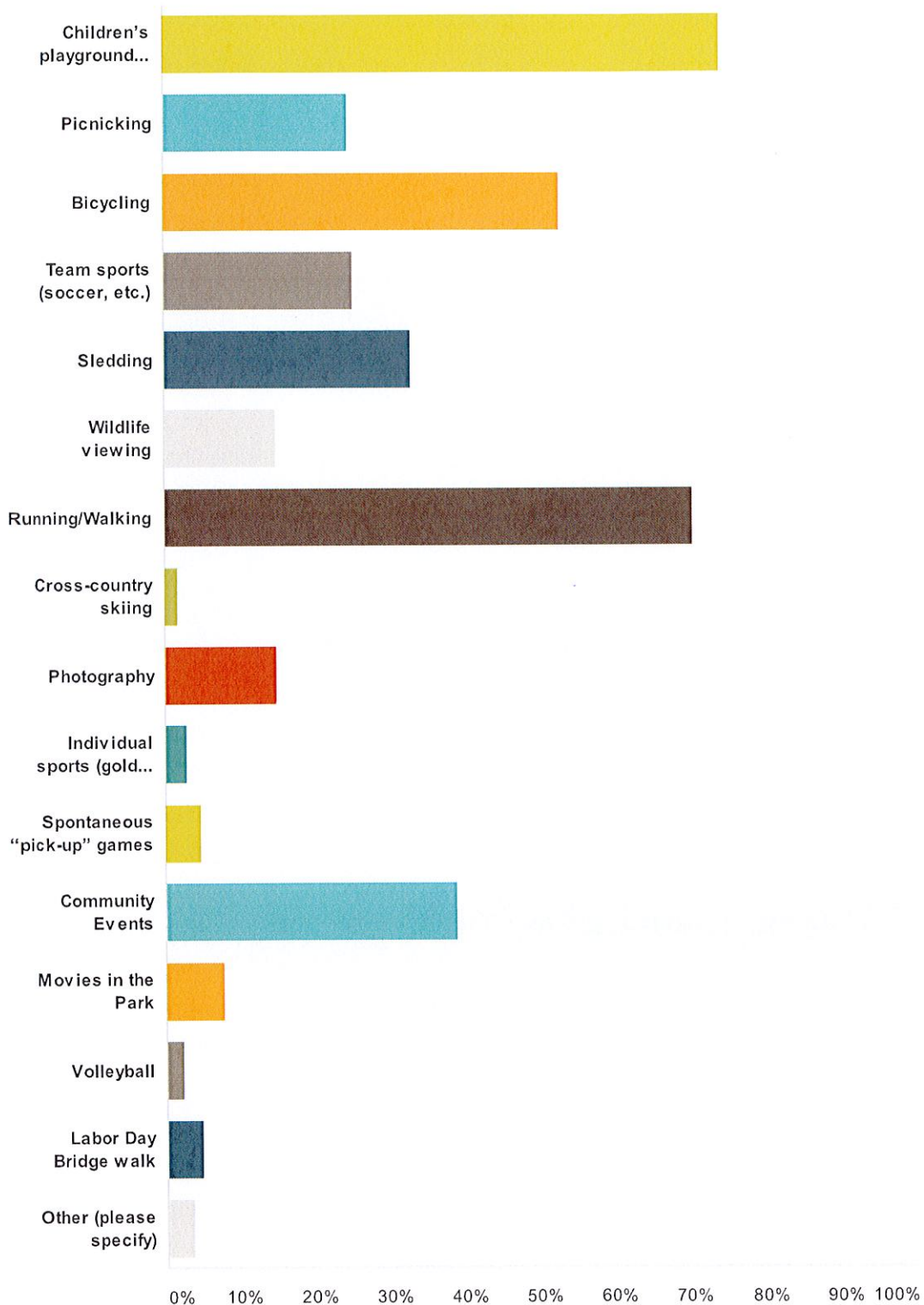
Answer Choices	Responses	
2 or more times per week	10.84%	18
Once a week	19.88%	33
2 to 3 times per month	16.27%	27
Once a month	27.71%	46
Once/a few times per year	16.27%	27
Never	9.04%	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>166</b>



## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q4 Why do you and/or your family visit the City of South Lyon Parks/ Please check all that apply:

Answered: 168 Skipped: 0



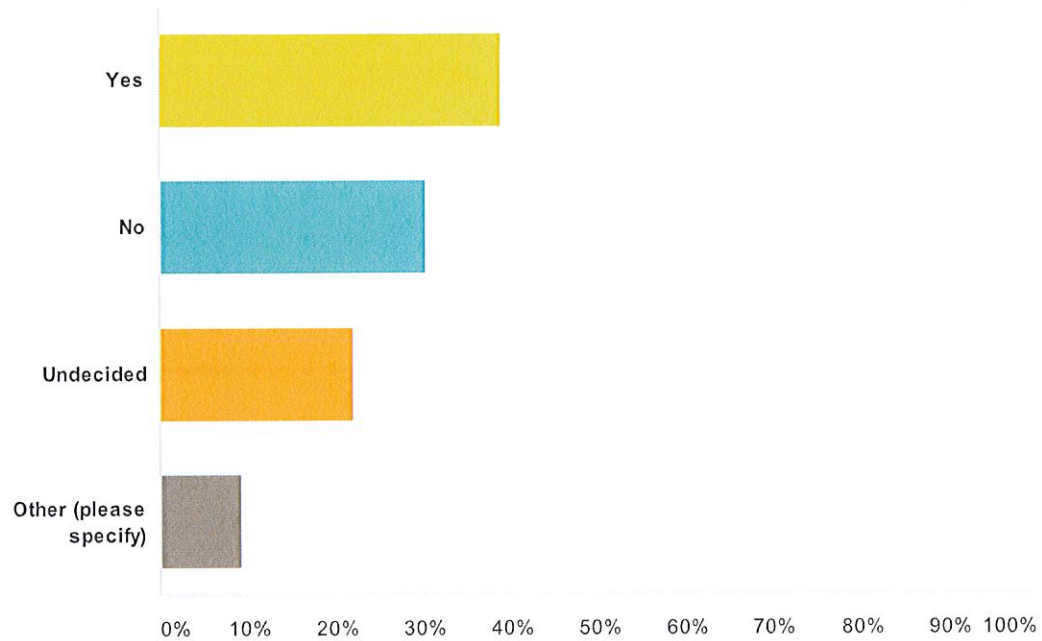
## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

Answer Choices	Responses	
Children's playground equipment	73.81%	124
Picnicking	24.40%	41
Bicycling	52.38%	88
Team sports (soccer, etc.)	25.00%	42
Sledding	32.74%	55
Wildlife viewing	14.88%	25
Running/Walking	70.24%	118
Cross-country skiing	1.79%	3
Photography	14.88%	25
Individual sports (golf, etc.)	2.98%	5
Spontaneous "pick-up" games	4.76%	8
Community Events	38.69%	65
Movies in the Park	7.74%	13
Volleyball	2.38%	4
Labor Day Bridge walk	4.76%	8
Other (please specify)	3.57%	6
<b>Total Respondents: 168</b>		

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q5 Are you satisfied with the existing parks and facilities in South Lyon?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 3

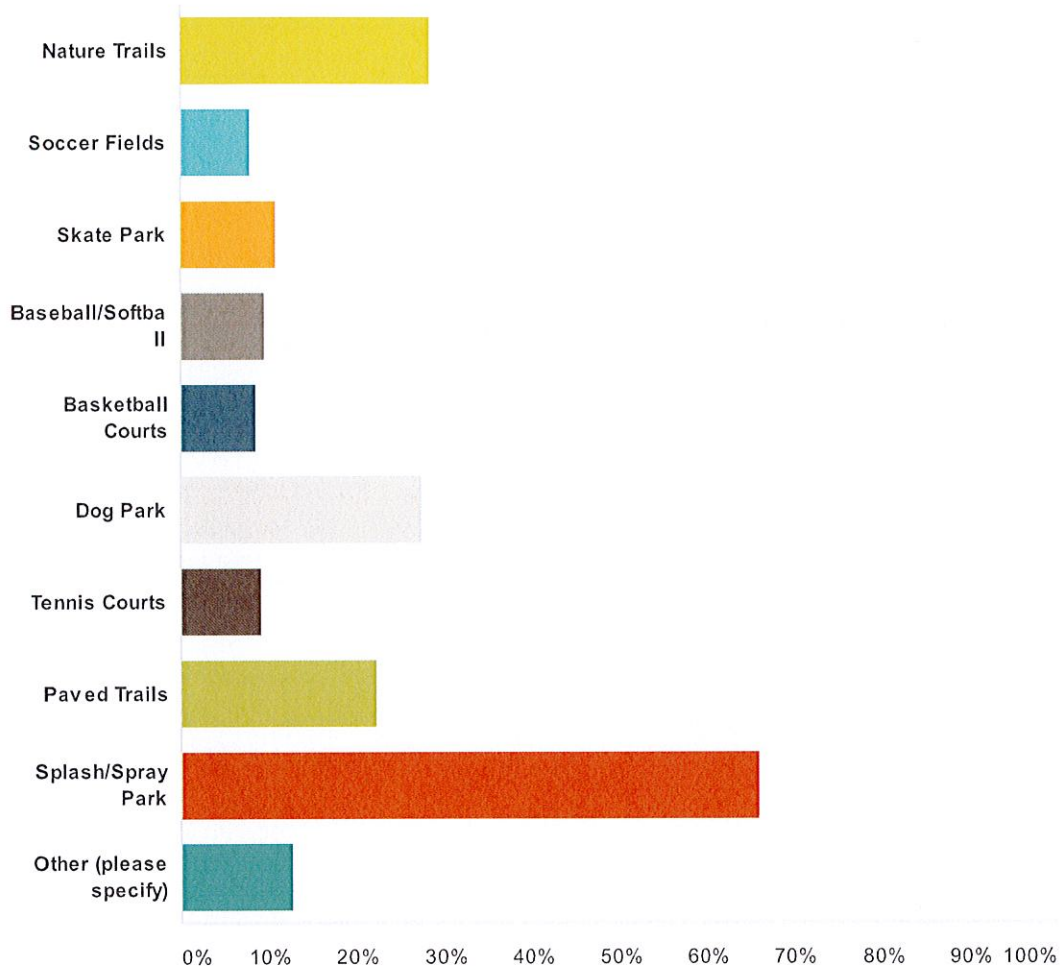


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	38.79%	64
No	30.30%	50
Undecided	21.82%	36
Other (please specify)	9.09%	15
Total		165

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q6 Which type of outdoor public recreation facility is most needed in South Lyon? (Please select up to two facilities)

Answered: 165 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Nature Trails	28.48%	47
Soccer Fields	7.88%	13
Skate Park	10.91%	18
Baseball/Softball	9.70%	16
Basketball Courts	8.48%	14
Dog Park	27.27%	45
Tennis Courts	9.09%	15
Paved Trails	22.42%	37
Splash/Spray Park	66.06%	109



## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

Other (please specify)

12.73%

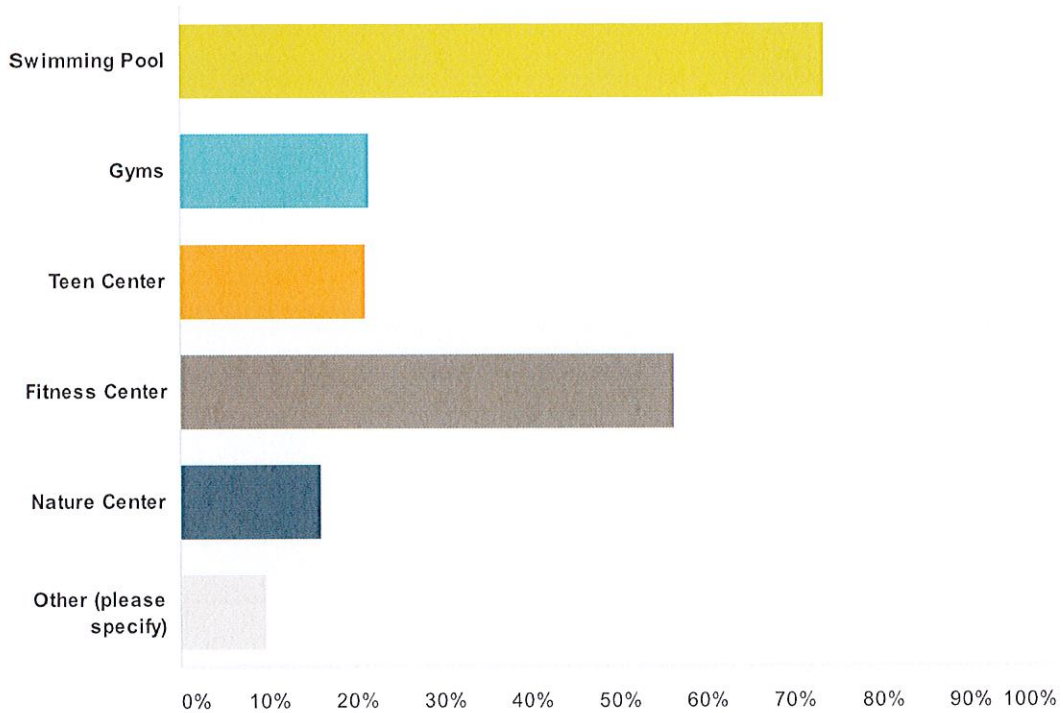
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**Total Respondents: 165**

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q7 Which type of public indoor recreation facility is most needed in South Lyon? (Please select up to two facilities)

Answered: 162 Skipped: 6

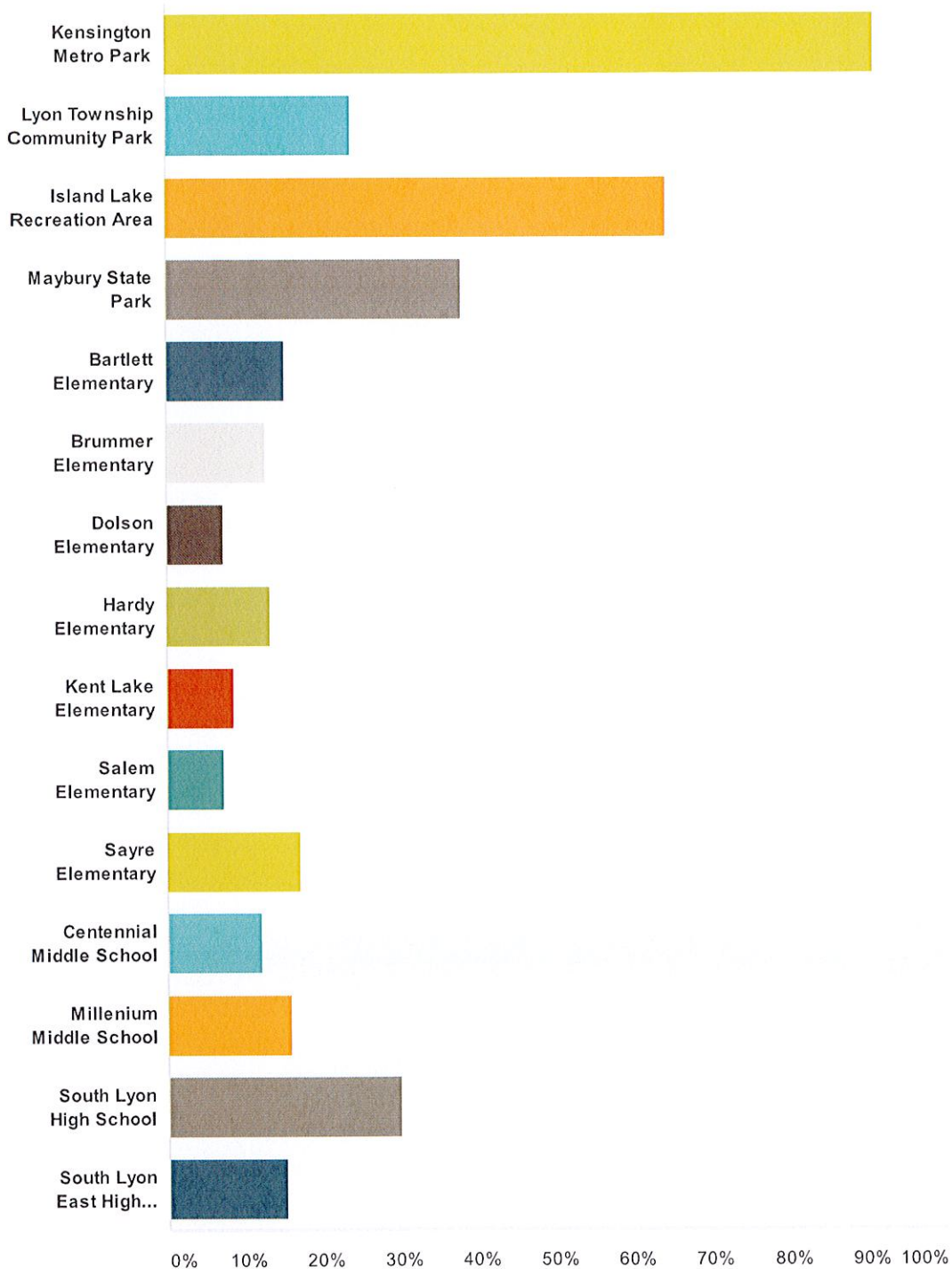


Answer Choices	Responses	
Swimming Pool	73.46%	119
Gyms	21.60%	35
Teen Center	20.99%	34
Fitness Center	56.17%	91
Nature Center	16.05%	26
Other (please specify)	9.88%	16
Total Respondents: 162		

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q8 Do you use any of the following facilities? (Please select and list all that apply)

Answered: 164 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Kensington Metro Park	90.85% 149

## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

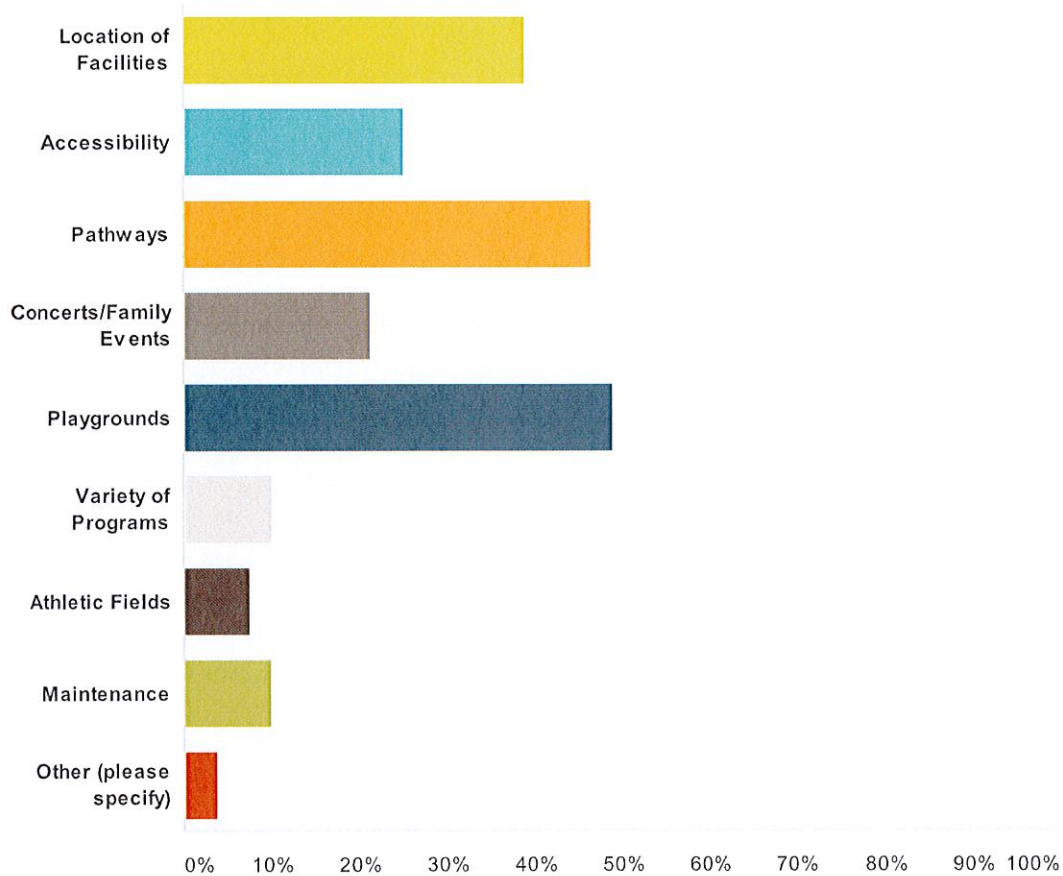
Lyon Township Community Park	23.78%	39
Island Lake Recreation Area	64.02%	105
Maybury State Park	37.80%	62
Bartlett Elementary	15.24%	25
Brummer Elementary	12.80%	21
Dolson Elementary	7.32%	12
Hardy Elementary	13.41%	22
Kent Lake Elementary	8.54%	14
Salem Elementary	7.32%	12
Sayre Elementary	17.07%	28
Centennial Middle School	12.20%	20
Millenium Middle School	15.85%	26
South Lyon High School	29.88%	49
South Lyon East High School	15.24%	25
<b>Total Respondents: 164</b>		



## South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

### Q9 What do you like most about the parks and recreation system in South Lyon? (Please select up to three items)

Answered: 160 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
Location of Facilities	38.75% 62
Accessibility	25.00% 40
Pathways	46.25% 74
Concerts/Family Events	21.25% 34
Playgrounds	48.75% 78
Variety of Programs	10.00% 16
Athletic Fields	7.50% 12
Maintenance	10.00% 16
Other (please specify)	3.75% 6
Total Respondents: 160	

South Lyon Parks & Recreation Survey

**Q10 Do you leave South Lyon for other recreation activities/facilities? If so, please explain where and what activity you participate in:**

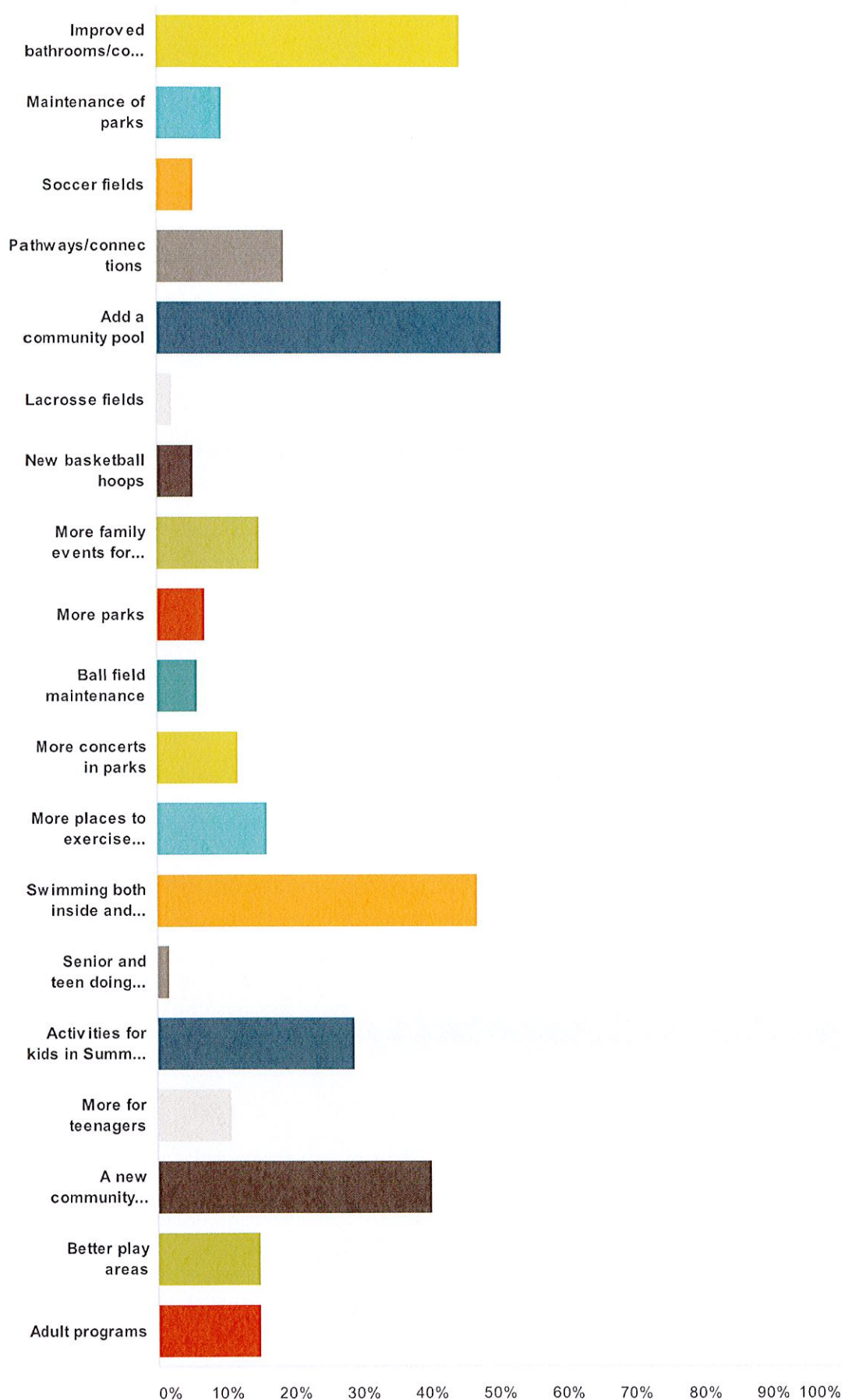
Answered: 168 Skipped: 0

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**Q11 Please list three things you would like to see improved about parks and recreation system in South Lyon.**

Answered: 167   Skipped: 1

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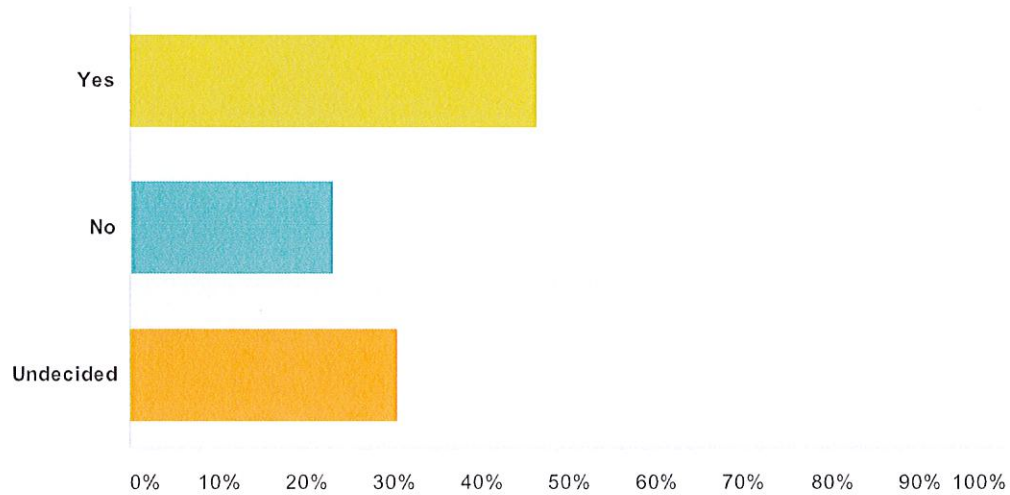
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Improved bathrooms/comfort stations in all parks	44.31%	74
Maintenance of parks	9.58%	16
Soccer fields	5.39%	9
Pathways/connections	18.56%	31
Add a community pool	50.30%	84
Lacrosse fields	2.40%	4
New basketball hoops	5.39%	9
More family events for families with older teen children	14.97%	25
More parks	7.19%	12
Ball field maintenance	5.99%	10
More concerts in parks	11.98%	20
More places to exercise outside in the parks	16.17%	27
Swimming both inside and outside	46.71%	78
Senior and teen doing things together	1.80%	3
Activities for kids in Summer and all year	28.74%	48
More for teenagers	10.78%	18
A new community center	40.12%	67
Better play areas	14.97%	25
Adult programs	14.97%	25
<b>Total Respondents: 167</b>		

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### Q12 Are you satisfied with the existing recreation programming levels offered by the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA)?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 4

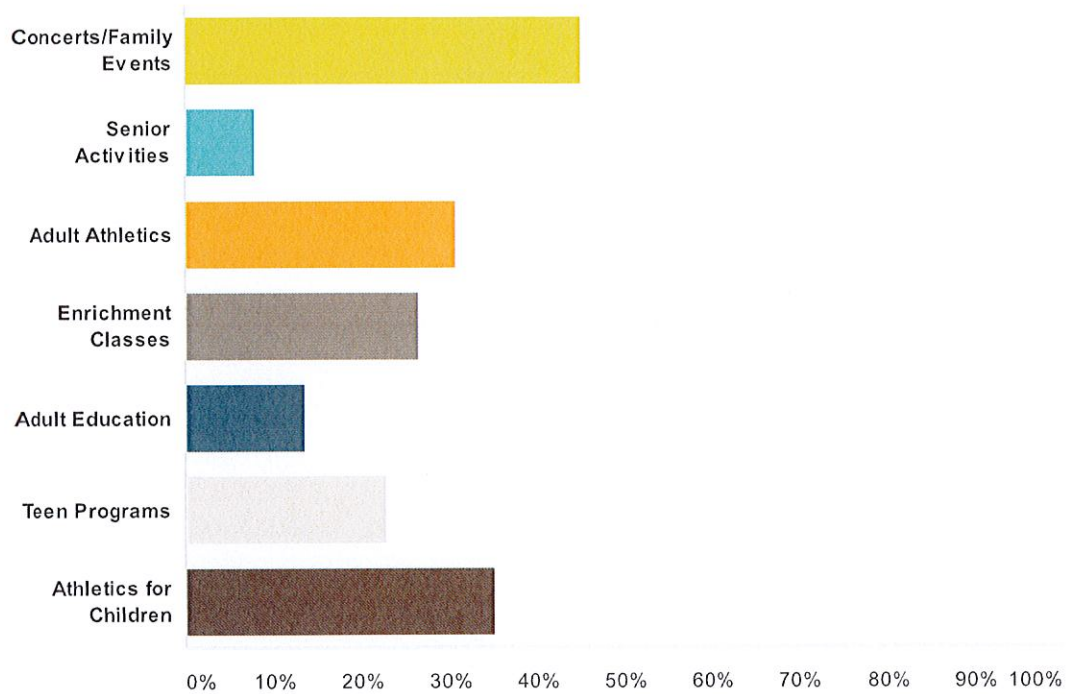


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	46.34%	76
No	23.17%	38
Undecided	30.49%	50
Total		164

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### Q13 What types of additional recreation programs would you like to see? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 140 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses	
Concerts/Family Events	45.00%	63
Senior Activities	7.86%	11
Adult Athletics	30.71%	43
Enrichment Classes	26.43%	37
Adult Education	13.57%	19
Teen Programs	22.86%	32
Athletics for Children	35.00%	49
Total Respondents: 140		

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**Q14 In the space provided below please offer any additional comments you may have.**

Answered: 48   Skipped: 120



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### Q10 Do you leave South Lyon for other recreation activities/facilities? If so, please explain where and what activity you participate in:

Answered: 170   Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Novi community Kid's sports teams	5/14/2014 9:16 AM
2	Splash Park, Dog Park, Fitness Center, Swimming Pool	5/14/2014 8:54 AM
3	We leave for fitness classes, swim classes. We leave to walk around Kensington	5/8/2014 1:18 PM
4	Kensington for Nature Center, Farm Center, Picnics	5/3/2014 10:12 AM
5	Water activities	5/2/2014 7:46 PM
6	No	5/2/2014 11:44 AM
7	Lake Mi, Kensington, trails in Brighton that run behind businesses, and Dairy Queen.	4/29/2014 10:50 AM
8	Youth sports	4/28/2014 8:22 PM
9	Swimming and Adult Softball	4/28/2014 4:01 PM
10	yes-kensington	4/28/2014 1:59 PM
11	I go to Independence Lake and Kensington for the Spray Park and Water park	4/28/2014 1:44 PM
12	Kensington Metro Park - cross country skiing Island Lake State Park - mountain biking	4/28/2014 1:02 PM
13	YES! and have for years! We are willing to pay non resident fees to play in Novi and other cities as well. South Lyon is the most expensive and has the worst fields for Adult leagues and Parks & Recs leagues. Most other parks have done away with port a Johns...or at least keep them up. I can only hope that when my children get to middle school & high school their programs are better./ We play outside of South Lyon the following: adult league softball & volleyball. Kids play outside of South Lyon softball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and football.	4/28/2014 11:18 AM
14	Powerhouse Gym in Novi for working out and sauna use	4/27/2014 7:52 PM
15	Festivals, craft shows, and flea markets	4/24/2014 12:47 AM
16	No	4/23/2014 8:06 PM
17	Total Soccer Novi Lyon Oaks dog park Milford HS pool Gymnastics Farmington Hills Splash Pad	4/23/2014 2:23 PM
18	Brighton or Wixom for gym	4/22/2014 10:36 PM
19	Yes, dog park	4/22/2014 12:00 PM
20	No	4/21/2014 4:25 PM
21	Yes- swim lessons for preschooler in a warmer pool than the competition pools at the high schools. We also leave town to go to local nature centers- Kensington and Howell.	4/21/2014 7:49 AM
22	I spend a lot of time in Ann Arbor, Plymouth, and Northville for their family activities such as concerts, movies in the park, or art and cultural activities. Then there's the Novi Sports Club that we're often at.	4/20/2014 7:51 PM
23	Splash pads, music in park	4/20/2014 7:39 AM
24	Yes, pool or activities at Kensington or island lake	4/19/2014 9:14 AM
25	N/a	4/19/2014 7:03 AM
26	Yes, Ann Arbor water park	4/18/2014 3:26 PM

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27	Swimming pool--lifetime fitness, kensington for bike path, we use the novi playground on 8mile and napier	4/17/2014 10:08 PM
28	Novi Sports Club, swimming and fitness center	4/17/2014 9:03 PM
29	Yes fitness and using skating facilities in other areas Brighton novi Farmington hills	4/17/2014 5:10 PM
30	Novi- library, soccer, parks, summer kids programs	4/17/2014 2:35 PM
31	Yes, for spray parks and pools	4/17/2014 1:12 PM
32	No, recently moved here from out of state	4/17/2014 1:03 PM
33	Yes, for baseball and soccer in Plymouth	4/17/2014 11:55 AM
34	bounce houses, zoo	4/17/2014 8:00 AM
35	Batting Cages.	4/16/2014 11:09 PM
36	Do not leave SL	4/16/2014 10:47 PM
37	Bouncy houses, indoor play areas for kids, splash parks, softball fields, open swim with better/different hours, lake access	4/16/2014 10:20 PM
38	No	4/16/2014 10:02 PM
39	Milford pool, Livonia rec. center pool, Plymouth McClumpha park splash pad and park and picnic area	4/16/2014 9:45 PM
40	Pools Canton Livonia	4/16/2014 9:41 PM
41	Swimming, nature walks	4/16/2014 9:21 PM
42	fitness classes	4/16/2014 9:21 PM
43	We go to Kensington for the Farm Center and splash pad.	4/16/2014 9:10 PM
44	My family goes to the YMCA in Milford because it has a lot of activities in one location (i.e. fitness, swim, and gym).	4/16/2014 9:02 PM
45	No, other than the ones listed above for biking and running.	4/16/2014 8:53 PM
46	no	4/16/2014 8:42 PM
47	Yes, we go to Livonia and are a member at a community pool.	4/16/2014 8:40 PM
48	Indoor volleyball	4/16/2014 8:39 PM
49	No	4/16/2014 8:39 PM
50	We frequent the play structures and parks in plymouth, Milford and Brighton. They are nicer and better maintained.	4/16/2014 8:38 PM
51	yes to go to other parks to walk, play and swim	4/16/2014 8:32 PM
52	Mt. Bike trails	4/16/2014 4:11 PM
53	Kensington Metroparks Farm Center	4/16/2014 2:16 PM
54	We use Lyon Township park for Lacrosse games and practices.	4/16/2014 10:53 AM
55	Yes, we go to Kensington and Island Lake for family functions such as barbecues, farm and anytime we need to play a sport, South Lyon has little to offer.	4/16/2014 9:24 AM
56	NONE	4/15/2014 12:24 PM
57	Trail running at Maybury or Island Lake, swimming at Kensington	4/14/2014 8:08 PM
58	no	4/14/2014 11:43 AM
59	Sometimes - I have found other parks in other areas with beautiful bridges etc for photography, but love McHattie for that as well.	4/13/2014 7:20 PM
60	Swimming, bicycling	4/13/2014 11:58 AM
61	Swim lessons at the YMCA because they have toddler lessons...actually learning to swim without a parent. Both my kids were good swimmers by age 5...not just starting lessons.	4/12/2014 11:58 AM

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62	golfing, walking	4/11/2014 5:51 PM
63	We like to visit the splash park in Plymouth MI and also the amenities that Kensington Metro Parks offer	4/11/2014 2:59 PM
64	Yes	4/11/2014 6:52 AM
65	Swimming	4/10/2014 9:16 PM
66	We take our grandchildren to downtown Brighton. The ducks and bridge are nice. The playground is kept for children. There aren't middle and high schoolers hanging around smoking and swearing. It's family enjoyment.	4/10/2014 7:10 PM
67	Sometimes we go to the play areas in Brighton or down 8 mile in Northville, those big wooden structures.	4/10/2014 5:59 PM
68	Yes. For summer activities like swimming.	4/9/2014 11:00 PM
69	Yes, Northville Parks & Rec, One Training in Novi - need a good fitness facility outside of Power House in SL!!	4/9/2014 9:51 PM
70	Baseball and Soccer facilities are inadequate. We travel to Brighton, Wixom, Novi, Farmington.	4/9/2014 9:21 PM
71	Occasionally, we go to Kensington to visit the Nature Center and the Farm.	4/9/2014 9:07 PM
72	soccer - novi hamurg northville splash park - plymouth skate park - brighton	4/9/2014 8:57 PM
73	Kensington nature trails and farm	4/9/2014 8:40 PM
74	Kensington and Huron River	4/9/2014 8:18 PM
75	I go to Kensington -- nature trail	4/9/2014 4:51 PM
76	I go to the livonia rec center because it is wonderful to have a pool, gym, and indoor walking track all in one place. My daughter loves the splash park and water slide.	4/9/2014 3:54 PM
77	N/A	4/9/2014 2:07 PM
78	Camping. Biking. Picnics. Swimming.	4/9/2014 1:21 PM
79	Use Brighton downtown ploy scape	4/9/2014 12:01 PM
80	No	4/9/2014 10:14 AM
81	Livonia has an amazing rec center with swim, rock walls, track, fitness center.	4/9/2014 9:07 AM
82	Yes because swim classes are too small and fill up fast and can only do weekend classes because 630 is too late for my family.	4/9/2014 9:04 AM
83	Milford ymca	4/9/2014 8:49 AM
84	Lifetime Fitness Commerce Kensington Park	4/9/2014 8:49 AM
85	Yes, novi sports plex or lifetime fitness. Both way too far	4/9/2014 8:49 AM
86	Yes, for adult fitness and family recreation	4/9/2014 8:37 AM
87	Novi sports center - pool Plymouth splash pad	4/9/2014 7:12 AM
88	picnic at the park...kensington, island lake, proud lake splash park...livonia	4/9/2014 12:40 AM
89	No	4/9/2014 12:24 AM
90	Kensington and Brighton Metro Park to enjoy the water/river	4/8/2014 11:34 PM
91	Yes roller skating/ice skating. Spray park	4/8/2014 11:18 PM
92	Milford YMCA for workout/swimming	4/8/2014 11:07 PM
93	Yes, we attend Adaptive Recreation at the Oakland County Parks and other surrounding communities. Not much is offered here for those with special needs. We also walk at Milford High School's indoor facilities, since we have none here, and use their pool.	4/8/2014 11:03 PM
94	Livonia Rec Center	4/8/2014 10:56 PM
95	We play Northville rec. soccer	4/8/2014 10:49 PM

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96	Milford YMCA. They have childcare included in membership plus a ton for children and helps community.	4/8/2014 10:44 PM
97	Yes surrounding community pools and family activity centers	4/8/2014 10:20 PM
98	No	4/8/2014 10:02 PM
99	Splash park	4/8/2014 9:08 PM
100	Soccer	4/8/2014 8:49 PM
101	splash park	4/8/2014 8:26 PM
102	I go to the splash park at Kensington or in Whitmore Lake. It would be great if South Lyon had one!	4/8/2014 7:51 PM
103	Gym and swimming	4/8/2014 7:51 PM
104	No	4/8/2014 7:13 PM
105	Dog Park, Pinckney.	4/8/2014 7:03 PM
106	No	4/8/2014 6:53 PM
107	Go to Hartland or Milford for their pools because they have a splash park in them.	4/8/2014 6:39 PM
108	Yes, we go to Novi for more variety of playground equipment & basketball courts. We also go to Plymouth for the Splash Park.	4/8/2014 6:29 PM
109	Kensington for change of scenery	4/8/2014 5:56 PM
110	No	4/8/2014 5:53 PM
111	yes, cleaner safer parks for kids in Northville and Novi	4/8/2014 5:50 PM
112	Kids activities	4/8/2014 5:22 PM
113	Yes just for variety	4/8/2014 5:20 PM
114	Activities for evening	4/8/2014 4:50 PM
115	Yes. Swimming and soccer in novi. Splash parks and playground parks in Plymouth and canton.	4/8/2014 4:47 PM
116	Mainly fishing/hunting near Ann Arbor or Holly.	4/8/2014 4:36 PM
117	Swimming classes offered at a rec center	4/8/2014 4:24 PM
118	ATV mostly	4/8/2014 3:55 PM
119	Use the Milford YMCA	4/8/2014 3:44 PM
120	gun range	4/8/2014 3:34 PM
121	Splash pads. Pools.	4/8/2014 3:27 PM
122	Howell Nature Center for zip lining and treeline adventures. Island Lakes for swimming and walking.	4/8/2014 3:22 PM
123	no	4/8/2014 3:15 PM
124	Milford YMCA	4/8/2014 3:13 PM
125	No	4/8/2014 3:12 PM
126	Yes, I am a member at the Novi Power house because of the variety of classes they offer as well as the times they are offered. My daughter takes gymnastics in Brighton. My son is enrolled in a program in Northville. My husband plays hockey in Brighton	4/8/2014 3:10 PM
127	Brighton for the downtown walking atmosphere with mill pond.	4/8/2014 3:00 PM
128	Rock climbing - Planet Rock in AA	4/8/2014 2:58 PM
129	The attention to maintenance is only enough to not repel people from coming to the parks. The entrances are minimal, the actual grass and ground are in very poor shape. Specifically speaking of McHattie, there seems to be little awareness that the patrons want a clean, walkable grounds. It's not enough to just mow. The DPW needs to make the grounds decent, not full of ruts and mole tunnels. Just because it may look ok from the road, it looks horrid once in the park. For many years, the picnic tables were R and X rated with the words carved into them. Why does it take so long to clean that up? Because the city doesn't prioritize the parks and they don't understand quality at all.	4/8/2014 2:55 PM

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130	Spray parks, larger play structures	4/8/2014 2:50 PM
131	No	4/8/2014 2:46 PM
132	Lifetime fitness in Novi, Sports club of novi for swimming pool. Livonia Rec center for spray park	4/8/2014 2:45 PM
133	Indoor soccer in wixom Splash pad in milford Indoor kids pool hartland	4/8/2014 2:44 PM
134	Yes, I workout at the Livonia recreation center	4/8/2014 2:41 PM
135	No	4/8/2014 2:39 PM
136	Yes mountain biking	4/8/2014 2:37 PM
137	yes	4/8/2014 2:36 PM
138	Milford pool, Livonia community center pool	4/8/2014 2:33 PM
139	Yes. Kayaking at proud lake and other parks	4/8/2014 2:32 PM
140	24 hour private gym. Biking rail trail to other parks	4/8/2014 2:29 PM
141	Summer art fairs	4/8/2014 2:28 PM
142	Ice skating, indoor pool/slides	4/8/2014 2:23 PM
143	To use communist pools and splash parks	4/8/2014 2:16 PM
144	no	4/8/2014 2:15 PM
145	I live in South Bend now but that's the only reason why I leave. Lived in South Lyon for 18 years.	4/8/2014 2:11 PM
146	No	4/8/2014 2:10 PM
147	A public pool in Livonia for the summer	4/8/2014 2:10 PM
148	Splash parks	4/8/2014 2:04 PM
149	yes	4/8/2014 2:03 PM
150	No	4/8/2014 2:02 PM
151	Howell High School for water aerobics	4/8/2014 2:02 PM
152	Milford YMCA	4/8/2014 1:57 PM
153	Boot camp class at MEGA in Novi, open lap swim at Lifetime Fitness in Novi	4/8/2014 1:57 PM
154	Wixom/novi/Livonia for soccer. Splash pads in other communities	4/8/2014 1:52 PM
155	Yes. We use lifetime fitness	4/8/2014 1:52 PM
156	Yes, indoor running (on a track, not a treadmill) in the winter is a priority and we must find somewhere to perform this. Also most of my bike riding is done out of south lyon as the rails trail stops at 8mile	4/8/2014 1:52 PM
157	I go elsewhere to swim.	4/8/2014 1:51 PM
158	South Lyon Recreation is in need of of a Gym/Fitness center like Livonia Recreation Center or a better exercise facility. Outdoor fields for sports would be nice too. Nicer parks geared towards younger kids including a splash pad.	4/8/2014 1:50 PM
159	Milford pool.	4/8/2014 1:50 PM
160	Splash park in farmington hills or canton.	4/8/2014 1:50 PM
161	Yes. To better maintained parks with more diverse play	4/8/2014 1:47 PM
162	No	4/8/2014 1:47 PM
163	Livonia Rec Center for the indoor track.	4/8/2014 1:46 PM
164	nature paths at other parks	4/8/2014 1:45 PM
165	Novi/Farmington Hills for indoor arcade and other family fun activities	4/8/2014 1:44 PM
166	No	4/8/2014 1:44 PM



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167	Yes. Ice skating in the winter The dog park we go to Canton	4/8/2014 1:44 PM
168	Toddler programs	4/8/2014 1:42 PM
169	Petting farm, nature events, dog parks, hiking and biking trails, lake, workout facility, outdoor splash parks and pools for the kids.	4/8/2014 1:42 PM
170	n/a	4/8/2014 1:26 PM

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### Q14 In the space provided below please offer any additional comments you may have.

Answered: 48   Skipped: 120

#	Responses	Date
1	Na	5/2/2014 11:44 AM
2	our city has so much potential! Get with the program! South Lyon is loosing a lot of money because families go outside of the city for other programs	4/28/2014 11:18 AM
3	We have great outdoor area city, county and state parks. Need more indoor facilities like tennis, racket ball, basketball and volleyball courts through either public / private partnerships or use of existing buildings such as designating open play at school gyms for families. Or taking existing unused or under utilized buildings and converting them into tennis clubs or multiple indoor basketball courts. We lived in canton and the two courts at the Summit were NOT enough to meet the needs of the community. During school breaks you would find 40 boys wanting to play basketball and only space for 10 to play on one of two courts because volleyball or karate was using the other court. Town and township should seek out sport and activity companies will to locate in our community. Thank you for this survey	4/23/2014 8:06 PM
4	I think it would be beneficial for the community to open a new community center similar to the Livonia Rec Center	4/17/2014 9:03 PM
5	I think a community center with pool and water park would be wonderful! Ice skating facilities I think would be much needed in this area plus profitable. Smart way to spend money	4/17/2014 5:10 PM
6	We find it very frustrating that connections between paved sidewalks/trails is lacking!	4/17/2014 11:55 AM
7	I'm 21 and was, very involved as a kid, but as I got older programs were not very good. Spent many summers just aimlessly walking.	4/16/2014 11:09 PM
8	Need more parks. Need to feel safe visiting these parks.	4/16/2014 9:21 PM
9	I wish I didn't have to leave the city limits to go to splash parks. Plymouth and canton have nice free splash parks we go to.	4/16/2014 8:39 PM
10	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE ADD A REC CENTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	4/16/2014 8:32 PM
11	So far the parks system is great other than the high demand. I look forward to whatever improvements take place to support the ever growing sports community.	4/16/2014 10:53 AM
12	NONE	4/15/2014 12:24 PM
13	Many activities are in the afternoon for little kids instead of morning. My kids always missed out because of nap times. Would love to see morning activities.	4/12/2014 11:58 AM
14	Would like to stay with outdoor parks, the expense of a recreation center would be very high.	4/11/2014 5:51 PM
15	I don't know if this is something that is already offered as I am newer to SL, but offering financial assistance for children's SLARA programs would be great! We are really struggling to try and pay for things like swim lessons and safety town for our daughter.	4/10/2014 9:16 PM
16	As I commented earlier...South Lyon is not good at patrolling the McHattie park. Young children and families can't enjoy themselves when tweens and teens are hanging in the covered picnic area smoking and loudly swearing. Also, when asked to move off slides so children can use them, they yell nasty comments. When you ride down the bike trail near the tube mill, there are at times up to a dozen teens just hanging there smoking. It makes you very uncomfortable. Step up S,L, Police! It's going to be a long summer (driving elsewhere, that is!)	4/10/2014 7:10 PM
17	Skate park and community center!	4/9/2014 11:00 PM
18	I understand that SL is going to build the rec center anyway, but I wish the city would not. Improve/maintain what's here. Don't spend the money on this venture.	4/9/2014 9:07 PM
19	centrally located bathrooms	4/9/2014 8:57 PM

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20	Thanks for taking time to improve and working to keep South Lyon a great place.	4/9/2014 8:18 PM
21	I really think it would benefit South Lyon to have a community center with a pool and gym and a place for the kids to play.	4/9/2014 3:54 PM
22	South Lyon needs more green space parks for families to gather and do outside recreation. Also community recreation center is needed	4/9/2014 1:21 PM
23	South Lyon is growing so quickly and it desperately needs a large recreation center so parents can spend quality time with kids.	4/9/2014 8:49 AM
24	We are a growing community with young families and need to keep up with all the families to keep our children busy doing physical exercise. Along with a close clean exercise facility for adults	4/9/2014 8:49 AM
25	i do love the community events that south Lyon offers as in pumpkinfest and others...good job	4/9/2014 12:40 AM
26	Would really like the walking paths extended past dixboro on 9 mile to the subdivisions there. 9 mile is too treterous and windy to safely walk to the trails.	4/8/2014 11:34 PM
27	I really think south Lyon would benefit from a rec center. Having an indoor pool and water park/spray zone for winter swimming and parties (birthday) would be awesome. Offering wall climbing, wally ball, racquet ball, tennis.	4/8/2014 11:18 PM
28	WE want an indoor walking track. For a walking city, there is no adequate place to walk in bad weather.	4/8/2014 11:03 PM
29	Running club?	4/8/2014 10:49 PM
30	Please strongly consider a fitness center with a pool like the Milford YMCA. So many people drive from South Lyon to Milford for this type of activity which seems silly to leave the community for this.	4/8/2014 10:44 PM
31	The cost for youth sports is high and discourages more people from participating. It is cheaper to drive to other communities to participate.	4/8/2014 7:51 PM
32	A rec center with indoor /outdoor pools would be fantastic. As well as a gym	4/8/2014 7:51 PM
33	Having the bathrooms open at McHattie year round would be nice.	4/8/2014 6:39 PM
34	The pathways are amazing...the new path to the library is incredible. A workout facility would be fabulous..with a pool.	4/8/2014 5:50 PM
35	Classes offered in the evenings for children.	4/8/2014 4:50 PM
36	More lap swim opportunities	4/8/2014 3:44 PM
37	Great job Amber! No better person to review and analyze this data than you! :) Heidi	4/8/2014 3:22 PM
38	Coming from Livonia, I often feel SOuth Lyon is lacking. This survey gives me hope that great things are coming! I love this city, but miss the convenience of activities in my own town.	4/8/2014 3:10 PM
39	The City and Rec Dept need to take a serious look at how they want to handle their parks. Compare them to similar smaller communities. I dont mean Northville and Plymouth, instead Pinckney and Dexter, Fowlerville. SL needs to decide whether or not to make their parks shine or just do the minimal maintenance to get by which is what I see. To make them shine, but money in the cleaning up the grassy areas, add fitness related elements. Think about a quality park, not an average park. Think about what draws people to a place and what repels them away. Allocate more \$ to these parks to make them look not just better, but very nice so that someone out-of-town who drives through town thinks we take pride in how our community looks. At the moment, I don't think that happens.	4/8/2014 2:55 PM
40	SL is a great community and I look forward to any and all improvements made to meet the needs of our growing community.	4/8/2014 2:46 PM
41	Dog park would be a huge plus and draw for the community as well as better crosswalk at Pontiac trail and downtown. Brighton has great crosswalks leading to their downtown park	4/8/2014 2:32 PM
42	Non country club/gated community pool would be great. True, the high schools have some hours for open swim, but it's limited and indoor only. Would also like to see bike racks wherever farmers market is held.	4/8/2014 2:29 PM
43	Please try to find something for all these teens to do in summer!	4/8/2014 2:10 PM
44	Need teen programs	4/8/2014 1:57 PM

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45	I want to move because we have no indoor/outdoor pool options for my family that are satisfactory.	4/8/2014 1:51 PM
46	A nice community recreations center would be fantastic!!	4/8/2014 1:50 PM
47	SL needs some type of family entertainment facility. Examples would be go kart/ mini golf/arcade for all ages	4/8/2014 1:44 PM
48	We desperately need a community (outdoor) pool and a fitness center.	4/8/2014 1:42 PM