



CITY OF SOUTH LYON PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

2022-2026



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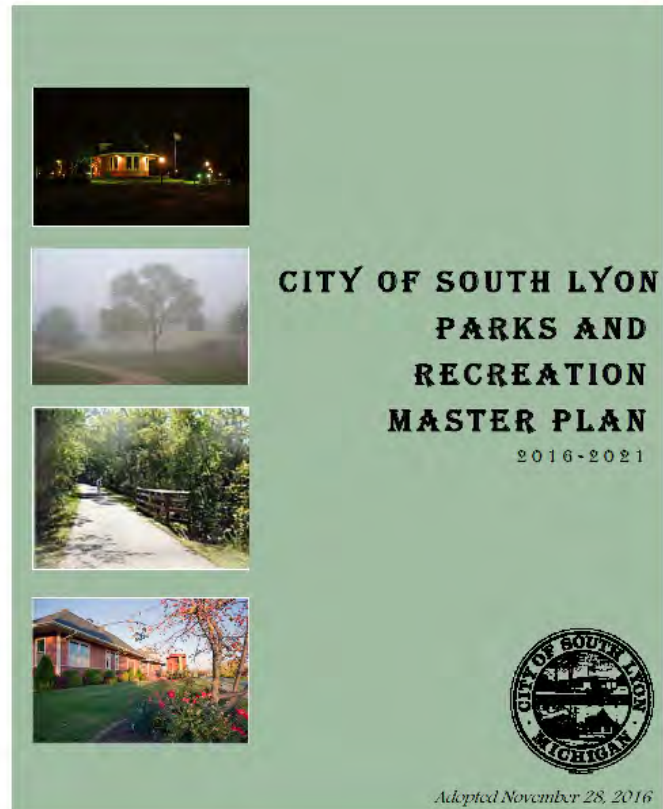
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INTRODUCTION

The City of South Lyon adopted a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2016, as part of a continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens. This South Lyon Parks and Recreation Plan 2021-2026 is intended to replace the 2016-2021 plan, as an updated version reflecting changes since the previous plan's adoption.

The purpose of this plan is to serve as an updated 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 2021-2026 represents the most current effort by the City to assess progress on existing recreational goals and objectives, in addition to formulating new ones, for the community. This plan has been developed with the objective of meeting the recreation needs of South Lyon residents through 2026 and to serve as a policy guide for City officials in developing efficient recreational services and facilities in both the short and long term.

This plan was developed in line with the 2021 Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in an effort to make the City eligible for available grants from the DNR to assist the City in reaching its recreation goals. The scope and jurisdiction of this plan, while recognizing both local and regional recreational opportunities, focuses solely on the City of South Lyon.





CHAPTER 1

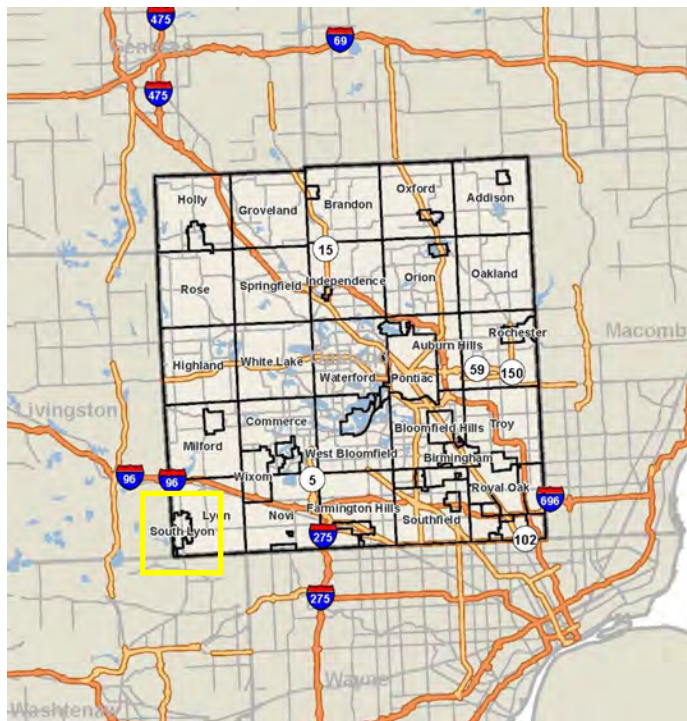
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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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 Economic Development & Community Affairs

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Land Use. The area that is now the City of South Lyon was once 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 now) gradually. Today, a traditional downtown with shops, dining, and local services remains around the main intersection of Lafayette and Lake. Residential development comprises the majority of the land use, primarily single-family residential. Strip commercial development is concentrated along the length of Pontiac Trail outside of the downtown area and there is some industrial development. The remainder of land consists of governmental and institutional land uses, as well as parks and open spaces.



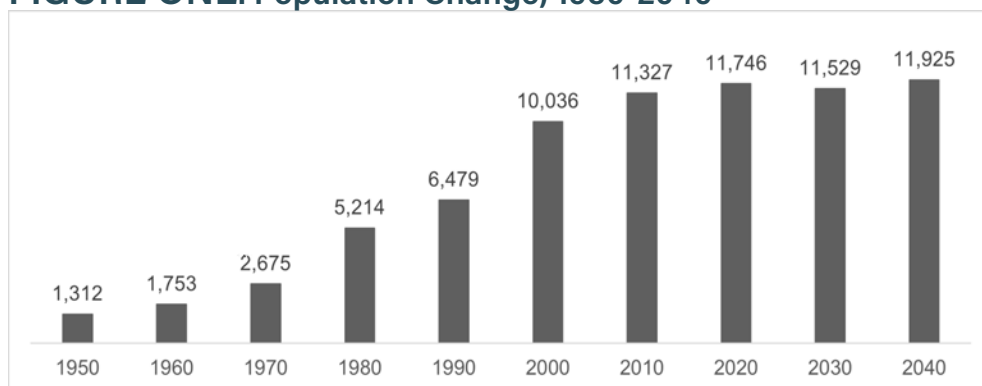
Transportation. Interstate 96, a major east-west highway, runs approximately five miles north of South Lyon. Nine miles to the west is US-23, a north-south expressway running the length of the Lower Peninsula into Ohio. These highways, along with a well-connected and built-out network of arterial streets, make the metropolitan areas of Detroit, Flint, Lansing, and Ann Arbor, as well as the parks and recreation areas and opportunities in these areas, readily accessible to South Lyon. Regional trail systems are continually being expanded in Oakland County, many of which use abandoned rail lines, and offer paved and natural trails for a range of activities.

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 fifty years, as illustrated in Figure One. From 1970 to 1980, the City doubled in size from 2,675 to 5,214 residents. The City's population increased 24% between 1980 and 1990, and 55% between 1990 and 2000. Population growth slowed to 13% between 2000 and 2010, likely in part due to the recession. The 2010 decennial census recorded the City at 11,327 people, and a population estimate for July 2019 from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) puts the current population at 11,879. Such rapid growth had a tremendous impact on the recreation plans created during this time period; however, it is clear that the population growth has begun to plateau in recent years and projected to continue to level out. The SEMCOG population projection for the year 2040 is 11,925, an approximately 0.4% increase over the next 20 years. This plateau of population growth should be reflected in the content of current and future recreation plans.

FIGURE ONE. Population Change, 1950-2040



SOURCE: SEMCOG Population Estimates and Forecast



Population by Age. While the population is leveling out, the characteristics of the City's residents have shifted over time. 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 likely accelerate in the near future. This is reflected in Table One, which shows the South Lyon population by age, both from the 2010 census and American Community Survey 5-year estimates for 2019. Some of the greatest increases in percentage among all age groups are those 50 years of age and over. This is an important consideration when planning for recreational opportunities for residents, as recreational needs change in different stages of life, resulting in different facility and programming preferences and requirements.

TABLE ONE. Age Distribution, 2010 and 2019

Age Group	2010 Population	2010 % of Total Population	2019 Population	2019 % of Total Population
Under 10 years	1,652	14.6	1,480	12.5
10 to 19 years	1,611	14.2	1,459	12.4
20 to 29 years	1,145	10.1	1,342	11.4
30 to 39 years	1,572	13.9	1,230	10.4
40 to 49 years	1,962	17.3	1,872	15.8
50 to 59 years	1,341	11.8	1,488	12.6
60 to 69 years	808	7.1	1,603	13.6
70 to 79 years	629	5.6	650	5.5
80 years & over	607	5.4	664	5.6

SOURCE: US Census Bureau, 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates

As the population 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, the involvement and avid concern for recreation issues will likely keep their concerns at the forefront. It should be noted that one age group that has experienced an increase between 2010 and 2019 is that of the 20 to 29 age range. This can likely be attributed to both an

Median Age in South Lyon	
2000	35.2 YEARS OLD
2010	38.4 YEARS OLD
2019	42 YEARS OLD



influx of younger people or young people that grew up in the area and decided to stay, attracted by South Lyon's small-town atmosphere, safe neighborhoods, and strong school system.

As is clear in Table One, the 50 to 69 age ranges have grown as baby boomers age and will continue to make up considerable segments of the population. 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 and providing programs and facilities for them is important. Those within this group will likely be the biggest users of facilities such 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

Housing Type. There are a total of 5,184 housing units in the City of South Lyon, according to 2019 ACS 5-year estimates. About 52% of this housing is single-family detached homes, about 44% is categorized as multiple-unit housing, and 4% manufactured homes. The proportion of housing that is multiple-family is higher than most other communities of similar size and higher than that of the state and U.S. This can be attributed mainly to several existing large multiple-family developments and recent addition of new condominium developments.



Household Size and Composition.

Household size describes the number of people living in a dwelling unit. Household sizes have been steadily declining in the U.S. since the baby boom, a product of many trends including higher divorce rates and lower birth rates. In South Lyon, the average household size has decreased from 2.57 in 1980 to 2.42 in 2010 and decreased yet to an estimated 2.36 people per household in 2019. Household size is important to consider because it can reflect important trends in the population, such as more people living alone or low birth rates. From a recreation standpoint, this may mean fewer people using parks or a wider geographic service area for each park.

Average Household Size in South Lyon

1980	2010	2019
2.57	2.42	2.36





CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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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 recreational facilities and parks. The Commission advises the City Council, City Manager, and Department of Public Works on policies affecting the operation of City-owned recreational facilities. This includes making recommendations to the City about commitment of funds, application to or acceptance of grants, and land purchases. The City Manager takes these recommendations to City Council, who takes the recommendations and makes decisions on these items.



City of South Lyon City Hall

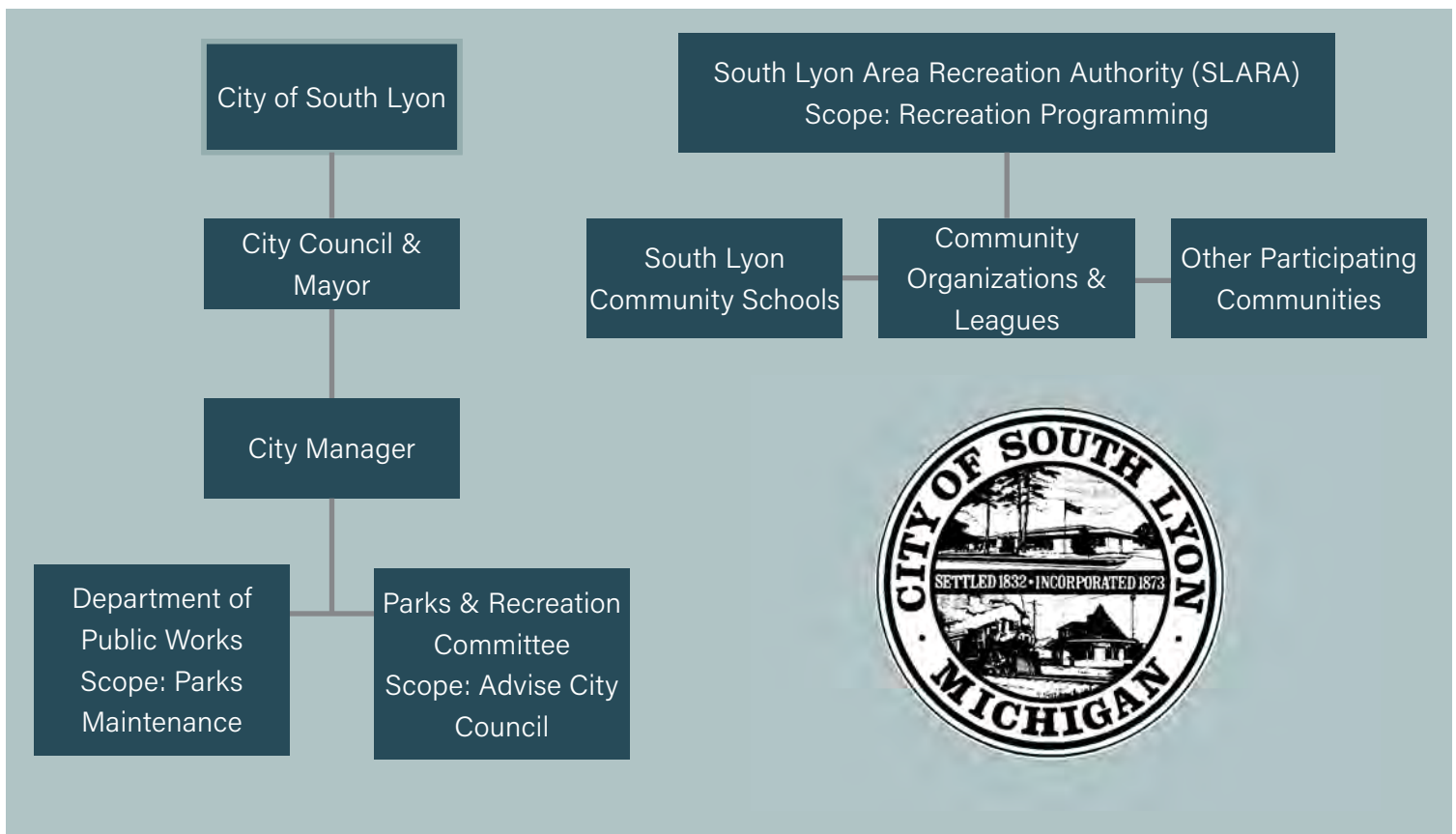
The Parks and Recreation Commission, established under PA 156 of 1917 (Recreation and Playgrounds), is comprised of seven members that are appointed by City Council to three-year terms. The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month, and in regular attendance are the City Manager and the South Lyon Area Recreational Authority¹ Director of Programming.

Figure Two outlines the administrative structure of the different entities involved in the Parks and Recreation system. While the Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an advisory board for decisions regarding the parks system, the Department of Public Works is responsible for park maintenance, and all programming is done through the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority.

¹ The South Lyon Recreational Authority (SLARA) is an organization that provides programming and enrichment opportunities for residents of the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, and Green Oak Township.



FIGURE TWO. Administrative Structure Diagram



RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RECREATION

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA) is the organization responsible for all recreational programming, including sports, aquatics, enrichment programs, day camps, and special events. The Authority is not affiliated with South Lyon Community Schools, but utilizes school facilities for community recreation programming. SLARA includes representatives from the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, and Green Oak Township that comprise the SLARA Board, as well as staff that runs programming. The service area of SLARA encompasses the City of South Lyon, all of Lyon Township, and the portion of Green Oak Township that falls within the South Lyon Community School District. The organization offers year-round recreational opportunities for community residents.



The Department of Public Works (DPW) Director has direct authority from the City Manager. The DPW maintains the City's infrastructure and is responsible for the maintenance of the City's parks, as well as the 4.5 miles of Rail Trail that intersect the City.

The South Lyon Community School District has recreation facilities such as athletic fields at many of the schools. School facilities are utilized for programmed activities when available. Groups that use school fields and courts include SLARA, South Lyon Junior League, and South Lyon Football Club (Lyon FC).



Scoreboard at McHattie Park baseball diamonds



ROLES OF VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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 have performed numerous hands-on projects that have visibly improved park land in the community. The Historical Committee cares for the areas of the park south of the creek, including the historic buildings and museum. Other groups, such as the Boy Scouts, have shown their support through volunteer projects that have accomplished a number of goals. These include repairs to park bridge and landscaping, installation of a new flagpole at the baseball diamonds, and signage/trail improvements for the trail system at Volunteer Park.



Boy Scout & Eagle Scout projects at Volunteer Park

There are also a number of community events in the parks put on by different organizations throughout the year. City staff and SLARA put on Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park events in the summer and fall in McHattie Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission and SLARA organize an annual Labor Day Bridge Walk that begins and ends at McHattie Park.

FUNDING AND BUDGETS

Current Funding Sources & Annual and Projected Budgets for Operation, Maintenance, Capital Improvements, and Recreation Programming

Funding for Parks and Recreation is included in the City's General Fund, which is derived from real and personal property taxes. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 is \$320,492. This budget, as part of the City budget, was approved on May 24, 2021. Parks and Recreation operations, maintenance, and capital improvements are included in this budget, while funding for programming is through SLARA's general fund. Funds designated for Parks & Recreation from the City's General Fund are listed below in Table Two.



TABLE TWO. Parks and Recreation Funding and Budget
(Adapted from 2021-2022 Proposed Budget)

Description	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Maintenance and Operation	
<u>Employees - Wages/Salaries and Fringe Benefits</u> Anticipated cost for employee hours for park maintenance	\$128,268
<u>Operating Expense</u> For consumable groundskeeping items	\$5,000
<u>Gas & Oil</u> Fuel Required for park maintenance	\$4,000
<u>Repairs & Maintenance</u> Maintenance and repairs of existing equipment in parks and along trail system This includes bike path maintenance (\$5,000), Baker Park pump maintenance (\$1,750), mulch (\$10,000), and sand for athletic courts/ fields (\$4,000)	\$20,750
<u>Professional Services</u> Includes grading and dust control by Oakland County, fertilization, demolition, and port-a-john bathroom rentals, and an update of the Parks and Rec Master Plan	\$50,200
<u>Utility Expenses</u> Includes lighting, sprinkler systems, Baker Park fountain	\$850
<u>Equipment - Equipment Charges & Purchases</u> Funds to reimburse Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund and purchase of small maintenance equipment	\$11,525
Other	
<u>Insurance & Bonds</u> Cost to cover grounds and facilities	\$1,000
<u>Community Promotions</u> Programs such as Oakland County mobile parks program	\$1,200
<u>Miscellaneous Expense</u> Miscellaneous items needed for maintenance	\$1,000
Capital Improvements	
<u>Capital Improvements</u> Capital improvement expenses detailed below	\$96,700

Table adapted from City of South Lyon 2021-2022 Proposed Budget



The proposed budget for FY 2022-2023 is \$310,122, with slight increases in all expenditure line items, other than Capital Improvements that are proposed to be about \$20,000 lower than FY 2021-2022.

The budget for capital improvements, including replacement of playground equipment, for FY 2021-2022 is as follows:

TABLE THREE. Capital Improvement Budget (from City Budget)

Wheelchair Accessible Equipment	\$34,000
Volunteer Park Field Development	\$25,000
Develop Parking Area @ McHattie Park	\$20,000
Playground Equipment @ McHattie Park	\$2,000
Paul Baker Memorial Park	\$5,000
390 Lafayette Park	\$5,000
Columbia Park	\$5,000
Bridge Walk	\$700
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES (Total)	\$96,700

Table adapted from City of South Lyon 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

In addition to those budget items included in the tables above, the City's Capital Improvement Program includes \$80,000 for trail maintenance and improvements.

Budgets and funding for recreation programming are determined by the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA). The Authority's General Fund is the primary funding, and the annual budget is prepared by the Director and approved by the SLARA Board. The budget includes programming costs along with other organizational costs, and includes the three different entities involved in SLARA (Green Oak Township, Lyon Township, and the City of South Lyon). Revenues for SLARA are typically made up of intergovernmental contributions and program charges. The overall budget for the 2020 Fiscal Year is detailed below in Table Four.



TABLE FOUR. SLARA General Fund Budget FY 2020

Item Description	FY 2020 Budget
Operations & Programming	
Employees - Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$350,140
Operating Expenses	\$5,600
Recreation/Programming Supplies	\$48,404
Education & Training	\$2,300
Instructor Contractor Services	\$133,096
Small Equipment	\$3,603
Promotions & Advertising - Community Promotions, Printing and Publishing	\$19,786
Organizational Expenses	
Facility Expenses - Office supplies, Telephone, Computer expenditures	\$23,200
Insurance	\$6,509
Lease Expense	\$620
Rent - Facilities	\$89,287
Dues and Subscriptions	\$2,350
Bank Charges	\$14,000
Postage	\$7,319
Professional Services	\$12,054
Grants & Sponsorships - GRASP Funding, Sponsorship	\$1,732
Mileage Expense	\$2,513
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,667

Table adapted from South Lyon Area Recreational Authority Annual Financial Report, FY 2020

It should be noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SLARA's programming budget and funding was lower than that of previous years.



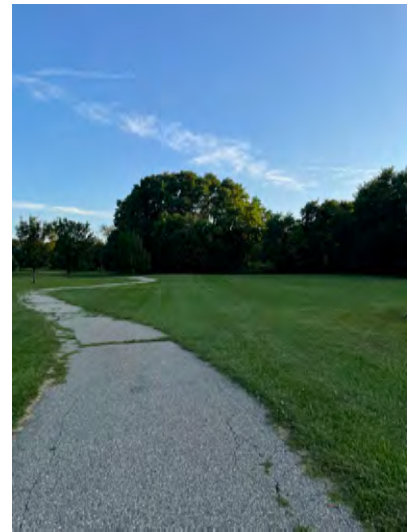


CHAPTER 3

RECREATION 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 for South Lyon residents. 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.



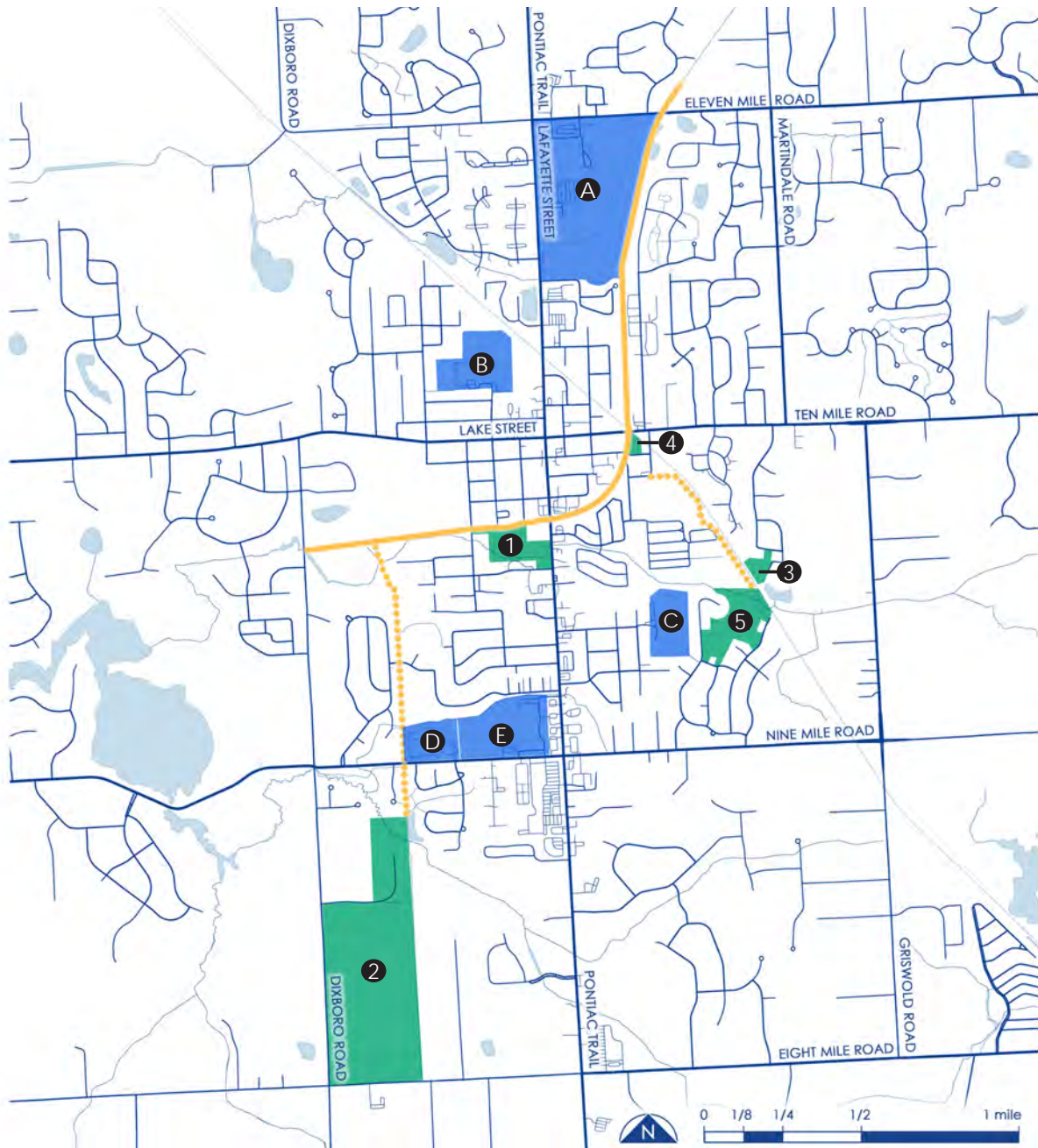
Park features at Volunteer Park, McHattie Park and Columbia Park (from left to right)

METHODS USED TO CONDUCT INVENTORY

Inventory of existing local and regional recreational facilities was conducted by the consultant team at the time of the last Parks and Recreation Master Plan, in the fall of 2013 and spring of 2014. This inventory was used as a base for this plan and was updated through inspection of maps and site visits to parks and recreation facilities to reflect any changes since the inventory in 2013-2014. The consultant team inspected parks and recreation facilities in the community, often with multiple visits, with the largest focus on City-owned spaces. Table Five reflects data collected through inventory site visits to City-owned parks and recreation spaces.



MAP TWO. Parks and Recreation Facilities Available to the Community



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- Rail Trail
- City-owned Trails
- Recreation Land
- School

- 1. McHattie Park
- 2. Volunteer Park
- 3. Columbia Park
- 4. Paul Baker Park
- 5. Andover Park

- A. South Lyon High School
- B. Bartlett Elementary
- C. Sayre Elementary
- D. Centennial Middle School
- E. Millenium Middle School

Map created by Russell Design, Inc.



TABLE FIVE. Inventory of City-Owned Recreational Facilities

Park Name	Acres	Athletic Fields/ Courts	Play Structures/ Playground Equipment	Passive Areas	Buildings/Parking	Other Amenities	Condition
McHattie Park	14.6	2 ball diamonds (non-regulation) (1 with bleachers) 4 sand volleyball courts (with bleachers) 1 outdoor ice rink (seasonal)	1 Tot Lot play structure 1 5-12 yr.-old play structure 1 metal swing set (4 bucket seats) 1 metal swing set (1 tire swing) 1 metal zip cord 3 diggers 3 spinner baskets 3 spring rockers 1 symbol board	1 pavilion 4 grills 1 gazebo 17 wood/metal benches 9 metal/wood picnic tables Sledding hill (seasonal)	3 historical village buildings (with museum & meeting rooms) 1 comfort station with restrooms 104 paved parking spaces (67 in north parking lots, 37 in south parking lot)	17 trash receptacles 4 bike racks 1 free library structure 1 flagpole 1 Veteran Memorial	Good Play structures in good condition Sports fields in fair condition Parking areas in fair condition Pathway in good condition
Volunteer Park	132	2 ball diamonds (regulation) with dugouts & bleachers 2 soccer fields (regulation) 1 basketball court 1 sand volleyball court	None	1 picnic pavilion 5 wood/metal picnic tables 1 multi-use trail 4 wood bleachers 8 wood player benches	1 pump house for sprinklers 283 gravel parking spaces	9 trash receptacles	Good Sports courts/fields in good condition Path in good condition Gravel parking area in fair condition
Columbia Park	3.1	3 tennis courts	None	1 paved walking path & trailhead 2 wood benches	6 paved parking spaces	None	Fair Courts in fair condition Trail in need of improvement
Paul Baker Memorial Park	0.9	None	None	1 fountain 4 metal benches 1 gazebo 1 picnic table	0 designated parking spots	1 trash receptacle 3 large planter boxes 6 path lights	Good Gazebo, fountain, pathway in good condition
Andover Park	17.8	None	None	1 paved multi-use trail	None	None	Fair Trail in fair condition
Trails: Huron Valley Rail Trail & City Trails	6.1	None	None	Rail Trail: 1 paved rail trail & spurs City Trails: 2 connector trails	None	None	Rail Trail: Good Trail in good condition City Trails: Fair Trails in fair condition

In addition to inventory of existing amenities at each Parks and Recreation facility, each park was reviewed and inspected for accessibility based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The consultant team reviewed the design standards in detail and developed a site review checklist for each park with applicable design standards, based on what is included at the facility. The sites were then evaluated against these checklists in order to assess the accessibility of each park. These site-specific checklists can be found in the supporting documentation. Additional resources were also used to evaluate accessibility of facilities, including the New ADA Center's ADA Checklists for Existing Facilities, which are focused on specific types of facilities. This included using the Play Area Checklist for the playground equipment at McHattie Park, as well as the Sports Activities & Team or Player Seating Checklist for the sports areas at Volunteer Park, McHattie Park, and Columbia Park.



Swings at McHattie Park

Based on the assessment of the accessibility of each park, each facility was given an accessibility grade on a 1-5 scale. The grading system is detailed below:

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

DESCRIPTION OF CITY-OWNED PARKS FACILITIES

A profile of each park, including its accessibility grade, is included here. Following the park profiles, Map Three shows the primary service area of each park, using a 0.25-mile radius around each City-owned facility.



MCHATTIE PARK

McHattie Park is located off of Lafayette Street and has the most substantial playground equipment of all the City's parks, in addition to multiple sports fields and courts, a free sharing library, and gathering space under the pavilion as well as open recreation space. In the winter months, the park offers a sledding hill and ice-skating rink. The park also includes the City's Historic Village, consisting of the state-registered historic Witch's Hat Depot Museum, the historic schoolhouse building and Little Village Chapel, and gazebo. McHattie Park includes two parking lots for park users and opportunity to get onto the trail system.



McHattie Park features (from left to right): baseball fields, playground equipment, historic schoolhouse



Little Library at McHattie Park

The City has recently developed a Master Plan for McHattie Park, in which a number of new features are planned. This includes new entryways into the park with additional parking, additions and updates to the playground area, and new features such as a splash pad, amphitheater, and bike repair station. The McHattie Park master plan design can be found following the park's accessibility assessment.



MCHATTIE PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 2

- **Accessible Routes:** ADA standards require accessible routes between parking areas and park features, as well as connecting features within the site. This includes accessible routes to and within play areas and connecting to and within areas of sports activity. McHattie Park has an accessible path that goes throughout the park.
 - » This paved path provides an accessible route connecting parking areas to the playground equipment area and travels through and around the play area, but visitors must go on the woodchips to access any equipment. Accessible routes should also be provided connecting to play features and equipment. A different ground surface under the playground equipment, as opposed to woodchips, would make the play area more accessible.
 - » An accessible route connected to the boundary of each sports activity area is required. The park's paved path provides a route from parking areas and other parts of the park and goes by the sports fields and courts, but there is not an accessible path to reach player areas or viewing areas. These would make the sports areas more accessible.

- **Parking:** Based on the number of parking spaces provided, five accessible parking spaces should be provided. There are currently eight accessible spots provided between all the parking areas. Barrier-free parking spaces all meet the required dimensions and access aisles in compliance with ADA standards are provided and adjoin accessible entrance routes. Parking spaces are all marked with the international symbol of accessibility.



Accessible parking area at McHattie Park

- **Play Areas:** The play area at McHattie Park offers both elevated and ground level play components. ADA Standards require that ground level play components accessible by children with disabilities be integrated into and dispersed throughout the play area. The ground level play components, such as swings, diggers, and spring rockers, are well-integrated and dispersed throughout the play area. There is a sufficient number of ground level components provided based on the number of elevated components offered.
 - » At least one of each type of ground level play component is required to be on an accessible route, and at least 50% of elevated play components should be available by accessible route. As mentioned previously, the play area surface is woodchips (or sand for the diggers). A more accessible-friendly surface leading to these components would bring this into compliance.



MCHATTIE PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 2

- **Sports Courts/Activity Areas:** There are not currently designated wheelchair accessible spaces at spectator or player seating areas of the sports fields and courts. As park features are updated, these should be added to ensure inclusivity.
- **Walking and Ground Surfaces:** The path throughout the park is in good condition and meets dimensional requirements to be accessible, as it is over six feet wide throughout.
 - » Changes in level above certain slopes may require ramps or handrails. While this is not currently required at the park, it should be noted as updates or changes are made to the trail and park equipment in the future.
- **Signs:** Signs can include visual and tactile characters to ensure inclusivity. If Park Use Rules signs or historic information signs are updated, this could be considered. The symbol sign in the play structure area could also benefit from inclusion of visual and tactile characters.



Signs at McHattie Park

- **Benches:** The current benches are too shallow to meet ADA standards but provide back support. The City could consider providing grab bars to make benches more accessible.

The master plan for McHattie Park includes updates and additions to the park that will make the park increasingly ADA-accessible. This includes installing a We-Go-Swing and accessible-friendly ground surface under the existing and proposed playground areas, and accessible pathways expanded to reach sports activity areas. When these planned improvements are in place, the accessibility rating of the park will be increased to at least a 3.





LEGEND

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|---|---|---|
| 1. New Entry at Reynold Sweet Intersection | 18. Evergreen Trees, Typical | 33. Remove Driveway/Parking and Enlarge Green Space for Organized Events |
| 2. Boulevard Entry with Ground Sign | 19. Deciduous Trees, Typical | 34. Parking Lot (27 Spaces). Maintain Existing Curb Cut |
| 3. Pond for Aesthetics and Possible Irrigation Source | 20. Ornamental Flowering Trees, Typical | 35. New Bridge to Connect Parking Lot to Volleyball Courts and Park Path System |
| 4. Parking Lot (70 spaces) | 21. Amphitheater with Covered Performance Area | 36. New Playground Area |
| 5. Picnic Pavilion (40 x 30) | 22. Existing Ball Fields with Bleachers | 37. Existing Pump House |
| 6. Plaza with Deciduous Trees | 23. Yerkes Drain: Remove Brush to Provide Viewing and Sitting | 38. Existing Parking lot and Winter Ice Skating |
| 7. Enhanced Pedestrian Entry from Washington Street | 24. Existing Lighted Volleyball Courts | 39. New Parking Lot (38 Spaces) |
| 8. Existing Pavilion | 25. Existing Maintenance Building with New Family Restroom | 40. Evergreen Hedge to Screen Parking Lot |
| 9. Existing Rail Trail (Huron Valley Trail System) | 26. 8 foot Wide Accessible Asphalt Path, Typical | 41. Maintenance Garage |
| 10. Existing Restroom Building with vending machines | 27. Bike Repair Station with Shade Structures and Tables | 42. Gazebo and Overlook |
| 11. Existing Parking Lot (44 spaces) | 28. Water Plant | 43. Veteran's Memorial |
| 12. Remove Existing Wall. Replace with Plantings | 29. Witch's Hat Depot Museum | 44. Relocated 28' x 38' House |
| 13. Bathroom and Vending Machines | 30. New Curb Cut to Create Separate Horseshoe Drive | 45. Relocated 22' x 30' Barn |
| 14. Splash Pad | 31. Historic Village | 46. Future Parking and Other Planned Improvements |
| 15. Existing Play Ground | 32. Old-Fashioned Rose Garden | 47. We Go Swing |
| 16. Existing Sled Hill | | |
| 17. Pedestrian Entry from McMunn Street | | |

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McHATTIE PARK

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COLUMBIA PARK

Columbia Park is located in the Hunter's Creek subdivision and is home to three tennis courts, some open grass space, and a paved walking trail that leads to Easton Drive. While the park is within walking distance of much of the surrounding residential area, there are parking spaces for those driving to the park. The small park serves as a convenient recreational area in the middle of a residential neighborhood, particularly for those wanting to use courts. The City is planning to have the tennis courts renovated to facilitate pickleball, a highly requested recreation feature from residents.



Tennis courts and trail at Columbia Park

COLUMBIA PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 2

- **Accessible Routes:** ADA standards require accessible routes between parking areas and park features, as well as connecting features within the site. This includes a required accessible route to connect to the boundary of sports activity areas. There is currently not an accessible route between the parking lot and walking trail or courts. There is a paved path from the walking trail to the court entrance. The walking trail includes a wide turnaround area at the trailhead. Paved accessible routes and a paved spectator area near the courts meeting ADA standards would make the facility much more accommodating.



COLUMBIA PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: **2**

- **Sports Courts:** The courts are paved and allow barrier-free access around the court, including access connecting both sides of the court. Any future improvements or upgrades to the courts should comply with ADA requirements.
- **Parking:** One accessible parking space is required for the parking lot. There are currently no designated barrier-free parking spaces in the lot. One of the parking spaces should be designated as barrier-free, with proper markings and signage in line with ADA standards.
- **Walking and Ground Surfaces:** Walking and ground surfaces are required to be stable and firm, and at least 36 inches wide. The walking trail is at least seven feet wide at all points. The current path is stable but is cracking and uneven in areas. As paths and the walking trail are added or updated, ADA requirements should be met.
- **Benches:** The current benches are not deep enough to meet ADA standards but are long enough and provide back support. Addition of grab bars should be considered to increase accessibility.



Columbia Park pathway



VOLUNTEER PARK

Volunteer Park, located off of Dixboro Road between Eight and Nine Mile, is home to a number of the City's sports fields and courts, including baseball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball. The park also includes a multi-use paved trail and nature trail, as well as a pavilion and tables for gathering space. There are multiple large unpaved areas for parking offered at the park.



Volunteer Park features (clockwise from top left): basketball courts, pavilion, trail, multi-use field

The City has recently created a master plan for Volunteer Park, including new entries to the park, development of additional parking, the addition of comfort stations, and an accessible playground area. The master plan design can be found following the park's accessibility assessment.



VOLUNTEER PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 2

- **Accessible Routes:** ADA standards require accessible routes between parking areas and park features, as well as connecting features within a site. This includes a required accessible route to connect to the boundary of sports activity areas. There are not currently accessible routes from the unpaved parking area to park features, including the baseball diamonds, soccer fields, basketball court, volleyball court, pavilion, or walking path. There are also not accessible routes between these features, as most areas are either grass or dirt paths. Accessible routes to sports activity areas, as well as other park elements, should be prioritized to improve accessibility of the park. features, including the baseball diamonds, soccer fields, basketball court, volleyball court, pavilion, or walking path. There are also not accessible routes between these features, as most areas are either grass or dirt paths. Accessible routes to sports activity areas, as well as other park elements, should be prioritized to improve accessibility of the park.
 - » Accessible routes should also be provided within sports activity areas to connect different sides of the field or court. Other than the basketball court, there are not currently accessible routes within the fields and courts. As sports areas are updated, this should be taken into consideration.
- **Sports Courts/Activities Areas:** There are not currently designated wheelchair accessible spaces at spectator or player seating areas of the sports fields and courts. As park features are updated, these should be added to ensure inclusivity.
- **Signs:** Signs can include visual and tactile characters to ensure inclusivity. This could be considered for Park Use Rules signs throughout the park.
- **Benches:** There are benches at the different fields throughout the park. The majority of benches do not meet ADA standards, being either not deep enough or backless.



Dugout area at Volunteer Park



VOLUNTEER PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 2

- **Parking:** Based on the number of parking spots at Volunteer Park, seven accessible parking spots should be provided. There are currently no designated accessible parking spots. As the parking lot is paved and updated, barrier-free accessible parking spots should be added and marked in accordance with ADA design requirements.
- **Walking and Ground Surfaces:** Walking and ground surfaces are required to be stable and firm, and at least 36 inches wide. The paved trail is ten feet wide and is in good condition.



Volunteer Park parking lot

The master plan for Volunteer Park includes updates to the park that would substantially increase the accessibility of the park. Some of the biggest planned improvements for the park include the paving of parking areas, addition of paved walkways around sports areas, and a playground area focused on accessibility. These changes will increase the accessibility assessment to at least a 3.





PAUL BAKER MEMORIAL PARK

Paul Baker Memorial Park is located at the intersection of Reynold Sweet Parkway and Lake Street, and is home to a fountain, gazebo, and brick pathway. The park is located along the trail and can serve as a resting spot for trail users. There is no designated parking for the park, but some street parking is available in the surrounding area.



Gazebo and fountain at Paul Baker Memorial Park

PAUL BAKER PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: **3**

- **Parking:** There is currently not any designated parking for the park. If parking is added or designated for the site, it should be ensured that accessible parking spaces are provided in line with ADA requirements.
- **Benches:** The current benches meet ADA standards in depth, length, and provide back support. Addition of grab bars can be considered to increase accessibility.



PAUL BAKER PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 3

- **Accessible Routes:** ADA standards require accessible routes for entry into a park and between features of the site. There is an accessible paved sidewalk that runs along the park and allows entry into the fountain area and to the gazebo area. The area around the fountain is ten feet wide and provides access and movement around the area. There is also a brick paver path between the fountain area and gazebo. There is currently no designated parking area, but if parking were to be designated, an accessible route would be required between parking and park features.



Brick paver path at Paul Baker Memorial Park

- **Walking and Ground Surfaces:** Walking and ground surface are required to be stable and firm, and at least 36 inches wide. The paved sidewalk is eight feet wide and accessible. The area around the fountain is plenty wide, but the brick paver surface may be more challenging for accessibility than the paved surface. The path to and around the gazebo is 45 inches wide and is also constructed of the memorial brick pavers. These paths may be slightly less stable and navigable.



ANDOVER PARK

Andover Park is located in the Oak Creek Village subdivision and includes a walking and biking trail with the rest of the park largely undeveloped, including some open grassy space and some wooded area. There is not designated parking for the park space.



(From left to right): trail, bridge, and park area at Andover Park

ANDOVER PARK *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: **3**

- **Accessible Routes and Ground Surfaces:** The existing trail is ten feet wide and in compliance with ADA standards. The entrance to the trail from the adjacent street is part gravel and on a slight incline with a curb. Future improvements should align with ADA standards to ensure that unlimited accessibility is provided.
- » Any future development or additions to the undeveloped area in Andover Park should be in accordance with ADA standards as much as possible..



TRAILS: HURON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL & CITY TRAILS

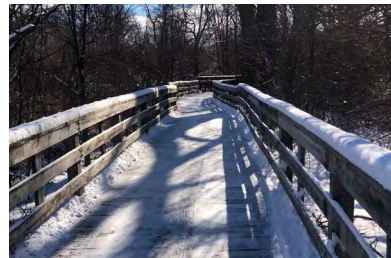
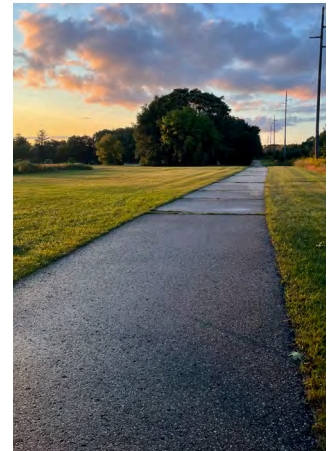
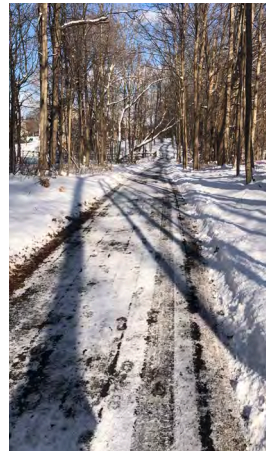
There are multiple trails that are available to South Lyon residents in the City, including the Huron Valley Rail Trail and City-owned trails.

The Huron Valley Rail Trail runs through the City of South Lyon and intersects some of the parks, including McHattie Park and Paul Baker Memorial Park, offering multiple spots that users can get on the trail throughout the City. The Rail Trail is used primarily by bikers and walkers.

City-owned trails include a connector trail that runs from South Street to the trail at Andover Park. There is also a connector trail that intersects the Rail Trail near McHattie Park and runs all the way to connect to the trails at Volunteer Park. These City-owned trails offer over two miles of additional trail for residents.



Trail areas on the Rail Trail



City-owned trail areas, including boardwalks

TRAILS *ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT*

Current Rating: 3

- The Rail Trail has few major physical barriers and is paved and wide.
- The City-owned trails have few major physical barriers and are paved and wide.



390 SOUTH LAFAYETTE PARK

The City of South Lyon owns the property at 390 South Lafayette and has a plan to create a mini-park as a gateway entrance into downtown South Lyon. The property is 7,000 square feet (70' x 100') and requires removal of parking and redevelopment.

City Council, the Arts Commission, the Downtown Development Authority, and the Parks and Recreation Commission have all participated in discussions about potential uses of the site. Potential ideas include a passive park with sitting areas and landscaping, swings, a gazebo, or an art park. A conceptual plan for the site based on these discussions is included on the following page.

The Parks and Recreation Commission have emphasized the inclusion of community involvement opportunities in the development of the park space, such as the name.



390 S Lafayette existing site





CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN



- LEGEND**
- A. PRIVATE PARKING LOT
 - B. KENNEL ENGINEERING (POSSIBLE ADJACENT ON SOUTH FACE)
 - C. 10' X 10' SHELTER
 - D. PERGOLA WITH SWINGING BENCHES (POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR ADJACENT ADJACENT)
 - E. SIGNAGE (POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR ADJACENT ADJACENT)
 - F. INCHWIDE STREET ENTRY
 - G. PROPOSED AREA WITH CANOPY AND CHIMNEY AT TREE
 - H. HOLIDAY TREE WITH SEAT WALL (24 FT. DIA.)
 - I. DECORATIVE PAVING (14 FT. DIA.)
 - J. LAFAYETTE STREET ENTRY
 - K. BANK ENTRY WITH ALL MASONRY PIER AND SIGN
 - L. PROPOSED 40' HT. MASONRY PIER AND 42' HT. ALUMINUM FENCE
 - M. MODIFIED CURB TO ACCEPT PARALLEL PARKING
 - N. PARALLEL PARKING (4 SPACES)
 - O. EVERGREEN HEDGE
 - P. FLOWERING SHRUBS OR PERENNIALS TYP.
 - Q. BENCH WITH COMPANION SEATING TYP. (6 TOTAL)
 - R. 14' HT. LED LIGHT TYP. (6 TOTAL)
 - S. TRASH RECEPTACLE TYP. (21 TOTAL)

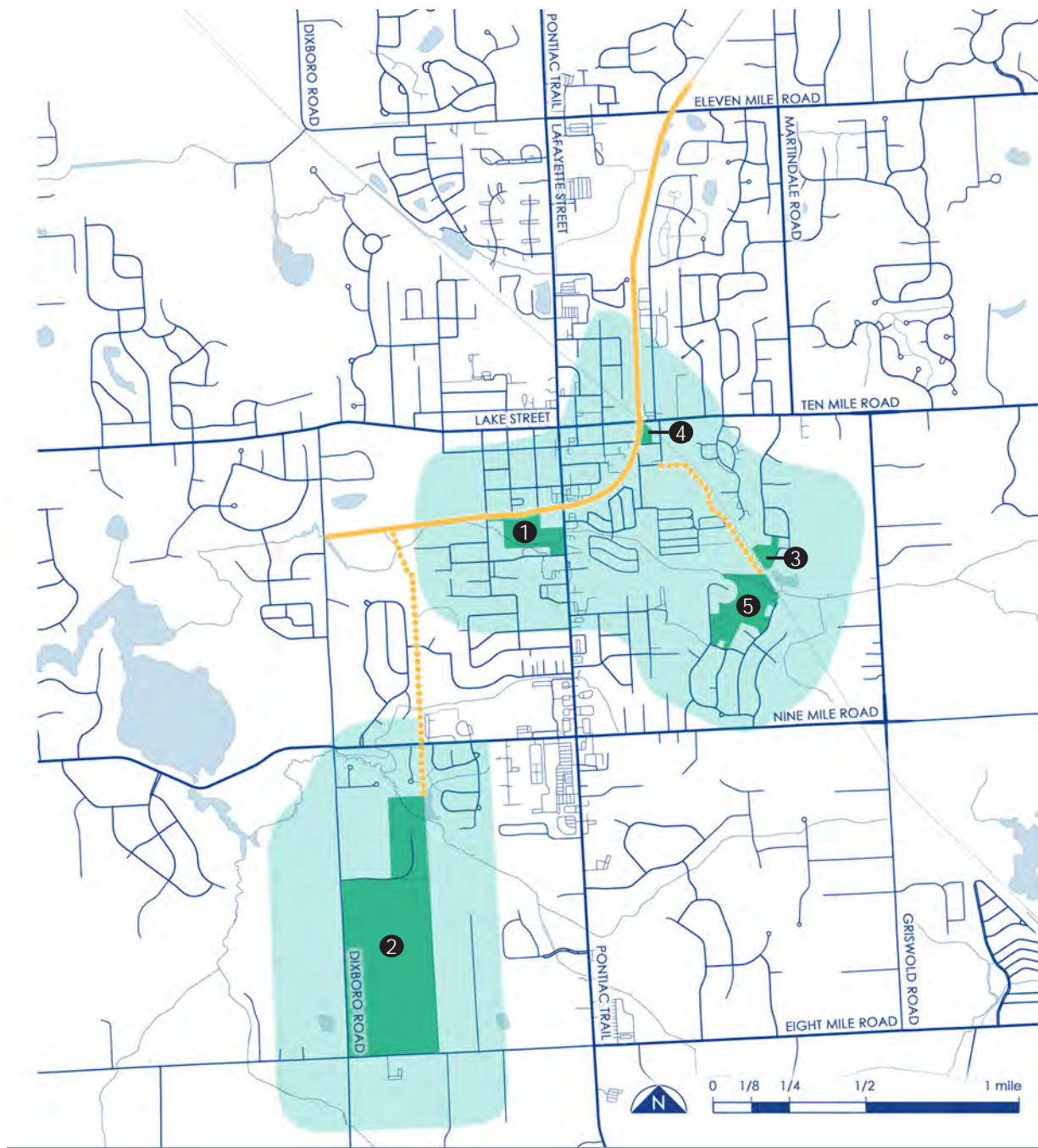


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LAFAYETTE PARK
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MAP THREE. Service Area of City-Owned Facilities



LEGEND

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Rail Trail | 1. McHattie Park | 4. Paul Baker Park |
| City-owned Trail | 2. Volunteer Park | 5. Andover Park |
| City-owned Park | 3. Columbia Park | |
| Within 1/4 Mile Radius | | |

Map created by Russell Design, Inc.



SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

In addition to City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation facilities, the South Lyon Community School District offers a number of additional facilities to residents, including things like sports courts and playgrounds. An inventory of school-owned recreation facilities is provided in Table Six.

TABLE SIX. Inventory of City-Owned Recreational Facilities

School Facility	Acres	Athletic Fields/Courts	Play Structures/Playground Equipment	Other Amenities
South Lyon High School	91.0	1 football field with track (lighted) (with bleachers) 2 football/soccer fields (practice) 2 baseball diamonds (regulation) 3 softball diamonds (regulation) 8 tennis courts	None	None
South Lyon East High School	104.0	1 football field with track (lighted) (with bleachers) 1 soccer field (regulation) 2 baseball diamonds (regulation) 2 softball diamonds (regulation) 3 soccer fields (practice) 8 tennis courts	None	None
Centennial Middle School	14.5	1 soccer field (practice) 1 baseball diamond (practice)	None	None
Millenium Middle School	13.8	1 football field with track (lighted) 1 soccer field (practice) 1 softball field (non-regulation) 1 baseball diamond 4 tennis courts	None	None
Bartlett Elementary School	28.3	5 soccer fields (non-regulation) 1 ball diamond (non-regulation)	4 play structures 4 metal swing sets Assorted climbers & sliders	3 benches 1 risers 8 picnic tables
Brunner Elementary School	18.0	1 soccer field (practice) 1 ball diamond (practice) 4 basketball hoops	2 Tot Lot play structures 4 swing sets Assorted climbers & slides 2 GaGa ball pits	2 benches
Kent Lake Elementary School	46.0	1 soccer field (practice) 1 ball diamond (practice) 4 basketball hoops	3 Tot Lot play structures 4 swing sets Assorted climbers & slides 2 GaGa ball pits	Paved 4-square area
Sayre Elementary School	46.0	2 ball diamonds (non-regulation) 1 soccer field (non-regulation) 5 mini soccer fields	3 play structures 3 metal swing sets Assorted climbers 4 basketball hoops	3 benches



REGIONAL FACILITIES

Regional parks offer unique facilities and 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 and 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 to the City. Regional facilities are provided by Oakland County, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as follows.

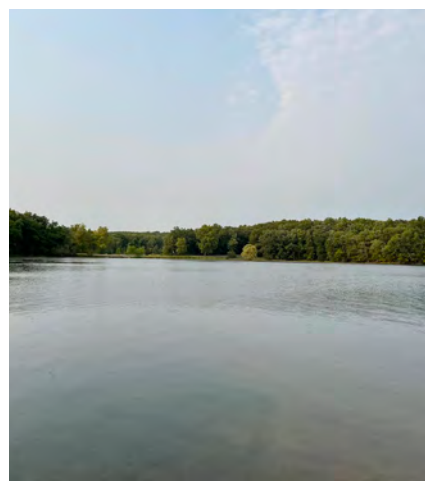
Oakland County Parks. The Oakland County Park System consists of nearly 6,700 acres of public land, including some significant and rare natural areas. Thirteen County parks are conveniently located within a short distance from South Lyon, providing nature preserves, athletic fields, golf courses, banquet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

- Addison Oaks (Addison Township, east of Lake Orion)
- Catalpa Oaks Park (Southfield)
- Glen Oaks Golf Course (Farmington Hills)
- Groveland Oaks (Groveland Township, between the Villages of Holly and Ortonville)
- Highland Oaks (Highland Township)
- Independence Oaks (Independence Township, northeast of Clarkston)
- Lyon Oaks (Wixom)
- Orion Oaks (Orion Township, west of Lake Orion)
- Red Oaks (Madison Heights)
- Rose Oaks (Rose Township)
- Springfield Oaks (Springfield Township, southeast of Holly Village)
- Waterford Oaks (Waterford Township, northwest of Pontiac)
- White Lake Oaks (White Lake Township)

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, 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 five 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 seven 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. It 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 courts, and shuffleboard courts.
- **Kensington Metropark.** This 4,481-acre park located in Milford Township is four miles northwest of the City of South Lyon. Kent Lake is the primary natural feature at this metropark. The park offers a variety of summer recreation facilities including ball diamonds, an 18-hole golf course, pavilions, and activities including swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, picnicking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and other activities. A variety of winter activities including ice skating, cross-country skiing, and sledding are also available.



Trail, lake, and other features at Kensington Metropark



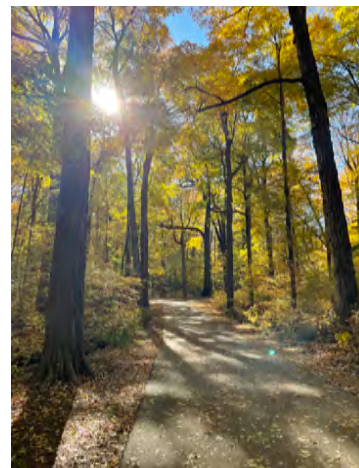
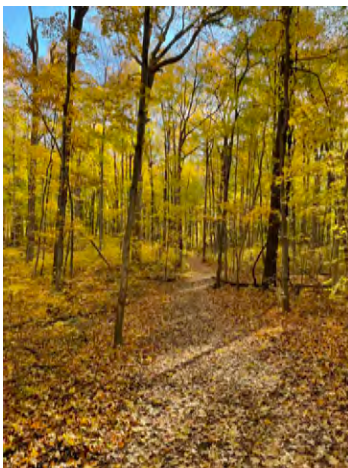
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- **Huron Meadows Metropark.** Located along the Huron River ten miles west of South Lyon, this 1,540-acre park features an 18-hole public golf course and golf-activity center. Offered activities include picnicking, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, 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 southeast Michigan. Most of the park activities focus on the preservation and interpretation of the natural environment. Features include an 18-hole golf course and driving range, nature trails and paved trails, picnic area, tot lot play area, baseball diamonds, and volleyball court. Independence Oaks (Independence Township, northeast of Clarkston)

Michigan State Facilities. There are several Michigan State Parks in the area that provide recreation opportunities to South Lyon residents. 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 areas, 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 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 snowboarding.



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- **Lakelands Trail State Park.** Lakeland Trails 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 Trail is designed for hiking, bicycling, and wheelchair use on the north side, horseback riding on the south side of the trail, and with cross-country skiing in the winter.
 - **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 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.
 - **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 areas, playgrounds, a living farm, visitor center, bridle paths, and four miles of paved biking and walking trails. Activities include fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.



Trail, lake, and paved pathway at Maybury State Park



PRIVATE FACILITIES

In addition to the multitude of publicly-owned parks and recreation facilities in the area, South Lyon residents have some 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 with an in-ground swimming pool
- **Brookfield.** 5.7-acre open space and detention area
- **Brookwood Farms.** 2.5 acres with two 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
- **Clark's Crossing.** 4.5-acre woodland preserve of approximately 2,800 lineal feet of walking, hiking, and bicycle paths
- **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
- **Oak Creek Village.** Wetlands and walking path
- **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, tennis court, and tot lot play structure

GRANT-ASSISTED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

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 park or facilities within the City.



The City of 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 \$1,000 mini-grant to help fund the Jingle Bell Walk as part of South Lyon's Cool Yule celebration to help promote community fitness as a year-round objective.





CHAPTER 5

PLANNING PROCESS

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PLANNING METHODS

The planning methods for this Parks and Recreation Master Plan include a number of elements.

South Lyon's first recreation plan was adopted in 1980 and the City's recreation goals, and thus recreation plan, have evolved over time. Many ideas have been brought forward or re-shaped through various iterations of the plan, as well as the elimination of or addition of ideas to reflect the direction of Parks and Recreation in South Lyon. As the previous 2016-2021 Parks and Recreation Plan served as a base for this plan, a significant part of the development of this plan was evaluating that foundational information and using it to provide updated information that reflects the current state of Parks and Recreation in the City. This includes the current conditions and inventory of facilities, evaluation of progress on previous goals and addition of new goals, and shaping the information in the plan to match the vision set forth by the City.

National standards and metrics were used to evaluate the current state of park provision to residents. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics find that typically a Parks and Recreation agency offers one park



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per every 2,277 residents and 9.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.¹ Based on the 2019 population estimate of 11,879 residents in South Lyon, 5.2 parks and 117.6 acres of parkland should be provided to be sufficient. The City currently has a total of six City-owned existing parks, with the coming park at 390 Lafayette being the seventh. Between these parks, the City offers over 170 acres of parkland to residents. Compared against NRPA metrics, this means that South Lyon offers more parks and parkland than the typical agency.

¹ National Parks and Recreation Agency. "2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review." https://www.nrpa.org/siteassets/2021-agency-performance-review_final.pdf.



In addition to this data, the 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review offers data on the typical facilities provided by Parks and Recreation agencies. Most agencies offer playground facilities (94.4%) and at least half of agencies provide sports courts and fields, dog parks, and swimming pools. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Parks and Recreation providers have trails, greenways, or blueways offered, and over 60% of agencies offer community centers or recreation centers. Based on these and other data, the City of South Lyon provides some facilities in line with what typical agencies provide, such as playgrounds, sports courts and fields, and trails and greenways. The city does not provide other facilities that a majority of agencies provides, such as a dog park, swimming pool, and recreation center. The comparison of South Lyon with national metrics was considered in evaluating the City's Parks and Recreation offerings and the development of this plan.

Another key part of the development process of this plan was the public input and the survey tool. Input provided from those who use the Parks and Recreation facilities and participate in Parks and Recreation programming had a large influence on the goals and actions in the plan.



Playground at McHattie Park





CHAPTER 6

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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EARLY PUBLIC INPUT

Public input is a key element of any master plan, and early input from residents and park users was particularly important in the development of this plan and the designated goals and actions. A key strategy to solicit public input was the use of an online survey for South Lyon residents and others that use the Parks and Recreation facilities. A 19-question survey was published to collect feedback on respondents' use of parks facilities, involvement in programming and activities, satisfaction and concerns with existing facilities and programming, as well as multiple opportunities to provide additional thoughts and comments.

The survey also included some respondent information questions, including age and if/how long they've lived in the City of South Lyon.



South Lyon Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Input Survey

The City of South Lyon is in the process of updating the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This is a five-year plan to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available, identify problems and needs, and establish a strategy to address those needs. Input from citizens that use the parks and facilities is an extremely important part of the process to understand what should be included in the plan. Please share your thoughts and ideas about the South Lyon Parks and Recreation below, which will help to influence goals and actions for coming years.

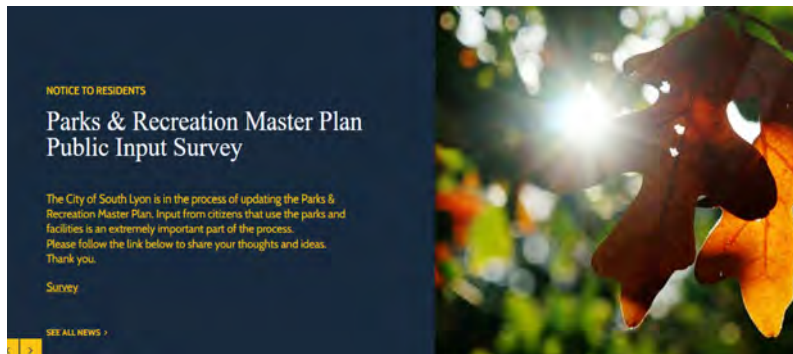
Thank you for taking the time to help us shape South Lyon's Parks and Recreation.

Excerpt from Public Input Survey

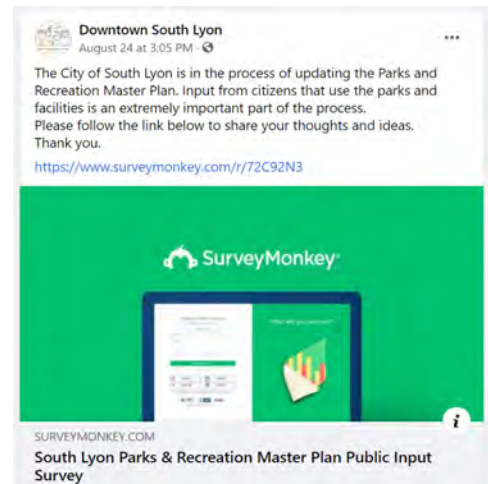
It should be noted that ideally, additional public input opportunities would have been facilitated that allow residents to participate in activities and discussions in person, such as workshops or visioning sessions. Due to public health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, these activities were not able to be facilitated.



In an effort to reach as many people as possible, multiple methods were used to distribute the survey. The survey was shared for distribution with the City's boards and commissions, including the Parks and Recreation Commission, City Council, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. It was also shared with the South Lyon Recreation Authority and included in the organization's monthly newsletter. The survey link was also shared on the City's website and social media pages, as well as shared on some of the City's neighborhoods' pages. Copies of these posts can be found in the supporting documentation.



Links to the Public Input Survey posted on City website and Facebook page. More posts can be found in the supporting documentation.



In addition, flyers were posted at different park facilities in an effort to spread awareness of the Master Plan update and survey, which provided a link and QR Code for parks users to easily access the survey. These flyers were also shared at the City's Movies in the Park event and were shared in some of the South Lyon Schools in an effort to reach as many residents as possible. Print-outs advertising the Master Plan update and survey were also provided at City Hall for residents. These flyers and print-outs can also be found in the supporting documentation.

A copy of the survey questions and responses can be found in the supporting documentation.



Flyer sharing the survey link. More can be found in the supporting documentation.



As of November 11, 2021, 160 responses were collected on the public input survey and these responses influenced the planning process and the development of goals and action plan. Key points from the survey responses include:

- McHattie Park and the Rail Trail Path System are the two most frequented parks, as identified by survey responses.
- Key activities that residents use parks for include playground equipment, walking, running, biking, and community events.
- More than 85% of respondents visit the parks at least a few times per month in the summer, and almost 55% of respondents visit parks at least a few times per month in the winter.
- Most needed facilities include a splash pad, nature trails, a dog park, a swimming pool, indoor recreation center, fitness center, and expanded playground equipment at more parks.
- Key elements of the parks and rec system that people like include the location of the facilities, the playground equipment, the accessibility of the parks, and community events offered.
- Key concerns include maintenance of facilities, cleanliness, equipment, and lack of some amenities such as lighting and trash cans.
- Identified improvements that are needed include more signage, more parking and improved parking, and improvements to trails along with more connectivity.
- Accessibility improvements include paving parking areas and paths to park facilities and more accessible structures and equipment.
- Additional programming that respondents identified include family events, enrichment and education classes, fitness classes, and offerings for specific age groups.
- Programming and recreation activities are needed for specific age groups, including activities and rec space for teens, adult athletics and classes, and expanded activities for senior citizens.
- The majority of parks users also utilize South Lyon Community School District facilities, private facilities, and regional facilities.
- Activities and facilities that respondents use other than South Lyon's include swimming pools, dog parks, splash pads and water park facilities, pickleball, and biking trails.



When evaluating if characteristics of survey respondents reflect community characteristics, there are a few key differences having to do with age that are worth noting. Based on 2019 ACS estimates, 24.9% of the City of South Lyon population is under the age of 19 years old, while there was only one person under the age of 18 years old that participated in the survey. Another key difference is that almost half of survey respondents are 35-44 years old (47.5%), while only 13.9% of the City population is within that age range. These differences should be noted when considering the input provided in the survey, as it may not fully reflect the needs and desires of the community as a whole.

About 50% of survey participants have lived in the City of South Lyon for 10 years or less, and about 44% of respondents have lived in South Lyon for longer than 10 years. 2019 ACS estimates show that about 51% of City of South Lyon residents have moved into their housing unit since 2010, while about 49% moved in before 2010. This shows more similarity between participants and community characteristics, but it should be noted that ACS estimates may not reflect those that also lived in South Lyon prior to moving into their current housing unit.

30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was made available for public review for a period of 30 days prior to the public hearing. To ensure that the plan was easily accessible to residents, the draft plan was made available in multiple formats to give residents the opportunity to review and comment on it. An electronic copy of the draft plan was made available for access from the City website for resident review for the 30-day period. Paper copies of the plan were also available for review at City Hall, the South Lyon Police Department, and the Salem-South Lyon District Library for the 30-day period.

Residents were notified about the review period in multiple ways. Notice was published on the City's website with a link to the draft plan and instructions on how residents can submit comments. Copies of these posted notices can be found in the supporting documentation. In addition, physical notice of the opportunity and period of public review was posted at City Hall for residents coming into City offices, with instructions on how to comment via email or hand-written comments. Copy of this notice can also be found in the supporting documentation.

Some comments and corrections were provided by members of Boards and Commissions during this 30-day period, including corrections to budget and cost estimate information. These corrections were made to the plan. No additional comments were received from community members during this 30-day review period.



PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

A public hearing was held following the 30-day public review period. The public hearing was held at the City Council meeting on December 13, 2021 and allowed residents to share any input prior to the resolution for adoption of the plan. Notice of the public hearing was provided following the City's procedures for public hearings, including a published notice in the newspaper, posted notice at City Hall, and on the City's website. Copies of these notices can be found in the supporting documentation.

There was no public input provided on the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the public hearing.





CHAPTER 7

GOALS AND ACTIONS

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The goals and actions for the Parks and Recreation Plan were developed using several input factors. They are built off of those from the previous 2016-2021 plan, with evaluation of what from those have been met, refinement of those that are still pertinent, and addition of new goals and actions identified throughout the process of updating the plan. Taken into consideration were needs identified by community characteristics and demographics, comparison to standards, input from the Parks and Recreation Commission and other boards, and public input provided from the survey and public meetings.

This plan includes goals and actions. “Goals” are intended to be broad concepts which set the stage for future focus. “Actions” are narrower in scope and concentrate thought toward a specific item or action, such as a park or recreation program.

» **GOALS:** broad concepts which set the stage for future focus

» **ACTIONS:** narrower in scope, concentrate thought toward a specific item or action

GOAL ONE

Ensure the provision of recreational land in quantity and distribution to meet the present and future needs of South Lyon residents.

According to standards, the amount of parkland available to South Lyon residents is sufficient and there is not a need to acquire additional land for neighborhood parks. However, much of the land included within this is clustered at large sites and thus may not be conveniently located for future population concentrations.

Actions:

1. Purchase additional parkland when funds are available to continue building the park inventory and ensure convenient access to parks for all residents.
2. Continue to encourage the development of private neighborhood facilities through the use of subdivision open space. Linkages between private areas should be established, as well as linkages to schools, other public facilities, and trails throughout the City.



GOAL TWO

Continue to enhance parks and recreation spaces and facilities, in line with designated plans. Explore opportunities to incorporate additional enrichment elements into parks.

The updated master plans for McHattie and Volunteer Park help guide future development and improvement in those parks. Park sites owned by the City are in various stages of development and present opportunities to creatively add new elements.

Actions:

1. Complete the construction of facilities planned for Volunteer Park, as identified in the Volunteer Park Master Plan, as funds are available. This includes construction of new entries into the park, additional parking, and new features and landscaping.
2. Continue implementation of the McHattie Park Master Plan, including improvements such as new vehicular and pedestrian entryways, additional parking, and new features and landscaping.
3. Identify ways to incorporate public art into Parks and Recreation facilities.
 - a. Explore opportunities at Paul Baker Memorial Park and the new 390 Lafayette Park.
 - b. Implement rotating public art programs or competitions to highlight local artists.
4. Incorporate natural feature educational elements into parks. Provide interactive playground features, such as musical instruments like chimes and drums.
5. Enhance park areas with outdoor fitness equipment, i.e. fitness equipment along the Rail Trail, where users could make stops for additional fitness activities while using the trail (i.e. pull-up bars).



Playground area at McHattie Park



GOAL THREE

Provide facilities that meet the recreation needs and desires of those who use the parks.

In addition to the provision of physical land for parks, that land must be furnished with equipment and facilities that meet residents' needs. Residents have identified through the public input survey key improvements, which should continue to be collected and prioritized.

Actions:

1. Prioritize key recreation facilities and equipment based upon community requests or apparent need.
 - a. Identify locations for pickleball courts, a splash pad, a skate park, and a dog park.
2. Install playground facilities at Volunteer Park. Playground equipment at Volunteer Park would expand recreational uses of the park and offer additional activities for families attending sports activities.
3. Facilitate discussion with key recreation providers, including SLARA, leagues and clubs, community education officials, as well as surrounding communities and regional parks and recreation providers to identify parks and recreation deficits.
4. Create ongoing input opportunities for Parks and Recreation users to express needs or concerns about facilities and equipment, i.e. surveys on a regular basis.
5. Collaborate with SLARA and neighboring communities, to identify an appropriate site and funding options for a community recreation center to serve residents of South Lyon and the surrounding communities.
6. Identify locations for EV-charging stations in parking lots and Parks and Recreation facilities.



GOAL FOUR

Continue to improve maintenance and operations of parks and facilities.

While the provision of parks and facilities is key, maintenance should also be priority to ensure that spaces are safe, nice, and user-friendly for parks visitors.

Actions:

1. Continue maintenance program with the Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation Commission, providing scheduled inspections of City-owned parks facilities and checks for damaged equipment.
2. Upgrade and add amenities to parks facilities such as additional trash cans, water fountains, and lighting throughout recreation areas.
3. Continue maintenance of existing restroom facilities and provision of porta-johns where restrooms are not available.



Trail at Andover Park



GOAL FIVE

Provide programming and recreational activities for South Lyon residents in all age groups and with a variety of interests.

The City of South Lyon is home to a range of residents at different stages of life. Common feedback from residents is that not enough activities are offered for various groups.

Actions:

1. Prioritize programming and activities dedicated to older children and teens. Establish a recreational space for teens.
2. Provide programming and recreational opportunities for adults, including sports leagues, non-team activities, and classes or workshops with a range of focuses.
 - a. Consider expanding the times that adult-targeted sports and other activities are offered, to facilitate residents with different schedules (i.e. more evening activities).
3. Continue to provide and expand the number and variety of senior citizen-friendly recreation opportunities.
 - a. Provide senior-focused group classes.



GOAL SIX

Continue to prioritize making recreational facilities, activities, and programming as inclusive and accessible for all Parks & Rec users as possible.

To serve all residents with varying abilities, the City should continue to improve accessibility wherever possible. Accessibility includes a number of things, including impairments in mobility, hearing or vision, communication, endurance/breathing, among others. Consideration of the needs of all residents should be at the forefront of additions or changes in the parks.

Actions:

1. Compliance with ADA Standards for any new facilities or updates to existing facilities whenever possible.
2. Use the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, as well as other resources such as accessibility checklists. Prioritize the provision of barrier-free access from parking areas to all park activities areas.
3. Prioritize paving of unpaved parking areas, especially Volunteer Park, and designated barrier-free parking spaces per ADA requirements at all facilities.
4. Improve the accessibility of playground areas in City parks.
 - a. Replace swings and other equipment on a programmed schedule.
 - b. Replace woodchip playground surfaces (beneath the playgrounds) with padded and accessible-friendly surfaces.
5. Create pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly downtown with connections to recreation opportunities.
 - a. Work with the Downtown Development Authority to install bike racks, signage, and complete street principles throughout town so that they are visible and accessible for use by all residents. This also includes strengthening connections to the Huron Valley Rail Trail and City-owned trails.
6. Work with SLARA to provide recreation programs and classes that support persons with disabilities (children and adults) and create programs that encourage social interaction. This should include opportunities for kids, as well as adults.





CHAPTER 8

ACTION PROGRAM

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Goals and actions establish projects based on needs identified by standards, recreation providers, and recreation participants. Not all goals include capital expenditures and cannot all be accomplished within the five-year timeframe of this plan. They are still included to provide direction for future planning efforts, as will be necessary in the future. The action program provides a plan on how the City intends to work toward accomplishing its goals and actions, and can function as a checklist to be reviewed at the beginning of each year to track implementation progress.

Project completion is predicated on funding availability, either as part of the municipal budget, grants, or other avenues like those listed below. Additional grant funding received by the City could help push forward the completion dates for desired projects.

Five-Year Action Program

TIMEFRAME	
Near-term	1-3 years
Mid-term	3-5 years
Long-term	5+ years
Ongoing	
ESTIMATED COST	
\$	Less than \$40,000
\$\$	\$40,000 - \$150,000
\$\$\$	More than \$150,000

Potential funding sources include general fund, capital improvement program, grants, donations, and corporate/business sponsors.



TABLE SEVEN. Five-Year Action Program

Project	Estimated Timeframe	Estimated Cost
Install We-Go-Swing at McHattie Park	Near-term	\$\$
Begin planned Phase 1 of Volunteer Park Master Plan – grading, prepping, installing baseball fields and parking lot	Near-term	\$\$\$
Begin planned Phase 1 of McHattie Park Master Plan – prepping and construction of entrance area, parking, landscaping off of McMunn Street	Near-term	\$\$
Continue plan development for 390 Lafayette Park, with emphasis on public involvement opportunities	Near-term	\$
Renovate courts at Columbia Park to facilitate pickleball	Near-term	\$
Design and construct splash pad at McHattie Park	Mid-term	\$\$\$
Design and begin construction of 390 Lafayette Park	Mid-term	\$\$
Develop accessible pathway system at Volunteer Park	Mid-term	\$\$
Design, prep, and construction of additional parking lot within historic village at McHattie Park	Long-term	\$\$\$
Develop accessible playground areas at Volunteer Park	Long-term	\$\$\$
Pathway and accessibility improvements at Columbia Park	Long-term	\$\$
Design and construct amphitheater area with covered performance area at McHattie Park	Long-term	\$\$
Design, prep, and construct entranceway, additional parking lot, pond, and gazebo lookout off of Pontiac Trail at McHattie Park	Long-term	\$\$\$
Continue to create bike- and pedestrian-friendly downtown by working with DDA to improve non-motorized transportation network and connections	Ongoing	\$
Capital improvements at Paul Baker Memorial Park	Ongoing	\$
Capital improvements at Andover Park	Ongoing	\$
Capital improvements of City-owned trails	Ongoing	\$





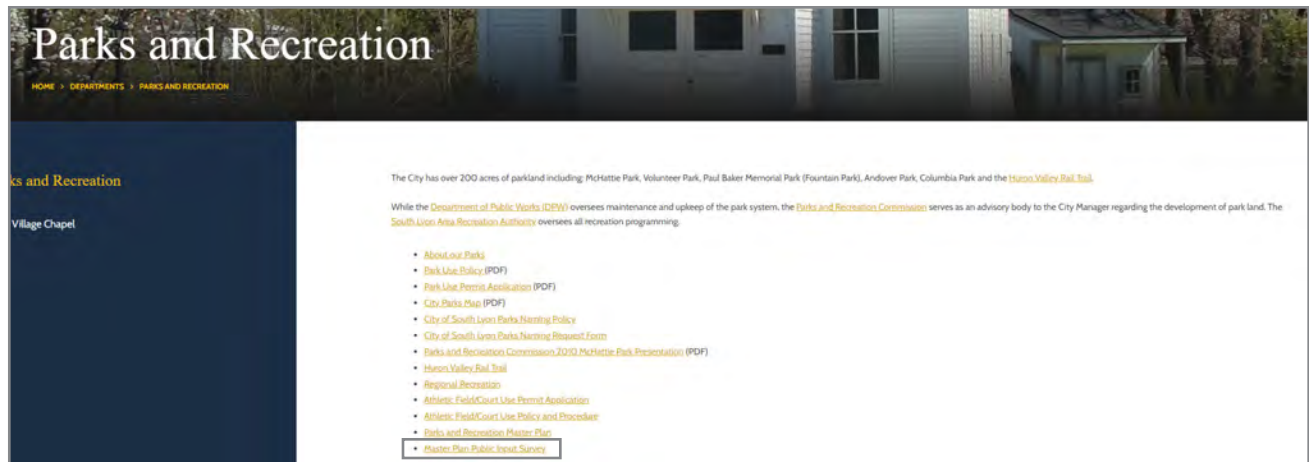
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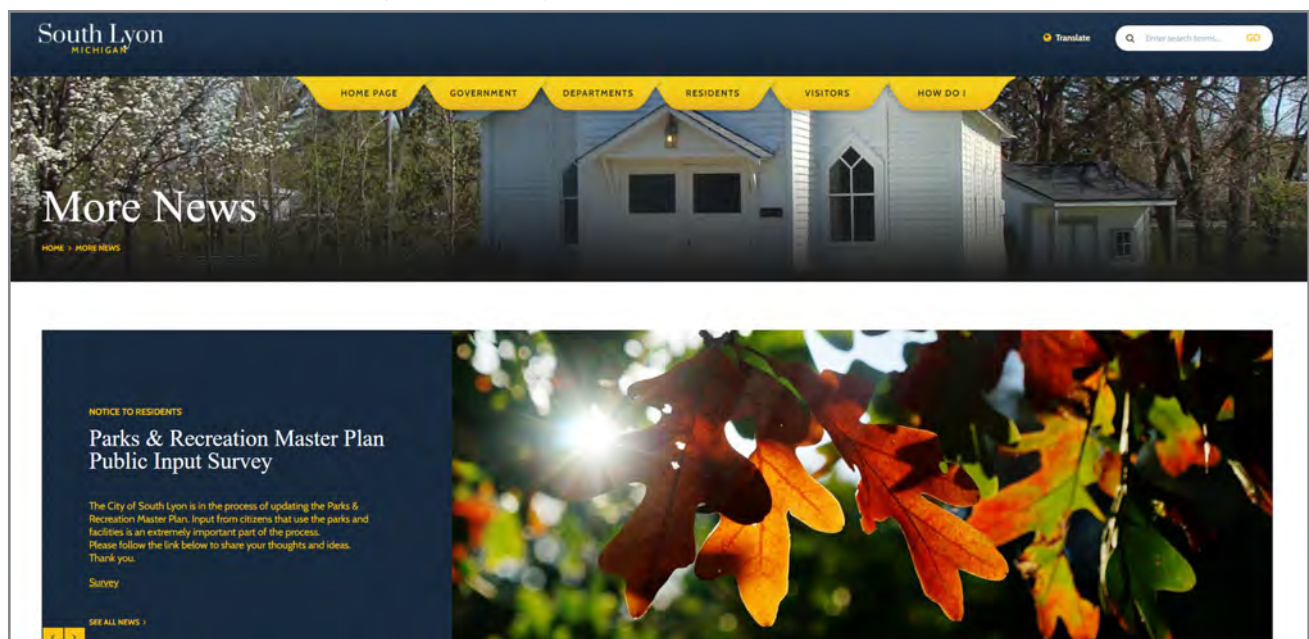
EARLY INPUT

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Link to Public Input Survey on the City's Parks and Recreation page

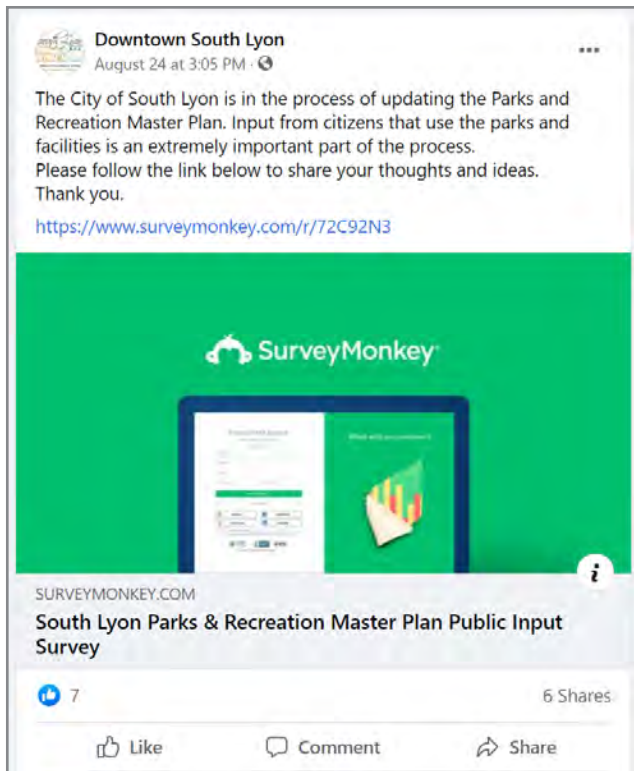


Notice and link to Public Input Survey posted on City website

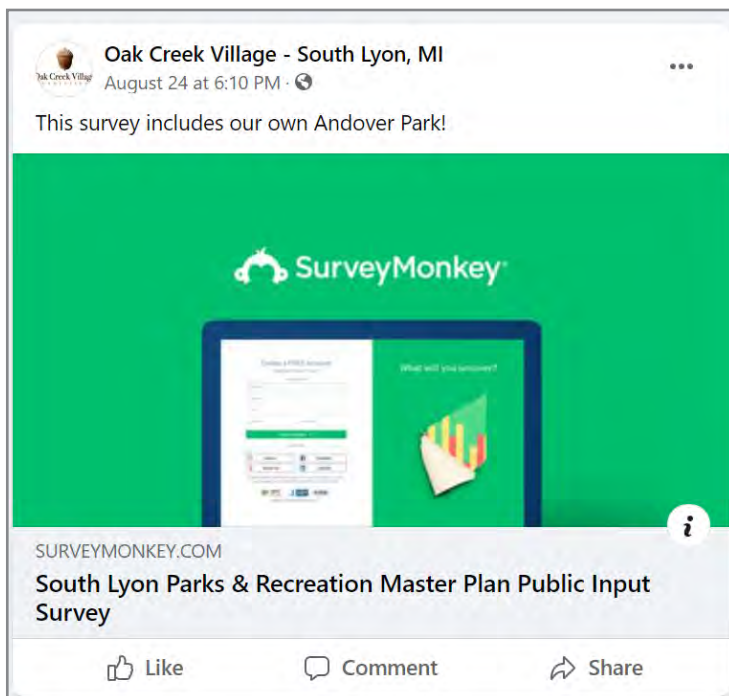


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Facebook Post on City's Downtown page linking to Public Input Survey



Facebook post from a City neighborhood page linking to Public Input Survey



FLYER POSTED AT PARKS ADVERTISING PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

Flyer with QR code to Public Input Survey. Flyers were posted at McHattie Park and Volunteer Park on the Parks Rules signs.



City of South Lyon Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update 2022-2026

Take the Parks & Rec Survey!

The City of South Lyon is in the process of updating the **South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. This is a five-year plan to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available, identify problems and needs, and establish a strategy to address those needs. Input from citizens that use the parks and facilities is an extremely important part of the process to understand what should be included in the plan.

The **QR Code** or **link** below links to a survey, where you can share your thoughts and ideas about the South Lyon Parks and Recreation, which will help to influence goals and actions for coming years.

**Thank you for taking the time to help us shape South Lyon's
Parks and Recreation!!**















South Lyon Parks & Recreation Master
Plan Public...

[www.surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72C92N3)

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72C92N3>

HANDOUTS AT CITY HALL ADVERTISING PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

Handouts with survey information and QR code to Public Input Survey. These handouts were available at City Hall for residents to take home and take the survey.

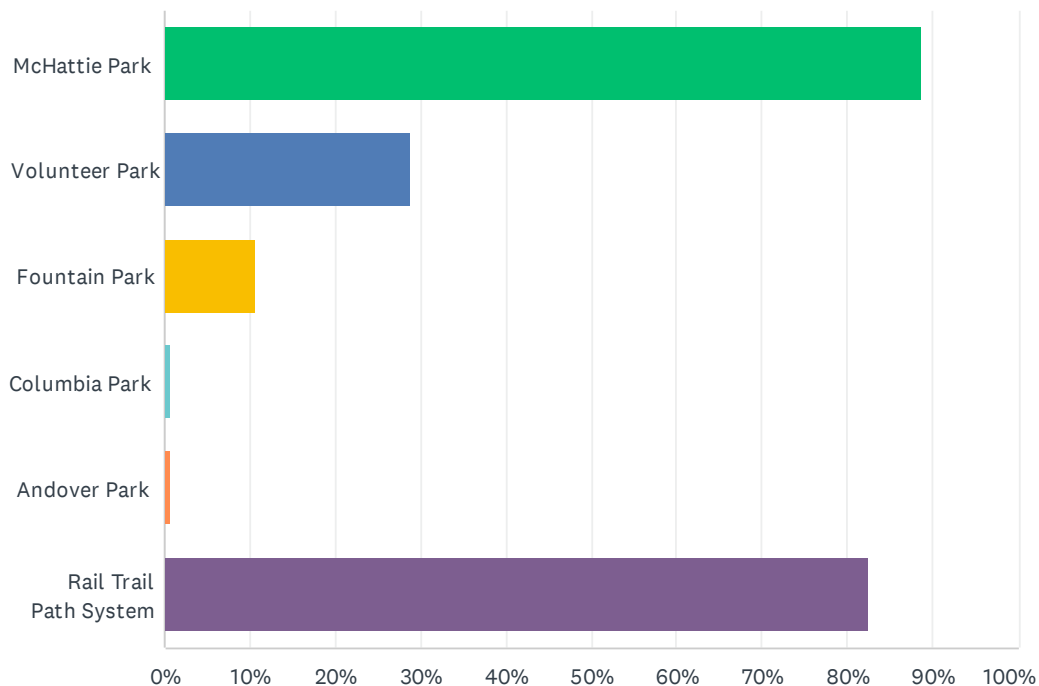
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PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY AND RESPONSE DATA

Survey questions, responses, and analysis are included in the following pages. It should be noted that the data and comments shown here are exactly as submitted in the survey, in order to accurately reflect the data collected.

Q1 What South Lyon recreation facilities do you frequent the most? Please select up to 3.

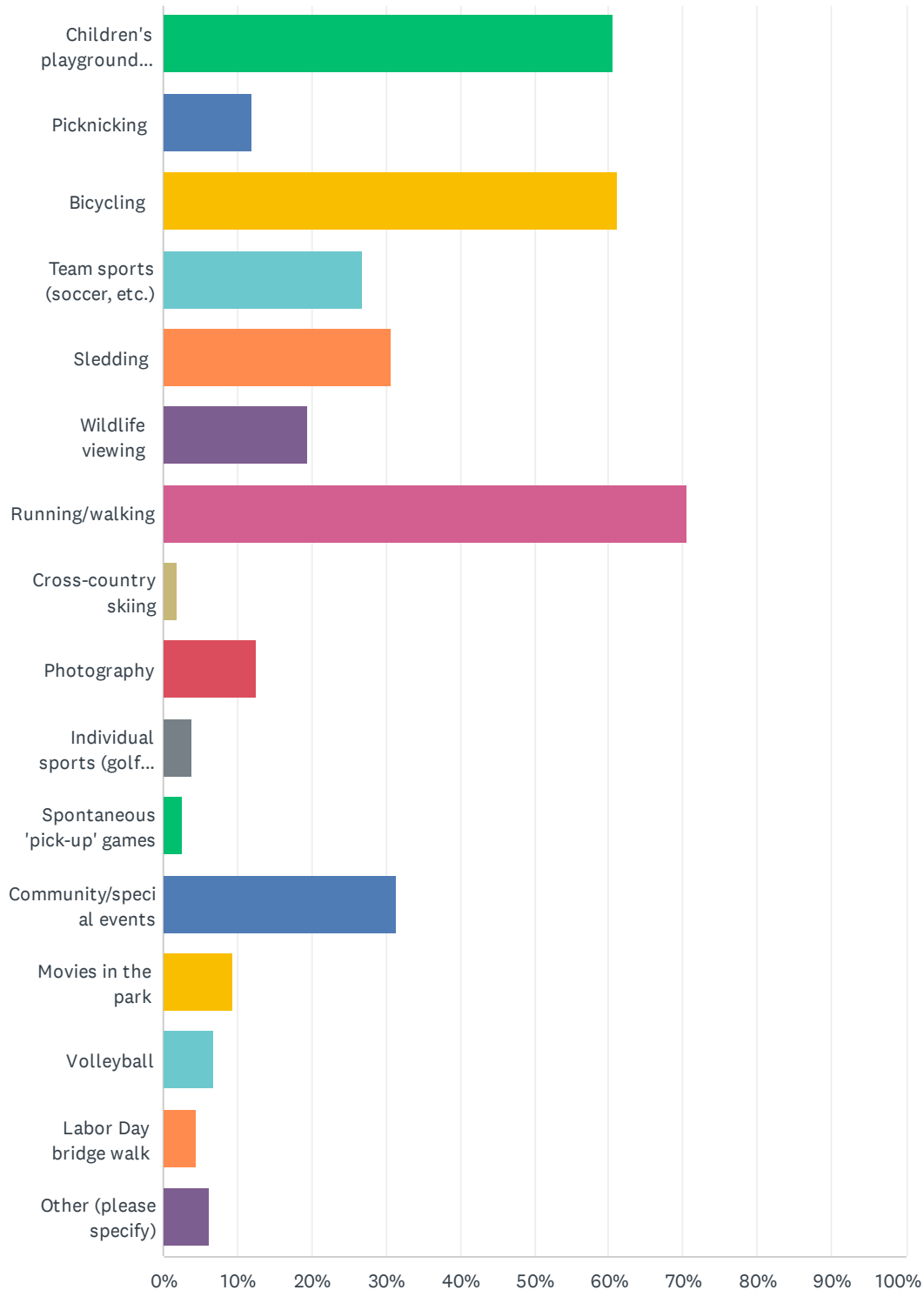
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
McHattie Park	88.75%	142
Volunteer Park	28.75%	46
Fountain Park	10.63%	17
Columbia Park	0.63%	1
Andover Park	0.63%	1
Rail Trail Path System	82.50%	132
Total Respondents: 160		

Q2 Why do you and/or your family visit the City of South Lyon Parks? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



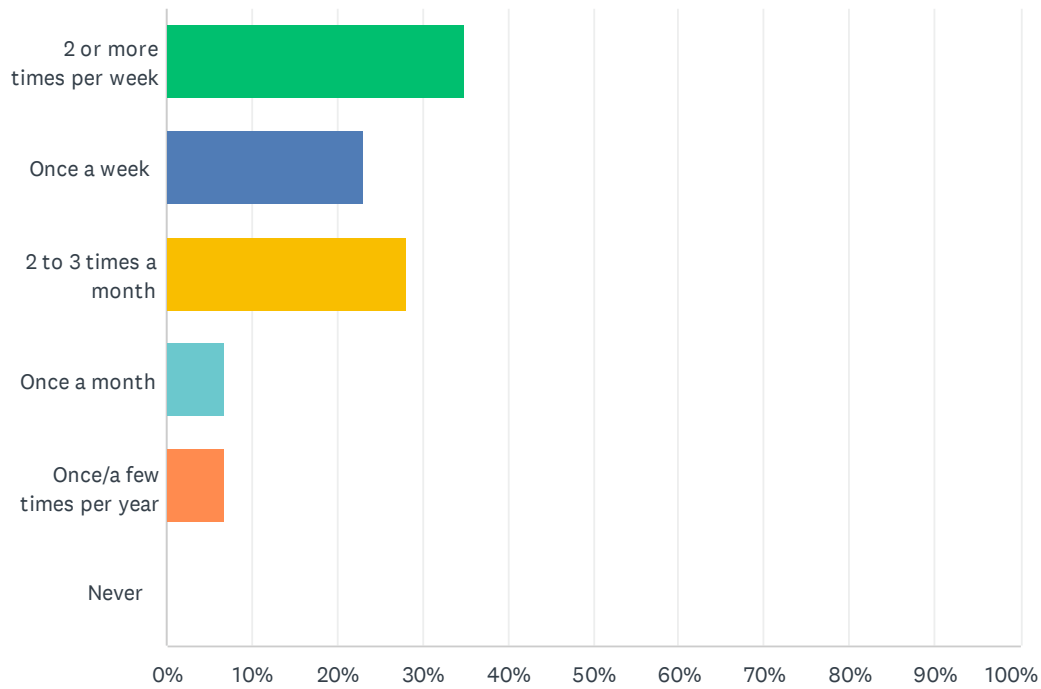
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Children's playground equipment	60.62%	97
Picnicking	11.88%	19
Bicycling	61.25%	98
Team sports (soccer, etc.)	26.88%	43
Sledding	30.63%	49
Wildlife viewing	19.38%	31
Running/walking	70.63%	113
Cross-country skiing	1.88%	3
Photography	12.50%	20
Individual sports (golf, etc.)	3.75%	6
Spontaneous 'pick-up' games	2.50%	4
Community/special events	31.25%	50
Movies in the park	9.38%	15
Volleyball	6.88%	11
Labor Day bridge walk	4.38%	7
Other (please specify)	6.25%	10
Total Respondents: 160		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	dog walking	10/18/2021 10:25 PM
2	Socializing Dog	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
3	Concerts in the Park	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
4	Walking the dog	8/25/2021 11:08 AM
5	Concerts	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
6	Play dates and to meet new friends at the park	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
7	Would love to visit parks to play pickleball on dedicated courts.	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
8	Closest to our house	8/24/2021 3:28 PM
9	Depot Day and Creek Clean Up	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
10	Just relaxing	8/24/2021 11:41 AM

Q3 On average, how often do you use City of South Lyon Parks during the spring and summer?

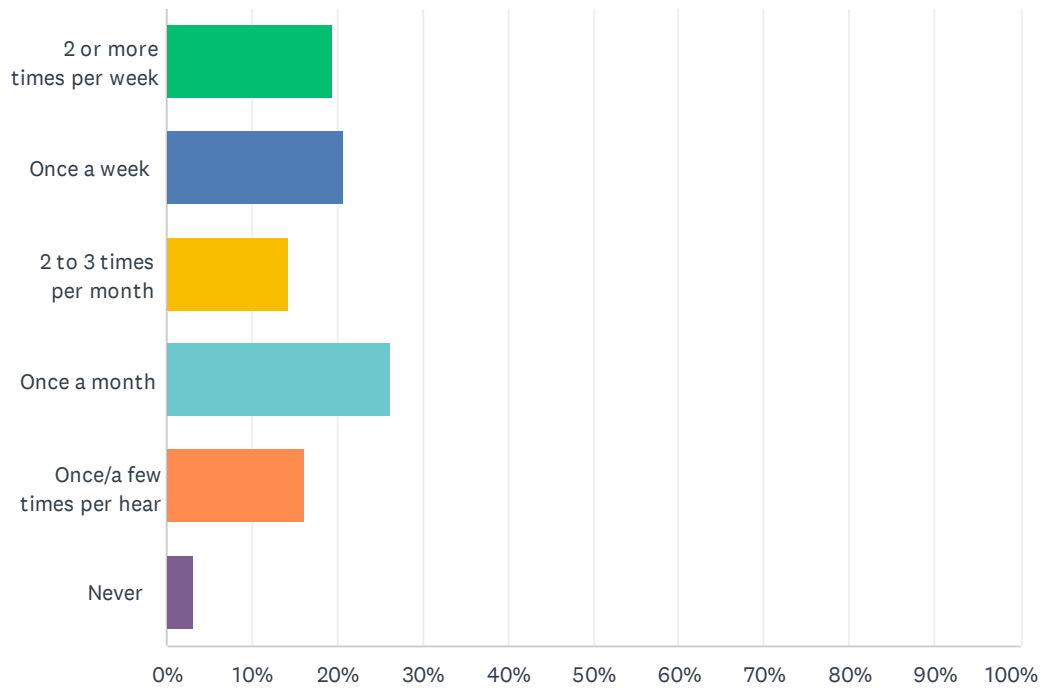
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 or more times per week	35.00%	56
Once a week	23.13%	37
2 to 3 times a month	28.13%	45
Once a month	6.88%	11
Once/a few times per year	6.88%	11
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		160

Q4 On average, how often do you use City of South Lyon Parks during the fall and winter?

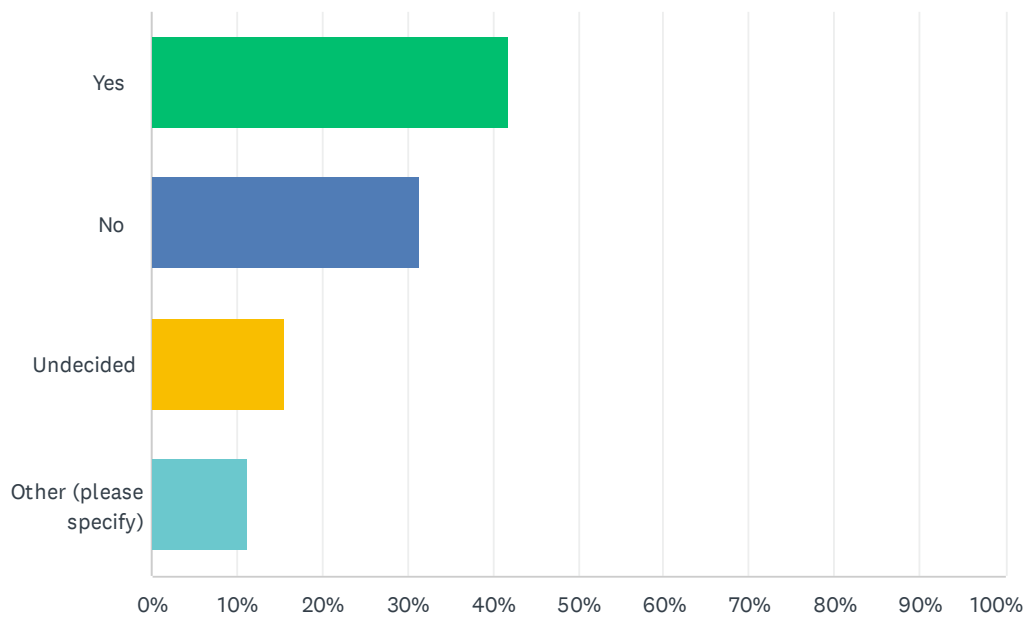
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 or more times per week	19.38%	31
Once a week	20.63%	33
2 to 3 times per month	14.37%	23
Once a month	26.25%	42
Once/a few times per hear	16.25%	26
Never	3.13%	5
TOTAL		160

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

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.88%	67
No	31.25%	50
Undecided	15.63%	25
Other (please specify)	11.25%	18
TOTAL		160

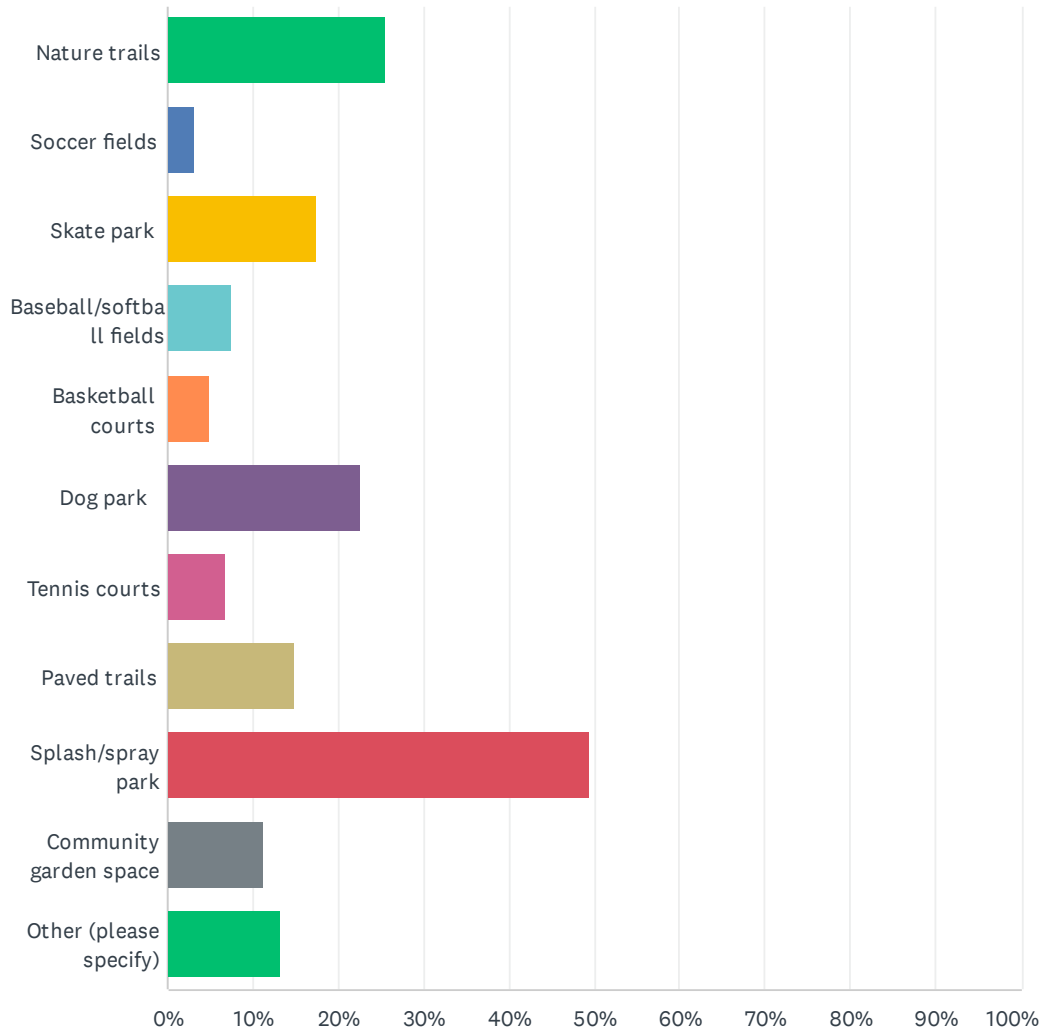
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	park needs to be sprayed for various insects (mosquitos, ticks)	10/18/2021 10:25 PM
2	I would like to see the undeveloped portion of Volunteer Park to remain that way	10/17/2021 6:35 PM
3	spray pad and accessible playground equipment needs to be added to McHattie Park	8/28/2021 3:23 PM
4	I would love to see more offering at the parks and rec. maybe a center for all of these events. A splash pad at one of the parks would be nice as well	8/24/2021 10:12 PM
5	Rail trail needs to be repaved and better crossing markings/signals	8/24/2021 9:40 PM
6	The path at Andover Park are overgrown and it is terribly buggy.	8/24/2021 8:46 PM
7	They are basic. Restrooms are horrible.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
8	Need more for older kids	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
9	Please flood the ice rink when weather permits.	8/24/2021 7:51 PM
10	Am satisfied, but could use some improvement. We love our city parks.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
11	McHattie needs an updated restroom facility	8/24/2021 4:33 PM

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12	Would like to see dedicated pickleball courts	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
13	I'd like to see more for the tweens/teens.	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
14	Would like more water park like activities for south Lyon residents	8/24/2021 3:28 PM
15	Would love to see a dog park	8/24/2021 3:23 PM
16	Volunteer could expand the services	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
17	Yes - but we could use some major upgrades	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
18	Good, but can be improved upon.	8/24/2021 11:06 AM

Q6 Which type of outdoor public recreation facility is most needed in South Lyon? Please select up to 2.

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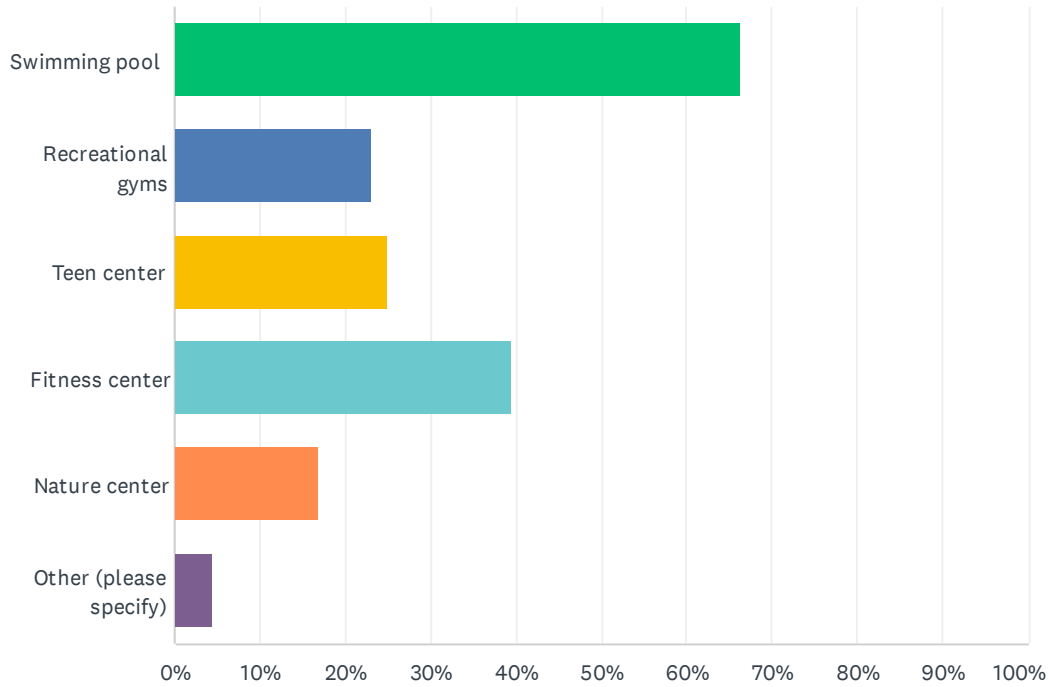
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Nature trails	25.62% 41
Soccer fields	3.13% 5
Skate park	17.50% 28
Baseball/softball fields	7.50% 12
Basketball courts	5.00% 8
Dog park	22.50% 36
Tennis courts	6.88% 11
Paved trails	15.00% 24
Splash/spray park	49.38% 79
Community garden space	11.25% 18
Other (please specify)	13.13% 21
Total Respondents: 160	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Rec pool	9/8/2021 12:16 AM
2	Indoor facility	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
3	Community use fire pits, communal meeting places	8/26/2021 11:26 AM
4	Market / general town venue	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
5	Free or Affordable Outdoor Pool	8/25/2021 3:56 PM
6	Outdoor swimming pool	8/25/2021 12:52 PM
7	Pool	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
8	pickleball Courts. !! Fastest growing sport for all ages	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
9	Bike trails	8/24/2021 6:04 PM
10	Outdoor ice rink in winter	8/24/2021 6:01 PM
11	Outdoor fitness equipment along trails and in parks, outdoor community pool	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
12	Ice rink	8/24/2021 4:17 PM
13	we would love an outdoor pool	8/24/2021 4:13 PM
14	Teenage appropriate gathering space	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
15	Community center with pools (outdoor and indoor) not tied to the school	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
16	Pickleball courts	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
17	Tween/teen center	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
18	Pool	8/24/2021 12:56 PM
19	Mountain Bike trails (dirt)	8/24/2021 12:06 PM
20	swimming pool	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
21	Established Farmers Market facility	8/24/2021 11:40 AM

Q7 Which type of indoor public recreation facility is most needed in South Lyon? Please select up to 2.

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming pool	66.25%	106
Recreational gyms	23.13%	37
Teen center	25.00%	40
Fitness center	39.38%	63
Nature center	16.88%	27
Other (please specify)	4.38%	7
Total Respondents: 160		

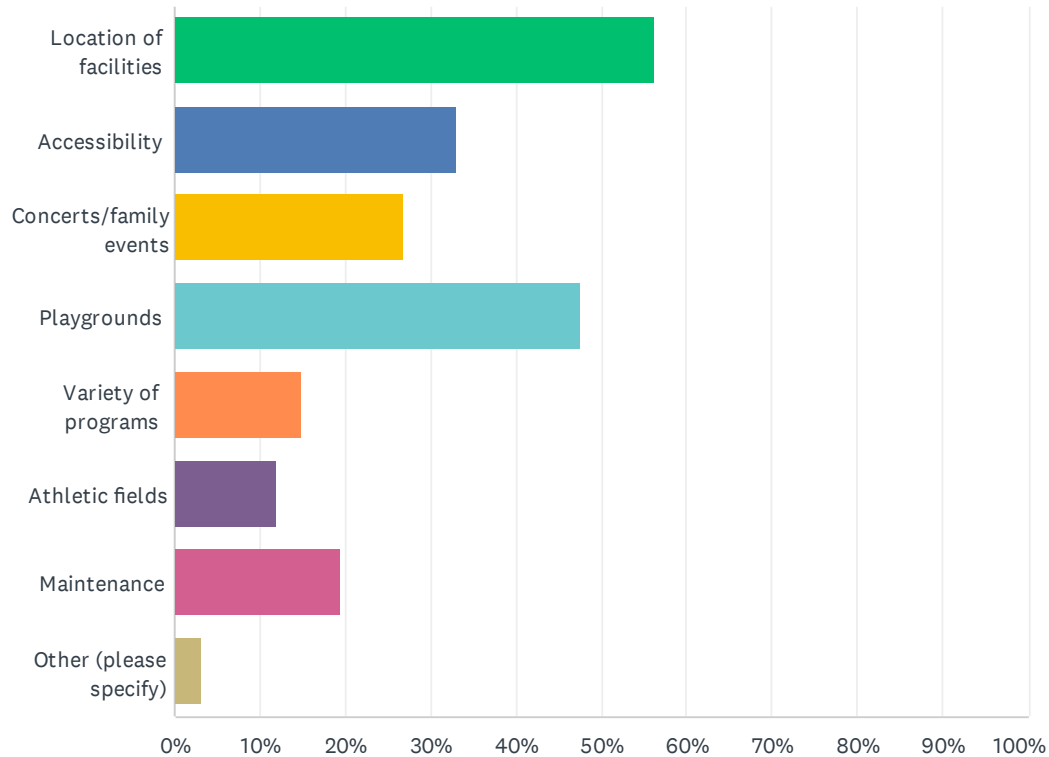
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1	Training facility for sports. Including baseball, Softball, football, etc	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
2	None	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
3	fitness center with swimming pool	8/24/2021 9:39 PM
4	Facility for pickleball in the winter	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
5	indoor walk and run track	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
6	Fitness / Recreation Center similar to what Livonia or Washtenaw Community College have. Warm salt water pool would be a big draw for people in physical therapy, senior citizens, and	8/24/2021 3:25 PM

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	people with chronic pain conditions	
7	Indoor walking track	8/24/2021 11:41 AM

Q8 What do you like most about the Parks and Recreation system in South Lyon? Please select up to 3.

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location of facilities	56.25%	90
Accessibility	33.13%	53
Concerts/family events	26.88%	43
Playgrounds	47.50%	76
Variety of programs	15.00%	24
Athletic fields	11.88%	19
Maintenance	19.38%	31
Other (please specify)	3.13%	5
Total Respondents: 160		

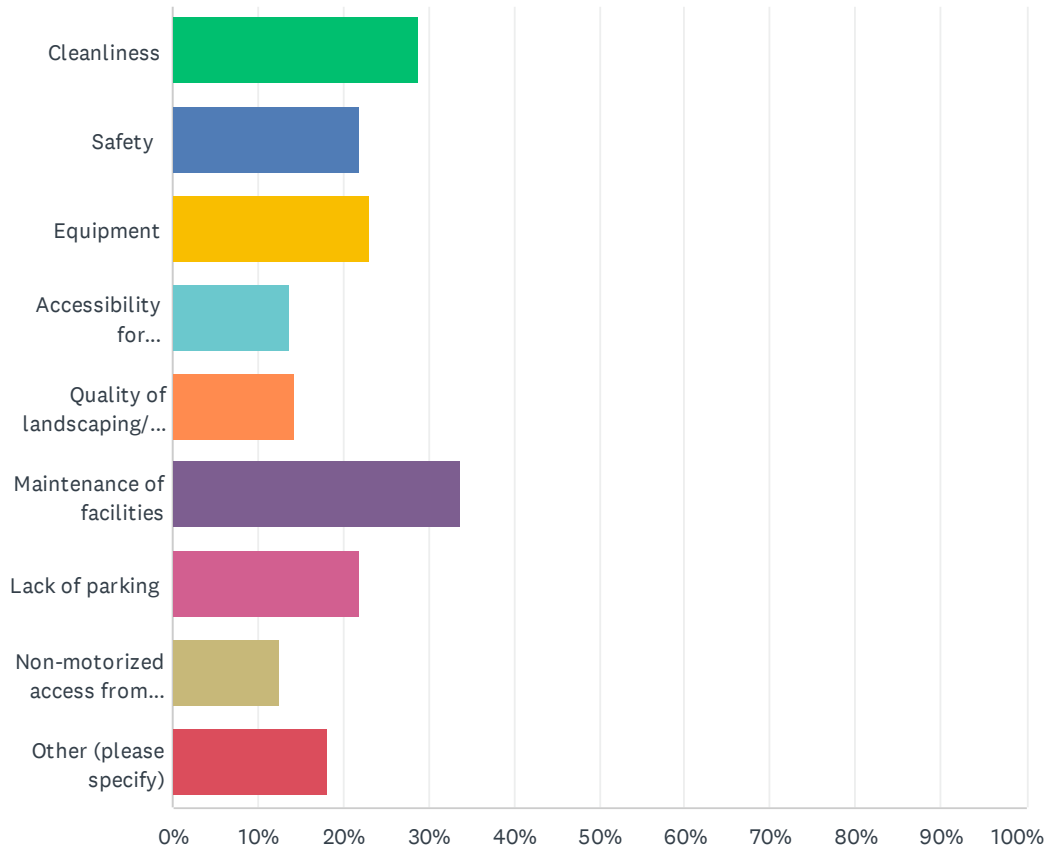
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1	Na	8/26/2021 11:26 AM
2	Biking	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
3	Na	8/24/2021 4:52 PM

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4	None	8/24/2021 3:43 PM
5	A recreation / fitness center similar to what Livonia and Washtenaw Community College have. A warm salt water pool would be a huge draw for people and physical therapy, with chronic pain conditions, and senior citizens.	8/24/2021 3:25 PM

Q9 What are some of your concerns about the parks? Please select up to 3.

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Cleanliness		28.75%	46
Safety		21.88%	35
Equipment		23.13%	37
Accessibility for barrier-free		13.75%	22
Quality of landscaping/grass		14.37%	23
Maintenance of facilities		33.75%	54
Lack of parking		21.88%	35
Non-motorized access from areas of the City		12.50%	20
Other (please specify)		18.13%	29
Total Respondents: 160			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	McHattie park driveway condition is deplorable	11/6/2021 3:35 PM
2	Over development	10/17/2021 6:35 PM
3	No concerns	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
4	Baseball Fields are maintained extremely well	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
5	Need Porta John at concert site older people can't walk to other area. Put by the schoolhouse	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
6	Bathrooms and trashcans	8/25/2021 1:28 PM
7	Lack of light at night. Specifically in the fall and winter months	8/25/2021 12:46 PM
8	MORE BENCHES ON TRAILS, MORE WASTE BASKETS	8/25/2021 9:36 AM
9	I would like to see Columbia Park developed a bit more.Play ground	8/25/2021 7:55 AM
10	Better landscaping needed at McHattie. More paved trails and existing need to be repaved.	8/24/2021 9:40 PM
11	Finish repaving the bike path	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
12	None	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
13	Spray for ticks	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
14	None	8/24/2021 7:51 PM
15	Need of continued improvement. Overall above is maintained well.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
16	Bathrooms	8/24/2021 7:14 PM
17	Small size of facilites as area grows.	8/24/2021 6:37 PM
18	I'm happy with the parks	8/24/2021 6:22 PM
19	Some paved trails are in bad shape	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
20	Dogs/poop at playgrounds	8/24/2021 4:31 PM
21	Teenagers hanging out on playground equipment with preschoolers	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
22	The lack of dedicated pickleball courts	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
23	None, parks are well kept	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
24	None	8/24/2021 3:23 PM
25	Lack of bathrooms at Volunteer and bathrooms at McHattie not being open all of the time.	8/24/2021 1:03 PM
26	I wish there were more facilities on the rail trail. Water fountains/bathrooms/restaurants	8/24/2021 12:56 PM
27	Why are there so many gazebos? Also, there isn't much for teens to do so they roam Busch's parking lot and it's a hazard	8/24/2021 12:05 PM
28	Limited spots for swim/other classes	8/24/2021 11:50 AM
29	Trails need a major overhaul	8/24/2021 11:41 AM

Q10 Please list up to three things you would like to see improved about the Parks and Recreation system in South Lyon.

Answered: 84 Skipped: 76

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community swimming pool/fitness center	11/6/2021 3:35 PM
2	Pave parking areas at Volunteer Park	10/18/2021 10:25 PM
3	Please put lights on the rail trail! It's so dark, especially in the winter, and it makes me feel unsafe to use them.	10/15/2021 5:46 PM
4	Volunteer Park would be a great place for a small mountain bike trail.	9/16/2021 12:58 PM
5	A Dog park More nature	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
6	Assessable playground Smoother trails	9/10/2021 6:36 PM
7	More accessibility to bike trail from dixboro. Sidewalk	9/8/2021 12:16 AM
8	Better distribution of trash cans, dog poop stations	9/5/2021 11:57 AM
9	Bathrooms	9/1/2021 10:17 PM
10	A rec center with a pool would be amazing.	8/30/2021 10:52 PM
11	Indoor facility Swimming pool Outdoor training features. (Batting cage, pitching tunnels, exercise stations around parks)	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
12	Plowing of rail trail	8/30/2021 9:48 PM
13	More swings,	8/30/2021 6:27 PM
14	1. I'd love to see playground equipment at Volunteer park! 2. Splash park / water play facilities would be great for kids. 3. More nature/unpaved trails (similar to current Volunteer park nature trails) would be awesome	8/30/2021 6:12 PM
15	More playground equipment, trails maintained , and fitness equipment	8/30/2021 4:18 PM
16	Multiple parks with playgrounds	8/30/2021 3:15 PM
17	The lack of parking for the system and quality of parking lots is a barrier to accessibility.	8/29/2021 1:38 PM
18	more accessible playground spray pad signage	8/28/2021 3:23 PM
19	More Porta John Mosquito control	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
20	Repairs to City Trail system; additional playground equipment added; increased regular maintenance of the equipment and facilities; improved signage on the walking trails; installation of additional benches along the walking trails.	8/26/2021 9:36 PM
21	Parking is awful, facilities with electric, and more communal meeting spots rather than one pavilion. Fire pits would be nice	8/26/2021 11:26 AM
22	More paved trails and connectivity. Including sidewalk infrastructure of missing pieces around town.	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
23	I currently pay \$100/month for a fitness center in Novi. I would love to see a community fitness center with similar amenities for a variety of ages.	8/25/2021 4:01 PM
24	We need an affordable outdoor pool option (like Ann Arbor has)	8/25/2021 3:56 PM
25	More facilities or options for residents to visit and do activities. It is common for cities and many subdivisions to have a community center and a large pool. The city of South Lyon has neither of those basic functions	8/25/2021 1:28 PM

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26	A community center with things for kids and teens would be great. We need a place for young people to hang out so that they're not just loitering in a parking lot. We also need an outdoor community pool to use in the summer. There's no outdoor pool for kids to go to when it's hot out.	8/25/2021 12:52 PM
27	More lighting, better landscaping	8/25/2021 12:46 PM
28	SEE #9	8/25/2021 9:36 AM
29	1. Columbia park having a playground. 2. More paved trails for walking running. 3. Fitness center with pool	8/25/2021 7:55 AM
30	More natural setting More parks in general Community pool	8/25/2021 5:55 AM
31	Center for all to use like they opened in Farmington would be awesome for fitness sports community event use etc. Skate park for the teens. They are successful elsewhere. More information about what the community offers for all.	8/24/2021 10:50 PM
32	More playgrounds, the one at Mc Hattyn park is too crowded and dangerous for little kids when the big kids take over. More walking trails. A community swimming pool.	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
33	I think a Rec center would be amazing. I also think increasing the clas, program offerings.	8/24/2021 10:12 PM
34	1. More paved trails 2. Improve McHattie parking and landscaping, new trees (other than maples). 3. Repave rail trails and improve signaling/markings at street crossing.	8/24/2021 9:40 PM
35	Can you please bring back the dog water fountain/spigot in McHattie Park? A dog park would be great, can it be located near downtown?	8/24/2021 9:39 PM
36	Swimming pool and other community space	8/24/2021 9:26 PM
37	McHattie park is not well maintained. The space is utilized well. The parks are not visually appealing.	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
38	Water activities for summer (pool or splash pad), more picnic tables at mchattie Park (outside the Pavillion), art or sights to see along rail trail	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
39	Volunteer park more developed.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
40	Place for teens Spray for ticks Indoor rec facility kids teens to have somewhere to go	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
41	We desperately need a pool.	8/24/2021 7:51 PM
42	This city needs to catch up with the pickleball need in metro area. West Michigan is way ahead.	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
43	We need a rec facility.	8/24/2021 7:45 PM
44	Connecting paved trails (sidewalks) throughout the community	8/24/2021 7:43 PM
45	More nature trails and dog friendly spaces	8/24/2021 7:36 PM
46	Community pool would be awesome. Love the idea of a teen center too. Maybe start with those middle school age kids. They are good kids just need a safe place to go.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
47	Size, location and area for summer activities (swimming, splash pad).	8/24/2021 6:37 PM
48	Wooden walking Bridge near factory repairs	8/24/2021 6:25 PM
49	Dedicated Sports Complex...local teams have an over reliance on the schools' existing fields.	8/24/2021 6:14 PM
50	I would love to see more benches at the parks. Especially in shaded areas.	8/24/2021 6:01 PM
51	Indoor recreation center.	8/24/2021 5:52 PM
52	Nice landscaping Police patrols	8/24/2021 5:40 PM
53	Signage on rail trail	8/24/2021 5:13 PM
54	Maintenance of baseball/softball fields, more teen friendly spaces. Community pool.	8/24/2021 5:11 PM
55	More available for teen use	8/24/2021 4:35 PM
56	I'd like to see fitness equipment added to each of the parks - especially the smaller ones	8/24/2021 4:34 PM

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closer to neighborhoods - to provide for outdoor alternatives to indoor private gyms. I'd love to see the McHattie parking lot that is used as an "ice skating" rink better maintained and used as a roller skating rink in good weather. Restrooms at McHattie and Volunteer are needed.

57	Update restroom facilities More swings at all parks Accessibility for all kids on play structures (ADA)	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
58	repave the rest of the rail-trail that is aged, crumbly, and bumpy. the section along the tracks could be really nice and better/more obvious connection to andover park.	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
59	More movie nights, free family events	8/24/2021 4:31 PM
60	Re-pave the trails.	8/24/2021 4:17 PM
61	1) painted bike lanes from Rail tail (near True Value) to center of 10 mile and Pontiac Trail 2) Better Rail Trail surface Maintenance 3) More 2-5 year old/ada accessible childrens equipment	8/24/2021 3:55 PM
62	Sidewalk into Mchattie from the north	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
63	Other sports teams to use mchattie park baseball fields	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
64	We need a recreation center!!!!...with a pool!!!	8/24/2021 3:43 PM
65	We need more activities available for HS age teens - ideas like a rec center or skate park would give them something to do	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
66	I would love to have the park updated. The structure is so high with so many areas for a child to fall. I would also like to see the wood chips replaced with the new flooring I'm seeing elsewhere (like a padded foam). We also think a splash pad would be an amazing addition to South Lyon!	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
67	Continue to improve the rail trail and similar features to be friendly for road bikes	8/24/2021 3:41 PM
68	Just want a pool with more accessible open hours. There's extremely minimal access to any pools in this area!	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
69	New playground, dog park, more park.	8/24/2021 3:37 PM
70	More for teens!	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
71	More family activities and pool/water park things for south Lyon residents	8/24/2021 3:28 PM
72	N/A	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
73	Potable filtered water access, improved maintenance, connected bike/walk paths to other parks/trail systems.	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
74	More variety in the playground equipment. A splash pad at mchattie would be wonderful	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
75	Maintenance, accessibility people driving through town are really aware of parks and their locations or offerings	8/24/2021 3:24 PM
76	1. Utilize Volunteer Park more often - the ball fields. 2. The parks all look great.	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
77	I would absolutely love to see a community center/pool similar to areas like Livonia. A facility that teens can use as well, such as a rec center or skate park like suggested above would be great.	8/24/2021 1:03 PM
78	Dog stations, trash bins, and recycling bins at every park (especially Andover).	8/24/2021 12:06 PM
79	Teens need something to do; spots to sit need more shade; gazebos are a waste of space	8/24/2021 12:05 PM
80	Kept up better. Cleaner. Better variety of playground equipment.	8/24/2021 12:04 PM
81	More swim classes/lap and open swim times	8/24/2021 11:50 AM
82	More parks Better playground equipment	8/24/2021 11:43 AM
83	Trails Cross walks to get into some of the parks and trails Accessible equipment	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
84	As the population grows, so will the size and amount of park space and amenities will need to. A well planed City Rec Center would be a Great asset to the city.	8/24/2021 11:06 AM

Q11 The City has a goal to make the parks as ADA accessible (barrier-free) as possible. In your opinion or experience, what could be done to make the parks more accessible?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 116

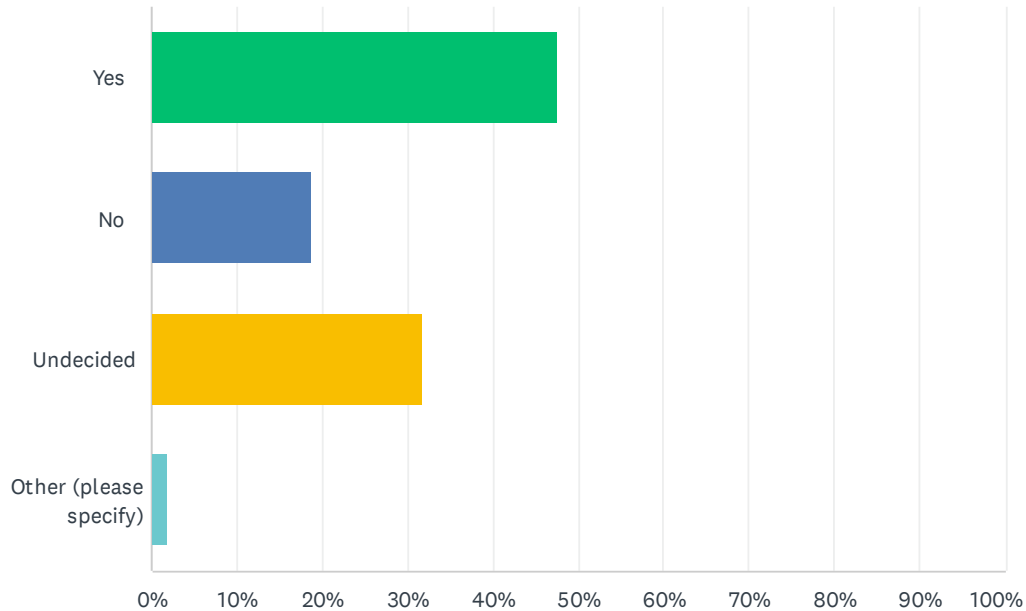
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	They are fine as is	10/18/2021 10:25 PM
2	N/a	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
3	Pull together a focus group of people with physical disabilities to ask their thoughts.	9/10/2021 6:36 PM
4	More paved paths/sidewalk on main Roads to get to parks ex. 10 mile from Rushton to downtown.	9/8/2021 12:16 AM
5	Not sure	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
6	Double swings, music play stations	8/30/2021 6:27 PM
7	Not sure	8/30/2021 6:12 PM
8	A paved area to park that is close to the trail entrance at Volunteer Park would be beneficial. I also think some areas around the fields might include sidewalks to be more easily accessible to families of athletes. Additionally, a crosswalk with flashing lights where the trail crosses Nine Mile would allow people time to safely cross the street.	8/29/2021 1:38 PM
9	more modern equipment	8/28/2021 3:23 PM
10	Seems ok	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
11	Additional barrier free access to picnic tables near the playground equipment; installation of additional playground equipment that can be used by all children	8/26/2021 9:36 PM
12	See number 10	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
13	Have accessible play structures so that kids can roll onto the structure, see park near Commerce library for examples.	8/25/2021 4:01 PM
14	Anything that makes a facility accessible by a wheelchair is a must not just by law but right	8/25/2021 1:28 PM
15	I believe the parks are already pretty accessible. I'm not in a wheelchair, but I do have limited mobility, and I'm able to reach the parks that I want to go to.	8/25/2021 12:52 PM
16	Pave more paths	8/25/2021 12:46 PM
17	N/a	8/25/2021 5:55 AM
18	Add ramps to the play areas and softer surfaces. Better access to parking near the parks.	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
19	Update the ground surrounding the play area.	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
20	No sidewalk into Mchattie Park along Warren St, more accessible picnic tables	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
21	Asphalt a path up to bleachers.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
22	Paved parking lots, sidewalks that have no barrier or curb to navigate, accessible playground equipment	8/24/2021 7:59 PM
23	They already are	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
24	More wheelchair accessible structures.	8/24/2021 7:43 PM
25	Love the accessible equipment (swing) more friendly playground equipment would be nice. Park in commerce for ideas.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM

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26	Ensure that the area surrounding the parks is ADA accessible.	8/24/2021 6:37 PM
27	Additional accessible playground equipment	8/24/2021 5:40 PM
28	The paved trails within and leading up to the park, as well as the lots, need to be better maintained. There are areas that are so pitted and crumbled that those with mobility challenges cannot safely access without assistance.	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
29	A barrier free play structure, surrounded by padded ground instead of wood chips. It's impossible to roll a wheel chair through that.	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
30	I don't know... More equipment (i.e. swings and such) specifically for special needs patrons.	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
31	Sidewalk into Mchattie from the north; various and plenty of swing equipment; no mulch or gravel	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
32	NA	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
33	Na	8/24/2021 3:43 PM
34	clear paved paths	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
35	More ramps, paved areas, accessible playground (great new equipment options available now)	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
36	Volunteer park is the unacceptable- not even close to ADA accessible. Strollers and grandparents can't even get to the field, let alone ADA.	8/24/2021 3:36 PM
37	N/A	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
38	Better selection of playground equipment for the disabled, more comfortable seating options, handrails	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
39	Handicap Swing in playground, has that been completed? The parks are a great part of the City of South Lyon.	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
40	New playground equipment at McHattie that is barrier free. Paths for wheelchairs or walkers at Volunteer.	8/24/2021 1:03 PM
41	Playground equipment that's handicapped accessible; reach out to families of children with disabilities and ask them for ideas	8/24/2021 12:05 PM
42	Paced paths from parking lots.	8/24/2021 12:04 PM
43	N/a	8/24/2021 11:50 AM
44	Equipment that can be used by ALL children at the same time.	8/24/2021 11:41 AM

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

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0

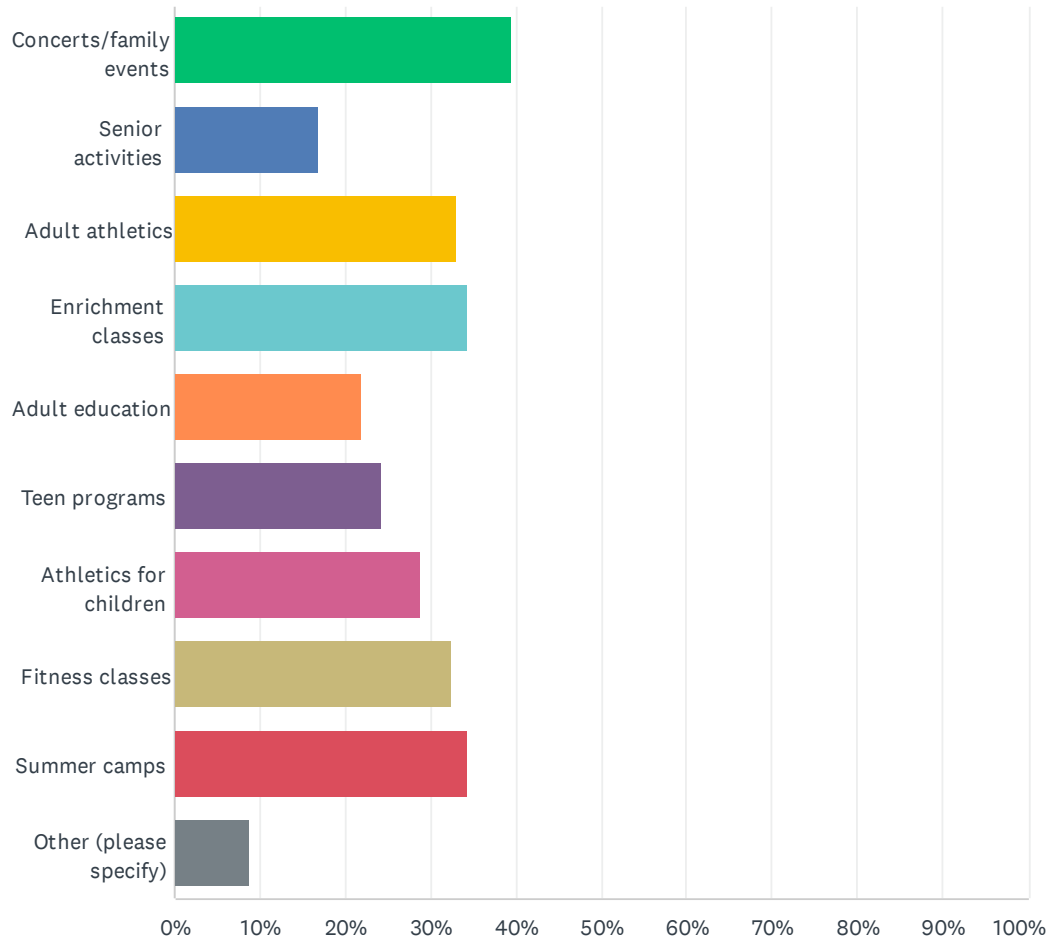


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.50%	76
No	18.75%	30
Undecided	31.87%	51
Other (please specify)	1.88%	3
TOTAL		160

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	In the middle	8/30/2021 6:27 PM
2	I am, but I feel we are still inferior compared to surrounding communities. There are not enough summer camp activities for kids. Island lake is not convenient for most that live in south Lyon.	8/24/2021 5:52 PM
3	I'm hopeful that the school district will partner with SLARA again to allow a larger variety of activities	8/24/2021 4:33 PM

Q13 What types of additional recreational programs would you like to see offered? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Concerts/family events	39.38%	63
Senior activities	16.88%	27
Adult athletics	33.13%	53
Enrichment classes	34.38%	55
Adult education	21.88%	35
Teen programs	24.38%	39
Athletics for children	28.75%	46
Fitness classes	32.50%	52
Summer camps	34.38%	55
Other (please specify)	8.75%	14
Total Respondents: 160		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	10/15/2021 5:46 PM
2	Dog events	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
3	More lap swim times for adults	9/11/2021 7:55 PM
4	Training classes for certain aspects of sports.	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
5	Adult events	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
6	More open swim	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
7	Wintertime activities.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
8	Running club for young kids.	8/24/2021 5:13 PM
9	Special needs all ages not just k-3 (fir regular he's too big to join them now for skills)	8/24/2021 5:00 PM
10	Indoor walking/running in winter, roller skating	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
11	Pottery!	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
12	Pre-K activities are basically just for families with a stay at home parent. There is very little for under 5s who are in daycare/pre-k	8/24/2021 12:05 PM
13	Activities and classes for those with Special Needs	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
14	None - I think they do an amazing job	8/24/2021 11:41 AM

Q14 The City has a goal to provide programming and recreational activities for South Lyon residents in all age groups. What do you feel could be done to facilitate more activities for different age groups? Do you find a recreational opportunity is missing for certain groups?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 99

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need more programs for toddlers	10/17/2021 5:07 PM
2	Pickleball club? And not just for seniors. All ages. Mountain biking or other cycling clubs.	9/16/2021 12:58 PM
3	No thoughts yet	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
4	Lot of kid opportunities. Lot of team opportunities. Not as many adult non-team activities.	9/11/2021 7:55 PM
5	I'd like to see adult sports leagues	9/10/2021 6:36 PM
6	Gymnastics/tumbling classes	9/8/2021 12:16 AM
7	More non alcohol based activities for adults	9/1/2021 10:17 PM
8	More fields at different dimensions. Fields are built for small kids or adults. Need medium size fields	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
9	Yes - teen activities need to be offered at different levels besides just sports	8/30/2021 9:48 PM
10	Cost, maybe have ways to help families	8/30/2021 6:27 PM
11	More adult sports? soccer/basketball/etc	8/30/2021 6:12 PM
12	There is a lack of awareness among adults as to what is available for them and adults who are working have limited availability for events that are not in the evening.	8/29/2021 1:38 PM
13	Winter indoor concerts	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
14	Increased organized activities for seniors at the parks.	8/26/2021 9:36 PM
15	Adults that are not seniors all we have is programs for teens,kids, and seniors but nothing for those of us that actually pay for everything.	8/26/2021 11:26 AM
16	Find interesting things like cooking courses, photography classes, languages, art classes, etc.	8/25/2021 4:01 PM
17	toddlers and preschool aged kids need more options	8/25/2021 3:56 PM
18	Workshops to learn skills targeting different age groups.	8/25/2021 1:28 PM
19	I feel like there are a lot of programs for young/elementary age children, and there are less programs and clubs for teens. Teens need places to hang out and it would be cool to have clubs for different interests and more activities for teens to do.	8/25/2021 12:52 PM
20	YES, SENIOR CITIZENS	8/25/2021 9:36 AM
21	N/A	8/25/2021 5:55 AM
22	missing for seniors	8/24/2021 11:45 PM
23	Teens. Things for those teens who may not qualify to participate in school sports. Activities you may find at a Y.	8/24/2021 10:50 PM
24	Outdoor Group classes for seniors. Sports like pickle ball nets and organized play times. A walking swimming pool for seniors.	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
25	Please add a free agent option (i.e. adults that don't have a group but would like to participate in rec sports and can be assigned into a group).	8/24/2021 9:39 PM

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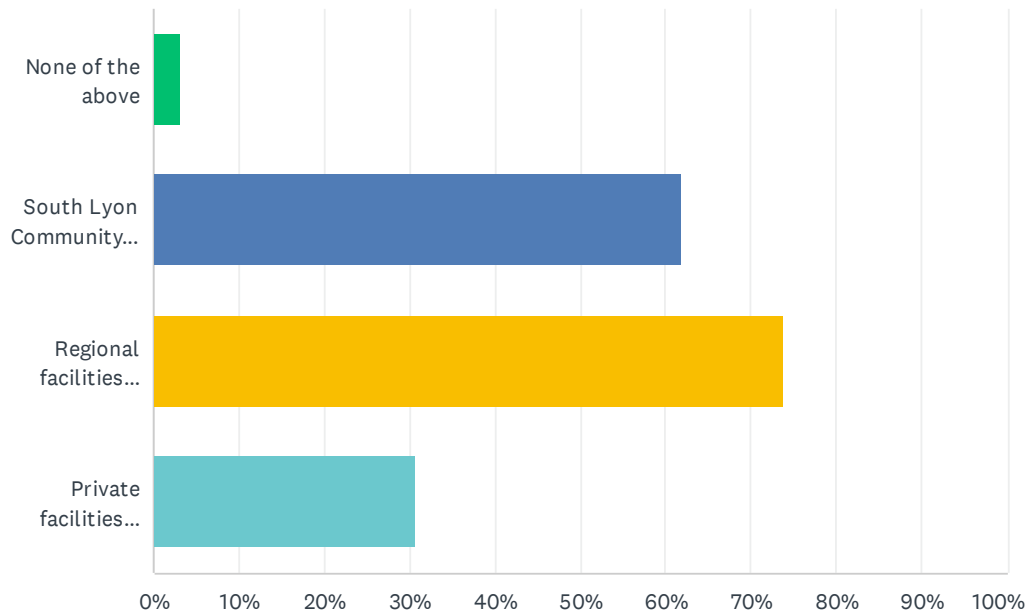
26	Open swim	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
27	Adult enrichment classes, more non-sports options for kids	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
28	Aquatic center.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
29	More sports options for adults	8/24/2021 8:01 PM
30	Yes most definitely a place where tenn and kids can go to have fun together get off the street and stay away from doing drugs	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
31	The proposed park on Milford rd. and 11 mile needs to be built.	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
32	More theatre options for children	8/24/2021 7:45 PM
33	A rec center for all would be great. Similar to other communities, like Livonia	8/24/2021 7:43 PM
34	Larger variety of adult coed spring/summer sports. Would love to see sand volleyball, soccer, kickball etc.	8/24/2021 7:36 PM
35	We absolutely love the SLAYA summer enrichment program. My daughter loves it so much she wishes it was year round. Maybe a year round theater group? Perhaps a performance space outdoors, Pavillion or stage?	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
36	More summer camps.	8/24/2021 6:37 PM
37	"Mommy and me" classes- yoga, music, etc	8/24/2021 6:25 PM
38	Adult activities	8/24/2021 6:22 PM
39	With the city's growth in population the Parks and Rec program/structure/functionality should arrive to compete with neighboring cities.	8/24/2021 6:14 PM
40	Need activities for pre-teens and teens	8/24/2021 5:40 PM
41	Moms night out, mother daughter activities.	8/24/2021 5:13 PM
42	Teens	8/24/2021 5:00 PM
43	Teens have no where to go	8/24/2021 4:35 PM
44	Something for BIG kids - teens - would be ideal. I think kids in the area get a bad reputation for just "hanging out" on the playground or in the parks, but I think that means they're willing to be outside and to meet friends nearby, and it would be great to have spaces and equipment made just for them. I think a roller skating rink and picturesque spots where they're not worried about being chased out for loitering would be great.	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
45	Less competitive kids sports. There are kids who want to play for fun and don't care about winning. Think of a Sandlot rec team instead of junior world series prep team. This is especially important for children with different abilities, like autism or ADHD.	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
46	I don't know.	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
47	More family sports	8/24/2021 4:31 PM
48	Not a concern now but I struggled with infant/toddler activities in the evening. It seemed as though most offerings were during the day which was not conducive to working parents.	8/24/2021 4:08 PM
49	NA	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
50	I think that there is a big gap in activities for older teens and young adults.	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
51	I found there wasn't a lot of activities for pre school children/toddlers	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
52	No	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
53	N/A	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
54	N/A	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
55	Teens need more positive creative outlets, art classes etc	8/24/2021 3:24 PM
56	Teen programs? Work with the Salem/South Lyon Library?	8/24/2021 1:42 PM

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57	Yes more is needed for families of young kids who are in daycare	8/24/2021 12:05 PM
58	Teen camp	8/24/2021 11:43 AM
59	Missing for Adults with Special Needs	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
60	I think the offerings are incredible	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
61	Don't know.	8/24/2021 11:06 AM

Q15 What other parks facilities (non City-owned parks) do you use?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	3.13%	5
South Lyon Community School District facilities (high schools, middle school, elementary schools)	61.88%	99
Regional facilities (Oakland County Parks, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority facilities)	73.75%	118
Private facilities (privately owned open spaces and recreation facilities, i.e. a designated neighborhood park)	30.63%	49
Total Respondents: 160		

Q16 Do you leave South Lyon for other recreation activities/facilities? If so, please explain where and what activity you participate in.

Answered: 102 Skipped: 58

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Use other facilities for swimming and fitness	11/6/2021 3:35 PM
2	Kensington, State land (not during hunting season) Used for dog walking.	10/18/2021 10:25 PM
3	Volleyball, baseball, basketball, mountain biking, nature hikes, swimming	10/17/2021 6:35 PM
4	I hike in the woods at island lake state park and Kensington metro park	10/15/2021 5:46 PM
5	Hiking and mountain biking at state, city and county parks.	9/16/2021 12:58 PM
6	Yes.. dog events.	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
7	Currently going to Novi for lap swimming due to more availability there.	9/11/2021 7:55 PM
8	Kensington Island Lake	9/10/2021 6:36 PM
9	Sometimes, more often like classes, dates and times.	9/8/2021 12:16 AM
10	Dog parks so my dog can run freely	9/5/2021 8:50 PM
11	Yes. Dog park at Lyon oaks	9/5/2021 11:57 AM
12	Disc golf and parks	9/1/2021 10:17 PM
13	Pool, dance	8/30/2021 10:52 PM
14	Yes. For individual training. Baseball training. D-bat, Total Sports, Legacy Center. Workout/gym, lifetime and legacy.	8/30/2021 10:38 PM
15	No	8/30/2021 9:48 PM
16	All ages pickle ball in Hartland. Floor hockey in Livonia. Fishing and nature trails at Kensington.	8/30/2021 8:11 PM
17	Splash pads, petting farms	8/30/2021 6:27 PM
18	Brighton/Novi for different playground parks	8/30/2021 4:18 PM
19	Maybury Park for playground and nature trails	8/30/2021 3:15 PM
20	We frequent the Island Lake State Recreation Area and Kensington Metropark for their trails and nature center.	8/29/2021 1:38 PM
21	bicycle Kensington Metropark swim in private pool	8/28/2021 3:23 PM
22	Surrounding community summer concerts	8/27/2021 9:12 PM
23	Use the water park facilities at Kensington Metro Park for the grandkids when visiting.	8/26/2021 9:36 PM
24	Yes, better programs for adults, nicer restaurants and out door spaces.	8/26/2021 11:26 AM
25	Yes for soccer, field hockey, biking, sledding,	8/26/2021 8:18 AM
26	Fitness. Better maintained paved trails	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
27	Yes, we belong to Lifetime in Novi and hike in the state and metroparks every weekend.	8/25/2021 4:01 PM
28	Yes, Ann Arbor pools!	8/25/2021 3:56 PM
29	Nature walk or mountain biking on trails	8/25/2021 1:28 PM
30	Yes. I go to the Novi Icehouse for ice skating. I go to Kensington Metropark for the	8/25/2021 12:52 PM

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	pool/waterpark.	
31	Wish there was a dog park closer to downtown	8/25/2021 12:46 PM
32	No	8/25/2021 11:08 AM
33	Yes. Kids sports	8/25/2021 10:48 AM
34	BIKING, BIRDING, SWIMMING	8/25/2021 9:36 AM
35	Brighton and Milford kids play area.	8/25/2021 7:55 AM
36	Novi Sports Club summer outdoor swim program and Brighton Mill Pond playground	8/25/2021 7:54 AM
37	Olson Park in North Ann Arbor for Dog Park and Trails	8/25/2021 6:57 AM
38	Club soccer, outdoor concerts in wixom	8/24/2021 11:11 PM
39	Skate parks. Splash pads that are free. Outdoor community pools that friends belong to.	8/24/2021 10:50 PM
40	Water aerobics classes at Hamburg Fitness Center	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
41	Yes metro parks	8/24/2021 10:18 PM
42	Splash pad and playgrounds and events	8/24/2021 10:12 PM
43	Soccer at legacy, ice skating at ice house.	8/24/2021 9:40 PM
44	Yes, dog parks at Lyon Oaks and Ann Arbor. Used to participate in Ann Arbor recreation drop-in adult volleyball.	8/24/2021 9:39 PM
45	Yes, baseball	8/24/2021 9:26 PM
46	Swimming pool	8/24/2021 9:23 PM
47	Kensington- walking & cycling	8/24/2021 9:06 PM
48	Yes. We visit Ann Arbor parks for garden walks and the nature center. We visit county park for swimming/splashing. We go to the Farmington recreation building to play in the water park. We like to bird watch and feed the chickadees at Kensington Metro Park.	8/24/2021 8:46 PM
49	Parks, sports, swimming	8/24/2021 8:42 PM
50	Swimming and splash pad when it's hot, nature hikes	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
51	Soccer and basketball at Legacy. Swimming at Parker Middle School	8/24/2021 8:12 PM
52	Swimming. Nature trails.	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
53	Often will go to larger parks where parks are accessible	8/24/2021 7:59 PM
54	YMCA	8/24/2021 7:54 PM
55	Pools far away:(8/24/2021 7:51 PM
56	Yes, Drake Park , Plymouth , west Michigan and Livonia.for Pickleball.	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
57	Hiking, Mountain Biking, swimming, splash pad.	8/24/2021 7:43 PM
58	Yep. Larger parks, swimming ponds and pools.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
59	Island lake and Kensington to bike.	8/24/2021 7:14 PM
60	Yes. Camping, state parks, summer activities (pool, splash pad).	8/24/2021 6:37 PM
61	Howell nature center Howell Library Milford Music Time Milford Memories Brighton imagination Station	8/24/2021 6:25 PM
62	Yes... athletics...lack of dedicated Sports fields has led to inconsistent schedules and volunteers/coaches to help with upkeep	8/24/2021 6:14 PM
63	Yes, for water parks, splash pads, kayaking. Also to other parks for photographing families in large fields, gardens, creeks, with pretty fences or buildings. Places/parks in Milford and northville	8/24/2021 6:01 PM

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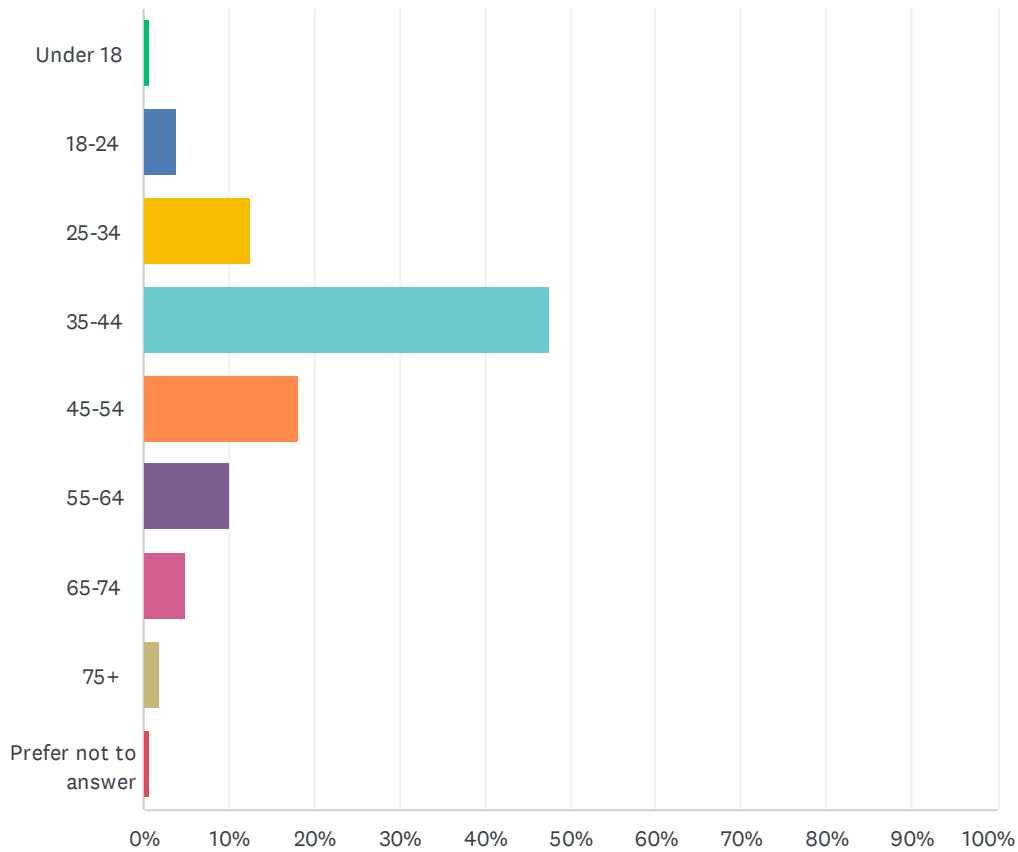
64	Yes. Our kids play baseball for novi and go to the novi sports club for summer camp.	8/24/2021 5:52 PM
65	Milford pool	8/24/2021 5:40 PM
66	Yes. We drive to a Livonia to pay to use the public pools in summer.	8/24/2021 5:08 PM
67	Yes Kensington Walking, fishing, sunset viewing pictures Swimming	8/24/2021 5:00 PM
68	Yes. Use Kensington Metro Park and Mayberry State Park. Visit the farms on both locations.	8/24/2021 4:44 PM
69	Horse trails	8/24/2021 4:35 PM
70	I sometimes run or bike at Kensington Metro Park.	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
71	Lyon Oaks dog park Atchison Park play structure and open fields for kites Farmington splash pad	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
72	kensington, Lyon Twp Parks, various river access points for canoeing, variety of parks for disc-golf	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
73	Yes, splash pad, swimming lessons	8/24/2021 4:31 PM
74	Nature trails and kayaking	8/24/2021 4:17 PM
75	Hockey in Brighton and hartland	8/24/2021 4:17 PM
76	Walking paths, kayaking, fitness classes like SPIN & Barre	8/24/2021 4:13 PM
77	We have gone all over for various splash pads and water slides.	8/24/2021 4:13 PM
78	Yes, Kensington has a wonderful splash pad	8/24/2021 3:55 PM
79	Swimming in community center in Farmington Hills.	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
80	Baseball fields at maybury park	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
81	Yes. We disc golf at all the other parks. I use to go to Whitmore Lake for adult swim rec as well	8/24/2021 3:43 PM
82	Yes. Kensington Metropark, other places specific to activities	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
83	We use Kensington and the park off 8 mile in Novi. Structures aren't as high, they are newer and easier to watch your kids without as much worry	8/24/2021 3:42 PM
84	Wixom, Novi	8/24/2021 3:41 PM
85	Yes. Brighton - hiking, lake swimming. Milford - YMCA. Northville - hiking, golf.	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
86	Yes. I need to drive to play pickleball.	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
87	Baseball fields and training facilities basketball courts Metro parks, legacy, Catholic central, action sports, dbat, burn bootcamp,	8/24/2021 3:36 PM
88	Skate park, pools!	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
89	Fishing	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
90	Kensington Metropark, Hudson Mills Metroparks for biking. Hudson Mills connects to a Border to Border trail. Island Lake for swimming at Spring Mill pond.	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
91	Softball for women is non existent in South Lyon so I go to Farmington. Take grandchildren to Farmington and Plymouth for splash pad access.	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
92	Yes, gyms/pools	8/24/2021 3:24 PM
93	A variety of trails for running	8/24/2021 3:23 PM
94	I usually stay in the South Lyon area.	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
95	Sometimes to swim in a pool/lap swim	8/24/2021 12:56 PM
96	Mountain bike trails - we go to Olson Park in Ann Arbor or DTE in Chelsea	8/24/2021 12:06 PM
97	Yes, all the time. Novi library offers diverse programming (black history month story time series). Ann Arbor offers drag queen story time. I'm so tired of driving all over the region to	8/24/2021 12:05 PM

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	access more diverse community resources	
98	Kensington park gif picnicking, walking & nature trails.	8/24/2021 12:04 PM
99	We go to Kensingto Metropark a lot	8/24/2021 11:43 AM
100	Have used Milford High School's indoor walking track and pool.	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
101	Yes - to use trails that are better maintained.	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
102	Novi Sports club to work out. Local golf courses.	8/24/2021 11:06 AM

Q17 What is your age?

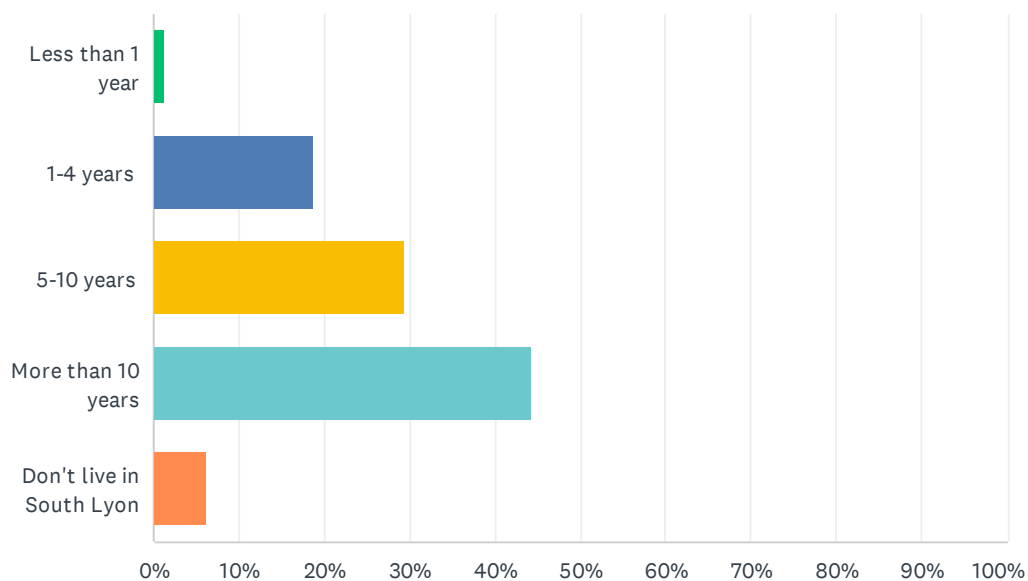
Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.63%	1
18-24	3.75%	6
25-34	12.50%	20
35-44	47.50%	76
45-54	18.13%	29
55-64	10.00%	16
65-74	5.00%	8
75+	1.88%	3
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	1
TOTAL		160

Q18 How long have you lived in the City of South Lyon?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1.25%	2
1-4 years	18.75%	30
5-10 years	29.38%	47
More than 10 years	44.38%	71
Don't live in South Lyon	6.25%	10
TOTAL		160

Q19 In the space provided below, please offer any additional comments you may have.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 123

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am a trail builder for the Motor City Mountain Biking Association. I live in Green Oak Township and run a family mountain biking club here in South Lyon. Would love to talk to someone about building family friendly mountain biking trails in volunteer park or elsewhere. 258-318-8971	9/16/2021 12:58 PM
2	N/a	9/15/2021 8:54 PM
3	Would love to see a YMCA type recreation facility	9/11/2021 7:55 PM
4	Good luck as our tax base is already high so many people may fight to increase our taxes to provide more facilities/opportunities etc.!	8/30/2021 10:52 PM
5	Take advantage of prime real estate on Pont Tr at Mchattie to align with some of the city's Master Plan and supporting efforts of downtown development. City owned empty homes and billboard are lost opportunity for prime location amenities. As mentioned sidewalk connectivity through city street system is spotty. Investment in connectivity will help support accessibility and potential use of othwr park ammenities. Maintain paved trails.	8/25/2021 7:29 PM
6	A simple review of facilities available to residents for use will show the areas where the City of South Lyon doesn't offer any thing	8/25/2021 1:28 PM
7	I enjoy and utilize the parks that we have, but I think there could be a lot more variety in the facilities that the city provides. We don't have a rec/community center for kids to hang out at, or an outdoor pool to use during the summer. I used the parks with play equipment as a young kid, but as of now I feel like the parks don't offer a lot of services that I can/want to participate in as a young adult.	8/25/2021 12:52 PM
8	NOT ENOUGH ENRICHMENT FOR SENIORS, CAA NOT MEETING THE NEEDS IN TERMS OF CLASSES	8/25/2021 9:36 AM
9	Thanks for doing this.	8/25/2021 7:55 AM
10	Would love a local dog park! Lyon Oaks is too far away.	8/25/2021 6:57 AM
11	N/a	8/25/2021 5:55 AM
12	Used the playgrounds a lot when children were small and/or grandkids are over. Not so much now.	8/24/2021 10:50 PM
13	I am glad you are looking to improve our town!	8/24/2021 10:32 PM
14	Parks are well-maintained, garbages cleared regularly. Thank you! Wondering when the bathrooms at McHattie will reopen? And (as mentioned above), if the fountain with dog drinking option could be reinstalled, that would be much appreciated. Having a dog park would be awesome!	8/24/2021 9:39 PM
15	We love the south lyon parks, the team does a great job!	8/24/2021 8:37 PM
16	I would love to see a safe location with activities for teens. There doesn't seem to be a lot of choices for places to go for teens.	8/24/2021 8:23 PM
17	Offer bike path maps? Offer cross-country skiing or snow-shoeing in winter? Build a walk-up digital info kiosk somewhere downtown. (Would benefit residents and visitors alike.)	8/24/2021 8:05 PM
18	It is a shame that south lyon has nothing to offer for preteens and teenagers to do. Why South Lyon has no drug awareness programs or activities and drug education programs or festivals huge opiate heroin problem in this town that lots of parents are not aware of and no alternative places for older kids to go or things to do.	8/24/2021 7:54 PM

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19	Said what is obvious. No pickleball courts in this area is ridiculous.	8/24/2021 7:47 PM
20	Would be nice to extend all residency access to the SLCS district as a whole. Still super dangerous trying to traverse the roads to get to rails system. Sidewalks would be great, sooner, rather than later.	8/24/2021 7:43 PM
21	Keep up the great work! Love to see this improvement for the city. Love calling South Lyon our home.	8/24/2021 7:28 PM
22	We are a family with two young kids and would love to have something in town for them to do besides the playground. Splash pad would be amazing. More benches in the parks would be great too for the parents	8/24/2021 6:01 PM
23	Would love to see a community pool/splash pad type of facility! Many families in the area would join	8/24/2021 5:08 PM
24	Access to an OUTDOOR community pool would be wonderful for use during warm months. It's a shame that only the wealthy with private pools or those able to drive the distance to other pools or lakes can enjoy our hotter summers now.	8/24/2021 4:34 PM
25	I live in Lyon Township, but do as much business as possible in South Lyon. We utilize SLARA as often as possible and would love to see park improvements and additional programs.	8/24/2021 4:33 PM
26	I don't live in South Lyon, I have a South Lyon Mailing address and use the city parks and facilities from time to time.	8/24/2021 4:32 PM
27	NA	8/24/2021 3:54 PM
28	Would love to see the city slightly more walkable/bikeable. The rail trail offers good access but always room for improvement for bike lanes, safer walking areas, more connected paths.	8/24/2021 3:39 PM
29	Thank you for gathering info!	8/24/2021 3:30 PM
30	N/A	8/24/2021 3:26 PM
31	Community pool would be great	8/24/2021 3:25 PM
32	Thanks for having the survey so I could leave my opinion and suggestions.	8/24/2021 1:42 PM
33	I really appreciate the vision that this committee seems to have and that they are asking for input from residents!	8/24/2021 1:03 PM
34	It'd be nice if what we have could be kept up better. But, I realize there's only so much you can do with the manpower you have.	8/24/2021 12:04 PM
35	I am a Lyon Twp. resident, my family has lived here since the 1930's.	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
36	Thank you	8/24/2021 11:41 AM
37	When we do build new parks and rec facilities, we need to build with quality and budget for maintenance, keep the city clean and well maintained.	8/24/2021 11:06 AM

RECREATION INVENTORY: ADA CHECKLISTS

A site review checklist was created from ADA Design Standards with applicable standards based on what is included at the facility, and used to assess the accessibility of each park. Included here is the document with the checklists for each park.

ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST

McHattie Park

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES (206)

General. *Accessible* routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

Where Required. *Accessible* routes shall be provided where required by 206.2.

Site Arrival Points. At least one *accessible* route shall be provided within the *site* from *accessible* parking spaces and *accessible* passenger loading zones.

Within a Site. At least one *accessible* route shall connect *accessible buildings*, *accessible facilities*, *accessible elements*, and *accessible spaces* that are on the same *site*.

Within a Site. An *accessible* route is required to connect to the boundary of each area of sport activity. Examples of areas of sport activity include: soccer fields, basketball courts, baseball fields, running tracks, skating rinks, and the area surrounding a piece of gymnastic equipment. While the size of an area of sport activity may vary from sport to sport, each includes only the space needed to play. Where multiple sports fields or courts are provided, an *accessible* route is required to each field or area of sport activity.

Spaces and Elements. At least one *accessible* route shall connect *accessible building* or *facility entrances* with all *accessible spaces* and *elements* within the *building* or *facility* which are otherwise connected by a *circulation path* unless exempted by 206.2.3
Exceptions 1 through 7.

Spaces and Elements. Accessible routes must connect all spaces and elements required to be accessible including, but not limited to, raised areas and speaker platforms.

Court Sports. In court sports, at least one *accessible* route shall directly connect both sides of the court.

Play Areas. *Play areas* shall provide *accessible* routes in accordance with 206.2.17.
Accessible routes serving *play areas* shall comply with Chapter 4 except as modified by 1008.2.

Ground Level and Elevated Play Components. At least one *accessible* route shall be provided within the *play area*. The *accessible* route shall connect *ground level play components* required to comply with 240.2.1 and *elevated play components* required to comply with 240.2.2, including entry and exit points of the *play components*.

Soft Contained Play Structures. Where three or fewer entry points are provided for soft contained play structures, at least one entry point shall be on an *accessible* route. Where four or more entry points are provided for soft contained play structures, at least two entry points shall be on an *accessible* route.

Location. *Accessible* routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as general *circulation paths*. Where *circulation paths* are interior, required *accessible* routes shall also be interior.

Location. The accessible route must be in the same area as the general circulation path. This means that circulation paths, such as vehicular ways designed for pedestrian traffic, walks, and unpaved paths that are designed to be routinely used by pedestrians must be accessible or have an accessible route nearby. Additionally, accessible vertical interior circulation must be in the same area as stairs and escalators, not isolated in the back of the facility.

Entrances. Entrances shall be provided in accordance with 206.4. Entrance doors, doorways, and gates shall comply with 404 and shall be on an accessible route complying with 402.

Security Barriers. Security barriers, including but not limited to, security bollards and security check points, shall not obstruct a required accessible route or accessible means of egress.

PARKING SPACES (208)

General. Where parking spaces are provided, parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with 208.

Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.

Table 208.2 Parking Spaces

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000

Location. Parking *facilities* shall comply with 208.3

General. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 that serve a particular *building* or *facility* shall be located on the shortest *accessible* route from parking to an *entrance* complying with 206.4. Where parking serves more than one *accessible entrance*, parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be dispersed and located on the shortest *accessible* route to the *accessible entrances*.

SIGNS (216)

General. Signs shall be provided in accordance with 216 and shall comply with 703.

Directional and Informational Signs. Signs that provide direction to or information about interior *spaces* and *facilities* of the *site* shall comply with 703.5.

Directional and Informational Signs. Information about interior spaces and facilities includes rules of conduct, occupant load, and similar signs. Signs providing direction to rooms or spaces include those that identify egress routes.

Parking. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be identified by signs complying with 502.6.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Where a total of four or fewer parking *spaces*, including *accessible parking spaces*, are provided on a *site*, identification of *accessible parking spaces* shall not be required.

2. In residential *facilities*, where parking *spaces* are assigned to specific *residential dwelling units*, identification of *accessible parking spaces* shall not be required.

PLAY AREAS (240)

General. *Play areas* for children ages 2 and over shall comply with 240. Where separate *play areas* are provided within a *site* for specific age groups, each *play area* shall comply with 240.

EXCEPTIONS:

2. In existing *play areas*, where *play components* are relocated for the purposes of creating safe *use zones* and the ground surface is not *altered* or extended for more than one *use zone*, the *play area* shall not be required to comply with 240.

Play Components. Where provided, *play components* shall comply with 240.2.

Ground Level Play Components. *Ground level play components* shall be provided in the number and types required by 240.2.1. *Ground level play components* that are provided to comply with 240.2.1.1 shall be permitted to satisfy the additional number required by 240.2.1.2 if the minimum required types of *play components* are satisfied. Where two or more required *ground level play components* are provided, they shall be dispersed throughout the *play area* and integrated with other *play components*.

Ground Level Play Components. Examples of ground level play components may include spring rockers, swings, diggers, and stand-alone slides. When distinguishing between the different types of ground level play components, consider the general experience provided by the play component. Examples of different types of experiences include, but are not limited to, rocking, swinging, climbing, spinning, and sliding.

Ground Level Play Components (Continued). A spiral slide may provide a slightly different experience from a straight slide, but sliding is the general experience and therefore a spiral slide is not considered a different type of play component from a straight slide.

Ground level play components accessed by children with disabilities must be integrated into the play area. Designers should consider the optimal layout of ground level play components accessed by children with disabilities to foster interaction and socialization among all children. Grouping all ground level play components accessed by children with disabilities in one location is not considered integrated.

Where a stand-alone slide is provided, an accessible route must connect the base of the stairs at the entry point to the exit point of the slide. A ramp or transfer system to the top of the slide is not required. Where a sand box is provided, an accessible route must connect to the border of the sand box. Accessibility to the sand box would be enhanced by providing a transfer system into the sand or by providing a raised sand table with knee clearance complying with 1008.4.3.

Ramps are preferred over transfer systems since not all children who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices may be able to use, or may choose not to use, transfer systems. Where ramps connect elevated play components, the maximum rise of any ramp run is limited to 12 inches (305 mm). Where possible, designers and operators are encouraged to provide ramps with a slope less than the 1:12 maximum. Berms or sculpted dirt may be used to provide elevation and may be part of an accessible route to composite play structures.

Platform lifts are permitted as a part of an accessible route. Because lifts must be independently operable, operators should carefully consider the appropriateness of their use in unsupervised settings.

Minimum Number and Types. Where ground level play components are provided, at least one of each type shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 1008.4.

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Additional Number and Types. Where elevated play components are provided, ground level play components shall be provided in accordance with Table 240.2.1.2 and shall comply with 1008.4.

EXCEPTION: If at least 50 percent of the elevated play components are connected by a ramp and at least 3 of the elevated play components connected by the ramp are different types of play components, the play area shall not be required to comply with 240.2.1.2.

*Table 240.2.1.2 Number and Types of
Ground Level Play Components
Required to be on Accessible Routes*

Number of Elevated Play Components Provided	Minimum Number of Ground Level Play Components Required to be on an Accessible Route	Minimum Number of Different Types of Ground Level Play Components Required to be on an Accessible Route
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2 to 4	1	1
5 to 7	2	2
8 to 10	3	3
11 to 13	4	3
14 to 16	5	3
17 to 19	6	3
20 to 22	7	4
23 to 25	8	4
26 and over	8, plus 1 for each additional 3, or fraction thereof, over 25	5

Additional Number and Types. Where a large play area includes two or more composite play structures designed for the same age group, the total number of elevated play components on all the composite play structures must be added to determine the additional number and types of ground level play components that must be provided on an accessible route.

Elevated Play Components. Where *elevated play components* are provided, at least 50 percent shall be on an *accessible* route and shall comply with 1008.4.

Elevated Play Components. A double or triple slide that is part of a composite play structure is one elevated play component. For purposes of this section, ramps, transfer systems, steps, decks, and roofs are not considered elevated play components. Although socialization and pretend play can occur on these elements, they are not primarily intended for play.

Some play components that are attached to a composite play structure can be approached or exited at the ground level or above grade from a platform or deck. For example, a climber attached to a composite play structure can be approached or exited at the ground level or above grade from a platform or deck on a composite play structure. Play components that are attached to a composite play structure and can be approached from a platform or deck (e.g., climbers and overhead play components) are considered elevated play components. These play components are not considered ground level play components and do not count toward the requirements in 240.2.1.2 regarding the number of ground level play components that must be located on an accessible route.

FLOOR OR GROUND SURFACES (302)

General. Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.

EXCEPTIONS:

2. *Areas of sport activity* shall not be required to comply with 302.

General. A stable surface is one that remains unchanged by contaminants or applied force, so that when the contaminant or force is removed, the surface returns to its original condition. A firm surface resists deformation by either indentations or particles moving on its surface. A slip-resistant surface provides sufficient frictional counterforce to the forces exerted in walking to permit safe ambulation.

CHANGES IN LEVEL (303)

General. Where changes in level are permitted in floor or ground surfaces, they shall comply with 303.

Vertical. Changes in level of ¼ inch (6.4 mm) high maximum shall be permitted to be vertical.

Beveled. Changes in level between ¼ inch (6.4 mm) high minimum and ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum shall be beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2.

Ramps. Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be *ramped*, and shall comply with 405 or 406.

Floor or Ground Surfaces. Floor or ground surfaces of a turning *space* shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES (402)

General. *Accessible* routes shall comply with 402.

Components. *Accessible* routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a *running slope* not steeper than 1:20, doorways, *ramps*, *curb ramps* excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an *accessible* route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

WALKING SURFACES (403)

General. Walking surfaces that are a part of an *accessible* route shall comply with 403.

Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surfaces shall comply with 302.

Slope. The *running slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The *cross slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Changes in Level. Changes in level shall comply with 303.

Clearances. Walking surfaces shall provide clearances complying with 403.5.

Clear Width. Except as provided in 403.5.2 and 403.5.3, the clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTION: The clear width shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches (815 mm) minimum for a length of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum provided that reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 48 inches (1220 mm) long minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) wide minimum.

Clear Width at Turn. Where the *accessible* route makes a 180 degree turn around an *element* which is less than 48 inches (1220 mm) wide, clear width shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum approaching the turn, 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum at the turn and 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum leaving the turn.

EXCEPTION: Where the clear width at the turn is 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum compliance with 403.5.2 shall not be required.

Passing Spaces. An *accessible* route with a clear width less than 60 inches (1525 mm) shall provide passing *spaces* at intervals of 200 feet (61 m) maximum. Passing *spaces* shall be either: a *space* 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum; or, an intersection of two walking surfaces providing a T-shaped *space* complying with 304.3.2 where the base and arms of the T-shaped *space* extend 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum beyond the intersection.

Handrails. Where handrails are provided along walking surfaces with *running slopes* not steeper than 1:20 they shall comply with 505.

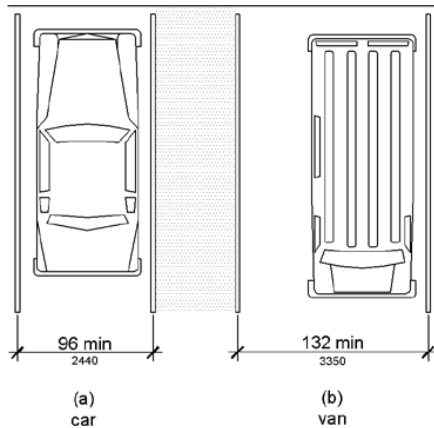
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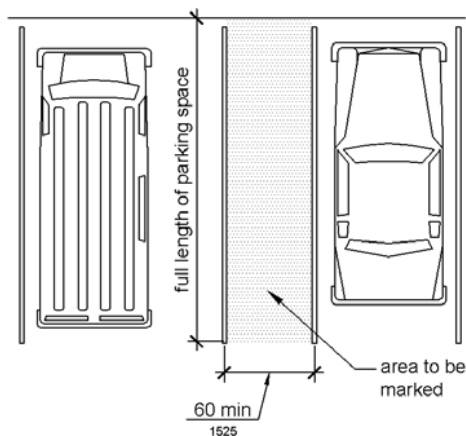
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EXCEPTION: Van parking *spaces* shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.



Access Aisle. Access aisles serving parking *spaces* shall comply with 502.3. Access aisles shall adjoin an *accessible* route. Two parking *spaces* shall be permitted to share a common access aisle.

Access Aisle. Accessible routes must connect parking spaces to accessible entrances. In parking facilities where the accessible route must cross vehicular traffic lanes, marked crossings enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Where possible, it is preferable that the accessible route not pass behind parked vehicles.



Width. Access aisles serving car and van parking *spaces* shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) wide minimum.

Length. Access aisles shall extend the full length of the parking *spaces* they serve.

Marking. Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them.

Marking. The method and color of marking are not specified by these requirements but may be addressed by State or local laws or regulations. Because these requirements permit the van access aisle to be as wide as a parking space, it is important that the aisle be clearly marked.

Location. Access aisles shall not overlap the *vehicular way*. Access aisles shall be permitted to be placed on either side of the parking *space* except for angled van parking *spaces* which shall have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking

spaces.

Floor or Ground Surfaces. Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with

302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted.

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Vertical Clearance. Parking spaces for vans and access aisles and vehicular routes serving them shall provide a vertical clearance of 98 inches (2490 mm) minimum.

Vertical Clearance. Signs provided at entrances to parking facilities informing drivers of clearances and the location of van accessible parking spaces can provide useful customer assistance.

Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.

Identification. The required "van accessible" designation is intended to be informative, not restrictive, in identifying those spaces that are better suited for van use. Enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including parking privileges, is a local matter.

Relationship to Accessible Routes. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be designed so that cars and vans, when parked, cannot obstruct the required clear width of adjacent accessible routes.

Relationship to Accessible Routes. Wheel stops are an effective way to prevent vehicle overhangs from reducing the clear width of accessible routes.

HANDRAILS (505)

General. Handrails provided along walking surfaces complying with 403, required at ramps complying with 405, and required at stairs complying with 504 shall comply with 505.

General. Handrails are required on ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) (see 405.8) and on certain stairways (see 504). Handrails are not required on walking surfaces with running slopes less than 1:20. However, handrails are required to comply with 505 when they are provided on walking surfaces with running slopes less than 1:20 (see 403.6). Sections 505.2, 505.3, and 505.10 do not apply to handrails provided on walking surfaces with running slopes less than 1:20 as these sections only reference requirements for ramps and stairs.

Where Required. Handrails shall be provided on both sides of stairs and ramps.

Continuity. Handrails shall be continuous within the full length of each stair flight or ramp run. Inside handrails on switchback or dogleg stairs and ramps shall be continuous between flights or runs.

Height. Top of gripping surfaces of handrails shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 38 inches (965 mm) maximum vertically above walking surfaces, stair nosings, and *ramp* surfaces. Handrails shall be at a consistent height above walking surfaces, stair nosings, and *ramp* surfaces.

SIGNS (703)

General. Signs shall comply with 703. Where both visual and *tactile characters* are required, either one sign with both visual and *tactile characters*, or two separate signs, one with visual, and one with *tactile characters*, shall be provided.

Raised Characters. Raised *characters* shall comply with 703.2 and shall be duplicated in braille complying with 703.3. Raised *characters* shall be installed in accordance with 703.4.

Raised Characters. Signs that are designed to be read by touch should not have sharp or abrasive edges.

Depth. Raised *characters* shall be 1/32 inch (0.8 mm) minimum above their background.

Case. *Characters* shall be uppercase.

Style. *Characters* shall be sans serif. *Characters* shall not be italic, oblique, script, highly decorative, or of other unusual forms.

Symbols of Accessibility. Symbols of *accessibility* shall comply with 703.7.

Finish and Contrast. Symbols of *accessibility* and their background shall have a non-glare finish. Symbols of *accessibility* shall contrast with their background with either a light symbol on a dark background or a dark symbol on a light background.

Finish and Contrast. Signs are more legible for persons with low vision when characters contrast as much as possible with their background. Additional factors affecting the ease with which the text can be distinguished from its background include shadows cast by lighting sources, surface glare, and the uniformity of the text and background colors and textures.

Symbols.

International Symbol of Accessibility. The International Symbol of *Accessibility* shall comply with Figure 703.7.2.1.



BENCHES (903)

General. Benches shall comply with 903.

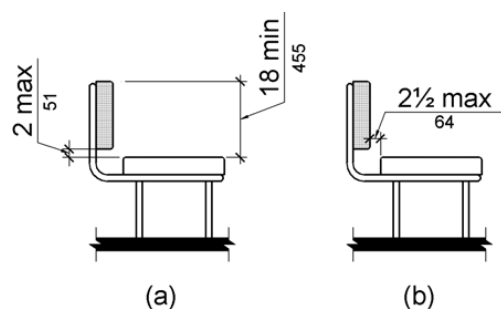
Clear Floor or Ground Space. Clear floor or ground *space* complying with 305 shall be

provided and shall be positioned at the end of the bench seat and parallel to the short axis of the bench.

Size. Benches shall have seats that are 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and 20 inches (510 mm) deep minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) deep maximum.

Back Support. The bench shall provide for back support or shall be affixed to a wall. Back support shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and shall extend from a point 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the seat surface to a point 18 inches (455 mm) minimum above the seat surface. Back support shall be 2½ inches (64 mm) maximum from the rear edge of the seat measured horizontally.

Back Support. To assist in transferring to the bench, consider providing grab bars on a wall adjacent to the bench, but not on the seat back. If provided, grab bars cannot obstruct transfer to the bench.



Height. The top of the bench seat surface shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

PLAY AREAS (1008)

General. *Play areas* shall comply with 1008.

Accessible Routes. *Accessible routes* serving *play areas* shall comply with Chapter 4 and 1008.2 and shall be permitted to use the exceptions in 1008.2.1 through 1008.2.3. Where *accessible routes* serve *ground level play components*, the vertical clearance shall be 80 inches high (2030 mm) minimum.

Ground Level and Elevated Play Components. *Accessible routes* serving *ground level play components* and *elevated play components* shall be permitted to use the exceptions in 1008.2.1.

Clear Width. *Accessible routes* connecting *play components* shall provide a clear width complying with 1008.2.4.

Ground Level. At ground level, the clear width of *accessible routes* shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. In *play areas* less than 1000 square feet (93 m²), the clear width of *accessible routes* shall be permitted to be 44 inches (1120 mm) minimum, if at least one turning *space* complying with 304.3 is provided where the restricted *accessible route* exceeds 30 feet (9145 mm) in length.

2. The clear width of *accessible routes* shall be permitted to be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum for a distance of 60 inches (1525 mm) maximum provided that multiple reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 60

inches (1525 mm) wide minimum and 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.

Elevated. The clear width of *accessible* routes connecting *elevated play components* shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

Ramps. Within *play areas*, *ramps* connecting *ground level play components* and *ramps* connecting *elevated play components* shall comply with 1008.2.5.

Handrails. Where required on *ramps* serving *play components*, the handrails shall comply with 505 except as modified by 1008.2.5.3.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Handrails shall not be required on *ramps* located within ground level *use zones*.

2. Handrail extensions shall not be required.

Handrail Gripping Surfaces. Handrail gripping surfaces with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of 0.95 inch (24 mm) minimum and 1.55 inches (39 mm) maximum. Where the shape of the gripping surface is non-circular, the handrail shall provide an equivalent gripping surface.

Handrail Height. The top of handrail gripping surfaces shall be 20 inches (510 mm) minimum and 28 inches (710 mm) maximum above the *ramp* surface.

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ACCESSIBLE ROUTES (206)

General. *Accessible* routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

Where Required. *Accessible* routes shall be provided where required by 206.2.

Site Arrival Points. At least one *accessible* route shall be provided within the *site* from *accessible* parking *spaces* and *accessible* passenger loading zones.

Within a Site. At least one *accessible* route shall connect *accessible buildings*, *accessible facilities*, *accessible elements*, and *accessible spaces* that are on the same *site*.

Within a Site. An *accessible* route is required to connect to the boundary of each area of sport activity. Examples of areas of sport activity include: soccer fields, basketball courts, baseball fields, running tracks, skating rinks, and the area surrounding a piece of gymnastic equipment. While the size of an area of sport activity may vary from sport to sport, each includes only the space needed to play. Where multiple sports fields or courts are provided, an *accessible* route is required to each field or area of sport activity.

Spaces and Elements. At least one *accessible* route shall connect *accessible building* or *facility entrances* with all *accessible spaces* and *elements* within the *building* or *facility* which are otherwise connected by a *circulation path* unless exempted by 206.2.3
Exceptions 1 through 7.

Spaces and Elements. Accessible routes must connect all spaces and elements required to be

accessible including, but not limited to, raised areas and speaker platforms.

Court Sports. In court sports, at least one *accessible* route shall directly connect both sides of the court.

Location. *Accessible* routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as general *circulation paths*. Where *circulation paths* are interior, required *accessible* routes shall also be interior.

Location. The accessible route must be in the same area as the general circulation path. This means that circulation paths, such as vehicular ways designed for pedestrian traffic, walks, and unpaved paths that are designed to be routinely used by pedestrians must be accessible or have an accessible route nearby. Additionally, accessible vertical interior circulation must be in the same area as stairs and escalators, not isolated in the back of the facility.

Entrances. *Entrances* shall be provided in accordance with 206.4. *Entrance* doors, doorways, and gates shall comply with 404 and shall be on an *accessible* route complying with 402.

PARKING SPACES (208)

General. Where parking spaces are provided, parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with 208.

Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.

Table 208.2 Parking Spaces

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total

1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000
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Location. Parking *facilities* shall comply with 208.3

General. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 that serve a particular *building* or *facility* shall be located on the shortest *accessible* route from parking to an *entrance* complying with 206.4. Where parking serves more than one *accessible entrance*, parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be dispersed and located on the shortest *accessible* route to the *accessible entrances*.

SIGNS (216)

General. Signs shall be provided in accordance with 216 and shall comply with 703.

Directional and Informational Signs. Signs that provide direction to or information about interior *spaces* and *facilities* of the *site* shall comply with 703.5.

Directional and Informational Signs. Information about interior spaces and facilities includes rules of conduct, occupant load, and similar signs. Signs providing direction to rooms or spaces include those that identify egress routes.

Parking. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be identified by signs complying with 502.6.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Where a total of four or fewer parking *spaces*, including *accessible parking spaces*, are provided on a *site*, identification of *accessible parking spaces* shall not be required.

2. In residential *facilities*, where parking *spaces* are assigned to specific *residential dwelling units*, identification of *accessible parking spaces* shall not be required.

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WALKING SURFACES (403)

General. Walking surfaces that are a part of an *accessible* route shall comply with 403.

Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surfaces shall comply with 302.

Slope. The *running slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The *cross slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Changes in Level. Changes in level shall comply with 303.

Clearances. Walking surfaces shall provide clearances complying with 403.5.

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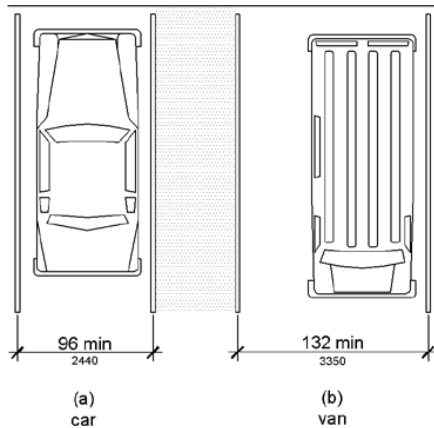
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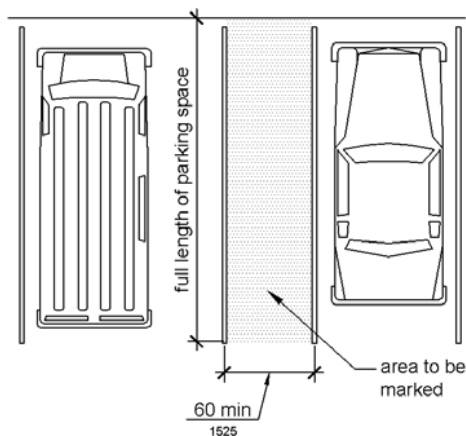
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BENCHES (903)

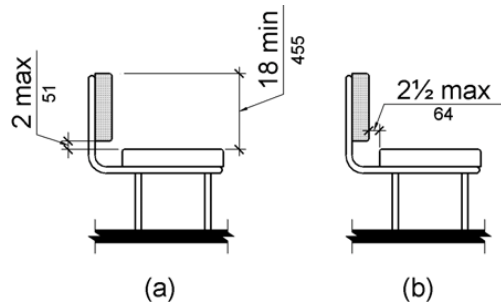
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Clear Floor or Ground Space. Clear floor or ground *space* complying with 305 shall be provided and shall be positioned at the end of the bench seat and parallel to the short axis of the bench.

Size. Benches shall have seats that are 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and 20 inches (510 mm) deep minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) deep maximum.

Back Support. The bench shall provide for back support or shall be affixed to a wall. Back support shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and shall extend from a point 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the seat surface to a point 18 inches (455 mm) minimum above the seat surface. Back support shall be 2½ inches (64 mm) maximum from the rear edge of the seat measured horizontally.

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Height. The top of the bench seat surface shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

Paul Baker Memorial Park

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES (206)

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Where Required. Accessible routes shall be provided where required by 206.2.

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Within a Site. An accessible route is required to connect to the boundary of each area of sport activity. Examples of areas of sport activity include: soccer fields, basketball courts, baseball fields, running tracks, skating rinks, and the area surrounding a piece of gymnastic equipment. While the size of an area of sport activity may vary from sport to sport, each includes only the space needed to play. Where multiple sports fields or courts are provided, an accessible route is required to each field or area of sport activity.

Spaces and Elements. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible building or facility entrances with all accessible spaces and elements within the building or facility which are otherwise connected by a circulation path unless exempted by 206.2.3 Exceptions 1 through 7.

Spaces and Elements. Accessible routes must connect all spaces and elements required to be accessible including, but not limited to, raised areas and speaker platforms.

Location. Accessible routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as general circulation paths. Where circulation paths are interior, required accessible routes shall also be interior.

Location. The accessible route must be in the same area as the general circulation path. This means that circulation paths, such as vehicular ways designed for pedestrian traffic, walks, and unpaved paths that are designed to be routinely used by pedestrians must be accessible or have an accessible route nearby. Additionally, accessible vertical interior circulation must be in the same area as stairs and escalators, not isolated in the back of the facility.

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EXCEPTIONS:

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CHANGES IN LEVEL (303)

General. Where changes in level are permitted in floor or ground surfaces, they shall comply with 303.

Vertical. Changes in level of ¼ inch (6.4 mm) high maximum shall be permitted to be vertical.

Beveled. Changes in level between ¼ inch (6.4 mm) high minimum and ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum shall be beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2.

Ramps. Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be *ramped*, and shall comply with 405 or 406.

Floor or Ground Surfaces. Floor or ground surfaces of a turning *space* shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES (402)

General. *Accessible* routes shall comply with 402.

Components. *Accessible* routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a *running slope* not steeper than 1:20, doorways, *ramps*, *curb ramps* excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an *accessible* route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4.

WALKING SURFACES (403)

General. Walking surfaces that are a part of an *accessible* route shall comply with 403.

Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surfaces shall comply with 302.

Slope. The *running slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The *cross slope* of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Changes in Level. Changes in level shall comply with 303.

Clearances. Walking surfaces shall provide clearances complying with 403.5.

Clear Width. Except as provided in 403.5.2 and 403.5.3, the clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

EXCEPTION: The clear width shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches (815 mm) minimum for a length of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum provided that reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 48 inches (1220 mm) long minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) wide minimum.

Clear Width at Turn. Where the *accessible* route makes a 180 degree turn around an *element* which is less than 48 inches (1220 mm) wide, clear width shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum approaching the turn, 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum at the turn and 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum leaving the turn.

EXCEPTION: Where the clear width at the turn is 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum compliance with 403.5.2 shall not be required.

Passing Spaces. An *accessible* route with a clear width less than 60 inches (1525 mm) shall provide passing *spaces* at intervals of 200 feet (61 m) maximum. Passing *spaces* shall be either: a *space* 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum; or, an intersection of two walking surfaces providing a T-shaped *space* complying with 304.3.2 where the base and arms of the T-shaped *space* extend 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum beyond the intersection.

Handrails. Where handrails are provided along walking surfaces with *running slopes* not steeper than 1:20 they shall comply with 505.

SIGNS (703)

General. Signs shall comply with 703. Where both visual and *tactile characters* are required, either one sign with both visual and *tactile characters*, or two separate signs, one with visual, and one with *tactile characters*, shall be provided.

Raised Characters. Raised *characters* shall comply with 703.2 and shall be duplicated in braille complying with 703.3. Raised *characters* shall be installed in accordance with 703.4.

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Depth. Raised *characters* shall be 1/32 inch (0.8 mm) minimum above their background.

Case. *Characters* shall be uppercase.

Style. *Characters* shall be sans serif. *Characters* shall not be italic, oblique, script, highly decorative, or of other unusual forms.

Symbols of Accessibility. Symbols of *accessibility* shall comply with 703.7.

Finish and Contrast. Symbols of *accessibility* and their background shall have a non-glare finish. Symbols of *accessibility* shall contrast with their background with either a light symbol on a dark background or a dark symbol on a light background.

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Symbols.

International Symbol of Accessibility. The International Symbol of *Accessibility* shall comply with Figure 703.7.2.1.



BENCHES (903)

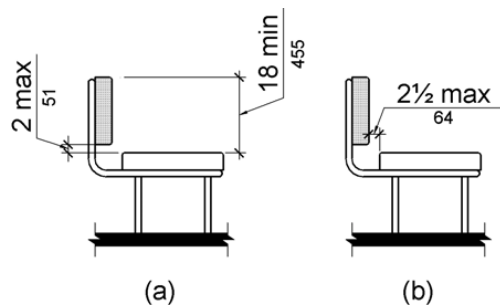
General. Benches shall comply with 903.

Clear Floor or Ground Space. Clear floor or ground *space* complying with 305 shall be provided and shall be positioned at the end of the bench seat and parallel to the short axis of the bench.

Size. Benches shall have seats that are 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and 20 inches (510 mm) deep minimum and 24 inches (610 mm) deep maximum.

Back Support. The bench shall provide for back support or shall be affixed to a wall. Back support shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum and shall extend from a point 2 inches (51 mm) maximum above the seat surface to a point 18 inches (455 mm) minimum above the seat surface. Back support shall be 2½ inches (64 mm) maximum from the rear edge of the seat measured horizontally.

Back Support. To assist in transferring to the bench, consider providing grab bars on a wall adjacent to the bench, but not on the seat back. If provided, grab bars cannot obstruct transfer to the bench.



Height. The top of the bench seat surface shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

Volunteer Park

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Spaces and Elements. Accessible routes must connect all spaces and elements required to be accessible including, but not limited to, raised areas and speaker platforms.

Court Sports. In court sports, at least one *accessible* route shall directly connect both sides of the court.

Entrances. *Entrances* shall be provided in accordance with 206.4. *Entrance* doors, doorways, and gates shall comply with 404 and shall be on an *accessible* route complying with 402.

PARKING SPACES (208)

General. Where parking spaces are provided, parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with 208.

Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.

Table 208.2 Parking Spaces

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
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1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000

Location. Parking *facilities* shall comply with 208.3

General. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 that serve a particular *building* or *facility* shall be located on the shortest *accessible* route from parking to an *entrance* complying with 206.4. Where parking serves more than one *accessible entrance*, parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be dispersed and located on the shortest *accessible* route to the *accessible entrances*.

SIGNS (216)

General. Signs shall be provided in accordance with 216 and shall comply with 703.

Directional and Informational Signs. Signs that provide direction to or information about interior *spaces* and *facilities* of the *site* shall comply with 703.5.

Directional and Informational Signs. Information about interior spaces and facilities includes rules of conduct, occupant load, and similar signs. Signs providing direction to rooms or spaces include those that identify egress routes.

Parking. Parking *spaces* complying with 502 shall be identified by signs complying with 502.6.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Where a total of four or fewer parking *spaces*, including *accessible* parking *spaces*, are provided on a *site*, identification of *accessible* parking *spaces* shall not be required.

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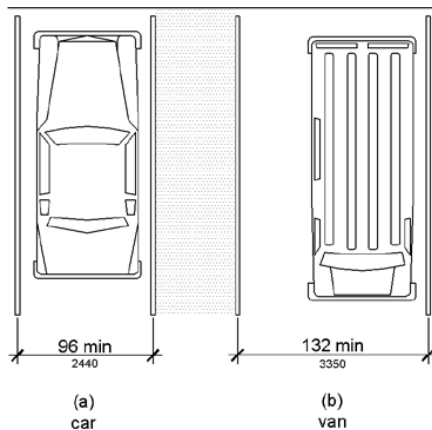
PARKING SPACES (502)

General. Car and van parking *spaces* shall comply with 502. Where parking *spaces* are marked with lines, width measurements of parking *spaces* and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.

EXCEPTION: Where parking *spaces* or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking *space* or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking *space* or access aisle.

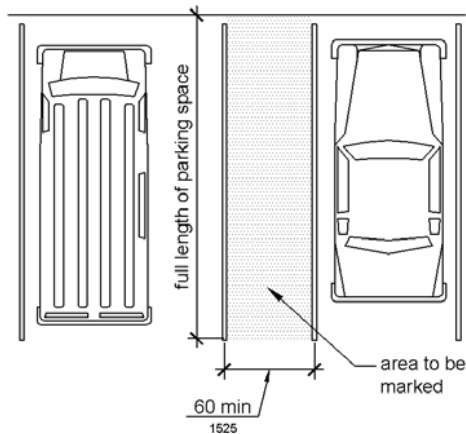
Vehicle Spaces. Car parking *spaces* shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and van parking *spaces* shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.

EXCEPTION: Van parking *spaces* shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.



Access Aisle. Access aisles serving parking *spaces* shall comply with 502.3. Access aisles shall adjoin an *accessible* route. Two parking *spaces* shall be permitted to share a common access aisle.

Access Aisle. Accessible routes must connect parking spaces to accessible entrances. In parking facilities where the accessible route must cross vehicular traffic lanes, marked crossings enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Where possible, it is preferable that the accessible route not pass behind parked vehicles.



Width. Access aisles serving car and van parking spaces shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) wide minimum.

Length. Access aisles shall extend the full length of the parking spaces they serve.

Marking. Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them.

Marking. The method and color of marking are not specified by these requirements but may be addressed by State or local laws or regulations. Because these requirements permit the van access aisle to be as wide as a parking space, it is important that the aisle be clearly marked.

Location. Access aisles shall not overlap the *vehicular way*. Access aisles shall be permitted to be placed on either side of the parking space except for angled van parking spaces which shall have access aisles located on the passenger side of the parking spaces.

Floor or Ground Surfaces. Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with

302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted.

Floor or Ground Surfaces. Access aisles are required to be nearly level in all directions to provide a surface for wheelchair transfer to and from vehicles. The exception allows sufficient slope for drainage. Built-up curb ramps are not permitted to project into access aisles and parking spaces because they would create slopes greater than 1:48.

Vertical Clearance. Parking spaces for vans and access aisles and vehicular routes serving them shall provide a vertical clearance of 98 inches (2490 mm) minimum.

Vertical Clearance. Signs provided at entrances to parking facilities informing drivers of clearances and the location of van accessible parking spaces can provide useful customer assistance.

Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.

Identification. The required “van accessible” designation is intended to be informative, not restrictive, in identifying those spaces that are better suited for van use. Enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including parking privileges, is a local matter.

Relationship to Accessible Routes. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be designed so that cars and vans, when parked, cannot obstruct the required clear width of adjacent *accessible* routes.

Relationship to Accessible Routes. Wheel stops are an effective way to prevent vehicle overhangs from reducing the clear width of accessible routes.

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BENCHES (903)

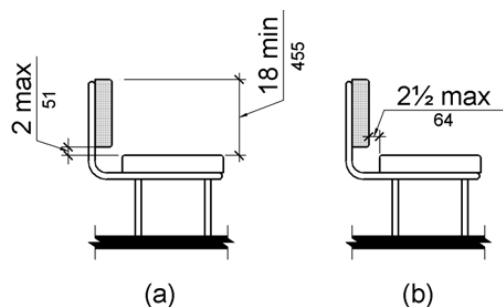
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NOTICE OF DRAFT FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

FLYER POSTED ADVERTISING PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Flyers with notice of the 30-day public review period and instructions on how residents can review and comment on the plan were posted at City Hall. These flyers were also posted with the copies of the draft plan placed at the Police Station and the library.



City of South Lyon Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update 2022-2026

The City of South Lyon is in the process of updating the **South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. This is a five-year plan to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available, identify problems and needs, and establish a strategy to address those needs.

A draft plan has been completed and will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning November 12th. A digital version of the draft plan will be available on the City's website, and a paper copy will be available at City Hall, the South Lyon Police Department, and the Salem-South Lyon District Library.

Any comments can be submitted via email to **hsmith@cibplanning.com**, either written in an email or on a copy of the PDF plan file. Hand-written comments can be submitted at City Hall.

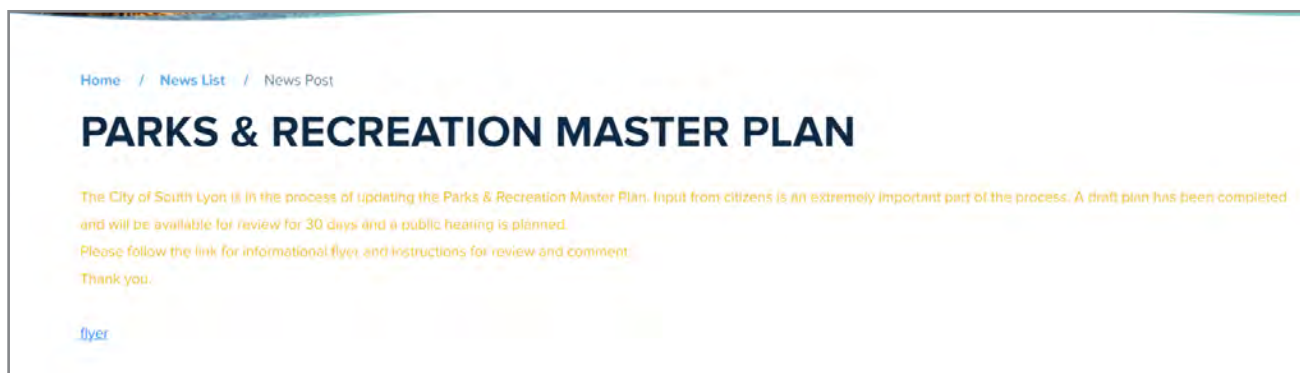
A public hearing will be held at the December 13th City Council meeting.

**Thank you for taking the time to help us shape South Lyon's
Parks and Recreation!!**

WEBSITE POST ADVERTISING PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The notice of the 30-day public review period was provided in a News post on the City's website, along with instructions to how members of the public can review and comment on the plan. A PDF of the draft plan was also linked for review and comment.

Notice and link to information about review and comment on City website, posted November 11, 2021



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The notice of the public hearing was advertised in the Oakland Press, on theoaklandpress.com, and the Royal Oak Tribune on November 19, 2021. This notice indicated the correct date of the public hearing, but indicated it was Thursday rather than Monday. A corrected public hearing notice was published in the same locations on December 3, 2021. Affidavits of publication for both postings are included here.



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CITY OF SOUTH LYON CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING December 13, 2021

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Members of the public wishing to participate in the electronic meeting may do so by using the meeting link and entering the meeting ID. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84913748463> Meeting ID: 849 1374 8463.

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MINUTES FROM PUBLIC
HEARING AND MEETING TO
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APPROVED MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The public hearing was held at the December 13, 2021 City Council meeting, the meeting at which the plan was also adopted. As noted in the minutes, the discussion at the meeting included two City-owned paths that were not included in the inventory in the draft presented at the meeting. The plan was approved with the intention of having the paths added to the inventory and maps, as needed. These changes have been made to the plan.

City of South Lyon
Regular City Council Meeting
December 13, 2021

Mayor Pelchat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pelchat led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilmembers: Dilg joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Kurtzweil joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Councilmember Kivell joined the meeting from South Lyon, MI and Kennedy joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, Mosier joined the meeting from South Lyon MI, and Hansen joined the meeting from South Lyon MI.

Also present: City Manager Zelenak, Attorney Hamameh, Chief Sovik, Deputy Chief Weir, DDA Director Mack, Finance and Benefit Administrator Tiernan, and Clerk/Treasurer Deaton

MINUTES

Councilmember Kivell stated on page 3, he made the motion for the CDBG funds, not Kennedy.

CM 12-1-21 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to approve the minutes as amended for the November 22, 2021 Council meeting

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BILLS

CM 12-2-21 MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Kivell, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the bills as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she would like to add item #3 under New Business for discussion relating to extending the performance deadline for 135 E Lake Street

CM 12-3-21 MOTION TO ADD #3 AGENDA ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kivell

Motion to add #3 under New Business for discussion relating to extending the performance deadline for 135 E Lake Street

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider cancelling December 27th City Council Meeting
2. Motorfest 2022

CM 12-4-21 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kurtzweil, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comment was made

DDA- Informational meeting in compliance with PA 57 of 2018

Downtown Director Nate Mack made a brief powerpoint presentation which can be viewed on our website in its entirety. *slides are attached* Mr. Mack stated the purpose is to comply with Michigan PA57 of 2018, which offers guidance for DDA's. He stated DDA meets the second Thursday at 8:00 a.m. The Board of Directors are made up of a mix of downtown business owners, downtown residents, business owners and property owners. He then explained the DDA is mainly funded by tax increment financing which means it captures of an increase of property tax value over the base year the DDA was established which in South Lyon was 2001 and this is due to building investments, building rehabilitations and inflation. As property values rise, the DDA captures the increase in value and invests those funds back into the district. He further explained the revenue of the DDA. As of June 30, 2021 they collected \$48,496.00 and they also collected Farmers Market sponsor vendor fees and grant funds in the amount of \$20,177.00 He then explained the DDA expenditures as of June 20, 2021 which consisted of the Farmers Market, operating expenses, seasonal improvements as well as other things, made a combined total of \$34,411.00 He then stated the DDA philosophy utilizes the four point approach by Main Street America which is organization, design, promotion and economic vitality. He then explained the four-point approach in more detail. He then stated the city had many events in 2021 such as Ladies Night, Farmers Market, Downtown Trick or Treating and the car shows which the residents really supported. Mr. Mack stated the Farmers Market was very successful this year despite some big changes such as Tim Davids no longer being the market manager, although due to his hard work at the beginning of the year, there was an increase in sponsorship dollars. Councilmember Kivell asked for an example of a miscellaneous expense because it appears to be 14% of the expenditures. Mr. Mack stated he believes there was something that was paid with that line item from the previous budget year. Councilmember Hansen thanked Nate for all his work with advancing our community and bringing the events to our downtown. He then asked what efforts is the DDA doing to let the downtown business owners know of the events and engage them so they are knowledgeable and aware of upcoming events. He then asked what Council could do to let the downtown business owners be aware of the events. Mr. Mack stated they engage on their Facebook page, as well as an email list he has of all the business owners downtown and before events he will send out a mass email to let them know of upcoming events. He stated Council does a great job showing support for the events and by coming to the events. Councilmember Kurtzweil asked why the delinquent real property tax levy was so high for the 2019-2020. Councilmember Dilg stated she would like the DDA Board to consider a way to keep residents downtown after the event, such as the parade. She stated a lot of the shop's downtown were still open, but it seemed everyone left downtown after the parade.

DISCUSSION- Downtown

Downtown Director Nate Mack stated the Holiday Spectacular went very well, even though they had to make some adjustments because the schools were closed. There were people walking back and forth through the downtown throughout the day. He spoke with some shop owners and they said they had a very busy day. He then stated if we try getting people to stay downtown after the parade is something we will be looking at. We will have a wrap up meeting later this week. He then recognized a core group of people that committed many hours of their time for the event, such as Melissa Borgman, Tanya Nevitt, Linda Ross, Larry Ledbetter, Annie Vuillemot and Ron Borgman. He then stated Dayna Johnston did a great job with the parade. He met weekly with all of them and it couldn't have happened without them and he thanks them. He then stated the Director for the South Lyon Recreation Authority has submitted her resignation and this affects the Farmers Market partnership we were going to enter into with SLARA, therefore we have posted the Farmers Market Manager on ZipRecruiter until January 8th, and we will hire that person in the same capacity as the previous Market Manager. He then stated the DDA Board met last week and discussed the Farmers Market as well as joining a focus group with the South Lyon Community Schools on January 27th.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Deputy Chief Weir stated the graphics for the new F150 is completed and it is now in service and scheduled to get lights and sirens installed, but they are backordered about 4 weeks. He stated the jeep it is replacing will have the lights and sirens removed and we will post it for sale in the next month or two. We had a busy weekend with the weather, there were 2 fallen trees that damaged houses along with a number of downed power lines. DTE has been working to get everyone's power back on. He then reminded everyone to go to a hardware store and purchase carbon monoxide detectors, we are getting into the season and they can save your life just as much as a smoke detector can. He then thanked the city for involving them with the lighted parade, and they delivered Santa to McHattie Park and the firefighters enjoy being involved in that.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Sovik stated Detective Tim Raap was given the Officer of the Year Award for 2021 and he has been with the city for 22 years. This is his first time through the detective bureau and he has done an outstanding job, and his work ethic is impeccable. He stated the generator project should be completed soon. He stated they had their Christmas party on December 6th and they discussed the year 2021 and about things they can improve on and things that went well. They also talked about some budget requests. He then stated he met with the school administrators individually to reassure them of their commitment and that safety is our priority. He stated the Police Department will continue to do as we have been with showing a presence at the arrival and dismissal of school and doing walk throughs. We had an officer assigned to the schools on Monday and Tuesday. He further stated they met with the schools to discuss an agreement to have a school resource officer. They were thankful. He then stated we received a \$500.00 donation which brings us to \$4,600 for the memorial foundation. He further stated they raised almost \$1,600 for the Wigs for Kids program and he thanked the city council members for their donations. Chief Sovik stated the Police Department partnered with Biggby Coffee on Sunday the 11th for a few hours and they provided \$1.00 per each item they sold during that time and they raised \$600.00 during that short time. He further stated it was really busy and he thanked them for partnering with them. He then stated he received 2 checks from MMRMA for grants for the in-house cameras and for the tasers they purchased. They are expecting another one shortly. He then stated last week was pretty stressful with the Oxford incident and it hit close to home and affected us more than we thought. We had good discussions and we have accreditation requirements that are coming due this month. Lieutenant Baaki's father passed away, so there has been a lot going on. We haven't had that much stress or pressure that he can remember. He reminded everyone of the employee assistance program that people can take advantage of if anyone needs to talk to someone. Chief Sovik stated he received a call from the Superintendent of South Lyon Schools and they discussed having an officer in the middle schools. He contacted the City Manager to let him know. He then met with the Superintendent and he wanted to have an officer in the schools as soon as possible. They spoke about the responsibilities and the compensation the schools will pay to the city. As of now we have a tentative verbal agreement while the written contract is being written. He further stated they will pay wages, salaries, benefits and everything that comes with that for the remainder of the school year. He further stated we do have an Officer in Millennium and Centennial currently. He stated they were fielding calls last week and it was very busy. He further stated we did some investigating and they sent the results to the prosecutor's office for review. He stated we have taken Officer Walton off the road and he is between the middle schools. He further stated he will be back acting as Detective while the schools are closed for break. He then stated we had to take Detective Raap and put him back on the road to cover Officer's Walton spot. Our resources are short. Back in 2008 we had 18 officers and in 2009 we lost one, then in 2014 we had one retire. We have been doing a lot more with a lot less. He further stated we have one Officer that is dedicated to working on the accreditation process. Now that we have another officer that will be dedicated to the schools and an officer goes down with a disability, we are going to be

very shy on covering the shifts. It was his plan for the next budget year to request a new full time Officer to assist or takeover for the officer for the accreditation. We need to act sooner than later. He stated he has discussed the numbers with Patricia, and the funds we will be receiving from the schools is more than enough to cover the cost of bringing that person in. Councilmember Kivell asked if MMRMA is rewarding the city at all for the accreditation process. Chief Sovik stated they are not. We are looking into a large grant through the MACP. We will be applying for a large grant to use for some of the things that were purchased. Councilmember Kivell asked about the CSX Crossing. Chief Sovik stated 2 hours is unacceptable. He stated we used to be able to fine them, but we can't anymore. We do have some train sticks to prop the arms up, but we still have to stand there and watch for a train to come. He further stated CSX doesn't like us doing that, but they know we have to. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated she finds it is interesting the department is strapped for personnel and some of it is self-imposed. You are now taking an Officer and putting them into the school district and we are losing a detective. She stated the issue has never been about putting one of our officers in the school district, but the issue is financial responsibility. The clash of the ideology of who is responsible for carrying the cost. She has and will argue that is the school districts responsibility and it should come out of their budget. She wants to make sure the cost will be covered by the schools. She wants to make sure every item in the Police contract is covered by the schools because again, we are losing a detective. She then stated it should come out of their budget. She further stated the schools asked the voters for a tenth of a billion-dollar bond which they got. While they are getting a new pool and Astro turf, their priority should be safety in the schools. Chief Sovik stated he has spoken with Paul and Patricia and we have taken all benefits and insurance into account for the cost to charge the schools. He further stated we do want to continue the working relationship with the schools and we feel an obligation to participate. We will have to negotiate again for next year, but we are currently working on a contract for covering the remainder of the school year. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated the schools need to get their act together and cover this cost as a line item in their budget. They need to be responsible for the safety of the children. She further stated in the past we have had senior citizens in Colonial Acres that are getting taxed to death and now they've got a tenth of a billion-dollar bond they are now paying and the city will be asking for a bond for roads, and property taxes are increasing. She further stated the schools are getting tens of thousands of dollars from the state. She further stated Salem, Green Oak, Northfield will not kick in. She further stated they should be paying for the school resource officer, and they need to use that person. She further stated if any of the cost for the SRO is in our budget, she will not vote for it. Chief Sovik stated he will continue to discuss this around budget time and if we have complaints by the teachers or the administration we investigate and if necessary it goes to the prosecutor's office. Further discussion was held with regarding the cost of the SRO and the school's responsibility. Councilmember Hansen stated he isn't going to discuss the budget for the city and the school regarding the protection of our students and kids. He further stated the positive nature of what the South Lyon Police Department is doing, he commended the PD for offering gun locks to residents that may not have gun locks. Chief Sovik stated this initiative started years ago, and they have hundreds of cases of locks and they will never turn anyone away. Councilmember Kennedy stated he understands that he has worked with Patricia and he has the cost of the officer and his salary and benefits as it currently stands. He then stated the total obligation goes to the schools which is where it should be. He then asked if we don't have a signed contract, we may be hiring a new person for no reason. We need to make sure they are going to pay for that individual before we backfill that position. He then asked when we put someone in the schools, it could be a junior officer or the most senior officer. Chief Sovik stated most of our officers are at top pay. Officer Walton was in the school before 2008 until it got pulled due to budget cuts, and they are covering his expense for the rest of the school year. He further stated he is still looking to backfill the position for the officer that is now working on the accreditation full time. He stated they will continue to have discussions with the superintendent. Councilmember Kivell stated the real issue is equity, the full school district should be paying their fair share. He further stated Chief Sovik must be feeling confident

on the return investment for the accreditation for the community. He asked if it is driven for a lack of liability or does it enhance the skill set of the officers they already hold. Chief Sovik stated with the police reform coming down, we need to have the best policies, practices and guidelines in place to reduce liability. This program ensures we are heading in the right direction and it will allow us to gain federal funding in the future. If we aren't accredited, we may not be eligible for all federal funds. He further stated it will also help with lawsuits and as long as we have the best practices, there will be very few lawsuits. Transparency is another reason we need to be accredited. There are many requirements to ensure the PD is performing at their best. Councilmember Kivell stated that makes sense, and it seems this is a very expensive enterprise to get people trained and it does seem as though it will be a positive for us. Councilmember Dilg asked if an officer is accused of doing something wrong while they are an SRO in a school and there is a lawsuit, they are still a city employee. Chief Sovik stated yes, if anything happened, we would contact an outside a company for the investigation. He also stated he thinks the school would be involved as well, because he would also be an employee of the school. Attorney Hamameh stated he would be a South Lyon an employee and normally they would be hired through the school district as an independent contractor, but she hasn't seen the proposed contract. She further stated when she reviews contracts, we always check with MMRMA for their analysis to incorporate into whatever agreement so we'll do whatever we can to protect the city. Councilmember Kurtzweil stated you need to have an indemnification and let the school pay for the city's defense.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Kelly McIntyre of CIB Planning discussed the parks and recreation master plan through 2022-2026. This is the official document that will be used to guide the decisions made regarding the parks in the city. She stated the plan meets the state standard guidelines which is necessary to apply for grants. We will now have a public hearing after having it available for minimum 30 days for the public to investigate the draft plan. Hannah Smith of CIB Planning then gave a brief powerpoint presentation. *Please see attached* She then explained the DNR now have updated guidelines and the 2016-2021 plan has been updated to meet those guidelines. She explained the recreation inventory reflects each park and the map reflects the parks as well as a detailed table that reflects the amenities that are offered. She stated one of the biggest changes in the requirements is the accessibility of the parks. It requires a detailed accessibility assessment to meet ADA standards and each one is rated based on the grading system. She further stated each park must be assigned a score. Ms. Smith explained that they did have public input. To do so we distributed the surveys online, as well as at different subdivisions and at City Hall. She stated we had 160 responses. Ms. Smith then explained the goals and actions that are a part of the master plan, such as providing facilities that meet needs, and improve maintenance and operations. She further explained having an action plan that reflects the short term, midterm and long-term goals. She then stated they have the supporting documentation such as the survey responses, accessibility checklist, public input, notices, meeting minutes and the resolution. She then stated we are planning to submit the plan to the DNR in February of 2022. Councilmember Kivell stated on page 21, the map describes the parks available to the community, but there is 2 miles of bike paths that aren't accounted for in the plan. The potential for getting grant monies for them, it seems it would be in our best interest to have it accounted for. The path that runs north/south across the eastern border of the water treatment plant and goes down to 8 Mile by Volunteer Park, and by South Street, by Mill and onto Andover Creek Park. He further stated they are not on the list of parks. He is surprised it was over looked. Ms. Smith stated we built off of what was on the

previous plan, so it may not have been included in that plan either. It is helpful to include as much as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pelchat opened the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Pelchat closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the process for adopting the resolution and adding the bike paths. Ms. McIntyre stated we can add it and bring it back to Council in January, or we could accept the resolution for the master plan now, and we can still add the trails. City Manager Zelenak stated a correction on the map doesn't change anything in the master plan, it is just making a correction that shows existing pathways. Mr. Russell stated by adopting this plan, it keeps us moving forward to the deadline and providing the narrative and map of the trails and we can always add an amendment. City Attorney Hamameh stated the city could move forward with the resolution and have a note that it was noted and then, if necessary, later there could be an amendment made.

CM 12-5-21 MOTION TO APPROVE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026

Motion by Kivell, supported by Hansen

Motion to approve the resolution 03-21 for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 as discussed during the meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mosier- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kennedy- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Opioid Opt-In

City Manager Zelenak stated after several years of negotiation, two nationwide settlements have been reached against the 3 largest pharmaceutical distributors, and the settlements require the distributors to pay up to \$21 billion dollars over 18 years. The City of South Lyon's eligible to participate in the settlements. The settlement information reflects that the city will receive approximately .0259 percent of the 15% allocation, which is approximately \$31,000.

CM 12-6-21 MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OPTIN IN TO THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

Motion by Dilg, supported by Kennedy

Motion to approve the resolution opting in to the national opioid litigation settlement

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kennedy- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Extending agreement with 135 E Lake

City Manager Zelenak stated he has spoken with Dan Schwegler regarding the work being completed on 135 E Lake Street. He further stated Council approved a resolution for a tax abatement, but it stated the work had to be completed by December 31, 2021. The owner shared with him that not everything will be completed and he is asking Council to extend until June 30, 2022. He is hoping it will be quicker than that but unfortunately due to the labor force issues, and the lack of product, he hasn't been able to complete the job. He believes he will be able to complete it early in 2022. He further stated he has already made a very large investment in the property and this would just be an amendment to the original tax abatement.

CM 12-7-21 MOTION TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE TO JUNE 30, 2022 FOR 135 E LAKE

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Dilg

Motion to extend the tax abatement construction completion date from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022 for the property at 135 E Lake Street

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Kennedy- Yes

Hansen- Yes

Kivell- Yes

Kurtzweil- Yes

Dilg- Yes

Mosier- Yes

Pelchat- Yes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET- No discussion was held

PUBLIC COMMENT- No public comment was made

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Zelenak thanked Dan Schwegler for sitting through the meeting waiting for his agenda item. He then stated at an upcoming meeting we will be discussing work that we will be participating in with the schools at the administration building. We will be outlining the costs of the bid. He then stated we applied for a federal grant for work on Pontiac Trail and we just found out we will be receiving just over 2 million dollars with a matching portion of approximately \$400,000 as part of the Federal Aid Program. He then reminded Council to provide him their list of goals and objectives for the 2022-2023 budget. City Manager Zelenak stated he received information from the County regarding the paving of Dixboro which is going to be a 5-million-dollar project and is projected to be done in 2030 and we would be expected to pay approximately 20%.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kurtzweil wished everyone a Merry Christmas and she is looking forward to 2022 and the thing about Christmas is that for some people it won't be the same for some people due to recent events and it isn't about what is under the tree, it is about what you gave to put under someone else's tree and it is about giving.

Councilmember Kennedy wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Joyous Kwanza or, in the words of Jerry Stiller from the Seinfeld Show and I quote, "A Happy Festivus for the rest of us" Have a great holiday and a Happy New Year!

Councilmember Dilg stated she was happy to see the downtown businesses with all the shoppers and she hopes everyone remembers to shop local. She then thanked Dayna Johnston for the great job she did with the parade and how she dealt with all the changes that occurred. She then thanked all the teachers and the

support staff, to have to go to work every day and not only keep it together for themselves, but to keep the children safe. With everything they had to deal with COVID and everything that is thrown at them and now having to deal with the shooting that was close to home, and now all the false threats. It worries her for the mental health of the school staff. She is personally sorry for the administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and children that have to have this as a reality every day. We all need to remember that and give them the grace they need to get by every day. She then wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Kivell congratulated everyone involved with the Holiday Spectacular. It was great weather and he saw a lot of shoppers throughout the day and people were happy to see the parade. He is sorry the high schoolers couldn't participate, but everyone still enjoyed it. After the parade everyone moved down to the Historical Village for the rest of the entertainment. He then wished everyone Happy Holidays, it has been an odd year, and getting to this point has been a struggle for some.

Councilmember Hansen wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. He is looking forward to seeing everyone in person in January. He further stated he was at the ribbon cutting at the Twisted Cork and it was great seeing city staff and council to welcome them to our community. He is very happy and looking forward to the new Italian restaurant coming in the summer.

Councilmember Mosier stated it was fun volunteering for the Holiday Spectacular and everyone needed it after the Oxford incident. She then thanked Dayna Johnston for all her work on the parade and everything really came together at the end.

Mayor Pelchat stated March 2020 everything hit the fan and this Council, the previous Council and city staff was able to pull it all together and navigate Zoom meetings. He then thanked Clerk Deaton and everyone involved, it has been a team effort. He is looking forward to meeting in person again. He then stated navigating the meetings with everyone on screen can be overwhelming and he thanked everyone. He further stated he doesn't normally miss city events, but he had his cousins wedding on Saturday and he thanked everyone that stepped in for him. He then thanked Dayna Johnston, the first responders and the historical village volunteers. Mayor Pelchat stated he will be taking on a new job, and he will be a new Dad between Christmas and New Years and it will be a surprise because they don't know the gender so they are calling it pancake for now. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and he is looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT

CM 12-8-21 MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

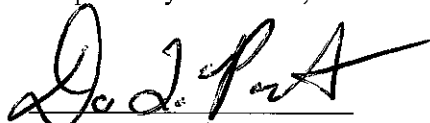
Motion by Kurtzweil

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Dan Pelchat


City Clerk Lisa Deaton

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SOUTH LYON
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
(2022-2026)**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, held via Zoom in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, on the 13th day of December 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Peklat, Kivell, Kennedy, Dilg, Kurtzweil, Musier, Hansen

ABSENT: Ø

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Hansen
and seconded by Kivell.

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 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, easy and equitable access to high quality park and recreation facilities is a highly valued element of the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a focus in exploring the community's connection of parks and recreation to overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Lyon, with assistance from Community Image Builders and Russell Design, began the process of developing a community recreation 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 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 13, 2021, via Zoom online virtual meeting platform due to the City's policy on public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, 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; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City Council voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Lyon City Council hereby adopts the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

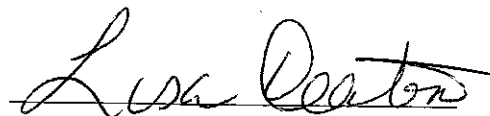
ADOPTED.

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Lisa Deaton, City Clerk of the City of South Lyon, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 03-21, duly adopted at a regular meeting of City Council held on the 13th day of December, 2021.



Lisa Deaton
South Lyon City Clerk

PACKET INFORMATION FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Information provided to the City Council for the public hearing and discussion of the Master Plan is included here, for reference.

Regular City Council Meeting

December 13, 2021

Agenda

7:30 p.m. **Call to Order**
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes: November 22, 2021
Approval of Bills
Approval of Agenda
Consent Agenda
 1. Consider Cancelling December 27th City Council Meeting
 2. Motorfest 2022

Public Comment

DDA Informational Meeting in Compliance with PA 57 of 2018

Discussion - Downtown

Fire Chief Report
Police Chief Report

I. Unfinished Business

II. New Business

- 1. Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
- 2. Opioid Opt-In**

III. Budget

IV. Public Comment

V. Manager's Report

VI. Council Comments

VII. Adjournment

Please see reverse side for rules of conduct for public comment at City Council meetings

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2021

PERSON PLACING ITEM ON AGENDA: Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission

AGENDA TOPIC: Public Hearing for adoption of 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

EXPLANATION OF TOPIC:

The 2022-2026 City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan is complete and ready for adoption. A public hearing is required prior to the adoption of the plan. Council will hold a public hearing this evening.

The steps are to open the public hearing, take comment, if any, and close the public hearing. The City published notices of the public hearing in the Oakland Press on November 19, 2021, and December 3, 2021.

CIB Planning will first make a short presentation on the 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Following the presentation, the Council will hold the public hearing.

REQUIREMENTS OF TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor opens the Public Hearing at : _____ p.m.

Hear any comments

The Mayor closes the Public Hearing at: _____ p.m.

LATER ON TONIGHTS MEETING AGENDA: Council will discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan under New Business #1.

AGENDA NOTE

New Business #1

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2021

PERSON PLACING ITEM ON AGENDA: Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission

AGENDA TOPIC: Resolution to adopt the City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026

PUBLIC HEARING: City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Plan.

EXPLANATION OF TOPIC:

The City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan conveys a vision for our parks and recreation within the City. The purpose of this plan is to guide the recreation planning and development efforts of the City over a five-year period. Once adopted, the plan is the official document to be used by City staff, commission, and the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. Additionally, the plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning and is necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

After an aggressive three (3) month timeframe, CIB Planning and Russell Designs, with the guidance, input, and review of the City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Commission, completed a draft Parks and Recreation Plan.

- This plan was made available for review at the South Lyon City Hall, Police Department, Salem-South Lyon District Library, and online at www.southlyonmi.org beginning November 12, 2021, for public review and comment.
- The 30-day Notice of Review was posted on the City of South Lyon's website on November 12, 2021.
- At their December 8, 2021, meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission made a motion recommending City Council adoption of the 2022-2026 City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Plan.
- A final opportunity for community input occurs at the advertised public hearing held on December 13, 2021, at the City Council meeting. This public hearing was advertised in the Oakland Press on November 19, 2021, and December 3, 2021.

(A work timeline is included as a supporting document.)

Adoption and Distribution of Final Plan

As a final step, the plan is now transmitted to the City Council for its review and approval by resolution at the December 13, 2021, meeting. Copies of the Parks and Recreation Plan will subsequently be transmitted to Oakland County Parks and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A completed "Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Certification Checklist" will also be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources along with the final recreation plan.

Copies of the certification checklist, the notification of plan review advertisements, the minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council, the public hearing minutes, and the transmittal letters to the regional planning commissions will be included in Appendix A of the document.

MATERIALS ATTACHED AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution No. __-21 Adoption of Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026
- Parks and Recreation Plan Work Timeline

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing was opened at: _____. The public hearing was closed at: _____.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION: Approve/Deny/Table/Postpone

SUGGESTED MOTION: Motion by _____, supported by _____ to approve the Resolution No. __ to adopt the City of South Lyon Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026.

**CITY OF SOUTH LYON
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SOUTH LYON
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
(2022-2026)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, held via Zoom in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, on the 13th day of December 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by _____
and seconded by _____.

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 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, easy and equitable access to high quality park and recreation facilities is a highly valued element of the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a focus in exploring the community's connection of parks and recreation to overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Lyon, with assistance from Community Image Builders and Russell Design, began the process of developing a community recreation 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

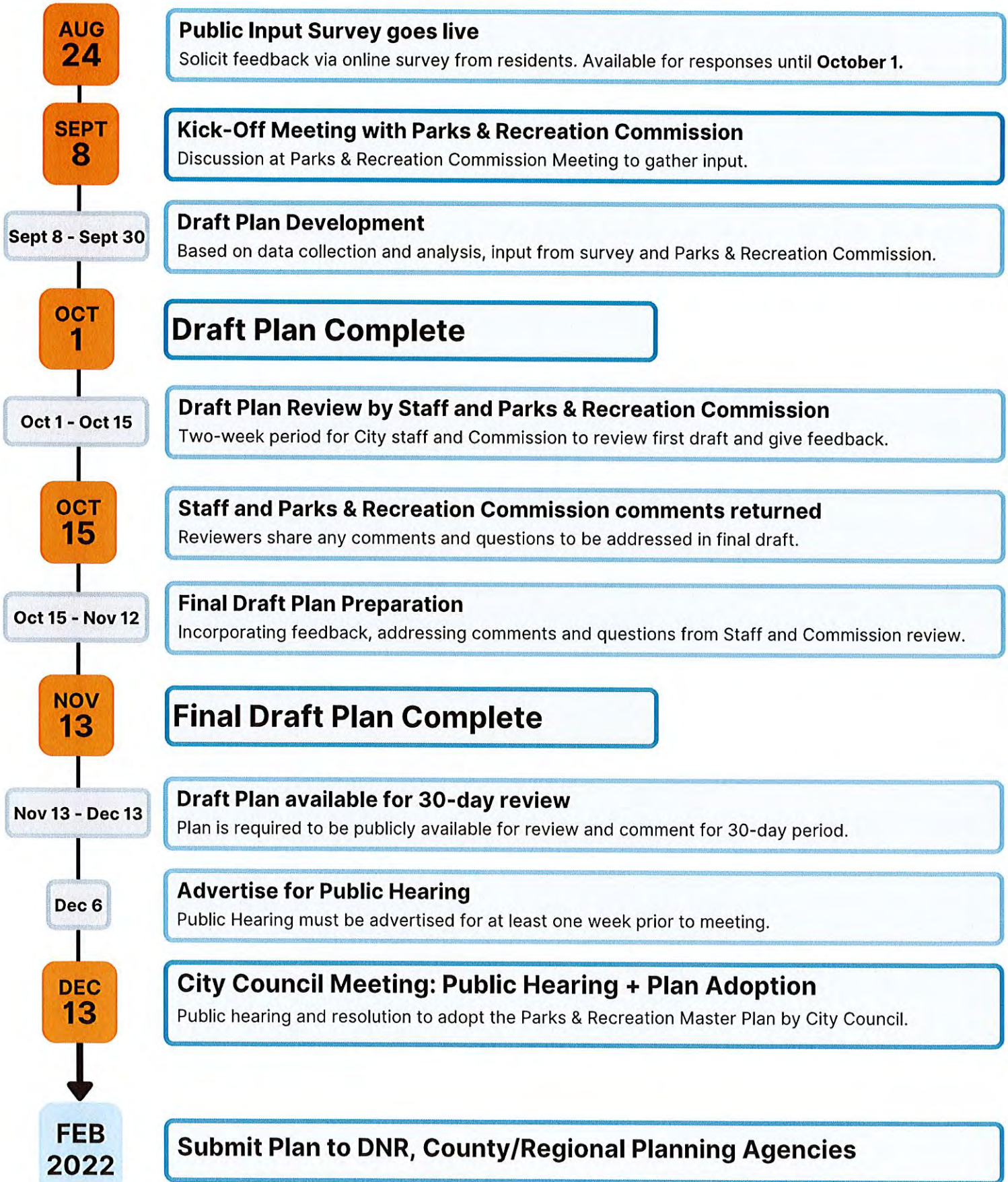
WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and



City of South Lyon



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update 2022-2026 Proposed Timeline



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Copies of the plan were sent to regional planning agencies, county agencies, and surrounding communities, in addition to the Michigan DNR. These include the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Oakland County Planning Commission, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Green Oak Township, Lyon Township, Northfield Township, and Salem Township. Transmittal letters to these agencies are included here.

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Grant's Management Division

P.O. Box 30425

Lansing, Michigan 48909-7925

Attention: Merrie Carlock, Grant Coordinator (Oakland County)

Dear Ms. Carlock:

Attached please find the 2021-2026 Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of South Lyon. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council. Public Participation included a survey, several open meetings, a formal comment period, and public audiences prior to adoption of the new plan. Copies of the draft and final plan have been made available at the local library, City Hall, Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Oakland County Planning Commission, the Oakland County Park and Recreation Commission, and on the City website.

An electronic copy of the plan will be filed in accordance with the requirement of the guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, hsmith@cibplanning.com or Mr. Paul Zelenak, City Manager.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

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Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Attention: Tyler Klifman, Planner

Dear Mr. Klifman:

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Oakland County Planning Commission
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West
Waterford, Michigan 48328

Attention: Bret Rasegan, Planning Manager

Dear Mr. Rasegan:

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Oakland County Parks and Recreation
Parks and Recreation Administrative Office
2800 Watkins Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328

To Whom It May Concern:

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Green Oak Township
10001 Silver Lake Road
Brighton, Michigan 48116

Attention: Michael Sedlak, Green Oak Township Clerk

Dear Mr. Sedlak:

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Lyon Township
58000 Grand River Avenue
New Hudson, Michigan 48165

Attention: Michele Cash, Township Clerk

Dear Ms. Cash:

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Northfield Township Office
8350 Main Street
Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189

Attention: Kathy Manley, Clerk

Dear Ms. Manley:

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Salem Township
9600 Six Mile Road
Salem, Michigan 48175

Attention: Del Wensley, Clerk

Dear Mr. Wensley:

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