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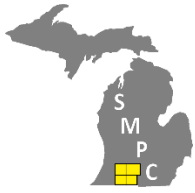
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Board Meeting Agenda

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2024
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
3801 E Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

1. Call to Order
2. Representative Attendance [Action]
3. Approval of the Agenda [Action]
4. Approval of the Minutes [Action]
5. Annual Meeting Items
 - a. Adoption of the Public Notice [Action]
 - b. Adoption of a FY 2024 Budget [Action]
 - c. Election of Officers (serving Oct 2023-Sept 2024) [Action]
6. Public Comment
7. Transportation
 - a. KATS report
8. Update on EDA Relationship and Work
 - a. Staff update and discussion
 - b. Committee to provide guidance on the work
9. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant
 - a. Update on the work
10. Staff Report/Other
 - a. Recognition of Art Kale and his contributions to SMPC
 - b. Update on Planning Work
 - i. St. Joseph County Joint Plan
 - ii. Constantine TIF
 - c. Monthly Correspondence
11. Representative Comments
12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024



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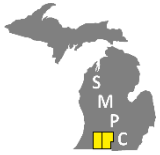
Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 6, 2023
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
3801 E Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:52am
2. Representative Attendance
 - a. Present:
 - i. Bomba
 - ii. Carahaly
 - iii. Combs
 - iv. Drost
 - v. Hazelbaker
 - vi. Gisler
 - vii. Kale
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Frisbie
 - c. Staff:
 - i. Lee Adams
 - ii. Emily Petz
 - d. Others:
 - i. Wendy Mazer
 - ii. Steve Steppek
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Drost made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - i. Combs seconded the motion.
 - ii. **The motion carried.**
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
5. Public Comment
 - a. None made.
6. Transportation
 - a. KATS report
 - i. Steppek gave an update on their work during May. The work focused on updating PASER ratings and digesting the new census urbanized boundaries.
 - b. FY 2024 Work Plan
 - i. Adams reminded the board of the purpose of the transportation work plan and noted changes from the FY 2022 Work Plan.
 - ii. Drost made a motion to adopt the FY2024 Work Plan.
 - 1) Bomba seconded the motion.
 - 2) **The motion carried.**

- c. MDOT Master Agreement for fiscal years 2024-2026
 - i. Adams outline the purpose of the master agreement and presented the agreement to the board.
 - ii. Bomba made a motion to approve the MDOT master agreement for Fiscal Years 2024-2026.
 - 1) Kale seconded the motion
 - 2) The motion carried.**
 - d. Signatory Resolution
 - i. Adams noted that MDOT is now requiring a signatory resolution supporting the authority to sign official documents. The resolution presented gives the chair the right to enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the Board.
 - ii. Combs made a motion to adopt the Resolution
 - 1) Drost seconded the motion.
 - 2) The motion carried.**
7. Update on EDA Relationship and work
- a. Staff gave an update on the EDA work to-date
8. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant
- a. Update on the work
9. Staff Report/Other
- a. Update on Planning Work
 - i. Constantine TIF
 - ii. Coldwater Master Plan
 - b. Monthly Correspondence
10. Representative Comments
- a. Bomba gave an update on the Blue Oval Batter development. She and Kale mention how fierce the opposition has been. Many of those opposing the development does not want to see farmland developed. Many feel that the process was not transparent enough. Many are fearful of the Chinese technology used in the batteries.
 - b. Kale mentioned that 1st Amendment Auditors visited the Village Hall.
 - c. Combs mentioned that the KC BPW is contemplating the purpose of their existence. They are working the need to coordinate public works across the county.
 - d. Hazelbaker mentioned attending the Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference. The board discussed sponsoring board member attendance.
 - e. Carahaly mentioned a presentation in which information about the employment needs for the construction of the Blue Oval project. Local employment is insufficient to meet the demands of construction.
 - f. Gisler mentioned that Kalamazoo County is improving its communication by revamping its website and newsletter.
 - g. Drost asked the Board to participate in the Pulse childcare survey and share it where appropriate. She also mentioned that a group in Kent County is attending local government meetings to encourage housing development.
11. Adjournment
- a. Kale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:48pm

Next Meeting: September 6, 2023



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE SOUTHCENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL

The Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC) conducts regular meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at **11:30 am**. The Council will meet on the first Thursday in September. The SMPC Chair may elect to call additional meetings; notice of additional meetings will precede the meeting by at least seven days.

SMPC will meet on the following dates in Fiscal Year 2024:

October 3, 2023 - Virtual Non-Business Meeting
November 7, 2023 - Virtual Non-Business Meeting
December 5, 2023 – Kalamazoo
January 2, 2024 – No Meeting
February 6, 2024 – Virtual Non-Business Meeting
March 5, 2024 – Kalamazoo
April 2, 2024 – Virtual Non-Business Meeting

May 7, 2024 – Virtual Non-Business Meeting
June 4, 2024 – Kalamazoo
July 2, 2024 – No Meeting
August 6, 2024 – Virtual Non-Business Meeting
September 3, 2024 – Kalamazoo*
*Annual Meeting

Kalamazoo

Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
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Virtual meeting participation information is found in meeting packets.

Direct any questions or comments to Lee Adams at info@smpcregion3.org or 269-385-0409

FY 2024 Budget

	33050 <i>General Budget</i>	33052 <i>Plan Serv Budget</i>	33053 <i>Transport Budget</i>	EDA <i>Cap Build Budget</i>	EPA <i>Brownfield Budget</i>	EDA <i>Transition Budget</i>	Total <i>SMPC Budget</i>
Revenue							
State Grants/Contracts			102,900				102,900
EDA Grants				50,000		\$ 70,000	120,000
EPA Grant					100,000		100,000
Coldwater MP		10,000					10,000
St. Joseph Joint Plan		22,000					22,000
Constantine TIF		10,000					10,000
Upjohn Institute Contract		15,000					15,000
Dues	16,500						16,500
Reserve Fund Transfer	1,000						1,000
Total Billings	17,500	57,000	102,900	50,000	100,000	70,000	397,400

Expenses							
Wages & Fringe	5,000	31,000	5,000	10,000		64,000	115,000
Training	1,000	1,000	97,500				2,000
MI Assoc of Region Dues	1,000						1,000
SMPC Liability Insurance	4,000						4,000
Consulting - KATS							97,500
Consulting - Other		3,500					93,500
Consulting - Upjohn		19,000	39,000	10,000			68,000
Technology Purchases					3,000		3,000
Software - License/Supplies		500					500
Payroll Processing	5,000						
Web Site Hosting						2,000	2,000
Travel/Meetings	1,500	2,000	400	1,000		1,000	5,900
Other Expense	12,500	26,000	97,900	40,000	100,000	6,000	282,400
Total Expense	17,500	57,000	102,900	50,000	100,000	70,000	397,400
Expense	17,500	57,000	102,900	50,000	100,000	70,000	397,400
Revenue	17,500	57,000	102,900	50,000	100,000	70,000	397,400
Net Income (Expense)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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TO: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Board

FROM: Steven Stepek, KATS Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report

During the months of November and December 2023, KATS staff worked on the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Planning Activities for the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC). Work was concentrated in the following activities:

- Completed final quality assurance checks on 2023 PASER ratings and uploaded data for Region 3 to MDOT/ Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC)
- Scheduled a meeting of the full Rural Task Force #3 for December 11, 2023
- Attended a meeting with TAMC staff and Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) to discuss present and potential future activities and work methods done under the TAMC Work Program
- Completed a draft of the Final Acceptance Report summarizing activities completed under the FY 2023 Work Program and submitted to the SMPC manager for finalization and submission to MDOT
- Participated in West Michigan Trails master plan kickoff meeting
- Continued work on 2023 Federal Aid Road Condition Reports for each county in Region 3
- Continued to work with Rural Task Force and Small Urban eligible agencies to resolve programming issues and answer questions on procedures
- Started work on assisting MDOT with updating of the Highway Performance Monitoring Systems (HPMS) data for the 2023 sample segments. Each year the Federal Highway Administration sends a random sample of road segments to MDOT to have certain geometric, lane configuration, traffic control and construction data updated. MDOT takes responsibility for maintaining and updating data for most items but forwards a small subset of items to Regional Planning Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations that local agencies are better able to address. KATS/SMPC staff sort the database, group by local agency and distribute each individual group to the appropriate local agency staff for them to update as necessary. Once updates are received they are reintegrated into the master spreadsheet and sent back to MDOT
- Generated materials for, facilitated, and generated and distributed minutes of the December 11 Rural Task Force #3 (RTF #3) meeting.
- Updated the RTF #3 balance spreadsheet and submitted change requests for programming of approved project changes to JobNet for approval

Anticipated future activities include:

- Continued updating and entering project data in JobNet for the 2023 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Programs as project data sheets are submitted or as otherwise needed
- Scheduling and facilitating public meetings for consideration and approval of Rural Task Force and Small Urban changes to the 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program as needed.
- Completing and submitting updated HPMS data to MDOT
- Completing work on 2023 Federal Aid Road Condition Reports for the counties in Region 3, posting to the SMPC website and submitting to TAMC
- Attending PASER rating training and work on scheduling 2024 data collection

Master Plan 2023

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Master Plan 2023

BEDFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Adopted by the Planning Commission _____

Adopted by the Township Board by resolution _____

Prepared with the assistance of:



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Acknowledgments

The participation and cooperation of the numerous community leaders and residents in the preparation of the Bedford Charter Township Master Plan is greatly appreciated. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following individuals:

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Introduction and Background

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This document is the culmination of the efforts of the Township Planning Commission, Township Board of Trustees, and residents of Bedford Charter Township to develop this update to the comprehensive plan for the community. The Bedford Charter Township Master Plan was developed to establish general policies to guide decision makers in the community as well as provide direction for future land use in the Township for the next ten (10) to fifteen (15) years. The intent of this Plan is to promote the high quality of life in Bedford Charter Township and build upon its history to provide for a bright future.

To accomplish this goal, the Master Plan will define the issues which are most important to the people of the community. This will be done through resident and community input, including a public hearing for the Plan. In addition, an analysis of the existing features of the Township will illustrate some of the defining characteristics within the Township. The analysis will include a survey of the existing land uses in the Township, population, economic and housing statistics, a description of the physical constraints and natural resources in the Township, and circulation patterns within the community. Based on all of the information collected and with input from residents of the community, goals and objectives will be developed to provide direction for the Township over the next ten (10) to fifteen (15) years. The goals and objectives will help create the Future Land Use Plan and Circulation Plan for Bedford Charter Township.



Regional Context

LOCATION

Bedford Charter Township is situated in the northwestern part of Calhoun County in southwestern Michigan, north of the City of Battle Creek. Bedford Charter Township is bordered on the north by Johnstown Township in Barry County, on the west by Ross Township in Kalamazoo County, on the south by the City of Battle Creek and on the east by Pennfield Township.

The Township is primarily rural suburban and residential in character. M-37, the north-south highway connecting Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Traverse City, runs directly through the township. M-89, as well as additional roads in the township, provide direct and easy access to urban centers in the City of Battle Creek (directly south of Bedford Charter Township), City of Springfield (also directly to the south), and the City of Kalamazoo (approximately 21 miles to the southwest).

REGIONAL INFLUENCES

A range of factors influence the decisions and future developments that will impact Bedford Charter Township. The majority of these influences will be determined from within the Township itself, while others will result from the actions or decisions of those outside the community. It is important to consider those influences located outside of the Township's borders which will affect the community's future.

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

The City of Battle Creek is directly south of Bedford Charter Township, with a population of 52,731, as of the 2020 Census. Battle Creek serves as the area's commercial and historical center of activity. The Battle Creek School District, one of four school districts serving Bedford Charter Township, maintains all of its facilities within the city. The Battle Creek Fire Department has its facilities in the city and is separate from the Bedford Charter Township Fire Department. In addition to servicing the city, the Battle Creek Police Department also provides service Bedford Charter Township. The City of Battle Creek has a viable and traditional downtown, and a significant manufacturing base. The City of Battle Creek Master Plan was adopted in 2018, and guides land use and development decisions within the limits of the City. This Bedford Charter Township Master Plan will develop a unique vision for the Township, while still supporting the goals and objectives of the City of Battle Creek Master Plan. The City shall continue to be the commercial and industrial center of the region while the Township shall strive to fulfill its potential as a local residential, economic, and recreational hub serving its residents and the local community.

CALHOUN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Calhoun County Planning Commission reviews all new zoning ordinance amendments, master plan amendments, PA 116 agreements, and other various requests brought to it for consideration within the unincorporated areas of Calhoun County.

The Calhoun County Planning Commission will review the Bedford Charter Township Master Land Use Plan for consistency with the Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan, which was most recently updated in 2014. The Calhoun County Planning Commission will then be requested to formally approve the Bedford Charter Township Master Land Use Plan as presented.



SOUTHCENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL

The Southcentral Michigan Planning Council is one of the fourteen (14) regional planning and development agencies in the State of Michigan. These regional commissions were created by executive order in 1968 by the Governor of Michigan. The Commission is recognized as Region 3 and is responsible for the counties of Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph, comprising over 100 jurisdictions within the four-county region.

The primary function of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is to coordinate federally funded transportation projects and facilitate federally funded economic development programs. The Commission also serves as an intergovernmental forum to address issues from a regional perspective. The Southcentral Michigan Planning Council is directed by a board of 11 commissioners, and staffed by a Director, Community Development Coordinator, and a Planner.



Demographic Profile

The comprehensive data source for Bedford Charter Township is from the U.S. Census in 2000 and 2010 and the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year estimates for 2020. The following information shows demographic data for Bedford Charter Township, as well as relevant comparisons to the City of Battle Creek and Calhoun County overall.

POPULATION TRENDS

Table 1: Population Comparisons

	2000	2010	2020	% Change 2000-2020
Bedford Charter Township	9,615	9,449	9,462	-1.59%
City of Battle Creek	53,251	52,762	51,084	-4.07%
Calhoun County	137,985	137,112	133,943	-2.93%

Source: U.S. Census (2000, 2010), American Community Survey 2020

AGE CHARACTERISTICS

The median age of Bedford Charter Township is estimated at 44.1 years as of the 2020 ACS. The median age for Bedford Charter has remained relatively stable, with the 2010 census median age of 44.2 years. The median ages of Battle Creek and Calhoun County were 36.5 years and 40.1 years, respectively.

Table 2: Age Characteristics

Age of Resident	Number	% of Population
Under 10 years of age	1,016	10.74%
10 to 19 years	1,133	11.97%
20 to 24 years	716	7.57%
25 to 34 years	1,116	11.79%
35 to 44 years	913	9.65%
45 to 64 years	2,960	31.28%
65 years and above	1,608	16.99%
Total	9,462	100.00%

Source: American Community Survey 2020

RACE AND ETHNICITY

The racial and ethnic composition of Bedford Charter Township is largely homogenous. Racially, White alone constituted 88% of the population in 2020. The next highest occurring race was Black or African American with 10% of the population. When considering ethnicity, 95% of the population identify as not Hispanic or Latino, while 5% identify as Hispanic or Latino according to the 2020 ACS.

Table 3: Race Characteristics

Race of Resident	Number	% of Population
White alone	8,339	88.13%
Black or African American alone	601	6.35%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	5	0.05%
Asian alone	12	0.13%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.00%
Some Other Race alone	49	0.52%
Two or More Races	456	4.82%
Total	9,462	100.00%

Source: American Community Survey 2020



FAMILY SIZE

There are an estimated 2,377 families in Bedford Charter Township. The average family size is 2.85. This is lower than both the County average of 3.03, and the State average of 3.05. Smaller family sizes align with the shrinking population and should be a consideration when the Township assesses future population trends.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The following table shows the educational attainment of Township residents 25 years of age and older.

About 91.9% of the Township's population of those over the age of twenty-five (25) have completed and graduated from high school or an equivalency. This is reflective of the fact that high school graduation rates are significantly higher in more recent decades than in previous decades, thus the percentage of the population with a high school diploma should continue to increase in the future. About 18.3% of the Township's over 25 population has completed a bachelor's degree or higher.

Table 4: Family Characteristics

Family Characteristic	2020
Total Families	2,377
Average Family Size	2.85

Source: American Community Survey 2020

Table 5: Educational Attainment

Education Level	% of Population
Less than 9th grade	2.6%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	40.8%
Some college, no degree	24.9%
Associate's degree	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	13.2%
Graduate or professional degree	5.0%
Total	100.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2020



Housing Profile

It is important to examine the housing stock in Bedford Charter Township because it serves as an indicator of the quality of life for residents living in the community. Furthermore, housing information also acts as an economic gauge for the community and the surrounding area.

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

The Township has experienced various levels of building construction through its history. In addition, the age of the housing stock is very evident as almost half (approximately 43%) of all dwellings in the Township were built prior to 1959 and are at least sixty years of age. Over a quarter of homes were built in the 60s and 70s; however, building decreased after 1979, leading to only 18.5% homes in the township built in the 80s and 90s. Just under 10% of housing units in the Township have been built since 2000, which correlates with the slight population decrease in the Township over this time (approximately 1.6% between 2000 and 2020, Table 1).

Table 6: Year Structure Built

	Number of Units	Percent of Total
2014 or later	14	0.37%
2010 to 2013	60	1.59%
2000 to 2009	274	7.25%
1980 to 1999	699	18.51%
1960 to 1979	1105	29.26%
1940 to 1959	1242	32.88%
1939 or earlier	383	10.14%
Total	3,777	100.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2020

HOUSING VALUES

The 2020 ACS data describes housing values only rather than the value of land or other property. Much of the housing stock in Bedford Charter Township, 70.2%, has a total value of \$150,000 or less. About 6.1% of the housing stock is valued at \$300,000 or more.

Table 7: Housing Values in Bedford Charter Township

Value	% of Total Units
Less than \$50,000	17.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	28.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	13.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	10.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	0.6%
\$1,000,000 or more	0.6%
Total	100.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2020



Economic Profile

LABOR FORCE

According to the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, approximately 4,054 people over the age of 16 in Bedford Charter Township were in the civilian employed population. It should be noted that because of slight decrease in population, the labor and industry statistics for the Township are very similar between 2010 U.S. Census figures and current estimates, with 4,103 people in the labor force as of the 2010 Census.

OCCUPATION SUMMARY

Table 6 provides a synopsis of the occupations for employed Bedford Charter Township residents. The highest percentages of people work in manufacturing (24.81%) and educational services, health care, and social assistance (19.78%). Reflecting the nature of Bedford Charter Township as a suburban community, approximately 35.27% of people employed work in trade, transportation, and professional services industries.

Table 8: Employment by Industry

Industry	% of Persons Employed
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1.04%
Construction	4.59%
Manufacturing	24.81%
Wholesale trade	1.65%
Retail trade	16.77%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	6.91%
Information	1.01%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental leasing	2.66%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	9.94%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	19.78%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	3.58%
Other services, except public administration	4.37%
Public administration	2.89%
Total	100.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2020

INCOME AND POVERTY

The median household income for Bedford Charter Township is \$50,639, according to 2020 ACS data. This means that half of all workers earned more than this amount and half earned less. The median income for the Township was \$43,504 in 2010 according to the U.S. Census. Additionally, the poverty rate in Bedford Charter Township is 11.9%, which is moderately lower than Calhoun County (16.7%).



TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

An indication of the Township's economic position relative to the surrounding region can be illustrated in travel time to work for residents. The mean travel time to work was 20.7 minutes, according to the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. More than one half (57.3%) of all Township residents drive 19 minutes or less to work. This suggests that residents are driving to nearby large employment center Battle Creek for the employment opportunities but have chosen to live in Bedford Charter Township. The following table further outlines the time residents spend traveling to their place of employment.

Table 9: Travel Time to Work

Travel Time to Work	% of Population
Less than 10 minutes	12.2%
10 to 14 minutes	21.7%
15 to 19 minutes	23.4%
20 to 24 minutes	13.4%
25 to 29 minutes	2.8%
30 to 34 minutes	12.2%
35 to 44 minutes	8.0%
45 to 59 minutes	2.7%
60 or more minutes	3.6%
Total	100.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2020



Existing Land Use

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Knowledge of current land uses allows the Township to consider the compatibility of new land uses and is a valuable tool when considering the day-to-day problems associated with land management and the delivery of key public services. The existing land use survey provides an inventory of land use within the community and is a key source of background information used in developing the Master Plan.

The majority of Township land is classified as agricultural. Sparse residential populations exist throughout the Township.



Agricultural/Open Space

The predominant land use in Bedford Charter Township is rural residential. Although some agricultural land has been split and developed for light industrial and residential use, it remains the prevalent land use and occupation in the Township. Approximately 21,265 acres, or about 92% percent of the total land area in Bedford Charter Township is devoted to rural residential uses or remains undeveloped open space.

A handful of small farms can be found west of M-37 and north of W. Kirby Road. The same can be said of the area east of M-37 both along and to the north of Halbert Rd. The residential subdivisions located adjacent to most of these areas make it clear that without better planning, most of these small farms are likely to transition over to residential uses over time.

The Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act, Public Act 116 of 1974, can be an important tool for preserving farmland for rural communities such as Bedford Charter Township. This Act is designed to relieve the pressures to develop agricultural land. Under this program, owners of farm land receive a credit against their state income tax liability. In return for this credit, the State of Michigan receives the development rights to the property for a specific number of years, but not less than ten (10) years. For undeveloped open space land, the Act also allows for an exemption of the development rights from ad valorem taxation.

Urban/Built Up

The following land uses comprise the "Urban/Built Up" category. Approximately 1,542 acres or 6.7% of Township land is currently developed.

LOW DENSITY RURAL RESIDENTIAL

Some single family residential low-density development has and is taking place in the township. These single-family homes are mainly being built on lots split off and created from larger agricultural parcels. They are fairly spread out throughout the Township.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

Bedford Charter Township has limited industrial activity, with only about 114 acres being dedicated to industrial uses. Commercial and industrial activity is concentrated on the North side of M-89 and along M-37 and ranges from storage to agricultural solutions.



Public and Quasi-Public Land Uses

Public land uses in the Township include the Township Hall located at 115 Uldriks Dr S at the intersection with M-89 and the three Township cemeteries:

Bedford Cemetery
21962 Bedford Road North
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Harmon Halladay Cemetery
Morgan Road (between 450-500)
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Harmonia Cemetery
Brydes Road (between 75-175)
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Utilities

North of the M-89 Corridor, there are limited public water and sanitary sewer facilities in Bedford Charter Township. One exception is the waterfront residential area surrounding St. Mary's, which has dedicated sanitary sewer service. Lake electricity and gas utilities, as well as wireless and telephone services are provided by private industries. The privatization of these industries assures adequate capital to provide increased levels to the community, as growth demands.

Recreational Land Uses

The township is home to several municipal and private recreation areas. The closest regional natural area is Fort Custer Recreation Area, located to the southwest in next door Augusta Township.

Natural Areas

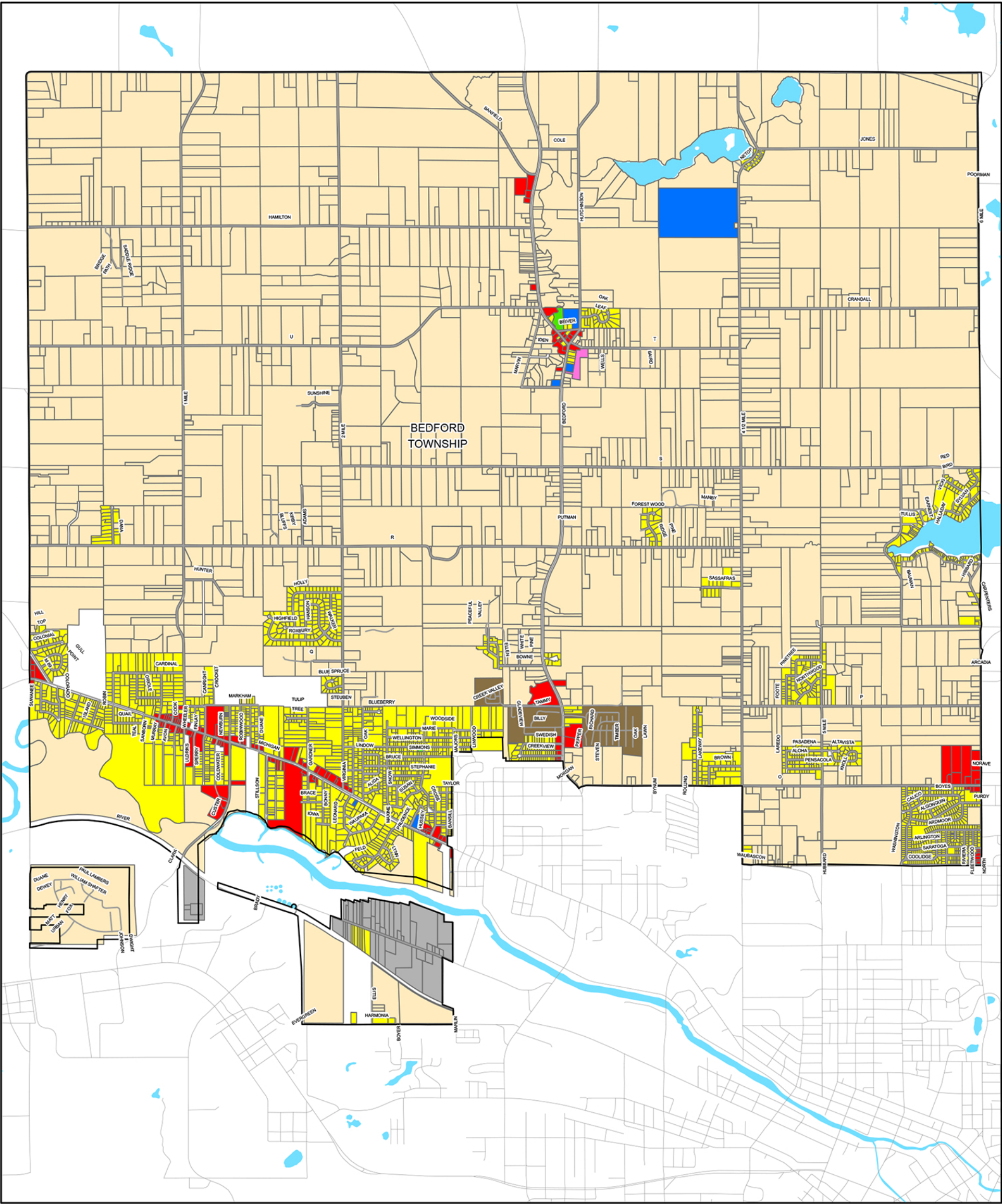
The number of wetlands, surface water, range land and forested areas in the Township comprise about 21,265 acres, or 92.29% percent of the total Township land area.

These categories of various existing land cover are illustrated on **Error! Reference source not found..**

Table 10: Existing Land Cover/Use

Existing Land Cover/Use Category	Area of Township in Acres	Area of Township in %
Agricultural/Open Space	15810	87.32%
Urban & Built Up Areas	1912	10.56%
Water	384	2.12%
Total	18,106	100.00%

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Existing Land Use

Bedford Township, Calhoun County Michigan

August 31, 2022

LEGEND Layer

- Rural Residential & Agriculture
- General Commercial
- Industrial
- Neighborhood Residential
- Public/Tax Exempt
- Civic/Municipal
- Manufactured Housing
- PARK
- Water Bodies
- Bedford Township

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Transportation System

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The transportation system provides a backbone for accessibility and helps guide how people will travel within a community. The conditions of a road, including whether it is paved or widened, will affect the amount or type of traffic on any particular road.



Township Road Network

The Michigan Department of Transportation maintains 7.5 miles of road in the Township: M-89 (Michigan Avenue) and M-37 (Bedford Road). The Calhoun County Road Department owns and maintains the remainder of the roads in the Township. Roads within the Township are generally patterned on a basic “grid” system with roads spaced every one-half mile to one mile apart. In several cases, the roads follow and serve as the definition of the individual section lines in the Township.

FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS

Roads throughout the country are placed into one of seven classifications based on their function and type of traffic served. The Interstates (classification level 1), other freeways and expressways (level 2), other principal arterials (level 3), and minor arterials (level 4) all serve large volumes of traffic between regions or through urbanized areas. As a rural Township, Bedford Charter Township has mostly major collectors (level 5), minor collectors (level 6), and local roads (level 7), with several important exceptions as listed in the following table:

Table 11: Functional Classification of Roads

Road	Extent	Direction	Classification
M-89 (Michigan Ave)	Southernwidth of the township	E-W	Highway
M-37 (North Bedford Road)	Entire length of the township	N-S	Highway
West County Line Rd	Western border of township. Length of township from M-89.	N-S	Principal Arterial
Uldriks Rd (1 Mile Rd)	Length of township from M-89	N-S	Principal Arterial
Waubascon Road (4 ½ Mile Road)	Length of township from O Drive North	N-S	Principal Arterial
North Ave (6 Mile Rd)	Eastern border of township. Length of township from West Coolidge Ave to Baseline Rd	N-S	Principal Arterial
Morgan Rd (O Drive North)	Width of township from M-37 to 6 Mile Rd	E-W	Principal Arterial
Kirby Rd (R Drive North)	Width of township from W. County Line Rd to Waubascon Rd.	E-W	Minor Arterial
Halbert Rd (S Drive North)	Width of township from Collier Ave to North Ave	E-W	Minor Arterial
Meacham Rd (U Drive North)	Width of township from West County Line Rd to M-37	E-W	Principal Arterial
Hamilton Rd (V Drive North)	Width of township from West County Line Rd to M-37	E-W	Minor Arterial

Source: Calhoun County Road Department

The State Highways in the Township are M-89 and M-37, both of which are State Trunkline Highways. County roads include West County Line Road, Uldriks Road, Collier Avenue, Waubascon Road, North Avenue, Meachum Road, Edmonds Road, and Crandall Road. The remaining roads are local roads, most of which are paved.



CIRCULATION PATTERN

The main north-south roads in the township in terms of vehicle use are M-37, 1 Mile Rd, and Collier Ave between M-89 and Meacham Rd – Meacham Rd providing access to M-37. M-37 is the major highway connecting Springfield to the south with Hastings, Grand Rapids, and areas beyond to the north.

The main east-west roads in the township are the M-89 corridor, and O Drive North which connects M-37 to State Highway 66 in neighboring Pennfield Township to the east. M-89 serves as a major roadway connecting the City of Battle Creek with points northwest including Plainwell, Ostego, and the City of Allegan.

PRIVATE ROADS

At this time, the Township has not approved any private road applications. Private, unimproved roads typically serve as access to home sites. Private roads can be problematic because of the lack of proper maintenance. If private roads are to be permitted in the future, the Township should consider requiring all private roads to meet County Road standards or other appropriate standards to protect public safety, and to require assurance of regular maintenance.

COMPLETE STREETS

Bedford Charter Township strives to make its roads safe and attractive for all users. Therefore, the Township will work with the Calhoun County Road Department to implement a rural vision of Complete Streets on key road corridors. The Complete Streets philosophy is that roadways should be safe for all legal users. Complete Streets in Bedford Charter Township would mostly consist of widened paved or unpaved shoulders, which can provide access to slow moving traffic including tractors or snowmobiles. Such upgrades are not expensive or difficult and can be achieved during any scheduled rebuilding of a roadway by the Road Commission.

COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The basic source of revenue for roadway maintenance and improvement is the state-collected gas and weight tax, and local general fund tax revenues through a road millage. The road millage provides a majority of the local road funding in the Township. The funds for the gas tax are paid by motorists upon purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel, and to the Secretary of State for vehicle registrations. The County Road Commission identifies and carries out the five-year plan for road improvements in the Township.

Other Modes of Transportation

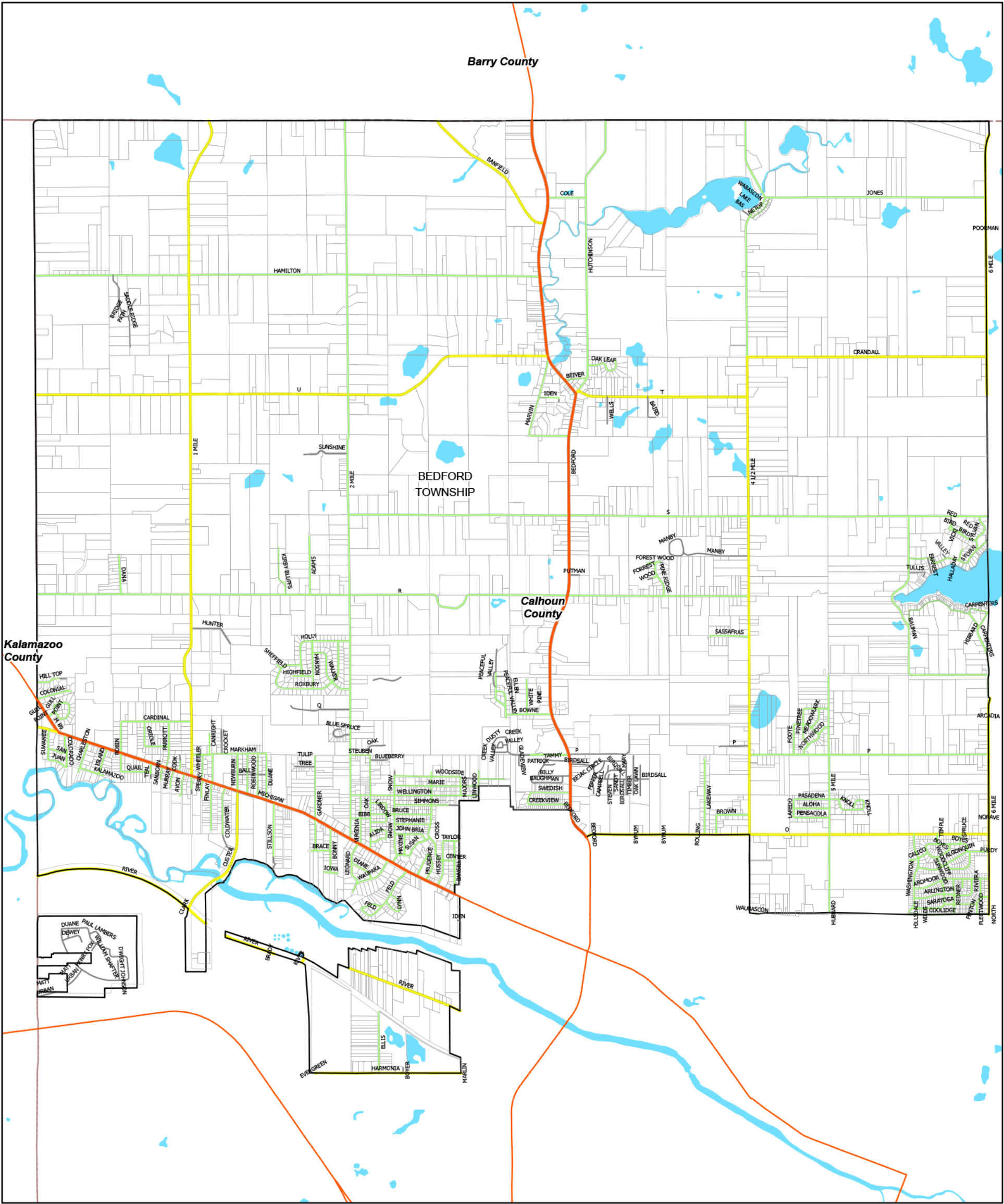
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Bedford Charter Township is not currently served by area public transportation. The City of Battle Creek is currently piloting an on-demand transportation program to test the feasibility of such a system for the County. Funded through a Michigan Department of Transportation grant, it is operated by Battle Creek Transit, and collaborating agencies and expected to run for a period of 12 months, at which point it will be evaluated by MDOT and the City.

RAILROADS AND AIRPORTS

There are no rail lines, passenger or freight, in the township. Township residents can access passenger rail service in the City of Battle Creek to the south. Passenger airline service is available 23 miles west at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport and at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, approximately 44 miles to the north.

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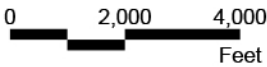
Road Network

Bedford Township
Calhoun County Michigan

July 20, 2022

Legend

- Highway
- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Unclassified
- Bedford Twp Parcels 2022
- Bedford Township
- Water Bodies
- Michigan Counties



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Natural Features and Resources

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The natural features of the Township, such as hills, rivers, soils, and woodlands are an important resource to the community. Natural resources are valuable to preserve for their aesthetic qualities and importance to human survival. A sound planning process should examine the differences in the natural environment across the landscape of the Township to ensure land uses are compatible with the nearby natural features and to preserve and protect these resources.

In considering natural resources in the planning process, the environment is evaluated for its suitability to accommodate development. Data on the natural features was assessed based on maps and surveys and is described in terms of capability and suitability for development. The community's needs, in terms of evaluation of existing land use and local goals and objectives are then used to generate the Land Use and Transportation Plan. For analytical purposes, the environment of the Township is divided into the following natural systems: surface water, ground water, agricultural land, drainage patterns, and soils.



Surface Waters

The surface waters in Bedford Charter Township consist of various creek systems, such as. As the land is mainly rural-residential and agricultural, surface waters are susceptible to absorbing runoff.

Soil Suitability

The safe and proper disposal of sanitary waste is an important factor in providing for the prosperity of Bedford Charter Township now and in the future. Because of the rural character of the Township, the disposal of sanitary waste has been provided by septic systems, which will likely continue into the future. The soils of the Township have been analyzed for their suitability for use with septic systems because:

- The safe and proper use of septic systems requires consideration in development and design
- Unsatisfactory septic performance presents public health concerns, and
- Owners of poorly performing systems can be faced with unanticipated costs

Proper provision for new septic systems and maintenance of existing systems is and will continue to be an issue for the Township in the future.

The Bedford Charter Township 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan states that the township is comprised of two predominant types of soil.

The first is the Houghton-Oshtemo-Coloma association in the southern 1/4 of the Township. This is described as nearly level to steep, very poorly drained to excessively drained, mucky soils on flood plains and loamy and sandy soils on outwash plains, moraines and stream terraces and in glacial drainage ways. The northern 3/4 of the Township contains soils in the Oshtemo – Spinks association. These are described as gently rolling to steep, well drained loamy and sandy soils on outwash plains.

Generally, well-drained, coarse-textured soils provide the most suitable foundations. Poor soil stability occurs with soils containing large concentrations of organic material, such as muck, silt, and clay. The areas of poor soil stability are concentrated in low-lying and poorly drained areas adjacent to rivers and creeks. In these low-lying areas, the presence of water in and near the surface contributes to frost heave, compression, shrinkage and swelling.



Groundwater

Bedford Charter Township depends entirely on groundwater as its water source for home and agricultural use. Therefore, it is important to plan appropriately for development to protect these water resources from possible contamination.

Contamination of water resources can happen from non-point sources of pollution including chemicals from commerce, industry, and farming; through chemicals filtering into groundwater from septic fields, oil tanks, and waste disposal sites; and through everyday activities. In many instances, these pollutants reach lakes and streams through groundwater supplies. Pollutants might also affect well water located near septic fields.

Groundwater protections must also address operational features of different land uses. Groundwater contamination is most frequently the result of leaking septic systems, improper floor drains, improper storage of hazardous substances, leaking underground storage tanks, above ground spills, overfilling of tanks, condensation from air emissions, and improper waste disposal. Many of these potential avenues of contamination can be addressed in site plan review. A site plan review should require full disclosure of locations of tanks, floor drains, and connections; and should require the best available technology to alleviate potential impact.

The Waubasca Creek flows from the northwest corner of the Township through the center until it reaches the Kalamazoo River, which traverses the southern portion of the Township. The Seven-Mile Creek bisects the western one-third of the Township and flows into the Kalamazoo River. Several drains run north to south within the Township draining the wetlands. These drains run into the creeks as well as to the river. The Township has within its boundaries many small private lakes that are mostly within the agricultural zones. There are also two large lakes: St. Mary's Lake and Waubasca Lake. Approximately one-half of St. Mary's Lake is in the Township while the other half is in Pennfield Charter Township.

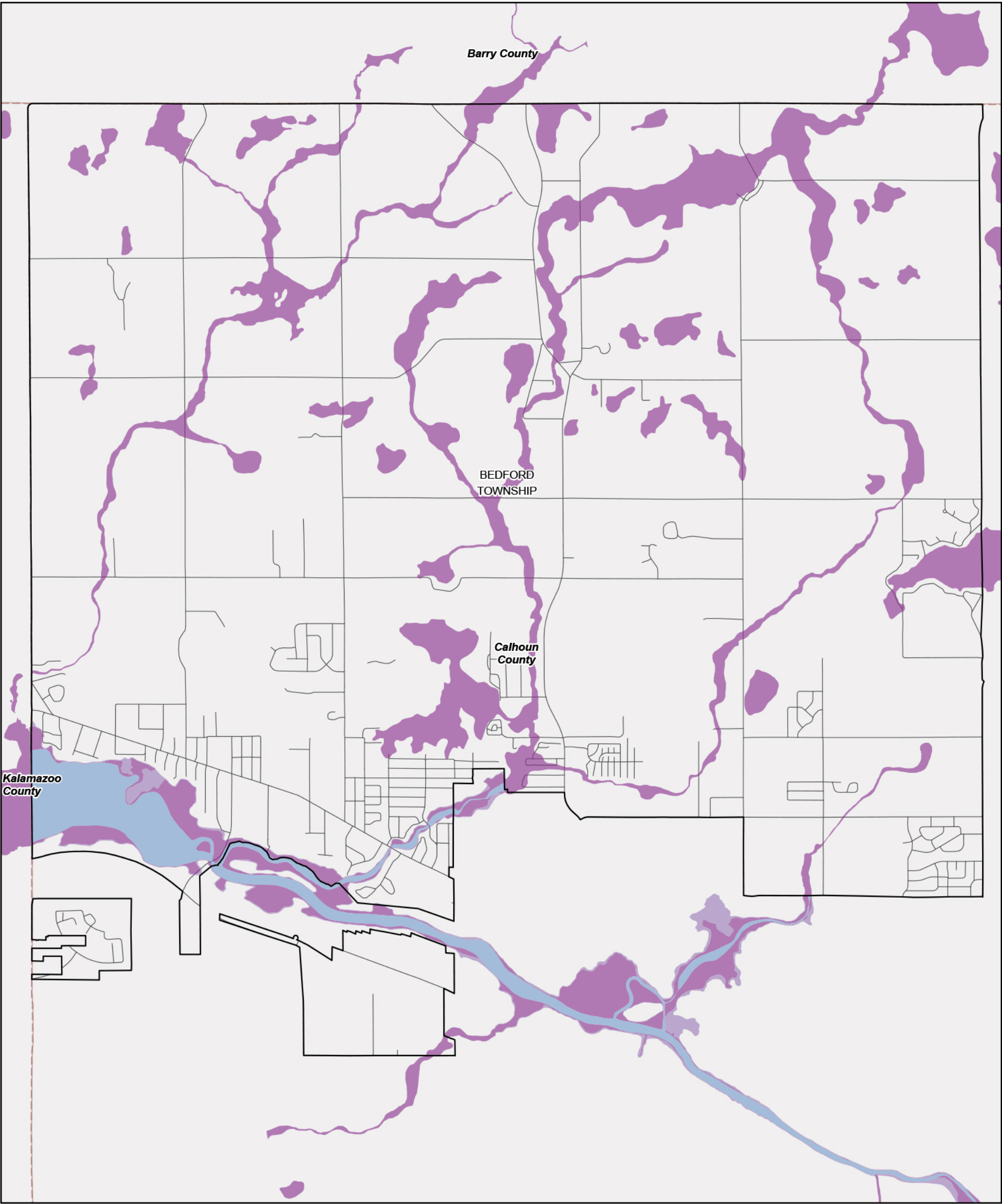
An additional concern in Bedford Charter Township, because sanitary sewer service is not available in most areas north of the M-89 corridor, is locating septic systems on suitable soil. The Township will need to ensure the provision of adequate septic field reserve areas, and limit development on marginal soils to prevent future groundwater contamination.

Agricultural Land

Agriculture has played a key role in the development of Bedford Charter Township and continues to contribute to the rural character and identity of the community. The preservation of agricultural land provides environmental, aesthetic, recreational, and historic benefits to people in the community. Open farmland also assists in the replenishment and maintenance of groundwater supplies.

Bedford Charter Township has always been a predominantly rural and exurban community. The overall trend within Michigan is toward fewer acres in agricultural production. The effects of land speculation, increasing property values and taxes, and rural/urban conflicts tend to diminish active agriculture. However, the communities most at risk of losing agricultural lands in the future are located near major employment and population centers. Bedford Charter Township's location directly adjacent the City of Battle Creek and within commuting distance of the City of Kalamazoo make it particularly susceptible to such development pressures. This should make the preservation of farmland – along with open space - a top priority.

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Flood Hazard

Bedford Township
Calhoun County Michigan

January 19, 2022

LEGEND

- Bedford Township Roadways
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Regulatory Floodway
- Special Floodway
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee
- Bedford Township
- Michigan Counties

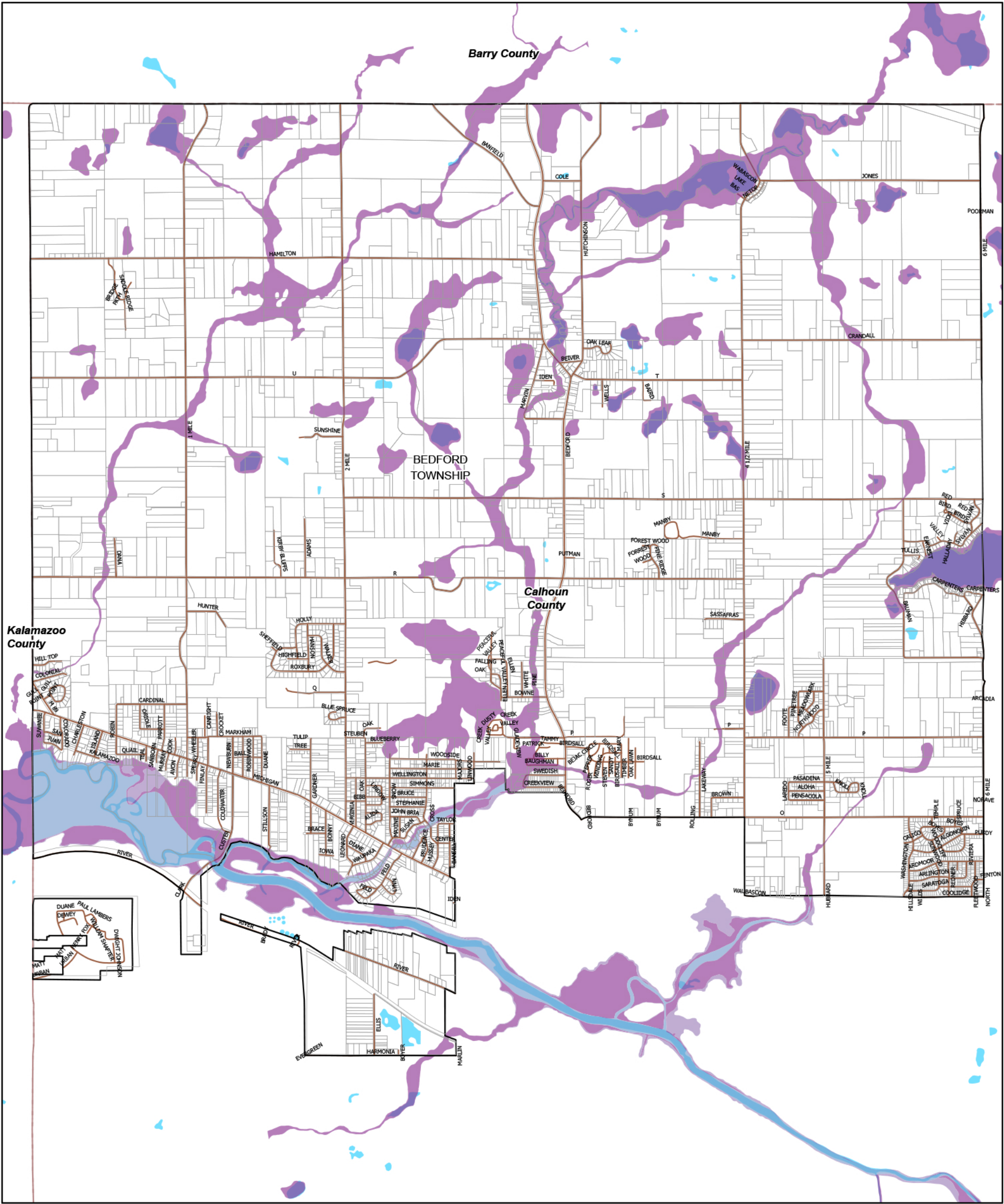


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Natural Features

Bedford Township
Calhoun County Michigan

July 20, 2022

LEGEND

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Community Facilities

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Schools

Four school districts serve the residents of Bedford Charter Township: Battle Creek Public Schools, Pennfield Schools, Hastings Schools and Gull Lake Community Schools serve the vast majority of students from the Township.

Recreational Facilities

Bedford Charter Township is home to six (6) Township-owned public parks: Algonquin Park, Simmons Field, Brookside Annex, Brookside Park, Markham Park, and Skeets-Gerhman Park. Other informal facilities provide recreational opportunities for residents in the Township, such as hunting in the woods.

Residents are also able to use public school facilities provided by Gull Lake Community Schools, as well as Calhoun County parks in Battle Creek, and several urban parks and recreational facilities within the City of Battle Creek. Nearby State recreational facilities include the Fort Custer Recreational Area, Kimball Pines, Riverside Park, and Historic Bridge Park. These parks and recreation areas offer camping, fishing, swimming, and hiking among their activities. The Waubascon Lake Boat Launch is located in the northeast corner of the township and is owned and managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).



Emergency Services

Bedford Charter Township partners with the City of Battle Creek to provide police services to township residents. The Township has its own Fire Department, which maintains three (3) fire stations:

Fire Station #1---21962 N. Bedford Road

Fire Station #2---115 S. Uldriks Drive

Fire Station #3---5902 Morgan Road

Ambulance and emergency medical services are.

Collaborating with other local governments likely remains the best way to continue to provide emergency services for the Township. Intensive commercial or industrial development would likely generate the need for increased emergency services. However, this plan does not propose the necessity for these services because of the existing and continued planned agricultural and residential nature of the Township.

Other Facilities

TOWNSHIP HALL

Bedford Charter Township Hall is located on 115 Uldriks Drive South at the intersection with M-89 (Michigan Avenue). Primary offices for Township officials are in the Township Hall. The Township Hall is used as a polling place and for monthly board meetings.

BATTLE CREEK & AUGUSTA DISTRICT LIBRARIES

While there is not a library located in the boundaries of Bedford Charter Township, the Battle Creek and Augusta District Libraries have branches located within 7 and 10 miles of the township, respectively.

CEMETERIES

There are three cemeteries located in Bedford Charter Township: Bedford Cemetery, Harmon Halladay Cemetery, and Harmonia Cemetery.



Public Participation

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The Bedford Charter Township Master Plan update has been developed with the cooperation of the Bedford Charter Township Planning Commission and the Township Board as representatives of the Township residents. The public was given the opportunity to provide feedback on the future of Bedford Charter Township through a survey distributed to residents. This survey was utilized to shape the goals and objectives of this Master Plan, the results of which can be found below.

The public can also provide feedback on the Master Plan during the State-required comment period, which gives residents time to read the Plan and to contact their representatives with questions. Furthermore, all Planning Commission meetings have been published and open to residents. Anybody in attendance had the opportunity to provide feedback into the planning process and the development of the Plan itself.

Finally, a public hearing will be scheduled at which the final draft of the Master Plan will be presented, discussed and recommended for adoption. This hearing will be open to the public and will provide an opportunity for the Planning Commission to present its findings and layout the proposed future of the Township as well as an excellent opportunity for the community to review the findings of the Planning Commission, ask questions, and propose changes or alternatives prior to final adoption of the Plan.

Even after the Plan is adopted, citizen input and participation is still very important and should not end. The Plan should guide the Township in its future actions, with the public providing input and suggesting changes as future circumstances and conditions warrant.



Survey Results

The survey distributed to the residents of Bedford Charter Township was separated into eight sections in order to take into consideration the current views of Township residents regarding a variety of growth and development issues. Feedback on growth management, housing, land use and the environment, economy, services, community image, demographics, and township involvement were all captured by this survey.

The full results and analysis of the survey can be found in Appendix A of the Master Plan.



Goals and Objectives

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Before a community can actively plan for its future, it must first declare certain goals and objectives to define the boundaries of its needs and aspirations, and thus establish a basis for the development of a Future Land Use Plan. These goals and objectives must reflect the future vision for the community and the kind of lifestyle its residents wish to follow, given realistic economic and social constraints.

The following chapter represents the goals, objectives, and policies which should be used to guide local decision makers in reviewing future land use proposals. Goals represent the ultimate purpose or intent of the Plan, objectives are the means of obtaining those goals, and policies are specific statements used to guide the actions of the Township.

Goals

Bedford Charter Township acknowledges the strong rural and agricultural character, as well as the abundance of natural resources, that define the community. In recognizing its role, Bedford Charter Township adopts the following general community goals to guide future land use changes:

- Preserve the current rural residential and agricultural character of the Township.
- Protect the natural resources in the township as a way to preserve a high quality of life.
- Minimize the development of scattered land uses which results in inefficient land usage and ultimately increases the costs of providing public services.
- Preserve the rights of property owners while maintaining the character of the Township.
- Revitalize the M-89 corridor to encourage targeted mixed-use development and harness economic growth.

Objectives and Policies

With the primary goals in mind, the following specific objectives and policies have been formulated to guide action, programs and land use in the Township.

AGRICULTURAL

Objective: Identify, classify, and provide all possible methods of preserving those areas best suited for agricultural use. Policies to support this objective are as follows:

- Recognize agriculture and open space as the predominant economic activities in Bedford Charter Township.
- Provide means of maintaining low population densities in all agricultural and rural-residential areas to reduce the influences that encourage encroachment of other, less desirable, or conflicting land uses.
- Regulate the location and impact of wind and/or solar energy conversion facilities in order to protect and preserve agricultural activity and agricultural lands.
- Balance the need to provide resources for agricultural uses with a need to protect neighboring properties and natural resources in the Agricultural district. Respect the rights and responsibilities given to agriculture under the Michigan Right to Farm Act, especially regarding manure management, water quality, air quality, and other financial and environmental impacts.

RESIDENTIAL

Objective: Provide limited concentrations of residential land uses while preserving the character of the Township and protecting natural resources. Policies to support this objective are as follows:

- Minimize random scattered residential development in the Township.
- Provide all possible means of encouraging the rehabilitation and conservation of the existing housing stock.
- Limit future construction of residential land uses to the density and character of development laid out in the Future Land Use text.
- Preserve the rural character of the Township by guiding growth, regardless of the land use decisions in neighboring communities.
- Do not allow new residential construction that would have adverse environmental impacts.



MIXED USE AND COMMERCIAL

Objective: Provide limited concentrations of mixed use and commercial land uses while preserving the character of the Township and protecting its natural resources. Policies to support this objective are as follows:

- Minimize random scattered commercial development in the Township.
- Target future construction of commercial and mixed use land uses to the Mixed Use and Commercial future land use areas along M-89 and by the M-37/Edmonds Rd Junction.
- Provide regulations requiring suitable buffering of commercial land uses from residential and agricultural uses.
- Preserve the rural residential character of the Township by targeting growth, regardless of the land use decisions in neighboring communities.
- Do not allow new industrial construction that would have adverse environmental impacts.

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Future Land Use Plan

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The Future Land Use Plan serves as a guide for the community. The Plan has been constructed to allow for flexibility if future conditions in the Township change, while still executing the goals of the Township as described above. The Future Land Use Plan describes where certain land uses are allowed, while the zoning code reflects the future land use map by regulating development aspects of individual sites.

Planning Principles

Land use planning principles are used as a guide to evaluate development alternatives and public policy. The following are general principles that should be applied to all land use categories.

CONSISTENCY

Development should be reviewed for general consistency with the intent of the Master Plan, as should sub-area or regional plans. Other governing bodies, such as the State or County, should be encouraged to use the Master Plan in considering programming for Bedford Charter Township.

SUSTAINABILITY OF NATURAL SYSTEMS

Intense scrutiny should be given to development proposed for environmentally sensitive areas.

COMPATIBILITY OF USES

Special attention should be given to any transitions between uses of greater intensity to those of lower intensity. It should also be noted that agricultural and residential uses are not always compatible land uses. Thus, specific



caution should be taken to avoid allowing excessive residential encroachment into agricultural areas in order to preserve the rural character of the Township.

Land Use Categories

The land use categories, as well as the conditions under which they should exist, are defined in this section of the Plan. The elected and appointed Bedford Charter Township officials shall be responsible for the interpretation of the intent of the Future Land Use categories and text.

NATURAL PRESERVATION

General Characteristics

The purpose of the Resource Development category is to preserve the wetlands, floodplains, drainage and other environmentally sensitive areas along the North Branch of the Kalamazoo River, which runs east-west through the southern portion of the Township by M-89. In order to protect these natural features, this category discourages intensive development, with land uses limited to open space, agriculture, and very low-density housing.

Appropriate Land Uses

This category discourages any use other than natural preservation. However, agricultural and residential land uses are permitted, provided they meet the standards of the Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space Zoning District.

Additionally, all land uses in this category should be reviewed against the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994), and other applicable State laws to ensure they do not infringe on sensitive habitats.

Streets and Transportation

Streets should maintain a rural character. Paved shoulders or bike paths should be included where planned by the County or otherwise deemed appropriate.

Building and Site Design

Buildings—including accessory buildings—should be as small and unobtrusive as possible, and sites should be designed to preserve as much of the natural environment as possible.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

RRAOS — Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space



EXTRACTION AND RECLAMATION

General Characteristics

The purpose of the Extraction and Reclamation Land Use is to plan for the future environmental remediation of some existing industrial uses. In particular, the section of the Township which lies south of the North Branch Kalamazoo River and north of the train tracks on either side of River Road West. This area is currently home to a mixture of industrial and residential uses. The proximity of the industrial activities in this area to the North Branch Kalamazoo River make it more suitable for future open space and residential use.

Appropriate Land Uses

While historically home to quarries, mines, forestry areas and their respective accessory industrial uses, Extraction and Reclamation areas are better suited to open space and low-density residential uses, which have far less severe environmental impacts.

Additionally, all land uses in this category should be reviewed against the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994), and other applicable State laws to ensure they do not infringe on sensitive habitats.

Streets and Transportation

Streets should maintain a rural character. Paved shoulders or bike paths should be included where planned by the County or otherwise deemed appropriate.

Building and Site Design

Buildings- including accessory buildings - should be as small and unobtrusive as possible, and sites should be designed to preserve as much of the natural environment as possible – including going above and beyond zoning requirements and state regulations.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

I Industrial

RRAOS — Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space



RURAL RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURE & OPEN SPACE

General Characteristics

The overall rural aesthetic of the area, combined with the close proximity to the amenities of Battle Creek, make Bedford a desirable community. In order to prevent either scatter-site or overdevelopment, the Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space land use category functions as a threefold means to guide future low-density development, preserve and possibly expand agricultural activity, and conserve potential future public parks and recreational areas.

Appropriate Land Uses

Appropriate uses include dwelling units at no more than 0.5 units per acre, matching the character of the surrounding uses. Non-residential uses include parks, agri-businesses, and farms including the keeping of large and small animals, such as bees, chickens, and other domesticated farm animals, as well as growing crops. Other appropriate uses may include wind and solar utilities, subject to Township zoning regulations.

Streets and Transportation

Streets in this category range from local roads to major collectors, which are typically higher in speed and can accommodate larger vehicles transporting heavy equipment needed for agricultural purposes.

Building and Site Design

New homes and accessory structures should be designed with quality materials.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

RRAOS — Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space



RURAL & NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL

General Characteristics

In order to preserve rural character, residential developments with densities higher than one unit per acre should only be permitted within the Growth Boundaries. Within these boundaries, neighborhoods may be constructed to meet housing demand for the Bedford community. Some areas in this category are greenfield, agricultural, or undeveloped sites, while others are low-to-medium density neighborhoods where infill is desirable – provided neighborhood character is maintained.

Appropriate Land Uses

The appropriate land uses for Rural & Neighborhood Residential areas are all the land uses permitted in the RRAOS land use category. Single- and two-family homes up to 4 units per acre can be appropriate on parcels that are rezoned to the Neighborhood Residential district, however a rezoning from RRAOS to NR shall only apply to parcels located adjacent to existing medium-density residential lots. Small apartment buildings may also be appropriate along major corridors, but only under Neighborhood Residential zoning.

Parks, schools, churches, and other public amenities are also appropriate to support a high quality of life in these residential areas.

Streets and Transportation

In Rural & Neighborhood Residential areas, streets should be well-connected to one another to provide access to major Township arterial roads as well as to adjacent neighborhoods. These streets have lower traffic volumes and are characterized by lower speeds. The street pattern should also have sidewalk or bike path infrastructure accessible on at least one side of the street.

Building and Site Design

New homes should be consistent with existing character and should be designed with quality materials and - where medium density development is permitted - should be consistent with surrounding homes in terms of scale, massing, and site design.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

RRAOS — Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space

NR — Neighborhood Residential



WATER RESIDENTIAL

The Water Residential category is intended to support residential development around St. Mary's Lake and Waubascon Lake while protecting the natural character of the land and water. Development should be orderly in design to preserve the rural character and environmental quality of the lake and surrounding natural areas.

The intent of this Plan is to maintain existing densities of about 1-2 dwelling units per acre, so the quality of the development and natural features in the area can be preserved. Incentives can be provided to encourage preservation of natural features such as slightly increased densities – i.e., cluster development.

The Water Residential land use category corresponds to the area labeled as such on the Future Land Use Map, and is defined as a 150-foot wide land strip measured away from the edge of the water surface at normal pool elevation along the entire shoreline of St. Mary's Lake and Waubascon Lake. The Water Residential area also includes the entire area of some platted parcels along the lakes.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

LR — Lake Residential

MANUFACTURED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Manufactured housing developments or mobile home parks are common in the rural areas in Michigan. Mobile home parks provide housing alternatives to residents who are unable to afford more permanent housing. From a planning perspective, they must be considered because the density in which they are built provides an economy of scale for the design and construction of on-site water and septic systems. Mobile home parks often provide their own wastewater treatment and well fields in rural areas where public utilities are not generally available, including communities like Bedford Charter Township.

While recognized as a legitimate land use, mobile home parks can significantly increase the population of a community while providing less than a corresponding amount of property tax revenue to the host community from which to provide public services to new residents. Furthermore, though a community can plan and zone appropriate locations of manufactured housing developments, they cannot regulate the internal design nor the operation of these facilities. Because Bedford Charter Township already has Manufactured Housing parks, no additional manufactured housing developments should be constructed.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

MH — Manufactured Housing



MIXED USE

General Characteristics

This future land use category is designed to encompass mixed uses to promote live/work/play elements in designated parts of Bedford Charter Township, and allows for residential, professional office, and commercial uses. Mixed-use incorporates most of the aforementioned existing mix of land uses, especially along the M-89 Corridor and in Bedford Village, with the goal of encouraging walkability, livability, and economic growth. The category “mixed-use” is defined as an area that the Township anticipates will develop in the future as a residential, professional office or commercial use or some combination of those uses. It thereby eliminates the need to impose artificial lines on the map to distinguish between future residential, office and commercial zoning districts and encourages a performance-based approach to land use regulation.

Appropriate Land Uses

The Mixed Use category envisions performance-based zoning that meets the community goals as outlined in the Executive Summary and discussed in detail in the Goals, Policies, and Actions section of this Plan. As the community goals are the cornerstone of this Master Plan, key points which promote the advancement of the mixed-use category include the following:

- Promoting development that enhances the Township by discouraging “strip” development both along M-89 and the Bedford Village area.
- Reducing urban sprawl by directing development within the corresponding Growth Boundaries.
- Encouraging these areas to develop as “walkable” communities.
- Providing buffers between adjacent land uses.

The “mixed-use” category provides elements that serve to support the community goals. Development can only occur with an applicant meeting all the conditions set forth by the Township, while giving the applicant a degree of creativity in design. This is the essence of “performance-based zoning”. Final approval is retained at the discretion of the Planning Commission, based on the Master Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and other Township governing documents, while leaving some freedom for a developer to use the architectural and state-of-the-art tools at their disposal. The Mixed Use category gives the Township more flexibility than exists with strict one-use for one area future land use maps.

Mixed Use areas can support the rezoning of a single parcel or a mixed use development proposal. A mixed-use development could be done as a Planned Unit Development (PUD), Planned Residential Development (PRD), or as a “Mixed-Use Development” (MUD).

Streets and Transportation

Streets in Mixed-Use areas should provide connections to Township principal arterials and major arterial roads. Within developments, streets should provide safe walking and biking opportunities on both sides of the street. Additionally, on-street parking should be included in development design with the absence of cul-de-sacs or dead-end roads.

Building and Site Design

Buildings should be built with high-quality materials and should be architecturally compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. Buildings with a connection to the street, including designs with attractive front facades, entrances, and porches are all highly encouraged. Open spaces should be functional and allow for recreational enjoyment and the preservation of natural features. Architectural variation is highly encouraged to create a character on long and connected facades.

Parking areas may be located in the front, side, or rear yards for buildings, but, where practical, buildings should front the street and provide parking to the rear. Large areas of parking should be broken up with landscaped islands and trees. Parking space requirements may vary based on the location of the development and availability of shared parking.

Appropriate Zoning Districts

MU — Mixed Use



ENTERPRISE

General Characteristics

The Enterprise Future Land Use designation is a combination of commercial and industrial, and is intended to allow for a flexible variety of business uses, with the specific zoning district determined by the conditions of the site in question.

Enterprise is intended for office, retail, manufacturing, warehousing, logistics, research and development businesses, and creative industries/artisan facilities. Developments should be designed and operated to be respectful of their surroundings, with minimal truck traffic, noise, odor, dust, or outdoor storage/operations.

Appropriate Land Uses

Appropriate uses include office, retail, light manufacturing, artisan production, food and beverage production, creative industries, warehousing, logistics, and research and development facilities. Parking areas and loading zones must be properly buffered and landscaped when adjacent to residential and agricultural land uses.

Streets and Transportation

Streets should be designed in a pattern that allows access from abutting areas, but without encouraging cut-through traffic by employees and trucks. Within the Enterprise district, the streets should be designed to be sufficient for business traffic.

Building and Site Design

Buildings should be constructed of high-quality materials which wrap around the entire building and feature attractive signage. Robust landscaping should be installed throughout the site, especially adjacent to residential areas.

Businesses should be supported by sufficient - but not overly excessive - parking areas. Parking areas may be located in the front, side, or rear yards of buildings. Large areas of parking should be broken up with landscaped islands and trees.

Appropriate Zoning District

E — Enterprise



INDUSTRIAL

General Characteristics.

This designation provides an exclusive area for medium to high intensity Industrial uses, as well as large corporate campuses, which are vital to the Township's economy. Large plants that involve manufacturing products, stamping, and machine operations are well-supported here. Industrial areas have heavy buffers and deep setbacks to minimize impacts on adjoining properties.

Appropriate Land Uses.

Examples include large plants that involve manufacturing products, stamping, and machine operations. Large institutional operations and large corporate campuses are also encouraged to locate within General Industrial districts.

Streets and Transportation.

Roads in the industrial areas should be designed to be sufficient for truck traffic, without making them unsafe for pedestrians or bicyclists. New road connections should be built as needed to connect the industrial districts with arterial roads without disturbing residential areas.

Building and Site Design.

Buildings in this district should be designed to be long-lasting and to support efficient industrial and/or business practices. High-quality appearance is encouraged; however, sites should be designed to minimize off-site impacts and reduce pollution and site contamination to the extent possible.

Parking lots should be sufficient to support employee parking and truck maneuvering but should not be excessively large.

Appropriate Zoning Districts.

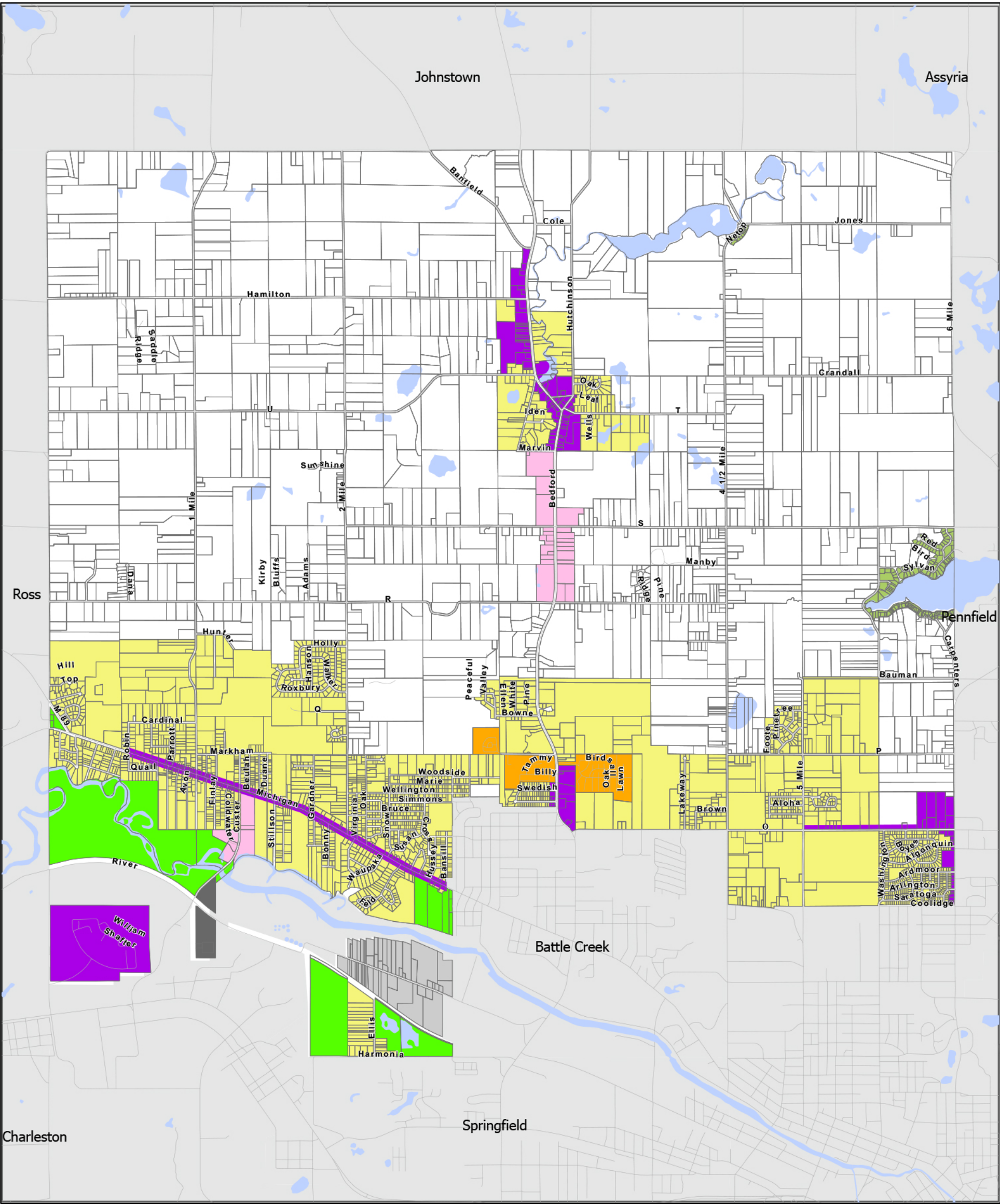
I — Industrial

Community Facilities

The Township's primary community facility is its Township Hall, which was constructed in 2010 and is located at 115 Uldriks Dr S along the M-89 Corridor. The Township should continue to work to maintain this facility to serve as its primary gathering spot within the community. Not only is the Township Hall the site of various governmental functions such as elections, board meetings, and public hearings, it also serves as the principal identifier of the Township. The majority of Township residents are familiar with where the Township Hall is located and what happens there. Therefore, as the Township Board and Planning Commission continue to increase public participation, the Township Hall must keep up with the demands of a modern gathering place.

The Township maintains three public cemeteries which are a historical record and visual reminder of the Township's long history. The Township must budget for the ongoing management and maintenance of these facilities.

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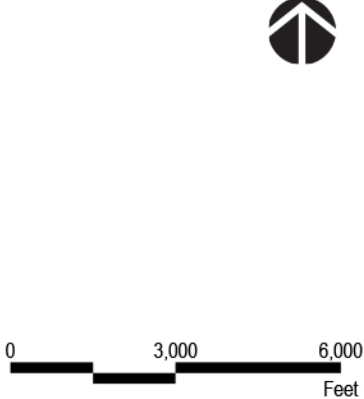


Future Land Use

Bedford Charter Township,
Calhoun County, Michigan

April 19, 2023

- Legend
- Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space
 - Rural & Neighborhood Residential
 - Water Residential
 - Manufactured Housing Community
 - Mixed Use
 - Enterprise
 - Extraction/Reclamation
 - Industrial
 - Natural Preservation



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Implementation Plan

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Implementation strategies are a major component of any master plan. They determine how guidelines and recommendations in the Plan become reality. The Bedford Charter Township Master Plan should be seen as a living document. If conditions in the community or the needs of the resident's change, the Plan will need various adjustments or additions. The main goals and objectives in the Plan are not anticipated to require change, but as the Plan is implemented certain aspects will require periodic adjustment.



Zoning Plan

The following table defines the zoning plan for Bedford Charter Township, with each future land use category corresponding to a future zoning classification.

RRAOS Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space is considered the “default” zoning classification for the Township. All land should be zoned RRAOS unless and until a property owner requests a different classification, as described in the table below.

Table 12: Zoning Plan

Future Land Use Categories	Future Zoning
Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space	RRAOS: Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space
Rural & Neighborhood Residential	RRAOS: Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space NR: Neighborhood Residential
Water Residential	LR: Lake Residential
Manufactured Housing Community	MH: Manufactured Housing
Mixed Use	MU: Mixed Use
Enterprise	E: Enterprise
Industrial	I: Industrial
Extraction/Reclamation	I: Industrial RRAOS: Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space
Natural Preservation	RRAOS: Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

It is the intent of this plan for the Township to re-write its Zoning Ordinance for improved clarity, and to implement the vision of this plan. The new Zoning Ordinance should have the districts described in the table above, which should have the following purpose and intents.

RRAOS – Rural Residential, Agriculture & Open Space

The dual purpose of the RRAOS district is to maintain the rural residential character present throughout most of the township while simultaneously allowing for flexibility should the Township in the future opt to purchase land for the purpose of new parks and preservation areas. The need for such flexibility in zoning is also due to the fact that—with the exception of the Waubascon Lake Boat Launch - there are currently no State or County parks located in the township. The district will allow low-density residential, agriculture, and open space as principal permitted uses.

NR – Neighborhood Residential

The NR district will include all existing residential subdivisions located south of the east-west growth boundary and within a roughly 1,000 foot radius of the future Bedford Village Mixed Use district. Areas located south of the east-west growth boundary will be eligible for future medium density residential development only if the proposed development is located adjacent to existing medium density residential development.

LR – Lakefront Residential

The LR district is limited to existing and future residential development with frontage along either St. Mary’s Lake or Waubascon Lake.



MH – Manufactured Housing

A district specific to the three existing manufactured housing developments in the township.

MU – Mixed Use

The function of the Mixed Use district is to allow for a variety of compatible commercial and residential uses with the goal of encouraging local economic development which meets the needs of current and future residents. The land use patterns which ultimately emerge as a result of the Mixed Use district regulations will vary depending on location, current neighborhood land uses, and the performance-based zoning standards as stated in this Plan and enforced and interpreted by the Township.

E – Enterprise

The purpose of the Enterprise district is to allow for a combination of commercial and light industrial uses along the M-37 corridor between R Drive North and South Street. This area is envisioned as both a regional and local economic engine, allowing for both warehousing and logistics as well as serving as a transitional zone leading into Bedford Village.

I – Industrial

This district is currently limited to two separate areas of the township, both of which are located south of the Kalamazoo River along River Road. The larger of these two areas lies north of the train tracks and is comprised of both a quarry and several raw materials storage and distribution sites. The second area lies to the west and is currently undeveloped.

LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS

Land division standards following the Michigan Land Division Act (P.A. 288 of 1967, as amended through P.A. 591 of 1996) are a tool for the implementation of this Plan. Whereas zoning is concerned with land use on a site-by-site basis and activities in selected areas, land division regulations deal with the process of dividing land and maintaining the quality of individual developments.

Subdivision standards, as permitted under the Land Division Act, can be created in a Subdivision Control Ordinance to protect the needs of citizens by providing site design controls and improvement standards. Design controls provide for the arrangement and location of streets, configuration of lots, the provision of open space, and the sufficiency of easements for utility installations. Improvement standards ensure adequate roads and other physical improvements.

All other land divisions in the Township are also regulated by the Land Division Act. The act permits the Township to establish a Land Division Ordinance with local authority and the responsibility for the legal approval of land divisions. When land is divided outside of subdivisions, this ordinance can ensure that the resulting lots are consistent with Zoning Ordinance minimum requirements. It can also require lots to maintain minimum access standards to assure availability of public or private roads for the lots.

All land division regulations described in this section were recently changed by the Michigan Legislature and Governor. The Planning Commission must remain alert to modifications in this area of regulation in order to assure the Township standards and requirements are consistent with authorizing legislation.

Over the last 15 years, Michigan condominium regulations have been modified to permit the ownership of land by a co-owners association. The Michigan Condominium Act was significantly altered in 1982 to permit condominium ownership of land. Since then, many developers have created site condominiums as a substitute for land subdivision. Site condominium development is often an attractive alternative to subdivision because the approval process can be much shorter than with subdivision development. The Condominium Act requires condominiums to comply with the local Township ordinances. The Planning Commission should consider establishing standards for site condominium development of land.



Subdivision Regulations under the State Subdivision Control Act (Act 288, P.A. of 1967, as amended) are tools for the implementation of this Plan. Whereas zoning deals with land use on a site by site basis and activities in specific areas, subdivision regulations deal with the process of dividing land and maintaining the quality of individual developments. Subdivision standards protect the needs of citizens by providing both site design controls and improvement standards. Design controls are concerned with the location and arrangement of streets, width and depth of lots, the provision of open space, and the sufficiency of easements for utilities. Improvement standards ensure adequate roads and physical improvements.

Most land divisions in Bedford Charter Township are not under the jurisdiction of the State Subdivision Control Act, but rather are regulated by the land division procedures and standards from the Zoning Ordinance sections dealing with private roads and the division of platted lots and unplatted acreage.

PLANNING COMMISSION

A stable and knowledgeable Planning Commission is essential to the success of the zoning process. The responsibilities of the Commission include long-range plan formulation and the designing of appropriate and reasonable zoning ordinance regulations to implement the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. Adoption of the zoning ordinance by the Township Board then provides the legal basis for enforcement of the zoning ordinance's provisions. The ultimate effectiveness of the various ordinance requirements, however, depends upon the quality of ordinance administration and enforcement. If procedures are lax or handled in a sporadic and inconsistent manner, the results will be unsatisfactory at best.

CONTINUOUS PLANNING

The Planning Commission has the role of providing planning recommendations for the Township Board. This planning function is a continuous process and does not terminate with the completion of this Plan. Rural areas are in constant change and planning is an ongoing process of identification, adjustment, and resolution of problems. In order to sustain the planning process and generate positive results, maintain momentum, and respond to change, the Plan should be reviewed and updated every three to five years to maintain the validity of its data and relevance as a policy document.



Transportation Plan

CIRCULATION AND ROAD SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

No additional public roads are expected to be built within the foreseeable planning period. The Calhoun County Road Department plans to concentrate on the maintenance and improvement of existing public roads. The condition of existing paved roads should be evaluated each year, and roads with high traffic volume should be considered for repaving. Maintaining existing gravel roads should be a top priority of the Township and the Calhoun County Road Department. Gravel roads promote reduced speeds, a rural atmosphere, and discourage dense development. However, poorly maintained gravel roads result in a variety of conditions from nuisances such as dust to more dangerous conditions resulting in damage to vehicles and difficult driving conditions. The Township and County should evaluate the road conditions and traffic volumes in the Township annually and prioritize improvements based on any findings.

COMPLETE STREETS

Bedford Charter Township intends to implement a rural vision of Complete Streets with this Plan, and will work with the Calhoun County Road Department on road projects. The Complete Streets philosophy is that the roadways should be safe for all legal users. Complete Streets within the Township will mostly consist of widened paved or unpaved shoulders, which can provide access to slow moving traffic such as tractors, horses and buggies, or snowmobiles. The highest priority for Complete Streets in the Township should be major corridors that connect Bedford Charter Township to markets in nearby communities such as Battle Creek, as well as roads that provide major connectivity throughout the Township. Major north south roadway corridors include Uldriks Rd and Collier Ave, and major east west roadway corridors such as Morgan Rd.

Action Plan

The Bedford Charter Township Master Plan and its goals, objectives, and policies recommend the future vision for the community. The Township desires to enhance its rural character, maintain agricultural viability, and protect natural resources, while accommodating some residential growth.

The goals, objectives, and policies of this Plan should be reviewed often, and should also be considered in decision-making by the Township. Successful implementation of this Plan will be the result of actions taken by elected and appointed officials, Township staff and consultants, the Planning Commission, the Township residents, public agencies, private organizations, and outside government agencies including Calhoun County and the State of Michigan.

The table on the following page presents a detailed summary for all the recommended implementation activities, who is responsible for completing the activity, and available funding sources for each activity.



Table 13: Action Plan

Project	Priority	Timeframe	Responsibility			Funding		
			Township	Other Gov.	Private	Public	Private	TIF/DDA
Planning and Zoning								
Update the Zoning Ordinance to be compatible with the Master Plan.	A	1	PC TB	TAC		•		
Civic and Transportation								
Engage with residents to determine a unified vision for the M-89 Corridor.	A	1	TB	CCRD TAC		•		
Work with the CCRD to implement a rural vision for a Complete Streets design along 1 Mile Rd.	B	2	TB	CCRD TAC		•		
Work with the CCRD to implement a rural vision for a Complete Streets design along Kirby Rd.	B	2	TB	CCRD TAC		•		
Develop a plan for the acquisition of wetlands, woodlands, and other natural areas for the purpose of long-term preservation.	C	3	TB	PC CC CM LO		•		
Work with the CCRD to implement a rural vision for a Complete Streets design along O Drive North.	C	3	TB	CCRD TAC		•		

Priority		Timeframe		Responsibility (Color)	
A	Most Important	1	Within one year		Project Lead
B	Very Important	2	1-3 years		Key Participant
C	Important	3	3+ years		Contributor

RESPONSIBILITY (ABBREVIATION)			
CC	Calhoun County	PSD	Public School Districts (Battle Creek, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia)
CCRD	Calhoun County Road Department	SM	State of Michigan
CM	Community Members	TAC	Township Administration and Consultants
LO	Land Owners	TB	Township Board
PC	Planning Commission	TCRPC	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
FUNDING			
Public	Includes public funds from the Township operating budget, County, and State funding. May also include local government bonds and grants.		
Private	Includes funds from private sources such as grants, corporate funding, or property owners.		
TIF	Tax increment financing provided by an authorized body. Please refer to the summary of economic development tools.		



Appendix A

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Memorandum

TO: Bedford Charter Township
FROM: John Jackson, AICP
SUBJECT: Township Community Survey Final Results & Analysis
DATE: May 12, 2022

In November 2021, the Charter Township of Bedford sent a survey to all Township residents regarding quality-of-life issues facing the community. As part of this town-wide initiative, the Township asked McKenna to compile and analyze the final results of the survey.

THE PROJECT

The Charter Township of Bedford Community Survey was a brief, 2-page long resident opinion survey consisting of twenty-three (23) questions. Survey questions were mostly multiple choice, many with the option of providing additional written comments. Six (6) of the 23 questions were requests for respondent data (e.g., age, household size, number of years of residence, etc.), with the balance pertaining to a wide range of issues including economic development, housing, infrastructure, blight and code enforcement, planning and zoning, parks and recreation, and general quality of life.

THE DATA

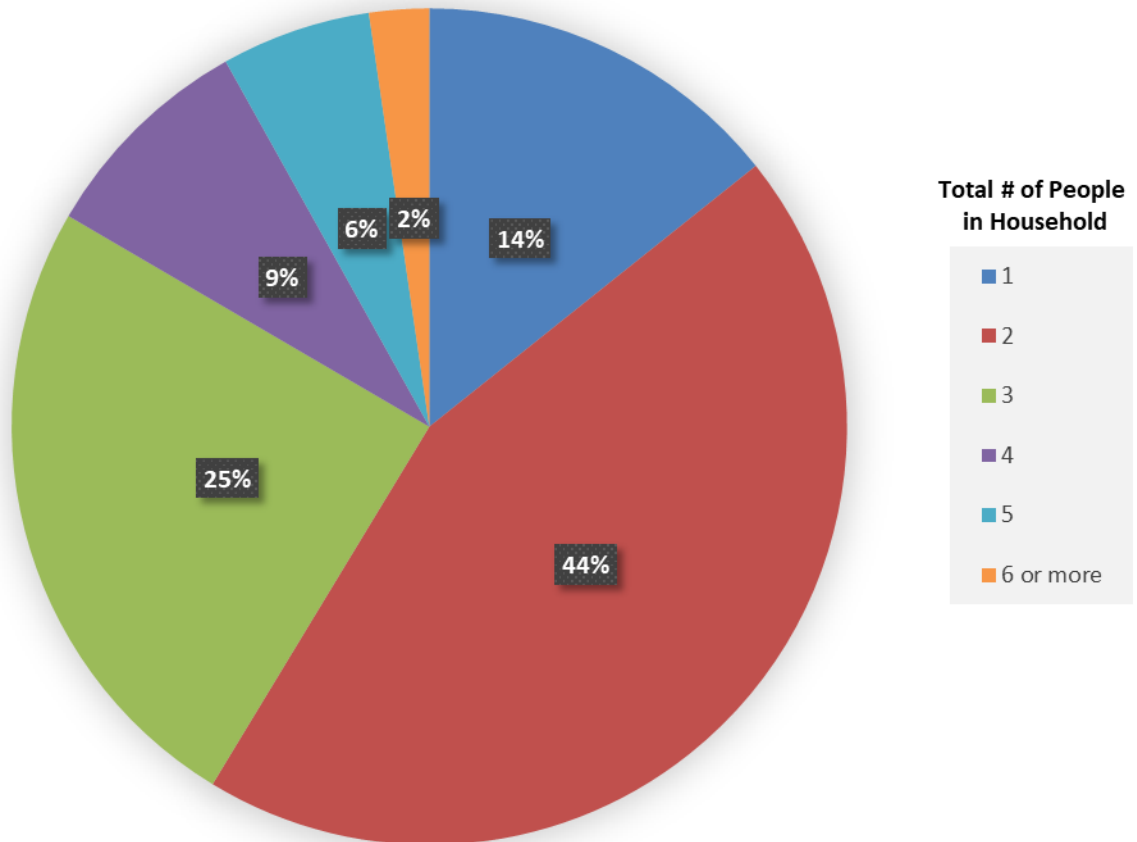
Out of approximately 4,400 surveys mailed to Township residents with their annual tax bills, 310 were returned for a total response rate of 7%. This response rate is roughly average when compared to similar mailed, non-incentive paper consumer satisfaction surveys.

The vast majority (96%) of respondents stated that they were residents of Bedford Charter Township and that they were single-family homeowners (99%). The majority of respondents (88%) reported that they were 46 years of age or older, with 67% indicating that they were over the age of 60. Most survey respondents (71%) were long-term residents, having lived in Bedford for at least 15 years. Finally, most respondents (69%) reported a total household size of 2 -3 people. A detailed breakdown of respondent household size can be found below on the following page.

32% of respondents stated that they worked in Calhoun County, while 57% reported that they were not currently working. We surmise that the high percentage of respondents not working is likely correlated with the higher number of respondents of retirement age.



Bedford Charter Township 2021/22 Community Survey Respondent Household Size



THE RESPONSES

The following three sections of this report pertain to the more qualitative questions posed by the survey. For simplicity's sake, we have divided these questions into three (3) categories, each of which will be examined separately:

- Housing & Economic Development
- Parks & Open Space Preservation
- Transportation & Mobility



Housing & Economic Development

The community survey contained seven (7) questions pertaining – either directly or indirectly – to residents' opinions regarding current and future residential, commercial, and industrial development in the township.

Question 2 asked whether the Township should pursue more commercial and/or industrial development. A majority of respondents (61%) said “yes”, while only 12% said “no”.

Question 3 gave eight (8) examples of potential types of commercial development and asked residents to choose which, if any, they would like to see in the township. Respondents were allowed to pick more than one. Out of the 283 survey participants who answered the question, 207 said restaurants, 164 said farm markets, and 142 said they wanted to see more medical/urgent care facilities. The uses that followed in popularity – with approximately 80 respondents each - were shopping malls, entertainment venues, and fitness clubs. Microbreweries followed with 66, and hotels came in a distant last with only 22 respondents saying they would like to see them in the township. This question gave respondents the option of providing additional comments. While varied, a strong plurality mentioned supermarkets and/or grocery and convenience stores.

Question 4 asked respondents to select from a list the types of residential development they would like to see in the township. Given the large number of survey participants of retirement age, it is not surprising that, out of 191 responses, 129 stated that they would like to see senior independent living housing, while 105 said they would like to see assisted living housing for seniors. A couple of other responses are notable, including 51 people who said they would like to see duplexes in the township, and 43 respondents who said they would like to see apartments built. 42 comments were recorded as part of the responses. Out of these, 16 said they would not like to see any new housing built, 10 said they would like to have more single-family homes, and 4 said they would like to see condominiums.

Question 5 asked residents to choose one or more from a list of specific economic development land uses that they would like to see in Bedford: Wind turbines; solar farms; farm stands, and agricultural tourism. The vast majority of respondents (78%) said farm stands, with 44% saying they would like to see agrotourism activities. 41% of respondents said solar farms, with only 34% saying they would like to have wind turbines in the township. This question also gave survey participants the option of leaving an additional comment. Out of 24 comments, 7 stated they would NOT like to see wind or solar in Bedford.

Question 8 asked survey participants if they agreed or disagreed, and to what degree if at all, with the following statement: “Growth and development in the Township is acceptable if the small town/suburban character is preserved.” 297 participants answered this question, and the overwhelming majority (85.52%) stated they either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

Question 9 asked respondents whether the Township should invest in sewer and water infrastructure to promote future development. Those who answered “yes” were then asked where they thought this new infrastructure should be built. 254 people responded to the question. Here, however, the responses were split nearly 50/50 between those who said yes to municipal investment in water and sewer, those who said no. 87 written responses were recorded, the majority of which - based on their response – were by those in favor of water and sewer investment. Here, however, opinions also varied significantly. Many respondents wanted water and sewer in residential areas or areas of high density, while others stated that investment in water and/or sewer should be limited to commercial areas only. Finally, several participants responded that such investment should be focused primarily in flood prone areas.

Question 12 asked survey participants if they agreed or disagreed, and to what degree if at all, with the following statement: “I am satisfied with what the Township is doing to control blight and other ordinance violations.” 293 participants answered the question. Respondents were sharply divided on whether the Township was doing enough to combat blight, with 38.91% saying they either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, while



41.98% stated they did not think the Township was doing enough. 19.11% respondents said they neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement.

Parks & Open Space Preservation

The survey included three (3) questions pertaining to parks and open space preservation in the township.

Question 6 asked survey participants which of the following natural features the Township should use its power and resources to preserve: farmland; open space; wetlands; and woodlands. Respondents were asked to select as many as they felt applied. 275 participants answered the question. Woodlands was the most popular answer among the four options, with 218 respondents selecting it. Farmland was the second most popular, with 189 responses. Next was wetlands, coming in a close third with 177 responses, followed by open space with 158 responses recorded.

Question 7 asked which of the following policy options should the Township use to preserve open space and natural areas: large lot zoning; zoning for cluster development; density bonuses for new development; grants, and special taxes. As with Question 6, participants were asked to select as many options as they felt applied. Only 199 participants responded to this question. However, a noticeable pattern in their responses is discernible. Over 50% of respondents stated their preference for both large lot zoning and grants for the preservation of open space. Other zoning techniques such as cluster development and density bonuses each received between 20 – 25% of responses, while the least popular option was a special tax at less than 17%. 25 comments were also recorded with this question, nearly half of which indicated that they weren't sure or didn't understand the options provided.

Question 11 asked survey participants if they agreed or disagreed, and to what degree if at all, with the following statement: "I am satisfied with the park and recreation opportunities in the Township". The majority of survey participants (298) answered this question. Roughly one third of respondents said they agreed with this statement, while another third disagreed. 22% said they neither agreed nor disagreed, while 11% said they strongly disagreed. Finally, about 6% of respondents strongly agreed with the statement.

Transportation & Mobility

The survey included two (2) questions pertaining to transportation and mobility in the township.

Question 10 asked survey participants if they agreed or disagreed, and to what degree if at all, with the following statement: "I believe that the Township should pursue more public transportation opportunities (such as bus) for residents." 301 participants responded, the majority of which – 173 or 57.5% - either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. 25% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed, and only 18% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Question 14 asked survey participants if they agreed or disagreed, and to what degree if at all, with the following statement: "A long term solution to road maintenance funding should be pursued by the Township." Again, the majority of survey participants (298) responded. The vast majority of respondents – 230 or nearly 80% - either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.



FINAL ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION

Civic Engagement & Township Identity

In addition to the above three categories, another five (5) survey questions could be roughly categorized as pertaining to either civic engagement or community/township identity. Questions 13, 21, and 22, were more quantitative or “Yes/No” in nature, while Questions 15 and 23 were open-ended and allowed for written responses exclusively.

Question 13 asked what information respondents would like to see on the Township website: Links to community resources; zoning and permit information; upcoming event announcements; parks information and pictures; tax information and payment options, and Township budget and financial information. Participants were given the option to select as many as they felt applied and to leave a written comment if desired. 221 participants answered the question. Interestingly, for each response selected the percentage spanned between 45 and 65%. Tax information and payment options was the least popular answer at 45.25%, while upcoming event announcements was the most popular at 65.16%.

Question 22 asked residents whether they would like to receive text message notifications about Township meetings and events. Out of 259 responses, only 66 or 25.48% said they would like to be notified via text. Most of these same respondents included their name and cell phone number in the written comments section. It should be noted here that the low positive response rate may be at least partially attributable to the largely older demographic among the participants.

Question 21 asked respondents if they were interest in volunteering on a Township committee and/or event. Out of 262 respondents, only 34 or just under 13% responded in the affirmative. Here too, however, these same respondents left their names and contact information in the comments.

Question 15 asked respondents, “If they could change one thing about living in Bedford Township, what would it be?” The question was “comment only” and had 161 responses. While it is difficult to account for every answer provided, several trends were apparent. At least 33 responses mentioned blight and/or property maintenance. 9 responses mentioned tearing down abandoned buildings, and in particular the vacant gas station located on Michigan Avenue by Custer Drive. 12 responses mentioned wanting better road maintenance, and another 8 expressed the need for more sidewalks in the township. 15 respondents expressed the desire for more businesses in Bedford, particularly more dining and retail options. 7 expressed the desire to limit the marijuana industry presence in the township, and another 6 wanted more family-friendly and communitywide events. Finally, a handful of respondents stated they would like to see leaf pick and/or recycling services in the township.

Question 23 asked respondents to “Please elaborate on your survey answers or include anything else that you would like Township officials to consider in planning for the future of Bedford Township,” As with Question 15, it was “comment only”. 105 responses were recorded. The responses here were too varied and detailed to summarize as part of this report. However, a number of respondents provided specific suggestions for Township officials which will be worth revisiting especially as the Township moves forward with its 5-year Master Plan review.



Conclusions & Recommendations

While there is a need for additional civic engagement to capture the greater breadth of the Bedford Charter Township community, certain trends can still be discerned from the results of the community survey.

There was broad agreement among survey participants that the Township should pursue – or at least allow - commercial growth as long as the community's rural character is maintained. In particular, survey respondents expressed a strong desire for more restaurants as well as places to purchase fresh food and produce, such as farmers' markets.

There was also agreement that the Township should work to preserve natural areas such as woodlands as well as farmland. However, the preference among respondents was for fiscally neutral approaches to open space preservation, such as large lot zoning and grant seeking.

Blight and code enforcement was a significant concern among residents as represented in the survey.

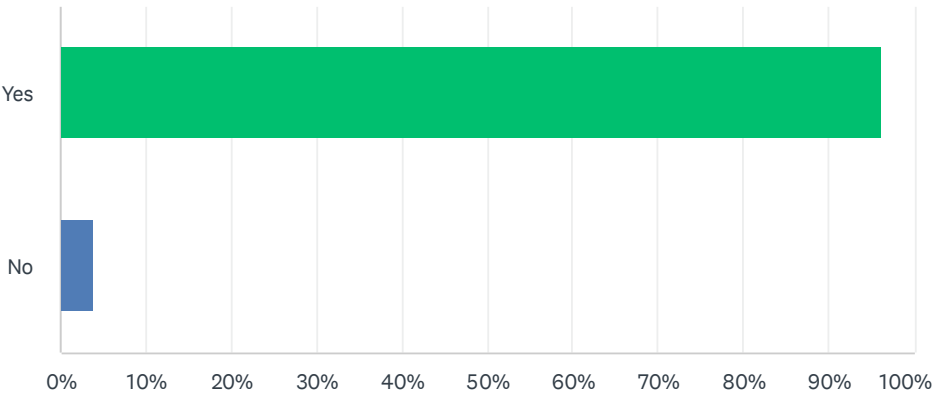
There were significant differences of opinion on whether and where the Township should expand water and sewer service. This will need to be a focus of consensus building efforts in the future as Bedford looks to grow.

There appears to be at least some support for public transportation in the township. There is broad agreement however that the Township should pursue a long-term solution for ongoing road maintenance.

Finally, the survey also made it clear that a committed group of civic volunteers currently resides in Bedford. As it continues its broader community engagement efforts, the Township should consider looking to those individuals who have offered their time and skills in service of the Bedford Charter Township community, as this will only help the Township as it works to build consensus and develop equitable policies that can serve the entire Bedford community.

Q1 Are you a resident of Bedford Township?

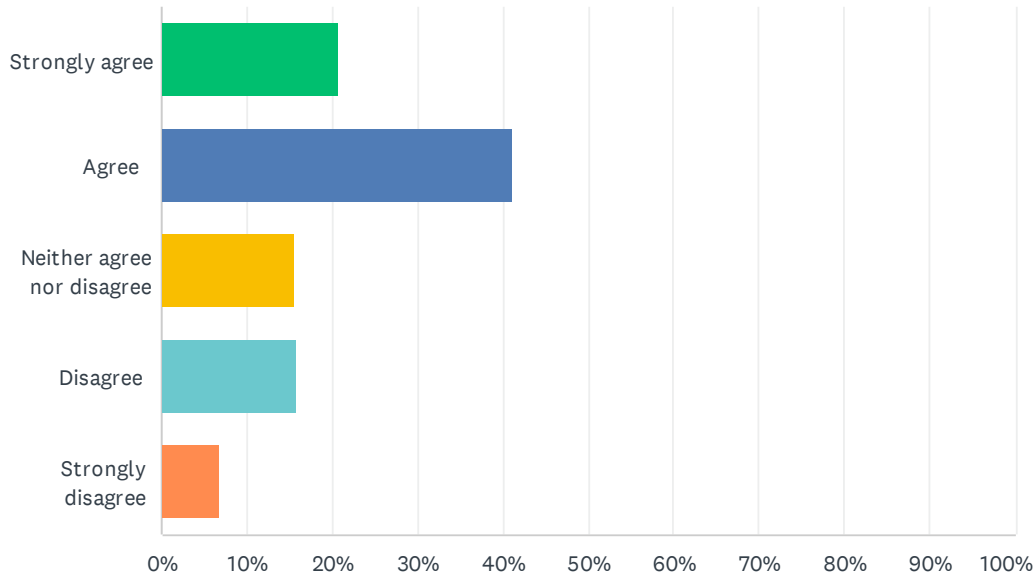
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.08%	294
No	3.92%	12
TOTAL		306

Q2 The Township should pursue more commercial and/or industrial development.

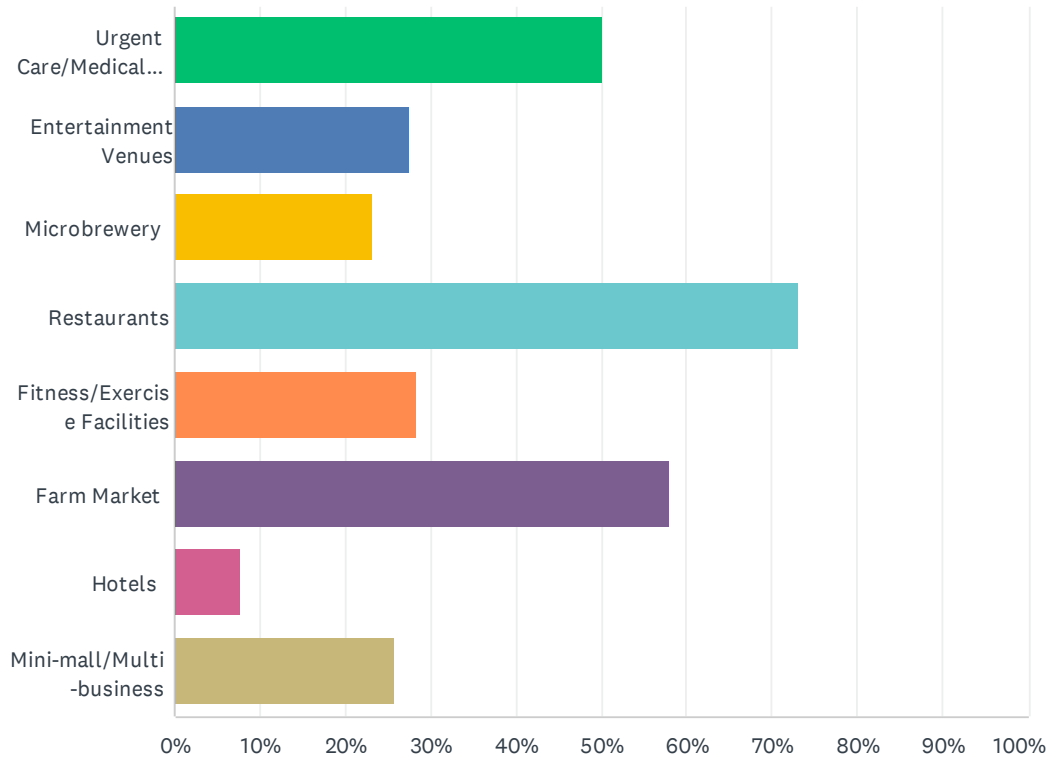
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	20.62%	60
Agree	41.24%	120
Neither agree nor disagree	15.46%	45
Disagree	15.81%	46
Strongly disagree	6.87%	20
TOTAL		291

Q3 Which, if any, of the following commercial uses would you like to see in the Township? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 283 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Urgent Care/Medical Care	50.18%	142
Entertainment Venues	27.56%	78
Microbrewery	23.32%	66
Restaurants	73.14%	207
Fitness/Exercise Facilities	28.27%	80
Farm Market	57.95%	164
Hotels	7.77%	22
Mini-mall/Multi-business	25.80%	73
Total Respondents: 283		

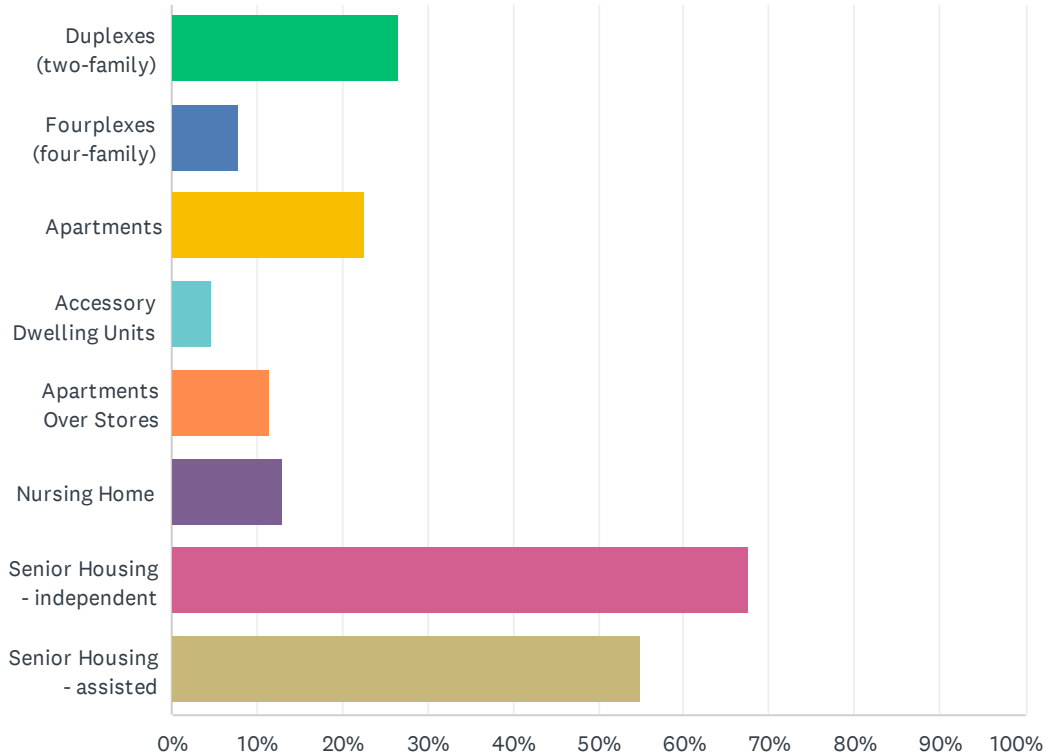
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1	meijers or walmart	2/18/2022 1:02 PM
2	stop signs at end of roads connecting with Redner Ave.	2/18/2022 11:21 AM
3	2nd hand shop / bazaar	2/16/2022 2:30 AM

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4	No-kill animal shelter	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
5	I would love to see another full grocery store in the level park area.	2/9/2022 4:16 PM
6	pubs	2/7/2022 6:56 PM
7	anything to help	2/2/2022 4:11 PM
8	grocery store, dog parks, kids parks	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
9	churches	2/2/2022 3:14 PM
10	bank	2/2/2022 2:40 PM
11	none	2/2/2022 1:49 PM
12	supermarkets	2/2/2022 1:16 PM
13	N/A	2/2/2022 12:33 PM
14	big box store	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
15	general business	1/25/2022 1:49 PM
16	food	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
17	parks	1/25/2022 1:17 PM
18	The township should support privately owned businesses.	1/25/2022 11:50 AM
19	eye doctor	1/24/2022 2:53 PM
20	parks	1/24/2022 2:20 PM
21	small store or \$General	1/17/2022 11:35 AM
22	Wesco or Circle K convenience store	1/17/2022 11:33 AM
23	craft store	1/17/2022 10:35 AM
24	none	1/17/2022 10:11 AM
25	supermarket	1/17/2022 10:00 AM
26	Restaurant on St. Mary's Lake	1/12/2022 8:32 PM
27	None	12/26/2021 5:47 PM
28	The area and buidings by the Bedford Post Office strip of M39 is a serious eyestore. Maybe use some of the funds as a one time grant to help revitalize the area to create a real "Town Center".	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
29	Not a another mother-loving Dollar General, and not another cannabis joint!	12/16/2021 5:46 PM
30	NONE OF THE ABOVE	12/11/2021 6:49 PM
31	Anchor Store such as Home Depot or Meijers	12/6/2021 5:41 PM

Q4 Which, if any, of the following residential uses would you like to see in the Township? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 191 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Duplexes (two-family)	26.70%	51
Fourplexes (four-family)	7.85%	15
Apartments	22.51%	43
Accessory Dwelling Units	4.71%	9
Apartments Over Stores	11.52%	22
Nursing Home	13.09%	25
Senior Housing - independent	67.54%	129
Senior Housing - assisted	54.97%	105
Total Respondents: 191		

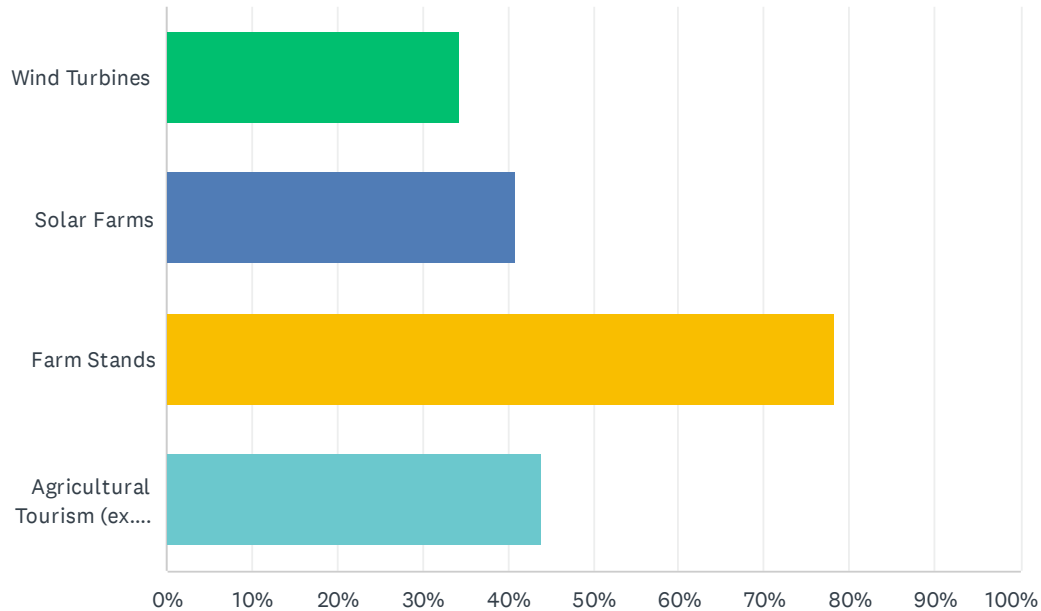
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1	none	2/18/2022 1:22 PM
2	none	2/18/2022 11:13 AM
3	Relaxed restrictions on single-family properties to allow extended families	2/16/2022 2:30 AM

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4	Not sure	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
5	single family homes	2/9/2022 10:03 AM
6	Apartment homes for 55 up.	2/9/2022 9:48 AM
7	all	2/2/2022 4:11 PM
8	adult daycare, senior center	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
9	single houses	2/2/2022 3:38 PM
10	condos	2/2/2022 3:31 PM
11	more of selections	2/2/2022 2:23 PM
12	none	2/2/2022 1:49 PM
13	condominiums	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
14	single family homes	1/25/2022 2:33 PM
15	single family homes	1/25/2022 2:19 PM
16	Too many rentals	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
17	condominiums	1/25/2022 12:45 PM
18	n/a	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
19	none	1/25/2022 12:16 PM
20	single family homes	1/25/2022 12:08 PM
21	none	1/24/2022 3:22 PM
22	none	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
23	n/a	1/24/2022 11:28 AM
24	none	1/24/2022 10:28 AM
25	reduce square foot minimum	1/17/2022 1:26 PM
26	Lofts	1/17/2022 1:05 PM
27	single family housing	1/17/2022 11:25 AM
28	none	1/17/2022 10:59 AM
29	none	1/17/2022 10:11 AM
30	single family housing	1/17/2022 9:50 AM
31	none	1/17/2022 9:25 AM
32	None	12/26/2021 5:47 PM
33	new houses	12/21/2021 7:49 PM
34	I don't care.	12/18/2021 2:46 PM
35	Town homes	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
36	None of the above	12/13/2021 9:19 PM
37	none of the above	12/11/2021 6:49 PM
38	single family home development	12/10/2021 1:45 PM
39	None	12/10/2021 12:48 PM
40	None	12/10/2021 10:58 AM
41	none	12/8/2021 10:15 AM

Q5 Which, if any, of the following uses would you like to see in the Township? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Wind Turbines	34.43%	84
Solar Farms	40.98%	100
Farm Stands	78.28%	191
Agricultural Tourism (ex. Haunted Hayrides/Barn Events)	43.85%	107
Total Respondents: 244		

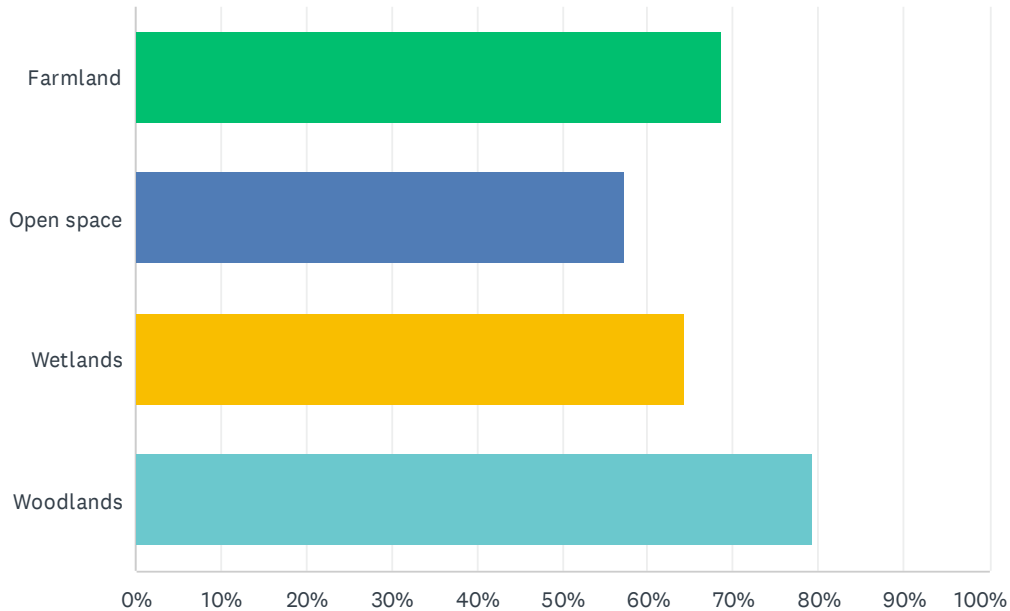
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	nature/hiking trails	2/18/2022 1:02 PM
2	park	2/18/2022 11:13 AM
3	Relaxed restrictions on zoning ordinances pertaining to sustainable living practices	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
4	for god sakes help us get cable internet in the country!	2/9/2022 4:16 PM
5	More Parks	2/9/2022 10:00 AM
6	localized solar uses. On houses, business, etc.	2/7/2022 6:56 PM
7	all	2/2/2022 4:11 PM
8	none	2/2/2022 1:49 PM
9	no comment	2/2/2022 1:16 PM
10	River and Parks Recreation area.	1/25/2022 2:55 PM

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11	No wind turbines or solar farms	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
12	No wind turbines or solar farms	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
13	n/a	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
14	Wedding/small convention venues (Barn style)	1/24/2022 3:30 PM
15	No wind turbines or solar farms	1/24/2022 11:53 AM
16	No wind turbines or solar farms	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
17	No wind or solar	1/17/2022 1:54 PM
18	none	1/17/2022 12:55 PM
19	none	1/17/2022 11:25 AM
20	none	1/17/2022 9:25 AM
21	None	12/26/2021 5:47 PM
22	NO Wind Turbines	12/21/2021 7:49 PM
23	How'bout a library?!	12/16/2021 5:46 PM
24	Would not like to see wind turbines, solar farms.	12/7/2021 9:06 AM

Q6 The Township should use its position or resources to preserve: (Select all that apply)

Answered: 275 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmland	68.73%	189
Open space	57.45%	158
Wetlands	64.36%	177
Woodlands	79.27%	218
Total Respondents: 275		

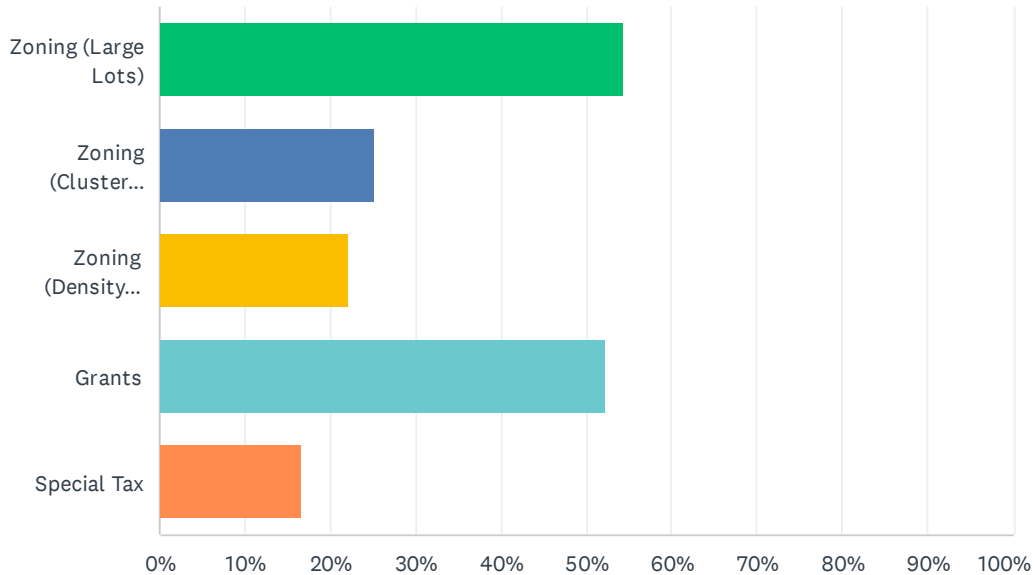
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Its residents	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
2	More parks	2/9/2022 10:00 AM
3	Residential lot building restrictions	2/9/2022 9:38 AM
4	all	2/2/2022 4:11 PM
5	vacant lots	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
6	Preserve traditional barns - zoning to make it easier	2/2/2022 2:40 PM
7	N/A	2/2/2022 2:31 PM
8	parks	2/2/2022 1:16 PM
9	Alternative Education pre-school K-6.	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
10	resiliency	1/25/2022 2:10 PM

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11	roads	1/25/2022 1:17 PM
12	the value of our neighbors.	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
13	wildlife	1/25/2022 11:46 AM
14	air	1/24/2022 2:53 PM
15	roads	1/24/2022 2:20 PM
16	public walking paths	1/24/2022 11:15 AM
17	nature trails	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
18	Fine as is.	12/28/2021 11:35 AM
19	none	12/27/2021 3:39 PM
20	Develope ordenance to encourage residents to clean up the eyesore junk cars and trash on the street side of their property, to provide better curb appear for Bedford Township residents and improve real estate value.	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
21	Not your job	12/7/2021 8:15 PM

Q7 Which of the following methods should be used to preserve open space and natural features: (Select all that apply)

Answered: 199 Skipped: 111



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Zoning (Large Lots)	54.27%	108
Zoning (Cluster Options)	25.13%	50
Zoning (Density Bonuses)	22.11%	44
Grants	52.26%	104
Special Tax	16.58%	33
Total Respondents: 199		

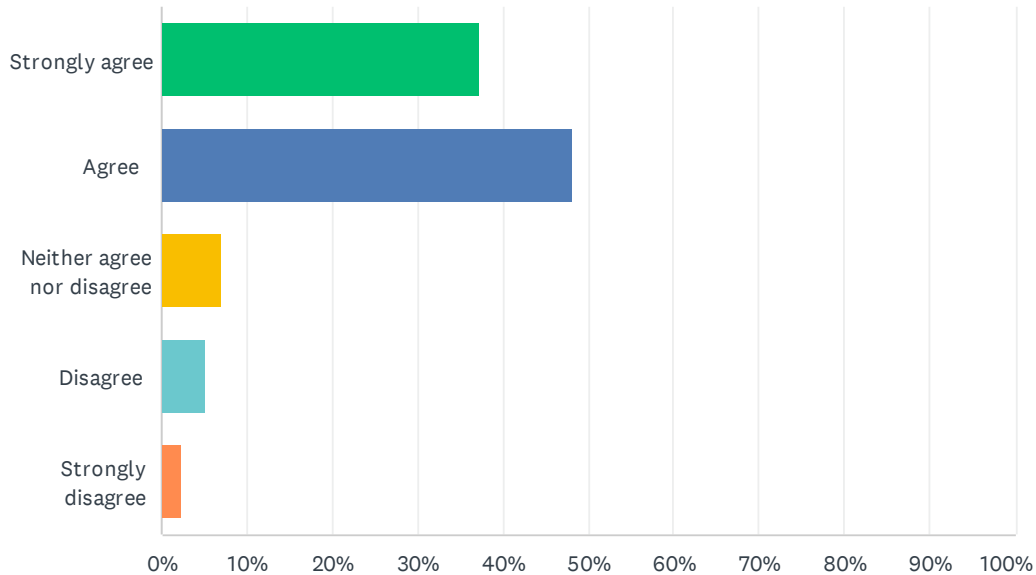
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	not sure	2/18/2022 1:02 PM
2	nothing, leave as is	2/18/2022 11:13 AM
3	Let property owners determine how to manage their property	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
4	Not sure	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
5	open areas Michigan Ave.	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
6	N/A	2/2/2022 2:31 PM
7	Combine with HOA fees to ensure building & Site Maintenance and operation costs to grow equity.	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
8	I'm not familiar with zoning. No pot fields or sellers	1/25/2022 2:33 PM
9	NO MORE TAXES	1/25/2022 1:45 PM

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10	Dont know. Trust Twp. officials to choose.	1/25/2022 12:38 PM
11	unsure	1/25/2022 11:37 AM
12	Work with the nature conservancy. Perhaps land could be made available for trails, biking and walking.	1/24/2022 3:49 PM
13	NO MORE TAXES	1/24/2022 11:53 AM
14	not qualified to answer	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
15	no preference	1/24/2022 9:49 AM
16	not sure	1/17/2022 1:05 PM
17	not sure	1/17/2022 10:45 AM
18	NA	12/28/2021 11:35 AM
19	Don't know	12/26/2021 5:47 PM
20	I don't know what this means.	12/16/2021 5:46 PM
21	Unsure	12/14/2021 6:54 PM
22	tax deduction for owner of property	12/11/2021 6:49 PM
23	land trusts or conservancies	12/11/2021 12:48 PM
24	None	12/10/2021 10:58 AM
25	less tax on open non-farm land	12/8/2021 10:15 AM

Q8 Growth and development in the Township is acceptable if the small town/suburban character is preserved.

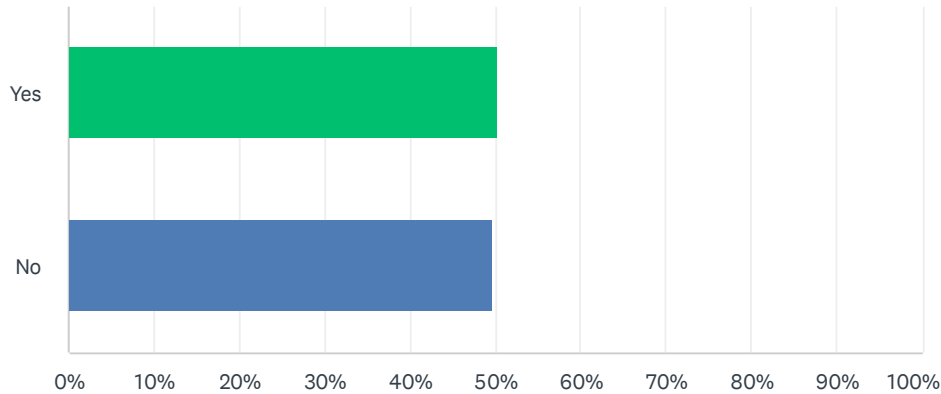
Answered: 297 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	37.37%	111
Agree	48.15%	143
Neither agree nor disagree	7.07%	21
Disagree	5.05%	15
Strongly disagree	2.36%	7
TOTAL		297

Q9 In order to promote future development, the Township should invest in sewer and water infrastructure? If yes, what areas should be considered?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.39% 128
No	49.61% 126
TOTAL	254

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	sewer	3/14/2022 12:55 PM
2	Too many towns are boiling their water because of contamination etc. Not Right Now! and young families can't afford it and elderly people on fixed incomes can't afford it - not right now!	3/14/2022 12:51 PM
3	Township and County where needed	3/7/2022 10:38 AM
4	any areas near water	3/7/2022 10:25 AM
5	low land area or bad draining areas	2/18/2022 1:22 PM
6	all	2/18/2022 12:53 PM
7	where infrastructure is appropriate	2/18/2022 12:47 PM
8	Break away from Battle Creek	2/18/2022 11:19 AM
9	all areas	2/18/2022 10:45 AM
10	Not sure	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
11	Yes, if it helps to bring in new businesses	2/9/2022 4:16 PM
12	It was a _____ mess when they did it 25 years ago in Berry Would like to see a fenced dog park and better bicycling infrastructures. Bounty - cost about \$425,000 for _____	2/9/2022 10:18 AM
13	St. Mary's Lake area.	2/9/2022 10:03 AM
14	water and sewer for Business. Sewer for everyone - bury utilities.	2/9/2022 10:00 AM
15	W. Michigan and HD Joining areas	2/9/2022 9:48 AM

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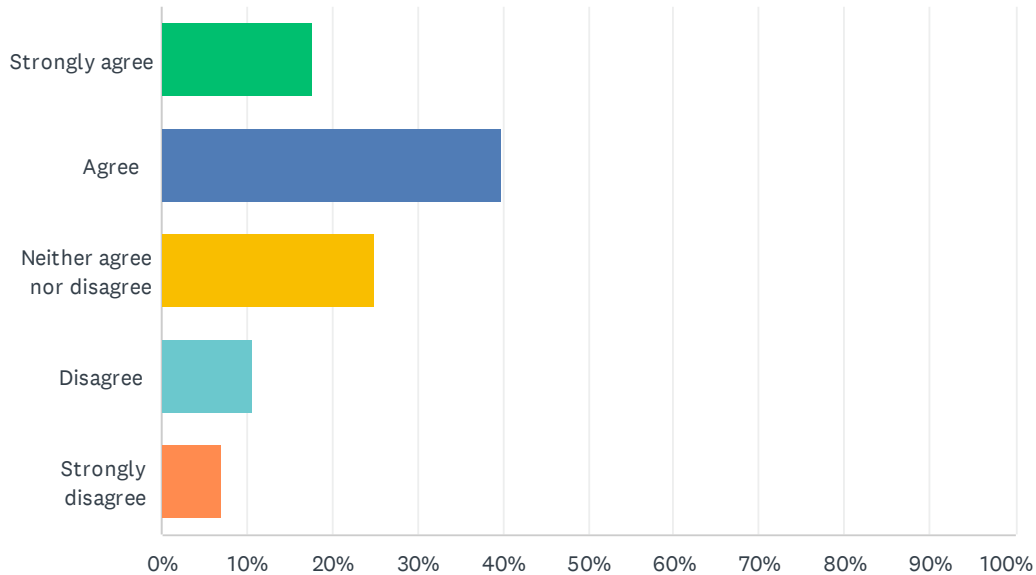
16	Gas service	2/9/2022 9:43 AM
17	Level Park, Orchard Park	2/9/2022 9:38 AM
18	W. Michigan Ave.	2/9/2022 9:08 AM
19	Initially in High traffic areas that could attract more businesses	2/8/2022 5:21 PM
20	Only in areas where there is a need. One size does not fit all.	2/7/2022 6:56 PM
21	strong density	2/2/2022 4:23 PM
22	vacant spaces on Michigan Ave. is one	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
23	neighborhoods	2/2/2022 3:40 PM
24	Bedford on M-37	2/2/2022 3:14 PM
25	Hamilton Rd, Tobin area	2/2/2022 2:23 PM
26	areas along West MI and Bedford Rd.	2/2/2022 1:52 PM
27	Where is there sewer now?	2/2/2022 1:16 PM
28	Not sure centralized or single sewer treatment is cost effective. Other types of treatment may need exploration.	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
29	NO!!!!!!!	1/25/2022 2:33 PM
30	both	1/25/2022 2:25 PM
31	new development	1/25/2022 2:23 PM
32	wells on township land for use in an emergency.	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
33	all	1/25/2022 2:05 PM
34	NEED ROAD WORK	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
35	residential	1/25/2022 1:17 PM
36	high residential areas	1/25/2022 1:13 PM
37	areas of high use	1/25/2022 1:02 PM
38	along west Michigan and adjacent subdivisions.	1/25/2022 12:45 PM
39	homes located with water access)on rivers, creeks, lakes)	1/25/2022 12:38 PM
40	all	1/25/2022 12:27 PM
41	maybe	1/25/2022 12:16 PM
42	commercial supported area	1/25/2022 12:12 PM
43	Valhalla Heights.	1/25/2022 11:53 AM
44	We don't want your systems or the bills!	1/25/2022 11:50 AM
45	any of it	1/24/2022 3:33 PM
46	Only those without it.	1/24/2022 3:30 PM
47	W. Michigan Avenue	1/24/2022 3:19 PM
48	sewer and possibly water	1/24/2022 2:59 PM
49	no opinion	1/24/2022 2:46 PM
50	residential	1/24/2022 2:20 PM
51	high residential	1/24/2022 2:15 PM
52	Kirby Rd.	1/24/2022 1:26 PM
53	all residential	1/24/2022 1:21 PM

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54	Snow Avenue	1/24/2022 1:17 PM
55	All Township water pipes	1/24/2022 12:00 PM
56	North St.	1/24/2022 11:58 AM
57	water	1/24/2022 11:42 AM
58	Would depend on the situation/development	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
59	not sure	1/24/2022 11:19 AM
60	demand should come first	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
61	all neighborhoods	1/24/2022 10:47 AM
62	Michigan Ave.	1/24/2022 10:31 AM
63	cost	1/24/2022 10:28 AM
64	maybe	1/24/2022 9:56 AM
65	water safety	1/24/2022 9:32 AM
66	along Michigan Ave. and Bedford Rd.	1/24/2022 9:29 AM
67	high density first	1/24/2022 9:27 AM
68	heavy in residential areas.	1/17/2022 1:54 PM
69	West Michigan Avenue	1/17/2022 1:30 PM
70	along Michigan Avenue	1/17/2022 12:29 PM
71	water is a natural resource, leave it alone.	1/17/2022 11:33 AM
72	high density and commercial areas	1/17/2022 11:22 AM
73	West Michigan and Oak area	1/17/2022 11:08 AM
74	all over	1/17/2022 10:52 AM
75	commercial only, not residential.	1/17/2022 10:27 AM
76	maybe	1/17/2022 10:14 AM
77	M-89 to county line & Custer Dr.	1/15/2022 12:20 PM
78	I don't really know.	12/18/2021 2:46 PM
79	All areas. It is a challenge to maintain low level of valcium in the well water, which ruins every toilet, sink and appliances.	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
80	commercial areas	12/12/2021 11:24 AM
81	no opinion	12/11/2021 6:49 PM
82	Neighborhoods lead pipe remediation	12/11/2021 12:28 PM
83	sewer & water infrastructure to support development in commercial areas is o.k.	12/10/2021 1:45 PM
84	Need natural gas	12/10/2021 12:48 PM
85	IN AREAS MOST POPULATED	12/7/2021 7:32 PM
86	water	12/7/2021 2:45 PM
87	West Michigan Ave and Bedford Road corridors	12/6/2021 5:41 PM

Q10 I believe that the Township should pursue more public transportation opportunities (such as bus) for residents.

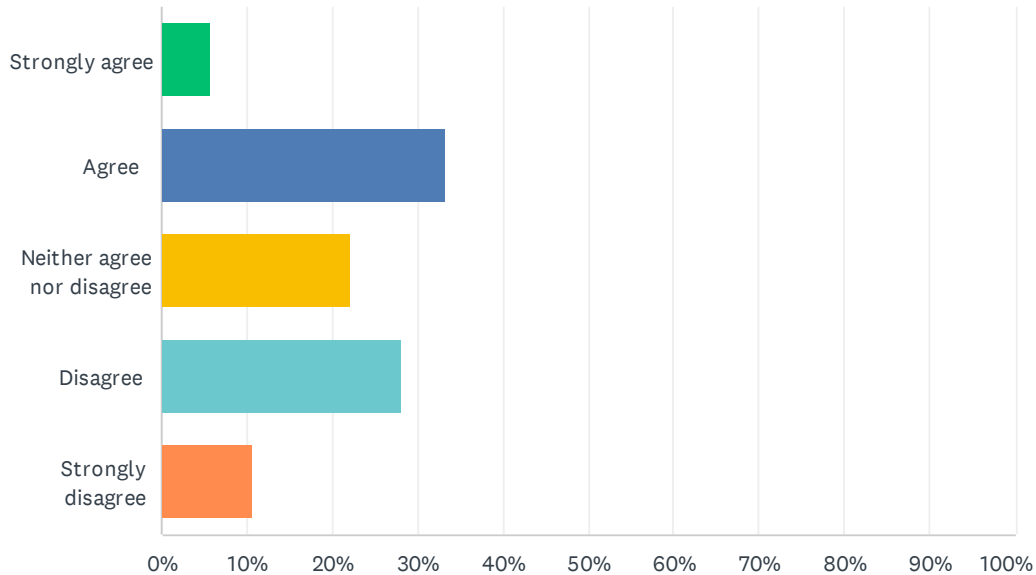
Answered: 301 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	17.61%	53
Agree	39.87%	120
Neither agree nor disagree	24.92%	75
Disagree	10.63%	32
Strongly disagree	6.98%	21
TOTAL		301

Q11 I am satisfied with the park and recreation opportunities in the Township

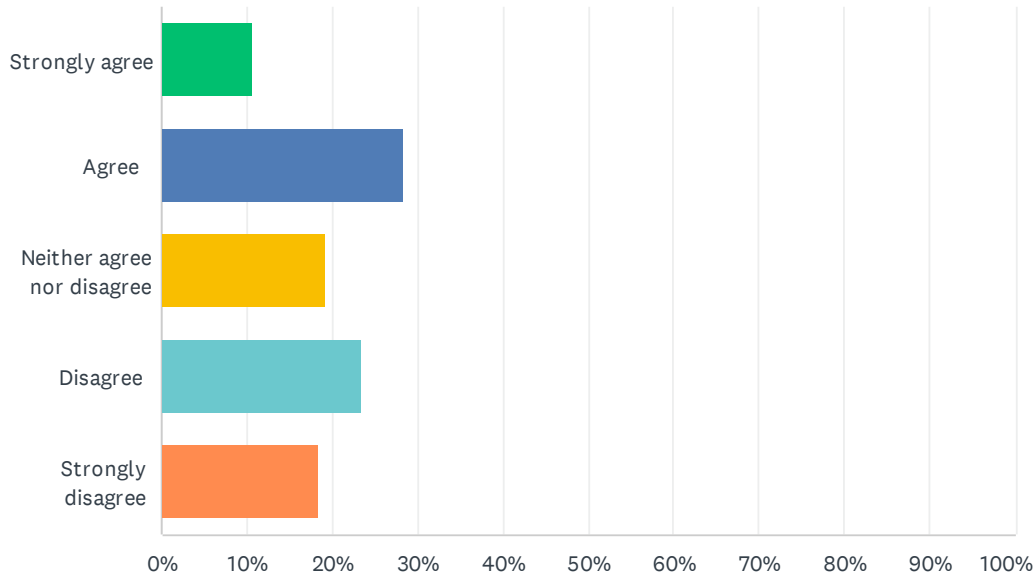
Answered: 298 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	5.70%	17
Agree	33.22%	99
Neither agree nor disagree	22.15%	66
Disagree	28.19%	84
Strongly disagree	10.74%	32
TOTAL		298

Q12 I am satisfied with what the Township is doing to control blight and other ordinance violations.

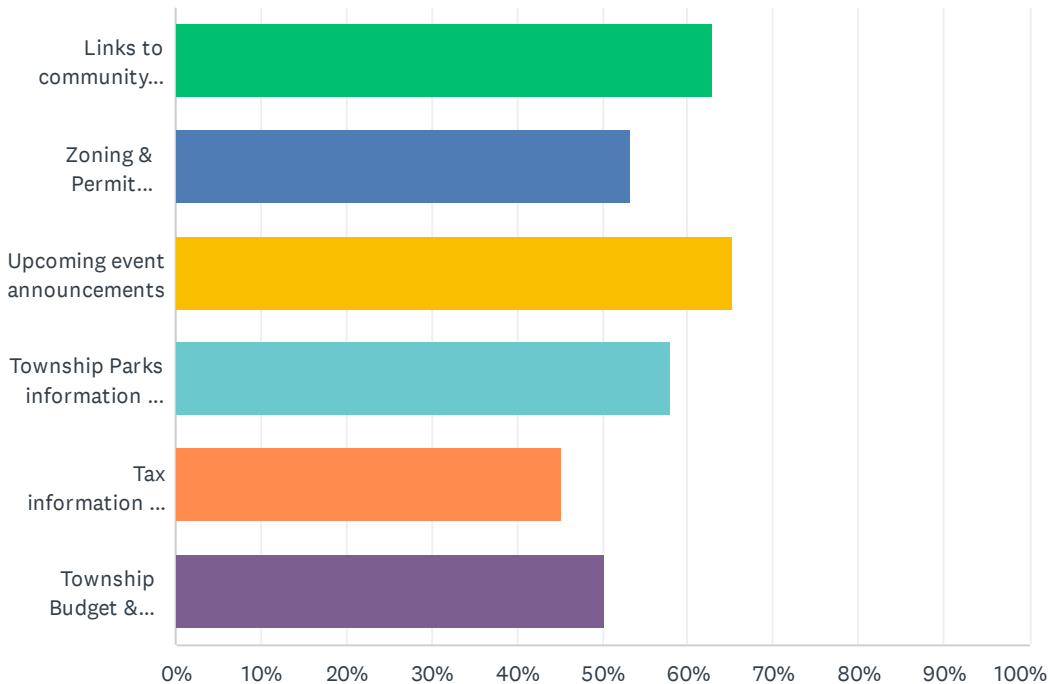
Answered: 293 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	10.58%	31
Agree	28.33%	83
Neither agree nor disagree	19.11%	56
Disagree	23.55%	69
Strongly disagree	18.43%	54
TOTAL		293

Q13 What information would you like to see elaborated upon or added to on the Township website (www.bedfordchartertwpmi.gov)? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 221 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Links to community resources	62.90%	139
Zoning & Permit information (FAQs)	53.39%	118
Upcoming event announcements	65.16%	144
Township Parks information & pictures	57.92%	128
Tax information & payment options	45.25%	100
Township Budget & financial information	50.23%	111
Total Respondents: 221		

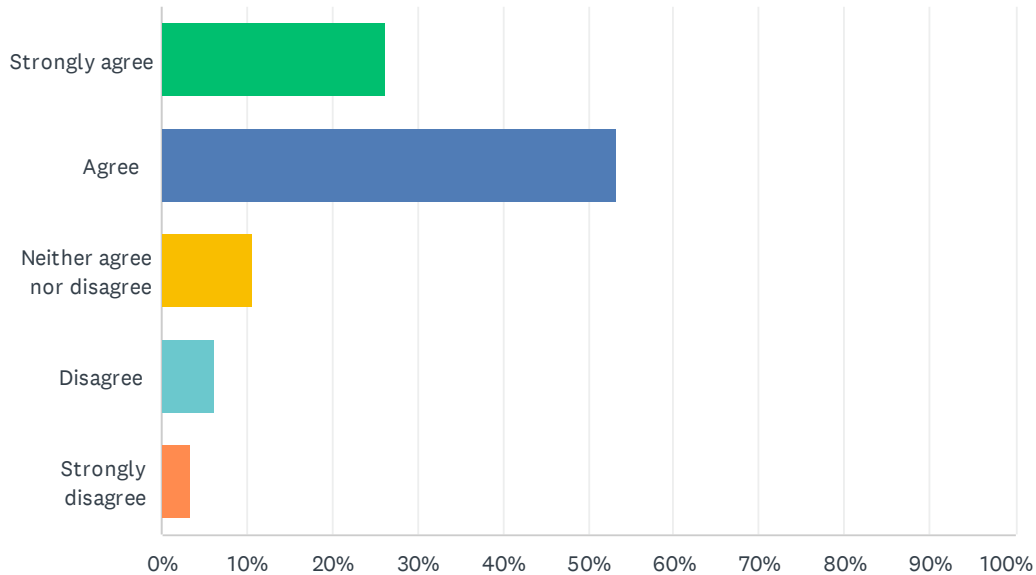
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	ordinance enforcement - eg. fire and noise	2/18/2022 1:02 PM
2	road repaving/improvements	2/18/2022 11:24 AM
3	doing adequate now	2/2/2022 4:02 PM
4	I don't have access to computer, fax or anything	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
5	don't use it	2/2/2022 1:16 PM

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6	book exchange	2/2/2022 12:36 PM
7	Fire Department should have a website	1/27/2022 11:59 AM
8	Board agenda, meeting notes, schedule of committee meetings (time and place))	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
9	location for emergencies	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
10	animal cruelty and neglect	1/25/2022 12:57 PM
11	no preference	1/25/2022 12:45 PM
12	Wish we had sidewalks so I don't have to walk in the road.	1/25/2022 12:38 PM
13	don't use	1/25/2022 12:29 PM
14	cars, trailers, junk in front yards	1/25/2022 12:27 PM
15	no preference	1/25/2022 12:16 PM
16	keep updated	1/25/2022 11:50 AM
17	Wabauscon Rd. is typically very littered with all kinds of refuse including IN the swamp lands.	1/24/2022 3:44 PM
18	information on request for businesses - enough \$ stores and provision companies - there are too many	1/24/2022 3:30 PM
19	Keep neighborhoods neat	1/24/2022 3:22 PM
20	no opinion	1/24/2022 2:46 PM
21	all of the above more detailed history like when Mill burnt down.	1/24/2022 11:15 AM
22	school information	1/24/2022 10:22 AM
23	easy to access rules and ordinances	1/24/2022 9:56 AM
24	no preference	1/24/2022 9:49 AM
25	There is only one playground, Fells Park. We could use more outdoor activities Brookside park needs a playground.	1/17/2022 12:29 PM
26	no website	1/17/2022 9:16 AM
27	Actionable plans for parks and roads.	1/15/2022 12:20 PM
28	building code (I asked for it once and still didn't get it. Don't make me spend time and money on building plans with no idea whether they meet the code.)	1/12/2022 8:32 PM
29	Most mailed event notifications usually arrives after the event has occurred.	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
30	None	12/10/2021 10:58 AM
31	updates on blight. township cannot be successful without enforcing its own regulations	12/8/2021 10:15 AM

Q14 A long term solution to road maintenance funding should be pursued by the Township

Answered: 289 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	26.30%	76
Agree	53.29%	154
Neither agree nor disagree	10.73%	31
Disagree	6.23%	18
Strongly disagree	3.46%	10
TOTAL		289

Q15 If I could change one thing about living in Bedford Township, it would be:

Answered: 161 Skipped: 149

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It looks dirty, no restaurants, parks are scraps, roads are bad	4/1/2022 7:16 PM
2	Tear down vacant & unsightly buildings ie: gas station or Michigan/Cust Dr.	3/14/2022 12:55 PM
3	Pride in maintaining your home and yard/property.	3/14/2022 12:51 PM
4	More wholesome place, the area is not the cleanest or nicest looking part of town. Would be nice to had large planters for flowers in urbandale and "downtown" Bedford.	2/26/2022 3:25 PM
5	add a small hotel	2/18/2022 1:19 PM
6	fix the roads	2/18/2022 1:17 PM
7	roads/taxes on rentals	2/18/2022 1:10 PM
8	no marijuana industry, more for children	2/18/2022 1:08 PM
9	clean it up	2/18/2022 1:06 PM
10	leaves/brush/garbabe burning ordinance be enforced!	2/18/2022 1:02 PM
11	nothing	2/18/2022 12:49 PM
12	need street lights	2/18/2022 12:47 PM
13	vote to allow any more marijuana business of any type	2/18/2022 11:24 AM
14	stop signs to roads connecting the Redner Ave. Tired of almost getting hit when people don't stop and look	2/18/2022 11:21 AM
15	adding sewer	2/18/2022 10:45 AM
16	Keeping up on blight is important	2/18/2022 10:10 AM
17	How it has a county feel	2/18/2022 10:02 AM
18	bus and leaf pickup	2/18/2022 9:51 AM
19	bus and leaf pickup	2/18/2022 9:50 AM
20	bus and leaf pickup	2/18/2022 9:36 AM
21	I'd like to see our older neighbors be a little more understanding of our younger neighbors concerning zoning code with the understanding that roughly half of the township is one of the best local locations for starter home-ownership, and the understanding that it's a much different world than when the older neighbors bought their homes. I'd also like to see our younger neighbors be a little more courteous concerning noise and clutter.	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
22	Additional support for small businesses to prosper in the township	2/15/2022 11:23 AM
23	There would be recycling at the township hall again.	2/14/2022 8:22 PM
24	How neighbors fill their yards with unnecessary campers, tarps and junk. And there needs to be a stronger police presence on the roads (especially the after work timeframe...West MI seemingly turns into the highway where people coming in both directions are going 60+ mph/high rates of speed with zero regards to the actual speed limits).	2/14/2022 2:57 PM
25	I would like for trapping to be made illegal	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
26	Nothing	2/13/2022 3:16 PM

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27	the internet availability. It should not cost someone over \$5000 to have internet and cable run to their house when the house next door has it and is only 500 feet away.	2/9/2022 4:16 PM
28	Nothing	2/9/2022 10:27 AM
29	Nothing	2/9/2022 10:24 AM
30	we live here because we like the Township.	2/9/2022 10:18 AM
31	Cleaning up or tearing down the closed gas station on Michigan Ave. and Custer Dr.	2/9/2022 9:27 AM
32	Tear down gas stations - Michigan Ave. and Custer	2/9/2022 9:14 AM
33	Find ways to foster more of a community life aspect - sponsored events/activities	2/8/2022 5:21 PM
34	To the above question I was understanding that the last tax hike was a long term road solution. Lower taxes would be nice. There is a wage disparity township. Districts with larger population and areas do not make as much as township positions.	2/7/2022 6:56 PM
35	Noise from target practice (guns) and fireworks.	2/4/2022 4:12 PM
36	Tear down the old, unsightly gas station on W. Michigan Ave./Newburn Drive corner. This has been an eyesore for too many years!!!	2/2/2022 4:28 PM
37	Better information , handy phone numbers, community resources, periodic community newspaper/letter/calender or events	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
38	recycling efforts (even if pay facility)	2/2/2022 4:02 PM
39	satisfied for the most part	2/2/2022 3:59 PM
40	Better roads and better restaurants	2/2/2022 3:47 PM
41	nothing	2/2/2022 3:33 PM
42	lower property tax	2/2/2022 3:31 PM
43	preserving green space	2/2/2022 2:40 PM
44	Add sidewalks throughout neighborhoods from M89 through Bedford Rd. and maintain them	2/2/2022 2:31 PM
45	curbs & gutters	2/2/2022 2:27 PM
46	more control on burning - require garbage pickup - blight control	2/2/2022 1:49 PM
47	to keep it as a charter twp.	2/2/2022 1:16 PM
48	Trim trees along roads and away from lines and cable and power	2/2/2022 12:33 PM
49	More business opportunities.	1/27/2022 11:59 AM
50	Mandatory garbage pick-up front yard maintenance, limit front yard parking to two vehicles.	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
51	Re: #14 But don't go crazy with it and misdirect funds.	1/25/2022 2:33 PM
52	Clean-up the township	1/25/2022 2:25 PM
53	Garbage and waste problems	1/25/2022 2:23 PM
54	Paying so much for property taxes, mostly for Kalamazoo and I cannot access internet in my area.	1/25/2022 2:19 PM
55	roads, etc. supported by people, instead of forced by the board.	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
56	more sidewalks	1/25/2022 2:05 PM
57	More middle-income neighborhoods; walking trails	1/25/2022 2:02 PM
58	More retail stores and restaurants	1/25/2022 1:49 PM
59	Taxes are already too high for what we have.	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
60	The large amount of litter on the roads. Illegal dumping on road sides.	1/25/2022 1:35 PM
61	Improve Parks and Recreation	1/25/2022 1:17 PM

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62	Franklin Twp. meetings. Encourage family functions in community.	1/25/2022 1:13 PM
63	Lack of sidewalks in certain areas.	1/25/2022 1:09 PM
64	depletion of wooded areas, even if private land.	1/25/2022 12:57 PM
65	More diverse restaurant options	1/25/2022 12:45 PM
66	more focus and support to control blight.	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
67	Need sidewalks	1/25/2022 12:38 PM
68	no more taxes	1/25/2022 12:27 PM
69	sidewalks along Michigan Ave. Cleaned and maintained community.	1/25/2022 12:12 PM
70	Township board members. Road funding - already taxed too much.	1/25/2022 11:50 AM
71	better road maintenance	1/25/2022 11:46 AM
72	Township leaf pick-up service.	1/25/2022 11:42 AM
73	Timing of traffic signals, is not good as you catch too many red lights (one after another), Also need to Keep the left turn arrow ON all the time for the Bedford Rd & W. Michigan Ave traffic signal not just at rush hours	1/24/2022 5:29 PM
74	Have a junk pick up day.	1/24/2022 3:53 PM
75	The Township is fortunate to exist on beautiful land. Preserve it. Enforce blight regulations and add public access if possible.	1/24/2022 3:49 PM
76	litter and household dumping clean it up, then monitor and enforce.	1/24/2022 3:44 PM
77	I like it the way it is.	1/24/2022 3:33 PM
78	Fewer KKK and white supremacists hiding here.	1/24/2022 3:30 PM
79	lower taxes	1/24/2022 3:13 PM
80	Add a big box store like Meijers, Walmart, Taco Bell, Olive Garden, Red Lobster.	1/24/2022 3:11 PM
81	Clean up personal properties that full of junk on property.	1/24/2022 3:06 PM
82	no opinion	1/24/2022 2:46 PM
83	Smell of pot growing	1/24/2022 2:43 PM
84	The large amount of litter on the roads. Illegal dumping on road sides.	1/24/2022 2:37 PM
85	Improve Parks and Recreation	1/24/2022 2:20 PM
86	Encourage more family functions	1/24/2022 2:15 PM
87	lack of sidewalks in certain areas	1/24/2022 2:08 PM
88	Better blight and home maintenance control.	1/24/2022 1:26 PM
89	more open interpretation to variances	1/24/2022 1:08 PM
90	Re: #14 - We already pay a special assessment.	1/24/2022 11:53 AM
91	Better policing, limit marijuana shops in Bedford Twp.	1/24/2022 11:23 AM
92	No opinion. Very happy here.	1/24/2022 11:19 AM
93	Sign: Entering Charter Township of Bedford on all major roads.	1/24/2022 11:15 AM
94	Better flow of our clogged tributaries. Larger culverts for the Waubasca Creek.	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
95	Updated lighting and Christmas decor. updated light poles (like Galesburg)	1/24/2022 10:33 AM
96	Nothing. We are very happy here.	1/24/2022 10:28 AM
97	More aggressive for building permits. Open 420 club.	1/24/2022 10:25 AM

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98	Eliminate abandoned buildings and neglected property.	1/24/2022 9:43 AM
99	More American restaurants/buffets	1/24/2022 9:40 AM
100	less taxes	1/24/2022 9:32 AM
101	lower taxes	1/24/2022 9:16 AM
102	The township to get residents to clean up their property. Too much junk in yards.	1/23/2022 12:06 PM
103	Our roads are not being maintained to prevent future repair now and we are being taxed!!!!	1/17/2022 1:34 PM
104	More commercial availability	1/17/2022 1:30 PM
105	Clean-up or tear down buildings that have been vacant for two years.	1/17/2022 1:24 PM
106	The look of the neighborhoods, they're not very welcoming as we do not have even mild guidelines and many residents homes look messy and dirty.	1/17/2022 1:16 PM
107	More businesses	1/17/2022 1:05 PM
108	A postal drop box on west edge of Calhoun County.	1/17/2022 12:46 PM
109	Renovate abandoned properties, especially along Michigan Avenue.	1/17/2022 12:29 PM
110	Get rid of that eyesore gas station by Pizza Parlor	1/17/2022 11:33 AM
111	Less \$ stores and less pot stores (less pot farms)	1/17/2022 11:25 AM
112	You do nothing about blight, junk cars, strange buildings in back yards.	1/17/2022 11:22 AM
113	Septic Sewer	1/17/2022 11:08 AM
114	Blight/trash	1/17/2022 10:45 AM
115	Blight control - road maintenance	1/17/2022 10:42 AM
116	Patrolling roads to stop dumping trash along our roads.	1/17/2022 10:33 AM
117	At least make homeowners keep the front of their homes somewhat picked up, keep junk in backyard. A recycle center needs to be available.	1/17/2022 10:27 AM
118	Get rid of the pot shops.	1/17/2022 10:00 AM
119	enforcing the blight and other ordinance violations which includes run down housing and property.	1/17/2022 9:50 AM
120	So far I'm ok with it, but that remains to be seen.	1/17/2022 9:29 AM
121	control growth	1/17/2022 9:25 AM
122	See the return of recycling.	1/17/2022 9:19 AM
123	Keep marijuana out	1/17/2022 9:16 AM
124	More parks, sidewalks and bike lanes. Our township is beautiful. I would like for my son and family to enjoy its natural beauty outside of a vehicle by going for walks and bike rides. More sidewalks and multi-use paths that go to the north and west portions of the township (away from the city) would help us enjoy this area more. It is really annoying to have to drive to Kalamazoo to access enjoyable pedestrian facilities.	1/15/2022 12:20 PM
125	I would like a strong noise ordinance against (2) barking dogs, noisy fireworks (which bothers many dogs and makes them bark even more), and (2) shooting guns recreationally.	1/12/2022 8:32 PM
126	Public transportation	1/10/2022 12:11 PM
127	More care on the parks	1/5/2022 11:42 AM
128	Better recycling programs to incentivize residents to recycle instead of having to pay a premium to refuse service providers.	12/28/2021 11:35 AM
129	lower taxes	12/27/2021 3:39 PM
130	The number of kid friendly activities.	12/27/2021 11:07 AM

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131	Get rid of loud vehicles, make it to where people can't burn after certain time of night(multiple people burn after dark and let it smolder all night during the summer and we can't open our windows for fresh air with that smell)speeding down west michigan avenue(widen and put a "real" turn lane at quail street and west michigan avenue-it's very dangerous when people are speeding to get into the narrowed lane and we can't get over as it's illegal on our part since it's not a "real" turn lane there, it's double yellow lines), fix ALL sidewalks that need it	12/26/2021 5:47 PM
132	The lack of maintenance on the roads	12/21/2021 7:49 PM
133	Having more restaurants in the area	12/18/2021 4:22 PM
134	More restaurants	12/18/2021 2:46 PM
135	Bring back more businesses and restaurants like we used to have 20-30yrs ago.	12/18/2021 12:20 PM
136	BETTER ROAD MAINTENANCE: Trim brushes from roadways more often so that its safer for residents to walk. Especially in the rural areas. The lanes are very narrow in the rural areas, under-brush comes out into the streets and when traffic is approaching, the residents walking on the street have to move into the bushes.	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
137	I want to know what chemical fertilizers the area farmers are spraying, plowing, and tilling into the ground that then ends up in my well water.	12/16/2021 5:46 PM
138	Lack of sewer/water	12/14/2021 6:54 PM
139	Better roads, add water and sewer	12/14/2021 2:48 PM
140	Unsure	12/13/2021 9:19 PM
141	N/A	12/13/2021 9:10 PM
142	na	12/12/2021 2:57 PM
143	more dining and shopping options	12/12/2021 11:24 AM
144	Police presents/ traffic	12/11/2021 6:49 PM
145	helping residents to clean up their properties and blight	12/11/2021 12:48 PM
146	building upkeep in commercial areas	12/11/2021 12:28 PM
147	More shopping destinations without having to travel to Emmett Township	12/10/2021 1:45 PM
148	Expanding natural gas and road repair	12/10/2021 12:48 PM
149	Nothing	12/10/2021 10:58 AM
150	More of a small down town feel.	12/9/2021 9:47 AM
151	Blight enforcement. Uldriks dr. between Kirby and W Michigan is an embarrassment.	12/8/2021 10:15 AM
152	Reduce property taxes	12/7/2021 8:15 PM
153	MORE REGULATIONS ON RURAL ROADS, STOP THEM FROM BEING RACE TRACKS	12/7/2021 7:32 PM
154	nothing	12/7/2021 2:45 PM
155	Bedford Township should spend time keeping neighbor yards free from trash build up. Some people work hard to make their yards look nice. Yards that look like car lots that are sure not zoned for it and boats being kept in front yards taking away from being able to see out into the neighborhood. Pinetree Lane is once such trashy area that needs to be cleaned up.	12/7/2021 10:59 AM
156	KRESA taxes and Kalamazoo ISC taxes keep rising - feel like our voice is not heard because Kalamazoo voters determine the outcomes of elections.	12/7/2021 9:09 AM
157	More entertainment/fun for the whole family opportunities.	12/7/2021 9:06 AM
158	recreational use of Waubascon Creek (kayaking)	12/7/2021 7:42 AM
159	Removal of blighted buildings.	12/6/2021 7:18 PM
160	Use existing ordinances and have someone drive up and down the residential streets and areas to control blight and property with multiple vehicles that don't work, or other "stored"	12/6/2021 5:41 PM

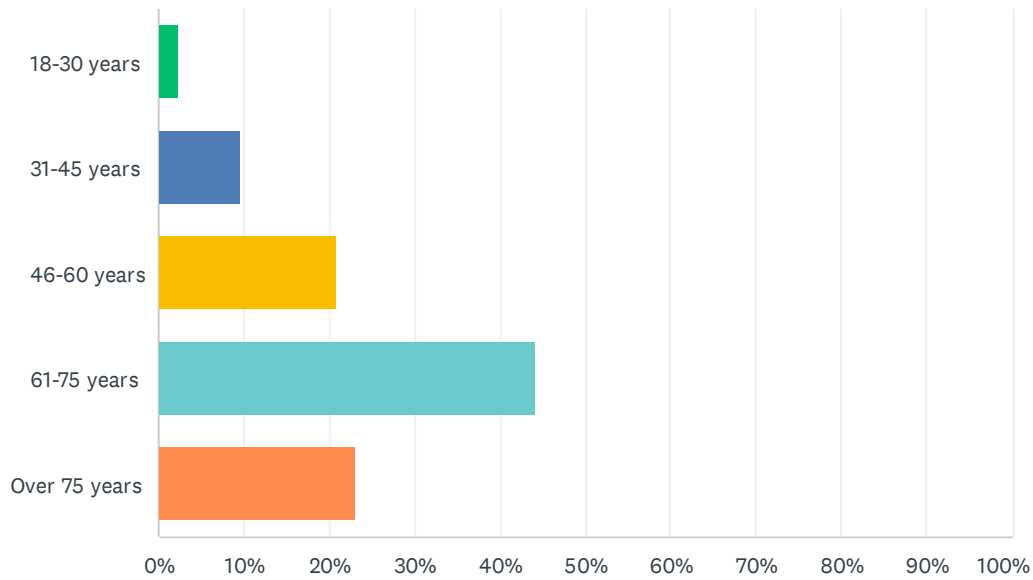
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161	You made this question have a required answer before you can proceed to the next question. What is someone does not want to answer this question?	12/6/2021 12:21 PM
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Q16 What is your age group?

Answered: 303 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-30 years	2.31%	7
31-45 years	9.57%	29
46-60 years	20.79%	63
61-75 years	44.22%	134
Over 75 years	23.10%	70
TOTAL		303

Q17 How many people, in addition to yourself, reside in your home?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 48

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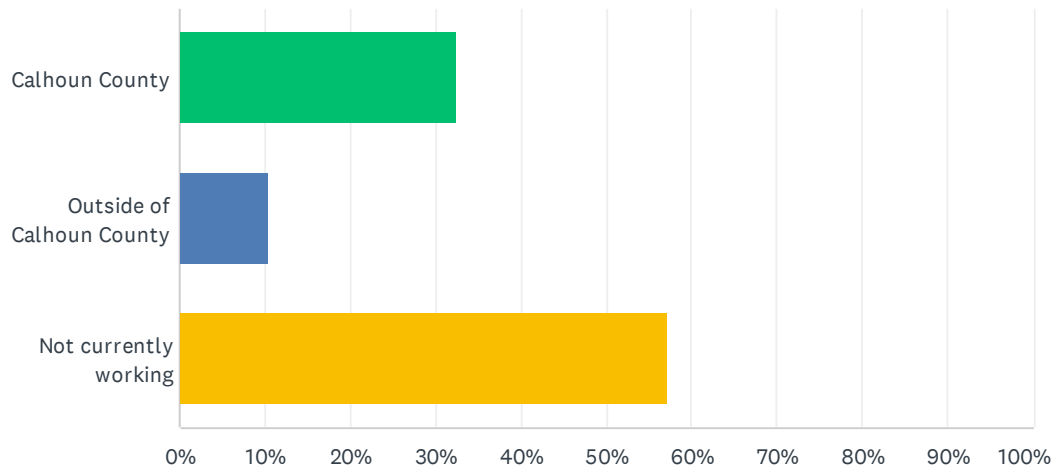
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251	3	12/7/2021 8:15 PM
252	1	12/7/2021 7:32 PM
253	1	12/7/2021 2:45 PM
254	0	12/7/2021 2:18 PM
255	1	12/7/2021 10:59 AM
256	2	12/7/2021 9:09 AM
257	2	12/7/2021 9:06 AM
258	3	12/7/2021 7:42 AM
259	3	12/6/2021 7:18 PM
260	1	12/6/2021 5:41 PM
261	I am not a resident. Usually 2 to 5 people live there	12/6/2021 5:19 PM

Q18 I work in:

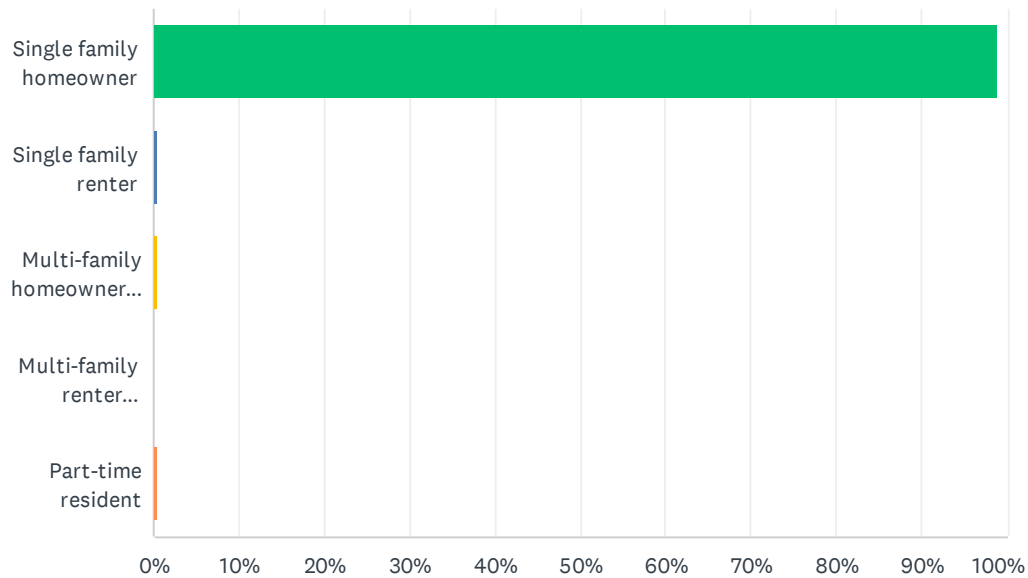
Answered: 296 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Calhoun County	32.43%	96
Outside of Calhoun County	10.47%	31
Not currently working	57.09%	169
TOTAL		296

Q19 I am a:

Answered: 296 Skipped: 14

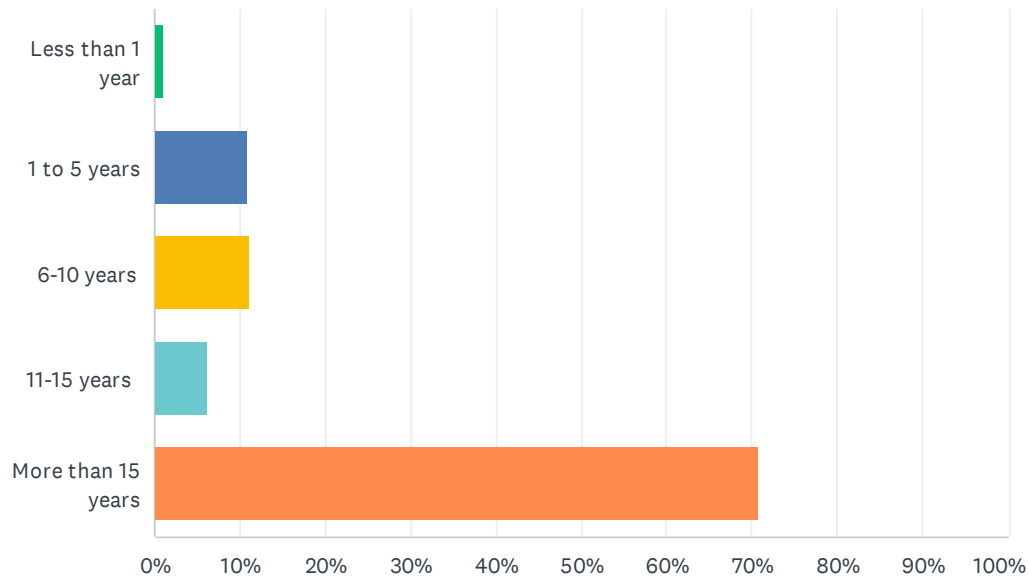


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single family homeowner	98.99%	293
Single family renter	0.34%	1
Multi-family homeowner (Apartment tenant)	0.34%	1
Multi-family renter (Apartment tenant)	0.00%	0
Part-time resident	0.34%	1
TOTAL		296

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Land owner	3/7/2022 10:38 AM
2	home owner	2/2/2022 2:23 PM
3	x	1/25/2022 1:06 PM
4	long enough	1/25/2022 11:50 AM
5	I live in Texas	1/24/2022 11:58 AM
6	Also a landlord for a rental in the township.	12/28/2021 11:35 AM
7	LANDLORD OF PROPERTY IN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP	12/7/2021 7:32 PM
8	I own two single family homes that I rent	12/6/2021 5:19 PM

Q20 I have lived in the Township for:

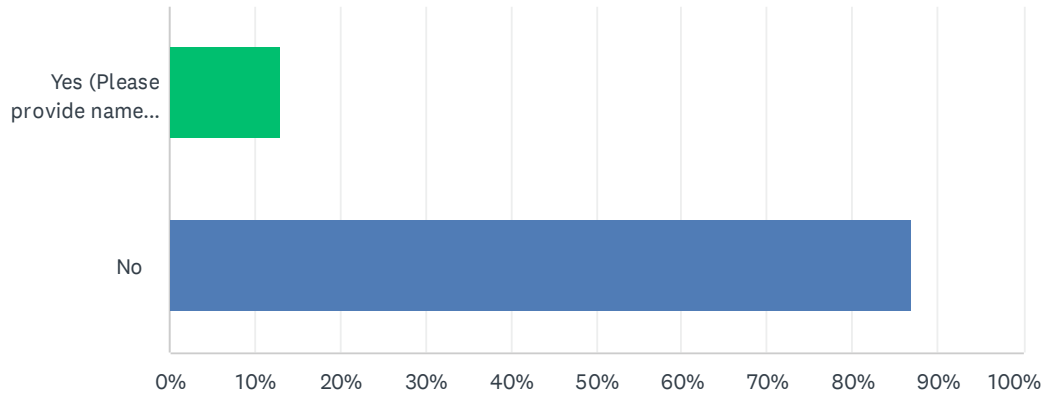
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1.02%	3
1 to 5 years	10.85%	32
6-10 years	11.19%	33
11-15 years	6.10%	18
More than 15 years	70.85%	209
TOTAL		295

Q21 I am interested in volunteering on a Township committee and/or with Township events.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Please provide name and contact information below)	12.98%	34
No	87.02%	228
TOTAL		262

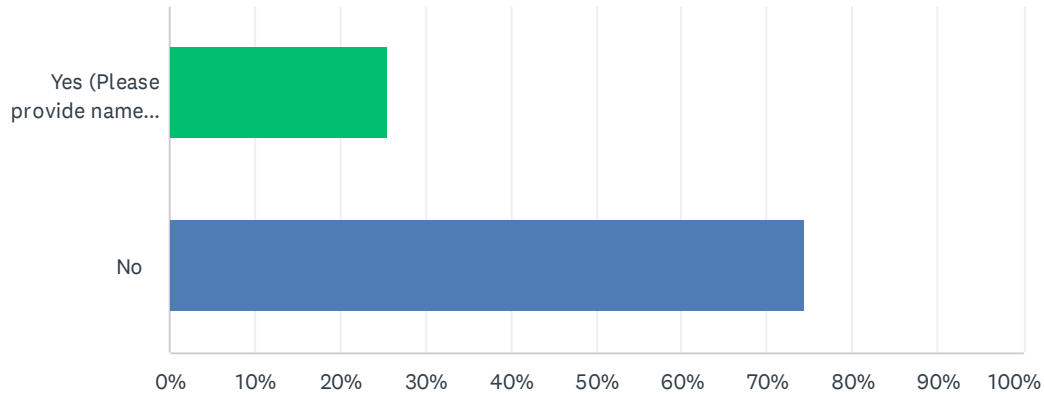
#	NAME AND CONTACT INFO:	DATE
1	Not yet	4/1/2022 7:16 PM
2	Robert Barlow 269-579-5926	3/7/2022 10:39 AM
3	Amy Dandenault 269-924-8749	3/7/2022 10:25 AM
4	Jennifer Bradley 269-275-3698	2/26/2022 3:25 PM
5	Mark Vinski 2699671187	2/18/2022 1:06 PM
6	Andrew Troutman (269)213-5252	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
7	Phyliss Rule 269-719-5458	2/9/2022 10:22 AM
8	Maybe - M. Colitti 269-209-6988	2/9/2022 10:18 AM
9	John Chmiel 269-963-8334	2/9/2022 10:00 AM
10	Ben Huelsbergen swedge@gmail.com	2/8/2022 5:21 PM
11	home bowned	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
12	Raymond Mayes 2694200828	2/2/2022 3:47 PM
13	Amanda Pierce 269-601-6733	1/25/2022 2:45 PM
14	Bruce Noble 269-420-9931	1/25/2022 1:24 PM
15	Carol Dougherty 269-425-0328	1/25/2022 1:13 PM
16	maybe yes if it were for the right cause.	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
17	Susan Ruggles -- interested in serving on a committee 269-282-0444	1/24/2022 5:29 PM

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18	Doug Cieslak 269-425-8938; Jill Cieslak 269-419 0332	1/24/2022 3:19 PM
19	only when needed Sandra Sims 269-584-0442	1/24/2022 2:53 PM
20	Aaron Rice 269-964-6700; arice@mei.net	1/24/2022 2:41 PM
21	Bruce Noble 269-420-9931	1/24/2022 2:30 PM
22	Carol Dougherty 269-425 0328	1/24/2022 2:15 PM
23	Buddy Cochran 269-366-0818	1/24/2022 1:21 PM
24	David Giullombardo, 269-986-1027	1/24/2022 11:46 AM
25	Jeff Cunningham 269-986-8321	1/24/2022 11:42 AM
26	Gary Wolfe 269-317-8180	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
27	Ellen Lutz 269-213-9253 text time and place of P&R meetings.	1/24/2022 11:15 AM
28	Jim Barron 269-579-3962; jbdm1988@yahoo.com	1/24/2022 9:49 AM
29	Carole Sprague 616 405 2820	1/17/2022 11:33 AM
30	269-317-2715	1/17/2022 10:45 AM
31	I live in Texas	1/17/2022 9:12 AM
32	Sorry. Young family is little time right now. Maybe in the future.	1/15/2022 12:20 PM
33	Laurel & Doug Hartwell, 22880 Waubascon Road: 818-806-3030 (hartwell5533@gmail.com)	12/18/2021 7:36 AM
34	Cynthia Mayo 269 317 7983	12/11/2021 12:28 PM
35	DAN KARALASH, 20895 N. ULDRIS	12/8/2021 10:15 AM
36	MIKE SMITH 269 282 0373	12/7/2021 7:32 PM
37	Elizabeth Ann Shaw 269-832-5126	12/7/2021 2:18 PM
38	Jill Testerman 405-640-0798	12/7/2021 10:59 AM
39	Tina Guajardo 517-610-2821/ would be interested in volunteering for a community event	12/7/2021 9:06 AM

Q22 I would like to receive notifications via text message for Township meetings and events.

Answered: 259 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes (Please provide name and cell phone number below)	25.48%	66
No	74.52%	193
TOTAL		259

#	NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER:	DATE
1	Susan Kirtley 269.209.8310	3/14/2022 12:55 PM
2	Robert Barlow 269-579-5926	3/7/2022 10:39 AM
3	Amy Dandenault 269-924-8749	3/7/2022 10:25 AM
4	Jennifer 2692753698	2/26/2022 3:25 PM
5	Barbara Burise 2692099811	2/18/2022 12:47 PM
6	Greg McClellan 2692749750	2/18/2022 11:15 AM
7	2699868729	2/18/2022 9:51 AM
8	2699868729	2/18/2022 9:50 AM
9	2699868729	2/18/2022 9:36 AM
10	Andrew Troutman (269)213-5252	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
11	Phyliss Rule 269-719-5458	2/9/2022 10:22 AM
12	M. Colitti 269-209-6988	2/9/2022 10:18 AM
13	269-209-0744	2/9/2022 9:48 AM
14	Keith McCrimmon 269-883-0126	2/9/2022 9:43 AM
15	269-234-4351	2/9/2022 9:38 AM
16	Ben Huelsbergen 269-420-5289	2/8/2022 5:21 PM
17	Kimberly Weber 2699866403	2/2/2022 4:26 PM

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18	2698326303	2/2/2022 4:11 PM
19	no cell phone	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
20	2699674404	2/2/2022 3:40 PM
21	2699802740	2/2/2022 3:28 PM
22	Jake Ure 2694192658	2/2/2022 3:16 PM
23	2699644376	2/2/2022 3:14 PM
24	2692094180	2/2/2022 2:23 PM
25	Amanda Pierce 269-601-6733	1/25/2022 2:45 PM
26	Glenda McKinley 269-274-0967	1/25/2022 2:41 PM
27	Gary Varner 269-223-2725	1/25/2022 2:25 PM
28	269-532-4813	1/25/2022 2:23 PM
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41	Bruce Noble 269-420-9931	1/24/2022 2:30 PM
42	Carol Dougherty 269-425 0328	1/24/2022 2:15 PM
43	Herb Tenngy 269-209-4616	1/24/2022 1:26 PM
44	Buddy Cochran 269-366-0818	1/24/2022 1:21 PM
45	269-274-4316	1/24/2022 1:08 PM
46	I provided that information when I paid my taxes.	1/24/2022 11:53 AM
47	269-986-1027; 269-317-5503	1/24/2022 11:46 AM
48	Gary Wolfe 269-317-8180	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
49	269-329-8451	1/24/2022 11:30 AM
50	269-274-0747 A.T. Lutz	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
51	269-779-2330	1/24/2022 10:47 AM
52	269-209-3588	1/24/2022 9:27 AM
53	Carol Lewis 269-832-1326	1/17/2022 1:30 PM
54	269-589-5389	1/17/2022 1:24 PM
55	Chris McGuffrey 269-274-1103	1/17/2022 1:05 PM

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56	269-986-6361	1/17/2022 12:55 PM
57	Jody Hensley 248-709-9953	1/17/2022 12:46 PM
58	Carole Sprague 616 405 2820	1/17/2022 11:33 AM
59	269-207-3607	1/17/2022 11:25 AM
60	269-317-2715 Ondrea Rhode	1/17/2022 10:45 AM
61	George Benedict 269-832-0236	1/17/2022 10:42 AM
62	Bill Schroer 269-986-2327	1/17/2022 10:33 AM
63	269 268 0683	1/17/2022 10:00 AM
64	Is email an option	1/17/2022 9:29 AM
65	Danielle Crafts 269-419-0601	1/5/2022 11:42 AM
66	269-317-5922	12/27/2021 3:39 PM
67	Tom 269-579-3396	12/23/2021 8:10 PM
68	Stephanie Moats 269-998-9162	12/18/2021 4:22 PM
69	Lily Vardell, 269-203-6662	12/18/2021 12:20 PM
70	Lisa Cropsey 269-274-8366	12/14/2021 8:21 PM
71	Elizabeth Ann Shaw 269-832-5126	12/7/2021 2:18 PM
72	Jill Testerman 405-640-0798	12/7/2021 10:59 AM
73	Tina Guajardo 5176102821	12/7/2021 9:06 AM
74	Beth 269-760-5147	12/7/2021 7:42 AM

Q23 Comments: (Please elaborate on your survey answers or include anything else that you would like Township officials to consider in planning for the future of Bedford Township.)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 205

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	People need to get pit more	4/1/2022 7:16 PM
2	I would like to see the township take a more active step in "encouraging" homeowners in cleaning up junk & trash in their yards/property. Could the township provide some incentives in a bi-annual clean up day? Possible tree dumpster removal/coordinated event etc.	3/14/2022 12:55 PM
3	Natural gas line expansion at Collier & Countyline. Appliance drop off and trash dumpster	3/7/2022 10:42 AM
4	I know Bedford wants to have a farmers market but it is completely unregulated and a free for all. I have managed markets in the past and I just don't like the look that it gives the township.	2/26/2022 3:25 PM
5	Bedford Twp. desperately needs recycling for residents. Not looking for restaurant chains/fast food. Rather cafe/coffee house, sandwich shops.	2/18/2022 1:08 PM
6	Be harder on rental landlords, Cunket Property Drug's, more police in Leve Park Area	2/18/2022 1:06 PM
7	not happy about grow facility on M-37	2/18/2022 11:24 AM
8	More activities in the parks.	2/18/2022 9:51 AM
9	More activities in the parks.	2/18/2022 9:50 AM
10	More activities in the parks.	2/18/2022 9:36 AM
11	I would very much like to see relaxation of the restrictions in the zoning code especially pertaining to urban livestock, and sustainable living practices considering the significant rises in the cost of living / home-ownership in recent times.	2/16/2022 2:30 AM
12	Pursue "more bang for the buck" opportunities.	2/14/2022 8:22 PM
13	I know that there are some people who engage in trapping in the town of Bedford-and beyond,of course.We are in the 21st century;how about creating a poll,and then looking at the results?! just know that I'm not the only person who opposes trapping.	2/14/2022 4:13 AM
14	i heard a rumor that a Wal Mart Neighborhood Marketplace was looking at land across from Dollar General. That would be a welcome addition to the township. Also, any fast food restaurants or sit down restaurants would be great for the area. I have a place in the Tampa Area and near me there is the Seminole City Center. It is a shopping arcade with stores on a main street that gives the feel of a small town. However, larger department stores are located behind this area. It is a great for shopping, eating and entertainment. Just an idea.	2/9/2022 4:16 PM
15	Maintain and preserve what we have - a nice primarily residential with moderate/reasonable property taxes.	2/9/2022 10:18 AM
16	We need to improve the Quality of Life for everyone.	2/9/2022 10:00 AM
17	I believe Michigan Ave. could be better commercial corridor similar to Gull Rd. both lead to Gull Lake. We feel those serving Bedford Twp. are doing a great job. Thanks.	2/9/2022 9:48 AM
18	Keep our town from turning into cement. Don't take our trees away.	2/9/2022 9:43 AM
19	I would like zoning restrictions for large pole Buildings in single family residential areas. In my area, some blight has been taken care of but these are still areas that need attention.	2/9/2022 9:38 AM
20	PLEASE ADDRESS ISSUE AT 140 BEDFORD RD.	2/9/2022 9:34 AM
21	Recycle Bins for every resident	2/9/2022 9:23 AM

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22	No industrial development on the area of land that has storage limits where the road divides Michigan Ave. and Augusta Dr. (road goes to Augusta) other road goes to Kirckland.	2/9/2022 9:14 AM
23	Periodic community participation in things such as cleanups, beautification services to disabled/elderly, painting, pruning, etc. More sidewalks, library extension	2/2/2022 4:08 PM
24	we need recycling of some sort, even a pay facility or charge drop off.	2/2/2022 4:02 PM
25	Need to encourage a wide variety of businesses to our area like a .5 cents and .10 cents dime store, a sit down restaurant, specialty shops like book, hobby, crafts, toy store, novelties, etc.	2/2/2022 3:57 PM
26	Township residents should be notified of rule and policy changes prior to them taking effect, such as VA disability changes that caused an 85 year old widow to have to pay nearly \$1,500 and being told that whether she knows about the policy change or not, it was what it was and she would have to pay it because her VA statement didn't have a statement on it that said the veteran was 100% disabled when he died.	2/2/2022 3:28 PM
27	We are fairly new to the area.	2/2/2022 3:09 PM
28	Work with residents who have a traditional barn and want to repurpose its use - zoning etc. There are heritage structures that cannot be replaced and are expensive to maintain. If the resident figures out an updated or practical use, our township should support it. Preserve large green spaced in the Twp. - discourage urban type development in those spaces. No more marijuana farms! Testing of private wells for pollution and toxins.	2/2/2022 2:40 PM
29	I think the main things that can be focused on with limited resources are blight control and cleaning and maintaining sidewalks. If possible run sidewalk throughout Bedford neighborhoods and especially from M-89 down to Bedford Rd.	2/2/2022 2:31 PM
30	No ugly wind turbines, no more rentals or apartment bldgs., which tend to decline the peach and tranquility of homeowners. There are plenty of housing opportunities in Urbandale and B.C. area. We desire nature preservation, peace, quiet, low crime, safe roads, etc. No more stores or gas stations, etc. it's easy to run into B.C. for this stuff. After all nature is the only reason we moved out here!	2/2/2022 2:23 PM
31	enforce more neighborhood cleanup, increase fire and police coverage.	2/2/2022 1:49 PM
32	The shopper notices are ok. Is the book exchange promoted on the website?	2/2/2022 12:36 PM
33	library usage.	2/2/2022 12:33 PM
34	I would like to see action taken on those who plow their snow into or across the road without cleaning it up (several in the area of Uldriks in the curves) and enforcing the speed limits in the same areas of uldriks and collier.	1/27/2022 11:28 AM
35	Clean up blight. Create tax incentives to put vacant buildings and lots in use or penalize owners that let facilities deteriorate so funds can be collected for demolition by public,	1/25/2022 2:55 PM
36	Overall, I think the township is doing a fantastic job.	1/25/2022 2:45 PM
37	I would like the township to consider not imposing higher taxes on property owners who no longer like to live in Bedford Township and cannot vote on millage increases. Higher taxes without representation should be illegal!	1/25/2022 2:39 PM
38	Get rid of the dump old gas station across from the pizza parlor! Collier was repaved and was nice the the county puts stone on it than scrapes it all off in the winter. What a waste of MONEY.	1/25/2022 2:37 PM
39	Marijuana may be legal but their are several pot homes and if you were to walk your dogs near them, the smell knocks you out. Also when going to the park, many people have large dogs running around not leashed. My dog and I have been attached and several times when we were arrive at the park and see large dogs, we just leave and cannot enjoy it.	1/25/2022 2:33 PM
40	I am very close to moving our of Bedford Twp. My property taxes are expensive and I have no services. West Michigan is trash stores and homes. No restaurants accept The Bistro. I have to do most of my shopping in Richlane or on Gull Rd. I have a trash house 2 doors away that never seems to be addressed. (Meachem Rd.)	1/25/2022 2:19 PM
41	At every level of government we need to seek self sufficiency.	1/25/2022 2:10 PM
42	Nice for a sewer system	1/25/2022 2:05 PM

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43	Make people clean up their yards of debris.	1/25/2022 1:57 PM
44	Continue upgrading roads that need work. Some pavement repairs need to be looked at. Most of the roads are now in better shape thanks to Tom Sprau, for Supervisor.	1/25/2022 1:49 PM
45	Bedford Twp. (as well as Battle Creek) has a big litter problem. It would be good to have an anti-litter campaign as well as bright yellow vests, trash bags and volunteers to facilitate clean up. Illegal dumping is a problem, too mattresses, tires furniture appliances can often be seen on roadsides. We live on St. Mary's lake several of our guests have commented on the blight.	1/25/2022 1:35 PM
46	A paved walkway along Collier Rd. from Nalhala Heights Subdivision to W. Michigan Ave. that would connect with Battle Creek line trail. Bedford Twp. owns seven large parcels of land, these should be open and posted on the township website where people can hike and enjoy nature. Post on your website, a place or person I can call about dumped trash along township roadways. A common occurrence on W. Kirby Rd. between M-37 and Coblar Ave.	1/25/2022 1:24 PM
47	In future communications try using something other than Facebook; website.	1/25/2022 1:17 PM
48	Please pass an ordinance prohibiting election signs 3-5 days after elections. for example: Horrible speech for voting in somebody This sort of speech ruins neighborhoods.	1/25/2022 1:02 PM
49	I would like to see dogs or any mistreated animals removed from their owner, fined a stiff amount and never have pets again. Dogs are chained outside in cages. No shelters! Can we report this abuse somewhere??? Put a site on community resources.	1/25/2022 12:57 PM
50	So frustrated with unkept properties in our neighborhoods.	1/25/2022 12:42 PM
51	#14 - I see 5-7 trash trucks per week. part of me thinks they damage the roads. Before my street was paved which I sincerely appreciated, the waste management truck were tearing the heck out of the asphalt.	1/25/2022 12:38 PM
52	#12 = Junk cars, small engine, garbage, speeding, noise, traffic and no care for house on yard. Area of Brown Dr.	1/25/2022 12:16 PM
53	Michigan Ave. and closed commercial businesses are "visual pollution". Sidewalks and green area next to road are not maintained.	1/25/2022 12:12 PM
54	Organized leaf pick-up would greatly reduce burnins. More sit down restaurants in the area.	1/25/2022 11:42 AM
55	Really need to increase access to public transportation for seniors and non-seniors in the township. Also need to look into getting urgent care or small medical facility in the township. Has anyone looked into acquiring the vacant Urbandale Elementary School building that is deteriorating, and turning it into a community center for the township? It could be used for voting, community events, food bank, commodity distribution, etc.	1/24/2022 5:29 PM
56	Surveys such as this could be useful I suspect. It gives residents a small voice and suggests an interest in what people think by township leaders.	1/24/2022 3:49 PM
57	Very frustrated and disgusted with all the litter and dumping of household waste along the roadsides and in the swamp land.	1/24/2022 3:44 PM
58	Glad to see you are interested in our opinions.	1/24/2022 2:59 PM
59	I would like to see the unused vehicle and blight gotten rid of i.e. Oak St. Information access as to how safe our water is. People are afraid to report blight.	1/24/2022 2:53 PM
60	Bedford Twp. as well as Battle Creek has a litter problem. It would be good to have an anti-litter campaign as well as bright yellow vests, trash bags and volunteers to facilitate the clean up. Illegal dumping is a problem, too many mattresses, tires, furniture, appliances can often be seen on roadsides. We live on St. Mary's lake. Several of our out of town guests have commented on the litter.	1/24/2022 2:37 PM
61	A paved walkway along Collier Rd. from Nalhala Heights subdivision to W. Michigan Ave. that would connect with Battle Creek lineal trail. Bedford Twp owns seven large parcels of land, these should be open and posted on the Township website where people can hike and enjoy nature. Post on your website a place or person I can call about dumped trash along township roadways. A common occurrence on W. Kirby between M-37 and Coblar Avenue.	1/24/2022 2:30 PM
62	In future communications to residents use something other than Facebook; website	1/24/2022 2:20 PM

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63	Better brush clearing at intersections and at road signs/stop signs/speed signs. Lower speed limit on E. Kirby Rd. In Village of Bedford - many homes in terrible shape!	1/24/2022 1:26 PM
64	More commercial development in the Urbandale Plaza.	1/24/2022 1:21 PM
65	I have never lived in Bedford Twp. Purchased corner lot on North Ave.	1/24/2022 11:58 AM
66	Need to do something about junk cars in people's yards, and junk in people's yards on Kirby Rd.	1/24/2022 11:46 AM
67	Concerning question 14, we agreed to \$150 per year for 7 years. The job done on the roads was crap/unacceptable. Skip paving and 2-3 " overlay does not provide a long term solution. I live on Collier and two miles of road is already deteriorating. We need a more viable long term solution. Gary and Michelle Wolfe 22755 Collier Avenue.	1/24/2022 11:36 AM
68	Wendy Ball in Valhala writes a chain email for neighbors. It would be good to have something like that for the township.	1/24/2022 11:28 AM
69	Fire dept. is very good with response times for fires, accidents and trees across the road. Thank you an thank you for your volunteers.	1/24/2022 11:23 AM
70	none	1/24/2022 11:19 AM
71	Strongly agree on preservation of natural areas with a priority on developing accessible walking paths to hike, walk, and see the beauty of the Township. Specifically path from Gull Lake home school partnership parking lot along top of hill to view Waubasca Creek and accessibility of Skaus Gorman park from the M37 side by old mill location. Also: Accessible parking and path along Waubasca Creek through woods in Brookside Park - boardwalk nature trail. Also: parallel parking and marked hiking trails in Martham Park. No motor vehicles allowed.	1/24/2022 11:15 AM
72	Pure Michigan has a mandate for clean water and responsible use and care of our watersheds. Foster Lake is an example of failure. Its caused by improper flow in Waubasca Lake. The culvert is half full of gravel. Not designed to be used this way.	1/24/2022 11:02 AM
73	You are good people	1/24/2022 10:47 AM
74	We need new center lines and fog lines on most of the roads.	1/24/2022 10:28 AM
75	I would like to have a running trail on Morgan Rd. or at least rumble lines on the white lane on Morgan Rd. to make sure cars stay in their lane.	1/24/2022 9:56 AM
76	The road tax was a disaster. Within a few years of new asphalt on Collier, the county had to apply tar/stones. Now the road is rough, loud and clearly a waste of tax dollars.	1/24/2022 9:49 AM
77	All I want to have or see is to out to eat at a "Mom & pop" American restaurant instead of constantly going to Chinese/Mexican all the time. Our mall is empty and dark, only good thing is to work-out and walk, finish fixing our road, etc.	1/24/2022 9:40 AM
78	*Blight conditions improved in recent years since Bill Scutt has handled!	1/17/2022 1:30 PM
79	I would love there to be less gunshots, fireworks and noise. There is no need for month long firewors.	1/17/2022 12:48 PM
80	No more marijuana "stores".	1/17/2022 12:46 PM
81	I would like to see more street lights and better lawn maintenance. The tall grass along the roads makes the township look untidy. I would like to see more businesses, but not cannabis suppliers or check advance/check cashing type. Thank you.	1/17/2022 12:29 PM
82	Regarding #12 - not only do I feel it's not being controlled, I don't agree with the policy of blight. In order to report someone I need to sign my name to the Petition?? Nothing like causing a problem between neighbors. some townships take the issue - drive by and inspect the complaint. The letter comes from the township not the neighbor. Please consider this policy. It's more civil.	1/17/2022 11:52 AM
83	low cost internet service for all would be nice.	1/17/2022 11:39 AM
84	Please be mindful of snow and existing tree limbs block vision at corners.	1/17/2022 10:49 AM
85	Some streets need a 25 mph speed limit. Signs so people don't forget speed limits. Speeding	1/17/2022 10:27 AM

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seems to be a problem for many streets Also need a recycling center. Chickens allowed, but no roosters. (they are loud).

86	There is a stretch of River Rd. between the waste water treatment plant and Custer Dr. that I would like to see not used as the County dump	1/17/2022 10:14 AM
87	I called to report low hanging wires over Susan Dr. Nothing was done, should the township investigate and call proper utility to fix this issue before a box truck or something gets tangled up with them causing unnecessary problems.	1/17/2022 10:08 AM
88	Our roads are Calhoun County roads and our county commission should be taking care of them which they do not do unless the tax payers pay additional fees then they take short cuts and don't do all the roads that tax payers paid for. The blight and other ordinance violations have not been enforced for years. Something needs to be done. There is to many rundown structures in the township. Myself and many of my neighbors all the Dumps. By the way they live.	1/17/2022 9:50 AM
89	It would be nice to see our township develop a way to use the trash that is collected and use toward renewable energy for its residents.	1/17/2022 9:29 AM
90	Keep the Butler Creek Police Department	1/17/2022 9:25 AM
91	Lets make this community a great place to live not just a place to commute through.	1/15/2022 12:20 PM
92	I once asked for the building code and was denied. The township officer told to draw up plans and ask for approval. Please don't make me spend time and money on building plans with no idea whether they meet the code. That's unreasonable--like telling me to go ahead and drive down the road as I wish--you'll let me know if I break the law. I realize it's probably a lot of pages. I would have been happy to take it by email or look at it in your office or pay a reasonable fee for a copy. Better yet, put it online, please and thank you.	1/12/2022 8:32 PM
93	We have never lived somewhere with such poor access to public transportation! You can't even get an Uber here, it's insane! How can a community flourish when the infrastructure does not allow accessibility to all? We are a one car family and when the car is taken to work it means the stay at home parent is house bound with a baby as there is literally no where to walk to and no public transportation to go anywhere. The township website is very minimal, mostly seems to include info on town meetings and mowing lawns. Whilst these are things that should be included, there is no sense of community. This is the first time since moving here that I even realized there was a website and was surprised to find absolutely nothing on the calendar apart from a few meetings a month. It feels like there is no sense of community here. And let's be honest, while we all appreciate the work that goes on behind the scenes that we all no little about, the main thing that builds a community that cares is interaction, engagement and a bit of fun!	1/10/2022 12:11 PM
94	None	1/5/2022 11:42 AM
95	clearly spell out ordnances	12/27/2021 3:39 PM
96	I have no problems with a solar farm, but I will move out of the township if there are any Wind Turbines. I also feel there needs to be some new construction in the township either in business or houses. This township is looking very old, rundown and dated.	12/21/2021 7:49 PM
97	I would love to see restaurants in the Level Park area. It'd also be great to have a park or dog park with a walking path or trail.	12/14/2021 6:54 PM
98	N/A	12/13/2021 9:10 PM
99	na	12/12/2021 2:57 PM
100	I would volunteer for a committee but not events	12/11/2021 12:28 PM
101	Thank you	12/10/2021 10:58 AM
102	max size of shed allowed with out permit on the web site.	12/9/2021 9:47 AM
103	Pinetree Lane neighbors have had to deal with a house that has cars in a yard. No one lives in the house and it trashes the neighborhood. I can't even cut a tree down because one such vehicle is in the way.	12/7/2021 10:59 AM
104	I should not have to report my neighbors that store junk in their yards that is obvious from the	12/6/2021 5:41 PM

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street. Township officials should be controlling this on their own so as to avoid neighbor retaliation for reporting blight situations. Some are SO obvious it's annoying. We also need to do what we can to attract services and businesses to existing places to fill them up, such as Urbandale plaza.

105	Who is conducting this survey? The Township or a firm your contracted with? Who is analyzing the results? Is the survey anonymous? Clearly not if you ask for names and phone numbers. Should have used a link to the twp website that can be used to provide that info. May bias the findings of the survey if people want to be anonymous...	12/6/2021 12:21 PM
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City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation

Master Plan 2024-2028



Parks and Recreation Mission

"To provide recreation programs and services that improve the physical health and wellbeing of the individual and the community"



The Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department is committed to:

...providing recreation programs and services that improve the physical health and wellbeing of the individual and the community.

This mission is the guiding principle behind all of the department's efforts. This plan is a tool to help accomplish the department's mission and goals.

Purpose

This master plan is intended to be an evolving document that provides direction for current and future parks and recreation programs and services. It identifies priorities and methods that can be used to develop and administer programs and services, including facilities, which support the department's mission and goals. The master plan will also be used to leverage future grant funding opportunities.

Guidelines

The content meets the recommendations of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans IC 1924 (Rev. 4-26-2021)*. The plan is intended to be informative, yet concise. The plan includes a significant amount of data collection and community input that has been summarized in the report and/or referenced and attached as appendices.

Additional information such as performance measurements and other evaluation tools have been included for use by Battle Creek Parks and Recreation staff. This information is meant to serve as a daily reference to assist in decision-making and as a tool for continuing to improve the master plan and the effectiveness of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Acknowledgments

The residents of the City of Battle Creek were critical to the development of this plan. Their involvement through public input processes and continued use of programs and services contribute to the success of the department.

The Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department dedicated itself to reaching out and gathering public comments to create a unique plan that will guide its decision-making in the future. Senior City staff, advisory committee, and parks and recreation staff also contributed to the formation and development of key elements of the plan ensuring a cooperative approach to the future planning and implementation of parks and recreation services.



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
PARKS AND RECREATION

January 9, 2024

Mr. Clay Summers, Grants Manager
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing MI 48909-7925

Re: Final Approved Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department 5-year Master Plan for 2024-28

Dear Mr. Summers:

The City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department staff has completed a new 5-year Master Plan for 2024 through 2028. The process began in January of 2023 and included a community wide needs assessment and public input process. The Battle Creek City Commission has since approved the Master Plan. Per DNR guidelines, the plan is being delivered to you for your review and approval. The following is included in the plan booklet:

- The approved 5-year Master Plan.
- A signed and dated resolution from the Battle Creek City Commission adopting the plan.
- A letter of conveyance from Parks and Recreation to the South Central Regional Planning Council and Calhoun County Administrator.
- A completed Community Parks and Recreation Plan Certification Checklist.

The City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department welcomes this opportunity to submit for approval, our 5-year Master Plan for 2024-2028. The plan will be the department's strategic guide for establishing recreation programs and services for the next five years. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duska Brumm".

Duska Brumm, Director
Battle Creek Recreation

Attachments: City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028
Cc: Rebecca Fleury, City Manager



2024 5-Year Recreation Plan

5-Year 2024-City of Battle Creek-0111

Plan Information & Certification

- * Denotes required fields
- Fill out the required fields in each section of this form.
- Click **Save** to save change or **Next Form** to save change and move on to the next form.
- All forms in the recreation plan document must be complete without errors prior to submitting.
- Change the status of the Recreation Plan to submit for DNR review.
- After recreation plan approval, DNR recreation grant applications can be submitted by the organization.
- All organizations included in a recreation plan must submit the plan and supporting documentation individually in MiGrants and receive DNR approval in order to submit a DNR recreation grant application.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards as outlined in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be certified by the Authorized Official (AO) and be submitted to the DNR through MiGrants. Plans may be submitted any time of the year but no later than February 1 of the year the organization is applying for DNR recreation grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of plan: *City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028* *

example: 2020-2024 Village of Carr Recreation Plan

Do you intend to apply in the upcoming recreation application cycle? *

Yes ☒ No

List the communities and school districts covered under the plan County Month & Year Adopted

City of Battle Creek *Calhoun* *12/2023* *

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government's highest governing body must pass a resolution adopting the plan, and each local unit of government must submit the plan and supporting documentation individually. School districts do not need to submit the plan for DNR approval unless they qualify and intend to apply for recreation grants.

Checklist

Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final, adopted plan. If the DNR Approval box next to an item is not checked, see the DNR Comments box below for details.

Plan Content

☒ Community Description

Administrative Structure

Includes: Roles of commission or advisory board, organization chart, budget, funding sources, roles of volunteers, relationship with school districts, public agencies, or private organizations



Recreation Authorities and Trailway Commissions Only:

Includes: Description of relationship between the authority and the recreation department for the participating communities and articles of incorporation

Recreation Inventory

☒ Includes: Description of the methods used to conduct the inventory, an inventory of all community-owned parks & recreation facilities, location maps, accessibility assessment, grant assisted site status report, waterways inventory (if applicable)

DNR Approval



2024 5-Year Recreation Plan

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Natural Resource Inventory (Optional)

- ☒ Description of the Planning Process
- ☒ Description of the Public Input Process
- ☒ Goals & Objectives
- ☒ Action Program

Supporting Documentation

- ☒ Post-Completion Self Certification Report(s)
- ☒ Early input before draft plan is written
- ☒ Notice of draft plan for 30 days of public comment
- ☒ Notice of the public hearing
- ☒ Minutes from public hearing
- ☒ Minutes from the meeting to pass a resolution of adoption
- ☒ Certified Resolution
- ☒ Transmittal Letters to the county and regional planning agencies

Navigate to the Plan & Supporting Documentation section to upload a copy of the plan and supporting documents.

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Battle Creek
includes the required content, as indicated above and set forth by the DNR.*

☒ **Authorized Official:** Duska Brumm **Date:** 1/8/2024

PLAN APPROVAL - DNR Only

Start Date: End Date:

Approver:

DNR Comments

DNR Upload:



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
PARKS AND RECREATION

January 9, 2024

Mr. Lee Adams, Executive Director
South Central Michigan Planning Council
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue
Kalamazoo MI 49007

Re: Final Approved Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department 5-year Master Plan for 2024-28

Dear Mr. Adams:

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Parks and Recreation offerings continue to receive high ratings from our citizens, contributing significantly to quality of life in the Battle Creek areas. During the last five years, several of the initiatives from our previous plan have been implemented including:

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Sincerely,

Duska Brumm, Director
Battle Creek Recreation

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Cc: Rebecca Fleury, City Manager



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
PARKS AND RECREATION

January 9, 2024

Ms. Kelli Scott, Administrator/Controller
Calhoun County
315 West Green Street
Marshall Michigan 49068

Re: Final Approved Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department 5-year Master Plan for 2024-28

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Section 1 – Planning and Public Input Process



Planning Approach

The City staff began the process of updating their five-year plan in February of 2023 using a collaborative team approach. An internal team of staff members including professional recreation planners, operations staff, and field services personnel were charged with the development of the plan. Major steps in the planning process included the following:

- Needs assessment survey
- Updates and revisions to data included in the recreation inventory, community description, and administrative structure sections of the plan
- Public, stakeholder and staff reaction and review meetings to synthesize input from assessment data
- Data analysis and comparison
- Development of the action plan
- Plan review and adoption

The Battle Creek City Commission adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update on December 19, 2023. A copy of the public notice and support resolution are included in Appendix C. The transmittal letters are included prior to the table of contents.

Responsibilities

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation

- Provide direction for the scope and focus of the master plan process
- Develop and collect information from various sources
- Promote and facilitate all community “stakeholder” meetings
- Compile information used for the community description, administrative structure and recreation and resources inventory sections
- Prepare master plan document
- Coordinate approval process for plan adoption
- Submit completed plan
- Key staff included:
 - o Duska Brumm, Recreation Director (project coordination and management, public and staff facilitation, document preparation project direction)
 - o Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager (project coordination)
 - o Todd Gerber, Field Services Superintendent (project management and coordination)
 - o Todd Everson, Assistant Field Services Superintendent (project management and coordination)
 - o Nicole Gilmore, Recreation Technician (project support)
 - o Jessica Vanderkolk, Communications Manager (execute needs assessment survey)
 - o Matthew Cannady, Business Analyst/GIS Manager (project coordination)

The entire Parks and Recreation staff was involved in determining priorities, and establishing plan goals and objectives based on public input.

Needs Assessment Survey

The department's planning priorities included identifying an accurate method of determining public recreation needs. The needs assessment survey was made available from May through July on the Parks and Recreation website and Facebook page as well as the City's website. Surveys were available in English, Burmese, and Spanish. Questions included citizen usage, satisfaction, needs and priorities for parks and recreation programs and services. This approach provided feedback from both users and non-users of recreation services and ensured that the final plan would be representative of the entire community.

The survey questionnaire was developed with input from residents and city staff, including references to questions from previous surveys for use as a baseline. Over 225 surveys were collected. The results represent people in all wards of the community.

Data was also collected from results obtained from the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Strategic Priorities which included 9 public meetings and 950 survey respondents and from the 2022 National Community Survey which had over 700 respondents.

Public Input Process

Prior to the development of this plan, parks and recreation staff conducted five focus groups, one with each of the Neighborhood Planning Councils (NPC's) that were currently meeting, involving over 50 residents designed to yield valuable information about the recreation-related issues facing the citizens of Battle Creek. The focus groups purposefully included representatives from various recreation and other community interests along with geographically diverse neighborhoods from around the community.

The focus groups were supplemented by a meeting with senior city staff and elected officials, and a meeting with parks and recreation staff. The meetings were designed to allow key stakeholders to provide "input" on the department's strategic directives for the next five years.

Public Review and Approval Process

Based on responses from the needs assessment surveys and community input gathered by the recreation department, parks and recreation staff convened a series of larger community meetings designed to confirm the messages received to date and summarize the information into statements to be used to form an action plan.

Public meetings were held on two different dates and offered at two different times on each of those dates. Another meeting involved the City of Battle Creek management staff and once these meetings were complete, an additional meeting was held with the Master

Plan Advisory Committee. Complete details on the format and conclusions of these meetings can be found in Appendix C.

Action Plan

The Action Plan included in this document is a reflection of the summation of a variety of inputs synthesized into direct action items. The action plan is divided into two strategic priority areas; the Parks Improvement Plan and Operations. Each strategic priority is accompanied by a series of goals statements, objectives and direct action steps. The goals, objectives and action steps were developed internally based on public and staff input along with directives from the previous master plan. The strategies developed in the action plan are meant to directly address the preferences of the community as articulated in the needs assessment survey.

The action plan also includes an evaluation component including performance measurements designed to assist the department in its efforts to implement the plan. The measures will allow the department to constantly evaluate its on-going performance and make the necessary adjustments to meet community needs. The measures will also allow citizens to hold the department accountable for its efforts on their behalf.

Finally, the action plan includes a capital improvement schedule listing the important facility and related expenditures that will be necessary to implement the plan. As with the plan action steps and performance measurements, the capital improvement projects identified are directly related to the goals and objectives of the plan. The capital improvement schedule also builds off the existing plan and is prioritized based on established city guidelines.

Public Approval and Plan Adoption

Once all relevant plan data was assembled a draft report was prepared for internal review by parks and recreation staff. The draft report included the appropriate maps and tables to support information contained in the community description, administrative structure and recreation/resource inventory sections of the plan, including data concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act assessment. The draft report was presented to the parks and recreation staff in its entirety, city administration, elected officials, and was offered to the public for review electronically, in hard-copy form at Willard Public Library and the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation office and at a community gathering held at Full Blast - the City's recreation center.

The final plan was approved by the Battle Creek City Commission. The final plan includes a copy of the authorizing resolution from each body, meeting advertisements, and transmittal letters to the State and County.

Section 2 – Community Description



Planning Jurisdiction

Battle Creek is situated 70 miles east of Lake Michigan at the confluence of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek rivers. The City features lakes, rivers, streams, hills and farms, and the terrain is characterized by vegetation and forests. Although Battle Creek experiences the four seasons, the climate is moderated by the “lake effect.” Prevailing westerly winds crossing Lake Michigan warm the winter and cool the summer. A brief overview of other social and physical characteristics of the community is included in this section.

The Kellogg Company, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation world headquarters occupy the shore of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Rivers which run through downtown Battle Creek. A Linear Park stretches several miles along both rivers and connects open green space throughout the community.

More than 200,000 spectators come to Battle Creek every summer for the International Hot Air Balloon Champions. Other festivals include The World’s Longest Breakfast Table, Taste of Battle Creek, Juneteenth Family Day Celebration, Caribbean Festival, BC Pride Festival, and Cruise the Creek. The City’s Binder Park Golf Course is consistently rated one of the best municipal golf courses in the state. The City is also home to the nation’s ninth oldest symphony orchestra, the international renowned Battle Creek Brass Band, numerous auditoriums, a civic art center, and professional summer stock theatre.

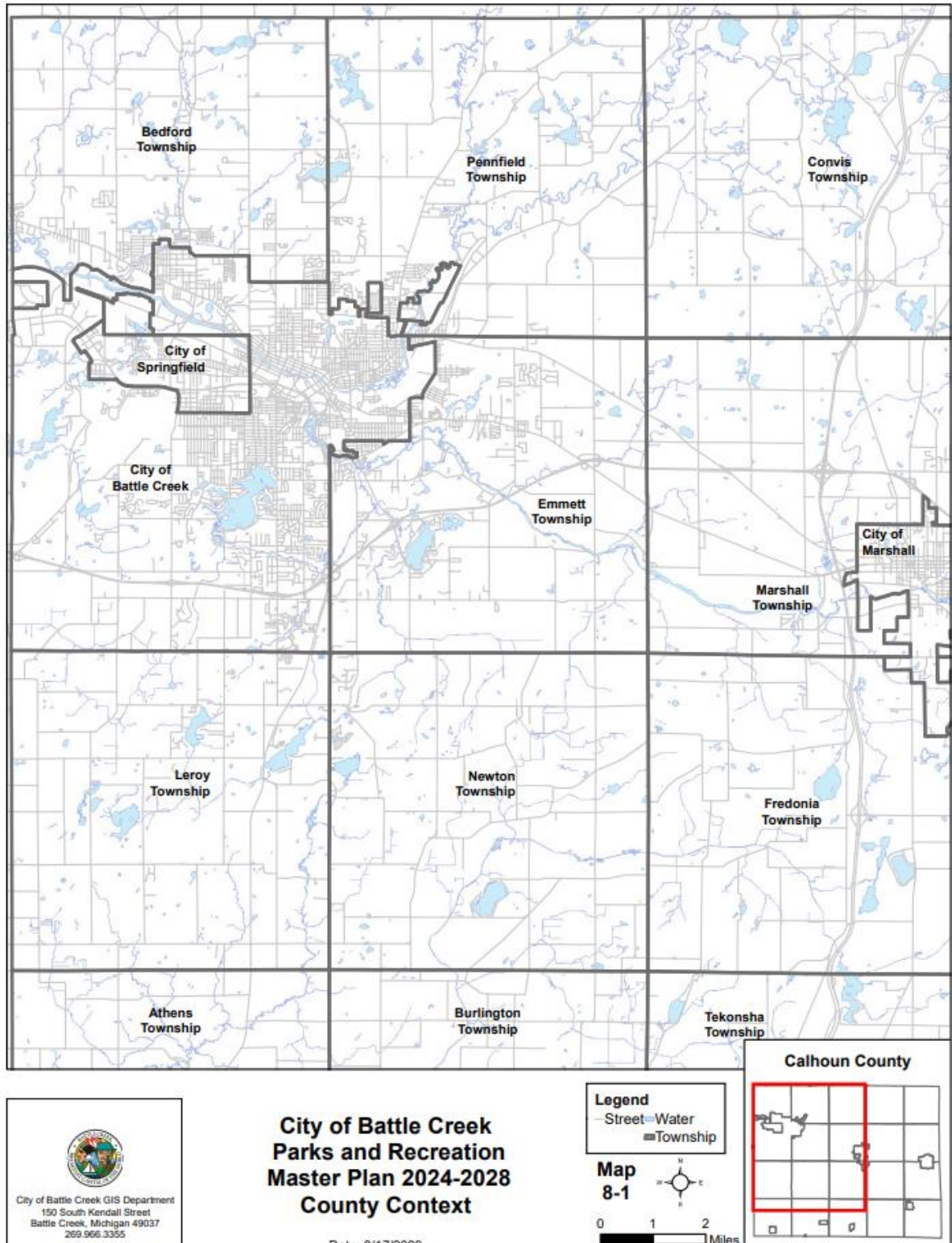
Battle Creek Parks and Recreation is a department of the City of Battle Creek and thus its master plan efforts are generally intended to serve citizens living within the corporate limits of Battle Creek. Although the plan was developed primarily with these residents in mind, Battle Creek Parks and Recreation often serves a much broader audience including those living in nearby cities, villages, and surrounding townships (see **Map 2-1**).

Planning Focus

The plan was developed for the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department and was intended to include all the appropriate aspects of parks and recreation. The Department continues to focus, through its mission, on improving the physical health and wellbeing of individuals, particularly youth, and thus the plan is designed to ensure the delivery of parks and recreation services that provide the opportunity for, and actively engage people in, physical activity.

The plan calls for recreation programs and services that actively engage users in physical activity with an emphasis on creating awareness and opportunities to be active and to improve lifestyle choices. Services emphasized include maintaining green and other open spaces as well as an active trail system that facilitate physical activity. The department will actively promote and encourage use of the community’s recreation assets while espousing the benefits of healthy lifestyle choices. Direct programming services are reserved primarily for youth and families.

Map 2-1

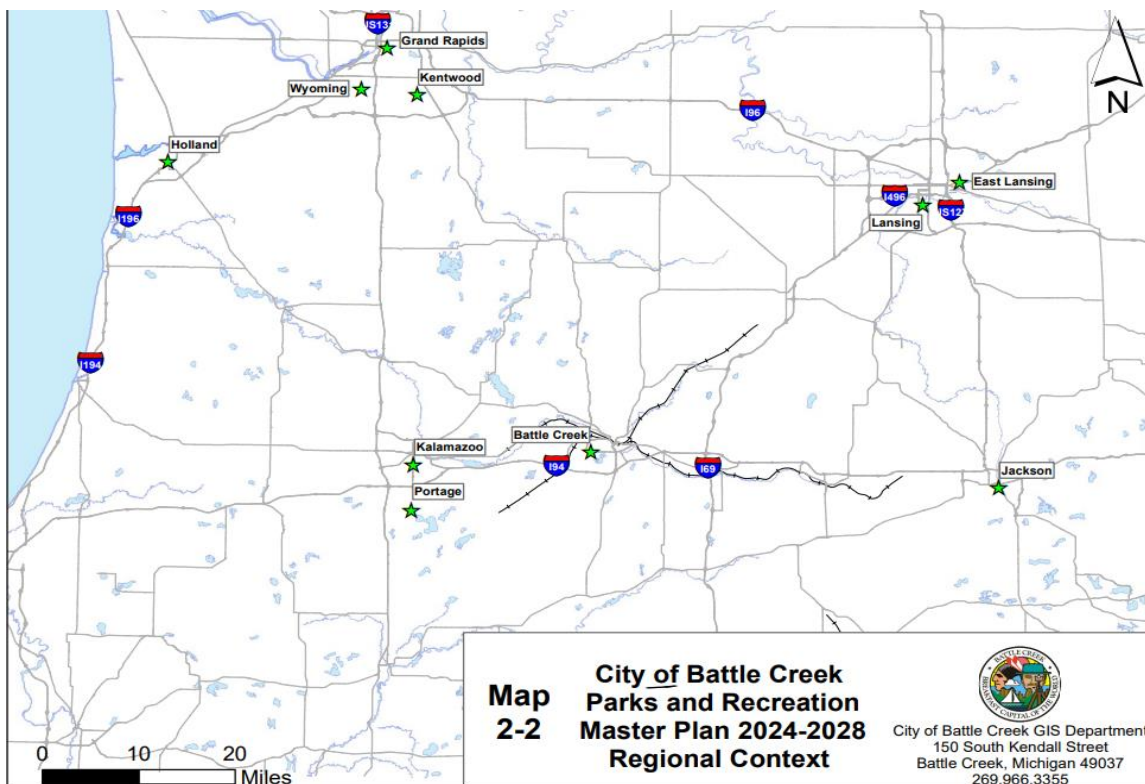


Social Characteristics

Regional setting

The city of Battle Creek is located in western Michigan, approximately 115 miles west of Detroit and 160 miles northeast of Chicago. (**Map 2-2**). It sits within Calhoun County and is the principal city of the Battle Creek Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Known as “Cereal City” and the “Breakfast Capital of the World,” Battle Creek is home to Kellogg’s, a multi-dollar, multi-national corporation specializing in food manufacturing.

I-94 runs through the southern portion of the community, connecting Battle Creek with Detroit in the east, and Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis in the west. The community can also be accessed via freight rail (Canadian National and Norfolk Southern), passenger rail (Amtrak), and air (Battle Creek Executive Airport).



Battle Creek neighbors include the city of Springfield, Newton Township, and the Charter Townships of Bedford, Pennfield, and Emmett. The City serves as the employment, cultural, and recreation hub for the metropolitan area.

Information on demographic and socio-economic change in Battle Creek over the past several decades comes from a variety of sources, including the American Community Survey (ACS), the U.S. Census, the State of Michigan, the City of Battle Creek, Colliers International, and ESRI Business Analyst, a nationally recognized provider of business and market data.

Population Trends

The population of Battle Creek has decreased slightly over the past two years and is expected to decline at a slower rate over the next five years. Between 2020 and 2027, the population of Battle Creek is estimated to decrease by 1,097 people, which is roughly a decrease of 2.1% over the decade. This follows the same trend expected for Calhoun County, which is expected to decrease by 1.8%. Similarly, households are expected to decrease in both geographies between 2022 and 2027. **Table 2-1.**

Demographic Summary (2020, 2022, 2027)
Battle Creek County & Calhoun County

Table 2-1

Battle Creek County

	2020	2022	2027	Projected Change (2020-2027)	
Population	52,721	52,250	51,624	-1,097	-2.1%
Households	21,466	21,118	20,820	-646	-0.9%
Average Household Size	2.41	2.41	2.40	-.01	0.0%
Median Age	37.6	38.1	38.6	1.0	3.6%
Median Household Income	\$44,668	\$47,440	\$55,120	\$10,452	12.3%

Calhoun County

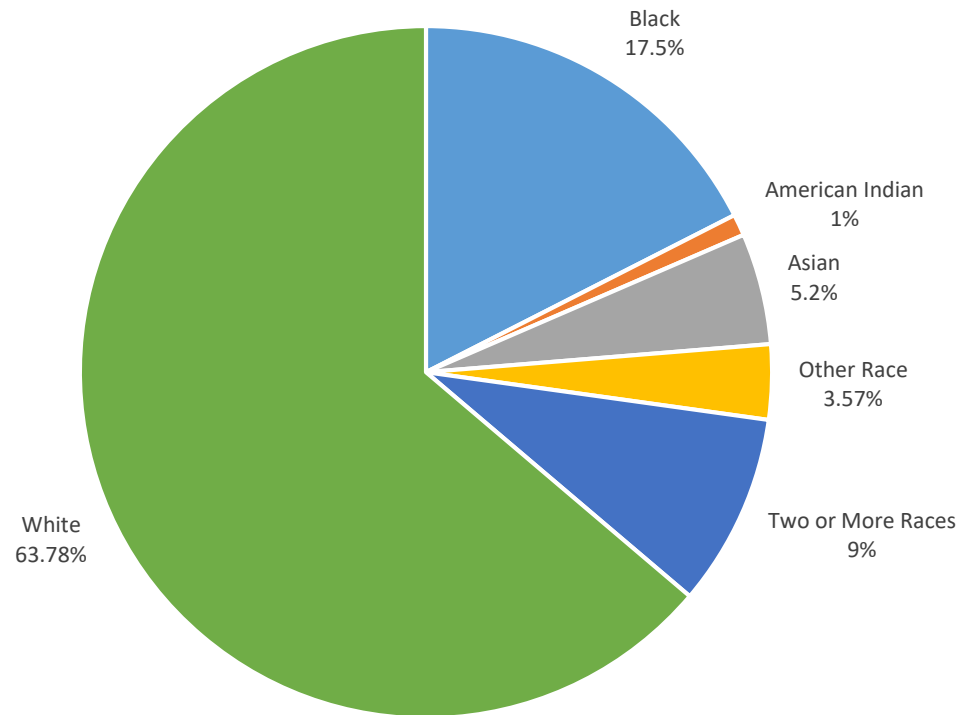
	2020	2022	2027	Projected Change (2010-2020)	
Population	134,768	133,412	132,380	-2,388	-1.8%
Households	54,406	53,825	53,450	-956	-1.7%
Average Household Size	2.41	2.40	2.39	-0.02	-0.8%
Median Age	40.8	41.1	41.8	1.0	4.1%
Median Household Income	\$50,526	\$53,723	\$63,639	\$13,113	20.6%

Population by Race

Battle Creek is becoming more diverse, but remains majority white. In 2022, the majority of Battle Creek's population was White (63.78%), followed by Black (17.53%), "Two or More Races" (9.09%), Asian (5.22%), and "Other Race" (3.57%). Between 2022 and 2027, the White share of the population is expected to decline by 4.10%, with a tantamount increase in minority populations. In both 2022 and 2027, it is estimated that Battle Creek (29.8% racial minority) is more diverse than Calhoun County (17.8% racial minority). **Table 2-2.**

Population by Race (2022)

Table 2-2



Physical Characteristics

Existing Land Use

A field inventory of each block and every parcel within Battle Creek was completed in the Fall of 2015. Based on a thorough assessment, existing land uses within Battle Creek were classified into 17 categories. A City-wide and neighborhood level breakdown of land use composition can be seen in accompanying **Table 2-4**.

Table 2-4

**Existing Land Use Composition Table
Battle Creek**

Existing Land Use Categories	Acreage	% of Total
Agriculture	2,734	10.7%
Single Family Detached	7,142	28.1%
Single Family Attached	176	0.7%
Multi-Family	632	2.5%
Mobile Home	118	0.5%
Commercial (includes service & general)	892	3.5%
Office	118	0.5%
Mixed-Use	7	0.0%
Parking	46	0.2%
Light Industrial	235	0.9%
Heavy Industrial	1,717	6.7%
Airport	1,520	6.0%
Parks (includes golf course and cemeteries)	1,467	5.8%
Open Spaces	4,127	16.2%
Public/Semi-Public	1,914	7.5%
Utility	619	2.4%
Vacant	1,996	7.8%
Total	25,460	100%

The city of Battle Creek has a comprehensive plan which includes a Future Land Use Plan (**Map 2-3**) designed to encourage more compact growth with the incremental expansion of already developed areas guided through planned infrastructure extensions. The plan includes the delineation of a limited urban services boundary, beyond which full water and sewer to support intensive development is recommended.

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Map 2-3 illustrates an extensive network of open space corridors through the City. This “Greenway system” is designed to preserve natural resource corridors (stream channels, wetlands, wooded areas), provide open space relatively close to all residents, link existing

and proposed parks and school sites, and offer linear recreational opportunities (walking and biking). The Future Land Use Plan shows six park preserves in the City, as well as three combined school/park sites, located in the southwest portion of the community.

Non-Motorized Transportation

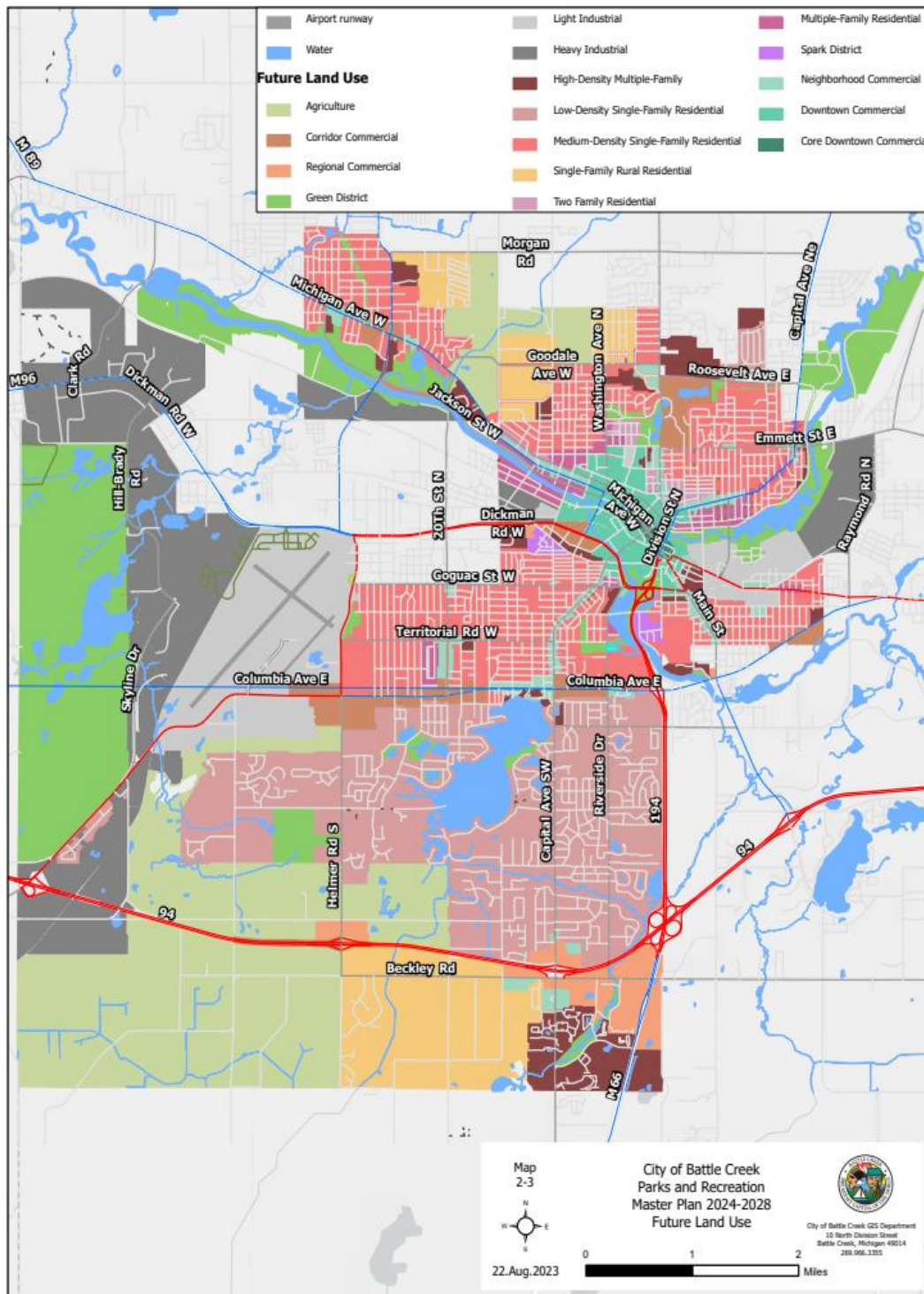
The City Commission of the city of Battle Creek, is projected to adopt the updated *City of Battle Creek Non-Motorized Transportation Network Master Plan* at their December 2023 meeting. The purpose of the plan was to develop a 20-year non-motorized vision for both on and off-road non-motorized facilities that would provide a convenient and safe option to link people, schools, business, parks, natural resources, and cultural and historic landmarks to each other as well as to adjacent communities and resources.

The goals of the plan include:

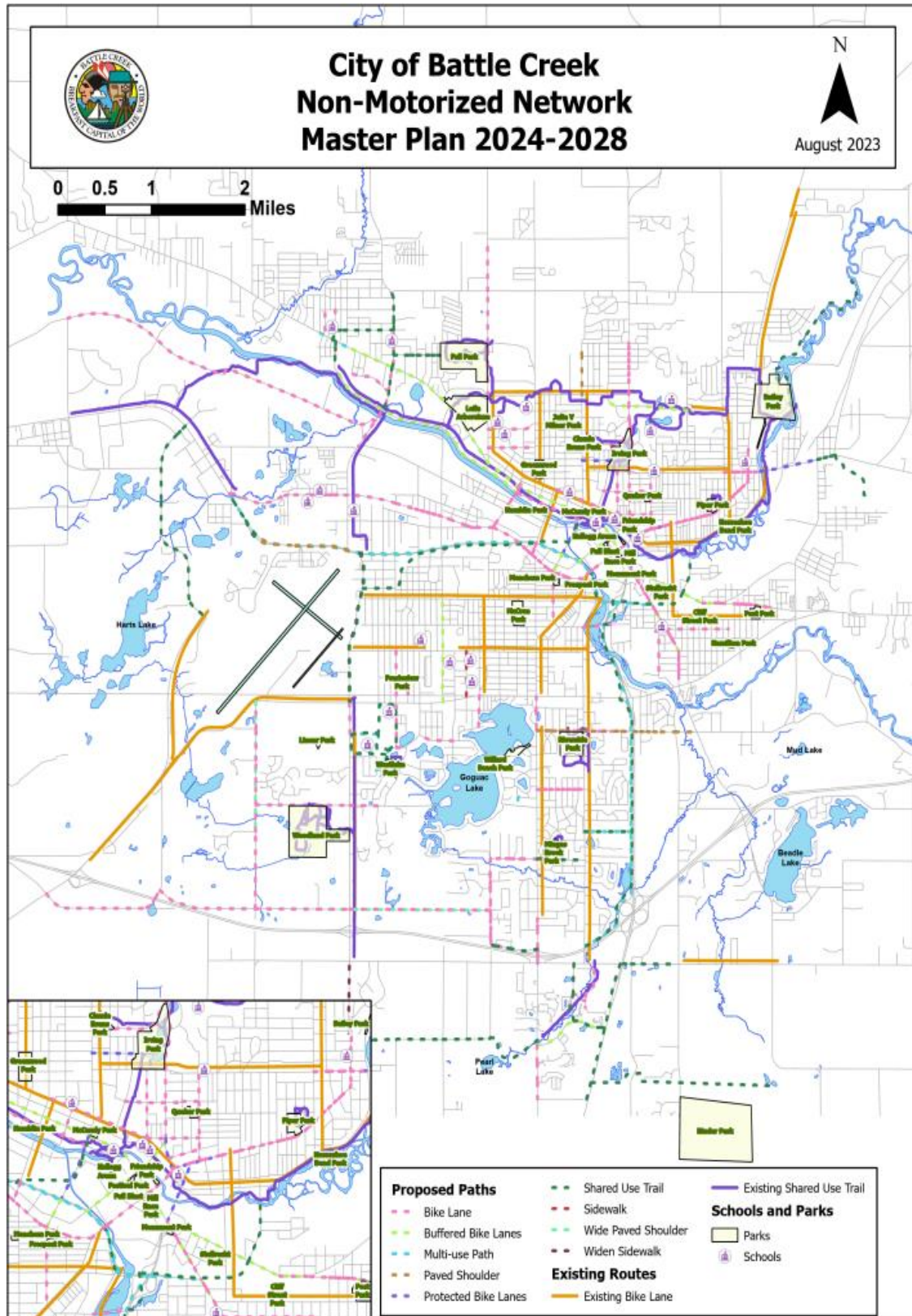
- Be implementation oriented and serve as a guide for non-motorized trail, bike lane, and route signage planning, funding, design, and construction
- Communicate in a highly illustrative manner, the vision, goals, and possibilities for non-motorized connections
- Communicate the various benefits of a connected non-motorized system
- Utilize community and stakeholder involvement and input to develop the non-motorized vision
- Utilize the plan to establish Battle Creek as a non-motorized friendly community

In the ensuing years the city has made progress on implementation in areas such as bike lanes and trail connections (**Map 2-4**).

Map 2-3



Map 2-4



Section 3 – Recreation Inventory



This section describes the types of parks, facilities, and programs available in the Battle Creek area. The recreation inventory will be used as a guide within the Parks and Recreation department for programming purposes and to create awareness and provide opportunities to members of the public to get physical activity and enjoy a higher quality of life.

City-Owned Parks and Facilities

Table 3-1 provides an inventory of City-owned parks and facilities (including linear pathways) along with information on the “type” of each park and total acreage where appropriate

Figure 3-1 is a general information grid on parks and recreation parks and facilities

Table 3-2 provides an inventory of equipment and support facilities at each park or facility

Map 3-1 illustrates the geographic distribution of City-owned parks and facilities

Schools

Table 3-3 identifies each school building in the community by type and district.

Table 3-4 provides a full inventory of equipment and facilities found at the various schools as identified in Table 3-3

Map 3-2 illustrates the geographic distribution of each school identified in Table 3-3

Non-Municipal Leisure Providers

Table 3-5 provides a list of non-municipal leisure providers by the leisure service provided

Table 3-6 provides a list of additional recreation and leisure services provided by a number of non-municipal recreation service providers in the Battle Creek area

Map 3-3 illustrates the geographic distribution of the various non-municipal leisure and recreation service providers

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
Parks and Facility Summary

Table 3-1

Park Name	Park Type	Acreage
Cliff Street	Mini	1
Hamblin	Mini	1
Horseshoe Bend	Mini	1
Julie V. Milner	Mine	1
Prospect	Mini	2
Claude Evans	Neighborhood	10
Greenwood	Neighborhood	10
Hamilton	Neighborhood	2
McCrea	Neighborhood	19
Meachem	Neighborhood	1
Piper	Neighborhood	7
Post	Neighborhood	7.5
Quaker	Neighborhood	5
Sam J. Stellrecht	Neighborhood	4
Bailey	Community	80
Fell	Community	80
Festival	Community	1.5
Friendship	Community	1
Irving	Community	54
Leila Arboretum	Community	71
McCamly	Community	2
Mill Race	Community	2
Monument	Community	3
Wave	Community	1
Willard Beach	Community	16
Woodland	Community	144
Binder	Special Use	796
Linear Park	Park Trail	28 miles
Metcalf Lake	Natural Resources Area	160
Minges Brook	School Park	5
Prairieview	School Park	3
Riverside	School Park	80
Westlake	School Park	5
Kellogg Arena	Sports Complex	
Full Blast	Sports Complex	
Totals		1,602

Notes: Mini, neighborhood and school parks typically serve the surrounding neighborhood. Others serve the broader community or a regional audience.

Inventory of Services

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Programs

In addition to the various programs and services being offered by non-municipal providers, the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department provides a comprehensive set of programs to a large and diverse audience (**Table 3-7**). In order to extend its resources even further and maximum the benefit offered to residents, Parks and Recreation also engages in partnerships and collaborative efforts with other providers to offer additional or expanded programming.

Figure 3-1

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Parks and Facilities Grid

	Area	Baseball Field	Basketball Court	Beach	Concessions	Disc Golf Course	Drinking Fountain	Electricity	Fishing	Golf	Open Space	Park Benches	Parking	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restroom	Shuffleboard	Skiing	Soccer	Swimming	Trails	Volleyball Court
Bailey Park/Ansbodies Play Ground 1392 Capital Ave. NE	80																						
Binder Park Golf Course 7255 B Drive S.	300																						
Claude Evans Park 320 Washington Ave.	10																						
Cliff Street Park 195 Cliff St.	1																						
Fell Park 260 Willard Ave.	80																						
Festival Park 25 S. McCamly St.	1																						
Friendship Park 10 State St. W.	1																						
Full Blast Recreation Center 35 Hamblin Ave.	4																						
Greenwood Park 153 Wood St. N.	10																						
Hamblin Park 480 Hamblin Ave.	1																						
Hamilton Park 151 Academy St.	2																						
Horseshoe Bend Park 480 Wagner Dr.	1																						
Irving Park 311 North Ave.	54																						
Julia V. Milner Park 88 Rosemeath	1																						
Leila Arboretum 392 W. Michigan Ave.	71																						
Linear Park Pathway Asphalt/Biking/Running paths in City	204																						
McCamly Park 10 W. Washington Ave.	2																						
McCrea Park 190 McCrea Dr.	19																						
Meachem Park 80 Meachum St.	1																						
Metcalfe Lake 4575 Baseline Rd.	160																						
Mill Race Park 11 Capital Ave. SW	2																						
Minges Park 435 Lincoln Hills Dr.	5																						
Monument Park 110 E. Michigan Ave.	3																						
Piper Park 260 Sherman Rd.	7																						
Post Park 800 E. Michigan Ave.	7.5																						
Prairieview Park 1675 Iroquois	3																						
Prospect Park 1120 Pittenhouse	2																						
Quaker Park 135 Fremont St.	5																						
Riverside Park 650 Riverside Dr.	80																						
Stellrecht Park 85 Bennett St.	4																						
Wave Park SE corner of W. Michigan & McCamly	1																						
Westlake Park 1894 S. 24th St.	5																						
Willard Beach Park 50 George B Place	16																						
Woodland Park 14175 Helmer Rd. & 2518 Gethings Rd.	144																						

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Equipment and Facility Inventory

Table 3-2

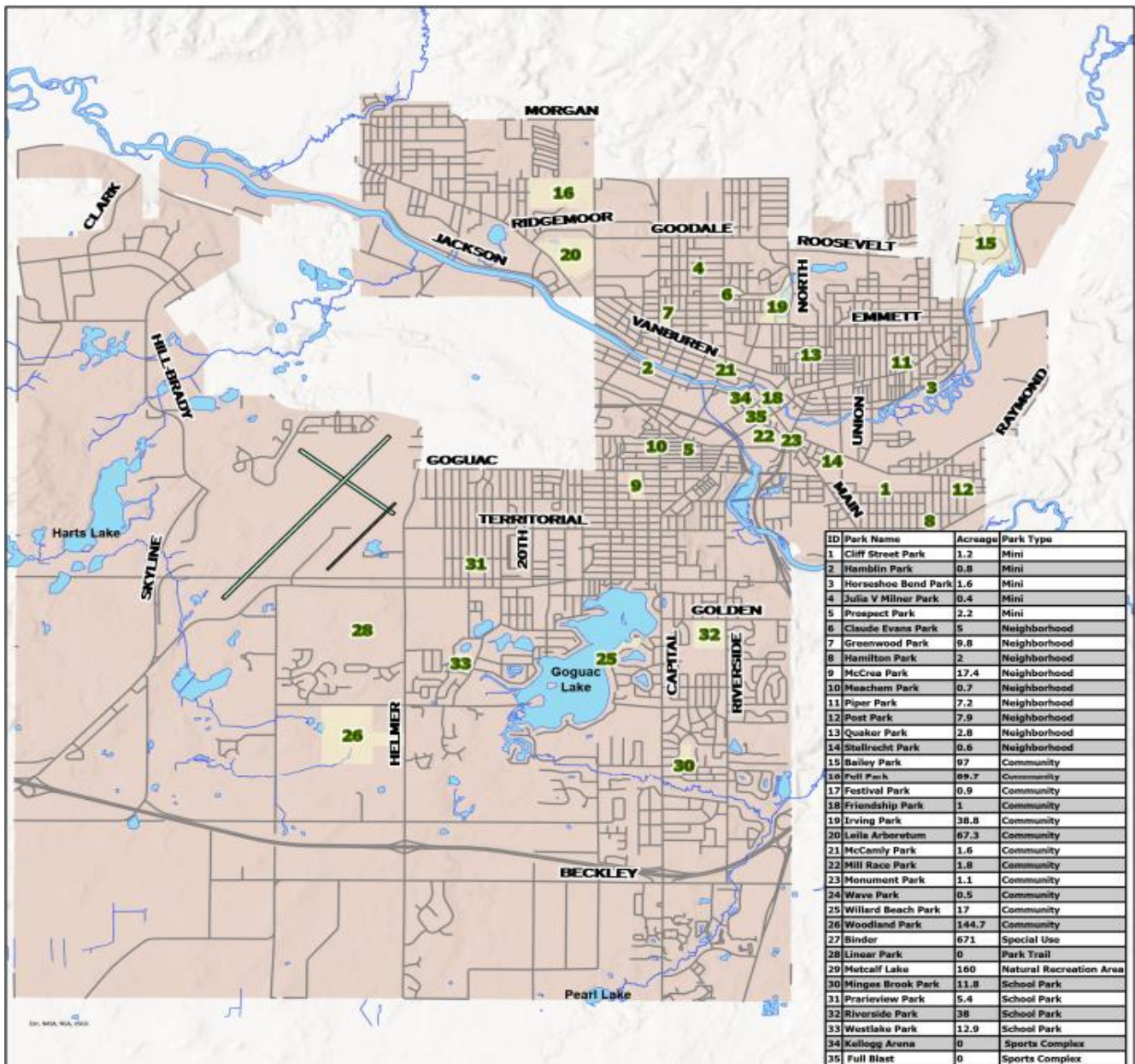
	Outdoor Facilities		Picnic Area/Picnic Table		Pavillion/Shelter	Grill	Garbage Can	Dog Waste Dispensers	Fuse Boxes - Power Pole	Drinking Fountain	Benches	Bike Rack	Storage Building	Fire Pit	Restrooms	Natural Resource Area	Beach	Water Access	Decorative Fountain	Designated Parking Area	Surfaced Pathways	Signs	Informative	Identification	Instructional	Ordinance	Rules	Donor Plaque	Other	Playground Equipment	Whirls	Swings Sets	Slide	Monkey Bars	Climbers	Spring Animals	Sandboxes	Play Structure	Teeter Totters	Sand Digger	Tire Swing	Tot Swings	Tetherball/Funnel Ball	
Festival Park		17	1			8														1				1																				
Friendship						12		1		15										1	1			1						1														
McCamly						3		1		19										1	1			3						2														
Mill Race Park		2				10				15									1	1	1		1	1			1										1							
Wave Park		4				1								1					1																									
Hamilton		2	1			2				2											1																	1						
Post		4	1	2	2					8										1	1			14											1						1			
Sam J Stellrecht						1				2										1	1			1													1				1			
Monument						2		1		5									1	1			2	1				7																
Cliff Street																																												
Horseshoe		2				1					3									1	1			1													1				1			
Piper		5	2	2	9					5	1										1			2			2									1	2				4			
Quaker		1				1				2											1			2						5						1		1	2		1			
Bailey (All)		85	4	6	70				3	21	2	2		4				1		8	1														1	3	1		1	5	3	1	1	8
Julia V Milner						1																		1												1						1		
Claude Evans		16	2	4	22					8		1		1						1	1			1	2		5	1								1	1	2			2			
Greenwood		1				1	2				2										1															1		1			1	2		
Irving		7	2				6			7	1								1	1	1			1													1		1		1			
Fell		4	1	1	4					2					1						1	1			1													1						
Leila Arboretum		14	2			11		1		6									1	2	1			7	2			2	1															
Hamblin		1				1	1																																			1		
Prospect																																												
McCrea		2	1				2				4									1	1																							
Meachem		2					2				2										1			1																	1	1		
Prairieview		6	1				3				2	1									1			1													3	1	1	1	1	1		
Westlake		1	1				3				5										1																		2	1		1		
Willard Beach		74	5	14	28	1			1		2	1		2			1	1		3	1			1	1	1	2	5										1						
Minges Brook		7	1	1			1			1										1	1			1			1											1	1					
Riverside		3	1			8	4	1		10	4	2								2	1			5	1		1	4										3	1			1		
Woodland							2									1				2				1	2																			
Linear Park		6	1				1			2	0									12	1			2				1	7															
Metcalf Lake																1		1		1																								
Full Blast											2	5								2								1																
Kellogg Arena												4		4						1								1																
Binder Park Golf Course											1	2		3						1								1																

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Equipment and Facility Inventory continued

Table 3-2

	Indoor Facilities	Jogging Track	Gymnasiums	Multi-Purpose Room	Swimming Pool/Water Park	Theater/Auditorium	Fitness Area	Batting Cages	Sport Area	Basketball Goals	Ball Diamonds	Enclosed Dugouts	Uncovered Dugouts	Players Bench	Sledding Hill	Sand Volleyball Court	Shuffleboard	Soccer Goal	Stadium/Track	Horseshoe Pits	Disc Golf	Concession Buildings	Bleachers	Scoreboard	Athletic Field Lighting
Festival Park																									
Friendship																									
McCamly																									
Mill Race Park																									
Wave Park																									
Hamilton											1			2											
Post										2															
Sam J Stellrecht										2															
Monument																									
Cliff Street																									
Horseshoe																									
Piper											1			2	1										
Quaker																									
Bailey (All)											12	10	14	48		4			1			2	23	11	11
Julia V Milner																									
Claude Evans										4	1			2									5		
Greenwood										1															
Irving																				1	1				
Fell											2														
Leila Arboretum																					1				
Hamblin																									
Prospect																									
McCrea										1	2			4	1										
Meachem										1															
Prairieview										1	1							2							
Westlake										2	1							2							
Willard Beach																1						1			
Minges Brook										1	1							2							
Riverside										2	3							8							
Woodland																									
Linear Park																									
Metcalf Lake																									
Full Blast		1	3	1	1		1	2		4									1			2	8	3	
Kellogg Arena			1			1				2												7		4	
Binder Park Golf Course															1							1			

Map 3-1



**City of Battle Creek
Parks and Recreation
Master Plan 2023
City-Owned Parks and Facilities**



City of Battle Creek GIS
Department
10 North Division Street
Battle Creek, Michigan 49014



Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
Summary of Local School by Type

Table 3-3

	School Name	School Type	Acreage
B	Ann J. Kellogg	Elementary	5
B	Dudley	Elementary	10
B	Franklin	Elementary	3
B	Fremont	Elementary	4
B	Lamora Park	Elementary	20
B	Urbandale	Elementary	5
B	Valleyview	Elementary	7
B	Verona	Elementary	6
L	Minges Brook	Elementary	14
L	Prairieview	Elementary	7
L	Riverside	Elementary	80
L	Westlake	Elementary	12
P	Calhoun Community	Elem/Middle/HS/Private	14
P	St. Joseph	Elementary/Middle/Private	4
P	Battle Creek Christian	Elementary/Middle/Private	5
B	BC STEM Innovation	Middle	9
P	Calhoun Christian	Elementary/Middle/Private	16
C	Arbor Academy	Charter	4
C	Endeavor Academy	Charter	5
B	Northwestern	Middle	15
B	Springfield Middle	Middle	45
L	Lakeview	Middle	46
	Math & Science Center	High School	7
	West Michigan Virtual	Middle/High School	1
P	Battle Creek Academy	K-12 Private	43
	CACC	High School	25
P	St. Philip	High School – Private	4
B	Battle Creek Central	High School – Public	32
B	W.K. Kellogg Prep	High School – Public	4
L	Lakeview	High School - Public	60
K	Kellogg Community College	Community College	110
	Total		622

Key to letters

B= Battle Creek Public Schools

L= Lakeview School District

P = Private School

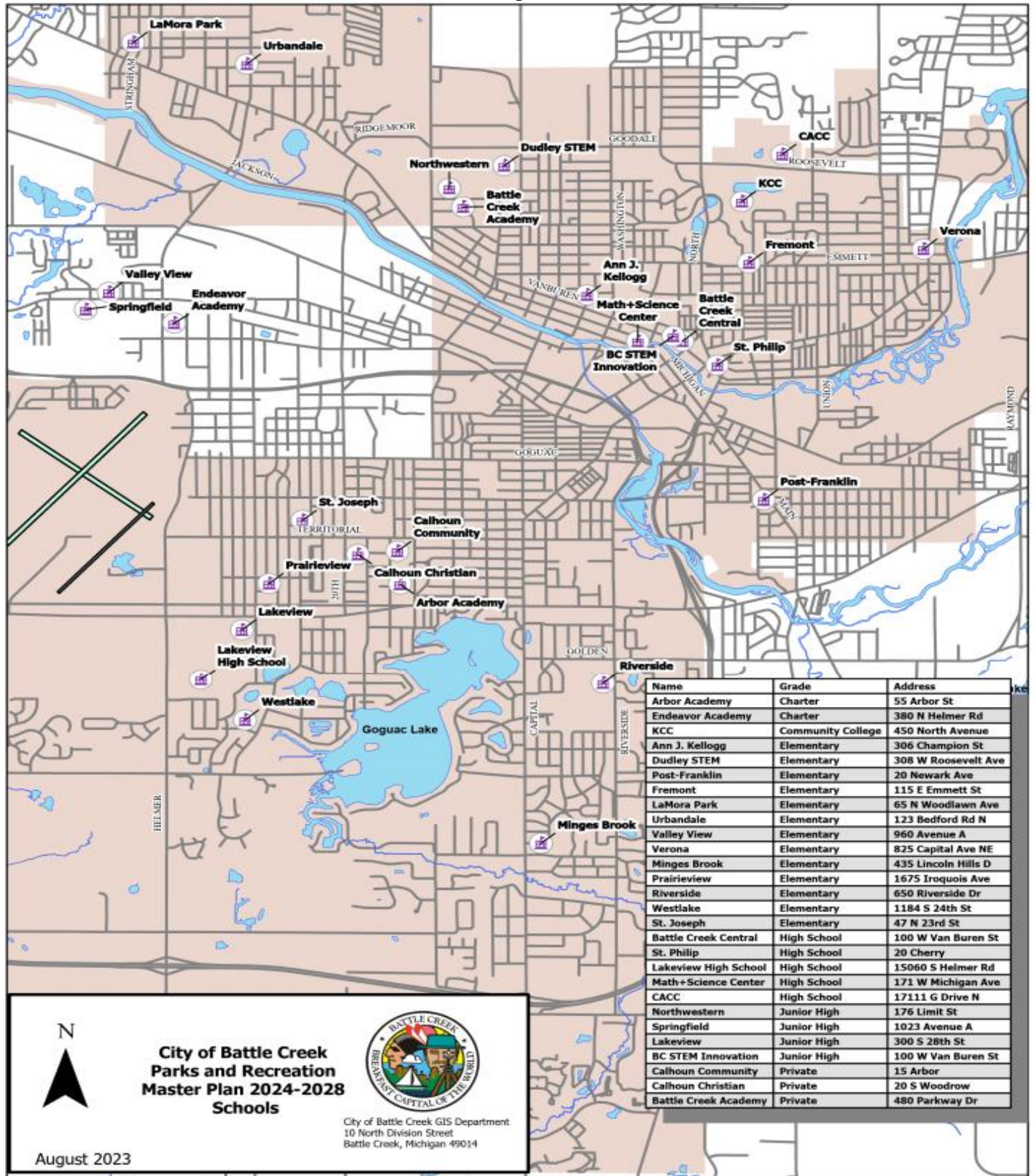
C= Charter School

K= Kellogg Community College

Table 3-4

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Equipment and Facility Inventory by School System							
	Battle Creek School District	Lakeview School District	Charter Schools	Private Schools	Community College	Other	Total
INDOOR FACILITIES							
Gym	12	8	1	4	2		27
Multi-Purpose Room	4	2		2	3		11
Swimming Pool	2	1					3
Theater/Auditorium/Stage	7	4		2	1		14
Library	8	6	2	3	1		20
Fitness Area	2	1		3	1		7
Computer Lab	11	9	2	4	9	2	37
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT							
Merry-Go-Round		2		1			3
Swing Sets	25	17	3	8			53
Slides	5	3	1	3			12
Monkey Bars	6	7		1			14
Climbers	16	19	1	1			37
Spring Animals				7			7
Balance Beam	2	3					5
Play Structure	17	12	2	30			61
Teeter Totters	6	1	1	1			9
Other	15	15	2	11			43
OUTDOOR SPORTS AREA							
Basketball Goals	20	9	2	6			37
Baseball Diamonds	11	10		3			24
Softball Diamonds		1					1
Exercise Course		1					1
Tennis Courts	15	12			9		36
Football/Soccer Field	7	17		2	1		27
Stadium/Area/Track	1	1					2
Concessions Building	1	1					2
Bleachers	8	19		3	7		37
Athletic Field Lighting		2					2
OUTDOOR FACILITIES							
Picnic Area/Picnic Tables	11	10	3	5		1	30
Pavilion/Shelter	1	3		1			5
Restrooms	1	3				1	5
Open Space Areas	6	6	2	2	1		17
Drinking Fountain		2					2
Parking	10	9	2	4	7		32
Benches	10	9	2	4	7		31
Bike Rack	28	22	3	2	7		62
Pathways	10	4	1	2			17

Map 3-2





Inventory of Non-Municipal Leisure Providers

Table 3-5

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Bowling Centers</u>		
Bowlero Lanes	963-9121	775 W. Columbia Ave.
M-66 Bowl	962-9597	19794 M-66
<u>Cinemas</u>		
JC Cinema	841-4345	15375 Helmer Rd S
NCG Battle Creek Cinema (Lakeview Square Mall)	979-2225	5775 Beckley Rd
GQT W. Columbia 7	963-3456	2500 W. Columbia Ave.
<u>County Parks</u>		
Historic Bridge Park	781-0784	S. Wattles Rd
Kimball Pines	781-9841	1150 E. Michigan Ave.
<u>Dance</u>		
AGW Conservatory of the Arts	965-6695	410 W. Van Buren St.
Center Stage	979-4500	12898 Beadle Lake Rd
Dance in Motion	968-5468	1650 Goguac St. W
Elite Dance Center	317-1389	693 Capital Ave. SW
In His Steps	753-1568	833 Golden Ave.
Shari Rarick School of Dance	963-0669	1400 W. Columbia Ave.
<u>Fine Arts</u>		
Art Center of Battle Creek	962-9511	265 E. Emmett St.
Battle Creek Youth Orchestra	966-2527	569 E. Hamilton Ln
Brass Band of Battle Creek	789-2222	50 W. Van Buren St.
Music Center of South Central Michigan	963-1911	450 North Ave.
<u>Firearms/Archery</u>		
Southside Sportsman's Club	968-4229	539 Capital Ave. SW
<u>Golf Courses/Driving Ranges/Disc Golf</u>		
Battle Creek Country Club	962-8734	318 Country Club Dr.
Bedford Valley Golf Course	965-3385	23161 Waubascacon Rd
Begg Park Disc Golf Course	962-7215	53 Military St., Springfield
Cedar Creek Golf Club	965-6423	1400 Renton Rd
Custer Greens Golf Course	968-7398	5500 Armstrong Rd
Hit-Em Here	965-5221	1790 E. Columbia Ave.
Marywood Golf Course	968-1168	21310 North Ave.
Oakland Hills Golf Club	965-0809	11619 H Drive North
Riverside Country Club	964-0291	245 E. Columbia Ave.
Springbrook Golf Course	441-7529	1600 Avenue A
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>	<u>Address</u>
Squirrel Hollow Golf Course	979-7277	12111 Helmer Rd S
Kimball Pines	962-3272	1145 Michigan Ave E.



Gyms/Exercise Clubs

Altogether Slimmer-Trimmer U	962-3636	2277 Columbia Ave. W
Battle Creek YMCA	963-9622	182 Capital Ave. NE
Blue Moon Fitness	979-7800	5700 Beckley Rd
Centering Yoga	282-0919	1279 Columbia Ave. W
Cereal City Athletics	www.cerealcityathletics.com	50 W. Michigan Ave.
The Energy Nook	660-1699	51 Michigan Ave. W
Fit in 30	209-5539	2545 Capital Ave. SW
The Fitness Loft	969-8956	200 W. Michigan Ave.
Minges Creek Athletic Club	979-1111	21 Minges Creek Pl.
New Level Sports Ministries	964-4172	400 Michigan Ave.
Planet Fitness	969-9997	294 Highland Ave.

Gymnastics

Branch Gymnastics	963-4770	393 Helmer Rd. N
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Ice Arena

The Rink	963-7465	75 Houston St.
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Martial Arts

Korean Martial Arts	963-5425	1600 Goguac St. W
Kwang's Taekwondo Academy	660-2500	938 W. Columbia Ave.
Mushin Academy of Martial Arts	579-2020	1270 E. Columbia Ave.

Miniature Golf

Hit-Em Here	965-5221	1790 E. Columbia Ave.
Riverview Recreation	965-5221	2000 E. Columbia Ave.

Museums

Historic Adventist Village	965-3000	411 Champion St.
Kimball House Historical Museum	965-2613	196 Capital Ave. NE
Battle Creek Regional History Museum	968-8573	307 Jackson St. W
Kingman Museum of Natural History	965-5117	175 Limit St.
Fantasy Forest	969-0270	928 Michigan Ave.

Nature Centers/Zoos

Binder Park Zoo	979-1351	7400 Division Dr
Grever's Nature Center	781-1250	12369 Verona Rd
Kalamazoo Nature Center	381-1574	7000 N. Westnedge Ave.
Ott Biological Reserve	781-0782	End of Arlington Ave.

Other

Battle Creek Bombers	962-0735	189 Bridge St.
Kool Family Community Center (Burnham Brook Center)	965-0000	200 W. Michigan Ave.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>	<u>Address</u>
Leila Arboretum Society	969-0270	928 W. Michigan Ave.
Wattles Park Men's Club	965-6300	144 S. Wattles Rd



Outdoor/Adventure Recreation

Buffalo Campground	964-7295	13705 Renton Rd
Climb Kalamazoo	385-9891	136 S. Burdick
Excalibur Paintball	963-3925	10580 Gorsline Rd
Fort Custer State Recreation Area	731-4200	5163 Fort Custer Dr
Hideaway Hills	753-1180	21901 Collier Ave.
Sub Aquatic Sports & Service	968-8551	347 Helmer Rd N
Team Active Cycling and Fitness	962-7688	22 W. Michigan Ave.

Therapeutic Recreation

CIR (Community Inclusive Recreation)	968-8249	331 Jackson St. W
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**Non-Municipal Recreation and Leisure Services in the
Battle Creek Area**

Table 3-6

	Youth	Adult	Sr	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Specific Time	Special Event
<u>Binder Park Zoo</u>								
Camps								
FAWN Playgroup	*					*	*	
Safari Day Camp	*				*		*	
Overnight Programs								
Family Safari Slumber Party	*	*	*			*	*	
Overnight Safari	*				*		*	
Zoo Snooze	*				*		*	
School Programs								
Big Zoo Lesson	*	*	*					*
Special Events								
Birthday Parties	*			*				*
Bonteboktoberfest		*	*					*
Cheetah Chase	*	*	*					*
Corks for Conservation		*	*					*
Members' Breakfast	*	*	*					*
Sunset on Savanna		*	*					*
Twiga Giraffe Experience	*	*	*					*
ZooBoo	*	*	*					*
Zoorassic Park	*	*	*					*
Zoo Lights	*	*	*					*
Wildlife Management Events								
Zoo Teens		*	*	*			*	
Community Inclusive Recreation								
Arts & Music								
ETC Arts Glass & Jewelry		*	*		1		*	
Painting	*	*	*		1		*	
Dancing	*	*	*		1		*	
Music Lover's	*	*	*		1		*	
Athletics								
Disc Golf		*	*		1		*	
Kickball Classic	*	*	*					*
M-66 Bowling League		*	*		1		*	
Enrichment								
Adventure Club		*	*				*	



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Cooking	*	*	*		1		*	
Game Night		*	*		1		*	
Life Skills		*	*		1		*	
Fitness								
Music Fitness	*	*	*		1		*	*
Swimming	*	*	*		1		*	
Walking Club	*	*	*		1		*	
Water Aerobics Class	*	*	*		1			
Outings/Socials								
Airway Lanes	*	*	*				*	*
Alligator Sanctuary	*	*	*				*	*
Binder Park Zoo	*	*	*				*	*
Battle Jacks Game	*	*	*				*	*
Fall Into the Arts	*	*	*					*
Leilapalooza	*	*	*					*
Post Band	*	*	*					*
Renaissance Festival	*	*	*					*
The Rink								
Drop in Hockey	*	*			2		*	
Learn to Skate	*	*			1		*	
Open Skate	*	*				*	*	
Over 30 Hockey League		*			2			
KCC's Division of Lifelong Learning								
Arts & Hobbies								
Crafting a Spring Burlap Wreath		*	*				*	
Golf Fitness		*	*		*		*	
Beach Glass class		*	*		*		*	
Beginning Acoustic Guitar		*	*		*		*	
Beginning Knitting - Part 1		*	*		*		*	
Drone Photography Adventure		*	*		*		*	
Beginning Knitting - Part 2		*	*				*	
Sew Fun! Beginning Sewing		*	*				*	
Painting a Welcome Peeps Porch Sign		*	*		*		*	
Learn to Flyfish		*	*		*		*	
Quilt Shop Hop		*	*		*		*	
Mason Jar String Art Workshop		*	*		*		*	
Love Where You Live		*	*		*		*	
Knit a Lacy Spring Scarf		*	*		*		*	
The Wonderful Watercolors		*	*				*	
Let's Create a Hoop Pocket Spring Door Hanger		*	*		*		*	



Discover Tunisian Crochet		*	*		*		*	
It's a Paint Party: Barn		*	*		*		*	
Sew Exciting! Beginning Sewing - Part 2		*	*		*		*	
It's a Paint Party: Truck		*	*		*		*	
Business								
Erase Yourself from the Internet		*	*				*	
File Management & Back Up Basics		*	*				*	
Cooking		*	*				*	
Starting Gardens Early		*	*				*	
Food for Fitness with Cooking Demo		*	*				*	
Let's Get Planted		*	*				*	
Nutrition Essentials		*	*				*	
Day Trips								
BC Regional History Museum		*	*				*	
Quilt Shop Hop		*	*				*	
Fitness								
Loosen Up with Linda		*	*		3		*	
Chair Yoga		*	*		1-2		*	
Discover Tai Chi		*	*		*		*	
Loosen Up with Linda		*	*		3		*	
Hatha Yoga		*	*		*		*	
Lunch Yoga		*	*		*		*	
Golf Fitness		*	*		*		*	
Yin Yoga for Stress Relief		*	*		*		*	
Myths of the Asanas: Deepen Your Yoga Practice		*	*				*	
Wellness Hikes		*	*		*		*	
Introduction to Tap Dance		*	*		*		*	
Pickleball Players		*	*		*		*	
Pickleball Players - Session 2		*	*		*		*	
Healthy Living								
Nutrition Essentials		*	*				*	
Ditch Sugar for Good!		*	*					
The Energy of Color		*	*				*	
Empower Your Empathy!		*	*				*	
Numerology for Fun & Success		*	*				*	
Love Where you Live		*	*		*		*	
Food for Fitness with Cooking Demo		*	*				*	
Guided Meditation for Weight Loss		*	*				*	



Introduction to Meditation		*	*				*	
Intuitive Stone Readings		*	*				*	
History		*	*				*	
History of Women in 100 Objects - Part 1		*	*				*	
The Impact of Rosie the Riveter		*	*				*	
The Presidents Children		*	*				*	
America's First Ladies		*	*				*	
Great Lakes Shipwrecks		*	*				*	
BC Regional History Museum		*	*				*	
Murder in the First Degree: Famous Michigan Murders		*	*				*	
Armchair Travel Series: The British Isles		*	*				*	
The Civil War Part 2: Changing Nature of the War		*	*				*	
The California Days of Ralph Waldo Emerson		*	*				*	
Language								
Conversational Spanish for Travelers		*	*				*	
Money & Financial Health								
Retirement Planning		*	*		*		*	
Investing for the Future		*	*				*	
Estate Planning 101		*	*				*	
Movie		*	*				*	
Film Classics Study: Betty Hutton		*	*				*	
Music								
Beginning Acoustic Guitar		*	*				*	
The Rise of Girl Groups		*	*				*	
Professional Development								
Discover the Google Drive Suite		*	*				*	
Caregiver Celebration!		*	*				*	
Technology								
Drone Photography Adventures		*	*				*	
Erase Yourself from the Internet		*	*				*	
File Management & Back Up Basics		*	*				*	
Discover the Google Drive Suite		*	*				*	
Youth Programs Ages 5-8								
Mini Cake Boss: Adult & Child	*	*	*				*	
Little Spikers: Adult & Child	*	*	*				*	



Youth Programs Ages 12-18							
CPR & First Aid	*					*	
SafeSitter Essentials-Babysitting	*					*	
Study Skills for Teens	*					*	
Youth Programs Ages 10-14							
ROBLOX	*					*	
Theatre Camp: Matilda	*					*	
ROBLOX Coders & Entrepreneurs	*					*	
Minecraft	*					*	
Minecraft Modders	*					*	
Pickleball Camp	*					*	
Minecraft Redstone Engineers	*					*	
Coding Week	*					*	
Cyber Spies	*					*	
Python Programmers	*					*	
Make It & Take It : DIY Jewelry	*					*	
Bonjour! A Trip to France	*					*	
Beats and Jams: Digital Music Creators	*					*	
Creators Week	*					*	
Learn to Knit!	*					*	
YouTube Content Creators	*					*	
Youth Programs Ages 14-18						*	
Summer Training Program: Strength, Speed & Agility	*					*	
Theatre Camp: Matilda	*					*	
A Day in the Life: Skilled Trades	*					*	
A Day in the Life: Public Safety	*					*	
A Day in the Life: Nursing, Dental Hygiene & Allied Health	*					*	
A Day in the Life: Early Childhood & Teacher Education	*					*	
Aviation Discovery Camp	*					*	
A Day in the Life: Business & Computer Information Technology	*					*	
Youth Programs Ages 8-12							
Astronaut Training Camp	*					*	
S'more Fun! Camping Crafts	*					*	
Grossology: The Science of Gross Stuff	*					*	
Super Scientists	*					*	



Just Beachy! Beach Themed Arts & Crafts	*						*	
Sew Perfect! Sewing for Beginners	*						*	
Water Works Art	*						*	
Dinosaurs & Paleontology	*						*	
Art Smart: Drawing Basics	*						*	
Pizza Garden	*						*	
Shark Squad	*						*	
Life in the Artic	*						*	
Youth Programs Ages 8-14								
Exciting Edible Art	*						*	
Be a Cake Boss! Cake Decorating	*						*	
Make It & Take It: DIY Room Décor	*						*	
Paint Party! Llama	*						*	
Make It & Take It: Spa Party!	*						*	
Paint Party! Octopus	*						*	
Christmas in July: Christmas Crafts	*						*	
Christmas in July: Gingerbread Houses	*						*	
Christmas in July: Beginning Embroidery	*						*	
Christmas in July: Sweets & Treats	*						*	
Make It & Take It: Fidgets, Poppers & Spinners	*						*	
Kool Family Community Center		-						
Games								
Billiards		*	*	*				
Cards & Games		*	*	*				
Music								
Lew Boyd Band		*	*					
Riverside Connection		*	*					
Voice & Horn		*	*					
Recreational & Fitness Activities								
Biking		*	*		*			
Golfing		*	*			*		
Dancing		*	*		*			
New Level Sport Ministries								
Education & Enrichment								
After School Program	*				5			
Camp I Can	*							
Sports								
Baseball/Softball	*							



Basketball	*						
Cheerleading	*						
Football	*						
Golf	*						
Track & Field	*						
Family Y-Center							
Aquatics Programs & Classes							
Aqua Zumba	*	*	*				
Deep Water Swim	*	*	*				
Family Swim	*	*	*				
Lifeguard Class	*	*					
Pre-Natal Fitness in the Therapy Pool		*					
Swimming Lessons	*						
Theraeutic Swim	*	*	*				
Twinges	*	*	*				
Water Aerobics Class	*	*	*				
Child Care							
Lemon Tree Pre-School	*			*			
YMCA Child Watch	*			*			
Group Fitness							
Band, Core, & More	*	*	*		*		
B.O.A	*	*	*		2		
Bokwa	*	*	*		*		
Bootcamp	*	*	*		*		
Boxing on Adrenaline		*			*		
Butt & Gut	*	*	*		*		
Cardio Drumming	*	*	*		5		
Cardio Tone		*			*		
Cardio Tennis	*	*	*		*		
Chair Yoga		*	*		*		
Double Step	*	*	*		*		
Hi-Lo Areobics		*			*		
Hula Hooping		*	*		*		
Indoor Cycling	*	*	*		3		
Indoor Cycling & Lift		*	*		2		
Kettleball		*			*		
Kickboxing Circuit	*	*	*		*		
Kids Fit	*	*	*		*		
LiteFit	*	*	*		*		
Metabolic Circuit	*	*	*		*		
PiYo	*	*	*		2		



Power Circuit	*	*	*		2			
Pro Performance		*	*		*			
P90X		*			*			
Silverstars		*	*		2			
Stretch	*	*	*		2			
Strong Bodies		*			*			
SWAT	*	*	*		*			
Tabata	*	*	*		*			
Tang soo do	*	*	*		*			
X-Fit		*			*			
Y-Pump		*	*		2			
Yoga	*	*	*		3			
Yoga for Fitness	*	*	*		*			
Zumba	*	*	*		*			
Literacy & Other Programs								
English as a Second Language (ESL)	*	*	*					
G.E.D. Prep	*	*						
Literacy Education	*	*	*					
Sports & Programs								
Basketball	*							
Basketball Academy	*				3			
Baseball	*							
Cereal City Classic Run	*	*	*					*
Corporate Cup	*							
Group Weight Training for Teens	*							
Racquetball	*							
Soccer	*							
Swimming	*							
Tang Soo Do	*	*			2			
Tennis	*				1-2		*	
Triathlon Training		*	*					
Volleyball	*							
Wellness Programs								
Health screening								
Massage Therapy								
Pre-Natal Fitness								
Wattles Park Men's Club								
Basketball	*				*		*	
Baseball/Softball	*				*		*	
Fall/Spring Soccer	*				*		*	
Floor Hockey	*				*		*	
Indoor Soccer	*				*		*	



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Indoor Baseball	*				*		*	
Lacrosse	*				*		*	
Pickleball	*				*		*	
Volleyball	*				*		*	



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Parks and Recreation Program Offerings

Table 3-7

Season	Program	Season	Program
Summer	Summer Aquatics	Winter	Parents Night Out
	Golf and Youth Golf		Youth Volleyball League
	Claude Evans Basketball		Youth Basketball
	Volleyball Camp		Youth Indoor Flag Football
	Kidventure Camp		Youth Floor Hockey
	Adult Baseball		Winter Break Camp
	Baseball Tournaments		BC Kings Floor Hockey
	Softball Tournaments		IFH Tournament
	Adult Men's Softball		Start Smart Basketball
	Youth Baseball		Youth Indoor Soccer
	Fast Pitch Softball		Tiny Tot Floor Hockey
	Little Tyke T-Ball		Virtual School
	Co-Ed Adult Softball		Learn to Skate
	Start Smart Golf		Learn to Play Hockey
Fall	Co-Ed Adult Softball	Spring	Co-Ed Adult Softball
	Flag Football		Lock-Ins
	Adult Men's Softball		Youth Individual Baseball
	Learn to Play Hockey		Spring Break Camp
	Learn to Skate		Flag Football
	Puppy Plunge		Adult Men's Softball
	Virtual School		Start Smart Indoor Soccer
	Adult Softball Tournament		Virtual School
	Soccer		Soccer
	Baseball Training Camp	Year Round	Fitness Memberships
Start Smart Sports Development			Birthday Parties
			Court Rentals
			Batting Cage Rentals
			Tournament Rentals

Barrier Free Evaluation

Since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all public service areas are required to be built with barrier-free accommodations. The following is an evaluation of the barrier-free status of the various parks and recreation facilities identified in Table 3-1. Each park or facility is accompanied by an accessibility ranking as defined under: *Recreation Inventory, Subsection 4. Accessibility Assessments* in the State of Michigan's 2016 *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* (see http://www.michigan.gov/documents/IC1924_149265_7.pdf).

Accessibility Rankings

- 1 = None of the park/facility areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = Some of the park/facility areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = Most of the park/facility areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Also included is information regarding the necessary transition steps needed to bring non-conforming parks and facilities into compliance. Improvements are expected to take place at the next renovation of the park or facility in question. All improvements are expected to comply with ADA standards.

Mini-Parks

- **Cliff Street** (Accessibility Ranking = 1)
 - Cliff Street serves primarily as a community garden. No additional recreation amenities exist at the Park. Access to the park is not of barrier-free design.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- **Hamblin** (Accessibility Ranking = 1)
 - Hamblin has a limited number of play structures and minimal open space. Minimal street parking is available. Access to the park is not of barrier-free design and the park's equipment is not accessible.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- **Horseshoe Bend** (Accessibility Ranking = 2)
 - Horseshoe Bend is adjacent to a section of the city's Linear Park trail system. Barrier-free parking is available with a small turf surface from the parking area to the play structures. The playground includes a sand surface that is not barrier-free.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.

- Julia V. Milner (Accessibility Ranking = 2)
 - Milner Park is not accessible from the street due to the lack of a barrier-free curb cut. Beyond the curb, an asphalt path, consisting of ADA-compliant wood-particle surfacing, allows for access to play structures.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- Prospect (Accessibility Ranking = 1)
 - Prospect is a mini-park containing minimal open space and no usable equipment.
 - Any anticipated future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.

Neighborhood Parks

- Claude Evans (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Claude Evans has parking areas that allow for barrier-free access to all park equipment and facilities, via hard-surface path. The restroom facilities are ADA-compliant. All fall-zone and playground surfacing is ADA-compliant pea stone.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Greenwood (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Greenwood has parking areas that allow for barrier-free access to all park equipment and facilities, via hard-surface path. All fall-zone and playground surfacing is ADA-compliant wood particle.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Hamilton (Accessibility Ranking = 3)
 - Hamilton has street parking. Barrier-free pathways are available to access equipment. Playground and fall-zone areas are compliant with wood particle.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- McCrea (Accessibility Ranking = 2)
 - McCrea's accessibility is limited by a lack of barrier-free curb cuts adjacent to parking areas. The park's basketball courts are not accessible however tennis courts and a shelter are serviced by barrier-free curb cuts and a hard-surface path to the shelter.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.

- Meachem **(Accessibility Ranking = 3)**
 - Although minimal street parking is available at Meachem, accessibility exists from the street to the park. A paved pathway provides barrier-free access to all recreation elements in the park and the playground area includes ADA-compliant wood-particle surfacing.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Piper **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Piper Park is accessible via curb cuts and a hard-surface trail network throughout. The two picnic shelters have a concrete base and are serviced by hard-surface path. All playground elements are surfaced with ADA-compliant wood-particle.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Post **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Post is accessible via curb cuts adjacent to parking areas and a hard-surface trail system. All the park's facilities are barrier-free.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Quaker **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Quaker has barrier-free street parking and all playground facilities are ADA compliant with wood particle. Signage within the park with information regarding its historic nature is accessible.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Sam J. Stellrecht **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Parking at Stellrecht is adjacent to the Franklin Neighborhood Center. All recreation facilities within the park are ADA-compliant.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.

Community Parks/Community-Sports Complex

- Bailey **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Bailey has numerous parking areas, all of which are accessible to either hard-surfaced pathways or ADA-compliant surfaced pathways. Two play areas, along with a picnic shelter have ADA-compliant surfacing.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- Fell **(Accessibility Ranking = 3)**
 - Fell Park is served by a section of the city's linear path which is ADA compliant. There are however no hard-surfaced pathways connecting visitors to restrooms and playgrounds areas that are ADA-compliant.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.

- Festival Market Square **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Festival Market Square is adjacent to accessible parking areas. The staging area in the park is accessible via a hard surfaced path and a barrier-free seating area.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Friendship **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Friendship Park is adjacent to accessible parking areas. The staging area in the park is accessible via a hard-surfaced path and a barrier-free seating area.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Irving **(Accessibility Ranking = 2)**
 - Irving is served by a single accessible parking lot. The park has a hard-surfaced path. Play areas in the park are not ADA-compliant and other features such as benches, flower gardens, and a pond offer only limited accessibility.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- Leila Arboretum **(Accessibility Ranking = 3)**
 - Leila Arboretum was established for the natural preservation and study of plants, shrubs, and trees. The arboretum is owned by the City, but is managed by a private non-profit agency. Due to the nature of the park, full ADA compliance would strain its functionality. Certain facilities, such as areas of parking and some sidewalks are accessible.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- McCamly **(Accessibility Ranking = 3)**
 - McCamly is served by an accessible parking lot used for an adjacent business. Hard-surfaced pathways in the park are accessible via curb cuts. A stage in the center is not ADA-compliant.
 - Actions needed to bring the park into compliance will be incorporated into future renovations.
- Mill Race Park **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Mill Race Park is accessible via curb cuts and a hard-surface trail network throughout. All playground elements are surfaced with ADA-compliant material.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.

- Monument **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Monument has limited parking. The park has a hard-surfaced path, accessible from the parking area via curb cuts. The park is home to several monuments of historic significance to the community. Barrier-free accommodations are available in the appropriate areas.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Wave Park **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Wave Park is accessible via curb cuts adjacent to parking areas. All the parks facilities are barrier-free.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Willard Beach **(Accessibility Ranking = 3)**
 - Willard Beach is served by a large main parking area. Two of the parks three pavilions are barrier-free and two sets of restrooms are barrier-free. A handicapped parking area is located close by that provides access to the beach.
 - Any future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free design.
- Woodland **(Accessibility Ranking = 2)**
 - Woodland is served by two accessible parking areas. The park is currently being used primarily for passive leisure and natural resource observation.
 - The department's master plan for the park includes a network of trails that would be ADA-compliant.

Special Use/Park Trail

- Binder **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - Binder Park is home to the 27-hole Binder Park Golf Course. The course is currently ADA compliant.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.
- Linear Park/Greenways **(Accessibility Ranking = 4)**
 - The city's Linear Park includes approximately 22 miles of hard-surfaced pathway. The Linear Path and all City owned property adjacent to the Linear Path is designated park land. Barrier-free parking is available at many locations along the path.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.

Natural Resource Areas

- Metcalf Lake **(Accessibility Ranking = 1)**
 - Metcalf Lake is currently an underdeveloped natural resource area previously gifted to the city.
 - A preliminary master plan for the area includes improvements that incorporate barrier-free designs.

School Parks

- Minges Brook (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Minges Brook Park is currently ADA compliant.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.
- Prairieview (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Prairieview Park is currently ADA compliant.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.
- Riverside (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Riverside Park is currently ADA compliant.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.
- Westlake (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Westlake Park is currently ADA compliant.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.

Indoor Facilities

- Full Blast (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Full Blast is a multi-faceted family community recreation center. It has three gymnasiums, indoor and outdoor water parks, two general multi-purpose rooms, a fitness center and jogging track, concessions and locker rooms. The facility is utilized year-round for recreation programming and community use with the exception of the water parks which are open primarily during the summer months. The facility is currently ADA compliant with the exception of Braille signage for people with visual disabilities.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.
- Kellogg Arena (Accessibility Ranking = 4)
 - Kellogg Arena is a multi-functional regional meetings, conventions, and sports/concert venue. There is barrier-free parking adjacent and barrier-free access to bathrooms and drinking fountains were added. While the Arena's bleachers are not entirely barrier-free, accommodations are made for visitors at every event.
 - All future developments are expected to incorporate barrier-free designs.

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

Table 3-8 briefly identifies a complete list of each park/facility which was partially or completely acquired or developed with DNR grant money by the City of Battle Creek and its Parks and Recreation Department as identified by the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Michigan.

For each grant, summary information is provided regarding the scope and current status of the park or facility and the related improvements.

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
DNR Grant Inventory 1965-2023

Table 3-8

Project No.	Project Title/Park Name	Type	Year	Amount
26-00099	Willard Beach Park	Development	1965	\$58,674.50
26-01023 X2	Bailey Park	Development	1977	\$65,516.88
26-01023 Y2	Fell Park	Development	1977	\$28,960.62
TF617	Linear Park	Dev./Acquist.	1982	\$995,000.00
26-01315	Binder Park Zoo	Development	1984	\$152,000.00
26-01480	Willard Beach Park	Development	1989	\$168,750.00
TF89-095	Bailey Park Renovation	Development	1989	\$375,000.00
BF89-457	Parks Quality Improvement	Development	1989	\$276,210.00
BF 93-182	Neighborhood Park Improvement	Development	1994	\$371,000.00
CM99-188	Piper Park Renovation	Development	1999	\$300,000.00
TF99-187	Southside Park Land Purchase	Acquisition	1999	\$500,000.00
BF00-149	Leila Arboretum Improvements	Development	2000	\$250,000.00
TF03-107	Bailey Park Improvements	Development	2003	\$229,300.00
TF13-010	Willard Park Beach Relocation	Development	2013	\$300,000.00

Grant Inventory

Willard Beach Park (1965)

Type: Development

Project Scope: Currently, records do not exist that provide specific details on the scope of this particular project.

Current Condition: Willard beach remains a well-utilized local recreation asset.

Modifications: The park has received several modifications and upgrades over the years all designed to improve the user experience.

Bailey Park (1977)

Type: Development

Project Scope: The project included the addition of restrooms, concessions and lighting.

Current Condition: Not applicable (see modifications below)

Modifications: The original improvements have since been replaced with newer, more modern, ADA-compliant facilities.

Fell Park (1977)

Type: Development

Project Scope: The project included the addition of restrooms to the park.

Current Condition: The original restrooms have since been renovated and improved to comply with accessibility standards.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Linear Park (1982)

Type: Acquisition

Property Purchased: The project included multiple purchases throughout portions of the community including property consolidated by the railroad along the city's downtown

riverfront, property formerly owned by Consumer's Energy running from Spring Lake to Bailey Park and property along Wagner Drive. Other smaller miscellaneous pieces at various locations were also purchased.

Current Use: All of the purchased property currently serves the city's Linear Park. The Linear Park system is heavily used by a large and diverse group of local residents.

Recreation Facilities: The property purchased has since been improved with hard-surface pathways. A portion of the property purchased along the riverfront, with the approval of the Trust Fund Board, has since been sold to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which continues to provide the property for public recreation use.

Binder Park Zoo (1984)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included the construction of an entrance road and large surface parking lot.

Current Condition: The road and parking lot are currently in good condition.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed. The parking lot has since been expanded.

Willard Beach Park (1989)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included the new construction of a beach front building designed to house restrooms, concessions and dedicated rooms for beach lifeguards. A previously existing diving area was removed from the beach and tongue and groove ceiling material was added to the underneath side of the main shelter/pavilion at the beach.

Current Condition: The building and improved shelter are currently in good condition and readily used by the public. Some general maintenance will be required in the immediate future.

Modifications: No items have been removed. Plexiglas panels have been added to the beach front building.

Bailey Park Renovation (1989)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included the construction of fully fenced 6,000 seat baseball stadium with irrigation, field lighting, scoreboard, dugouts, restrooms, concessions, press box area and open concourse. Additionally, a four (4) field (quad) softball complex was constructed including fencing, restrooms, scoreboard and concessions housed in a separate building.

Current Condition: Currently, the stadium serves as the home to the minor league Battle Creek Bombers and is used for various other events throughout the summer months. The stadium is in good general condition. The softball complex is heavily used by local and out-of-town players. It is in generally good condition.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed although additions have been made to the stadium (lighting, seating) to accommodate minor league baseball.

Parks Quality Improvements (1989)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included renovations at three city parks. An additional four (4) field softball complex was added at Bailey parking including lighting, irrigation, fencing and a stand-alone, centrally located building (hub) along with added parking.

New playground equipment and basketball courts, along with renovations to existing restrooms were installed at Claude Evans Park. And a new shelter/pavilion and two (2) individual play areas were added at Irving Park.

Current Condition: All improvements are in good condition requiring only routine maintenance.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Neighborhood Park Improvement (1994)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included renovations at six (6) city parks. Improvements included the addition of playground equipment, site fixtures, landscaping, basketball courts and signage at five parks; site work at four locations; fencing and hard surface paths at three locations; a picnic shelter/pavilion at two parks; two (2) tennis courts at McCrea Park and the addition of sand volley ball courts, soccer goals and a ball field renovation at Greenwood Park.

Current Condition: All improvements are in good condition and well utilized by the public.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Piper Park Renovation (1999)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included the construction of a large, accessible playground area, perimeter hard surface path, two (2) small picnic shelters, drinking fountains, landscaping, a renovation of the existing ball field and associated backstop, park signage and other minor recreation amenities.

Current Condition: The improvements are in good general condition requiring only routine maintenance.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Southside Park Land Purchase (1999)***Type: Acquisition***

Property Purchased: 144 acres on the cities southwest side currently referred to as Woodland Park.

Current Use: The Park is currently being used for general recreation purposes.

Recreation Facilities: Several recreation facilities have been added including two paved parking areas, trail map signage and natural walking paths.

Leila Arboretum Improvements (2000)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included the installation of an irrigation system in a portion of the park, signage detailing native plant species, a gazebo, added parking and walking paths, landscaping improvements and other minor recreation amenities.

Current Condition: All improvements are in good condition and maintained, in part, by a dedicated non-profit organization.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Bailey Park Improvements (2003)***Type: Development***

Project Scope: The project included a boat launch ramp, large, accessible, fenced playground area, parking for cars and boat trailers, a paved pathway with observation



decking along the river, a shelter/pavilion, landscaping improvements and other minor recreation amenities.

Current Condition: All improvements are in good condition and well utilized by the public.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Willard Park Beach Relocation (2013)

Type: Development

Project Scope: The project included an access drive, bathhouse picnic addition, beach relocation, bio-retention basin, decorative fencing, hard surface trails, picnic shelters, relocation of parking/drop off area and volleyball court.

Current Condition: All improvements are in good condition and well utilized by the public.

Modifications: No scope items have been removed.

Section 4 – Administrative Structure



Method

Battle Creek has implemented comprehensive community awareness and involvement programs over the past several years. The programs have resulted in clearer communication between the people and the government regarding community strengths and shortcomings. It has also provided regular feedback on the desires of the people and the responsiveness of the City departments. Each department has benefited by listening first, then taking action to better serve the needs of the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been the leader and the most visible proponent of the citizen involvement process. Many of the projects undertaken by the Parks and Recreation staff have been implemented after receiving considerable input from the citizens. This is especially true regarding neighborhood park improvement projects.

Mission

The Parks and Recreation Department completed an internal strategic planning and mission realignment process. The goal of the effort was to ensure the distribution of departmental resources (both human and financial) in support of mission. Based on input from a variety of citizen-driven initiatives and an internal analysis of customer wants and needs the department refined its mission as follows:

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation is committed

....to providing recreation programs and services that improve the physical health and wellbeing of the individual and the community.

The department has allocated all of its resources to achieving this goal with a particular emphasis on getting young children physically active, creating opportunities for physical activity, and promoting healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices.

Organization

The city of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation services are delivered through the direction of a mayor-led, nine member City Commission. The City Manager serves at the pleasure of the Commission, providing the link between the direct representatives of the citizenry of Battle Creek and the professional staff. A list of the current elected City officials, administrative staff, and master plan advisory committee members may be found in **Figure 4-1**. **Figure 4-2** is the organizational chart for the city of Battle Creek and identifies senior staff leaders and members of the City's strategic leadership team along with supervisory responsibilities.

The Recreation Director reports directly to the City Manager and is a key member of the City's strategic leadership team. An organizational chart for the Parks and Recreation Department is included in **Figure 4-3**. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for providing services in two primary areas to the Battle Creek community; recreation programming and facility management.

Staffing

The organizational chart in **Figure 4-3** shows the organizational structure of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Recreation Director is responsible for the management and programming of the department's recreation center, which includes a Flash Flood Water Park, Bailey Park, Willard Beach, a fitness center, and programming staff. This position also is responsible for marketing and communications. The Binder Park Golf Services Manager is responsible for the operation of the City's 27-hole golf course.

Battle Creek has a full service Parks and Recreation department. There are a total of 12 full-time and over 250 part-time and/or seasonal employees in the park maintenance, customer service, and program assistant functions. Throughout the year there are numerous volunteers that help the department provide its services. Volunteers play a significant role in the delivery of a number of youth sports and camps. Volunteers support both operations and administration for various local, regional, and national athletic and tourism related events and support certain fundraising and other revenue generating activities.

Budget

The budget for the Parks and Recreation Department is \$2,814,782.00 in fiscal year 2024-25. The department is divided up into 19 different business units as noted in **Table 4-1**. Parks and Recreation is partially supported by a subsidy from the City's general fund and derives additional revenue from program fees, services charges, rental and lease agreements, grants, donations and other general fees. The department's overall budget has remained relatively stable in recent years as has its general fund subsidy.

Partnerships

The Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department believes strongly in collaborative partnerships that extend the department's reach and allow it to leverage its limited resources to impact the greatest number of people. The department has worked hard to form partnerships with recreation providers and other like-minded organizations with similar mission directives. The department pursues strategic partnerships that allow it to provide the broadest and best quality recreation services to the people of Battle Creek. Based on established policies, parks and recreation staff have formed dozens of partnerships in recent years, all of which are currently active and are producing positive results for the community. **Table 4-3** provides an overview of the department's various partnership efforts.

Policies and Procedures

The operations of the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the services it offers to the public, are governed by a number of administrative and procedural policies. As a department of city government, Parks and Recreation is subject to the administrative policies of the City in such areas as personnel and purchasing. The department also has a number of internal administrative policies articulated in such documents as the Parks and



Recreation Revenue and Memorial and Donations Policies. Additionally, the department is subject to the laws of the State of Michigan where applicable.

The department's revenue policy provides detailed direction on the various aspects of managing revenue sources and includes policies for determining cost recovery standards, establishing and collecting fees, facility and equipment rental, sponsorships, grants and donations, and contractual relationships. The department's partnership policy provides standards and guidelines for collaborative initiatives and specifies the conditions under which that department will seek and enter into partnership relationships. Various other miscellaneous policies govern programmatic issues and parks and facility maintenance and use.



Figure 4-1

City of Battle Creek Administration

Members of the City Commission

Reynolds, Carla	At-Large
Behnke, Mark (Mayor)	At-Large
Smith, Jake	At-Large
Sofia, Sherry (Vice Mayor)	At-Large
Ballard, Roger	Ward 1
Morris, Jenasia	Ward 2
O'Donnell, Patrick	Ward 3
Simmons, Christopher	Ward 4
Lance, Jim	Ward 5

Administrative Staff

City Manager	Rebecca Fleury
Assistant City Manager	Ted Dearing
City Attorney	Jill Steele
City Clerk	Victoria Houser
City Treasurer	Tammy Giannunzio

Directors

Finance Director	Aaron Kuhn
Human Resources Director	Michelle Hull
Community Services Director	Marcie Gillette
Public Works Director	Steve Skalski
Recreation Director	Duska Brumm
Chief of Police	Shannon Bagley
Fire Chief	Bill Beaty
Public Transit Director	Mallory Avis
IT Director	Chad Frein
Communications Manager	Jessica Vanderkolk
Aviation Director	Philip Kroll
DEI Officer	Kimberly Holley

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Duska Brumm	Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
Nicole Gilmore	Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
Ted Dearing	Assistant City Manager
Todd Gerber, Superintendent	Field Services Superintendent
Todd Everson	Assistant Field Services Superintendent
Matthew Cannady	Business Analyst/GIS Manager
Jessica Vanderkolk	Communications Manager

Figure 4-2

Organizational Chart for the City of Battle Creek

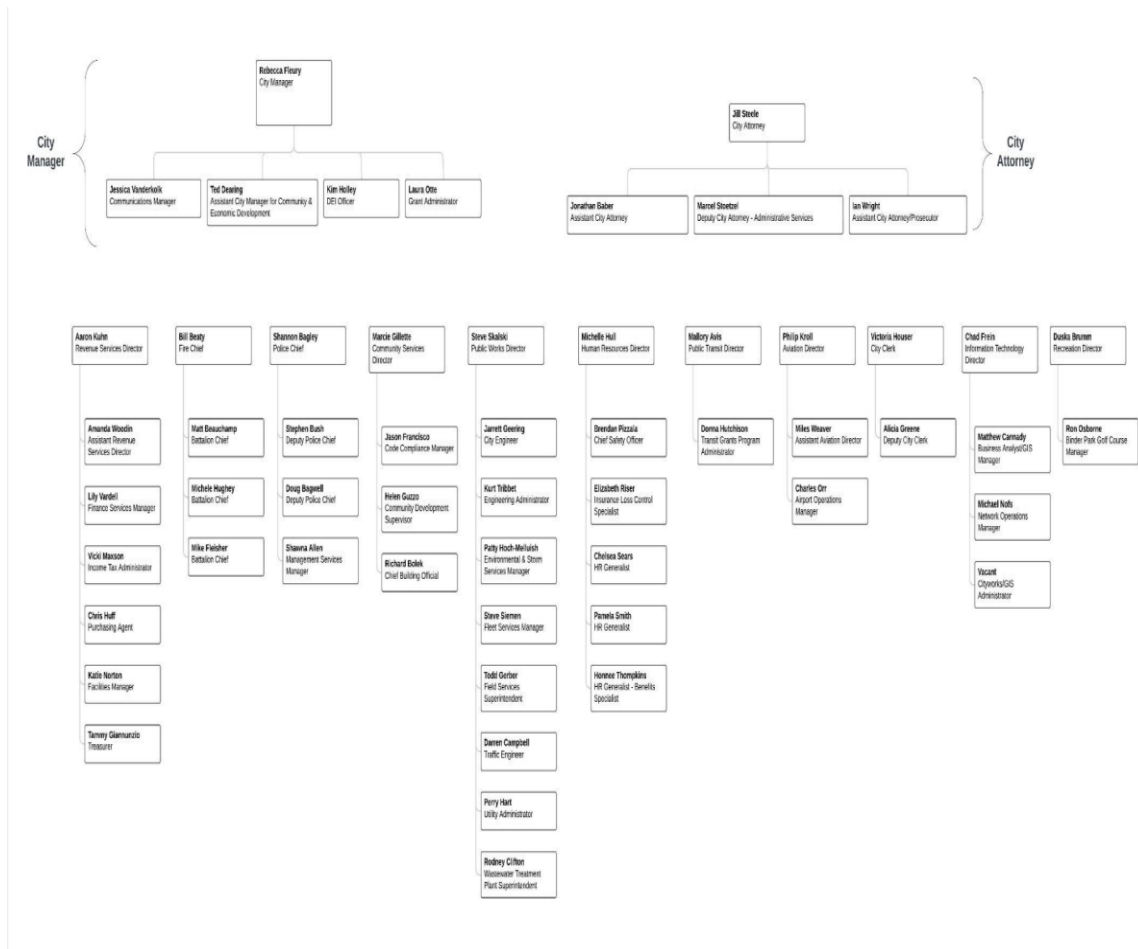


Figure 4-3

Organizational chart for the City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department

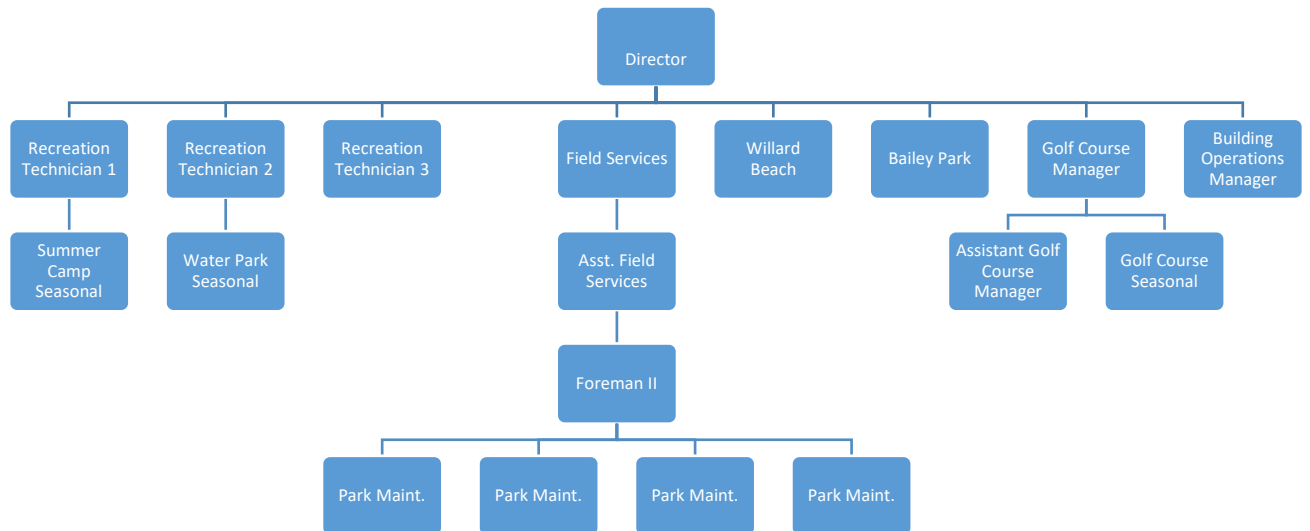


Table 4-1

Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget by Business Unit				
Business Unit #	Business Unit Description	Budgeted Revenues	Budgeted Expenses	Budgeted Subsidy
4560	Parks Building & Maint	0	733,265	733,265
4565	Willard Beach	0	66,463	66,463
4570	Linear Park Maint & Develop	0	136,562	136,562
7000	Admin	30,800	284,188	253,388
7010	Special Projects	0	0	0
7011	Capital Repairs	0	0	0
7020	Athletics	74,800	151,465	76,665
7021	Enrichment	0	0	0
7022	Sports Forum Programs	186,300	272,709	86,409
7023	Youth Golf	20,709	31,909	11,200
7028	Health & Fitness Programs	0	0	0
7030	Interagency	0	0	0
7050	Bailey Park	160,300	297,718	137,418
7060	Binder Park Golf Course	1,122,900	1,317,409	194,509
7100	Willard Beach Admin	32,000	25,772	-6,228
7160	Flash Flood Water Park	389,750	355,425	-34,325
7170	Full Blast Building	111,000	415,809	304,809
7175	Fitness Center	47,000	2,500	-44,500
7190	Central Business District	0	899,147	899,147
Totals		2,175,559	4,990,341	2,814,782

Table 4-3
Battle Creek Parks and Recreation
Collaborative Partnerships

Facility/Program	Partner	Description
Bailey Park	*Battle Creek Public Schools St. Phillip Catholic School, Kellogg Community College	Softball/Baseball facilities
	*Convention Visitors Bureau	Operations & capital investment
	*B.C. Battle Jacks (Northwood League)	Minor league baseball
	*B.C. Shuffleboard Club	Shuffleboard
	*National Amateur Baseball Federation	World Series Tournament
Binder Park	*Binder Park Jr Golf Academy	Youth golf programming
Claude Evans Park	*Cereal City Hoopsters	Youth basketball programming
Full Blast	*Kellogg Arena	Operations/equipment support
	*West Michigan Virtual School	Alternative education
	*Family YMCA	Summer Camp
		Aquatic support
	*B.C. Area Pickleball	Pickleball
	*Kellogg's	Basketball program
	*Gordon Food Service	Facility sponsorship
	*Pepsi	Facility sponsorship
Homeless Health Fair	*Area Community Service Groups	Homeless program
KCC Sportsplex	*Kellogg Community College	Shared sports facilities
Kellogg Arena	*Cereal City Development Corp	Facility management
Kidventure Camp	*Kellogg's	United to Be Kind Anti-bullying
	*United Way	United to Be Kind Anti-bullying
Leila Arboretum	*Leila Arboretum Society	Park & program management
Metcalf Lake	*Calhoun County Conservation District	Park management
McCrea Park	*Shamrock Baseball	Youth baseball
Minges Brook Park	*Lakeview Public Schools	Joint park operations
Prairieview Park	*Lakeview Public Schools	Joint park operations
Riverside Park	*Lakeview Public Schools	Joint park operations
	*ASYO	Youth athletic programming
Rotary Christmas	*Battle Creek Rotary Club	Youth program
Tinsel Toes	*Cereal City Athletics	5K Event
VA Stand Down	*Area Community Service Groups	Veteran's and Homeless program

Section 5 –Goals and Objectives/Action Plan



Planning Strategy

The Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department embarked upon its 2024-28 master planning process with a desire to build on the successes of the previous five years. Rather than pursuing an entirely new strategic direction, the department sought to capitalize on the citizen-driven directives in its current plan as well as align the distribution of its resources with broader community goals established through similar community-driven processes.

The Regional Health Alliance, in partnership with the Coordinating Council, Bronson Battle Creek, Oaklawn Hospital, the Calhoun County Public Health Department, Grace Health, and Borgess worked together beginning in the Fall of 2018 on a Calhoun County Community Health Needs Assessment. The results were used by key stakeholders as they developed individual and collective strategies to address the most pressing needs affecting the residents of Calhoun County. The assessment also incorporated key findings from the Senior Health Needs Assessment.

The Alliance also sought input directly from medically underserved, low-income, minority populations, and other community representatives. The interviews, focus groups, and data reviewed by the staff revealed several areas where the health and health-related behaviors of Calhoun County residents could be improved, and that overweight and obesity were in the top health issues in the county. The Alliance recognized, as did focus group and interview participants, that to address overweight and obesity, the health issues of physical activity and nutrition would also have to be addressed.

The Alliance findings reflect the community's awareness and concern for the impacts of poor lifestyle choices on current and future generations. Despite Battle Creek's proactive approach, both regionally and nationally, health concerns related to poor lifestyle choices continue to grow.

In addition, the prevalence of obesity in the adult population is spreading to children putting young people at an increased risk of having other chronic health conditions and diseases that influence physical health. These include asthma, sleep apnea, bone and joint problems, type 2 diabetes, and risk factors for heart disease. A much greater number of children are now suffering from diseases that were once thought to only plague adults.

For these reasons, as the Parks and Recreation Department began the development of its master plan, it sought to continue its recent emphasis on community health needs. It is clear to the department that physical fitness and healthy lifestyles remained a high priority among citizens and that a focused and strategic approach is needed. The intent is to respond to the current and previously articulated citizen needs in a more purposeful way while building on past efforts.

As the plan was developed the department sought to continuously re-enforce the impact of the mission on its strategic action steps. Citizens were not only asked to rate parks and recreation services but to provide input on how the department could improve physical

health and promote healthier lifestyle choices. By doing so, citizens played an active role in defining the department's future, based in part, on the department's most recent past. This approach was instrumental in determining strategic areas and specific actions steps that continue the department's current momentum and ensure its place as an essential service provider to the community.

The Strategic Directives, as well as the Goals and Objectives of the plan are gleaned from input from a variety of sources including the current plan, the 2023 Needs Assessment survey, members of the public (in public forums), Parks and Recreation management staff, and members of the Master Plan Advisory Committee. The social and physical characteristics of the community reviewed in Section 2 also played an important role in shaping the action items. The goals, objectives and related action steps place particular emphasis on improving the physical activity levels and healthy lifestyle choices.

Strategic Directives

Primary Directives

All of the goals, objectives and action steps included in the plan are driven by three overarching primary strategic directives:

- (D1) Emphasize the physical recreation environment
- (D2) Leverage assets through partnership
- (D3) Develop structures that support self-directed recreation

Each strategic directive reflects a common thread woven throughout the various information gathering sessions held during the public input process. Emphasizing the physical recreation environment means investing in the park system by improving physical facilities, maintenance, and safety to facilitate the use of natural environments in support of physically active lifestyles. Leverage assets through partnerships means extending the department's reach by impacting more people through cooperative and collaborative arrangements with a diverse set of recreation providers. Developing structures that support self-directed recreation means emphasizing non-structured over structured programming for certain constituents to encourage great participation.

The following goals, objectives and action steps tie back to these strategic objectives and are further categorized as either part of Programs and Services or Operations (administration).

Goals and Objectives

Programs and Services

Target Audience: General Population

Goal (PS1): To increase opportunities to regularly participate in physical activity

Objective: Provide services (including facilities) that align with active recreation preferences.

Action Steps:

- Advocate, promote and assist, as resources allow, in the implementation of the city's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
- Collaborate with other regional trail groups. Foster the inclusion/connection of the current Linear Park System within a regional transportation/recreation network including linkage with open space in neighboring jurisdictions.
- Evaluate the feasibility of developing and (as funds allow) adding multi-use facilities that create opportunities for physical activity based on recreation preferences.
- Provide equipment and facilities in support of community special events.

Goal (PS2): To increase awareness of the benefits of regularly participating in physical activity

Objective: Act as a source of physical health information.

Action Steps:

- Incorporate information on the benefits of active living into all programs and service communications.
- Utilize the department's website to communicate information on the benefits of active living.

Goal (PS3): To increase education and awareness of the benefits of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices

Objective: Form education and marketing alliances.

Action Steps:

- Coordinate the department's efforts with broader health education initiatives such as those sponsored by the Regional Health Alliance.
- Partner with local community organizations to produce and promote at least two community-wide health fairs annually.

Target Audience: Youth (14 and under)

Goal (PS4): To actively engage all youth 14 and under in regular physical activity

Objective: Maximize the amount of available departmental resources used to support youth programming.

Action Steps:

- Commit and maintain a minimum of 25% of the department's general fund subsidy to youth programming.
- Commit and maintain a minimum of 70% of the department programming hours to active youth programming.
- Annually review the use of all programming and service resources to ensure the most efficient delivery of youth services.

Objective: Increase accessibility to programming for economically disadvantaged youth.

Action Steps:

- Commit and maintain a minimum of 3% of the department's general fund subsidy for scholarships.

Goal (PS5): To increase awareness among all youth 14 and under of the benefits of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices

Objective: Improve nutritional habits.

Action Steps:

- Integrate healthy snacks into all department sponsored programs.
- Provide healthy eating tips/receipts and related information to all registered program participants.
- Promote a positive anti-substance abuse message as part of programming in partnership with other advocacy groups.

Target Audience: Teens 15 and older (with younger siblings)

Goal (PS6): To increase the number of teens between 15-18 who regularly engage in physical activity

Objective: Capitalize on youth recreation preferences.

Action Steps:

- Explore school and other partnerships to provide intramural sports and athletic programming to teens.
- Create "drop-in" programming blocks that allow for unstructured activities that promote physical activity.

Target Audience: Families (with young children)

Goal (PS7): To increase the number of opportunities for family recreation

Objective: Identify parks for small investments to specifically improve health, happiness, and well-being

Action Steps:

- Use the park inventory to create a master plan for each park.
- Annually review the budget process and park inventory to allocate funds to park renovations, repair, and maintenance.

Target Audience: Adult/Competitive Athletes

Goal (PS8): To support the development of a competitive sports and health and wellness brand

Objective: Maintain adequate facilities to support sports tourism.

Action Steps:

- Meet annually with CVB officials to determine facility needs and update CIP with capital projects as required.

- Work cooperatively with the CVB and other appropriate civic organizations, attractions, and festivals to maximize sports tourism opportunities and potential.

Operations

Marketing and Communications

Goal (OP1): Increase resident awareness of parks and recreation programs and services

Objective: Develop a comprehensive integrated marketing and communications plan.

Action Steps:

- Align marketing/communication efforts with targeted audiences (direct mail, e-marketing, etc.).
- Produce and distribute an annual report with performance measurements.
- Develop additional cross-marketing partnerships with co-providers.

Facilities

Goal (OP2): Improve the quality of neighborhood parks

Objective: Identify opportunities to improve quality.

Action Steps:

- Develop a local neighborhood parks improvement “business plan” including strategies to:
 - Define “neighborhood” parks including size, location, amenities and service levels.
 - Build local neighborhood parks “partnerships” for planning and implementing improvements.

Maintenance

Goal (OP3): Maintain a natural (passive) recreation environment with active living amenities

Objective: Sustain a high level of park maintenance.

Action Steps:

- Work with the Street and Parks Superintendent to establish a service level baseline for maintenance and safety.
- Advocate for an increase in general fund subsidy for parks maintenance to sustain the service level baseline.
- Complete a full assessment of increased and/or on-going maintenance costs associated with a project when considering any service improvements or expansion to ensure that adequate maintenance resources are available.

Objective: Update and/or improve equipment and facilities that promote active use at all park locations.

Action Steps:

- Maintain a Capital Improvements Projects list for each park with annual priority updates.

- Advocate for a source of ongoing funding for extraordinary repairs on an annual basis for those items that do not qualify for capital improvement dollars.
- Upgrade playground equipment where needed in neighborhood parks as capital dollars become available.

Service Delivery

Goal (OP4): Develop strong programming and facility partnerships with local providers

Objective: Formulate policies and nurture relationships that support and facilitate the development of partnerships.

Action Steps:

- Create and update annually, a partnership list that identifies potential partner organizations with shared organizational values and goals.
- Develop and maintain at least one programming or facility partnership with Community Integrated Recreation, Kellogg Community College, Cereal City Athletics, and the Wattles Park Men's Club.
- Develop additional new contractual program provider relationships on an annual basis.

Goal (OP5): Improve overall program and service quality and safety

Objective: Provide a broad spectrum of diverse program and service options.

Action Steps:

- Review programming annually to ensure a diverse set of offerings.
- Seek out programming partnerships with non-traditional contractual providers (i.e. martial arts, wrestling).
- Configure and maintain facilities and facility space to allow for "flexible" uses that promote physical activity.

Objective: Provide a broad spectrum of diverse program and service options.

Action Steps:

- Conduct a bi-annual survey of adult and youth programming preferences.
- Maintain an online needs assessment survey to receive customer input.
- Align programming with "prime-times" as determined by users.
- Create flexible "drop-in" programming times that allow youth to choose activities.
- Evaluate individual programs and services on an annual basis to ensure that offerings meet customer needs (program evaluations).

Objective: Improve customer perceptions regarding program and service safety.

Action Steps:

- Provide contact information in all parks for emergency and related services.

Evaluation

As part of the master planning process the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing the City's residents with timely and accurate information about its performance so that citizens can adequately assess how the department is doing.



Additionally, the department is interested in developing a system that will allow staff to improve performance by measuring the efficiency and effectiveness with which it delivers services. By establishing certain performance measurements as part of its five-year plan, the department believes it can promote greater understanding of its mission, goals and objectives, strengthen its accountability to taxpayers, and improve overall performance.

The performance measures established in this plan are directly related to the goals and objectives identified above. The department intends to calculate, analyze and report on the measures on an annual basis in an effort to determine how well the department is meeting its directive to provide programs, services and operations in support of individual and community health and wellbeing (an overview follows on the next two pages).



Performance Objective

The Department seeks to provide both opportunity and access to programs and services that get people physically active with particular emphasis on promoting physical activity and healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices for youth in order to eliminate the dangers of childhood obesity.

Performance Measurement Guild

Programs and Services

General Population

(PS1): To increase opportunities to regularly participate in physical activity
(PS2): To increase awareness of the benefits of regularly participating in physical activity
(PS3): To increase education and awareness of the benefits of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices

-Total park utilization
-Website visitation and health click-throughs
-Number of health and wellness partnerships and services delivered

Youth (14 and under)

(PS4): To actively engage all youth 14 and under in regular physical activity
(PS5): To increase awareness among all youth 14 and under of the benefits of healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices

-Total programs offered
-Total program enrollment
-Recreation contact hours
-Increases in activity levels (self-report)
-Increases in healthy nutrition/lifestyle choices (self-report)

Teens 15 and Over

(PS6): To increase the number of teens between 15-18 who regularly engage in physical activity

-Total program enrollment
-Recreation contact hours
-Increases in activity levels (self-report)
-Increases in healthy nutrition/lifestyle choices (self-report)

Families (with young children)

(PS7): To increase the number of opportunities for family recreation

-Increase in use of parks (self-report)
-Parent/child recreation contact hours
-Increases in activity levels (self-report)
-Increases in healthy nutrition/lifestyle choices (self-report)

Adult/Competitive Athletes

(PS8): To support the development of competitive sports and health and wellness brand

-Total park utilization
-Total tournament enrollment
-Number of health and wellness partnerships and services delivered



Operations

Marketing and Communications

(OP1): Increase resident awareness of parks and recreation programs and services

- Number of residents identifying lack of information as a barrier
- Number of visits to website
- Number of participants utilizing social media offerings
- Total participation numbers

Facilities

(OP2): Improve the quality of neighborhood parks

- Completion of individual park master plans
- Number of planning partnerships

Maintenance

(OP3): Maintain a natural (passive) recreation environment with active living amenities

- Completion and monthly adherence to service level standards
- Total \$ in general fund subsidy for park maintenance
- Total \$ in park maintenance per capita/per acre
- Total capital \$ allocated for improvements
- Customer satisfaction with maintenance levels (survey)

Service Delivery

(OP4): Develop strong programming and facility partnerships with local providers

(OP5): Improve overall program and service quality and safety

- Number of total partnerships
 - Number of participants reached through partnerships
 - Number of volunteers engaged in programming
 - Number of recreation hours provided through partnerships
 - Customer satisfaction ratings relative to quality (survey)
 - Customer satisfaction ratings relative to safety (survey)
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Capital Improvement Projects

The capital improvements contained in the 2024-2028 Master Plan are intended to provide physical facility support to the goals and objectives included in the Action Plan. Much like the Action Plan, the Capital Improvements Plan is a reflection of input from a variety of sources and incorporates several remaining priorities from the current master plan.

The plan is broken down into year-by-year increments with each proposed project coded to reflect:

- Its priority as determined by a ranking system approved by the Battle Creek City Commission and used to prioritize spending on capital improvement projects city-wide
- The potential source(s) of funding for the project
- Its direct relationship to goals and objectives established in this plan.

The Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department seeks to leverage and combine a variety of funding sources in its efforts to implement the Capital Improvement plan. Projects are completed if and when resources become available.

Table 5-1

								All projects need to be scored before Mandate 8. Score can be filled in. (Leave AS IS)		Rank Dept. Priority 1-5 in Top Priority. Can only use a number once.					
Department	Fund Name	New FY (Yes/No)	Project Title	Project Description	Project Justification	Fund (Yes/No)	Meets Mandate (Yes or No?)	Mandate to Prioritize (Yes/No)	Comments	Dept. Prior (1 to 20)	CF Total (1 to 20)	Estim. Value	Funding Source(s)		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Playground Safety Improvements	Upgrade equipment and amenities to meet new safety standards at Greenwood, Monarch, Irving, Minor, Mauchien, Mingo Beach, Putnamville, Quaker and Stillfield playgrounds.	To meet new safety standards for playgrounds.	No	Yes	4	1	2	18	20	Cathouse County Parks Village		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Playground Safety Surfacing	Hydrex safety surfacing materials under all city park playgrounds.	Replacement is required to ensure compliance with ASTM impact and accessibility standards.	No	Yes	4	1	5	18	5	Cathouse County Parks Village		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Park Amenities Improvements	Improvements and repairs to structures and amenities located through the city park system. Items include buildings, pavilions, fencing, railings, ball fields, courts, trash receptacles, benches, picnic tables, etc.	Improvements and repairs to park system amenities help ensure the safety of residents and visitors and managing/reducing the city's risk exposure.	No	Yes	1	2	4	18	10	Cathouse County Parks Village		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	General Parks asphalt road and parking area repairs.	Surface treatments for all roads, parking lots, and paths in selected parks. Includes milling as needed.	The surfaces in a number of local parks have deteriorated to the point of becoming a safety concern due to uneven surfaces and cracking. Repair is also needed in order to avoid more significant long-term maintenance costs.	No	Yes	1	2	6	18	15	Cathouse County Parks Village		
Field Services / Parks	Downtown Dev. Authority	No	Park Electrical Systems Upgrade	Upgrade the electrical systems in McCamly Park and Claude Franks Park to provide support for recreation activities and special events.	The existing electrical systems in McCamly Park and Claude Franks Park are limited. Upgrading these systems will provide better support for recreation activities and special events that use these spaces - Family Day at Claude Franks and the Carnival Festival at McCamly Park are examples.	No	Yes	2	3	7	18	25	Downtown Dev. Authority		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Linear Trail Signage	Engineering and signage in preparation for the connection at the City line from the Kalamazoo Trail.	Connecting Kalamazoo trail system across Southern Michigan.	No	Yes	1	3	8	18	15	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Linear Path Expansion, I-94 Corridor	Expansion of the Linear Path along the I-94 corridor between Midway Road and Capital Avenue (Phase II) and Capital Avenue to M-66 (Phase III).	This expansion would link existing path on Midway Road and create access to Capital Ave. and access to Beckley Road. Phase II would connect Capital Ave. to M-66. This would also benefit the City's Vision Movement Transportation Plan.	No	Yes	0	3	17	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Linear Path Expansion, North Side to South Side	Construction of Linear Path connecting downtown to Riverside Park along the Mill Pond and Kalamazoo River and from Riverside Park to Beckley Rd Linear Park section.	Improve connectivity of Linear Path from downtown towards Riverside Park and Beckley Road and connect with an existing isolated section.	No	Yes	0	3	18	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Amphibious Playground restroom facility	Add a permanent restroom facility near Amphibious Playground.	Amphibious Playground, located in Bailey Park, is the City's most visited playground. Currently, Port-a-Potties are placed seasonally (June-September).	No	Yes	1	2	3	18	30	Cathouse County Parks Village		
Field Services / Parks	ARPA	No	Public Wi-Fi at Claude Franks Park	This proposed project would include all fiber, hardware, and access points to provide public Wi-Fi to Claude Franks Park.	Whether it is for school, business, or pleasure, internet connectivity is no longer an option today, it has become a necessity. The city can help provide this by extending the public Wi-Fi currently available in the downtown to our more frequently used public park spaces.	Yes	Yes	1	2	1	18	20	ARPA		
Field Services / Parks	General	No	Automatic Vehicle Gate System at Willard Beach	The installation of an automatic vehicle gate system at the front entrance at Willard Beach.	The front gate system at Willard Beach must be opened and closed manually throughout the park season. This project will install an automatic gate system, allowing programmed open/close times and accept payments electronically.	No	Yes	1	4	10	18	15	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Public Wi-Fi & Security Cameras at Willard Beach	Extend the city's fiber optic lines to Willard Beach for wi-fi and security cameras.	Whether it is for school, business, or pleasure, internet connectivity is no longer an option today, it has become a necessity. The city can help provide this by extending the public Wi-Fi currently available in the downtown to our more frequently used public park spaces.	No	Yes	1		9	18	25	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Willard Beach / Goguse Lake Sea Wall	Replace failing wooden sea wall at former Willard Beach Goguse Lake Sailing Club.	The wooden sea wall at the former Willard Beach / Goguse Lake Sailing Club on George B. Place is failing and in need of replacing.	No	Yes	1		11	18	25	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Public Wi-Fi & Security Cameras at Piper Park	Extend the city's fiber optic lines to Piper Park for wi-fi and security cameras.	Extend the city's fiber optic network to Piper Park to provide wireless access points for public wi-fi and the ability to connect security cameras.	No	Yes	1		12	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Public Wi-Fi & Automatic Door Catches at Fall Junction	Extend the city's fiber optic lines to Fall Park for wi-fi and for control of automatic bathroom door catches.	Extend the city's fiber optic network to Fall Park to provide wireless access points for public wi-fi and control of an automatic door catch system at the restrooms. Depending on the route, the extension of the fiber may also accommodate Lark Adornment and Fire Station 5.	No	Yes	1		13	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Public Wi-Fi & Security Cameras at Bailey Park	Extend the city's fiber optic lines to Bailey Park for wi-fi.	Extend the city's fiber optic network to Bailey Park to provide wireless access points for public wi-fi and the ability to connect security cameras.	No	Yes	1		14	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Linear Path Paving	Paving portion of the linear path.	Repairing portions of the linear path.	No	Yes	1		15	18	20	General		
Field Services / Parks	General	YES	Master Planning for Parks	Creation of Master Plans for general parks such as Claude Franks, Fall, Piper, Bailey, Irving, Riverside, and Willard Beach.	A Master Plan for each of our larger general parks/Creation of Master Plans for general parks such as Claude Franks, Fall, Piper, Bailey, Irving, Riverside, and Willard Beach.	No	Yes	1		16	18	10	General		

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Appendices



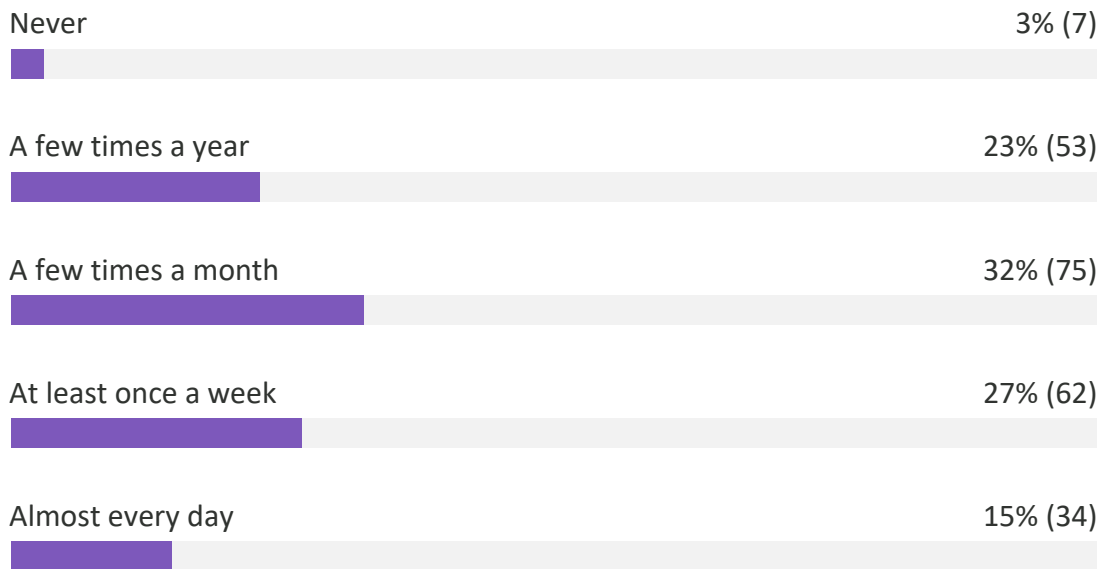


Active in the City - Parks and Recreation in Battle Creek

Survey Results
FINAL

06/21/2023

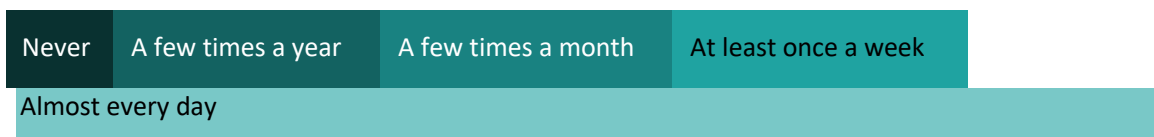
How often do you or members of your household visit a park or natural area?



How often do you or members of your household use the following city park/recreation facilities?

Question	Never	A few times a year	A few times a month	At least once a week	Almost every day
Full Blast Recreation Center (includes Flash Flood Water Park)	54%	36%	6%	2%	2%
City Recreation programs	54%	35%	5%	6%	1%
Bailey Park	19%	52%	15%	13%	1%
Willard Beach	37%	42%	12%	6%	3%
Binder Park Golf Course	66%	26%	5%	1%	1%
Linear Park path	24%	38%	21%	13%	5%

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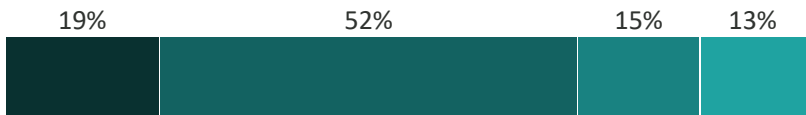
Full Blast Recreation Center (includes Flash Flood Water Park)



City Recreation programs



Bailey Park



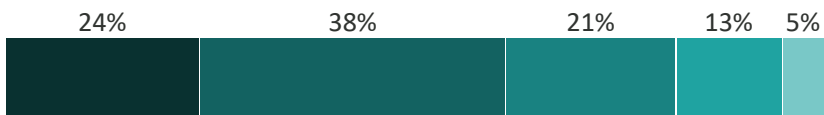
Willard Beach



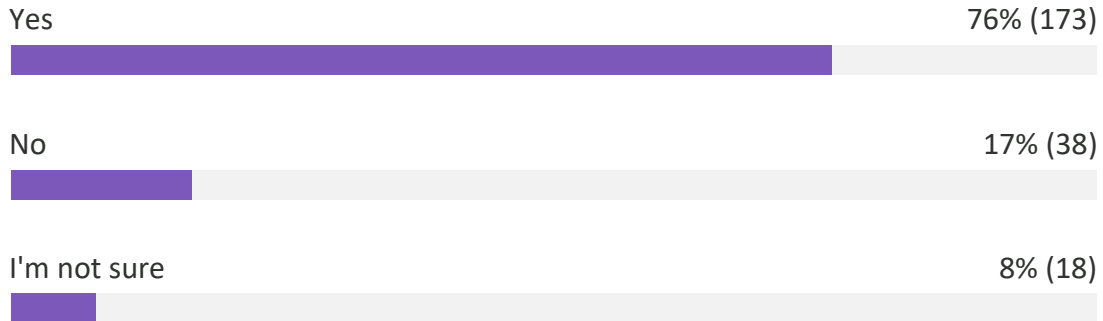
Binder Park Golf Course



Linear Park path



Is there a park in the City of Battle Creek that you can easily access near your home?



Which street do you live on? This will help us know which parks are closest to you.

Pine lake road

Arbor Pointe Drive

Helen M Montgomery Avenue

Shadywood

West Willard Ave.

31st St.

Willard Ave W

Pinehurst

Pleasant Avenue

Main Street

Territorial Rd W

Westchester

Glencro Ln.

Lady Jessica Isle in Emmett Twp

452 Lakeview ave

Springview

Eldredge

N Broad Street

W Hamilton Lane

Mason ave north

Garrison Ave

Parkridge Dr (Fell Park)

Prudence lane

Mesa Verde Dr

ANN AVE

Guest St

Clover Ln

Althea Ave

Frances Drive

Morningside Dr

East Avenue North - Bailey Park

Bradley St

Berkley

Bryant St

Elizabeth St

E Hamilton Ln

Minges Circle

Weeks Ave

Orchard Ave

Verona Rd



Embury

Cascade Drive

23rd St S

W. Hamilton In

Byron Street

Central Street

Bellevue rd

E. Minges/Riverside

20827 Waubasca Rd.

Wattles Road

Sonoma Rd

Park Ridge Dr.

Eaton St

West Street

24th St S

E Hamilton Ln

Orchard Lane

McKinley Ave N

Woodland Dr

28

Sonoma Rd

Cascade Hills

Battle creek ave

Illinois

Saratoga

Gorsline Rd

Oxford St.

Clinton Dr.

Sharon avenue

Roxbury Lane

Curtis Ave

South Hills Dr

E Acacia Blvd

Hamilton Lane

Meadow

Calvin Road

Peets Cove

23 Fourth St

Maryland drive

Ave A in Springfield

Lakeshire Road

305 Buick Drive Battle Creek Michigan 49015

315 Fairfield Ave Battle Creek, MI 49015-3217



Capital Ave NE
Orchard Pl
South LaVista Blvd.
Ridgeview Drive
Central
Watkins Road
Fairway Dr- the park at Minges Brook is a great partner park
North Ave
Laredo Ave
Capital Ave SW
Capercaillie In.
Sunnyside Dr
Lynwood Drive
32nd St n.
Lincoln Blvd
212 Lakeshire Road
113 Sunset Blvd East
East Sylvan Dr.
Capital S W
moorland
michigan Avenue
Wagner Drive
maurer dr
Andrus St
Riverside
Lakewood Drive
North Broad Street
26th St
Sawgrass LN
East Avenue
West Jackson Street
Oneita
Jennings Road
Territorial Rd W
Fairfield Ave
Middle LN
Washington
East Michigan
11 Mile
Leila Arboretum
We live in Marshall now, but still use BC Parks and Recreation for sports and family gatherings.
Clear Lake Ave



Lakeshire road
Avenue A
Kistler
East Roosevelt Avenue
Beckwith Dr
N Wabash Ave
Pleasantview Dr
Territorial Rd W
Brentwood Drive
Broad St
groveland
Glendale ave
Surby Ave
South West Capital
Harper Creek Drive
Michigan Ave W
Toulouse Blvd
Skyview lane
Evans Street
Poulsen ave
Tecumseh rd
Live in Springfield closest would be McRae park
Capital Ave SW
Monroe beach
Burnham W
Laurel Dr
Watkins
Pennfield Rd.
Capital sw
Wagner Drive
Wagner Drive
Winter
Jacaranda
Overlook lane
23rd Street
Gardenia Street
Glencro Ln.
Fair home and winter
American Legion Drive
Creekview Drive
Bittersweet lane
206 Dogwood Trl
Territorial Rd W



Feld ave

Goguac

Dunham Dr

Brewer Dr.

24th St S

Woodlawn

127 Alida Dr.

Bayshore

Briar hill Drive

Chestnut

Marl Lake Rd

ILLINOIS

Harper Creek Dr

D dr north

Moorland Dr

Marie Ave

23rd s

31 East Ave S.

Harper Crossing

North 31st Street

Cascade Dr

Bittersweet Ln

Mechem park

211 Grove Street

Spaulding Ave W

Capital Ave SW

Cascade Drive

Cascade

Pleasant Ave

Guest St

Cedar avenue

Breezy bluff street

Springview Drive

Jennings w

Gethings Circle

Territorial Road

Laura LN.

minges creek place

minges creek place

East Ave N

East Ave N

East Avenue N

South Minges



Lakeshire Rd

Highland Blvd

Summer

Deer path In

Potters Drive

Riverside

Eldredge Street

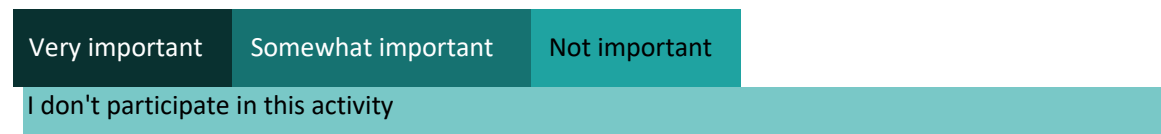
Orchard Pl

Highland blvd

Which of the following activities are most important to you and members of your household?

Question	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	I don't participate in this activity
Visiting parks for walking, running, hiking, or biking	65%	27%	5%	3%
Enjoying nature and open spaces	68%	27%	3%	2%
Picnics	18%	51%	23%	8%
Specialty activities (gardening, golf, disc golf, dog park)	28%	36%	23%	14%
Visiting playgrounds	41%	27%	13%	19%
Visiting community centers for activities or educational opportunities	22%	43%	18%	18%

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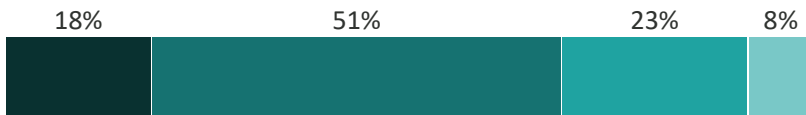
Visiting parks for walking, running, hiking, or biking



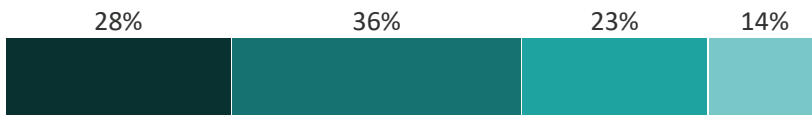
Enjoying nature and open spaces



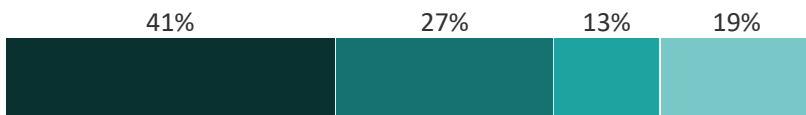
Picnics



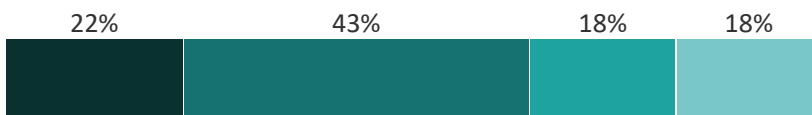
Specialty activities (gardening, golf, disc golf, dog park)



Visiting playgrounds



Visiting community centers for activities or educational opportunities



Please rate the level of importance of the following items:

Question	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	I'm not sure
Build new parks and recreation facilities	41%	36%	19%	4%
Focus on neighborhood-based programming	39%	44%	9%	8%
Improve access to recreation programs and services for all people	60%	29%	9%	2%
Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation facilities	87%	11%	0%	1%
Offer centralized programs at larger recreation facilities (like Bailey Park and Full Blast)	35%	42%	14%	9%
Give information on proper nutrition as part of all programs and services	24%	36%	34%	7%

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Build new parks and recreation facilities



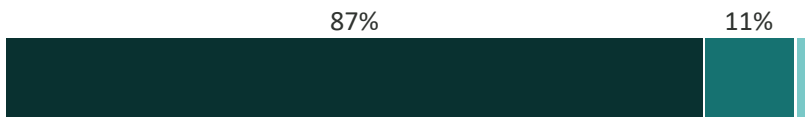
Focus on neighborhood-based programming



Improve access to recreation programs and services for all people



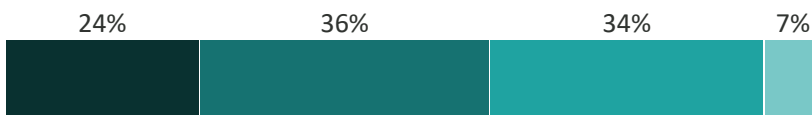
Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation facilities



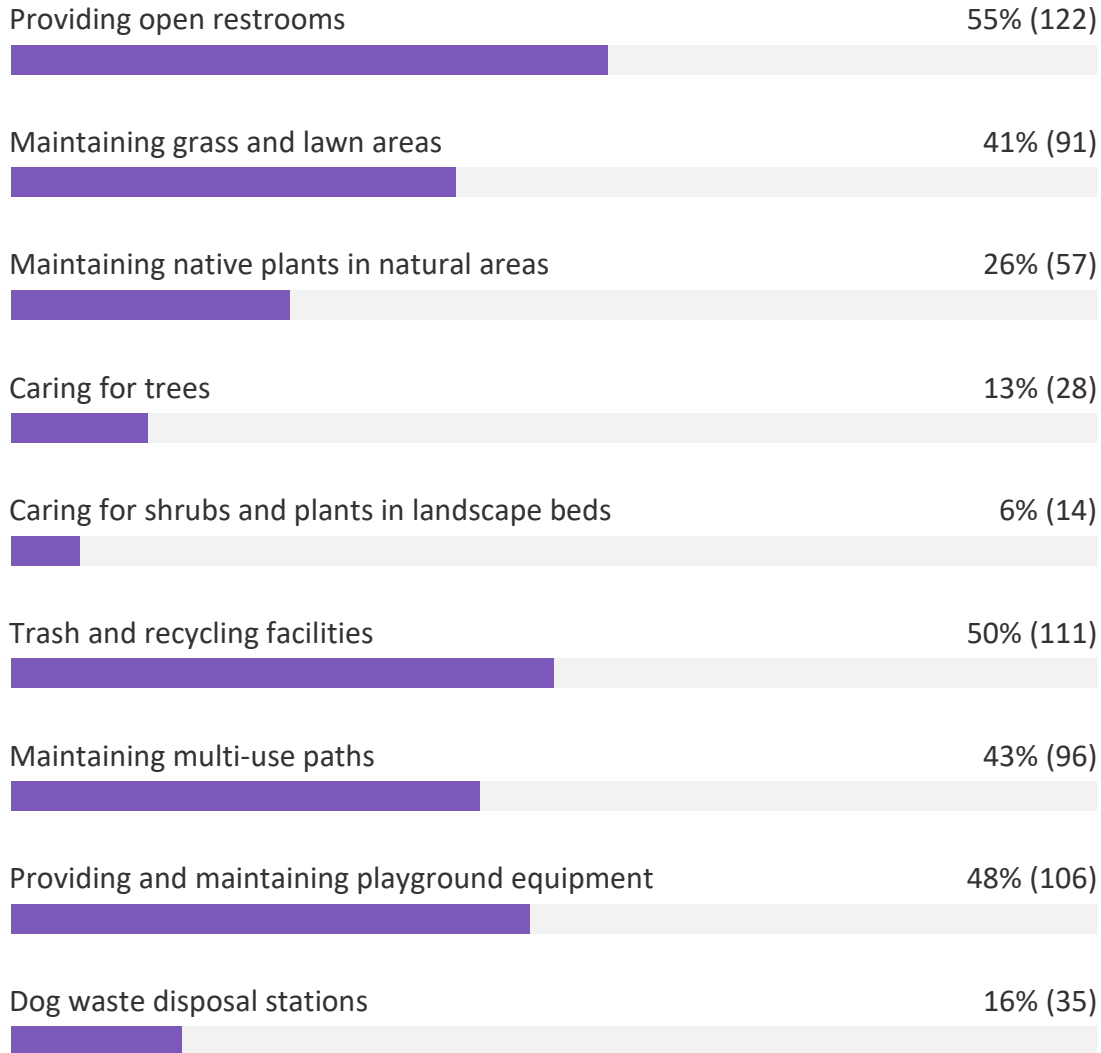
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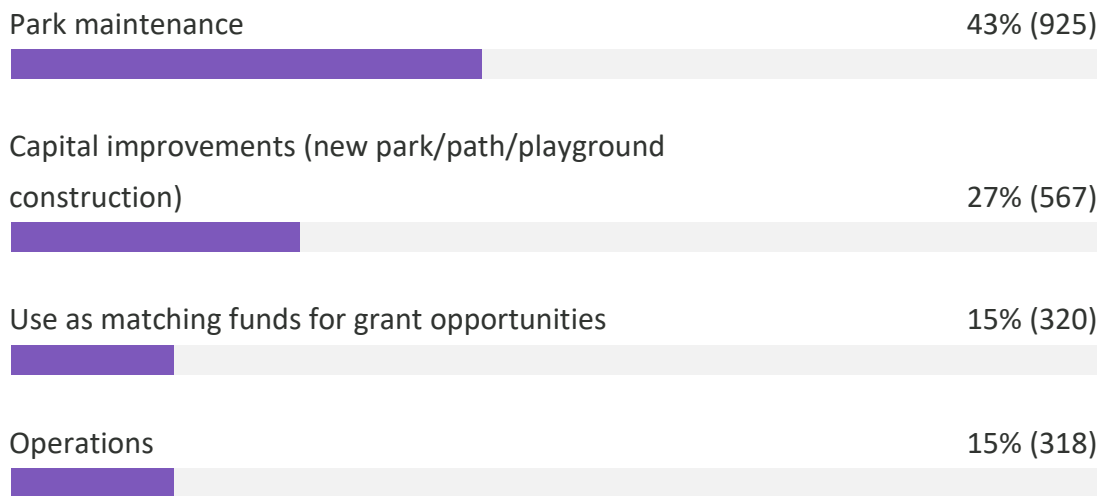
Give information on proper nutrition as part of all programs and services



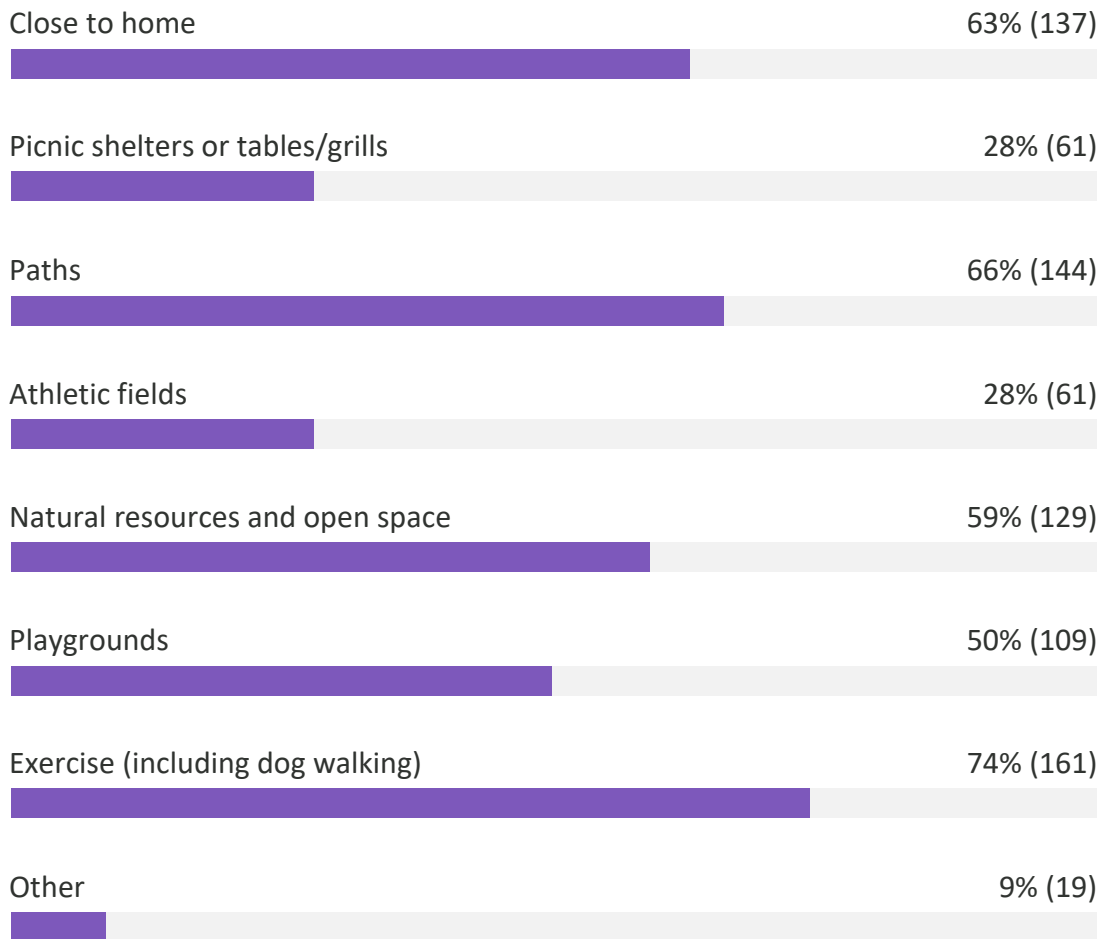
Choose up to three park maintenance activities you think are most important.



Voters approved a Calhoun County parks millage in 2020, and half of the funds collected are distributed to municipalities for use in their parks, through 2025. For example, Battle Creek received just over \$130,000 in 2021, which we used for Linear Park path improvements. We can use the county funds for park facility improvements, as a way to seek more funds from grants, for operations, and for park maintenance. How would you prioritize these tasks with our millage money? Assign the most points to your top activities.



What are the reasons you use parks in the City of Battle Creek?



Please explain your answer of "Other" in Question 9.

Police Presence as there is much criminal activity at most parks these days.

Dog park

Spirituality

Just overall being outside, within nature and it's immense beauty!!!

Nature Journaling, bird watching, tree and plant identification.

Take pictures at Lila Arboretum

Kayaking!

Parties, local events

I like to golf

Bike rides not near a road as to not get run over.

To gather people together for events

Disc golf at Irving park and Leila arboretum.

Nice place to sit and read.

No other choice than to use these facilities

Bicycling

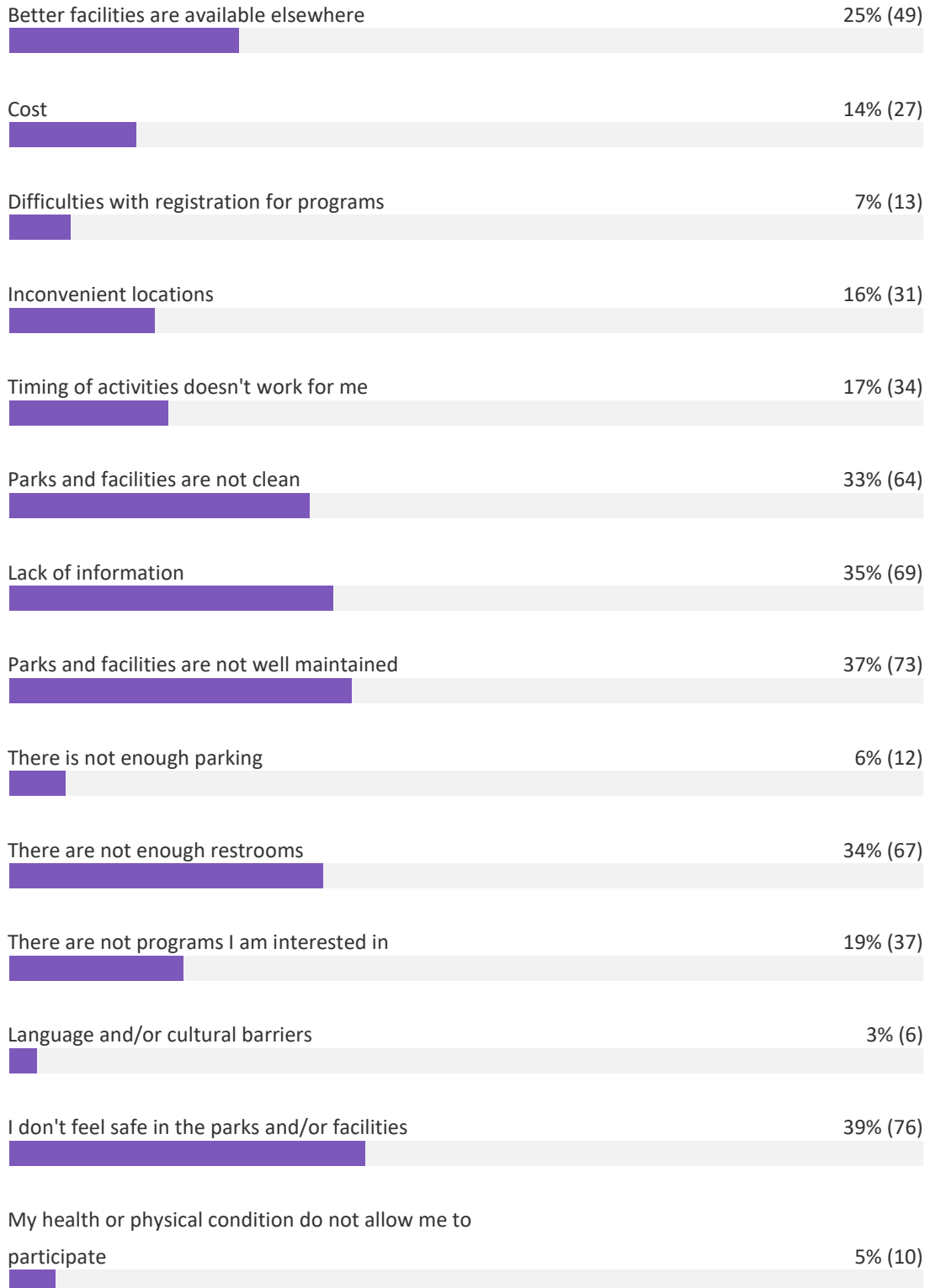
Playing music

Peaceful quiet time. Reading or just enjoying nature.

Pokemon Go

Access to the river for kayaking

Choose any of these reasons that stop you from participating in parks and recreation programs, or visiting parks or recreation facilities.



What would you like to see the City of Battle Creek provide, related to parks and recreation? Consider facilities, programs, and services.

Free public indoor pool with swim lessons and various aqua aerobics

More bicycle paths

Maintained, clean, and safe.

None

Maintenance, cleanliness, and safety

Better communication and education of this organization for the cities young adult population.

Better patrolling of parks and paths by law enforcement officers

Better Police Presence

You didn't list Woodland park. There are people there all the time. Maintain and improve the bridges.

More paths and park areas they are wheelchair accessible!!!

More community garden plots/allotments

More Historic markers along the linear path

Nothing if it increases property taxes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I would like to see workout equipment in some of the safer parks. I think you guys need to have bigger playground equipment for kids. I lived in California and they have some pretty big ones bigger than Bailey Park. I would put in rubber material in every park. Maybe security posted up bc kids can't go play without something happening in this town.

More information!

General maintenance (clean up, repairs) on a frequent basis.

Improve Fell Park with lights, fund another dog park, tell community how recreation millage is being used

More programs for kids 10-18! Centers for kids filled with activities and programs just for young adults 10-18

take care of what you have, make it safer

Take care of Riverside Park. The parking lot is HORRIBLE and rarely maintained and the athletic fields could be a great resource for tournaments if they were brought up to game-useable condition. I've been given the excuse that Lakeview School Dist owns the property, so the City can't do anything with it, but LSD says it's not their responsibility either. Work together! That is a prime location for soccer tournaments that is totally under-utilized.

More paved paths throughout the entire city. Through neighborhoods, etc. In Colorado communities, they have these types of paths built into their infrastructure. You should partner with the townships to have paths connect.

Stop removing, baseball area, really only a home plate is enough to play ball. Get real.

Maintain existing

Updated facilities

Pickle ball, tennis

I would like each park to have a wheelchair swing And handicap facilities and play equipment

Update full blast pool areas

More playgrounds. Safety/supervision at parks

How to Garden, Earthcare, Education on Native Ecosystems

Walking paths

Updated facilities, better kept lawn maintenance

Improvements on the couple city dog parks we already have. Plus adding 1 or 2 more throughout the city within the next few years!!! A lot more permanent, and well-kept restrooms would be AMAZING as well!!!

At Kolb Park, we need to protect the spring lakes and plants/trees around it. Leave some of the deadwood for birds, but plant new trees, take care of the spring and path. Perhaps use some tree markers depicting the type of trees there and maybe some of the birds. We even have a sandhill crane nesting there. Don't let it fall to ruin and just keep chopping the vegetation out.

restrooms

Transportation to and/or from recreational teams and activities so more kids/families could participate.

Lila Arboretum - have a Huge Christmas lights & Nativity scene with displays all throughout. This would draw people from Everywhere to see this Beautiful Yearly Event!. And car loads of people driving through to see it all! I've seen this in Florida!

I would love to see more information on the programs that are available. I moved here 2 years ago and have never seen anything on different programs Park and Recs offer Plus adult enlightenment classes like new styles in cooking, or gardening and canning would be great. If the Community College could combine classes with the Rec and Parks division, that would be an awesome partnership.

FELL PARK: better lighting at dusk; swings ; maintain the rubber mulch around the playground equipment; soccer field

Lighting on the Linear Path for nighttime walking

More youth/minority programming

Safety! There are too many violent people preying on innocent people.

Not sure

Restrooms and workout equipment

Make summer camp affordable especially when you have to pay the same amount for a four day week and a five day week.

Move Bailey Park from Northside to Southside along I-94 corridor

Fishing access

New programs, better run programs, better staffing, maintain the parks

Parking area at piper Park not in street

I think there is opportunity to partner with Kellogg Community College and/or other educational institutions to create even more attractive paths. Including more perennial,

native flowering plants with perhaps an informational plaque could both beautify the parks, and, provide learning opportunities for uses. These spaces could be maintained by science or biology students etc.

Upkeep and/or replacement of the kids area of Flash Flood, revamp Quaker Park, 8 or 9 foot basketball hoops available somewhere, better online access to sports information (specifically, Jr. Pistons info existed in what appeared to be a separate Google Site that was very difficult to locate). Continue to invest in Claude Evans Park - that spot is a gem for a parent with 3 kids under 9.

Cleaner parks and Rec areas where needles are not commonly found

More facilities in the outer areas of BC not focusing so much on the inner city

I would like to see the city invest in the outdoor water park at full blast, and have a key focus on increasing opportunities for children and adolescents. It would also be nice to have areas at parks where kids could ride bikes or motorized toys, and a track at some parks like Washington Heights that aren't in wooded areas like the linear path. I would also love to see more fitness park equipment.

Unsure.

I would like more announcements on programs and a much easier registration process

Maintain current

Clean and safe environments for all. Fun events such as concerts with variety of music at low cost. I think BC does a great job and is really improving the downtown. Willard Beach has improved so much. Love the walking track at Full Blast. Very reasonable cost

Tournament soccer fields with BC Fire

Better transportation for different areas.

Beautify our existing parks. Mow to a level that keeps them looking neat as we would want our homeowners to do as well. Treat for weeds for the same reason. Remove dead trees, shrubs, and limbs. Plant new shrubs and trees as part of a broad based landscaping PLAN. And maintain paths so people can safely run, walk, bike, rollerblade, and walk their children in strollers (very large cracks make this a challenge).

ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR !

I like to golf. I started golfing when I lived in Lansing, and they had some great public courses that offered a selection of golf experiences. Some were short and were not exquisitely maintained but they were low cost; this made it easy for parents with children to go golfing and spend time together. Lansing also had some longer public courses that suited the needs of other golfers. Kalamazoo has more than one public course and again the courses are different. They have Red Arrow which has disc golf and regular golf yet is short with no carts, walking only. The price is great though and this makes golf accessible to children, retirees, and families and anyone else on a budget. Red Arrow is short enough to give everyone a chance to get exercise without being too hard of a walk. Battle Creek has Binder, and it is a very nice course. It offers lessons and programs; however, I do not think it is that accessible. Yes, there are 27 holes and a mini-3-hole warmup course, but it is all located away from the main part of Battle Creek. This makes public golf exclusive to only those with the means to get there and makes public golf in battle Creek exclusive to those comfortable with going out there. Then

there is the price. Sycamore golf course in Lansing and Red Arrow in Kalamazoo offer the option to play golf for people with families that need to watch a budget. these shorter courses aren't that busy which makes it easy for walkers and beginners that play slower. Retirees and also everyone else need exercise and walking on a golf course is a great way to get some exercise but when the only options are longer courses that attract experienced golfers people start using golf carts and thus spend more money and if it costs more they golf less or quit the game. Lansing Community College offered group lessons when I lived in Lansing. This was a great way for me to learn as a young person trying to get my start in life when I couldn't afford the price of private lessons. It would be nice if Battle Creek could offer a way for its citizens to enjoy golf in a way that wasn't catering to only a certain demographic. I would like to see a public course that was easier for walkers to feel comfortable. being pushed by people in carts when the course is long, and you are a retiree, or a family or beginner can make the experience uncomfortable. Yes, there are shorter courses around, some aren't family friendly. I was disappointed to see Springbrook close because it offered golf at a good price and the course was playable for more than just an athletic man that can spend extra money on carts. I think if you look at going forward with any planning, questioning if the improvements will make things more accessible and if the improvements will bring the community together rather than exclude the different parts of the community from each other.

I know there are plans for Claude Evans, but having an amazing playground there and an amazing water feature does not make it safe still. Police that are driving around, each should drive past a park on their route. Thank you for fixing the playground at Piper park! Maybe some soccer goals at Bailey and or Piper. At least posts, maybe not with nets if they can't be maintained.

Make parks more natural with native plantings to improve habitat quality.

Less pavement.

More land preserves, dog parks that you can reserve a spot, parks for riding my bike on a path.

More programming that has parent-child interaction or grandparent child and better advertisement of activities.

We need an outdoor skate park. There is a committee already formed that is already formed under the BCCF that has done some of the leg work. We would like to start to gain some support in the development of the park. Jeff Breedlove, Whitney Wardell, Pastor Joe Hooper, Matt Ramiller (Battle Ground), Corp. Brad Gentry, John Hart.

The linear path's lack of updates and maintenance cause me to chose to bike and run elsewhere but I'm generally pleased with the remainder of facilities. I wish there was more parking at Kimball Pines though

A real bathroom at Baileys Park.

Update Ardmoor Park in Orchard Park

Maintain and improve what we have first before building new. The linear path is in a state of disrepair, it could be such an amazing asset to the community if maintained and

“connected” to key places and destinations across the city. With the linear path, we really need to better connect it to other parks and make it accessible from all parts of the city. It doesn’t quite connect to fort Custer, for example. Signage and marketing need major improvement.

Improve what exists. Solicit community clean up days.

Disc golf league

Security at all facilities...especially outdoor...

Better care and maintenance of the parks.

More dog parks please

There needs to be more policing and cleaning up the parks, particularly Linear Park. Lots of homeless people have set up encampments in the woods along the trail, leaving their trash and personal belongings everywhere especially by the riverfront by Williamsburg Apartments. Lots of trashy graffiti and vandalism of some of the boardwalks. The surrounding areas are also not safe to walk around because of crime.

try maintaining the parks on the northside of town. The linear path from Downtown west to Helmer/Bedford rd is a disgrace. Overgrown brush/trash and no way to access the riverbank.

Lower the cost to Full Blast and Willard Beach.

More frequent and better lawn mowing

Reduce the amount of parking in Willard Beach park in order to create more green space. Do a tree survey in WBP to identify and protect native species. Finish the WBP improvement plan approved by the city 20 years ago but never fully implemented.

Cleaner parks and rivers. Littering is such a problem.

More facilities for winter activities.

An actual roller skating rink.

Programmed activities for those who use the park.

Park with outdoor concerts

the addition of a skate park

Open a splash pad in a nice area for the kids.

Pay the workers a better wage. Some park jobs start at \$12/hr part time.

Actual restrooms in Bailey Park, rather than portable toilets. The ones by Anybodies Playground are disgusting. Also, a changing table would be great for families going to the park.

Partnerships with other organizations working with children

More programs for kids and adults.

Our children need to be the priority. There are phenomenal program directors at the Battle Creek Rec that pour into our kids and deserve the recognition. The Full blast facility needs updates all around the building and grounds. Playgrounds need to be updated throughout the city to keep the kids safe from injuries.

I’m fairly happy with what is available overall.

Better maintained pathways. They have downed trees/branches across them and the paths are overgrown or breaking apart. Also just making parts of Linear park feel safer.

Not sure how to go about doing that, but some parts go through rough areas of town and it doesn't feel safe especially as a woman.

More native plants and educational resources about native plants and habitats

Something for the whole family that doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Even the YMCA is expensive for most families.

Mobile Skating and a roller skating rink

Toddler playgrounds for children under 5

Adult programs that are not sports ie. Hiking, orienteering

More Playground equipment downtown, maintenance of the linear path trails, lighting at dusk/night to be on the linear path

Hand washing stations

More skating

I want to see Horseshoe Park cleaned up and the drug use issues there addressed.

More splash pads in safer neighborhoods

Offer adult leagues and participate in the community gardens

Bailey park improved so people actually want to play sport there again Do something at full blast for more water play besides the 2 slides

Continue youth programming

Turf Bailey Park

Additional splash pads

Concession at Willard

Clean the parks and better communication to the public. Improve the parks safety, as some are not well patrolled. More bathroom options.

Clean the trash regularly, not just once a year! Provide police or MH patrols.

Provide bathrooms! Publicize information in print in public areas.

Safety... police who do their job. Don't allow pot smoking.

n/a

Continued maintenance to the Linear Park System

More fenced in playgrounds with toddler areas

I would like to see the city put more effort into upkeep in the parks we currently have. Too many times have I seen our local parks or playgrounds littered with graffiti, wildlife feces, trash, etc. It would also be nice to have some local activities or programs in the parks to encourage interest, and not just for kids. Clean bathrooms are also a must for every park! No bathroom or a gross bathroom stops us from visiting altogether.

Children programs and indoor water park back at full blast.

There are not many parks good for very young children 5 and younger. Almost all the parks I have been to are too big for my daughter to safely use. The only park somewhat near me is not a safe place.

Community gardens

Host more specialty events to bring excitement to the areas. But feeling safe in a clean public park has to come first.

Mother and child programs, ways to make new friends and connections in our community, continued upkeep of the beautiful parks we have here. Free services to

promote parks and help our community. Better pay for city workers. Trash cleanup volunteer groups.

Local history programs

Pickle ball courts at Riverside Park

More family style recreational facilities at the neighborhood parks. Grills, pavilions, better picnic tables, more garbage receptacles and dog stations, bathrooms with running water.

additional/improved restrooms

BETTER MAINTAINENCE OF PATHS/PARKS AND THE BUILDINGS ON THEM.

Drinking fountains at parks with exercise paths and playgrounds. Bathrooms with hot water available to wash your hands. A couple places that have canoe/kayak rental and livery service would be nice

Outside exercise equipment

I live at 74 23rd s. There are lots of kids & teens here that would benefit from projects, gardening & I think it would be awesome to get a bunch of plastic kayaks so city kids can go out on the river. also fishing lessons! And, have you thought of using the SW junior high building on territorial as a community woodshop/ maker space/ gym etc building? The city of chicago has park districts that have those activities & the city of Portland Oregon used a middle school to do something similar.

Cleaner Parks

At the All City Baseball & Softball Tournament, we noticed both baseball fields had broken scoreboards. Spectators were charged gate fees and scoreboards don't function properly. If City plans to host money making tournaments, repairs need to be prioritized in the budget.

Maintained playground equipment & mulch beds.

I would like for mechem park to get an upgrade. And the Southside also doesn't have a splash pad. Some kids don't have the opportunity to go to the beach or play in sprinklers. Mechem park is outdated and nasty. It's like our only park since the schools no longer exist.

Updated playgrounds, more sports and arts programs, more activities for high schoolers, water related activities.

A paved nature trail would be awesome for walking and biking that could connect several neighborhoods

More walking paths, swings, and information on trails

A dog park in Lakeview that is as nice as the one by Bailey Park.

Summer camp type programs for kids; programs for all ages

Maximizing use of native plant species for park lawns, and maintaining a biodiverse habitat for wildlife

Riverside Park needs more rest benches on the walking path for older & young walkers and bikers to stop at. Plus 2 more shelters would be a huge improvement seeing that it's probably the most used part in the system...safe, clean, plenty of parking.

Make them more accessible for people with physical disabilities / power wheelchair users/ manual wheelchair users,.



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Wish there was a little more maintenance to the river for fishing access and kayaking. Battle Creek river from McAllister to Bailey park used to be a nice float but all the trees came down you can't get through.

affordable use of outdoor pool at full blast

More use of rivers and brooks

Add a safe bike lane to Watkins Road and improve the paths at Woodland Park

Workout stations with workout equipment at the parks

Capital Improvements At Leila Arboretum: install children's play equipment, stripe the drive all the way around for walkers to walk 1 mile safely- make cars only one way around. Also more tree stump art-it draws people. Linear trail-love it! Thanks for all the maintenance. It'd be nice to paint arrows at key points similar to traverse city TART.

Keep existing parks clean and safe

More access. Recreation stuff is hard to access.... or when we're notified it's too late/ close to start of program. Get non traditional activities (lacrosse, etc). Police presence at school playground to maintain new facilities. More bike paths and sidewalks for walking etc in the city is crucial. Our bus system is awful.

Do you live in the City of Battle Creek?

Yes 86% (191)

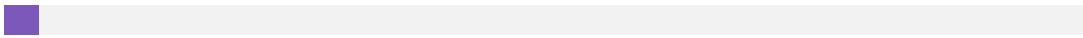


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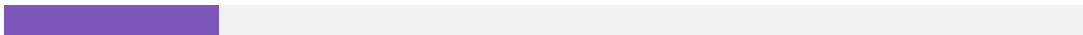


In which category is your age?

18-24 years 3% (7)



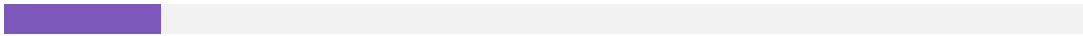
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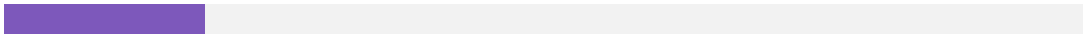
35-44 years 30% (66)



45-54 years 14% (32)



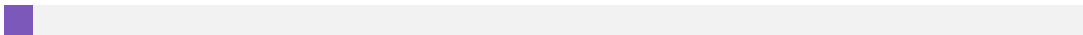
55-64 years 18% (41)



65-74 years 12% (26)



75 years or older 3% (6)

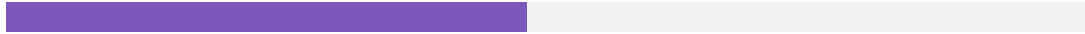


Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

No 52% (115)



Yes 48% (106)



Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

No 81% (177)

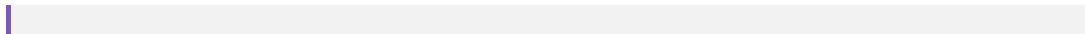


Yes 19% (42)

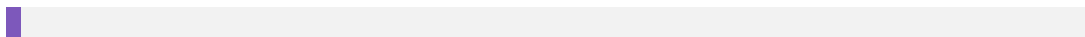


What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)

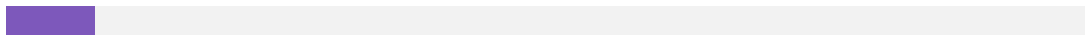
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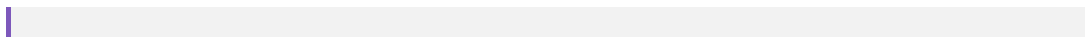
Asian 1% (3)



Black or African American 8% (18)



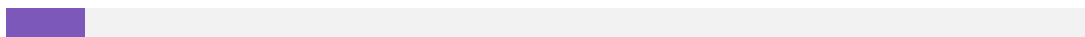
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 0% (1)



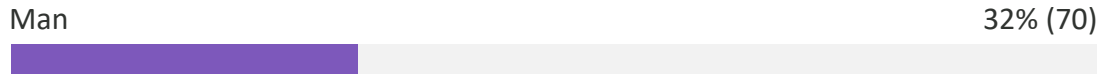
White 89% (193)



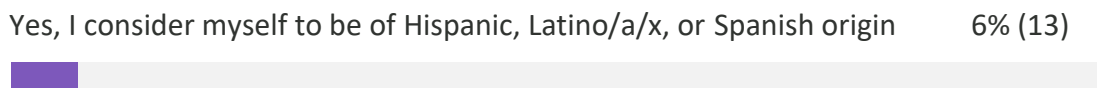
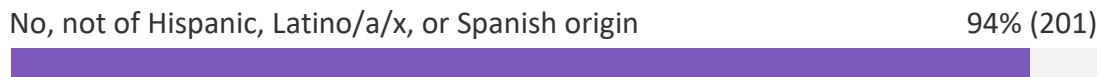
A race not listed 7% (16)



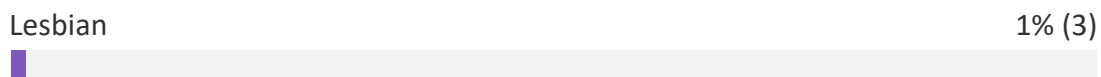
What is your gender?



Are you of Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or Spanish origin?



What is your sexual orientation?



**CITY OF BATTLE CREEK****OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER – COMMUNICATIONS**

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Neighbors invited to give opinions about city parks and recreation facilities

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — City leaders want to hear what neighbors think about our parks, recreation facilities, and more!

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We want to hear input from the community during this process, so we have a short survey about parks and recreation in the City of Battle Creek. It is estimated to take five to six minutes. Find the survey in three languages, at these links:

English - <https://polco.us/sdtnu2>Burmese - <https://polco.us/srhag2>Español - <https://polco.us/szmr9f>

You can see the current, 2019-2023 Recreation Master Plan here:

<http://battlecreekmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5396/Recreation-Master-Plan-2019-2023>

All of these links are available together through the city website's home page. Visit battlecreekmi.gov and scroll to City Spotlights.

Stay tuned for more news and information throughout this process, including a draft plan for public review, and open houses where you can see the draft plan and learn more from the staff who provide our parks and recreation services.

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City seeks input on parks and rec facilities

City of Battle Creek leaders want to hear what residents think about local parks, recreation facilities and more, says city spokesperson Jessica L. Vanderkolk.

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Appendix B: Neighborhood Planning Council

Meeting Summary

Overview: Five meetings were attended with the various Neighborhood Planning Councils in order to facilitate dialog regarding the information they felt was important to their neighborhoods in regards to the master plan. The purpose and process of the master plan was reviewed with those in attendance and then comments and discussion ensued.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Purpose and Process

Mission: To provide recreation programs and services that improve the physical health and wellbeing of the individual and community.

Purpose of Plan:

- Strategic guide that dictates programs and services
- Required to access DNR funds

Key Components of Plan:

- Planning Process: process of developing plan
- Recreation Inventory: breakdown of programs and/or services provided by Parks and Rec, schools, and private businesses
- Community Description
- Administrative Structure: staffing, budget, and partnerships
- Action Plan: goals and objectives, action steps, and evaluation including performance measurements and capital expenditures

Planning Process

- Public Input: NPC meetings, needs assessment survey
- Draft Plan: open one month for review and comment; open houses
- Public Hearing
- City Commission
- Submit to DNR



Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Comment/Sharing Information Sessions

Date: _____ NPC: _____

1. In regards to the important issues facing Battle Creek, how can parks and recreation programs/services affect these issues?

2. How do the Parks and Recreation department affect you currently?

3. How would you like Parks and Recreation to affect you? How can Parks and Recreation improve your quality of life?

4. What would you like to see Battle Creek Parks and Recreation provide in terms of:
Facilities:

Programs:

Services:

Please return to Duska Brumm at 35 Hamblin Avenue, Battle Creek 49017 or email at dabrumm@battlecreekmi.gov

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your input. We greatly appreciate your involvement.

Meeting Input and Results

NPC 1 – April 6th– 7 people in attendance; public input included:

- * More enforcement of cleaning up after dogs at dog park
- *Playgrounds and parks need upkeep
- *Have more walkable community
- *Post Park and Hamilton Park are not safe
- *Homeless encampment at Hamilton Park
- *Monitor neighborhood parks as they are quite messy
- *Add security cameras in parks and lighting
- *Have designated activities at city parks
- *Need a park in the Franklin Community area

NPC 2 – April 10th– 11 people in attendance; public input included:

- *Discussion of adding parking lot and logistics
- *Concerns with trash dumping on Wilds Avenue
- *More lighting on Graves Street

NPC 3 – March 9th– 7 people in attendance; public input included:

- *Strong parks and recreation can draw people to the city and improves quality of life
- *Builds relationships and opportunity for healthy life styles
- *More programs for kids and older adults are needed as well as family events
- *Would like more pickle ball courts, lighting in parks, and more basketball courts
- *Riverside Park is a great place and safe
- *Need to replace sidewalk slabs that are in bad shape
- *Need more benches and pavilions at Riverside Park along with dog waste stands

*Meacham Park needs updated playground equipment

NPC 4 – March 15th – 12 people in attendance; public input included:

- * Would like more walking paths and walking clubs at parks
- *Sports programs for middle school ages
- *Add a parkour course
- *Clean the bike and walking paths
- *Trim the trees back along the walking paths
- *Put restrooms or outhouses at parks that do not have them
- *Offer anti-gang programs; learn to fish; open fire houses
- *More advertising; use Next Door app

NPC 5 – March 13th – 19 people in attendance; public input included:

- * Fell Park needs more lighting; fence around ball field; more swings; a gate to deter driving on open fields
- *Concerned with homeless population in parks
- *Parks need to be cleaned up; volunteer groups organized to keep clean
- *Offer programming in Fell Park for youth
- *More programming for seniors
- *Affordable programming for children
- *I love all the parks; more people need to know about them
- *Keep all of the Linear Trail well-kept and safe; have it patrolled by police
- *More events at neighborhood parks - food trucks; pop-up events; music in the parks
- *Need more picnic tables and to plant more trees

Appendix C: Public Approval Process

Summary of Approval Process

A draft of the final plan was assembled initiating the public approval process. The draft plan was made available for the public review between October 26, 2023 and November 26, 2023 (see the Media Release included on the next page) in adherence with planning guidelines. The plan was available electronically on the City's website and the Recreation Department's website. Hardcopies of the plan were available at multiple sites including the City Manager's office, Willard Public Library, and the Recreation Department.

Public Open House

Members of the public were invited to open houses held on November 2, 2023 and November 13, 2023 in the recreation office. The open houses were held from noon – 1:00 p.m. and from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and included access to Parks and Recreation staff.

All comments received prior to December 19, 2023 were reviewed in their entirety by recreation staff, and where feasible and appropriate, integrated into the final plan.

City Commission

On December 5, 2023, the Battle Creek City Commission held a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The public had an opportunity to comment on the plan. Notes from the meeting are included in this Appendix.

On December 19, 2023, the City Commission approved a resolution adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2024-2028. The public was given additional opportunities during that meeting to comment on the plan including during the general public comment period and at the time that commissioners debated the resolution of approval. Commission comments, and those offered by the public are summarized in this Appendix.

Public Approval Documents

- Press release, community open house and public comment period
- Battle Creek Shopper community open house article
- Citizen comments from the open house and public approval period
- Notice of Public Hearing – Battle Creek City Commission
- City Commission Agenda (December 19, 2023)
- City Manager's report (December 19, 2023)
- City Commission meeting minutes from December 19, 2023
- Resolution and Action Summary supporting adoption of the Master Plan
- Community meeting schedule



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Community can review, comment on Recreation Master Plan new draft

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — The city Recreation Department's new master plan draft is now available for review, after we received great input from the community on a survey and at Neighbor Planning Council meetings.

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Find the draft master plan online at battlecreekmi.gov. Scroll to the City Spotlights. It is also available on the Recreation Department website, bcparks.org. Find it under the Explore Battle Creek tab. **Check out a paper copy** at Full Blast, 35 Hamblin Ave.; the City Manager's Office, 10 N. Division St.; and Willard Library, 7 W. Van Buren St.

There are multiple ways to contribute your feedback during this part of the process, by the **deadline of Sunday, Nov. 26:**

- Informal open houses at Full Blast, 35 Hamblin Ave.! You can review the plan, and fill out a comment sheet.
 - **Thursday, Nov. 2** from noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
 - **Monday, Nov. 13** from noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
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- Call Recreation at 269-966-3545.
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We appreciate everyone's participation in our Recreation process!

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Summary of Citizen Comments

The following is a summary of citizen comments received during the public review period from October 26, 2023 through November 26, 2023.

I would like to see more focus on bicycle travel. Living on the Southwest part of the city, Windemere subdivision, there are not the best bicycle routes available. The rough condition on 28th Street. Gethings and Helmer make a road bike a challenge. I just got back from Europe and Austria, Germany and the Netherlands had excellent bicycle lanes available throughout many cities. I was added to the Bicycle Advisory Committee at the beginning of 2022 and we have not had a chairperson or have met since I was added to it. Battle Creek seems to have lost any focus on this.

Better parking at Piper Park not just on the side of the road.

Riverside Park: Benches along walking path; Baseball diamonds used very little – convert diamonds to pickleball courts; who is key contact person for care and updating plantings around park sign at corner of Riverside Dr and Golden Ave?

Kalamazoo River properties future: The river from Columbia Ave to the south and north and west thru the city is raw land and abandoned (for sale) industrial properties. What is the city doing to secure properties along the river? Who is responsible for the demo of the abandoned paper mill property? Ideas: return river to natural flow and demo the concrete ditch. River is a natural use attraction for kayaks and canoes. Water park hotels are a “thing” today. Can the river become a destination location?

Meachem Park – new playground equipment and remove graffiti.

Community responses focus on “more bathrooms” and keeping parks clean (more trash cans and add recycle bins). I agree! City should focus on individual parks and what the surrounding neighborhood needs and wants. Focus on promotion of local park events with the local NPC and the surrounding streets. Make events and activities free, free, free! It seems impossible to do adequate promotion of events in BC (any events) because you need to do Facebook, Nextdoor, Enquirer, Shopper, radio, and lots of other social media. Too many places for announcements and still “nobody knows.” BC needs one central source for all community activities! Easy to access and easy to upload your activities. On-line, printed pages, weekly calendar in Shopper, electronic scrolling billboard.

Good Morning, I’m a citizen of Battle Creek all my life. I attend the event Vibe at 5. I feel so sorry for the band members playing in the HOT summer days. Battle Creek needs a pavilion like Kazoo park. You could hold so many more events there. We love the park, it is really beautiful, let’s take it to the next level.

CLOSE



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: November 21, 2023- 7:00 PM

Location: City Commission Chambers

Chair: Mayor Mark A. Behnke

Title: Battle Creek City Hall - City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor

VIDEO

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

VIDEO 289 A Resolution seeking to adopt Ordinance #17-2023, to amend Sec. 1 of Chapter 882 Real Estate Taxation to provide an Exemption for Workforce Housing Projects.

VIDEO PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

VIDEO COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

VIDEO CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes:

Minutes for the November 7, 2023 City Commission Regular Meeting.

Petitions, Communications, Reports:

City Manager's Report for November 21, 2023

Ambulance Report for October 2023

Resolutions:

- 290 A Resolution authorizing the sale of a vacant, tax-reverted property, Parcel Number 9440-00-007-0.
- 291 A Resolution reappointing Gary Minneman Jr. and Tim Kool to the Dickman Road Business Improvement Board.
- 292 A Resolution appointing Alicia Davis to the Battle Creek Transit Local Coordinating Council.
- 293 A Resolution seeking to appoint Sharan Sklenicka and Al Sklenicka as new members to the Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC #11).
- 294 A Resolution seeking to appoint Springview Tower as a business member to the North Central Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC #2).

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

- VIDEO 295 A Resolution seeking acceptance of the proposal of best value for labor and employment law services from Shifman Fournier, PLC for labor and employment law services.
- VIDEO 296 A Resolution seeking authorization for a contract amendment to contract #2018-014C with Calhoun County Animal Center, Inc., for animal shelter services for revised pricing.
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- VIDEO 300 A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into a Purchase Agreement for the sale of land at 135 N. Washington Avenue, formerly known as the Dolliver Building, identified by Parcel No.: 52-2080-00-002-0 for the construction of a Housing Development.

VIDEO **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Resolution NO. 297

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and receiving public comment on the Parks and Recreation Department's 2024-2028 Master Plan Update.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN - 11/21/2023

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:

The City of Battle Creek, in compliance with the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* as established by the State of Michigan, is required to hold a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation Department's 5-Year Master Plan Update. The City is required to hold the hearing after the conclusion of a 30-day public review period during which residents can review and comment on a draft of the plan. The 30-day period occurred between October 26, 2023 and November 26, 2023.

It is resolved that the Battle Creek City Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Department's 5-Year Master Plan Update for 2024-2028 on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Room 301.

I, Victoria Houser, City Clerk of the City of Battle Creek, hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Battle Creek City Commission at a Regular meeting held on November 21, 2023.

Victoria L. Houser
Victoria Houser

Battle Creek City Commission
11/21/2023

Action Summary

Staff Member: Duska Brumm, Recreation Director

Department: Parks & Rec

SUMMARY

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing and receiving public comment on the Parks and Recreation Department's 2024-2028 Master Plan Update.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

HISTORY, BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION

Every five years the Parks and Recreation Department updates its Master Plan in compliance with the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* as established by the State of Michigan. The Guidelines require that a public hearing be held for public review and comment on the plan at some point after the conclusion of a 30-day public review period in which citizens have access to a draft copy of the proposed plan.

The public review period for the current plan is between October 26, 2023, and November 26, 2023. During the review period citizens had the opportunity to review the draft plan on-line on the Parks and Recreation and Willard Public Library websites or in hardcopy form at City Manager and/or Parks and Recreation office. The Department also held an informal community Open House on Thursday, November 2, 2023, and November 13, 2023, at Full Blast to receive comment on the plan.

POSITIONS

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City of Battle Creek Notice of Public Hearing

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being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the publishers of the Battle Creek Shopper News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Calhoun; that the annexed notice of _____

Notice Of Public Hearing

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd

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My Commission Expires May 25, 2029
Acting in the County of Calhoun

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CLOSE



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: December 5, 2023- 7:00 PM
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Chair: Mayor Mark A. Behnke
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INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC HEARING

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CONSENT AGENDA

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ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mark Behnke
 Commissioner Jim Lance
 Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell
 Commissioner Christopher Simmons
 Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Roger Ballard
 Commissioner Jenasia Morris
 Commissioner Carla Reynolds
 Commissioner Jake Smith

Rebecca Fleury, City Manager
 Victoria Houser, City Clerk
 Shannon Bagely, Police Chief
 Duska Brumm, Recreation Director
 Joby Purucker, Service Desk Tech.

CITY STAFF

Jill Steele, City Attorney
 Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
 Bill Beaty, Fire Chief
 Steve Skalski, Public Works Director

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. Reynolds.

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS/ AWARDS

Proclamation for Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization Month

Mayor Behnke proclaimed December 2023 as "Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization Month," further recognizing December 15, 2023 to January 1, 2024 as the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Awareness Campaign in Battle Creek, Michigan. Mayor Behnke called upon everyone to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to encourage safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of drugs and alcohol, and to support the awareness campaign this

holiday season and throughout the year.

Pat Karr, BCATS, thanked the commission for supporting this every year. Ms. Karr also announced her retirement, noting she has served BCATS for 39 years.

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

There were no added or deleted resolutions.

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

There were no petitions, communications or reports.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing and receiving public comment on the Parks and Recreation Department's 2024-2028 Master Plan.

Mayor Behnke declared the public hearing open, inviting attendees to share public comments.

Kathy Antaya stated she reviewed the plan, thanking staff for a very robust plan with a lot of data and comments from residents. Ms. Antaya requested staff focus on the smaller pocket parks throughout the city, allowing access to neighborhood residents.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Behnke closed the public hearing.

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Motion to Approve
Moved By: JIM LANCE
Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

Ayes: BALLARD, LANCE, MORRIS, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SMITH, SOFIA

MOTION PASSED

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CONSENT AGENDA

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

David Moore encouraged residents to attend meetings and consider serving as a board or committee member.

Christena Smith commented on the reduction of transit services and how it is impacting residents' employment and healthcare.

Autumn Smith expressed concern with an issue that occurred a year prior regarding an elected state official, stating she has talked with Chief Bagley regarding her concerns.

Jerry Steiner commented on transit services and past legislative action.

John Kenefick recited a poem.

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ADJOURNMENT

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Title: Battle Creek City Hall - City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor

INVOCATION

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ROLL CALL

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CONSENT AGENDA

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Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell
Commissioner Christopher Simmons
Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Roger Ballard
Commissioner Carla Reynolds
Commissioner Jake Smith

ABSENT: Commissioner Jim Lance
Commissioner Jenasia Morris

CITY STAFF

Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager	Jill Steele, City Attorney
Alicia Greene, Deputy City Clerk	Duska Brumm, Recreation Director
Doug Bagwell, Deputy Police Chief	Bill Beaty, Fire Chief
Bryce Hamilton, Network Computer Specialist	Mallory Avis, Public Transit Director

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Sofia.

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards

Mayor Behnke presented the Beautiful Battle Creek Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

Staff Presentation - Fire Department - Bill Beaty, Fire Chief

Bill Beaty, City of Battle Creek Fire Chief, presented the monthly staff report.

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

There were no added or deleted resolutions.

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There were no petitions, communications or reports.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on the proposed Dickman Road Business Improvement District Special Assessment Roll No. I-024.

Mayor Behnke declared the public hearing open, inviting attendees to provide public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Behnke declared the public hearing closed.

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Motion to Approve
Moved By: PATRICK O'DONNELL
Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

Ayes: BALLARD, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SMITH, SOFIA

Absent: LANCE, MORRIS
MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENTAGENDAAND RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENTAGENDA

Mary Bourgeois, 231 Springview Dr., spoke to resolution 320 questioning the purchase of full size busses with the lack of qualified CDL drivers.

Kathy Antaya, Parkridge Dr., shared concerns with resolution 320, noting the lack of riders on current busses, suggesting smaller vehicles.

David Moore shared concerns with resolution 320.

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COMMISSION COMMENTREGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

There were no commission comments.

CONSENTAGENDA

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Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

Ayes: BALLARD, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SMITH, SOFIA

Absent: LANCE, MORRIS
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Motion to Approve
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Absent: LANCE, MORRIS
MOTION PASSED

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Motion to Approve
Moved By: PATRICK O'DONNELL
Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

Ayes: BALLARD, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SMITH, SOFIA

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Motion to Approve
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Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

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Motion to Approve
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Supported By: ROGER BALLARD

Ayes: BALLARD, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SMITH, SOFIA

Absent: LANCE, MORRIS
MOTION PASSED

- 318 A Resolution seeking approval of the 2023 Nonmotorized Transportation Plan.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: PATRICK O'DONNELL
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Ms. Avis provided information on resolution 320, answering Commissioners questions.

Comm. Smith stated he will not be supporting resolution 320, sharing concerns with this purchase when the Transit Authority of Calhoun County, TACC, just seated their board and have not had time to plan.

Ayes: BALLARD, O'DONNELL, BEHNKE, REYNOLDS, SIMMONS, SOFIA
Nays: SMITH

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Bourgeois thanked the Fire Department, commending a response to a medical call. Ms. Bourgeois invited the commission to the St. Thomas Christmas day breakfast.

David Moore shared concern for bus driver safety.

Kathy Antaya invited everyone to the Share Center Friday 5pm-7pm with entertainment by Bobby Holley. Ms. Antaya also requested gift donations for the event.

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Sopia read her annual Christmas Message.

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12/20/23, 8:01 AM

Item Coversheet



Resolution NO. 316

A Resolution seeking approval and adoption of the 2024-2028 City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN - 12/19/2023

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:

That the 2024-2028 City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan is both adopted and approved. Formal approval of the plan by the governing body is required as specified in the State of Michigan's *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*.

I, Victoria Houser, City Clerk of the City of Battle Creek, hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Battle Creek City Commission at a Regular meeting held on December 19, 2023.

Victoria L. Houser
Victoria Houser

Battle Creek City Commission
12/19/2023

Action Summary

Staff Member: Duska Brumm, Recreation Director

Department: Parks & Rec

SUMMARY

A Resolution seeking approval and adoption of the 2024-2028 City of Battle Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The plan establishes the strategic direction and programming and service priorities of the department for the next five years. It includes recommendations on capital expenditures and the specific allocation of general fund revenues. The document, however, is for planning purpose and does not impact the department's current fiscal year budget.

HISTORY, BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION

Every five years, following the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* established by the State of Michigan, the Parks and Recreation Department updates its Master Plan. The plan serves as a strategic guide for parks and recreation staff and the basis for determining what programs and services to offer and how they should be prioritized. The plan is required by the State of Michigan to ensure the department's eligibility for certain state and federal grant funds.

The public review period for the current plan was held between October 26, 2023, and November 26, 2023. During the review period citizens had the opportunity to review the draft plan on-line on the Parks and Recreation and Willard Public Library websites or in hardcopy form at City Manager and/or Parks and Recreation Office. The Department also held informal community Open Houses on November 2, 2023, and December 13, 2023, at Full Blast to receive comment on the plan. A Public Hearing was held at the December 5, 2023 City Commission Regular Meeting.

The Master Plan reflects the Parks and Recreation Department's mission to improve individual health and well-being while contributing to over-all community quality of life. The department sought to build off its existing plan with an emphasis on parks and physically active lifestyles as determined by community input through data collected throughout the planning process, which included a needs assessment survey, focus groups, community meetings, and input from staff.

POSITIONS



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Community Meeting Schedule

Item	Date	Time
Neighborhood Planning Council		
NPC 1	April 6, 2023	7:00 p.m.
NPC 2	April 10, 2023	6:00 p.m.
NPC 3	March 9, 2023	7:00 p.m.
NPC 4	March 15, 2023	7:00 p.m.
NPC 5	March 13, 2023	7:00 p.m.
Survey		
Needs Assessment – Online Survey	April 27, 2023	
Plan Review		
Community Open House	December 18, 2018	Noon 7:00 p.m.
	January 10, 2019	Noon 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearing		
Battle Creek City Commission	December 5, 2023	7:00 p.m.
Approval and Adoption		
Battle Creek City Commission	December 19, 2023	7:00 p.m.