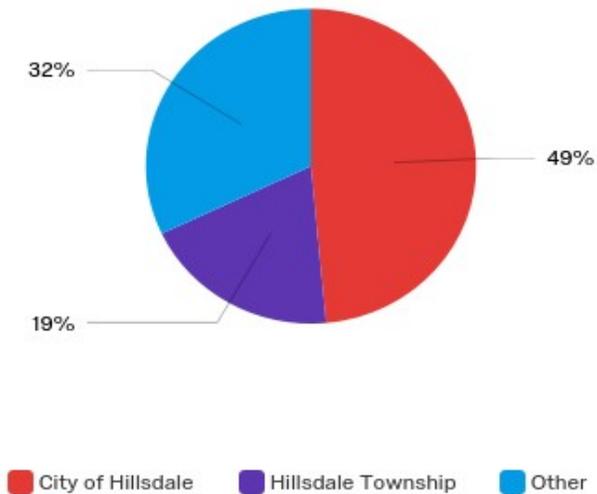


Hillsdale City Rec Report

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1 - Are you a resident of? (select one)



OTHER

Adams Township
Cambria Township
City of Jonesville
Comstock Township
Kalamazoo County

Hillsdale County
Fayette Township
Jefferson Township
Litchfield
Pittsford Township

Reading
Scipio
Somerset Township
Woodbridge

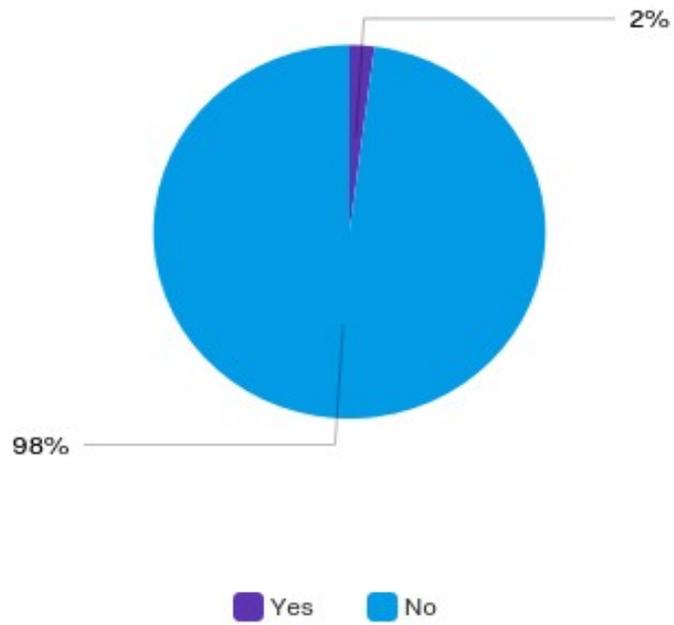
2 - Please note the number of people in each age group that are living in your household:

	1		2		3		Total
5 and under	16%	16	6%	6	1%	1	31
6-9	18%	17	5%	5	0%	0	27
10-14	18%	18	4%	4	0%	0	26
15-17	14%	14	1%	1	0%	0	16
18-24	11%	11	1%	1	1%	1	16
25-34	8%	8	6%	6	1%	1	23
35-44	19%	18	13%	13	0%	0	44
45-54	20%	20	12%	12	0%	0	34
55-64	15%	15	7%	7	0%	0	29
65+	11%	11	12%	12	1%	1	38

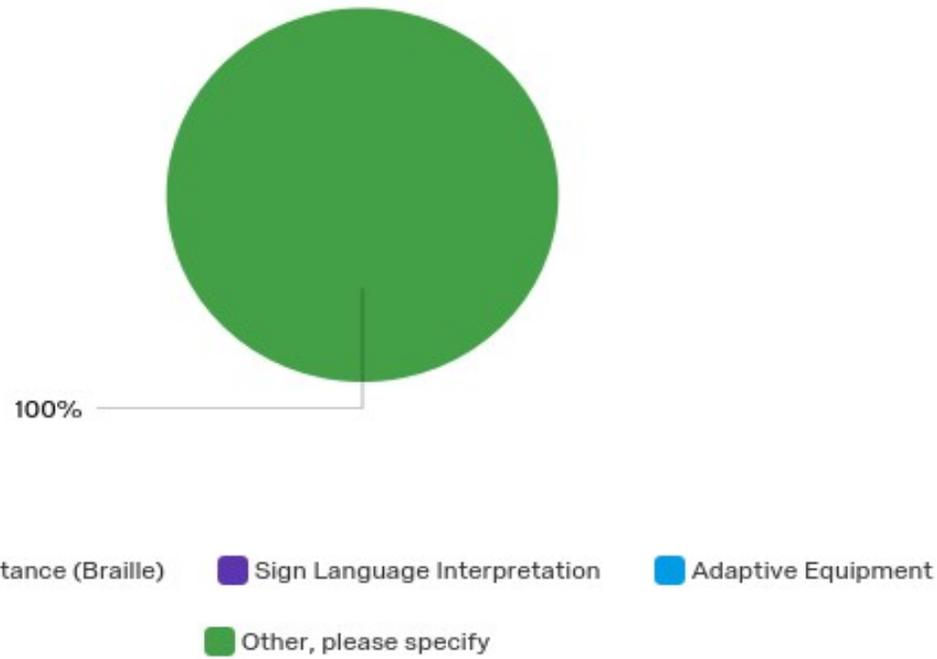
Demographic breakdown (284 total people living in respondent households)

9 and under 20%
 10-17 15%
 18-24 6%
 25-44 24%
 45 and over 36%

3 - Do any members of your household have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

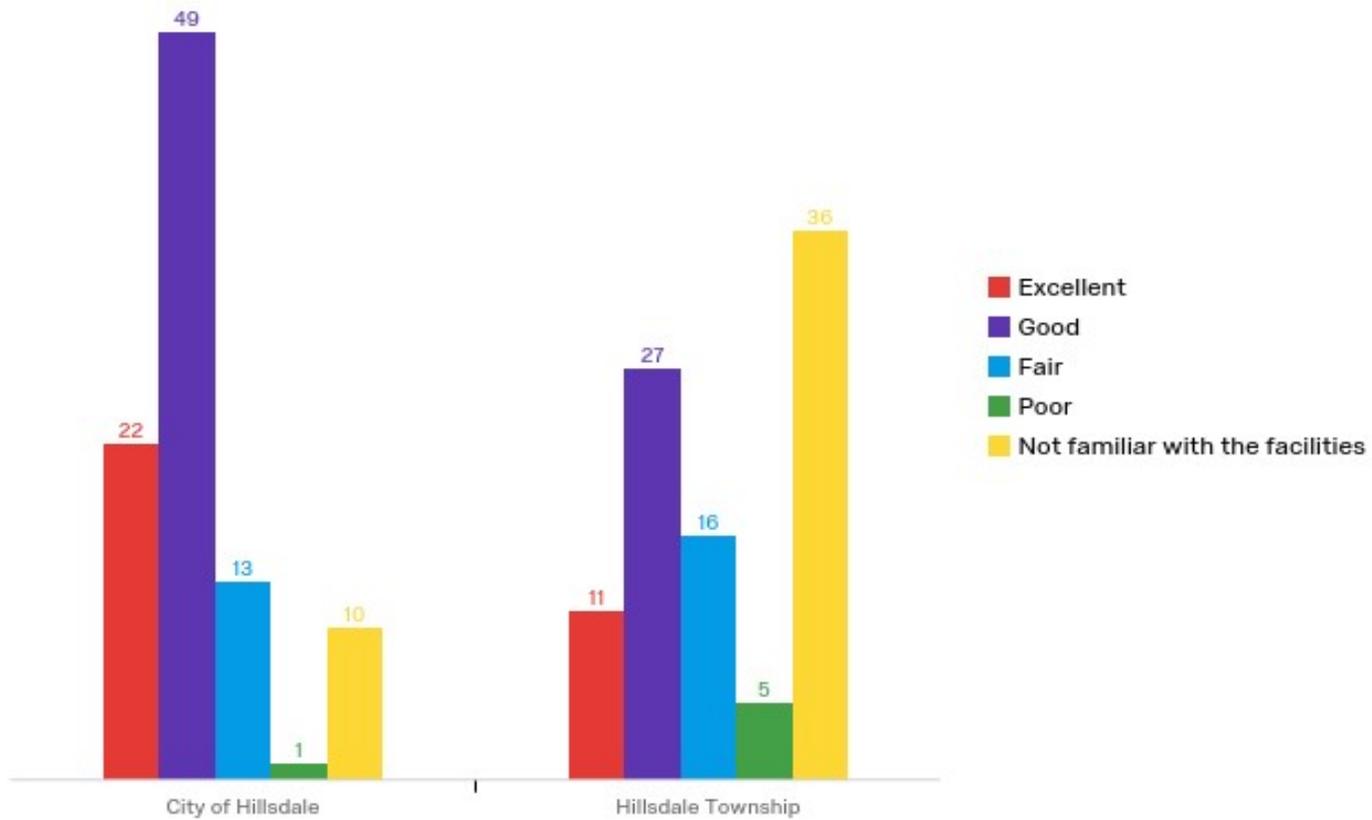


3A - What type of accommodation is needed to serve people with disabilities in your family?

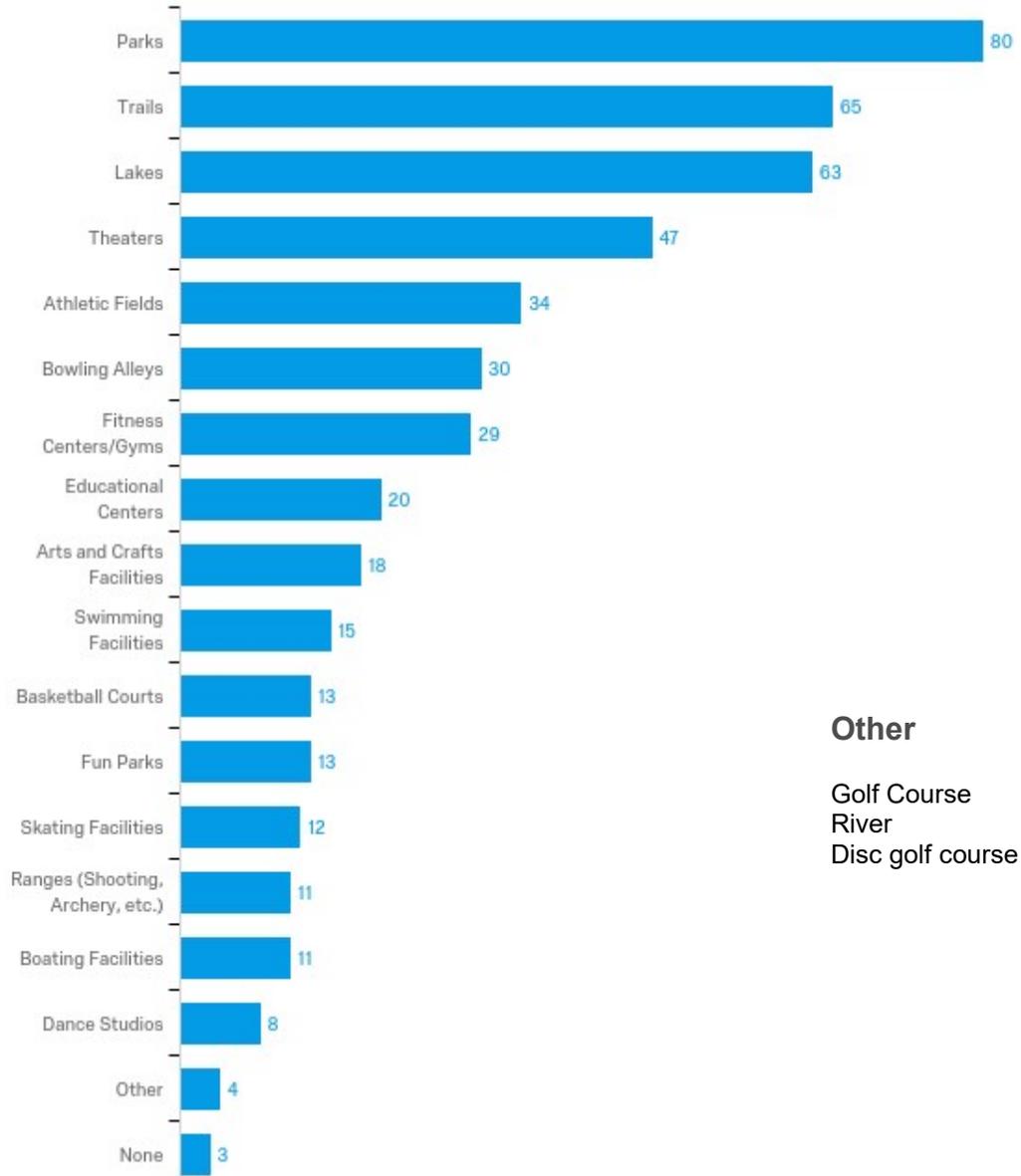


Other, please specify
one level living
None

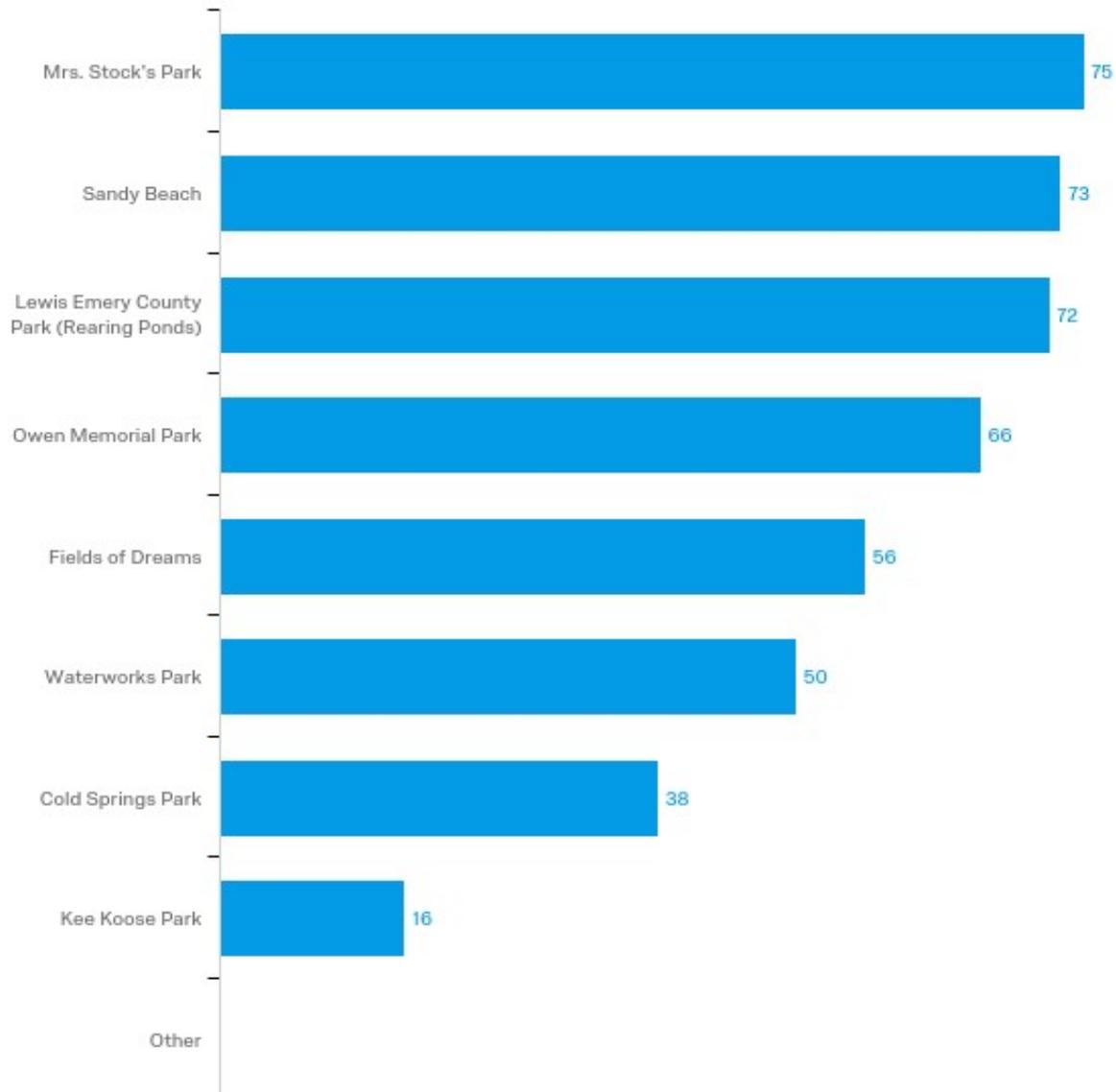
4 - Generally speaking, how do you rate the recreational facilities in the City of Hillsdale and Hillsdale Township?



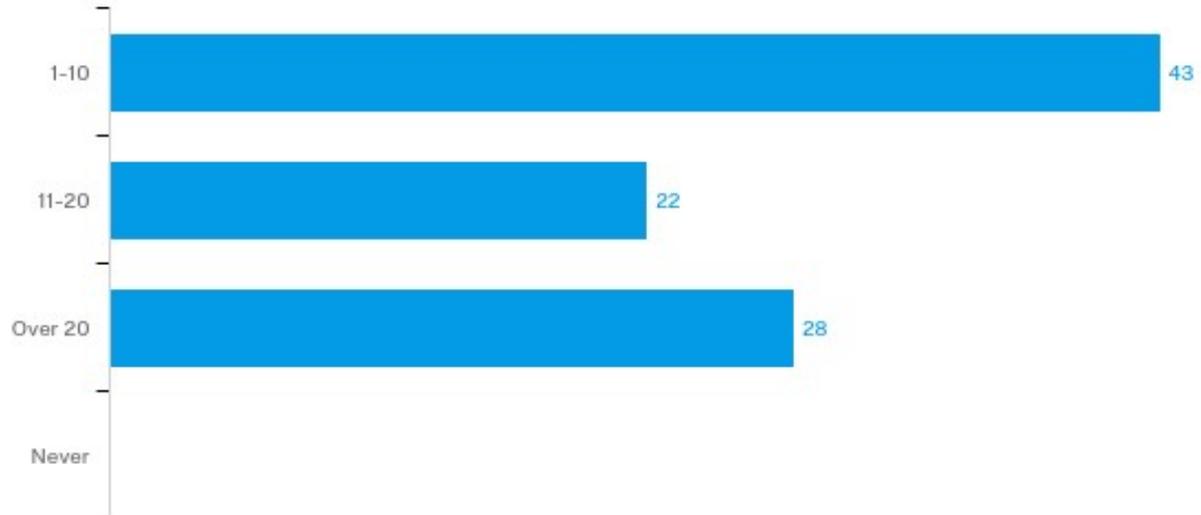
5 - What recreational facilities do you use within the two communities?



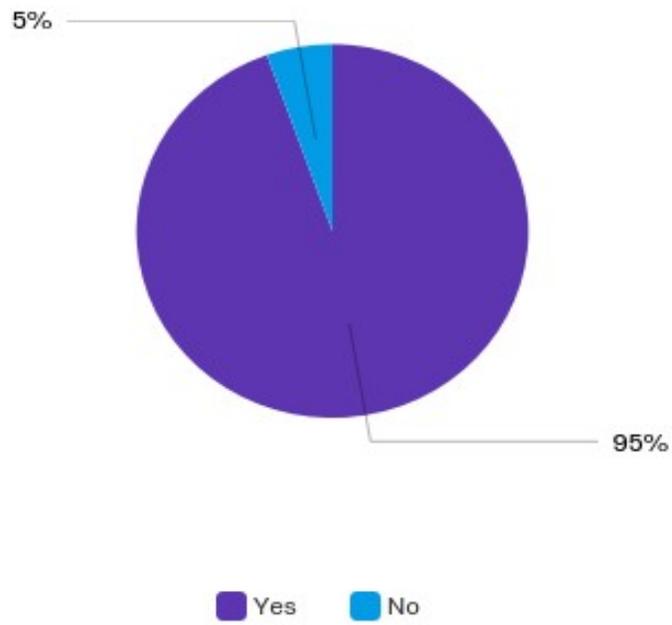
6 - Our communities offer a number of parks. Which park(s) have you visited?



7 – How often have you visited these facilities within the last 12 months?



8 - Did the parks(s) meet your expectations?



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9. What did you enjoy most about the park(s)?

Total Responses: 69

Maintained		Trails		Misc. Opportunities		Play Equipment	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
26	37.68%	11	15.94%	19	27.54%	7	10.14%
Environment/Scenery/Landscaping							
No.	%						
30	43.48%						

10. What improvements, if any, would you like to see in the park(s)?

Total Responses: 58

None		Park Updates/improvements		Signage/Information		Benches/Seating	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
15	25.86%	8	13.79%	4	6.90%	4	6.90%
Dog Parks		Kayak/Canoe/Paddle Board		Restrooms		Other	
2	3.45%	2	3.45%	6	10.34%	21	36.21%

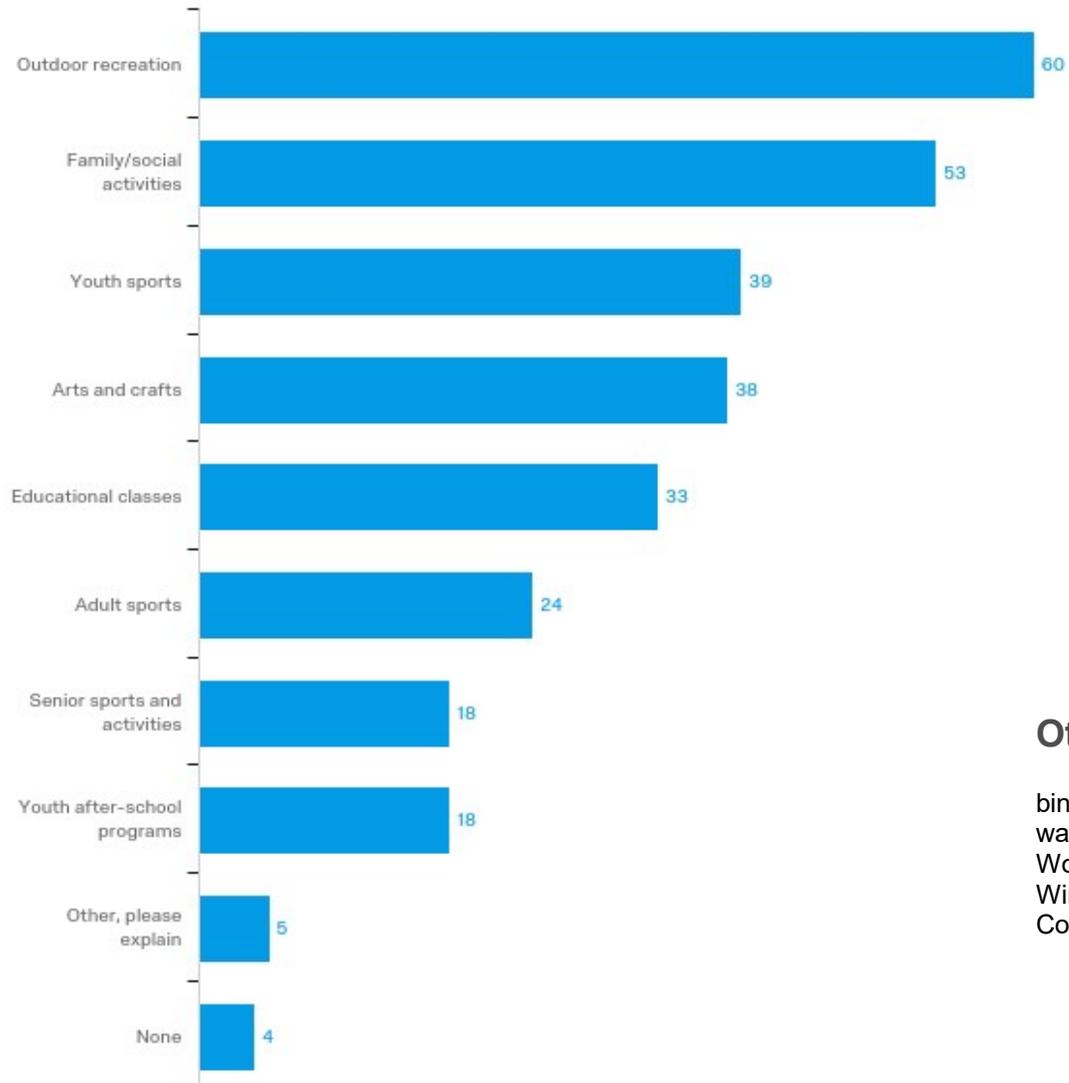
11 - If members of your household seldom use—or do not use—any of the parks, what are the reasons? Please check all that apply.



Other, please explain

Don't take the time
 New to area live on lake lack of social
 Like to stay home
 No one else lives with me.
 I tend to stay home
 Not handicap accessible
 Keekoose and Cold Springs are run down
 I don't drive--some are hard for me to get to
 Some just don't offer adequate areas for sitting or to gather a small group. Some Get to many bugs depending on time of year. Other times it's simply too crowded to enjoy time with family.
 Busy doing other activities.
 Time constraints
 Getting older and are doing other things

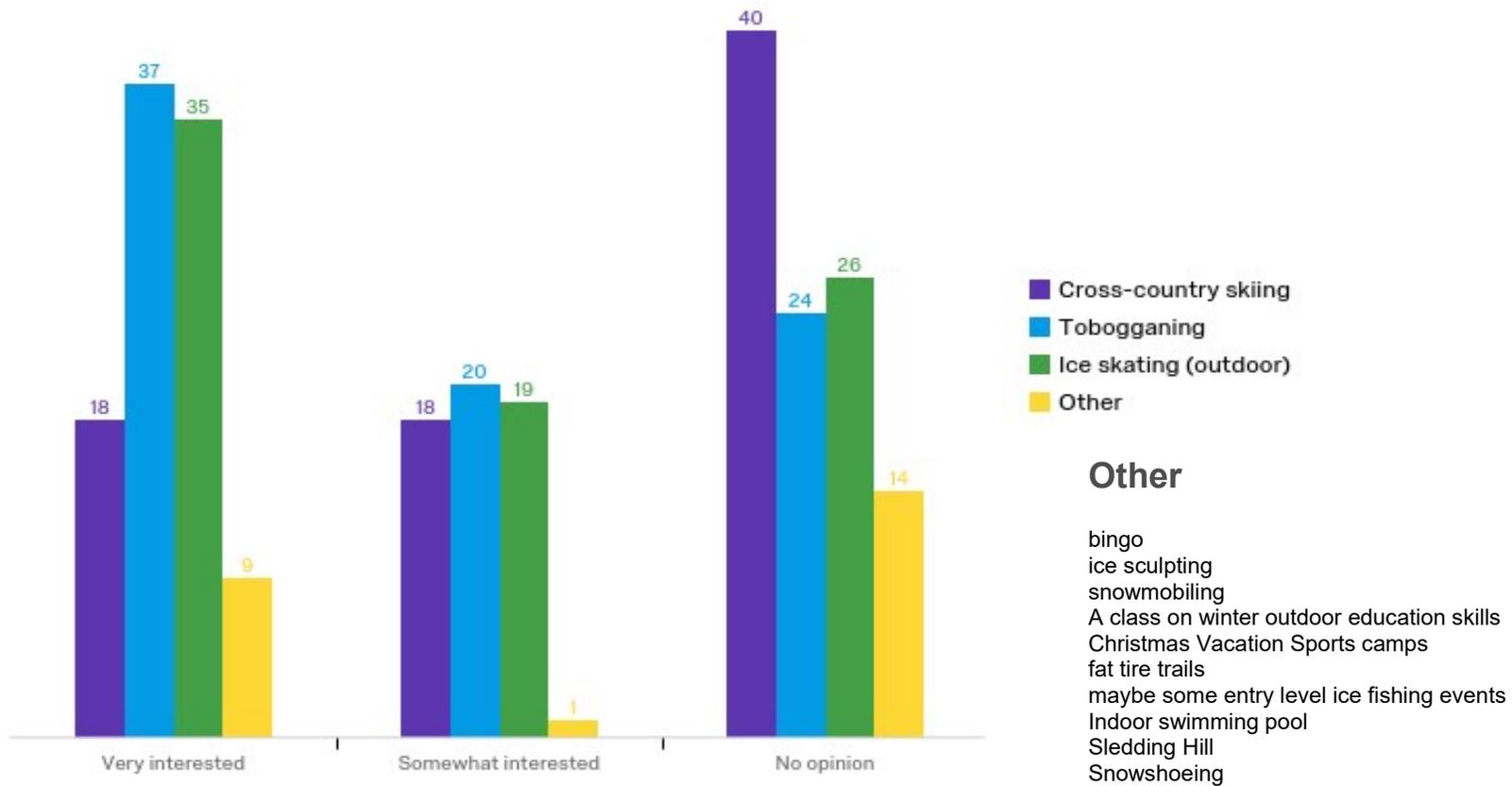
**12 - What types of recreation programs are you and members of your household interested in?
Please check all that apply.**



Other, please explain

bingo
water park like in coldwater
Would like pickle ball courts (similar to tennis)
Winter sports
Concerts, markets, events

13 - The City and Township are interested in providing winter activities, please rate the suggestions below and share any ideas you might have:



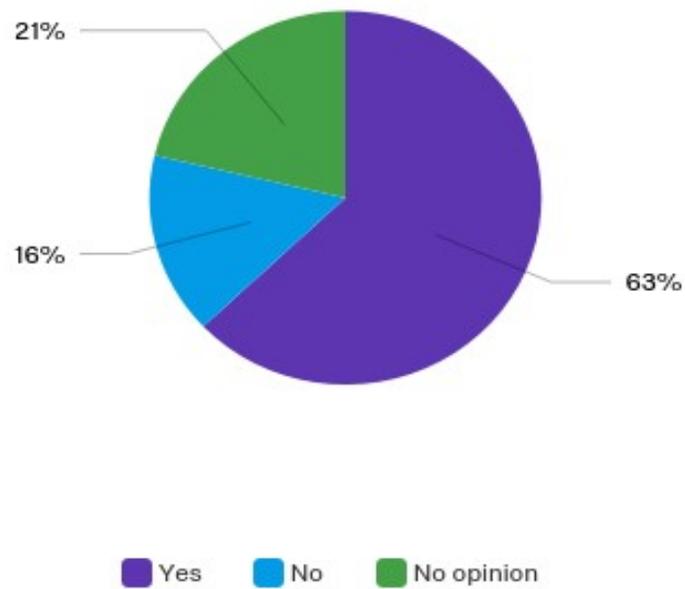
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FAMILY SURVEY

14. Where would you like to see winter activities developed?

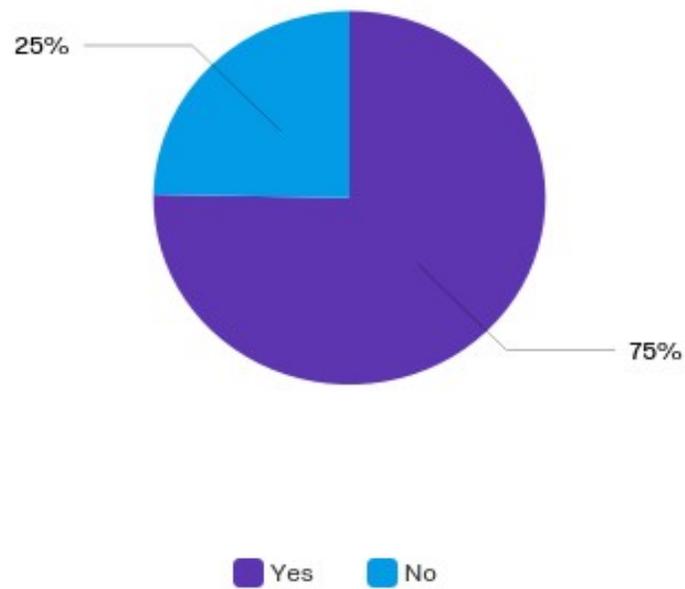
Total Responses: 52

Fields of Dreams		Baw Beese Parks		Lewis Emery Park		Mrs. Stock's Park	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
7	13.46%	7	13.46%	6	11.54%	4	7.69%
Owen Memorial		In the City		KeeKoose Park		LoPresto Field	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2	3.85%	5	9.62%	1	1.92%	1	1.92%
Fair Grounds		Baw Beese Trail		Downtown		Other	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	1.92%	1	1.92%	1	1.92%	8	15.38%

15 - Would you be willing to support a recreational millage in order to ensure continual improvement and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities?



16 - Millage or not, would you be willing to make a personal donation by way of time and/or money to support continued recreation in your community?



Community Survey

The community survey was created specifically for this Plan and included twenty-three questions. Data collected from the survey includes general demographic information, along with questions to measure level of satisfaction with existing City parks, facilities, open space, trails, and recreation programming offered. A number of opportunities were available for open-ended comments, and respondents were encouraged to consider what deficiencies and needs exist in the current system, while suggesting ideas for improvements. A summary of survey response is included on the following pages, with complete survey results included as an Appendix.

Survey Questions

Introduction

Welcome to the community survey for the City of St. Joseph Parks & Recreation Department! Your input will be included in our updated Parks Master Plan for 2021 and will serve as a valuable tool to help the City prioritize park improvements over the next 5 years.

1. Are you a resident of the City of St. Joseph? [Yes/No]
2. What is your age range? [0-17, 18-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65-84, 85+]
3. How many people in your household? [fill in]
4. How often do you visit St. Joseph City Parks? [A few times per week, A few times per month, A few times a year, Rarely or Never]
5. Do our existing facilities and recreation programs meet your needs? [YES/NO/Why Not]
6. If you are not a frequent park user and recreation participant, why not?
 - a. Parks are not close to where I live
 - b. Access to parks is difficult for me
 - c. Current parks don't meet my needs
 - d. I use other recreation facilities, not City
 - e. No relevant programming for me
 - f. Cost of recreation programs is too high
 - g. Other [fill in]
7. What City programs or events have you or your family attended/participated in over the past 18-24 months? [list events]
8. How do you obtain information about the City Parks & Recreation Department?
 - a. City website
 - b. Social media
 - c. Newspaper
 - d. Parks & Rec Newsletter
 - e. Word of mouth
 - f. Other [fill in]

Survey Questions, continued

9. How do you get the parks most often?
- Walk
 - Bike
 - Drive
 - Other [fill in]
10. Which of St. Joseph's City Parks do you visit regularly (a few times a year or more)? [Check all that apply]
11. Which park is your favorite? [Check one only]
12. Why is that park your favorite?
- Closest to where I live
 - Specific amenities provided such as playground
 - Programming provided such as sports and rec camps
 - Other [please specify]
13. Why do you visit St. Joseph City Parks?
- Structured activities
 - Special events
 - Relaxation
 - Exercise
 - Walking Trails
 - Athletics/sports
 - Picnics
 - Playgrounds
 - Socializing
 - Other [please specify]
14. What additional types of amenities would you like to see offered by our parks and recreation facilities? Example would be specific play structures, kayak launch, more trails, courts of specific sports, etc. [open ended comment]
15. What additional type of recreation programming would you like to see in your neighborhood parks?
- More programs for youth
 - More programs for adults
 - More programs for families
 - More programs for seniors
 - None, programming seems adequate as is
 - Other [fill in]
16. If you said 'more programs' in the question above, please provide an example.

Survey Questions, continued

17. What type of programming would you use at Howard Ice Arena in warmer months?
- Social events and parties
 - Soccer and futsal
 - Field hockey
 - In-line skating or floor hockey
 - Lacrosse
 - Other (please specify)
18. How important are each of the following to your decision to live in the St. Joseph Community? (scale 1-5, with 1 not important at all and 5 very important)
- Amenities such as libraries and parks
 - Recreational opportunities (beaches, parks)
19. How would you rate the importance of the following community services, facilities and activities? (scale 1-5, with 1 not important at all and 5 very important)
- Outdoor recreation activities and/or sports leagues
 - Local parks
 - Sports and recreation facilities
 - Need more leisure/recreation for youth/teens
 - Expand recreation trail system in natural areas along rivers, Lake Michigan and ravines
20. What would your priority be in funding various community services? (scale 1-5, with 1 low priority and 5 high priority)
- Maintain public beaches
 - Maintain public parks (other than beaches)
 - Acquire new public parks
 - Summer recreation program
 - Howard Ice Arena
21. Please rate your satisfaction with the following: (scale 1-5, where 1 is very unsatisfied and 5 is very satisfied)
- Number and size of parks
 - Condition of parks
 - Condition of facilities
 - Condition of park amenities
 - Variety of park activities
 - Amount of flexible green space
 - Quality of sports fields and courts
 - Connections to and between parks
 - Variety of recreation programs
 - Variety of art and cultural events
22. What is the single most important thing the City of St. Joseph could do to make the parks more useful and valuable to you? [fill in]
23. If you would like to receive emails with Master Plan updates and invites to view the final Plan, please leave your email address here.

Community Survey Word Cloud

Throughout the public input process, many parks and recreation needs were expressed. The graphic below is a summary of feedback gained from the community survey. Many of the open-ended comments fit into similar themes. When a topic was mentioned multiple times, the comment was grouped into a general theme and expressed in the word cloud, where the size of the word corresponds to the number of times it was mentioned in comments. This graphic helps to distill a great deal of input into a quick summary of responses.



Public Review and Final Adoption

A draft Plan was prepared by Edgewater Resources and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Plan Committee. This Plan was then presented to the Parks Advisory Board for comment. This draft Plan was then made available for public review for one month beginning on December 4, 2020. Copies were placed at City Hall and the St. Joseph Public Library. The Plan's availability for public review was posted in the local newspaper and the City's Website. Following the month long public review, the St. Joseph Parks Advisory Board held a public hearing on the Plan at its January 7, 2021 meeting. Following the public hearing and Board recommendation for Commission adoption, the Plan was adopted by City Commission on January 25, 2021.

Decatur Village, Decatur Township and Hamilton Township Parks and Recreation Survey 2019

You can take this survey online at www.swmpc.org/DecAreaRecPlan.asp or please return completed paper surveys to Decatur Village Hall (open M-F, 9am-5pm) by December 20, 2019. Please circle or write in your answers.

Do you live in? Decatur Village Decatur Township Hamilton Township
Other (please write in answer) _____

What is your gender? (please write in answer) _____

How old are you? 14 and under 15-21 22-34 35-54 over 55

What is your race/ethnic background? White/Caucasian Hispanic/Latino
Black/African American American Indian/Alaska Native Asian/Pacific Rim
Other (please write in answer) _____

Do you have any type of disability (any physical or emotional challenges)?

Yes No **If yes, describe:** _____

If yes, please list specific suggestions that would increase your use and enjoyment of area parks and their facilities. _____

Check the priority level for the following facilities/improvements.

Feel free to write in additional ideas and rank the priority for these ideas.

	High Priority	Mid-Range Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed
DDA Park (corner of St. Mary's & Phelps streets)				
Idea: _____				
Other idea: _____				
Raider Romp Park (Veteran's Memorial Dr btwn Phelps & School streets)				
Construct a rock-climbing wall				
Add shade for playground area				
Other idea: _____				
Other idea: _____				
Southside Skate Park (corner of Beers & Williams streets)				
Improve parking				
Add restrooms				
Other idea: _____				
Other idea: _____				

	High Priority	Mid-Range Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed
Red Woolfe Park (public beach west end of Pine Street)				
Improve bathrooms				
Establish a paddleboat/paddleboard/kayak rental program				
Improve concession building				
Add vending machines				
Other idea: _____				
Other idea: _____				
Fire Station Park (on Delaware Street/M-51)				
Improve tennis courts				
Add a splash pad				
Improve parking				
Other idea: _____				
Other idea: _____				
General Ideas for Parks/Recreation/Open Space				
Establish a ¼ mile crushed limestone walking track at Hamilton Grange Hall				
Develop a bike path between Oak Shores Campground along CR215 and the Hamilton Grange Hall				
Add bike lanes/paths				
Develop nature trails				
Build an indoor recreation facility				
Build an ice skating rink				
Add soccer field(s)				
Add dog park				
Other idea: _____				

Would you support a millage for maintenance of the parks system? Yes No
Would you support a millage for the development of park facilities? Yes No

Provide any other ideas or comments regarding parks, recreation and open space in the Decatur Village/Township and Hamilton Township area: _____

Northfield Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

We want to hear from you!

Northfield Township is updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will help guide the Township as it develops and improves its parks and recreation system over the next five years (2020-2025).

We invite you to provide feedback on your experiences and opinions on the parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services offered by Northfield Township, and comment on any improvements or new initiatives you would like to see in the future.

Your input in this plan is crucial to helping Northfield Township make the best investments in parks and recreation over the next five years. This confidential survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

You may only submit this survey once. Online and hard-copy surveys must be completed by Monday, December 7, 2020. Hard copy survey submissions must be returned to Northfield Township Hall located at 8350 Main St., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. If you have any questions, please contact Northfield Township at (734)-449-2880.

Disclaimer: This survey is not a scientific survey. The purpose of this survey is to collect informal opinions to help the Parks and Recreation Commission and Township Board create a Parks and Recreation Plan that reflects community values. The results of this survey will be used to inform the Parks and Recreation Commission and Township Board in developing the 2021 Parks and Recreation Plan.

1. Please check which of the following parks and recreation facilities you have visited over the past 12 months.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barker Road Play Path | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitmore Lake Community Pool, Track, & Other Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Township Area Library Pavilion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Village Site/Northfield Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Woods Preserve (Northfield Church Road) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield Township Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Northfield (Pontiac Trail) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitmore Lake Bark Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitmore Lake Preserve (7 Mile Road) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball court at Whitmore Lake Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground at Whitmore Lake Elementary school | <input type="checkbox"/> None: I do not use any parks and recreation facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennings Road Athletic Complex | |

2. Which **four** of the facilities listed in question 1 do you use most often?

1st	<input type="text" value="-- Select an option --"/>
2nd	<input type="text" value="-- Select an option --"/>
3rd	<input type="text" value="-- Select an option --"/>
4th	<input type="text" value="-- Select an option --"/>

3. Please identify the importance of the following guiding principles for parks and recreation in Northfield Township.

	Not Important	Neutral	Important
Enhance the health and wellness of the community through a variety of recreational opportunities throughout the year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strive to ensure all new projects are fiscally sustainable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Offer township residents opportunities to walk, run, and bike safely without leaving their community.

Enhance and preserve healthy ecosystems for native plants, fish, and wildlife.

Offer township residents the opportunity to enjoy the Whitmore Lake waterfront.

Foster a township-wide sense of pride in, and support for our community's recreational assets.

Create landscaping showcasing native plantings and natural materials to enhance Northfield Township's natural beauty.

Support agritourism and events featuring the township's farmers.

Encourage safe cycling, hiking and horseback riding on rural roads.

Develop an interconnected network of recreation facilities and trails to enhance quality of life, offer health benefits and provide non-motorized transportation options.

Initiate and maintain community special events or contests to invite, encourage and engage public participation and exploration of township parks and amenities.

Seek, encourage, recognize and reward private investment and participation in the construction and maintenance of park amenities.

Other (please specify)

4. Please identify the importance of the following possible parks and recreation projects within Northfield Township.

	Not Important	Neutral	Important
Extend the River Walk along Horseshoe Lake Drain from the Jennings Road Athletic Complex to Barker Road.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create trails and boardwalks through the proposed Seven Mile Preserve Park (township-owned land behind the Public Safety Building).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bandshell	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bathrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoe/kayak/paddleboard launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small neighborhood parks (i.e. playgrounds, pocket parks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community green	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing pier	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kids' adventure walk through natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Landscaped areas with paths and benches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking lot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park (skateboarding)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach/swimming area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails-paved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails-unpaved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water overlook (bridge/structure/platform with railings hanging over Whitmore Lake)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

5. How should the township pay for additional parks and recreation amenities and their maintenance? Please check all that apply.

- Proceeds from the sale of a portion of the North Village site to developers (applies only to the Northfield Township Community Park).
- Private fundraising, grants (public and private), volunteer labor and limited general fund expenditures.
- Private fundraising, grants (public and private), volunteer labor and greater general fund expenditures.
- A community millage to create a parks and recreation system.
- None of the above. I would like no additional resources or general fund expenditures to be spent on park assets.

6. Do you live in Northfield Township?

- Yes
- No

7. What is your age?

17 or younger

40-49

18-34

50-64

35-39

65 & up

8. Do you have any additional comments regarding parks and recreation in Northfield Township?

9. (Required) Similar to a Public Hearing, you must provide your first name, last name, and address for your survey to be counted.

10. (Optional) Please list your email address if you are interested in learning more or helping with the development of parks and recreation opportunities within Northfield Township. Please also advise if there is a specific project you would like to assist with.