

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP | LIVINGSTON COUNTY

2023-2028



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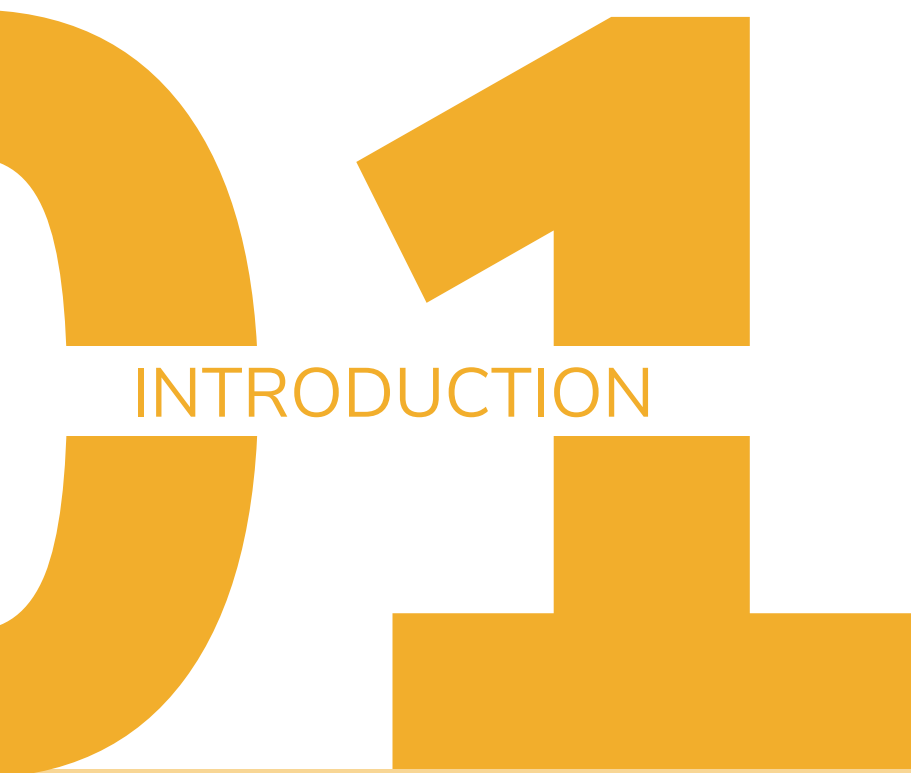
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INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

Hamburg Township has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan to serve as a guide in future decision-making regarding recreation facilities improvements and the development of new recreation opportunities over the next five years. This document is the basis for policy implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of Hamburg Township and its residents.

Before any Parks and Recreation Master Plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand the needs of the current residents, existing recreational opportunities, the demographic characteristics of the area, program initiatives, and projects and facilities that are best suited for the community. This Plan was compiled from public input and suggestions from residents, officials, and other community partners with the collaboration of Spicer Group and Hamburg Township Parks and Recreation Committee. The community was a key component in creating this plan. Together, the voices of Hamburg Township have united to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will enhance community members' and visitors' experiences.

The foundation for the development of the Hamburg Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community throughout the process of updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Identify and map existing Township-owned/operated recreation facilities.
- Build common ground among the Hamburg Township residents and community partners in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the Township.
- Enable the Township to be eligible for financial assistance based on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing parks and recreation goals, objectives, and actions in partnership with Hamburg Township and other local groups.
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free access to Township parks and recreation sites.



The Township prides itself on its parks and recreation system and the benefits it brings to residents and visitors. Parks and recreation systems provide three (3) primary benefits which make them essential to the community:

- **Economic value**
 - Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- **Health and Environmental Benefits**
 - Parks are the places that people go to be healthy and stay fit.
 - Parks and recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
 - Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.
- **Social Importance**
 - Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.

The intent of this Plan is to extend the many benefits of the Township's parks to all members of the Hamburg Township community.

In conclusion, Hamburg Township officials intend to use this Plan as a guide for their work on all future recreation and park projects within the Township. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and park improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the Guidelines for Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan is necessary for Hamburg Township to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is written for Hamburg Township and covers all aspects of recreation within the Township over a five-year period from 2023-2028.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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REGIONAL SETTING

Hamburg Township is located in the southeast region of Michigan's lower peninsula. It is located along the southern border of Livingston County. Within the County, Hamburg Township is bordered by Genoa Township to the north, Putnam Township and the Village of Pinckney to the west, and Green Oak Township to the east. To the south is Webster Township of Washtenaw County. Hamburg Township contains the unincorporated communities of Hamburg, Lakeland, and Pettysville. The community of Lakeland is in the center of the Township surrounded by Oneida Lake and Zukey Lake. Historically, this area is known as a summer retreat area for residents of Southeastern Michigan. Pettysville is in the vicinity of Pettysville and Rush Lake Roads.

MAP 1 – REGIONAL LOCATION



DEMOGRAPHICS

In this section, background information from the U.S. Census was used to analyze Hamburg Township's current demographic conditions. The following section analyzes Census-based data on overall population trends, housing characteristics, and economic information within the Township to present an overall demographic condition analysis.

The information presented in this chapter uses the most recent Census Data from the 2020 Census and 2010 Census, the 2020 American Community Survey, and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The Township is compared to Livingston County and the State of Michigan.

Understanding the characteristics of the population is helpful when evaluating parks and recreation facilities and needs. The tables below provide a comparison of key demographic data between Hamburg Township, Livingston County, and the State of Michigan.

PEOPLE & POPULATION

When a community plans for the future, they must consider the composition of the population today and also consider its likely future composition. Understanding where the Township has been, and where it is likely to go, is essential to projecting future needs. Table 1 provides an analysis of key population data for Hamburg Township compared to Livingston County and the State of Michigan.

TABLE 1 - HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PEOPLE & POPULATION DATA

Select Census Data for Hamburg Township, Livingston County, and the State of Michigan			
	Hamburg Township	Livingston County	State of Michigan
Population – 2010 Census	21,165	180,967	9,883,640
Population – 2020 Census	21,259	193,866	10,077,331
Percent of Population Change Between 2010-2020	0.004%	7.1%	2.0%
Percent of Population 65 & Older	21.0%	18.8%	17.2%
Percent of Population Under 18	18.5%	20.5%	21.5%
Median Age	48.1	43.7	39.8
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	42.9%	36.5%	30%

Population Growth: Hamburg Township's population in 2020 was 21,259, a 0.004% increase from 21,165 in 2010. While increasing, it remains slower than Livingston County as a whole (7.1%) and the State of Michigan (2%). The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) provides a regional economic and demographic forecast for communities within Southeast Michigan. In SEMCOG's most recent development forecast, Hamburg Township is projected to continue to grow by approximately 9% through 2045.

Senior Citizens: Of the three communities in Table 1, Hamburg Township has the largest population of residents older than 65. As the US population ages, this population is also expected to grow. Seniors have different needs in recreation facilities than other ages groups. They tend to prefer more passive recreation options such a pathways and recreation centers versus playgrounds. Often, they live on a fixed income, therefore, public parks can be crucial to quality of life. They serve as gathering spaces and activity centers for both physical and mental well-being.

Educational Attainment: The highest levels of educational attainment result in a higher skill set and ultimately contribute to the local job growth. Within Hamburg Township 42.9% of residents older than 25 years have earned at least a bachelor's degree, which is significantly higher than Livingston County as a whole (36.5%), as well as the State of Michigan (30%).

HOUSING & ECONOMICS

Understanding what a typical household looks like within the Township is an important factor in parks and recreation planning. This data demonstrates how park facilities and programs will be utilized by residents. Table 2 provides an analysis of key population data for Hamburg Township compared to Livingston County and the State of Michigan.

TABLE 2 - HAMBURG TOWNSHIP HOUSING & ECONOMIC DATA

Select Census Data for Hamburg Township, Livingston County, and the State of Michigan			
	Hamburg Township	Livingston County	State of Michigan
Percent of Population Below Poverty Line	4.7%	5.3%	13.7%
Median Household Income	\$92,670	\$84,274	\$59,234
Average Household Size	2.74	3.06	2.45
Median Housing Value	\$269,500	\$256,100	\$162,600
Renter-Occupied Housing as % of Total Occupied Units	6.1%	14.9%	9.4%

Socioeconomic Status: The household median income in the Township is \$92,670 which is about \$12,000 higher than Livingston County and \$33,000 higher than the State of Michigan. Hamburg Township's poverty rate is 4.7% which lower than the County average of 5.3% and significantly lower than the State average of 13.7%. These indicators point to a relatively strong economic base for the Township. A strong economic base and educational foundation is typically associated with a population that has a strong desire for quality parks. The Township should continue to invest in park facilities and programming. Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in the community.

Residents in Multi-Family Housing, Apartments, and Renters in General: While the Township retains a lower percentage of renter-occupied housing units at 6.1% of the population, these residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open space and recreational facilities because they do not have large yards or open areas of their own.

NATURAL RESOURCES

When studying parks and recreation resources in a community, it can be worthwhile to examine significant natural resources that may need conservation or protection. A large portion of the land area in the Township contains natural resources that have a value to the residents. However, it is not realistic to expect that all of that land will be preserved in a natural state in perpetuity. The Township has continued to encourage land developers to preserve natural features to the greatest extent possible when making plans for new construction through the Hamburg Township Zoning Department. Natural features are not easily restored after they are impaired. These natural features provide numerous existing and potential parks and recreation opportunities for residents.

The Township has several lakes connected by the Huron River, and with the exception of Mohican Lake and Sunset Lake, all are surrounded by relatively high-density residential development. Access to water bodies for active and passive purposes is an important recreation issue along with limiting the impact of potential development around the lakes. The Huron River area in Hamburg Township has been designated as a “natural river” and more specifically a “country-scenic” river area under the Michigan Natural River Act of 1970 which is defined as a river in an agricultural setting, with pastoral borders, some homes and is readily accessible.

Wetland areas are scattered throughout the Township, with the largest concentration in the centrally located Lakeland area. The wetlands, as identified by Map 3 (listed on Page 12), show mostly combinations of wetlands with wetland soil areas. Wetlands connected to or within 500 feet of an inland lake, pond, river, or stream, and/or those five acres in size or greater are regulated by Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994. Map 3 identifies lakes/streams in light blue, forested wetlands in darker blue, and scrub/shrub wetlands in the darkest blue.

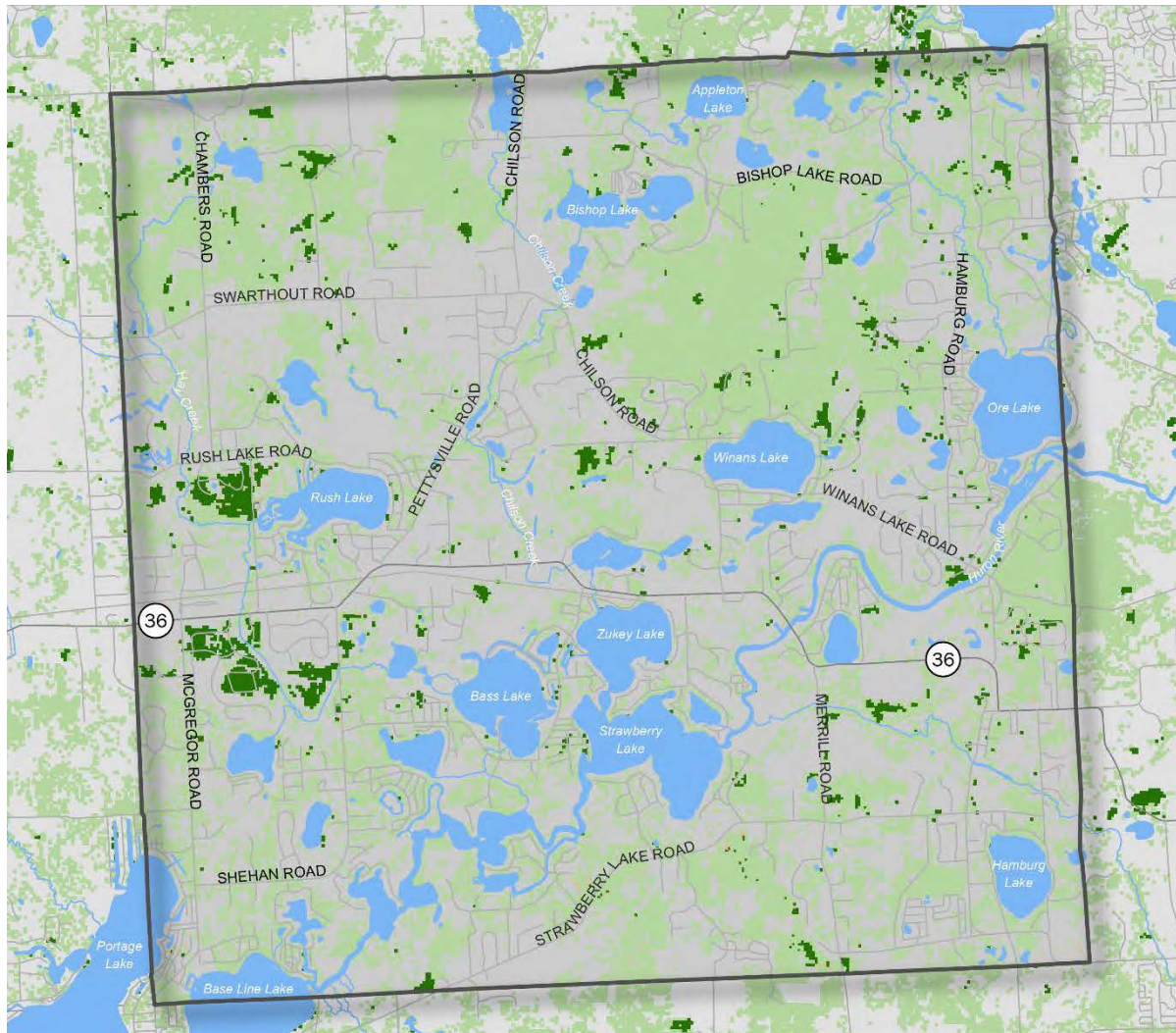
Woodland areas are commonly located adjacent to the wetland areas throughout the Township. The majority of the woodlands are composed of water tolerant species such as ash, silver maple, cottonwood, tamarack, willow, and sycamore. Where natural vegetation meets the water’s edge, areas of unique scenic resources and wildlife habitat are found. In the future, the lands highlighted on Map 2, identified on Page 11, would be priority conservation lands for any future land acquisition or park improvements and should be considered in any new development of park land.

Similarly, SEMCOG has identified significant tracts of land in the northern portion of the Township as Living Legacy Lands. The Living Legacies Initiative is facilitated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and works with many partners to identify, restore, and manage those natural places in Michigan that, together, best represent the diversity of Michigan’s biological heritage. Living Legacies is about making sure that these many



different natural areas and the life within them become a long-lasting legacy shared with residents and visitors. A map of Living Legacy Lands within the Township can be found in Appendix G. Map 2 below reflects lakes/ivers in light blue, deciduous forest in light green, evergreen forest in dark green, and mixed forest land in brown.

MAP 2 – WOODLANDS

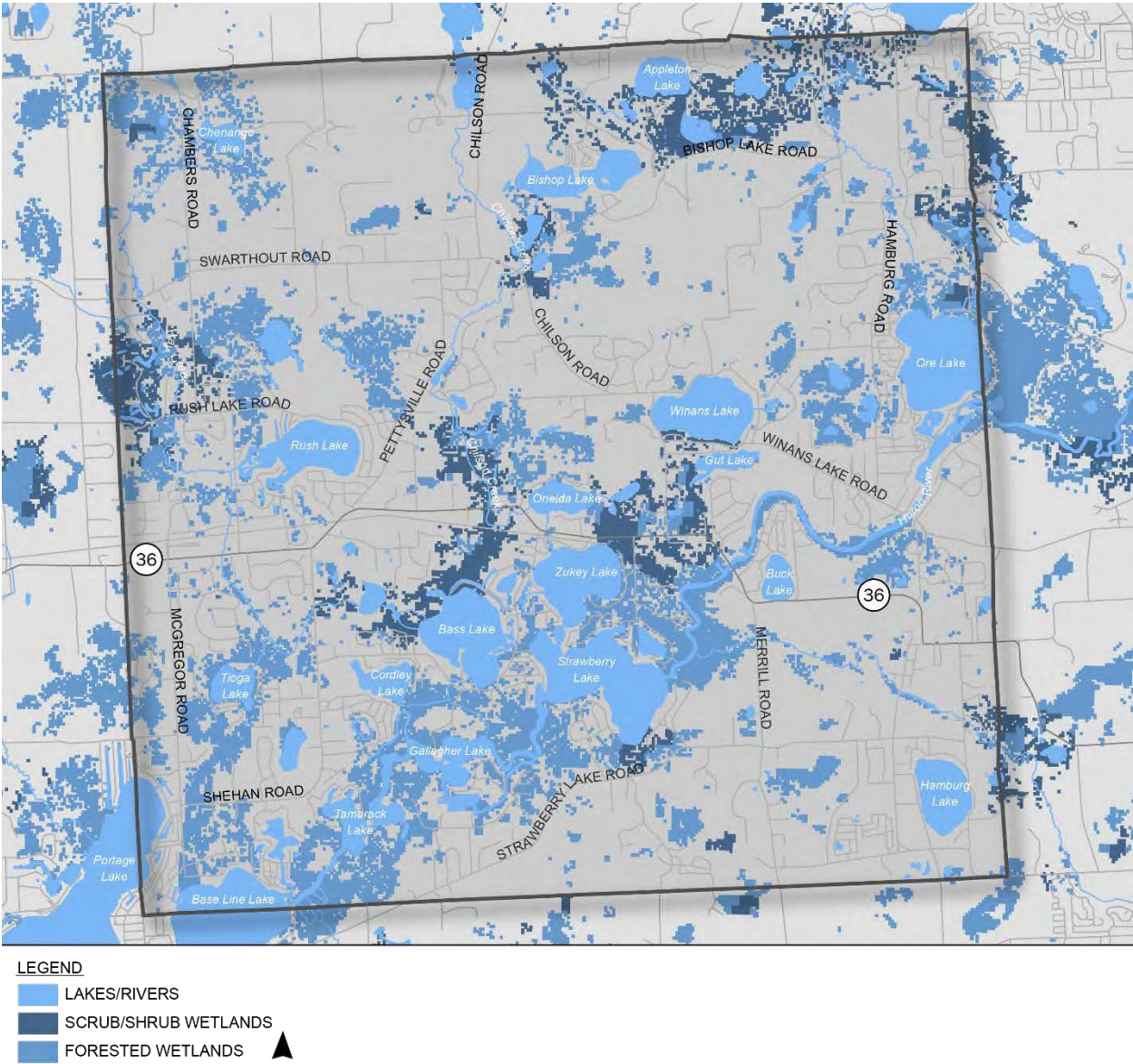


LEGEND

- LAKES/RIVERS
- DECIDUOUS FOREST
- EVERGREEN FOREST
- MIXED FOREST



MAP 3 – WETLANDS



TRANSPORTATION

Township residents rely on the road and pathway networks to access regional parks and recreational facilities. The Township has no mass public transportation busing or railways at this time, as the transportation system is oriented toward the automobile. The existing road system consists of an irregular network of roads, which are situated around waterbodies and other significant natural resources.

Livingston County maintains a dial-a-ride public transportation system called the Livingston Essential Transportation Service (LETS). LETS allows anyone in the county call and request a bus service to reach their destination. LETS offers a 50% reduced fare for disabled persons or seniors age 60 and above. The Hamburg Township Senior Center has a designated LETS bus that provides service to members Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM, by appointment. This bus is ADA accessible and equipped with a wheelchair lift.

The Township is linked to the transportation network via M-36, which intersects with US-23 in neighboring Green Oak Township. Major north-south roads within the Township are Hamburg Road, Chilson Road, Pettysville, Whitewood, and McGregor Roads. Other arterial east-west roads within the Township are M-36, Strawberry Lake Road, and Winans Lake Road. The system of roads in and near Hamburg provides adequate access by automobile to recreation facilities in the Township and in surrounding communities. M-36 provides connections to regional and state facilities, as well as shopping and entertainment facilities in Green Oak Township and Oakland County. Other shopping and entertainment facilities in Brighton, Howell, and Ann Arbor are easily accessed by taking M-36 to US-23.

Access to recreation facilities can be difficult for certain segments of the population, primarily children and the elderly. Existing recreation facilities are scattered throughout the Township, thus located a considerable distance from much of the population. The Township has made progress to expand nonmotorized transportation routes such as bike paths, walkways, and trails to provide for more equitable access to the park system. A particular emphasis has been placed on increasing access to the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park, which is a segment of the larger Great Lake-to-Lake Trail and extends through the Township. The Township has incorporated complete streets policies into their zoning ordinance. Although progress has been made, the Township should continue to focus on building complete streets infrastructure which can be linked to improved safety for all uses, improved human health by encouraging walking and biking, decreased vehicular traffic, reduced dependence on gasoline and other petroleum products, and improved air quality. Complete streets policies provide for more transportation options, fosters more livable communities, and improves quality of life for all ages and socio-economic groups in the Township.



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INTRODUCTION

The Township does not have a formal Parks and Recreation Department so the operations, maintenance, and improvements to Hamburg's recreational facilities are currently the responsibility of the Clerk's Office. The structure of Parks and Recreation begins at the top with residents, to the Township Board, then the Parks and Recreation Committee who serves as a recommending body to the Township Board. Daily oversight of the parkland facilities is conducted by the Clerk's Department staff. In addition, staff coordinates the efforts of the citizens, volunteers, and recreational providers who provide services such as: programming, project assistance, and funding matches.

On December 21, 2010, the Township Board accepted the Parks and Recreation sub-committee's recommendation to reconstruct the Parks and Recreation Board (run by volunteers) and to create the new Community Recreational Services Organization (CRSO) committee. On November 20, 2012, the CRSO was renamed Parks and Recreation Committee and was formed as a recommending body to the Hamburg Township Board of Directors. Although the original Parks Board was dissolved, the volunteers and recreation providers still play an important role under the current structure by providing time and energy for the construction of capital improvements, as well as ongoing maintenance of park facilities. The fees collected for field use provide funds for the maintenance of the parklands and their improvements.

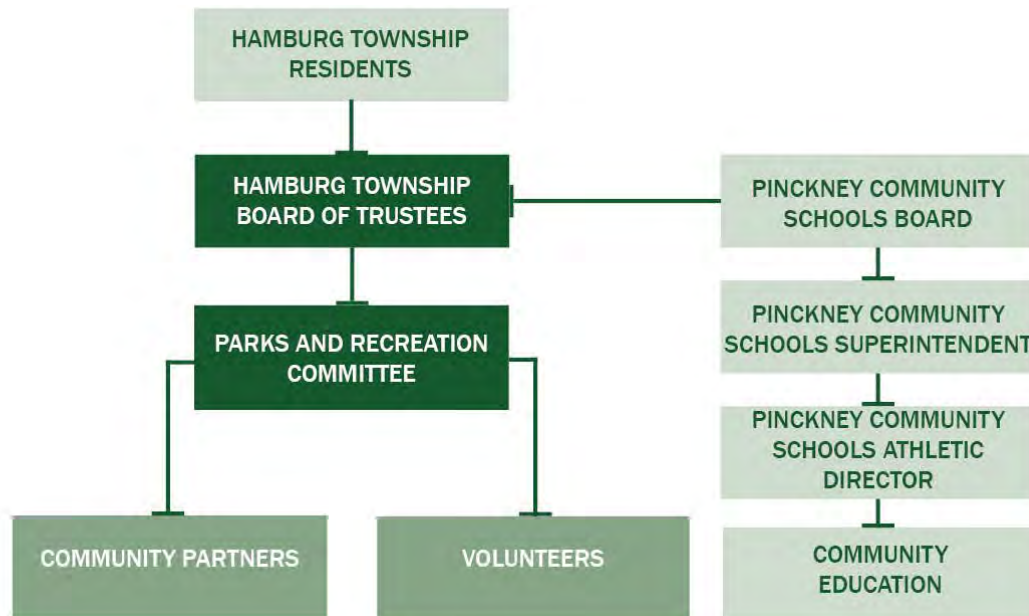


A program for the sale and installation of Commemorative Trees and Benches, along with an Adopt-A-Garden program, is managed by the Clerk's Department and provides a way for the community to fund amenities in the parkland and along the stretch of the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail that runs through the Township. These programs allow community members to take an active role in the beautification of their Township facilities while providing residents and visitors with pleasing respites and gardens to enjoy. The projects organized through this program are fully funded by the donor and provide a long-lasting tribute to their loved one.

The structure of Community Education, as shown in Figure 1 below, is an offshoot of the Pinckney Community Schools. Community Education does not report directly to any Hamburg Township government entity but rather, works with the Township to provide recreational opportunities to their community. Their structure starts at the top with the Pinckney Community School Board, with the Superintendent reporting to the School Board, and Community Education in turn reporting to the Superintendent. Community Education serves Hamburg and areas in six other townships outside of Hamburg, including the Village of Pickney, Genoa Charter Township, Dexter, Marion, Unadilla, Webster, and Putnam Townships.

There are a number of community partners and providers that serve the recreational needs of the residents, including but not limited to, baseball, football, cheer/pom, rugby, radio-controlled activities, and soccer. Given the importance of the various Township community partners, they have been included in Figure 1 below.

FIGURE 1 – TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Operations and maintenance of park facilities are the responsibility of the Township Clerk's office as the Township does not have a formal Parks and Recreation department. The Township does maintain one (1) full time building and grounds staff member tasked with maintaining all Township owned buildings, parklands, and trail systems and one (1) full time administrative staff member tasked with parks, ADA compliance, grants, and ordinance management. Seasonal staff is hired for maintenance purposes to assist with mowing in the summer and plowing in the winter.

FUNDING AND BUDGET

Hamburg Township's parks are financed through the Township's General Fund. The Township charges service fees for the organized use of parklands by recognized community partners and otherwise, the use of pavilions, disc golf, pickleball, and community center. Donations for the use of these facilities are welcome. These fees are put into the General Fund.

Primary funding for the operation and short and long-term maintenance of the Lakelands Trail, Township Parks, and the Hamburg Senior/Community Center is covered by the General Fund.

Additional funding sources include park facility user fees, donations from individuals/private organizations, and grants awarded for specific projects.

The Senior/Community Center charges a \$5 membership fee annually that goes into the General Fund. This membership fee is waived for individuals aged 90 or older.

TABLE 3 - BUDGET & FUNDING

	CURRENT YEAR 2021-2022	NEXT YEAR 2022-2023
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$265,795	\$449,685
PROGRAMMING	\$48,216	\$39,400
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$77,426	\$120,000
TOTAL	\$391,437	\$609,085



ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

VOLUNTEERS

In Hamburg Township, volunteers have been significant in helping the Township maintain their various gardens and plantings throughout the community.

The Amenities & Beautification Committee, commonly known as the ABC Committee, is a sub-committee made of volunteer members in the community who maintain all gardens, flower beds, sign beds, and plants annually. This sub-committee makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Committee and will plan and execute projects like:

- Planting, signage, and maintenance of Parkland/Trail interpretive gardens
- Installation of sculptures and outdoor artwork
- Beautification of Cemetery and support of historical tours
- Development of nature/linking trails as supported by this Plan
- Installation of bike racks and repair stations
- Support of volunteer force for garden projects

The Township's Adopt-A-Garden program provides volunteers or groups of volunteers with the opportunity to care for and maintain a garden of their choosing within the Township. The Township has a list of available gardens for adoption. The Township works with each group that adopts a garden to determine plants and supplies needed to care for the garden. Donated materials/supplies are desired, but the Township will provide anything not already covered. All plants and designs for the gardens must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Township has a successful community garden located between the pickleball courts and senior center.

The Township also receives volunteer assistance installing and maintaining benches for their Commemorative Bench or Tree Program. The commemorative Bench or Tree Program allows the public to donate funds for the installation of a tree or bench to be placed within a Township Park. Each tree or bench includes a commemorative plaque to pay tribute to the donor.



PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SYSTEM

Hamburg Township collaborates with the neighboring Pinckney Community Schools System to provide parks and recreation opportunities to their students. The schools use the parks for their cross country meets and soccer activities at Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park.

Community Education

Within Pinckney Schools is a department called Community Education. This entity does not report directly to Hamburg Township but serves Hamburg Township and other area townships with preschool, latchkey, and enrichment classes for youth and adults similar to:

- Aerobics
- Arts & Crafts
- Baton Twirling
- Belly Dance
- Youth Basketball
- CPR & First Aid
- Dance Classes
- Enrichment Classes
- Financial & Estate Planning
- Youth Golf
- Youth Gymnastics
- Adult Hula Hooping
- Hypnosis
- Lifeguard Certification
- Kickboxing
- Marine Safety
- Martial Arts
- Mom & Tot Playgroup
- Music Classes
- Pilates
- Pinckney Aquatic Club (PAC)
- Pinckney Players
- Preschool
- Soccer Camp
- Swimming
- Tennis Lessons
- Volleyball
- Yoga
- Zumba

FRIENDS OF THE LAKELANDS TRAIL

The Friends of the Lakelands Trail group is made up of volunteers which assists municipalities with grant writing, maintenance, and promotion of the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park. The group is not specific to Hamburg Township, but instead, they work with the communities along the entire length of the trail and various trail connections. Local representatives, such as the Supervisor in Hamburg Township, attend meetings to coordinate with the other municipalities. Previously, the Friends of the Lakelands Trail group provided a grant to install curb ramps along Township sections of the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The Township does not directly program recreational opportunities but instead collaborates with community partners and organizations to provide common community recreational opportunities.

The Hamburg Township Senior/Community Center offers several programs, classes, activities, and volunteer opportunities for individuals ages 55 and older. Other programs are offered by repeat community partners such as:

- **East Michigan Panthers (soccer)** – The East Michigan Panthers is a 501 (c)(3) organization offering competitive soccer opportunities for homeschool families in Southeast Michigan. The organization offers competitive Boys' Middle School (5th-8th), Men's JV and Varsity, Women's Varsity and Girls' Middle School (5th-8th) soccer teams with an emphasis on Christian values. Additional information can be found at: www.empanters.com/
- **Hamburg Community Soccer Club (HCSC)** - HCSC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) community youth soccer organization that manages boys and girls soccer teams ranging from ages three to 19. The club is comprised of players from Hamburg Township, Pinckney, Whitmore Lake, Brighton, Dexter, South Lyon, Howell, Gregory, and Ann Arbor. All HCSC outdoor activities and home games are held at West Bennett Park. Additional information can be found at: www.hamburgsoccer.org
- **Pinckney Hamburg Baseball and Softball Association (PHBSA)** - The Pinckney Hamburg Baseball & Softball Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization completely staffed by volunteers. The purpose of the (PHSBA) is to conduct an amateur youth baseball and softball program for boys and girls ages four and older in the Pinckney Hamburg community. The mission of the P.H.B.S.A. is to provide opportunity and a fun, cooperative learning environment for children who participate in the Association's programs. Home facilities for PHSBA is Manly W. Bennett Park within Hamburg Township. Additional information can be found at: www.pinckneyball.org/home
- **Go Sports LLC (baseball)** – Go Sports LLC is a sports organization, headquartered in Green Oak Township, dedicated to providing youth athletes the opportunity to play competitive baseball and fastpitch games locally and on travel teams. Go Sports teams frequently utilize the Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park fields for practice and home games. Additional information can be found at: www.gosportsllc.com/
- **Pirate Youth Athletics (PYA)** - Pirate Youth Athletics is a non-profit youth sports organization that specializes in Youth Tackle Football and competitive Cheer/Pom. PYA is comprised of players from the greater Pickney area and works as a pipeline to the Pinckney Middle School and High School football and competitive cheer/pom programs. PYA utilizes the Pinckney School facilities as their home base. Additional information can be found at: www.pyathletics.org/home
- **Hamburg Flyers RC Club** - The Hamburg Flyers RC Club is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization serving Hamburg Township and surrounding communities and provides opportunities for youth, adults, veterans, and senior citizens to build, fly, and discuss model aircraft and other RC applications (or activities). The RC field is located in East Bennett Park. Additional information can be found at: www.hamburgflyers.org



- **Hamburg Enhanced Recreation Organization (H.E.R.O.)** - H.E.R.O. is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization formed in 2005 for the purpose of supporting the continued development of recreational opportunities and facilities within Hamburg Township. H.E.R.O. plans, organizes, and hosts the annual Hamburg Family Fun Fest. H.E.R.O.'s goal is to provide an affordable, convenient, close to home, family event offering daily activities such as shows, concerts, a petting zoo, circus, etc. free of charge. The intent of the Hamburg Family Fun Fest is to help fund future enhancements of the recreational programs in the Hamburg area through a grant process when funds are available. Additional information can be found at: www.hamburgfunfest.com

Adult Sports

Offered at the Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park, adult sports include:

- Disc Golf
- Pickleball

Youth Sports

Offered at the Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park and Pickney Community School Facilities, youth sports include:

- Soccer
- Football
- Baseball & Softball

Library

Located adjacent to the Hamburg Senior Center, the Hamburg Community Library offers a variety of materials to the public, as follows:

- Audio Books
- Books
- DVDs
- E-Books
- Enrichment Programming
- Literacy Collection
- Magazines
- Pickleball Rackets and Balls
- Music CDs
- Newspapers
- Sheet Music



Senior Programming

The Hamburg Senior Community Center offers a multitude of activities and classes for the community's senior residents, as follows:

- Exercise Classes Provided by Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists
- Yoga
- One-on-One Computer Lessons
- Watercolor Painting
- Acrylic Painting
- Card-Making
- Origami
- Quilting
- Crafting
- Flower Arrangement
- Assistance with Veteran's Benefits
- Euchre
- Pinochle
- Mah-Jongg
- Ripple
- Medical Equipment which is loaned out on an as needed basis.
- Excursions



PAST GRANT HISTORY

The following list identifies grant projects that were awarded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by DNR Grants Management. This list does not reflect the other grant sources that have been used for recreation projects.

TABLE 4 - PAST GRANT HISTORY: HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

TITLE	FUNDING AGENCY	PROJECT #	YEAR	GRANT AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK	DNR	26-01104 B	1980	\$25,000	Concession/restroom building, utilities, sewage disposal, site restoration & landscaping, parking area, LWCF sign.
MERRILL FIELD	DNR	26-01274	1983	\$29,133	Landscaping, entrance signs, road & parking lot improvements, play structure, asphalt walkway, litter barrels, bleachers, service gate, & LWCF sign.
MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL FIELD	DNR	BF89-092	1989	\$100,800	Division A soccer field, Division B soccer field, lighting for 2 ballfields, parking lot, 4 shuffleboard courts, picnic tables, picnic pavilion, playground equipment, 2 basketball courts, 9 bleachers, 4" well, 2 tennis courts, 2 batting cages.
MANLY W. BENNETT PARK	DNR	CM99-077	1999	\$247,000	Nature trails (8,000 LF), paved trails (8-ft wide, 3,800 LF), boardwalk (600 LF), fishing dock, picnic tables, picnic shelter with storage shed, playground equipment.
LAKELANDS TRAIL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	DNR	TF13-014	2013	\$125,400	Paved trail (to complete Lakelands Trail in Hamburg Township), trailhead parking & amenities, natural resource access & protection. Project included 2 phases to completely construct the universally accessible development project.
HAY CREEK BRIDGE RENOVATION	DNR	TF20-0145	2020	\$50,000	Replacement of bridge decking on pedestrian bridge along the Lakelands Trail.
HAY CREEK BRIDGE RENOVATION	Wilson Grant	GR-20208728	2020	\$50,000	Replacement of bridge decking on pedestrian bridge along the Lakelands Trail.

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RECREATION INVENTORY

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PARKS & RECREATION INVENTORY

The following includes inventory studies of the parks and recreation facilities in Hamburg Township. This inventory was updated by the planning consultants in the summer of 2022 and verified by Township staff. The text below includes an in-depth description of Township-owned parks, park classifications, and ADA accessibility ratings. Table 4 summarizes park amenities in a tabular form. This chapter also contains a brief discussion of other recreational facilities in the Township and region.

ACCESSIBILITY

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least accessible, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park area meet accessibility guidelines) to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). See Table 4 below for the grading system.

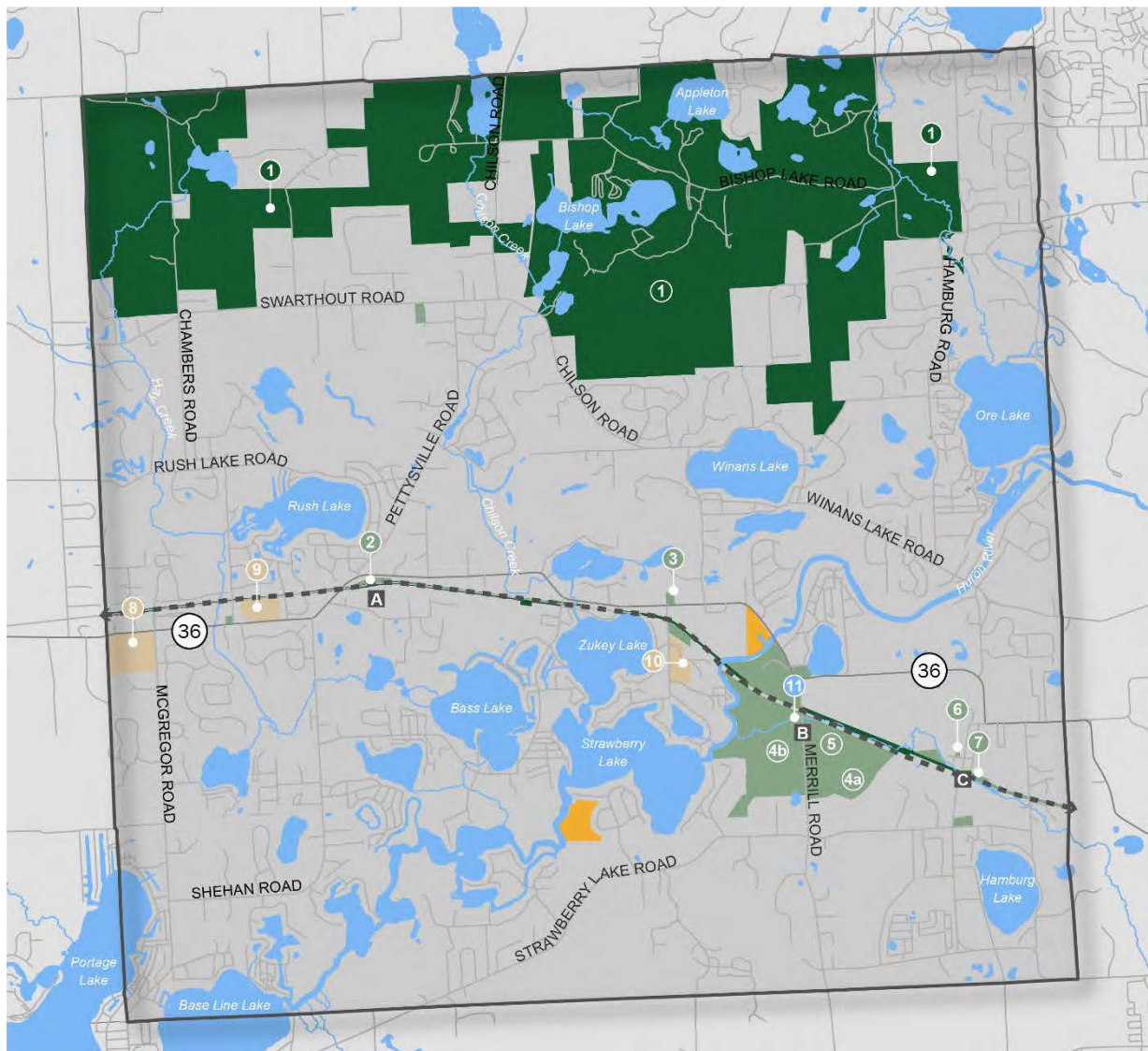
In 2014, the Township hired a planning consultant to complete an ADA and universal accessibility evaluation of their facilities and park areas and create an ADA Transition Plan. Within the Township, some parks have facilities that are not ADA accessible. However, the Township recognizes the importance of equal access for all park users and is dedicated to improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. Such improvements increase access for those with physical disabilities as well as those experiencing temporary mobility issues, which can be of particular importance to the Township's senior population. Additionally, over the next five (5) years, the Township has decided to prioritize the items on the ADA Transition Plan because they believe making the Township facilities accessible is of the utmost importance. The ADA Transition Plan contains priority codes ranging from one (1) to four (4), with one (1) being the highest priority and four (4) being the lowest. A full list of transition plan priority items is listed on page 67 within the action plan. This includes parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

TABLE 5 - DNR ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

ACCESSIBILITY GRADE	DEFINITION
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PARK FACILITIES

MAP 4 - HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PARKS



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| STATE PARKS | PUBLIC SCHOOL |
| 1 Brighton State Recreation Area | 8 Navigator/Pathfinder Middle School |
| COMMUNITY FACILITIES | 9 County Elementary School |
| 2 Pump Track | 10 Kensington Woods Schools |
| 3 Livingston County Conservation Club | LIVINGSTON COUNTY LAND |
| 4a Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park- East | TRAILHEAD |
| 4b Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park - West | A Pettyville Trailhead |
| 5 Hamburg Township Library / Hamburg Senior Community Center | B Merrill Trailhead |
| 6 Hamburg Historical Society Museum | C Hamburg Village Trailhead |
| 7 Winkelhaus Park | WATER BODIES |
| Township Owned Property | 11 Huron River Water Trail Bennett Launch |



MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK – EAST

*Location: 10405 Merrill Rd.,
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189*

Acreage: 120.40

ADA Accessibility: 3

Classification: Regional

Bennett Park East includes a playground, a cross country track/running trail, a sledding hill, several baseball diamonds, a field and track for remote controlled vehicles and aircraft, football and rugby practice areas, a concession stand, picnic shelters, and a 5-acre community event field.



MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK – WEST

Location: 10405 Merrill Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Acreage: 181.6

ADA Accessibility: 3

Classification: Regional

On the other side of Merrill Road is Bennett Park West. This park is best known for its soccer fields, 18-hole disc golf course, an outdoor workout area, nature and paved trails, boardwalk to a scenic overlook over the Huron River, a playground, concessions building and pavilion, and access to the Huron River Water Trail and Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park.



MAP 5 - MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK - WEST & MERRILL TRAILHEAD



MAP 6 - MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK - EAST



WINKELHAUS PARK

Location: 10655 Hamburg Rd, Hamburg, MI 48139

Acreage: 0.90

ADA Accessibility: 1

Classification: Neighborhood

In memory of the Winkelhaus family and the former Hamburg Hotel, this park includes open space for picnicking beneath the tree canopy, a nature trail through the woods, horseshoe pits, a gazebo for events, and interpretive signage reflecting on the history of the hotel.



MAP 7 – WINKELHAUS PARK & HAMBURG VILLAGE TRAILHEAD



PARK SERVICE AREA AND CLASSIFICATION

A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an understanding of the Township's recreation needs, deficiencies, and future plans. An inventory provides a snapshot of all the available facilities within a community along with detail about the types of activities and features. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It recognizes types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and use groups. Each park in Hamburg Township is classified as a neighborhood park, a community park, or a regional park. The NRPA classifies several other park types, but they are not all applicable to the Hamburg Township.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are 5 to 10 acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a service location of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. National standards recommend between .25 to 2.0 acres of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard is about 5.3 acres. Hamburg Township provides .9 acres of neighborhood park space, which is short of the national standard about 4.4 acres. Neighborhood Parks are identified by the service area of Hamburg Township in the previous inventory section.

Winkelhaus Park is the only neighborhood park in the Township. However, it has been the policy of Hamburg Township over the past 30 years to require new residential developments to provide open space areas within each project to meet the passive and active recreation needs of neighborhoods. Further, some older residential developments already have open space set aside for these purposes. Therefore, there may be more neighborhood park space within the Township that is not Township-owned land.



COMMUNITY PARKS

Community parks are intended to serve several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has two parks that are classified as a community park. The national classification system recommends 5 acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard is about 106.3 acres. There are no community parks that Hamburg Township owns or operates. Compared to national standards, it appears that the Hamburg Township may be deficient in terms of community parks. However, schools can help provide parks facilities in the category of community parks. If schools are included in the community park category, there is a total of 71.36 acres of recreation/park land, reduces the deficiency to 35 acres, according to the national standards.

REGIONAL PARKS

Regional parks are typically classified as serving several communities and being large in size, typically, 200 acres or more. They are land that is set aside for preservation, natural resources, environmental significance, use, or historic/cultural interest. While the national standard acreage is large, and Hamburg Township's regional parks are smaller, the NRPA does not only categorize parks by size. A regional park can be smaller but still have a regional use or cultural significance. This is the case for the Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park (East and West). National Standards suggest 5 acres per 1,000 residents. The Township owns one regional park broken into two:

- Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park – East
- Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park – West

The Township has a total of 365 acres of regional park land, with an excess of 96.5 acres of land. In addition to its regional parks, the Township also has access to a regional trail system. 6.5-miles of the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail state park passes through the Township and connects to many local points of interest and to the larger cross-state Great Lake-to-Lake Trail.



TABLE 6 - HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PARK INVENTORY

	MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK - EAST	MANLY W. BENNETT MEMORIAL PARK - WEST	WINKELHAUS PARK
ACREAGE	183.42	181.6	0.9
ACCESSIBILITY	3	3	1
CLASSIFICATION	Regional Park	Regional Park	Neighborhood Park
ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT		X	
PICKLEBALL COURT	X		
BASEBALL DIAMOND	X		
BATTING CAGES	X		
FOOTBALL/ MULTI-USE FIELD	X		
DISC GOLF COURSE		X	
T-BALL FIELD	X		
SOCCER FIELDS/ MULTI-USE FIELD		X	
HORSESHOES			X
VOLLEYBALL COURT	X		
RC FIELD	X		
PAVILION/ GAZEBO	X	X	X
PLAYGROUND	X	X	
HIKING/ WALKING TRAILS	X	X	X
KAYAK/ CANOE LAUNCH SITE		X	
SENIOR/ COMMUNITY CENTER	X		
PORTABLE TOILETS	X	X	
VIEWING DECK		X	
PICNIC AREA	X	X	X
BOARDWALK		X	

SCHOOL FACILITIES

There are several facilities that are owned by the Pickney Community School District which provide public access to parks and recreation functions. The school system contains outdoor facilities that are utilized by youth sport organizations and adjacent neighborhood residents, and indoor school facilities such as gyms, auditoriums, and pool which are used in local recreation programming.

Navigator / Pathfinder Middle School

Navigator / Pathfinder contains several recreational facilities available to the public. Amenities include an indoor swimming pool, community theater, indoor running track, outdoor track, soccer field, weight room, performing arts room, basketball courts, a baseball field, two softball fields, and eight tennis courts. Residents can request use of these facilities from Pinckney Community Schools.

Pinckney High School

Pinckney High School (in Putnam Township) contains numerous recreational facilities and is classified as a community park. Pinckney High School is located approximately 5.3-miles from Hamburg Township. Recreational amenities include a swimming pool, weight room, performing arts room, indoor running track, outdoor running track, football stadium with a football playing field, two soccer practice fields, tennis courts, three basketball courts, two softball diamonds, and two baseball diamonds.



COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The Township has committed to taking a steady and consistent approach to developing park facilities that provide lifelong recreation options for the residents of Hamburg Township. When considering level of service, it is important to note that the Township provides de facto recreation services and facilities to a population greater than its residential population. Therefore, it is important to consider this broader need in terms of demand and not just classification standards for park land per 1,000 residents.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service area, the number of facilities needed to service the population, and the land area needed. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify the Hamburg Township's recreation needs. Table 6 provides a comparison of the Township's public recreation facilities against the NRPA's published recreation facility standards.

In general, the Township rates very well compared to the MDNR's suggested facility development standards regarding the acreage of park land necessary for their population. The table only indicates excess parkland in Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, and Regional Parks.

In addition to the standards outlined in the table below, more recent park guidelines indicate that officials must also consider the parks and recreation "Level of Service" desired by the residents of a community. If the Township's resident needs are met with the existing park land and facilities, then that amount is sufficient, regardless of the standards or acreage suggestions. Therefore, the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. While it appears that the Township has enough recreation land, the community input results indicated some deficiencies in parks such as additional restrooms, updated playground equipment, greater access to trails, and access to dog parks. Residents are most concerned with improving the current facilities. The Parks and Recreation Committee needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves to provide the appropriate level of service.

TABLE 7 - COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	STANDARD ACREAGE	TOWNSHIP PARK ACREAGE	STANDARD AMOUNT OF ACREAGE	DEFICIENCY / EXCESS
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	.25 to 2 acres/ 1,000 Residents	0.9	5.3 to 42.5	-4.4
COMMUNITY PARKS*	5 acres / 1,000 Residents	71.4	106.3	-34.9
REGIONAL PARKS	5 acres / 1,000 Residents	365	106.3	+195.7
TOTAL		437.3	217.9	156.4
Table is based on the 2020 Census Population				
*Community Park calculations include school properties				

REGIONAL FACILITIES

Regional recreation facilities such as local, County, and State parks provide additional opportunities to Hamburg Township residents. These additional facilities provide residents with a variety of activities and opportunities that include larger acres of land, lakes, camping, recreation centers, and other recreational activities. A brief inventory of these facilities is below.

LOCAL PARKS

Facilities in Hamburg Township

- **Senior / Community Center:** The senior center provides a wide range of programs for all Township residents 55 and older. The programs offer something for everyone whether that's educational, fitness, socialization, or a trip. Senior Center membership has exclusive access to the pickleball courts near the Community Center from 9 AM to 4 PM as part of their membership.
- **Hamburg Historical Museum:** Established in 2006 and located on Stone Street, the goal of the museum is to preserve the history of Hamburg and enrich the community. The museum is located in one of Hamburg's major historic buildings, which was constructed in 1865 and served as a Methodist Church. It was subsequently converted into the Township Offices in the mid-1900's and later into a Township Library before housing the museum. The tearoom within the facility is available to the public as an event space, by appointment.
- **Hamburg Township Library:** Located off Merrill Road, the library contains various meeting rooms, computers, and other equipment for public use. The library's collection contains audio books, newspapers, DVD's, books, music CD's, sheet music available for checkout with a library card.

Other Local Recreation Areas

- Brighton Mill Pond (Brighton)
- Selcra Meijer Park (Brighton)
- Baldwin Park (Howell)
- Genoa Township Fields (Genoa Township)
- Howell City Park (Howell)
- Howell Area Aquatic Center (Howell)
- Howell Recreation Center (Howell)
- Lakeside Drive Park (Howell)
- Marion Disc Golf Course (Marion Township)
- Oceola Township Soccer Fields (Oceola Township)
- Page Field (Howell)
- Paul Bennett Field (Howell)
- Putnam Township Square (Pinckney)
- MDNR Portage Lake Boat Launch



COUNTY PARKS

Lutz County Park is the only park within the Livingston County parks system. It is approximately 300 acres containing over 7,000 linear feet of groomed trails, numerous natural features, picnic tables and park benches. Nearby Genesee, Oakland and Washtenaw County Park systems also provide a plethora of natural resources, including playgrounds, trails, swimming, and sport facilities. The following list represents adjacent county park facilities within a 30-mile radius of Hamburg Township:

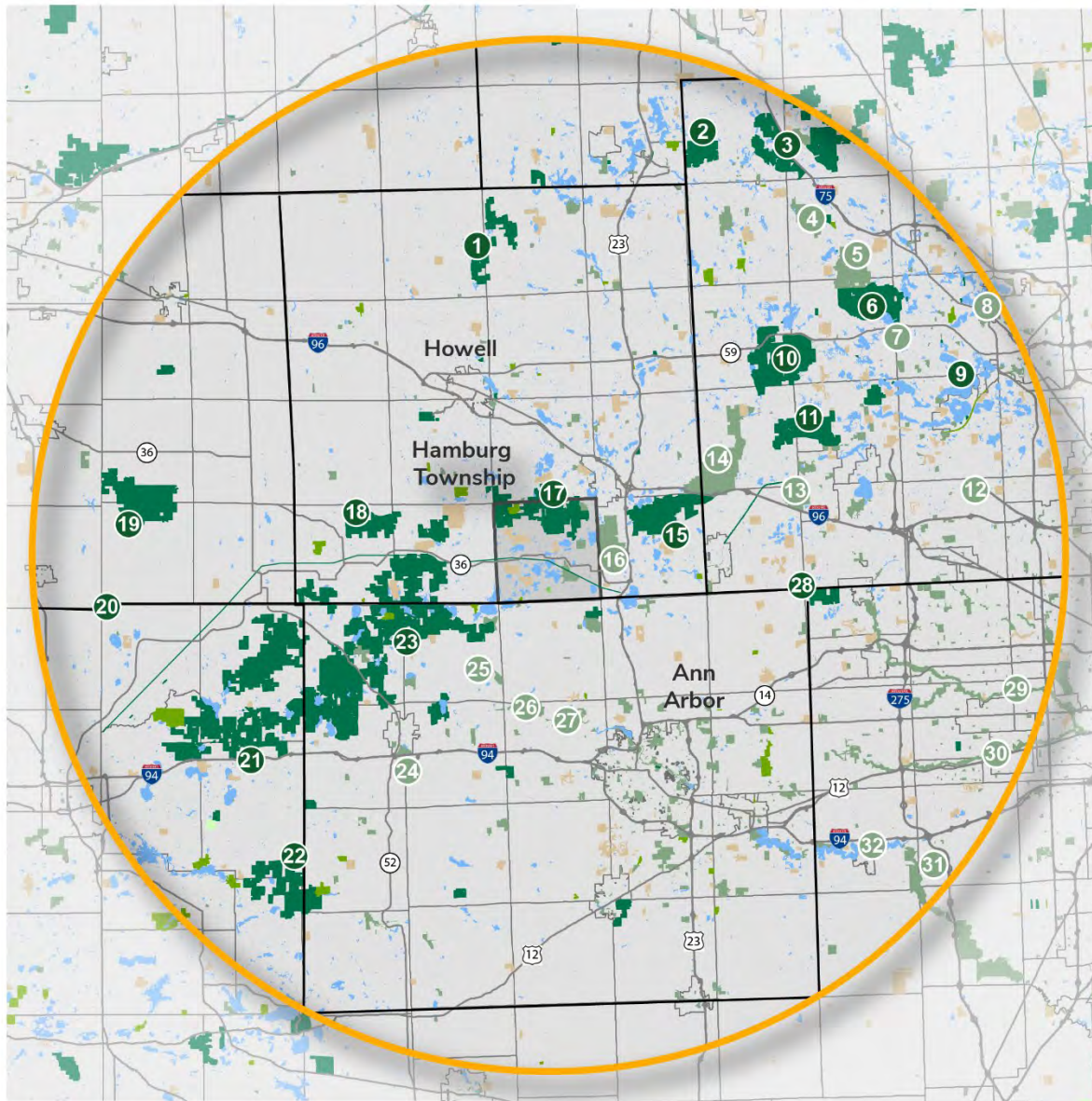
- Cavanaugh Lake County Park (Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County)
- Clear Lake County Park (Waterloo Township, Jackson County)
- County Farm Park (Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County)
- Gillett's Lake County Park (Leoni Township, Jackson County)
- Grass Lake County Park (Grass Lake Township, Jackson County)
- Groveland Oaks County Park (Groveland Township, Oakland County)
- Independence Lake County Park (Webster Township, Washtenaw County)
- Linden County Park (Linden Township, Genesee County)
- Little Wolf County Lake (Napoleon Township, Jackson County)
- Lyon Oaks County Park (City of Wixom, Oakland County)
- Parker Miller County Park (Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County)
- Park Lyndon (Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County)
- Park Northfield (Northfield Township, Washtenaw County)
- Pleasant Lake County Park (Henrietta Township, Jackson County)
- Portage Lake County Park (Waterloo Township, Jackson County)
- Rolling Hills County Park (Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County)
- Rose Oaks County Park (Rose Township, Oakland County)
- Sharon Mills County Park (Sharon Township, Washtenaw County)
- Springfield Oaks (Springfield Township, Oakland County)
- Waterford Oaks (Waterford Township, Oakland County)

STATE PARKS & RECREATION AREAS

Brighton State Recreation Area

The Brighton Recreation Area is located in Hamburg Township and provides various recreational opportunities for Township residents. The 4,057-acre park offers swimming, picnicking, hiking, camping, boating, and fishing, equestrian activities and trails, as well as playground equipment.

MAP 8 - REGIONAL FACILITIES



LEGEND

- STATE PARKS
- LOCAL/REGIONAL PARKS
- NON-PROFIT FACILITIES
- PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 OAK GROVE SGA | 8 WATERFORD OAKS COUNTY PARK | 24 PIERCE PARK |
| 2 SEVEN LAKES STATE PARK | 9 DODGE BROTHER STATE PARK #4 | 25 HUDSON-MILLS METROPARK |
| 3 HOLLY RECREATION AREA | 10 HIGHLAND SRA | 26 DEXTER-HURON METROPARK |
| 4 SPRINGFIELD OAKS COUNTY PARK | 11 PROUD LAKE SRA | 27 DELHI METROPARK |
| 5 INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK | 12 OAK GROVE SGA | 28 MAYBURY STATE PARK |
| 6 PONTIAC LAKE SGA | 13 LYON OAKS COUNTY PARK | 29 MIDDLE ROUGE PARK |
| 7 WHITE LAKE OAKS COUNTY PARK | 14 KENSINGTON METROPARK | 30 LOWER ROUGE PARK |
| | 15 ISLAND LAKE SRA | 31 LOWER HURON METROPARK |
| | 16 HURON MEADOWS METRO PARK | 32 BELLEVILLE LAKE BOAT LAUNCH |
| | 17 BRIGHTON RECREATION AREA | |
| | 18 GREGORY SGA | |
| | 19 DANSVILLE SGA | |
| | 20 MERIDIAN-BASELINE STATE PARK | |
| | 21 WATERLOO SRA | |
| | 22 SHARONVILLE SGA | |
| | 23 PINCKNEY SGA | |

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

Communities across the United States are creating regional trail systems in both cities and rural areas to provide a higher quality of life for residents. Trails give residents the opportunity to be more active and healthier, safer while walking or biking on the roads, have additional ways to experience their community, and give all users the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel.

WHY TRAILS ARE IMPORTANT

While trails can be a challenge to implement, their positive effects on a community cannot be disputed. It has been proven that trails create a place of pride and sense of ownership in Michigan residents. Trails are also an important driver in the local and regional economy, they increase property values, and provide safe and healthy recreation options. The growing trail trend in Michigan is also reflected in the Township. Trails and pathways are an asset to every community. Trail users have a measurable impact on the local economy. Working with the surrounding townships and other jurisdictions is an effective way to connect with existing systems and expand the non-motorized pathway infrastructure. Several statewide trail systems are being developed which provide an opportunity for the Township to connect with its neighbors. The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail system stretches from South Haven on Lake Michigan to Port Huron on Lake Huron. Similarly, the Iron Belle Trail is a set of two trails which span the length of the State from Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in the Lower Peninsula. The Township should seek to connect to larger regional and state trail systems whenever possible as these projects create a long-term, valuable investment in the community. Trail investment promotes economic vitality, encourages a healthier lifestyle in residents, and creates a safer travel environment.

COMPLETE STREETS

Hamburg Township has implemented a Complete Streets policy. For the Township, implementing a Complete Streets approach integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the local transportation network. Additionally, this policy helps ensure streets are safe for people of all ages and abilities, balance the needs of different modes, and support local land uses, economies, and natural features.

HURON RIVER WATER TRAIL

The Huron River Water Trail is an inland paddling trail along the Huron River which traverses through Hamburg Township. The trail & river begin east of Milford and moves through 30 different communities before emptying out into Lake Erie. The route is intended for kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and other similar water activities. The trail connects to several Hamburg Township lakes including Ore, Strawberry, Gallagher, Whitewood, Base Line, etc. The Township is interested in partnerships to foster this type of non-traditional recreation to provide greater opportunities in the community.

MIKE LEVINE LAKELANDS TRAIL LINEAR STATE PARK

Location: The trail traverses through Jackson, Ingham, and Livingston Counties. Entering Livingston County, the trail starts on the western boundary of Unadilla Township and follows closely along M-36 to the eastern boundary of Hamburg Township. Within Hamburg Township there are three trailheads. Pettysville Trailhead is located on the south side of the intersection of Pettysville Road and M-36, Merrill Trailhead is in West Bennett Park in the parking lot adjacent to Merrill Road, and Hamburg Village Trailhead is adjacent to the south of Winkelhaus Park.

Acreage: 33 miles extending between Hamburg Township and Blackman Township.

ADA Accessibility: 3

Classification: Linear State Park

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail runs 34 miles between Blackman Township in Jackson County and Hamburg Township in Livingston County. Opened to the public in 1994 as the Lakelands Trail State Park, it is a popular destination for people looking to enjoy the outdoors. Local philanthropist, Mike Levine, contributed extensive resources to transform the former railway corridor into an improved trail. In 2018, the DNR changed the trail's name to the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park in recognition of Mr. Levine's efforts.



The trail consists of eight (8) miles of paved asphalt surface while the remaining 25 miles are surfaced with crushed limestone, making it an accessible travel route. As a multiple-use trail, it is frequented by bikers, joggers, horseback riders, hikers, cross-country skiers, and rollerbladers. The trail traverses through pastures, natural hardwoods, picturesque wetlands, across streams and the popular Huron River.

Within Hamburg Township there are three trailheads: Pettysville Trailhead, Merrill Trailhead, and Hamburg Village Trailhead. Pettysville Trailhead features ADA and standard parking, benches, a bike rack, pump track, portable toilet, and informational kiosk. Merrill Trailhead includes ADA and standard parking, a portable toilet, and informational kiosk. Finally, Hamburg Village Trailhead has ADA and standard parking, an informational kiosk, and a bench.

The trail is a key component of the Great Lake to Lake Trails Route #1, which extends 275 miles from South Haven to Port Huron. It is an important link in proposed statewide trail systems that represent ongoing collaboration between communities, counties, and organizations.

MAP 9 – PETTYSVILLE TRAILHEAD



PRIVATE PARKS AND FACILITIES

There are a number of privately owned recreation facilities located either within Hamburg Township or a short travel distance from the Township. Although these facilities are privately operated and may charge a user fee or require membership, they are considered in the plan analysis because they meet specific community needs. Private facilities include:

- Legacy Center: A sports complex that includes a wealth of services like wellness and fitness classes, organized adult and youth recreation, and travel and elite sports leagues, including soccer, baseball, softball, football, and volleyball.
- Bowling Alleys: Brighton Bowl, Howell Bowl-E-Drome, Chelsea Lanes, and Whitmore Lanes.
- Camps and Gymnastic and Fitness Clubs: Camp's include Birkett, Talahi, Crooked Creek Farm, DiBrova, Hamburg Fitness Center and Camp, and Varsity Day.
- Ice Skating: Ann Arbor Ice Cube, Arctic Coliseum, 140 Ice Den, Kensington Valley Ice House, Veterans Memorial Park Pool and Ice Rink, Yost Ice Arena.
- Golf Courses (Private/Members Only): Chemung Hills Country Club, Lakelands Golf and Country Club, Oak Pointe Country Club.
- Golf Courses (Open to the Public): Hawk Meadows Golf Course, Faulkwood Shores Golf Club, Huron Meadows Metropark Golf Course, Ironwood Golf Club, Kensington Metropark Golf Course, Majestic at Lake Walden, Moose Ridge Golf Course, Rush Lake Golf Course, Timber Trace Golf Club, Whispering Pines Golf Course.
- Miscellaneous Facilities: Brighton Riding Stable, Golf-o-Rama, Emrich Retreat Center, Howell Nature Center, Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club (A members only club providing Archery, Hunting, Gun Safety, Trap Shooting, Hunting and Boater Safety Classes, etc.), Mt. Brighton Ski Area, Rollerama II, Michigan Academy of Dance and Music, Whitmore Lake Rod and Gun Club, Portage Yacht Club Marina, UofM Sailing Club and the Hamburg disc golf course (publicly owned).



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COMMUNITY INPUT

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COMMUNITY INPUT

OVERVIEW

One of the most important aspects of a community's Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the inclusion of the park user's opinions about how they view the future of their parks and recreation system. Such feedback is used to direct Township leadership on issues important to their constituency and prioritize future capital improvement projects. Given its impact, gathering meaningful public input was a focused strategy of the recreation planning process. The input received in the development stage of this plan guides the parks and recreation goals, objectives, and action items outlined in Chapter 6 of this document. To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, Hamburg Township offered several public input opportunities including an online community input survey, a public open house input survey, a 30-day review period, and a public hearing.

A compilation of all the input received is located in Appendix B. A Summary of the various methods of input and feedback received is described in the following pages. The Plan was available for public comment during the required 30-day public review period held between November 16, 2022 and December 16, 2022. The Parks and Recreation Committee held a public hearing and recommended adoption of the Plan to the Township Board on January 3, 2023. The Township Board adopted the Plan on January 3, 2023.

SURVEY RESULTS

The Hamburg Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan community-wide survey was available online from July 2022 to August 2022, under the web address www.hamburgmirecreationsurvey.com. The community-wide survey received 621 responses. It was publicized with a variety of methods:

- Link on the Township website.
- Various Facebook posts on the Hamburg Township page and shared on numerous pages including the Hamburg Township Parks and Recreation page.
- Email blasts to Township staff, Township Board, various boards/commissions, and volunteer list.
- A press release in the local newspaper.
- Postcards with a QR code and the survey website address were placed at Township Offices, the Senior Center, Library, and local businesses.

Key points of the survey are summarized on the following pages, and the remaining tables developed for the report can be found in Appendix B.

Community Input
Quotables. What Hamburg
stakeholders are saying:

"I like the variety of activities available, and the fact that Hamburg Township seems to actually maintain their parks and section of the Lakelands Trail."

"Add a couple splash pads and more dog parks."

"Absolutely love the parks. Given the size of our community, it's amazing to see everything the township has to offer. "

"Make the community more aware of the variety of facilities available here."

"The senior center is a wonderful facility. I love what they do for the seniors there. Julie is a great manager."

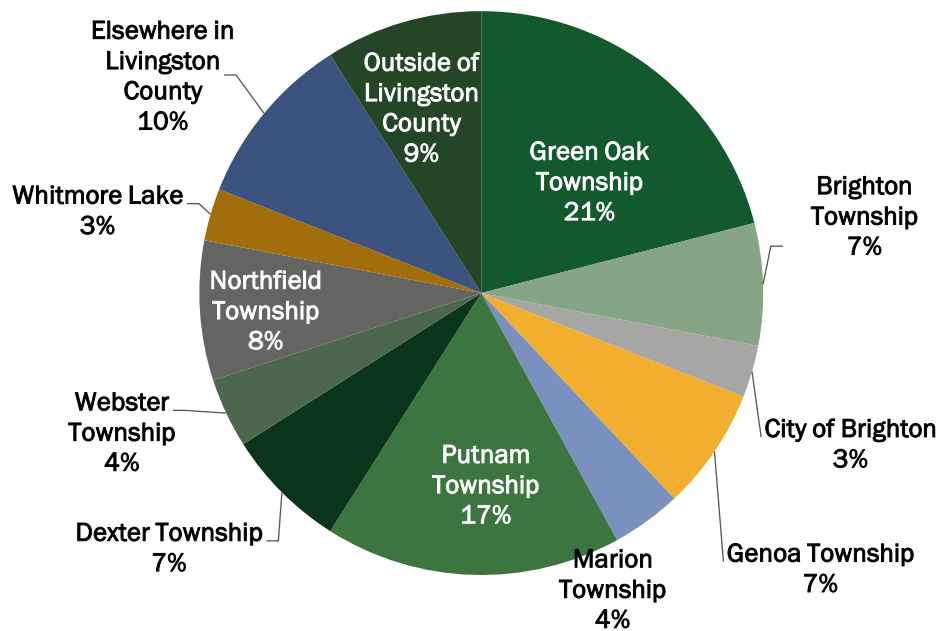
"More neighborhood trail access to Lakeland trail"

"I am looking forward to the Levine Rail trail being connected to the island Lake trail system."

About the Respondents

There was a total of 621 respondents who participated in the survey. Respondents were not required to answer every question. Therefore, not all the questions have a total of 621 answers. To have a general understanding of who was taking the survey, the first questions were demographic questions about the respondents themselves. Respondents were asked to provide their relationship to the Township and their age. An overwhelming majority, 84 percent, of the respondents either live, own a business or own property in the Township and 16 percent did not. It is valuable to know where Township Park stakeholders live. Figure 2 depicts where those stakeholders who are not a resident and/or business or property owner in the Township live.

Figure 2 – Relationship to Hamburg Township



To understand more about the respondents, the survey asked respondents to select which age cohort they are a part of. The top respondent age cohorts were 60 to 69, at 29 percent, followed by 50 to 59 at 21.9 percent.

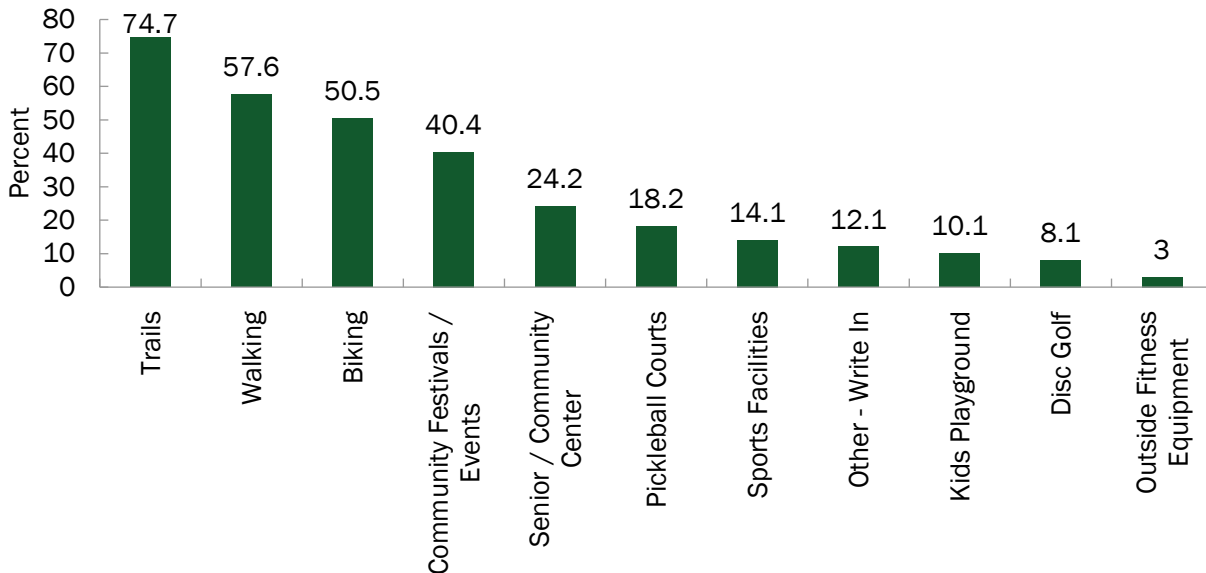
Table 8 – Age of Respondents

Age Group	Respondents
18 and under	0.2%
18-29	3.6%
30-39	12.9%
40-49	15.8%
50-59	21.9%
60-69	29.4%
70-79	13.9%
80 and older	2.3%

Park Activity

Respondents were asked how they used parks and open spaces in the Township. Eleven (11) options were presented, including an opportunity for “other-write in”. Respondents were encouraged to check all responses that applied to them. The use of trails, walking and biking came in as the top three (3) responses. A breakdown of the feedback received is provided in Figure 3, below.

Figure 3 – Park Activities



Next, respondents were asked how frequently they visited or used Township parks and facilities. The list included individual parks, amenities located within Manly Bennett Park as well as individual facilities, such as the Senior Center and Historical Museum. The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park received the most daily and frequent usage. This data aligns with the Township's 2018 Plan and affirms that a significant portion of the population regularly utilize the trail system in the park. A summary of results are presented in Table 9 below, a full list of results can be found in Appendix B.

Table 9 – Park and Facility Usage

	Daily	Frequently (a couple of times per week)	Infrequently (a couple of times per month)	Rarely (a couple of times per year)	Never	Responses
Baseball Diamonds Count Percent	15 2.6%	107 18.7%	88 15.4%	78 13.7%	283 49.6%	571
Boardwalk Count Percent	17 3.0%	146 25.3%	191 33.2%	148 25.7%	74 12.8%	576
Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park Count Percent	75 12.9%	222 38.1%	152 26.1%	64 11.0%	69 11.9%	582
Playground - Baseball side Count Percent	4 0.7%	38 6.7%	59 10.4%	82 14.4%	387 67.9%	570
Trailhead Parking Count Percent	26 4.5%	162 28.2%	161 28.0%	106 18.4%	120 20.9%	575

Respondents were then asked whether they, or a member of their household, played an organized sport. The question encouraged respondents to check all responses that applied to them. The top response was Pickleball (29.2%), and a number of write in responses were received. The top write in responses were: Tennis (6), Biking (5), Equestrian (4), None (5), and a tie between Disc Golf (3) and Mountain Biking (3). The remaining responses are summarized in Figure 4 below and a full list of write in responses can be found in Appendix B.

Thoughts on Parks

The next five (5) questions in the survey sought opinions from respondents ranging from current conditions of the Township's parks to their vision for the future. Similar to the Township's 2018 Plan, a majority of respondents (62.9%) were satisfied with current park maintenance and appearance, as presented in Table 10 on the following page.

Table 10 – Current Park Opinion

	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	No Opinion/ Do Not Use	Responses
Park Maintenance/ Appearance Count Percent	379 62.9%	122 20.2%	63 10.4%	11 1.8%	28 4.6%	603
Variety of Amenities/ Facilities Count Percent	279 46.5%	162 27.0%	102 17.0%	22 3.7%	35 5.8%	600
Safety and Security Count Percent	351 58.7%	121 20.2%	87 14.5%	13 2.2%	26 4.3%	598

Diverging from the Township's 2018 Survey, which noted 74% of respondents would support the acquisition of more parkland within the Township. Respondents noted that their number 1 priority would be to maintain existing parks and facilities, with the number 2 priority being to add facilities/amenities to the existing parks, and the lowest priority being to acquire more park space. This feedback is presented in Figure 4, below:

Figure 4 – Organized Sports Participation

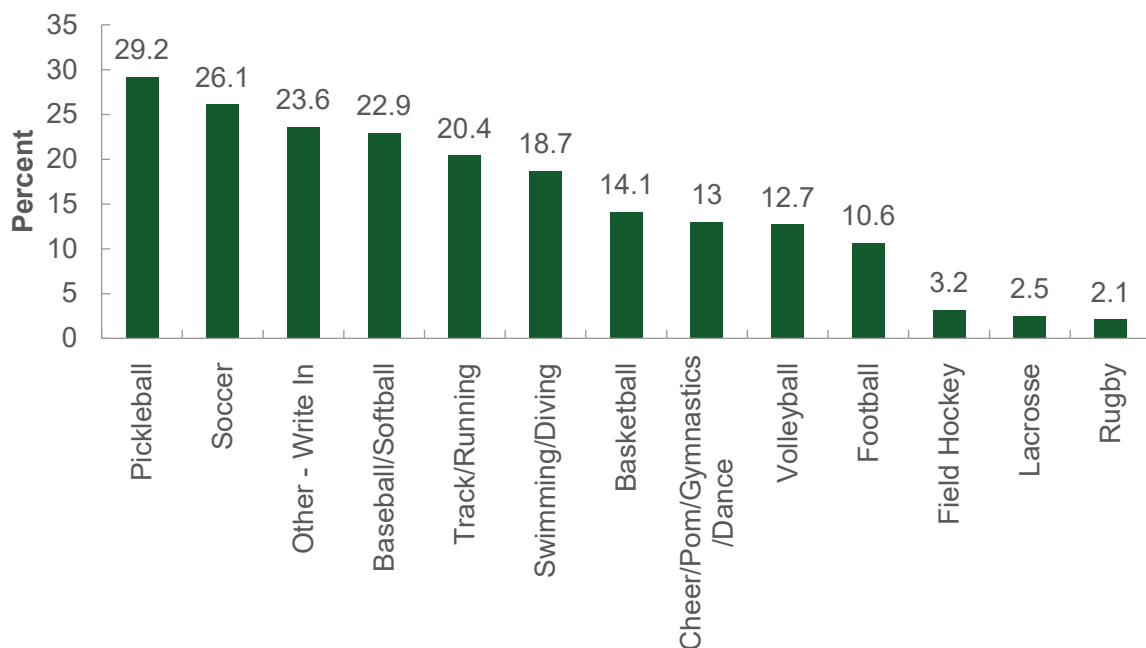
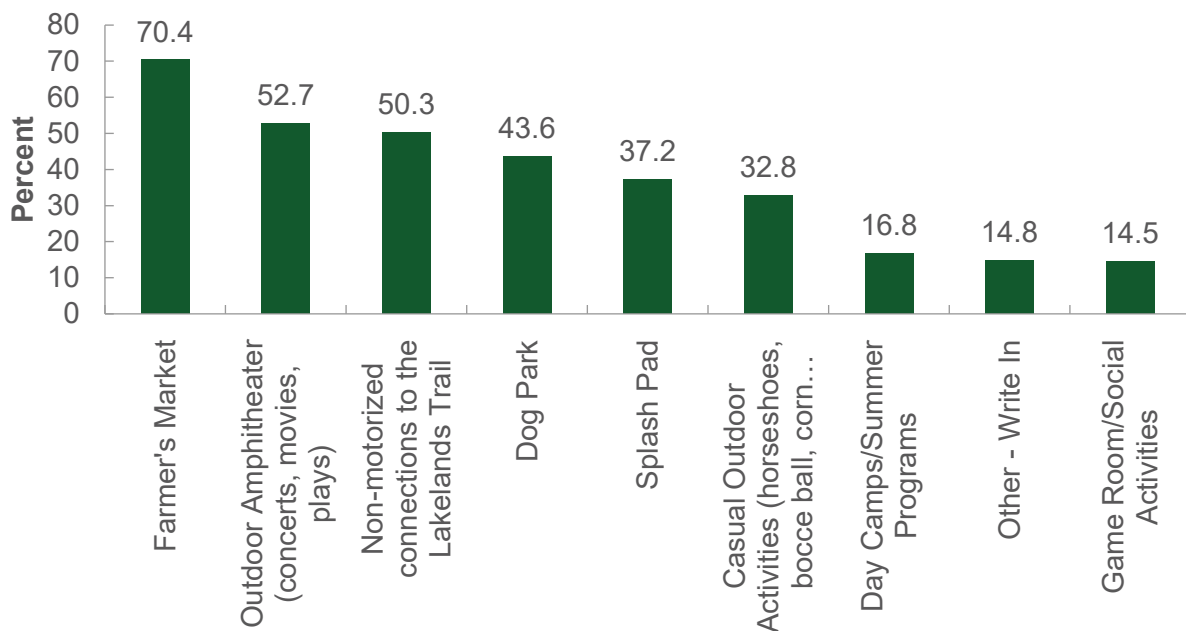


Table 11 – Future Park Priorities

Item	Overall Rank	Ranking	Score	Total Respondents
Maintain parks and facilities we have	1		1,233	516
Add facilities/amenities to the existing parks	2		1,111	493
Acquire more park space	3		728	459

Respondents were next asked what new activities/amenities they would like to see added to the parks in Hamburg Township. Of the respondents, 70.4% would like to see a farmers' market. The remaining responses are presented below:

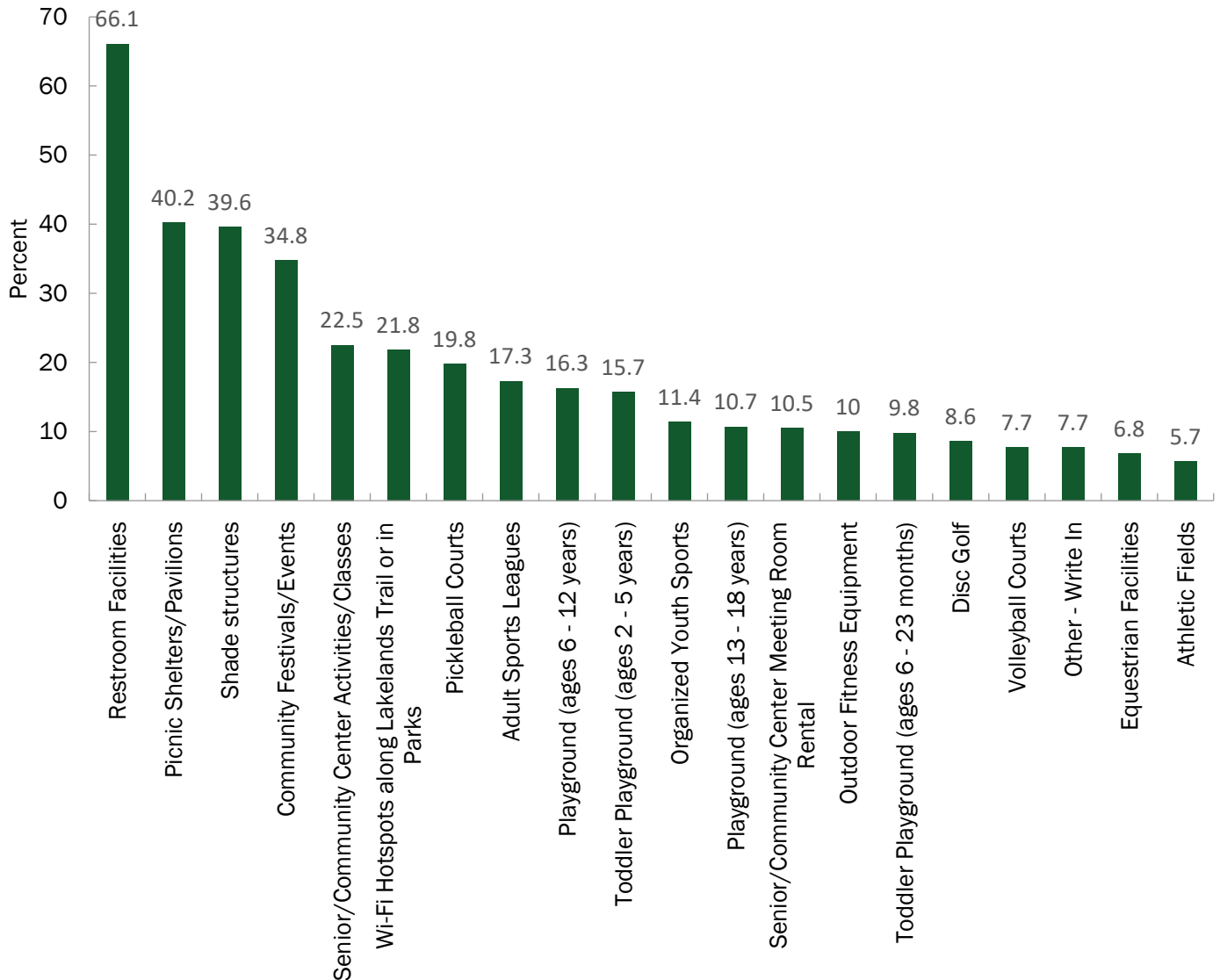
Figure 5 – New Amenities Requested



The top three (3) write-in responses were: Pickleball, Pool, and RC Car Track. a full list of results can be found in Appendix B.

Next, respondents were asked what existing activities/ amenities they would like to see added to the parks in Hamburg Township. Of the respondents, 66.1% would like to see additional restroom facilities. The remaining responses are presented below:

Figure 6 – Existing Amenities Requested

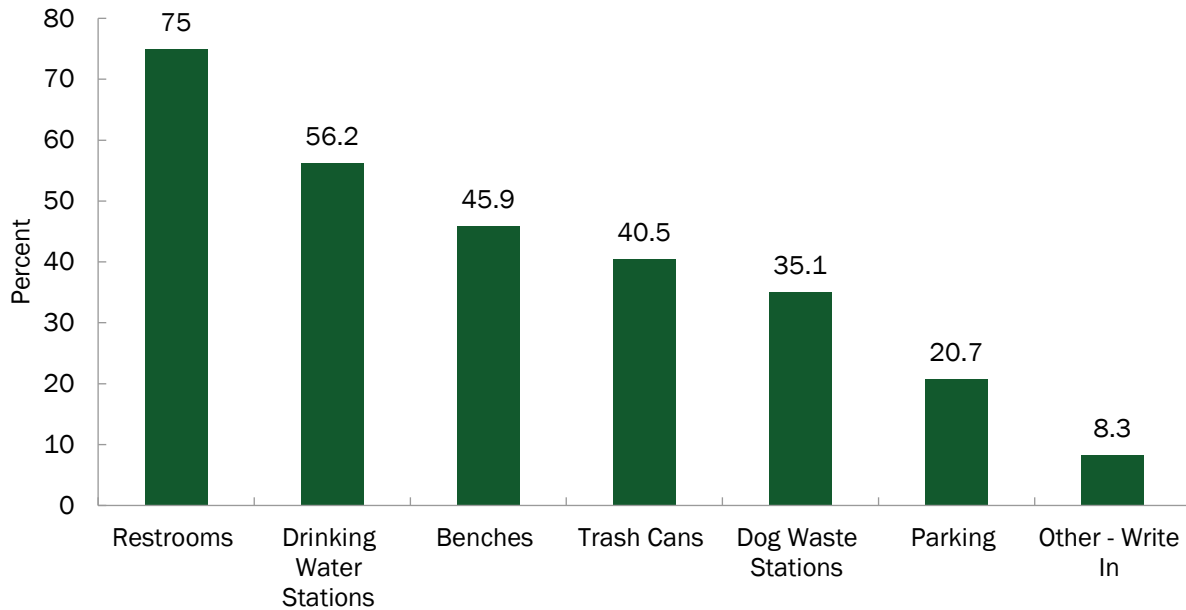


Trails and Pathways

The Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park is a popular attraction for both residents of Hamburg Township, as well as those in neighboring communities. Similar to the Township's 2018 Survey, which noted 82% of respondents lived near or had access to the Lakelands Trail, the 2022 Survey 75% noted that they lived near or had access to the Lakelands Trail. In the 2022 survey, 11% did not know of and 14% stated that they did not live near or have access to the Lakelands Trail. Next, respondents were asked if their use of the Lakelands Trail would increase if they were able to access it from a trail link in their neighborhood. Sixty three percent of respondents said yes, while 37% of respondents stated no or that they didn't know/was not applicable.

The next question asked what improvements respondents would like to see at trailheads along the Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park. Respondents were encouraged to check all responses that applied to them. Additional restrooms and drinking water stations were the top requests. The top write in response were bike repair stations with six (6) write ins. The remaining responses are below.

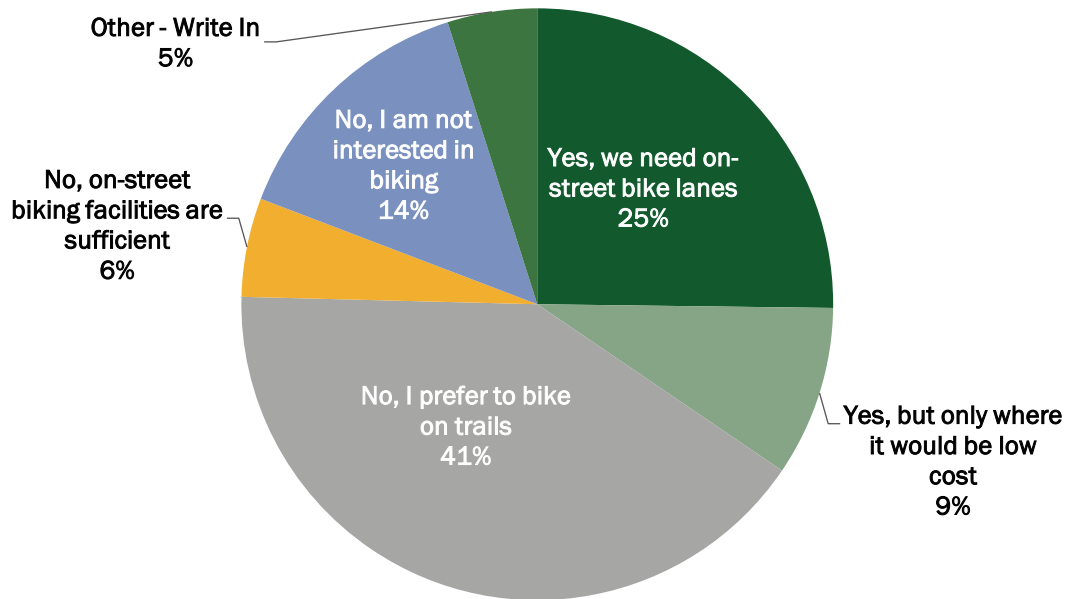
Figure 7 – Requested Improvements to the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park



The Township has recently adopted a complete streets policy, which encourages the implementation of non-motorized transportation routes in the community. In this vein, respondents were asked if the Township should plan for on street biking facilities. Results were mixed with 41% of respondents reporting “no, I prefer to bike on trails” and 34% of respondents reporting “yes, we need on street bike lanes” or “yes, but only where it would be low cost.” The remaining responses are below.



Figure 8 – On Street Biking Facilities



There was one open ended question relating to trails posed to the community. Respondents were asked the following: Along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park and throughout the Township Parks, there are benches, trash cans, and dog waste stations. However, if you feel there is an area where these facilities are missing, where is that? The results were generally mixed; however, the top responses were:

- Additional benches
- Additional Drinking water
- Additional dog waste stations
- Restroom by Merrill Road
- Pettysville Road to Pinckney
- Additional trashcans



Accessibility

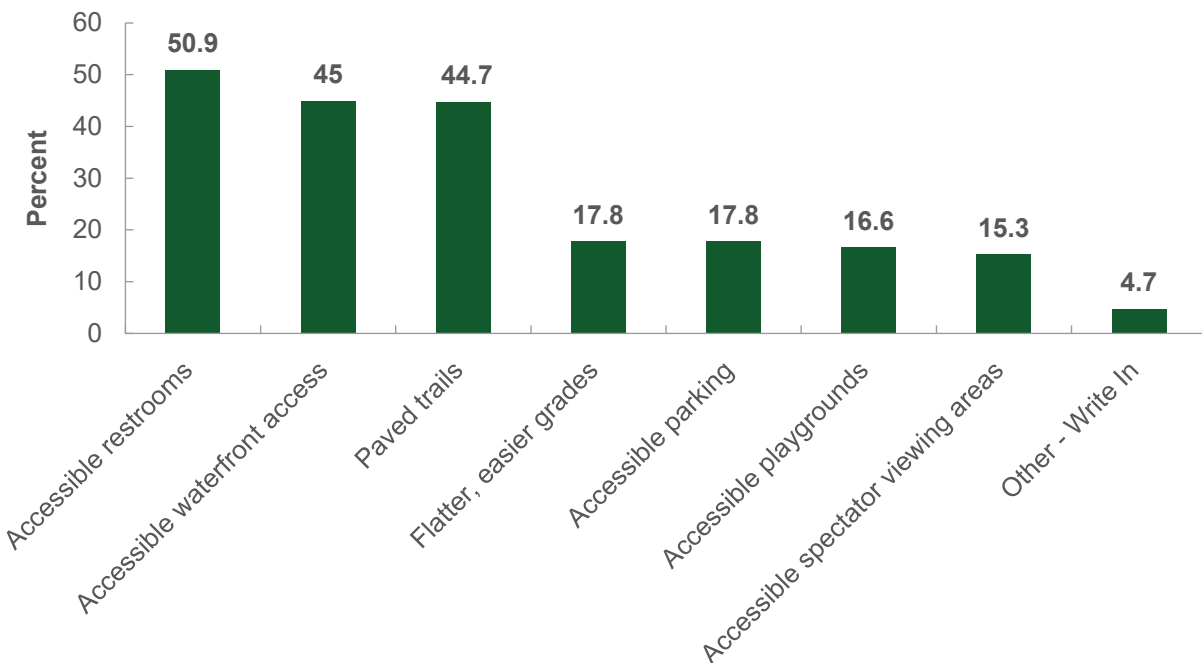
Understanding the makeup of the park users is a valuable tool for future park planning and ensuring that parks facilities are accessible to all residents, regardless of their background or ability. This is a priority that is continually addressed by Hamburg Township and particularly relevant given that 21% of the Township's is 65 or older and anticipated to grow. Respondents were asked whether they, or anyone in their household has a disability, 13% of respondents stated yes while the remaining 87% said no.

Of the 13% of respondents who answered yes, an open-ended question was posed asking what accessible amenities they, or the member of their household, would like to see in Hamburg Township Parks. The top responses were:

- Restrooms
- Access to playgrounds
- Access to trails
- Paths that are wheelchair and walker accessible

Then respondents were asked which accessible improvements should be undertaken. Fifty-point nine percent of respondents selected accessible restrooms. The remaining responses are below.

Figure 9 – Accessible Improvements

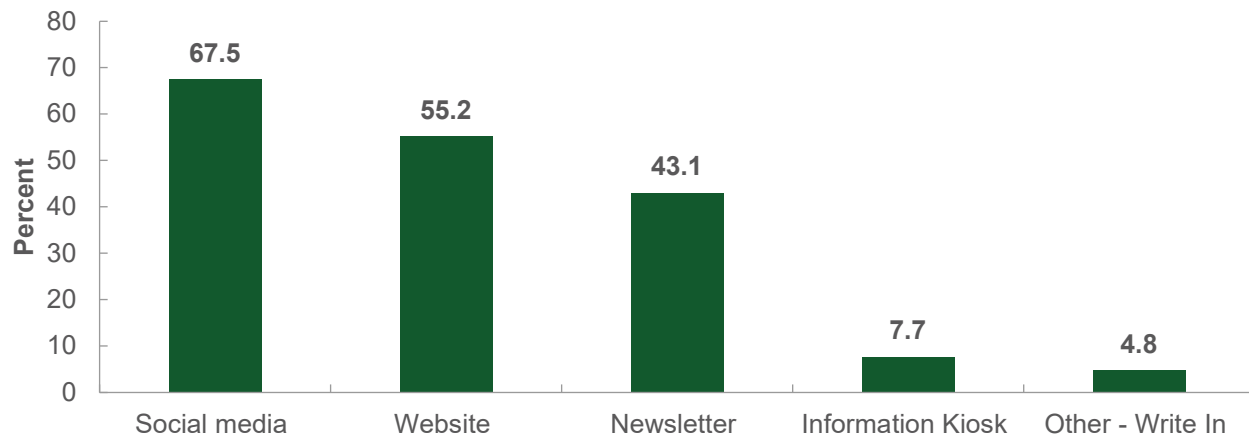


Funding and Outreach

The final section of the survey posed questions specifically to Township residents and/or business or property owners. Respondents were first asked if they would support a mileage to expand or provide new park and recreation facilities/programming. Fifty nine percent of respondents answered yes while 41% stated no or that they didn't know/had no opinion.

Respondents were then asked what was the best way to receive updates/ information about Township parks? Most respondents (67.5%) stated social media was their preference. The most common write-in answer was email (6). The results are provided below.

Figure 10 – Outreach Methods



Of those who selected social media as their preferred method of communication, an additional question was posed asking which social media platform the Township should use. An overwhelming majority (98.2%) of respondents selected Facebook, while 24% of respondents selected Instagram, 9% selected Twitter, and 3.3% selected TikTok.

The last two questions posed to respondents were open ended, asking what they liked best about Hamburg Township parks and what was one thing that Hamburg Parks could improve. Many responses were provided for each question, the following summary represents the most common answers:

The Best thing about Hamburg Township Parks:

- Trails
- Good maintenance
- Safe
- Beautiful
- Variety of amenities
- Clean

One thing you would do to improve Hamburg Township Parks:

- Install a splash pad
- More restroom facilities
- Have a farmers' market
- More/ safer trail access
- Updated play equipment
- Install a dog park



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Developing effective and achievable goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. Overall, the Committee would like to provide high quality recreation opportunities for the community. More specific goals and objectives are based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics in Hamburg Township, and the input from the community.

Goals are the broadest level of ideas. By necessity, they are overarching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of each goal. Finally, the Action Plan items are the most specific level. They identify specific projects and programs to be pursued over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. The Hamburg Township Parks and Recreation Committee formulated the following goals and objectives.

GOAL #1: SAFETY AND SECURITY

IMPROVE SECURITY & ALLEVIATE ANY CURRENT SAFETY CONCERNS AT PARK FACILITIES

Objectives:

- Update faulty or inadequate equipment on an ongoing basis in cooperation with the parkland user groups.
- Investigate the use of surveillance equipment in areas of parkland and Lakelands Trail where appropriate.
- Install new lighting for sports fields at Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park including an additional baseball field.
- Build a cyclone fence around West Bennett Park's soccer field #4 and between #6 & #7 to catch errant balls due to major topographical changes.
- Install safety and field barriers around the north end of the RC Field facility consisting of plantings and signage, 6-ft to 8-ft tall at the bleachers.
- Install security/safety lighting at sledding hill and the RC Field.

GOAL #2: IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES

IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN EXISTING FACILITIES ON A REGULAR AND CONTINUING BASIS

Objectives:

- Install benches and respite areas along Lakelands Trail and upgrade existing benches to include companion seating to conform to ADA standards.
- Screen existing portable restrooms or replace with composting vault toilets and develop a plan to upgrade restroom facilities at trailheads and Manly W Bennett Memorial Park East and West.
- Upgrade the electrical capacity at the concession stands.
- Install and support passive recreational activities.
- Upgrade nature trails in West Bennett Park to asphalt or crushed limestone to conform to Universal Access standards.

- Install wayfinding signage at the entrance to West Bennett Park, East Bennett Park, Trailheads, and municipal complex.
- Adhere to high standards of maintenance for all parks and recreation facilities.
- Develop and improve the trailheads with restrooms, paved parking, and picnic areas, etc.
- Upgrade existing sprinkler system in the park.
- Install a new pavilion at the Hamburg Village Trailhead near Winkelhaus Park and extend trailhead parking into grass area.
- Investigate future park facility options at the existing pump track at Pettysville Trailhead.
- Ensure that any grant funded park land remains open to public recreation use only.

GOAL #3: MAXIMIZE THE DESIGN AND USE OF FACILITIES

FULLY DEVELOP AND UTILIZE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES BASED ON THE MULTIPLE-USE CONCEPT, WHEREBY A VARIETY OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROVIDED IN EACH AREA OF THE PARK

Objectives:

- Develop accessible calendar of events/information signage and website.
- Include a variety of facilities within each park where feasible.
- Develop park sites to their optimal use in consideration of changing community needs and resource limitations.
- Maintain a logical balance between active and passive recreational pursuits in the parks.
- Develop a marketing strategy for facilities as well as programming for Parks and Recreation and Township recreation functions.
- Acquire scheduling software for parks facilities and community center and provide training for personnel scheduling park use.
- Convert underutilized areas of the park to support a greater variety of uses and review not less than an annual basis to maximize the efficiency of the sports fields.



GOAL #4: EXPAND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RECREATION SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDING POPULATION OF HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

Objectives:

- Develop one additional sand volleyball court and pavilion at East Bennett Park and update existing area to better cater to leagues, events and passive recreation.
- Construct storage facilities to accommodate equipment for Football, Soccer, Baseball, and RC Field.
- Reconfigure the T-ball fields in East Bennett Park to maximize the efficiency of the facilities and to allow for parking to be developed. Consider a cloverleaf shape.
- Consider the addition of a splash pad.
- Explore the potential to physically connect the existing library and community center buildings with an addition and/or common area.
- Pursue the development of a natural amphitheater on Township parklands to support concerts, movies, and plays.
- Relocate baseball fields to open up space south of library.
- Foster a multi-generational Community Center.
- Create a multi-use recreational sports facility that can accommodate adults and youth.
- Work with library to provide an outdoor space for patrons.
- Monitor the need of possible expansion and future facilities at the sledding hill and pickleball courts.

GOAL #5: PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

PROTECT NATURAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES, SUCH AS WOODED AREAS, WETLANDS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, NATURAL DRAINAGE WAYS, AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES

Objectives:

- Include native planting “vignettes” within the parklands and along the trails to help prevent soil erosion and increase stormwater infiltration, and to educate users on the plant and animal species present in the local area. Create a native prairie planting area with a nature trail in appropriate areas of the park.
- Preserve natural features on proposed park sites to the maximum extent feasible, in consideration of the proposed multiple-use character of the Township's parks.
- Support the efforts of the Amenities and Beautification Committee (ABC) to assist with planning, maintenance and development of gardens, nature trails, vignettes and wildlife habitats.
- Incorporate natural and historic resource protection, including protection of groundwater recharge areas, into the parks and recreation program whenever the opportunity presents itself.
- Include informational/interpretive signage in areas of significance as it relates to natural and historical resources.

GOAL #6: FUNDING AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT

DEVELOP STABLE SOURCES OF FUNDING AND PRACTICE SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

Objectives:

- Pursue all available funding sources for capital improvements and operations and maintenance, including local sources, state and federal grant programs, local businesses, and other sources.
- Explore opportunities for greater private sector participation in the provision of recreation and leisure services in the Township.
- Continue to cooperate and interact with all other community recreation organizations in providing recreation resources in order to avoid duplication of services and make efficient use of public funds and lands.

GOAL #7: QUALITY OF DESIGN

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

Objectives:

- Complete the ADA transition plan recommendations and adhere to those standards when planting new features, to maintain high quality accessibility standards.
- Design well-built parks and recreation facilities and equipment with quality materials that will reduce routine maintenance costs.
- Consider the cost of maintenance and operation in designing new recreation facilities.
- When planning and developing a park site, consider its overall appearance and its potential impact on adjoining uses and the surrounding neighborhood.
- Design future parks in Hamburg Township to be symbiotic with the environment on and surrounding the park sites.
- Design the parks so they enhance the aesthetic quality and cultural values of the Township.

GOAL #8: CONTINUE TO BE A REGIONAL RECREATION DESTINATION

PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE EITHER UNAVAILABLE OR INACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE REGION

Objectives:

- Consider equestrian amenities at Pettysville Trailhead in support of equestrian activities.
- Expand the community garden at the Senior Community Center.
- Develop linking paths, greenways, and complete streets to provide better access to amenities.
- Review regional recreation opportunities and determine a deficiency in level of service and consider adding those identified amenities to the Township parks.

GOAL #9: TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

IMPROVE ACCESS AND MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Objectives:

- Develop a safe pedestrian connection across Merrill Road to connect the east and west sides of Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park.
- Pave Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park and Lakelands Trail gravel parking lots and bring accessible parking into compliance with the current ADA standards in all areas.
- Connect the Lakelands Trail with parking areas wherever appropriate.
- Develop biking/hiking path systems to meet the alternate transportation, scenic, and athletic needs of the Township.
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle paths separate from the vehicular routes to create safe and accessible circulation to and within all parks.
- Utilize natural feature areas as connections between parks and recreation facilities.
- Work with Planning Commission and Zoning Department to consider pedestrian connections to recreation properties and trails when approving site plans for new subdivisions, PUDs, or other appropriate land uses.
- Work with school system to obtain Safe Routes to School status.
- Promote new recreation opportunities and access points associated with the Huron River Water Trail and enhance the existing access point at Halls Creek.
- Develop secondary connections to Lakelands Trail, both with the existing Township and State Park facilities and from the community at large.

GOAL #10: RECREATION PROGRAMMING

WORK WITH PINCKNEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION, THE HAMBURG LIBRARY, THE HAMBURG SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER, HAMBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND OUR OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP, IMPROVE, AND OFFER A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF RECREATION PROGRAMS.

Objectives:

- Promote and implement recreation programming at parks, in cooperation with all community recreation organizations who offer their services.
- Encourage programs to serve the changing demographics of the Township, including passive and active recreation programs, instructional programs, sports leagues, adaptive recreation programs, and other programs to address the varied interests of residents.
- Encourage programs which address the needs of special segments of the population, such as senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and youth.

GOAL #11: PLANNING

MAINTAIN AN ONGOING PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING PROCESS

Objectives:

- Review and update the parks and recreation plan, particularly the five-year capital improvement plan, during the budget cycle.
- Provide for citizen input in recreation planning and decision-making.
- Adopt a current Parks and Recreation plan no less than every five years.
- Work with the Township Board to develop an annual budget to meet park and recreation needs.
- Parks and Recreation Committee and staff to develop Capital Improvements Plan/ project list for consideration by Township Board annually.

GOAL #12: LAND ACQUISITION

WHEN APPROPRIATE, IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESERVE LAND FOR RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION PURPOSES.

Objectives:

- Remain open to opportunities to expand parks and recreation options in the Township in a manner that is not in detriment to the existing facilities and responsibilities.
- Prioritize access to high quality natural features such as water bodies, wetlands, and wooded areas.
- Prioritize non-motorized transportation connections to existing recreation facilities.
- Acquire more park land to support nature trails and access to water.
- As the Township develops, acquire additional land for future park development to provide a more uniform geographic distribution of facilities.



ACTION PLAN

With goals and objectives in place, Hamburg Township has developed an accompanying 5-Year Action Plan that will enable the Township to move toward accomplishing the goals and objectives outlined in the Recreation Plan. The action program is used to highlight specific projects which will maintain and improve the quality and diversity of amenities in the parks.

Potential projects are shown in Table 13 on the following page. Each of these action items relates to one or more of the goals from the previous Goals and Objectives Section. They have each been assigned a priority level of 1, 2, or 3. The potential capital improvements that are listed in Table 13 have been established to provide a framework for decision makers, and to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for those proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element, nor is it exhaustive. It reflects the results of the input received from the Township staff, the public hearing, and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

Table 12 – Action Table Key

Action Item List - Key	
Timeframe	
Short-range	0 - 2 Years
Mid-range	3 - 5 Years
Long-range	5 + Years
Ongoing	Ongoing
Funding Sources	
TF	Township Funds
G	Grants
PD	Private Donations
CP	Community Partners
V	Volunteers

Table 13 –Five Year Action Table

GENERAL PARK AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS			
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FACILITY	TIMEFRAME	FUNDING SOURCES
Manly W. Bennett Park			
Install water bottle filling stations at restrooms	Manly Bennett Park	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Construct a dog park	Manly Bennett Park	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Buy scheduling software & provide staff training	Manly Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF
Design and install an unified wayfinding signage system including an informational kiosk & campus map	Manly Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Provide bike racks/bike repair stations and rental	Manly Bennett Park	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Identify an area for development of outdoor amphitheater for community events, movies, and music in the park	Manly Bennett Park	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Storage building for Building and Grounds, Parks, and Senior/Community Center	Manly Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G
Find a viable solution for restroom facilities in parklands (including concession stand)	Manly Bennett Park	Ongoing	TF, G
Design and install additional pickleball courts	Manly Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install a universally accessible play area (60x60) - to replace the existing playgrounds and ensure safety/ADA compliance	Manly Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Purchase Sporting Equipment, if necessary	Manly Bennett Park	Ongoing	TF, CP, G, PD
Install a reading pavilion near the Library	Manly Bennett - East	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Maintain parking area with future replacement of barriers/posts	Manly Bennett - East	Ongoing	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Construct a storage/office facility	Manly Bennett - East	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Designate a sledding hill area	Manly Bennett - East	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install electricity to all backstops	Manly Bennett - East - Baseball	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install new lighting at an additional baseball field	Manly Bennett - East - Baseball	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD
Install irrigation at baseball fields with Midway project	Manly Bennett - East - Baseball	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Design and install a splash pad in the Midway	Manly Bennett - East - Midway	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V

GENERAL PARK AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS			
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FACILITY	TIMEFRAME	FUNDING SOURCES
Manly W. Bennett Park			
Install lawn games such as cornhole, bocce ball, checkers, and horseshoes in the Midway area	Manly Bennett - East - Midway	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install Flyer's Runway safety screening	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install a picnic pavilion w/ storage at RC Field	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install new security lighting at RC Field	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD
Install irrigation at RC Field	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Construct a RC truck track	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Construct an Additional Sand Volleyball Court	Manly Bennett - East - Volleyball	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Construct a storage/office facility	Manly Bennett - West	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Complete the West Park loop with pavement and/or other accessible surfacing	Manly Bennett - West	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Design and install phase 2 of adult fitness station	Manly Bennett - West - Fitness Station	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Winkelhaus Park			
If available, acquire park property	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	5 + Years	TF, G, PD
Construct stairway from park down to Village Trailhead parking	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	5 + Years	TF, G, PD
Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park			
Secondary Connections from neighborhoods and businesses to Lakelands Trail	Lakelands Trail	3 - 5 Years, Ongoing	TF, G
Unified Signage and Wayfinding System	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Identify and install equestrian amenities	Lakelands Trail	5 + Years	G, TF, PD, V
Provide/maintain dog waste stations along trail	Lakelands Trail	Ongoing	TF, G, PD
Investigate composting/vault toilets at trailheads	Lakelands Trail	5 + Years	TF, G, PD
Relocate/Update Amenities, when needed	Lakelands Trail	Ongoing	TF, G, PD
Replace Huron River Bridge, investigate bridge types (free span)	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, PD, V

GENERAL PARK AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS			
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FACILITY	TIMEFRAME	FUNDING SOURCES
Cont. Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park			
Replace small pedestrian bridge (behind Carpet Depot)	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, PD, V
Provide ADA picnic tables, parking, and access to restrooms	Merrill Trailhead	3 - 5 Years	PD, V, G, TF
Senior/Community Center			
Install game tables, Interior and Exterior	Senior/Community Center	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Develop an all ages Community Center - either in cooperative effort with other organizations or with expansion of existing facilities	Senior/Community Center	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Install ADA auto-access doors to patio	Senior/Community Center	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP
Provide shade over outdoor patio	Senior/Community Center	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Upgrade flooring	Senior/Community Center	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Investigate maximizing building space to accommodate programming and office space	Senior/Community Center	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Consider an addition to the senior center - connecting to the library	Senior/Community Center	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
General Parks and Grounds Improvements			
Support farmer's market effort	Township Grounds & Gardens	5 + Years	PD, V
Repair clock tower and upgrade plantings	Township Grounds & Gardens	5 + Years	TF, CP, PD, V
Provide upgraded garbage cans & enclosed dumpsters for parklands	Parklands and Trail Systems	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Find a viable solution for restroom facilities in parklands	Parklands and Trail Systems	Ongoing	G, TF, CP, PD
Install picnic pavilions	Parklands and Trail Systems	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD
Install new lighting	Parklands and Trail Systems	5 + Years	G, TF, PD, RP
Install surveillance equipment	Parklands and Trail Systems	5 + Years	G, TF, RP, PD, V
Complete all projects on the ADA priority list	System-wide improvements	Ongoing	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Wi-Fi Access at Parklands, Winkelhaus Park, and Lakelands Trail Trailhead	Parklands and Trail Systems	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD
Develop walking trail for park/nature area adjacent to future dog park	Parklands and Trail Systems	3 - 5 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V

GENERAL PARK AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS			
IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	FACILITY	TIMEFRAME	FUNDING SOURCES
Cont. General Parks and Grounds Improvements			
Investigate and design non-motorized transportation routes that connect to Brighton Recreation Area	System-wide improvements	5 + Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Purchase/operate access to River/Lakes/Livery - to support Huron Water Trail in Hamburg Township	Future Acquisition	Ongoing	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Purchase/operate Rush Lake Golf Course property for potential park revenue	Future Acquisition	Ongoing	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Amenities and Beautification Committee			
Construct benches with companion seating along Lakelands Trail/Trailheads	Lakelands Trail	Ongoing	V, PD, TF, G
Install flora identification signs/interpretive signage along trail	Lakelands Trail	Ongoing	V, PD, TF, G
Install bike racks/bike repair stations	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V
Develop an Amenities and Beautification Committee and support the Volunteer force for garden projects	Parklands and Trail Systems	Ongoing	V, PD, TF, G
Install public art in gardens and along trail	Parklands and Trail Systems	Ongoing	G, CP, PD, V
Construct benches with companion seating along Lakelands Trail/Trailheads	Lakelands Trail	Ongoing	V, PD, TF, G



Table 14 – ADA Accessibility Projects – ADA Transition Plan

ADA Accessibility Projects - ADA Transition Plan					
Improvement Description	Facility	Timeframe	Funding Sources	ADA Transition Plan Item	ADA Priority Code
Manly Bennett Park					
Provide companion Seating at all diamonds	East Bennett Park - Baseball	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible route from parking to seating and dugouts - Midway	East Bennett Park - Baseball	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible picnic tables and surface	East Bennett Park - Concession	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible route & height for grill - Midway	East Bennett Park - Concession	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Design and construct Midway to allow ADA access to facilities/fields	East Bennett Park - Midway	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Create new parking area for t-ball (approx. 90 cars with accessible route) Reconfiguration of t-ball may be required	East Bennett Park - T-ball	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Provide accessible picnic tables and surface	Manly Bennett - East - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide van/accessible parking in existing lot	East Bennett Park - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route from parking to common areas	East Bennett Park - RC Field	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route from parking to seating	East Bennett Park - Rugby	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide van/accessible parking in existing lot	East Bennett Park - Rugby	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide van/accessible parking in existing lot	East Bennett Park - Volleyball	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route from parking to volleyball court	East Bennett Park - Volleyball	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1,2
Provide van/accessible parking in existing lot	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Fill gaps in walking path	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1

ADA Accessibility Projects - ADA Transition Plan					
Improvement Description	Facility	Timeframe	Funding Sources	ADA Transition Plan Item	ADA Priority Code
Manly Bennett Park					
Provide accessible route from sidewalks to common areas	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1,2
Pave existing soccer gravel lot (280 cars)/Add ADA parking	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, PD	Yes	1
Design and construct west Midway/To allow ADA access to facilities/fields	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Winkelhaus Park					
Provide accessible parking (including van accessible)	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route to horseshoe pit	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible route/ramp to gazebo	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible picnic tables and surface	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Construct accessible trail	Winkelhaus Park - Leased	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Lakelands Trail					
Improve cub scout pack 391 picnic respite	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	V, PD, CP	Yes	1
Relocate/Update Amenities - i.e.: move Doggie bags closer to sidewalk, provide companion seating near benches, etc.	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2,3,4
Provide accessible route to portable toilets	Pettysville Trailhead	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route to kiosk	Pettysville Trailhead	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Add Parking/ADA parking	Pettysville Trailhead	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1

ADA Accessibility Projects - ADA Transition Plan					
Improvement Description	Facility	Timeframe	Funding Sources	ADA Transition Plan Item	ADA Priority Code
Cont. Lakelands Trail					
Provide accessible route to Pump Track if maintained as such - Long Range plans could include development into Skate Park or re- development into Dog Park	Pettysville Trailhead	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Upgrade trail alongside Merrill RR	Merrill Trailhead	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Relocate/Update Amenities, when needed	Village Trailhead	3 - 5 Years	TF, G, PD	Yes	2,3,4
Senior/Community Center					
Upgrade to hi/lo drinking fountain	Senior/Community Center	5 + Years	TF, G	Yes	4
Upgrade interior amenities, relocate items	Senior/Community Center	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2,3,4
Construct walkways from complex to Lakelands Trail	Senior/Community Center	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Township Grounds					
Construct Merrill Road E/W under/overpass	Parklands and Trail Systems	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
ABC					
Upgrades to amenities and trail at all intersections	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Develop respite areas along trail	Lakelands Trail	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, V, PD	Yes	1
Potentially Funded Projects					
Fill gaps and correct drop in walking path	East Bennett Park - Playground	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Provide accessible route from path to sand surface or provide interactive play equipment - Midway	East Bennett Park - Playground	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide ramp, ground level play equipment - Playground Upgrade	East Bennett Park - Playground	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Relocate AED Unit	East Bennett Park - Concession	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1,2
Relocate/Remove concession counters	East Bennett Park - Concession	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2

ADA Accessibility Projects - ADA Transition Plan					
Improvement Description	Facility	Timeframe	Funding Sources	ADA Transition Plan Item	ADA Priority Code
Cont. Potentially Funded Projects					
Relocate AED Unit	West Bennett Park - Concession	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1,2
Repair and seal existing paths at Soccer Fields/provide ADA access to amenities	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Expand and pave existing paths to rear of Soccer Fields (currently gravel)	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	G, TF, CP, PD, V	Yes	1
Provide accessible route from parking to sidewalk	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1
Relocate/Remove concession counters	West Bennett Park - Concession	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1,2
Restroom upgrades	West Bennett Park - Concession	3 - 5 Years	TF, G, CP, PD	Yes	3,4
Playground upgrades/ongoing until entire structure can be replaced/ includes wood fiber maintenance and inspections	West Bennett Park	3 - 5 Years	TF, G	Yes	2
Provide accessible route from parking to sidewalk	West Bennett Park	0 - 2 Years	TF, G	Yes	1



PLANNING PROCESS

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PROCESS

In a continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Hamburg Township has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community parks and recreational facilities over the next five years. This Plan is an update of the Township's most recent plan which was adopted in 2017. The Plan will provide the Township eligibility for grants from the MDNR to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Hamburg Township contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to assist with the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consultant met with the Township staff and Parks and Recreation Committee several times during the development of the Plan.

During the development of the Plan, three opportunities for input, participation, and review were provided:

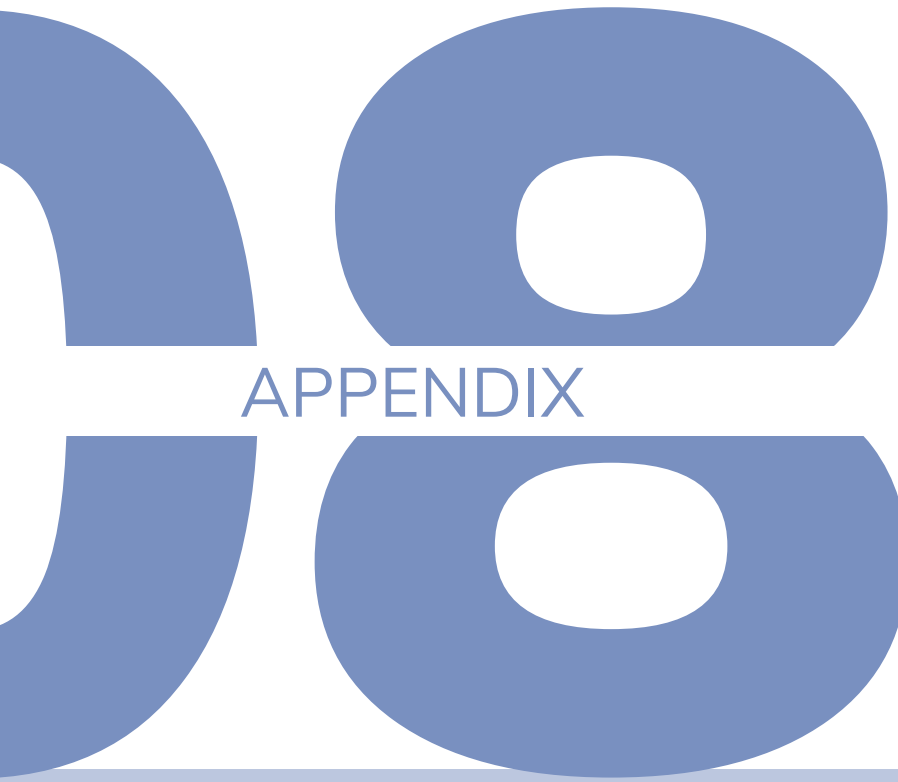
- Online community input survey that was available from July to August 2022
- Community visioning session held on August 29, 2022.
- 30-day review period beginning November 16, 2022 through December 16, 2022, and a public hearing held on January 3, 2023.

The plan was also discussed at several committee and board meetings between October 2021 and July of 2022.

Based upon the existing information and public input, the Township developed the goals and objectives for parks and recreation for the next five years. Then, the Township developed an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Spicer Group completed a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was subsequently available for review at the Township Offices and on the Township's website. The review period from November 16, 2022 through December 16, 2022, was publicized on the Township website, Facebook page, and the local Cable television channel, Station 191 through Charter Spectrum. The final opportunities for community input occurred at the advertised public hearings held prior to the adoption of the Plan at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 3, 2023, and again later that night at the Township Board meeting on January 3, 2023. After the January 3, 2023 public hearing, the Parks and Recreation Committee passed a motion recommending the Township Board adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan was transmitted to the Township Board for its review. The Hamburg Township Board passed a resolution to adopt the Plan at the Township Board meeting on January 3, 2023. Copies of the Plan were transmitted to Livingston County and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The Plan was uploaded to the DNR for approval in January of 2023. Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution are included in Appendix I.



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APPENDIX A

GRANT HISTORY



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Hamburg Township - Livingston County

Project No. 26-01104 B **Project County:** Livingston **Project Year:** 1980
Project title: Manly W Bennett Memorial Park
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$25,000.00

Scope Item

Concession/restroom building
Landscaping
Parking area
Permanent LWCF plaque
Water, sewage disposal and electricity to building

Project Description: Concession/restroom building with water, sewage disposal and electricity, site restoration and landscaping, parking area, LWCF plaque

Project No. 26-01274 **Project County:** Livingston **Project Year:** 1983
Project title: Merrill Field
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$29,133.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Landscaping, entrance signs, road and parking lot improvements, play structure asphalt walkway, litter barrels, bleachers, service gate and LWCF sign

Project No. BF89-092 **Project County:** Livingston **Project Year:** 1989
Project title: Manly W. Bennett Memorial Field
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$100,800.00

Scope Item



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Hamburg Township - Livingston County

- 2 ballfield lighting
- 2 basketball courts
- 2 batting cages
- 2 tennis courts
- 4 shuffleboard courts
- 4" well
- 9 bleachers
- Division A soccer field
- Division B soccer field
- Parking lot
- Picnic pavilion
- Picnic tables
- Playground equipment

Project Description: Soccer, baseball, tennis, playground and picnic facility development.

Project No. CM99-077 **Project County:** Livingston **Project Year:** 1999

Project title: Manly W. Bennett Park

Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$247,000.00

Scope Item

- Boardwalk, 600'
- Fishing Dock
- Nature Trails, 8,000'
- Paved Trails, 8' Wide, 3,800'
- Picnic Shelters w/ storage shed
- Picnic Tables
- Playground Equipment

Project Description: Park improvements to include the addition of a network of trails linking Bennett Park with the Huron River and the Lakeland Trail and the addition of fishing and picnic facilities and playground equipment.

Project No. TF13-014 **Project County:** Livingston **Project Year:** 2013

Project title: Lakelands Trail Access Improvements

Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$125,400.00

Scope Item



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Hamburg Township - Livingston County

- Amenities
- Driveway and parking lot
- Pave 0.5-miles of trail
- Restoration

Project Description: This project is a universally accessible development project including a a trailhead and half-mile paved extension of the 26-mile Lakelands Trail which is the last remaining unpaved section in the township. The trailhead includes parking and informational kiosk.

Project No.	TF20-0145	Project County:	Livingston	Project Year:	2020
Project title:	Hay Creek Bridge Renovation				
Project Status:	PA Executed			Grant Amount:	\$50,000.00

Scope Item

Pedestrian Bridge Decking

Project Description: Development project to replace decking on the Hay Creek Bridge which is a part of the Lakelands Trail, a 34-mile-long linear trail and state park in Ingham and Livingston counties and part of the Great Lake to Lake Trail which extends from Port Huron to South Haven. The original railroad bridge was built in the 1890s and was converted for trail use in 1994. The project is important to keep the bridge safe and the trail open. The multi-use trail is suitable for biking, walking, running and equestrian use and passes through woods, pastures, picturesque wetlands. The bridge traverses Hay Creek, a tributary of the Huron River.

Total number of projects: 6

Total Amount of Grant Given \$577,333.00

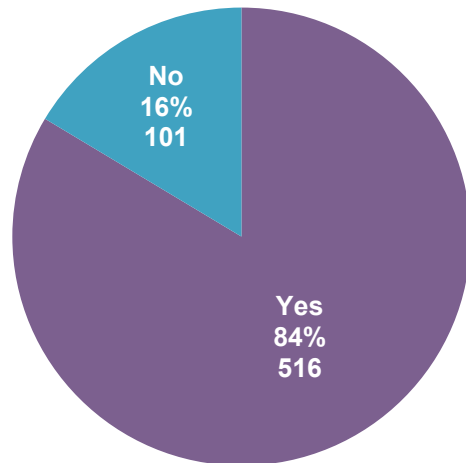
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PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS

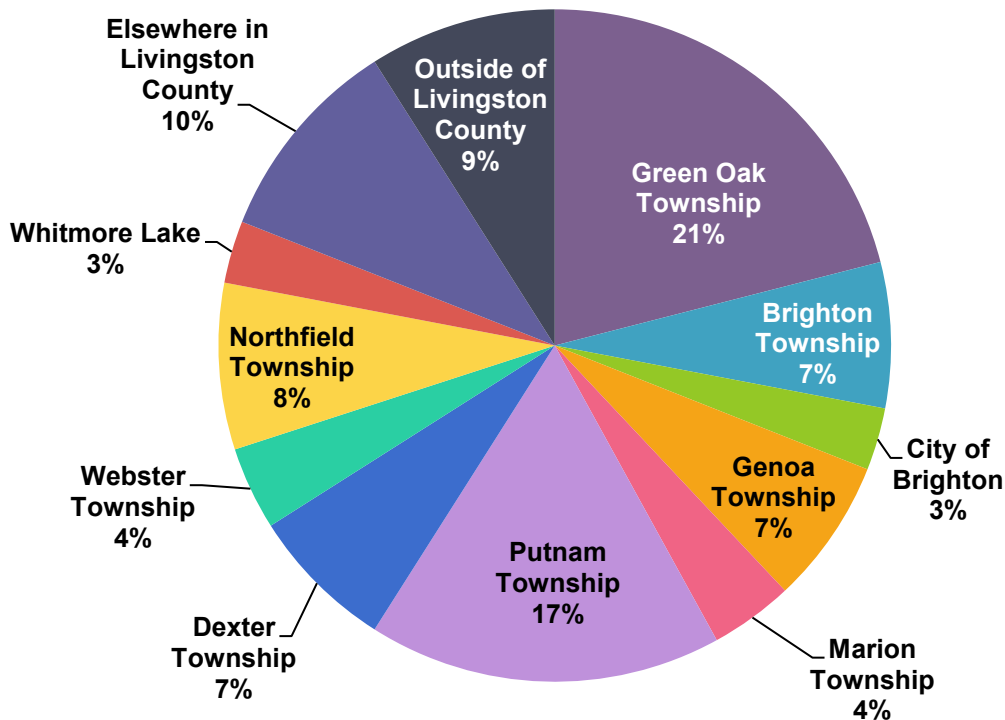
2022 Recreation Plan Survey Results

Responses: 621
Completed: 100%

1. Are you a Hamburg Township resident and/or business or property owner?

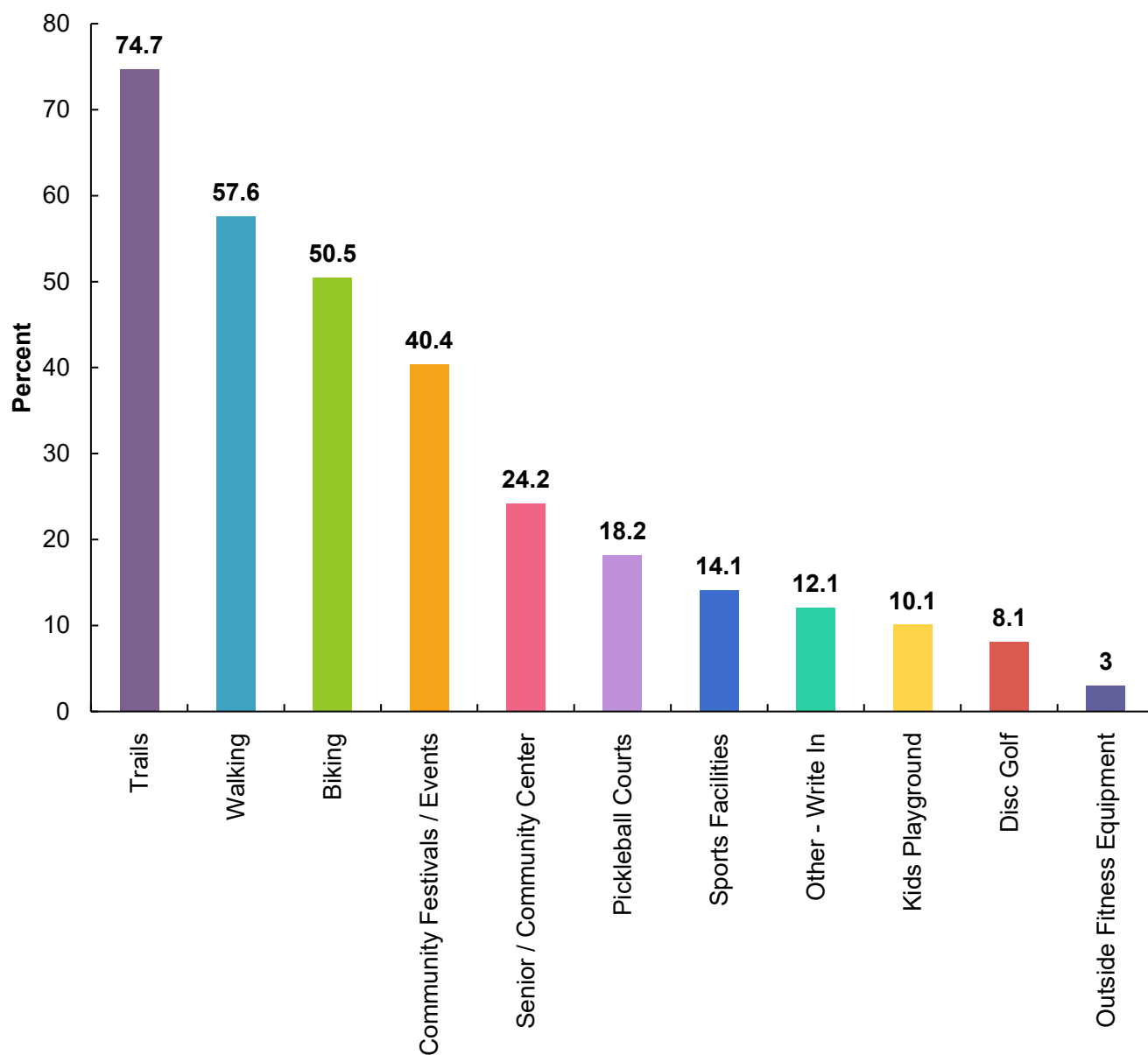


2. If you are not a Hamburg Township resident and/or business or property owner, where do you live?



Value	Percent	Count
Green Oak Township	21.0%	21
Putnam Township	17.0%	17
Elsewhere in Livingston County	10.0%	10
Outside of Livingston County	9.0%	9
Northfield Township	8.0%	8
Brighton Township	7.0%	7
Genoa Township	7.0%	7
Dexter Township	7.0%	7
Marion Township	4.0%	4
Webster Township	4.0%	4
City of Brighton	3.0%	3
Whitmore Lake	3.0%	3
Totals		100

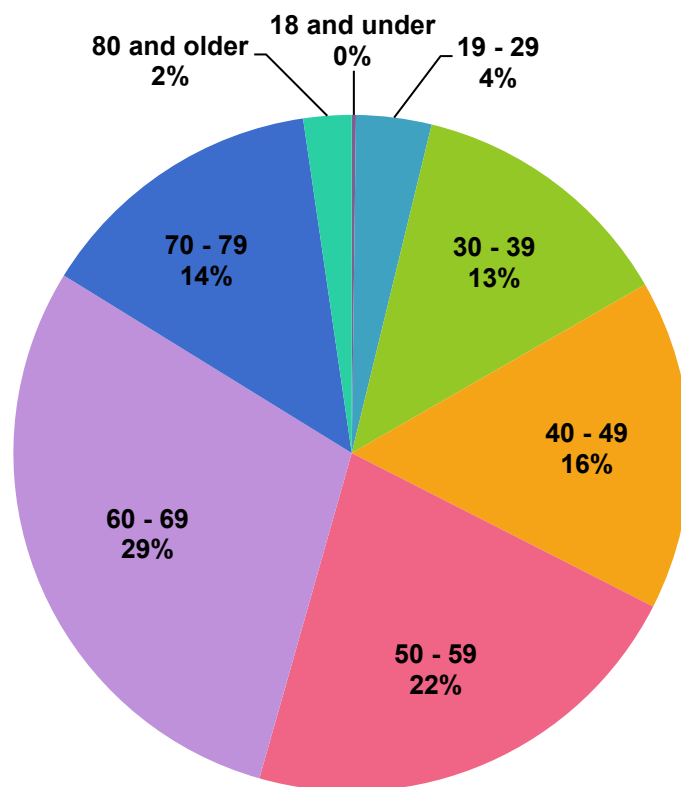
3. How do you use Hamburg Township parks and recreation facilities? Please check all that apply.



Other – Write In

- Running (2)
- Inline skating
- R/C Airplane Field (5)
- cards
- geocaching

4. What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
18 and under	0.2%	1
19 - 29	3.6%	22
30 - 39	12.9%	79
40 - 49	15.8%	97
50 - 59	21.9%	134
60 - 69	29.4%	180
70 - 79	13.9%	85
80 and older	2.3%	14
	Totals	612

5. How frequently do you visit or use Township parks and facilities?

	Daily	Frequently (a couple of times per week)	Infrequently (a couple of times per month)	Rarely (a couple of times per year)	Never	Responses
Baseball Diamonds Count Percent	15 2.6%	107 18.7%	88 15.4%	78 13.7%	283 49.6%	571
Boardwalk Count Percent	17 3.0%	146 25.3%	191 33.2%	148 25.7%	74 12.8%	576
Disc Golf Count Percent	1 0.2%	30 5.3%	50 8.8%	83 14.6%	405 71.2%	569
Flyer's/RC Field Count Percent	10 1.7%	30 5.2%	40 7.0%	80 13.9%	415 72.2%	575
Football Practice Area Count Percent	4 0.7%	26 4.6%	25 4.4%	64 11.4%	444 78.9%	563
Hamburg Historical Museum Count Percent	0 0%	8 1.4%	31 5.5%	169 29.8%	360 63.4%	568
Hamburg Senior Center Count Percent	16 2.7%	73 12.3%	49 8.3%	99 16.7%	355 60.0%	592
Hamburg Community Center Count Percent	2 0.4%	27 4.8%	50 8.9%	127 22.5%	358 63.5%	564
Kayak Launch Site Count Percent	2 0.4%	24 4.2%	50 8.8%	100 17.6%	391 69.0%	567
Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park Count Percent	75 12.9 %	222 38.1%	152 26.1%	64 11.0%	69 11.9%	582
Outdoor Workout Stations Count Percent	1 0.2%	25 4.4%	85 14.9%	151 26.4%	310 54.2%	572
Pickleball Count Percent	14 2.4%	34 5.9%	41 7.2%	56 9.8%	427 74.7%	572
Playground - Baseball side Count Percent	4 0.7%	38 6.7%	59 10.4%	82 14.4%	387 67.9%	570

	Daily	Frequently (a couple of times per week)	Infrequently (a couple of times per month)	Rarely (a couple of times per year)	Never	Responses
Playground - Soccer side Count Percent	6 1.1%	37 6.5%	62 10.9%	95 16.7%	368 64.8%	568
Soccer Fields Count Percent	7 1.2%	37 6.5%	45 8.0%	101 17.9%	375 66.4%	565
Trailhead Parking Count Percent	26 4.5%	162 28.2%	161 28.0%	106 18.4%	120 20.9%	575
Volleyball Area Count Percent	2 0.4%	12 2.1%	25 4.4%	43 7.6%	483 85.5%	565
Winklehaus Park Count Percent	5 0.9%	19 3.4%	59 10.5%	94 16.7%	386 68.6%	563
I don't frequent or use Township parks or facilities Count Percent	27 5.7%	100 21.1%	109 23.0%	110 23.3%	127 26.8%	473

Other – Write In

Daily

- Allow an expansion of the disc golf course to the west side of the soccer fields. They are never used anymore.
- When my kids were young
- Trails in Hamburg portion of Brighton State Rec Area
- Please keep disc golf and rc field
- More trails. A giant dog park. One for big and one for small
- Lakeland trails
- Huron meadows
- How often do you think about other access points to the trail on the other side of M-36?

Frequently (a couple of times per week)

- Trail
- Splash pad
- Senior center
- Rc car track
- Library (2)
- Lakeland Trail (2)
- I use the parks mostly to walk my dog
- I bring my grandchildren to soccer, football, etc, often
- Huron river
- Dog park
- Brighton recreation trails
- Bike the trails

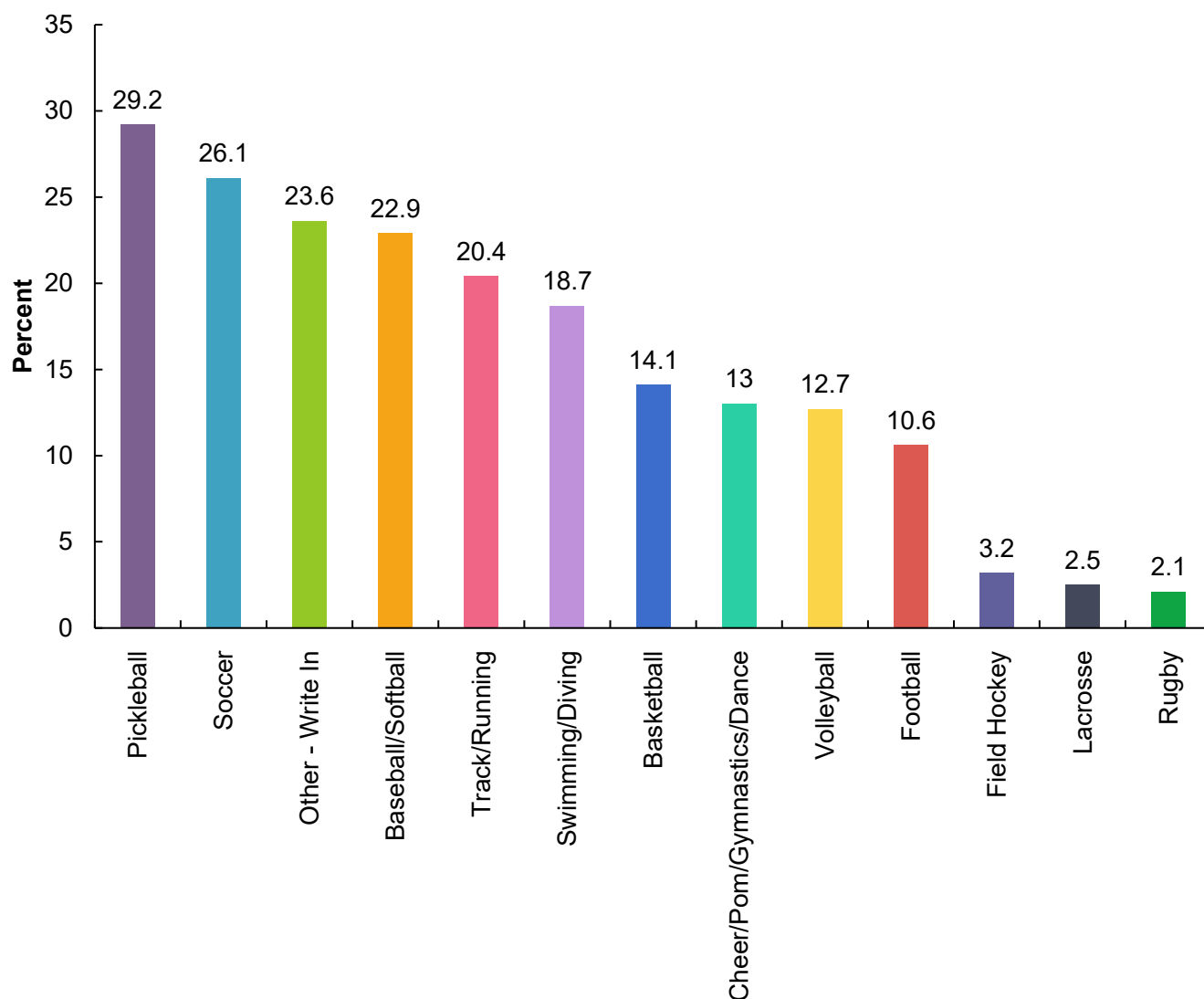
Infrequently (a couple of times per month)

- bicycle pump track
- Walking, biking, skating on trails
- Riverwalk off frisbee golf course
- Picnic area/Pavilion (2)
- Manly Bennett Park trails
- Library
- Bennet field
- Baseball fields

Rarely (a couple of times per year)

- Need more activities for seniors

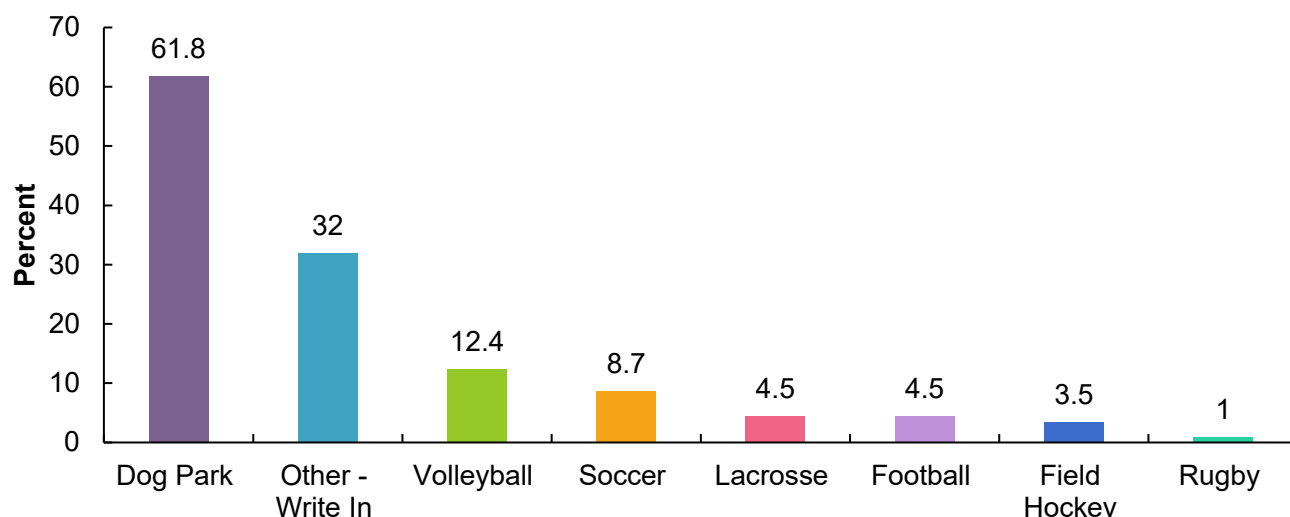
6. Do you or a member of your household play organized sports? If so, please check all that apply.



Other – Write In

- Golf
- Hockey
- Archery (2)
- Biking (5)
- Equestrian (4)
- Ice hockey (2)
- No/ None (5)
- Band
- Tennis (6)
- Bowling, wallyball
- Dance (2)
- Disc golf (3)
- RC Field (2)
- Dog Park/Dog Walking (3)
- Gymnastics
- Hiking/Walking (3)
- Kayaking/Canoeing (2)
- Karate
- Mountain biking (3)
- PHS Fishing team
- Sailing
- Use to, lil league baseball
- grandchildren do
- moto cross
- pickle ball
- roller blade hockey

7. If the Township were to add or change the fields at the parks, what type of fields would be most useful to you? Please check all that apply.



Other – Write In

- Pool (4)
- Pickleball (23)
- Tennis (5)
- Baseball (3)
- Basketball (3)
- Golf
- RC Car Track (10)
- Splash pad (5)
- 5k course
- A general use community park, not sports related
- A running track
- An indoor space that teams can use to practice in the winter. That new Fieldhouse in Brighton is going to be amazing for their community! I'd love for our teams to be able to practice year-round. Also, my daughter is a gymnast. We have to go all the way to Howell for practice multiple times a week. when she gets to high school, again, she can't practice locally. She has to practice with Fowlerville, Chelsea and Byron. It would be great to have a local facility
- Band Shell/Concerts/Amphitheater (4)
- Better canoe launch, accessible to Huron more directly.
- Bow Hunting
- Disc Golf (3)
- Dog park (2)
- Equestrian (3)
- cross country field or trails
- Fairground
- Extended bike path
- Farmer's Market
- Gymnastics mats/mini trampoline
- Handball courts
- Horse shoes
- I do not like dog parks. I like walking in the parks with my dog the way it is now.
- Ice hockey
- Keep Natural (3)
- Softball (3)
- Bike lanes along the roads that lead to the Lakelands Trail.
- More kayak parking/entrances
- Protected bike paths
- More space for funfest
- Pump track (2)
- Mountain Bike Trails/Obstacles (4)
- nature playground, playground upgrade
- None - More than enough facilities already available (2)
- Open fields
- Park with walking trails (3)
- Passive Recreation, Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, and shaded seating for reading, etc. would be nice
- Kite flying (2) / Rocket launching area
- Roller hockey (2)
- Ice hockey
- Skating Rink (2)
- Shuffleboard
- Karate/Tai Chi
- Toddler play equipment
- Xc ski trail grooming in winter
- archery
- single track bike trails
- A shade area for yoga
- Toddler play areas

8. Please provide your opinion regarding the following aspects of Township-operated parks and open spaces.

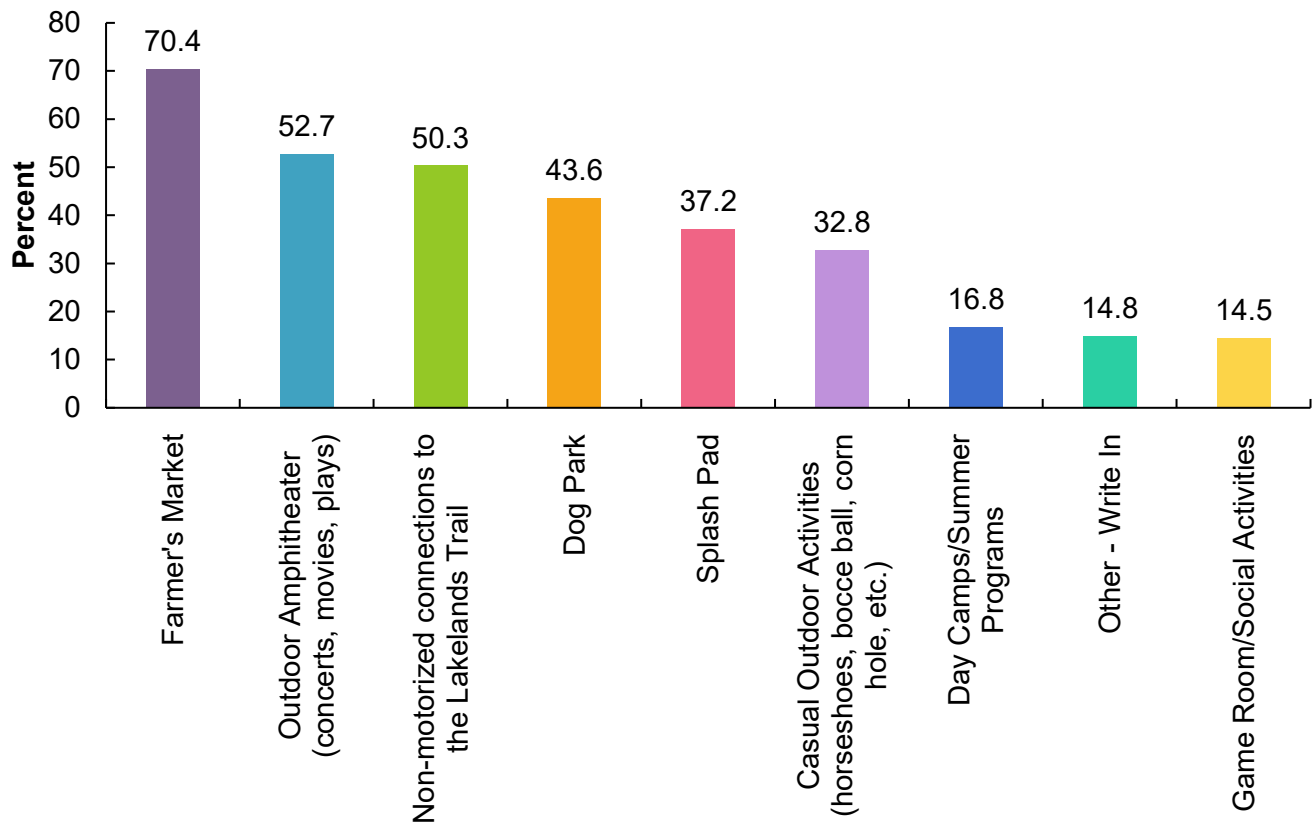
	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	No Opinion/ Do Not Use	Responses
Park Maintenance/Appearance Count Percent	379 62.9%	122 20.2%	63 10.4%	11 1.8%	28 4.6%	603
Variety of Amenities/Facilities Count Percent	279 46.5%	162 27.0%	102 17.0%	22 3.7%	35 5.8%	600
Safety and Security Count Percent	351 58.7%	121 20.2%	87 14.5%	13 2.2%	26 4.3%	598

9. Considering the resources and funds available, please rank the following statements by importance to you for Township-owned parks and open spaces over the next 5 years.

Item	Overall Rank	Ranking	Score	Total Respondents
Maintain parks and facilities we have	1		1,233	516
Add facilities/amenities to the existing parks	2		1,111	493
Acquire more park space	3		728	459

Lowest Rank Highest Rank

10. Which NEW activities/amenities would you like to see more of in the Township parks? Please check all that apply.

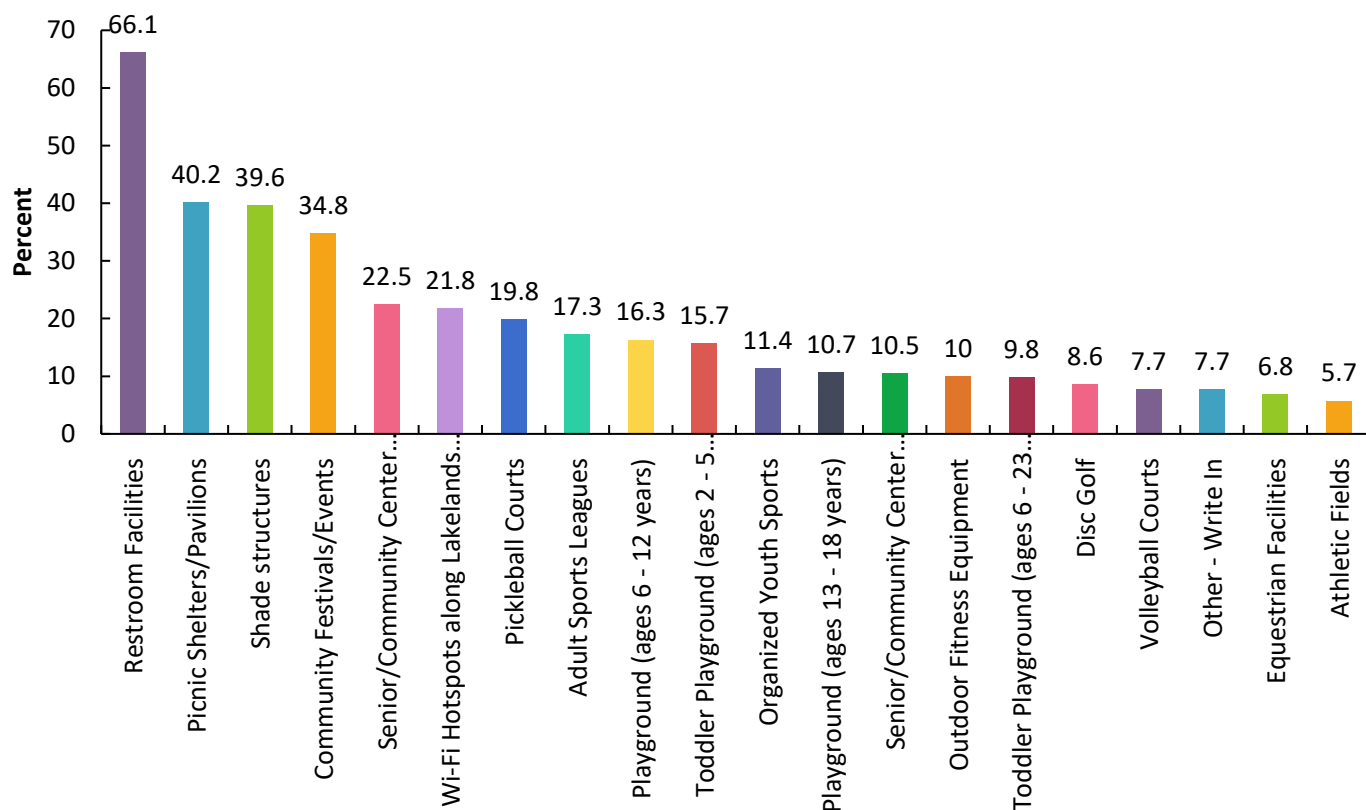


Other – Write In

- Pool (6)
- RC Car Track (8)
- Community Trunk Garage Sales (2)
- 5k course for running
- Pickleball (9)
- Shuffleboard
- Port-a-johns along the Lakeland Trail
- An area for civic festivals that not buried in the back corner in a weeded field
- Boat launch
- Bow Hunting
- Camping
- Chilson road should have a safe way to connect to the trail system.
- Connect B2B trail to Lakeland trail
- Enhanced kayaking on/off facilities
- Equestrian trails (2)
- Expand the play structures
- Fishing deck on the horseshoe creek by the Lakeland trail hamburg rd parking area
- General used community park
- Golf course
- Handball court
- I don't need the township trying to spend more money. They need to spend less
- Indoor fitness center for residents only like the Chelsea and dexter centers with pool and INDOOR TRACK
- It would be great if The Lakeland Trail could go down Whitewood and all the way up to Hudson Mills. I don't think that we need to re-create the metro parks. We are so lucky to have them so close by. We should strive to do something different
- More bathrooms along Lakeland Trail (2) They are very handy for long runs!

- More playgrounds for all ages and abilities (2)
- We frequently go to other towns for their playgrounds because neither at Merrill park can accommodate my two children at the same time
- More trail oriented facilities
- Motorized access to the Lakeland Trail
- Mountain bike obstacles, bike pump track,
- Mountain bike trails (2)
- Movies In the Park, other Events such as Music, Food Trailer Events, Craft Shows
- Natural areas
- Nature centers
- Nature trails / activities (2)
- More and regularly maintained with attention to dog exclusion and no light pollution.
- None
- Parking near the river at Bennett Park plus ability to launch kayaks and leave the river near there. So much of the Huron River in the twp is inaccessible because of lack of public access
- Paved road shoulders and more bike trails
- Permanent restrooms
- Planet fitness or life fitness
- Please consider all of the above. And perhaps even a mountain biking trail and a skateboard park
- Pond ice skating and fishing
- Tennis courts
- Public Boat Launches
- Better advertising/signage, improved/expanded playgrounds or naturescape
- RC flying area/ kite/ rocket launching area
- Paved parking lots for flat track, Dirt car tracks with jumps, Rock Crawler area., Flat dirt tracks.
- Roller hockey rink (2)
- Skating/hockey rink
- Sledding hill, ice skating
- Tai Chi
- Toddler play equipment
- Traditional Archery Range (NO compound or crossbows)
- Water bottle fillers and restrooms
- Water supplies on trail and park, cleaner and more bathrooms/outhouses
- Wooded hiking trails closed off to bikes
- Archery and a rec center like Livonia has (with a swimming pool, exercise, and indoor activities)
- community gardens, plant exchange in the spring and fall, 911 call box.
- connect lakeland trail to Ore Creek brewery
- playground upgrades for kids
- more trails that connect from shehan, mcgregor whitewood to the main trail
- senior walk areas that do not allow bicycles to scare us.
- single track bike trail

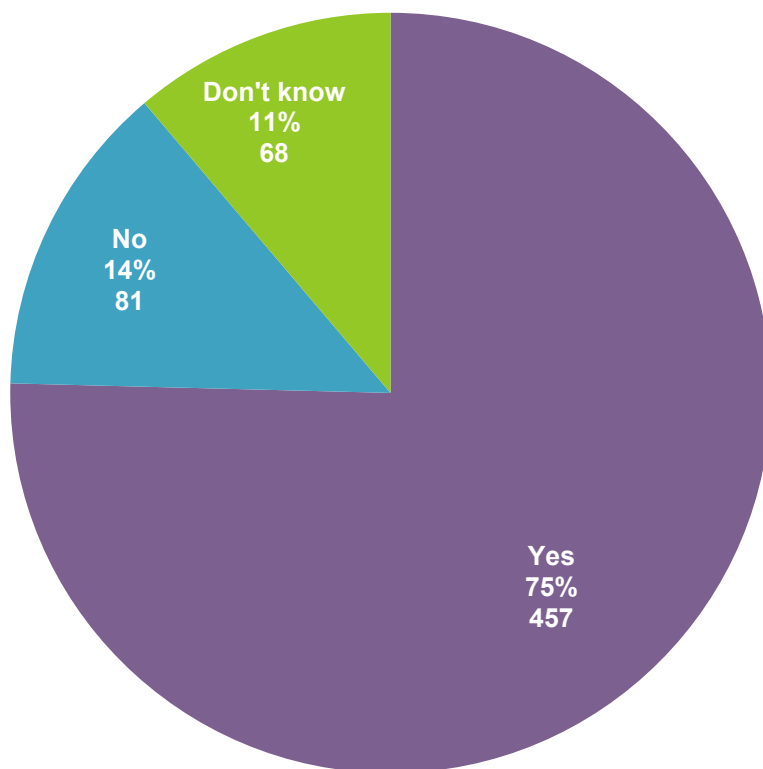
11. Which EXISTING activities/amenities would you like to see added to the Township parks? Please check all that apply.



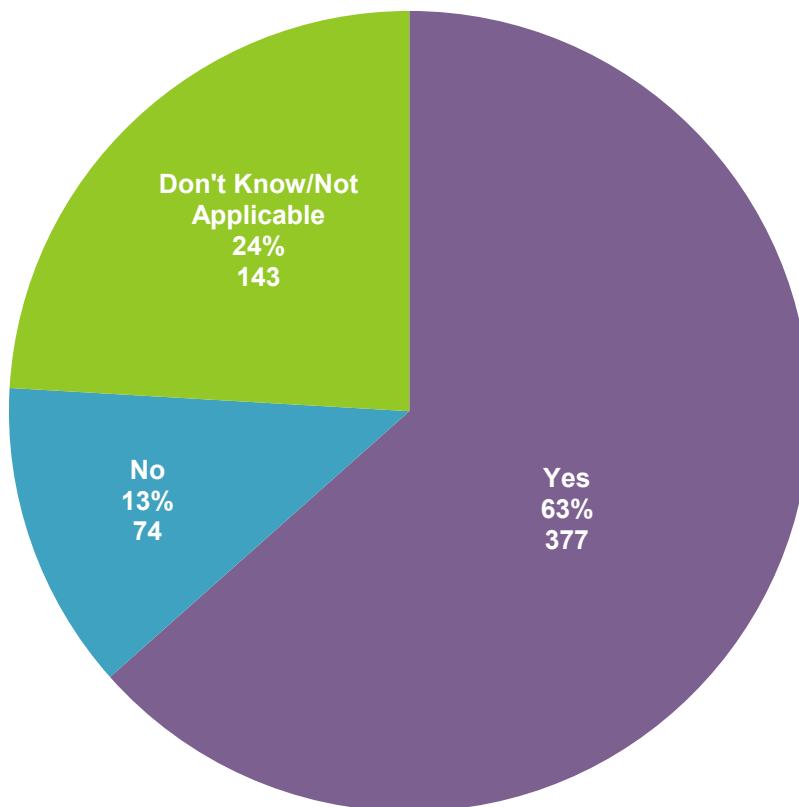
Other – Write In

- Tennis Courts and practice wall (3)
- AC Power to the ends of the park and power drops to festival areas.
- Accessible playgrounds for kids with disability
- Basketball
- Benches
- Benches on disc golf and walking trails
- Charging station for electric cars
- Community Pool (3)
- Dog park (2)
- Electricity access to the festival and Flying field
- Equestrian arena
- Fill sinkholes and big cracks in paved portions
- Gazebo/running water by football fields
- General use community park
- Less mowing unused soccer fields. Reallocate maintenance workers
- Manure pick up stations (shovel, mounting blocks, muck heap) so riders can more easily clean up after their horses.
- More access to drinking water
- More connections to Lakelands trail
- More frequently cleaned outhouses!
- More park benches for resting along walking paths and in township complex
- Mountain bike trail
- Nature centers
- None (2)
- Playgrounds. Splash pad. Bathrooms!
- RC track (3)
- Shade structures at Senior Community Center pickleball courts and patio area.
- The restroom should be expanded and made much better. Thought should be put into placement of any new play structure. Right now, I find it hard to use the play structure on the baseball side because it's so close to the parking lot. If I am watching one child play a game, I won't risk letting my other child go over to the park. It's too close to cars and the exit which makes me nervous. put them closer with an eye shot, so they can be used. Keep them away from high traffic areas.
- Water bottle filler
- a sculpture garden (2)
- archery and an indoor rec center
- hiking trails
- seating on lakeland trail

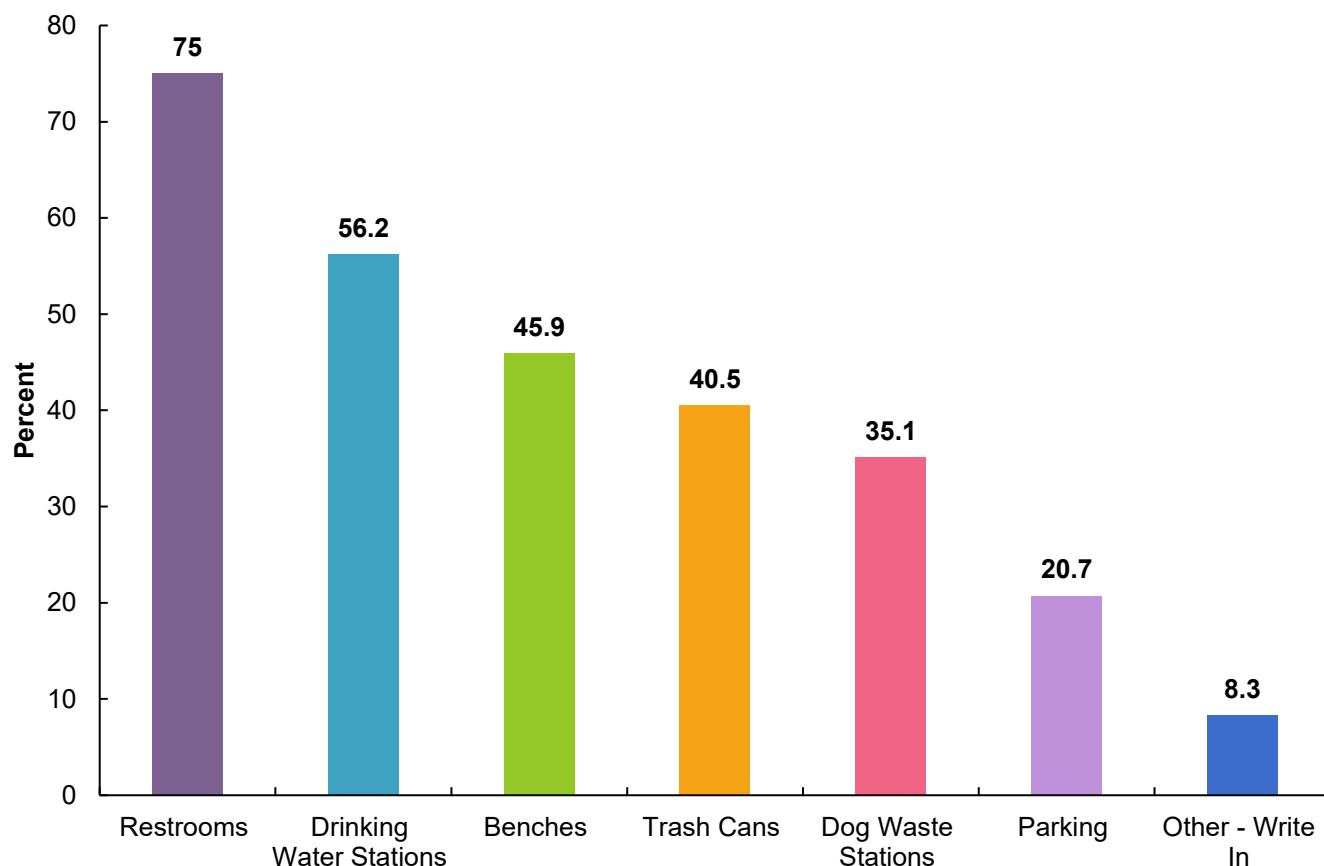
12. Do you live near or have easy access to the Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park?



13. Would your use of the Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park increase if you were able to access it by a trail link from your neighborhood?



14. What additional facilities would you like to see at trailheads along the Mike L. Levine Lakelands Trail State Park? Please check all that apply.



Other – Write In

- A boardwalk to the Diary Queen
- Additional shade/cover if we stopped for a break
- Bike Repair Stations (6)
- Electric car charging stations
- Food
- Gazebos with Barbecue and picnic tables.
- Golf cart allowed on trail
- Horse waste stations with mounting blocks (2)
- Little Free Library
- Lockers
- Love the historical info signage
- Microbrewery
- More markers with information about habitats and history
- More sidewalks connecting subdivisions to trails. We live in Copper Cove Drive. The trail is an easy walk for us but we have to drive to the trailhead because there's no sidewalk to the trail.
- N/A/None (2)
- Nature signs/center
- None. Waste of tax money to maintain for few # that use it. Charge fees for maintenance!
- Parking for horse trailers
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables
- Security
- Shade structures on long open stretches
- Shaded picnic stops.
- Shelters
- Signs for out of town users with rules - fast bike groups and weekend use makes locals not always use trail due to their actions on trail
- Signs reminding bikers to call out when passing
- The water stations that include a bowl for dogs
- Trail etiquette signs
- Water bottle filling station
- We would love a walking trail down kress to the trail.
- connect leman trail to Whitmore Lake Rd S to connect to trail
- equestrian facilities
- shade on trail
- shaded sitting

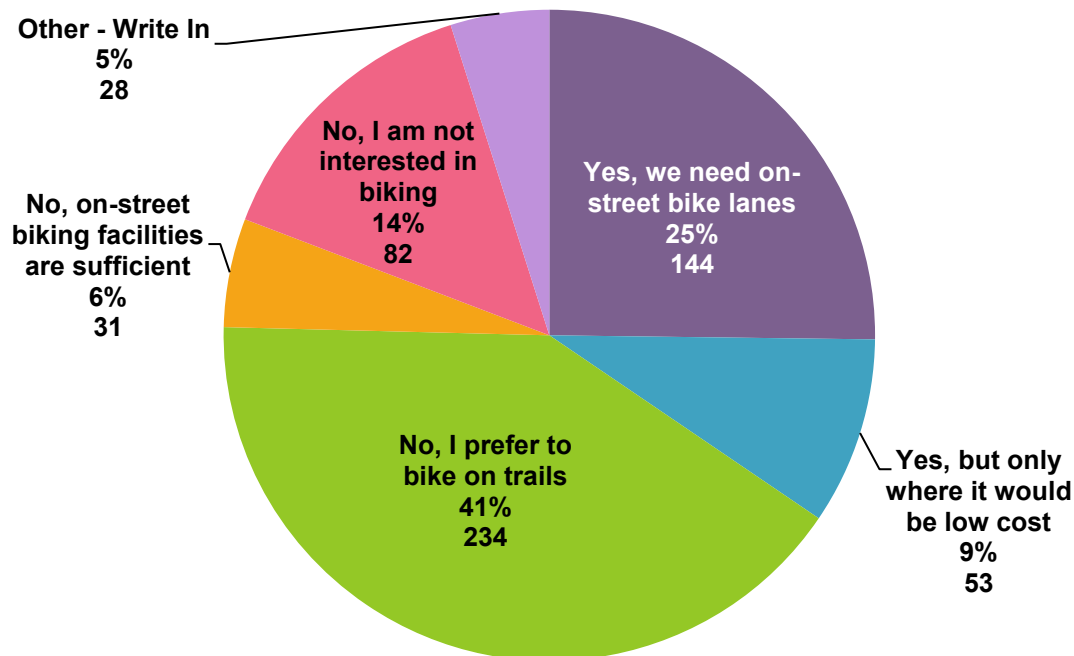
15. Along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park and throughout the Township Parks, there are benches, trash cans, and dog waste stations. However, if you feel there is an area where these facilities are missing, where is that? Please be specific. For the Lakelands Trail, give a mile marker or nearest intersection.

Response:

- Restroom by Merrill Road
- I don't know off the top of my head!
- Bow Hunting should be permitted along the Lakeland trail just like it is in Pinckney. People are not flocking to these township owned properties during the fall/winter and could be done in a safe matter. The State of Michigan (DNR) removed all shooting distance requirements with Archery equipment.
- N/A (8)
- There are no dog waste stations between Kroger bridge and then the middle between Kress and Cap'n frostys, a trash can near Zukey Lake Tavern may be helpful
- water station would be great around lemon road
- Benches are few and far between
- N/A just need easier access to other existing trails in the area. Would be nice to have easier access from neighborhoods along pettysville rust and chilson road too
- From haycreek to captain frosty, are there any benches?
- OK
- Parking at Hall Rd
- Kress road
- Between kress and whitewood
- A couple more benches between Zukey lake tavern and Hall Road
- Just seems like people don't bother picking up there dog poop
- Drinking water.
- True, there are a mostly adequate amount of these...just wanted to emphasize they are necessary to keep them!
- Don't know where this is
- Thank you for adding the the dog station at Girard. A blue barrel near the benches just east of there might be good. Find carry out food containers in the vegetation near by.
- Rest rooms
- Would just love a connection to the trail from arrowhead sub that doesn't involve walking/bike riding on a busy road
- Keep adding benches and trash cans. I would to see mileage markers more frequently, and some maps that indicate distance between features that make sense... ex 0.3 miles to the river, 0.5 miles across the boardwalk, etc.
- Missing a general use park,
- More bike repair stations. I know there's one by the fire station, but perhaps adding more could be useful
- Merril
- Restrooms on the trail
- I use the trail daily/weekly and all is good!!! west of Hamburg is different
- Near the green oak township line
- It would simply be nice to have more dog waste receptacles. Benches (more) at both shaded and scenic points would be great.
- I don't think there's a single (public) drinking water source anywhere along the trail, even beyond Hamburg Twp. The Kal-Haven trail on the west side of the state has drinking water at almost every trailhead; it would be great if we could do that here.
- The Gregory Michigan Portapotty needs maintenance more often due to how often it is used.
- Benches in the shade by parking lots and staging areas.
- There is no restroom at the entrance near Kroger parking lot.
- No idea which park This is?

- M-36 crossing towards gregory
- The bathroom at the depot trailhead is usually in bad condition. It would be nice if there were restrooms every 3 miles.
- Trail head across from Captain Frosty. Gravel needs to be swept off in order for wheelchairs or those handicapped to be able to get to the trail from the parking area safely. Gravel has hindered handicapped folks and their caretakers to feel comfortable to negotiate from parking spot to the trail.
- Eastern section near the prison
- The new portion of the trail from Hall Rd to 23. A center line might be helpful on the hilly curves. Quite a few blind spots, and cyclists coming at a higher rate of speed on the downhill sections.
- More benches between Hamburg Road and Lemon roads.
- More frequent stations throughout.
- I know there are some but more are needed.
- Drinking water stations would be great!!! A few more restrooms and trash cans along the trail would be helpful, especially the stretch between Putnam Twp and the M-36 tunnel/parking/trailhead.
- Make it easy for horse riders to clean up after themselves. Add mounting blocks and shovels/muck stations.
- I'm in Regency Village, and I need a safer walking path to get to the trails across M-36. The access is a mile from the entrance of my sub, and the other entrance off Kress Rd. has no parking.
- Get rid of dog waste stations people can provide their own.
- Merrill Rd. Near W Main St. We haven't done the entire trail yet. We start at about 9 mile and 23. So these intersections are as far as we've gone.
- Township Hall Complex- shaded areas for lunchtime
- An area or requirement for horse manure to be picked up. It is gross, and ruins the experience of the trail for all other users.
- I didn't see trash cans, benches or dog waste stations along the dirt part of the Lakeland Trail heading towards Gregory. Where the trail connects on the other side of M-36? Honestly, I'm not sure their needed that far out.
- from pettysville rd to Pinckney
- from pettysville rd to Pinckney
- trash cans would be useful on the new section East to US23
- Restore the bench that used to be along the Lakelands Trail between Brockway and Farley.
- I don't have that info I would have to be on the trail to do that.
- We often use the trail for long (10-20 miles) training runs, and it would be helpful to have restrooms available somewhere around midpoint between the existing ones. Ideally they'd be located at roughly 2-mile intervals for the length of the trail, including the sections in other townships.
- I don't know the mile markers, but a few more dog waste stations might help increase their use. Maybe more signs, too, reminding owners to pick up after their dogs. And to keep them on leashes please!
- Between 8 mile and lemon rd, 8 mile and merril
- More benches would be nice, they are spaced far apart. More trash cans too.
- Adding a bench halfway between existing benches would be very helpful for seniors and people starting to walk more. Thank you for asking
- Hamburg village to M-36 fire station
- at intersections of roads
- good as is
- more physical maps at each intersection. if you lose wifi how do you know how to get home?
- at the trail head by kroger gas station need toilet and water.

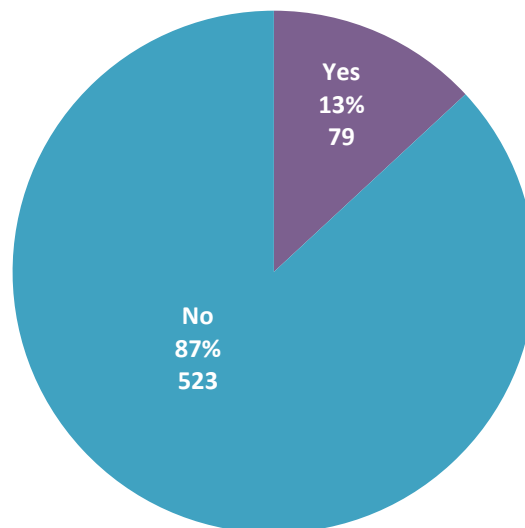
16. Should the Township plan for on-street biking facilities?



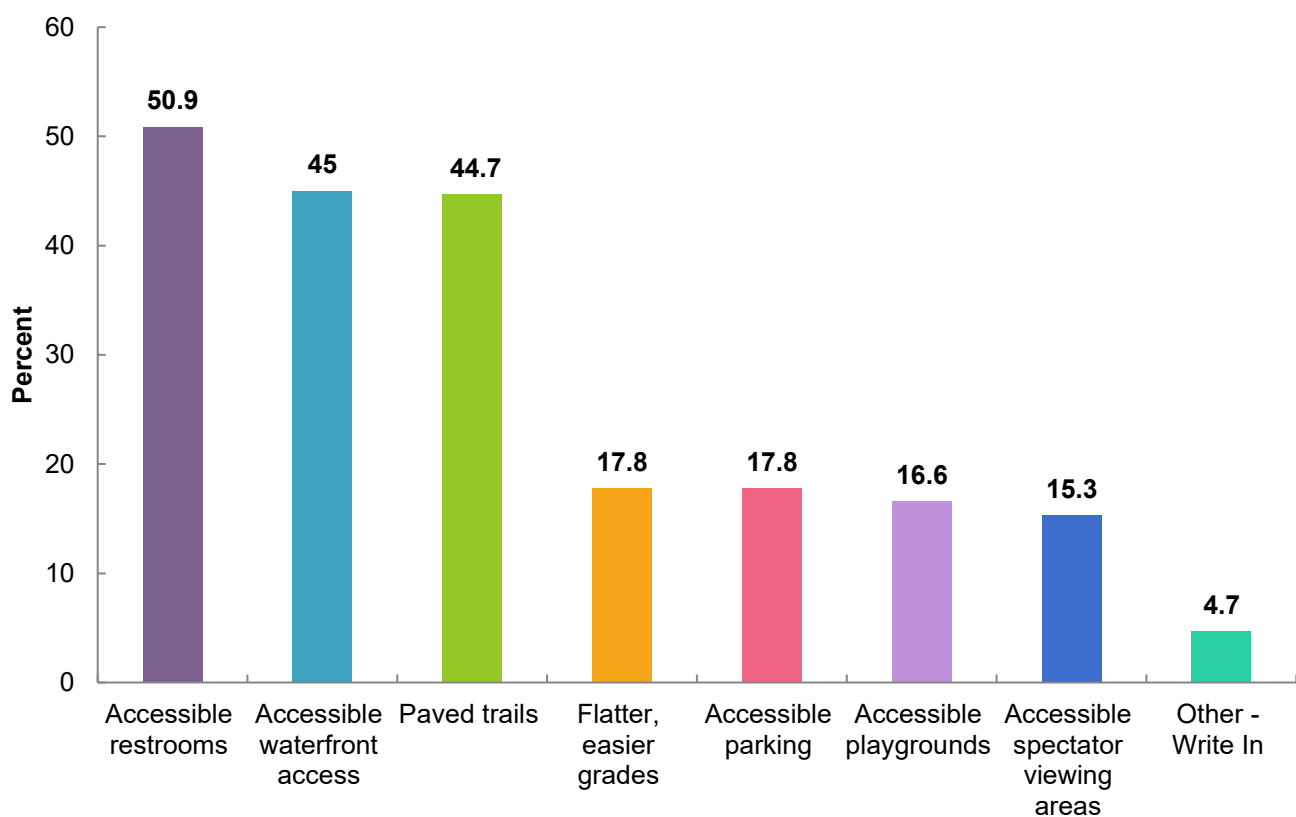
Other – Write In

- Bike path on strawberry and Merrill roads (2)
- Bike lanes on street are nice but not like a2 which encroaches on street space. bike trail/path separate from walkers might help
- Bikes should not be on the street, there are trails for them
- Chilson Road
- Definitely not! Bikes and cars do not mix!
- I am an avid cyclist but I stick to the trails because of the incredible backlash and anger drivers pose to us.
- I use to bike and enjoyed wide paved shoulders
- Im from washtenaw, so visit for just the long trails
- No opinion
- Not sure what on street biking facilities are? Bathrooms, repair stations, bike racks? Yes to all these.
- Only in areas where the speed limit is 25 or below. our roads are windy and dangerous. People go fast and I think that on road biking is very risky for drivers and cyclists.
- Only to supplement access/connections to the Lakeland Trails.
- Prefer to bike on trails, however there is a need for connecting trails off Pettys. It's so dangerous to try to get to the trails if you live off Pettys
- We need the bikes off the trails and roads. They need their own trail
- We need to have bikes in safe areas - NOT ON THE MAIN ROAD. I know legally they can be there but it is not safe. A bike lane they are required to use would be nice. Maybe the "professional" bikers would quit running people over on the trail.
- Would prefer a "bike track" That is a bike path along a road that is a bit offset or protected from the road. Usually offset like a sidewalk or at a different level/grade than the road so cars don't swerve into it easily
- Yes if no cost to properly owners
- Yes mainly to keep the fast bike serious riders off the trail
- Yes! Especially to safely access the trailheads.
- and access to lakeland trail
- bike trails on roads leading to main trailheads- Strawberry Lake, Merrill
- only to get safely to trail by bike rather than transporting bicycle
- please add!!!
- trails preferred, lanes ok, but are roads aren't safe for pedestrians or bikes

17. Do you, or does anyone in your household, have a disability?



18. If applicable, which of the following existing facilities should be improved in the Township's parks and trails? Please check all that apply.



Other – Write In

- Connections to the trail
- Dog park
- Edison power to the RC Flying field
- I think its perfect
- It's hard to answer this since I don't have personal experience. But I'm glad to see this question. I think parking and bathrooms are basics to provide accessibility.
- Maintenance is an issue. Dangerous issue not addressed. Focus on those asap
- N/A or None (3)
- RC Car Track (2)
- Shorter, easier walk to the trails from the parking area. The hill up to the parking lot on Merrill is tough when you're already tired from your walk.
- Stop paving trails. The world doesn't need more asphalt.
- Utilization of the soccer fields
- a natural trail

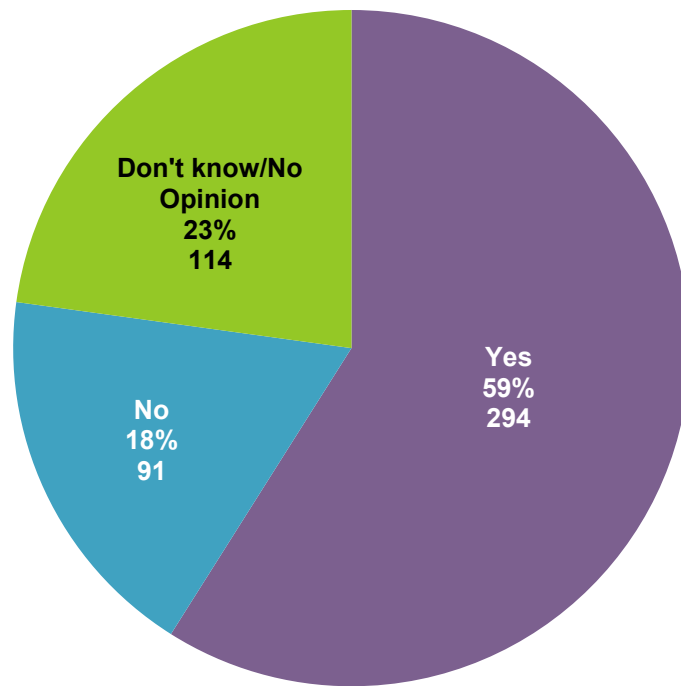
19. If you answered yes to Question 17, what ADDITIONAL accessible amenities would you, or the member of your household, like to see to better enjoy Hamburg Township parks?

Response:

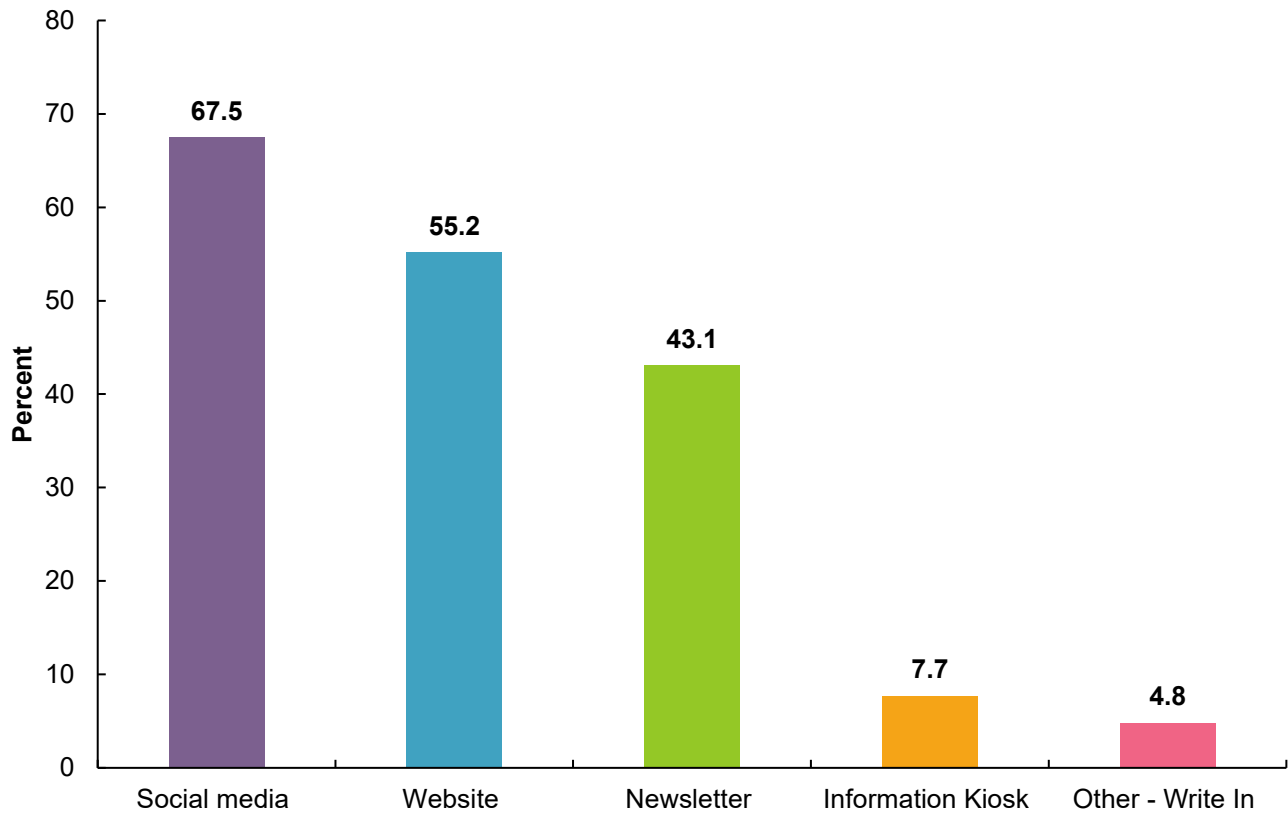
- Restrooms
- More equestrian friendly trail access.
- Accessible playgrounds!
- More fill dirt to elevate and enlarge the festival flat area pad on the north edge and East edge. Screened Ground asphalt on all current dirt parking areas and paths. Next to library festival parking north access to grass In and out entrances to the grass flattened for car and SUVs. Ok to chain or movable barriers in the off-season. Leveled pad areas for the porta-potties. Park rule boards on all entrances. Northeast entrance Park rule board after library lot entrance. Expand RC flying field parking and fill low spots with fine screened asphalt. Extend current nearly to Gazebo.
- Closer pavilions to the parking area to decrease walking distance. More trees for shade. For example, the park on Merrill Road is designed for sports use but nothing else. Look at Genesee County parks for excellent examples of mixed use parks.
- More things to do
- Tell new residents of what is available! I've lived here 2 years and had NO idea any of this existed
- More walkable. Busy roads without reasonable safe walking.
- N/A (6)
- Mapping along trails and water to include on/off markings, distance markers, water fountain, benches, etc
- Sidewalks and pathways that connect to Mike Levine trails
- Ease in getting wheel access to playgrounds
- Wheelchair accessible disc golf course.
- Maintenance is lacking.
- Longer, connecting trails for cyclists.
- Music stage and seating.
- Bike station with air to fill up tires Pool/lazy river
- Placards displaying pictures and information on invasive species of plants and animals known to be in our area. Reminders to check shoes for seeds when arriving and leaving. That asian bittersweet vine has had serious impact in island lake and bishop lake park areas. That and the garlic mustard.
- We are new to the area so we haven't had the chance to see all the parks. A route from arrowhead area to Lakeland trail that is safe for kids would be great. Handball courts would be great. I look forward to using the outdoor exercise equipment, I hope it continues to build.
- Less mowing of unused soccer fields. Dog park
- Lakeland trail to Hudson Mills connector is important to me.
- Resting areas (benches, stools, rails) that are a little off the path along the trails. We love the walk but need to rest (sit and rest) often.
- The model air field is really cool and my son loved coming and watching the planes. RC track would be cool. I think this would be a good activity for teenagers to get into.
- A GENERAL USE COMMUNITY PARK...
- More paved bike trails
- We live in Tara Glen sub would use lakelands trail so much more if we had access without having to ride our bikes on main road to get there. Would b a dream if we had trails that connected to green oak mall area trails.
- Playground
- Restrooms and small splash pad
- Paths to benches that are easier for walkers and wheelchairs.
- Bike lane sidewalk that comes down major side street to get to trail. Sledding hill
- Restrooms
- A community pool and tennis court
- Better open river access with parking. And organized volleyball more courts at merrill

- Pavillions near parking lots for staffing and picnics. More shaded areas for benches near stops/ parking. Flush toilets near trail heads
- fishing boat or paddle boat launches
- Dog park (2)
- A connector from Lakelands Trail to the Border to Border Trail.
- Parking
- Paved pathways to restrooms
- Nature centers/signs
- Wider trails.
- A boardwalk to the Diary Queen
- we need more pickleball courts. The ones that are there are great.
- I would like to see better maintenance of the paved portions of the trail. Sometimes there are deep sinkholes or cracks which can be hard to spot depending upon the lighting. I almost got thrown off my bike by hitting one I didn't see.
- Swimming pool
- Accessible beaches. I go to the state park(Bishop), but with so many lakes around, it would be nice to be able to use them.
- Restrooms not Porta John's
- Archery area, rec center with indoor pool, restrooms available
- Golf cart rental
- More Handicap Parking
- trails or walkways to parks from neighborhoods would help.
- the survey mentions a kayak launch, but the township website has no info about such a launch or where/how to access it or which body of water it provides access to.
- I can't think of any at this time.
- Paths to the trails from neberhoods off the trails
- Spectator viewing, restrooms, shaded areas, better parking
- RC Car Track
- Splash pad and enhanced amenities for kids and families.
- Wheel chairs
- we dont have mobility items
- Better maintenance on edges of trails, holes, broken pavement. the current conditions are hard on wheel chairs and power hairs.
- allow motorized wheelchairs and handicap scooters on the trail
- Sidewalks to trailhead. Need sidewalk along Hamburg and winan lake roads
- I would like to have access to the Lakeland trail from my development. Regency village. Please please

20. Would you support a millage to expand or provide new park and recreation facilities/programming?



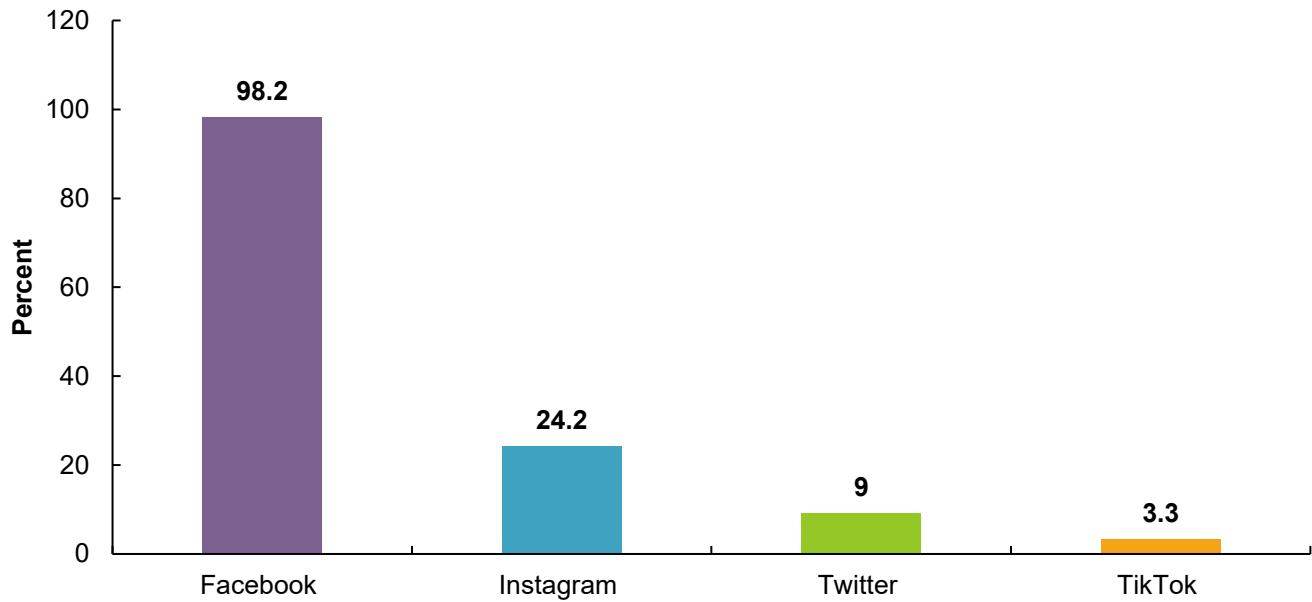
21. What is the best way for you to receive updates/information about Township Parks? Please check all that apply.



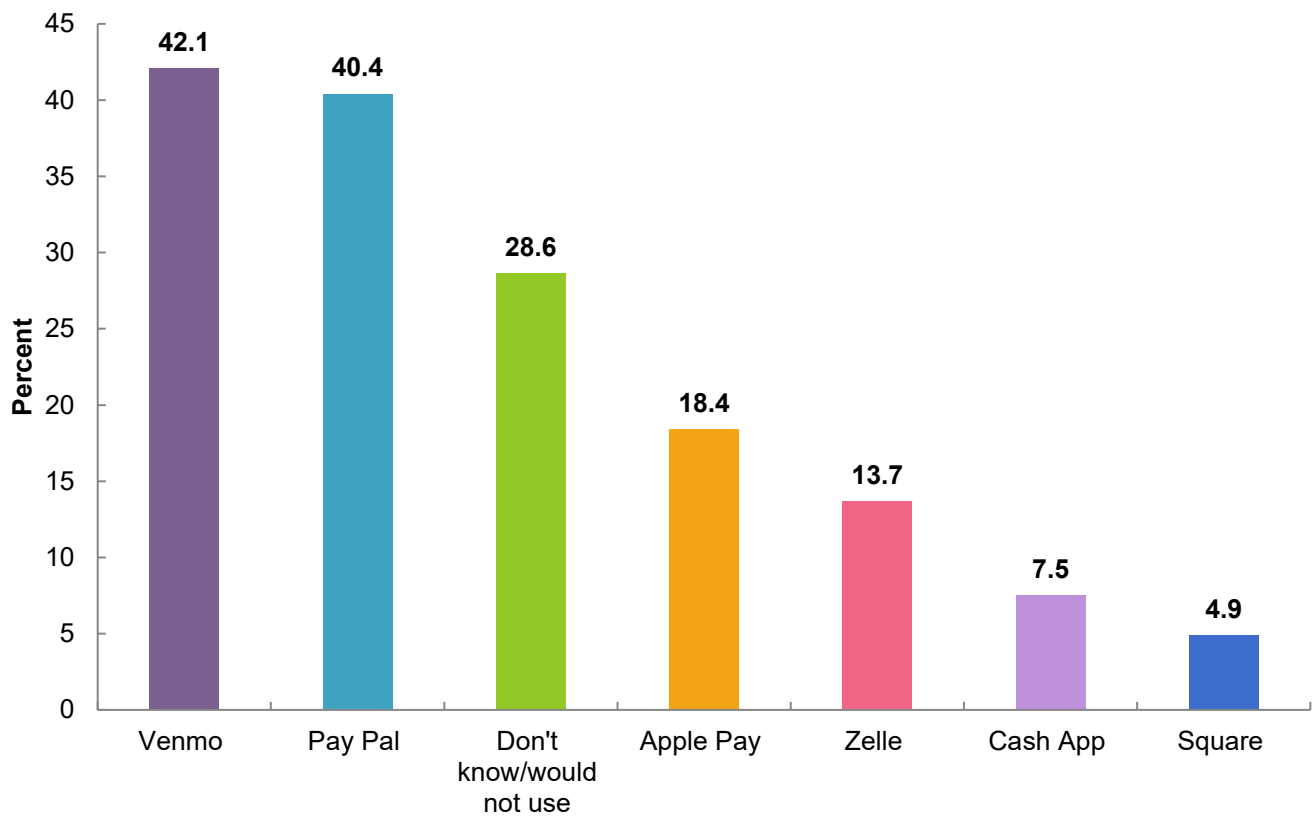
Other – Write In

- Email (6)
- Email newsletter (2)
- Do not waste money sending me anything in the mail
- Hamburg Facebook page (2)
- I manage the Hamburg township residents group Facebook page which is a great source for local information.
- Mail (2)
- Road signs at park entrances
- Tax bill
- US Postal Service
- local news
- mailed newsletter
- send a newsletter with property tax statement

22. If you selected social media on the previous question, which platforms would you like the Township to use?



23. If the Township allowed for the electronic payment of fees and donations, what application would be best for you? Please check all that apply.



24.What do you like best about Hamburg Township parks?

Response:

- Open spaces and plenty of fields for a variety of sports
- How well maintained they are! You care shows, thank you
- The amount of soccer fields at one location
- Safe and maintained! Feel safe to go by myself or just me and kids
- You guys keep the trail in great shape. It's clean and well maintained.
- I am very happy with everything. We have a variety, always well cared for, safe . I am proud to tell people about all that we have.
- Trails
- Love Lakeland trail and open fields
- Pickleball courts!
- I love the trails and the space. I love how close it is to my home . Can't wait to see what you will be adding!!!
- Everything. How expansive it is . Well kept. Friendly workers. Water spouts at park. Dog stations. Not crowded .
- Locations
- The trail
- Bobcat
- Not overly crowded
- Trail - especially when bridges and pavement are redone, people follow rules and pick up poop!
- They fit the needs of different interests and ages. I think the township does a wonderful job.
- The bike path and the boardwalk
- The feeling that I am not in the city
- Close to home, well groomed
- They are well maintained.
- I really only use the Lakeland trail. I didn't know half of the other amenities exist. I recently moved from Swarthout to Buckshore. It's a quarter mile drive to the Merrill entrance to the trail.
- Trails
- Cleanliness and safety!
- I like that they are hardly ever busy. But at the same time I don't like that they are hardly ever busy.
- Well maintained
- They are nicely maintained and easily accessible.
- The Lakeland Trail is wonderful, just wish there were no horses. Love how close the trail is to the library and senior center.
- Maintenance is superb
- Availability and versatility of parks. Open space and free to use. Not crowded
- I love the trail for walking. I wish other townships would have paths that connect to the Mike Levine trail and make recreation and travel throughout the county more complete and safe.
- Literally have never been. Nothing has want to make me stop there.
- Natural open spaces with wooded areas and native plants, not a concrete jungle. Please keep things wild and beautiful!
- Lakeland Trail, Flying Field, Hamburg Festival
- Lake shore little league
- Lakeland Trail
- I like that use of the Lakelands Trail are free and that other uses are very low cost for the user. Enjoy the pavilions for picnics.
- Not much outside of the access to Lakeland trail. If you don't play sports, the parks are not user friendly.
- Great parks and facilities. Great maintenance staff. Easy to work with the parks and rec department (Deby H).

- not overcrowded, atmosphere at Bennett is pleasant with trees; peaceful. Not lots of loud traffic or overbusy. They are affordable for grass roots organizations.
- Kept clean
- Rail trail is awesome. Walk daily bike weekly need signs to remind bikers to call out when passing. At least 75 percent do not. The uniform ones go by so fast its hard to turn around enough to keep an eye out for them.
- Spaced out, well taken care of.
- Clean, parks, trails, playground and the workout center
- They can't be used for housing development!
- Didn't know they even existed!! You have my info on the tax rolls, you should have reached out
- Disc golf course
- I think the addition of the Lakeland trail has been fantastic.
- Well maintained
- They are well kept and the maintenance crew is friendly
- I love the trails and that I can take my dog for a nice walk. There's a strong sense of community that cares about the parks.
- Lakeland Trail multi-use. My daughters can ride horses and we can walk or ride bikes simultaneously.
- The small feel but with loads of fun
- Near the library!
- Disc golf course.
- Close to our house. Parking is easy. Not typically very crowded. Guests are nice and respectful
- seem safe and sunny and fairly close by.
- Just simply that we have them and maintain them. We are so fortunate!!
- open fields - very relaxing and great for sunsets
- Most events are visible and easy to get to.
- Some variety and some have decent parking but there could be more.
- The trail!
- I love all the trails
- No charge and the RC Airfield
- Love running on the trail
- location, size, well maintained
- Well maintained. Wish we would move to a more natural approach and less fertilizer. More natural and native Michigan flowers for birds and wildlife. A nature center!
- Love everything about our community!
- I love the Levine Trail- just have to load my bike up to get to it. I like Merrill park and the outdoor exercise equipment. I like the senior center and pickle-ball court. My kids and grandkids like The disc golf course.
- Add green space to township. Pretty to look at when driving by, but we have enough to maintain.
- Well kept maintenance
- Location close to where I live.
- Proximity to home & lakelands trail
- The outdoor workout equipment! We need a splash pad!!!
- I like the wide open spaces and the playgrounds
- That they are well maintained and close
- Beautiful, well maintained, clean, and safe.
- The disc golf course and rc field
- They are easy to use
- Lakeland trails
- The availability
- I've lived here 5 years and have never really been to one.
- Convenient & clean
- Mike Levine trail

- I like the variety of activities available, and the fact that Hamburg Township seems to actually maintain their parks and section of the Lakelands Trail.
- Everything
- Well maintained and plenty of open spaces
- Close to home
- They are beautiful
- The lakeland trail system and the outdoor fitness center.
- Biking trails, pickle ball courts, sledding in winter, boardwalk. Would Like some hiking trails.
- Proximity
- Areas for dogs to run or walk on trails
- They are always clean and neat. Easily accessible for all types of people.
- Central sports field area, one location for multiple activities.
- That they exist!
- Lakeland Tail
- Lakeland trail is wonderful. It's hard to get to from Cordley Lake road. Access via Whitewood would be nice. A link to Hudson Mills and therefore to the B2B is a dream.
- The paved trail is WONDERFUL!!!! Great to see the recent repairs & maintenance! It's a great use of my tax \$!!
- Lakeland Trail and the variety of different uses of the property
- Love the ML trail
- Love the Lakelands Trail.
- Well maintained and a good place to spend time outdoors.
- They are well maintained.
- Biking
- I love the trail system but I will on the Putnam edge so I prefer to go west, it is much less crowded. Our family loves funfest.
- Rc flying field Mike Levine trail
- The way everything is maintained.
- Groomed trails and glad to see public safety officers on the trail this summer.
- There's a lot of room.
- It's there
- Lakeland trail
- Absolutely beautiful
- There is a lot of open space and I love the Lakeland Trail
- Access to the Lakelands Trail and how the township maintains their portion of the trail.
- That people are using them.
- The are accessible and not crowded
- The trail. But it's not maintained or monitored. I've never seen a police officer biking or walking. I see graffiti now. High weeds. Pot holes. Cracked areas. Raised areas.
- Proximity and quality
- R/C Flying field, Bike trail access
- Close to home
- Trails and cycling.
- Local, Clean, and Safe.
- The Lakeland Trail
- Clean we'll kept
- Maintained well, peaceful
- They're well maintained.
- Variety of activities and are generally well maintained. A paved or improved driveway to the RC field would be a nice improvement
- How natural they are
- Lakeland trail. I can walk it with my dog, a friend, or bike it!
- Lots of space and variety of uses.

- They are well maintained. I highly encourage the township to support buying more space. This is always an improvement to the community, way-of-life and property values. Also consider putting in electric car charging stations at any new parking lots. As an EV owner, I seek out stations that allow for recreational opportunities.
- The trails
- clean, accessible and safe
- Clean & inviting
- Variety of activities
- Lakeland trail and workout equipment
- They are not overused. They seem to be adequate in size and scope for existing population.
- Nice open areas well maintained
- Location
- Quiet, clean
- They are well maintained, clean. Family friendly.
- We love the Lakeland trail, I will look to find out we're the kayak launches are and use those too. The outdoor exercise area is great.
- big , clean open spaces.... would like a nine hole golf course
- Hassle free use of parks
- My wife and I are both long distance runners, so the The Mike Levine trail was a selling point when we moved here 12 years ago. We now use it more for biking with our kids and it's really nice to be able to go for a bike ride and be able to access Zulu Lake Tavern, Cap'n Frosty's, downtown, and various parks.
- They are clean and mostly accessible
- They fell like being in nature... not overly paved or mulched over.
- Accessibility to Lakeland trail safely from my home.
- The area and the trail
- Variety
- Always clean and maintained. Very close to our house with very easy and ample parking.
- Lakeland trails for walking. Need separate biking trails. And where is the kayak access? Lived here 64 years and never saw it.
- Close proximity to home, beauty, clean and safe
- Easy accessibility and we'll maintained
- Natural, close
- Easy access and they are well maintained
- Well maintained, easily accessible
- The bike trail.
- Well maintained. Could be more family friendly by adding- improved playgrounds, splash pad, dog park, etc.
- I feel they are well maintained and a great opportunity to be outdoors and stay fit. I feel they cover a wide range of activities.
- Convenience to where I live
- Bike trail baseball fields. Playgrounds
- Large size and things for everyone
- They are clean and well maintained
- Natural areas
- I love the trail and use it all of the time.
- I very much enjoy the disc golf. I like the amount of parks and enjoy the Lakeland trail. There is a good amount of well maintained park space but I'm always in favor of more of a good thing. Not sure where you could put them but Mt bike trails would be an excellent addition.
- I don't use them and feel there is already plenty of park space available for people to use. Additional monies would be a waste.
- Trails
- Lakelands trail
- lakeland trail

- Parks and recs and lake access
- Lakeland trail, library playground
- Disc Golf and the Lakeland trail.
- Youth Sports and community events
- The Lakeland trail and how beautiful it is.
- Central to the township and linked by the Lakeland trail.
- I use them AT LEAST once per day. Walk my dog, kids sports, playground pickle ball etc. The kids play equipment is sub par at best, Dugouts need work and concession buildings are basically closed.
- The large amount of acreage that has such potential to add more attractions
- Availability to Lakeland trail. Off on quieter road.
- The trails are beautiful and go for miles so they are great for running, biking and walking.
- Lakeland trail
- Glad they exist and are maintained.
- The Lakelands trail is a great amenity!
- The rail trail. It is lovely.
- I enjoy walking and biking the trail, sometimes wonder about safety though when I'm alone. Sp rarely use it alone. Beginning to have grandchildren so will be using the playgrounds more. And when I get a dog, would love a dog park. Not aware of one now. We're past using sports fields but feel very important for kids, community, and adults also. I also like that the township has a recreation plan.
- That we have a lot of green space in Hamburg Township.
- They are always clean and maintained
- Safe and clean
- Bike /walking trails
- fresh air
- The wide open spaces!
- Close to where I live
- Lakelands Trail
- Love the trail. Fairly well maintained. Need pavilions and picnic areas. Would love to see and indoor facility with indoor track/ fitness center like the Dexter and Chelsea area.
- I am looking forward to the Levine Rail trail being connected to the island Lake trail system.
- Access to paved paths that have been kept up
- The memories. I've used them most of my life. I'd like to see them maintained and kept up for future generations. The soccer fields are really pretty. I like how you've installed sprinklers. The Lakeland Trail is such a gem. It offers gorgeous views and a really nice, easy ride.
- easy access
- Location from house, easy access
- I think they are very nice. The trees. Easy to walk. Kids like play grounds.
- The Funfest
- Love the trails for biking and walking. Also like the trail goes out to 23
- Walking trails
- The hill across from Manly Bennet park. We use it for sledding every year.
- We love the Lakeland Trails for biking! My husband and I bike there 3-4 times per week! I prefer paved trails so love that so much of it is paved. Appreciate the recent fill in of the holes and bumps! The new bridge is beautiful!
- Bike trail
- Close by to my home, well maintained
- The beauty
- I like the trail for both biking and walking our dogs.
- Lakelands trail, pickleball and outside workout area.
- variety of terrain, multiple trailheads and lack of crossings over major roads.
- Lakeland trail is great
- They are well maintained from what i have seen

- The Lakeland Trail for biking, running and walking.
- Lakeland Trail
- The Lakeland trail
- Lakeland trail
- I love the paved lakelands trail to in-line skate.
- The flat trail. It's close to home.
- The trail and disc golf
- We like the well kept bike/walking trails.
- Gorgeous scenery
- Mike Levine trail
- The variety of sports and activities it has to offer.
- LakelandS Trail
- Fun and variety of supported activities
- Well-maintained, lots of amenities
- Absolutely love the parks. Given the size of our community, it's amazing to see everything the township has to offer.
- The natural areas and wide open spaces.
- Lots of them. And still some good natural areas available to access.
- Kids play areas and trail.
- They are well,aintained amd there are several to choose from.
- They're well kept, and accessible.
- In most circumstances they are not overcrowded
- Don't use, don't know
- Like to walk in a clean safe environment.
- Rural
- The trails.
- Lakeland Trail!
- The pickleball courts and the overall cleanliness of the parks.
- Pickleball and trails.
- The lakelands trailhead is convenient and the trails are nice. I especially appreciate the boardwalk near Chilson Plaza (so please keep up the maintenance on that, too:)
- The senior center is a wonderful facility. I love what they do for the seniors there. Julie is a great manager.
- The beauty of nature along the trail that encourages an active lifestyle outdoors.
- Senior center. However the township pay the same as non residents. I think a non resident should pay a higher fee to join senior center. Also when we offer free programs they should only be free for residents a small charge should be added for non residents. I see more non residents at these events such as BBQ days and I don't attend as often as I would because of it
- Cleanliness
- Pickleball Courts, Lakeland Trails
- Lots of options Well maintained
- Variety of options!
- I love the outside exercise facilities and the walking trails
- Accessibility and the fact they exist. With the news getting out they are getting much busier too.
- non-motorized and water trails
- Safety
- So much to offer! We just recently discovered the Hamburg Parks and Rec areas. We are still learning about what's available.
- Accessibility
- Like the park maintenance.
- They are modern, accessible and usable.
- Knowing that the land can't be developed
- Access to Lakelands Trail

- We used to love the soccer fields...but then it closed. Not much else to do now...playgrounds are small and unappealing.
- The open space
- trails
- Usually quiet and lot not overly crowded
- I love using the Lakeland trail! I can train for a marathon easily without having to worry about which roads to turn down to get to my required mileage.
- Lakeland trail
- The lakeland trail
- We have a broad range of space that is underutilized
- Its Hamburg! We love it here!
- They're easily accessible and safe for people.
- User friendliness.
- They are always well maintained.
- nearby well maintained
- nearby well maintained
- Not overly crowded and the greenspace
- The walking trail is lovely.
- Trails and pickleball
- Clean, Well Maintained
- Sheer variety/availability of parks/facilities.
- Clean and easy to reach
- I love the bike trail and use it a lot. I'm lucky to have access within my neighborhood. I don't use any other of the parks anymore, they seem aimed at families with children and sports.
- The Lakeland trail! What an incredible asset to our community!
- They are accessible and have parking. I would love to see more outdoor activities involving seniors.
- Open and uncrowded during the week. Able to get a good long walk in.
- That they are available and accessible
- How close and assessable it is.
- Lakeland trail
- Close to my house. Playgrounds. Lakeland trails.
- Pickleball courts.
- Love the trails
- Lakelands Trail runs through our sub, and we use it daily. Having it paved was a huge improvement, and dramatically increased usage of it. The key now is to maintain it properly.
- The Lakeland's Trail and the friendliness of all of the township employees I meet out there.
- Pickle ball courts
- Everything, love our township
- Well kept
- We like riding our bikes to the parks and using the playground, running around the soccer fields. We also like sledding on the hills by the soccer fields in the winter.
- DPW hardworking group
- The number of facilities available
- Love the outdoor areas, they're wonderful for daily walks. The pavilions help with shade and weather conditions. Expanded/updated playgrounds and splash pad would be great for kids and families and the township needs to attract families.
- variety and accessibility
- Walking trails and the senior center
- the lakeland trail
- Library at the senior center
- Library and senior center
- How many there are. Security of people using the facilities.
- the trail for walking

- lake lands trail
- walking paths, picketball
- they seem to be taken care of and clean
- rc flying site
- they are well maintained and support a variety of interest
- Well maintained, safe, community space
- clean, safe, well kept, lots of space, lots of options, fun activities, beautiful, great location!
- everything, love it here, library and township hall and the police are close by for questions I have.
- trails and boardwalk
- they are lovely and i am greatful
- friendly, warm, good, wild life.
- beauty, spacious, all seasons, free. senior center new patio and beautiful garden in front
- quiet
- senior center is an amazing facility
- Trails
- Great outdoors!!

25.What is one thing you would do to improve Hamburg Township parks?

Response:

- Gazebo/running water by the football fields.
- Bathrooms on trail
- The baseball diamonds need improvement. They started repainting them then stopped. The wood is rotten in some areas of the dugouts. The rotten wood needs replaced and each structure needs repainting.
- Township to take on the lining and maintenance of soccer fields and goals
- Wish we had more activities geared to the adults with young kids. Festivals, restrooms along trail, adult sports leagues. Hard to meet other parents if children aren't old enough to be in sports leagues. Would also LOVE a farmers market!
- The concern for me is I feel the lakeland trails can be a little narrow in areas to allow for bikes and walking traffic
- Dog park
- Walkability
- Make better use of existing fields, e.g. soccer fields on west side, rarely used for soccer.
- Add more, a farmers market would be nice
- Add a large dog park that is better than Oakland County's Lyon Oaks park so I can support my local community instead.
- More amenities
- Safe Access to the trail from strawberry lake road
- Increase infrastructure and put splashpad and community pool
- Not patchwork fixes - trail infrastructure to support long term use. Extending paved trail!
- They fill all my needs as they are.
- a playground accessible for young children, we have to drive about 10-15 min out of town to go to a playground that doesn't offer much for my 2 year old
- Link the trail to Strawberry Lake Road somehow that would be safe.
- Shaded Picnic areas, water station, bathrooms
- Restrooms and running water
- As stated earlier, I recently moved closer to the trail. I would love to be able to walk there but I don't feel safe crossing M36 at Merrill. I would use the facilities more often if I didn't have to drive there I think!
- Keep up with the maintenance of the lawn and facilities.
- Slow cyclists down on Lakelands Trail. My dog and I have nearly been hit by impatient cyclists three times.
- Better playgrounds and playscapes for kids and adding a splash pad.
- Put a paved trail around the park perimeter with plenty of benches. Also would like to see more 'drop in' type activities like a basketball court and tennis court with no organized teams or leagues. Also a few chess-topped park table/benches like you see in Central Park.
- More policing to reduce graffiti
- As access points to trail from neighborhoods (bike paths from major areas)
- Encourage Livingston County to complete the trails plan
- Basketball courts.
- Splash pad for summer and ice skating rink for winter.
- Another large meeting room for clubs like scouting. Similar to the senior center room that is over booked.
- Volleyball courts
- Security - prevent vandalism
- Need actual restrooms and not the gross porta-potties. Need better cleaning/maintenance of the "bathroom" facilities on site.
- More trees for shading. Closer pavilions to parking with paved walkway for access. More mixed use for picnicking, walking, etc. . . other than emphasis on sports. Owosso City park is a good example that provides mature trees for shade, an open area for sports, pavilions close to parking lot with

paved access, ability to sit next to river, Flushing County park is another good example with many pavilions, tennis courts, walking path along the river, sports field and mature trees for shade which is better than sitting in the open under the sun.

- More access to rent and use the baseball fields.
- Signs on rail trail remaining rider and walkers of rules.
- Would like better playground equipment for kids of all ages
- Splash pad, more equipment geared towards younger (toddlers).
- Splash pad or water play, obstacle course for kids , Rock wall. Vending machine with waters , ice cream. Dog play center.
- Video monitors
- A decent bathroom along the bike trail would be awesome
- Lakeland trail maintenance on the asphalt is not great. The recent repairs are more like what would be done in a road and not on a trail. The trail transitions should be smooth without large bumps.
- Allow Bow Hunting
- N/a
- More water stations (esp at Merrill by the soccer fields and/or the workout equipment)
- I would continue to work on upgrading existing facilities and making accessibility improvements.
- Probably impossible but encourage people to pick up after their dogs.
- We have a hard time using some of the amenities because our young children may need to use the bathroom, and quickly. More restrooms would be great, especially ones built instead of port-a-potties
- Better playgrounds
- Better pest management (deer flies) on DG course.
- Have more to offer for younger families. Events and playground/splash pad.
- better restroom facility
- finish concrete trail around soccer side- its gets muddy and slippery in winter months
- Move the largest ever of the year, the Festival up where it can be easier to get to, be seen and on a flat surface that is safer for the community.
- More summer events/activities for families and kids. Especially a splash pad and summer camp/outdoor activities
- the township should build a boat launch/ramp on the Huron for improved access to the Chain
- Dog parks
- entertainment.. concerts in the park
- Move towards native Michigan plants to support wildlife. Less fertilizer! Add a nature center!
- Easier/safer access to trails. Biking on Hamburg road, M36, and Winans Lake is very scary and dangerous!
- Restrooms.
- Charge access fees and close parks not being used frequently.
- Lighting
- Too much unused space on the soccer fields side. Use some to put in new attractions. Upgrade the playgrounds. Too small and out of date. Add off road biking facilities like a pump track or mountain bike trail/obstacle course. Add RC track near the flyers field. Better signage/information. Some amenities were unknown to me even though I've been to the parks many times.
- Add more playground areas for kids. The existing equipment is embarrassing.
- Add a couple splash pads and more dog parks.
- A better playground. The one by the soccer fields is in a little bit of disrepair. The one by the baseball fields is too small for all the kids around it when it's baseball season. I'm sure a splash pad is too much money but I would definitely vote for it!
- More use of Merrill field for events and activities. Since the Legacy opened I think the soccer space is often underutilized.
- More brooms and trash cans at disc golf course.
- Lakelands trail connections to other trails
- Easier access to cross M-36. Make a path under the M-36/Huron River bridge to avoid crossing M-36...

- restrooms
- Nothing, they are great
- More paved trails
- Spreading the word on what's available
- Safer road crossing for Mike Levine trail. Lower car speed limits at crossing Paint the crosswalks to slow cars down More training and signs for all
- Better restrooms.
- Bathrooms
- Bike path on pettysville rd that connects to the lakeland trail and crosswalk for the highschool. Both these areas have alot of foot ttraffic and it is dangerous.
- Overall very satisfied
- More trees and more shade
- Add a dog park, add a pool
- Add dog park
- N/A
- Splash pad or some sort of water feature for kids. Also, more local use of the soccer fields
- Do more to encourage people to use them. Improve the website so people know what is available to use at each park or recreation area.
- Actually, I know it's not a park but I think we need to put more \$\$\$\$ in the library. The senior center is mentioned but not the library. Why? They're both recreation
- See 22
- Bike trails on Roads so we can access the trail and more park space...all for the purchase of Rush Lake Golf course
- Add sculpture- some interactive
- More playground equipment
- More bathroom facilities
- Add more non-sport activities like concerts or movies.
- More restroom facilities
- Having a designated RC car track for youth and adults
- More handicapped parking near the senior center.
- I wish I didn't have to drive to use the Lakeland Trails. I would like to see trails that connect roads to Lakeland Trail... trails from Pine Bluff Road to Merrill Rd & Merrill Road to Manley Bennett Park!!
- Pool
- There is a lot of unused space these days. Unlike the 90s and early 2000s, all fields were being used. Now, you barely see the parks full on the east side
- Equine friendly
- More access, more land
- Splash pad, dog park
- Make crossing Merrill Road safer.
- I think our parks are pretty great. Keeping them maintained has to be a high priority. We can't out grow our ability to take care of what we have or it will all fall apart.
- On soccer days more volunteers to force traffic it's not safe
- Maintain them
- Sidewalks along Chilson up to M36
- Connect existing trails to make them longer.
- Get the porta potties more filled with blue water each change.
- Have more volunteer events
- A weekly Farmer's market, like the one in Brighton.
- Make the community more aware of the variety of facilities available here.
- Make equestrian only trails
- A nice dog park.
- Use the soccer fields for other uses. They cost too much to be so under used. Allow some of the activities that are currently prohibited.
- Add something new.

- Dog park
- Add a mountain bike trail
- Dog park
- Dog park, a major need.
- More pickleball courts
- Guided nature trail hikes with informative group leaders , speaking on topics such as ecology, history of our area, biology mycology , geology, and historical changes in land and water use
- Easier bike access down Merrell.
- Unfortunately my family and I haven't had the chance to really see what Hamburg Twp has to offer but look forward to using the parks more and providing feedback. I feel like always the most important aspect is keeping them clean. Maybe there can be some community clean up day we're we can get the kids out to help pick up trash. Helps show them the importance of taking care of their community.
- would love a nine hole par three golf course
- Talk to people using parks and get additional feedback "right from the horses mouth"
- We need to seriously consider keeping horses off the trails. People don't know how to act around horses, and it is unfair to expect them to. The horses are dangerous and it is just a matter of time until a kid or someone else is injured. Also the horse owners refuse to clean up after their pets
- Dog park
- More non motorized trails that lead to the Mike Levine Trail.
- Keep them maintained... asphalt trails cleared of large debris, patched when there are large cracks or pits.
- Put in picnic areas around the trails
- More dirt running/hiking trails
- Fewer stop signs/street crossings on the Lakeland trail. Make the trail wider on the western paved section. It's too narrow to safely pass others.
- Designated bike lanes on trails. So many complaints on social media
- Separate bike trails and no horse shit on Lakeland walking trail
- A community pool would be wonderful! Not everyone wants to swim in the lakes.
- Line painted down the middle on Mike Devine trail system
- Add splash pads and added playground equipment.
- Restrooms
- Expand
- A general use community park, with Pavillions, restrooms, BBQ Grills etc...
- More restrooms
- Add or improve existing playgrounds, add splash pad, add dog park.
- Social media posts. I don't know where the kayak launch is.
- Expand in paved trail system
- Planet fitness or life fitness.
- Local musician concerts
- Safer road crossings for trails
- Slow the bikes down on the trail.
- Add some mt bike/hiking trails.
- Add a parking fee so the people that access them support them
- More connections to trail from neighborhoods and businesses. I go to the Kroger plaza more than anywhere else in hamburg because I can get to it from the trail
- Connect trails to more subs or other trail areas like green oak mail that u can connect to island lake
- more pave bike paths (more connectors to lakeland trail)
- New playground
- Movie at park in summer
- Have biking trails connecting parks and businesses.
- Upkeep/ continued maintenance throughout the seasons
- More restrooms

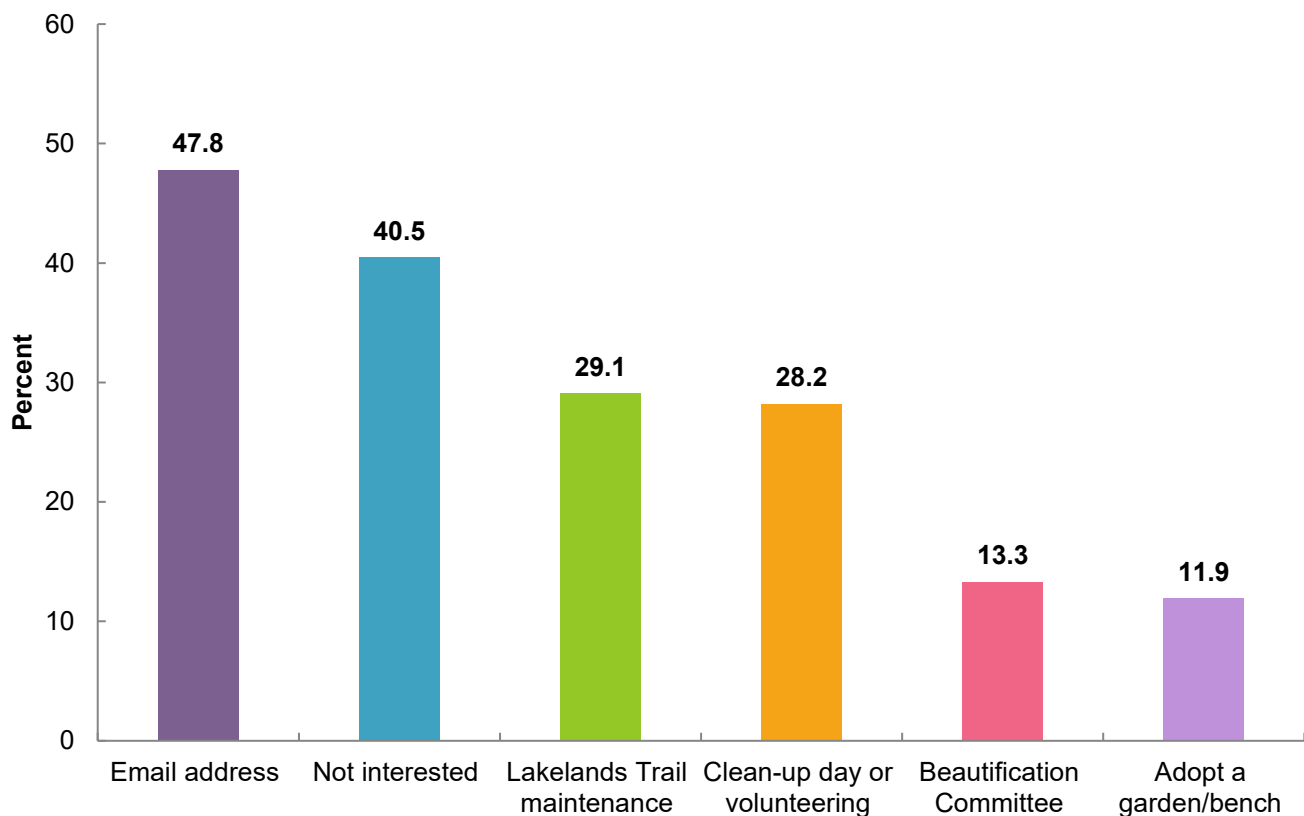
- We take our grand kids to Plymouth South Lyon and Miford parks every week for various park activities ie. concerts, plays better playgrounds, water activities. These parks have lots of kids/parents simply because they have more stuff. Build it and they will come!!!!!!!
- Maintain and upgrade existing equipment and buildings.
- Stop with all the sports leagues; there seems to be no opportunity for people to just drop in and maybe practice their batting or a group of friends to kick a soccer ball around.
- Put bike lanes on the roads so that one can bike to the Lakelands Trail without worrying about traffic.
- A paved path that circles both parks on Merrill Rd.
- Add more access to our water ways, there is no way to get on the chain of lakes except 1 public launch with 30 parking spot
- Increase sidewalks or ways to get to Lakeland Trail via walking or bike. ie. Hamburg road/wins s lake and Chilson are not safe to walk on to get to Lakeland Trail
- Adding a few more parks and nature trails. Dog park would be nice. A few more restrooms.
- I would love to see more bicycling connections between the lakelands trail and other regional parks (e.g. Brighton Rec Area, Independence Lake, ...), whether through on-street bike lanes or new dedicated trails.
- Add more bike paths in general, gardens, green spaces.
- A timber town play area in Lakeland area
- Maintain them a little better
- Would love a splash pad or pool to enjoy with kids
- Variety
- Satisfied
- sometimes it really smells BAD when im on the trail by the water treatment center
- River access
- Add bike lanes or other means of access along the roads to the Lakelands Trail as this would improve access to the parks as well. A connector path from the Hamburg Township Offices/community centers and Library to the Lakelands Trail would also allow safer access to that part of the township complex.
- Indoor facility for winter months
- Add an RC race track.
- Access to full restrooms with water fountains
- Upgrade the restrooms. Make sure they're open, lit and accessible. Model them (and a new playground - if I chose two things :)) after Dodge Park in Commerce Township. We play soccer there and afterward, my children beg to stay and play. Restrooms are so easy; the playground is amazing. Do these types of things and it will encourage people to use the park/s.
- Nothing really, I only wish I could use them more
- Buy more land to be kept as forested hiking trails. Stop the urban sprawl .
- Surface of Lakeland Trail
- Stop giving use to outside groups without charging them.
- Add dog park
- Restrooms/porta potties along trail. For bikers, the existing ones may be fine. But too far apart for walkers.
- Water access with beach and park setting.
- Add more co-located pickleball courts.
- more basic restroom buildings or outhouses instead of port-a-johns and water
- Access trails and expand bile trails
- Create some pollinator gardens.
- More and cleaner bathrooms
- Add water filler and bathrooms. Add dog park.
- Keep the paved trail brushed off . Branches and twigs and gravel are hazardous to online skaters and scooters as well as skateboarders.
- It would be nice to add a bike path along Whitewood Road to attach to the Mike Levine trail.
- More water access

- Access to Mike Levine trail from Green Oak. There are a large number of residents in the neighborhoods near Rickett and Maltby that would use the ML trail if there was a connector path.
- You guys do a great job in keeping up the amenities
- More bicycle access to Lakelands Trail via bike lanes from neighborhoods
- More drinking water along the Lakeland Trail. A better connector to the Brighton Recreation Area for bicycles from the Lakelands Trail.
- Keep the horses off the Lakelands trail. They are a tiny percentage of the users and a majority of the problems
- Just keep doing what you are doing.
- Nature education
- Emphasize nature observation and maintain existing sports facilities. Soccer fields seem overbuilt.
- Paved parking,
- Hold more events at them to bring people out. Brighton and Dexter have events all the time. Hamburg Twp doesn't have festivals and events for adults, families, etc. The Funfest is the only event.
- Add a boardwalk to the Dairy Queen
- Dedicated website to track upcoming events. For example; if there is a soccer competition I would plan around or if there was a remote control plane event I could attend/watch
- The one time I had my dog there on his leash someone else didn't and had 2 loose dogs come and attack and knock me down
- More for children. Splashpark would be great
- Bike trails so bikers wouldn't be a danger to walkers
- I've recently seen an officer riding a bike on the Lakeland Trail and I greatly appreciate it. More regular security presence would be helpful as I run alone. I've seen dogs not on leash (which have nipped at me) and people carrying firearms which makes me feel unsafe.
- More PB courts.
- Restrooms
- Swimming pool for seniors
- The new Pickleball court was a good addy and more seniors seem to wait to play M-F maybe add 2 more courts
- Add Pickleball Courts.
- More pickleball courts
- Can't think of anything else.
- I get afraid on the trails when I'm alone. I don't know if they are safe or what the crime rate is.
- Connectivity of trails to outlying townships without needing to use public roads
- more rest rooms, not just a portapotty
- More pickleball courts
- Add more pickleball courts
- More organized activities for people 50+. Soccer fields seem like they are rarely used by Hamburg with the exception of large tournaments hosted by other soccer businesses ie- Legacy Center, Novi Jaguars
- Lots more pickleball courts!!! This is the fastest growing sport among both young and old alike.
- Continued Lakeland Trail maintenance. I like the Safety Patrol. I hope you can expand this program next year. There are only two people riding the trail this year. That's quite a bit for only two people. I had to ask them what services they were providing. They were both very friendly and informative.
- Creating a walkable trail for seniors (with good visibility to police, park benches along to rest, and with level pavement. Covered for winter would be ideal and helpful during bad weather.
- Security. I've read of women being jumped on the trail, about rude bicyclists and vicious dogs running loose.
- Increase maintenance staff and budget
- Playgrounds and more things to do
- Take better care of the aesthetics, staff is too small to do it all
- non-motorized access to trails/parks

- It would cost a lot but separate bike and walking paths. It's very hard to walk the lakeland trail at times with all the bikers flying by you and telling you they are passing you.
- Water fountains along the trail. I have run out of water on long runs and have not been able to refill my bottle or camelback. It would also be helpful to have dog water stations.
- Easier access to the trail via bike.
- We really need to keep the horses off the Lakelands trail. There are several other horse specific places for them to ride. Brighton Rec Area, Pinckney Rec area. The horse people expect every other user to accommodate them, and they make no effort to look out for anyone else.
- Connection to Lakelands Trail down Chilson road to connect near Kroger.
- Golf cart rentals for the trail
- N/A
- Enforce Dog Laws!
- Add adult sports leagues like flag football
- Map at the parks of the area
- Would love to see more access to the Lakeland Trail via neighborhoods. I like the pathd they created in Brighton that allows people to walk along side of the busy roads to get into downtown.
- Have the walking trail meet up with Brighton state park walking trail. (I don't believe it does right now.)
- Add more pickleball. Open bathrooms and concessions
- More Handicap Parking
- expand non-motorized corridors to them
- Provide non-motorized hiking/biking trails that link Brighton State Rec Area, the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail, and Huron Meadows Metropark. Also provide public boat launch access to the Huron River, even if only to the lakes connected to the river.
- More trash cans
- Walking trails, access to water, picnic tables with umbrellas or located in shade.
- I would love to have a community pool and rec center.
- more pickleball
- See previous statement
- Have them connect to subdivisions so we don't have to drive to get there.
- Safety monitoring on trails - there are some sketch characters at times and when walking solo, it can be a bit unnerving
- Put up a very clear sign that ALL dogs must be on leash at ALL times when using or are present at the park
- Access to trail
- Would love to see a connection or bike lane to cross US23 to connect to South Lyon trail system. Splash pad/park would be awesome.
- Add more pickleball courts at the senior center.
- More organized activities for older adults
- See my previous comments
- It would be great if we could somehow stop people from vandalizing with graffiti. Also more port-a-johns along the trail. The one in Hamburg is pretty clean, but the one across from Captain Frosty is hit-or-miss as far as cleanliness.
- Add dog park
- Shaded area for sports seating
- More neighborhood trail access to Lakeland trail
- Running water restroom facilities.
- Greater Ground asphalt usage on bare parking areas to keep the dust down and slow washout potholes.
- Update playground equipment for kids.
- Senior Center Pickleball courts should have a sign posted re Senior vs "everyone" hours of access and if it were possible to add additional Pickleball courts that would be awesome - getting a lot of use and helping us Seniors become more active!
- Add more trails

- More pickle ball courts. More structures providing shade for the courts.
- restrooms to wash hands, drinking fountains, bike fixing station
- improve road to flyer field
- I am a metals artist, i would like to see you have a metal sculpture park. all outdoor material would be welcome. I have a 9 foot pile with a revolving flying saucer that would be a good part of it. I have my own garden at home.
- add a splash pad and dog park walking bridge over or under Merrill rd
- thrilled we have it here
- add more pickleball courts
- add physical maps on where you are at. if you lose wifi how do toy know where you are at and how do you get home? edges of trails need to be better maintained
- cross county ski rentals, snow shoe rentals
- flower planting donated from residents.
- expand the senior center
- Access from my development! Please

26. If you would like to be added to the Parks and Recreation email list to be notified about survey results and park events, please provide your email address below. If you would like to receive emails, what are you most interested in? Please check all that apply.



Some respondents provided email addresses to receive notifications on specific subjects. Those email addresses have been recorded as an internal document for use by the Township, but will not be published in the Recreation Plan.

APPENDIX C

SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING

Appendix C Sources of Recreation Grant Funding

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000 Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection – very important
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
 - Trail Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Minimum 25% match
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$150,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and indoor* recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Due in August/September
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$100,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - o Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - o Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal

Other grant programs to consider:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/coastal/coastalgrants/index.html

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq - Go to "Water", then "Surface Water" and then to "Non-point Source Pollution".

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think "regional" projects.

APPENDIX D

MIKE LEVINE LAKELANDS TRAIL STATE PARK MAP

Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park

On May 28, 2018, a new sign was unveiled at the Pinkney Depot officially naming the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park in honor of the local inventor, philanthropist and tireless supporter of the Lakelands Trail and Great Lake-to-Lake Trail.

One of Michigan’s five “linear” state parks, the trail currently consists of approximately 20 miles of nonmotorized, multi-use trail passing through a varied landscape of woodlands, wetlands, lakes, small country towns and quaint family farms.

The trail includes 8 miles of paved asphalt trail, with an unpaved equestrian path, from the village of Hamburg to M-36 in Pinckney. The remaining 12-mile section from Pinckney to Stockbridge is surfaced with finely screened and compacted limestone. This unpaved section is a very popular equestrian trail. Be cautious when approaching horseback riders to avoid “spooking” their horses.

Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park was developed on the rail bed of the original Michigan Air Line Railroad, built in 1883, which ran between Port Huron and Niles. It was known as the Grand Trunk Western Railroad when the rail corridor was abandoned and acquired by MDOT in 1975. The trail was opened for public use in 1994 and has seen several stages of improvements since then.

Another 13 miles of the original rail corridor, from Stockbridge to Parnell Road near Jackson, is currently under development and will eventually connect with the Falling Waters Trail. The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park is an important link in the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route #1 that will someday create a continuous nonmotorized multi-use trail from South Haven to Port Huron.

Huron River Water Trail

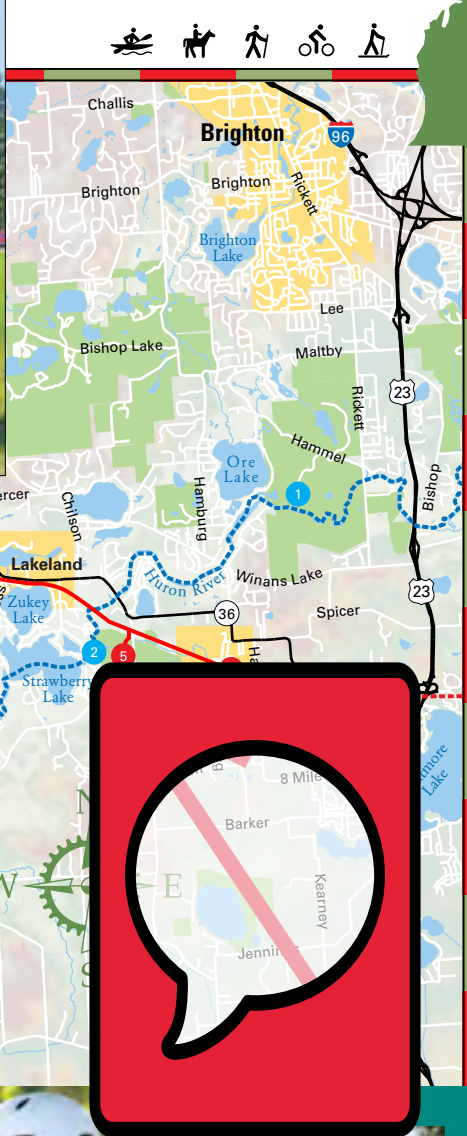
The 15-mile section of the Huron River shown on this map is part of the 104-mile Huron River Water Trail that flows from Proud Lake to Lake Erie. You’ll find easy access and riverside camping along this section of the river with one portage at the Flook Dam. For information about the entire Huron River Water Trail and its amenities, access sites, float times, portages and outfitters, visit: HuronRiverWaterTrail.org

Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park Access				
Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water	
1 Stockbridge Trailhead	Yes	Vault	No	
2 Gregory Staging Area	Yes	No	No	
3 Pinckney Depot	Yes	Vault	No	
4 Pettysville Trailhead	Yes	Portable	No	
5 Merrill Road Parking	Yes	Portable	No	
6 Village Trailhead	Yes	Portable	No	

Huron River Water Trail Access			
1 Cedar Ridge Launch	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Bennett Park Launch	Yes	Yes	No
3 DNR Launch	Limited	No	No
4 Hudson Mills Camping	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Rapids View Launch	Yes	Yes	Yes

Trails Legend

- Paved Trail
- Limestone Trail
- Under Development
- Water Trail Route
- Highways
- Roads



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Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance

michigantrails.org

APPENDIX E

GREAT LAKE TO LAKE TRAIL MAP

System Benefits

Fifteen existing trails will connect to create Route 1 of the Great Lake-to-Lake Trails. Each trail offers benefits that will be elevated across the state and extended to communities in the "gaps". These benefits include:

Economic Vitality: Trails serve as "economic engines" by increasing property values on nearby lands, generating new tourism-related business and increasing customer flow to existing merchants serving trail users' needs. Business climates are stronger where people are out and about.

Transportation: Trails provide crucial links in local, regional, and state nonmotorized transportation systems, with traffic-free passage between neighborhoods, shopping, parks, schools, libraries and more.

Social Connectedness: Trail users establish important bonds with neighbors, friends and family while enjoying the trail. Whether the trail is a focal point for volunteer conservation projects, a venue for fundraising activities or simply a safe, traffic-free place to recreate, it builds a community's social capital. Watchful "eyes and ears" on a trail also deter crime.

Environmental Preservation and Enhancement: Trails can provide important habitat for wildlife and native plants. Greenspace set aside for nature and recreation often provides valuable buffering for water filtration, wildlife movement and other ecological processes. Trails enhance parklands, providing interconnected corridors to support these important natural systems.

Health and Fitness: Residents of trail communities enjoy low-cost recreation facilities i.e. walking, bicycling, rollerblading, etc. for good health and fitness. Trails also provide relief from the pressures of everyday stress by offering mental reprieves into nature.

Outdoor Education: Hands-on science and history lessons can be developed for all ages, given the abundant resources available on trails. Rail-trail conversions can teach important lessons on re-use and historic preservation as well.

Another benefit gained from connecting the trails involves increased development momentum. The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail artery establishes a framework for 55 communities to "tap into" for planning purposes. Each trail segment can be an element of a local nonmotorized transportation plan or designation, such as "Safe Routes to School", "Bicycle Friendly Community" or other initiative. From a marketing standpoint, a fully connected cross-state trail attracts more attention both within and outside the state.



34 miles of nonmotorized transportation on the Kal-Haven Trail



An exercise competition on the Macomb Orchard Trail



A need for "Safe Routes to School"

Trails Uniting Michigan

The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails project began in 2009 with a generous grant to Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance from the Kresge Foundation, to accelerate the development of cross-state trails. Anticipated outcomes include enhanced tourism, transportation, health and fitness and economic development opportunities. Stakeholder identification and collaboration on a multi-agency level is ongoing. A marketing/branding strategy and recommended next steps are included in the planning effort.



Michigan ranks #1 in the country with 2,478 miles of open rail-trail. With connecting non-rail-trail miles, there are well over 3,000 miles of multi-use trail for hiking, bicycling, running and often snowmobiling, horseback riding and ORV use, operated by state, county, township, city, village or nonprofit entities. Michigan is now at the enviable point of being able to connect long stretches of trail corridor across the state. Many of the east-west cross-state trail routes can be connected from one Great Lake to another in the foreseeable future. A system of five Great Lake-to-Lake Trails is envisioned for promoting Michigan's tourism and nonmotorized transportation assets. Route 1 extends from South Haven to Port Huron and is comprised of 15 trails totaling 178 miles already in place. Many opportunities for thematic promotion will present themselves as these trails are connected to each other. For a current map of Michigan's multi-use trail system, see www.michigantrails.org.



Proposed Informational Kiosk



Proposed Trail Identification Signage

Marketing, Branding and Signage

The 15 existing trails within Route 1 are as distinct from each other as they are similar. A strong collective identity will create a framework for promotion of each individual trail. With 15 different local trail names, 8 different logos, 6 friends groups, and ownership ranging from state, to county, to township, to city, a unifying umbrella will strengthen the system's appeal.

"The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails" evokes images of cross-state routes from one Great Lake to another. The logo uses the unmistakable Michigan "mitten" outline with a blue edge to symbolize the Great Lakes' water's edge and a green underscore for the land-based corridor. The identity is detailed enough to symbolize a long-distance cross-state route but uncluttered enough to avoid conflict with individual trail names or logos. The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails insignia can be incorporated into signage on the trails as well as into promotional items, such as merchandise, trail guides and a website. Concepts for on-road signage are designed according to the federally mandated Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Route 1
South Haven to Port Huron
Beaches, farmlands, woodlots, small towns and local produce

Route 2
Muskegon to Bay City
Transition zone between agricultural south and rustic north

Route 3
Charlevoix to Alpena
Spectacular Great Lake views and historic Mackinac Island

Route 4
Manistique to Marquette
Wildlife, mining history and stunning sandstone cliffs

Route 5
Escanaba to Porcupine Mountain State Park
Rugged beauty of the western Upper Peninsula

The five Great Lake-to-Lake Trails provide visitors an opportunity to sample five unique slices of Michigan. A website will be produced that showcases trip options and includes links to each individual trail, allowing trail users a central portal for planning their entire trip.

A promotional brochure template has been developed that entices tourists with various tour itineraries ranging from easy 1-day outings to week-long "pedal and train" options.

Featured Destinations on the Trail:



South Haven Sunset - The enchantment of Lake Michigan and power of her beaches to nourish the soul is the basis for South Haven's appeal as a vacation destination. Rich with maritime legacies, lakeshore lodging, shopping, dining, festivals and vast recreational options, this one-of-a-kind Michigan beachtown is an icon for "fun".



The Union - is a Kalamazoo entertainment venue featuring performances by faculty, alumni and students of Western Michigan University. The feel of this local haunt is more than just a restaurant with live music. Much like a Chicago Jazz bar, consorting at The Union is different. Better! It's a departure from the Midwest. It provides a sensation as much as it does a great meal.



The W. K. Kellogg House - is among many attractions on Battle Creek's Heritage Mile. This stretch of the Battle Creek Linear Park interprets: "The Freedom Saga of Battle Creek", commemorating the City's commitment to freedom and human rights and "The Road to Wellness" - men and women who pioneered innovative thinking in health and wellness.



Armory Arts Village - North of downtown Jackson, the Armory Arts Village is a bold, innovative transformation of Michigan's first State Prison (1837 - 1935) into an artisan neighborhood complete with year-round public tours. The trail passes through the heart of the village and a stunning, 25 ft. high, turreted stone, perimeter wall.



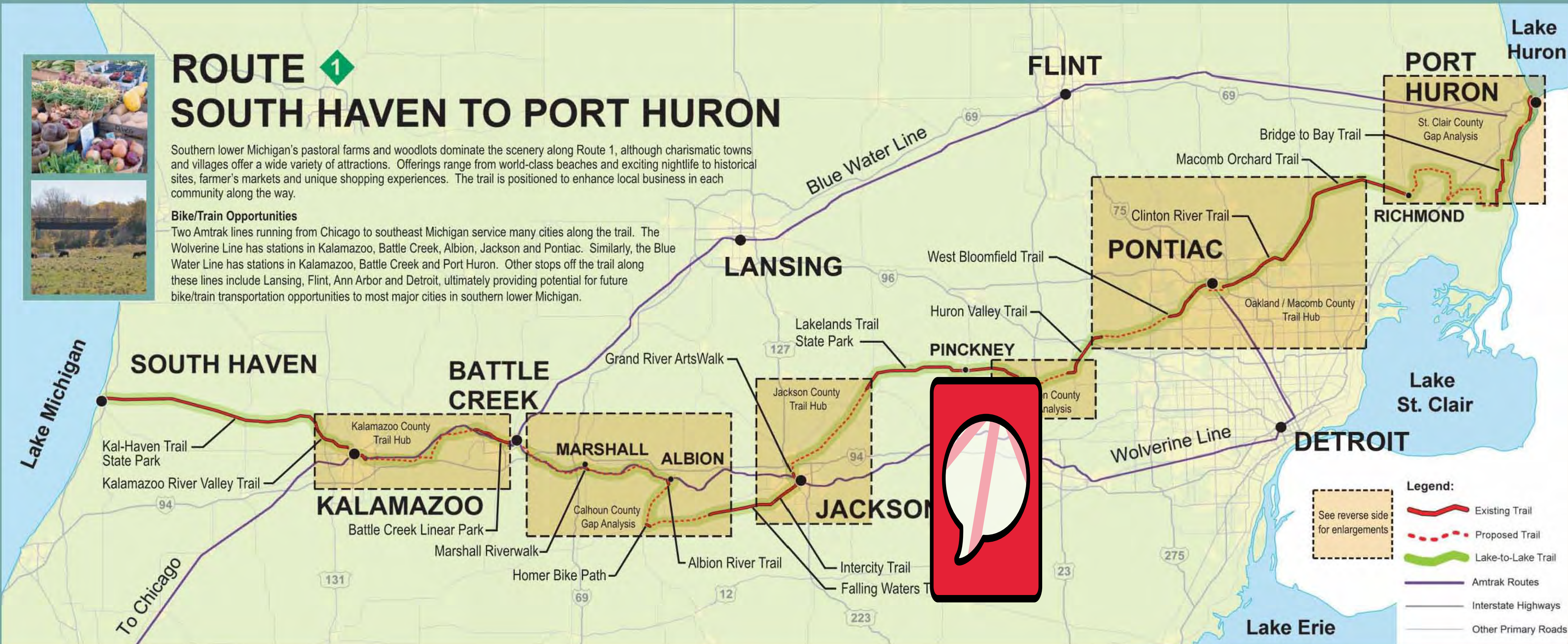
The Pinckney State Recreation Area - is easily accessed from the Lakelands Trail. Over 11,000 acres of natural area provide a wide variety of outdoor recreation pursuits including hiking trails, equestrian trails, boating, hunting, fishing and camping.



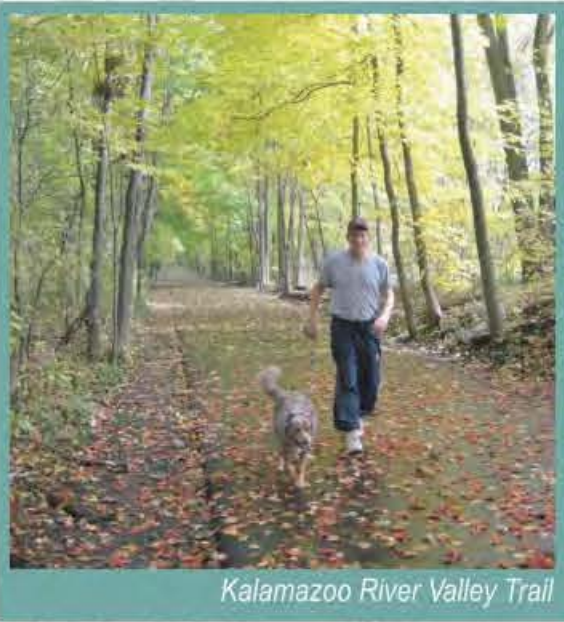
Yates Cider Mill - This historic cider mill, dating back to 1863, is located alongside the flowing waters of the former Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, one half mile from the Clinton River Trail. Watch the cider-making or take in one or more of the other attractions here including fudge and ice cream shops, a petting zoo and pony rides, or take a stroll on the riverwalk.



Port Huron Sunrise - The "Blue Water Area" of Lake Huron shows off incredible hues of cobalt, turquoise and sparkling sapphires following a dazzling, wide spectrum of morning color. Green parks, boardwalks and wide beaches entice visitors and locals to lounge along the water and breathe in the natural beauty.



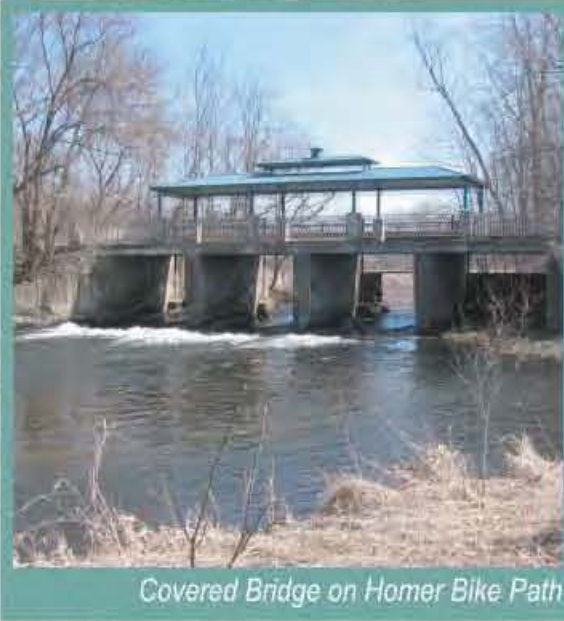
Kalamazoo County Trail Hub



The Kal-Haven Trail State Park transitions to the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail upon entering the City's west side. This 12' wide path provides 14 miles of nonmotorized recreation. Future plans continue the route through downtown Kalamazoo, providing access to many amenities including parks, the Kalamazoo Nature Center, Portage Celery Flats and Arcadia Creek Festival Place. When complete, the regional hub will offer 35 miles of trail and connect with 50 miles of trail throughout Kalamazoo County.

Heading east out of Kalamazoo, an off-road route is proposed paralleling M-96. It passes through River Oaks County Park, tracing the shoreline of Morrow Lake and portions of the Kalamazoo River before returning to the highway. The route uses local streets in the quaint towns of Galesburg and Augusta and connects with the Battle Creek Linear Park.

Calhoun County Gap Analysis



A 5.3 mile off-road trail on Battle Creek's east side is planned to connect the Ott Preserve to Historic Bridge Park. From here, an interim route closes the gap to the Falling Waters Trail utilizing various existing trail segments. A long term vision for an off-road trail has many property easement issues needing resolution before progress is advanced.

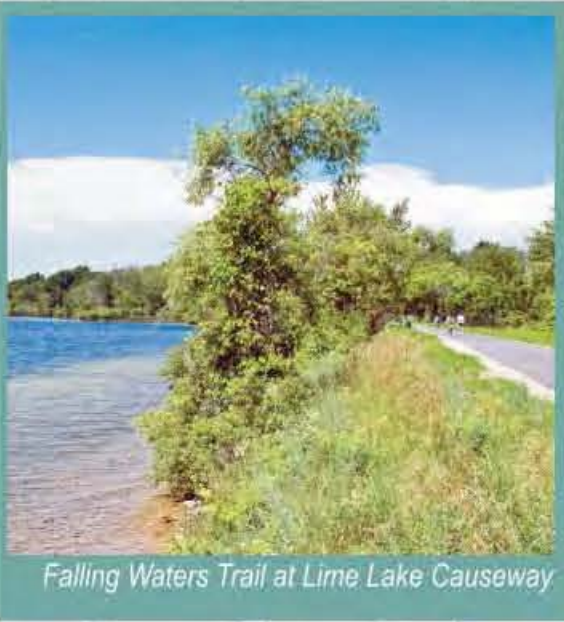
In historic Marshall, the route makes use of the Marshall Riverwalk along the Kalamazoo River. In Albion, the route uses the Albion River Trail before heading south, on-road, through downtown. Condit Road conveys travel south along the Kalamazoo River, a route shared by the North Country Scenic Trail, toward Homer. Within the Village, the Homer Bike Path provides passage along the Kalamazoo River near the downtown district.

Upon entering Concord, the route crosses the former Airline Railroad R.O.W., which will eventually bring the Falling Waters Trail to the Village's west side. For now, the route follows village streets through town to the Falling Waters trailhead.

Jackson County Trail Hub

Three named trail segments combine to create 15.7 miles of nearly continuous trail through Jackson County. The Falling Waters Trail enters Jackson from the southwest to become the Intercity Trail. It transitions to the Grand River ArtsWalk following a 1/8 mile gap along the Grand River. The ArtsWalk passes through Amory Arts Village and continues north along the Grand River.

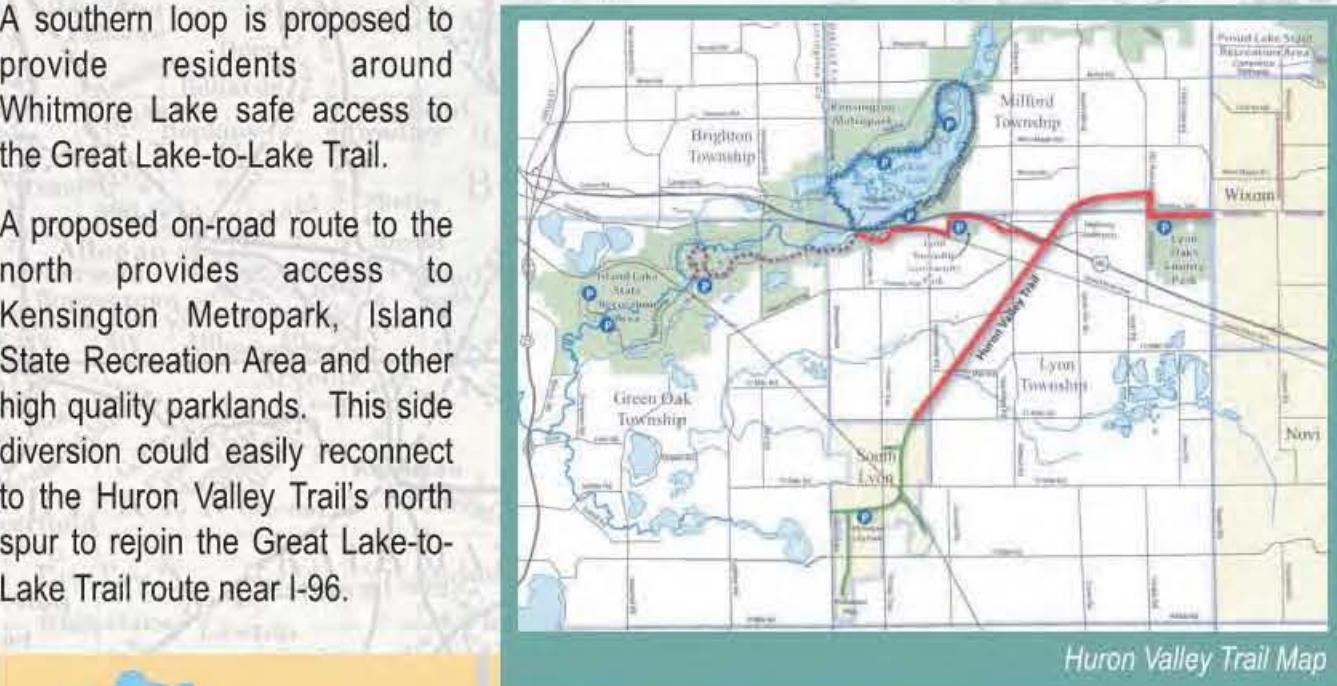
The gap from here to Lakelands Trail is filled by a proposed route north and west of the State Prison, partially using existing roadways and an incomplete segment of the Lakelands Trail State Park.



Livingston County Gap Analysis

Running alongside the expansive Pinckney and Waterloo State Recreation Areas, the Lakelands Trail State Park offers approximately 20 miles of former rail corridor for nonmotorized recreation. Its 16' width accommodates equestrian users along with biking and hiking.

A proposed interim route on 9 Mile Road closes the gap between the Lakelands Trail State Park and the Huron Valley Trail, which continues east for over 10 miles through South Lyon, Lyon Township and Wixom. The former Airline Rail R.O.W offers opportunity for an off-road route to fill the gap, although many private properties now occupying the R.O.W. would need to be acquired.

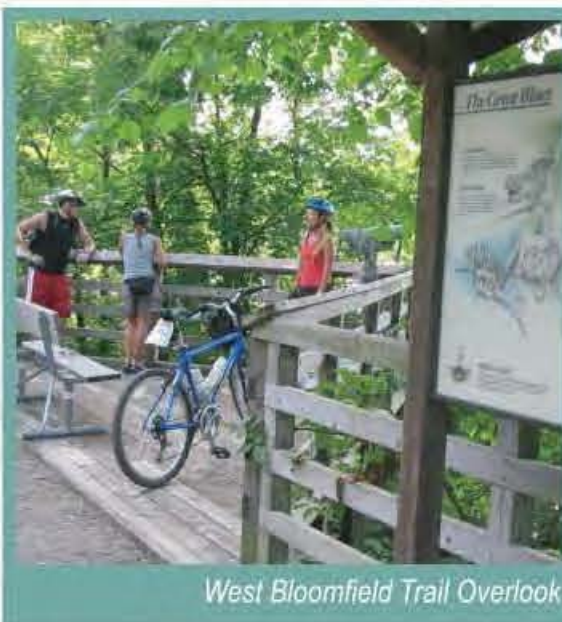


Oakland / Macomb County Trail Hub



The West Bloomfield, Clinton River and Macomb Orchard Trails represent over 40 miles of Great Lake-to-Lake Trail already in place. When combined with ancillary trails, this "trail hub" connects with many regional attractions including the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve, Rochester Hills Environmental Education Center, Bloomer Park, Stonycreek Metro Park and shopping, nightlife and cultural amenities in Pontiac, historic Rochester and Rochester Hills. Gaps in downtown Pontiac and north of Walled Lake are imperative segments to complete.

A proposed off-road route uses the former Airline Rail corridor to close the gap between the Huron Valley and West Bloomfield Trails and connect to the M-5 and I-275 Metro Trails. These lead to an extensive southeast Michigan greenway network. A proposed route crossing M-59 will eventually replace the temporary route currently used in Pontiac.

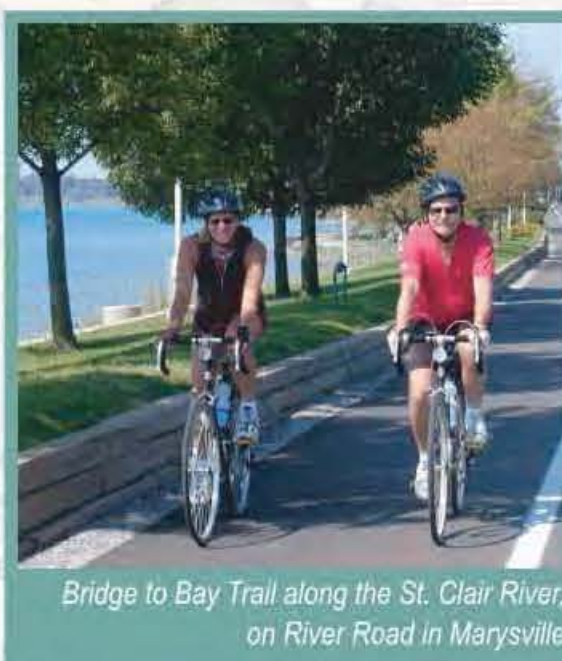


St. Clair County Gap Analysis



A variety of options are presented to connect the gap between the Macomb Orchard Trail and the Bridge to Bay Trail. A proposed off-road route passes through Columbus County Park and follows existing power lines southeast to make the connection, but because of property easement issues, two interim alternatives are under consideration.

One route follows Fred W. Moore Hwy. on-road to King Road. The other option follows Gratiot Avenue from Richmond northeast, through a popular commercial district, to the Bridge to Bay Trail.



Executive Summary

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance chose to undertake the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail project because it was "an idea whose time had come". The last three decades in Michigan's trail movement have been about securing individual trails of all types: abandoned rail, utility corridors, road rights of way, etc. Today, Michigan can extend 15 of these trails east and west to reach from one Great Lake to another, weaving in many communities and tourism attractions along the way.

MTGA formed a 12-member steering committee, including officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Department of Transportation, along with "Trail Ambassadors" representing the east, central, and west sections of Route 1. The "Trail Ambassadors" studied and recommended route alternatives by conducting field analysis and dialogue with city and township officials along with law enforcement, transportation and health agencies. Proposed recommendations represent "the path of least resistance". In many cases, temporary routes are suggested, and more permanent off-road paths will be sought as funding, land use conditions and opportunities present themselves. Route selection for the on-road alternatives in the gaps are based on many factors including:

- Pre-existing nonmotorized facilities
- Road traffic volumes
- Road traffic speeds
- Road right-of-way width
- Existing bridges (i.e. steepness, width and existing nonmotorized facilities)
- Whether the road is already frequently used for bicycling

In looking at potential long-term off-road alternatives, the "Trail Ambassadors" studied:

- Property ownership - whether owners might be willing to accommodate a trail
- The topography of the land - slope, wetness and suitability for a paved trail
- Potential where a trail might enhance the property owner's purpose for the land

To summarize Phase I of this project, the following benchmarks were reached:

1. The name, *The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails*, and its logo have been created as well as a vision for 4 other proposed cross-state routes that will connect from one Great Lake to another.
2. A website and brochure mock-up with route features and destinations were developed to help trail users with planning their itineraries.
3. At least 150 stakeholders were identified for the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail Route 1, who will all play an important role in implementing the route, advocating and planning for its development, marketing it and connecting it to destinations in their areas.
4. Each existing trail segment in the approximately 240-mile route has been inventoried as to surface, endpoints, and current condition.
5. Gaps in Route 1 were analyzed to determine potential on and off-road connections. An overview of proposed connections appear above.
6. Recommendations have been identified for the next phase of this project.

With funding from the Kresge Foundation, progress on this project is credited to the work of the following entities and individuals:

The Great Lake-to-Lake Trail Steering Committee:

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Michigan Department of Transportation
Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance
MTGA Trail Ambassadors: Robert Gregersen, Todd Scott, and Scott TenBrink

Elected and Appointed Officials from Local Jurisdictions and "Friends Groups" Representing the Following Trails:

Kal-Haven Trail State Park
Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway
Battle Creek Linear Park
Marshall Riverwalk
Albion River Trail
Homer Bike Path
Falling Waters Trail
Jackson Intercity Bike Trail
Grand River ArtsWalk
Lakelands Trail State Park
Huron Valley Trail
West Bloomfield Trail
Clinton River Trail
Macomb Orchard Trail
Bridge to Bay Trail

Elected and Appointed Officials and Trail Advocates from Counties, Townships and Villages in the "Gaps":

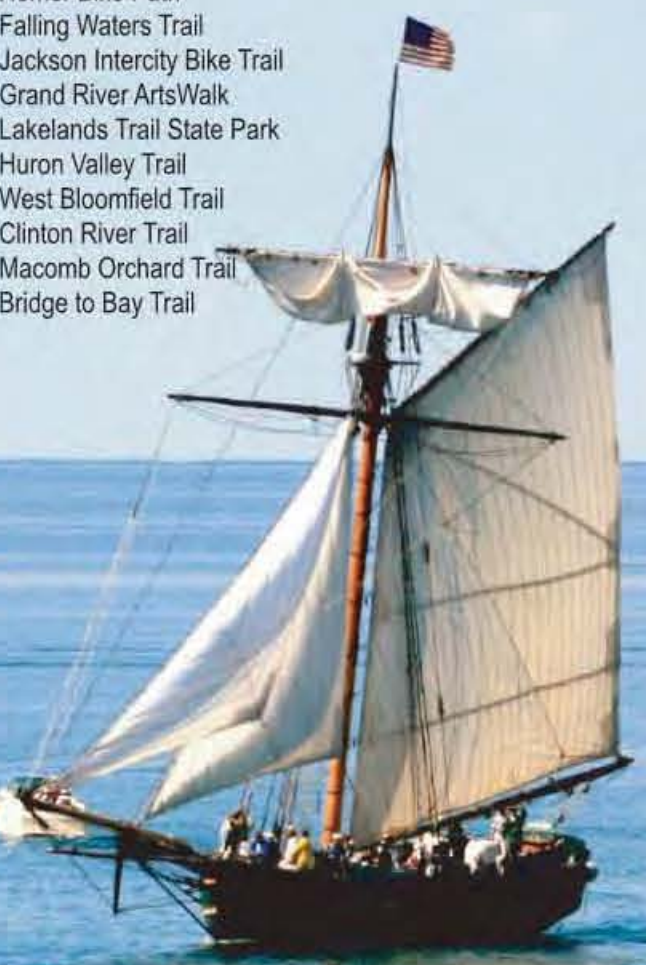
Calhoun County:
Cities and Villages: Battle Creek, Marshall, Albion, Homer
Townships: Albion, Emmett, Marengo, Marshall, Sheridan
Jackson County:
Cities and Villages: Concord, Jackson, Munith
Townships: Blackman, Concord, Henrietta
Ingham County:
Cities and Villages: Stockbridge
Townships: Stockbridge
Livingston County:
Cities and Villages: Hamburg
Townships: Green Oak, Unadilla, Putnam
Oakland County:
Cities and Villages: Wixom, Walled Lake, Pontiac
Townships: Lyon, Commerce
St. Clair County:
Cities and Villages: Port Huron
Townships: Casco, Columbus, St. Clair
Washtenaw County:
Townships: Northfield

Local Transportation Service Centers:

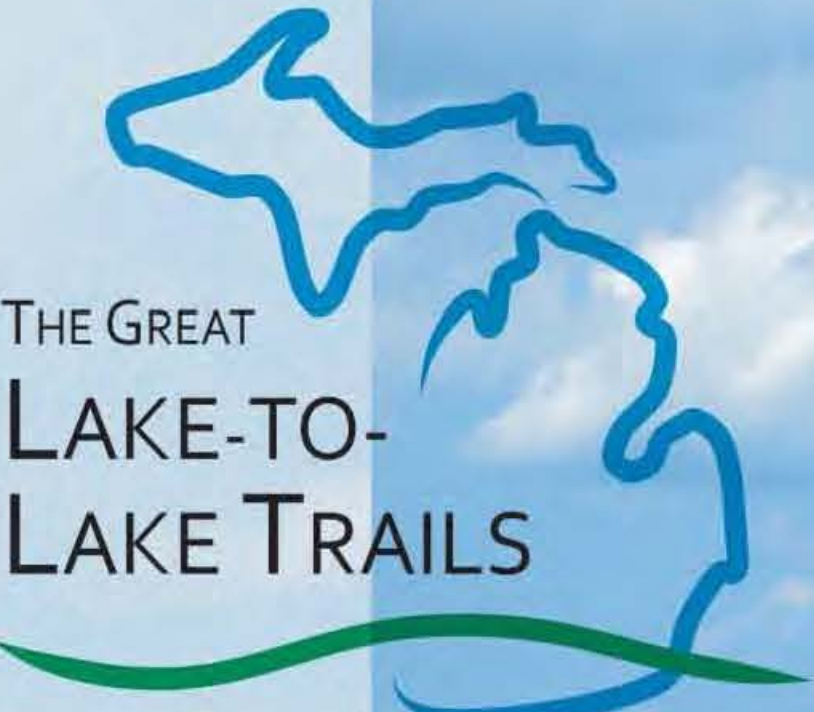
Marshall Transportation Service Center
Tourism:
Travel Michigan
St. Clair County Convention and Visitors Bureau
City of South Haven
Discover Kalamazoo
Battle Creek / Calhoun County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Others:
Calhoun County Trailway Alliance
Consumers Energy
Amory Arts Village
Oakland County Planning, Oakland County GIS
MTGA Board of Directors
Grand River Action Environmental Team

Planning and Design Assistance by:
Lovell Associates
The Greenway Collaborative, Inc.



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Route 1 South Haven to Port Huron

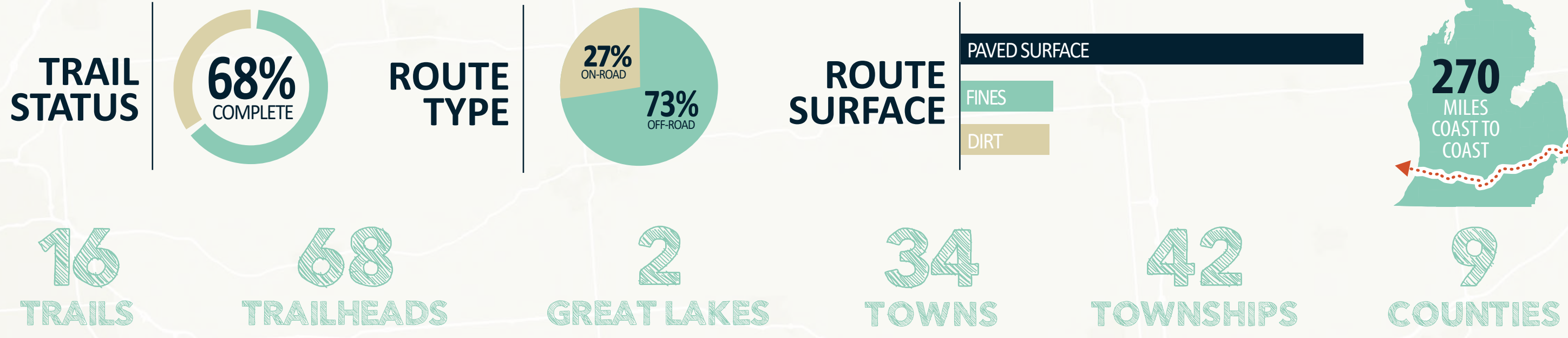


"By linking open spaces, we can achieve a whole that is better than the sum of the parts."

William Whyte, "The Last Landscape"



GLTLT Route #1: South Haven to Port Huron



Lake Michigan

South Haven

Gobles

Kalamazoo

Galesburg

Battle Creek

Marshall

Albion

Concord

Jackson

Munith

Stockbridge

Pinckney

Hamburg

Brighton

New Hudson

Wixom

West Bloomfield Trail
6.8 Miles Limestone

Pontiac

Orchard Lake

Auburn Hills

Rochester

Romeo

Armada

Richmond

Marysville

Lake Huron

Port Huron

Lake St. Clair

Lake Erie

15 MILES
60 TO 90 MINUTE BIKE RIDE

• EXISTING TRAILHEAD
— EXISTING TRAIL
— TEMPORARY ROUTE

DRAFT: MAY 10, 2018
This map was created for April 19, 2018 workshop to determine temporary signed routes for gaps in the trail. This map does not illustrate the proposed final routes.

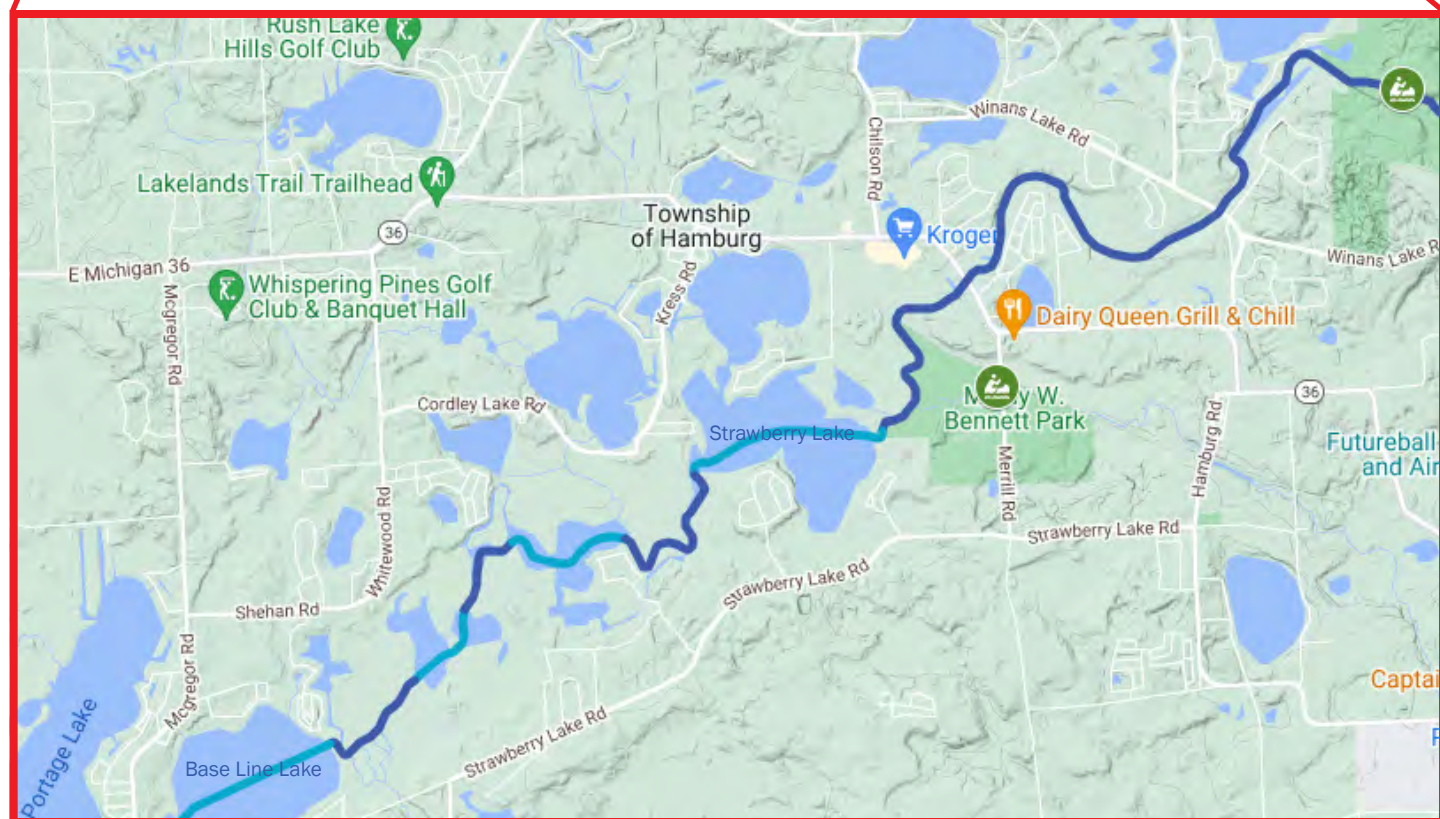
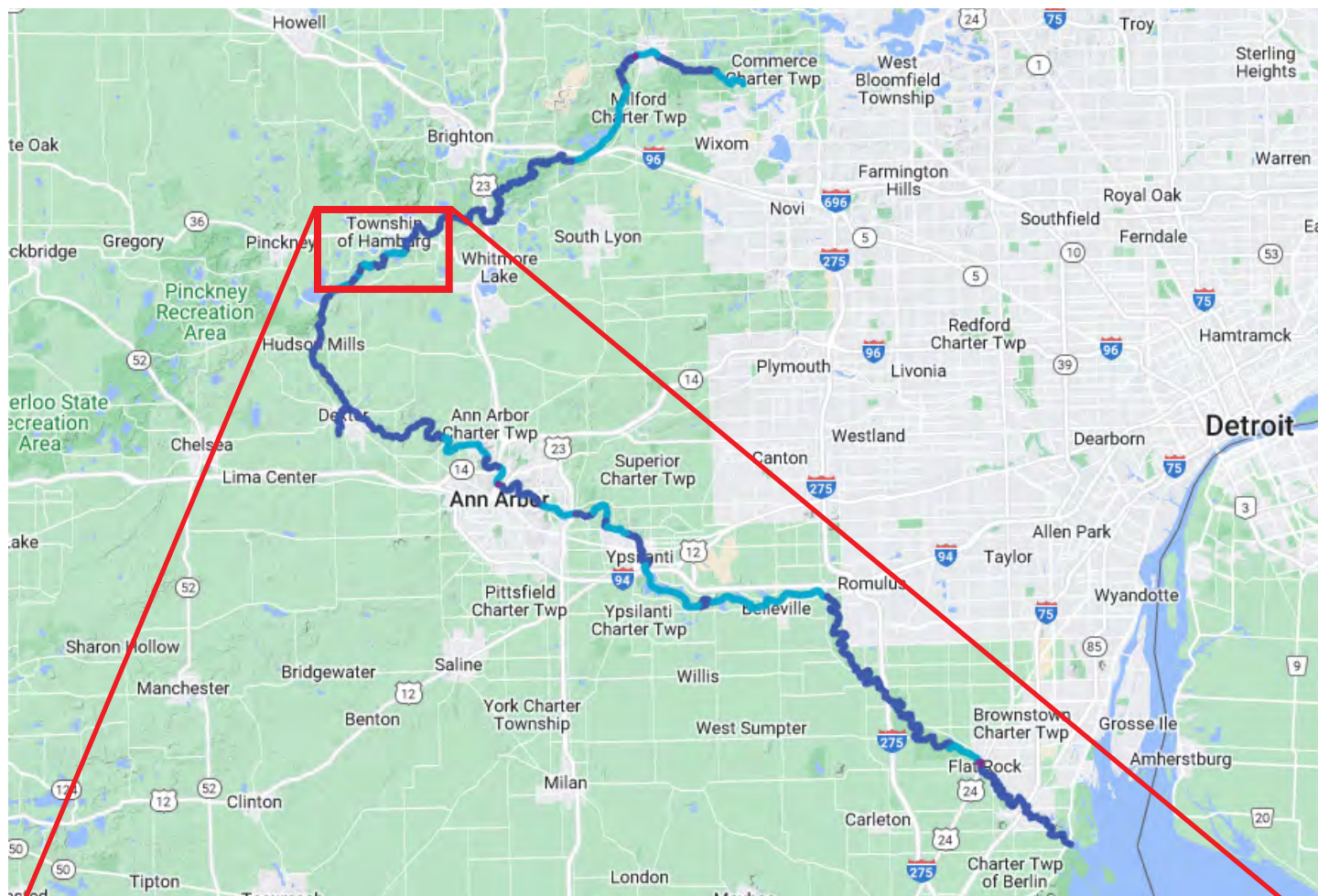


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APPENDIX F

HURON RIVER WATER TRAIL MAP

HURON RIVER WATER TRAIL - MAPS

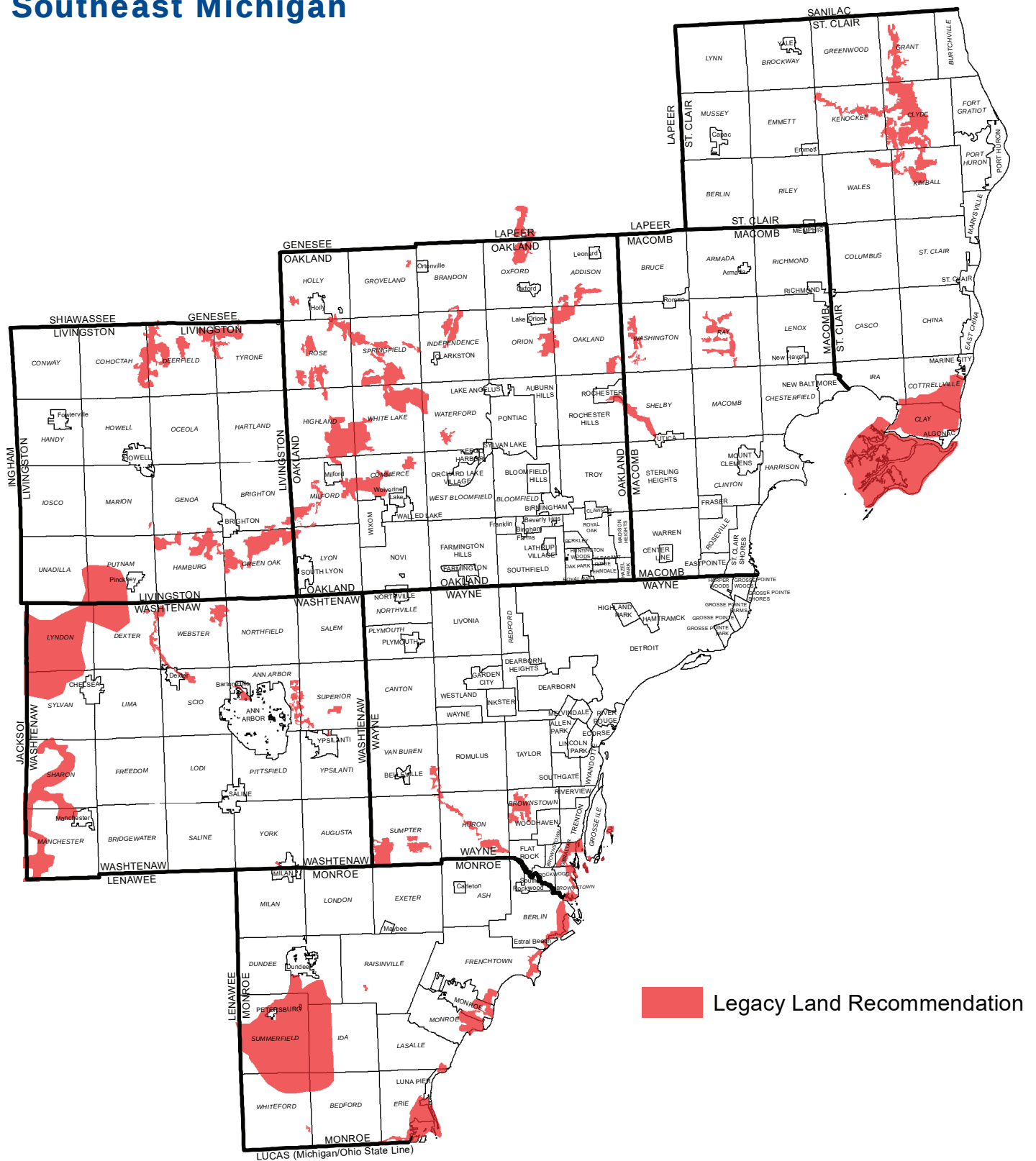


SOURCE: <https://huronriverwatertrail.org/explore/>

APPENDIX G

LIVING LEGACY LAND MAP, SEMCOG GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Living Legacy Lands Southeast Michigan



Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

APPENDIX H

ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Manly Bennett Memorial Park

Manly Bennett Park is a very large sized flagship park for Hamburg Township that provides parking, soccer fields, disc golf, ballfields, sand volleyball, model airplane, rugby field, picnic shelters, restrooms and playgrounds. The main issues at this park are not providing proper accessible parking or the proper number, missing van accessible spaces, missing accessible routes, abrupt transitions too high, slopes too steep, protruding objects, gaps too wide, AED out of reach range, counters too high and protrude out, signage mounted too high, door force too high, not accessible locks, towel dispenser mounted too high, no accessible route to playground surface, no companion seating at bleachers or player benches, no accessible surface at grills, no accessible picnic tables, and no accessible portable toilets on an accessible surface. **Please Note:** When a **UD** is indicated, this is a Universal Design (**UD**) recommendation to enhance accessibility. The **UD** recommendation is not required to meet the minimum accessibility standards but it would be encouraged. When engineered wood fiber is used, provide a regular maintenance of the surface to keep it in compliance with appropriate accessibility slopes. If used in this report, the letters, **AFF** stand for above finished floor

The report uses two different accessibility codes. The 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) can be downloaded from the Access Board website. The website is www.access-board.gov. In addition, the Michigan's Barrier Free Design Law was also used in this report. This code is the same as the 2003 ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 Code. This code book can be purchased at the International Code Council website www.iccsafe.org. The estimated costs for correction of access barriers are taken from the "Means ADA Compliance Pricing Guide 2nd Edition". Each estimated cost for corrective actions have been adjusted for inflation and regional costs to better reflect the 2016 expenses in the Hamburg Township and Detroit area.

The Hamburg Township is part of a local government which requires compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Changes to the park district would allow for equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities, effective communication, and program accessibility. Access of programs and activities can be achieved by removal of physical barriers, modification of policies, practices and procedures that discriminate against a person with a disability and relocation to an accessibility facility. In existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE: Any references for Outdoor Developed Areas is presently not approved by the Department of Justice. However, it would be recommended to follow these standards as "Best Practices" at this point in time. In addition, in existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information. ADAAG 206.2 requires that at least one accessible route be provided within the boundary of the site. The reports provide comments on all routes that when upgrades are made in the future modifications can be made to correct the access barrier or in some cases modify to the greatest extent possible.

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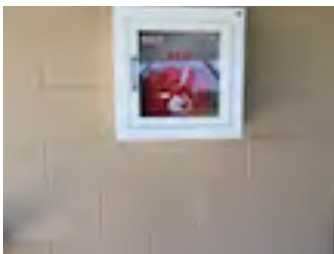
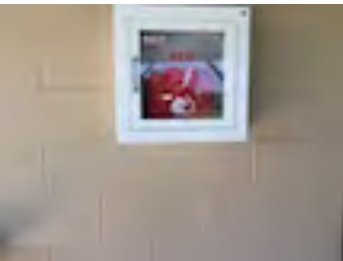
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West Park								
	There are 4 accessible parking spaces but the parking lot is gravel only. The size of the parking lot appears to require more accessible parking.	ADAAG 502	Provide one accessible parking space with an access aisle a minimum of 60 inches plus a sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility at the head and middle of the parking space. The parking space and access aisle should be no steeper than 2% in all directions and on a firm and stable surface. Locate the accessible parking space on the shortest accessible route. UD - Provide a Universally Designed parking space with a minimum 11 foot (132 inches) parking space and a minimum 5 foot (60 inches) access aisle.	1		\$ 3,525.00		
	No van accessible parking space is indicated.	ADAAG 502.2	Provide a van accessible parking space that is a minimum of 11 feet wide with an access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. Also provide a "Van Accessible" sign mounted under the International Symbol of Accessibility Sign. Option: A van accessible space can be 8 feet wide if the access aisle is a minimum of 8 feet wide.	1		\$ 1,175.00		

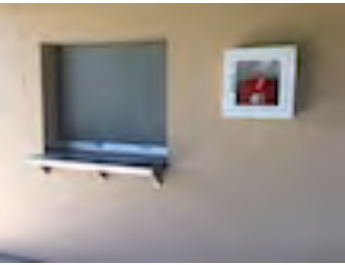
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	No accessible route is provided from the two accessible parking areas for 11 feet. Provide one at each parking area.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	1		\$ 775.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the brochure and bulletin board for 21 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 700.00		
	The walkway up to the gazebo is a ramp slope but no handrails are provided for 8 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide an accessible route with a running slope no greater than 5% and a cross slope no greater than 2% for 14 feet. This could address the abrupt transition issue noted below.	2		\$ 500.00		

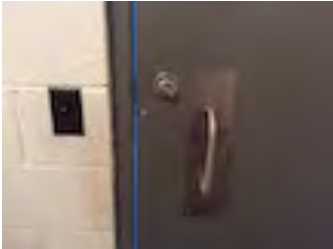
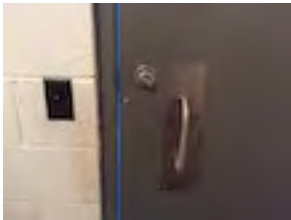
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	There is an abrupt transition too high at 1 1/2 inches at the gazebo.	ADAAG 303	Remove and replace section of asphalt to provide a smooth transition.	1		\$ 175.00		
	The hand sanitizer in the portable toilet is too high at 55 inches AFF.	ADAAG 213.2	Confirm with the company that you use that their portable toilets are fully accessible and meet all accessibility standards.	3		NA		
	The AED protrudes out at 7 inches and is 57 inches to the bottom.	ADAAG 307	Relocate the element out of the accessible route or provide a cane detectable barrier such as a permanent trash can mounted underneath and no higher than 27 inches AFF to the bottom of the trash can.	1		\$ 150.00		
	The AED is not within reach range.	ANSI 308	Remount the AED to provide a reach range no higher than 48 inches AFF for a forward reach over an obstruction no deeper than 20 inches or a side reach of 48 inches AFF over an object no deeper than 10 inches. If concern for children playing with this then lower to what is determined as the best possible height.	2		\$ 150.00		

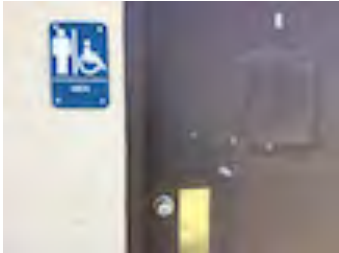
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	There are 8 gaps in the walkway that are too wide at up to 1 inch for 14 feet.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of asphalt sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1		\$ 1,400.00		
	There are two counters provided but both are mounted too high at 40 inches.	ADAAG 904.3.3	Provide one of the counters with a section of counter that is 28 inches to 34 inches AFF and is at least 24 inches long in alterations. In new construction at least one full counter should meet this height.	2		\$ 645.00		
	The two counters protrude out 10 1/4 inches at 40 inches to the bottom.	ADAAG 307	Provide a cane detectable barrier below 27 inches and the width of the protruding object.	1		\$ 600.00		
Women's Restroom								
	The women's restrooms sign is mounted too high at 63 inches to the bottom letters.	ADAAG 216.2 & ADAAG 703	The permanent room sign should to be mounted on the wall at the latch side of the door at 48 inches minimum from the baseline of the lowest tactile character to 60 inches maximum from the baseline of the highest character with raised lettering and numbers plus Braille.	4		\$ 175.00		

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	The women's restroom door opening force is too high at 16 lbs.	NA	Recommendation: While not specifically address by the ADA it would be recommended to adjust the closer so the door opening force is no heavier than 8.5 lbs. to open and takes a minimum of 5 seconds to close or provide an automatic door opener at the door.	3		\$ 100.00		
	The women's restroom lock is not of an accessible design.	ADAAG 309	Provide a lock with an operable part that does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist and does not require more than 5 lbs. of pressure to operate.	3		\$ 750.00		
	The women's restroom paper towel dispenser is mounted too high at 54 1/2 inches AFF.	ADAAG 308	Remount the paper towel dispenser to provide a reach range no higher than 48 inches AFF for a forward reach over an obstruction no deeper than 20 inches or a side reach of 48 inches AFF over an object no deeper than 10 inches.	3		\$ 150.00		

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Men's Restroom								
	The men's restrooms sign is mounted too high at 63 inches to the bottom letters.	ADAAG 216.2 & ADAAG 703	The permanent room sign should be mounted on the wall at the latch side of the door at 48 inches minimum from the baseline of the lowest tactile character to 60 inches maximum from the baseline of the highest character with raised lettering and numbers plus Braille.	4		\$ 175.00		
	The men's restroom door opening force is too high at 16 lbs.	NA	Recommendation: While not specifically address by the ADA it would be recommended to adjust the closer so the door opening force is no heavier than 8.5 lbs. to open and takes a minimum of 5 seconds to close or provide an automatic door opener at the door.	3		\$ 100.00		
	The men's restroom lock is not of an accessible design.	ADAAG 309	Provide a lock with an operable part that does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist and does not require more than 5 lbs. of pressure to operate.	3		\$ 750.00		

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	The men's restroom paper towel dispenser is mounted too high at 55 inches AFF.	ADAAG 308	Remount the paper towel dispenser to provide a reach range no higher than 48 inches AFF for a forward reach over an obstruction no deeper than 20 inches or a side reach of 48 inches AFF over an object no deeper than 10 inches.	3		\$ 150.00		
	The mop cleaning bucket is in the clear floor space of the men's restroom toilet.	ADAAG 305	Relocate the mop cleaning bucket to provide a clear floor space of at least 30 inches wide by 48 inches deep that is connected by an accessible route.	2		\$ 250.00		
	A gap from the walkway to the playground ramp is too wide at 8 inches.	ADAAG 1008.2.5	Provide a ramp extension or transition plate from the ramp to the walkway. Option: Fill in gap with walkway material and provide a smooth transition.	2		\$ 300.00		
	The playground does not provide a proper transfer platform or ramp to the elevated play components.	ADAAG 1008.3.1	If possible add a transfer platform or ramp to connect to at least 50% of these elevated play components. Because of the age and design of this playground it may need to be considered for replacement.	2		\$ 2,000.00		

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	The slopes at the spinner are too steep at 20.2% and 28.3%.	ADAAG 1008.2	Provide regular maintenance of the surface to provide a running slope and a cross slope no steeper than 2%. The surface should meet all ASTM standards for fall zones.	2		\$ 200.00		
	The swings have slopes too steep at 12.7% to 19.3% and seat heights between 25 inches and 30 inches.	ADAAG 1008.4.4	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide a seat less than 24 inches off the ground and a slope under the swings no greater than 2%. Consider a mat under the swing to prevent kick-out of surface material. An accessible swing with a seat would be recommended at some point.	2		\$ 100.00		
	The benches at the playground are too high at 19 inches to 22 1/2 inches.	Proposed Outdoor Areas Standards ADAAG 1011	Bench Recommendation: Lower a bench or provide additional playground surface material to provide a seat height between 17 inches AFF minimum to 19 inches AFF maximum. UD - Provide benches with armrests, backs and no gaps between the seat and backrest.	2		\$ 1,400.00		

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East Park								
Hamburg R/C Flyers Club								
	No accessible parking is provided at each bleacher.	ADAAG 502	Provide one accessible parking space with an access aisle a minimum of 60 inches plus a sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility at the head and middle of the parking space. The parking space and access aisle should be no steeper than 2% in all directions and on a firm and stable surface. Locate the accessible parking space on the shortest accessible route. UD - Provide a Universally Designed parking space with a minimum 11 foot (132 inches) parking space and a minimum 5 foot (60 inches) access aisle.	1		\$ 1,175.00		

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	No van accessible space is provided. See note above related to parking in this area.	ADAAG 502	Provide one of the accessible parking spaces to provide a van accessible parking space that is a minimum of 11 feet wide with an access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. Also provide a "Van Accessible" sign mounted under the International Symbol of Accessibility Sign. Option: A van accessible space can be 8 feet wide if the access aisle is a minimum of 8 feet wide. The parking space and access aisle should be no steeper than 2% in all directions and on a firm and stable surface. Locate the accessible parking space on the shortest accessible route.	1		\$ 1,175.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the practice pad area for 50 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,750.00		

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	No accessible route is provided to the work table for 60 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 2,100.00		
	No accessible picnic tables are provided at the main tent area.	<u>Proposed</u> Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011	Picnic Table Recommendation: At least 20% of picnic tables, but no less than two, be of an accessible design, connected to an accessible route. Relocate or purchase two accessible picnic tables (\$750/each) and locate them on an accessible surface (\$1,000).	2		\$ 3,500.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the large picnic shelter with grills for 142 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 4,975.00		
	The large picnic shelter have 3 picnic tables but none are accessible.	<u>Proposed</u> Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011	Picnic Table Recommendation: At least 20% of picnic tables, but no less than two, be of an accessible design, connected to an accessible route. Relocate or purchase two accessible picnic tables (\$750/each) and locate them on an accessible surface (\$1,000).	2		\$ 3,500.00		

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	No accessible parking is provided at the rugby field.	ADAAG 502.2	Provide a van accessible parking space that is a minimum of 11 feet wide with an access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. Also provide a "Van Accessible" sign mounted under the International Symbol of Accessibility Sign. Option: A van accessible space can be 8 feet wide if the access aisle is a minimum of 8 feet wide.	1		\$ 1,175.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the bleachers and player benches for 334 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 11,700.00		
	No companion seating is provide at the bleachers.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 1,200.00		

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	No companion seating is provided at the player benches.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Connect the accessible route to the companion seating space on next to the player bench that has a 36 inches by 48 inches clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36 inches by 60 inches clear floor space for a side approach.	2		\$ 300.00		
	No accessible parking is provided at the sand volleyball.	ADAAG 502.2	Provide a van accessible parking space that is a minimum of 11 feet wide with an access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. Also provide a "Van Accessible" sign mounted under the International Symbol of Accessibility Sign. Option: A van accessible space can be 8 feet wide if the access aisle is a minimum of 8 feet wide.	1		\$ 1,175.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the sand volleyball for 64 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 2,250.00		

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Field #1								
	No accessible route is provided to the west bleachers for 57 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 2,000.00		
	No companion seating is provide to the west bleachers.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 600.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the west player bench for 22 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 775.00		
	No companions seating is provided at the west player bench.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Connect the accessible route to the companion seating space on next to the player bench that has a 36 inches by 48 inches clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36 inches by 60 inches clear floor space for a side approach.	2		\$ 300.00		

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	No accessible route is provided to the second set of west bleachers for 40 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,400.00		
	No companion seating is provide to the west bleachers.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 600.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the equipment box for 31 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,100.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the north bleachers for 51 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,800.00		

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	No companion seating is provided at the north bleachers.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 600.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the north player bench for 36 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,275.00		
	No companion seating is provided to the north player bench.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Connect the accessible route to the companion seating space on next to the player bench that has a 36 inches by 48 inches clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36 inches by 60 inches clear floor space for a side approach.	2		\$ 300.00		
Field #2 or Field #3 Make Accessible (Measurements will be provided for Field #2)								
	No accessible route is provided to the east bleachers for 55 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,925.00		

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	No companion seating is provide to the east bleachers.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 600.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the east player bench for 35 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,225.00		
	No companions seating is provided at the east player bench.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Connect the accessible route to the companion seating space on next to the player bench that has a 36 inches by 48 inches clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36 inches by 60 inches clear floor space for a side approach.	2		\$ 300.00		
	No accessible route is provided to the north player bench for 35 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 1,225.00		

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	No companion seating is provided to the north player bench.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Connect the accessible route to the companion seating space on next to the player bench that has a 36 inches by 48 inches clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36 inches by 60 inches clear floor space for a side approach.	2		\$ 300.00		
	No accessible route is provide to the furthest north and east bleachers for 80 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 2,800.00		
	No companion seating is provided at the bleachers furthest north and east.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30 inches X 48 inches space) per total number of seats (\$300 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions. Connect this wheelchair space to the accessible route.	2		\$ 600.00		
	No accessible route is provide to the batting cages for 15 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 525.00		

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	At the playground two accessible parking spaces are noted but do not provide signage.		See Note Below			See Below		
	At the playground two accessible parking spaces are noted but there are no access aisles marked out.	ADAAG 502	Provide one of the accessible parking spaces to provide a van accessible parking space that is a minimum of 11 feet wide with an access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. Also provide a "Van Accessible" sign mounted under the International Symbol of Accessibility Sign. The other parking space can share this access aisle. Option: A van accessible space can be 8 feet wide if the access aisle is a minimum of 8 feet wide. The parking space and access aisle should be no steeper than 2% in all directions and on a firm and stable surface. Locate the accessible parking space on the shortest accessible route.	1		\$ 2,350.00		

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	The size of this parking lot requires 3 more accessible parking spaces to the two existing space.	ADAAG 502	Provide one accessible parking space with an access aisle a minimum of 60 inches plus a sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility at the head and middle of the parking space. The parking space and access aisle should be no steeper than 2% in all directions and on a firm and stable surface. Locate the accessible parking space on the shortest accessible route. UD - Provide a Universally Designed parking space with a minimum 11 foot (132 inches) parking space and a minimum 5 foot (60 inches) access aisle.	1		\$ 3,525.00		
	There are gaps with grass in-between bollards.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of asphalt sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1		\$ 175.00		

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	There are 4 large gaps around the playground walkways.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of asphalt sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1		\$ 700.00		
	No access is provided to the sand surface or with different interactive play equipment.	ADAAG 240.2 & ADAAG 1008.4.3	Consider one or two play components such as a sand digger, raised sand table, etc. that can be used from the accessible route up to the sand play area.	2		\$ 2,000.00		
	There is a 4 inch drop-off onto the playground surface.	ADAAG 1008.2	Provide a curb ramp from the accessible walkway to the playground surface with a running slope no steeper than 8.3% and an cross slope no steeper than 2%.	2		\$ 1,575.00		
	There are 8 elevated play components but only 2 ground level play components.	ADAAG 240.2	Provide one more ground level play component on an accessible route that provides an experience such as rocking, swinging, sliding, interactive, spinning or climbing experience.	2		\$ 1,000.00		

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	The swings have a slope too steep at up to 5.7% and the swings are between 26 inches and 28 inches above the surface. The mat under a swing sticks up.	ADAAG 1008.4.4	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide a seat less than 24 inches off the ground and a slope under the swings no greater than 2%. Consider a mat under the swing to prevent kick-out of surface material. An accessible swing with a seat would be recommended at some point.	2		\$ 100.00		
	The grill is 11 feet off the accessible surface.	<u>Proposed</u> ADAAG 403 and ADAAG 1011.1	Grill Accessible Route Recommendation: Provide an accessible route with a cross slope no steeper than 2%, running slope no steeper than 5% and a surface that is firm and stable. Connect this route to the clear floors space of the grill.	2		\$ 400.00		
	The grill does not provide an accessible surface around it.	<u>Proposed</u> ADAAG 1011.1	Grill Clear Floor Space Recommendation: Provide a 48 inches by 48 inches clear ground space on all usable side of the grill and connected to an accessible route.	2		\$ 250.00		

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	The defibulator protrudes out 7 inches at 57 inches to the bottom.	ADAAG 307	Relocate the element out of the accessible route or provide a cane detectable barrier such as a permanent trash can mounted underneath and no higher than 27 inches AFF to the bottom of the trash can.	1		\$ 150.00		
	The defibulator is mounted too high at 65 1/2 inch to the handle.	ANSI 308	Remount the AED to provide a reach range no higher than 48 inches AFF for a forward reach over an obstruction no deeper than 20 inches or a side reach of 48 inches AFF over an object no deeper than 10 inches. If concern for children playing with this then lower to what is determined as the best possible height.	2		\$ 150.00		
	There are two counters provided but both are too high at 35 inches and 38 inches.	ADAAG 904.3.3	Provide one of the counters with a section of counter that is 28 inches to 34 inches AFF and is at least 24 inches long in alterations. In new construction at least one full counter should meet this height.	2		\$ 645.00		

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	No accessible route is provided to the picnic shelter and grill for 65 feet.	ADAAG 403	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	2		\$ 2,275.00		
	The grill by the picnic shelter is located in the grass. Connect this to the new accessible route noted above.	Proposed ADAAG 1011.1	Grill Clear Floor Space Recommendation: Provide a 48 inches by 48 inches clear ground space on all usable side of the grill and connected to an accessible route.	2		\$ 250.00		

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	Two picnic tables are provided that are 37 feet long each.	Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011	Picnic Table Recommendation: Provide picnic tables that have a clear floor space of 30 inches minimum by 48 inches minimum, a table top between 28 inches minimum of 34 inches maximum and a minimum 27 inches knee clearance. The knee clearance should go 17 inches to 25 inches under the top. For these large of a picnic table it would require 3 accessible cut-out areas at each table for a total of 6 accessible area.	2		\$ 1,500.00		
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