

Red Oaks County Park

Park Action Plan 2023-2028 – Nature Preserve and Park

Appendix A: Public Engagement Report

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Executive Summary

Introduction

Oakland County Parks (OCP) and the City of Madison Heights have renewed their partnership at Red Oaks County Park. Oakland County Parks will continue to operate and invest in Red Oaks Nature Preserve and will incorporate Ambassador Park under the same model. Approval of the Park Action Plan is a requirement of this partnership. For more information, see the Red Oaks Park Action Plan.

Purpose

The purpose of this public engagement was to communicate with the stakeholders and community members who are already invested in the property of Red Oaks County Park, to gain any insights they might have, and to evaluate what the community would like to see in the park under Oakland County Parks management and through capital improvements. The outreach methods used were also designed to reach community members who are not currently engaged in the park or who have not historically felt welcomed or invited into parks, identify barriers to their participation and address gaps in equitable park access.

Methods

The public engagement methods used included an online survey and three public open houses held at various locations in Madison Heights. The survey was available online for two weeks, September 11 – 24, 2023. Paper copies of the survey were available at the open houses in English and Mandarin.

Three open houses were held at various locations in Madison Heights. Open house participants had a variety of ways in which to engage and provide input Red Oaks County Park. A large park map was displayed and allowed opportunities for discussion with staff where participants could point out special features, memories or notable locations. A prioritization board presented participants with an opportunity to identify amenities and features that they felt were the highest priority or best fit.

We used strategic methods to invite Madison Heights residents to participate, both in the survey and to engage with us during the public open houses. A few examples of these methods were:

- Hosting public engagement events at existing community events where residents who were in attendance could engage with us.
- Partnering with the Association of Chinese Americans to reach more of the local community and translating all materials into Mandarin to make them more accessible to Madison Heights' Chinese population.

Publicity and Promotion

Several methods were used to reach as many engaged park users as possible including social media posts, e-marketing messages, news releases and hosting an open house event at Red Oaks Nature Preserve to capture opinions from park users. Intentional efforts were also made to reach community members not-yet engaged in Red Oaks County Park or with Oakland County Parks. One effort to reach the community was collaborating with service organizations in Madison Heights. These organizations already have the trust of the people they serve, and they were willing to show their support for the interlocal partnership by extending the invitation to participate in public engagement and the free community event. The survey and the prioritization board exercise were translated into Mandarin to make them more accessible for the Chinese population, which was a priority because one of the public engagement opportunities was at an event hosted at the Chinese Community Center.

Summary Survey Results

There were 303 unique survey entries. Most were completed online and 16 were completed on paper. The survey was completed in Mandarin five times, all online. The remaining surveys were completed in English. Almost half of the responses (47%) were from Madison Heights.

Many respondents utilized the open-ended questions to offer insight into their memories, park information and their favorite aspects of Red Oaks County Park, as well as suggestions for improvements.

Importance of park features

When asked to rate the importance of 15 different park features, survey respondents' top priority was clean, working restrooms. Paths and walking trails were the third highest priority to survey respondents. Within the top five priorities, nature and the preservation of green space were important. The top five priorities are:

1. Restrooms
2. Healthy forest
3. Paths and walking trails
4. Native flowers and pollinators
5. Open spaces for play

Experiences and barriers to enjoyment of parks

We provided a list of scenarios in Question 7 that included: Parks not well-maintained; Limited information; Feeling unwelcome; Limited accessibility; Entrance fees too costly; Language barriers; Two or more of the above; and None of the above. Respondents largely reported experiencing none of the negative experiences (70%). The two highest reported negative experiences were: Park not well maintained (15%) and Entrance fees too costly (14%).

Open-ended survey responses

Respondents had a few opportunities to leave open-ended responses in the survey. Key themes emerged throughout these open-ended responses, with the largest portion being a desire to keep the soccer field at Ambassador Park. (Soccer fields have been relocated to Civic Center Park, approximately 0.6 mile east on 13-Mile Road). The top five topics mentioned most frequently were:

1. Soccer (note: fields have been relocated to Civic Center Park)
2. Natural areas/ woods
3. Walking trails/ paths
4. Golf course (note: these are comments on an adjacent facility)
5. Universal accessibility

Summary Open House Input

Oakland County Parks hosted three public engagement events for Red Oaks County Park regarding the partnership including Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center; one event that was specifically a park planning open house and the other two events were hosted by community partners where we were able to engage participants at those events. These events took place at the following times and saw estimated participation numbers as indicated:

Date and Time	Location	Event	Approximate count
Sat, Sept. 16 , 10:30 am – 2 pm	<i>Chinese Community Center</i>	Healthy Gardening Fair	20
Mon, Sept. 18 , 5:30 – 7:30 pm	<i>Madison Heights Civic Center</i>	Civic Center Grand Opening	300
Fri, Sept. 22 , 1 – 3 pm	<i>Red Oaks Nature Preserve</i>	Public Open House	15

The prioritization exercise was very popular, as attendees were given a certain number of stickers with which to indicate their priorities directly on the board. In total, 372 priorities were indicated through this exercise, with the top three aligning with the top three priorities identified through the survey:

1. Restrooms
2. Paths and walking trails
3. Healthy forest
4. Active adult programs
5. Quiet areas and scenic views



Child coloring at public engagement event

Conclusions

Based on the response from Madison Heights residents and park users from a wider area, there was support and appreciation for the partnership between the City of Madison Heights and Oakland County Parks. We are grateful to everyone for their generous responses and understand the importance of keeping the priorities identified through these efforts at the forefront of our planning:

1. Natural areas, native plants and pollinators, and healthy forests
2. Clean, working restrooms
3. Open spaces for play and relaxation
4. Universal accessibility
5. Paths and walking trails

Survey Results

Survey Introduction

The survey was available in both English and Mandarin via an online form that participants could access through the Parks Planning web page, a QR code provided at the Public Open House and other outgoing messaging regarding the Red Oaks County Park partnership. The survey was also available on paper. The opening page of the survey provided the following information and graphic (paper survey included information only; no graphic):

“Welcome to Oakland County Parks’ survey about Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center in Madison Heights, Michigan. We are partnering with the City of Madison Heights to incorporate Ambassador Park into the Red Oaks County Park complex. The Red Oaks Nature Center has been operated by Oakland County Parks since 2012 and will continue to be owned by the city. Ambassador Park will follow the same model of operation, and through federal funding, Oakland County Parks will be investing in capital improvements for both Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center.

“Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center are located on the south side of 13 Mile Road between Dequindre and John R. Ambassador Park is a 7-acre day-use park which features approximately a half mile of paved walking paths around the perimeter, tennis courts, a playground and a sledding hill, along with open space in the center large enough for a soccer field. Red Oaks Nature Center is located in the 37-acre George Saurez Friendship Woods with a 1.3-mile trail winding its way through the trees. The centrally located nature center building has displays and is used for educational and recreational programming.”



Map of Red Oaks and Ambassador Park at beginning of online survey

1. What is your zip code?

Response to this question was required. Out of 303 responses, 302 were valid. Valid ZIP Codes were from 28 different communities, mostly Oakland County (94%) and Macomb County (5%) communities. All were from Michigan. The top 11 communities are seen in the table below. The remaining 17 communities accounted for less than 1% each of the reported Zip Codes.

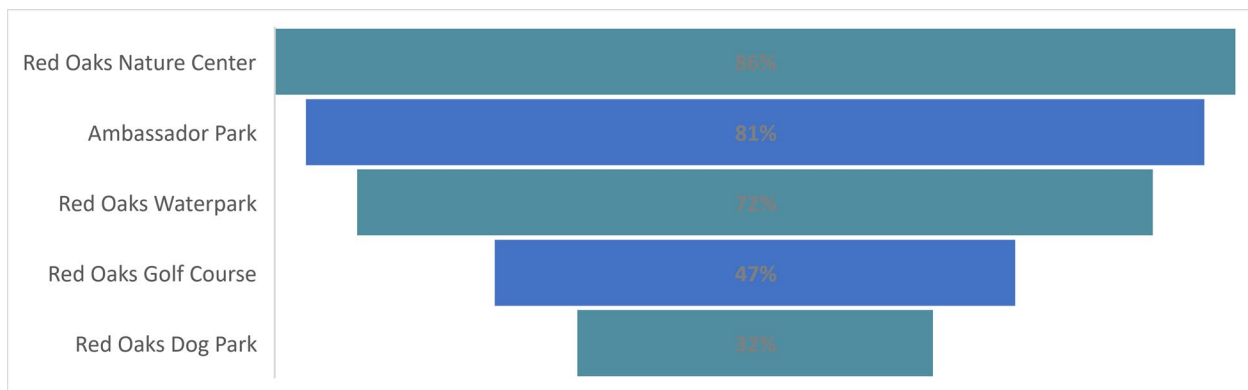
Table 1: Question 1. Community residence of survey respondents (top 11)

County	Community	% of Reported ZIP Codes
Oakland	Madison Heights	47%
Oakland	Berkley	14%
Oakland	Huntington Woods	10%
Oakland	Royal Oak	3%
Macomb	Warren	2%
Oakland	Bingham Farms	2%
Oakland	Hazel Park	2%
Oakland	Oak Park	2%
Oakland	Troy	2%
Oakland	Farmington Hills	1%
Oakland	Pleasant Ridge	1%

2. Have you ever visited any of these facilities?

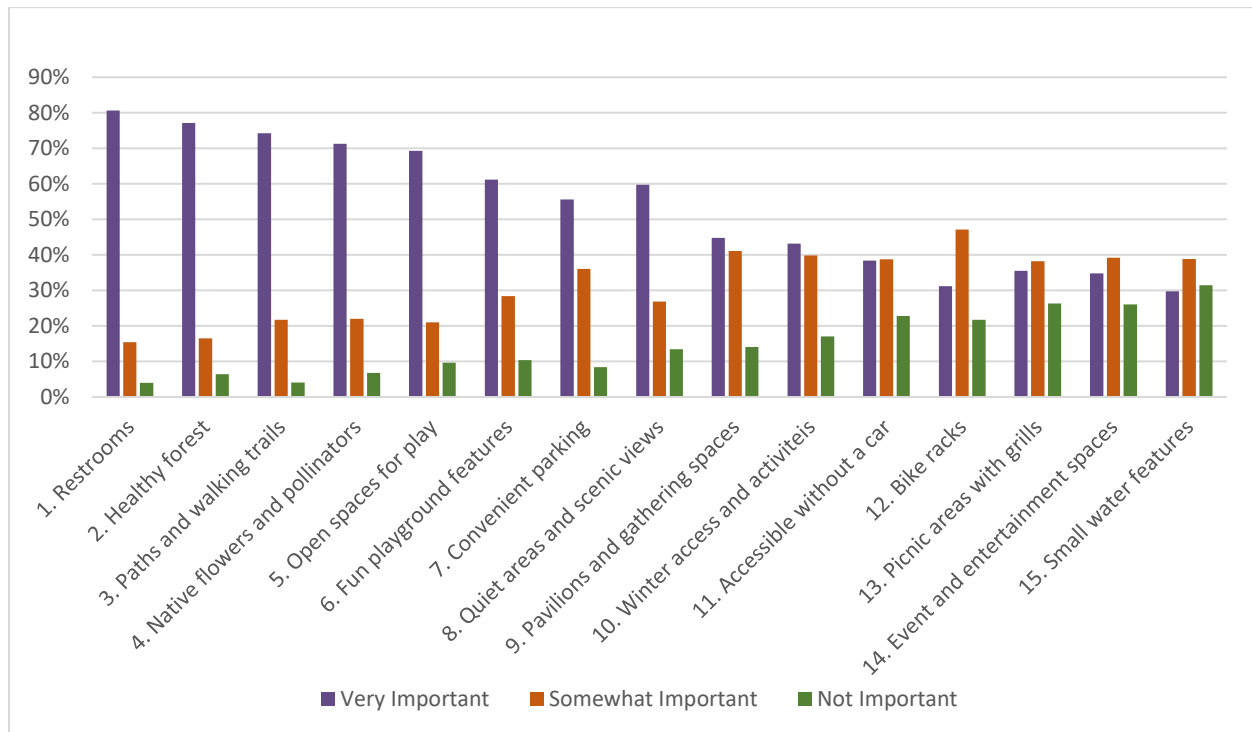
This question was mandatory. Respondents were asked to respond “Yes” or “No” if they’ve ever visited Ambassador Park, Red Oaks Nature Center, Red Oaks Waterpark, Red Oaks Dog Park or Red Oaks Golf Course. There were 303 responses. The average number of facilities visited by each respondent was 3.2 out of 5.

Figure A: Question 2. Percent of respondents who have previously visited each of the listed facilities



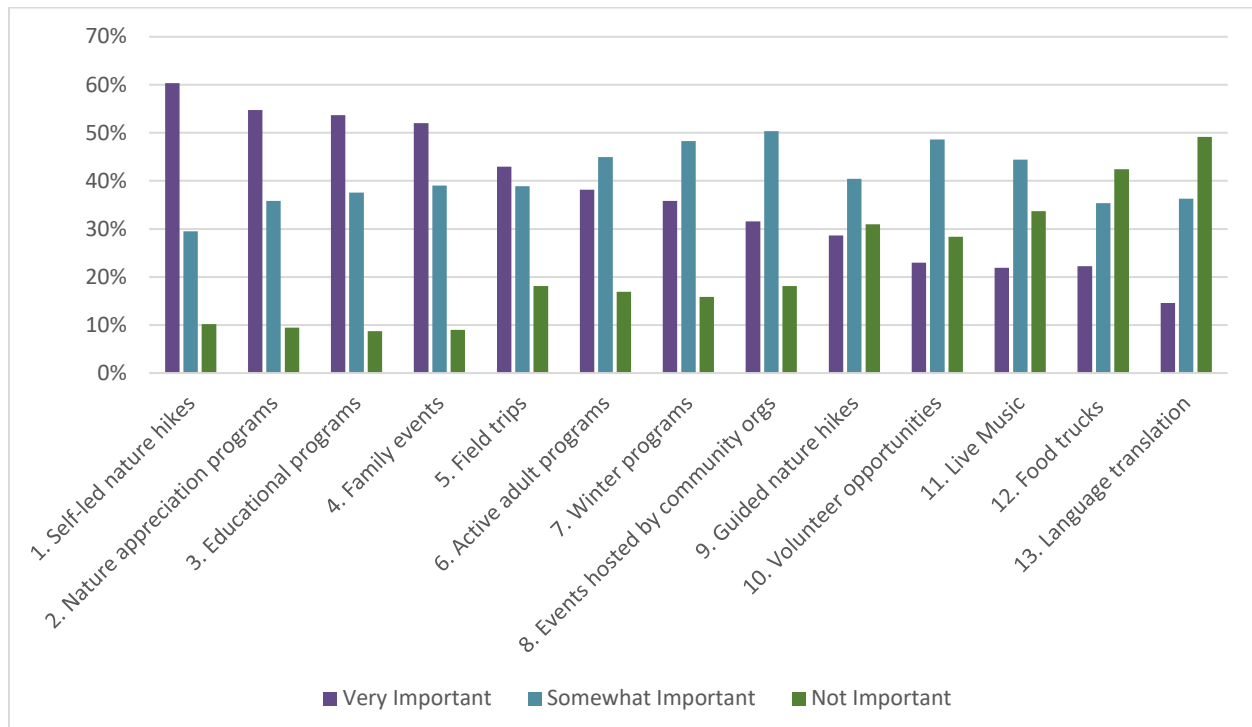
3. How important to you are the following park features?

Figure B: Question 3. Ranked importance given to each park feature



4. How important to you are the following types of programs?

Figure C: Question 4. Ranked importance given to each type of program



5. Other park features or programs, not mentioned in questions 3 or 4, that are important to you.

This was an open-ended question and received 180 total responses, 72 of which were from Madison Heights residents. Those responses were reviewed and topics identified and separated into two categories: Facilities /Features and Programs/Processes. Many comments contained multiple topics: 230 total topics were identified from the total 180 respondents, with 97 of the topics from the 72 Madison Heights respondents.

Soccer was the most frequently mentioned topic in this open comment question. Soccer fields were relocated in the past year from Ambassador Park to Civic Center Park. The respondents from the full survey pool showed a greater emphasis on sports, specifically soccer, youth sports, and sports facilities than the Madison Heights respondents.

Table 2: Question 5. Open-ended response topics and frequencies

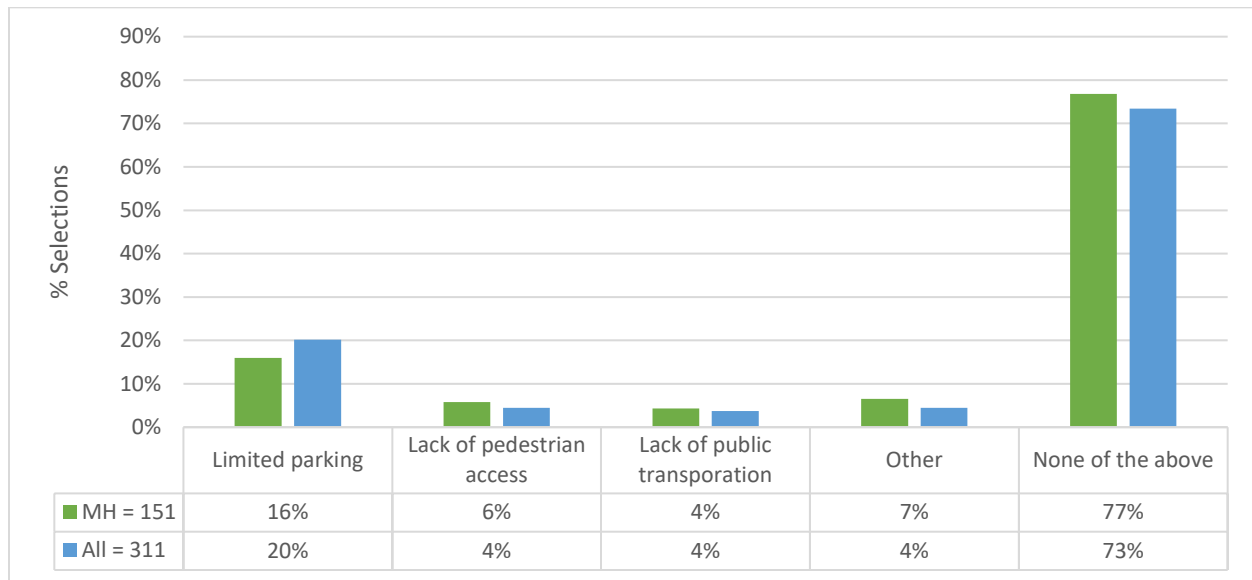
TOPIC	MH	ALL	TOPIC	MH	ALL
Facilities and Features			Bike trails/amenities	3	3
Soccer	23	92	Year-round availability	1	1
Natural areas/ woods	7	13	Multilingual signs/wayfinding	1	1
Walking trails/paths	6	8	Reservable gathering spaces	1	1
Golf course	2	8	Working equipment/facilities	1	2
Universal accessibility	5	6	Disc golf	1	1
Open space	3	9	Dog park	1	2
Playground	3	6	Connectivity between parks	1	1
Cleanliness	3	4	Benches / Picnic areas	0	1
Pickleball	3	3	Charging stations (cell phone)	0	1
Safety (light/dogs)	3	5	Lighting	0	1
Basketball	3	3	Having park space/ community is invested	1	2
Tennis courts	3	5	Waterpark	0	1
Splash pad	3	3	Programs and Processes		
Quiet spaces	2	2	Youth sports	1	12
Fitness Equipment/ Active Space	1	2	Family activities (example: Trick or Treat)	3	3
Baseball	0	1	Seasonal / Year-round events	1	1
Nature Center/ new displays	2	3	Active adults programs/ Intergenerational	1	2
Garden	1	2	Educational	1	1
Sports facility	2	9	Affordable	1	1
Drinking fountains/bottle fill	2	2	No events, food trucks, concerts, etc.	0	1
Convenient/ ample parking	0	3	Well-staffed/ Good customer service	0	1

6. Access to Parks – multiple questions

6. Please indicate if any of the following have made it difficult for you to access this or other parks.

This question was optional and multiple selections were allowed. The question was answered by 293 respondents, making 311 selections. Within the full survey pool (All), 138 respondents were from Madison Heights (MH), making 151 selections. Responses between the two groups were similar, with most reporting no barriers to access.

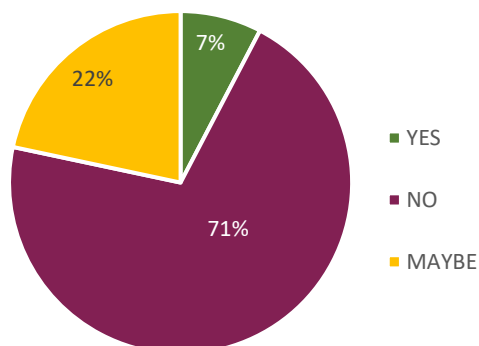
Figure D: Question 6. Percent selections regarding access to parks



6a. If there were an on-demand public transportation service that would pick you up and take you to a main bus stop, would you use this service?

This question was optional and limited to one response. The question was answered by 300 people, with most indicating they would not be interested in using this service.

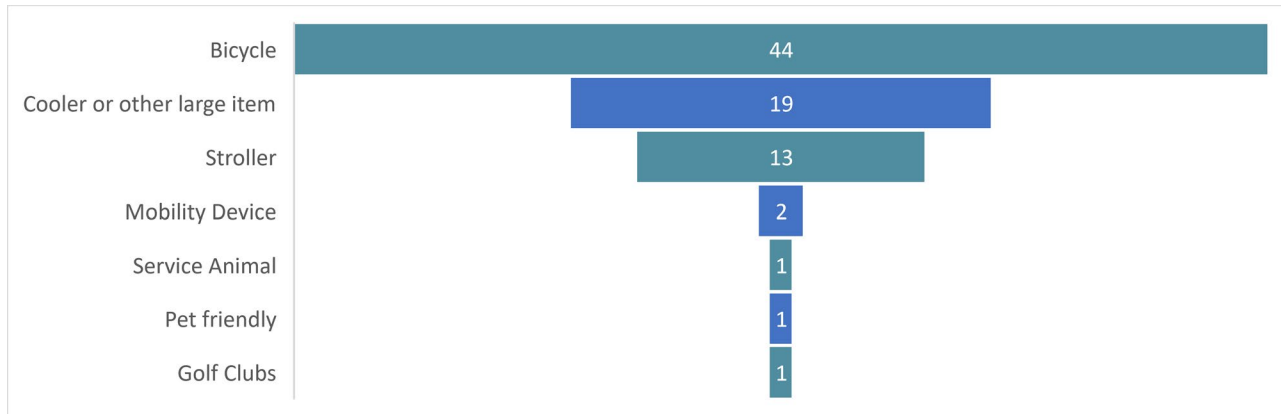
Figure E: Question 6a. Percent of respondents interested in using on-demand public transportation.



6b. Would you require a vehicle that could accommodate any of the following?

This question was optional and multiple selections were allowed. It was only visible on the online survey to those answering “Yes” or “Maybe” to the possibility of using on-demand public transport in the previous question. It was visible to all respondents on the paper survey. The question was answered by 60 people (20% of respondents), 81 selections made. Five people wrote in “Other” answers that included mobility devices (2) and one respondent each mentioned service animals, pet friendly transportation and golf clubs.

Figure F: Question 6b. Number of respondents who would transport each item below

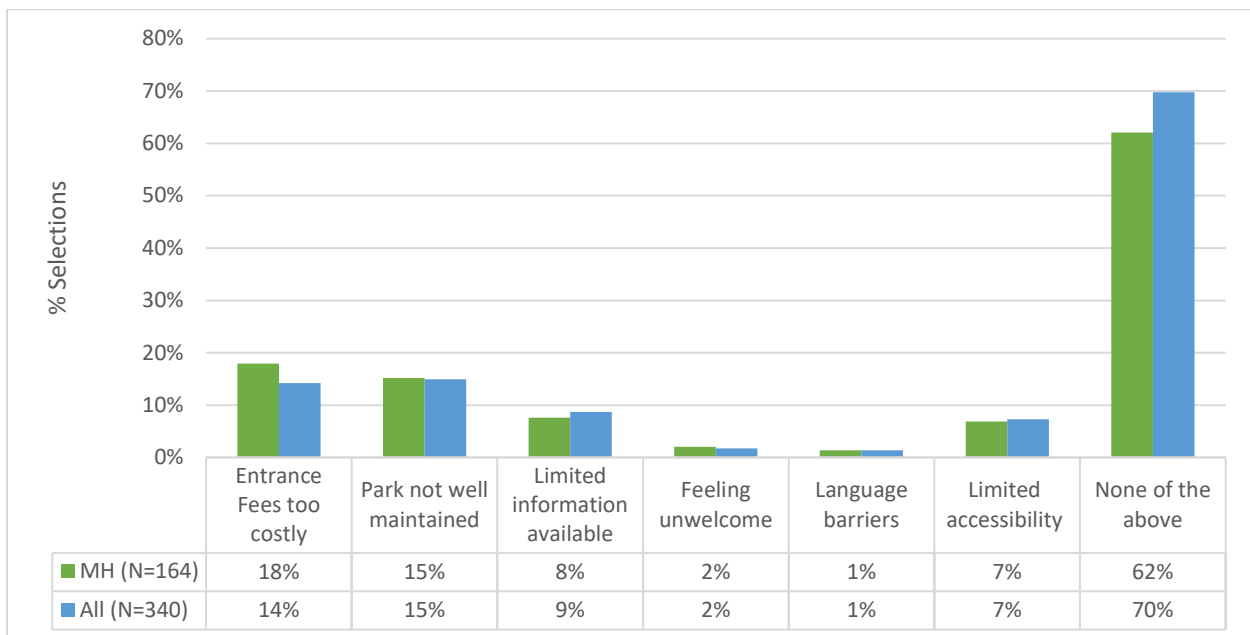


7. Park Experiences – multiple questions

7. Have you ever experienced any of the following when visiting this or other parks?

This question was optional and multiple selections were allowed. The question was answered by 288 respondents, making 340 selections (All). Within the full survey pool, 145 respondents were from Madison Heights (MH), making 164 selections. Madison Heights responses were similar to the results from the full survey pool.

Figure G: Question 7. Percent selections of experiences at parks



7a. You indicated experiencing something that made you feel unwelcome at this or other parks. Is there a specific example you'd like to share or a suggestion for what would help you feel more welcome?

This was an open-ended question. Comments were reviewed and comment topics were identified. A single comment may address multiple topics. This question was answered by 42 respondents, with some comments addressing multiple topics. Topics were identified for each comment and categorized as a barrier, a suggestion for improvement, or a comment. A total of 50 topics were identified.

Table 3: Question 7a. Categories of open-ended responses regarding barriers to feeling welcome and frequency of each

Barriers		Suggestions		Comments	
Cost/ ticketing	7	Indigenous land acknowledgement	1	Appreciation	3
Restrooms	5	Virtual tour	1		
Cleanliness/maintenance	4	Keep bird habitat	1		
Parking	4	Keep soccer	1		
Accessibility	3	More events	1		
Signage	3	Fitness	1		
Information	2				
Shade	2				
Picnic areas	2				
Other park guests	2				
Safety	1				
Limited hours	1				
Social media	1				
Bugs/pests	1				
Limited soccer fields	1				
Off-leash dogs	1				
Marijuana use	1				
Total barriers	41	Total suggestions	6	Total comments	3

8-13. Please tell us about yourself – multiple questions

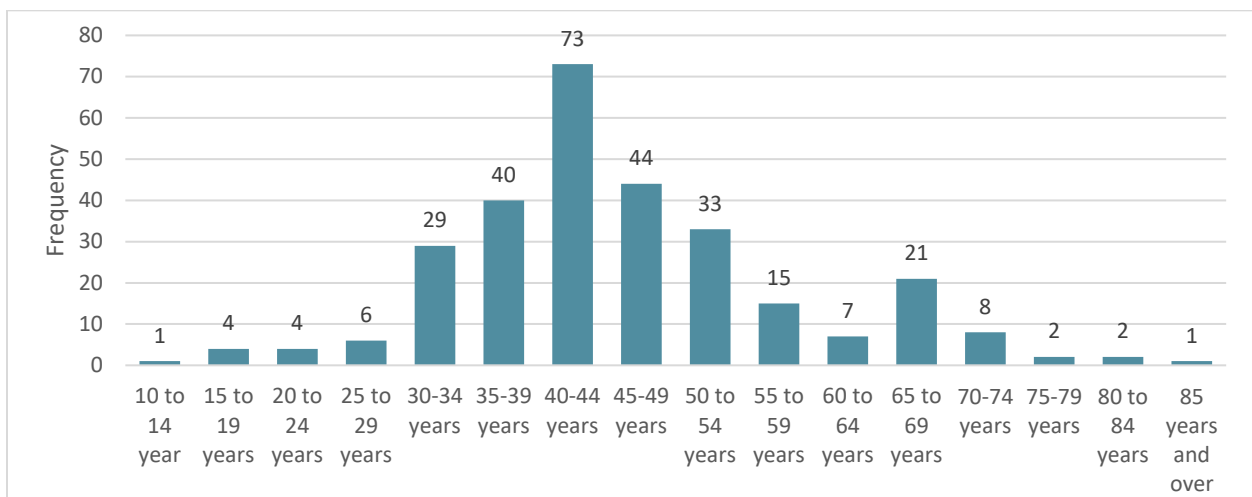
This section of the survey focused on demographic data collection. The prompt below was displayed at the beginning of the section:

This information helps us know who we are reaching and if/where additional outreach efforts are needed. Your responses are anonymous and optional. Thank you for helping us better serve our community.

8. What is your age?

This question was optional and limited to one response. The question was answered by 294 respondents with 290 numerical answers. This accounted for 96% of the total response pool. The youngest respondent age was 12 and the oldest was 86, with 54% of respondents (115) reporting an age between 25 and 44.

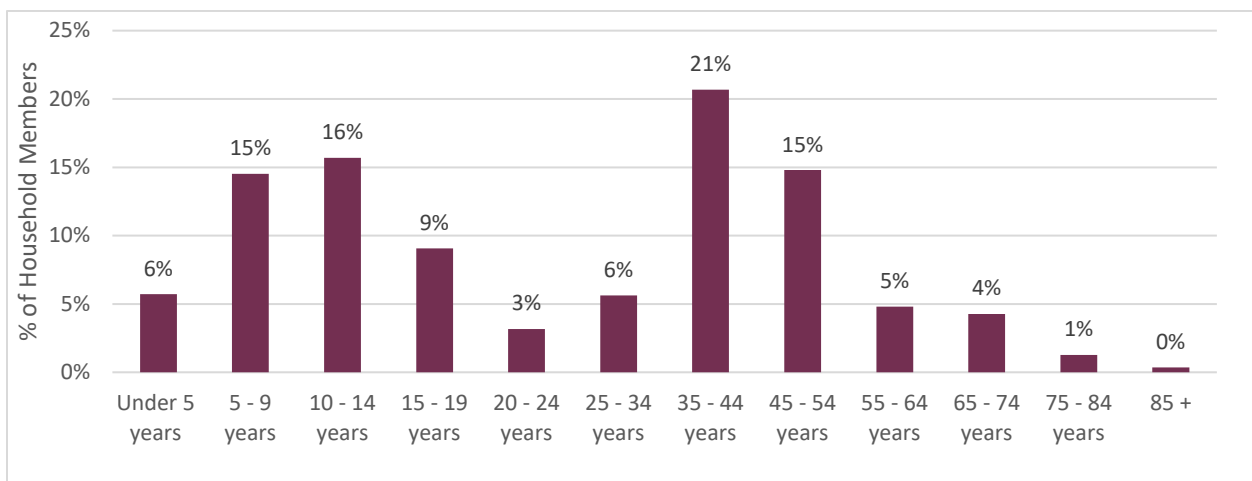
Figure H: Question 8. Age of respondents and frequency of each 5-year age range



9. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages?

This question was optional. Respondents could select a quantity up to 5, within each age range. A total of 294 people responded, representing 1102 household members. The average household size is 3.75 people.

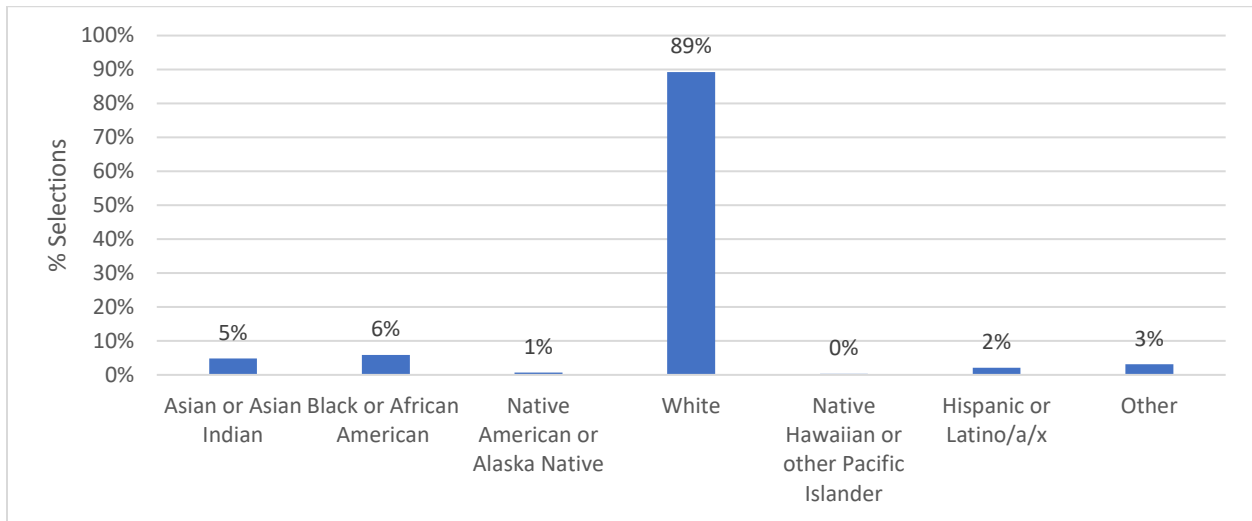
Figure I: Question 9. Percent of household members within each age group



10. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

This question was optional, and multiple selections were allowed. The question was answered by 289 respondents, making 307 selections.

Figure J: Question 10. Percent selections reporting race and ethnicity



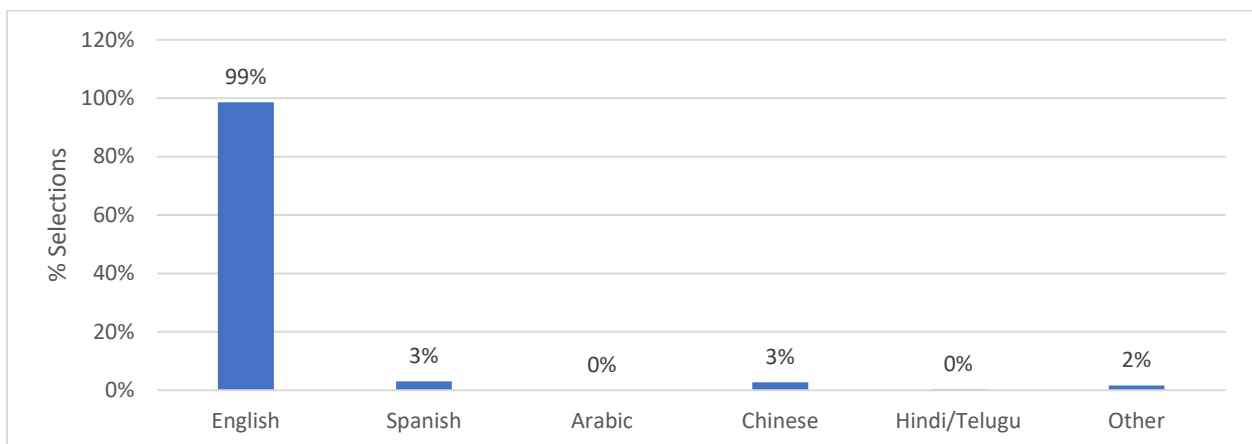
Other: Nine people indicated “Other” and those answers are listed below.

Polish and Romanian	American	Two or more of the ethnicities above
Lighter skinned	Multiple	Jewish
None	Doesn't matter	Arab

11. Languages spoken in your home:

This question was optional, and multiple selections were allowed. The question was answered by 299 respondents making 318 selections.

Figure K: Question 11. Percent selections reporting the languages spoken in the home



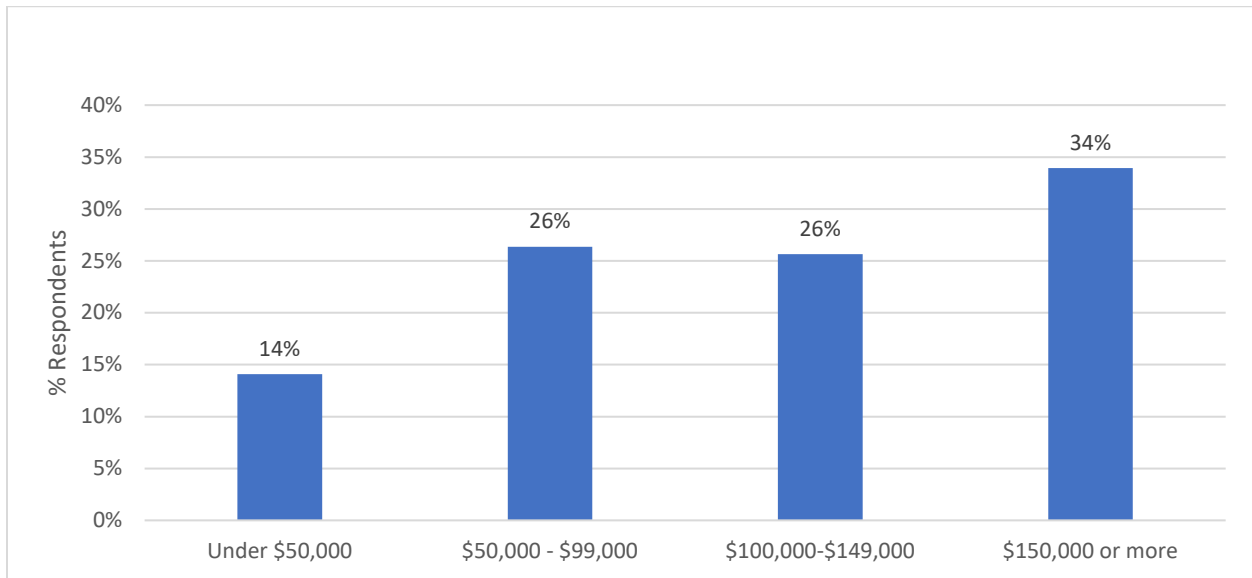
Note: The full option for Chinese was “Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)”

Other: Five respondents supplied an “Other” language spoken in their homes, and these were French, Italian, Dutch, German and Portuguese.

12. What is your household income?

This question was optional, and respondents were limited to one selection. There were 277 responses. Percent of responses in each category are in the chart below.

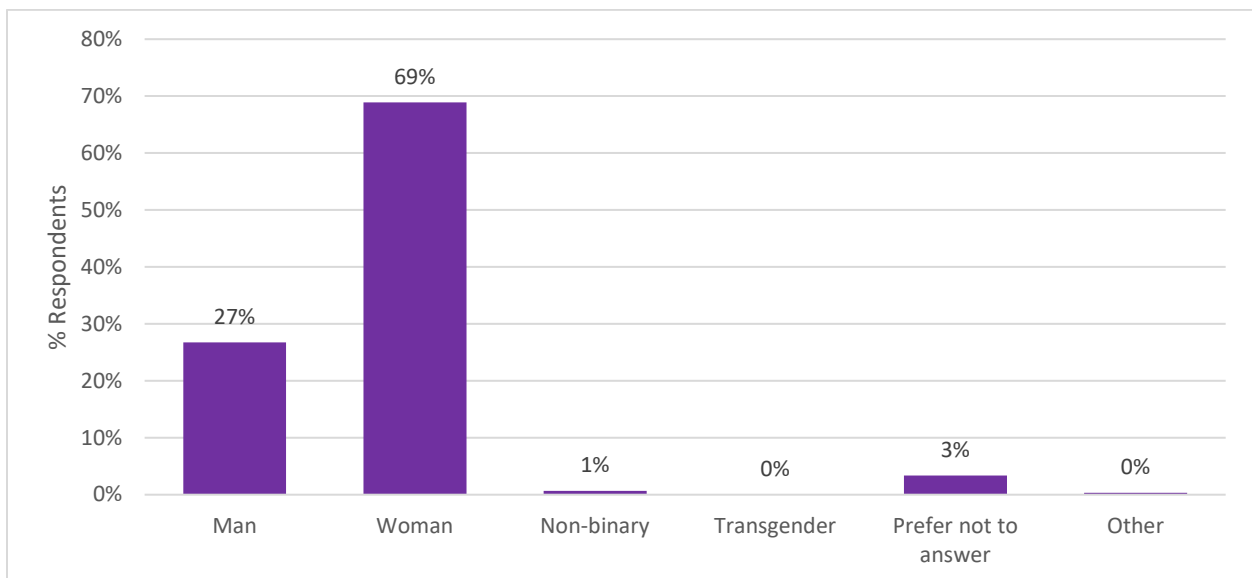
Figure L: Question 12. Household income of respondents



13. What is your gender?

This question was optional, and only one response was allowed per person. There were 299 responses, 10 of whom said they preferred not to answer.

Figure M: Question 13. Percent respondents reporting their gender



Other: One person indicated “Other” and in the comment section wrote “Prefer not to answer because there are only two genders, I’ll even count trans as a 3rd. This world is getting ridiculous.”

14. Do you have any other comments, memories or suggestions.

Of the 303 survey respondents, 159 responded to this question, 78 of which were from Madison Heights residents. Topics that were identified by three or more respondents are in the chart below.

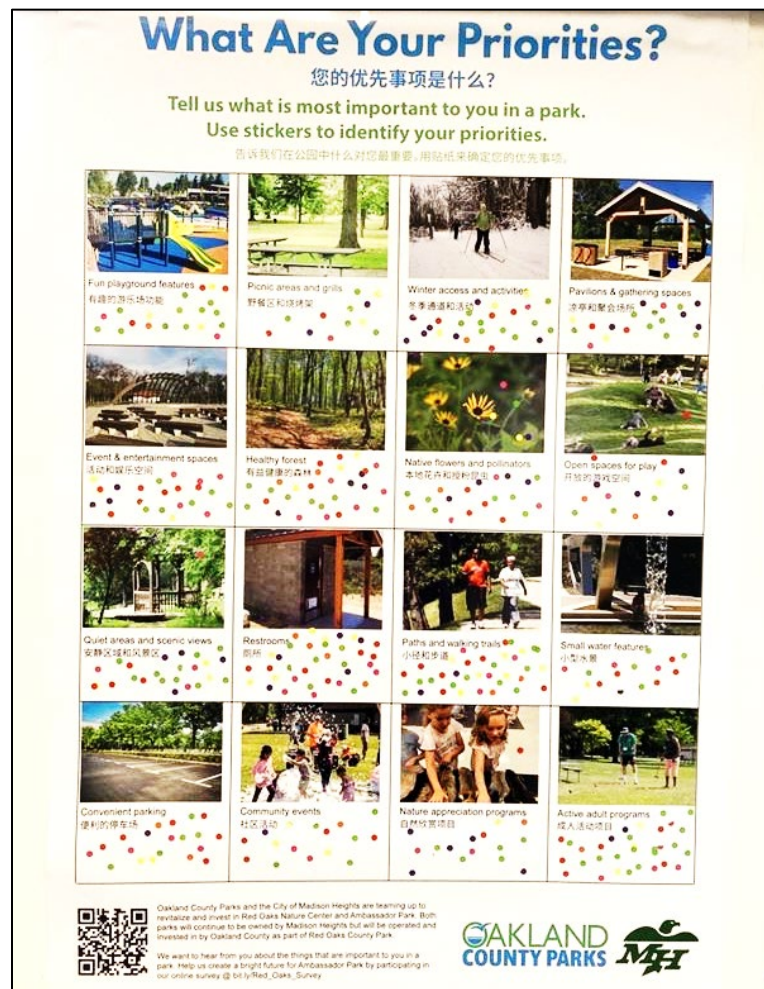
Table 4: Question 14. List of comment topics and frequency of mention

CATEGORY	#	CATEGORY	#	CATEGORY	#
Keep soccer at Ambassador	76	Tennis	5	Older kid / teen / adult activities	2
Appreciation / positive memories	18	Improve Parking	5	Picnic areas/ pavilions	2
Paths/ trails	13	Splash pad	4	Open space	2
Red Oaks Golf Course	13	Convert Golf Course	4	Natural resource management	2
No comment	11	Bathrooms	3	Adult activities	2
Playground / Kid activities	11	Easily accessible	3	Universal accessibility	1
Nature Center	10	Green space	3	Move bikes/wheels out of Nature Preserve	1
Natural areas	9	Red Oaks Waterpark improvements	3	Bus transport	1
Sport fields/ spaces	9	Educational programs	3	Park location	1
Programs/ events	8	More shade	3	Dog safety	1
Seasonal programs	6	Connectivity	3	Vandalism prevention	1
Pickleball	6	Sledding hill	3	Frequent benches	1
Do not Change Ambassador	6	Social media/ online presence	2	Opinions about survey	1
Dog use	6	Diversity, equity and inclusion	2	Improve maintenance	1
Cost prohibitive / Free or low-cost	6	Climate action	2	Live music	1
Quiet spaces	5	Basketball	2	Lots of mosquitos	1

Public Open House Interaction Results

The public engagement open houses provided an opportunity for community members to talk directly to Oakland County Parks staff and engage in some interactive activities that allowed us to further gauge the priorities and needs of the community. Staff engaged with over 150 people at three unique open houses:

- Saturday, **Sept. 16**– Community event at Chinese Community Center
- Monday, **Sept. 18**– Madison Heights Civic Center Grand Opening event (pictured right)
- Friday, **Sept. 22** — Public Open House at Red Oaks Nature Center

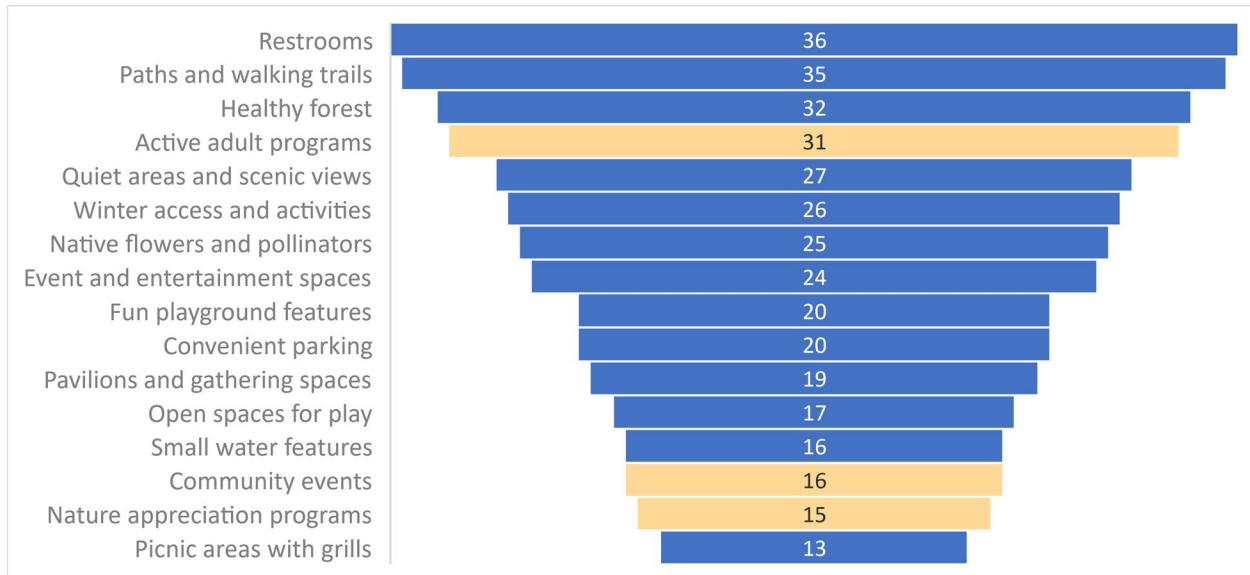


Prioritization Board

Guests were asked “What are your priorities?” and given the prompt “Tell us what is most important to you in a park. Use stickers to identify your priorities.” They were given 3 stickers to indicate their highest priorities in a park. The prioritization board displayed 16 key areas where they could indicate their opinion, three of which were recreation programs and are indicated in the chart below as orange lines.

A total of 372 stickers were placed, indicating the highest priorities for participants as Restrooms, Paths and walking trails and Healthy forests. The frequency with which each area was identified is displayed in the chart below.

Figure N: Prioritization board topics and frequency of selection




Survey respondents were asked to rate the importance the same facilities and features that were presented on the prioritization board. In both the Prioritization Board and the survey – the top 3 selections were Restrooms, Paths and walking trails, and Healthy forest were the most important items. Other items saw greater variation in priorities when compared to prioritization board responses with survey responses.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Survey Instrument

Hard copy survey in English



Red Oaks Survey

Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center

Welcome to Oakland County Parks' survey about Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center in Madison Heights, Michigan. We are partnering with the City of Madison Heights incorporate Ambassador Park into the Red Oaks County Park complex. The Red Oaks Nature Center has been operated by Oakland County Parks since 2012 and will continue to be owned by the city. Ambassador Park will follow the same model of operation, and through federal funding, Oakland County Parks will be investing in capital improvements for both Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center.

We would love to hear from you about what you'd like to see at these parks as well as any observations or memories of the properties if you have visited them before.

Your feedback on this survey will help us identify the community's priorities for this park. Thank you for your time.

1. What is your zip code? _____

2. Have you ever visited any of these facilities?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Ambassador Park	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Red Oaks Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Red Oaks Nature Center	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Red Oaks Golf Course
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Red Oaks Waterpark			

3. How important to you are the following park features?
(1= Not important, 2= Somewhat important, 3=Very important)

	1	2	3
Fun playground features			
Picnic areas and grills			
Winter access and activities			
Pavilions and gathering spaces			
Event and entertainment spaces			
Healthy forest			
Native flowers and pollinators			
Open spaces for play			
Quiet areas and scenic views			
Restrooms			
Paths and walking trails			
Small water features			
Convenient parking			
Accessible without a car			
Bike racks			

4. How important to you are the following types of programs?
(1= Not important, 2= Somewhat important, 3=Very important)

	1	2	3
Family events			
Live music			
Nature appreciation programs			
Educational programs			
Active adult programs			
Language translation and/or interpretation			
Field trips (school/home-school groups)			
Volunteer opportunities			
Winter programs			
Guided nature hikes			
Self-led nature hikes			
Events hosted by community organizations			
Food trucks			

5. Other park features or programs, not mentioned in questions 3 or 4 that are important to you:

6. Please indicate if any of the following have made it difficult for you to access this or other parks:

☐ Lack of public transportation

☐ Limited parking

☐ Lack of pedestrian access

☐ None of the above

If there were an on-demand public transportation service that would pick you up and take you to a main bus stop, would you use this service?

☐ Yes* ☐ No ☐ Maybe*

*Would you require a vehicle that could accommodate any of the following:

☐ Bicycle ☐ Cooler or other large item

☐ Stroller ☐ Other: _____

7. Have you ever experienced any of the following when visiting this or other parks?

☐ Feeling unwelcome*

☐ Limited accessibility (wheelchairs, strollers, mobility devices, etc.)

☐ Limited information available

☐ Language barriers on signage, social media and outreach

☐ Park not well-maintained

☐ Entrance fees too costly

☐ None of the above

*You indicated experiencing something that made you feel unwelcome at this or other parks. Is there a specific example you'd like to share or a suggestion for what would help you feel more welcome?

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Please tell us about yourself

This information helps us know who we are reaching and if/where additional outreach efforts are needed.
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8. What is your age? _____ years

9. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages?

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 64 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 14 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 84 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 to 19 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 59 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 85 years and over
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 24 years		

10. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Asian or Asian Indian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native American or Alaska Native
- ☐ White
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- ☐ Other:

11. Languages spoken in your home:

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)
- ☐ Hindi/Telugu
- ☐ Other: _____

12. What is your household income?

- ☐ Under \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 - \$99,000
- ☐ \$100,000 - \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,000 or more

13. What is your gender?

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other:

Other comments and information

14. Do you have any other comments, memories or suggestions?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!
For more information on this and other projects, visit the Oakland County Parks website at
OaklandCountyParks.com → Get Involved → Planning

Email Oakland County Parks Planning: whatleyj@oakgov.com

Hard copy survey in Mandarin



Red Oaks 调查

大使公园 (Ambassador Park) 红橡树自然中心 (Red Oaks Nature Center)

欢迎来到奥克兰县公园关于密歇根州麦迪逊高地的大使公园 (Ambassador Park) 和红橡树自然中心 (Red Oaks Nature Center) 的调查。我们正在与麦迪逊高地市 (City of Madison Heights) 合作，将大使公园并入红橡树郡 (Red Oaks County) 公园群。红橡树自然中心自 2012 年以来一直由奥克兰郡公园运营，今后将继续归该市所有。大使公园将沿用相同的运营模式，奥克兰郡公园将通过联邦资金对大使公园和红橡树自然中心的资本改善计划进行投资。如果您曾经游览过这些公园，我们希望听到您对这些公园的意见或回忆。

您对本调查的反馈意见将有助于我们确定红橡树郡立公园的社区优先事项。感谢您抽出宝贵时间

1. 您的家庭邮编是多少？ ☐ 不会 ☐ 会 大使公园 ☐ 会 ☐ 会 红橡树狗公园
2. 您是否到访过这些设施场所？ ☐ 不会 ☐ 会 红橡树自然中心 ☐ 会 ☐ 会 红橡树高尔夫球场
- ☐ 不会 ☐ 会 红橡树水上乐园

3. 以下公园功能对您有多重要？
(1=不重要 2=有点重要 3=非常重要)

	1	2	3
有趣的游乐场功能			
野餐区和烧烤架			
冬季通道和活动			
凉亭和聚会场所			
活动和娱乐空间			
有益健康的森林			
本地花卉和授粉昆虫			
开放的游戏空间			
安静区域和风景区			
厕所			
小径和步道			
小型水景			
便利的停车场			
无车即可到达			
自行车架			

4. 以下各类项目对您有多重要？
(1=不重要 2=有点重要 3=非常重要)

	1	2	3
家庭活动			
现场音乐			
自然欣赏项目			
教育活动			
成人活动项目			
语言翻译和/或口译服务			
学校和家庭学校团体实地考察			
志愿者活动			
冬季活动			
有向导的自然远足			
自助自然徒步旅行			
社区组织举办的活动			
餐车			

5. 问题 3 和 4 中未提及的其他公园功能或项目，但对您来说重要：

6. 请指出以下情况是否会让您难以进入这些公园或其他公园：

☐ 缺乏公共交通

☐ 停车位有限

☐ 缺乏行人通道

☐ 以上都不是

如果有一种按需式公共交通服务可以接送您到主要公交站点，您会使用这种服务吗？

☐ 会* ☐ 不会 ☐ 可能会*

*您是否需要一辆可容纳以下选项之一的车辆？

☐ 自行车 ☐ 冷藏箱或其他大件物品

☐ 婴儿车 ☐ Other: _____

7. 在游览这些公园或其他公园时，您是否有过以下经历？

☐ 感觉不受欢迎*

☐ 无障碍设施有限 (轮椅、婴儿车、其他移动设备等)*

☐ 标识、社交媒体和宣传方面的语言障碍*

☐ 可获得的信息有限*

☐ 公园维护不善*

☐ 门票太贵*

☐ 以上都不是

如果您表示在大使公园、红橡树自然中心或其他公园遇到过让您感觉不受欢迎的事情，您是否想分享一个具体的例子或一个建议，以帮助您感觉更受欢迎？



Red Oaks 调查

大使公园 (Ambassador Park) 红橡树自然中心 (Red Oaks Nature Center)

请向我们介绍一下您自己

这些信息有助于我们了解其服务对象，以及是否需要在哪些方面开展额外的外联工作。您的回答是匿名的，也是可选的。感谢您帮助我们更好地服务社区。

8. 您的年龄是？ _____ 岁

9. 算上您自己，您家中有多少人属于以下年龄段？

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 岁以下	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 至 34 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 至 64 岁
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 至 44 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 至 74 岁
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 至 14 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 至 54 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 75 至 84 岁
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 至 59 岁	<input type="checkbox"/> 85 岁及以上
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 至 24 岁		

10. 以下哪个选项最能描述您的种族/族裔？

(请勾选所有适用的选项)

☐ 亚洲人或亚洲印度人
☐ 黑人或非裔美国人
☐ 美国原住民或阿拉斯加原住民
☐ 白人
☐ 夏威夷原住民或其他太平洋岛民
☐ 西班牙语裔或拉丁裔
☐ 其他: _____

11. 您在家中使用的语言：

☐ 英语
☐ 西班牙语
☐ 阿拉伯语
☐ 中文 (包括普通话和粤语)
☐ 印地语/泰卢固语
☐ 其他

12. 您的家庭收入是多少？

☐ 50,000 美元以下
☐ 50,000 至 99,999 美元
☐ 100,000 至 149,999 美元
☐ 150,000 美元或以上

13. 您的性别是？

☐ 男性
☐ 女性
☐ 非二元性别
☐ 变性人
☐ 不愿回答
☐ 其他

其他意见

14. 您还有其他意见、回忆或建议吗？


感谢您抽出时间完成本调查。

有关此项目和其他项目的更多信息，请访问奥克兰郡公园网站

OaklandCountyParks.com → Get Involved → Planning

Email Oakland County Parks Planning: whatleyj@oakgov.com

Online survey in English (respondents can toggle to Mandarin in the top right corner)




Red Oaks Survey

Welcome to Oakland County Parks' survey about Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center in Madison Heights, Michigan. We are partnering with the City of Madison Heights to incorporate Ambassador Park into the Red Oaks County Park complex. The Red Oaks Nature Center has been operated by Oakland County Parks since 2012 and will continue to be owned by the city. Ambassador Park will follow the same model of operation, and through federal funding, Oakland County Parks will be investing in capital improvements for both Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center.

Red Oaks County Park and Ambassador Park Information

Ambassador Park and Red Oaks Nature Center are located on the south side of 13 Mile Road between Dequindre and John R. Ambassador Park is a 7-acre day-use park which features approximately a half mile of paved walking paths around the perimeter, tennis courts, a playground and a sledding hill, along with open space in the center large enough for a soccer field. Red Oaks Nature Center is located in the 37-acre George Saurez Friendship Woods with a 1.3 mile trail winding its way through the trees. The centrally located nature center building has displays and is used for educational and recreational programming.



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Red Oaks Park Survey

We would love to hear from you about what you'd like to see at these parks as well as any observations or memories of the properties if you have visited them before.

Your feedback on this survey will help us identify the community's priorities for Red Oaks County Park. Thank you for your time.

1

What is your home zip code? *

Enter your answer

2

Have you ever visited any of these facilities? *

	Yes	No
Ambassador Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Oaks Nature Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Oaks Waterpark	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Oaks Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Oaks Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3

How important to you are the following park features?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Fun playground features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic areas and grills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter access and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilions and gathering spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Event and entertainment spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native flowers and pollinators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces for play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quiet areas and scenic views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paths and walking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small water features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenient parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessible without a car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike racks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4

How important to you are the following types of programs?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
Family events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Live music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature appreciation programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language translation and interpretation services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Field trips (schools/ home school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guided nature hikes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Self-led nature hikes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Events hosted by community organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food trucks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Other park features or programs that are important to you:

Enter your answer

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The following section is labeled “Access” and is intended to identify barriers and opportunities for getting to the park.

Access

6

Please indicate if any of the following have made it difficult for you to access this or other parks:

☐ Lack of public transportation

☐ Limited parking


☐ Lack of pedestrian access

☐ None of the above

☐ Other

Respondents indicating “Yes” or “Maybe” below are sent to follow-up question 6b. People responding “No” below are directed to question 7.

6a

If there were an on-demand public transportation service that would pick you up and take you to a main bus stop, would you use this service? 

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

6b

You indicated that you would use an on-demand public transportation service if it were available. Would you require a vehicle that could accommodate any of the following:

- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Stroller
- ☐ Cooler or other large item
- ☐ Other

This question was optional and respondents could select as many as they wished. An asterisk was used to indicate to those identifying barriers an opportunity to share a specific example in the following open-ended question. Those identifying “None of the above” experiences did not have an asterisk directing them to the open-ended question that follows, however respondents were able to leave an answer if they wished.

7

Have you ever experienced any of the following when visiting this or other parks?

☐ Feeling unwelcome*

☐ Limited accessibility (for wheelchairs, strollers, other mobility devices, etc.)*

☐ Language barriers on signage, social media and outreach*

☐ Limited information available*

☐ Park not well maintained*

☐ Entrance fees too costly*

☐ None of the above

7a

*If you indicated experiencing something that made you feel unwelcome at Ambassador Park, Red Oaks or other parks, is there a specific example you'd like to share or a suggestion for what would help you feel more welcome? (please indicate location of your example).

Enter your answer

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Please tell us about yourself

This information helps us know who we are reaching and if/where additional outreach efforts are needed. Your responses are anonymous and optional. Thank you for helping us better serve our community.

8 What is your age?

Enter your answer

9 Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages?

	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Under 5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 to 9 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 to 14 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15 to 19 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20 to 24 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25 to 34 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
35 to 44 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45 to 54 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
55 to 64 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
65 to 74 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
75 to 84 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
85 years and over	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10

Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Asian or Asian Indian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native American or Alaska Native
- ☐ White
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- ☐ Other

11

Languages spoken in your home: (select all that apply)

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese (including Mandarin & Cantonese)
- ☐ Hindi/Telugu
- ☐ Other

12

What is your household income?

☐ Under \$50,000

☐ \$50,000 to \$99,999

☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999

☐ \$150,000 or more

13

What is your gender?

☐ Man

☐ Woman

☐ Non-binary

☐ Transgender

☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ Other

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The final section was open-ended and asked for comments, memories or suggestions. There was an open-ended response box labeled FOR OFFICE USE ONLY which was used to identify paper surveys when they were added to the survey results.

Comments

14

Do you have any other comments, memories or suggestions?

Enter your answer

18


FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Enter your answer


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Submit

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Red Oaks Survey

 **Thanks!**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Also, mark your calendars to join us at these events in Madison Heights:

- **Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the *Chinese Community Center*
- **Monday, Sept. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at *Civic Center Plaza*
- **Friday, Sept. 22, 1-3 p.m.** at *Red Oaks Nature Center.*

For more information on this and other projects, visit the Oakland County Parks website at oakgov.com/community/oakland-county-parks/get-involved/planning.

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Exhibit B: Promotional Materials



City of Madison Heights
September 12 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

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Oakland County Parks and the City of Madison Heights are teaming up to revitalize and invest in Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Have your voice heard and join us at any of the events below or by taking the survey:
<https://loom.ly/elrSy5c>

Oakland County Parks and the City of Madison Heights are teaming up to revitalize and invest in Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Both parks will continue to be owned by Madison Heights but will be operated and invested in by Oakland County as part of Red Oaks County Park. We want to hear from you about the things that are important to you in a park.

Join us in person at one of these public engagement events in Madison Heights:

- **Sat. Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Chinese Community Center
- **Mon. Sept. 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
Civic Center Plaza
- **Fri. Sept. 22, 1-3 p.m.**
Red Oaks Nature Center

Can't join in person? Take our survey!





City of Madison Heights

September 13 at 3:02 PM · 🌐

...

Join the the Association of Chinese Americans for Welcoming Week and learn about what's happening to Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Oakland County Parks and the City of Madison Heights are teaming up to revitalize and invest in Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Have your voice heard and join us Saturday September 16th from 10:30am - 2:00pm or by taking the survey: <https://loom.ly/elrSy5c>



Healthy Gardening Fair
美华健康园艺日

FREE
ADMISSION!
免费入场

SAT, 9/16, 2023
10:30am - 2:00pm
CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER
美华华人活动中心
32585 CONCORD DR.
MADISON HEIGHTS, MI 48071

Contact us for more information:
313-831-1790 248-585-9343

Scan to Volunteer 志愿者招募: 
Deadline 报名截止: 9/13 Wed.

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
Free Park Entry 9/16-9/17

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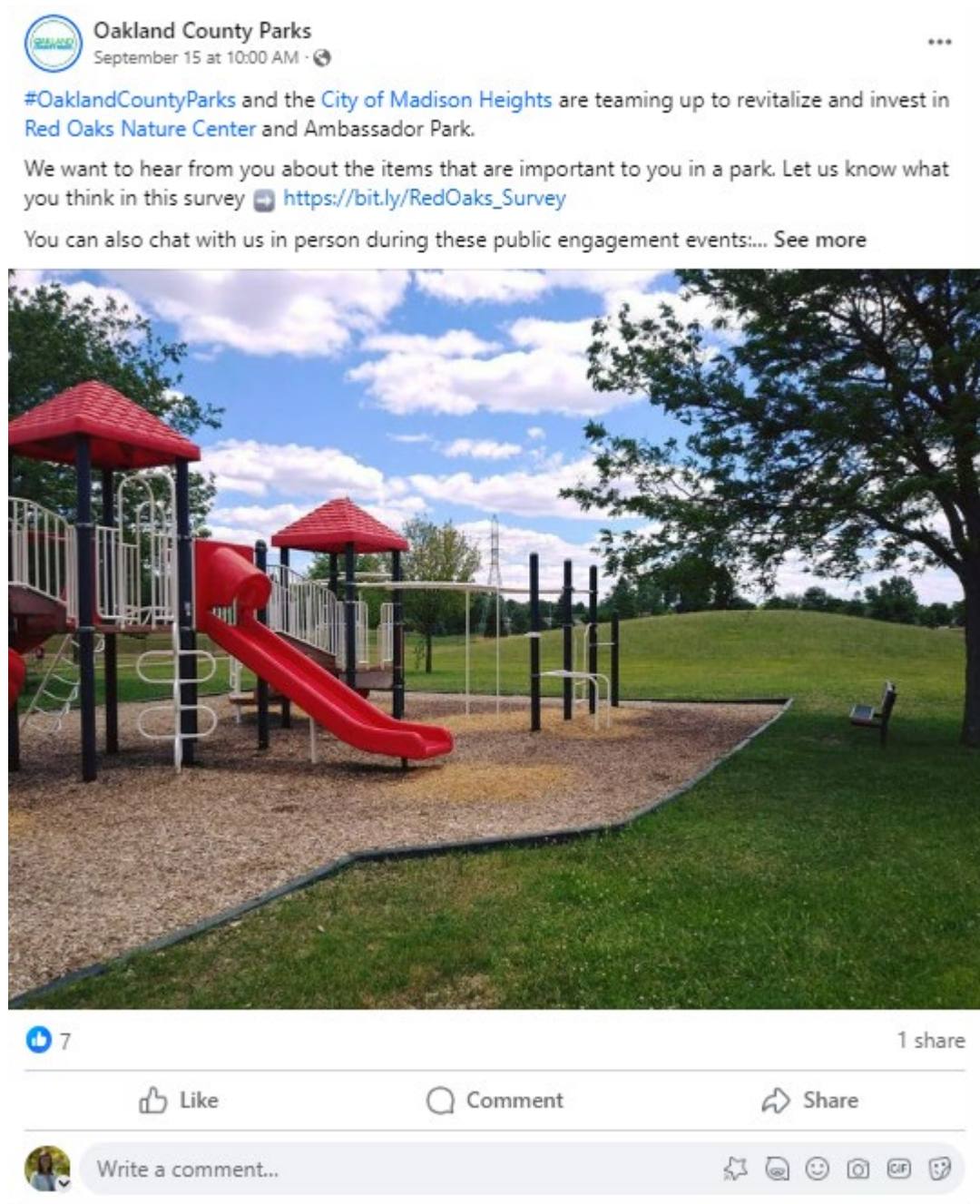
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💬 Comment

➦ Share





City of Madison Heights
September 16 at 9:01 AM · 🌐

HAPPENING TODAY!

Join the the Association of Chinese Americans for Welcoming Week and learn about what's happening to Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Oakland County Parks and the City of Madison Heights are teaming up to revitalize and invest in Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Have your voice heard and join us Saturday September 16th from 10:30am - 2:00pm or by taking the survey: <https://loom.ly/elrSy5c>



The poster for the Healthy Gardening Fair (美华健康园艺日) is set against a light yellow background with illustrations of various vegetables like tomatoes, mushrooms, and leafy greens. At the top, it features logos for the Association of Chinese Americans, Welcoming Week, and Oakland County Michigan. The main title 'Healthy Gardening Fair' is in large red letters, with its Chinese equivalent below it. It prominently displays 'FREE ADMISSION!' and '免费入场' in large, bold characters. The event details specify it is on Saturday, 9/16, 2023, from 10:30am to 2:00pm at the Chinese Community Center (美华华人活动中心), 32585 Concord Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071. Contact information (313-831-1790 / 248-585-9343) and a QR code for volunteer recruitment are provided. A 'SPONSORED BY' section lists MAPAAC, Eastern Michigan University's Center for Health Disparities, and H-MART. A 'SUPPORTED BY' section includes Oakland County Parks and DWIHN. The bottom of the poster notes 'Free Park Entry 9/16-9/17'.

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City of Madison Heights
September 18 at 11:01 AM · 🌐

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Oakland County Parks and the City of Madison Heights are teaming up to revitalize and invest in Red Oaks Nature Center and Ambassador Park!

Join us in person TONIGHT at our Grand Opening event or by taking the survey:
<https://loom.ly/elrSy5c>

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WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

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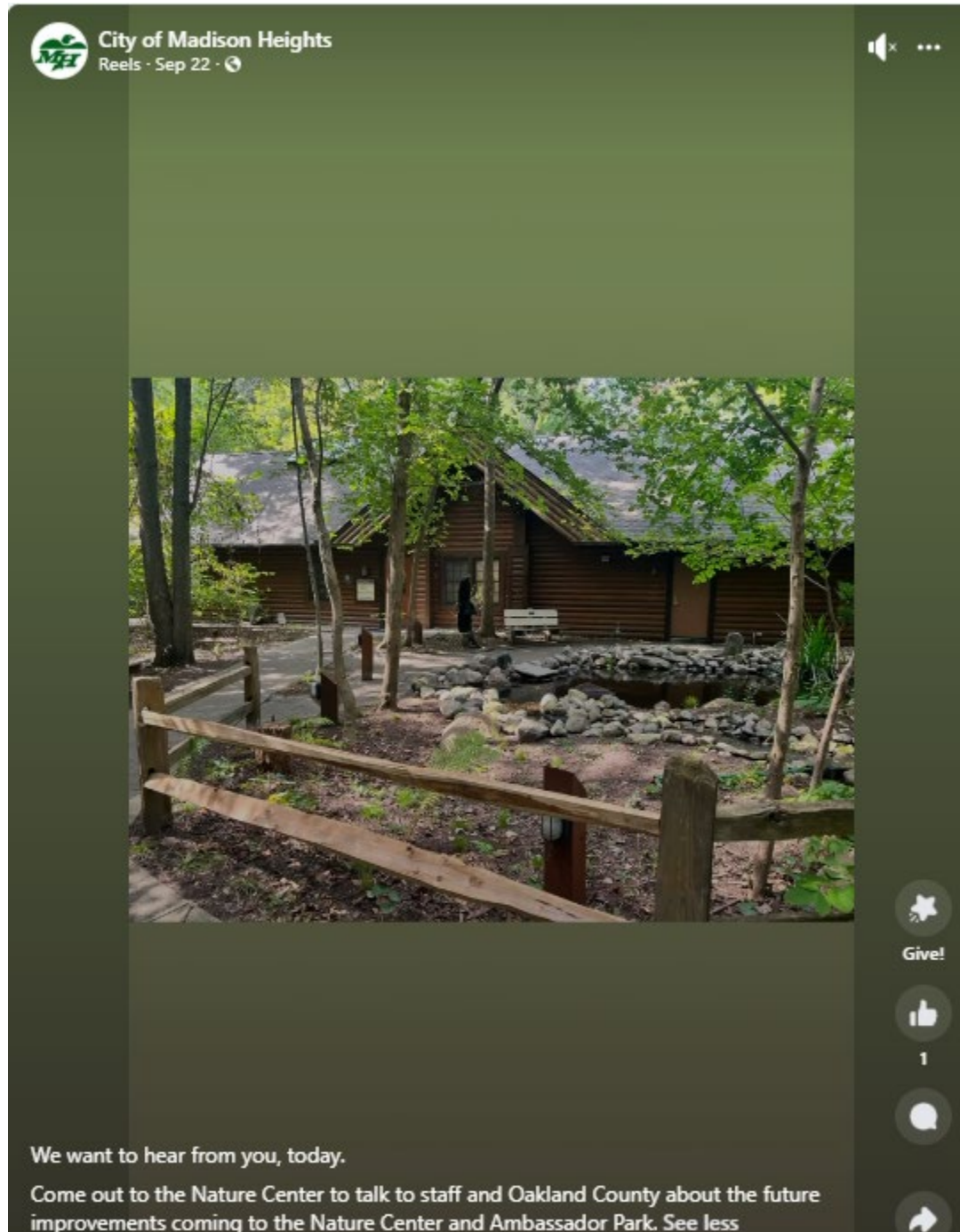
Can't join in person? Take our survey!

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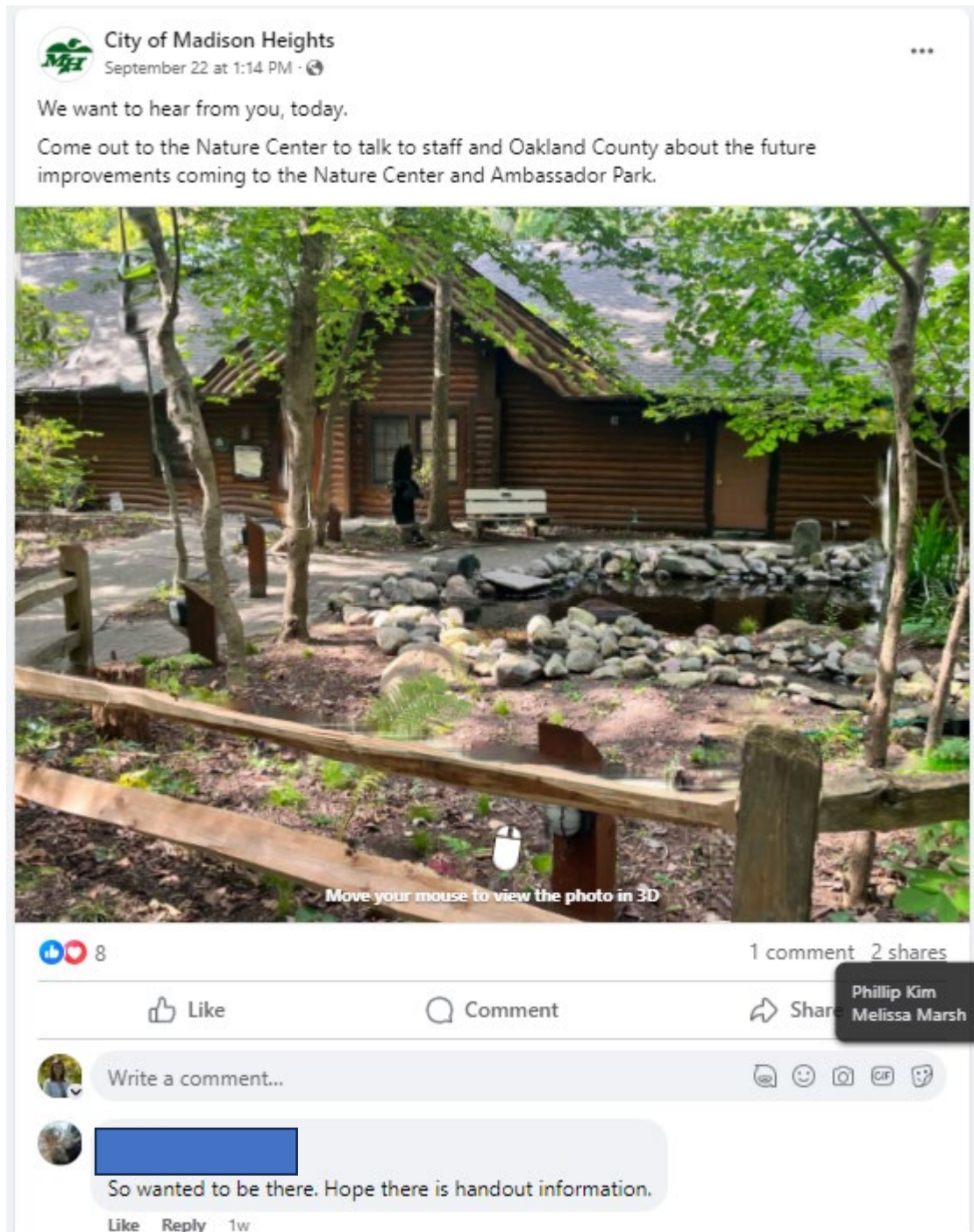


Exhibit C: Open Comments

Table 5: Responses to Question 1. What is your home zip code?

ZIP	CVT	County	Frequency
47071	invalid		1
48009	Birmingham	Oakland	1
48017	Clawson	Oakland	1
48025	Bingham Farms	Oakland	7
48030	Hazel Park	Oakland	5
48042	Macomb	Macomb	1
48067	Royal Oak	Oakland	11
48069	Pleasant Ridge	Oakland	3
48070	Huntington Woods	Oakland	29
48071	Madison Heights	Oakland	143
48072	Berkley	Oakland	41
48073	Royal Oak	Oakland	18
48075	Southfield	Oakland	1
48083	Troy	Oakland	3
48085	Troy	Oakland	2
48088	Warren	Macomb	1
48089	Warren	Macomb	1
48091	Warren	Macomb	1
48092	Warren	Macomb	7
48118	Chelsea	Washtenaw	1
48150	Livonia	Wayne	1
48220	Detroit	Wayne	1
48230	Detroit	Wayne	1
48237	Oak Park	Oakland	5
48301	Bloomfield Village	Oakland	1
48304	Bloomfield Hills	Oakland	1
48306	Rochester Hills	Oakland	1
48309	Rochester Hills	Oakland	1
48310	Sterling Heights	Macomb	2
48315	Utica	Macomb	1
48323	West Bloomfield	Oakland	2
48324	Bloomfield Township	Oakland	1
48328	Waterford	Oakland	1
48336	Farmington Hills	Oakland	4
48374	Novi	Oakland	1
49098	Watervliet	Berrien	1
		TOTAL	303

Table 6: Responses to Question 5. What other park features or programs are important to you?

ID	ZIP	RESPONSE
1	48071	Educational events for kids, but also events geared towards teenagers and adults. Seasonal events are also important, like a harvest festival.
3	48071	year round availability
4	48071	places to sit away from children play areas
5	48118	Open space
7	48071	Ability to reserve spaces for gatherings and activities
8	48071	Tennis courts
9	48071	AMBASSADOR IS USED FOR SOCCER GAMES!
10	48071	Keep soccer fields at Ambassador
11	48071	Drinking fountains would be nice since the summers seem to be getting hotter.
12	48071	All inclusive for disabled and special needs
13	48070	Youth sports activities, such as soccer
15	48067	natural areas
17	48071	Soccer fields
19	48071	Expand the nature center for the animals living in there now.
20	48071	The red oaks golf course is extremely important to my family as we play golf there multiple times a year.
25	48071	Cleanliness safety
26	48071	Having a park and nature center is important for any family with kids.
28	48071	We utilize the soccer field.
30	48071	Sports fields - soccer and baseball - keep ambassador soccer field
33	48071	THE SOCCER FIELDS AT AMBASSADOR PARK
35	48092	Soccer at Ambassador Park!!! My son plays on that field and it's very important to have that for our kids and others!
36	48071	All parks are important to my family & I. Most especially the nature center (Friendship Woods) & Ambassador Park
40	48071	Ambassador park has been used by Madison Heights Youth Soccer Organization for years! Freely giving that green space away would cause a field shortage!
41	48071	Having a place for the kids to play soccer!!
42	48071	Sports, specifically
43	48071	Sports & Youth Activity Facilities
47	48030	Watching my children play soccer as we have done for many years.
48	48071	Soccer games!
49	48071	Save ambassador park! Keep the soccer field!
51	48071	Places for my kids to play soccer
53	48071	Madison Heights and surrounding kids play soccer at Ambassador, this field needs to stay!!
56	48071	Soccer and tennis
57	48030	Keeping the soccer field at Ambassador Park.
58	48088	Soccer fields
64	48071	Soccer fields
66	48071	Affordable
67	48071	Soccer fields
71	48071	Soccer fields, walking paths, play grounds for kids.
72	48071	Used for youth soccer, please keep the soccer field!
75	48071	Keeping soccer fields and play structures at Ambassador Park
77	48071	A path for runners

ID	ZIP	RESPONSE
78	48067	looks like you covered a lot
79	48025	Youth soccer
81	48150	Ample parking is a must. Lots of friendly nature staff is great. New, exciting displays at the nature center are also a plus.
82	48072	Keep Red Oaks Golf Course open!! Many golfers from beginners to seniors enjoy our golf course!
83	48071	Working equipment
86	48091	Dog park area!
87	48071	disc golf
89	48067	Walking paths through forested areas
90	48220	Keep the wild areas in the Nature Center. Please do NOT cut out the understory in the north half!
91	48071	Would like to see as much in the way of family and senior activities as possible.
93	48071	Connected walking or biking trail between parks would be great
94	48067	Access for those with disabilities and play structures that accommodate them as well.
95	48328	Playground maintenance
97	48071	Walking and biking trails
98	48304	sensory garden, community garden, growing pumpkins, picnic tables, lighting, cell phone charging stations, benches,
101	48071	Halloween trick or treating on the trail .
102	48073	Tennis courts are nice at Ambassador, and they are clean and peaceful.
105	48309	I think that parks should remain parks. I think bringing in food trucks and live music is the wrong direction.
108	48071	Accessibility (partner is visually impaired), especially for reasonably maintained walking surfaces
109	48071	Having open green space
114	48071	Basketball Courts
115	48071	Basketball Court, yoga space and instructors, peaceful garden space, space for book clubs or group discussion
116	48071	Shorter basketball hoop for kids. Pickleball court.
117	48071	Clean parks, dogs on leashes
118	48092	Things to do for all ages
119	48071	Handicap accessible playground
125	48071	Soccer fields
126	48071	Free Public Splash Pad
127	48073	Soccer Field
131	48070	Improve and upgrade the soccer fields
132	48073	Keeping Red Oaks Golf Course a Golf Course. It's affordable and accessible.
133	48237	Soccer fields
134	48072	Sports fields - I am concerned about accessibility for local sports programs, like South Oakland County Soccer (SOCS) -- to have spaces for kids in teams to play. Ambassador Field and Red Oaks areas that support spring and fall soccer are significant in supporting active kids being outside, and I would like to see equal time and opportunity be set aside for them.
135	48073	soccer
136	48072	Soccer fields
137	48071	Youth soccer facilities are very important to our family. We have been involved with teams that play there for close to 10 years.
138	48009	soccer fields

ID	ZIP	RESPONSE
139	48070	Space for SOCS recreational games
140	48072	Tennis courts at ambassador park needs resurfacing.
141	48070	The soccer fields!
142	48072	Please consider keeping the area for youth soccer
143	48071	Soccer areas for my son's club to continue use & having an amazing golf course to utilize!
146	48070	Soccer fields
147	48323	Sports facility
149	48310	Soccer fields are very important
150	48070	This park needs to be preserved for youth soccer activities.
151	48072	Soccer fields and youth sports areas
153	48070	soccer field
154	48070	Soccer fields
155	48069	We definitely need more soccer field, and please preserve the soccer fields that already exist
156	48237	Youth Soccer Fields
157	48070	Areas for youth sports and active play
159	48070-1559	well maintained soccer/ baseball/lacrosse/softball fields
160	48071	Keep the soccer fields please
161	48073	Soccer fields
162	48072	Soccer Fields - open spaces that are necessary for recreational sports programs
163	48025	Soccer field
164	48070	Soccer
165	48072	Soccer fields are SUPER important. I've had 3 children (two are in college) and we need to keep Red Oaks as our soccer field. We do love Red Oaks Waterpark and attend every summer plus the golf course. Please please please keep those 3 opportunities up and running to our community members. Please.
167	48072	Soccer!
168	48072	Soccer Fields
169	48072	Soccer space
170	48072	Love the soccer fields!
171	48072	Trash cans to avoid littering
172	48025	Opportunity for youth sports
174	48025	Soccer field for games
175	48092	no response
176	48072	Soccer Fields
177	48070	Youth sports!
178	48073	Soccer fields
179	48075	Soccer
180	48071	None
181	48071	Pickleball courts
182	48025	Open space for soccer fields, particularly large enough space to host 9-v-9 youth soccer fields
183	48070	Ambassador Park soccer field
184	48237	areas for sports especially youth soccer. preserve existing soccer field. would love to see turfed fields
185	48067	This whole area and all the features are a big deal to our community. We are a densely packed area with far more concrete than parks and trees.

ID	ZIP	RESPONSE
188	48336	Soccer tournaments
190	48070	Soccer fields and playgrounds are the reason I visit the parks!
191	48070	Soccer Field
192	48083	Youth soccer programs
193	48072	Soccer fields
195	48071	Would love another work out thing like at Huffman
196	48071	Wooded walking trails
197	48301	My family has enjoyed many soccer games on the fields!
198	48070	Soccer field at Ambassador Park
199	48073	We love the soccer field at Ambassador Park! Nice to have local fields for the kids. Parking lot could be more spacious
202	48072	Soccer fields
203	48072	Maintaining dedicated sports areas like soccer fields are very important to me
204	48085	keep the golf course a golf course
206	48070	This park needs to be preserved for youth soccer activities
207	48072	Soccer fields provide an essential experience for my children
209	48070	Soccer Field
211	48069	Soccer Fields. Please maintain the soccer fields.
212	48073	Open play places
215	48070	soccer field 9v9
216	48083	Preserving golf at Red Oaks and soccer field at Ambassador.
218	48072	Well maintained Soccer fields
219	48071	Each park has it own unique flavor and purpose. What's great for one, is not necessarily good for another. Open spaces are critical at a the dog park, while it's critical to preserve woods at the nature center. Please differentiate.
220	48070	this park needs to be preserved for youth soccer activities.
221	48072	We need to keep this field available for sports. Everyone is moving to field turf which is harmful for children. We need to keep grass fields available for soccer.
222	48072	Southeast Oakland County is sorely lacking in the nature/hiking amenities found in the northern part of the County. As much as can be done to bring that to this area would be appreciated.
223	48070	Sports fields for soccer
224	48072	Soccer and other youth sports
225	48071	Are the Phragmites at Red Oaks nature park native or invasive ?
226	48070	Improve the parking. Currently it's a mess. Also, we need green space for soccer. This could mean improving current fields, plus adding more designated fields. Soccer is the fastest growing sport and as the metro area changes green space is less available.
227	48072	Soccer fields for the kids to play for fun and for the organized rec teams!
229	48070	Ambassador park has a great open space for soccer. My kids love going there to play their games.
230	48072	Fields for local youth sports organizations to utilize
231	48072	Soccer fields
232	48073	soccer fields
233	48067	Soccer fields
236	48073	Soccer!
237	48071	多语种的指示标牌 · Multi-Lingual Signage, especially for those are used to point directions
241	48230	Safety
242	48073	Safety while using the facilities.

ID	ZIP	RESPONSE
247	48072	DCFC uses the soccer field as one of its "home fields". It was embarrassing to host other teams there last year. The field had limited grass, was hard as a rock, and was not flat. It sounded like a herd of buffalo running around. Kids were complaining of heel and ankle injuries after running around on basically cement for an hour plus multiple times per week. I get DCFC needs fields but if the County cannot dedicate the resources to keep the field in playing condition then just make that an open play space. It does more harm than good to say it's a "soccer field". Thank you.
249	48067	Soccer fields are very important to me for the development of youth soccer in our area, as a program and for the benefit of our youth.
250	48067	Youth Soccer Fields and space reserved for youth sports, Red Oaks Golf Course.
251	48025	The soccer fields at VERY important to us. As a family that has just started getting in to soccer we are driving all over just for recreational games. This is one of the only places that has multiple fields to support this!
253	48083	The soccer fields!
254	48073	Soccer Fields
255	48071	Drinking fountains/bottle filling station
258	48073	Space for residents to be active
259	48071	Soccer Fields
264	48071	Keep the area clean, and a healthy natural environment
266	48092	Remove phragmites from Red Oaks, please!
268	48324	habitat for birds!!! This is an important birding hotspot, a rare place for migrating birds to get rest and food.
272	48071	Deer, all animals and birds
275	48072	The soccer fields are important.
289	48071	Tennis Courts!! <3
290	48071	Handicap accessibility
293	48071	Safety, well lit, free splash pad, Pickleball courts
294	48071	Good for entire families
296	48071	Free Splash Pad
299	48071	Pickle ball courts and shuffle board
301	48071	wheelchair accessibility, bike trails
302	48071	Bike trails
303	48071	Soccer fields

Table 7: Responses to Question 7a. Share an example of a barrier to feeling welcome or a suggestion.

ZIP	RESPONSE
48071	I've taken Client to the park and they use wheelchairs and it's very hard to get into the park sometimes and get over curbs. It's also sometimes hard to find information about the parks online. dirty parks with trash and overflowing trash cans have also been a problem.
48071	Signs that say don't feed the wild animals
48071	None
48071	I want to be able to go to a park in Madison Heights, the city I live in, for free, without having to pay to get in or get a parks pass.
48071	I feel there is limited shade available at Ambassador park. Especially when it comes to the soccer field.
48071	Since I'm a resident of Madison Heights, I would like to be able to access all parks in the city for free. I already pay a lot in taxes, so parks should be free for residents.
48071	Water park is way too expensive for a local family to casually attend. Since we don't have a public pool it should be more accessible for the MH families. We aren't a high income area and the cost rivals vacation waterpark prices.
48092	No restrooms
48071	Adults lurking around kids for no apparent reason
48071	Please keep the soccer field at ambassador it is a staple in the community and very important to the kids that play on it!
48071	N/a
48071	Ambassador Park is great!!
48071	The waterpark prices are just not affordable for a family. Especially when you have young children and you're not able to utilize anything more than the splash pad. Why spend all that money when you could go somewhere else where the splash pad is free??
48071	Ambassador could use an update, if they had pavilions, grilles or restrooms it may increase popularity. I played soccer there as a child it was a great park then, but Madison heights doesn't seem to care for it in comparison to other parks. Also with the survey, who decided to mention language barriers? Are we implying because of the apartments people feel unsafe at the park? I can tell you I am much more cultured than some simply from going to the Lamphere school district myself. I work in Grosse Pointe & the community is very tight knit & could use exposure to people from different ethnicities.
48071	The parking is very limited, but with Meijer across the street there is still parking.
48150	More parking. Better signage.
48071	Red Oaks hours and price of admission was not worth going for.
48091	In general the red oaks social media is very underdeveloped and the dog park isn't wheelchair accessible with the concrete rocks in the front of the gates.
48067	Individuals attending the park not the staff.
48071	Would like to see more intro-level guided outdoor events, fitness, canoe/boating, etc. that are also adult-oriented (and, where possible, accessible-friendly.)
48071	Not sure how to get access to Red oaks water park, mixed info, but tickets ahead, often sold out
48092	The price has since been changed at the nature center. Thank you
48072	I haven't felt unwelcome. However, signage for parking is always welcome!
48072	There were way too many bugs
48009	n/a
48072	The porta john was gross at Ambassador. Don't know if there's a real rest room nearby. Parking is extremely difficult, limited spaces, hard to turn around, and only one tiny driveway in/out.
48072	Red Oaks is very expensive to take a few children for the day. We want to invite friends to come with us, but it adds up very quickly.
48237	there is high demand for soccer fields for games and practice. I have observed conflict over the lack of space for soccer.
48070	Long grass at times. Otherwise it's a very nice park area. Love it

ZIP	RESPONSE
48083	None
48072	none
48070	No one picked up the garbage. Garbage cans overflowing at belle isle park
48071	Off leashes dogs
48072	None
48073	na
48071	People smoking weed and riding motor bikes in the the nature center area.
48072	The condition of Ambassador Park was subpar. The porta-jon looked and smelled like it hadn't been cleaned in weeks. Family members wanted to go across the street to Meijer to use the bathroom instead of going in there.
48071	Recognition of the indigenous people who have been here since time immemorial and are the traditional owners of this land
48071	I would love to be able to see a sweeping view of what I will see entering the park area and the main entrances to destinations inside. (I can think through how I am pushing baby stroller, managing toddler and preschooler.) Seeing it before I go online (drone video?) would makes me more comfortable going.
48071	Clean, open bathrooms, clean areas, shade, pavilion with the ability to rent for events, splash pad, soft play area for small children, easy parking,
48071	No. Always a great visit!
48324	Red Oaks provides what no other community gathering space can: decent habitat for birds. This is the most important feature of the park

Table 8: Responses to Question 8. What is your age?

Age	Frequency	Age	Frequency	Age	Frequency
12	1	37	7	62	0
13	0	38	12	63	1
14	0	39	10	64	2
15	0	40	16	65	4
16	1	41	13	66	3
17	1	42	14	67	2
18	1	43	14	68	7
19	1	44	16	69	5
20	0	45	7	70	3
21	0	46	6	71	2
22	1	47	13	72	0
23	1	48	11	73	2
24	2	49	7	74	1
25	1	50	12	75	1
26	2	51	3	76	1
27	2	52	8	77	0
28	1	53	7	78	0
29	0	54	3	79	0
30	1	55	5	80	0
31	3	56	2	81	0
32	8	57	4	82	1
33	10	58	4	83	1
34	7	59	0	84	0
35	7	60	3	85	0
36	4	61	1	86	1

Table 9: Responses to Question 14. Do you have any other comments, memories, or suggestions?¹

ID	ZIP CODE	RESPONSE
1	48071	Growing up, the nature center gave out free hot dogs on Friday's sometimes so would be cool to see that again. Would also be cool if there were opportunities for nighttime hikes in the fall, both educational and spooky. I would also love to see the Harvest festival brought back to the nature center.
2	48071	Bathrooms are a must for all ages.
3	48071	We have enough play station parks in the city. Need place that are quite and easy to access.
4	48071	I would love a area that meant for quiet. A place that is designated for people who have sensory issues and not meant for loud children or music. Also places to say more frequently throughout the parks for people who have a hard time walking.
7	48071	Enjoy going to festivals and would like to see more that are bigger and go later into the night. I also enjoy pickle ball and hope we get some courts in Madison Heights
9	48071	Dont take away Ambassador - it's used by Madison Heights Soccer Assoc for games throughout the year for our kids!!
12	48071	no
13	48070	Ambassador has been a great space for recreational sports activities with tennis courts and soccer/lacrosse field space. It would be a shame for this to be repurposed for other uses that would exclude active users and activities currently held there.
15	48067	no
16	48071	Ambassador park has been used for rec soccer in the community for years. May different city use this park for that purpose in the spring and fall. This park has kept youths active for many seasons and it would be heart breaking to see it used for anything else.
17	48071	Please don't take away the soccer field at Ambassador park. It's needed for youth soccer. Please add fun things for the kids to do in this area. Our parks are way behind our neighboring communities.
19	48071	Please expand on the nature center, parking is so limited too
20	48071	Na
21	48071	We need parks and green spaces
23	48030	We love ambassador park. It's used for youth soccer and I would love for it to stay that way. We as a community need ambassador park.
28	48071	I would hate to see the soccer field disappear. We have very few field left for the older kids/levels to play at.
29	48071	The more green spaces, the better.
30	48071	Please keep the Ambassador park soccer fields. Our kids love the MHYSA program.
32	48071	n/a
33	48071	Please save the ambassador park for the use of soccer fields!
35	48092	Soccer at Ambassador Park!!! My son plays on that field and it's very important to have that for our kids and others! The only thing that would make it better is a bathroom and more parking with another entrance/exit. This park is close to my house and my kids love to go here and play..walk...ride bikes.
36	48071	Red Oaks water park should bring back their packages for families
39	48071	Please keep the soccer field at Ambassador Park

¹ Green cells indicate ZIP code for Madison Heights

ID	ZIP CODE	RESPONSE
40	48071	Ambassador park being used for soccer practice and games for Madison Heights residents should not be negotiable
41	48071	The kids playing soccer at Ambassador and walking the track.
42	48071	No
43	48071	Utilizing Ambassador park for youth sports is a priority. The park is easily assessable through the hiller elementary neighborhood so that our children can access the park for practice without having to ever use a main road.
44	48071	Walking my dog in the nature center, soccer games at Ambassador park.
47	48030	Watching soccer games, watching the kids practice and still have younger kids enjoy the park
48	48071	Ambassador park is a great place for our kids to have their soccer games while also allowing our toddler to play at the park.
49	48071	Please save ambassador park! Very important the kids in the U12 age group have a home field to play on!
50	48071	A splash pad!
53	48071	Kids from Madison Heights and 9 surrounding communities have used Ambassador Park for soccer games for the past 23 years. Please take this into consideration on how many kids this will effect by taking away that field.
56	48071	My family and I love playing in the tennis courts and sport areas are vitally important for kids in the neighborhood. It keeps them out of trouble.
57	48030	Please keep the soccer field at Ambassador Park.
61	48030	We play soccer at Ambassador Park and really love it. It's a great park for the whole family
64	48071	Please keep soccer fields, they are utilized by our youth.
67	48071	My kids love to play soccer!!!!
70	48071	While the Red Oaks Golf Course has been a pleasure, Seeing an expanded natural forest would bring a more "Michigan" feel back to our city. My daughter and I take regular walks through the current Nature Center and love the wildlife and native flowers.
72	48071	Used for youth soccer, please keep the soccer field.
73	48067	My husband and I golf at Red Oaks once or twice weekly and also walk the nature trails at Friendship Woods twice weekly. We were alarmed last year when there was talk of closing the golf course as there are few inexpensive golf options in south Oakland county. I'd like to see the Nature center area remain as a more passive park for walking the trails and birding. It would be nice if biking, rollerblading and more active pursuits would be incorporated into the other park areas. There are few quiet natural areas in this part of the county.
78	48067	even tho I'm a Royal Oak resident, I truly enjoy have this free outdoor space to enjoy. I love bringing my grandkids and grand dogs here. So excited about the investments and improvements.
81	48150	Red Oaks is a great park, it's great that there is new revisions happening.
83	48071	Advertise events more so families can participate and keep the price reasonable. We travel outside of Madison Heights AND Oakland County to find events that are reasonably priced for us.
84	48073	Get rid of the golf course and turn that into park space that can actually be used / bike trail Have a bus pick up at this park and go to the farther away Oakland County Parks on summer weekends
85	48071	Thank you for improving our parks!

ID	ZIP CODE	RESPONSE
86	48091	Add more to your red pjs social media page especially the dog park. It's very boring and no one looks at it.
90	48220	Please keep the habitat at the Nature Center unchanged. Belle Isle has recently had much of their wild habitat destroyed by "improvements" and this would be terrible to see repeated at Red Oaks.
91	48071	I love the Nature Center. My daughters did high school community service there. Sorry that you don't seem to have staffing or funding for a lot of things as it looks like things are getting cut back or out overall.
92	48069	Would prefer Red Oaks remain a quiet, reflective, nature oriented park while the use of Ambassador park used for sporting and louder activities.
93	48071	Please get rid of the golf course and install a walking/biking trail instead
94	48067	Cleaner bathrooms at the wave pools
97	48071	The nature center trail is great, i just wish the other adjacent parks had a similar nature preserve path.
99	48310	Very nice facility. Do not get rid of the golf course
100	48071	Please keep the soccer fields at red oaks park! We use it for soccer! I hate having to travel so far to play
101	48071	Nope
102	48073	It is nice to have places like this to visit. Maybe a web page with happenings could be posted and available if not already.
105	48309	My family loves all the Oakland County Parks and Nature Centers. We are so thankful for the parks system. I hope to see more native flowers, green infrastructure, and education around what homeowners can do at their house/towns to implement environmental solutions to help with climate change. I also love that the parks system currently does such an amazing job of helping young people develop a love for nature and the environment. Furthermore, I hope the parks system continues to build on equity and inclusion by making parks accessible to all and moving the environmental sustainability movement to include all races in Oakland County. The environmental/conservation movement is full of white women but it would be great to have all races and people involved and included.
108	48071	Moved here from out of state, partner from here. Have been trying to become familiar with parks at various levels (County, Metro-Parks, Fed, etc.) Expense has sometimes kept me/us from attending. Would be great to have some guided walks for welcoming newcomers (or perhaps some groups, maybe organized through libraries, for casual intro events...). Thank you, Love the parks, and looking forward to supporting upcoming enhancements.
109	48071	I most frequently engage with Ambassador Park as a soccer parent. This field is important for the Madison Heights Youth Soccer Association. There is enough space for multiple teams to practice at the same time. Parking is somewhat dicey on game days; we always park in the neighborhood and take the concrete "shortcut" into the park. I do wish that the park had more shade; it's uncomfortable to sit in the full sun.
111	48073	nice to have a park in the south end of the county
113	48071	We really need to make pedestrian friendly pathways within the parks but even more importantly, they must connect to the neighborhoods and reach beyond so parks are accessible by bike/walking. We should prioritize our green spaces as connections between disconnected neighborhoods and provide space for community building. The golf course not turning into a park to be usable by all is a travesty. We had an opportunity to gift a beautiful space for generations to come and did not take it. Use this opportunity to further the lifestyle our residents and neighboring cities deserve.
114	48071	Keep the sled hill at Ambassador Park

ID	ZIP CODE	RESPONSE
115	48071	Would really like to see space for older kids along with the spaces for younger kids. Basketball courts, tall slides, ropes, photographic space, selfie space, walking trails with benches
116	48071	Would love to have a pickleball court(s) added somewhere in Madison Heights. The tennis courts at ambassador park could also use a refresh - they are not well kept.
117	48071	Dogs on leashes
119	48071	Please use graffiti-proof sealant on any painted or concrete surfaces. If any vandalism occurs, it can be simply pressure washed off. Consider features that are fun for adults- small concrete tables that have chess/checker boards painted on, keep the pickleball lines on the tennis court, more benches around the playground. We also use the drinking fountain and appreciate the dog-friendly aspect of Ambassador Park. High visibility and adult presence cuts down on crime or vandalism in the park. The Red Oaks nature center is regularly used by Hiller for field trips, considering they can walk right to it. In any redesign, consider features that could improve a field trip experience.
120	48323	I grew up going to Hines Park. It was wonderful. Wide open spaces, woods, places to sled.
122	48071	The nature center is pretty great as is. Ambassador always seems a bit underutilized when there isn't a soccer game going on.
125	48071	My son used this field for youth soccer, please keep the field!
126	48071	The water park is too expensive for many families in Madison Heights. Adding a free splash pad or water playscape to Ambassador would be great to fill this need that people currently drive to Warren in Macomb County for.
127	48073	Tennis courts at Ambassador never used. Soccer field receives heavy use and needs refurbishing. More picnic tables near soccer field would be great.
130	48072	Keep soccer fields!
132	48073	Love Red Oaks Golf Course. It's welcoming and where our 8-year-old is learning the game. We also really like the Red Oaks Soccer complex as the fields are really nice compared to others our son's travel team plays on in the are.
134	48072	We love going to Red Oaks Nature Centre year-round for walking and wish there were more natural facilities like this with hiking paths and trails. This is the closest park to Berkley with this sort of nature centre, open space to be in nature, and high density of birds and native plants. Please allow SOCS to use Ambassador Field, and other similar kids-focused athletics groups to use Ambassador Park. These are important open spaces that accommodate youth sports, which are so important for developing healthy bodies, improving mental well-being, and supporting the community.
135	48073	Please keep the soccer fields.
139	48070	Please preserve open space for soccer games!
140	48072	You guys do a great job at the golf course. An expanded outdoor space to have a drink after a round might be cool. As well as funky putting and chipping area to bring the kids to mess around. Ambassador park needs the tennis courts fixed and the parking is a little tight.
142	48072	This park has been great to play soccer at - we hope it won't change
143	48071	My son's club utilizes ambassador park for games and practice. It would be very sad to see this space not be available anymore.
144	48072	Continue to maintain community, local space for youth sports
147	48323	Please preserve this park for youth soccer!
148	48071	Please keep the soccer field at Ambassador. We use it all the time. Both my children play soccer there, with my son having had it as his home field last year for his soccer team.
150	48070	This park needs to be preserved for youth soccer activities.

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153	48070	Preserving the soccer field is important to me. I also love the walking trails at Red Oaks Nature Center.
155	48069	We have lots of memories and continue to memories with soccer games on your soccer field
156	48237	Please retain or expand youth soccer fields. We have very few in Oakland county compared to surrounding counties & quickly growing soccer community.
159	48070-1559	quit separating people responses by demographic information - all opinions count regardless of age, sex, income and any other statistically divisive metric
160	48071	Please keep the soccer fields at the park. There are not enough of those for the high demand of soccer fields for all the kids that play soccer these days.
162	48072	The soccer field seems to be an afterthought or non-consideration, but is very important to maintain this and other open space for games, practice and free-play for young athletes. Several community recreational sports programs use the field and open spaces which should not only be preserved for future use but ideally improved. More parking and improved rest room facilities also.
163	48025	The soccer field grass was in terrible condition during spring of 2023. It is frequently used and some maintenance and care from knowledgeable grounds crew would make a big difference in the quality for the many teams in the area that could use it.
164	48070	Soccer
165	48072	Just keep the soccer field, please.
166	48085	No
167	48072	Please keep accessible for soccer
168	48072	Both kids are active in SOCS and love to use the field at Ambassador Park
169	48072	My son has played soccer at the field for over 4 years now and is a great place to go make memories.
170	48072	Some of the best soccer fields in the county.
172	48025	Please continue the use for youth soccer at this park.
175	48092	no
176	48072	I love watching my son play soccer at Ambassador Park.
177	48070	Please keep the soccer field! So important for our youth soccer teams!
179	48075	Please keep soccer fields
180	48071	No
182	48025	Please maintain open field space suitable to host youth soccer fields, particularly 9-v-9 soccer fielda
183	48070	Please keep Ambassador Park Soccer field - Thank you!
184	48237	conserving, free/low cost, sustainable, organic green space is by far the most important need of the south eastern oakland county community!
185	48067	The only discussion should be improvements and adding features and activities for the community to enjoy. People heal in nature.
188	48336	Please keep ample space for soccer tournaments. We rely on this park for our home games. Being an Oakland county resident it's a challenge for our club to find something so close. It helps family show up and support my son due to the convenience.
190	48070	Kids use the parks most. Playgrounds and sport fields I hope are a priority. Thank you
191	48070	Keep soccer field
194	48070	I enjoy seeing wildlife like frogs, turtles and snakes
198	48070	I enjoy the golf course and soccer field. Thank you for your time

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200	48071	We LOVE the nature center! Strolling outside is so peaceful and the indoor activities are plentiful for young children. Ambassador park definitely needs updating. Shade is always nice!
201	48070	Our son has spent many hours using red oaks soccer fields. We would ask these not go away.
202	48072	No
203	48072	I love walking thru RO Nature Center trails and we had my son's birthday party there (outside in the winter! And it was fabulous!). Both of my kids play soccer as well and the fields at Ambassador are vital for youth soccer in the area.
204	48085	keep the golf course as is it's great 9 hole course
206	48070	This park needs to be preserved for youth soccer activities and golf so the youth can play.
211	48069	Continue Soccer
213	48071	Looking forward to a revamp of Ambassador Park and hopefully weekly music in the Park, which so many other cities have.
219	48071	Each park has a a unique purpose that MUST be considered in any plan. The nature center is a serene wilderness space that should NOT be developed, Ambassador is for soccer and other group activities that could been from water mitigation and pavilions, same for the dog park, the water park and golf course are the only ones appropriate for more than a nominal fee.
220	48070	Please consider keeping space for youth soccer! Thank you.
223	48070	Outdoor sports space is important to facilitate healthy exercise and team participation for children.
224	48072	I understand Ambassador Park is used as the home field for certain SOCS (South Oakland County Soccer) games. I have not used this field yet, but my too kids are currently in SOCS. My oldest will use Ambassador Park in a couple of years if she stays with the SOCS program. With how popular soccer is I hope the soccer field can be maintained and incorporated in the updated park.
225	48071	Are the phragmites at the entry of the park native or invasive?
226	48070	Need to improve and increase soccer fields.
227	48072	Maintain the soccer fields! Children's activities and organized youth sports are critical to the health and well-being of the kids, and to the community itself. Please, preserve the soccer fields!
228	48071	please consider adding a splash pad and keeping the soccer fields. Wanting to keep people in our communit6 and bring others from other cities in having nice parks like the nature center and park are so important and having things like a splash pad and soccer field add great value to that.
229	48070	The direction of so many county/city park management teams is to reduce the open space by putting walking paths, nature trails, native plants, trees etc. I know of several parks that used to be used a lot by kids playing soccer but the that space has been repurposed. Whenever I go past these parks, I never see anyone in the new repurposed area. It was great seeing kids out and playing rather than sitting watching TV. We have a serious health problem with our kids in America, with exercise dwindling. Let's keep investing in open spaces that can be used for soccer, lacross, etc. that will in turn invest in our kids health.
230	48072	Please keep soccer fields as part of the plans for these parks. There is very limited field space in the SE part of Oakland County.
231	48072	Maintain soccer fields
232	48073	please consider keeping Ambassador park soccer fields open for use
234	48071	Would love more for teens and young adults to do

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236	48073	I have memories at all these locations. Swimming @ the waterpark. When I was a kid and then with my kids. Sledding at the hill, again when I was young and now with my kids. The nature center has had programs for all my scouts. My oldest now plays golf at Red Oaks. And SOCCER SOCCER SOCCER. School functions at the pavilions have been great too.
250	48067	I would love to see the nature center expanded, the golf course kept as is, and the youth soccer fields kept as is.
251	48025	Please keep these parks as they are! We need more spaces like this for youth soccer and general activities!!!!
257	48071	My oldest and I have shared countless memories at most of the parks in Madison heights and I hope my youngest will too
258	48073	Both of my kids have used ambassador park for soccer. There is so much demand and not enough fields for kids and adults to be able to enjoy the sport. The benefits of social and physical activity is immeasurable. We hope more communities find space to offer large fields to accommodate the community.
259	48071	My son plays soccer on the field at Ambassador park
264	48071	We walk our dogs at Red Oaks. Maybe add some water bowls. Great park.
266	48092	1. Install a noise barrier to block out 13 Mile Rd traffic. 2. Remove phragmites, & other invasive plants from Red Oaks.
268	48324	maintain habitat for birds, please, as this is the only really good habitat in the area.
273	48071	I love walking through Red Oaks, the paths are always well maintained. There have been so many fun events there which I used to take my son to. I didn't even know Ambassador Park existed. I loved when they had the discounted passes to the water park for Madison Heights residents. The free foot golf event years ago at the golf course was so fun as well. The dog park needs more trees. Dogs love trees but the park looks so boring for dogs. However, I have never been but it doesn't look appealing from the street.
275	48072	It's concerning that none of the survey questions ask about the importance of the soccer fields. Of all of our time spent at Red Oaks, we've spent the most time on the soccer fields. We value that space.
279	48071	We really want to keep the golf course.
280	48071	I love holiday nights at Greenfield Village. Have something like this or bus tour and ticket discount.
282	48071	Love living here in MH
283	48071	Need half court basketball court
284	48071	"Love the Nature Center" Have gone to senior day at Oakland Parks and Xmas luncheon. All great.
286	48315	Good luck, have fun, be proud of the results!
289	48071	If there is a way to connect Red Oaks NC w/ Golf Course and Ambassador Park via trail, please do! We are ecstatic and grateful to be participating in a volunteer capacity with turtles at Red Oaks interacting with the public. My daughter has been able to bring her best friends into this experience, which has been very Montessori and rewarding. Thank you so much to the Red Oaks Staff 2019-2023. My son has utilized the soccer fields and our dog has been to the H2O park, dog parks and trails. We are so blessed to have this in MH and beyond! We love cross country skiing at Red Oaks and Independence Oaks.

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290	48071	Ambassador Park gets swampy and lots of mosquitos, improved drainage would be great. We like that we can walk on a path around the park and enjoy the tennis court for pickleball. My kids don't tend to play for very long on the playground so more features would be great. More activities for adults. Also we love the storybook trail!
293	48071	We have enough parks in Madison Heights. Do not turn the golf course into another park as we have enough. A free splash pad for children would be great. Rosies Park has had plenty of trouble with unruly kids around middle school/high school age. Again we don't need another park. If you're looking for ways to spend money, spend it on the children to put in a free, splash pad or put in some pickle ball courts
296	48071	We've enjoyed the fall festival at the nature center as well as the butterfly parade for several years. Would love to see the trick or treat trail return.
299	48071	This park is beautiful but underused and the tennis courts are in very bad shape. A large pickle ball area would be fantastic and in high demand. Right now, MH has none and Royal Oak is the closest. Also, shuffle board courts would be wonderful to see and an extra outdoor activity
300	48071	I moved to Madison Heights in 2015. My first Home Town Harvest that year was at the red oaks nature center. This is where I met our mayor at that time Edward Swanson. It was a fun afternoon. I like Ambassador Park because it's spacious and there are pathways for me to be able walk my dog. We have participated in the Run for the Health of It 5K at Suarez Friendship Woods for the last several years. My husband and I had some of our outdoor wedding photos taken on the trail near the school at Suarez Friendship Woods in 2017.
301	48071	a cross-bridge on 13 mile between friendship woods and the water park would be appreciated. I never feel safe crossing at the light at that location.
303	48071	We use Ambassador park and the Nature Center all the time. For soccer, biking, walking, etc. It would be terrible to no longer have these in Madison Heights to use and enjoy with not only my family but with all of our friends as well.

Exhibit D: Comments and Notes from Public Open House

Figure O: Prioritization board

