



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of approval of the resolution to adopt the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 2025-29 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires municipalities to develop and approve a five-year Community Recreation Plan to be eligible to apply and be awarded State and Federal grant monies.
- The Plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, review's public input regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items the City wishes to pursue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires municipalities to develop and approve a five-year Community Recreation Plan (CRP) to be eligible to apply and be awarded State and Federal grant monies. A Community Recreation Plan provides a base of information to use in implementing the department's Strategic Plan.

Development of the plan utilized components of the 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan, and DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans. Input was sought and provided by community members, city staff, and PRCS Commissioners through public open houses (Superhero Showcase, Senior Population, & Diverse Populations), online surveys, and a 30-day mandatory posting of the plan on the City's website.

The survey process included three targeted surveys and one general survey. The targeted surveys were distributed during the public open houses and made available online after the events. The general survey was conducted from July 9 to July 11.

Survey Respondent Demographics:

Age 61+: 45%

Age 46-60: 36%

Age 31-45: 18%

Age 30 and under: 1%

In total almost 400 participant responses were recorded.

On November 21, a presentation was made at the PRCS Commission meeting. The plan has been recommended for City Council approval by the PRCS Commission. A public hearing was held at the November 25 City Council meeting. The plan will be sent to the DNR for final approval following City Council consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of approval of the resolution to adopt the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 2025-29 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.