

MEMORANDUM



TO: OLDER ADULT NEEDS COMMITTEE
CC: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
JEFF MUCK, PRCS DIRECTOR
FROM: KIT KIESER, OAS MANAGER
SUBJECT: NRPA'S "SUPPORTING OLDER ADULTS THROUGH PARKS
AND RECREATION" REPORT
DATE: JUNE 3, 2024

In December 2023, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) conducted a detailed survey to understand how park and recreation agencies serve and support older adults. This survey gathered insights from nearly 300 professionals in the field, including participation from the City of Novi's Older Adult Services Division.

The report summarizes the data collected from responses to queries in the following areas of focus:

- Facilities and Infrastructure - Availability and suitability of facilities for older adults.
- Programs and Services - Range of programs and services offered to older adults.
- Community Engagement - Outreach and engagement strategies to better serve older adults.
- Partnerships and Collaborations - Key partnerships and collaborations that enhance services for older adults.
- Challenges and Barriers - Challenges and barriers faced by agencies in serving older adults effectively.

The City of Novi's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services department is an active member of the NRPA. PRCS is accredited by NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Notably, there are only 206 CAPRA-accredited agencies in the United States, and Novi PRCS is one of just three in Michigan.