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Our Mission is to
attract and encourage
participation for all age
groups and abilities
through positive
opportunity and quality
service for the purpose
of enriching our
resident's lives.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

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REGIONAL SETTING

The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Recreation Commission is responsible for guiding existing and future conditions of parks and recreation facilities and programs in the communities. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to be eligible for new grant funding. In November 2016, the Parks and Recreation Director authorized McKenna Associates, a planning consulting firm in Northville, to prepare a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The preparation of a Recreation Plan provides the Romeo-Washington-Bruce Recreation Commission with an opportunity to consider the recreation needs of its residents. The preparation of a recreation master plan also qualifies the community for possible State funding for expanding and/or improving the existing recreational areas. Providing recreational facilities and programs has evolved into a widely accepted role for local governments. The decreasing amount of leisure time due to longer hours and longer work weeks places an even greater emphasis on recreation providers to offer a more diverse range of quality easily accessible facilities and programs to satisfy these magnified recreational needs. The availability and type of park and recreation programs provided makes the community more attractive by enhancing the community's overall quality of life.

The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Recreation Commission serves three separate communities with distinct physical characteristics and distinct recreation needs. For example, the Village of Romeo is an established urban area located in the geographic center of the study area. To the south, Washington Township has experienced a substantial amount of residential development over the last decade. North of the Village, Bruce Township features a more rural residential setting, with larger lots and a substantially lower overall population than Washington Township and is much more dispersed. Several factors explain this growth trend in this area of the County, the main factor being the Township's regional location in the path of one of Macomb County's principal growth corridors, the M-53 Growth Corridor.





CHAPTER 2: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Recreation Commission serves three communities, which collectively encompass approximately 74 square miles of land located in the northwest corner of Macomb County. The boundaries of this service area extend from 26 Mile Road on the south to the Lapeer County line on the north (Boardman Road), and from Hayes and Powell Roads on the east to the Oakland County line on the west (Dequindre Road). Two major State transportation corridors, M-53 and Van Dyke, bisect all three communities. These corridors run parallel to one another, approximately ¼ to ½ mile apart. The presence of these highway corridors had had an important influence on the growth and development of this portion of the County.

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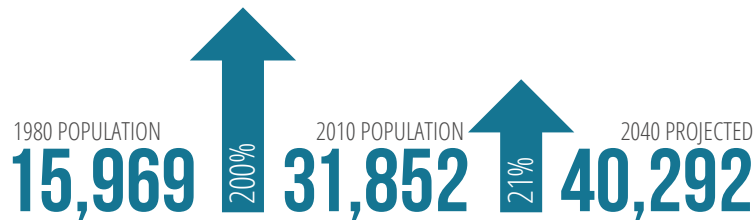


To analyze the types of recreation facilities and amenities that are needed in a community, it is important to have a thorough description of the area's demographic features. Differences in demographic characteristics may indicate issues or areas in recreation planning; may identify strengths or assets that can be further developed or emphasized; or may identify weaknesses or problems that need to be addressed.

Figure 1: Demographic Trends

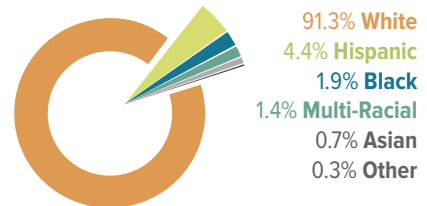
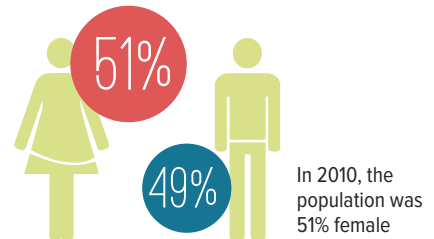
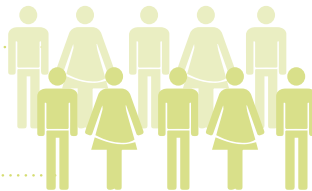
DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

ROMEO VILLAGE + BRUCE TOWNSHIP + WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP



From 1980 to 2010, the population has increased by 200% and is projected to increase another 21% by the year 2040.

(Example summary) there is expected to be an increase in retirees, 30-somethings, and preschoolers by 2025.



MEDIAN AGE (2010) **41.7**

9,467 HOUSEHOLDS
9,821 UNITS

From 2010 to 2016, the number of households has increased by 10.3%, whereas the number of units has only increased by 8.1%

11.6% **LIVING WITH A DISABILITY 2014**

38.3% **SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL**

Land Use	Acres	Percent
Single-family Residential	18,166.8	38.3%
Agricultural	13,119.0	27.7%
Industrial	5,840.3	12.3%
Park, recreation and open space	4,160.0	8.8%
Transportation, utility, communication	3,423.9	7.2%
Water	1,118.4	2.4%
Governmental/Institutional	801.7	1.7%
Commercial	631.9	1.3%
Multiple-family Residential	123.5	0.3%
Airport	0.0	0.0%
Total	47,385.5	100.0%

9.8% **\$71,473**

The median income has increased by 9.8% since 2010

Household Income 2010	Population	%
Less than \$25,000	1,825	15.26
\$25,000 - \$34,999	943	7.89
\$35,000 - \$49,999	1,521	12.72
\$50,000 - \$74,999	1,993	16.67
\$75,000 - \$99,999	1,713	14.33
\$100,000 - \$149,999	2,328	19.47
\$150,000 +	1,633	13.66
Total	11,956	100%



Giant waterslide at
Morton Mountain

RHS Dance Team



Population

Population trends for the Village of Romeo, Washington Township and Bruce Township have been increasing since the 1980's. SEMCOG projections indicate that the community populations will increase, however at different rates. The Village of Romeo's population will increase 1.9 percent from 2010 to 2040, while Bruce Township will increase 19.0 percent and Washington Township will increase 32.9 percent.

The rapid increase in population will impact the land usage for each community. New commercial and residential developments will occur as the population increases. In order to ensure that all residents have access to the parks and recreational facilities, it is necessary for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to take into account the population increases throughout all three communities.

Housing

A household is defined as a person or group of people occupying a housing unit. The rate of increase in households is not equal to the rate of increase of housing units.

From 2010 to 2016, the number of households increased in Romeo (2.1 percent) and Washington Township (11.5 percent), however, there was a slight decrease in Bruce Township (-4.5 percent). During that same time period, the number of housing units increased in Bruce Township (5.3 percent) and Washington Township (8.9), but experienced zero change in Romeo.

The increase of housing units is due to the increase in construction in Bruce and Washington Townships. There has been a steady increase in construction permits issued as the economy has recovered. The Townships have a large portion of vacant land, while Romeo is almost entirely built out with very little room for new housing units to be built.



Age Distribution

Another important consideration in planning for future parks and recreation needs is the age distribution of residents. In each stage of life, people's activity requirements change, resulting in the need for a variety of recreational facilities and programs.

For each community, there is expected to be an increase in retirees, 30-something's and preschoolers by 2025.

The median age has increased to 41.7 from 2000 to 2010. The increase in median age has become more and more common, as people have been staying home with parents longer before moving into their own homes, and are also waiting longer to have children. The median age for Macomb County (39.9) and the State of Michigan (38.9) follow this trend.

Income

Median income is defined as the income level above which half of all households earn more and below which half earn less. In Romeo-Washington-Bruce, the median income increased 9.8 percent between 2000 and 2010. In 2010, over 33 percent of households earned over \$100,000. The percentage of high income is linked with high quality of life and suggests that residents will continue to demand high-quality services and facilities from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Persons with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires that all public services, including parks, recreation, and cultural facilities, comply with barrier-free access requirements. Further, public providers must eliminate any eligibility requirements for participation in programs, activities, and services.

As the population ages, the proportion of people who have one or more disabilities steadily increases. Throughout the three communities, 11.6 percent of the population have one or more disability.

Senior fitness

Easter in the Park

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



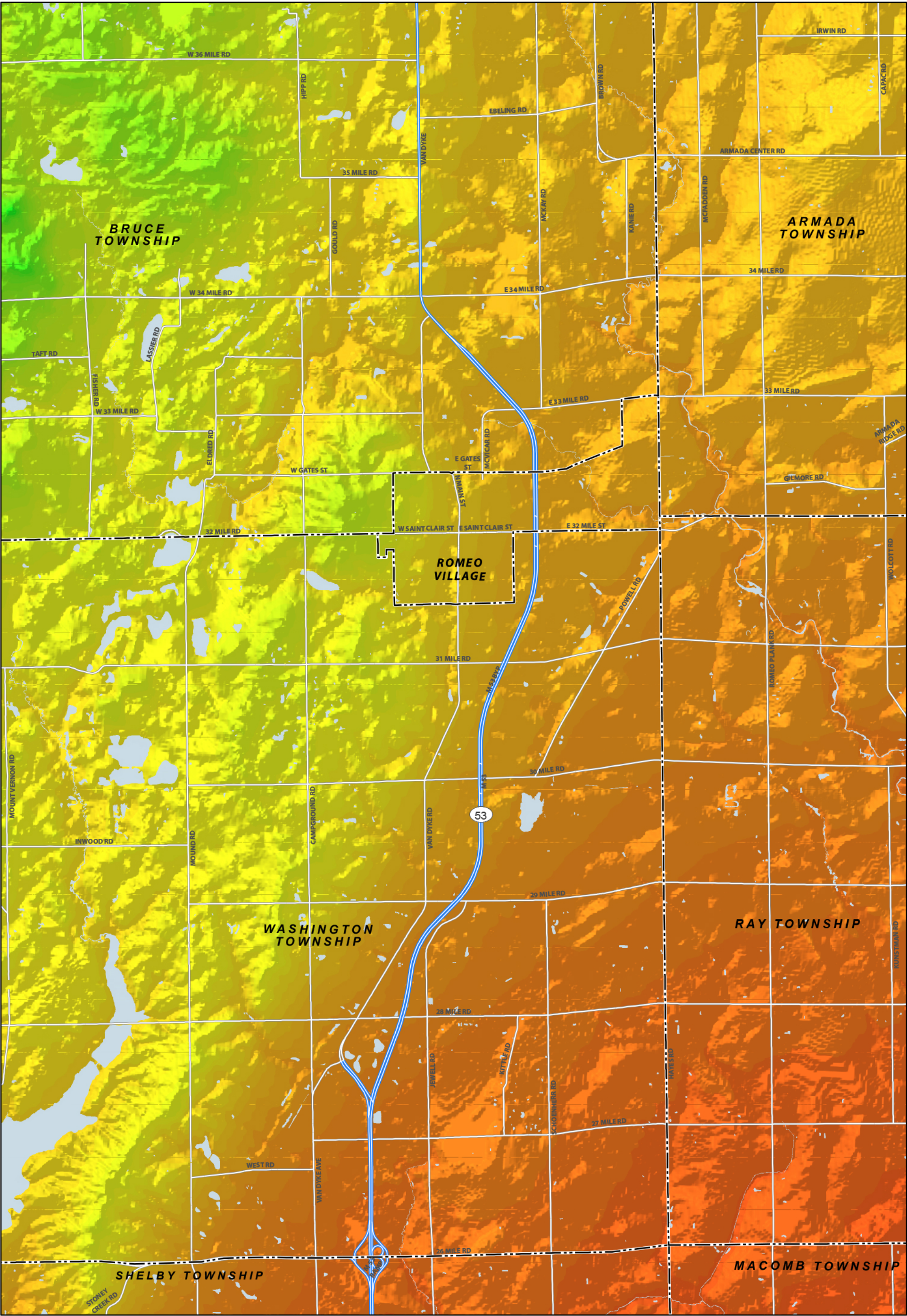
The physical setting of a community may influence the availability of recreation opportunities. The presence of varied topography, woodlands, and other natural water features, including lakes and rivers, often provides unique opportunities for diverse recreation activities. A community's land use characteristics also need to be considered in evaluating recreation needs and opportunities. This is a particularly relevant consideration for the Romeo-Washington-Bruce area, which has an abundance of unspoiled natural features.

BACK OF MAP

Topography

The topographic features of the Romeo-Washington-Bruce area are a direct consequence of the glacial action. The combined effects of glaciation and the elastic rebound of the land after continental ice caps vanished created the only area of Macomb County characterized by a rolling landscape. The eastern half of the area is relatively flat. The western half is characterized by a series of rolling hills.

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Generalized Topography Map

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

February 27, 2017

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Data Source: Macomb County, 2014
Michigan Geographic Framework, Michigan Center for
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Water Features

Surface water exists in many forms, such as lakes, rivers, creeks, ponds, wetlands and open storm drains. Both Washington and Bruce Townships contain numerous such features that make a significant contribution to the visual character of the area. These water features offer attractive settings for residential development. They also have an important value for recreational purposes.

Several lakes and streams are located in Washington Township. For the most part, these features are located in the western portion of the Township. The largest of the Township's six lakes is Stony Creek Lake, located in the southwest corner of the community. Several smaller lakes are located to the north, along the Stony Creek Valley. Stony Creek also flows through this area, emptying into the lake of the same name south of 29 Mile Road. On the east half of the Township, the predominant water features are several smaller drains, including Healy Drain, Heide Drain, Yates Drain, Kim Drain and Price Brook.

Several watercourses cross Bruce Township, the most notable of which includes the north branch of the Clinton River and East Pond Creek. Both watercourses meander throughout the Township. The Township also contains several small lakes, which include Hidden Lake, Streeter Lake, Fisher Lake and East Lake, among others.

Woodlands and Wetlands

Undisturbed woodlands and wetlands offer numerous benefits for recreation purposes. For example, these natural features enhance the setting of parks by providing opportunities for picnicking, hiking and nature interpretation. Both communities are replete with these features.

Large wooded areas are distributed throughout Washington Township. Many of these woodlands are located in interior section acreage. These woodlands were measured in 1979. At that time, trees, excluding existing orchards and land within Stony Creek Park, covered approximately 2,000 acres of land (eight percent of the total Township area). Unfortunately, the large amount of development has removed a significant amount of woodlands from the Township.

Extensive portions of Bruce Township are likewise covered with trees. This is especially the case for the western two-thirds of the Township.

Most of the existing wetlands in Washington Township are confined to the western portion of the Township within the Stony Creek Valley, west of Mound Road. Stony Creek and numerous small lakes are located within this area, which explains the presence of these wetlands. The wetlands located in the eastern half of the Township generally coincide with the location of large wooded areas.

Bruce Township's wetlands are widely distributed throughout the community. Most of these wetlands are associated with the Township's numerous watercourses or wooded areas.

The lowest point in Washington Township, at 650 feet above sea level, occurs in the southeast corner of the Township, near the 26 Mile Road and Hayes Road intersection. Elevations between 900 and 950 feet occur in the northwest corner of the Township. The most noticeable changes in topography are found along the Birmingham Moraine and within the Stony Creek Valley.

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CHAPTER 3: ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE AND FUNDING

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Safety (left)



Park clean-up (center)



Parade (right)

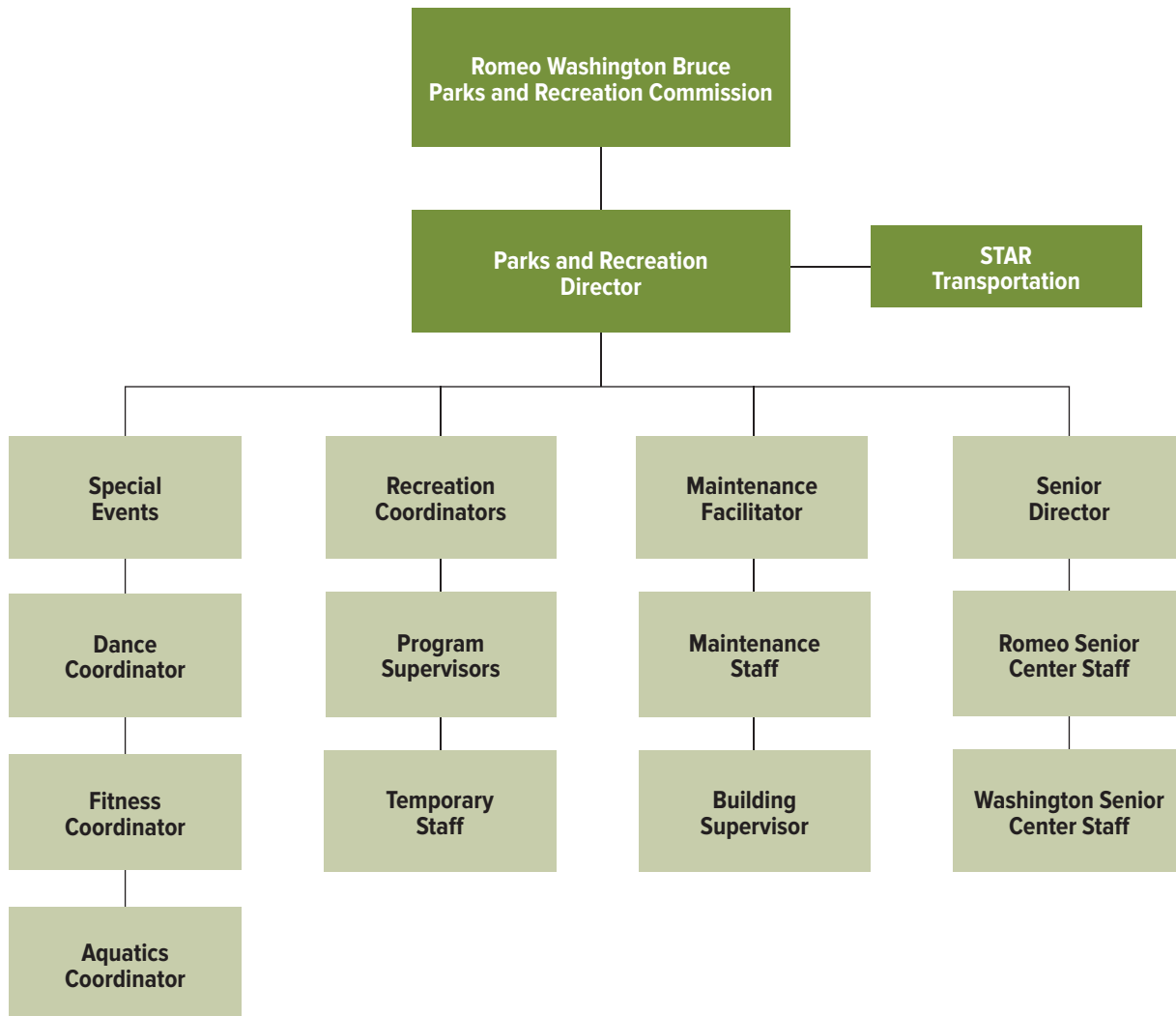
The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Recreation Commission is a public agency, formed by both Bruce and Washington Townships, which is responsible for providing recreation services to area residents. The purpose of the Commission is to promote, plan, coordinate and operate a system of indoor and outdoor public recreation programs and facilities for all residents of those areas encompassed by the boundaries of Bruce and Washington Townships along with the Village of Romeo. The Commission was organized pursuant to Public Act 156 of 1917. A copy of the Resolution creating the Recreation Plan is included in the Appendix.

The Commission consists of one Township Board representative from Bruce and Washington Townships as well as at large members of the community. The administrative duties of the Commission are the responsibility of the Director of Parks and Recreation, who is answerable directly to the Commission. A Recreation Coordinator, Program Supervisor, a Senior Program Supervisor, and a Senior Citizen Coordinator, all of which are full-time positions, assist the director. Other full-time staff include a bookkeeper and two secretaries. The STAR Transportation program also has a full-time coordinator, who is responsible to the Director. The Director is also assisted by a number of permanent part-time and temporary staff who direct many of the individual programs offered by Parks and Recreation. The organization structure of the Recreation Commission and the Department is reflected on the following page.

As indicated earlier, the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Commission has evolved and expanded since its initial formation in 1968. Today, the Recreation Department is responsible for the coordination and delivery of recreation services and programs available to residents of all three communities. Its main responsibility lies in the area of recreational programming. The Department offers a diverse range of programs, which feature instructional classes, athletic competition and special events for all age groups. (A sample list of these programs in the form of a RWB Mailer is included in the Appendix.) These programs change from time-to-time to reflect both the needs and preferences of area residents.

The Department operates two Older Adult Centers, one at The Romeo Community Center and the other at the Washington Township Municipal Building. Both centers focus on the needs of senior citizens. Programs offered by these centers emphasize the recreational, nutritional and health needs of senior citizens. Transportation services for seniors are provided by the STAR transportation program, which offers door-to-door transportation for eligible seniors or handicapped residents. A separate millage supports this service.

Figure 2: Administration Structure



VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIPS



Volunteers are used on an as-needed basis. Community residents are willing and able to lend a hand when the occasion calls for it. Local business owners can purchase sponsorships for special events. Advertising sponsorships are also available in the parks and recreation brochure.

Affiliated athletic organizations include:

- AYSO Soccer
- Romeo Jr. Bulldogs
- Michigan Flag Football League
- Romeo Football Club
- North Macomb Community Soccer
- Washington Area Athletic Association
- Romeo Girls Softball
- Macomb Soccer

Sponsors include:

- Henry Ford Macomb Hospital
- Century 21
- Cross of Glory Church
- First Friends Montessori
- Interactive Academics
- McLean
- Romeo Ford
- Kroger
- Northland Accounting
- Knights of Columbus
- Grace Preschool
- Summit Bowling
- Action Insurance Service, Inc.
- Pradko Gallagher & Slanec Dentistry
- Peter J. Lucido, State Representative
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- All the Worlds a Stage
- Don's Lil Johns
- Fresh Look Seal Coating
- Kumon
- Mijack & Clark
- TNT Martial Arts
- Meijer
- Capital Banquet Center
- Nightingales Auto Tech & Tire
- Romeo & Washington Lions Club
- The New Rink
- Kiwanis Club
- Dr. Kehoe Nakash Dental Froup
- Masonic Temple
- Chamber of Commerce
- Landscape Direct
- Home Instead
- Little Lambs
- Courtesy Driving School
- Rochester Stables
- Poljan Insurance
- St. Clements Catholic Church
- Sylvan Learning
- Washington Historical Society
- Romeo Auto Glass
- Four County Foundation
- Don Brown, Macomb County Commissioner

FUNDING AND GRANT HISTORY



The funding for operating the Romeo-Washington-Bruce parks and recreation system comes from two primary sources: recreation millage and program fees. Occasional grants and money from other activities supplement these two sources.

RWB Winter
& Spring Brochure

Special Millages

Special millages may be used to finance specific recreation-related activities. The amount of money raised through a millage is based on the assessed value in the community. For example, one mil, which is equal to 1/10 of a cent, would raise one dollar for each 1,000 dollars of assessed value per parcel of taxable land in the community. Voter approval is required for the adoption of a special millage beyond that which a community can automatically levy.

The Recreation Commission has relied on revenue raised from a 0.75 millage since 1986. Votes renewed the millage in 1990, 1996, 2004, and 2008. Traditionally two-thirds of the millage has been earmarked for operational/administrative expenses; the remaining one-third is used for facility development.

In August 2016, Bruce and Washington Township votes approved a .75 millage renewal of the previous millage for Parks and Recreation, and will collect \$930,631. Votes also approved a .25 millage for STAR transportation, and will collect \$310,210. Both millages will run from 2016 – 2019.

Program Fees

Municipalities often charge user fees to cover the cost of providing various recreation activities and programs. Fees are frequently charged for instructional classes or athletic events. These fees help defray the cost of providing specific programs or events or for related administrative expenses.

RWB Budget

The Parks and Recreation budget for 2016 – 2017 is \$2,192,388. It is anticipated that \$1,247,088 will be available from the operating millage. This revenue experienced a decline when housing values decreased during the economic and housing market downturn. Revenue from millage has rebounded in the past couple of years, as the economy has recovered. As the housing values continue to rise, the amount of revenue for the recreation department will also rise.

Table 1: Millage History

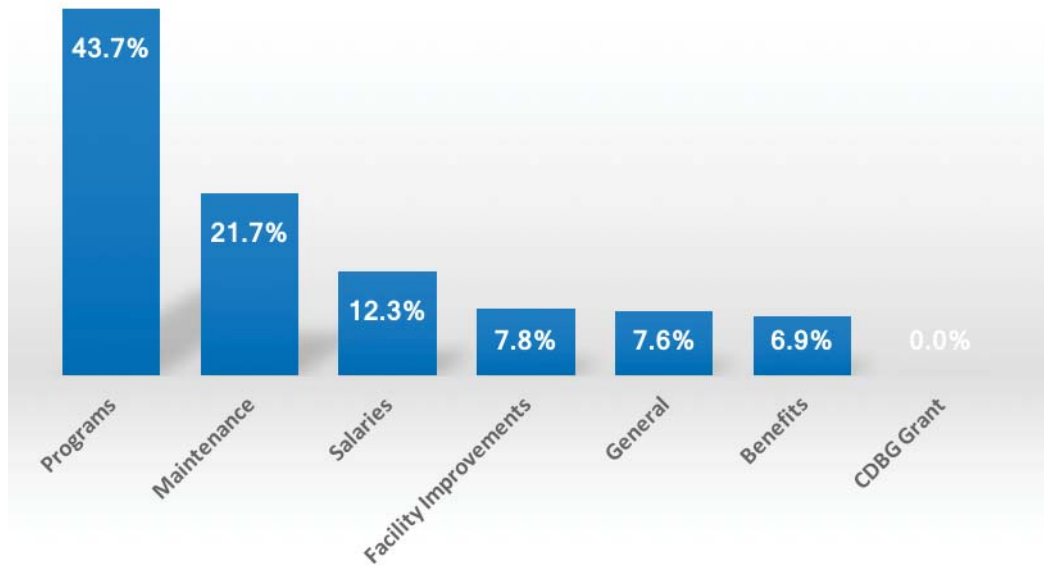
Millage History	
2016-2017	1,247,088
2015-2016	1,126,318
2014-2015	1,093,452
2013-2014	1,145,671
2012-2013	1,114,983
2011-2012	1,152,654
2010-2011	1,088,611

Table 2: Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012
Washington Millage	902,841	900,205	807,863	834,312	814,680	837,479
Bruce Millage	344,247	226,113	285,589	311,359	300,303	315,175
CDGB Grant	-	-	-	20,384	12,547	11,186
Programs	945,300	892,400	872,472	905,368	868,532	895,175
Total	2,192,388	2,018,718	1,965,924	2,071,423	1,996,062	2,059,015
Expenses						
Salaries	269,227	261,385	253,772	245,153	238,769	237,522
Benefits	152,100	151,562	156,481	144,335	139,280	137,811
General	166,200	161,000	162,120	164,069	126,194	131,251
Maintenance	475,750	483,750	458,870	439,035	411,967	365,783
Facility Improvements	171,811	81,221	62,479	116,641	77,139	78,154
CDBG Grant	-	-	-	24,700	4,802	23,565
Programs	957,300	879,800	948,221	868,504	988,836	978,896
Total	2,192,388	2,018,718	2,041,943	2,002,437	1,986,987	1,952,982

The department's largest expenditure is for programming. Programming accounts for over 43 percent of the total expenditures for the department in 2016-2017, totaling \$988,836 (see Figure 3). The second largest expenditure for the department is facility maintenance. This line item has been steadily growing over the years as additional parkland and facilities have been added as the responsibility of the recreation department.

Figure 3: 2016-2017 Expenditures



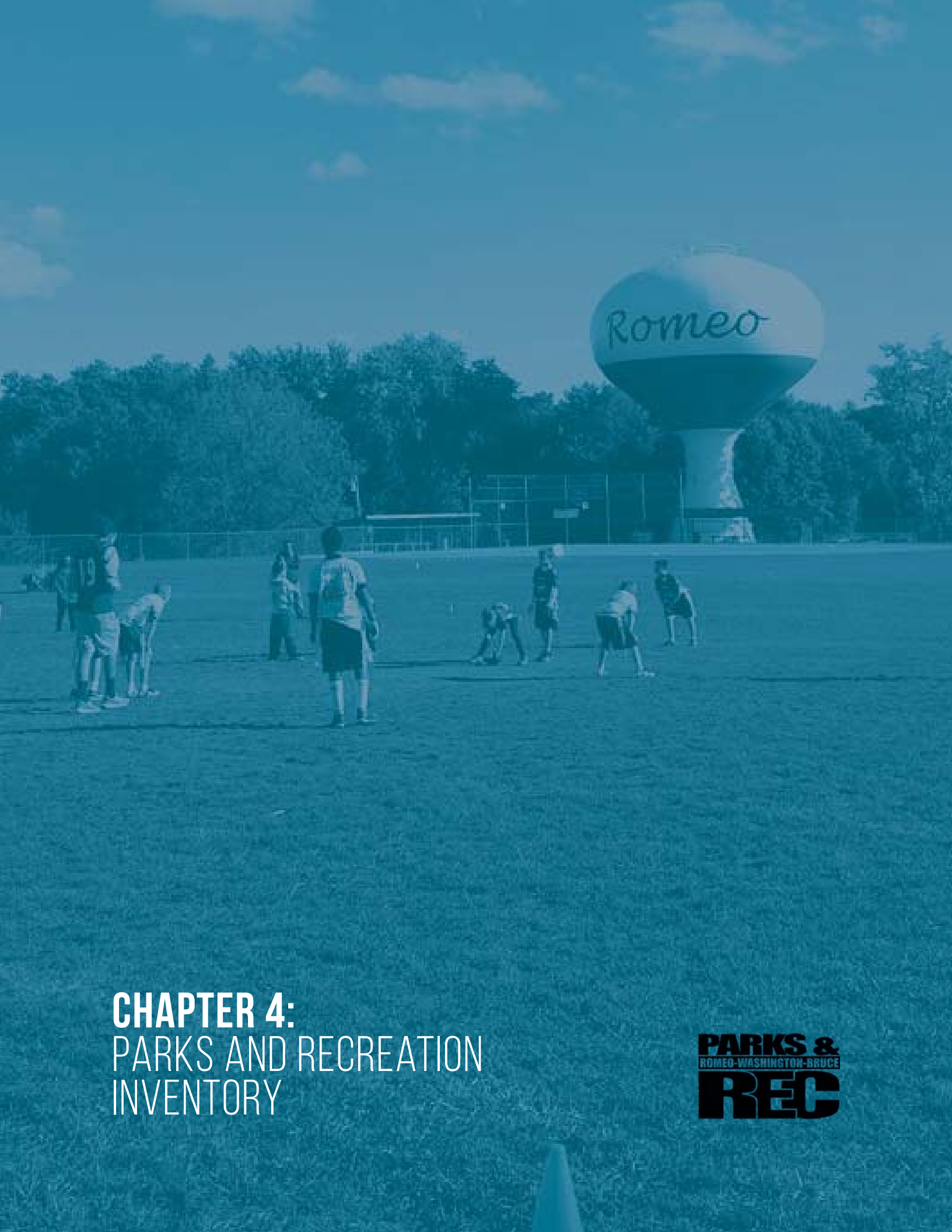
Grant History

Funding programs administered at either the Federal or State level represent a source of money for capital improvements in park land and/or improvements on a competitive and matching basis. Several years ago, Washington Township received a state grant for the Washington Village Park development project (see Table 3).

Table 3: Michigan DNR Recreation Grant History

Funding Source	Project Name	Grant Amount	Project Title	Project Description
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	BF89-219	\$60,600	Washington Village Park	Exercise trail, 2 tennis courts, 2 soccer fields

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources



CHAPTER 4: PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY



Developing a complete inventory of the parks and recreation facilities and programs is an essential component of a five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Understanding what parks, facilities, and programs are available to Romeo, Washington, Bruce residents will assist in decision-making and is the basis upon which future improvements and plans will be built. It should be noted that not all facilities listed in this chapter are available to the public full time or charge a fee for use, but they provide additional recreation opportunities for community residents. This chapter covers the following components:

- Parks and recreation facilities
- Barrier free access
- Public school facilities
- Regional parks and facilities
- Pedestrian / bicycling trails
- Private recreation facilities
- Programs

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



Parks are divided into four categories based on their size and function. These categories, mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and natural resource areas, are suggested by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and meant to aid in determining the primary purposes and uses of existing facilities in the Township. The description of each park or facility includes an assessment of its condition for barrier-free access (see following section).

Mini-Parks

Mini-parks are small, specialized parks that are usually less than one acre in size and serve the needs of the residents in the immediate area, approximately less than one-quarter mile away. These parks usually serve a limited, isolated, or unique population. Residential open space areas often serve as mini-parks.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities such as fields, playgrounds, picnicking, and trails. These parks are typically between five and ten acres in area and serve residents within one-half mile.

Community Parks

Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of community residents. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. The focus of these parks is to meet community-based recreation needs, as well as preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are generally between 30 and 50 acres in area and serve residents within one-half to three miles. Community parks may also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community.

Natural Resource Areas

Natural Resource Areas are generally lands set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. The location of these areas is based on resource availability and opportunity, thus the size varies depending on the property.

BARRIER-FREE ACCESS

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. To comply with MDNR standards for a parks and recreation master plan, all facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following conditions can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has difficulty hearing or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental disorder

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below. The applicable accessibility ranking can be found following the description of each park and facility under RWB Parks and Recreation control.

Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes few paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may be completely barrier-free.

Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways area paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas area easily accessible.

Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

Park or Recreational Facility	Accessibility Assessment Rating
Bruce Township Park	3
Orchard Hills Park	3
Crystal Diamonds	2
Village Park	3
Village of Romeo Community Center Building	3
Gilcher-Crissman Park	2
Washington Community Park & Senior Center	2

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES



Romeo High School

Although school facilities are designed and intended for school use and are not available to the public all the time, they do satisfy some community recreational needs. The public school facilities located in the three communities are:

1. **Memorial Field.** Memorial Field comprises a total of 10.8 acres. Memorial Field is an active sports complex, with one improved baseball field, bleachers, restrooms, concession building and parking lot. An asphalt-surface running track surrounds the soccer field. A practice football field is located at the southern end of the site.
2. **Croswell Elementary School.** The site includes five baseball fields, two football or soccer fields, a small playground with play structures, basketball courts, picnic areas, and an enclosed kindergarten playground area attached to the school.
3. **Washington Elementary School.** Washington Elementary School occupies a 12.8-acre site in the Washington Village area on Van Dyke Avenue, between 26 Mile Road and West Road. The school grounds contain a large assortment of outdoor play equipment behind the building, two baseball fields, a soccer field and a picnic shelter. The location of the school near the Washington Municipal Building Park offers opportunities for joint use.
4. **Indian Hills Elementary School.** The 10.1 acre site is located on the north side of 29 Mile Road, less than one-quarter mile east of Campground Road. The school contains an assortment of playground equipment commonly found at elementary school sites. It also includes two large wooden climbing structures and two baseball fields. The physical characteristics of this site are somewhat unique. The front half of the site, near 29 Mile Road, is relatively level. Behind the school building, however, the site slopes sharply to the north. Most of the playground equipment is located in the lower half of the site.



Hevel Elementary School

5. **Amanda-Moore Elementary School.** Amanda-Moore Elementary School occupies a 14.8-acre site in the northeast portion of Romeo, east of Van Dyke and north of 32 Mile Road. Similar to the School District's other elementary schools, this site contains play structures, climbers, swings, slides, a basketball court, baseball diamonds and a soccer field. Two tennis courts, minus the nets, are also available on site. A large, wooded area adjoins the school site and has been converted by the school to a nature study area. Several pedestrian paths connect the school to the surrounding neighborhood.
6. **Hamilton-Parsons Elementary School.** The 15-acre site is located on the west side of Dequindre Road in Addison Township, on the opposite side of the Bruce Township boundary. This site is somewhat remote and isolated from the more densely settled portions of the same area. The school grounds contain several climbing structures, swings, slides, two baseball diamonds, a soccer field, a basketball court, a sledding hill and a picnic shelter.
7. **Romeo High School.** Outdoor recreation facilities available at this site are limited to the skate park, a baseball field and a practice football field. These outdoor playing fields adjoin the baseball diamonds located on the Community Center site. Romeo High School also contains an indoor pool and gymnasium that are used for activities sponsored by the Recreation Department.
8. **RETC / Powell Junior High School / Barnabo Field.** The Romeo Engineering and Technical School and Powell Junior High School occupies a 79-acre site in Washington Township on Jewell Road, south of 29 Mile Road. In addition to Powell Junior High School, the site also contains an athletic complex consisting of a football stadium, a one-quarter mile track, six baseball fields, a full court basketball, a small soccer field, and two tennis courts.
9. **Hevel Elementary School.** Hevel Elementary School is the newest elementary school in the District. The school sits on a total of 23 acres. The site contains two ball fields and a soccer area.



Stony Creek Metropark

REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Regional parks serve a multi-community area and often offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts.

State Parks and Recreational areas

Eighteen (18) state parks and recreation areas are located in the seven-county southeast Michigan region. These parks have a combined area exceeding 75,000 acres that serve area residents. The only State facility in Macomb County is the undeveloped Wetzel State Park, located in Lenox Township. Eight recreation facilities operated by the State are located to the west in Oakland County and are reasonably accessible to Romeo-Washington-Bruce area residents.

Regional Facilities

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) operates more than one dozen regional recreation areas in southeast Michigan. These parks provide facilities for a wide range of recreational opportunities, which include picnicking, playgrounds, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, golf, court games, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and sledding, among others.

Three HCMA parks are located in Macomb County: Stony Creek Metropark in Washington Township; Metro Beach Metropark in Harrison Township; and Wolcott Mill in Ray Township.

Macomb County

Two parks are operated by the Macomb County Parks and Recreation Department, the largest of which is Freedom Hill located on the south side of Metropolitan Beach Parkway in Sterling Heights. This 100+ acre site has an events-orientation, featuring regularly scheduled festivals and an outdoor auditorium. A 10,000-square foot indoor recreation center is located on site. This building is available for group picnics, receptions and other public purposes. A limited amount of other recreation opportunities are also available at this site, including cross-country skiing, basketball, and volleyball.

RWB AMENITIES

The parks and recreation facilities in each community have different types of amenities and opportunities for a wide variety of recreational experiences (see Map 3).

BACK OF MAP

The following tables list the amenities currently available at each park and recreation facility:

BRUCE TOWNSHIP PARK

Location Gates
(between Van Dyke and McVicar)

Community Bruce Township

Size 20 Acres

Park Type Neighborhood

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Play structure
- Paved pathway
- Swings
- Disc golf
- Pavilion
- Soccer field
- Fitness trail



CRYSTAL DIAMONDS

Location 33 Mile Rd
(between M-53 and Powell Rd)

Community Bruce Township

Size 14 Acres

Park Type Community

Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Soccer field
- Baseball diamond
- Concession area
- Storage shed



GILCHER-CRISSMAN BALL FIELDS/PARK

Location 29 Mile Rd
(between Mound and Campground)

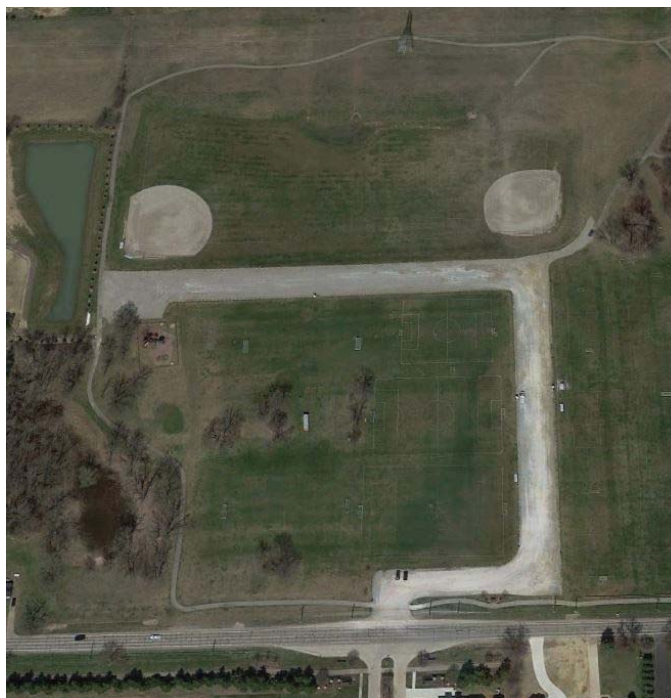
Community Washington Township

Size 40 Acres

Park Type Community

Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Play structure
- Pathway
- Swings
- Soccer field
- Baseball diamond
- Temporary restrooms
- Park irrigation



ORCHARD HILLS PARK

Location 33 Mile Rd
(between Morency and Van Dyke)

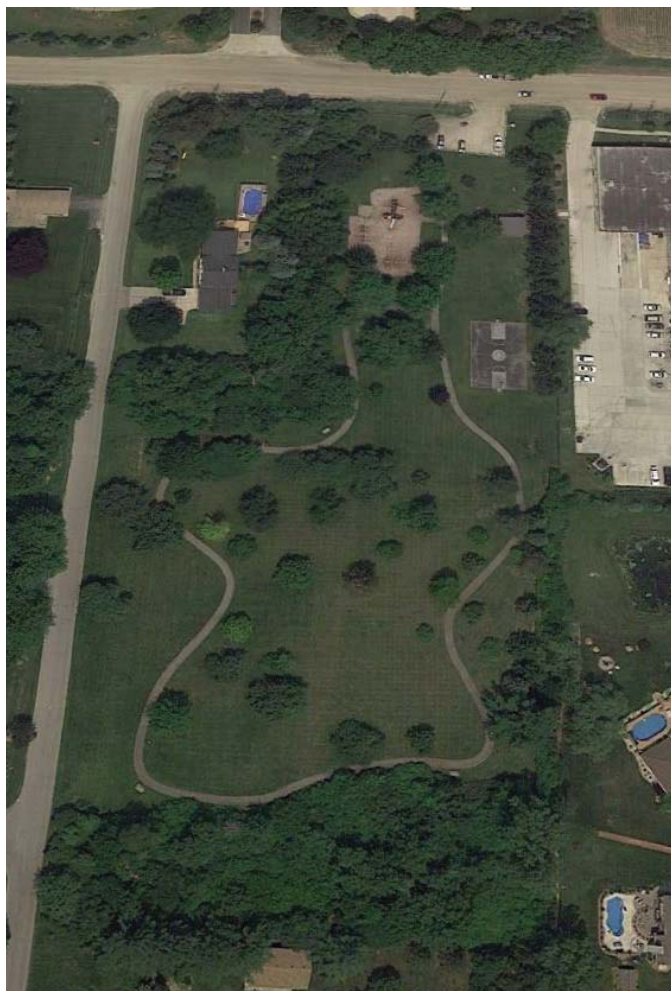
Community Bruce Township

Size 6 Acres

Park Type Neighborhood

Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Play structure
- Swings
- Pavilion
- Basketball court



VILLAGE OF ROMEO COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING

Location Morton
(between St. Clair and Gates St)

Community Romeo

Size 17 Acres

Park Type Community

- Existing Conditions**
- Paved parking
 - Play structure
 - Swings
 - Pavilion
 - Basketball court
 - Sand box
 - Sledding hill
 - SMART/STAR bus depot
 - Skate park



VILLAGE PARK

Location N. Rawles St
(north of St. Clair, west of Main St)

Community Romeo

Size .75 Acres

Park Type Mini/Neighborhood

- Existing Conditions**
- Pavilion/Gazebo
 - Sidewalk
 - Memorials



WASHINGTON COMMUNITY PARK & SENIOR CENTER

Location Van Dyke (between 26 and 27 Mile Roads)

Community Washington Township

Size 8 Acres

Park Type Community

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Play structure
- Pathway
- Swings
- Pavilion
- Soccer field
- Storage shed
- Permanent restrooms
- Tennis court
- Horseshoes
- Fitness center



Play structure at
Washington Township Park

BRUCE TOWNSHIP VACANT LIGON PROPERTY

Location	Southeast corner of 36 Mile Rd and Hipp Rd
Community	Bruce Township
Size	148 Acres
Park Type	Passive Community (Planned)
Existing Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmland



VILLAGE OF ROMEO VACANT ROAD COMMISSION SITE

Location	North of 32 Mile Rd, east of Clinton St
Community	Romeo
Size	1 Acres
Park Type	Neighborhood (Planned)
Existing Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Commission of Macomb County buildings • Paved parking • Green space • Benches • Tree plantings • Connection to Macomb Orchard Trail



VILLAGE OF ROMEO VACANT SISSON PROPERTY

Location Sisson
(between 31 and 32 Mile Rds)

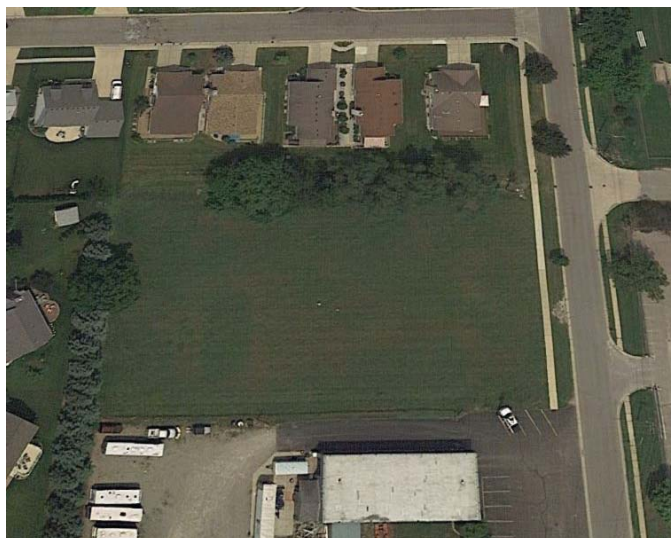
Community Romeo

Size 1.2 Acres

Park Type Neighborhood - Memorial
(Proposed)

Existing Conditions

- Open green space



29 MILE ROAD TRAIL PARKING

Location 29 Mile Rd and Van Dyke

Community Washington Township

Size 5.4 Acres

Park Type Trailhead
Neighborhood
(Proposed)

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Macomb Orchard Trail connection



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Location 30 Mile Rd and Van Dyke

Community Washington Township

Size 200 Acres (120 public)

Park Type Community Center
(Proposed)

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Macomb Orchard Trail connection



OLD CONSERVATION OFFICE PROPERTY

Location	72955 Van Dyke Rd
Community	Bruce Township
Size	1.00 acre
Park Type	Neighborhood (Planned)
Existing Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open green space



In addition to the current properties that RWB maintains and plans for future development, there has been discussions regarding community building's reuse in the communities.

1. **Washington Township Sewer and Water Department.** The building which housed the Washington Township Sewer and Water Department has been vacated and may become the new home for STAR Transportation. The new location would provide a logical location based on the size and use potential of the current building as well as the existing storage yard. The relocation of STAR to this facility would open up additional space at parking at the Romeo Community Center, as well as the existing property surrounding the Water and Sewer Department Building could be utilized for a small park and/or recreation field.
2. **Cable Building.** The WBRW Channel 6 building, which is adjacent to the Romeo Community Center will be vacated by the cable group and may allow for the facility to be retrofitted as a fitness center. It is also possible to relocate the police department to this facility, in which case the Village Police and RWB Recreation would share a common space. If this occurs, the fitness facility could be shared by RWB Recreation and the Police Department.
3. **Future Buildings.** As part of the overall Parks and Recreation Master Plan, any buildings which become available in terms of use should be evaluated in terms of their potential use for recreation or programming purposes. As the communities continue to grow, space for such activities will always be an issue.

PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE TRAILS



Macomb Orchard Trail

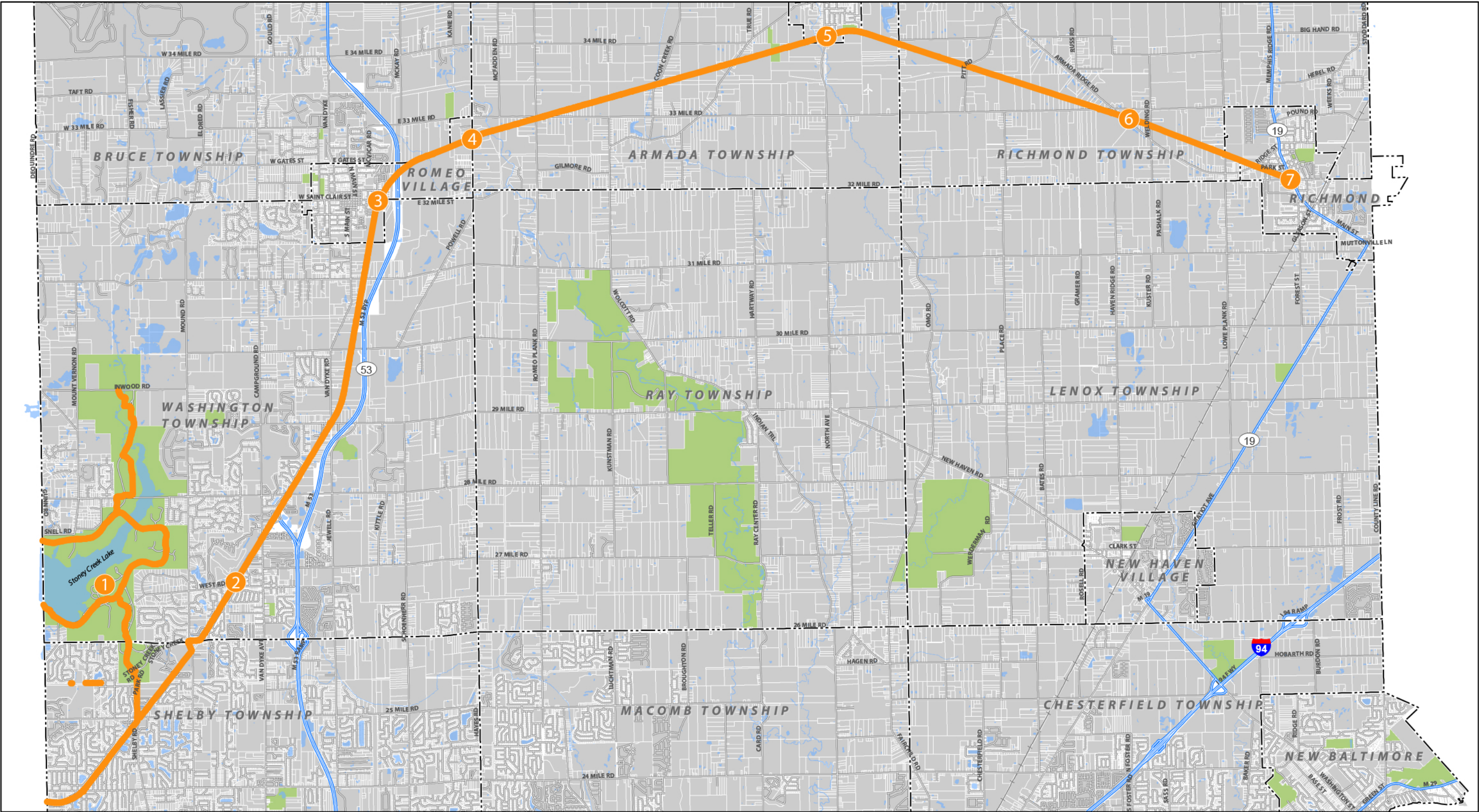
Non-motorized transportation trails not only provide recreation, but also have a positive impact on economic and community development. Ultimately, they contribute to the quality of life as a whole in the following ways:

- Encourage exercise, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyles;
- Create new opportunities for outdoor and close-to-home recreation;
- Provide options for non-motorized transportation;
- Strengthen local economies through tourism, recreation expenditures, and increased property values;
- Protect the environment through habitat preservation, improving air and water quality, and preventing soil erosion;
- Offer education opportunities;
- Preserve cultural and historic areas by connecting us to our heritage and providing access to them; and
- Connect to regional and local parks.

Macomb Orchard Trail

According to Michigan Trails (Mitrails.org), the Macomb Orchard Trail is approximately 23.5 miles of smooth pavement and beautiful scenery. Built on an abandoned railroad that was originally called the Michigan Air-Line Railway, the trail connects the communities of Shelby Township, Romeo, Armada and Richmond in Macomb County. The southern end of the trail connects with the Clinton River Trail at Dequindre Road.

As the trail heads north, there is a noticeable changing landscape from suburban neighborhoods through wide open spaces, long tunnels of trees, quaint country towns, and an orchard. Along the way there are several exceptional scenic spots to stop and take in the views, as well as visits to neighborhood shops and restaurants.



Macomb Orchard Trail
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Macomb Orchard Trail Access			
Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Stoney Creek Metropark	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Ross Memorial Park	Yes	Yes	No
3 Romeo Trailside Park	Yes	No	No
4 Powell Road Parking Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Armada Parking Area	Yes	Yes	No
6 Armada Ridge Staging Area	Yes	Yes	No
7 Richmond Trailhead	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Data Source: Macomb County, 2014

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BACK OF MAP



Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail

Connected to the Macomb Orchard Trail is the Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail. The asphalt trail is a circular loop around Stony Creek Lake with access to several nature trails and mountain biking trails.

Stony Creek Metropark
Hike-Bike Trail

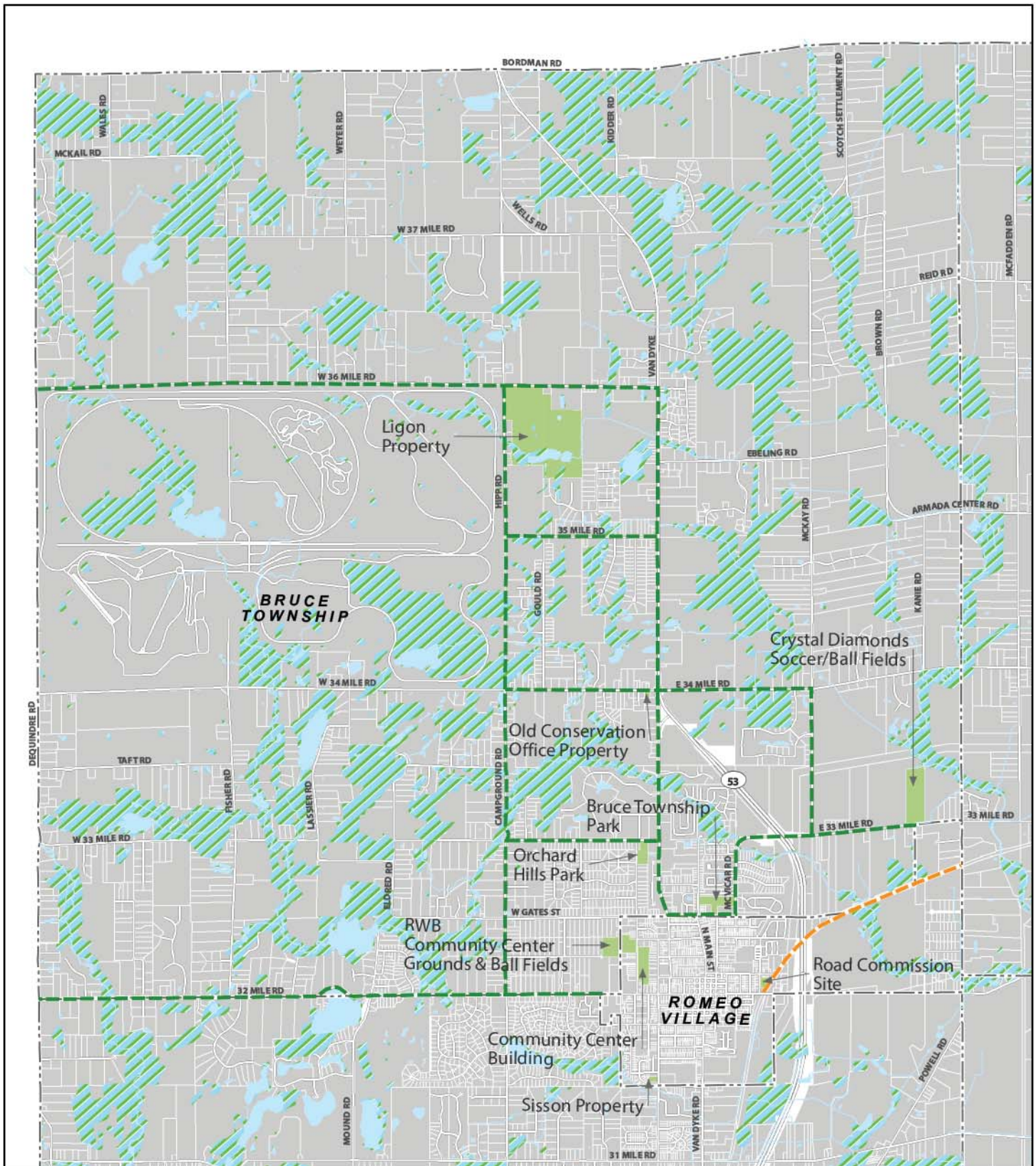
Bruce Township Pathways Plan

The 2016 Bruce Township Master Plan includes planned for a desired pathway system which would service a large portion of the Township and would connect the main public properties, as well as the majority of the Township to the Village of Romeo and the Macomb Orchard Trail. The planned pathways are designed to service walkers, joggers, bike riders, rollerbladers, amongst others in the more rural sections of the Township. This includes pathways in the rural agricultural districts.

The designated planned pathways include the following:

- 32 Mile Road from Dequindre to the Village boundary
- 33 Mile Road from Campground to Van Dyke
- 33 Mile Road from McVicar to Powell Road
- 34 Mile Road from Campground to McKay Road
- 35 Mile Road from Hipp to Van Dyke
- 36 Mile Road from Dequindre to Van Dyke
- Campground from 32 Mile Road to 34 Mile Road
- Van Dyke from the Village boundary to 36 Mile Road
- McVicar Road from the Village boundary to 33 Mile Road
- McKay Road from 33 Mile Road to 34 Mile Road

Within the Township, pathways along exterior roadways have not typically been required. The Township, however, has adopted a new planning philosophy where pathways are desirable between planned developments and Township or other public facilities and destinations.



Bruce Township Pathways Plan

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- Macomb Orchard Trail
- Planned Pathway
- Designated Greenways

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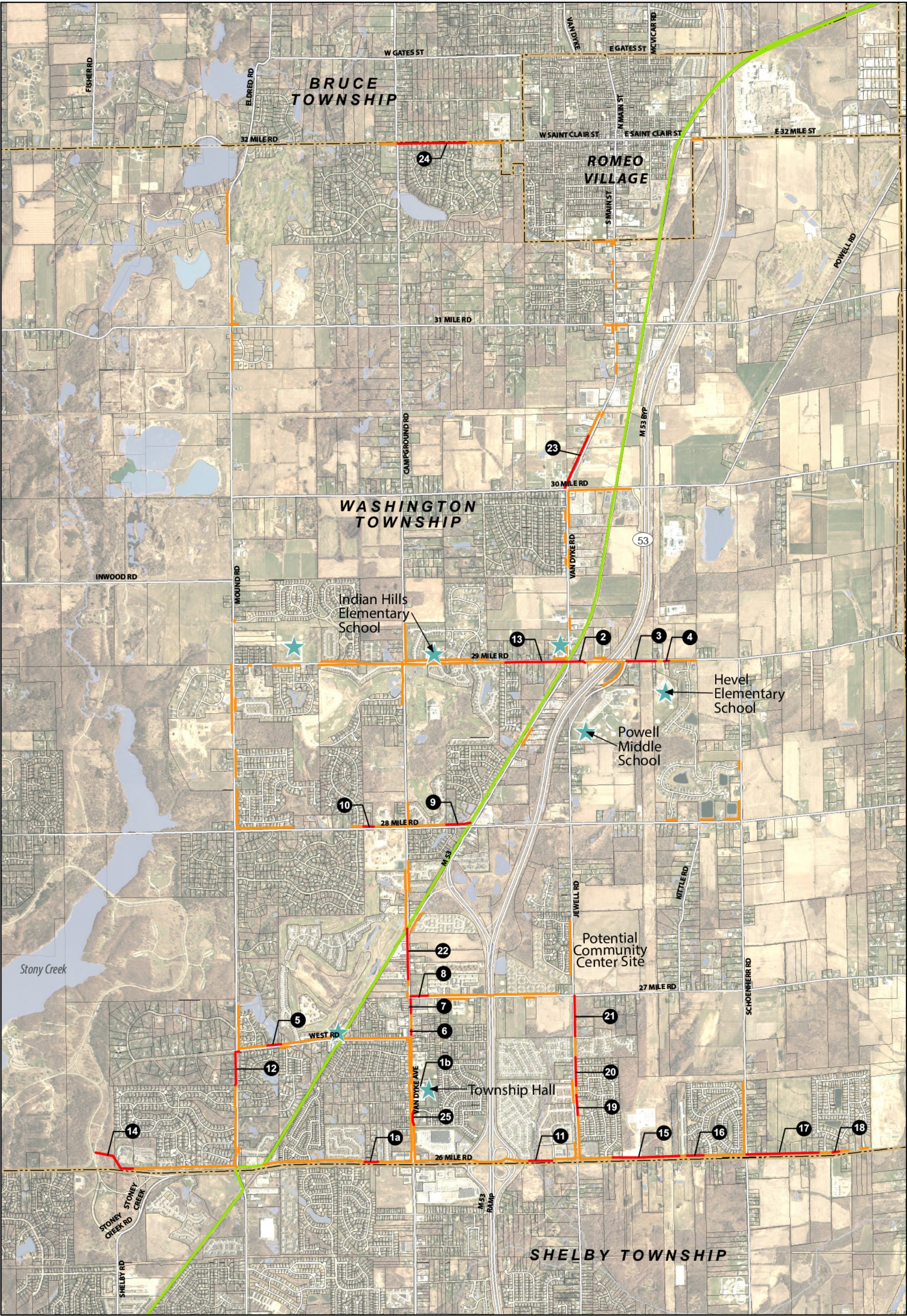
Washington Township Pathway Plan

As detailed in the previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Washington Township is a composite of its neighboring two communities. Large portions of the northern and western sections of Washington Township are sparsely developed, with predominately large lots and no sidewalks. The southern and central portions of the Township have a more suburban residential development pattern, with most single-family homes confined to a subdivision setting. Sidewalks are available in most of these developments, particularly the newer developments. There are, however, gaps in the system, with few connections between existing subdivisions along the major road system.

Washington Township has taken considerable efforts to connect and forge the gaps in the sidewalk system throughout the township. In total, 22,729 linear feet of sidewalk has been proposed; including one joint project with the Macomb County Department of Roads.

The project priority list include the following:

Township Hall Connections	Township Hall Campus, 57900 Van Dyke
29 Mile Road East Connector	South side of 29 Mile Road from the RETC Parcel to Van Dyke
Hevel Elementary Gap	South side of 29 Mile Road from west edge of Hevel Elementary to Jewell Road
Autumn Creek Gap	South side of 29 Mile Road from the Autumn Creek frontage to Hevel Elementary
Westlake Gap	North side of West Road from Westlake to Deerfield
First Baptist Drain Crossing	Drain crossing on the east side of Van Dyke just south of First Baptist Church
Alwards Shopping Gap	East side of Van Dyke from Jewell to First Baptist Church
27 Mile Road Gap	North side of 27 Mile Road, west end of Kirkway to Van Dyke
Woodfield Way Connector	North side of 28 Mile Road from Pinehurst to the Macomb Orchard Trail
Carriage Hills Gap	North side of 28 Mile Road from Miriam Drive to St. John and Paul Catholic Church
Beaconsfield Gap	North side of 26 Mile Road, Rudgate to Beaconsfield
Mound Road Gap	West side of Mound Road from West Road to Crystal Creek Court
29 Mile Road West Connector	South side of 29 Mile Road from Hidden Pond Drive to the Macomb Orchard Trail crossing at Van Dyke
TRW Connector	North side of 26 Mile Road from TRW entrance to Stony Creek Metropark Pathway
Brookfield Gap	North side of 26 Mile Road between Nicholas Drive and Brookfield Way
Stonebriar Gap	North side of 26 Mile Road between Brookfield and Stonebriar Drive
Willow Ridge Gap	North side of 26 Mile Road between Schoenherr Road and Willow Ridge Boulevard
Willow Ridge Farms Gap	North side of 26 Mile Road between Willow Ridge Boulevard and Hawthron Drive
Jewell Estates Gap	East side of Jewell from Alicia Lane to Diamond Lane
Liberty Woods Gap	East side of Jewell from Diamond Lane to south of Liberty Woods
Jewell Road Gap	East side of Jewell from Liberty Woods to 27 Mile Road
North Village Connector	West side of Van Dyke from 27 Mile Road to Macomb Orchard Trail
Library Connector	West side of Van Dyke from 30 Mile Road to the Romeo District Library Graubner Branch
Applewood Valley Gap	South side of 32 Mile Road between Campground and Appleview Drive
Octagon House Gap	East side of Van Dyke Avenue between Washington Woods Drive and Carole lane



Washington Township Pathways Plan

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Macomb County, Michigan

Legend

- Points of Interest
- Existing Walks (Various Width and Material)
- Proposed Pathway
- Macomb Orchard Trail

- 1 Proposed Pathway Listing**
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| 1a. Rosevere Gap | 9. Autumn Creek Gap | 18. Willow Ridge farms Gap |
| 1b. Township Hall Connection | 10. Carriage Hills Gap | 19. Jewell Estates Gap |
| 2. 29 Mile Road Connection | 11. Beaconsfield Gap | 20. Liberty Woods Gap |
| 3. Hevel Elementary Gap | 12. Mound Road Gap | 21. Jewell Road Gap |
| 4. Autumn Creek Gap | 13. 29 Mile Road West Connector | 22. North Village Connector |
| 5. Westlake Gap | 14. TRW Connector (MCDR Project) | 23. Library Connector |
| 6. First Baptist Drain Crossing | 15. Brookfield Gap | 24. Applewood Valley Gap |
| 7. Always Shopping Gap | 16. Stonebrier Gap | 25. Octagon House Gap |
| 8. 27 Mile Road Gap | 17. Willow Ridge GAP | |

PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES



Private recreation providers also play a role in meeting the recreation needs of local residents. In many instances, private providers offer services and facilities of a more specialized nature that may not be provided by public sources. These facilities are generally available for a small fee. These facilities include: golf, bowling, roller skating rinks, racquet/health clubs, riding stables, movie theaters, and shooting ranges, among others.

The Romeo-Washington-Bruce area features six golf courses, with 126 golf holes, or the equivalent of seven 18-hole layouts; Bruce Hills, Heather Hills, Greystone, Pine Valley, The Orchards, and Glacier Club. Two golf courses are located in Bruce Township, and five located in Washington Township. Other available recreation facilities available in the area include several riding stables, archery and firearms shooting range, bowling alley and golf driving ranges. Many of the orchards located in the area offer outdoor activities and events.

One private park also offers limited opportunity for recreational facilities to the public. Simpson Park, which is located in Bruce Township at the intersection of Campground Road and Gates Street, is a private religious retreat camp. The park offers numerous soccer fields used by the North Macomb Soccer Club.

The Romeo and Washington Lions Clubs both own sites that are used for special community events. The Romeo Lions own a four-acre site in the southeast portion of the Village, which hosts carnival rides. The three-acre Washington Lions Club site is located between Washington Township Park and Washington Elementary School.

A number of subdivisions in both Townships have private parks or open space areas incorporated into the residential development. These open space areas are typically undeveloped and have some potential for satisfying neighborhood recreation needs as passive recreation sites.

Greystone Golf Club (left)
Heather Hills Golf Club (right)

PROGRAMMING

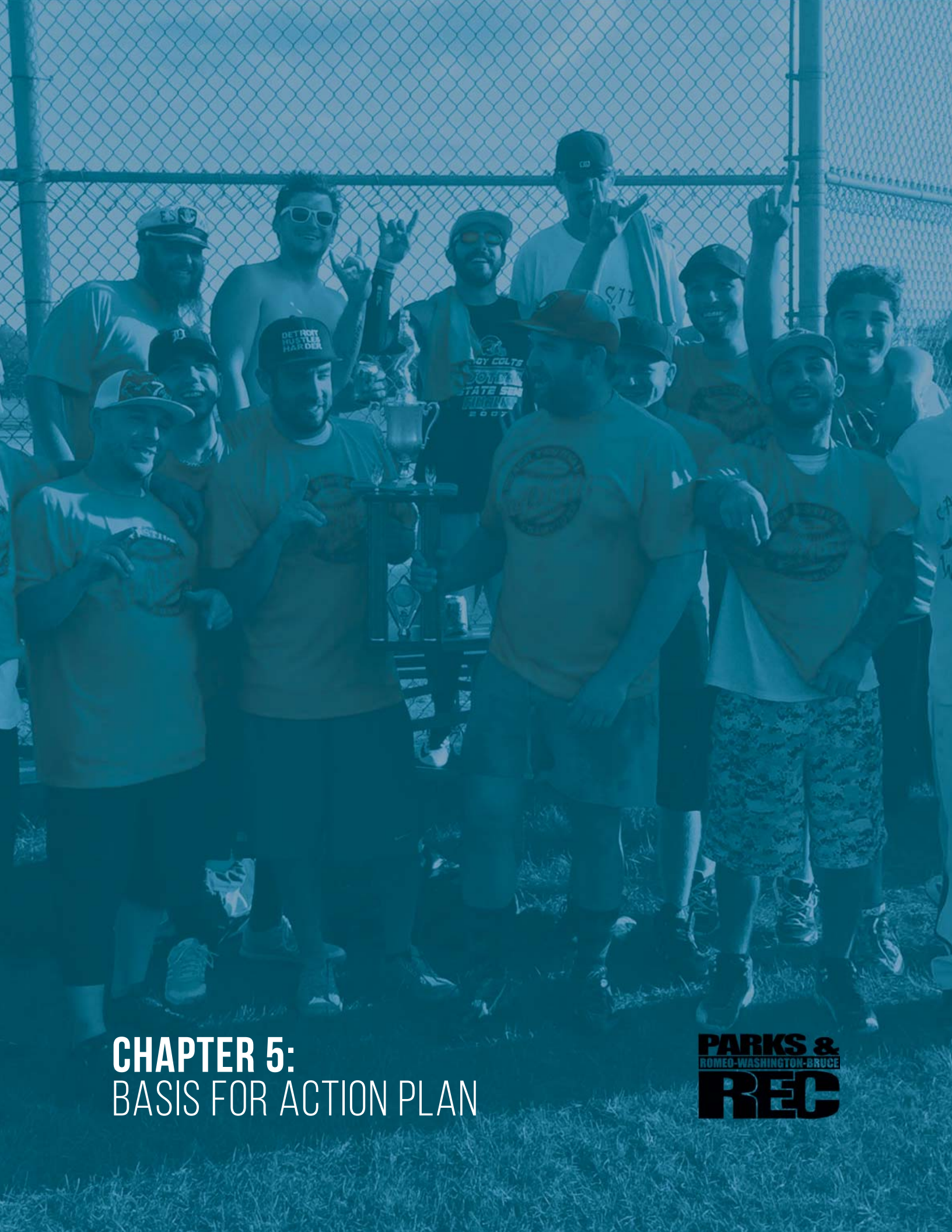


The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Department offers a large variety of programs and special events throughout the year. Among the programs and events offered are:

- Adult Fitness
- Babysitting training
- Basketball
- Boater's safety
- Bowling
- Coed softball
- Craft activities (knitting, quilting, woodcarving)
- Dance (ballroom, swing, line
- First Aid
- Golf lessons
- Gymnastics
- Horseback riding lessons
- Ice skating
- Legal aid
- Music lessons (guitar, ukulele, banjo)
- Roller skating
- Sign language
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Veterans aid
- Volleyball

Special Events

- Community Clean-Up
- Euchre tournaments
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Holiday Arts and Crafts
- Michigan Peach Festival
- Princess-Superhero Dance



CHAPTER 5: BASIS FOR ACTION PLAN

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PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Planning Process

The Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Committee directed the update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Citizen and community stakeholder input played a critical role in the development of the plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and desires of those who use the community's parks and recreation facilities. The plan preparation process included seven tasks that are discussed below.

Task One: Community Description. The first task was to obtain a description of Romeo, Washington Township, and Bruce Township's physical and social features. These features include location, land use, environmental and natural features, as well as population characteristics including age distribution, people with physical disabilities, household types, employment, and income.

Task Two: Administrative Structure and Funding. The second task was to review the administrative structure of the communities, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Recreation Committee, and other recreation providers. This analysis also includes a review of the current and projected revenues and expenditures, as well as the grant history of funding received from the MDNR and other sources.

Task Three: Parks and Recreation Inventory. The parks and recreation inventory included written descriptions of facilities in each community including parks and facilities, schools, regional parks and facilities, greenways and trails, local parks and facilities, and quasi-public and private recreation facilities. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of recreation facilities, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's facilities. The Township's and other recreation providers' programming are discussed in that section as well.

Task Four: Public Participation. The following public participation methods and events were conducted during the process of preparing the plan:

- **Public Survey** – A public survey was posted online from December 12, 2016 to January 3, 2017, asking people for feedback on their experiences and opinions of the current parks and recreation offerings and any improvements they would like to see. The complete results of the survey can be found in Appendix A.
- **30-Day Review Period** – The draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was available for the 30-day public review starting January 18, 2017 until February 18, 2017. A notice was published in the The Record in the December 21-27, 2016 edition.

Task Five: Analysis. The data collected in tasks one through four was analyzed in comparison to national and state guidelines, specific local needs, the experience of the Parks and Recreation Department and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task Six: Action Plan. The analysis resulted in the creation of a five-year plan for prioritized projects and improvements. The Action Plan gives the Parks and Recreation Department a checklist of what action is to be taken, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it is expected to cost, and potential funding sources.

Task Seven: Plan Completion and Adoption. Once consensus was reached among the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Committee, the Plan was recommended for approval at the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on _____. The Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on _____, and the Commission recommended adoption of the Plan. Finally, on _____, the Township Board reviewed and formally adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. See Appendices for meeting notices, and adoption documentation.

FACILITIES ANALYSIS

The existing recreation facilities were compared against the guidelines set by the NRPA and MDNR to determine if the existing facilities are adequate to meet the needs of residents in comparison to national standards. The analysis takes into account a variety of factors including existing conditions, information obtained from public input, programming desires, and site conditions. Table 4 identifies the NRPA guideline for each facility type, the recommended number of facilities and the existing number of facilities, and the surplus or deficiency.

Table 4: Park Land Acreage and Facility Analysis¹

Park/Activity	Standard	Population ¹ (2010)	Population (2040)	Recommended Size / Population 2010	Recommended Size / Population 2040	Existing ² Acreage / Facilities	Surplus (Deficiency)
Regional Park	5-10 acres per 1,000 residents	31,852	40,292	159 - 318 Acres	202 - 403 Acres	-	
Community Park	5-8 acres per 1,000 residents	31,852	40,292	159 - 254 Acres	201 - 322 Acres	279 Acres	
Neighborhood Park	1-2 acres per 1,000 residents	31,852	40,292	31 - 63 Acres	40 - 80 Acres	34.35	
Children's Playlot	1 lot per 3,000 residents	31,852	40,292	11	13	5	(6)
Basketball Court	1 court per 10,000 residents	31,852	40,292	32	40	2	(30)
Softball/Baseball Diamond	1 diamond per 5,000 residents	31,852	40,292	6	8	9	3
Running Track	1 track per 20,000 residents	31,852	40,292	2	2	-	-
Swimming Pool	1 pool per 20,000 residents	31,852	40,292	2	2	-	-
Nature Trails	1 trail per 20,000 residents	31,852	40,292	2	2	6	4
Golf Course	1 course per 25,000 residents	31,852	40,292	1	2	6	5
Tennis Court	1 court per 2,000 residents	31,852	40,292	16	20	2	(14)
Soccer Field	1 field per 10,000 residents	31,852	40,292	3	4	12	9
Ice Rink	1 per 100,000 residents	31,852	40,292	0	0	-	-
Volleyball	1 court per 5,000 residents	31,852	40,292	6	8	1	(5)

¹ Source: Lancaster, R.A., Ed. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983; Mertes, J.D. and J.R. Hall. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Alexandria, CA: NRPA, 1995. Based on minimum acres/1,000 residents.



The RWB Parks and Recreation meets or exceeds the standards for many facility types. However, as funding allows and needs arise, based on the deficiencies above, the following facilities should be considered on a long-term basis:

- **Children's Playlots.** Several facilities already have play structures for young children, however, based on the population there should be development of more playlots, especially for the younger toddlers.
- **Basketball Courts.** Basketball courts can be fairly easy to install and require little maintenance. The need for additional courts will only increase as the population is expected to increase.
- **Tennis Courts.** The RWB Parks and Recreation should consider constructing some additional tennis courts at existing parks or include them in future park developments. Tennis courts can be adapted for use in pickleball, a sport that is growing in popularity.
- **Volleyball Courts.** Outdoor volleyball courts should be considered in future park developments.
- **Other Facilities.** Other facilities requested during the public input process include, but were not limited to, a splash pad, updated fitness and community center, swimming pool, and a dog park. These facilities should be evaluated for inclusion in future park developments as they are deemed appropriate.



CHAPTER 6: ACTION PLAN

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By using the comprehensive planning process of trend identification and a public input survey, the Romeo- Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Master Plan has effectively established a framework for the Action Plan. The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancement of the parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.

A complementary component of the Action Plan is the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Action strategies that require significant capital investment from the community have been organized into the five-year plan. The specific projects have been prioritized in the CIP in order to better manage the Parks and Recreation Department's budget and equally distribute the projects over a five-year cycle. The timing of these projects may be influenced, moved, or eliminated depending upon economic conditions, available funding, and/or grant awards. However, the spirit and intent of the project priorities are well-defined in the CIP.

The Action Plan is organized into two sections:

- Goals and Strategies
- Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

A Parks and Recreation Plan should offer the community a series of guidelines or recommendations for making consistent and rational public decisions regarding the delivery of recreation programs and facilities. Goals and objectives offer policy direction and the framework for recreation providers.

The following goals and strategies are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for Romeo, Washington, Bruce. These goals and strategies should be reviewed continually and modified as necessary.

GENERAL RECREATION GOALS

1. Recognize the contribution that parks and recreation programs make to the quality of life for the community and its residents.
2. Provide recreation opportunities for all residents, without regard to age, race, religion, physical or mental well-being, gender, or economic circumstances.
3. Encourage continued cooperation with the Romeo School District in providing school facility usage for community recreation programs.
4. Consider the availability and access to private and commercial recreation opportunities available in the area or nearby communities in evaluating future recreation needs.
5. Utilize the areas existing natural features for open space and recreational purposes.
6. Avoid duplicating the development of public and commercial recreation opportunities that are available in nearby communities.
7. Encourage continued cooperation amongst communities regarding the joint use of existing and future recreation facilities.
8. Increase the number of recreation programs and facilities available to meet the pace of the continuous growth of the area and evaluate the equal distribution of recreational opportunities.
9. Increase the overall awareness, participation and usage of recreation programs and facilities to the communities.
10. For planning and administrative purposes, all municipal boundaries shall be nullified. Recreational facilities and programs will be based on needs and demands created by the population within the entire RWB planning area. The Parks and Recreation advisory board should contain residents from both communities.
11. Continue RWB as a collective, functioning recreation entity realizing that RWB can provide services better and more efficiently than if provided separately in each community.

RECREATION FACILITY GOALS

1. Expand the range of recreation facilities available to area residents.
2. Encourage the development of community-wide parks offering a full array of both active and passive recreation facilities to be focal points for recreation activities.
3. Provide neighborhood level parks, both public and private, to meet the needs of identifiable neighborhoods.
4. Provide adequate park and recreation space as an integral part of each development including single-family subdivisions, multiple-family developments and manufactured housing communities.
5. Relate the location of future recreation facilities to existing and anticipated population growth areas, as well as to other community facilities and land availability.
6. Encourage the development of a pedestrian / bicycle path system linking residential neighborhoods to recreational facilities throughout the service area.
7. Support the continued development and utilization of the Macomb Orchard Trail as a corridor for a pedestrian / bicycle path linking the Washington area with downtown Romeo as well as the service area to the larger region.
8. Support the continued development of the planned regional bicycle path along 26 Mile Road.
9. Explore the reuse of abandoned mining sites for recreation purposes.
10. Acquire scenic easements reinforcing the open space preservation objectives and community appearance.
11. Utilize appropriate planning and zoning tools that encourage developers to incorporate more open space into new residential developments.
12. Continue to partnership with school facilities to meet both neighborhood and community-wide recreation needs and to limit overlapping recreational opportunities.
13. Continue the development of the sports complexes (Crystal Diamonds and Gilcher-Crissman Park) that serve all three communities as a whole.
14. Work directly with the Townships, the Village, and the Commission in obtaining funding options and recreational sites.
15. Provide adequate recreational facilities within each community that provide a full range of recreational opportunities.
16. Evaluate and meet the need of recreation sites in relationship to the specific growth of individual programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS

1. Provide for a full range of recreation programs to meet perceived recreation needs.
2. Monitor and adjust program offerings to reflect changing recreation preferences.
3. Coordinate existing and anticipated recreation programs with those offered by other public and private recreation providers.
4. Maintain existing partnerships with the Romeo School District.
5. Relate recreational program offerings to population concentrations and to the availability of facilities.
6. Work with local communities to establish and renew cooperative agreements for the maintenance of future recreation sites.
7. Continue working with community groups to establish cooperative agreements for the protection, maintenance and use of recreation sites.
8. Provide necessary staffing and administrative infrastructure to support the expansion of recreation opportunities while respecting budget constraints.
9. Provide a consistent level of funding to support improvements to the area's recreation facilities and programs and continued maintenance of these parks.
10. Provide low-income community residents with assistance to provide for their recreational needs.
11. Encourage cooperation with service groups, organizations and individuals by providing service projects through recreation to promote volunteerism to meet the special needs of those in the Romeo, Washington, Bruce area.
12. Continue working relationships with parent-based programs by providing assistance, awareness, and sites for their specific activity.
13. Increase awareness of recreation programs, facilities, and future plans for development.
14. Encourage the revision and enforcement of open space and natural feature preservation ordinances within each Township and Village.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This section summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require largely monetary investment. Table 5 – Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan incorporates the top recommendations that require capital improvement in the next five years for planning purposes.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are in 2016 dollars and are strictly preliminary. Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements, and engineering plans are developed if applicable, as well as further analysis of the proposed improvement. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the Plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

It should be noted that the CIP is based on the existing financial resources of the Parks and Recreation Department. This helps to ensure that the projects are aligned with the operational and financial realities of the area's resources and are not simply a reflection of community desires. The Committee has taken a comprehensive approach of preparing the Master Plan to fully evaluate and prioritize projects based on the cost benefit, impact to the community, and operational costs.

Table 5: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Year	Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Year 1 - 2017	Bruce Township Dog park/run; including fencing, benches, lighting, dog drinking area, poop scoop station	High	\$20,000 - \$30,000	General Fund, User Fees, Private Donations
	Orchard Hills Park Install lighting	High	\$5,000	General Fund, Private Donations
	Bruce Township Soil Conservation Site - (Phase 1) Park infrastructure development, including walking path, parking, electricity, entry signage	High	TBD	MDNR MDOT CDBG
	Village of Romeo Vacant Sisson Property Development of future park	High	TBD	MDNR
	Crystal Diamonds Additional tree plantings	High	\$5,000 - \$10,000	General Fund Private Donations
	Village of Romeo Community Center Develop physical barrier between park and north property	High	\$10,000 - \$20,000	General Fund MDNR
	Old Conservation Office Property Development of future park	High	\$100,000 - \$150,000	MDNR MDOT General Funds Private Donations
Year 2 - 2018	Bruce Township Soil Conservation Site - (Phase 2) Park development, including pavilion, play structure, benches, picnic table, landscaping, water fountains	High	\$100,000	MDNR, Private Donations, CDBG
	Gilcher-Crissman Park Add paved parking lot, irrigation on east side of park, lighting for fields, electricity extension	High	\$150,000	MDNR, CDBG, General Fund
	29 Mile Road Trail Parking Additional tree plantings, dog park, fence property lines, outdoor volleyball court, pavilion/gazebo, signage for dedicated parking area	High	\$50,000	General Fund, Private Donations, General Fund, MDNR, MDOT
	Washington Township Community Center Development of community center, including pool facilities, ice rink, splash park, football fields, tennis courts	High	\$200,000	MDNR,
	Ligon Property Development of future park	Medium	TBD	MDNR

Year	Project	Priority	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Year 3 - 2019	Orchard Hills Park Install toddler lot with water and electric service	Medium	\$3,000	General Fund, MDNR
	Village Park Install security cameras, P.A. system, additional lighting	Medium	\$7,000	General Fund
	Gilcher-Crissman Park Install toddler park, permanent restrooms, extension of walk trail, floodable basketball court, ice rink	Medium	\$100,000	Private Donations
	Washington Community Park and Senior Center Install shuffle board	Medium	\$1,000	General Fund, Private Donations
	29 Mile Road Trail Parking Install passive park amenities, including benches, picnic tables	Medium	\$5,000	General Fund, Private Donations
Year 4 - 2020	Village of Romeo Community Center Building Install toddler lot, baseball field dugout enclosures and room, park maintenance	Medium	\$75,000	MDNR CDBG, General Fund
	Crystal Diamonds Install play structure, toddler lot, new dugout structure, permanent restroom facilities, extension of irrigation to ball fields	Medium	\$100,000	MDNR
	29 Mile Road Trail Parking Install play structure, develop walking path	Low	\$6,000	General Fund, Private Donations
	Orchard Hills Park Connect to 33 Mile Rd sidewalk, additional parking, install roadway signage along Morency	Low	\$10,000	MDNR, MDOT
Year 5 - 2021	Crystal Diamonds Develop pathway connections to community facilities (library, township hall, post office)	Low	\$10,000	MDNR, MDOT
	Village Park Anti-vandalism improvements	Low	\$5,000	General Fund
	Village of Romeo Community Center Building Walking trail and ADA connection to pavilion, electricity and irrigation to park and ball fields, storage barn, additional restrooms/shower facilities)	Low	\$25,000	General Fund, MDNR
	Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update	High	\$10,000	General Fund

APPENDIX



A survey was posted on the Parks and Recreation website from December 12 through January 3, asking people for feedback on their experiences and opinions of the current parks and recreation offerings and any improvements they would like to see. The survey consisted of 17 questions regarding several aspects of the parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services offered by the Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation. The survey received a total of 95 responses.

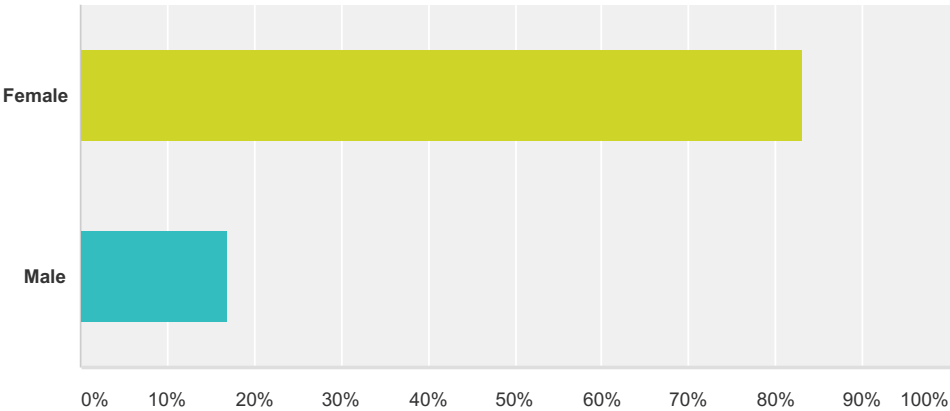
SURVEY RESULTS

(Footnotes)

- 1 Based on Romeo-Washington-Bruce total population of 31,852, as of the 2010 US Census.
- 2 Acreage for planned parks are included, as they are identified in the RWB amenities section.

Q1 What is your gender?

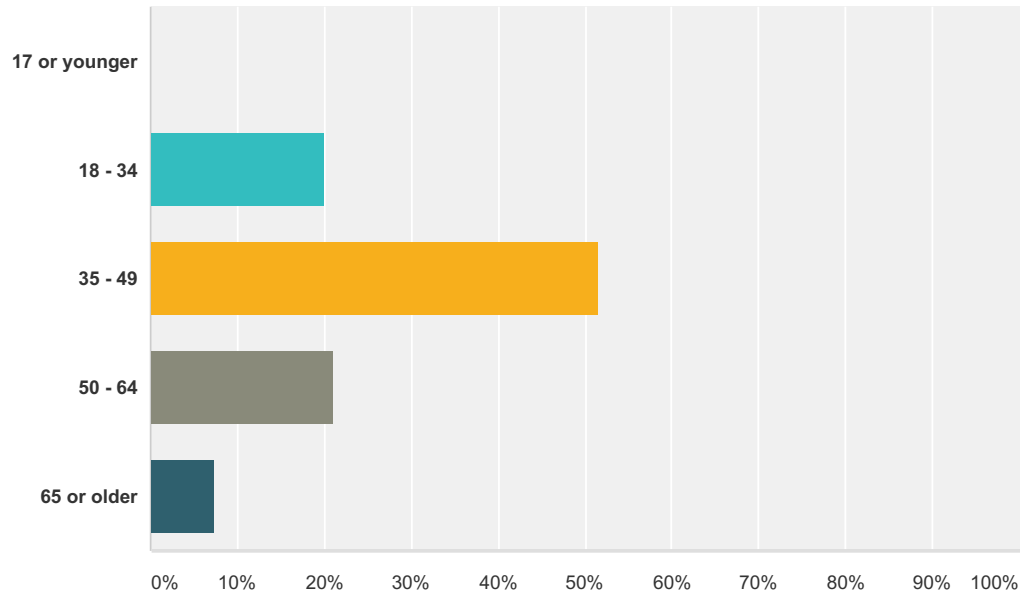
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	83.16%	79
Male	16.84%	16
Total		95

Q2 What is your age?

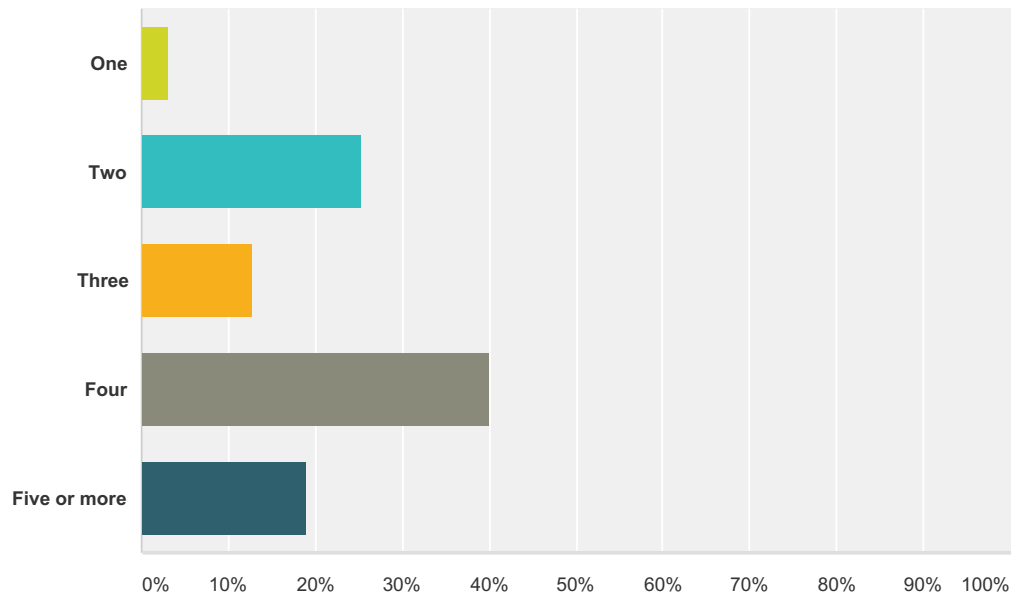
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Answer Choices	Responses	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18 - 34	20.00%	19
35 - 49	51.58%	49
50 - 64	21.05%	20
65 or older	7.37%	7
Total		95

Q3 How many people are in your household?

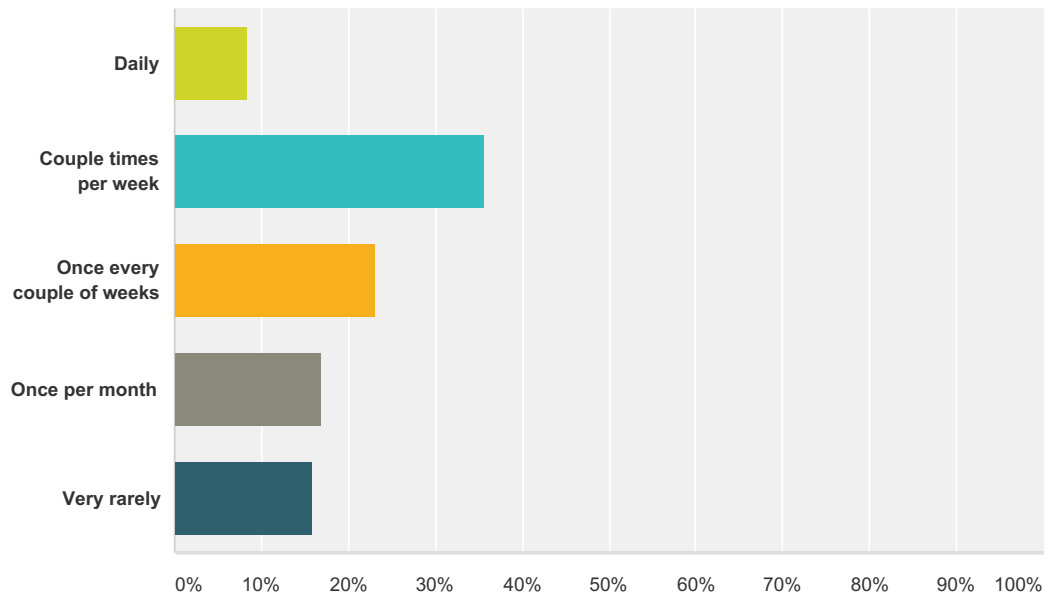
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Answer Choices	Responses	
One	3.16%	3
Two	25.26%	24
Three	12.63%	12
Four	40.00%	38
Five or more	18.95%	18
Total		95

Q4 How often do you frequent one of the community parks or recreation facilities?

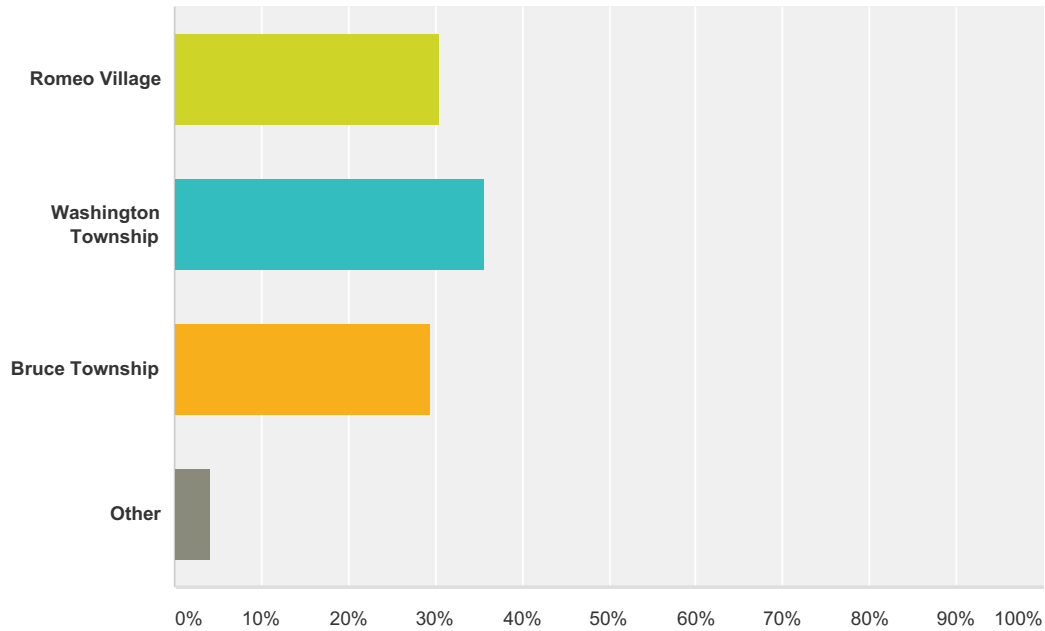
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Daily	8.42%	8
Couple times per week	35.79%	34
Once every couple of weeks	23.16%	22
Once per month	16.84%	16
Very rarely	15.79%	15
Total		95

Q5 Where do you currently live?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 0

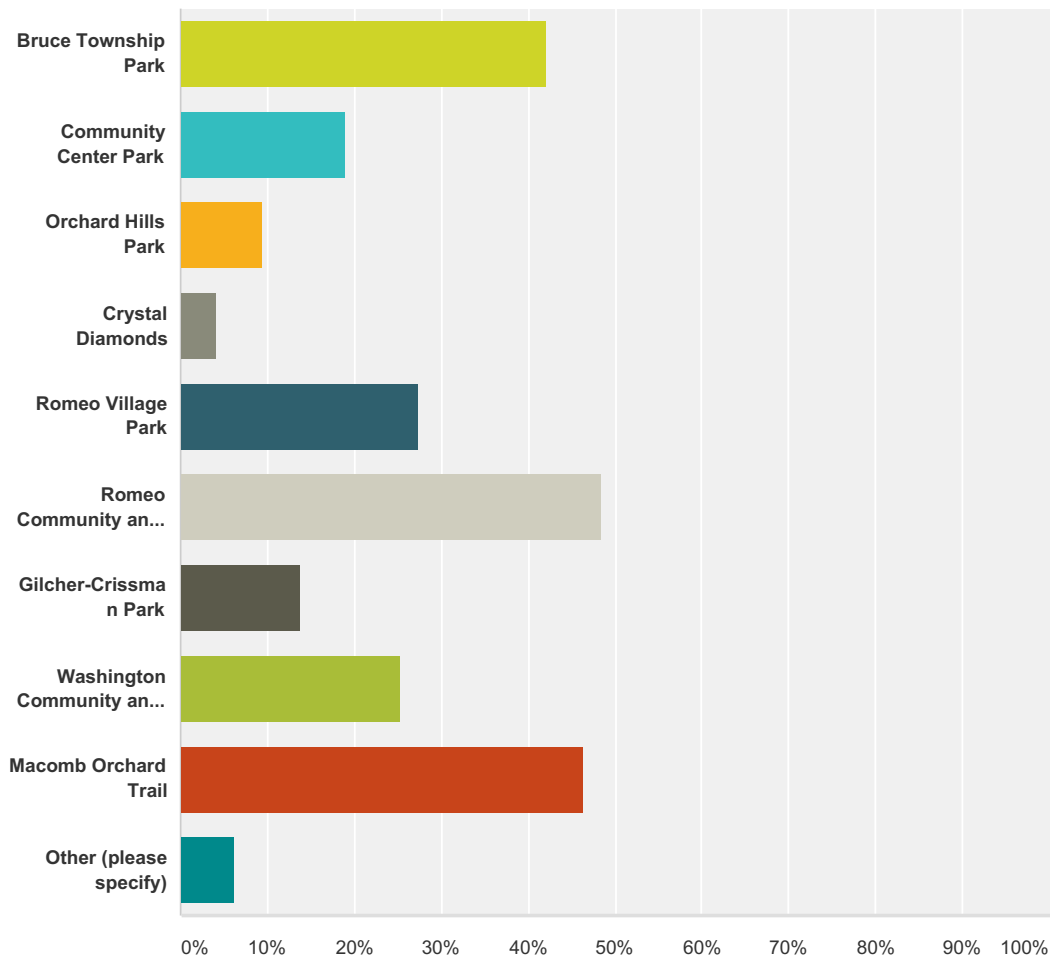


Answer Choices	Responses
Romeo Village	30.53% 29
Washington Township	35.79% 34
Bruce Township	29.47% 28
Other	4.21% 4
Total	95

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Lenox	12/27/2016 7:57 PM
2	Romeo aka Washington twp	12/19/2016 11:50 PM
3	Armada but work M-F in Romeo	12/17/2016 11:06 AM
4	Addison Twp	12/17/2016 10:19 AM
5	Leonard	12/13/2016 8:47 PM
6	Leonard	12/13/2016 6:52 AM
7	Addison Township	12/13/2016 12:56 AM
8	Leonard	12/13/2016 12:31 AM
9	Armada	12/12/2016 9:16 PM

Q6 What facilities do you frequent most in Romeo, Washington Twp, and Bruce Twp?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Bruce Township Park	42.11% 40
Community Center Park	18.95% 18
Orchard Hills Park	9.47% 9
Crystal Diamonds	4.21% 4
Romeo Village Park	27.37% 26
Romeo Community and Activity Center Building	48.42% 46
Gilcher-Crissman Park	13.68% 13
Washington Community and Activity Center	25.26% 24
Macomb Orchard Trail	46.32% 44
Other (please specify)	6.32% 6

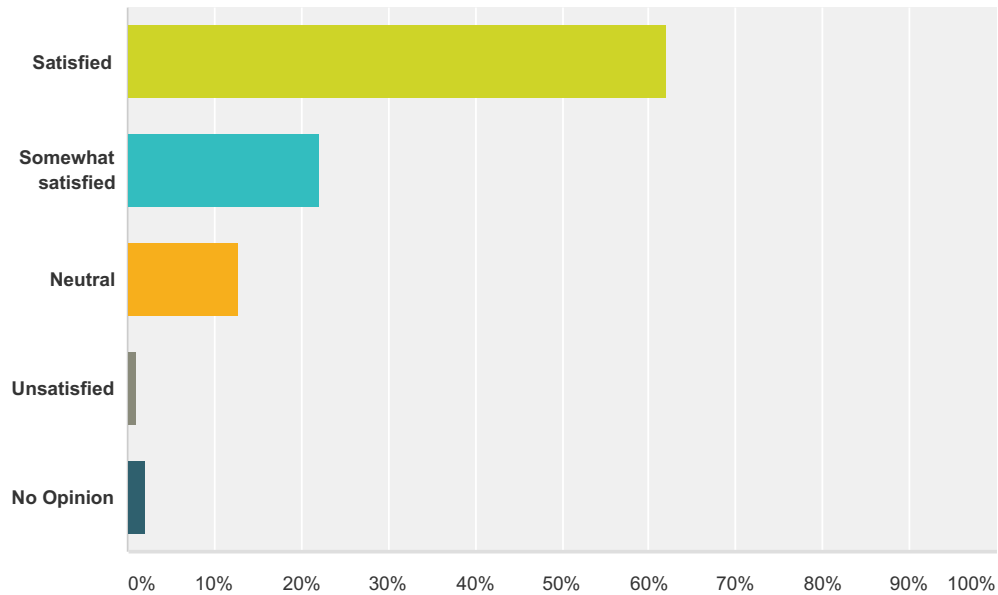
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	You	12/17/2016 7:48 AM
2	Stoney creek Metro park	12/16/2016 1:20 PM
3	none	12/16/2016 11:34 AM
4	Opc in Rochester	12/13/2016 8:37 PM
5	Park on 33 and van dyke	12/13/2016 8:03 PM
6	Pool	12/13/2016 1:46 PM

Q7 Overall, how satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the parks and recreation facilities?

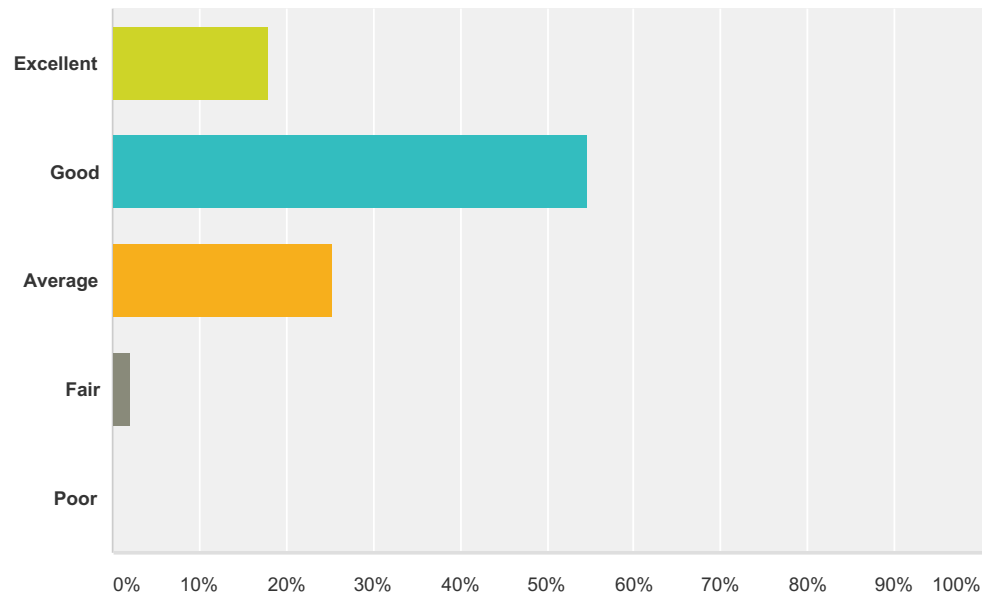
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Satisfied	62.11%	59
Somewhat satisfied	22.11%	21
Neutral	12.63%	12
Unsatisfied	1.05%	1
No Opinion	2.11%	2
Total		95

Q8 How would you rate the parks and recreation facilities overall?

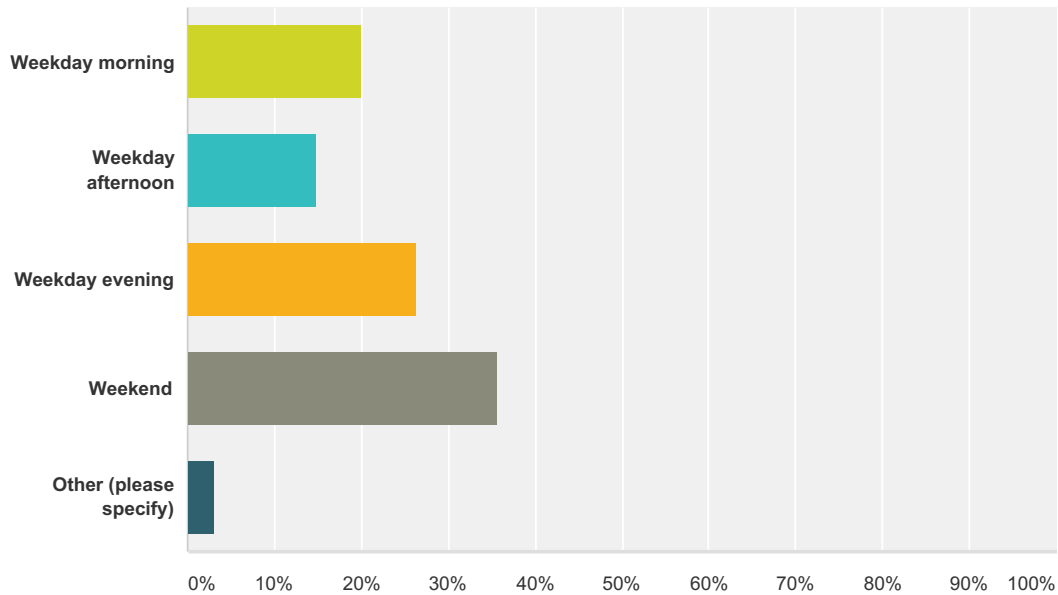
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	17.89%	17
Good	54.74%	52
Average	25.26%	24
Fair	2.11%	2
Poor	0.00%	0
Total		95

Q9 What is the best time for you, or any member of your household, to participate in recreational activities?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 0

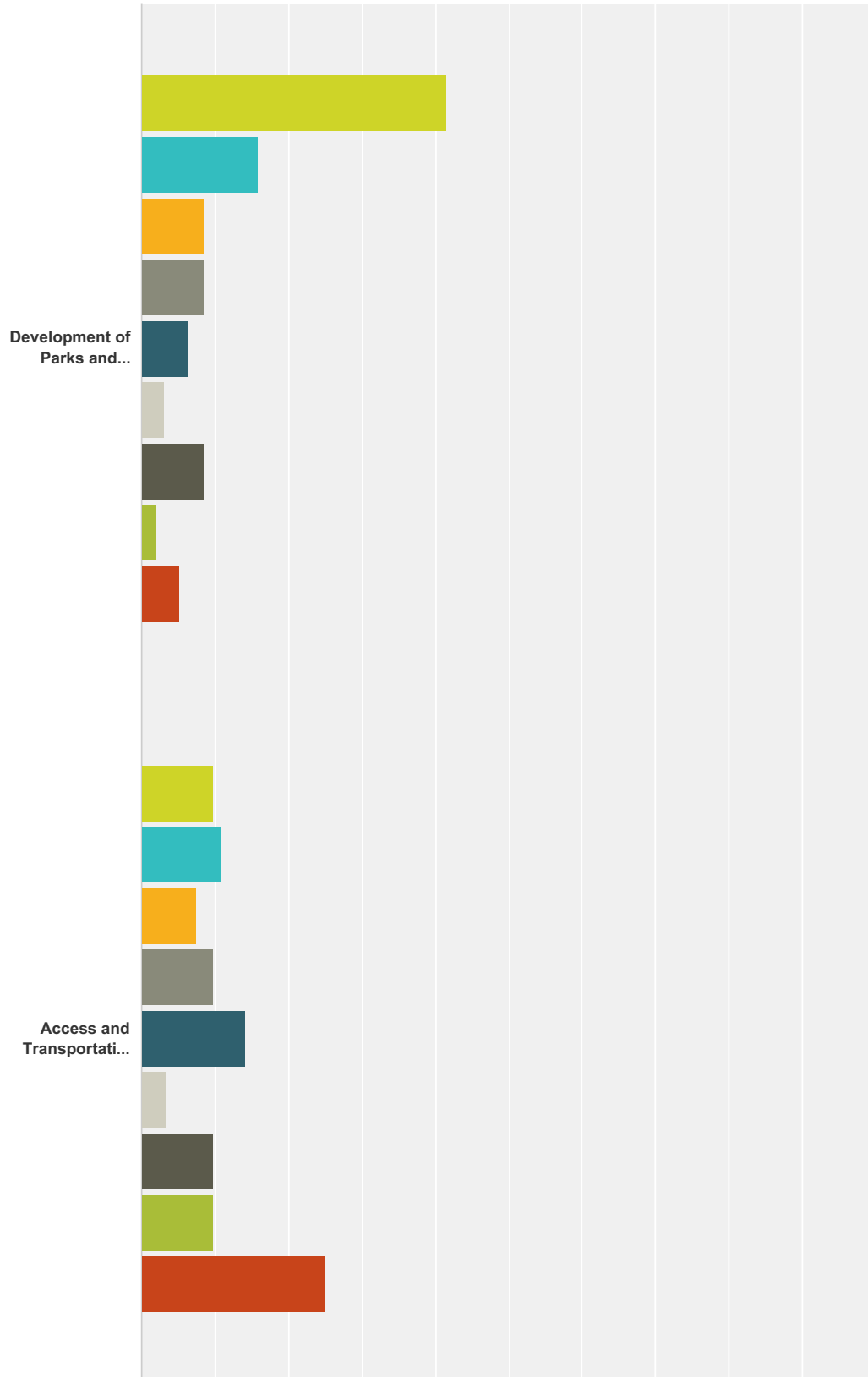


Answer Choices	Responses
Weekday morning	20.00% 19
Weekday afternoon	14.74% 14
Weekday evening	26.32% 25
Weekend	35.79% 34
Other (please specify)	3.16% 3
Total	95

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	weekday early morning 530-700 or weekday evening 6-8pm	12/28/2016 3:01 PM
2	Anytime!	12/17/2016 11:06 AM
3	I	12/13/2016 10:47 AM

Q10 Please rank the following goals for the Parks and Recreation Plan (a rank of 1 is the highest, a rank of 9 is the lowest)

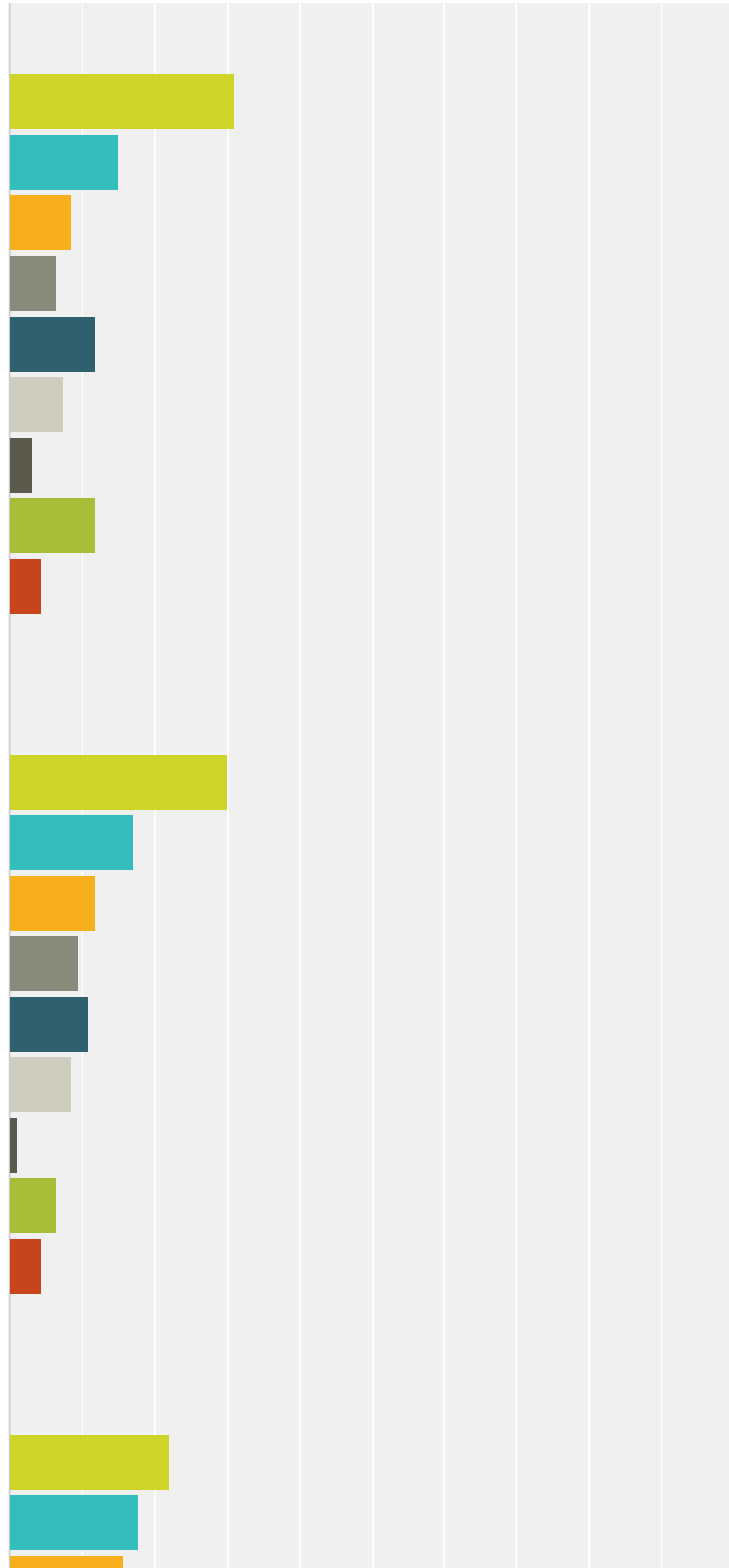
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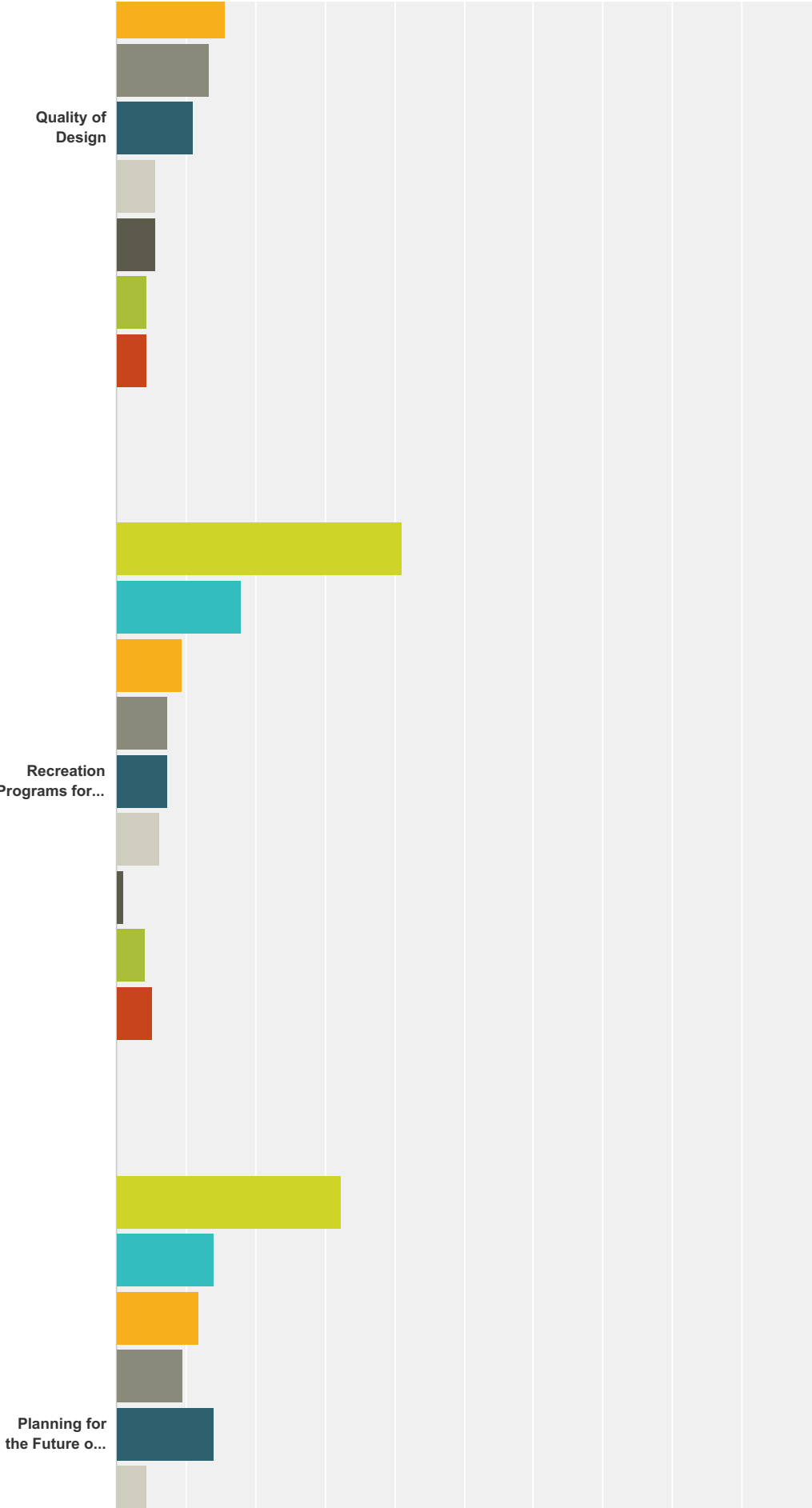


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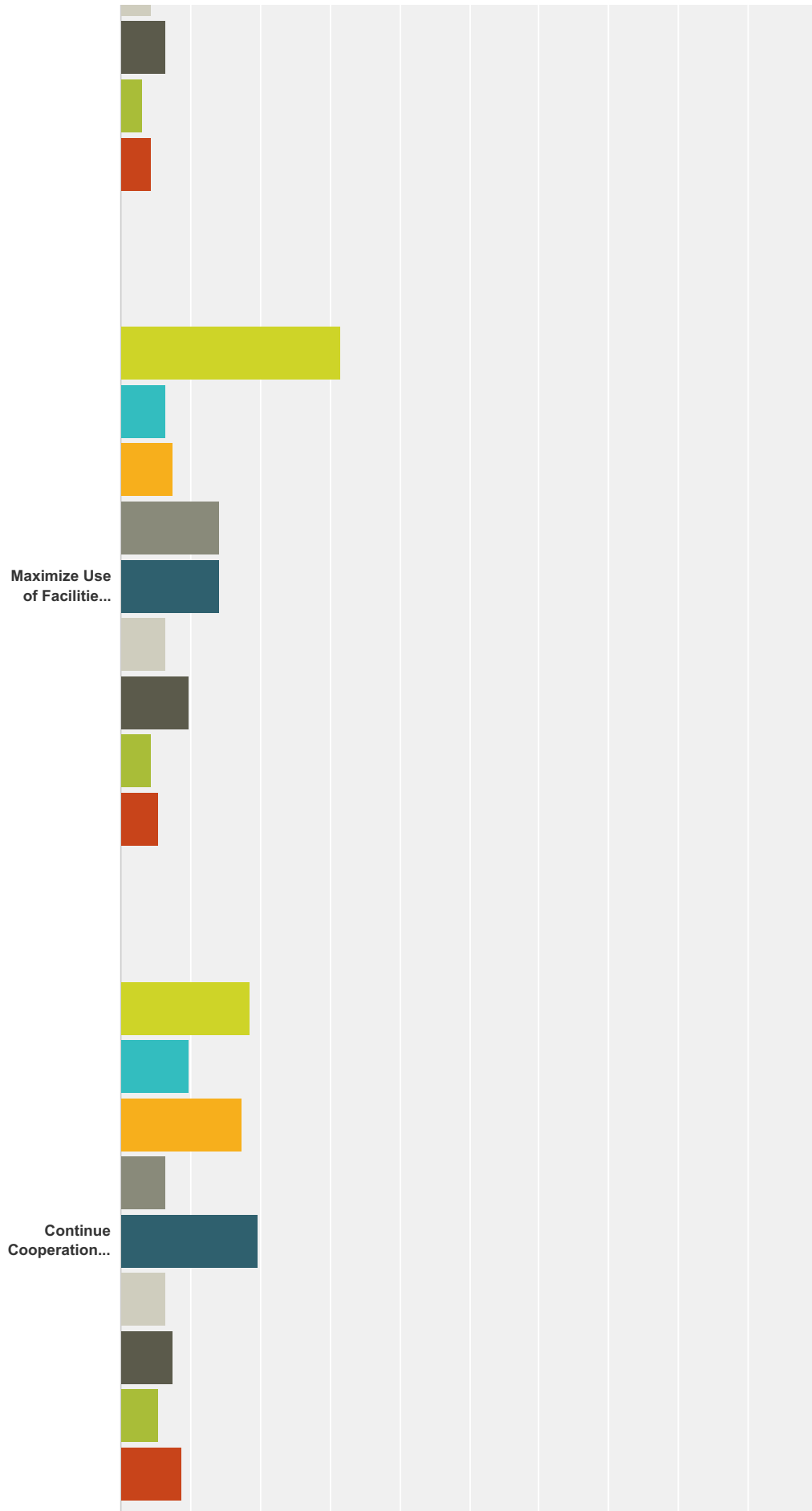
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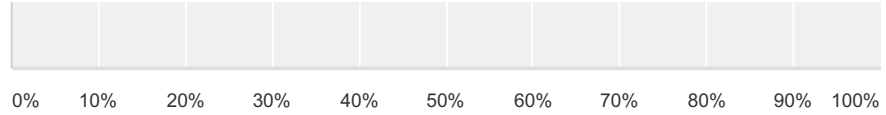




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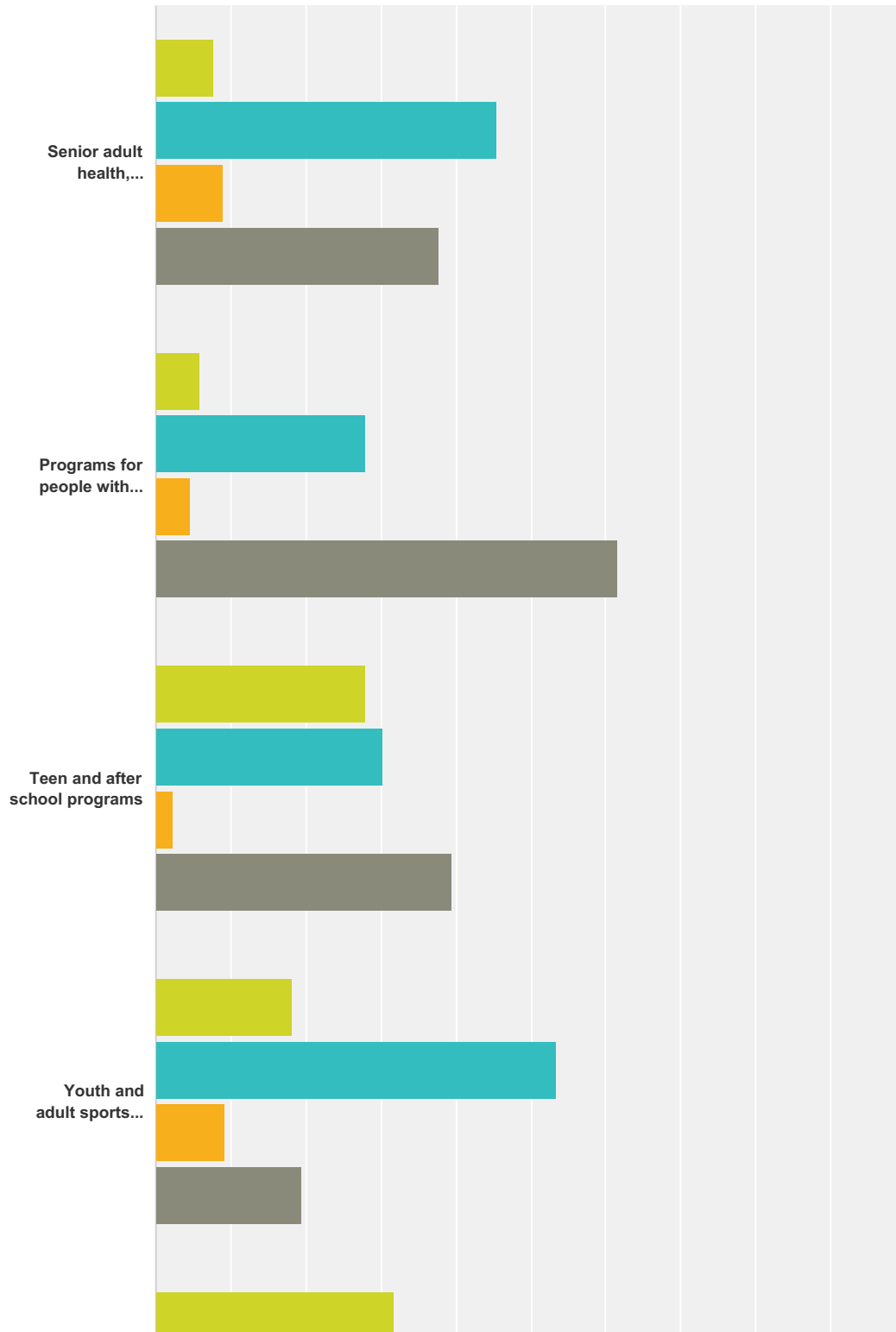
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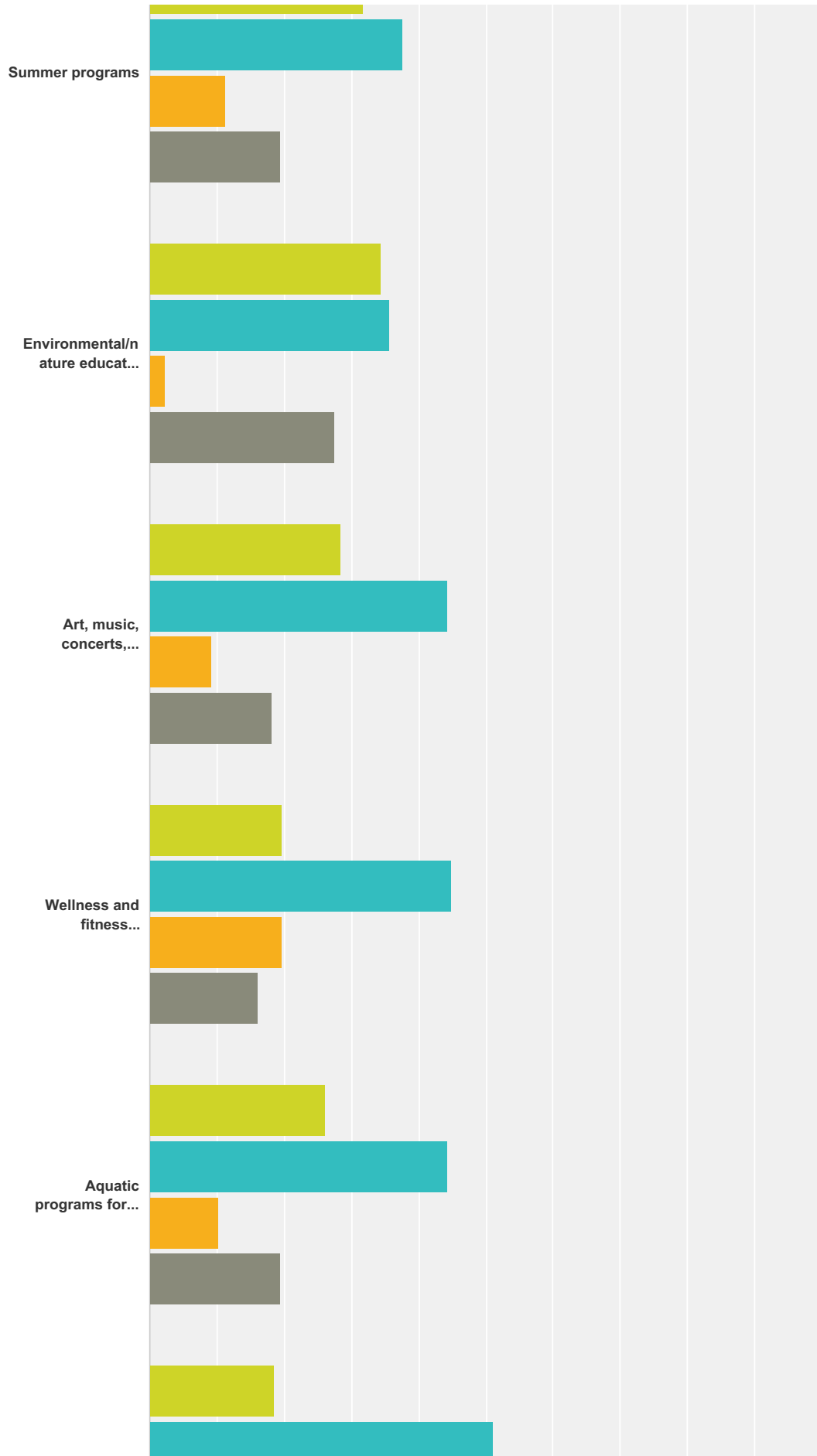
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Development of Parks and Recreation Facilities	41.49% 39	15.96% 15	8.51% 8	8.51% 8	6.38% 6	3.19% 3	8.51% 8	2.13% 2	5.32% 5	94
Access and Transportation to Parks	9.78% 9	10.87% 10	7.61% 7	9.78% 9	14.13% 13	3.26% 3	9.78% 9	9.78% 9	25.00% 23	92
Preservation of Natural and Cultural Resources	31.18% 29	15.05% 14	8.60% 8	6.45% 6	11.83% 11	7.53% 7	3.23% 3	11.83% 11	4.30% 4	93
Securing Funding for Parks System	30.11% 28	17.20% 16	11.83% 11	9.68% 9	10.75% 10	8.60% 8	1.08% 1	6.45% 6	4.30% 4	93
Quality of Design	22.22% 20	17.78% 16	15.56% 14	13.33% 12	11.11% 10	5.56% 5	5.56% 5	4.44% 4	4.44% 4	90
Recreation Programs for Residents	41.05% 39	17.89% 17	9.47% 9	7.37% 7	7.37% 7	6.32% 6	1.05% 1	4.21% 4	5.26% 5	95
Planning for the Future of the Parks System	32.26% 30	13.98% 13	11.83% 11	9.68% 9	13.98% 13	4.30% 4	6.45% 6	3.23% 3	4.30% 4	93
Maximize Use of Facilities for both Active and Passive Users	31.52% 29	6.52% 6	7.61% 7	14.13% 13	14.13% 13	6.52% 6	9.78% 9	4.35% 4	5.43% 5	92
Continue Cooperation with Other Providers of Recreation Services	18.48% 17	9.78% 9	17.39% 16	6.52% 6	19.57% 18	6.52% 6	7.61% 7	5.43% 5	8.70% 8	92

Q11 Please tell us if you feel the programs/activities currently available meet the needs of the community, fall shorts of meeting those needs, or exceed what is needed.

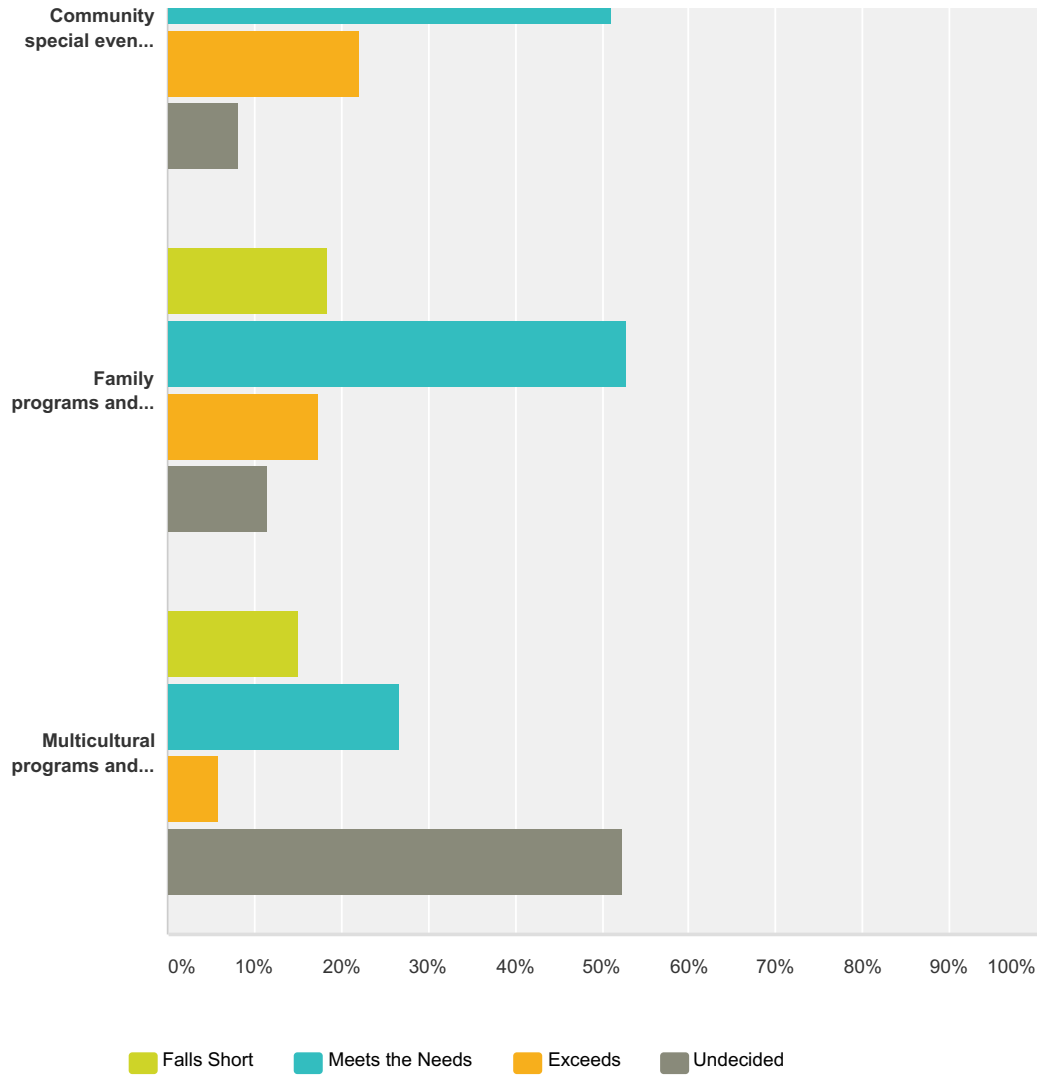
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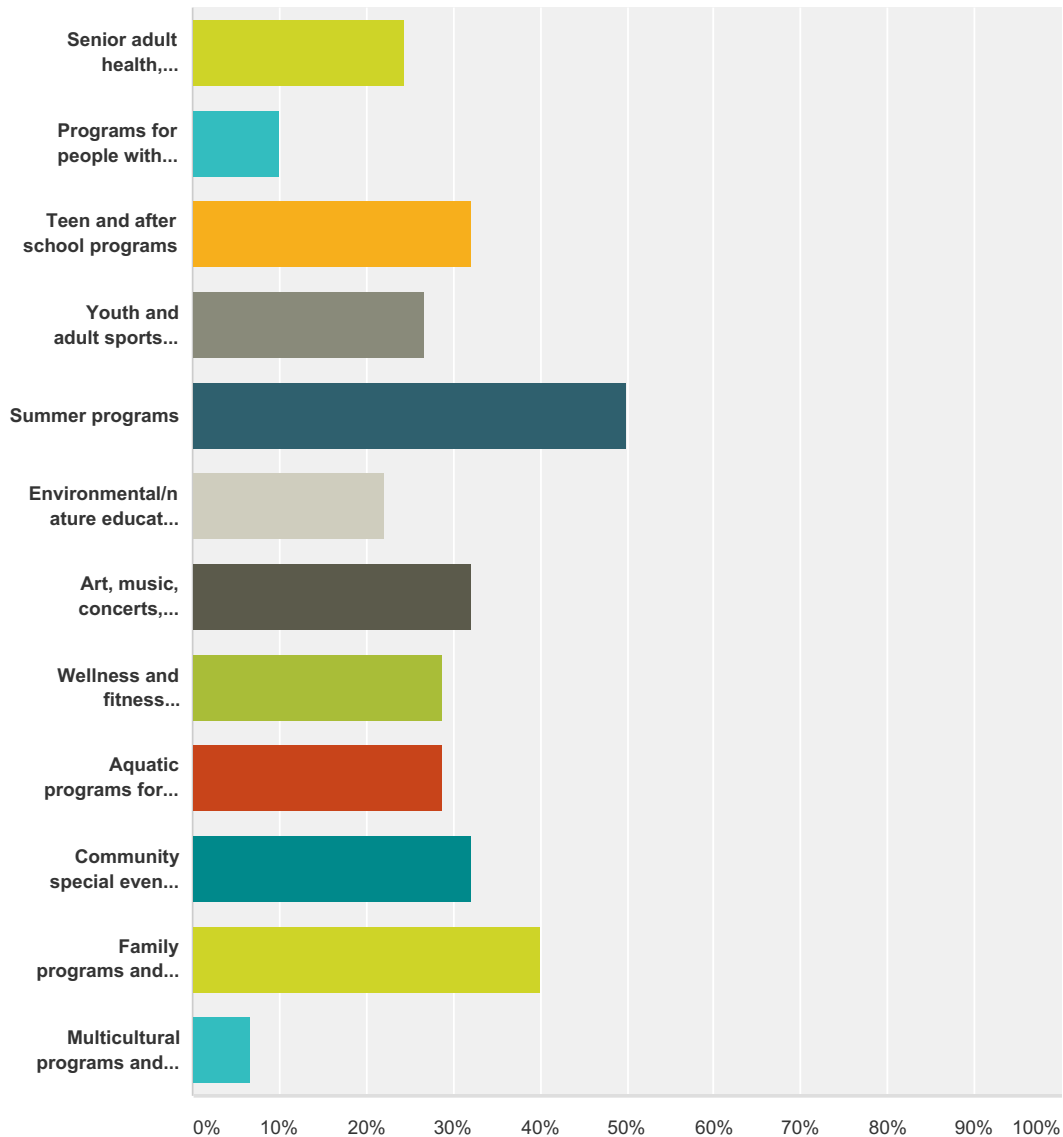
	Falls Short	Meets the Needs	Exceeds	Undecided	Total
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs, and assistance	7.78% 7	45.56% 41	8.89% 8	37.78% 34	90
Programs for people with disabilities	5.81% 5	27.91% 24	4.65% 4	61.63% 53	86
Teen and after school programs	27.91% 24	30.23% 26	2.33% 2	39.53% 34	86
Youth and adult sports programs	18.18% 16	53.41% 47	9.09% 8	19.32% 17	88
Summer programs	31.82% 28	37.50% 33	11.36% 10	19.32% 17	88
Environmental/nature education programs	34.48% 30	35.63% 31	2.30% 2	27.59% 24	87
Art, music, concerts, theater and dance programs	28.41% 25	44.32% 39	9.09% 8	18.18% 16	88
Wellness and fitness programs	19.54% 17	44.83% 39	19.54% 17	16.09% 14	87
Aquatic programs for all ages	26.14% 23	44.32% 39	10.23% 9	19.32% 17	88

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Community special events and festivals	18.60% 16	51.16% 44	22.09% 19	8.14% 7	86
Family programs and activities	18.39% 16	52.87% 46	17.24% 15	11.49% 10	87
Multicultural programs and offerings	15.12% 13	26.74% 23	5.81% 5	52.33% 45	86

Q12 Which programs would you like to see more of in or established in the communities?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs, and assistance	24.44%	22
Programs for people with disabilities	10.00%	9
Teen and after school programs	32.22%	29
Youth and adult sports programs	26.67%	24
Summer programs	50.00%	45
Environmental/nature education programs	22.22%	20

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Art, music, concerts, theater and dance programs	32.22%	29
Wellness and fitness programs	28.89%	26
Aquatic programs for all ages	28.89%	26
Community special events and festivals	32.22%	29
Family programs and activities	40.00%	36
Multicultural programs and offerings	6.67%	6
Total Respondents: 90		

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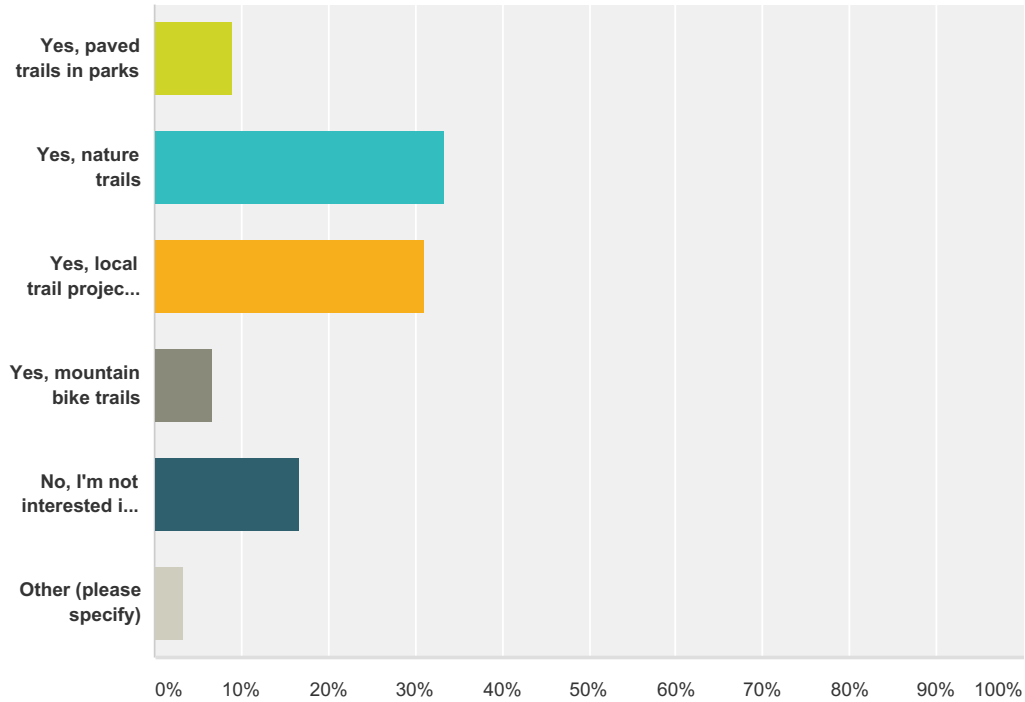
Q13 What could we do to improve existing programming/activities? (Please be specific)

Answered: 24 Skipped: 71

#	Responses	Date
1	Offer the summer bonanza all summer or at least until mid August maybe 2 sessions 5-6 weeks each. More sports for kids.	1/2/2017 6:26 PM
2	Sharing the pool with the high school is a continued issue due to their activities and maintenance.	12/30/2016 3:42 PM
3	Water fountains for people and dogs. Clear snow from paved trails in parks and Orchards Trail.	12/20/2016 9:17 AM
4	have more programs for kids after school	12/17/2016 5:26 AM
5	Have recreational sports taught by experienced coaches.	12/13/2016 9:36 PM
6	-	12/13/2016 8:48 PM
7	Listen to participants. Every program is poorly administered.	12/13/2016 8:40 PM
8	Need a youth summer or fall baseball league. More community festivals.	12/13/2016 8:01 PM
9	in programs of high demand, residents are given priority and non residents must wait a day or two and then may register if there are any openings.	12/13/2016 2:54 PM
10	Temperature of the high school pool should be a bit warmer.	12/13/2016 1:48 PM
11	Have opportunities during the week (evening) for sports (soccer) for youth.	12/13/2016 1:37 PM
12	dog park	12/13/2016 11:55 AM
13	Make sure that our Park n Rec stay in Romeo - and not moved over to Washington Twp. - It will fail if that happens	12/13/2016 10:25 AM
14	Add more	12/13/2016 7:15 AM
15	I would like to see earlier hours for Romeo Dolphins. It currently end at 8:30pm, which is very late for kids who need to get up early for school. Also, would like to see more homeschool classes offered.	12/13/2016 6:47 AM
16	Pool is too cold for swim lessons More programs after 5pm for 2 yr old and up.... WORKING parents also want to do fun things with their little ones.	12/13/2016 4:59 AM
17	Find a community rec center much like Warren or Utica.	12/12/2016 11:56 PM
18	Add more fitness classes	12/12/2016 9:18 PM
19	Evening programs for those who work during the day	12/12/2016 7:52 PM
20	I would love to see piano lesson for children, more classes after school hours like science/ nature. we loved when ms sally had the dinosaur program. I always like the winter fun day u used to have but maybe have a sign up for a Saturday when the bounce house is in the gym. also a commubit outdoor pool in the village!!!	12/12/2016 6:36 PM
21	The pool issues needs to be addressed. I'd like to know the plan for what parks and rec will do when Romeo middle is gone. They will be short gyms to use.	12/12/2016 5:27 PM
22	I love volunteering for special events for parks and Rec but I would love a dance class for me as a young adult that isn't entry level or ballroom	12/12/2016 5:09 PM
23	Stop using that sports company for youth sports and go back to making it affordable. It should serve as an introduction to different sports and it's way to expensive now. Plus, they don't do a good job. The football class you had a couple years ago that was run by high schoolers was the best class you had.	12/12/2016 4:02 PM
24	Dog Park	12/12/2016 10:29 AM

Q14 Would trail initiatives be something that RWB Parks and Rec should invest in as a priority?

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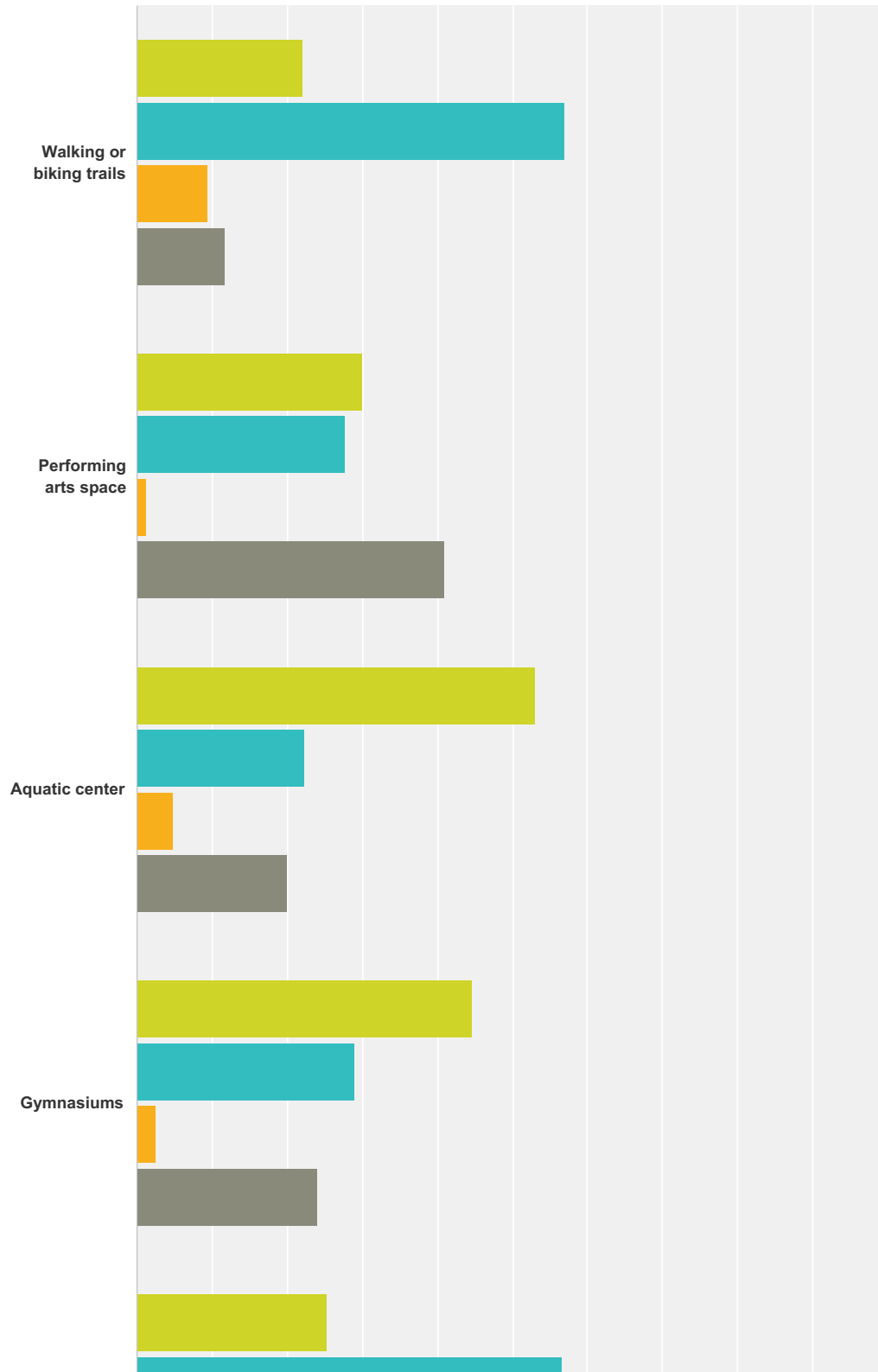


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, paved trails in parks	8.89% 8
Yes, nature trails	33.33% 30
Yes, local trail projects to connect destinations	31.11% 28
Yes, mountain bike trails	6.67% 6
No, I'm not interested in trails	16.67% 15
Other (please specify)	3.33% 3
Total	90

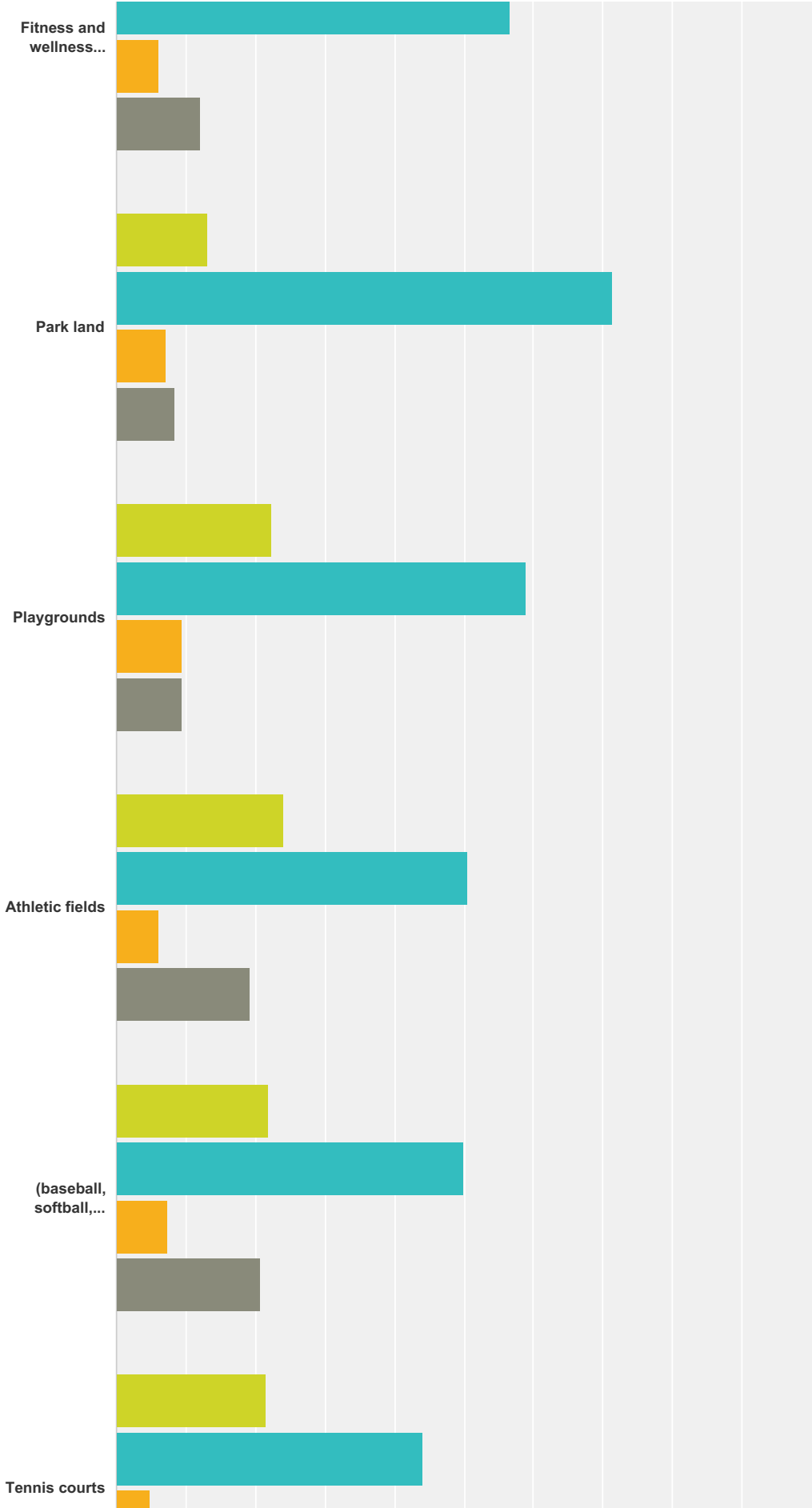
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Connect more neighborhoods to parks and trails.	1/2/2017 6:26 PM
2	I would like all these options	12/13/2016 10:11 AM
3	Add a larger trail in one park	12/13/2016 7:15 AM

Q15 Please tell us if you feel the facilities currently available, fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs of the community, or exceed what is needed.

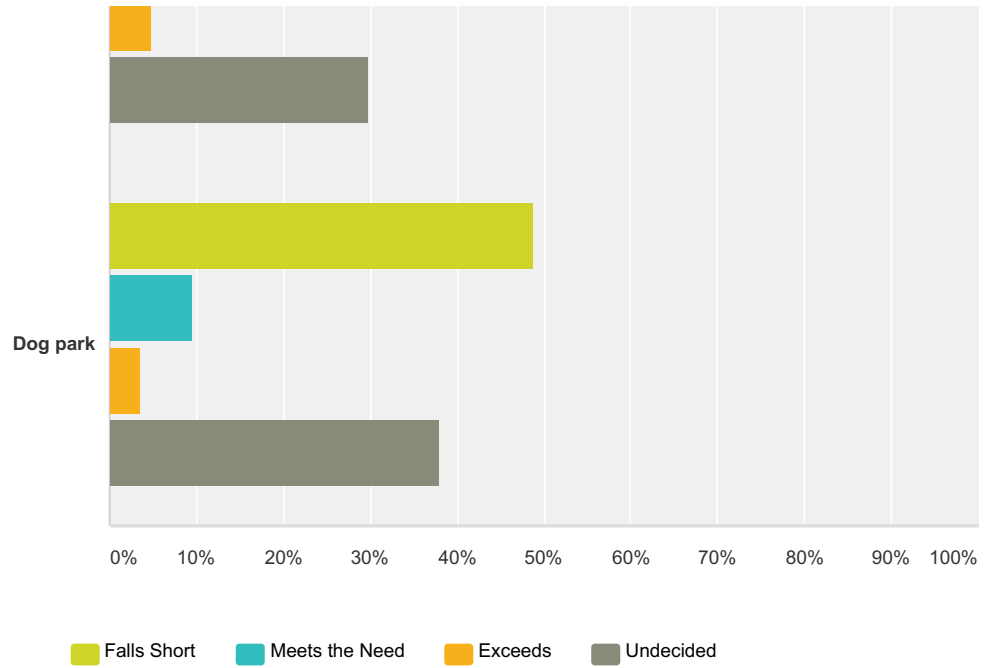
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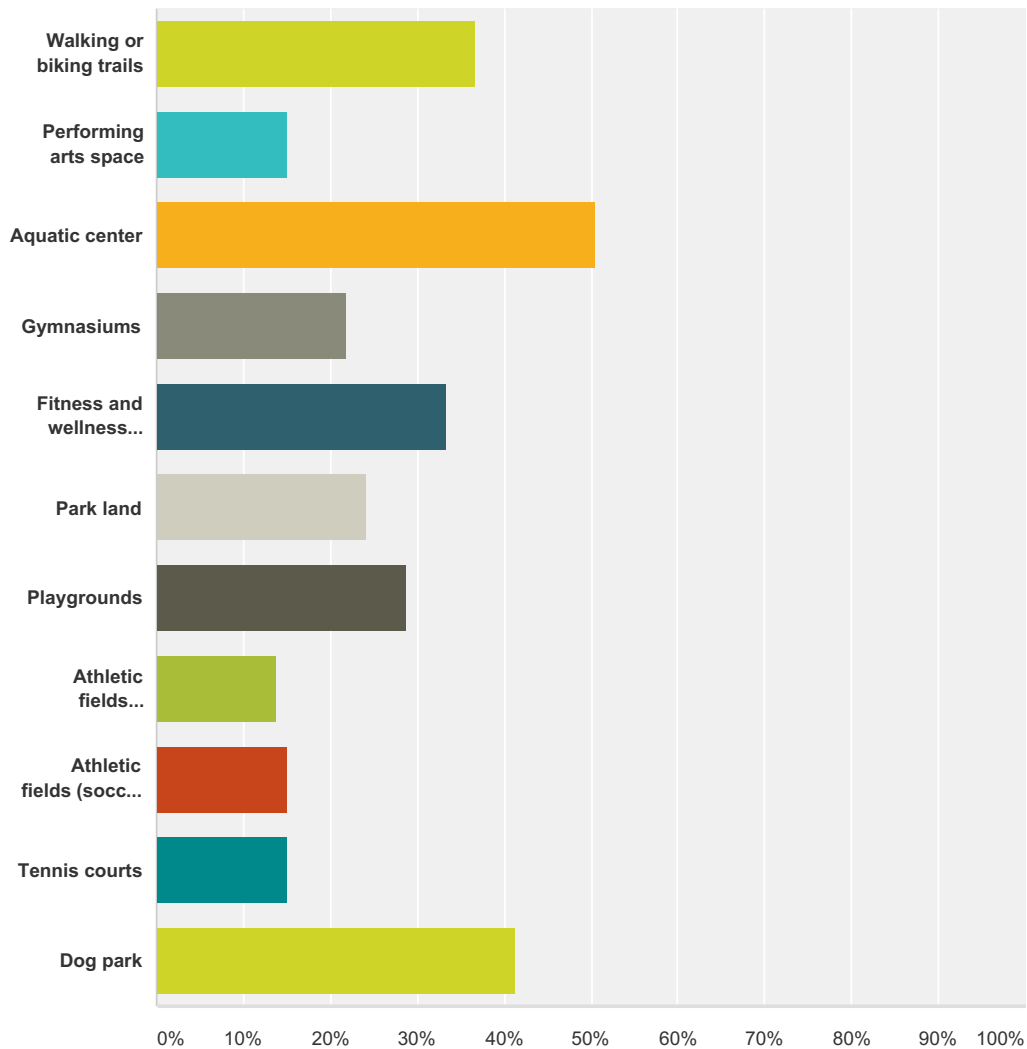
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	Falls Short	Meets the Need	Exceeds	Undecided	Total
Walking or biking trails	22.09% 19	56.98% 49	9.30% 8	11.63% 10	86
Performing arts space	30.12% 25	27.71% 23	1.20% 1	40.96% 34	83
Aquatic center	52.94% 45	22.35% 19	4.71% 4	20.00% 17	85
Gymnasiums	44.58% 37	28.92% 24	2.41% 2	24.10% 20	83
Fitness and wellness program area	25.30% 21	56.63% 47	6.02% 5	12.05% 10	83
Park land	13.10% 11	71.43% 60	7.14% 6	8.33% 7	84
Playgrounds	22.35% 19	58.82% 50	9.41% 8	9.41% 8	85
Athletic fields	24.10% 20	50.60% 42	6.02% 5	19.28% 16	83
(baseball, softball, soccer, football)	21.95% 18	50.00% 41	7.32% 6	20.73% 17	82
Tennis courts	21.43% 18	44.05% 37	4.76% 4	29.76% 25	84
Dog park	48.81% 41	9.52% 8	3.57% 3	38.10% 32	84

Q16 Which programs would you like to see more of in the communities?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 8



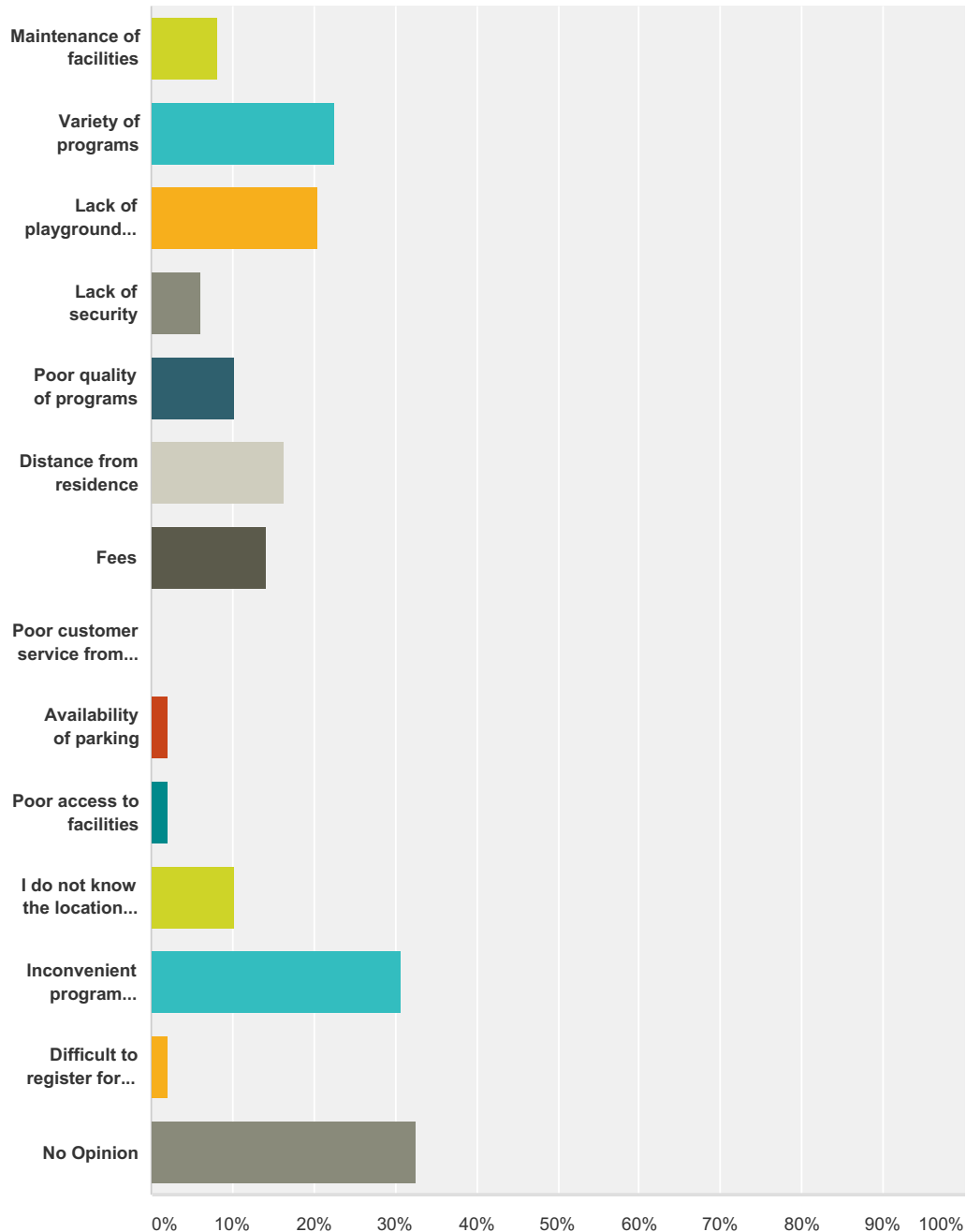
Answer Choices	Responses
Walking or biking trails	36.78% 32
Performing arts space	14.94% 13
Aquatic center	50.57% 44
Gymnasiums	21.84% 19
Fitness and wellness program area	33.33% 29
Park land	24.14% 21
Playgrounds	28.74% 25
Athletic fields (baseball, softball)	13.79% 12
Athletic fields (soccer, football, lacrosse)	14.94% 13

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Tennis courts	14.94%	13
Dog park	41.38%	36
Total Respondents: 87		

Q17 Please check all the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from using any of the parks, recreation facilities, or programs.

Answered: 49 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
Maintenance of facilities	8.16% 4
Variety of programs	22.45% 11

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Lack of playground equipment	20.41%	10
Lack of security	6.12%	3
Poor quality of programs	10.20%	5
Distance from residence	16.33%	8
Fees	14.29%	7
Poor customer service from staff	0.00%	0
Availability of parking	2.04%	1
Poor access to facilities	2.04%	1
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	10.20%	5
Inconvenient program scheduling	30.61%	15
Difficult to register for programs	2.04%	1
No Opinion	32.65%	16
Total Respondents: 49		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Love the Macomb Orchard Trail but need more continuous sidewalks down adjacent roads to access. Not comfortable with riding on the street. Thank you!	12/28/2016 3:04 PM
2	Uncleared snow on paved trails/walkways.	12/20/2016 9:20 AM
3	Lack of Time	12/17/2016 5:39 PM
4	I don't have a problem with any of these	12/16/2016 7:25 PM
5	Just have been too busy to take advantage of all that there is available for us	12/16/2016 2:59 PM

Q18 Are there any facilities not mentioned that you would like to see offered? (Please be specific)

Answered: 11 Skipped: 84

#	Responses	Date
1	Updated fitness and Community center, pool that is not 50 years old that has zero entry.	1/2/2017 6:28 PM
2	Water fountains.	12/20/2016 9:21 AM
3	We would like a splash pad.	12/17/2016 10:07 PM
4	I would like to see the planned splash pad back in the village! I am disappointed to see it planned for a space that is currently undeveloped and not necessary! Inside the village would be better so that children could walk there during the hot summer months.	12/17/2016 11:12 AM
5	teen programs keep kids busy	12/17/2016 5:29 AM
6	Children's splash park	12/16/2016 11:46 PM
7	Water park like Macomb parks and Rec	12/16/2016 7:46 PM
8	Ice Rink, legitimate weightlifting facility.	12/16/2016 11:36 AM
9	Indoor walking track for inclement weather	12/13/2016 2:58 PM
10	I would like to see a community center that has a variety of offerings (fitness center, sports center, etc.)...kind of like the community center that Sterling Heights is in the planning stages for.	12/13/2016 1:40 PM
11	A pool would be nice - and a dog park - overall the parks are nice and well equipped - would like to see interconnection between parks and to tie in the macumba trail as much as possible - I like the idea I hear about a community center at 30 mile tied in to the trail	12/13/2016 1:05 PM

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Q19 Please provide any additional comments that you have for the Parks & Recreation Plan that are not addressed in the above statements.

Answered: 17 Skipped: 78

#	Responses	Date
1	We are new residents to Washington and I was thrilled with the closeness to the trail. I have biked many of the trails in the area previously, including the Macomb Orchard Trail. For safety, I would prefer to ride my bike to the trail but haven't found a continuous sidewalk to get me there. I live off 29 between Campground and Mound.	12/28/2016 3:07 PM
2	Overall, we are extremely happy with Romeo Washington Bruce Parks and Recreation. We are very pleased with the family activities and events.	12/17/2016 10:07 PM
3	Don't waste money on a new park on 31 Mile and Powell.	12/17/2016 11:12 AM
4	I would love to see available programs for infant/toddlers that can accommodate the working parents, such as evening/weekend schedules.	12/16/2016 11:46 PM
5	I'd love to have a splash pad	12/16/2016 7:26 PM
6	My new husband and I moved to romeo on a whim after falling in love with our downtown romeo home. we welcomed our first child early this year and when we decided to move to a bigger home, it was an easy decision to make to stay in the immediate area because of the great family environment. Such a family friendly area to raise our children in with so much offered and available to us. We are looking forward to part taking in all the family fun the parks and rec provides us. We moved to "bruce twp." Right by orchard hill park and so appreciative of this great little area so close to our home.	12/16/2016 3:02 PM
7	We need that new community center in Washington, what happened to it?	12/13/2016 2:58 PM
8	I'd love to see yoga for the arthritic/disabled. I've had both hips and a shoulder replaced and cannot do all the standard positions.	12/13/2016 12:34 PM
9	The community needs better aquatic facilities! The current pool is terribly outdated and is frequently out of service. Please make a new pool a top priority! Irger that that, the organization is doing a great job.	12/13/2016 6:53 AM
10	As a big baseball family I m concerned about the number of baseball fields we will be losing at the current Powell/retc location do to school upgrades. I'd hope that these will be rebuilt elsewhere. Also I'm very concerned about our pool in the current high school not being supported by the schools. I think that is a huge loss to our community and we may need to look to P&R to help fill that need.	12/13/2016 6:20 AM
11	Please plow a path at bruce twp park, love walking but hard in icy conditions snow covered paths are ok but that asphalt turns into a skating rink	12/13/2016 6:14 AM
12	If you are a resident of romeo, Washington or Bruce you should pay a resident fee... Ive been charged non resident fee for a Romeo activity because I live in Washington. Would like to see a community pool and splsh pas as well	12/13/2016 5:04 AM
13	None	12/13/2016 4:47 AM
14	We need a legitimate rec center like Warren has Theirs has so much to offer and Romeo could easily use one	12/13/2016 12:01 AM
15	You offer a lot of programs my kids would love to participate in but the fees prevent us from doing many of them. We usually have to choose only the main sports.	12/12/2016 5:30 PM
16	Please offer more toddler classes in the evening hours. A lot of parents work but still want to take their kids to classes.	12/12/2016 4:04 PM
17	Splash park for children	12/12/2016 3:54 PM

Q20 Thank you for participating in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey! Please send us your favorite picture at one of the community parks to be incorporated in the Master Plan. Photos can be emailed to eschlutow@mcka.com.

Answered: 3 Skipped: 92

#	Responses	Date
1	Keep up the good work!	12/16/2016 7:26 PM
2	Thank you	12/13/2016 4:47 AM
3	Ait	12/13/2016 12:01 AM

Commission

ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN Washington Bruce Commission

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2017 through 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission has entered into this planning process in collaboration, with the Townships of Washington and Bruce and the Village of Romeo.

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission is made up of a representatives from Washington and Bruce Townships which encompass the Village of Romeo, and

WHEREAS, the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation began the process of developing a Master Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Romeo Washington Bruce area were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the Master Plan for a period of at least (30 days for plan / two weeks for amendments), and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017 at the Romeo Community Center to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Romeo Washington Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Romeo Washington Bruce Area, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Washington Bruce Commission voted to adopt said Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington Bruce Commission hereby adopts the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

MOVED BY:

SUPPORTED BY:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Kathy Bush
Kathy Boshueers, Washington - Recreation Commission

Date: 14 FEB 17

Richard Cory
Richard Cory, Bruce - Recreation Commission

Date: 14 Feb 14

ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Village of Romeo Board of Trustees

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MOVED BY: TRUSTEE EDWARDS

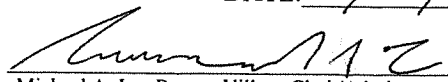
SUPPORTED BY: TRUSTEE POZNANSKI

YEAS: (ALL) TRUSTEE BARTHOLOMEW, EDWARDS, HART, MALZAHN, POZNANSKI AND PRES. SIGLOW

NAYS: (NONE)

ABSENT: TRUSTEE FOWLER

DATE: 2/27/17

I, 
Michael A. Lee Romeo Village Clerk/Admin.

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Romeo Village Council at a Special meeting Thereof held on the 27th day of February, 2017.



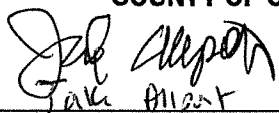
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Monday, February 27, 2017
7:00 PM

Romeo Community Center
361 Morton St
Romeo, MI 48065

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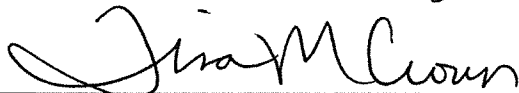
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TINA M CROWN
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ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission voted to adopt said Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington Township Board hereby also adopts the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

MOVED BY: *Bosheers*

SUPPORTED BY: *Grimes*

Yeas: *Bosheers, Grimes, Nicley, O'Leary, Previti*

Nays: *NONE*

Absent: *Rabinski, Jacobson*



DATE: 23 Feb 17

I, Kathy Bosheers Washington Township Clerk
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy
of a resolution adopted by the Washington Board at a Regular
Meeting thereof held on the (22nd day of February, 2017.)



Agenda
February 22, 2017
7:00 PM

Washington

Charter Township of Washington
Township Hall
57900 Van Dyke
Washington, MI 48094

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance
4. Agenda Approval
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1. Approve Accounts Payable of February 22, 2017
 - 5.2. Approve Minutes, Board of Trustee Meeting of February 6 and 8, 2017
 - 5.3. Accept Fire Department Monthly Report, January 2017
6. Legal Counsel
7. Old Business
 - 7.1. Soil Removal Permit, Site #5
8. New Business
 - 8.1. Public Hearing for the RWB Parks & Recreation Master Plan
 - 8.2. Treasurer's Report
9. Elected Officials' Update
10. Correspondence
11. Comments from Audience
12. Community Announcements
13. Executive Session
 - 13.1. Executive Session to consider the purchase of real property pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act
 - 13.2. Executive Session to consult with Township Attorney regarding the trial strategy or settlement for American Land Retail, LLC v. Washington Township, pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act
14. Adjourn

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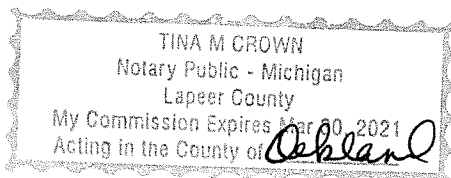
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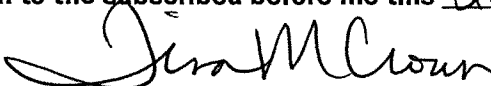
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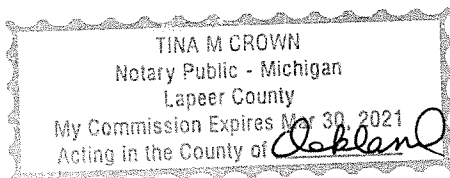
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

30 Day Public Review Period:
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - Friday, February 10, 2017

Public Hearing:
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
7:00 PM

Washington Township Hall
57900 Van Dyke Rd
Washington Twp., MI 48094

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to any and all interested parties that the draft 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Board, Macomb County, MI will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at Washington Hall, located at 57900 Van Dyke Rd, Washington Twp, MI during regular business hours.

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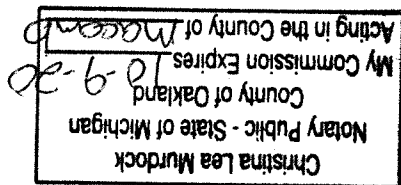
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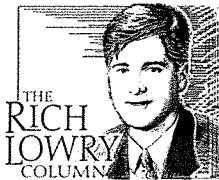
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Subscribed to me
on this 25 day of January 2017 Notary Seal:

Christina Lea Murdock

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Why the Media Lose to Trump

The best thing that happened to Donald Trump the other week is that BuzzFeed published the raw Russia dossier about him.

It can't be pleasant for anyone to see his name associated with prostitutes and a bizarre sex act in print — the principle that all publicity is good publicity can be taken too far even for Donald Trump. But in the media's ongoing fight with Trump, BuzzFeed's incredible act of journalistic irresponsibility represented the press leading with its chin.

Trump thrives off media hostility, and the more hostile — and the less defensible — the better. It allows him to portray himself as the victim of a stilted establishment. It fires up his supporters. It keeps the debate on terrain that is familiar and favorable to him — whether or not he is being treated "fairly" — and allows him to adopt his preferred posture as a "counter-puncher."

There are legitimate questions raised about how determined Trump has been to ignore evidence of Russia's hacking operations prior to the election. BuzzFeed unintentionally did more to obscure and delegitimize these questions than Trump Tower could ever hope to. By publishing the uncorroborated dossier, BuzzFeed has associated the Russia issue with fantastical rumors and hearsay.

Its decision to post the document has

to be considered another chapter in the ongoing saga of the media and Democrats losing their collective minds. If the election had gone the other way, it is hard to see BuzzFeed publishing a 35-page document containing unverified, lurid allegations about President-elect Hillary Clinton that it didn't consider credible. This was an anti-Trump decision, pure and simple.

The paradox of the Trump phenomenon is that he may be ripping up sundry political norms, yet he benefits when his opponents and adversaries do the same. When Marco Rubio descended to Trump's level in the primaries and mocked the size of his hands, it hurt Rubio most. The Democrats have done themselves no favors by implicitly refusing to accept the election results after browbeating Trump for months to accept the results in advance. And if the press is going to lower its standards in response to Trump, it will diminish and discredit itself more than the president-elect.

If journalists genuinely want to be public-spirited checks on Trump, they shouldn't be more bitterly adversarial, but more responsible and fair. This means taking a deep breath and not treating every Trump tweet as a major news story. It means covering Trump more as a "normal" president rather than as a constant clear and present danger to the republic. It means going out of the way to focus on substance rather than the controversy of the hour. It means a dose of modesty about how the media has lost the public's trust, in part because of its bias and self-importance.

None of this is a particularly tall order. Yet it's unlikely to happen, even if it was encouraging that so many reporters opposed BuzzFeed's decision. The press and Trump will continue to be at war, although only one party to the hostilities truly knows what he is doing, and it shows.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Trump Won the News Conference

Donald Trump should do press conferences more often. Not for the country's sake, certainly not for the media's sake, but for his. He really shouldn't have waited 167-plus days to hold one, because the man gives great sound bite.

Although I've participated in probably thousands of these staged encounters as a reporter, they're not my favorite way of getting news — you almost never get any. The guy at the podium controls the proceeding. He can get his message out with little challenge from the assembled journalists, who are limited to a question and a follow-up, maybe. Politicians can bob and weave through that without any of us landing a blow. And that's our job: to penetrate the canned responses to their version of the controversy du jour and get at whatever truth they are hiding.

Besides, Trump — who uses contempt for the media as a weapon, his preferred way to discredit reporting that displeases him — has a wonderful forum to do that. At the very least he should hold these confrontations as a supplement to his Twitter tirades. And frequently. It's his opportunity to hold the media hostage as they cover live his rain of abuse on them.

It doesn't matter that his spiel is a total crock; he communicates in ways that the American people can relate to. Never mind that he was grossly unfair when he placed CNN and BuzzFeed in the same despicable basket. Buzz-

Feed released details of a dossier filled with unverifiable facts and violated a cardinal rule for any organization that purports to be journalistic: If you don't have it, don't report it.

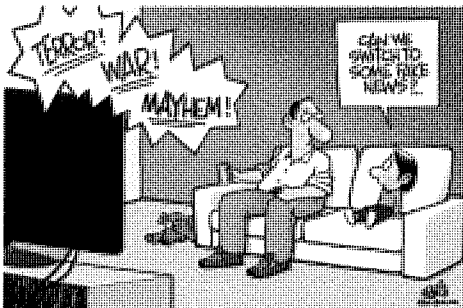
BuzzFeed didn't have anything more than salacious information that everyone else possessed but stayed away from for months because they couldn't corroborate it. Not only that, but it had been accumulated by agents working for opposition research units who were hired guns for various anti-Trump forces. BuzzFeed didn't concern itself with that, saying the public could decide for itself. That exhibits an ignorance of what news coverage is about.

CNN, on the other hand, merely reported that an intelligence brief had presented information about this sleazy dossier to both President Barack Obama and President-elect Trump. That's all. But somehow, Trump has decided that CNN is a handy target and derided the network's work as "fake news." And his treatment of the CNN correspondent who tried to ask a question was bullying, pure and simple. But again, well-delivered.

He even made sly fun of the most gross of the accusations, which we won't be discussing here, by saying that they couldn't be true, because he's a "genaphobe." Let your imagination be your guide.

On and on it went. Donald Trump manages to be both inarticulate and glib at the same time, convincingly presenting himself as already in charge with nice-sounding solutions that just happen to be impossible. His appeal is to those who don't want to do too much thinking, which is most Americans who are really tired of all the experts with their complicated answers that have largely made our problems worse. With his angry way of presenting himself, he speaks to a nation that shares that anger, so Trump uses news conferences to great effect.

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ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Bruce Township Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2017 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission has entered into this planning process in collaboration, with the Townships of Washington and Bruce and the Village of Romeo, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission is made up of a representative from Washington and Bruce Townships which encompass the Village of Romeo, and

WHEREAS, the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation began the process of developing a Master Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Romeo Washington Bruce area were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the Romeo Washington Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Romeo Washington Bruce Area, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Commission voted to adopt said Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bruce Township Board hereby also adopts the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

MOVED BY: OKONIEWSKI

SUPPORTED BY: FALKER

Yeas: FALKER, OBREICHT, OKONIEWSKI, CORY

Nays:

Absent: BROCKMANN

DATE: Feb. 15, 17

I, Richard Cory

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Washington Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the (15th day of February, 2017.)

Bruce



A G E N D A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
****WEDNESDAY****
February 15, 2017
7:00 P.M.

February
SCHEDULED
MEETINGS

*Board Meeting
February 15, 2017

*Planning Commission
February 25, 2017

*ZBA
February 20, 2017

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Consent Agenda** (All items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of any item(s) is required by a Board member, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Public comments on the Consent Agenda items are permitted.)
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Regular Board January 18, 2017
 - b. **Approval of Agenda (subject to amendment)**
 - c. **Approval of Financial Reports & Budget Amendments**
 - d. **Approval of Bills**
4. **Comments from the Floor ***
5. **Hearings and Reviews**
6. **Unfinished Business**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval**
 - b. **Fire Department Hiring's – Paid on Call**
 - c. **Summit Plastic Rezoning**
 - d. **Citizen Planner Scholarship**
 - e. **Elected Officials Salary**
 - f. **Set Date for Budget Workshop**
 - g. **Set Public Hearing for Budget**
8. **Communications**
9. **Adjournment**

*Audience members commenting from the floor will do so from the podium and will be asked to provide their name and address for the record. Comments will be directed to the Chair who will then answer the question (or not) or direct the question to the appropriate Board member for a response (or not). If a Board member wishes to ask a question of an individual at the microphone, the Board member should ask for permission from the Chair.

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Board Meeting	March 15, 2017
Planning Commission	March 22, 2017
ZBA Meeting	March 27, 2017

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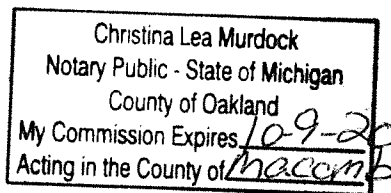
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A longtime family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone. Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and, perhaps, come up with a new target.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will finds a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed at having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will soon emerge that can help you make a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a natural-born peacemaker. You value truth and have little patience with those who lie to you for their own purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Ray Township Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 2017, at the Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott, Ray, MI 48096. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Jarzyna, Lascoe, Stier, Bohm and Grader.

Approved agenda as amended. Confirmed Phone Poll of 1-5-2017 to Schedule Public Hearing for Allocation of CDBG Funds. Public Hearing for Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds was held. Public Comments were heard. Approved Minutes of 12-20-16 as presented. Approved Bills List as presented. Officers Report - were heard. Department Reports- were received & filed. Unfinished Business- Taylor Blight clean up date to 3-18-17. Tupper Violation-resolved & removed from agenda. Businesses in Residential Areas-Meeting to be held w/Supervisor, Attorney, Planners & board member. CDBG funding for Senior Hand Rail- Re-bid job in March. 2017 Schedule of Land Use Fees removed from agenda. Allocated CDBG funds \$2500.00 for Senior Services & convection/microwave & \$5000.00 for ADA door, opener and handrail for Library. Budget Modification. Set Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Budget to 2-21-17. Approved Waiving Late Tax Collection Fee. Approved Planning workshops. Approved Medical Marijuana workshop. Approved corrected Legal Holiday Policy. Fill/Removal Ordinance was tabled. Spending Limits Policy was tabled. Public Kiosk was approved. All-in-One Computer Workstation was approved. Security Camera for Senior Center, Hallway & Treasurers Office was tabled. Snow Day Policy for Senior Center Activities was tabled. Public Comments were heard. Public Comments were heard. Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Complete copies of the foregoing minutes are available at the Clerk's Office or may be viewed on the Township web site at www.raytownship.org.

Lori R. Lascoe
Ray Township Clerk

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