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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 residents' lives.



01

INTRODUCTION

REGIONAL SETTING

The Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & 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 2023, the Parks & Recreation Commission authorized McKenna, a planning consulting firm in Northville, to prepare a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The preparation of a Recreation Plan provides the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation Commission and STAR Transportation 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 Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation Commission and STAR Transportation 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.





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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation Commission and STAR Transportation 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 an important influence on the growth and development of this portion of the County.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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.

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

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%**

The median income has increased by 9.8% since 2010.

Table 2. Household Income

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%**



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.

Table 3. Population Trends

POPULATION	2010	2020	% CHANGE 2010-2020
Romeo Village	3,596	3,767	5%
Bruce Twp	6,947	7,461	7%
Washington Twp	23,293	26,261	13%
Total	**33,839**	**37,489**	**11%**

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 Washington-Bruce-Romeo, 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 of more disabilities steadily increases. Throughout the three communities, 11.6 percent of the population have one or more disability.

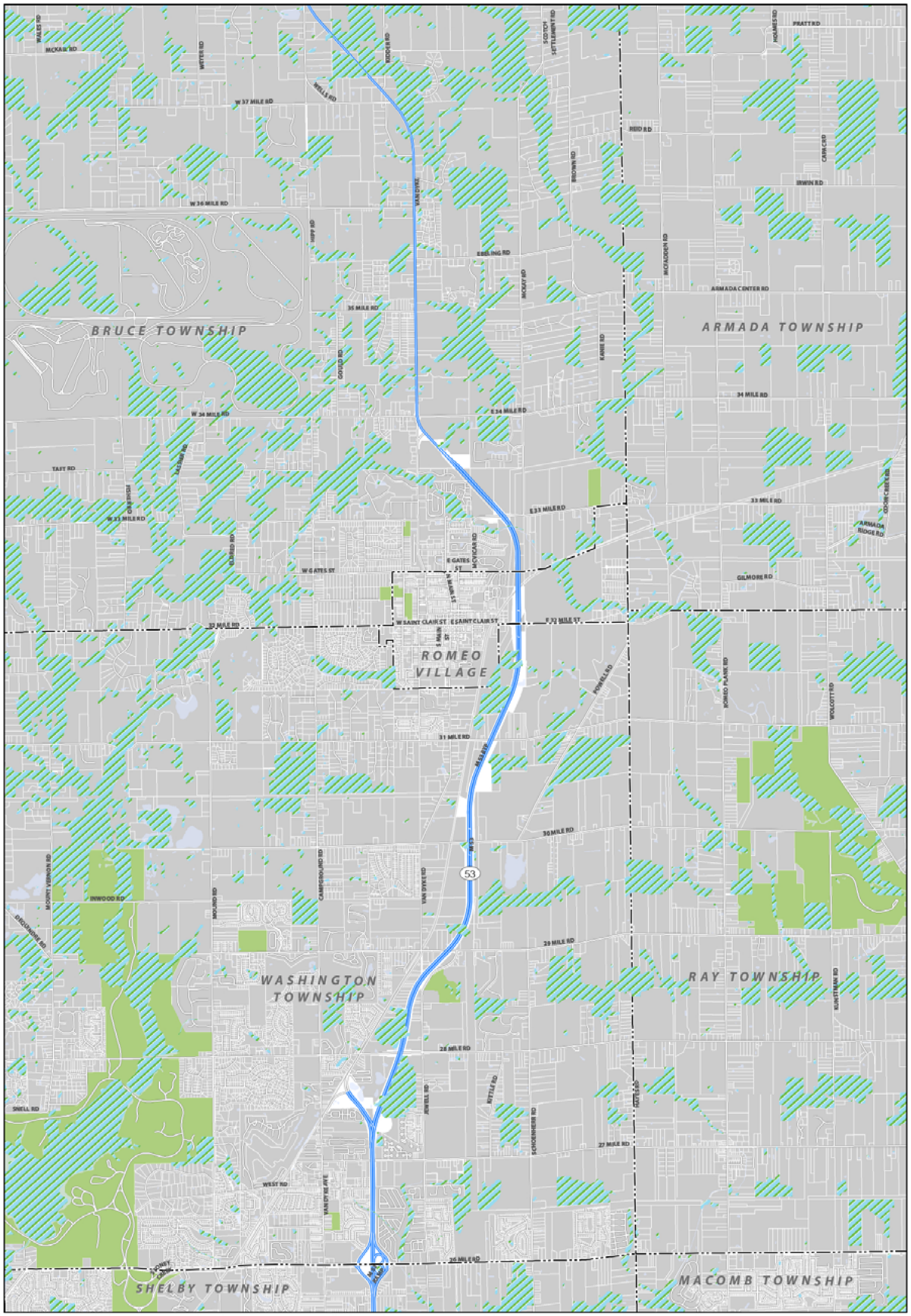


PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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 Washington-Bruce-Romeo area, which has an abundance of unspoiled natural features.

Topography

The topographic features of the Washington-Bruce-Romeo 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 fl at. The western half is characterized by a series of rolling hills.



Identified Natural Features Map

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

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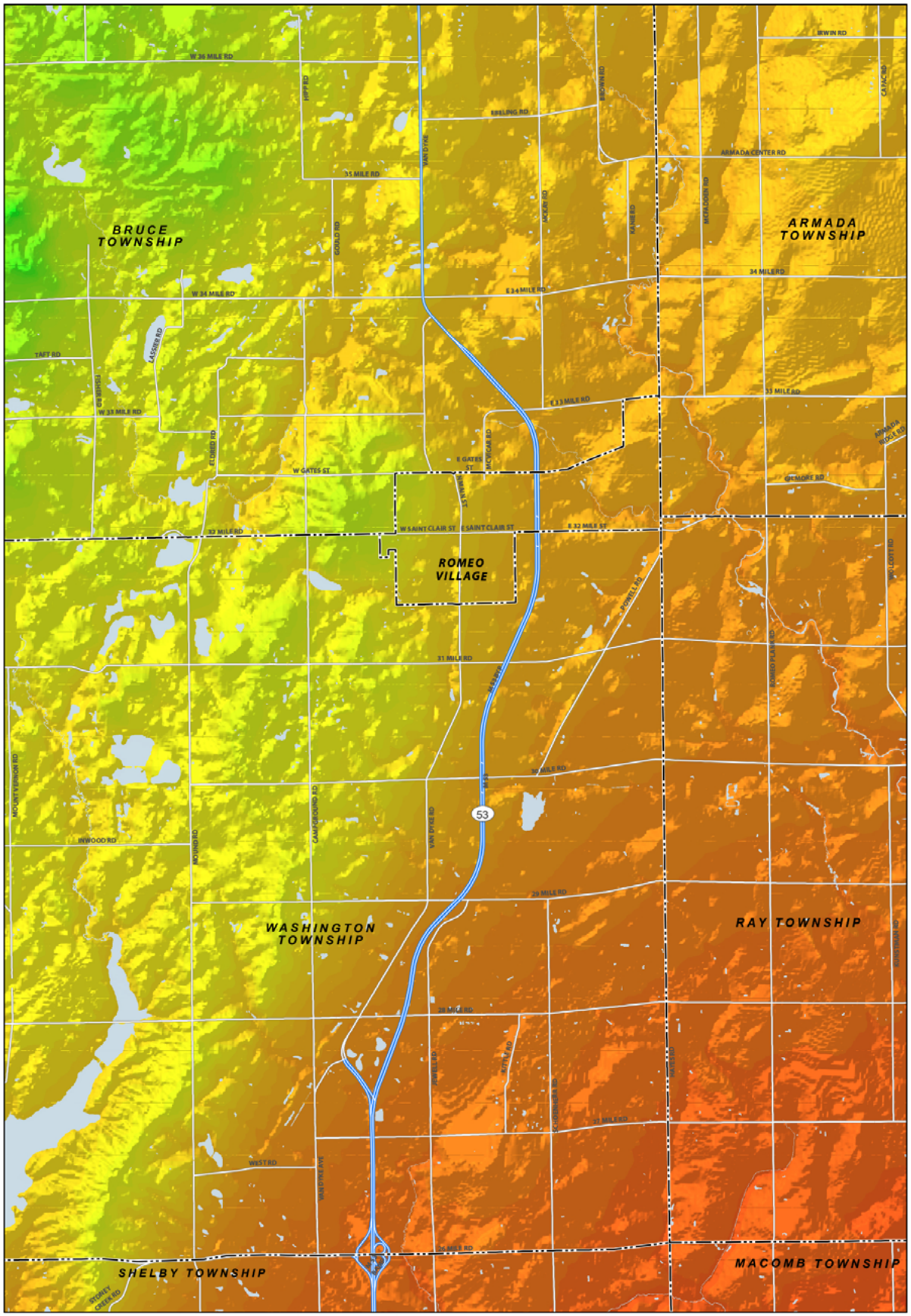

Generalized Topography Map

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

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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 or 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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ADMINISTRATION
STRUCTURE AND FUNDING



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Washington-Bruce-Romeo Recreation Department and its commission is a public agency responsible for providing recreation services to the area residents. It was created was 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 Washington, Bruce and the Village of Romeo.

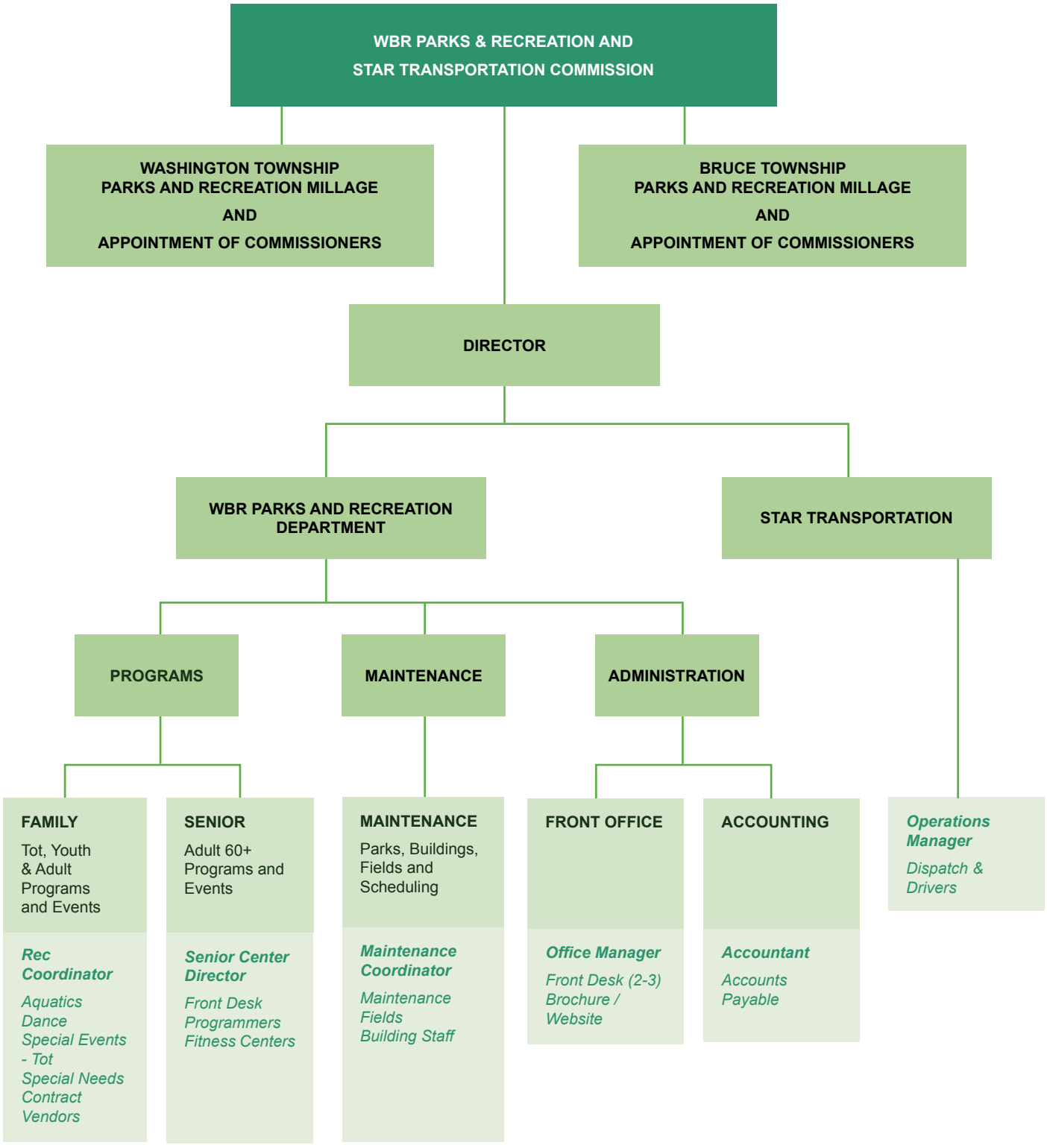
The original Commission was organized pursuant to Public Act 156 of 1917. In 2022 the township of Washington and Bruce entered into a new inter-local agreement establishing the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission. This is now a separate legal entity and corporate public body as provided in Section 7 of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967.

The Department offers a diverse range of programs at the two Community Activity Centers we operate, the Romeo Community School Gyms and other local business we work with. We feature instructional classes, athletic competition and special events for all age groups. (A sample list of these programs in the form of a WBR Mailer is included in the Appendix.) These programs change from time-to-time to reflect both the needs and preferences of area residents.

Both sites included a Fitness Centers and Senior Activity Center, These centers focus on the needs of our 60+ Adults. Programs offered emphasize the recreational, nutritional and health needs of senior citizens.

Transportation services for seniors and those with disabilities are provided by STAR transportation. This department offers door-to-door transportation for eligible residents. It should be noted that the Director and accountant are shared by both Parks & Recreation and STAR to save funds. A separate millage supports this service.

Figure 1. Administration Structure



BOLD ITALIC *= Full time position*

Italic *= Part Time position*

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



Sponsors include:

- Action Insurance
- All the Worlds a Stage
- AndII Plumbing
- Bluewater Trucking
- Bruce-Romeo Fire Department
- Budget Tree
- Campground Pediatrics
- Capital Banquet Center
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cross of Glory Church
- Culligan Water
- Daily Blend
- Don's Lil Johns
- Don Brown,
- Evola
- Fifth Third Bank
- Fresh Look Seal Coating
- Four County Foundation
- Grace Preschool
- Healthy Kids Running Program
- Heidebreicht
- Holy Cross Church
- Heidebreicht
- Henry Ford Health Systems
- Imagination Library
- Keller & Associates
- Knights of Columbus
- Kiwanis Club
- Landscape Direct
- Masonic Temple
- McLean, Mijack & Clark
- Meijer
- MITT TV
- Macomb County Sheriff
- Mike Nicley
- National Flag Football
- NMCYS
- Northend Accounting
- Pradko Gallagher & Slanec Dentistry
- Peoples Credit Union
- Poljan Insurance
- Peter J. Lucido
- Proline Asphalt
- Romeo & Washington Lions Club
- Romeo Accountants
- Romeo Gold Studios
- R. White Services
- Rolling Steam
- Romeo Police
- Summit Bowling
- Starkweather
- State Police
- St. Clements Catholic Church
- Sam Previti
- The Pond Guy
- Total Asphalt
- TNT Martial Arts
- Washington Historical Society
- WC Collins
- Washington Fire Department
- WBRW

FUNDING AND GRANT HISTORY

The funding for operating the Washington-Bruce-Romeo 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.

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 Parks & Recreation Commission has relied on revenue raised from a 0.75 millage since 1986. Votes renewed the millage in 1990, 1996, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020. Traditionally two-thirds of the millage has been earmarked for operational/administrative expenses; the remaining one-third is used for facility development.

In August 2020, Bruce and Washington Township votes approved a .75 millage renewal of the previous millage for Parks and Recreation, and will collect $1,439,000. Votes also approved a .25 millage for STAR transportation, and will collect $479,000. Both millages will run from 2020 – 2024.

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.



WBR Budget

The Parks and Recreation budget for 2024-2025 is $2,774,177.

Table 4. Millage History

YEAR	MILLAGE REVENUE
2022-2023	$ 1,678,422
2021-2022	$ 1,616,236
2020-2021	$ 1,468,997
2019-2020	$ 1,397,663
2018-2019	$ 1,422,395
2017-2018	$ 1,344,159

Table 5. Revenue and Expenditures

REVENUE	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Washington Millage	$1,226,388	$1,247,057	$1,306,568	$1,396,261
Bruce Millage	$389,848	$429,118	$504,963	$536,335
Programs & Other	$560,303	$708,946	$845,970	$920,366
Total	**$2,176,539**	**$2,385,121**	**$2,657,501**	**$2,852,962**
EXPENSES				
Adm. Salaries	$253,352	$261,759	$283,994	$298,345
Adm. Benefits	$153,081	$147,108	$145,375	$164,859
General Operations	$165,438	$261,759	$223,951	$325,751
Maintenance & Improvements	$728,186	$722,952	$521,958	$1,434,993
Programs	$531,025	$604,888	$867,873	$882,892
Total	**$1,831,082**	**$1,998,466**	**$2,043,151**	**$3,106,840**

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 Township Park development project (see Table 6 below).

Table 6. MDNR Recreation Grant History

FUNDING SOURCE	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
PROJECT NAME	BF89-219
GRANT AMOUNT	$60,600
PROJECT TITLE	Washington Township Park
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Exercise trail 2 tennis courts 2 soccer fields





04

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 Washington, Bruce, Romeo 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:

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



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 area. 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.

Future Possible Park Properties

- **28 Mile & Jewell Rd.** (Forest View)
  Deeded to Washington Township for park land. It is primarily wetlands.
  Size: 29.44 acres.
- **31 Mile & Powell Rd.**
  Includes majority of wetlands.
  Size: 22.79 acres.
- **29 Mile East of Jewel, in front of Hevel Elementary**
  Deeded from Lombardo. Creek runs through it.
  Size: 3.527 acres.
- **Mound Road, north of Canter Farms** (Hox Acres)
  Agricultural buildings and riding stables, field, woodland, and wetland.
  Size: 27.15 acres; 18,000 square feet of house and barn space.

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 WBR 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 FACILITY	ACCESSIBILITY RATING
Bruce Township Park	3
Orchard Hills Park	3
Crystal Diamonds	2
Village Park	5
Village of Romeo Community Center Building	3
Gilcher-Crissman Park	2
Washington Community Park and Senior Center	5
Washington Township Memorial Park	5





PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

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.

2. **Croswell Elementary School.** The site includes baseball fields, football or soccer fields, a small playground with play structures.

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. 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.

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. 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.

7. **Romeo Middle School.** Outdoor recreation facilities available. Romeo Middle School also contains an indoor pool and gymnasium that are used for activities sponsored by the Recreation Department.

8. **Romeo High School/ 9th Grade Academy / Barnabo Field.** The 79-acre site is in Washington Township on Jewell Road, south of 29 Mile Road. In addition to the school, the site also contains an athletic complex consisting of a football stadium with turf, the track and 6 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.

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 Washington-Bruce-Romeo 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.

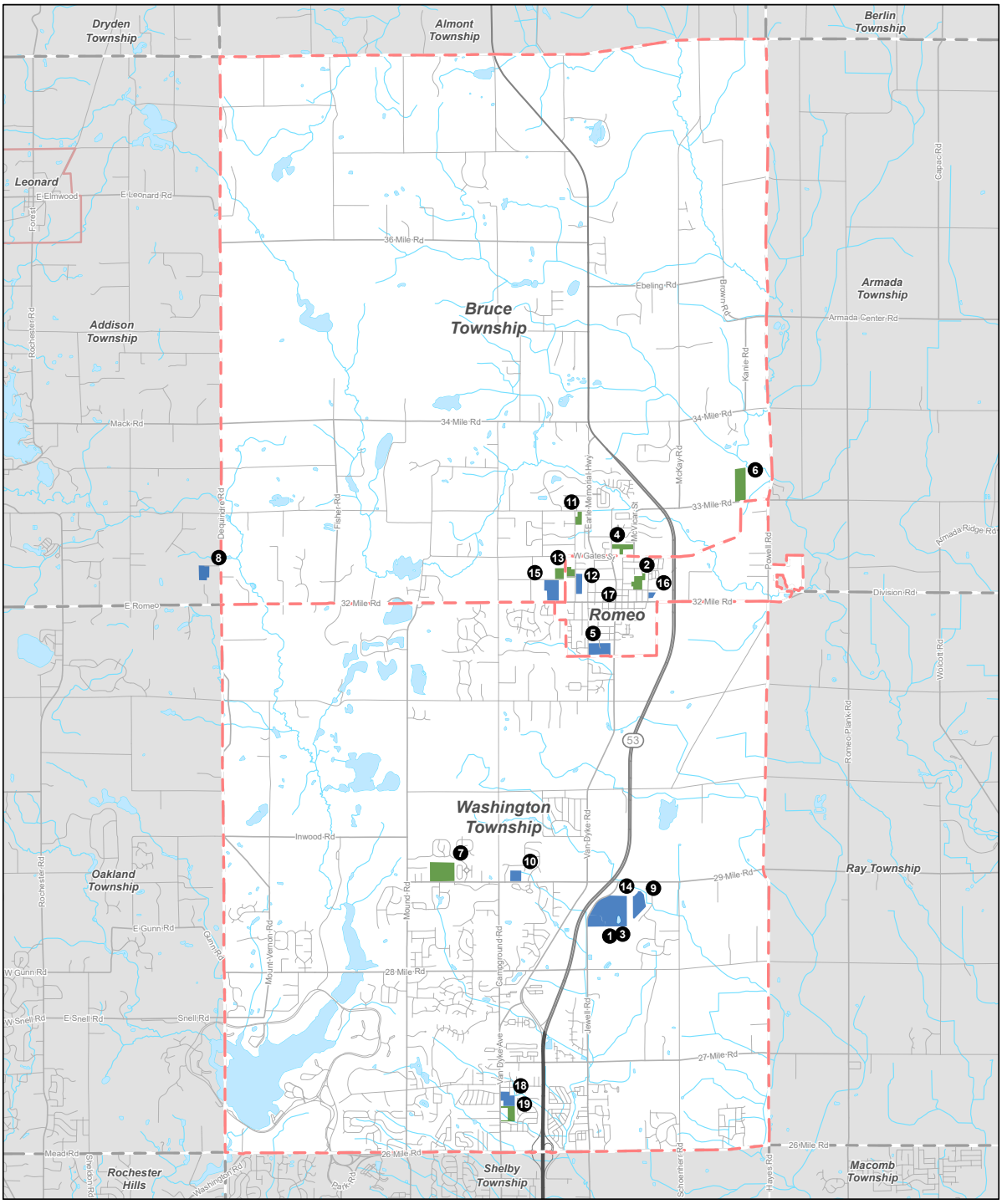
Three HCMA parks are located in Macomb County: Stony Creek Metropark in Washington Township; Metro Beach Metropark in Harrison Township; and Wolcott Mill in Ray Township

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.

WBR AMENITIES

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



Facility Inventory Map

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

November 23, 2022

LEGEND

- Township/Village Parks
- RCS School Facilities
- Romeo + Washington + Bruce Boundary
- Village Boundaries
- Other Municipal Boundary
- Bodies of Water

Map ID	Facility Name
1	9th Grade Academy
2	Amanda Moore Elementary
3	Barnabo Athletic Field
4	Bruce Township Park
5	Crosswell Elementary
6	Crystal Diamonds
7	Glicher-Crissman Park
8	Hamilton Parsons Elementary
9	Hevel Elementary
10	Indian Hills Elementary

Map ID	Facility Name
11	Orchard Hills Park
12	RCS Memorial Field
13	Romeo Community Center Park
14	Romeo High School
15	Romeo Middle School
16	Romeo Village Commission Park
17	Romeo Village Park
18	Washington Elementary
19	Washington Township Park

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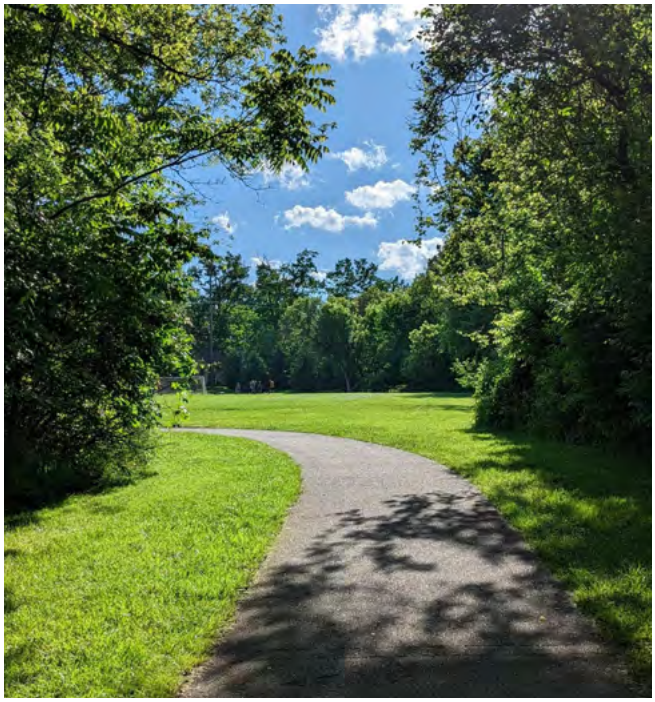
BRUCE TOWNSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
20 ACRES

Bruce Township Park

Gates St
(between Van Dyke and McVicar)





Existing Conditions

- Memorial
- Paved parking
- Play structure
- Gravel parking lot
- Paved pathway
- Swings
- Disc golf baskets
- Pavilion with electric/ lights
- Soccer field
- Fitness trail
- Benches/picnic tables
- Pet stations
- Port-a-johns
- Wifi



BRUCE TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY PARK
14 ACRES

Crystal Diamonds

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

Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Soccer field (Irrigated)
- Baseball diamonds (3)
- Storage shed
- Picnic Area
- Port-a-johns
- Electric/ well water



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY PARK
40 ACRES

Gilcher-Crissman Ball Fields/Park

29 Mile Rd
(between Mound and Campground)



Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Play structure
- Fences
- Pathway (paved)
- Swings
- Soccer field
- Baseball diamonds (2)
- Park irrigation (west)
- Port-a-johns
- Electric/ well/ irrigation
- Municpal water/ sewer



BRUCE TOWNSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
6 ACRES

Orchard Hills Park

33 Mile Rd
(between Morency and Van Dyke)

Existing Conditions

- Gravel parking
- Play structure
- Swings
- Pavilion
- Basketball court
- Pickleball court
- Walking path (paved)
- Port-a-johns









VILLAGE OF ROMEO

COMMUNITY PARK
17 ACRES

Village of Romeo Community Center Building

Morton St
(between St. Clair and Gates St)

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Play structure
- Swings
- Pavilion
- Basketball court
- Ice rink (seasonal)
- Sand box
- Sledding hill
- SMART/STAR bus overhang
- Skate park
- Ballfields (4)
- Practice football (2)
- Barn and storage sheds
- Volunteer athletic group storage sheds
- Port-a-johns
- Water/Electric



VILLAGE OF ROMEO

MINI/NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
0.75 ACRES

Village Park

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



Existing Conditions

- Sidewalk
- Memorials
- Music pavilion
- Walkways
- Climber
- Memorials
- Port-a-johns
- Water/ Electric



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY PARK
8 ACRES

Washington Community Park and Senior Center

Van Dyke
(between 26 and 27 Mile Roads)

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Play structure (accessible with turf)
- Pathway (paved)
- Swings
- Pavilion
- Soccer field
- Storage shed
- Permanent restrooms inside
- Tennis courts (2)
- Pickleball courts (4)
- Fitness center
- Gaga ball
- Port-a-johns







BRUCE TOWNSHIP

PASSIVE COMMUNITY (PLANNED)
148 ACRES

Bruce Township Vacant Legion Property

Southeast corner of 36 Mile Rd and Hipp Rd

Existing Conditions

- Farmland



VILLAGE OF ROMEO

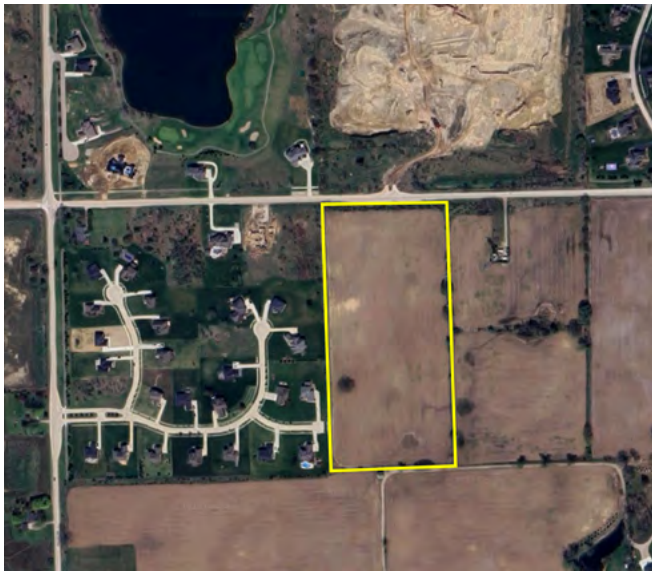
NEIGHBORHOOD (PLANNED)
1 ACRE

Trail Side Park

North of 32 Mile Rd, east of Clinton St

Existing Conditions

- Road Commission of Macomb County buildings
- Paved parking
- Green space
- Benches
- Tree plantings
- Connection to Macomb Orchard Trail



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

NEIGHBORHOOD (PROPOSED)
18 ACRES

Proposed Thorington Park

South side of 31 Mile Rd, west of Mound Rd

Existing Conditions

- Former farmland



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

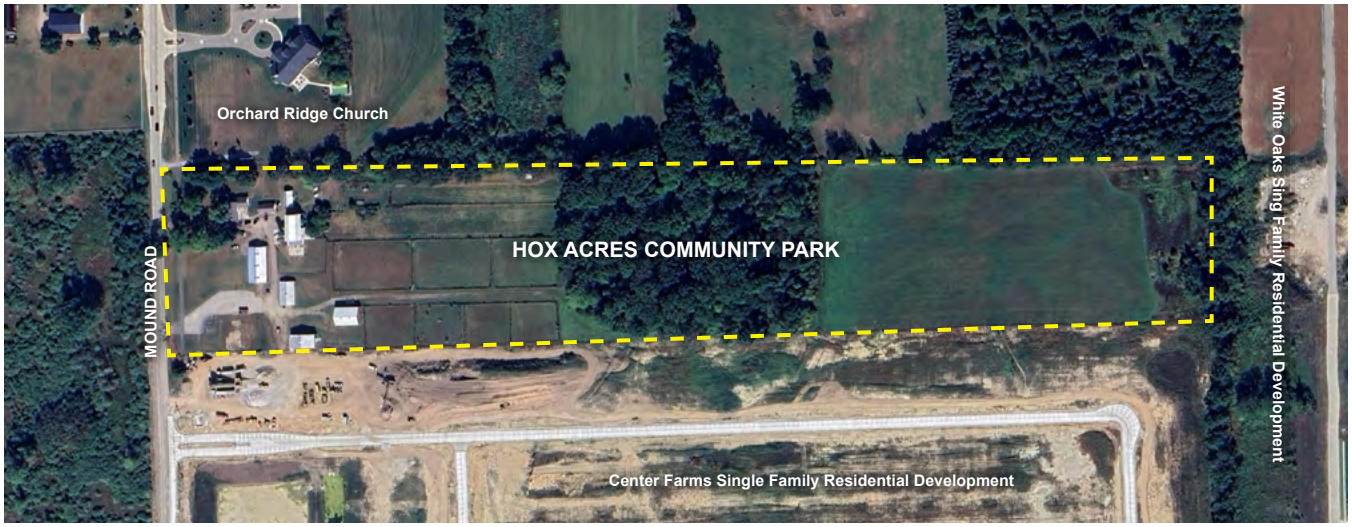
TRAILHEAD/NEIGHBORHOOD (PROPOSED)
5.4 ACRES

Aikman Property

29 Mile Rd and Van Dyke

Existing Conditions

- Paved parking
- Macomb Orchard Trail connection



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

PARK (PROPOSED)

Hox Acres

East side of Mound Road, between 29 and 30 Mile Roads

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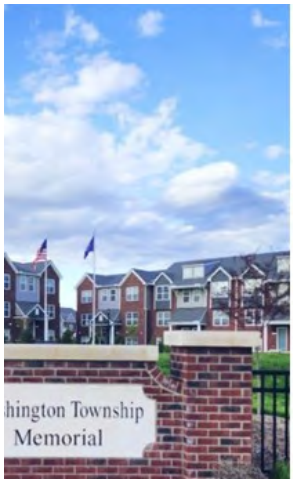
In 2023, Washington Township purchased a 27-acre former equestrian farm known as "Hox Acres". The Township is in the process of developing conceptual plans for the park and plans to apply for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in Spring 2025 to support implementation activities. To strengthen future funding applications, Washington Township is requesting that the park property be identified the 5-Year Plan.

Site Information

Hox Acres is located on the east side of Mound Road, between 29 Mile and 30 Mile Roads. The site is adjacent to Orchard Ridge Church and the Canter Farms development, currently under construction. Washington Township is filling in the last sidewalk gaps in this area to allow continuous non-motorized access between Hox Acres, Gilcher-Crissman Park, and the Macomb Orchard Trail.







WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

MINI NEIGHBORHOOD
0.46 ACRES

Washington Memorial Park

59022 Van Dyke Rd

Existing Conditions

- Veteran's Memorial
- Pathway of Remembrance
- Benches Open green space



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAILS

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:

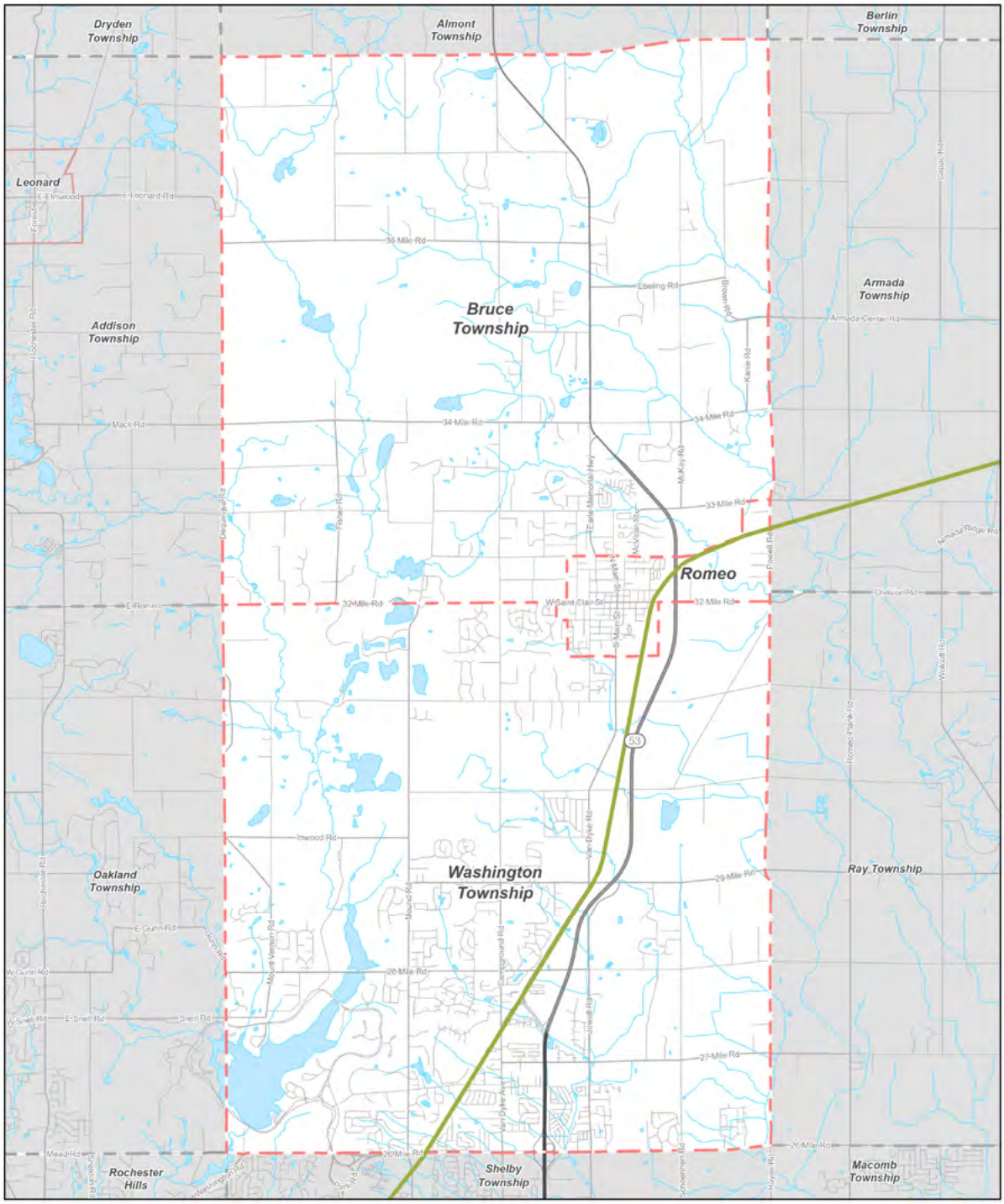
- Encourage exercise, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyles;
- Create new opportunities for outdoor and close-to-home recreation;
- Provide options for non-motorized transportation;
- Strengthen local economies through tourism, recreation expenditures, and increased property values;
- Protect the 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

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

November 15, 2022

LEGEND

- Romeo + Washington + Bruce Boundary
- Other Municipal Boundary
- Bodies of Water
- Macomb Orchard Trail

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Stony Creek Metropark Hike-Bike Trail

Connected to the Macomb Orchard Tail 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.

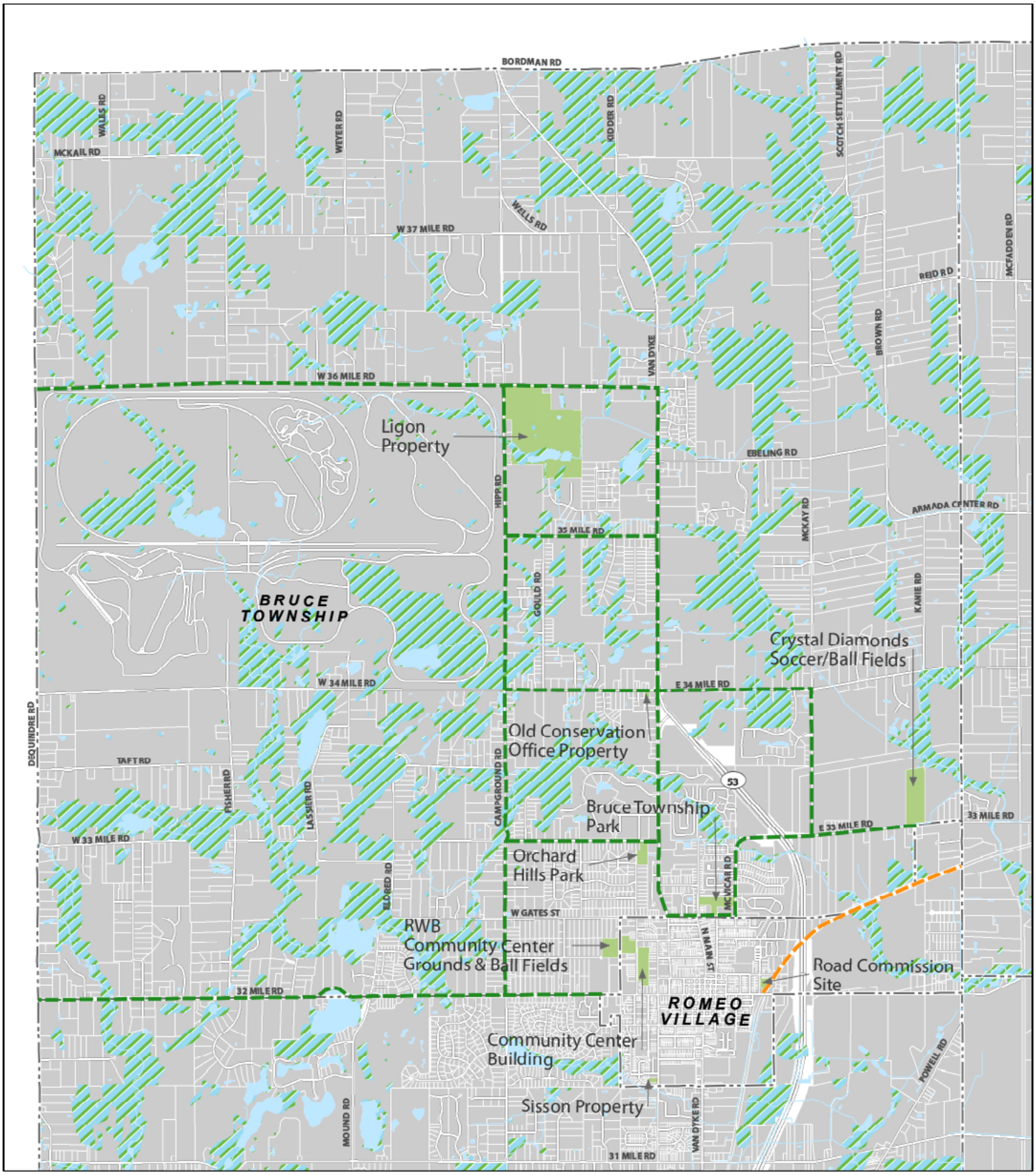
Bruce Township Pathways Plan

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

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

February 27, 2017

Macomb Orchard Trail
Planned Pathway
Designated Greenways

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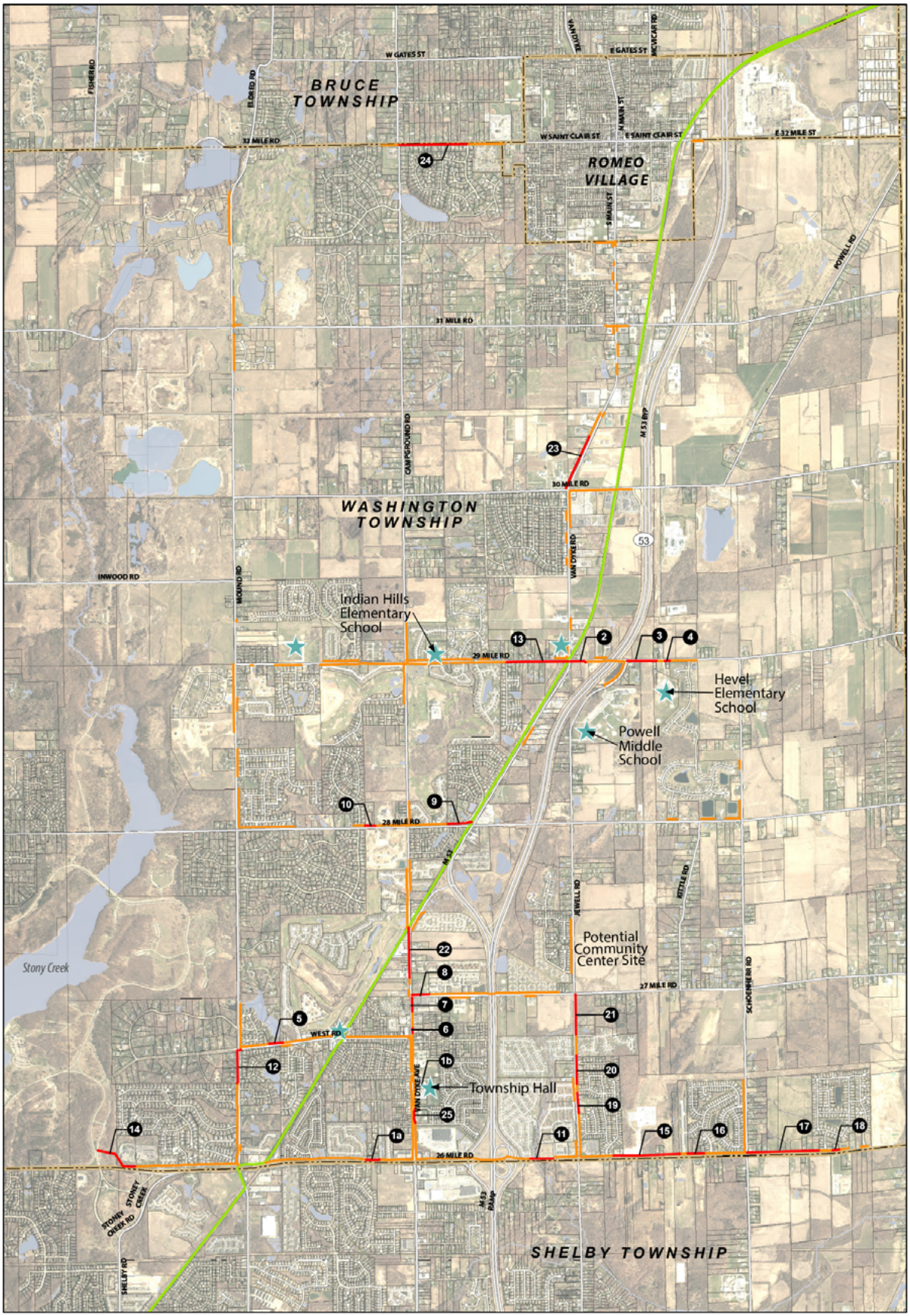
Washington Township Pathway Plan

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

Romeo + Washington + Bruce
Macomb County, Michigan

Legend

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

Proposed Pathway Listing

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

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Greystone Golf Club


Heather Hills Golf Club

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 Washington-Bruce-Romeo 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. Part of their additional land is leased for use as a park.

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.

PROGRAMMING

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

- Adaptive Rec Program
- Adult Fitness and Fitness Center
- Adult Services
- Archery
- Art
- Babysitting training
- Baseball/ softball
- Basketball
- Bingo
- Bowling classes/ events
- Coed softball
- Craft activities (knitting, quilting, woodcarving)
- Dance lessons
- Fencing
- First Aid/ CPR and AED
- Football
- Golf lessons/ leagues
- Ice skating
- Karate
- Legal aid
- Pickleball
- Running
- Sign language
- Science yoga
- Swimming (lessons and clubs)
- Tennis
- Tot Programs
- Travel
- Veterans aid
- Volleyball
- Zumba

Special Events

- Breakfast
- Cards and game tournaments
- Christmas park parties
- Community Clean-Up
- Euchre tournaments
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween
- Holiday Arts and Crafts
- Luncheons
- Michigan Peach Festival
- Park decoration program
- Princess-Superhero Dance
- Sled hill
- Valentine's
- Water slide







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BASIS FOR ACTION PLAN



PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Planning Process

The Washington, Romeo and Bruce Parks & Recreation Commission 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 on the following page.

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 November 22, 2022 to January 12, 2023, asking people for feedback on their experiences and opinions of the current parks and recreation offerings and any improvements they would like to see. A postcard was sent directly to residents to inform them of the survey. 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 November 29, 2023 to December 29, 2023 and again from May 9 to June 10, 2024. Notice was sent to residents via NIXLE, Facebook, Website, Broadcast on WBRW during meeting, and posted in The Macomb Daily.

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. On June 20, 2024, the Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission adopted the Parks & Recreation Master Plan following a final public hearing. The Washington Township Board of Trustees and the Bruce Township Board of Trustees held respective public hearings and subsequently adopted the Parks and Recreation Plan on December 17, 2025.



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 7 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 7. Park Land Acreage and Facility Analysis

		POPULATION		RECOMMENDED SIZE / POP.			
PARK / ACTIVITY	STANDARD	2010	2040	2010	2040	EXISTING 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)

The WBR 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 WBR 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.



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ACTION 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 Washington, Bruce, and Romeo. These goals and strategies should be reviewed continually and modified as necessary.

Programming & Administration

Goal 1:
Continue to provide high-quality programming such as classes and events that meet the interests and needs of local residents.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide for a full range of recreation programs to meet perceived recreation needs. Relate recreational program offerings to population concentrations and to the availability of facilities.
- Provide necessary staffing and administrative infrastructure to support the expansion of recreation opportunities while respecting budget constraints.

Goal 2:
Provide recreation opportunities for all residents, without regard to age, race, religion, physical or mental well-being, gender, or economic circumstances.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide low-income community residents with assistance to provide for their recreational needs.
- 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 Washington, Bruce, Romeo area.
- Continue working relationships with parent-based programs by providing assistance, awareness, and sites for their specific activities.

Cooperation & Communication

Goal 3:
Increase the overall awareness, participation and usage of recreation programs and facilities in Washington Township, Bruce Township, and the Village of Romeo.

OBJECTIVES:

- Release a seasonal brochure to inform the public about classes, events, and other resources.
- Utilize the website, **rwbparksrec.org**, to publicize parks and recreation resources.
- Increase communication with local partners to raise awareness of recreation programs, facilities, and future plans for development.

Goal 4:
Act as a cohesive organization and cooperate with other local and regional contributors to provide community-wide parks, in order to provide a full array of both active and passive recreation facilities to residents.

OBJECTIVES:

- For parks 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 WBR planning area. The Parks and Recreation advisory board should contain residents from both communities.
- Continue WBR as a collective, functioning recreation entity realizing that WBR can provide services better and more efficiently than if provided separately in each community.
- Continue to work closely with various public and private entities regarding the joint use of existing and future recreation opportunities. These entities include, but are not limited to:
  - Bruce Township
  - Washington Township
  - Village of Romeo / DDA
  - Macomb County
  - Macomb County Road Commission
  - Michigan Department of Natural Resources
  - Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
  - Romeo District Library
  - Romeo Community Schools
  - Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
  - Local nonprofit groups / organizations
- Encourage continued cooperation amongst communities allowing for the joint use of existing and future recreational facilities by community residents, and continue working with community groups to establish cooperative agreements for the protection, maintenance and use of recreation sites.
- Work directly with the Townships, the Village, and the Commission in obtaining funding options and recreational sites.
- Work with local communities to establish and renew cooperative agreements for the maintenance of future recreation sites.

Land & Facilities

Goal 5:
Expand and improve recreational offerings in the communities by expanding high quality, diverse facilities and opportunities.

OBJECTIVES:

- Consider the availability and access to private and commercial recreation opportunities available in the area or nearby communities in evaluating future recreation needs. Avoid duplicating the development of public and commercial recreation opportunities that are available in nearby communities.
- Promote placement of recreation and residential facilities to provide neighborhood-level parks, both publicly and privately owned, to meet the needs of local neighborhoods.
- Require that new residential development, including single-family subdivisions, multiple-family developments, and manufactured housing communities, provides adequate parks and recreation facilities or access to existing facilities where possible.
- Search for opportunities to provide and enhance community-wide parks which a full array of both active and passive recreation facilities to be focal points for recreation activities.
- Continue the development of the sports complexes (Crystal Diamonds and Gilcher-Crissman Park) that serve all three communities as a whole.
- Explore the reuse of abandoned mining sites for recreation purposes.
- Evaluate the distribution of recreational opportunities and the overall population when considering locations for new facilities.
- Provide a consistent level of funding to support improvements to the area's recreation facilities and programs and continued maintenance of these parks.

Goal 6:
Coordinate recreation facilities around the preservation and conservation of existing natural features within the communities.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Acquire scenic easements reinforcing the open space preservation objectives and community appearance.
2. Utilize planning and zoning tools that encourage developers to incorporate more open space into new residential developments.
3. Utilize areas around existing natural features for open space and recreational purposes.
4. Encourage the revision and enforcement of open space and natural feature preservation ordinances within each Township and Village.

Goal 7:
Provide, promote, and encourage the development of non-motorized transportation trails, paths, and connections within and between communities.

OBJECTIVES:

- Support the continued development of the planned regional bicycle path along 26 Mile Road.
- Encourage the development of a pedestrian / bicycle path system linking residential neighborhoods to recreational facilities throughout the service area.
- 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.

ACTION PLAN

The following table is a summary of actions that the Commission and its partners should undertake over the next five years, and beyond. These activities are specific and consistent with the Goals and Objectives, public input received, and the analysis of local parks and recreation needs. The activities are less defined than those found in the Capital Improvement Summary, describing specific capital improvements.

TOPIC	FINDING	RECOMMENDATION
Maintenance	**High Need** • Maintenance is an ongoing need and the number one operational priority of the Commission. • Basic park improvements, such as permanent restroom facilities, water bottle and dog fountains, and other basic amenities listed in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) can have a major impact on the overall quality and usability of parks.	1. Continue to contract an Engineer & Design Company to support Commission operations. 2. Continue efforts to construct permanent, updated restroom facilities at all WBR parks.
Recreation Programming	**High Need** • Public input showed that special events are frequently enjoyed by residents, and most felt WBR special events programming met their needs. • Most who took the survey said that recreation activities and programming met or exceeded their expectations. • There was the most interest in increasing the following programs: » Teen Classes » Enrichment classes » Senior activities » Adaptive Recreation » Music & Dance » Fitness classes & Sports	1. Continue to provide special events, senior, adult, and teen programming, adjusting offerings as needed to respond to public interest. 2. Coordinate with local partners to promote special events, activities, and programming offered by WBR to maximize benefit to taxpayers. 3. Evaluate staffing needs and consider increases to staffing based on interest in additional programs.

TOPIC	FINDING	RECOMMENDATION
Safety	**Moderate Need** • The Commission is currently in the process of installing lights and security cameras at parks in the communities. • Though very few unsafe conditions were documented during the planning process, it's important to continuously study the safety of equipment and improve when necessary. Always design future facility upgrades and capital improvements with safety as a high priority.	1. Continue installation of safety and security infrastructure, primarily one or more security cameras, which are recommended to be installed at the following locations (also see Capital Improvement Plan): » Bruce Township Park » Crystal Diamonds » Orchard Hills Park » Romeo Community Center Park
Connectivity	**Moderate Need** Public input showed a high degree of satisfaction with the available walking and biking trails, and supported efforts to continue making connections.	1. Continue to implement the 2017 Pathway Plan to connect gaps in the sidewalk system. 2. Install ADA-compliant accessible sidewalks at Crystal Diamonds Park. 3. Provide an accessible sidewalk at Romeo Community Center Park. 4. Improve walking path connections at Washington Township Park.
Playground Updates	**Moderate Need** • NRPA guidelines and public input results indicate a desire for additional children's playgrounds • Existing park and playground equipment may need repair or replacement over the life of this plan. • WBR has made considerable progress in updating playgrounds to industry standards. The following parks still would benefit from new children's playlots and/or tot play pieces: » Bruce Township Park » Gilcher-Crissman Park » Orchard Hills Park	1. Replace and repair playground equipment as it becomes obsolete or unsafe, utilizing modular equipment. 2. Use resilient surfacing and make all new playgrounds accessible to all citizens (ADA compliance at minimum.)

TOPIC	FINDING	RECOMMENDATION
New Recreation Facilities	**Moderate – Low Need** Based on the results of the public survey and engagement, there is a mix of interest for and against constructing brand new indoor and/or outdoor facilities, however support leaned against increasing the millage to support new facilities. Public input as well as NRPA recommendations did identify some specific features which could be provided: • Outdoor swimming pool or splash pad • Tennis and pickleball • Basketball • Exercise equipment and weights • Winter activities like skating/sledding/hockey	1. Opportunities to develop these facilities should be identified over the five-year period, on an annual basis. 2. Community need for these facilities is offset by existing school facilities, as well as regional facilities and partnerships.

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 8: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan incorporates the top recommendations that require capital improvements organized by priority.

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 2022 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 8. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
Bruce Township Park			
Water bottle & Dog fountain	$10,000	M	High
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	High
ADA Accessible Play Piece	$25,000	CDBG, G, MDNR, PD	Medium
Tot Playground Piece	$25,000	GF, MDNR	Medium
Turf on Playground	$100,000	G, GF, MDNR	Medium
Permanent Restrooms	$60,000	G, M	Low

FUNDING SOURCES

G	Grants
GF	General Fund
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
PD	Private Donations
M	Millage
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
UF	User Fees

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
Crystal Diamonds			
Install Lights on Ballfields	$300,000	G, M, PD	Ongoing
Cover Dugouts	$12,000	G, M, PD	High
Permanent Cornhole	$3,000	G, M	High
Extend Irrigation to Ballfields	$50,000	M	Medium
Add Small Playground Piece	$25,000	G, M	Medium
Water Bottle & Dog Fountain	$10,000	M	Medium
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	Medium
Fencing & Gate	$50,000	M	Medium
Permanent Restrooms	$60,000	G, M	Low
Permanent Storage	$40,000	M	Low
Pave Driveway	$150,000	GF, M	Low
Add Walking Path	$75,000	MDNR, MDOT	Low
Concessions (needed if lights added)	$30,000	M	Low
Gilcher-Crissman Park			
Large Pavilion with Warm-up Kitchen	$450,000	GF, M	Ongoing
Permanent Restrooms	$50,000	G, GF, M	Ongoing
Security Cameras	$10,000	G, M	Ongoing
Permanent Storage	$30,000	GF, M	High
Water bottle & Dog fountain	$10,000	M	High
Tot Playground Piece	$25,000	GF, MDNR	High
2nd Driveway	$150,000	M	High
Pave Driveway	$250,000	G, M	High
Permanent Cornhole	$3,000	G, M	High
Outside Basketball Courth	$60,000	G, M	High
Outside Fitness Stations/Pad	$50,000	G	Medium
Update to ADA Playground/Turf	$100,000	G, MDNR, PD, CDBG	Medium
Pickle Ball Courts	$250,000	G, GF, M	Medium
Add & Update Fencing	$80,000	M	Low
Grass V-Ball Courts	$3,000	M	Low

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PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
Orchard Hills Park			
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	High
Fence Athletic Court	$7,000	GF, M	High
New playground structures	$75,000	GF, MDNR	Medium
Turf on Playground	$100,000	G, M	Medium
Additional Parking on West side of Park	$10,000	MDNR, MDOT	Low
Romeo Community Center Building			
Replace Moveable Walls	$40,000	M	Ongoing
Update Indoor Restrooms	$50,000	G, M	Ongoing
Redo Wood Flooring	$30,000	M	High
Replace all Carpet	$10,000	M	High
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	High
Romeo Community Center Park			
ADA Accessible Play Equipment	$25,000	G, M, MDNR	Ongoing
Update/Lengthen Sled Hill	$75,000	M	High
Water Bottle & Dog Fountain	$10,000	M	High
Tot Playground Piece	$25,000	G, GF, M	High
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	High
Electric Sign	$40,000	M	Medium
Replace Small Pavilion w/Large	$80,000	M	Medium
Storage Buildings/Concession	$30,000	M	Medium
ADA Path Around Fields (goes with Sled Hill update)	$100,000	G, MDNR, CDBG	Medium
Upgrade Fencing & Add Gate	$40,000	M	Low
Install Lights Ball Fields	$400,000	G, M	Low

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PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
Washington Township Park			
Water Bottle & Dog Fountain	$10,000	M	High
Security Camera	$10,000	G, M	High
Pavilion	$150,000	GF, M	High
Permanent Restrooms	$50,000	G, GF, M	High
Permanent Storage	$30,000	M	High
Walking Path Connections	$25,000	M	High
Outside Fitness Stations/Pad	$40,000	G	Medium
Tot Playground Piece	$25,000	G, GF, MDNR	Low
Other			
Hox Acres Phase I Construction	TBD – dependent on final site plans	G, GF, PD	High
Enclosed Trailer - Events	$15,000	M	High / Ongoing
Portable Lights/Generator	$5,000	M	High / Ongoing
Engineer & Design Company	Varies depending on scope	M	Ongoing
Splash Pad	$1,000,000	G, M	Low
Dog Park - Dog Run	$40,000	G, M	Low
Full-time Maintenance Staff	$40,000	GF, M	Low
Senior Activity Center	TBD if new site	G, GF, M	Low
Indoor Gyms & Courts	TBD if new site	G, GF, M UF	Low
Indoor Walk Path	TBD if new site	G, GF, M	Low
Multi Purpose Rooms	TBD if new site	G, M, UF	Low
Park PA Systems	$20,000	M	Low
Central Fitness Center	TBD if new site	G, M, UF	Low
Learner/Exercise Pool	TBD if new site	G, M, UF	Low
Billboard Rental	$20,000	M	Low
Disk Golf Course	$27,000	M	Low
Permanent Cement Skate Park	$300,000	G	Low

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APPENDIX

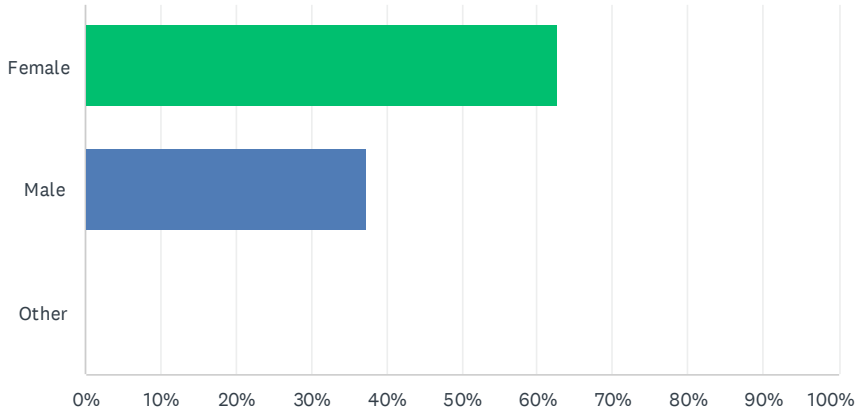
SURVEY RESULTS

A survey was posted on the Parks and Recreation website from December 3, 2022, through January 13, 2023, 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 39 questions regarding several aspects of the parks and recreation facilities, programs, and services offered by the Washington-Bruce-Romeo Parks and Recreation. There was a total of 410 either complete or partial survey respondents.

Q1 What is your gender?

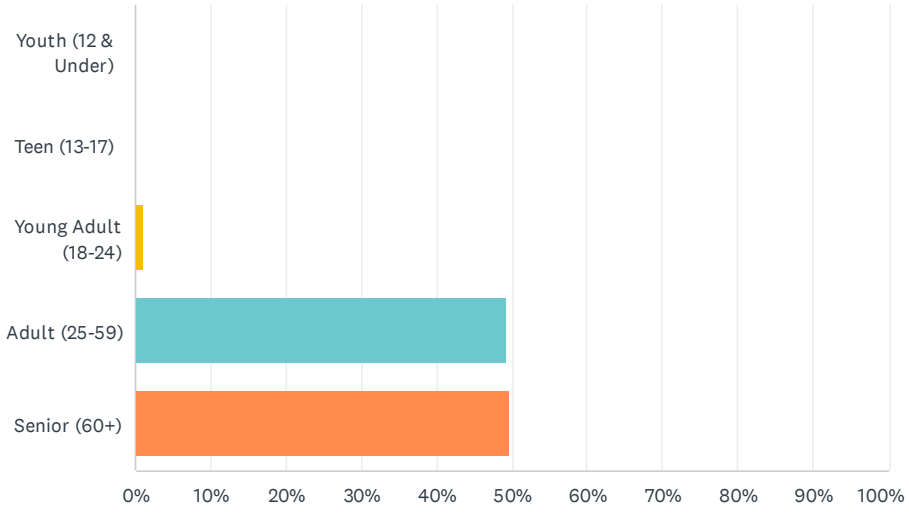
Answered: 408 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	62.75%	256
Male	37.25%	152
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		408

Q2 What is your age?

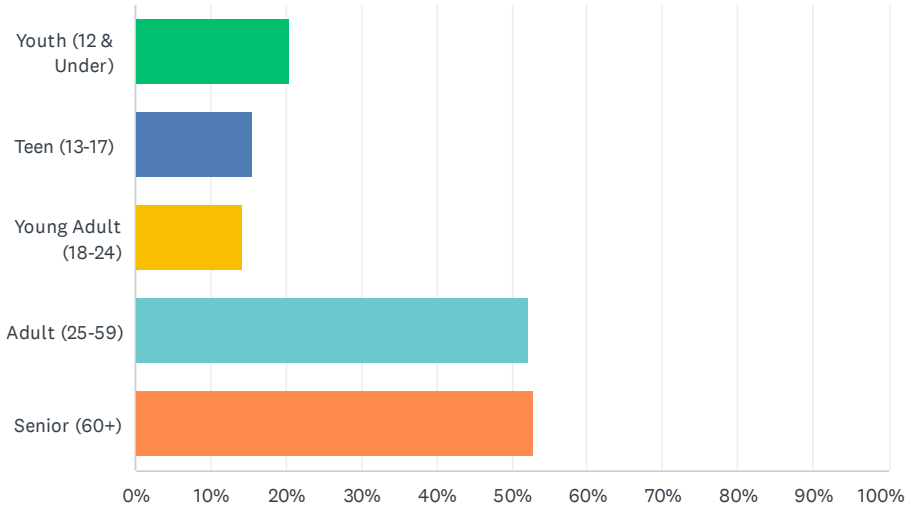
Answered: 410 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth (12 & Under)	0.00%	0
Teen (13-17)	0.00%	0
Young Adult (18-24)	0.98%	4
Adult (25-59)	49.27%	202
Senior (60+)	49.76%	204
TOTAL		410

Q3 Click on each age group that currently resides in your household.

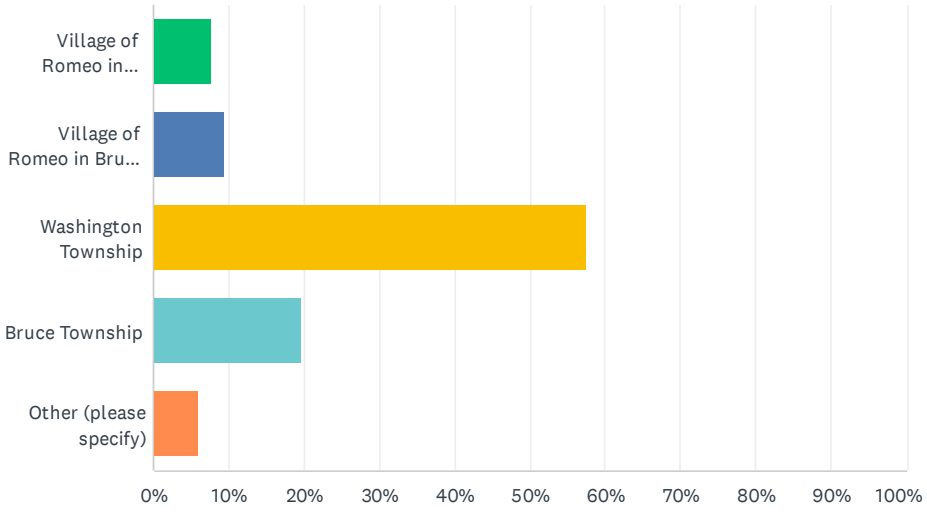
Answered: 407 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth (12 & Under)	20.39%	83
Teen (13-17)	15.48%	63
Young Adult (18-24)	14.25%	58
Adult (25-59)	52.33%	213
Senior (60+)	52.83%	215
Total Respondents: 407		

Q4 Where is your household located?

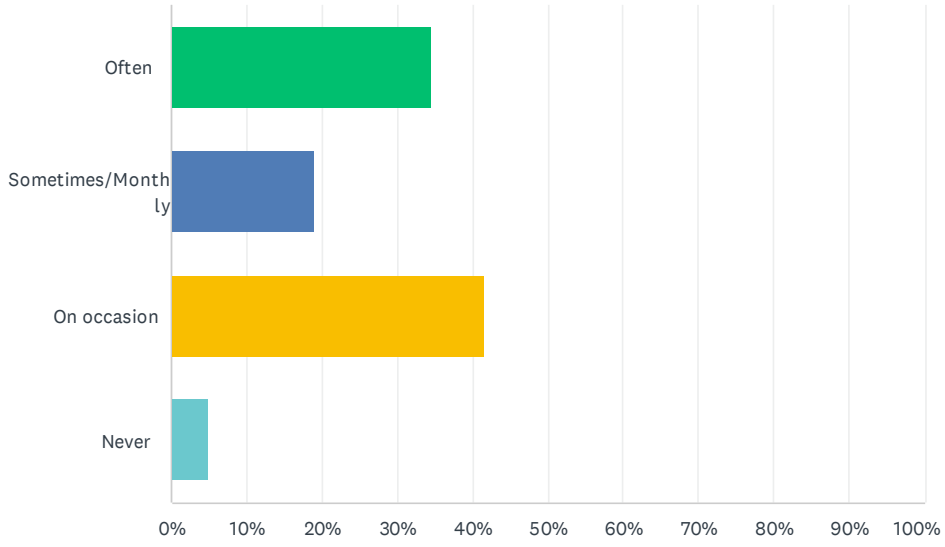
Answered: 407 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Village of Romeo in Washington Township	7.62%	31
Village of Romeo in Bruce Township	9.34%	38
Washington Township	57.49%	234
Bruce Township	19.66%	80
Other (please specify)	5.90%	24
TOTAL		407

Q5 How often do you frequent one of the Township/ Village Parks?

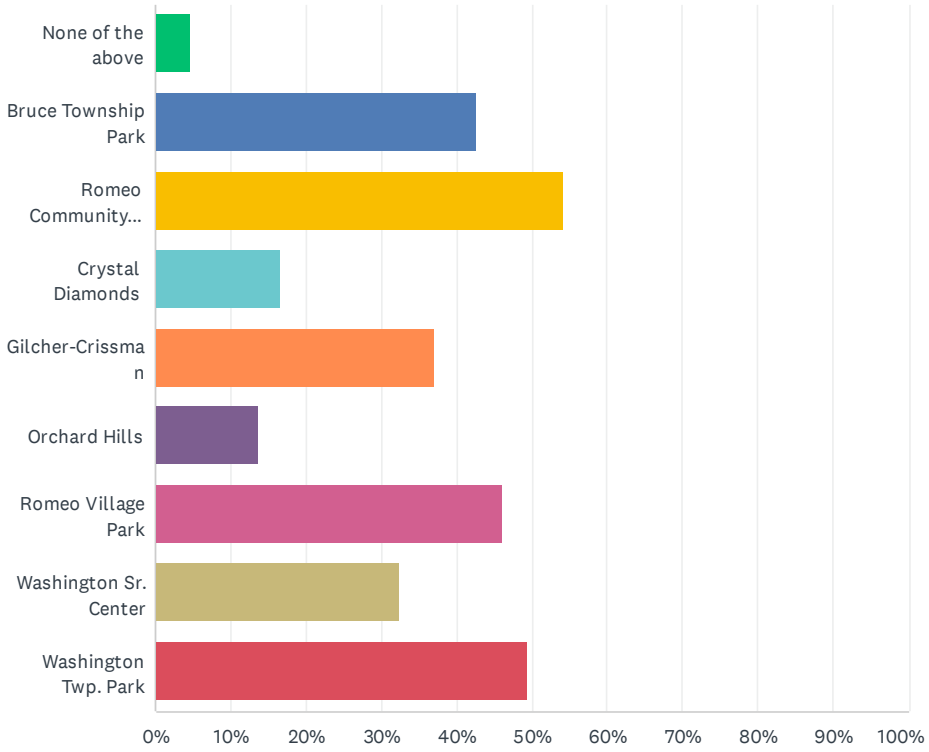
Answered: 406 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Often	34.48%	140
Sometimes/Monthly	18.97%	77
On occasion	41.63%	169
Never	4.93%	20
TOTAL		406

Q6 Which Township/ Village Park or Playground have you visited, if any?

Answered: 404 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	4.70%	19
Bruce Township Park	42.57%	172
Romeo Community Center & Park	54.21%	219
Crystal Diamonds	16.58%	67
Gilcher-Crissman	37.13%	150
Orchard Hills	13.61%	55
Romeo Village Park	46.04%	186
Washington Sr. Center	32.43%	131
Washington Twp. Park	49.50%	200
Total Respondents: 404		

Q7 What would you rate the overall appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the parks? 1 being the worst and 5 being the best.

Answered: 410 Skipped: 0

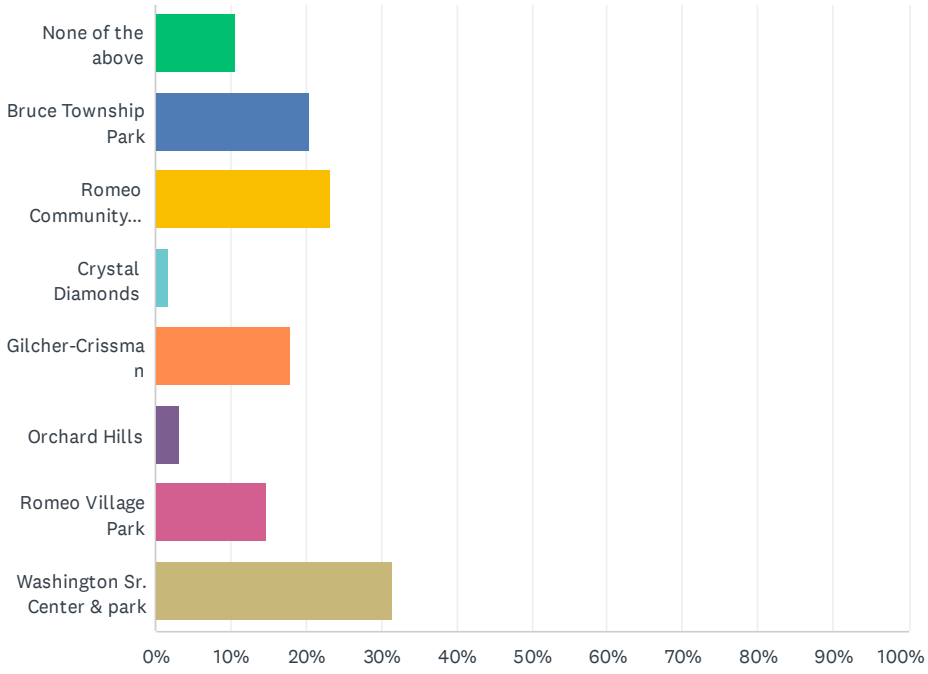
4.1★
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.95% 8	1.71% 7	18.54% 76	41.71% 171	36.10% 148	410	4.08

Q8 Which Township/ Village Park or Playground do you frequent the most?

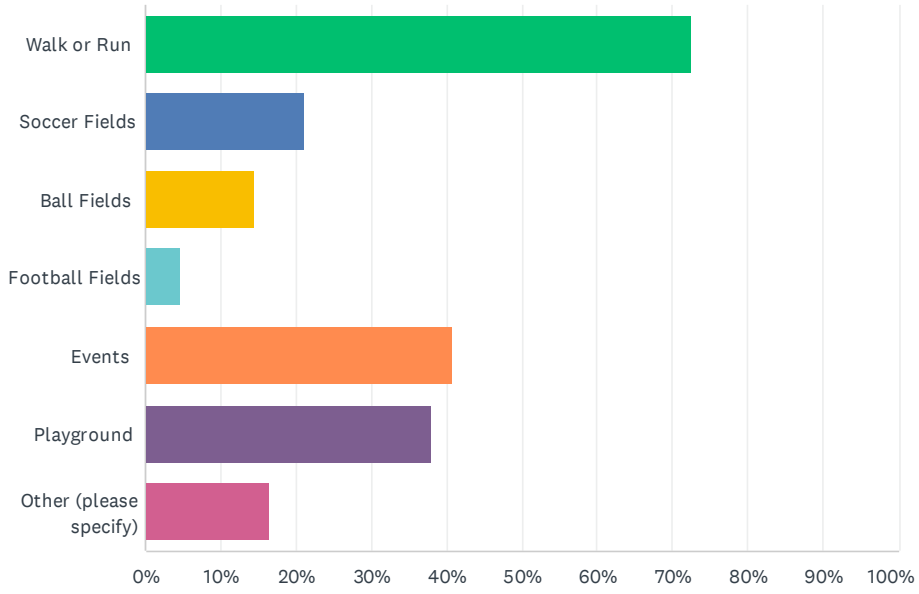
Answered: 397 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	10.58%	42
Bruce Township Park	20.40%	81
Romeo Community Center & Park	23.17%	92
Crystal Diamonds	1.76%	7
Gilcher-Crissman	17.88%	71
Orchard Hills	3.27%	13
Romeo Village Park	14.61%	58
Washington Sr. Center & park	31.49%	125
Total Respondents: 397		

Q9 Which amenities have you utilized at the various parks?

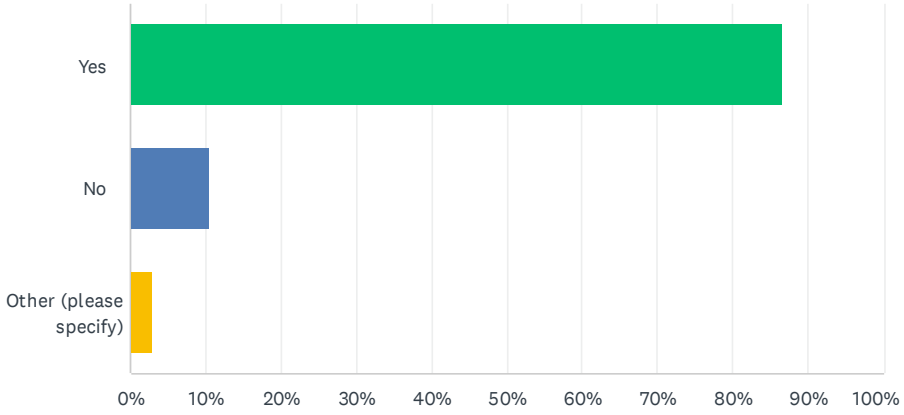
Answered: 388 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk or Run	72.42%	281
Soccer Fields	21.13%	82
Ball Fields	14.43%	56
Football Fields	4.64%	18
Events	40.72%	158
Playground	37.89%	147
Other (please specify)	16.49%	64
Total Respondents: 388		

Q10 Do you feel you have a Township/Village park close enough to your home?

Answered: 405 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.67%	351
No	10.37%	42
Other (please specify)	2.96%	12
TOTAL		405

Q11 Please list your top three favorite park amenities

Answered: 306 Skipped: 104

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	100.00%	306
2	85.29%	261
3	67.65%	207

Number 1

Walking/trails	145
Playground/space for kids to run	45
Skating Rink/Sledding	32
Tennis/pickleball	18
Picnic, benches, gazebo	17
Sports - soccer, basketball, football, baseball	13
Events	12
Nature/peace/green space	11
Music	5
Bathroom	5
other	3
Total	**306**

Number 2

Playground/space for kids to run	59
Walking/trails	48
Picnic, benches, gazebo	36
Sports - soccer, basketball, football, baseball	25
Nature/peace/green space	20
Bathroom	12
Tennis/pickleball	9
Skating Rink/Sledding	8
Events	7
Music	5
other	32
Total	**261**

Number 3

Walking/trails	36
Nature/peace/green space	32
Picnic, benches, gazebo	31
Playground/space for kids to run	30
Sports - soccer, basketball, football, baseball	28
Tennis/pickleball	14
Events	9
Bathroom	8
Skating Rink/Sledding	4
other	15
Total	**207**

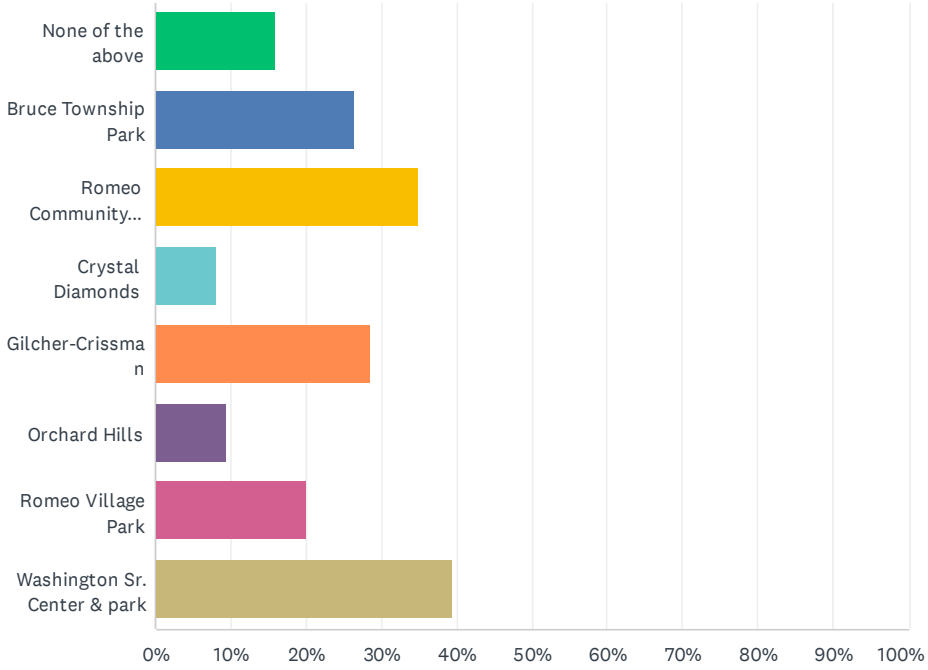
Q12 What park amenities or activities would you like to be added that are currently not offered?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 153

splash pad/outdoor water feature for kids	47
pool	34
tennis/pickleball courts	33
bathroom facilities	32
winter activities/skating/sledding/hockey	24
trails	21
playground improvements	19
trees, plants, ponds	18
dogpark	18
none/perfect	16
picnic areas/shelters/benches	15
gym/rec center	13
rec center	10
basketball hoops	7
events	6
lights	5
music	5
senior activity	5
paved parking	5
outdoor workout stations	4
water fountains	4
golf	3
shuffleboard	3
adaptive equipment	3
skate park	3
sports	2
disc golf	2
volleyball	1
Total	**358**

Q13 In which location(s) would you like these amenities added?

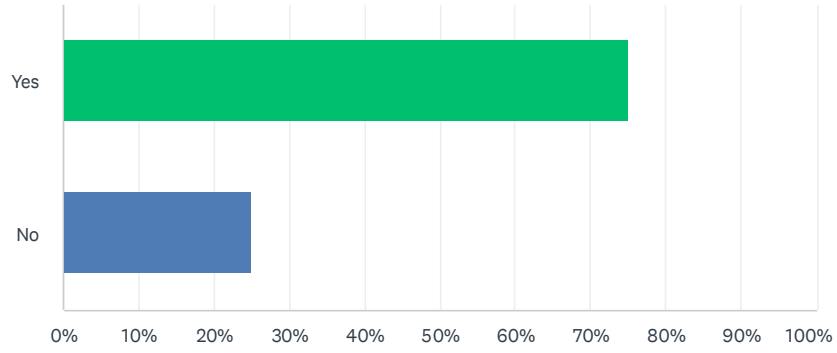
Answered: 269 Skipped: 141



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	15.99%	43
Bruce Township Park	26.39%	71
Romeo Community Center & Park	34.94%	94
Crystal Diamonds	8.18%	22
Gilcher-Crissman	28.62%	77
Orchard Hills	9.29%	25
Romeo Village Park	20.07%	54
Washington Sr. Center & park	39.41%	106
Total Respondents: 269		

Q14 Do you feel the Parks provide enough adaptive needs or amenities?

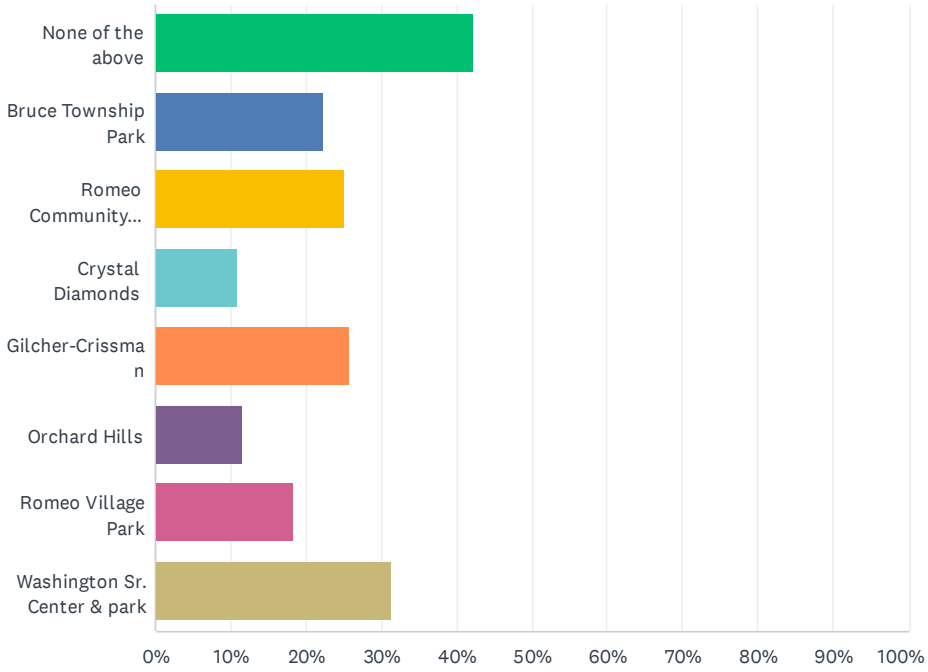
Answered: 332 Skipped: 78



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	249
No	25.00%	83
TOTAL		332

Q15 If not, which location(s) would you like adaptive amenities added?

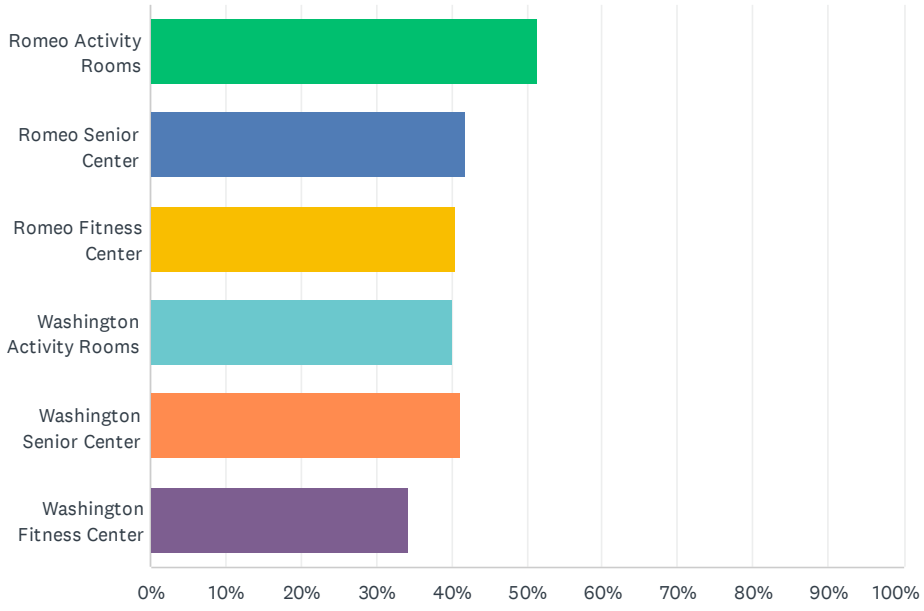
Answered: 147 Skipped: 263



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	42.18%	62
Bruce Township Park	22.45%	33
Romeo Community Center & Park	25.17%	37
Crystal Diamonds	10.88%	16
Gilcher-Crissman	25.85%	38
Orchard Hills	11.56%	17
Romeo Village Park	18.37%	27
Washington Sr. Center & park	31.29%	46
Total Respondents: 147		

Q16 What Indoor Facilities have you been to?

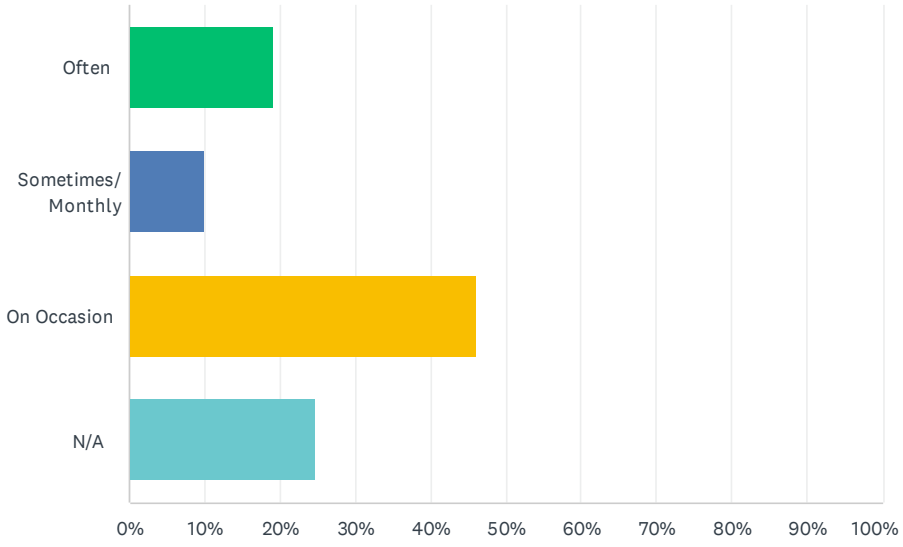
Answered: 309 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Romeo Activity Rooms	51.46%	159
Romeo Senior Center	41.75%	129
Romeo Fitness Center	40.45%	125
Washington Activity Rooms	40.13%	124
Washington Senior Center	41.10%	127
Washington Fitness Center	34.30%	106
Total Respondents: 309		

Q17 How often do you frequent one of our indoor activity centers?

Answered: 396 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Often	19.19%	76
Sometimes/ Monthly	10.10%	40
On Occasion	45.96%	182
N/A	24.75%	98
TOTAL		396

Q18 What would you rate the overall appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the indoor facilities? 1 being the worst and 5 being the best.

Answered: 410 Skipped: 0

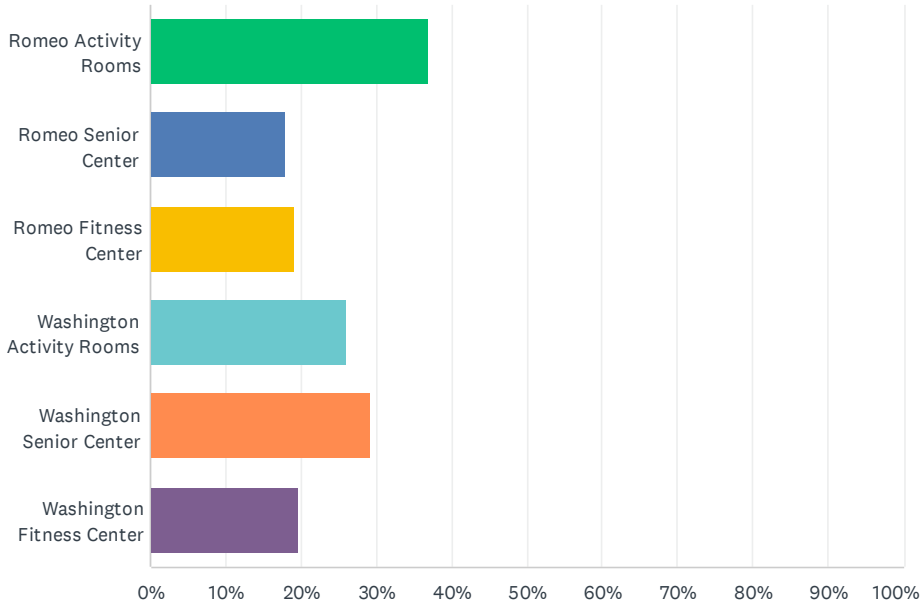
3.9★
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	3.66% 15	2.68% 11	23.90% 98	38.54% 158	31.22% 128	410	3.91

Q19 What Facilities do you frequent the most?

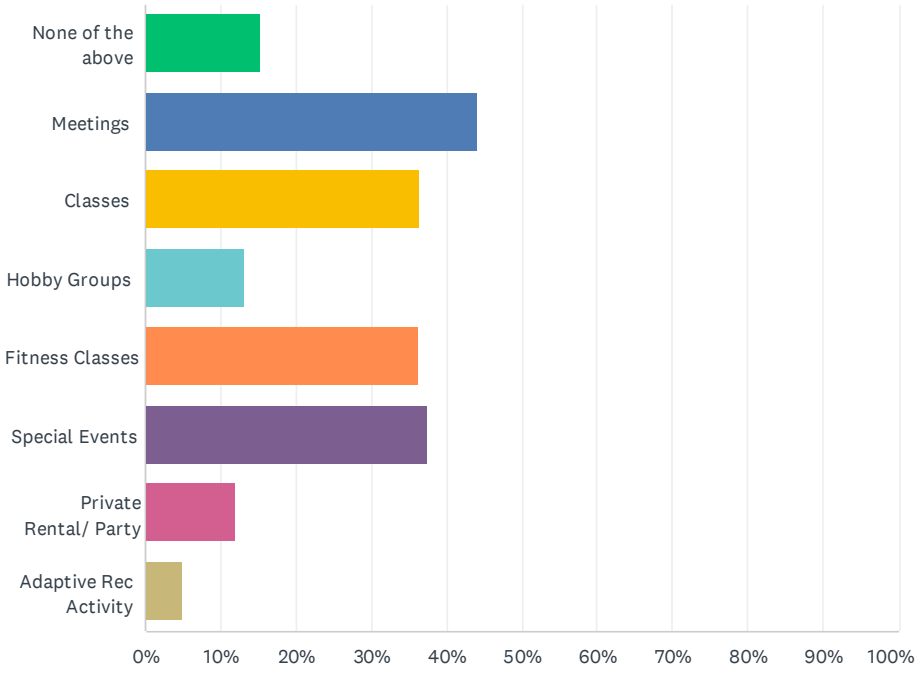
Answered: 301 Skipped: 109



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Romeo Activity Rooms	36.88%	111
Romeo Senior Center	17.94%	54
Romeo Fitness Center	19.27%	58
Washington Activity Rooms	25.91%	78
Washington Senior Center	29.24%	88
Washington Fitness Center	19.60%	59
Total Respondents: 301		

Q20 What activities have you done at the sites?

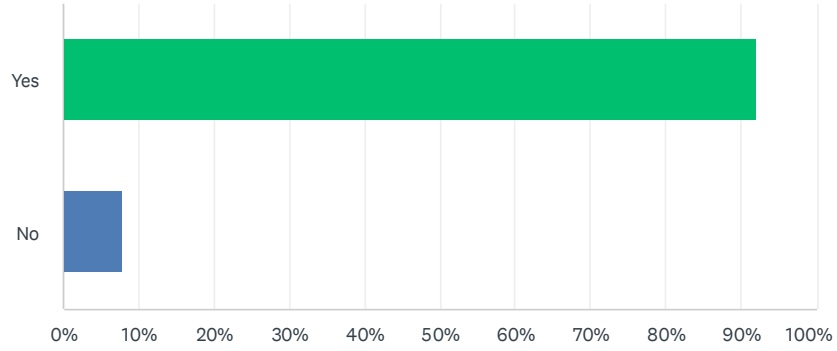
Answered: 354 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	15.25%	54
Meetings	44.07%	156
Classes	36.44%	129
Hobby Groups	13.28%	47
Fitness Classes	36.16%	128
Special Events	37.57%	133
Private Rental/ Party	11.86%	42
Adaptive Rec Activity	4.80%	17
Total Respondents: 354		

Q21 Do you feel you have a community/activity center close enough to your home?

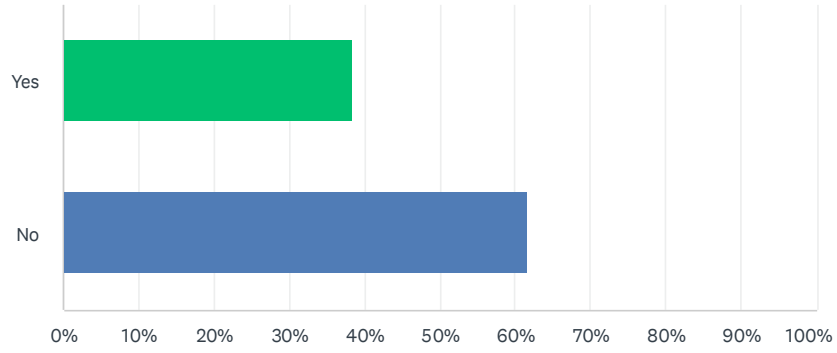
Answered: 388 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.01%	357
No	7.99%	31
TOTAL		388

Q22 Do you feel a new community/activity center for the area is needed?

Answered: 384 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.28%	147
No	61.72%	237
TOTAL		384

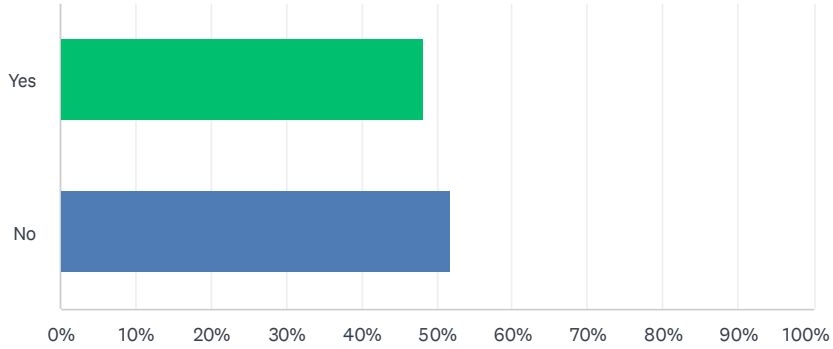
Q23 If so, what activities would you want to see included in a new community/activity center?

Answered: 157 Skipped: 253

Pool	66
Weight room/gym	36
Pickle ball/tennis/raquet ba	29
Indoor walking track	25
Like other communities: OP	18
Basket ball	14
Exercise classes	14
Meeting/rental rooms	13
Not needed, don't want	12
Rinks (ice, skating)	10
Enrichment classes	9
Splash pad	6
Adaptive recreation	4
Volleyball	4
Nature, trails, greenery	4
Teens/kids activities	4
Seniot activities	4
Dog walk	3
Open courts	2
Theater	2
Picnic	2
Outdoor paths	2
Sports	2
Events	2
Total	**287**

Q24 Would you be willing to support a millage increase to pay for a new center?

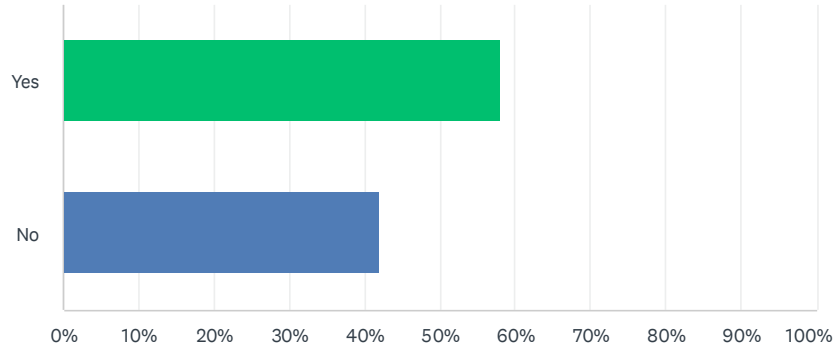
Answered: 379 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.28%	183
No	51.72%	196
TOTAL		379

Q25 Do you participate in any Parks & Recreation Programs?

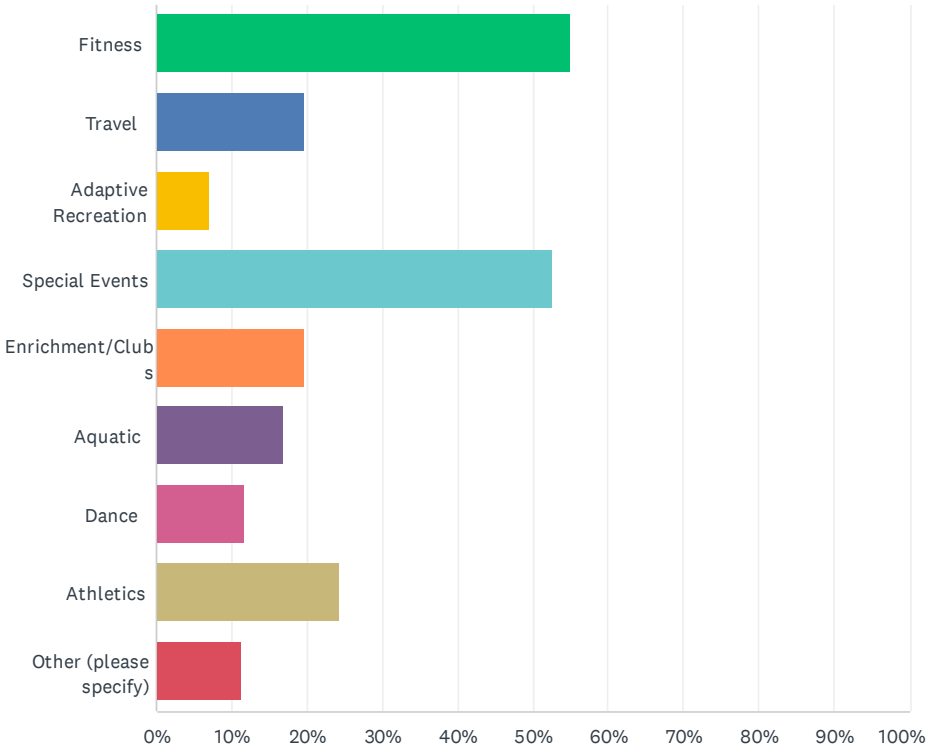
Answered: 396 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.08%	230
No	41.92%	166
TOTAL		396

Q26 If so, please indicate the programs you have utilized:

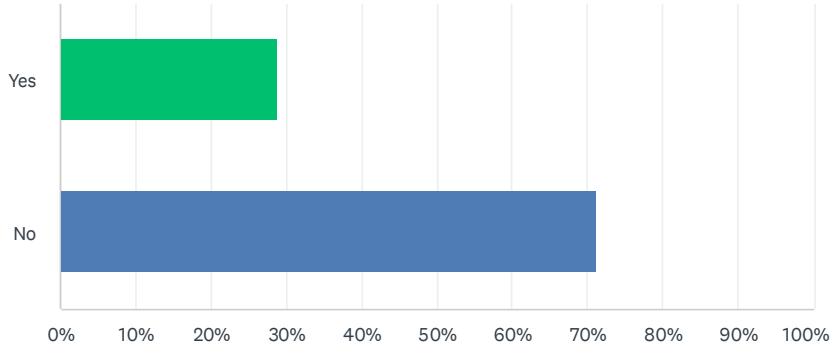
Answered: 256 Skipped: 154



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fitness	55.08%	141
Travel	19.53%	50
Adaptive Recreation	7.03%	18
Special Events	52.73%	135
Enrichment/Clubs	19.53%	50
Aquatic	16.80%	43
Dance	11.72%	30
Athletics	24.22%	62
Other (please specify)	11.33%	29
Total Respondents: 256		

Q27 Do you have children who participate in Parks & Recreation Programs?

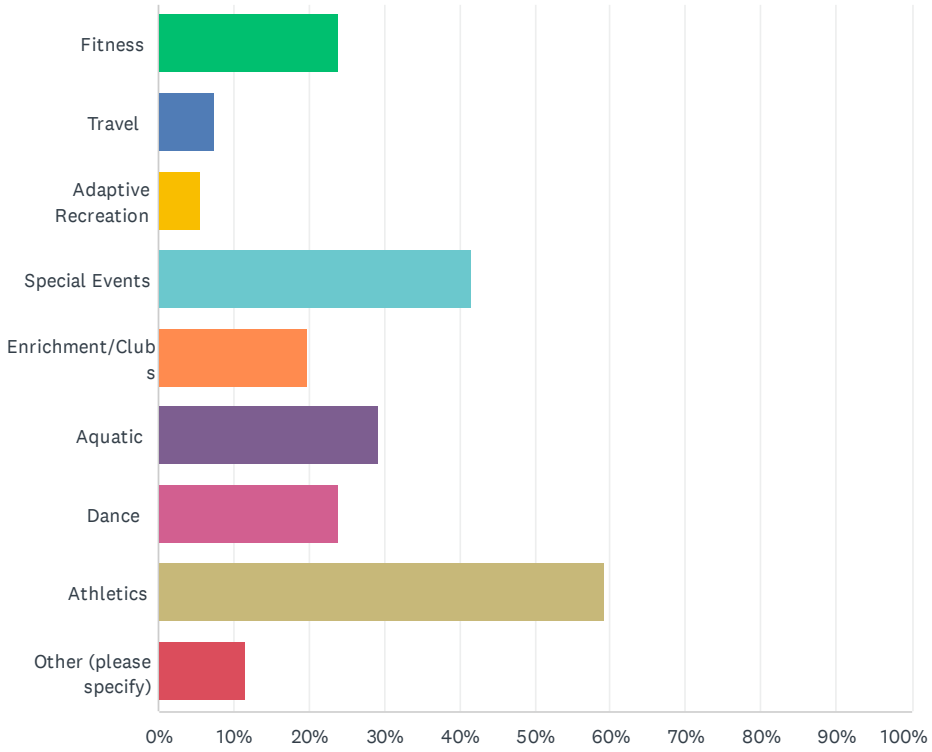
Answered: 399 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.82%	115
No	71.18%	284
TOTAL		399

Q28 If so, please indicate the programs your children have participated in:

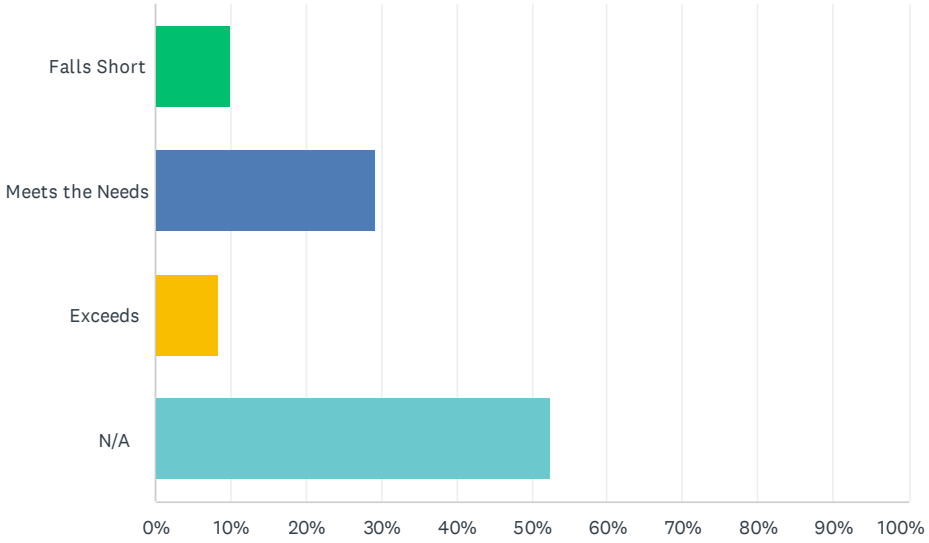
Answered: 147 Skipped: 263



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fitness	23.81%	35
Travel	7.48%	11
Adaptive Recreation	5.44%	8
Special Events	41.50%	61
Enrichment/Clubs	19.73%	29
Aquatic	29.25%	43
Dance	23.81%	35
Athletics	59.18%	87
Other (please specify)	11.56%	17
Total Respondents: 147		

Q29 Please tell us if our YOUTH (12 & under) programs/activities meet the community needs

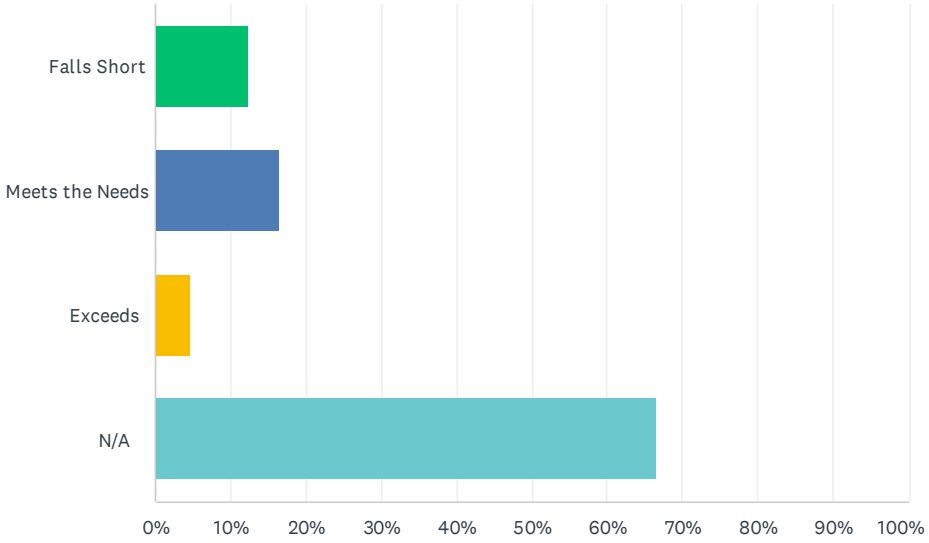
Answered: 288 Skipped: 122



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	10.07%	29
Meets the Needs	29.17%	84
Exceeds	8.33%	24
N/A	52.43%	151
Total Respondents: 288		

Q30 Please tell us if our TEEN (13-17) programs/activities meet the community needs

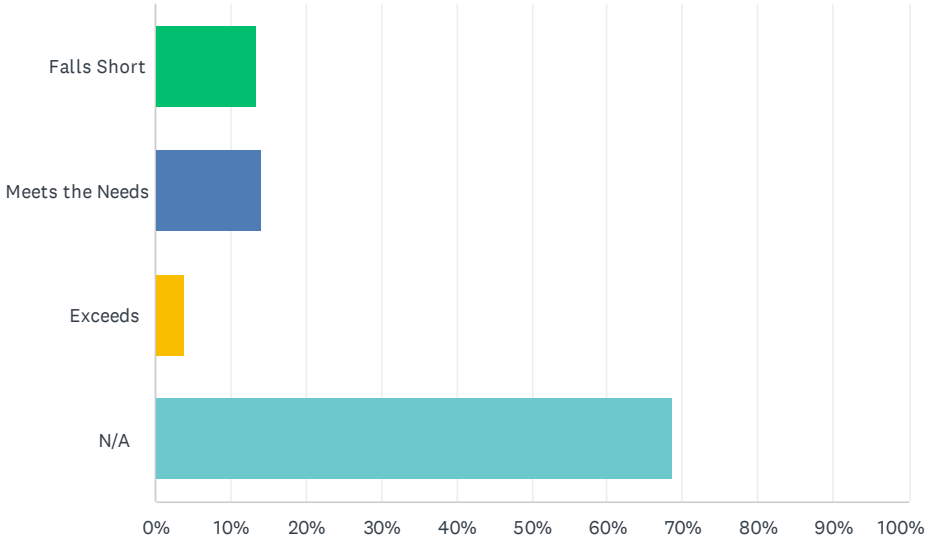
Answered: 292 Skipped: 118



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	12.33%	36
Meets the Needs	16.44%	48
Exceeds	4.79%	14
N/A	66.44%	194
Total Respondents: 292		

Q31 Please tell us if our YOUNG ADULT (18-24) programs/activities meet the community needs

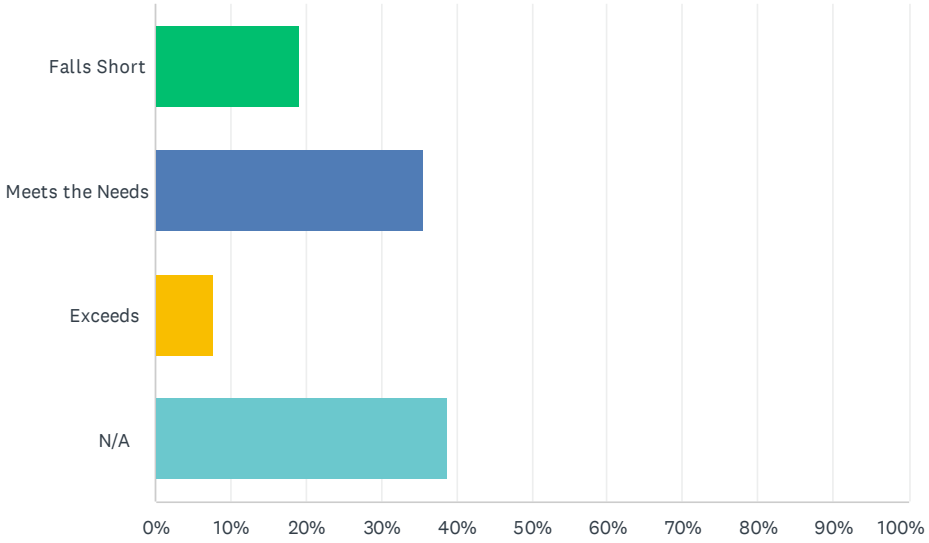
Answered: 291 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	13.40%	39
Meets the Needs	14.09%	41
Exceeds	3.78%	11
N/A	68.73%	200
Total Respondents: 291		

Q32 Please tell us if our ADULT (25-59) programs/activities meet the community needs

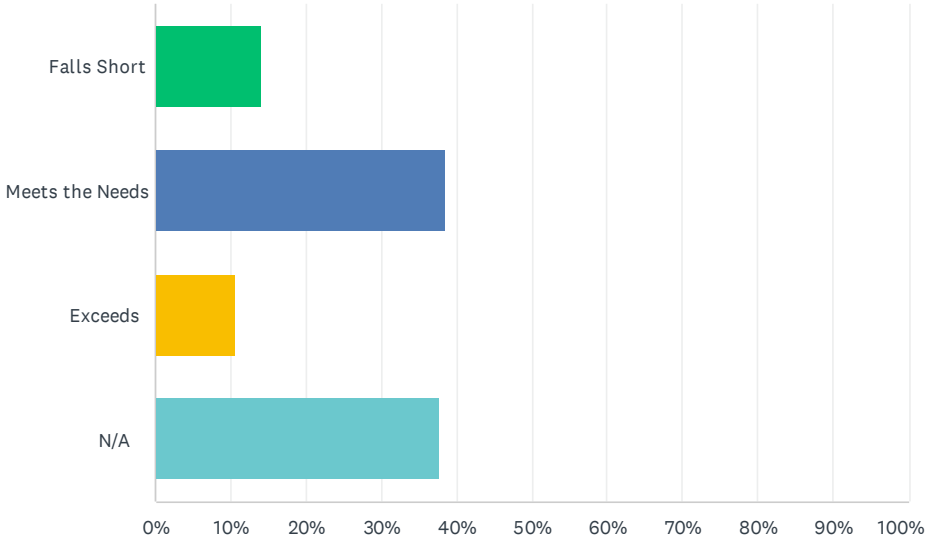
Answered: 312 Skipped: 98



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	19.23%	60
Meets the Needs	35.58%	111
Exceeds	7.69%	24
N/A	38.78%	121
Total Respondents: 312		

Q33 Please tell us if our SENIOR (60+) programs/activities meet the community needs

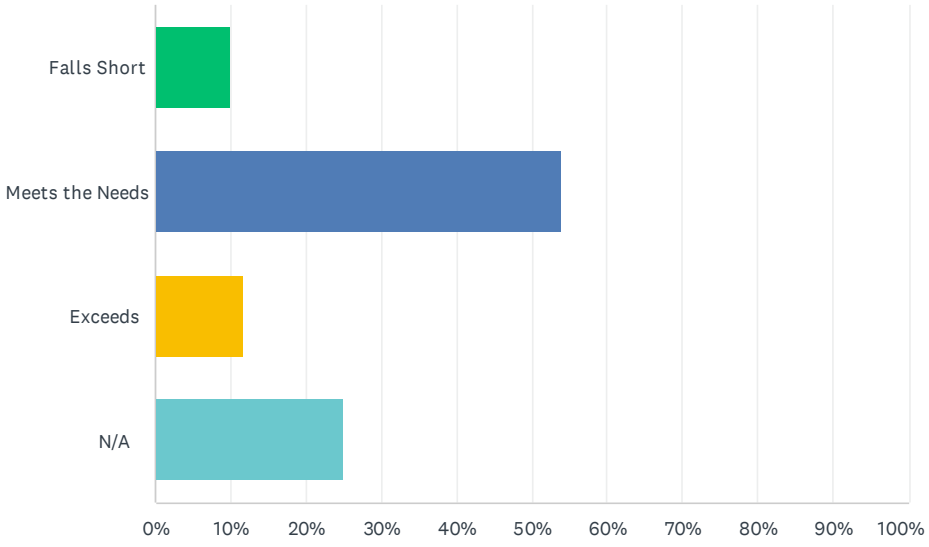
Answered: 360 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	14.17%	51
Meets the Needs	38.61%	139
Exceeds	10.56%	38
N/A	37.78%	136
Total Respondents: 360		

Q34 Please tell us if our SPECIAL EVENTS meet the community needs

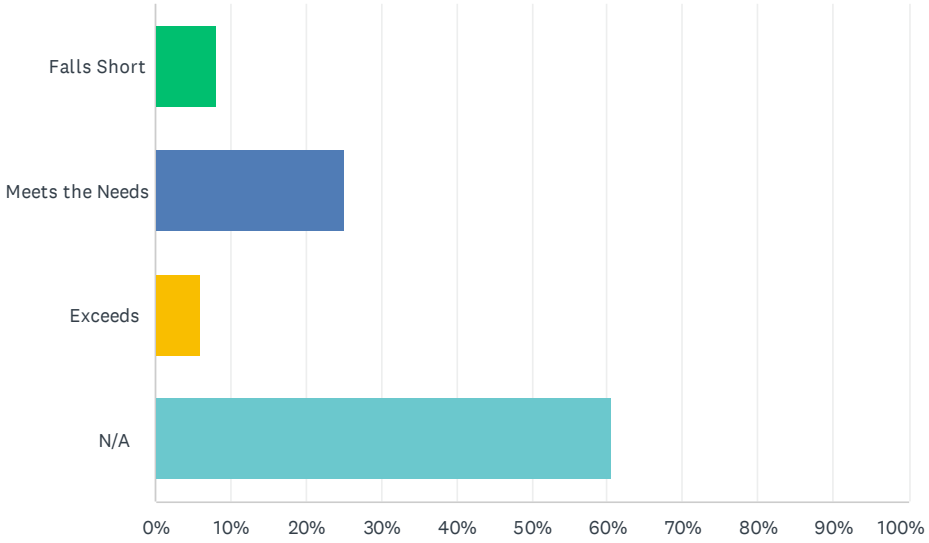
Answered: 350 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	10.00%	35
Meets the Needs	54.00%	189
Exceeds	11.71%	41
N/A	24.86%	87
Total Respondents: 350		

Q35 Please tell us if our Adaptive Rec programs/activities meet the community needs

Answered: 317 Skipped: 93



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falls Short	8.20%	26
Meets the Needs	25.24%	80
Exceeds	5.99%	19
N/A	60.57%	192
Total Respondents: 317		

Q36 Which programs would you like to see more of or established

Answered: 105 Skipped: 305

Enrichment classes	13
Kids/teen	13
Not applicable	12
Pool	10
Senior activities	9
Music/dance	8
Travel	6
Fitness classes	5
Adaptive Rec	5
Ice/snow activities	4
Walking/running	4
Splash pads	3
Pickleball/tennis	3
Gym	3
Pickleball/tennis	3
Adult	3
Basketball	2
Dogpark	2
Other community centers	2
Theatre	2
More variety	1
Rec center	1
Space rentals	1
Shuffleboard	1
Seating	1
Volleyball	1
Crafts	1
Lectures	1
Sports	1
Events	1
Tax prep	1
Fireworks	1
TOTAL	**124**

Q37 Thank you for your participation. Please share any additional comments you have on parks, facilities, and/or programs.

Answered: 112 Skipped: 298

General good job	21
Director does great/good job	11
Great/good staff	9
Need new commissioners, unhappy currently	8
Keep together	8
Need recreation center	8
N/A	6
Need more park amenities	5
Need pool	4
Need parking lot paved	3
Need more advertising	3
Need dog park	3
Too much development	3
Need splash park	2
Thanks!	2
No more parks	2
Check out nearby community centers	2
Use Stoney Creek	2
Good brochure	1
Need new room dividers	1
Would volunteer	1
More adaptive rec	1
Need outdoor gym	1
Missed out on buying soccer field	1
Need senior center	1
Need outdoor yoga	1
Need more parks	1
Need RMS property as a park	1
Thanks: bball pad & path update Orchard Hills	1
Brochure link doesn't work	1
No community center	1
More needed in Washington	1
Improve Clinton St. Park	1
No tax increase	1
Dislike Romeo Village Park changes	1
Need more sports fields	1
Dislike this survey	1
Need to mail the brochure	1
Improve the pool	1
Like new Memorial Park	1
Don't use P/R	1
TOTAL	**125**

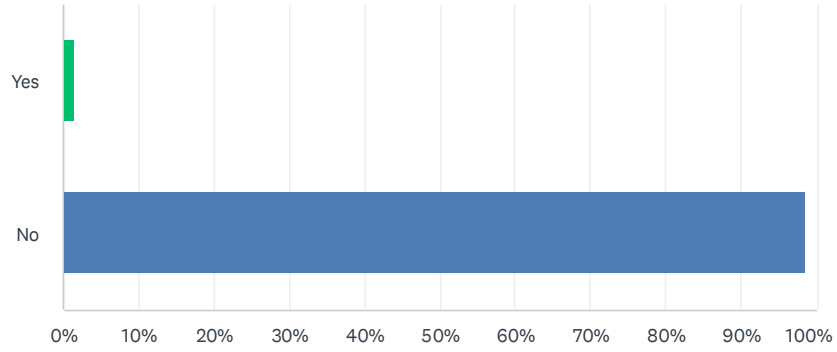
Q38 If you would like to receive additional information about the Parks, please provide your contact information including a valid email address

Answered: 83 Skipped: 327

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	0.00%	0
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	83
Phone Number	0.00%	0

Q39 If you would like to review your answers, click YES and it will take you to the beginning of your survey answers. If you click NO you will be DONE.

Answered: 329 Skipped: 81



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	1.52%	5
No	98.48%	324
TOTAL		329

ROMEO
WASHINGTON
BRUCE ONE
Parks & Recreation PR

MASTER PLAN MEETING

Be a part of making **YOUR**
Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation

SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER!

Let's look at what we have, what we want and how to get it!
We are looking for your thought, ideas, wants & needs.

THURSDAY, OCT 6, 2022

Washington Twp Hall (Board Room)

57900 Van Dyke, Washington 48094

6:00 - 7:30 pm

rwbparksrec.org 586-752-6543 Ext 2 genralinfo@rwbparksrec.org

ROME WASHINGTON BRUCE ONE PR
Parks & Recreation

2nd MEETING

MASTER PLAN MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT 25, 2022 6:00 - 7:30 pm

NOTE NEW LOCATION **WBRW Studio**

8100 Wicker St., Washington 48094 586-752-6543 Ext 2

AGENDA

Fiscal Year: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call**
4. **MASTER PLAN**
    - **4.1 Survey**
    - **4.2 Facility Inventory (current & possible)**
    - **4.3 Future Wants & Needs - Community Conversation & input**
5. **Adjourn**

ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE ONE PR
Parks & Recreation

3rd MEETING

MASTER PLAN MEETING

TUESDAY, NOV 9, 2022 6:00 - 7:30 pm

NOTE LOCATION **WBRW Studio**

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586-752-6543 Ext 2

AGENDA

Fiscal Year: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call**
4. **MASTER PLAN**
    - **4.1 Property (Current, Other, Future possible sites/parks)**
    - **4.2 Future Wants & Needs - Parks, Facilities, Programs**
5. **Adjourn**

We would like your input!

ROMEO WASHINGTON BRUCE PR Parks & Recreation

5 Year Master Plan Survey

Turn on your Smart Phone camera and point it at the QR code box and you will be directed to the survey.
Also find at these websites

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- **rwbparksrec.org**
- **washingtontownship.org**
- **brucetwp.org**
- **villageofromeo.org**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WBRparksandrec

Pick up a hard copy of Survey

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361 Morton St., Romeo 48065

Washington Sr Activity Center
and Towship Offices
57900 Van Dyke 48094

Bruce Twp Offices
223 E Gates St. 48065

Village of Romeo Offices
305 S. Main St. 48065

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ROMEO ONE WASHINGTON BRUCE PR Parks & Recreation

Tomorrow WED, NOV 30, 2022

NOTE LOCATION UPDATE!!

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6:00 - 7:30 pm

MASTER PLAN MEETING

rwbparksrec.org
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genralinfo@
rwbparksrec.org

AGENDA

1. Update on Survey Distribution
2. Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan
3. Future Timeline

We would like your input!

5 Year Master Plan Survey

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Romeo Site: 361 Morton St, 48065
Washington: 57900 Van Dyke Ave, 48094

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This is a great opportunity to let us know what you want & need!

Agenda
December 13, 2023
6:30 PM

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. **Presentation**

   5.1. Special Presentation by Todd Robinson of the Romeo Community School District

6. **Consent Agenda**
   - 6.1. Approve Accounts Payable of 12/08/2023
   - 6.2. Approve Minutes, Board of Trustee Meeting of 11/15/2023
   - 6.3. Approve Minutes, Special Board of Trustees Meeting of 11/21/2023
   - 6.4. Accept Building Department Monthly Report, November 2023
   - 6.5. Accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for October 12,2023
   - 6.6. Accept the Washington Township Fire Department Monthly Report for October 2023
7. **Moved Agenda Items**
8. **Comments from Audience: Non Agenda Items**
9. **Legal Counsel**
10. **Unfinished Business**
    - 10.1. Discussion on Food Truck Ordinance and Procedure
11. **New Business**
    - 11.1. Vector contract for Fire Department
    - 11.2. Approve the Cost Share Agreement for the Powell Rd Paving 30 1/2 mile to 32 Mile Rd.
    - 11.3. Approve the Purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 Truck for the Department of Public Works
    - 11.4. Washington Bruce Romeo Parks and Recreation and Star Transportation amendment to Interlocal Agreement
    - 11.5. Presentation on Parks and Recreation Master Plan
    - 11.6. Recommendation to Award Cleaning Services Bid
    - 11.7. Planning Commission Re-Appointments
12. **Elected Officials' Update / Community Announcements**
13. **Correspondence**

14. Closed Session

14.1. To consult with Township counsel regarding trial and/or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation, VBLCP, LLC v Washington Township, Macomb County Circuit Court Case No: 23-002644-CZ, pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e).

15. Adjourn

BRUCE
TOWNSHIP

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY
December 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Bruce Township Board
223 EAST GATES STREET
586-752-4585
www.brucetwp.org

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America**
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 Minutes November 15, 2023**
      ii. **Special Minutes December 5, 2023**
   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**
   a. **RCS Tower**
7. **New Business**
   a. **WBR Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028**
   b. **72100 Lassier -Rotarius SLU**
   c. **Ordinance 161**
   d. **Fire Department ARPA Funds**
   e. **Corrective Action Plan-Retirement Health Benefits (OPEB)**
   f. **Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines 2024**
   g. **Set Budget Workshop**
   h. **Set Public Hearing for CDBG**
   i. **Set Public Hearing Wilko Plastics IFT**
   j. **Orange Cloud**
   k. **2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**
   l. **2024-2025 Holiday Schedule**
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.**

Board of Trustees Meeting
AGENDA
Date: December 18, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes (November 20, 2023)
5. Approval of Bills ($42,624.69 and $422,258.96)
6. Special Presentations – Parks and Rec Master Plan Presentation
   Romeo Community Schools
   Village of Romeo Police Officer
7. Correspondences – None
8. Public Comments
9. Officer reports
   a. President; Clerk; Treasurer; Trustees; Ex Officio Planning Commission
10. Committee Reports
    a. FIRE/ALS Contract
    b. Parks and Rec Lease
    c. PILOP Committee
    d. GSOP Committee
11. Unfinished Business:
    a. Cemetery*
    b. Elected Officials Pay Ordinance*
12. New Business:
    a. WWTP Purchase
    b. WWTP Biosolids Removal Contract Renewal
    c. Lawn Maintenance Bid
    d. 2024 Annual Appointments
    e. 2024 Village Observed Holiday Dates
    f. Investment Policy Amendment
13. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Trapp, Village Clerk

*No board packet info provided

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF MACOMB

Lawrence Sobczak appeared before me and duly swore that he is the publisher of The Record Newspaper, a newspaper printed in the counties of Macomb and Oakland, State of Michigan, and that the advertisement for Master Plan Public Hearing, of which the attached tear sheet is true copy, was published on Nov. 29, 2023.

By: Lawrence Sobczak

Subscribed to me
on this 29 day of November year of 2023 Notary Seal:

Christina Murdock

Notary Public

CHRISTINA MURDOCK
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MACOMB
My Commission Expires October 09, 2026
Acting in the County of Macomb

Romeo High School Varsity Hockey





The Bulldogs beat Walled Lake High School by a score of 5-2 on Friday, Nov. 24 on their home ice, Suburban Ice Arena.

Pictured left, Joseph Volpe, #9, checks a Walled Lake player into the boards.

Above, Spencer Groszkiewicz, #43, stays steady on his skates after passing the puck and getting checked.

(Photos by Mike Nicley)



THANKSGIVING VISIT. West Point Cadet Micheal Berlingieri visited Romeo High School on Monday, Nov. 20 to speak with students about one of the nation's top military schools. Berlingieri is studying mechanical engineering and was home to see his family for Thanksgiving. He is a Romeo High School graduate. (Photo by Mike Nicley)

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULES

ARMADA HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 29

Girls Junior High Basketball 4:30 p.m. vs Croswell-Lexington Middle School at home.

Saturday, December 2

Boys Junior High Wrestling 9 a.m. Blue Water Area Conference Meet at Yale Junior High.

Monday, December 4

Boys Freshman Basketball 4 p.m. vs Marine City High School at home; **Girls Junior High Basketball** 4:30 p.m. vs Richmond Middle School at Richmond; **Boys Junior Varsity Basketball** 5:30 p.m. vs Marine City High School at home; **Girls Junior Varsity Basketball** 5:30 p.m. vs Port Huron High School at Port Huron; **Boys Varsity Basketball** 7 p.m. vs Marine City High School at home; **Girls Varsity Basketball** 7 p.m. vs Port Huron High School at Port Huron.

Tuesday, December 5

Boys Junior High Wrestling 4:30 p.m. Blue Water Area Conference Meet at Imlay City Middle School.

ROMEO HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, December 1

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs Utica High School at Fraser High School, time TBA; **Boys Freshman Basketball** 4 p.m. vs Stoney Creek High School at Stoney Creek; **Boys Junior Varsity Basketball** 5:30 p.m. vs Stoney Creek High School at Stoney Creek; **Boys Varsity Basketball** 7 p.m. vs Stoney Creek High School at Stoney Creek.

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Monday, December 4

Boys RMS Red Basketball 3:30 p.m vs L'Anse Creuse Middle School East at L'Anse Creuse East; **Boys RMS White Basketball** 3:30 p.m vs L'Anse Creuse Middle School South at L'Anse Creuse South; **Girls Junior Varsity B Basketball** 4 p.m. vs Troy High School at Troy; **Girls Junior Varsity Basketball** 5:30 p.m. vs Troy High School at Troy; **Girls Varsity Basketball** 7 p.m. vs Troy High School at Troy.

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Coach notes...

Romeo High School senior **Alexis Hill** signed her letter of intent committing to STUNT and cheer at Davenport University. She plans to study secondary education.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BRUCE TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF ROMEO RESIDENTS, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024-2028 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Public Review Period:
November 29 - December 29, 2023

Public Hearings & Discussion:

- December 13, 2023 - Washington Township 57900 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48094 @ 6:30 pm
- December 14, 2023 - Parks & Rec and STAR Commission Meeting, 223 East St. Romeo, MI 48065 @ 6:00 pm
- December 18, 2023 - Village of Romeo 121 W. St. Clair, Romeo, MI 48065 @ 7:00 pm
- December 20, 2023 - Bruce Township 223 East Gates Street Romeo, MI 48065 @ 6:00 pm

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties, that Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo is seeking public comment on the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Commission's Five Year 2024-2028 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The required 30-day public review and comment period will begin on Wed, Nov 29, 2023, and will end on Dec 29, 2023. Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo along with the Commission is preparing this Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

Beginning Wed, November 29, 2023 copies of the draft of the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Commission's Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan may be found at the Romeo- Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Department's Main Office (361 Morton St. Romeo MI 48065) and our Washington Activity Center (57900 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48094) during normal business hours. The draft plan may also be accessed online at rwbparksrec.org.

Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo residents are asked to submit any comments in writing via email to russellc@rwbpr.org or via mail to Clara Russell, Director Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation, 361 Morton St., Romeo MI 48065

Any and all input is appreciated.

Publish: 11/29/23

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August 23, 2023

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Re: First Amended Interlocal Agreement Establishing Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and Star Transportation Commission

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Very truly yours,

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Washington Township Supervisor

cc: John D. Staran, Esq. (via email)

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December 19, 2023

Anthony G. Forlini
Macomb County Clerk
120 North Main Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

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SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING WASHINGTON, BRUCE AND ROMEO PARKS & RECREATION AND STAR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THIS SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") executed on the 18th day of December, 2023, by and between the Charter Township of Washington, a Michigan municipal corporation ("Washington Township"), whose offices are located at 57900 Van Dyke, Washington Township, MI 48094 and the Township of Bruce, a Michigan municipal corporation ("Bruce Township"), whose offices are located at 223 East Gates, Romeo, MI 48065.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Washington Township is a Michigan municipal corporation incorporated pursuant to and in accordance with the statutes and constitution of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Township is a Michigan municipal corporation incorporated pursuant to and in accordance with the statutes and constitution of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Act 156 of 1917 ("Act 156") expressly authorizes townships to operate systems of public recreation and playgrounds, to acquire, equip and maintain lands, buildings and other recreational facilities, employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants and vote and expend funds for the operation of such systems; and

WHEREAS, Act 156 specifically provides that any township may operate a system of recreation independently or may cooperate in its conduct in any manner in which townships may mutually agree and may delegate the operation of the system to a recreation board created by one or more townships; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1986 Washington Township and Bruce Township adopted Articles of Organization creating the Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Commission. The Articles of Incorporation established a Board of Commissioners, set forth the powers of the Commission as well as its duties and provided for the joint planning of recreational activities in the Townships; and

WHEREAS, Star Transportation has been serving the needs of Bruce and Washington Townships for older adults and individuals with disabilities since 1982. Star Transportation has been supported by millages adopted by the residents of Bruce and Washington Townships as well as grants from the State of Michigan. The transportation program has been administered through the Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, being Act 7 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, ("UCA") authorizes two or more public agencies, including townships, to enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the terms of which they may agree to

exercise jointly any power, privilege or authority that the agency shares in common and that each might exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the UCA expressly provides that an interlocal agreement may provide for a separate legal entity to administer or execute the agreement which may be a commission, board, or council constituted pursuant to the agreement. Section 7 further provides that the separate legal entity created pursuant to the terms of an interlocal agreement shall be a public body, corporate or politic for purposes of the Act.; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2022 Bruce Township and Washington Township executed an Interlocal Agreement establishing the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation Commission pursuant to Section 7 of the UCA; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2023 Washington Township and Bruce Township executed a First Amended Interlocal Agreement to include the Star Transportation as part of the authority created by the Interlocal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township and Bruce Township desire to again amend the Interlocal Agreement to provide for procedures for filling a vacancy on the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, Washington Township and Bruce Township hereby enter into this Agreement pursuant to the authority of Resolutions duly adopted by their respective legislative bodies and hereby agree as follows:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION

The parties hereby establish the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and Star Transportation Commission ("Commission") as a separate legal entity and corporate public body as provided in Section 7 of the UCA.

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Commission is established for the purpose of providing quality parks and recreation programs, transportation, through the continuation of the Star Transportation program, facilities and services to residents of Washington and Bruce Townships and promoting citizen involvement in parks and recreation programs and activities. The Commission seeks to attract and encourage participation from all age groups within the communities to provide recreational services and opportunities for all residents. In addition, the Townships believe that the establishment of the Commission can best advance the following joint objectives:

(a) Increasing youth, senior and community access to recreational facilities and grounds;

(b) Effectively and efficiently manage the use of the Townships' facilities and grounds for the benefit of all residents within the Townships;

(c) Encouraging joint use of the Townships' respective facilities and grounds to provide effective services to their residents; and

(d) Developing a unified approach to serving the communities' recreation and transportation needs, cooperatively maintaining recreational facilities and grounds and continuing the services provided by the Star Transportation program.

3. **POWERS**

The Commission shall have all of the powers necessary to effect any purpose for which it is formed and which are necessary to implement the purposes, objectives and provisions of this Agreement, including the following:

(a) Accept conveyances of personal property from any other governmental unit or from private third parties;

(b) To sue and be sued in its own name;

(c) Enter into contracts and other instruments necessary, incidental or convenient to the performance of his duties;

(d) Solicit and accept donations, grants, labor, loans and any other aid from any person or governmental agency or political subdivision of the state;

(e) Procure insurance against loss in connection with the property, assets or activities of the Commission;

(f) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as necessary and engage the services of consultants, legal counsel, engineers, accountants and auditors for rendering personal financial assistance.

(g) Develop and prepare reports and plans the Commission considers necessary to assist it in the exercise of its powers under this Agreement and do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the Commission that relate to the purpose and responsibility of the Commission.

(h) Make capital improvements relating to Commission facilities. All capital improvements to Commission facilities must first obtain necessary municipal approvals from the Township within which the improvements are being constructed or maintained.

The Commission shall not possess the power or authority to:

(a) Contract for or expend Commission funds to improve or install capital improvements on private property;

(b) To acquire or own real property;

(c) To levy any type of tax;

(d) To issue any type of bond;

(e) To incur debt on behalf of Bruce Township or Washington Township.

4. ORGANIZATION

4.1 Composition of Commission

Upon execution of the August 17, 2022 Agreement, the Commission shall consist of all members currently serving as the Board of Commissioners pursuant to the March 26, 1986 Articles of Organization. Within one (1) year of August 17, 2022, the Commission members, alternates, and Parks & Recreation Director ("Director") shall, by receipt of applications and interviews of potential candidates, select new Commissioners for the Commission consistent with the terms of this Agreement. All appointments to the Commission shall be made by a majority vote of the existing Commission members, alternates and the Director. These appointments may include one (1) elected official from Bruce Township and one (1) elected official from Washington Township. A total of five (5) appointments will be made with three (3) appointments being Washington Township residents and two (2) appointments being Bruce Township residents. The selection of the new Commissioners shall be reviewed and ratified by Bruce Township and Washington Township Boards of Trustees. Commission members shall serve for an initial two (2) year term and one (1) two year extension as set forth in Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

Subsequent to the expiration of the initial term of the new Commission members and alternates as set forth above, the Boards of Trustees of Bruce and Washington Townships shall select replacement members and alternates of the Commission. Any resident residing south of 32 Mile Road in the Village of Romeo shall be considered a Washington Township resident; any resident residing north of 32 Mile Road in the Village of Romeo shall be considered a Bruce Township resident. Those residents may be considered for appointment to the Commission.

Bruce Township and Washington Township shall each appoint one (1) alternate to serve on the Commission when the appointed Commission member is unable to attend a meeting. Alternate members of the Commission may vote at the meeting at which they are selected to attend. Alternates are recommended to attend all Commission meetings but such attendance is not required.

4.2 Compensation

Members appointed to the Commission as well as alternates shall serve without compensation.

4.3 Commission Member Terms

The length of terms for each member of the Commission shall be based on a staggered term. Terms will be staggered one, two and three years as determined by the Washington Township Board of Trustees and staggered one and two years for the Bruce Township Board of Trustees. The staggered terms will be assigned to the individuals at the time of appointment by the Townships.

4.4 Voting

Only Commission members may vote at a meeting. Alternates may vote only when they are appearing in the absence of a regular-appointed Commission member. The Director shall have no vote. A decision of the Commission will be determined by a majority vote of a duly constituted quorum of the Commission.

4.5 Absences

No member of the Commission shall accumulate more than four (4) absences from meetings on an annual basis. In the event of absences in excess of four (4) annually, for reasons other than personal illness, death of an immediate family member, military duty or other unusual circumstances, the Commission member shall be recommended for removal from the Commission by vote of the Township Board appointing the Commission member. Termination of a Commission member must be reported to both Boards of Trustees immediately after the termination with an explanation of the basis for the termination.

4.6 Vacancy, Replacement and Removal of Commission Members

4.6.1 Vacancy Prior to August 17, 2024

(a) In the event of a vacancy on the Commission from the Effective Datre through August 17, 2024, the then remaining Commissioners will solicit for a replacement, and make their recommendation for the replacement Commissioner to the respective (Washington Township for Washington candidates and Bruce Township for Bruce candidates) Board of Trustees.

(b) The Commission's recommended candidate will then be presented to the respective Township Board of Trustees for ratification. If the recommended candidate is not ratified, the Commission will then nominate another candidate for submission for ratification of the relevant Township Board of Trustees until the Board ratifies a candidate. The new Commission member shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Commissioner vacancy.

4.6.2 **Vacancy After August 17, 2024**

Commissioner replacements will be completed as described in Section 4.1 subsequent to the expiration of the initial term.

4.6.3 **Removal**

A Commission member, including an alternate, may be removed from the Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance after a hearing and by a majority vote of each Township Board.

4.7 **Responsibilities of Commissioners**

Commission members shall act pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and shall:

(a) Abide by the applicable ordinances of the Townships of Bruce and Washington;

(b) Act in an advisory capacity to the Boards of Trustees for the Townships of Bruce and Washington and Commission staff;

(c) Recommend policies to govern the operation and programs of the Commission;

(d) Assist in planning and provide guidance for the expansion of Commission facilities;

(e) Assist in interpreting the policies and functions of the Commission to the public;

(f) Encourage the development and advancement of the Commission; and

(g) Ensure that any hired contractor by the Commission is competitive in price and is capable of completing the work assigned to them.

4.8 **Selection of Officers**

The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be selected by a majority vote of the Commission and serve a one (1) year term as set forth in this Agreement.

(a) **Chairperson**

The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings, appoint committees with the approval of Commission, call special meetings with the support of one additional

Commissioner, be the liaison to the Bruce Township and Washington Township Boards of Trustees and Director and shall ensure that proper procedures are adopted by the Commission.

(b) **Vice-Chairperson**

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties of the Chairperson during his or her absence. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson at a Commission meeting, the Commission members shall elect a Chairperson Pro-Tempore who shall perform the duties of the Chairperson for that meeting. The Vice-Chairperson shall be charged with the responsibility of assuring that all standing and temporary committees function as provided by the Commission.

(c) **Secretary**

The Secretary shall have custody of all public records of the Commission including all writings prepared, owned, used, in the possession of or retrained by the Commission in the performance of its official function. All records must be kept in a safe and secure location. All public records of the Commission are subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being Act 442 of 1976, as amended. The Secretary shall cause notice of all regular meetings of the Commission to be posted at least 48 hours prior to a regular meeting and 18 hours prior to any special meeting of the Commission. A public notice of a Commission meeting shall state the date, time and place of the meeting and be posted in a prominent and conspicuous place at both the Bruce Township and Washington Township principal offices, the parks and recreation website, websites for both Townships and all social media platforms approved by the Commission. All minutes and agenda for Commission meetings shall be posted on the parks and recreation website. The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the agenda with the approval of elected officers on the Commission.

(d) **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall present all financial reports quarterly to the Commission in writing including details with respect to all investments of the Commission. The reports shall also be provided to the Bruce Township and Washington Township Boards of Trustees and included in all Board meeting packets. The Treasurer shall serve as the Commission liaison to address all financial issues, audits and bookkeeping practices to review and report to the Commission.

All deposits of Commission funds shall be placed in an FDIC insured bank. All checks must be signed by two (2) signers as set forth below. All Commissioners are the authorized signatories at banks utilized by the Commission. One of the co-signers on all bank drafts must be either the Chairperson or Treasurer. The Commission checkbooks shall be open to review by any of the approved signers upon request. All investments by the Commission must comply with all of the requirements of Act 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended. The Commission shall adopt a written investment policy consistent with Act

20 and such policy shall be submitted to and approved by both Boards of Trustees of Washington and Bruce Townships. The Investment policy must be reviewed and approved every four (4) years by the Boards of Trustees of Washington and Bruce Townships.

5. **PARKS & RECREATION AND STAR TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR**

The Director of Parks and Recreation appointed pursuant to the March 26, 1986 Articles of Incorporation shall assume all responsibilities as Parks & Recreation and Star Transportation Director. The Director shall act pursuant to the direction of the Commission. The Director's duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Prepare and recommend short-term and long-range plans to meet the recreational and Star Transportation needs of Washington Township and Bruce Township.

(B) Plan, organize, promote and direct the development and organization of recreational activities and Star Transportation programs to meet the needs of the residents of Washington and Bruce Townships.

(C) Recruit, interview and train coaches and volunteers and determine their duties, responsibility and performance standards.

(D) Ensure that space and facilities are available and in proper condition for all recreational activities and Star Transportation programs.

(E) Prepare and disseminate information regarding the programs, facilities and activities provided by the Commission.

(F) Make public presentations to the Washington Township and Bruce Township Boards of Trustees and the Commission regarding the planning and operation of parks and recreation and Star Transportation.

(G) Participate and assume responsibility for the preparation of the annual parks and recreation and Star Transportation budgets.

(H) Assure adherence to all policies, procedures and recordkeeping systems for all parks and recreation and Star Transportation programs and activities.

(I) Inform and explain the organization, responsibilities, working relations and objectives of the parks and recreation and Star Transportation programs to the Commission.

(J) Create and/or update the existing Master Plan, measure and report progress against the Master Plan annually. The Master Plan shall be reviewed and updated every five (5) years.

Within ninety (90) days from the date of execution of the August 17, 2022 Agreement, the Commission shall create a job description for the position of Director. Within sixty (60) days of the execution of this Agreement, the Director will execute a document acknowledging receipt and acceptance of all duties and responsibilities. Within eighteen (18) months from August 17, 2022, the Commission and Director will execute an employment agreement setting forth the terms, conditions and compensation relating to the Director's duties and responsibilities, including the Director job description referenced above. Such duties will include Director obligations to provide knowledge transfer to the in-coming new Director in the event of termination.

The Director shall, on July, October, January and April of each year, schedule and attend Washington Township and Bruce Township Boards of Trustees meetings to report on the current operation of the parks and recreation and Star Transportation programs including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The financial status of the programs.

(b) The projects which have been completed and those which are being initiated in the fiscal year.

(c) The programs' compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

(d) Strategic plans for the programs and its impact on both Townships.

(e) Explanation of the budgets, budget amendments, and the proposed budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

(f) Address all budgets concerns, difficulties and items which are or may be over budget for the fiscal year.

(g) Report on employee status, current and future employment needs and related issues.

(h) Description of all current short-term and long-term parks and recreation and Star Transportation program projects.

(i) Capital plans and proposed expenditures.

(j) Report regarding program adherence to the parks and recreation master plan.

The Director shall prepare a summary written report of all of the items set forth above and submit the report to each of the Township Boards at the quarterly presentation.

6. **MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION**

All regularly-scheduled meetings of the Commission shall be held on the third Thursday of every month during the year, unless otherwise modified by the Commission. The Commission shall be deemed a public body pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of 1976, as amended ("OMA"). All meetings of the Commission shall be held in strict compliance with the OMA. In addition, all subcommittees appointed by the Commission shall be required to comply with all of the provisions of the OMA. The location of Commission meetings shall rotate on an annual basis between Washington Township and Bruce Township.

Three (3) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for purposes of a meeting so long as one of the members is from Bruce Township. In-person attendance at Commission meetings shall be required absence express provisions in the OMA which would permit remote attendance. The majority of the members present at a duly constituted meeting of the Commission shall have full authority to conduct business.

The Commission shall establish the rules of procedure for all Commission meetings and majority vote of the Commission.

7. FISCAL YEAR AND ANNUAL BUDGET

The fiscal year of the Commission shall be from April 1 through March 31. The Director and Commission shall develop and recommend to the Boards of Trustees of Bruce and Washington Townships annual budgets sufficient to finance the programs of Parks and Recreation and Star Transportation services. The proposed budgets shall be submitted by the Commission to the Boards of Trustees on or before January 31 of each fiscal year. The budgets of the Commission shall not become effective until approved by the Boards of Washington and Bruce Townships. All budget amendments must be approved by both Washington Township and Bruce Township.

8. FUNDING

Washington Township and Bruce Township currently collect funds for the operation of parks and recreation and Star Transportation programs through millages approved by the respective voters in each community. Washington Township and Bruce Township agree to each contribute 100% of all funds collected from their respective parks and recreation and Star Transportation millages to the Commission. Washington Township and Bruce Township agree to each submit identical millage proposals, including millage rates, to their respective electors during the term of this Agreement.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both parties. Upon execution, the Agreement shall be filed with the Macomb County Clerk and Michigan Secretary of State pursuant to Section 10(4) of the UCA.

10. TERM

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of two (2) years from August 17, 2022. The Agreement shall automatically renew for an additional two (2) year period unless either Washington Township or Bruce Township notifies the other in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration of the first two (2) year term that it will not agree to an extension. In such an event, this Agreement will terminate two (2) years subsequent to its effective date.

This Agreement shall terminate in the event either Washington Township or Bruce Township voters do not renew their respective parks and recreation or Star Transportation millages.

11. DISSOLUTION

The Commission shall dissolve and its affairs shall be wound up upon termination of this Agreement. Upon dissolution, the Commission shall cease carrying on its business and affairs and shall prepare and issue a final report, including a final audit to each Township. Upon dissolution of the Commission, all outstanding debts and liabilities shall be paid and satisfied in full. All assets remaining after the payment of debts and liabilities shall be divided between Bruce Township and Washington Township based on each Township's annual mean average contribution percentage to the Commission over the prior five (5) year period. Each Township shall receive a distribution of the Commission's assets based on the following formula expressed as a percentage:

$$\text{Total Commission Assets} \times \frac{\text{Township's Mean Average Contribution}}{\text{Total of Both Townships' Mean Average Contribution}}$$

12. TRANSFER OF ASSETS

All assets of the Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Commission created pursuant to the March 26, 1986 Article of Incorporation shall be transferred to the Commission within ninety (90) days from August 17, 2022. All assets of Star Transportation shall be transferred to the Commission within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Agreement.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Notices

Any notice, request, certificate, or other communication required or permitted hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be effective when received if delivered personally, or one (1) business day after being delivered to a reputable overnight delivery service properly addressed, or five (5) business days after being deposited in the United States mail by certified mail, prepaid and properly addressed.

(b) Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior or contemporaneous agreements or understanding with respect hereto shall be deemed merged into this Agreement. Upon execution of this Agreement, the March 26, 1986 Articles of Organization creating the Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Commission are rescinded in their entirety and shall be of no further force or effect.

(c) **No Oral Amendments or Modifications**

No amendments, waivers or modifications hereof shall be made or deemed to have been made unless in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

(d) **Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and this Agreement shall be construed as if that provision were not contained in the Agreement.

(e) **Applicable Law**

This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Michigan.

(f) **No Third Party Reliance**

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person or entity other than the parties hereto, any right, remedy or claim under this Agreement. All the terms, conditions or covenants contained herein are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this First Amended Interlocal Agreement establishing Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and Star Transportation Commission as of the first date above written.

The undersigned have affixed their signatures as of the 18 day of December, 2023.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,
A Michigan municipal corporation

_____

By: Sebastian Previti
Its: Supervisor

By: Stanley Babinski
Its: Clerk

State of Michigan)
)ss
County of Macomb)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18th day of December 2023 by Sebastian Previti, Supervisor, and Stanley Babinski, Clerk on behalf of the Charter Township of Washington.

Lindsey Sengstock, Notary Public
Lapeer County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: 2/27/26
Acting in MACOMB County

LINDSEY SENGSTOCK
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Lapeer
My Commission Expires February 27, 2026
Acting in the County of MACOMB

TOWNSHIP OF BRUCE,
a Michigan municipal corporation

By: Mike Fillbrook
Its: Supervisor

By: Susan Kraft
Its: Clerk

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County of Macomb)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18 day of DECEMBER 2023 by Mike Fillbrook, Supervisor, and Susan Kraft, Clerk on behalf of the Township of Bruce.

ROBERT F. BILUK
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI
COUNTY OF MACOMB
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 28, 2028
ACTING IN COUNTY OF

, Notary Public
MACOMB County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: 01/28/2028
Acting in MACOMB County

To be published Thursday, May 9, 2024

NOTICE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BRUCE TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE OF ROMEO RESIDENTS, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

30 Day Public Review Period:
May 9 - June 10, 2024

Public Hearing, Discussion & Resolution:
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission
Meeting: Washington Twp Hall 57900 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48094 @ 6:00 pm

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties from Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo. We are seeking public comment on the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Commission's Five Year 2025-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The required 30-day public review and comment period will begin on Thur, May 9, 2024, and will end on June 10, 2024. The Recreation Commission for Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo is preparing this Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

Beginning Thur, May 9th copies of the draft of the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission's Five-Year Parks & Recreation Plan may be found at the Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Department's Main Office & Senior Center Desk (361 Morton St. Romeo MI 48065) and at our Senior Activity Center (57900 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48094) during normal business hours. The draft plan may also be accessed online anytime at rwbparksrec.org.

Washington Township, Bruce Township and the Village of Romeo residents are asked to submit any comments in writing via email to russellc@rwbpr.org or via mail to Clara Russell, Director Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation, 361 Morton St., Romeo MI 48065

Any and all input is appreciated.

BRUCE TOWNSHIP MINUTES Regular Meeting December 17, 2025 Bruce Township Hall 223 East Gates, Romeo, MI 48065	
Supervisor Fillbrook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm **ROLL CALL:** **Members present:** Supervisor Mike Fillbrook, Clerk Susan Kraft, Treasurer Frank DiGiorgio, Trustee Dorothy Sochowicz and Trustee David Vinson **Members Absent:** None	**CALL TO ORDER** **ROLL CALL**
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES	**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
AGENDA: MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio, to approve the agenda as amended. - Remove Item F) Deficit Elimination Plan Draft **CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve November 19, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes Approve the Agenda Approve the Financial Reports & Budget Amendments Approve the Bills Approve Loan of $53,000 from General Acct to Water AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AND AGENDA AS AMENDED** **MOTION** **MOTION CARRIED**
COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR The Board heard comments from: - Trese Smith – Township resident	**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**
HEARINGS AND REVIEWS: There were none.	**HEARINGS AND REVIEWS**
PRESENTATIONS: **PARKS & RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN 2025-2029** The Board heard a brief summary from Clara Russell, Parks and Rec Director. MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio, to approve Resolution 25-5 for the Washington Bruce Romeo Parks and Recreation and Star Transportation 5-Year Master Plan for 2025 to 2029 and to also include Hox Acres. AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**PRESENTATIONS** **PARKS & RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN** **MOTION** **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.	**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
NEW BUSINESS: **COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR DRAIN MAINTENANCE** The representative from Macomb County that was scheduled to speak to the Board about this item was not at the meeting.	**NEW BUSINESS** **COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR DRAIN MAINTENANCE**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio, to table this item until the January 21, 2026 meeting.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
AEW AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES Gordon Wilson from AEW addressed the Board regarding the rate adjustments effective January 1, 2026.	**AEW AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio to approve the AEW contract with Bruce Township as presented by resolution effective immediately.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
ROMEO TAX ACCOUNTANTS CONTRACT RENEWAL	**ROMEO TAX ACCOUNTANTS CONTRACT RENEWAL**
MOTION by Kraft supported by Sochowicz, to accept the Romeo Tax Accountants contract as presented.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CLERK'S OFFICE	**ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CLERK"S OFFICE**
MOTION by Kraft supported by DiGiorgio, requests up to 4 hours extra a week for one month for the Accounting Assistant.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
GENERAL OFFICE CLERK II NEW HIRE	**GENERAL OFFICE CLERK II NEW HIRE**
MOTION by Kraft supported by DiGiorgio, to approve the hiring of Candace Hacias for the General Office Clerk II position with a start date of January 5, 2026.	**MOTION**

AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
CYBER LIABILITY The Board held a discussion regarding the coverage and price quote. The Board heard public comment from: - Trese Smith – Township resident	**CYBER LIABILITY**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio to table this item until the January 21, 2026 meeting.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES 2026	**POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES 2026**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by DiGiorgio to accept the Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2026.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
2026 MEETING SCHEDULE	**2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by Vinson, to accept and file the 2026 meeting schedule.	**MOTION**
AYES: DIGIORGIO, FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: NONE	**MOTION CARRIED**
2026-2027 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	**2026-2027 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
MOTION by Fillbrook supported by Vinson, to accept and file the 2026-2027 holiday schedule with the following changes: removing Monday, April 6th, remove Monday, July 6th, change December 23rd to 2:00 pm and November 25th to 2:00 pm.	**MOTION**
AYES: FILLBROOK, KRAFT, SOCHOWICZ, VINSON NAYS: DIGIORGIO	**MOTION CARRIED**
DATA CENTERS The Board held a discussion regarding the current zoning.	**DATA CENTERS**

The Board heard public comment from: - Nathan Zenero – 17150 Boardman - Trese Smith – Township resident There was no action taken on this item.	**NO ACTION**
COMMUNICATIONS: Kraft stated that the IFT for Tennessee Industrial was approved today by the State and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas. DiGiorgio wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fillbrook commented that the first publication of the new OneSource Guide is now out. He said the tree lighting went well even with the extremely cold weather. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. Sochowicz wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vinson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chief Nakis wished everyone a safe holiday season.	**COMMUNICATIONS**
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Fillbrook, supported by DiGiorgio, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE	**ADJOURNMENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
Susan Kraft, Clerk 1/22/26 **Date**	

5 YEAR PLAN 2025-2029 – Parks & Recreation

WASHINGTON BRUCE ROMEO PARKS & RECREATION & STAR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bruce Township Resolution 25-5

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission has undertaken the process to determine the recreation and natural resources conservation and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2025 through 2029, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission has entered into this 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 Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission is made up of a representative from Washington and Bruce Townships which encompass the Village of Romeo, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Bruce Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission 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 Washington Bruce and Romeo 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 a 30-day review with discussion and input, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at the regular commission meeting held by the Washington Bruce Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission at the Washington Twp Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Washington MI 48094 to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 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 Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission voted to adopt said Parks & Recreation 5 Year Plan, including Hox Acres as a possible future park site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bruce Township Board hereby adopt the Parks & Recreation 5 Year Plan.

MOTION BY: Fillbrook

SUPPORT BY: DiGiorgio

Yeas: Kraft, Sochowicz, Fillbrook, DiGiorgio, Vinson

Nays: None

Absent: None

_____ Date: 12-23-26

Susan Kraft
Bruce Township, Clerk

Charter Township of Washington

ADOPTION OF THE WASHINGTON-BRUCE-ROMEO PARKS & RECREATION AND STAR TRANSPORTATION 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MACOMB

RESOLUTION 2025-18

Minutes of a meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Washington, County of Macomb, Michigan, held in the Township Municipal Offices in said Township on December 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Sebastian "Sam" Previti, Clerk Audrey A. Brown, Treasurer Mike Nicley, Trustees John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson

ABSENT: Trustee Michele Milam

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Washington has entered into this planning process in collaboration with Bruce Township, and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Board is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Washington Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Washington-Bruce-Romeo Parks and Recreation and STAR Transportation 5-year Master Plan; also with the inclusion of Hox Acres.

The foregoing resolution offered by Member: Supervisor Sebastian "Sam" Previti

Second offered by Member: Clerk Audrey A. Brown

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Sebastian "Sam" Previti, Clerk Audrey A. Brown, Treasurer Mike Nicley, Trustees John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Audrey A. Brown
Washington Township Clerk



CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

I hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and complete copy of Resolution #2025-18 adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Washington, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 17, 2025 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

Audrey A. Brown

Audrey A. Brown
Washington Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Minutes
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
December 17, 2025 6:30 PM
57900 Van Dyke Washington Twp., MI 48094

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Board and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. **Call to Order**

   Supervisor Previti called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm at the Township Municipal Building, 57900 Van Dyke, Washington, Michigan.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Santa Claus traveled all the way from the North Pole to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Santa also passed out certificates of "Nice List" or "Nauty List" to BOT members. (The Reindeer were parked outside).

3. **Attendance**

   The following members were present: Supervisor Sebastian Previti, Clerk Audrey Brown, Treasurer Mike Nicley, Trustee John Chaplin, Trustee Charles Reinhold, Trustee Dennis Stevenson

   The following members were absent: Trustee Michele Milam

4. **Agenda Approval**

   Motion by Sebastian Previti, **Seconded** by Dennis Stevenson to Approve the Agenda as submitted.
   Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
   No: None
   Abstain: None
   Motion Carried

5. **Presentation**

   5.1. Special Presentation by Macomb County Sheriff - K9 Introduction and S.A.V.E.S Program

   Special Presentation by Macomb County Sheriff - K9 Introduction and S.A.V.E.S Program

   Sergeant Petrykowski and Commander Abro introduced Washington Township's newest addition to our law enforcement community, Deputy Ferzell and his Canine Deputy. Supervisor Previti had the honor of swearing in the new canine, which is a

trained attack and bomb-sniffing dog. He is not a drug-sniffing dog. Canines can either be trained for bomb-sniffing or drug-sniffing. Deputy Zeffi was also present.

Sergeant Petrykowski explained the new S.A.V.E.S project, which features placards, stickers and notifications for special needs and mentally or physically disabled persons, to let others know they are in need of assistance.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Audrey Brown, **Seconded** by Dennis Stevenson to Approve the Consent Agenda.
Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

6.1. Approve Accounts Payable of November 25, 2025

6.2. Approve Accounts Payable of December 11, 2025

6.3. Approve Minutes, Board of Trustee Meeting of November 19, 2025

6.4. Accept Building Department Monthly Report, November 2025

6.5. Accept Fire Department Monthly Report, October 2025

6.6. Accept Robinson Capital Monthly Report, November 2025

7. Moved Agenda Items

n/a

8. Comments from Audience: Agenda Items (3 Minutes)

n/a

9. Legal Counsel

n/a

10. Unfinished Business

10.1. SmartBall Condition Assessment Update

SmartBall Condition Assessment Update from Mike Kozak of Giffels Webster regarding the Hayes Road Force Main. Early in 2025, the Township suffered a failure of the existing 20" force main portion of the Hayes Road Interceptor, the sewer that transports 95% of the Townships sanitary sewerage out of the Townships. After the repair, Pure Technologies was hired to work with the DPW to use the SmartBall

monitor to inspect the line. This occurred on July 9, 2025. The inspection was successful, showing no leaks in the force main detected. It is recommended to repeat the test every 5 years. The age,condition and break history indicate that the long term viability of the pipe should be considered.

11. New Business

11.1. Appointment of Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion initiated by Sebastian Previti, **seconded** by Mike Nicley to Approve Appointment of Lisa Hall as Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

11.2. Resolution 2025-18, Adoption of the WBR Parks & Recreation & Star Transportation 5-Year Master Plan

Motion initiated by Sebastian Previti, **seconded** by Mike Nicley to approve Resolution 2025-18, the Adoption of the Washington-Bruce-Romeo Parks & Recreation, Star Transportation, and Hox Acres 5-Year Master Plan
Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

11.3. Professional Legal Services Fees

Motion initiated by Sebastian Previti, **seconded** by Dennis Stevenson to Approve Professional Legal Services Fees for Township Attorney Bob Seibert.
Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

12. Comments from Audience: Non-Agenda Items (3 Minutes)

Approximately 30 residents came forward and voiced their opposition to the rezoning of the parcels near 32 and Powell, and the possible building of a data center.

13. Elected Officials' Update/Community Announcements

Supervisor Previti:

- Gave an update on Thorington School. Schoolhouse will soon be secured on its base. RHS student projects for Thorington School are being finalized.
- The Township Offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 23rd at 12:00 pm and will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2026.
- Thanked Washington-Romeo-Parks and Rec for a fun time for all at the Tree Lighting on December 10th.

Treasurer Nicley:

- Wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy 2026.
- Winter taxes can be paid during the Christmas Break: at First State Bank (and you don't need to have an account), in the Township Dropbox in front of the Township Hall, and on-line.

Clerk Brown:

- Announced that CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Public Hearing will be held on January 21, 2026 at the Board of Trustees Meeting. (Dana Berschback, Dennis Stevenson, John Chaplin and Clerk Brown are on the CDBG Committee). Applicants will make their case to the BOT regarding what their program will do with the funds from Macomb County. The CDBG Committee will present allocation recommendations to the BOT at the February 4th Meeting.
- Thanked the many residents for attending the BOT meeting, and for taking the time to voice their concerns. The BOT understands that we are elected by the residents and that we answer to them. We appreciate hearing from residents and hope they will attend future BOT meetings.

14. Correspondence

n/a

15. Adjourn

Motion initiated by Sebastian Previti, **seconded** by Charles Reinhold to Adjourn the Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:19 pm.
Yes: Sebastian Previti, Audrey Brown, Mike Nicley, John Chaplin, Charles Reinhold, Dennis Stevenson
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, the Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at meetings upon 72 hours advanced notice. For such accommodations, please contact Audrey Brown, Township Clerk, by email at browna@washingtontwpmi.org or telephone 586-677-4202.

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January 26, 2026

Macomb County
Planning and Economic Development
1 South Main St. - 7th Floor
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Subject: **2025-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission**

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed please find a copy of the **2025-2029 Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Washington, Bruce and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission.** We will submit this plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for certification and to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to ensure cooperation and coordination of recreation planning efforts.

The plan can be found on the Commission's website, at the link here: WBR-Parks-Rec-2025-2029_DRAFT-2026-0109.pdf

This plan was formally adopted by the Washington, Bruce, and Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission on June 20, 2024. The Commission was established by interlocal agreement by Bruce and Washington Townships on December 19, 2023. The plan was subsequently adopted by the Bruce Township Board of Trustees and the Washington Township Board of Trustees on December 17, 2025.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 248-596-0920.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal Planner

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January 26, 2026

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Ave
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: *(Please select one)*
☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Washington-Bruce-Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: 89-219 **PROJECT TYPE:** Park Development Bond Fund

PROJECT TITLE: Washington Township Park
2023-2024 added new Accessible Playground w/Turf and Pickleball Courts

PROJECT SCOPE: Park, Playground, soccer fields, pavilliion, tennis crt & walk trail.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Washington-Bruce-Romeo Parks & Recreation and STAR Transportation Commission	Kimberly Duda	Commissioner/Treasurer
Address	**Telephone**	
361 Morton St.	586-752-6543	
City, State, ZIP	**Email**	
Romeo, MI 48065	dudak@rwbpr.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). ☐Yes ☒No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐Yes ☒No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☒Yes ☒No

Some recently. Signage as well as we asking asking the police to include the park on their route regularly,to detour the use of the pavillion as a skateboard/bike feature.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

Maintenance completed is weekly. Grass, trimming and playground checks. Garbage is done 2x's weekly during the busy months. General visual checks during garbage pick up.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ☐Yes ☒No ☐N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐Yes ☒No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. ☐Yes ☒No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Daily, dawn to dusk, unless a special event is scheduled after dusk.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The Washington Township Parks is used very frequently. It sits right behind the township hall which now houses our activity & senior center.
2023-2024 added new Accessible Playground w/Turf and Pickleball Courts

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Kimberly Duda		7/23/2024
Please print	*Grantee Authorized Signature*	Date
Please print	*Witness Signature*	Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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