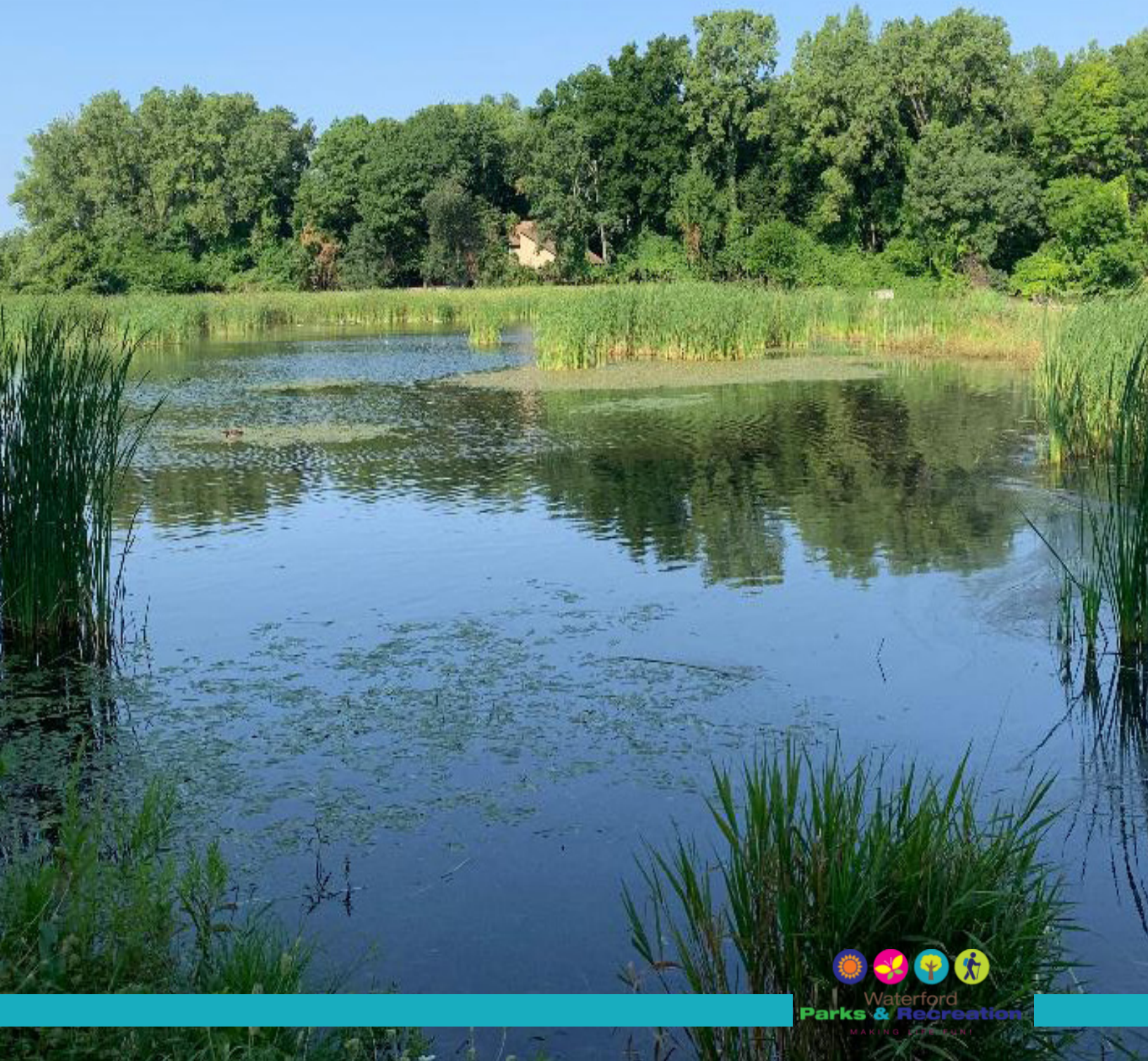


CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RECREATION PLAN 2024 – 2028

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INTRODUCTION 01

INTRODUCTION

Charter Township of Waterford developed this Parks & Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. To that end, this document is the policy basis for the implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the Charter Township of Waterford community. The Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Board and staff guided the Plan.

Before any parks and recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of projects are relevant for residents based on age, ability, population, density, and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This Plan carefully considers input and suggestions via active communication from township residents, township officials, and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component of this plan, and together, the voices of Charter Township of Waterford have united to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

The foundation for the development of the Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community in the process of developing a five-year parks and recreation plan,
- Identify and map existing Charter Township of Waterford recreational facilities,
- Build common ground among Charter Township of Waterford stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the township,
- Enable Charter Township of Waterford to be eligible for financial assistance and grants based upon the five-year parks and recreation plan,
- Facilitate collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions, and,
- Continue to support and implement improvements for barrier-free, Universal Access to township parks.

Broadly speaking, Charter Township of Waterford officials intend to use this Plan to continue to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within the township. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. Specifically, this Plan is developed in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved parks and recreation plan is necessary for Charter Township of Waterford to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This parks and recreation plan is written for a single community, Charter Township of Waterford, and covers all aspects of recreation within the township.



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

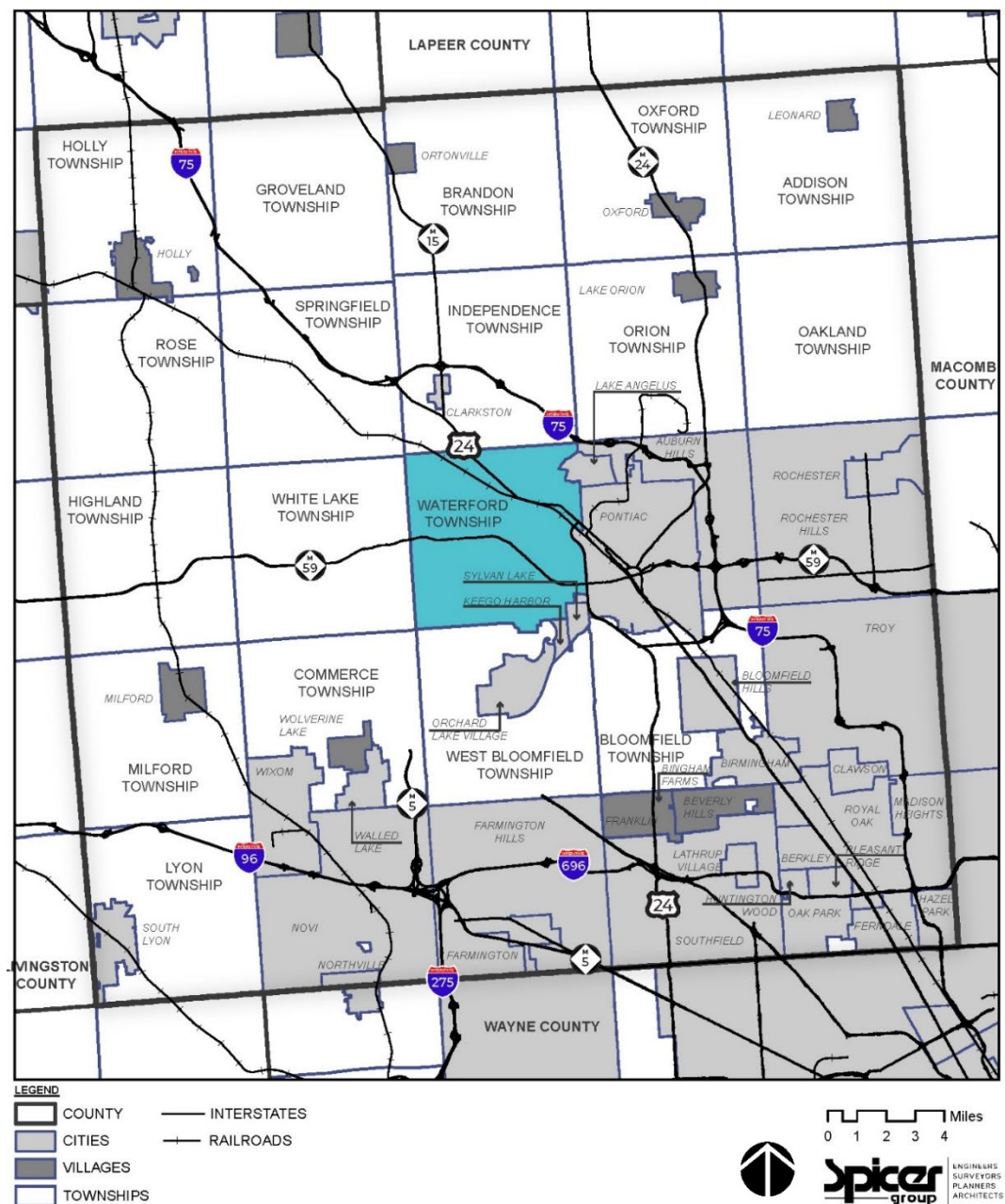
Location

Charter Township of Waterford is centrally located in Oakland County, which is in southeast Michigan in the metropolitan Detroit region, see Map 1. The City of Pontiac is to the east along the Township's border, Clarkston is two miles to the north, and downtown Detroit is located 25 miles to the southeast.

The township occupies about 35 square miles and is irregularly shaped from a standard six-mile by six-mile Michigan township due to the presence of over 34 lakes and the City of Pontiac.

State roadways that carry traffic across the Township are M-59 and US-24. Other major roadways near Charter Township of Waterford are shown in Map 1.

MAP = 1 MAP 1 – LOCATION MAP OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD



History

After the War of 1812, veterans were given land to settle, and during this time, the Michigan region was a part of the Northwest Territory. There were two main Indian Nations living within this territory: the Algonquin, which encompassed the Huron, Ottawa, Ojibwas, Pottawatomie, Miami, Sauk, and Sashabaw tribes, and the Iroquois. The Algonquin farmers and trappers helped the new settlers as they moved westward and into the Northwest Territory. By 1819, two families purchased and settled on 161.4 acres in what would later become the Village of Waterford. Waterford became a township in 1834, in 1837, Michigan became a state, and in 1961, the township became a "Charter Township." Nicknamed the "Lakeland Paradise," Charter Township of Waterford has grown from a wilderness settlement of two families to a thriving urban community of over 70,000 persons today.

Demographics

This section used background information from the U.S. Census and the American Community Survey (ACS) to analyze Charter Township of Waterford's current demographic conditions. The following section analyzes Census-based data on overall population trends, housing characteristics, and economic information within the township to present a comprehensive demographic condition analysis.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Charter Township of Waterford has a population of 70,565 persons. This is a decline of 1,142 from the 2010 population of 71,707, a ten-year decline of 1.59%. The latest 2022 data from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) population projection suggests that the population has continued to decline to 69,258 persons.

As of the 2020 Census, there were 32,664 households in the township. The racial makeup of the township was 83.5% White, 6.2% Black or African American, and 1.9% Asian, with the remainder Some Other Race. Other significant Census data and comparisons are provided in Table 1 on the following page.



TABLE 1 – CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

	Waterford Township	Independence Township	Springfield Township	Oakland County	Michigan
2020 Population	70,565	36,686	14,703	1,274,395	10,077,331
2010 Population	71,707	34,681	13,948	1,202,362	9,883,640
% Change in Population	-1.59%	5.8%	5.4%	6%	2%
% of Population 65 and older (2020 Census)	17.1%	15.5%	16.6%	18.5%	18.7%
% of Population under 18 (2020 Census)	19.6%	23.3%	21.9%	20%	21%
Median Age (2022 ACS)	40.5	40.1	42.9	41.7	40.3
% Bachelor's degree or higher (2022 ACS)	30.3%	44.1%	38.3%	50.6%	32.1%
Median Household Income (2022 ACS)	\$74,937	\$97,154	\$97,559	\$90,594	\$66,986
Median Family Income (2022 ACS)	\$92,164	\$108,890	\$115,428	\$119,693	\$85,865
Average Household Size (2022 ACS)	2.24	2.68	2.65	2.37	2.48
Median Housing Value (2020)	\$190,500	\$297,300	\$301,400	\$268,600	\$172,100
Renter-occupied housing as a % of total occupied units (2022 ACS)	25.1%	20.4%	15.5%	27.5%	26.8%

Analyzing age distribution in a jurisdiction is essential because it is worthwhile to understand the make-up of a population by their life stage. Different age groups likely have different recreational needs. Of the three townships in Table 1, Charter Township of Waterford has the largest proportion of residents 65 and older (17.1%) and the smallest proportion of residents younger than 18 (19.6%).

There are also several economic and social characteristics to consider in the recreation planning process. Of the three townships in Table 1, Charter Township of Waterford has the lowest median household income and median family income. A community with lower median income rates indicates a population that has less discretionary spending money for things like recreation or vacation. Therefore, it is important that the municipality can provide adequate recreation opportunities close to home because there is a smaller chance that these individuals will be able to seek out more expensive options further from home. Charter Township of Waterford has the highest rental housing occupancy rates of the three jurisdictions but is on par with the others. It should be noted that renters living in multi-family housing and apartments do not have access to a private yard for recreation and outdoor space, and efforts to provide public recreation space that this population can access is good planning and is common sense.

Based upon the analysis of demographic and social characteristics above, three specific population groups have distinct needs for recreational facilities and programs. The three populations to consider are as follows:

Youth – The youth population makes up 19.6% of the people in Charter Township of Waterford. Youth populations benefit from recreational options such as organized or unorganized athletic activities, providing them with opportunities for exercise, community engagement, and education. Additionally, youth benefit from access to outdoor natural spaces and playgrounds.

Senior Citizens – The senior citizen population in Charter Township of Waterford represents over 17.1% of the population. Seniors have different needs in recreational facilities than other age groups (for example, pathways compared to playgrounds). Additionally, those on fixed incomes may need low-cost recreational opportunities.

Residents in multi-family housing and apartments – Residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open space and recreational facilities than those in single-family households because they often do not have large yards or open areas of their own.

Parks can create a multigenerational link among individuals in these groups and across all demographic groups. They provide gathering places, make exercise opportunities available, promote civic participation, and improve the quality of life in an area.





ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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Policy-Making Bodies

The Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees established a Recreation System Ordinance to govern the operation and maintenance of a park system and recreation services for the Charter Township of Waterford citizens. The Ordinance established an appointed nine-member Parks & Recreation Board to adopt rules, regulations, and policies necessary to conduct the affairs and operation of the township's recreation system. All such actions are subject to the approval of the Township Board of Trustees.

The Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charter Township of Waterford. The Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members whom the citizens of Charter Township of Waterford elect.

The Recreation System Ordinance provides for establishing a Parks and Recreation Department and hiring a Parks and Recreation Official (Director) and the necessary support staff.

The Department is responsible for implementing recreational programs in accordance with the policies adopted by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Board of Trustees. The Ordinance permits the Parks and Recreation Board to prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Trustees, which is generally completed through the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department Director and support staff.

Membership of the nine-member Parks & Recreation Board, as detailed in the Recreation System Ordinance, is comprised of the following:

- One member from the Board of Directors of the Golden Age Club,
- One member from the Waterford School District,
- One member from the Board of Trustees, and
- Six members are Charter Township of Waterford residents appointed by the Board of Trustees.

Members are appointed for three-year terms. In addition, the Director is a non-voting member of the Parks & Recreation Board. The Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Board meets monthly.

Charter Township of Waterford also has an advisory committee for Hess-Hathaway Park. This 15-member committee assists in the administration of Hess-Hathaway Park in accordance with the provisions of the Myrtle E. Hess Trust.

In addition, the township has the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee. This nine-member committee assists in the administration of the Drayton Plains Nature Center. A non-profit organization, Friends of the Nature Center, independent of the Township, works to raise funds to support Drayton Plains Nature Center.

Funding and Budgets

Funding for parks and recreation in Charter Township of Waterford comes primarily from a township millage that approved 0.5 mills annually for ten years. This millage was approved in 2014 and covers the operating costs of the Parks and Recreation Department, including programs, activities, and facilities. The millage is authorized through 2024. Other sources of revenue include the general fund, pavilion and building rentals, field rentals, program and event fees, grants, and donations. Budgets for the current and upcoming year are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 – RECREATION BUDGETS

	Current Year (2023)	Projected (2024)
Operation and Maintenance	\$1,879,423	\$1,894,922
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$178,650	\$141,950
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$130,000

Management Structure and Staff

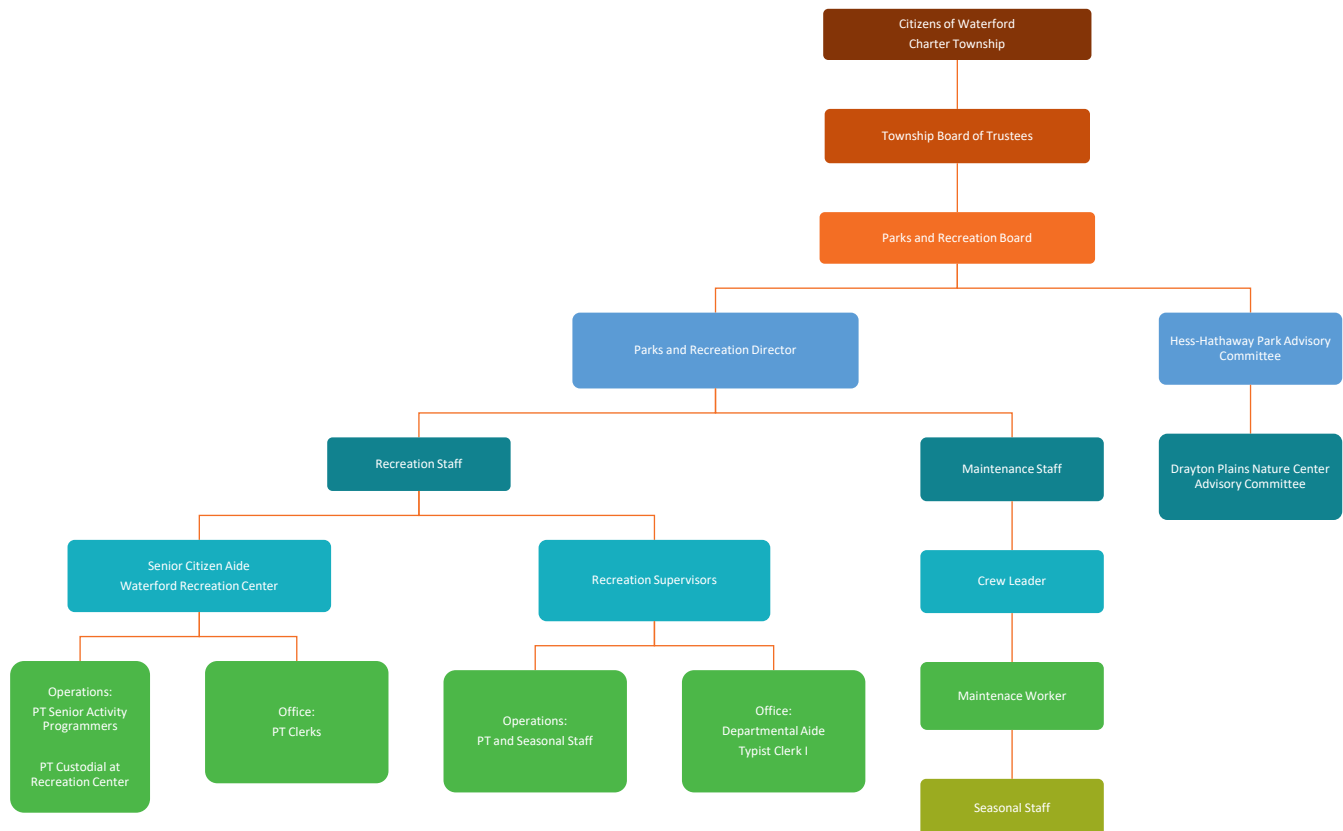
The Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Board establishes policies, develops plans, approves grant applications and land acquisitions, establishes a budget, and recommends fee structures, with final approval from the Board of Trustees. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for operating and maintaining the parks, making day-to-day decisions regarding financial expenditures, and implementing development plans.

The Director and the Parks and Recreation Board oversees all parks and recreation activities and functions in Charter Township of Waterford. Eight full-time employees, ten part-time employees, and approximately 30 seasonal employees work under the direction of the Director. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the parks and recreation facilities in the township. An organizational chart showing the parks and recreation structure in Charter Township of Waterford is provided in Figure 1.

Volunteers

Volunteers provide crucial support to many programs and activities in the township. The department uses more than 400 volunteers throughout the year. They are used for each of the special programs and events, such as the Harvest Happening and Tree Lighting, as well as ongoing activities at the Community Garden, youth athletics, and events for seniors and individuals with special needs. Several of the Recreation programs would not be possible without the volunteers. Many of these volunteers are also participants in the Senior programs, and all coaching staff in the township are volunteers.

FIGURE 1 – PARKS AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Programming

The Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department offers extensive programs to Township residents and non-residents. In the last several years, the Department has forged relationships with adjacent communities, including Independence, Springfield, and Brandon Townships, to expand opportunities for our youth athletic leagues. These relationships have allowed the sharing of facilities. The following is a representative list of the Department's program offerings:

ADULT CLASSES & PROGRAMS:

Boot camp, Cardio Drumming, Clogging, Community Garden, Gently Moves Yoga, La-Blas Zumba, Marketing and Social Media, Oil Painting, Pilates, Watercolor Painting, and Yoga with Ease

ADULT & SENIOR LEAGUES/SPORTS:

Basketball Open Gym, Kickball, Senior Men's Slow Pitch Softball, and Slow Pitch Softball

SENIOR PROGRAMS:

Bocce Ball, Busy Bees, Day Trips, Dominoes, Euchre, Extended Travel, Knit and crochet, Luncheons, Mature Fitness, Movement Fitness, Pickleball, Pinochle, Seasonal Arts and Craft Classes, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis, Volleyball, and Walking.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION:

Flash's Friendship Club and Slugger's Softball

DAY CAMPS:

Various day camps are available throughout the summer at Drayton Plains Nature Center, Hess-Hathaway Park, and the Civic Center Soccer Fields.

YOUTH & PRESCHOOL CLASSES & PROGRAMS:

Amazing Athletes, Basketball Open Gym, Beginning Ballet, Creative Art, Indoor Flag Football, Indoor Track and Cross Country, Instructional Archery, Junior Kickers Soccer, Little Chefs, Martial Arts, Mother-Daughter Hip-Hop, Paint and Play, Skyhawks Sports, Sports Stars, Story Time at the Farm, Super Saturday Soccer, Tumbling Gymnastics, Tumbling Toddler, Twinkle Toes, Volleyball Clinics

YOUTH LEAGUES:

Basketball, Fast Pitch Softball, Intro to Fast Pitch Softball, Soccer, and T-ball/Coach Pitch Ball.



Additional Relationships

The Charter Township of Waterford has many cooperative programs with local school districts, recreational agencies, other nonprofit organizations in the area, and nearby parks departments to achieve the Township's recreational goals.

Waterford Township's School District partners with the Recreational Department to facilitate various activities and programs, such as cross-country practice and meets at Hess-Hathaway Park. Waterford Senior Center, a division of the Waterford School District, works very closely with Waterford Township, Area Agency on Aging 1B, and its members. The mission of the Waterford Senior Center is to provide a focal point in the Waterford community for services, programs, and activities associated with healthy aging. The Parks

and Recreation Department works with the Waterford Senior Center on day trips, jointly promoting and registering for these programs.

Service clubs and community groups provide additional volunteer labor and financial support for the Parks Department facilities and programs. Many service clubs and organizations, such as the Breakfast Optimist Club of Waterford, Waterford Rotary Club, Waterford Youth Assistance, and the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce, actively support the Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department. The Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce provides community programs like the Free Summer Concert Series at Hess-Hathaway Park and Moviepalooza at Pierce Middle School.

Non-profit supportive agencies that work with the Parks and Recreation Department include the Golden Age Club, the Friends of the Nature Center, and Six Rivers Land Conservancy. The Golden Age Club was created to further health, recreational, and sports activities for persons 50 years and older in Waterford Township and surrounding areas. Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, they help support the Lifelong Recreation programs at the Waterford Recreation Center. Friends of the Nature Center is an organization created to raise funds for the Drayton Plains Nature Center and provides continuous support for funding facility upgrades, improvements, and volunteer efforts. Six Rivers Land Conservancy is a private land conservation organization working to sustain the quality and character of natural resources. A Conservation Easement granted to Six Rivers Land Conservancy for the Drayton Plains Nature Center Property protects that park's greenspace. The Parks and Recreation Department works with its Stewardship Manager on property management goals, invasive plant removal, and educational opportunities for staff and community members.

The Parks and Recreation Department has affiliation agreements with several independently run sports programs, including the Waterford Coaches Association (WCA) Baseball, Waterford Warriors Soccer Club, Waterford Corsairs Tackle Football and Cheerleading, and Waterford Little League. Other local townships that support the Department include Independence Township, Springfield Township, and Brandon Township Parks and Recreation Departments.

Publications

A *Lifelong Recreation Newsletter*, published bi-monthly, is a publication in which the Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Department lists all programs and events occurring for individuals aged 50 years and older hosted at the Waterford Recreation Center. Lifelong Recreation programming includes daily drop-in activities such as walking, fitness, yoga, Pilates, pickleball, volleyball, euchre, pinochle, shuffleboard, table tennis, dominoes, and knitting. The newsletter lists day trips, monthly luncheons, and extended domestic and international travel opportunities. Resources for the senior population that the Parks and Recreation Department does not operate are also included in this newsletter, such as Meals on Wheels, grief support, Encore Adult Day Care, and WOTA (Western Oakland Transportation Authority). This Newsletter can be seen in Figure 2 on the following page. Additionally, Waterford Recreation Center has a

The Parks and Recreation Department offers independently and in partnership with other community organizations more than 30 events annually that include Daddy-Daughter Dance, Winter World of Love and Kindness Mental Health Awareness, NERF Battles, Bunny Bingo, Mother-Son Dance, Earth Day Nature Hikes, Mom 2 Mom Sales, Sheep Shearing & Pancake Breakfast, Craft and Vendor Shows, Garlic Mustard Pull, Kids Garage Sale, Summer Concerts in the Park, Moviepalooza, Mad Music and Arts Festival, Meet the Fleet, Harvest Happening, Funtober at the Farm and Holiday Hoopla and Tree Lighting.

Monthly themed senior luncheons are hosted at the Waterford Recreation Center, including Winter, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, Brunch & Bingo, Volunteer Recognition, Summer Social, Lunch & Bingo, Veterans Recognition, and Holiday Luncheon.





RECREATION INVENTORY

Introduction

To plan for parks and recreation in the future, a community must examine the types of facilities that currently exist in the township. It is also helpful to compare these existing facilities to standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community. The inventory was completed by updating the inventory used in the 2018 plan. The consultant and the Charter Township of Waterford staff worked together to complete updates to the inventory based on the changes in the parks over the past five years.

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to quickly identify those parks and facilities that are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one, none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five, the entire park was developed/renovated using universal design principles.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of Charter Township of Waterford parks was conducted during the 2018 update of the Parks and Recreation Plan. It was reviewed by the consultant and township staff for the update of the 2024 plan to reflect changes in the park system. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park regarding access and circulation in relation to the park facilities. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

TABLE 3 – MDNR ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Park Classification

A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an understanding of the township's recreation needs, deficiencies, and plans. An inventory provides a snapshot of all the available facilities within a community along with details about types of activities and features. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. Charter Township of Waterford's 16 parks are classified into five categories: Community Parks, Special Use Parks, Natural Resource Areas, Large Urban Parks, and Park Trails.

Community Parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. They tend to be at least 30 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods within ½ to three miles. In Charter Township of Waterford, some of the community parks are smaller than 30 acres, and most serve the entire township.

Special Use Parks cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. Their size and service area can vary depending on the specific use.

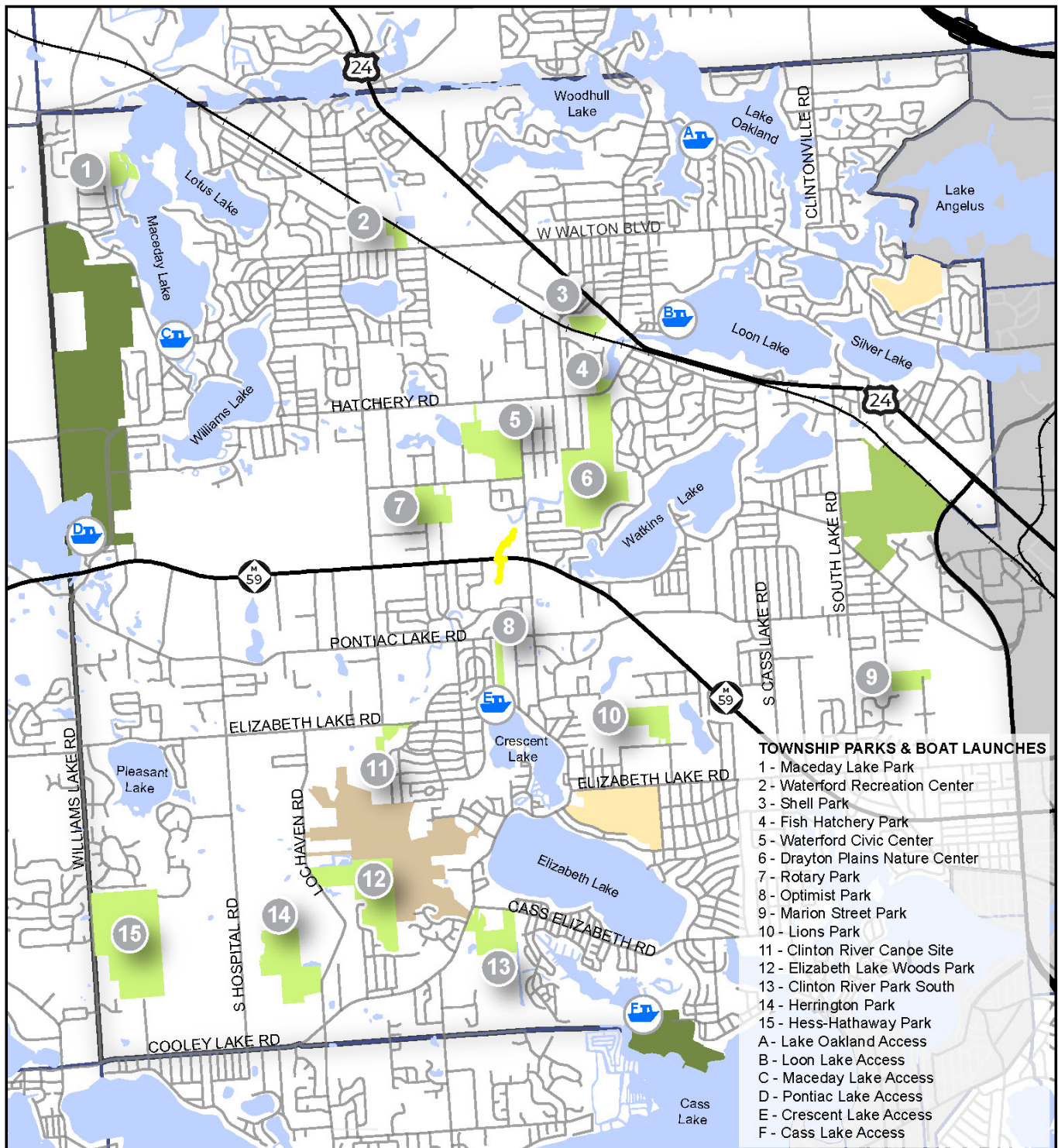
Natural Resource Areas are lands set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. Their size and service area can vary.

Large Urban Parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the overall needs of the community. The focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. They tend to be more than 50 acres in size, and they serve the entire community.









A **Park Trail** is located within a greenway, park, or natural resource area, and its focus is on recreational value and harmony with the natural environment.



MAP 2 - PARK LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

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|  BOAT LAUNCHES |  TOWNSHIP PARKS |  PUBLIC CONSERVATION LAND |
|  CLINTON RIVER WALK |  COUNTY PARKS |  PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES |
| |  STATE PARKS |  WATER BODIES |

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Miles

Charter Township of Waterford Parks

Civic Center Park

Location: 5200 Civic Center Drive

Acres: Soccer fields cover 12.8 acres, Warming House area is 0.9 acres.

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked accessible parking. No accessible routes to amenities.)

Classification: Community Park

This Community Park is part of the grounds of the Charter Township of Waterford Governmental Complex. There are six soccer fields for U6-U16 age groups and a Warming House that includes a picnic shelter with tables and a fire pit that is adjacent to an indoor meeting space with restrooms that can accommodate up to 40 patrons. The complex includes a pond, benches, and walking paths.



Clinton River Canoe Site

Location: 5971 Elizabeth Lake Road

Size: 8 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked ADA parking. No accessible paths to benches or pavilion.)

Classification: Special Use Park

This is a small and scenic Special Use Park nestled on the banks of the Clinton River. It has a public canoe and kayak landing, benches, one picnic shelter, grill, table, and covered walkway bridge.



Clinton River Park South

Location: 5250 Cass Elizabeth Lake Rd

Acres: 34.3 acres

ADA Accessibility: NA – No amenities

Classification: Natural Resource Area

This is an open and undeveloped Natural Resource Area.



Clinton River Walk

Location: Along the Clinton River

Size: 0.5 miles

ADA Accessibility: 4

Classification: Park Trail

The River Walk extends north and south of Highland Road along the Clinton River. Initiated in 1999, the multi-phased project extends south of Highland Road to Riverside Elementary School. To the north, it currently extends approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to the Mt. Zion Community Center. A future Phase 4 will extend north and east to Crescent Lake Road. A future Phase 5 will extend it to the Drayton Plains Nature Center. The River Walk is a commonly used location for canoe and kayak launching and provides a safe, accessible route to cross Highland Road, a bustling five-lane highway.



Drayton Plains Nature Center

Location: 2125 Denby Drive

Size: 138 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No marked or paved parking. No accessible paths to pavilion or other amenities.)

Classification: Natural Resource Area

This large Natural Resource Area is located on the Clinton River and was the site of a former DNR fish hatchery. The DNR still uses the ponds to rear walleye for its restocking program. It is the newest public park in the township, acquired in 2006. It currently operates under a Conservation Easement granted to the Six Rivers Land Conservancy. Due to the conservation easement, the township cannot develop this property with formal park amenities like courts or fields. It must remain a passive recreation space with passive recreation amenities to protect the existing natural resources. Features on this site include an interpretive nature center building, meeting room, office, kitchen, nature tours, bird and tree identification, nature trails, wildlife observation, birding, riparian and prairie habitats, large oak-hickory wood lot, restrooms, one picnic shelter, gazebo, grills, and tables.



Elizabeth Lake Woods Park

Location: Access off Lochaven Road and River Ridge Drive

Size: 339 acres

ADA Accessibility: NA – No amenities

Classification: Natural Resource Area

This is an open and undeveloped Natural Resource Area.



Fish Hatchery Park

Location: 4490 Hatchery Road

Size: 8.6 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No accessible paths to amenities. Bump down off the boardwalk to the path connecting to the pavilion)

Classification: Special Use Park

This Special Use Park is home to the museum, recreated historic village of the Waterford Historical Society, and traditional park amenities. Amenities include a park maintenance garage, a renovated historic house, an office, a museum, and the Historic Village, which is operated by the Waterford Historical Society. Other more typical park amenities include restrooms, a boardwalk, fishing, three picnic shelters, a gazebo, grills, tables, and a children's play area.



Herrington Park

Location: 1216 Lochaven Road

Size: 35.2 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No accessible route to ball diamonds. No accessible picnic tables. No paved or marked ADA parking.)

Classification: Community Park

This Community Park is popular for evening ball games under the lights. Features include concessions, restrooms, two lighted ball fields, two picnic shelters, tables, a grill, and a rustic nature trail.



Hess-Hathaway Park

Location: 825 S. Williams Lake Road

Size: 167 acres

ADA Accessibility: 3 (No ADA parking at ball diamonds. No accessible picnic tables in Pavilions, no accessible route to Pavilion 2. No accessible route to benches in the playscape area.)

Classification: Urban Park

This Urban Park features a wide variety of amenities that draw visitors from the Oakland County Region, including its most popular summer day camp programs and summer concerts. Other amenities include a restored 1860s farmhouse, animal exhibit farm, one softball field, two sand volleyball courts, three horseshoe courts, two picnic shelters, gazebo, grills, tables, gaga ball pit, a handicap-accessible "All Kids Playground", restrooms, meeting room, nature trails for hiking and cross-country skiing/running, group hayrides, farm animal tours.



Lions Park

Location: 4250 Fenmore

Size: 26.5 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked accessible parking. No accessible route to ball diamond or pavilion. No ADA picnic tables.)

Classification: Special Use Park

This secluded Special Use Park features a beautiful ball diamond that is nestled in the woods off a quiet street, one picnic shelter, grills, restrooms, and one lighted baseball field.



Maceday Lake Park

Location: Northern end of Rich Street

Size: 10.8 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (Wood chip trail is not accessible.)

Classification: Natural Resource Area

This secluded Natural Resource Area provides trail access and a view of Maceday Lake. The Park features undeveloped four-acre passive parkland and six-acre bird/wildlife sanctuary.



Marion Street Park

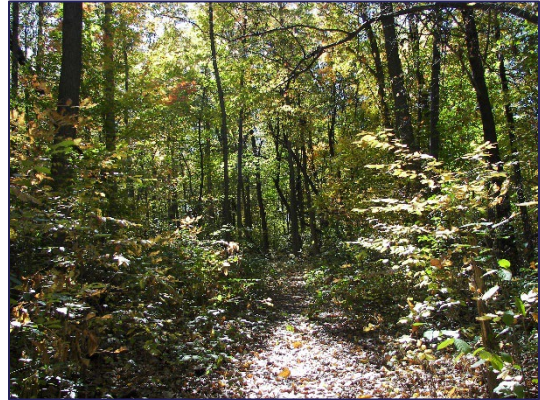
Location: Northern end of Marion Avenue

Size: 17.6 acres

ADA Accessibility: 3 (Not all portions of the trail are not accessible.)

Classification: Natural Resource Area

This secluded Natural Resource Area is located at the end of a street in a quiet neighborhood. The park includes nature trails, pond access, and observation decks.



Optimist Park

Location: 5320 Elizabeth Lake Road

Size: 10 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked accessible parking. No accessible route to amenities.)

Classification: Community Park

This Community Park is long and narrow and located among typical residential neighborhoods. The park includes three softball fields, a picnic shelter, a grill, and a half-basketball court.



Rotary Park

Location: 5485 Tubbs Road

Size: 30.5 acres (12.5 acres owned by the township, 18 owned by Oakland County International Airport)

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked accessible parking. No accessible route to amenities.)

Classification: Community Park

This Community Park features active recreation areas and a large open space. Amenities include one picnic shelter, grill, restrooms, concession stand, two softball fields, play area, swing set, and open soccer, football, and lacrosse fields.



Shell Park

Location: 4373 Dixie Highway

Size: 13 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No paved or marked accessible parking. No accessible route to amenities.)

Classification: Special Use Park

This Special Use Park is located behind a commercial district on Dixie Highway, and it features three softball diamonds, a picnic shelter, grill, tables, concession stand, and restrooms.



Waterford Recreation Center

Location: 5640 Williams Lake Road

Size: 8.7 acres

ADA Accessibility: 2 (No accessible route to amenities.)

Classification: Special Use Facility

This is a multi-use indoor/outdoor Special Use Facility that meets a variety of recreation and community needs in Charter Township of Waterford that was formally named the C.A.I. (Community Activities Inc.) Building. Indoor activities include recreational programming and enrichment classes, home to the Golden Age Club, Waterford Youth Assistance, room rentals, a gymnasium, and a commercial kitchen. Outdoor activities include a baseball/softball field, one picnic shelter, tables, two horseshoe pits, and three bocce courts.



TABLE 4 – WATERFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK INVENTORY

FACILITY	PARK NAME															
	Civic Center Park	Clinton River Canoe Site	Clinton River Park South	Clinton River Walk	Drayton Plains Nature Center	Elizabeth Lake Woods Park	Fish Hatchery Park	Herrington Park	Hess-Hathaway Park	Lions Park	Maceday Lake Park	Marion Street Park	Optimist Park	Rotary Park	Shell Park	Waterford Recreation Center
ADA Rating	2	2	N/A	4	2	N/A	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Type	CP	NR	NRA	PT	NRA	NRA	SUP	CP	LUP	SUP	NRA	NRA	CP	CP	SUP	SU
Acres	12.8	8	34.3	N/A	138	339	8.6	35.2	167	26.5	10.8	17.6	10	30.5	13	8.7
Animal Exhibit									X							
Ball Fields								X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Basketball Court													X			
Beach Access																
Wildlife Sanctuary					X						X					
Boardwalk							X									
Bocce Courts																X
Canoe/Kayak Launch		X		X												
Concessions								X						X	X	
Fire Pit	X															
Fishing							X									
Gaga Ball Pit									X							
Gazebo							X		X							
Grill		X			X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Gymnasium																X
Horseshoe									X							X
Kitchen					X											X
Meeting Room	X				X				X							X
Museum							X									
Nature Center					X											
Observation Deck												X				
Office Space					X											
Sports Field														X		
Park Benches	X	X														
Picnic Shelter	X	X			X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Playground							X		X					X		
Pond												X				
Restrooms	X				X		X	X	X	X				X	X	
Soccer Field	X															
Swing Set														X		
Tables	X	X			X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Volleyball Courts									X							
Walking Path	X			X	X			X	X			X				

Comparison to Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to serve a population, and the land area required. These standards can be used in conjunction with acreage standards to identify Charter Township of Waterford's recreation needs further. The table below, Table 5, provides a comparison of the township's public recreation facilities against the NRPA's published recreation facility standards.

A generally accepted standard for the quantity of park land is 10.8 acres of park land and open space for every 1,000 residents. The current population of Charter Township of Waterford is approximately 72,000, indicating approximately 720 acres of park land is an appropriate amount of space. Charter Township of Waterford currently owns 860.7 acres. This suggests that there is probably sufficient park land acreage in the township.

It should be noted that there are no typical neighborhoods or mini-parks in Charter Township of Waterford. These small parks are usually scattered across a community and can be easily accessed on foot or by bicycle. The parks in Charter Township of Waterford can generally be seen as primarily accessible by car. However, the somewhat scattered development pattern of the township, combined with the fact that most of the neighborhoods in Charter Township of Waterford do not have sidewalks, may not make it practical to develop neighborhood parks. Further, in many cases, local schools may serve as neighborhood park facilities.

TABLE 5 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Township Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Community Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	89.4	352.8	-263.4
Special Use Parks	No standard	63.9	-	+63.9
Natural Resource Areas	No standard	539.9	-	+539.9
Large Urban Parks	No standard	167	-	+167
Park Trail	No standard	.5	-	+.5
Total		860.7		+507.9
<i>*The table is based on the 2020 Census population of 70,565</i>				

Natural Features

The most significant natural features in the Charter Township of Waterford are the lakes and rivers. The opportunity to live near one of these water bodies has been the prime catalyst for the township's population growth. There are 34 lakes comprising 3,282 acres in the township; see table 6. This is approximately 15% of the overall township land area. In addition, the main branch of the Clinton River runs through the approximate center of the township from north to south.

Several large wetland areas are also located throughout the township, particularly in the southwest quadrant of the township and adjacent to the Clinton River floodplain. There are also some significant woodlands scattered across the township. Map 3, on the following page, shows the natural features of the Charter Township of Waterford.



MAP 3 – NATURAL FEATURES MAP

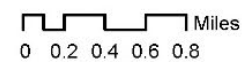
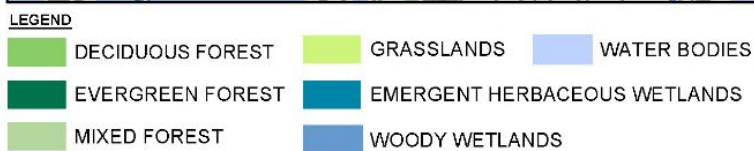
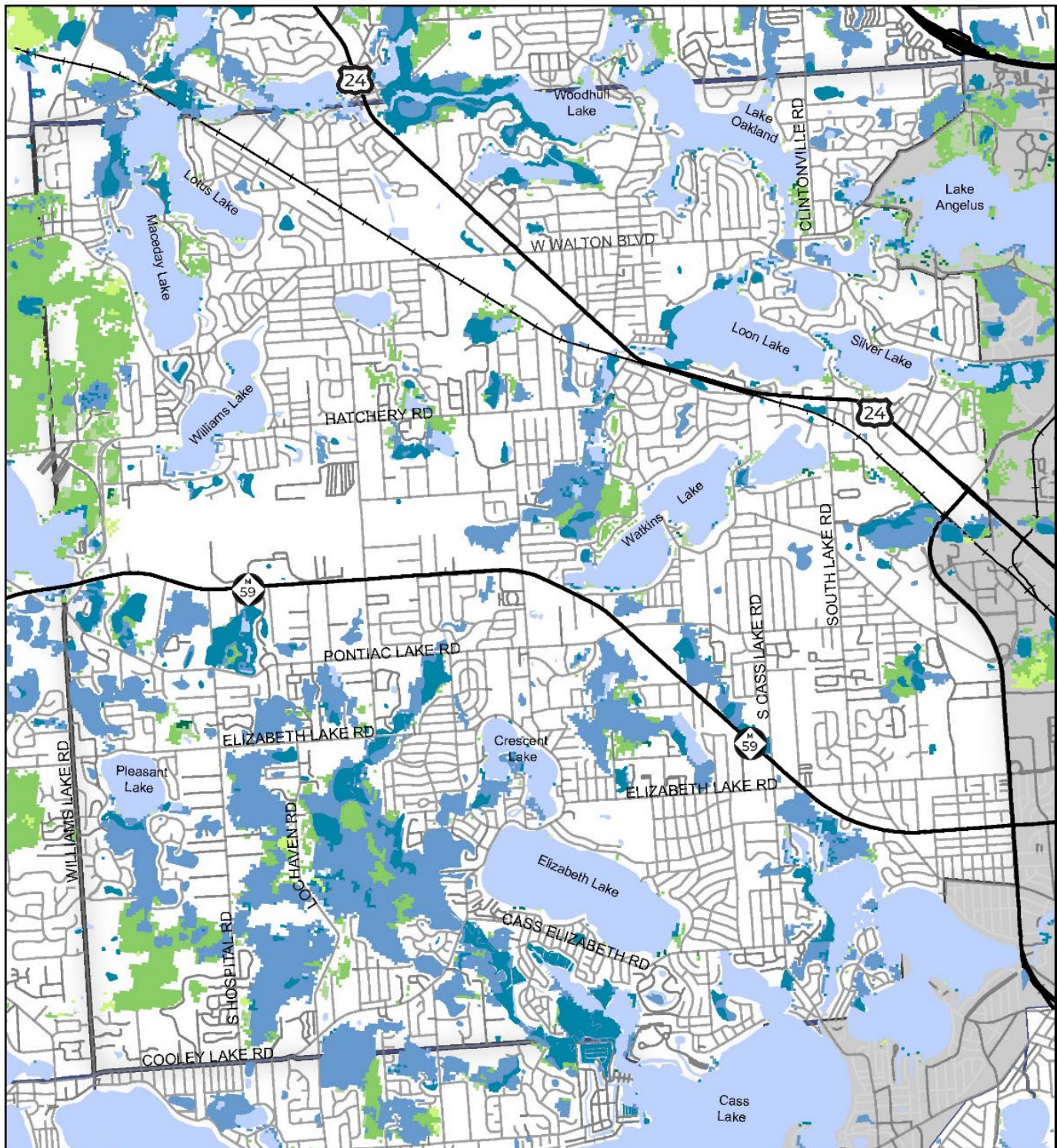


TABLE 6 – LAKES IN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

Lake	Size in Acres	Depth in Feet
Baldwin Lake	9	10
Cass Lake (part)	1,280	123
Clam Lake	21	10
Crescent Lake	90	40
Eagle Lake	19	20
Elizabeth Lake	363	72
Fiddle Lake	9	10
Geneva Lake	19	35
Huntoon Lake	43	15
Lake Angelus (part)	477	88
Lake Oakland (most)	255	64
Lake Goodrich	4	10
Leggets Lake	25	10
Lester Lake (most)	12	25
Loon Lake	243	73
Lotus Lake (most)	179	65
Maceday Lake	234	117
Mohawk Lake	23	33
Morgan Lake	28	25
Offer Lake	74	50
Pleasant Lake	92	52
Pontiac Lake (part)	612	34
Rainbow Lake	5	15
Schoolhouse Lake	37	49
Scott Lake	78	35
Silver Lake	101	73
Sylvan Lake (part)	532	71
Upper Silver Lake (part)	36	30
Van Norman Lake (part)	66	90
Watkins Lake	238	25
White Horse Lake	8	10
Williams Lake	155	45
Woodhull Lake (most)	135	56
Wormer Lake	28	24

Other Recreation Facilities in Charter Township of Waterford

There are many other public and private outdoor recreation facilities in the Charter Township of Waterford. Some provide outdoor nature experiences, while others focus on specific sports such as golf or tennis.

A large portion of the other outdoor recreation is provided by more than 25 **public and private schools**. Elementary schools typically offer playground equipment. Many also provide outdoor sports fields and courts for tennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. The middle and high schools offer more extensive sports fields. The high schools include running tracks. Indoors, the schools typically provide gymnasiums and aquatic amenities.

Oakland County owns and operates Waterford Oaks County Park on the east side of the township. It features many recreational opportunities of a large regional park, including a Waterpark, BMX Track, three miles of hiking trails, universally accessible Paradise Peninsula Playscape, two platform tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, a winter family sledding hill, cross-country skiing, and outdoor fitness equipment. It is also the home of the Oakland County Farmers Market.

The **State of Michigan** owns and operates two state parks and six boat launches in the Charter Township of Waterford. The Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is a 3,745-acre park that features a wide variety of outdoor facilities. It is located in Waterford and White Lake Townships. Dodge #4 State Park is a day-use facility that features a sandy beach and one mile of shoreline of Cass Lake. The six state-operated boat launches provide public boating access to Lake Oakland, Maceday Lake, Loon Lake, Pontiac Lake, Crescent Lake, and Cass Lake.

Outdoor **private recreation facilities** include Oakland Yard Athletics, Pontiac Lake Country Club, Silver Lake Golf Club, and Sportway.

Green Infrastructure Vision

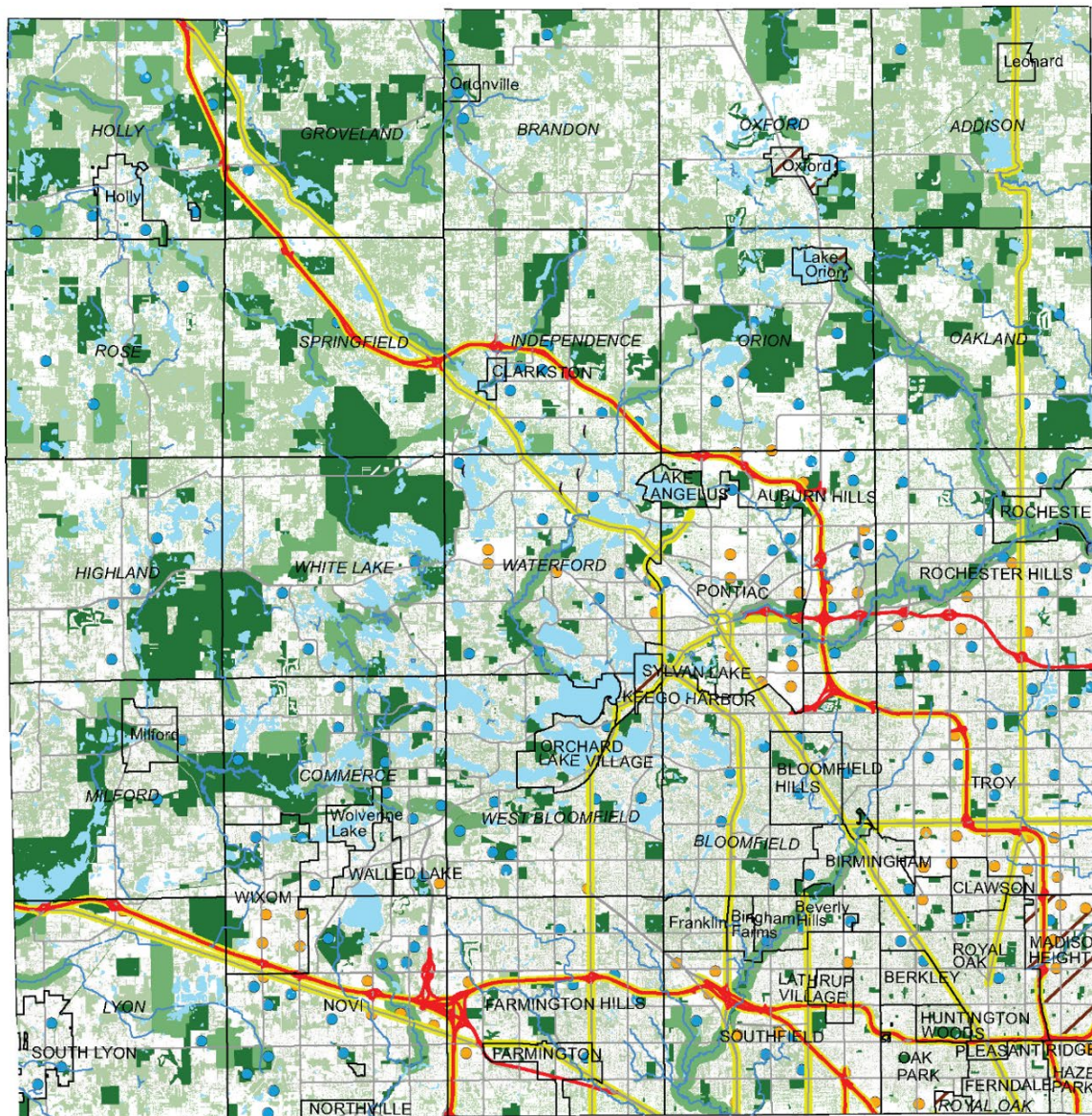
Green infrastructure includes a variety of natural structures, including parks, wetlands, and trees, but it also includes things like green roofs, bioswales, and rain gardens. Southeast Michigan contains more than 180,000 acres of public parks and over 900,000 acres of trees and has the most extensive coastal wetland system in the Great Lakes. *The Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan*, completed in 2014 by the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG), ties all the region's green infrastructure together, benchmarks the current inventory, and places recommendations on how to move the vision forward through policy.

Development of The Green Infrastructure Vision includes stakeholder engagement sessions that include a task force of 60 representatives from local governments, state and federal agencies, environmental, transportation, educational, and economic

development groups, visioning sessions that encompass nine meetings with over 300 local participants and a survey with over 850 regional contributors.

Mapping of Green Infrastructure includes current green infrastructure, recreation and conservation land, potential recreation and conservation land, potential green roads, and locations where there can be an increase of tree canopy. The map below outlines the Green Infrastructure Vision in Oakland County.

MAP 4 – GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE VISION IN OAKLAND COUNTY



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| ● Kayak Launches | Yellow line Potential Green Streets |
| ● Top 1% Parking Lots by Size | Dark Green box Conservation & Recreation Lands |
| ● Top 10% Institutional Land Use by Size | Medium Green box Potential Conservation & Recreation Lands |
| Red line Increase Tree Canopy | Light Green box Current Green Infrastructure |

Recreation Grant History

The township has received 12 DNR grants since 1976. All parks are open, and all amenities are still functioning and operable. A more detailed list can be found in Appendix A.

TABLE 7 – PAST GRANT HISTORY: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

Title	Project #	Year	Grant Amount	Status	Description
Fenmore Park (now Lions Park)	26-00783	1976	\$16,210.00	Grant Closed	Acquire 24.03 land (exclude 2.17 from scope)
Lions Park	26-00956	1977	\$22,600.00	Grant Closed	Develop 5 acres for 2 softball fields, with fencing, entrance fencing and gate, parking lot, concession/restroom building, and LWCF sign.
Waterford Twp Canoe Site	26-01023 C4	1977	\$6,540.00	Grant Closed	Acquire 4 acres
Herrington Park	26-01023 R3	1977	\$28,000.00	Grant Closed	Lighting for 2 existing ball fields, LWCF sign.
Clinton River Canoe Site	26-01308	1984	\$5,800.00	Grant Closed	Picnic shelter, picnic equipment, play equipment, parking lot, site improvement (tree removal) tot lot fencing and LWCF sign
Walter Findley Property	TF88-037	1988	\$281,250.00	Grant Closed	To acquire approximately 285 acres with 8,800 feet of frontage on two sides of the Clinton River.
Community Building	BF89-347	1989	\$117,000.00	Grant Closed	Construction of a building- 1st floor warming area for outside skating pond, 2nd floor community room. The facility will be built into an existing hill. Therefore, both floors will be at ground level.
Elizabeth Lake Woods	TF91-263	1991	\$74,300.00	Grant Closed	Acquire a 60-acre addition to Charter Township of Waterford's natural area park to protect old-growth oak forest, wetlands, 1/3 mile of the Clinton River, and freshwater mussel habitat. Acquisition would provide a buffer to the existing park and allow the expansion of the trail system.

Title	Project #	Year	Grant Amount	Status	Description
Fish Hatchery Park Development	TF94-181	1994	\$141,000.00	Grant Closed	Construction of entrance roads, parking lots, restroom facility, fishing and boating docks, and picnic areas on the Clinton River.
Maceday Lake Waterfront Park Acquisition	TF98-121	1998	\$405,000.00	Grant Closed	Acquire, in fee simple terms, a 3-acre wetland parcel to be developed as a waterfowl and wildlife sanctuary and a 4-acre upland parcel for the township's only waterfront park. Development plans include a swimming beach, picnic area, playground, fishing dock, bridge, restroom facility, and parking lot.
Clinton River Walk System	CM00-213	2000	\$80,300.00	Grant Closed	Construction of a 2,500 linear foot bituminous walkway along the Clinton River and an arched bridge.
Elizabeth Lake Woods Park Expansion	TF05-097	2005	\$87,000.00	Grant Closed	Acquisition in fee simple of 25 acres within the watershed of the Clinton River to protect mature oak forest and fragile wetlands.
Clinton Riverwalk Phase 4	RP15-0066	2015	\$45,000.00	Withdrawn	Development of paved pathway connecting existing Riverwalk to existing sidewalk system



COMMUNITY INPUT

Overview

The Charter Township of Waterford believes in solid community input as the basis for decisions regarding capital improvement projects in the township. Public input helps community leaders determine the needs of residents and then provides the framework and basis for parks and recreation goals and objectives. To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, the township offered two public input opportunities. These included an online community input survey and a 30-day public review period for comments on the draft plan.

The Plan was available for public comment during the 30-day public review period held between December 2023 and January 2024, concluding with a public hearing on January 9, 2024, and adoption by the Township Board of Trustees on January 22, 2024.

Community Input Survey

In the fall of 2023, an online survey was made available to residents for the township officials to gather input regarding parks and recreation in the Charter Township of Waterford. The online survey included 60 questions regarding public park usage, appearances, facilities, ADA-accessible equipment, and respondent demographics. The community-wide survey received a successful 731 respondents. The survey was assigned to the web domain www.waterfordparksurvey.com and was available on the township website, Facebook page, through a local press release, and flyers placed around the township.

Key points of the survey are summarized on the following pages, and a full tabulation of the response data developed for the report can be found in Appendix B.

About the Survey Respondents

- Of the 731 respondents, 97% of residents provided zip codes that reside primarily in the Charter Township of Waterford, including 48329, 48327, and 48328. The remaining 3% came from zip codes associated with Oakland County. See Appendix B for the remaining responses.
- Every age cohort participated in the survey. The responses below are listed from highest to lowest percentage.

○ Age 30-39: 25.1%	○ Age 70-79: 11.9%
○ Age 40-49: 21.3%	○ Age 18-29: 3.6%
○ Age 60-69: 18.2%	○ Age 80 +: 1.7%
○ Age 50-59: 18%	○ Under 18: 0.3%

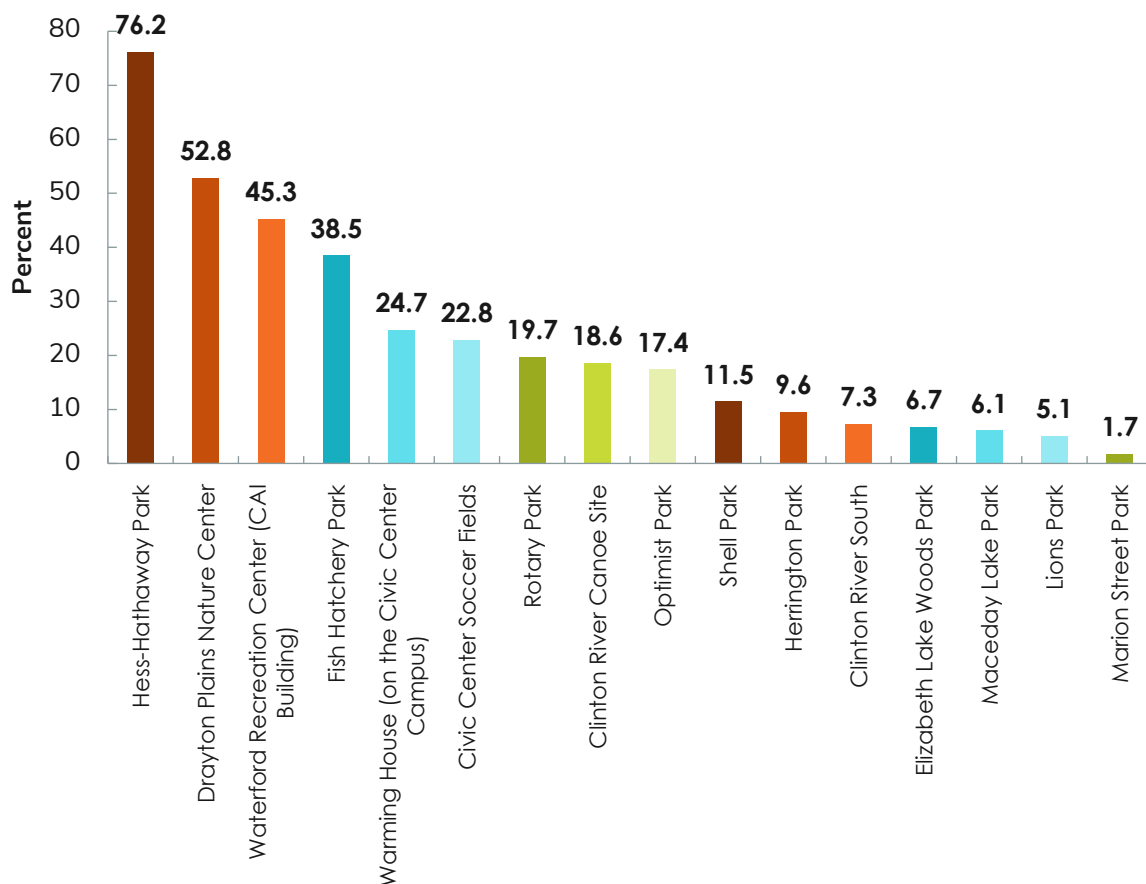
- The survey asked respondents when they visited the parks, who did they visit with? The top response was Spouse/Partner. The responses are listed below:
 - **Spouse/Partner:** 64.8%
 - **Myself:** 64.6%
 - **Children:** 54.1%
 - **Family:** 40.9%
 - **Friends:** 39.8%
 - **Pets:** 19%
 - **Grandchildren:** 15.7%
 - **Other (Write In):** 1.4%

Park Visitation

Respondents were asked which of the following Charter Township of Waterford parks they visited in the past year.

The top five parks were Hess-Hathway Park, Drayton Plains Nature Center, Waterford Recreation Center, Fish Hatchery Park, and Civic Center Campus. All of the responses are below:

FIGURE 4 – PARK VISITATION



Park Facility Improvements

Respondents were asked what amenities they would like to see added or improved at each park.

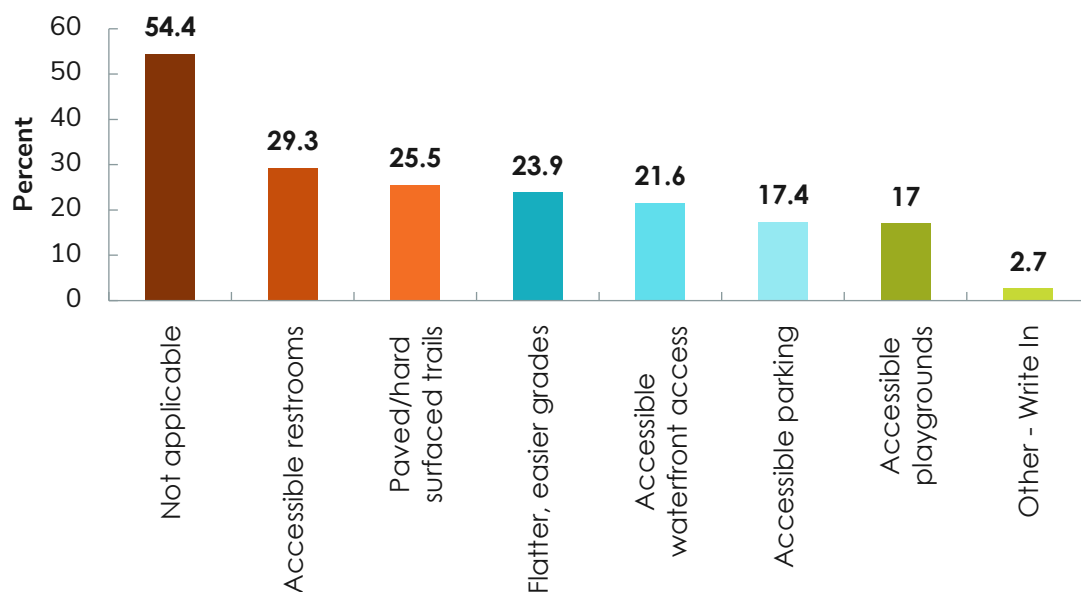
The top five park responses are below:

- **Hess-Hathaway Park** – Splash pad, sledding hill, upgrading restrooms, and upgrading walking paths/trails. Additional written-in responses requested playground improvements.
- **Drayton Plains Nature Center** – Restrooms, trail improvements, and additional nature programs. Additional written-in responses requested added signage, trash bins, and benches.
- **Waterford Recreation Center** – Community events and senior, adult, and youth programs. Additional written-in responses requested pickleball courts.
- **Fish Hatchery Park** – Improved canoe/kayak launch, extended Historical Society hours, improved fishing access, and improved parking. Additional written-in responses requested playground improvements.
- **Civic Center Campus** – Restroom building, concession stand, and a drinking fountain. Additional written-in responses requested walking paths and improved parking.

The survey asked respondents if a family member or themselves has a disability to indicate what would make Charter Township of Waterford parks more user-friendly.

Of the respondents that this question applied to, many of the respondents were in the 20%-30% range for amenities they would like to add. The top three responses were restrooms, trails, and flatter, easier grades.

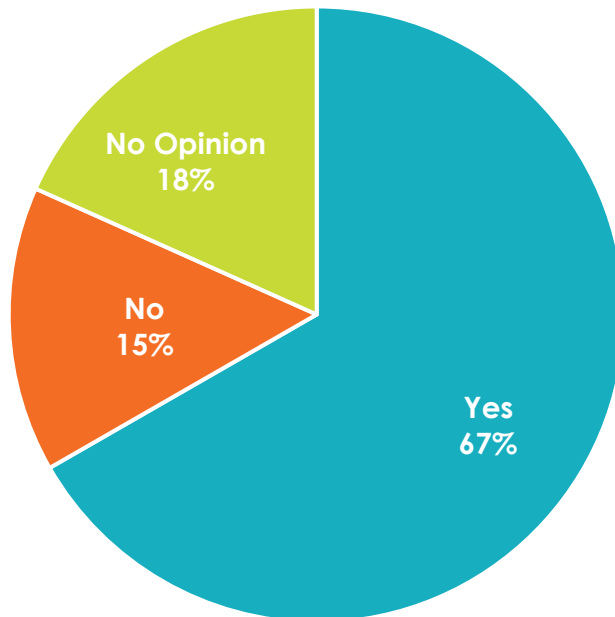
FIGURE 5 – ADA AMENITIES



The survey asked if respondents support a dog park in the Charter Township of Waterford.

The top response was "yes", with 67%. The remaining responses are below:

FIGURE 6 – DOG PARK

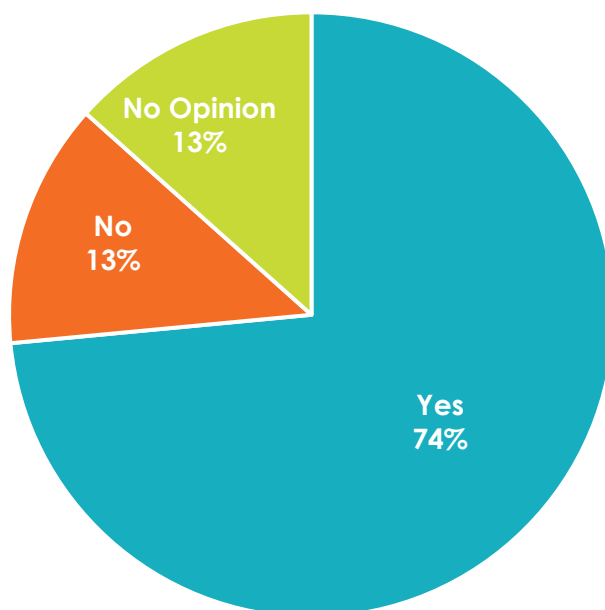


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	66.7%	240
No	15.0%	54
No Opinion	18.3%	66
	Totals	360

The survey asked if respondents would support a new community center to place the existing Waterford Recreation Center.

The top response was "yes", with 74%. The remaining responses are below:

FIGURE 7 – COMMUNITY CENTER

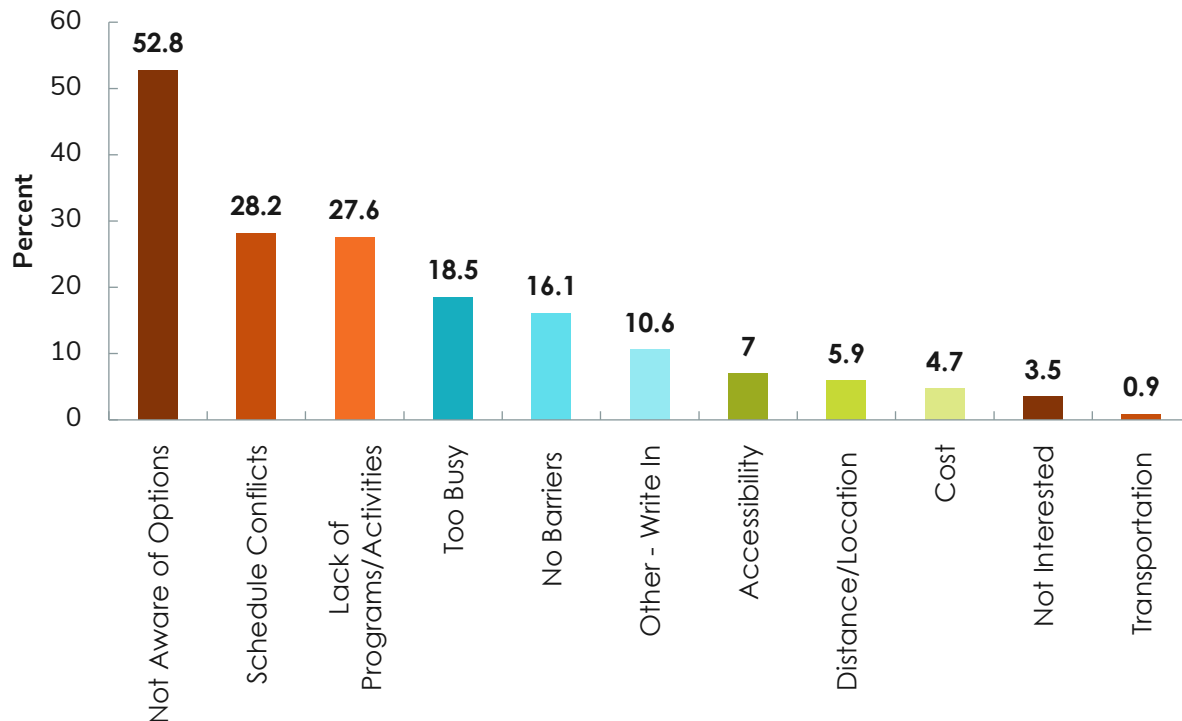


Value	Percent	Count
Yes	73.5%	264
No	13.1%	47
No Opinion	13.4%	48
	Totals	359

Respondents were asked what barriers prevent them from utilizing parks, amenities, programs, and services in the Charter Township of Waterford.

The top response was that many users are unaware of park programs, services, and amenities available within the Charter Township of Waterford. The remaining responses are below:

FIGURE 8 – BARRIERS OF USE



The remaining two questions were open-ended questions that allowed survey respondents to voice anything they were not able to previously in the Survey.

Respondents were asked what do they like best about the Charter Township of Waterford Parks.

The top responses are listed below:

- Accessibility
- Animals
- Cleanliness
- Community Events
- Historic Preservation
- Nature
- Variety
- Water Access

Respondents were asked what one thing they would do to improve the Charter Township of Waterford's Parks.

The top responses are listed below:

- Dog Park
- Improve Restroom Facilities
- New Recreation Building
- Pickleball Courts
- Playground
- Promoting Parks and Events
- Signage
- Splash Pad



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Introduction

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. For this Plan, goals and objectives have been developed to support the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department. The mission statement for the Parks and Recreation Department is:

The Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Department, through its Board of Commissioners, staff, programs, services, and facilities, seeks to enhance the quality of life and the environment, to acquire, conserve, and protect natural resources, and to provide leisure time opportunities for the benefit of the citizens and families of Charter Township of Waterford.

While the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is, generally speaking, to enhance the quality of life and provide leisure time opportunities for township citizens, the goals and objectives written for this Plan also account for the demographic characteristics of the Charter Township of Waterford community, its physical and environmental characteristics, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level of planning. They are general statements of what a community would like to achieve after the life of the Plan. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. An action program is the most specific planning level, as it identifies projects and programs to be pursued over the next five years. The action program can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. Therefore, what follows are the goals and objectives formulated by the Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Department, all based upon the characteristics of the overall community, citizen feedback, and input from staff and the Parks & Recreation Board.

Goals and Objectives

This section describes the goals and objectives that will guide the activities of the Parks and Recreation Department for the next five years. It provides the foundation and validation for the goals, objectives, and action items desired over this timeframe, which are affected by several factors. These factors include recreation participation trends, population change, and funding availability to support existing and proposed recreation facilities and programs. These constraints are real and could very well impact the overall implementation of this action program.

1. Develop new amenities and improvements at various township parks that address evolving recreation needs.

Objectives:

- a. Explore partnerships, grants, foundations, and other funding opportunities.
- b. Continue to add amenities to township park facilities based upon community input and need when resources are available.
- c. Provide a broad range of recreational opportunities to Waterford's citizens that can be enjoyed by all, irrespective of age, ability, and income.
- d. Ensure public parks are safe.
- e. Work with Clinton River Watershed Council to address navigability concerns.

2. Provide high-quality recreation opportunities for Charter Township of Waterford residents, with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.

Objectives:

- a. Provide both passive and active facilities for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
- b. Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs, leagues, and special events. Explore options for new and expanded partnerships to provide additional recreational opportunities.

3. Continue the development of non-motorized pathways and other park connections to promote healthy lifestyles.

Objectives:

- a. Encourage the development of pathways, sidewalks, and bike lanes to the township's parks.
- b. Add walking and multi-use paths within existing parks.
- c. Improve path surfaces when appropriate.
- d. Add amenities and respite areas along paths and trails, such as benches, observation areas, interpretive signage, and trash receptacles.
- e. Improve park pathway connections to existing facilities and parking areas.
- f. Increasing and promoting non-motorized pathway and trail connectivity throughout the township and surrounding communities' non-motorized pathways. Once linked to these, residents are a short distance away, via an existing bike path (using Saginaw Trail), to access a major commercial artery - Dixie Highway, which takes them both to the future Downtown district (as envisioned in the Master Plan at Frembes and Dixie), north and westward to and through Independence Township and Clarkston, and

south and east to and through Pontiac and beyond via connections to the Clinton River Trail and various non-motorized sidewalks and paths.

4. Maintain and improve public access to the rivers in Charter Township of Waterford.

Objectives:

- a) Add canoe/kayak launches at strategic locations.
- b) Provide appropriate signage to identify key wildlife observation locations.
- c) Work with community partners and other organizations to help raise awareness of the importance of maintaining and enhancing water resources in the township.
- d) Provide waterway signage to identify township parks and launch sites.

5. Retain all existing park and recreation lands for use and enjoyment by the public.

Objectives:

- a) Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.
- b) Preserve and protect open space and other important natural features in the Charter Township of Waterford.
- c) Ensure park facilities have a balance between sports facilities, day-use activities, preserved open space, and protected natural areas.

6. Create community awareness of the Charter Township of Waterford's recreational opportunities and promote them to citizens and visitors.

Objectives:

- a) Continue digital communication efforts via social media, the township website, and other online opportunities to communicate with the public about the township's park facilities and events.
- b) Reach out to the community to further publicize events.
- c) Increase marketing and promotion of township parks and recreational facilities. For example, work with local media to provide coverage of improvements, events, and activities at the parks.
- d) Create a social media plan for outreach about parks, such as "Introducing" each of the lesser-known parks to the residents.
- e) Improve park signage and wayfinding.

7. Improve/provide barrier-free access or universal design standards to all recreation facilities.

Objectives:

- a) Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.
- b) Inventory the existing facilities for ADA accessibility and create a plan to address amenities that are lacking.
- c) Ensure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities are accessible.
- d) Where possible, strive to meet universal design standards with new signage, park amenities, and facilities.

8. Expand programming opportunities in the township

Objectives:

- a. Evaluate hours of operation at facilities.
- b. Add nature programming at specific facilities.
- c. Work with local organizations to provide unique programming opportunities at the township's recreational sites and other venues.
- d. Increasing young adult and teen program options.

9. Study the feasibility to determine the future of the community center

Objectives:

- a. Study the feasibility of several different options (i.e., renovating the existing structure, redeveloping an existing building in the community, or constructing a new facility).
- b. Understand the community's concerns about the existing facility.
- c. Conduct an internal review of programming and facility needs.
- d. Explore different locations for the options of either redevelopment or new construction.
- e. Determine funding mechanisms for the facility.

ACTION PROGRAM

Charter Township of Waterford's Action Program

With goals and objectives in place, the Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Board developed a five-year action program that will enable them to move toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The action program details the direction the Parks & Recreation Board wishes to take over the next five years to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of its park and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects are shown on the following page. Each action item on the project list relates to one or more of the goals from the Goals and Objectives section of this Plan and are ranked in order of priority, one being the highest. These potential capital improvements described on the following pages have been established to provide a framework for decision-makers and enable Charter Township of Waterford to apply for grant funding for the proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element, nor is it exhaustive. The project list reflects the results of the input received from the Parks & Recreation Board, township staff, and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially the availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

TABLE 8 – ACTION PROGRAM

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Waterford Recreation Center			
Add walking paths/trails	1, 2, 3, 7	6	Public input comments, other
Add more adult programs	1, 2, 8	4	Public input comments, other
Explore options to host additional community events at this site	1, 2, 8	5	Public input comments, other
Expand parking lot	1, 7	3	Public input comments, other
Consider a proposal for a facility that meets the community's needs	1, 2, 8, 9	1	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility at an existing facility	7	2	Public input comments, other

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Civic Center Soccer Fields			
Add restrooms	1, 7	1	Public input comments, other
Add drinking fountain	1	3	Public input comments, other
Add concession stand	1	4	Public input comments, other
Add accessible walking paths to connect fields and parking lot	1, 2, 3, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Clinton River Canoe Site			
Provide opportunities for canoe/kayak rentals	1, 2, 4, 7	7	Public input comments, other
Parking lot improvements	1, 7	6	Public input comments, other
Upgrade pavilion roof	1	3	Public input comments, other
Add a formal canoe/kayak launch	1, 2, 4, 7	5	Public input comments, other
Provide ADA parking	1, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Provide ADA portable restroom or restroom facility	1, 7	1	Public input comments, other
Improve public awareness of site	6	4	Public input comments, other
Clinton River Park South			
Add park entry sign and river signage for paddlers	1, 6	1	Public input comments, other
Add site amenities like trash cans, picnic tables, and benches	1	3	Public input comments, other
Improve canoe/kayak launch	2	4	Public input comments, other
Improve public awareness of site	6	2	Public input comments, other
Drayton Plains Nature Center			
Add restrooms that are available to trails users	1, 7	3	Public input comments, other
Trail improvements	2, 3, 7	1	Public input comments, other
Remove invasive plant species throughout the park	1, 4, 5	2	Public input comments, other
Improve public awareness of site	6	4	Public input comments, other

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Elizabeth Lake Woods Park			
Upgrade existing trails	2, 3, 7	3	Public input comments, other
Improve park signage	1, 6	1	Public input comments, other
Improve public awareness of site	6	2	Public input comments, other
Fish Hatchery Park			
Improved canoe/kayak launch	2, 4, 7	3	Public input comments, other
Parking lot improvements	1, 7	1	Public input comments, other
Improved communication about hours and events for the Historical Society	6	2	Public input comments, other
Herrington Park			
Restroom improvements	2, 7	5	Public input comments, other
Add playground equipment	1, 2, 7	7	Public input comments, other
Improvements to dugouts	1, 2	2	Public input comments, other
Improvements to ball fields	1, 2	2	Public input comments, other
Add drinking fountain	1	6	Public input comments, other
Update the lighting on fields	1	3	Public input comments, other
Create a concept plan for restroom/concession area	1, 7	4	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility for spectator seating and connections from the parking lot to the fields.	1, 7	1	Public input comments, other
Hess-Hathaway Park			
Explore the feasibility of adding a splash pad	1, 3	3	Public input comments, other
Explore the feasibility of adding a sledding hill	1, 3	4	Public input comments, other
Restroom improvements and additional restrooms near the playground	1, 2, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Updates to the playground to ensure it remains accessible (i.e., poured-in-place surfacing)	1, 7	1	Public input comments, other

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Lions Park			
Add playground equipment	1, 2, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Add drinking fountain	1	4	Public input comments, other
Improve restrooms/concession and pavilion area	1, 7	3	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility	7	1	Public input comments, other
Maceday Lake Park			
Maintain park as a natural area	1, 5	1	Public input comments, other
Marion Street Park			
Maintain park as a passive recreational site	1, 5	1	Public input comments, other
Add additional walking trails	1, 3	4	Public input comments, other
Explore parking options	1	2	Public input comments, other
Improve public awareness of site	6	3	Public input comments, other
Optimist Park			
Add playground equipment	1, 2, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Improvements to ball fields	1, 2	3	Public input comments, other
Add restrooms	1, 7	5	Public input comments, other
Add drinking fountain	1	6	Public input comments, other
Create a defined parking area for park	1, 7	4	Public input comments, other
Address accessibility concerns connecting site amenities	7	1	Public input comments, other
Rotary Park			
Add drinking fountain	1	4	Public input comments, other
Improvements to ball fields	1, 2	2	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility to existing park amenities	7	1	Public input comments, other
Restroom Improvements	1, 7	3	Public input comments, other

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Shell Park			
Restroom improvements	1, 7	2	Public input comments, other
Add playground equipment	1, 7	6	Public input comments, other
Improvements to ball fields	1, 2	1	Public input comments, other
Improve park signage and entry	6	5	Public input comments, other
Concession stand improvements	1	3	Public input comments, other
Parking lot improvements	1, 7	4	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility between existing park amenities	7	1	Public input comments, other
Warming House (on Civic Center Campus)			
Improve outreach and publicity about the availability of this site for community use	1, 6	3	Public input comments, other
Update kitchen to include a full-size refrigerator	1, 2	2	Public input comments, other
Improve facility for events and rentals	1	2	Public input comments, other
Improve accessibility of site features	7	1	Public input comments, other
Other			
Seek a revised bond for a new Community Center	1	1	Public input comments, other
Explore possibility of additional nature programming and outdoor classes	5, 8	7	Public input comments, other
Conduct an inventory of accessibility study for exiting park amenities	7	2	Public input comments, other
Add a dog park	1, 8	3	Public input comments, other
Prioritize advertisement and marketing of small, less well-known parks.	6	4	Public input comments, other
Explore the feasibility of adding pickleball courts to an existing park	1, 8	3	Public input comments, other
Explore the feasibility of a disc golf course at an existing park	1, 8	6	Public input comments, other
Explore the feasibility of a skate park	1, 8	5	Public input comments, other

Proposed Project	Relates to Goal	Priority	Justification
Other			
Improve non-motorized pathway and trail connectivity within Waterford and with surrounding communities.	1, 2, 3, 7	3	Public input comments, other

Financing Potential Improvements

Funding for parks and recreation improvements can come from various local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully to meet the specific criteria required. Appendix C contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.



PLANNING PROCESS 07

THE PLANNING PROCESS AND ADOPTION

Making it Official

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Charter Township of Waterford has developed this Parks & Recreation Plan to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This Plan is the latest effort by the local governmental officials in Charter Township of Waterford to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The Plan will also provide Charter Township of Waterford with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the township in reaching its recreational goals.

Charter Township of Waterford contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist with completing the Parks & Recreation Plan. The consultant worked with township staff and the Parks & Recreation Board through the course of plan development.

During the development of the Plan, two opportunities for input, participation, and review were provided:

- Online community input survey that was available from September 8, 2023 to September 30, 2023.
- 30-day review period and a public hearing held on January 9, 2024.

Based on the existing information and public input, the township developed the goals and objectives for parks and recreation for the next five years. Then, the township updated its action program to accomplish the goals and objectives.

Review and Adoption

The consultant completed the draft Parks & Recreation Plan document. The Plan was made available for review online and at the Charter Township of Waterford Parks office for at least 30 days, beginning December 9, 2023 to January 9, 2024. This reviewing opportunity was advertised in a local press release, on the Charter Township of Waterford website, and on the Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Facebook page. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held before the adoption of the Plan. This meeting was held at 6:30 pm on January 9, 2024, at the Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, MI 48329. The Charter Township of Waterford Parks & Recreation Board passed a resolution recommending adoption of this plan on January 9, 2024.

On January 22, 2024, the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees passed a resolution adopting this Parks & Recreation Plan. Copies of the advertisements and resolutions are included in Appendix D. Copies of this Parks & Recreation Plan were transmitted to SEMCOG, the Oakland County Planning Commission, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in January 2024.



APPENDIX

A

GRANT HISTORY



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Waterford Township - Oakland County

Project No. 26-00783

Project County: Oakland

Project Year: 1976

Project title: Fenmore Park (now Lions Park)

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$16,210.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquire 24.03 land, (exclude 2.17 from scope)

Project No. 26-00956

Project County: Oakland

Project Year: 1977

Project title: Lions Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$22,600.00

Scope Item

Ballfieldfencing, backstops, & bleachers

Concession/restroom building

Fencing and gate

Irrigation system

Parking lot

Project Description: Develop 5 acres for 2 softball fields, with fencing, entrance fencing and gate, parking lot, concession/restroom building, and LWCF sign

Project No. 26-01023 C4

Project County: Oakland

Project Year: 1977

Project title: Waterford Twp Canoe Site

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$6,540.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquire 4 acres

Project No. 26-01023 R3

Project County: Oakland

Project Year: 1977

Project title: Herrington Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$28,000.00

Scope Item

Lighting for 2 existing ballfields

Project Description: lighting for 2 existing ball fields, LWCF sign.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Waterford Township - Oakland County

Project No. 26-01308 **Project County:** Oakland **Project Year:** 1984
Project title: Clinton River Canoe Site
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$5,800.00

Scope Item

- Parking lot
- Picnic equipment
- Picnic shelter
- Play equipment
- Site improvement (tree removal)
- Tot lot fencing

Project Description: Picnic shelter, picnic equipment, play equipment, parking lot, site improvement9tree removal) tot lot fencing and IWCF sign

Project No. TF88-037 **Project County:** Oakland **Project Year:** 1988
Project title: Walter Findley Property
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$281,250.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire approximately 285 acres with 8,800 feet of frontage on two sides of the Clinton River.

Project No. BF89-347 **Project County:** Oakland **Project Year:** 1989
Project title: Community Building
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$117,000.00

Scope Item

- Community Building

Project Description: Construction of a building- 1st floor warming area for outside skating pond, 2nd floor community room. Facility will be built into an existing hill, therefore, both floors will be at ground level.

Project No. TF91-263 **Project County:** Oakland **Project Year:** 1991
Project title: Elizabeth Lake Woods
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$74,300.00

Scope Item



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Waterford Township - Oakland County

Project Description: Acquire a 60-acre addition to Waterford Township's natural area park to protect old growth oak forest, wetlands, 1/3 mile of the Clinton River and freshwater mussel habitat. Acquisition would provide a buffer to the existing park and allow expansion of the trail system.

Project No. TF94-181	Project County: Oakland	Project Year: 1994
Project title: Fish Hatchery Park Development		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$141,000.00

Scope Item

- Boardwalk & Fishing Pier
- Canoe Deck on Boathouse
- Landscaping
- Main Park Road-Gravel
- Parking Lot- Gravel
- Repair Bridge and Seawall
- Restroom Facility
- Sanitary Sewer Tap
- Well Installation

Project Description: Construction of entrance roads, parking lots, restroom facility, fishing and boating docks, and picnic areas on the Clinton River.

Project No. TF98-121	Project County: Oakland	Project Year: 1998
Project title: Maceday Lake Waterfront Park Acquisition		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$405,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquire in fee simple terms a 3-acre wetland parcel to be developed as a waterfowl and wildlife sanctuary and a 4-acre upland parcel for the Township's only waterfront park. Development plans include a swimming beach, picnic area, playground, fishing dock, bridge, restroom facility and parking lot.

Project No. CM00-213	Project County: Oakland	Project Year: 2000
Project title: Clinton River River Walk System		
Project Status: Grant Closed		Grant Amount: \$80,300.00

Scope Item

- Wooden Bridge
- Bituminous Pathway

Project Description: Construction of a 2,500 linear foot bituminous walkway along the Clinton River and an arched bridge.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

Waterford Township - Oakland County

Project No.	TF05-097	Project County:	Oakland	Project Year:	2005
Project title:	Elizabeth Lake Woods Park Expansion				
Project Status:	Grant Closed			Grant Amount:	\$87,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple of 25 acres within the watershed of the Clinton River to protect mature oak forest and fragile wetlands.

Project No.	RP15-0066	Project County:	Oakland	Project Year:	2015
Project title:	Clinton River Riverwalk Phase 4				
Project Status:	Withdrawn			Grant Amount:	\$45,000.00

Scope Item

Bench
Outdoor Security Camera
Lighting
Recycle Bin(s)
Signage
Trail 6' wide or more
Trash Bin(s)

Project Description: Development of paved pathway connecting existing Riverwalk to existing sidewalk system.

Total number of projects: 13

Total Amount of Grant Given \$1,310,000.00

APPENDIX

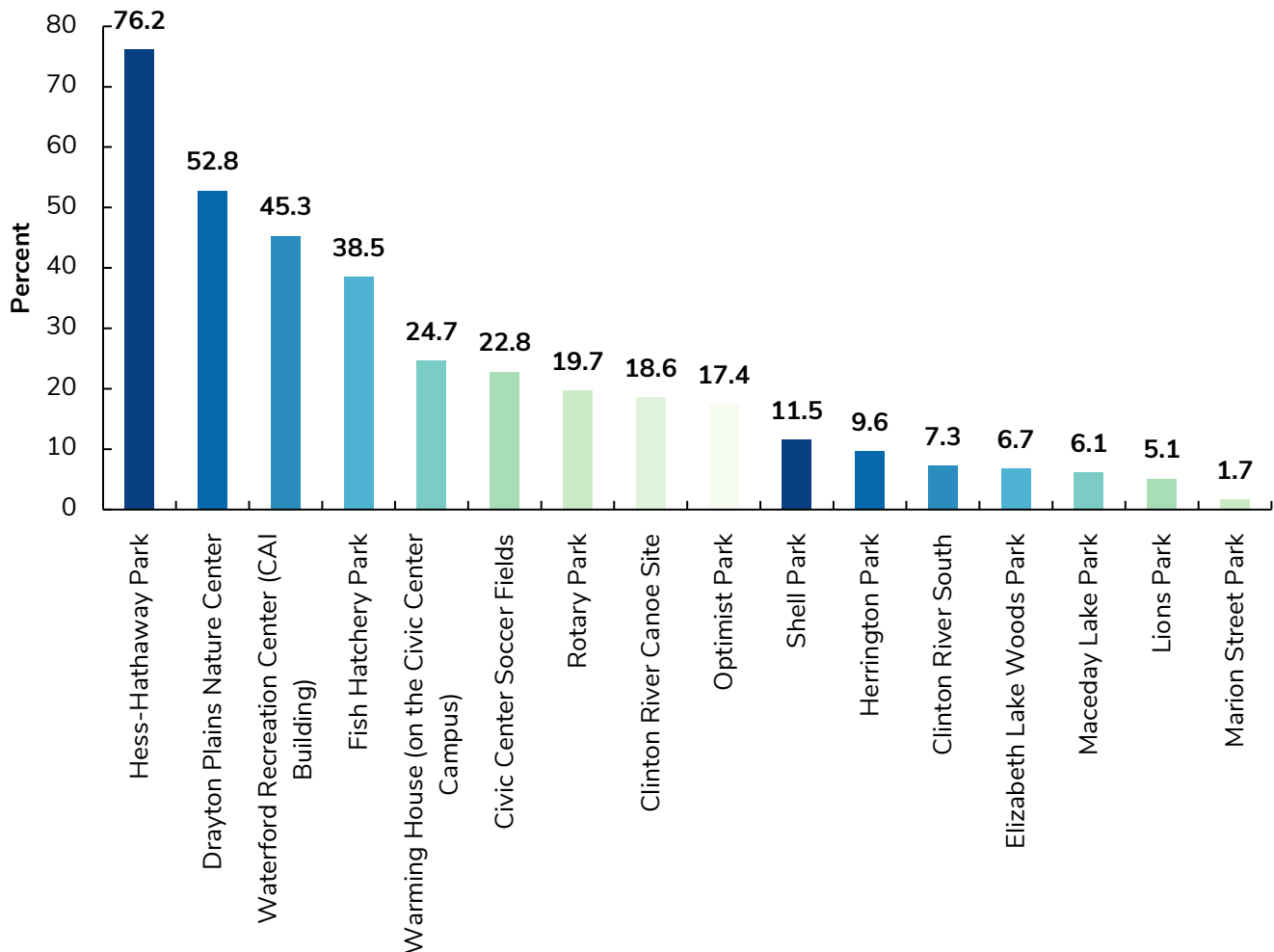
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COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

2023 Waterford Township Recreation Plan Survey Results

Total Responses: 731

1. Which of the following Waterford Township Parks have you visited in the past year? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Hess-Hathaway Park	76.2%
Drayton Plains Nature Center	52.8%
Waterford Recreation Center (CAI Building)	45.3%
Fish Hatchery Park	38.5%
Warming House (on the Civic Center Campus)	24.7%
Civic Center Soccer Fields	22.8%
Rotary Park	19.7%
Clinton River Canoe Site	18.6%
Optimist Park	17.4%
Shell Park	11.5%
Herrington Park	9.6%
Clinton River South	7.3%
Elizabeth Lake Woods Park	6.7%
Maceday Lake Park	6.1%
Lions Park	5.1%
Marion Street Park	1.7%

2. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Waterford Recreation Center (CAI Building).

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	70 12.8%	126 23.0%	115 20.9%	34 6.2%	14 2.6%	190 34.6%
Variety of Programs/Amenities	68 12.4%	174 31.8%	87 15.9%	35 6.4%	10 1.8%	173 31.6%
Maintenance and Appearance	29 5.3%	99 18.1%	107 19.5%	117 21.4%	66 12.0%	130 23.7%
Handicap Accessibility	27 4.9%	93 17.0%	122 22.3%	32 5.9%	12 2.2%	261 47.7%
Hours of Operation	37 6.8%	146 27.0%	112 20.7%	17 3.1%	8 1.5%	221 40.9%

3. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- You know why lol
- The building is not a point of pride for this community. You can't keep putting bandaids on this decaying old facility.
- In the Gym, parts of the roof and walls appear to be cracked and unstable.
- I think you do the best you can with the building, but it's old and falling apart. For a community our size, we need a better recreation center that can support all of the programs an active community desires.
- The outside of the building is old and rundown. I can only imagine what the inside activities have to deal with without having adequate space. We need a new community center
- Old, outdated, in need of repairs
- Evening and weekend availability to allow more flexibility for families
- The ceiling inside the gym looks like it needs some work. Very small and outdated compared to other Rec centers in the area, which also limits programming options.
- The entrance and number of handicapped spots could be improved.
- To get upstairs is only a small scary elevator and a lot of the times people put stuff in front of the doors. Wouldn't recommend for handicap access.
- The building is super old and falling apart.
- I attended a latchkey program there in the mid 80s, and it is identical 40 years later. I worry about asbestos
- I moved to Waterford from Troy where they have a beautiful recreation center. I was appalled at the appearance of the building and the classes they offer. What a absolute shame
- The age of the building is showing and after a point repair will start to nickle and dime tax payers. Though there is a elevator to the upstairs I think some folks might Avoid signing up for some classes if they know they will be upstairs. having facilities all on one floor might be a better choice.
- Baseball field could be groomed a little better. Even just as a place for kids to hit some balls it would be nice to not have weeds on the infield.
- The outside of the building is unappealing and the ceiling of the gym looks like it might fall down.
- The building is old and run down. It would be nice to have bleachers and a bigger area for basketball and volleyball for the kids.

- The building appearance looks old Needs to be updated.
- It looks rundown from the road. Needs some inviting landscape.
- The building looks old and outdated. Could use a new more inviting look.
- While I did not select poor I wish they would take on the highland lakes campus and make this the new community building. They can rent out old classrooms for local pop-up shops to help secure funding.
- Two story building, inadequate bathrooms, no AC old building.
- The doors would not even open to get inside we had to physical pry them apart
- The ceiling tiles on the basketball court are falling down and disgusting looking.
- Worn down and outdated
- Building is not set up well for handicapped since it's old. They have done their best.
- Looking pretty rundown on the inside
- Building lights and inside all outdated
- Would love to see a new building! It has outdated appearance and not super welcoming
- The whole building needs to be torn down and rebuilt
- Poor planning
- Many updates are needed
- They're never open, the operating hours are terrible and the building is old and outdated and feels unsafe. The ceiling in the gym has been falling apart for years and we used to attend the spaghetti dinners here until they were cancelled. The worst thing is that if you want to be a member or are a member of the rock and mineral club, the operating hours to use the grinding room in the basement are horrible. Can't even use the room if it's past 5 or so. Therefore I've never been able to even use the room or see it unless a Waterford staff person gives you permission and let's you on and hassles you about it. The water rod staff have been very rude about it and it's a great inconvenience and I fear that will never change.
- The building is an imbarasment to Waterford . People moving into Waterford are remodeling the older homes because of Lake properties. This building is beyond remodeling Young people are not interested in joining.
- The building needs replaced.
- Facility is old and outdated. Could stand to be replaced but the public voted against it.
- The building is old, there are visible issues in the gym. It can get very hot in the gym. The value is what happens in the inside of the building, but the building isn't particularly inviting.
- The building looks & smells old
- Building needs some maintenance/repairs.
- The ceiling in the gym looks as if it will fall.
- very old and dated looking. Dingy.
- Never experienced this location
- Out dated, old.
- The facility is old and outdated. It is embarrassing that this is the best that Waterford can offer our children and seniors. All surrounding areas have rec. centers that are much more modern and welcoming.
- No disrespect, but from the outside, the building could use a makeover. It's not the most aesthetically pleasing.
- My so played soccer in the gym a few years back and there wasn't much organization done with the equipment laying around. I haven't been since because there haven't been any programs that we have been interested in.
- Building is showing it's age.
- Building is outdated.
- Building is old
- N/A

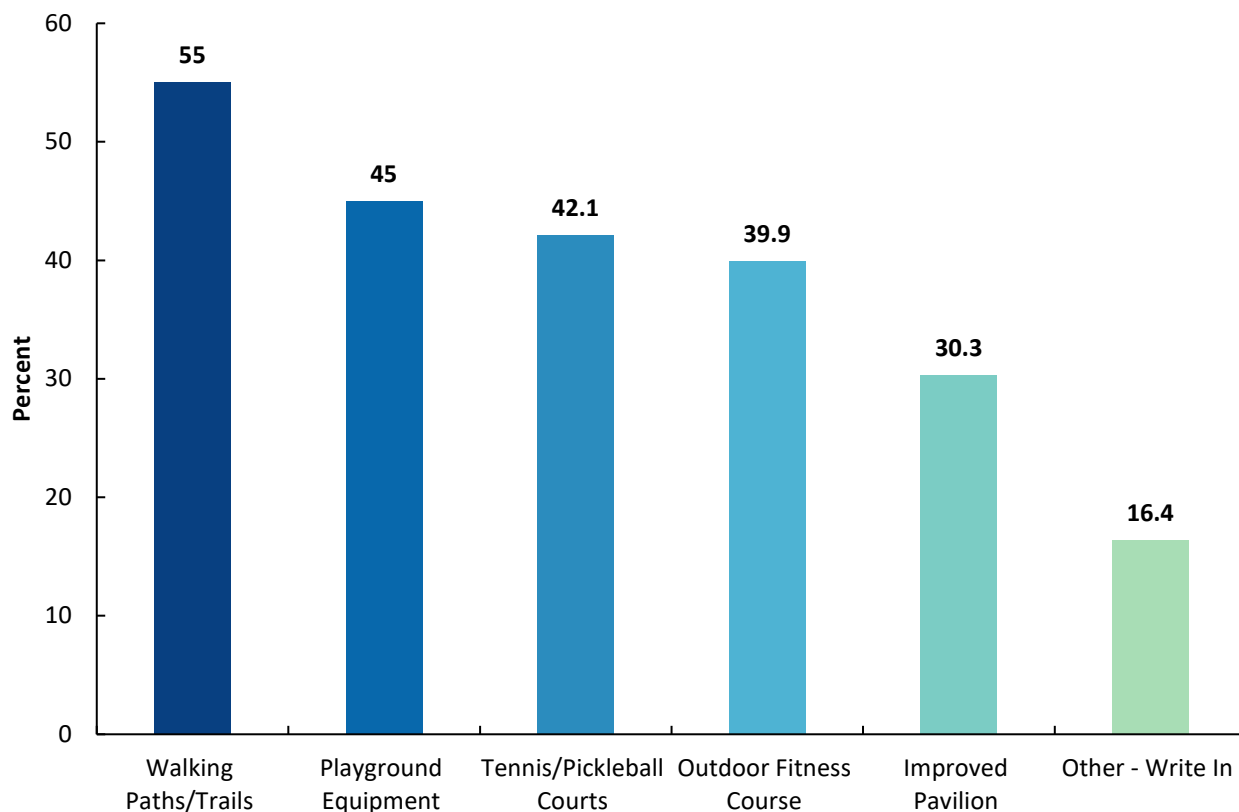
- The exterior of the building is old and not appealing or attractive.
- The building is very old and I can't imagine it's cost effective to keep trying to patch it together. It was painted a few years ago, which helped the appearance a little. I don't think there is an elevator so it can't be completely accessible for people in wheelchairs or who need to use a walker.
- Building needs some updates
- Don't use, most programs during the day when I work
- Needs updated inside and out not very inviting on the outside
- Personally I was looking for enrichment activities for my young children and did not find what I was looking for.
- So many life-safety and accessibility issues, I can't even begin to count them.
- old
- The CAI building needs so updates and leak repairs. New ceiling in the gym..
- I signed my kids up for a class/activity and it was canceled due to low registration. And I see that the one other class we were doing there was suspended until the summer.
- We all know the building is old and hard to maintain. My suggestion is to use the extra fund's marijuana sales will bring in to build a new community center. No more adding additional taxes to the taxpayers for such things.
 - there is no security, anyone can literally come in without getting stopped - the building is cleaned well, the building feels very run down, needs upgrade. - programs are limited in ages and variety. for example, no indoor soccer classes for older kids other than like 5, no enrichment classes that take place after school hour. language class will be nice also. - i was going to sign up for painting class and it got cancelled due to double booking by artist. why was not confirmed before printing it in the booklet ? i called the REC to ask question about something else but was greeted by a person who didn't seem to be happy being there...
- The elevator is terrible. If the door is not "properly" it is suck on the last floor to be accessed. If that floor happens to be the 2nd floor it is necessary for someone to climb the stairs to close it to make it operable again.
- The building is in decay. Given the size and tax base in Waterford, the township should have better. If we can redo buildings and bathrooms for township staff - why not for the broader public at their rec center.
- The building looks very run down
- This building needs some work. There was a leak in the ceiling of the gym. The damage done to the walls and ceiling tiles are very visible. The bathrooms are outdated. The kitchen area needs an update. This is the heart of our community. We need to fix it and show that WE CARE. Lets get a milage back on the ballot.
- Need a new building.
- Building isn't in great shape and the baseball field isn't being used or maintained
- Building is a wreck. We need a new community center
- Wheel chair accessibility issues.
- The building is in very poor condition. I view this building as the main hub for our parks and rec programs. When you compare it with other communities, it is lacking in upkeep and appearance. The building is in extreme need for repairs and updates.
- It has zero curb appeal
- The building is old and outdated and is not practical especially with constant maintenance needed.
- Outdated structure needs modernizing internally and externally. The hours of operation are very limited, especially to those unavailable during the day.
- Doors are unlocked and anyone can enter
- It's a very old building we need a new one with a larger indoor spaces. I know in the past the residents vetoed building a new one but let's try again.
- Needs improvement

- The cia building staff is very rude to young people with families. When I was there to sign up my child for T-ball there was a senior ball tournament going on in the gymnasium and the seniors were very rude to me standing at the counter they were knocking into me being very disrespectful to me. The lady behind the counter were supposed to be helping me to sign up my child for T-ball but she was more concerned about the match that was going on for the seniors and did not care about me being in front of her at all. The building is old outdated very dirty.
- Old building to small for growth of Waterford Twp. Not much room for ALL ages. We need a real up to date larger facility. Gym is not even big enough for senior fitness class. Poor showing from Waterford Twp. Period.
- There should be some more young adult programs implemented. My husband once wanted to join the ping pong club but was told it is only for seniors. I also think the building could use some cosmetic updates. The exterior looks quite dated and the interior feels clunky and disjointed.
- A couple years back there was a problem with ceiling tiles falling in the gym
- I've never been to the Waterford Rec Center. I often drive by it though and it's appearance is very dated.
- I haven't been in the building for some time so I don't know its condition.
- We should have a new rec building. I know it was voted down but we desperately need a new building.
- I didn't.
- It's extremely old and run down with little community activities
- I think the building needs to be updated and it would be nice to have more activities for children. It would be nice to host activities with the community. Since moving to the area 3 years ago from our of state, people have just stated to us that's the senior center. Which they do great with activities and things for the seniors.
- Clean the place up, modernize the exterior
- I didn't say poor or very poor, I checked don't know.
- Never been there
- There is alot of unused space there. It could repurposed and utilized better. Add more fields and a new building.
- Building is extremely old and decrepit.
- Do not feel safe thinking about entering. Building is old and tun down looking
- The place is old
- The building is old and run down. Combine the programs with the Waterford senior center. There is no reason to have the CAI when there is a senior center.
- Basketball court could use repair
- It's so old and an eyesore. I'm sure efforts have been made to update/maintain when possible but it's not a good representation of our township rec program.
- Building is old and outdated
- The building is VERY dated and over the years is more likely referred to as a senior center. I've enrolled my children in classes here so I'm aware, this is just the presence in the community. The dated building adds to this. You can't let kids ride their bikes in the park area with all the cracks it's unsafe
- The elevator does not always work
- Handicap individuals in wheelchairs or those who use walkers need wider doors and hallways, the bathrooms are very hard for those in wheelchairs to access
- Building is falling apart.
- Waterford needs a new rec building. Other close by neighboring communities have so much more to offer their community. Waterford needs to build a rec center with a huge gym and outdoor pool and build outdoor pickle ball courts. Waterford Oaks has a lot of property to do this.
- Holding looks vary run down and there are not many amenities within the building

- The building is old and small. It needs a serious update.
- The building is very old and I'm sure the maintenance costs are high for that building.
- The building is old and unsafe. The basement is blocked off and unusable. The elevator is downright scary. The stairs are unsafe and the railing is positioned wrong. The building smells of mold. The storage areas are a death trap. The kitchen area needs a total upgrade. The outside of the building looks like it's going to crumble. Waterford needs to do better!
- The elevator is a death trap. I'm afraid to use it.
- The building needs a makeover . It's past due and I would love to host events if it was updated
- The CAI building does not look inviting or up to date. The old building is small and doesn't see to be able to support the community. My sons played basketball during the winter and it was so crowded with one game after the other and no bleachers to sit on.
- I answered don't know to all CAI questions
- The building looks like a peach prison. Everything is out dated and uninviting.
- I selected neutral
- I selected Don't know for all these answers as I haven't been there yet. I have lived in Waterford less than a year.
- That building is old, and deserves to be town down. Every other old school building in Waterford gets torn down. Tear that one down, too.
- Just looks old
- I have never been to this place.
- Nothing seems to happen in the evening. At least not for families
- It's never open when I go by it.
- The building looks terrible. It's so dated with no visible effort to modernize it and ceiling tiles are stained and missing. I'm embarrassed to invite my family there for children's events.
- Ver old building
- I didn't even know this existed. Good to know.
- The building's appearance is old. I can tell when they painted the building they were trying to make it look more up to date but it looks old. I would really like Waterford to rebuild some of the community buildings to help out the appearance of the town. In comparing to Lake Orion and Clarkston, Waterford is behind. It's important to update buildings and have great curb appeal to attract people to our great town. A lot of us do not want this great community deteriorating.
- The building is not very appealing.
- More programs at more times of day. Pickle ball evening for example.
- The building looks decrepit on the outside and the inside looks good on the surface but is old. It just seems small and run down.
- I know everyone's schedules are crazy but I know if the park is closed at 5 it excludes a lot of people from using the park because of work schedules, now everyone works a 9-5.
- The building itself can be updated some! It can kind of look like an eye sore.
- Building is old and not maintained properly.
- N/a
- That building is old and looks like square puke. We need a milage to build a modern rec center.
- Only been there a few times, years ago for basketball. The building was old and needed numerous repairs. Bathrooms were broken, gym was horrible, no place to sit or even stand. Very uninviting. Looks the same on the outside still. Have not seen any listing of events there, so no idea of what is offered. Probably would not attend from past experiences.
- The building is old. Outside looks like a mini prison. Needs a face life. You can walk in no one typically is their except the coach who has a class.
- Tired in appearance. Would love to see the move to a new/different building. Infrastructure is too expensive to bring things up to date and acceptable to today's needs.
- Ceiling tiles are missing. Limited seating for parents watching games.

- The building is a little shabby. Dated floors, paint, and lighting. It is also very unappealing exteriorly.
- There is a musty smell in the building. The paint and walls are falling apart in the gym where my child plays. Outdated
- N/A
- Light in the parks is poor when visiting after dark. The gym smelled like mold. The ceiling tiles were missing or water damage.
- Outside needs help
- The activities are antiquated and exclusionary. The building is ancient and it smells. The grounds are hideous.
- Building is ugly. Color is hideous. Prefer the township have one large area for all their building like an actual civic center should be
- Never been
- The building is old. I know the previous proposal didn't pass. A lot of residents thought we don't need such an expensive, elaborate structure. We do need simpler new facility.
- The building needs to be on one floor, handicapped accessible 100%. I'd prefer to see a new facility built!! Waterford needs a state-of-the art building for its senior community!
- We need a new Rec center. Shame on voters for not passing it
- Looks old and well worn both inside and out. Roof work seems to be constant. Damp feeling inside.
- Building is old and falling apart, not big enough to hold all the events that take place
- Based on my experience with the CAI building, I would say it is very out dated. The programs generally do not cater to attracting younger families. Updated facilities would attract more people and would compete with privately owned facilities.
- The PR needs improvement. I don't know much about any of the parks, hours or why to go
- It's a very old and outdated building. It doesn't look nice from the outside. The location also isn't the best. A new building and location is definitely needed. I would absolutely attend activities there if new
- The building needs an uplift
- It is very old and shabby looking inside and out
- Old, run down
- Building needs to be replaced with new center.

4.What amenities would you like to see added or improved at the Waterford Recreation Center (CAI Building)? Please check all that apply.



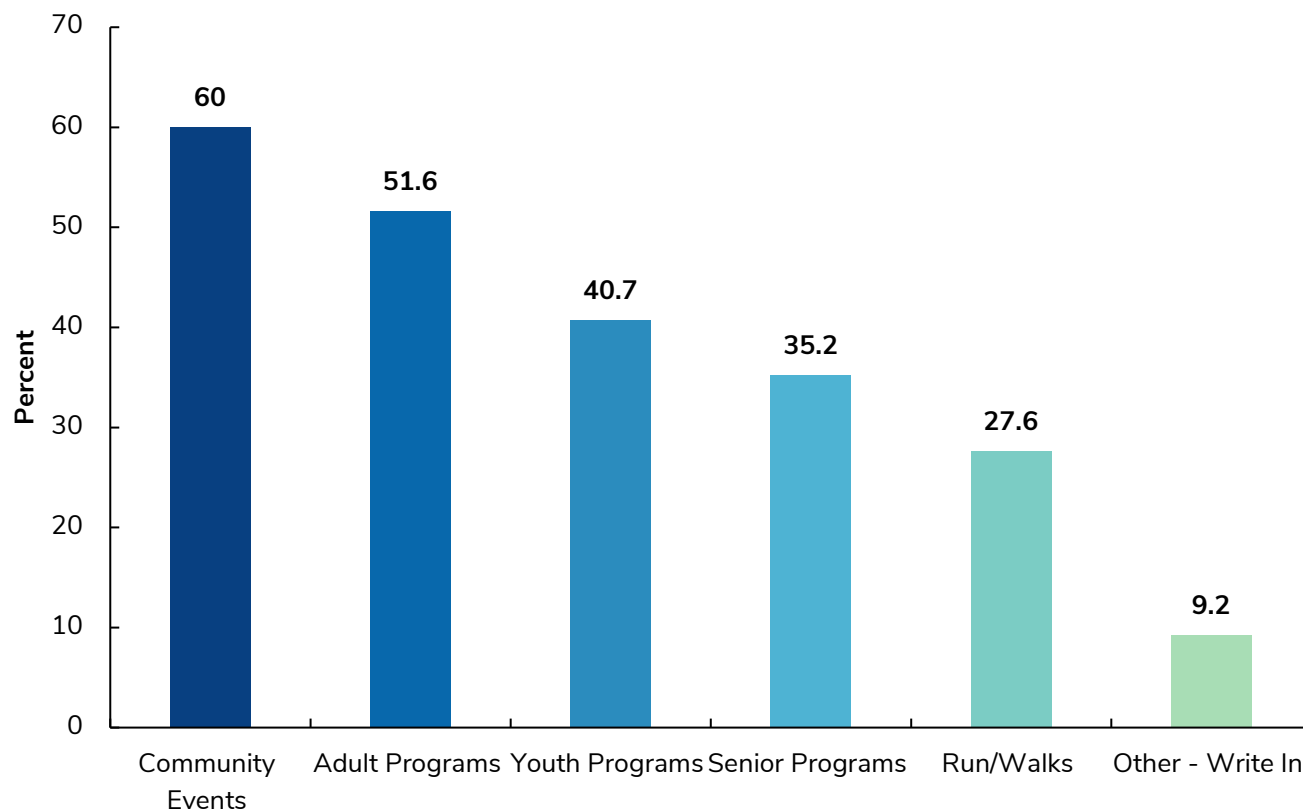
Value	Percent
Walking Paths/Trails	55.0%
Playground Equipment	45.0%
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	42.1%
Outdoor Fitness Course	39.9%
Improved Pavilion	30.3%
Other - Write In	16.4%

Other - Write In

- New building (7)
- Demo building (2)
- None
- wallyball / Racquetball court
- A turf football/soccer field would be great. It would be awesome if Waterford provided a facility help our youngsters grow in their abilities and aspirations of outdoor sports such as football and soccer.
- Activities that attract teens and young adults
- Adult dance classes!
- Air conditioning in the gym
- Arts facilities
- Babysitting
- Better building and more parking
- Building improvements to make it look more inviting
- Coffee stand
- Combined with the senior center
- Community pool for residents

- Community pool for residents at a fee to also help fund it.
- Disc golf
- Dog park
- Door on outside
- Everything
- Fix the ceiling in the gym
- Friendly staff more seating
- Green space, areas left natural. Please do not develop all of Waterford.
- I haven't visited yet
- Improved-gym
- Indoor pool area...splash pad/lazy river
- Knit/Crochet moved to 1st floor
- Lap pool
- Larger indoor gyms
- Lots of walking paths and trails throughout Waterford! Update playgrounds!
- More arts and crafts activities
- More shaded areas, preferably with trees
- More trees and garden beds. A large porch area with seating. Green improvements.
- Move it
- New Facility
- Non elaborate new building
- Outdoor pool (2)
- Outdoor Skate Park (2)
- Outdoor amphitheater or stage.
- Outdoor walking track
- Pickle ball - the High Schools have nice tennis courts (as of now) so why add the expense (at this time)
- Pickle ball courts
- Place for kid overnight camps, like cabins or dorms
- Reupdate baseball field
- Room for spectators during basketball season
- Shade awnings over bocce courts
- Shuffleboard
- Spagetti dinner
- Splash Park (2)
- Square dancing
- Theatre/Stage
- Trees, natural foliage,
- Updated Interior would be nice.
- Updated basketball courts inside. Outside basketball courts would be wonderful for the community as well.
- Updated restrooms
- Upgraded
- clogging or tap dance or square dance or contradance or swing dance
- indoor activity area for kids (like not only for young kids but young teens)
- n/a
- outdoor pickleball

5.What additional programs would you like to see offered at the Waterford Recreation Center (CAI Building)?



Value	Percent
Community Events	60.0%
Adult Programs	51.6%
Youth Programs	40.7%
Senior Programs	35.2%
Run/Walks	27.6%
Other - Write In	9.2%

Other - Write In

- 10-12 pickleball courts
- 6th grade camp with archery and other things like that
- A new updated building at the very least
- Art Fairs, Concerts
- Bike events
- Bike-a-thon, River Run
- Classes about farming and perhaps more archery classes
- Contemporary variety, inclusivity, less Watertucky
- Disabled programs
- Educational events
- Expand all of the above once we get a new facility
- Homeschool program offered during the day.
- Kayak events
- More arts and crafts activities for adults
- More space for kids to meet teachers for tutoring
- More table tennis time


- More youth activities on weekend at age-appropriate times (eg toddler activities not during standard nap times....)
- New building (2)
- None
- Not sure, I have not used the building in many years
- Pickelball for beginners
- Pickle ball courts and instructors
- Pickleball
- Programs for young children
- Skate park
- Tai Chi
- Theme and seasonal events
- Toddler programs not during the work day
- Toddler stuff
- Trunk or treat
- Youth pickleball
- carnival
- not just the same stuff everytime, and more classes for after work/school hours !!!

6. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Civic Center Soccer Fields.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	80 16.1%	120 24.1%	66 13.3%	6 1.2%	2 0.4%	223 44.9%
Variety of Amenities (Restrooms, etc)	28 5.7%	60 12.2%	84 17.0%	60 12.2%	23 4.7%	238 48.3%
Maintenance and Appearance	75 15.2%	132 26.7%	55 11.1%	16 3.2%	3 0.6%	214 43.2%
Handicap Accessibility	34 6.9%	79 16.0%	85 17.2%	19 3.8%	4 0.8%	274 55.4%

7.If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

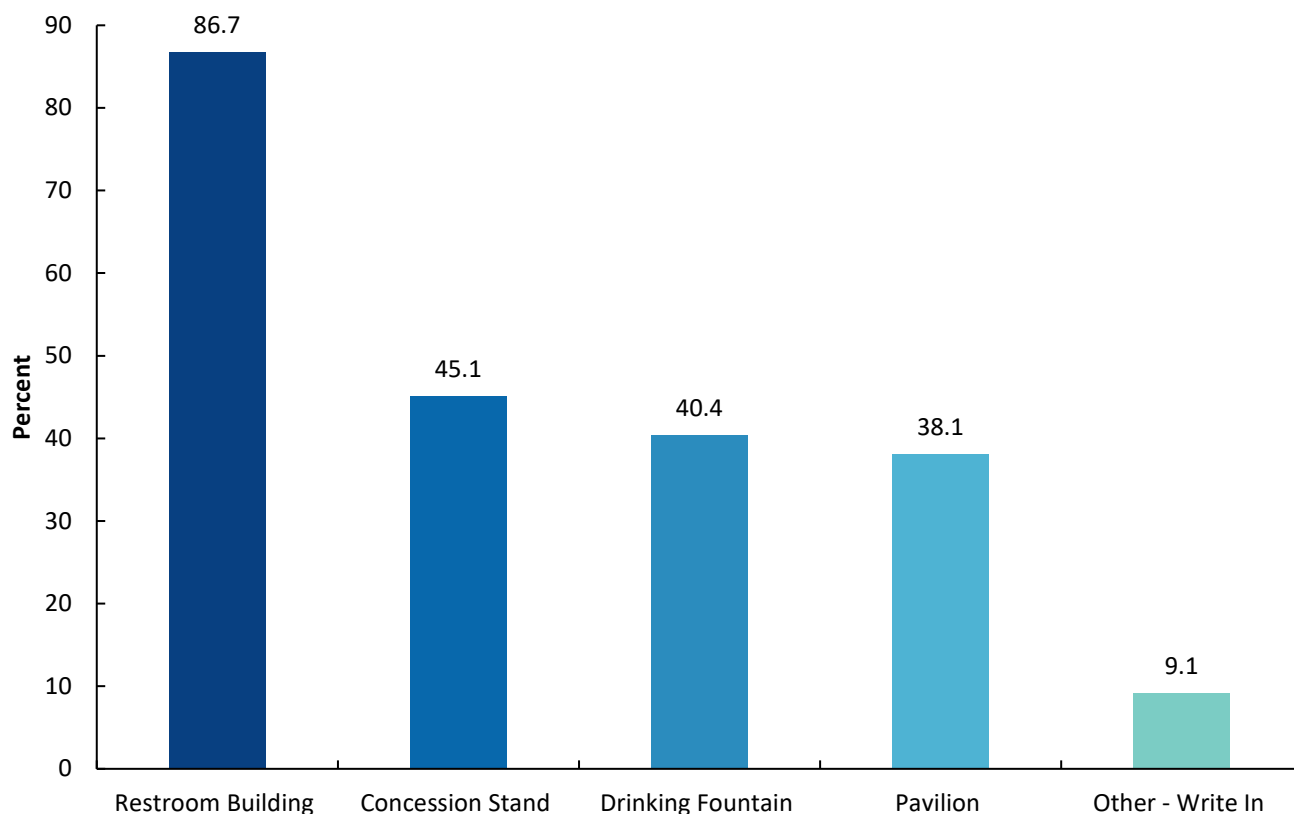
Response

- There were broken goals on the soccer fields for months before anyone removed them. They were extremely dangerous with pieces sticking straight up in the air. The fields have holes and worn down parts that need to be improved. Field sizes are incorrect for their formats and do not meet US Soccer standards.
- Paved walking paths are very limited and don't allow access to all the fields
- I haven't been there in a few years, since there was an easter egg drop... and the whole field was covered in goose poop. Haha. My kids don't play soccer, so we don't use that
- Paved walk ways to the middle fields, with paved parking areas.
- Some soccer fields have sand pits on the field that affects soccer play.
- Fields need to be maintained better Holes on all fields
- N/A
- It would be nice to have a restroom on the fields.
- A bathroom should be available at the green field.
- Two Porta potties for the entire set of main fields is not enough. Needs to be more and make sure they are cleaned more often.
- Needs a pavilion and real bathrooms
- Need restrooms.
- Something that's out of their control is the amount of geese poop on the fields. No one wants to play in this
- Needs better  by and to be closer to all fields
- I don't love using a port a John
- My husband has difficulty walking and there is not the proper ramp/slope for him to get up onto the field. I have to let him out of the car and he pushes up from the car to get onto the field. There isn't a ramp coming from the police dept parking lot over to the fields. Difficult for him to walk on the gravel portion as well. Anyone with walking issues or wheel chairs, it is almost impossible to get to the fields.
- Needs an actual restroom
- Where the heck do you use the restroom? There's no facility nearby that I've been able to use other than the library when it's open that you have to walk or drive to.
- A nice concession stand with flush bathrooms would make it a nice location for soccer and lacrosse tournaments.

- Need more bathrooms by the little kid fields. Too far for them to go if they have to go badly.
- Why I am I being asked to give feedback on areas I very specifically said I didn't use? I don't have time to answer multiple questions for each Park! This is a terribly structured survey....
- No paved paths that I saw
- Gravel parking lot and field, both inaccessible by self propelled wheelchair
- No bathrooms but a portable potty not quick for the little ones to get to from their field. A bathroom facility could be nice
- Restrooms are lacking. Fields are hard to distinguish.
- Need real bathrooms on the soccer fields not just outhouses. For people who has infants that need changing, or for handicap children, outhouses are not sufficient.
- N/A
- There are only portajohns available which are gross (even though they are maintained) and no hand washing stations.
- Portapotties
- Not handicap accessible. Inadequate restrooms and concessions for the volume of residents there every weekend during soccer season.
- If these are the grounds by Pierce the parking could be improved. Bathrooms too
- Bird poop all over fields. Grass is mostly weeds. Tree branches all over. Only 1 ref at some games.
- There are no restrooms that I know of
- Not wheelchair accessible
- Would be nice to have permanent restrooms instead of portapotties
- Parks and rec does a good job of maintaining but needs to spend money to repair aspects of the fields
- PortaPotty is not a good restroom. Wheelchairs do NOT go over stones and grass
- A fixed, modern building for restrooms and filtered water.
- I definitely think there needs to be more restrooms located closer to the yellow and orange fields
- There aren't bathrooms, just porta potty's. Let's build a legitimate bathroom. They are significant easier for small children to use, children use the fields more then adults. It's also easier to make a bathroom accessible for people with disabilities or special needs.
- More restrooms needed.
- My sister has to use a wheelchair to get around. It's very frustrating when you guys don't have wheelchair accessibility outside. There's no sidewalks to get her there successfully we have to push with all her might through the grass and the dirt to get her to the field to watch her nieces and nephew play. My sister lives in Waterford Township pays her taxes yeah there's nothing for her to feel welcomed in the community because she is handicapped in a wheelchair.
- Limited use
- Basketball courts for youth is lacking
- IDK
- The main parking lot is gravel and the paths to the fields are all grass - also, the bathroom facilities are limited porta potty's
- There is nothing to do put there for families that have other kids not playing soccer. No play ground or activity area to keep them occupied.
- Needs better parking, restrooms, concessions
- Not too much going on there for citizen
- The soccer fields are over used and not taken care of. They have huge holes which can be dangerous. The bathrooms are porta potties and are gross.
- Needs updated
- Needs nicer port a potty's and one at each end.
- It needs ample walking paths, bathroom facilities. The fields need to be up graded to actual playing surfaces, and not a field that just happens to be large that get spray painted. Put in field turf.

- Outside bathrooms
- I selected I Don't Know
- Restroom facilities instead of port-a-potties should be available.
- The only bathrooms are portapotty, which are always gross and smell terrible. The lawns are mowed but are filled with more weeds than grass. Poison Ivy growing in the surrounding wooded areas.
- Grass isn't always cut and the bathrooms are very far and not enough of them
- Need more parking and a permanent restroom facility.
- outhouses should be checked more often, is there ground maintenance after Sunday soccer? - Went to practice Monday and there was nacho food on the field which we picked up
- I would love to have bathrooms available. There are a lot of people who use the tennis courts by Pierce as well and no bathrooms available.
- No bathroom
- There are only portable bathrooms. It would be nice to have a structure or field house on site with restrooms
- N/A
- Never used or visited these. Only driven by. Look nice. Not sure of any facilities there. Thought there were only portable bathrooms on site.
- N/A
- Permanent restrooms
- Security is nonexistent. Drunks everywhere who will absolutely become violent.
- Need better community planning
- No good restrooms
- Are there port a potties?
- There isn't much to it, just soccer fields.
- More bathrooms and more walking trails please
- Handicap parking is not close enough to the fields. There are only sidewalks along the road, making it hard to attend games on the field. Portable toilets are not sufficient for handicap individuals.
- There are no nearby restrooms for this facility, which can be tricky for families, who are the primary users
- Needs more bathrooms
- I haven't been there and didn't select as having been there , so why am I asked this Q?
- Need better bathroom facilities
- Restrooms: the porta johns are often full, not to capacity, but gross to look at. I walk by even during the week when soccer isn't happening and might need to use it. It's full. There is often little to no sanitizer left.

8.What amenities would you like to see added or improved at the Civic Center Soccer Fields? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Restroom Building	86.7%
Concession Stand	45.1%
Drinking Fountain	40.4%
Pavilion	38.1%
Other - Write In	9.1%

Other – Write In

- Affordable pavilion rental
- Beer
- Better parking and some the dirt holes by the goalie nets seeded with grass
- Defined quaking paths and defined parking
- Dog park
- Don't know don't use
- Goose Removal
- Handicap accessible pathways to all fields, integrated walkways/nature trails around properties
- I haven't visited them
- I'm not on the fields on Tubbs Road. I'd like to see them put some signs up for these people they're bringing all the dogs out they're rotten. They all do their bathroom jobs and I've only seen two people pick up after the dogs. I think you need some signs and facilities to get this cleaned up I mean they're out there practicing football and doing all kinds of stuff and no telling what they're getting into.
- Markered walking patb
- None
- Park
- Pickleball
- Playground area for younger children

- Playground or amenities for siblings of players
- Playscape (2)
- Rain shelter
- Security
- Skate park possibly by the pond
- Skatepark
- Walking trail
- Water bottle refill station (2)

9. Please evaluate the following aspects of Clinton River Canoe Site.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	27 6.1%	83 18.7%	72 16.2%	14 3.1%	6 1.3%	243 54.6%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	13 2.9%	64 14.4%	77 17.3%	41 9.2%	11 2.5%	238 53.6%
Maintenance and Appearance	25 5.6%	86 19.3%	66 14.8%	29 6.5%	2 0.4%	237 53.3%
Handicap Accessibility	12 2.7%	38 8.5%	76 17.0%	23 5.1%	6 1.3%	292 65.3%
Ease of Water Access	45 10.1%	93 20.9%	47 10.6%	14 3.1%	1 0.2%	245 55.1%

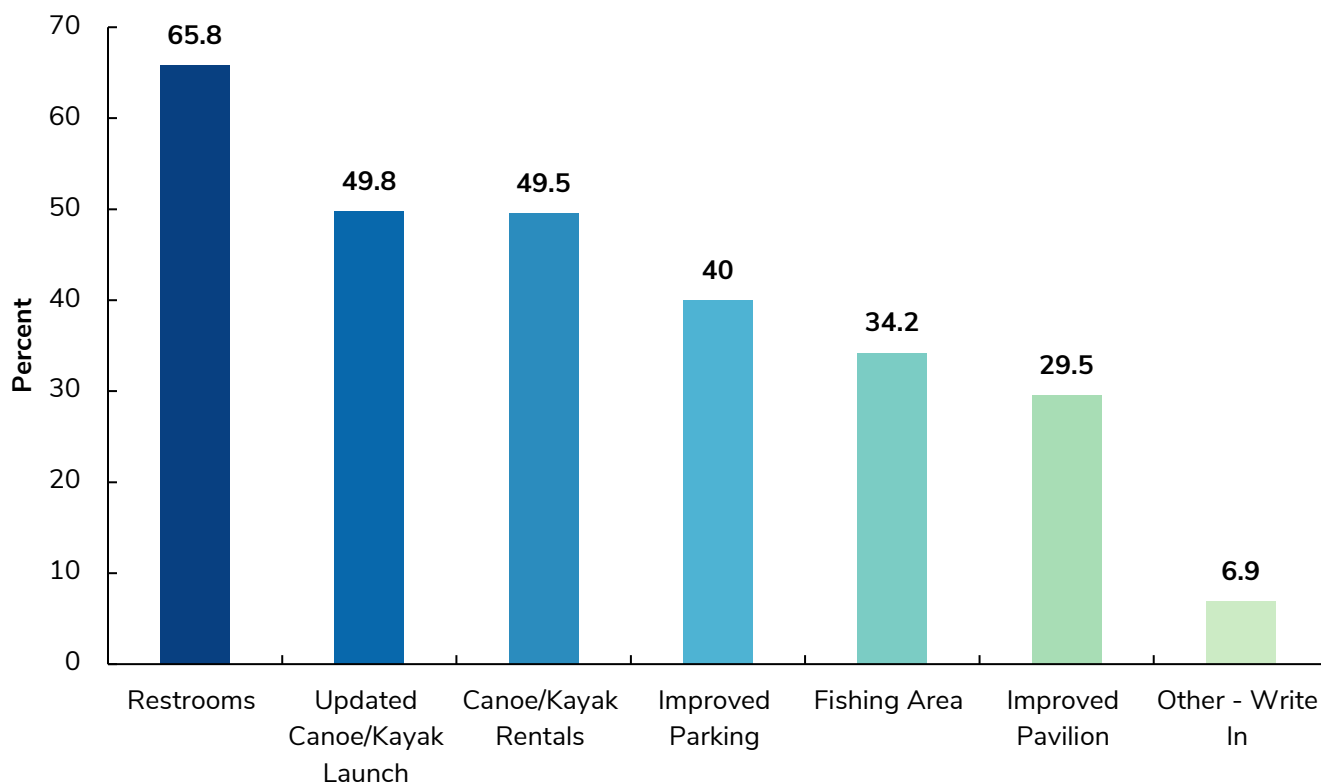
10. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- There was a playground there, would be nice to have again.
- Grounds could be maintained better, higher quality picnic tables/shelter, small playground
- It appears run down. I was uncomfortable being there due to the types of people. Sometimes, parks attract people who smoke, drink and/or may be up to troublesome behaviors.
- NA
- Not enough of a parking lot, pavilion is in poor shape, and Porta potty needs to be serviced more often.
- It's hard to just walk into the water there. There is a "shelf" that the water has created by eroding the ground in the rivers edge. It would be nice to have more of a sand easment or other option
- Nothing there but a portapotty.
- This site could use play equipment for use when the Pavillion is being used by families not intending on canoeing or kayaking.
- **the PAVILLION NEEDS A ROOF REPAIR! There are a few creepy old guys who claim the tables for long periods, and leer at small kids and parents who come to the river to play or kayak. This makes snack time in the shade here at the park pretty hit or miss. We still LOVE this park and visit DAILY!
- No opinion. I didn't select to vote for this option.
- It would be nice if it was open in the winter.
- N/A
- Homeless population with no where to go. Beer bottles. Nasty house right across the river with a big tarp on it. Big slope down to the river no easy way to get in. Just dirty and unsafe
- Need more trash cans and someone to clean them regularly. A bathroom or porta potty would be great too.
- Advertise this more, have community paddle events. I had no idea this was a twp park
- It needs a serious facelift.
- Amenities are very limited. Not much to do
- It needs a lot of work. Right now it looks like some random person decided to put their kayaks in
- Shoreline is muddy and slippery, hard to take kayaks in/out safely

- There's no place for a handicap person to use the restroom. There's one porta potty but it's not wheelchair accessible. There's also no handicap parking. When all the parking lot is full people have to park in front and makes it hard to get in and out of. There's no trash cans to throw anything away people just throw trash on the ground.
- Never been
- Don't know
- No safe access to the water for disabilities that I could see.
- Needs better access and more amenities
- For as many people who access this site, there is little to no areas for people. No bathroom (besides a port a potty) and I believe 1 gazebo.
- Public parks should comply with the same restroom requirements as private for-profit establishments.
- Cleaned up more
- There are no paths, I have to use my wheelchair into the road to be able to use the bridge. Because of the potholes I have got stuck numerous times. The bathrooms cannot be reached unless you park in front of them
- The pavilion has a giant hole in the roof.
- The gate that shuts off access can easily be jumped and still accessed. Individuals park on the side of the road therefore making it dangerous for those trying to pull out of the access site. No parking signs need to be placed. Lights need to be placed somewhere along the parking area to deter possible problems that can and have occurred in the parking area.
- Ease of water access isn't too bad but it would be nice to have a kayak launch spot or dock of some sort to make it easier for people to get in and out of their kayaks.
- V
- Never been, do not know where it is
- The river edge needs to have a dock put in and more defined as a canoe. Lived here my whole life and never knew that is the park's purpose.
- Often the cans are overflowing with garbage. Would be nice to have a recycling bin.
- It would be nice to see a little play area here (like back in the day) and permanent restrooms that are open seasonally
- Where is this? May need better promotion so the community is more aware. Or maybe I'm the only one who doesn't know about this?
- Too close to river's edge apartments to trust the area.
- There isn't really a specific launch spot. Could add a deck or dock.
- During a visit there, a man in a van was purposely blocking people from exiting the parking lot. He was stopped behind my car so that I couldn't back out and was blocking another car behind him from exiting. The car behind him was calling to him and honking for him to move and he wouldn't. Eventually another man who seemed to know him convinced him to move. I exited the park very quickly after that and haven't been back since for safety reasons.
- Every time I am at this area there is garbage around the cans are overflowing, trash scattered and it looks unkept. Perhaps bigger cans for trash or something, the tables are so far back from the road area I do not go by the tables.
- Was unaware of this site and that this was a public park. Driving by it appears to be a private area.
- N/A
- Handicap accessibility is a joke. The canoe site is used almost exclusively by the lake alcoholics.
- There are no facilities at the canoe site, and the terrain would make it very challenging for the handicap population as there are not sidewalks.
- No paved parking for handicapped. Is there ever a port a potty?
- Aside from cutting the lawn, it doesn't appear to have much maintenance completed.
- I don't know where this is. The map provided wasn't good

11.What amenities would you like to see added or improved at Clinton River Canoe Site? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Restrooms	65.8%
Updated Canoe/Kayak Launch	49.8%
Canoe/Kayak Rentals	49.5%
Improved Parking	40.0%
Fishing Area	34.2%
Improved Pavilion	29.5%
Other - Write In	6.9%

Other - Write In

- A better sign, I had no idea this was a public place. (2)
- A ramp to launch more easily
- A small walking trail on the 8 acres
- Easily available Website information regarding site, including pictures.
- Hire me to be the hostess, and allow access year round. We come to watch birds and other wildlife here and it being closed is a months long tragedy.
- I didn't even know it existed until now
- Invasive Species removal - phragmites are out of control here and is one of the worst areas in the entire township. It is imperative we get the phragmites under control. I suggest working with a local conservation group and PAMF
- None
- None, keep it as a nice quiet river view
- Playground (2)
- Please leave it alone, do to commercialize this little area
- Shuttle between park near Airport Rd.and Dodge Park, sit upon kayak rentals, offsite parking with shuttle
- Year round access

12. Please evaluate the following aspects of Clinton River South.

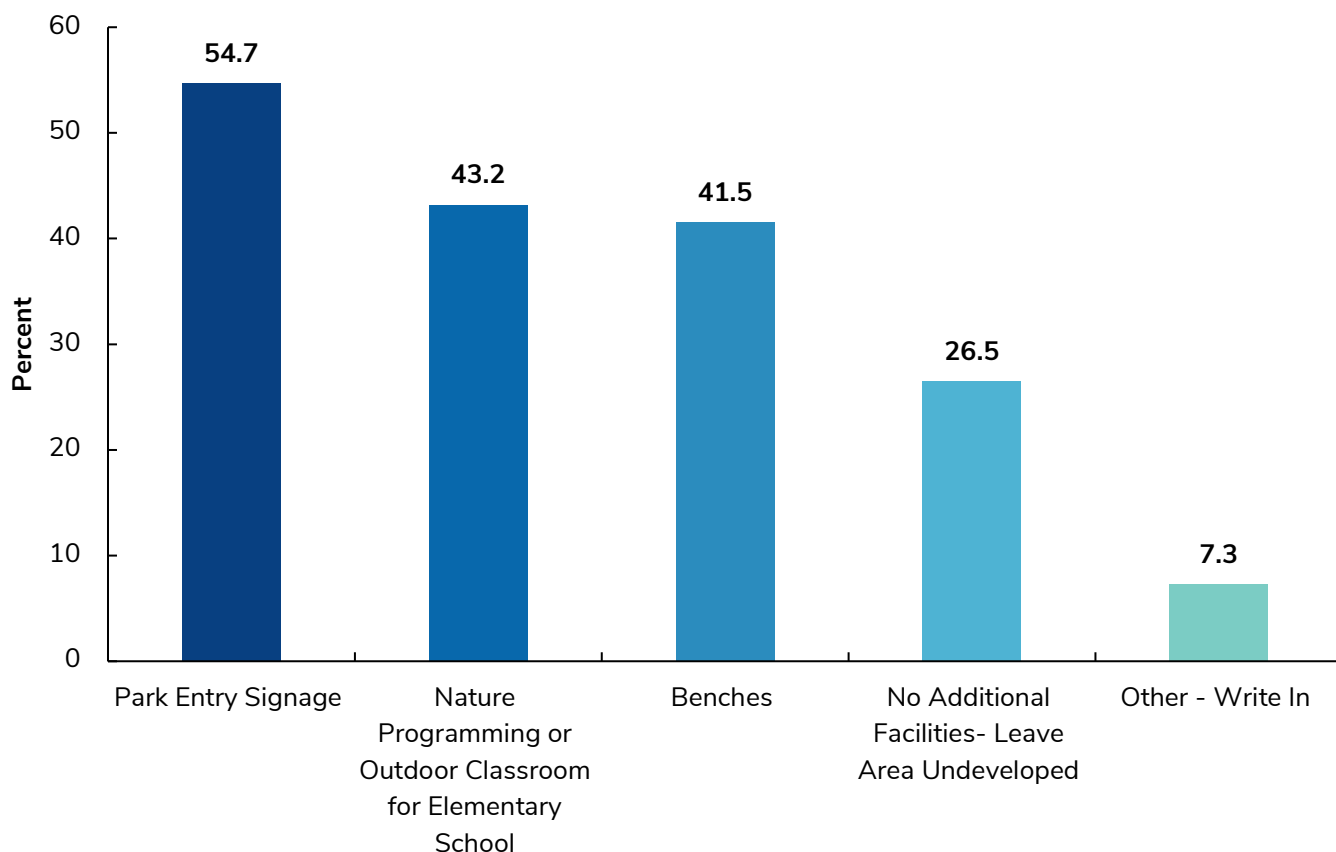
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	8 1.9%	30 7.3%	54 13.1%	8 1.9%	1 0.2%	311 75.5%
Maintenance and Appearance	9 2.2%	28 6.8%	54 13.2%	7 1.7%	2 0.5%	310 75.6%
Handicap Accessibility	7 1.7%	15 3.6%	50 12.2%	10 2.4%	7 1.7%	322 78.3%

13. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- Again it needs trash cans and regular trash pickup. This area and the people that use it regularly would be happy to use these memories if they were there. Recycling bin would be nice too as many get off the river with food and beverages. Handicapped accessibility at this site would be needed as this launch point is very steep in comparison to the red bridge site. Getting in/out is tricky as the water level is much higher here.
- I've taken kayaks out at Marco's pizza, and paddled past Haviland. Did not know there was a park/kayak launch at this site
- There's no place to use the bathroom. There's nothing for wheelchair accessibility there.
- I know of no real access
- It needs all the help
- Clean up ,signage , picnic tables benches
- This is a rugged/wetland area that is not handicap accessible at this time
- I do not know where this is
- Idk this location
- Completely unaware of this location.
- It's a mess but at least it doesn't have another storage facility or liquor store being built on it.
- Paved parking by Marcos. No handicap access, paths, trails. No lights
- Can't find it
- I've never visited here
- Only aware of this park via map. How to access?
- Needs to be easier to access and promoted more in the Waterford community.

14. What amenities would you like to see added or improved at Clinton River South? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Park Entry Signage	54.7%
Nature Programming or Outdoor Classroom for Elementary School	43.2%
Benches	41.5%
No Additional Facilities- Leave Area Undeveloped	26.5%
Other - Write In	7.3%

Other - Write In

- Canoe/kayak launch
- Details about canoe or kayak access. We did not know this was here.
- Didn't even know about this
- It has been hard to find the entry.
- Landing/launch area
- More practical canoe launch
- None
- Paths?
- Paved walking & bike path
- This would be an awesome area for a "Road Side Park" feel off of Cooley Lake Road with a scenic viewing area of the river. Possibly a bridge over the river to access the trail system
- Trash/recycling bins
- Walking trails (2)
- easily accessed website information regarding site

15. Please evaluate the following aspects of Drayton Plains Nature Center.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	56 13.3%	173 41.2%	80 19.0%	8 1.9%	3 0.7%	100 23.8%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	33 7.9%	151 36.1%	100 23.9%	28 6.7%	4 1.0%	102 24.4%
Maintenance and Appearance	41 9.8%	168 40.3%	78 18.7%	23 5.5%	7 1.7%	100 24.0%
Handicap Accessibility	22 5.2%	95 22.6%	92 21.9%	20 4.8%	3 0.7%	188 44.8%
Interpretive Center Hours of Operation	14 3.3%	91 21.7%	105 25.1%	24 5.7%	3 0.7%	182 43.4%

16. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

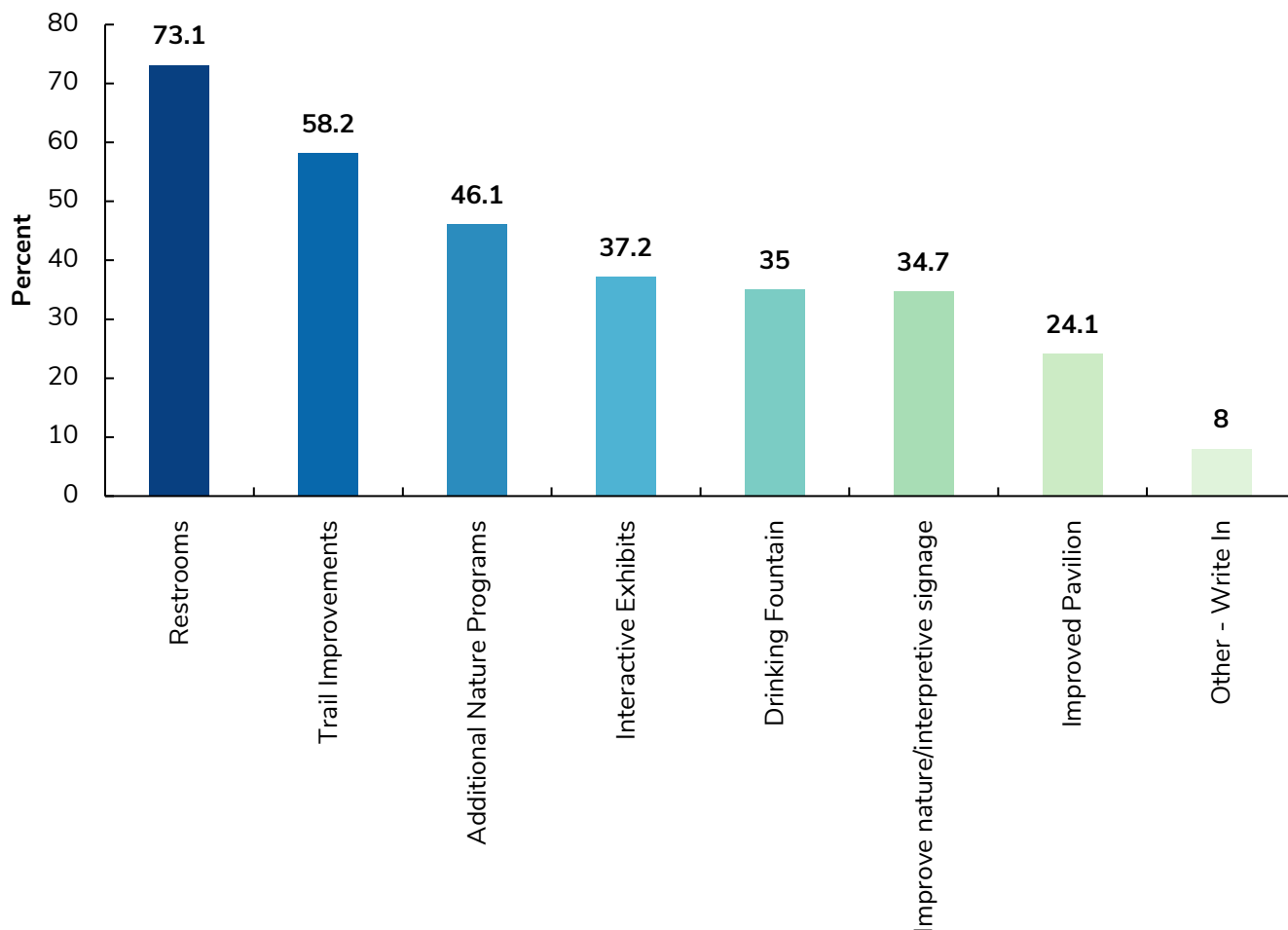
- Only some parts of the park are truly accessible with paved pathways. Given the rustic nature of the park, that's understandable. But I think it would be great to pave maybe half of it.
- I love this center and have wished for years to see the building improved. I loved when the gazebo was put in but it has fallen into disrepair and it breaks my heart. I have spent countless hours here and will continue to do so. I know the groundskeepers of the past put love and time into the property and I would love to see help from the community and township to improve it even more
- It is not accessible at all
- The sign has seen better days and could stand to be replaced
- I was so excited to see progress on the river walk expansion this spring and disappointed when nothing has happened beyond the surveyors coming out.
- Handicap accessibility is non-existent past initial parking and pavilion. No paved trails to ponds.
- little to no handicap accessibility
- This site is in very poor condition. The buildings need a lot of work as they look very run down and forgot about. The signs throughout the park have no information on them anymore to read and learn about the site and nature. The signs that do actually have information you can't read. The map of the park is inaccurate and looks terrible. The building has water damage and isn't even available for our community to use. The whole property looks abandoned. Very sad!
- The nature center has been underfunded and always will be because no one in the civic center cares about it and fakes that they do to everyone. They choose to give the police and fire department new vehicles rather than finding staff to work at the park and take sufficient care of it. It's been this way for years and years since I've lived in the neighborhood for 30 years. It's a shame because the building is hardly taken care of and the constant rotation of maintenance staff living on site who clearly don't care about it either. I watch the building sometimes when I'm walking by and never see any positive work being done. A lot of people in our community care about Drayton Plains but no one is able to do anything about it and the ones who have the power to don't care. They've started adding skimpy, poorly planned nature programs which were way better 4 or so years ago when the other nature worker girl was there who really seemed to care about the place. We were disappointed when she wasn't there anymore because our kids and the other neighborhood kids really liked her and would do crafts and stuff. Our kids really liked feeding the

white ducks too and we don't know where they went. The nature center just doesn't have any life left to it anymore and sits coldly. So much potential and so much politics ruining it.

- Been here a few times. Paths are washed out through the woods making it hard to walk had to go barefoot last time. Looks like it could be much better if taken care of. Restrooms would be nice.
- We've lived down the street from the nature center since 1987 and frequently walk there. It is so saddening how every year it looks worse and worse! This week when we walked, there are at least two areas with so much branches and debris blocking half of the width of the river!! Their trimming a few weeks ago left a mess too! So sad 🙄🙄
- Seemed like an additional outhouse is needed or more regular cleaning of them.
- N/A
- Have not visited this year,
- Not much to do there. Not handicap accessible
- The small bridge over the river is looking dangerous. I was there yesterday with my dog and infant and some of the wood is falling off and open/exposed screws are dangerous. I love this little bridge it needs a facelift tho
- Interpretive center is not open year round
- This facility needs attention. It is a remarkable park but the facilities are tired looking
- No safety security while at park
- I didn't put poor on anything at DPNC. However, I would love to see some enforcement of rules. Also, It would be great to have more in depth wildlife awareness for guests.
- Wheelchairs do not go over stones and grass
- This could be a jewel, but it is poorly maintained and needs updates everywhere.
- I like to walk and bike through here it's good as is
- Hours are very limited.
- There's no signage in the neighborhood to get you to the nature center you have to know where you're going your self. There's no wheelchair accessibility, no public restrooms, trash everywhere. Only open for bankers hours.
- More open hours
- Maintain the building, paint it , mow the grass, pave the parking lot, clean up.
- Don't like the idea of a river walk being developed next to my house!!!!
- Outdated, very little mentioning of this park
- Unkempt muddy Are there restrooms?
- Longer hours
- I wish there was a way to monitor for dogs defecating and being off leashes. And for repairs to the back trail that lead out to the meadow (there are a couple mini-bridges, but accessibility is difficult due to the water flowing over).
- I don't know when the interpretive center is open, but it's never when I've been there.
- The interpretive center is a very cool resource however it's over and very limited and has been closed again for awhile. The gardens in front are overgrown/unkept. It would be nice if there were a bathroom available.
- Hrs are weird, last time I was there it was very dated, like it was still the early 90s when we went there in school as a kid. Paths not maintained so if you're in a wheelchair it's difficult
- The kayak portage trail around the dam should be improved with steps.
- We go often and it seems to never be open.
- Need availability after business hours and during weekend
- It's been a while but took my dog there and there was so much uncollected dog poop it was terrible.
- When I visited, paths were not maintained from waterfowl feces, dog droppings, and debris. Also not handicapped accessible. Would not feel safe if walking alone, as there are too many hidden areas.

- Buildings on this site are aging and need repair/refurbishment. Grounds are a challenge for visitors with mobility issues.
- I have never seen anything open besides the paths
- Consistently not open during posted hours of operation this summer. Hours are limited even when open.
- living campsites are being built in the woods
- Could use upgrades to current buildings, parking, trails, etc.
- I've been there several times I've never seen it open
- Building needs a good paint job. Outside staircase needs paint. Roof badly needed on covered bridge. Road sign in front of nature center needs work.
- There are many access points so I don't think security could really be addressed. Sometimes the trails are unsafe because of water and rotten wood boardwalks.
- N/a
- This is one of the few places in Waterford with potential. So many other nature centers do so much more community outreach and educational youth programs. Seasonal events for adults.
- Never open when we go. But it's been a few years since we tried going in
- I have been a visitor on different days of the week and different times of the day and the building is never open. Also I think the gravel area from the parking lot to the bridge needs to be paved for handicapped access. I use a mobility cart and it is very difficult to navigate that gravel. There is now an outdoor drinking fountain, but it does not work. It's not connected. I do appreciate that there is a porta-potty though.
- Your skip patterns suck. I did not select as having been there.
- I don't think I've even noticed a restroom. There is a lot of goose poop.

17.What amenities would you like to see added or improved at Drayton Plains Nature Center? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Restrooms	73.1%
Trail Improvements	58.2%
Additional Nature Programs	46.1%
Interactive Exhibits	37.2%
Drinking Fountain	35.0%
Improve nature/interpretive signage	34.7%
Improved Pavilion	24.1%
Other - Write In	8.0%

Other - Write In

- A small clearing around a section of the river would be nice. MYbe around the bridge.
- A small nature inspired playground, not a big plastic playscape. But something like the Dow gardens. Something to bring people from other communities to Waterford. I love this place and want to see it thrive!
- Add steps to portage dam, current path is very slippery. Also make low pedestrian bridge higher so boats can pass underneath
- Building maintenance and updates
- Clean up the river
- Extended hours in the parking lot
- More benches. Maintain viewing platforms — currently very rickety

- More trash bins along the trail
- Mountain bike trail
- Nature themed play ground
- None
- Playground
- Public awareness, signage
- Random exercise areas on the trails
- Riverwalk Expansion will help to enhance this space so I don't think we need too much capital improvements here at this time
- Two more doggie bags garbage cans added
- Walking path from Historical Area
- Water bottle filling station
- We have two children and have been actively visiting the park. We love the trails, but wish it had a park ranger on duty, restrooms, regular center hours, kids camps/programs and better kept cross trails. The main loop is usually great but the cords paths have been getting worse and overgrown
- bridges need desperate repair
- easily accessed website information regarding site

18. Please evaluate the following aspects of Elizabeth Lake Woods Park.

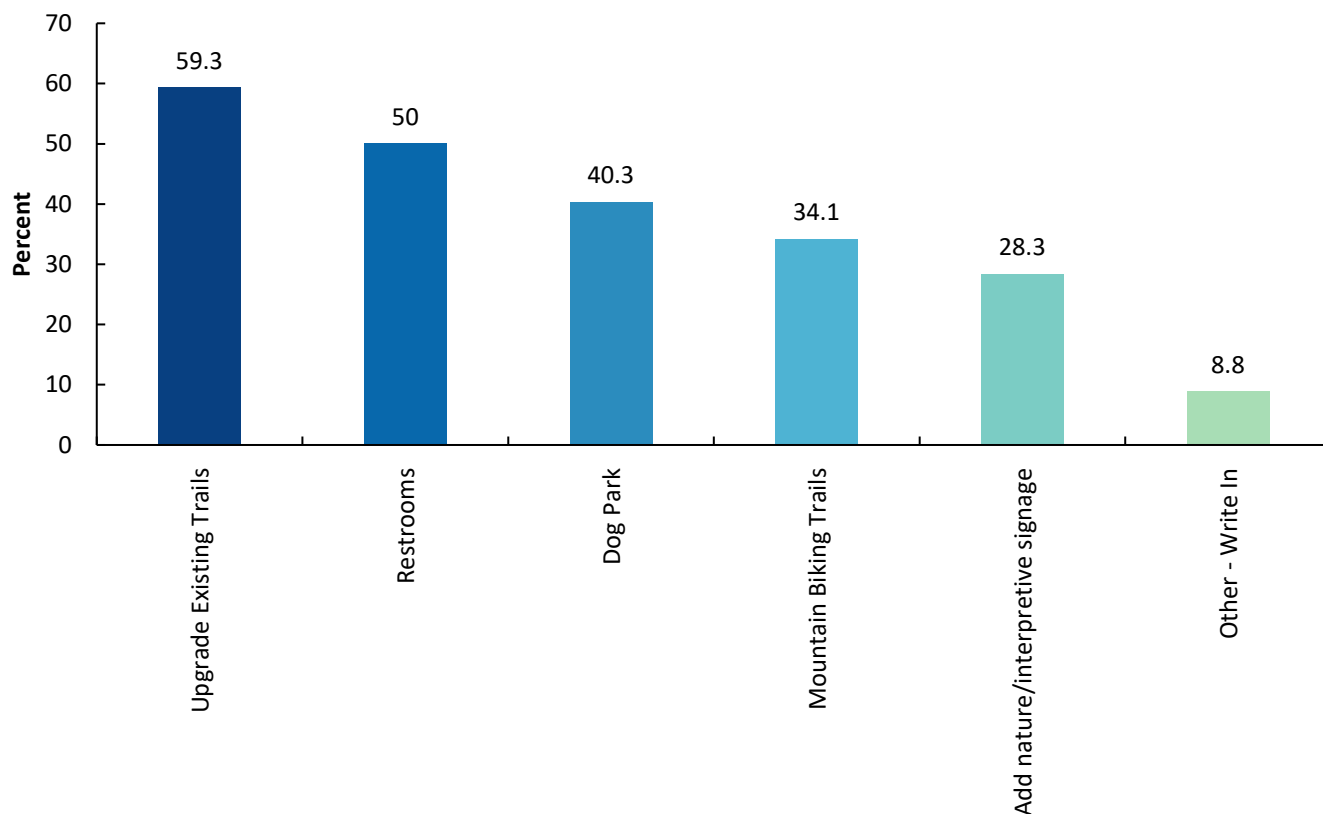
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	13 3.4%	31 8.2%	44 11.6%	7 1.9%	0 0%	283 74.9%
Maintenance and Appearance	10 2.6%	32 8.6%	48 12.9%	6 1.6%	0 0%	277 74.3%
Handicap Accessibility	8 2.1%	17 4.5%	43 11.4%	9 2.4%	3 0.8%	297 78.8%

19. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- Never been. I'll have to check it out:)
- I have no idea where this is or that it even exists
- Must have kayaked past here, another area I didn't know was an official park
- There's no public restrooms for handicap people there's no ramps for handicap people there's no parking good for handicap people I feel unsafe there.
- Would be nice to know about
- The HIGH speed limit is killing off the wildlife. TIME TO STAND UP TO OCRC
- This is not a handicap friendly park
- There are no trails
- Those in a wheelchair or need assistance to walk, the trails look as though it may be very difficult for such access safely
- This is a rugged woodland area and not very handicap accessible
- Again, update the park. Refresh the appearance.
- Driven by this and noted the signage. Could never find any further info about this location to check it out. No real parking at site. Looked like a small neighborhood park.
- It either needs to be completely redone or preserved.
- Not enough parking
- None as far as I can tell

20. What amenities would you like to see added or improved at Elizabeth Lake Woods? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Upgrade Existing Trails	59.3%
Restrooms	50.0%
Dog Park	40.3%
Mountain Biking Trails	34.1%
Add nature/interpretive signage	28.3%
Other - Write In	8.8%

Other - Write In

- A lookout tower
- Bridge
- Did not know there was canoe access here
- Disc golf
- Dog park built into wooded area not like pontiac state parks version
- Easier access for kayaks
- Highlight the trail that takes you to the River Bank with a little bench and scenic view area, Invasive Species Removal of Phragmites & small Board Walk near Lake Vista Drive trail entrance (it floods there sometimes), perfect place to utilize for a bike path and/or outdoor gym
- I didn't even know it was a park
- I didn't know this existed! please do more outreach to the community to make them aware of these nature areas
- Leave undeveloped
- Parking (2)
- Public awareness, signage
- Sign (2)
- easily accessed website information regarding site

21. Please evaluate the following aspects of Fish Hatchery Park.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	67 17.3%	151 39.0%	46 11.9%	4 1.0%	2 0.5%	117 30.2%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	55 14.2%	145 37.4%	65 16.8%	10 2.6%	2 0.5%	111 28.6%
Maintenance and Appearance	70 18.1%	151 39.0%	46 11.9%	12 3.1%	1 0.3%	107 27.6%
Handicap Accessibility	32 8.2%	90 23.2%	73 18.8%	8 2.1%	1 0.3%	184 47.4%
Historic Village Hours of Operation	28 7.2%	83 21.4%	81 20.9%	40 10.3%	7 1.8%	149 38.4%

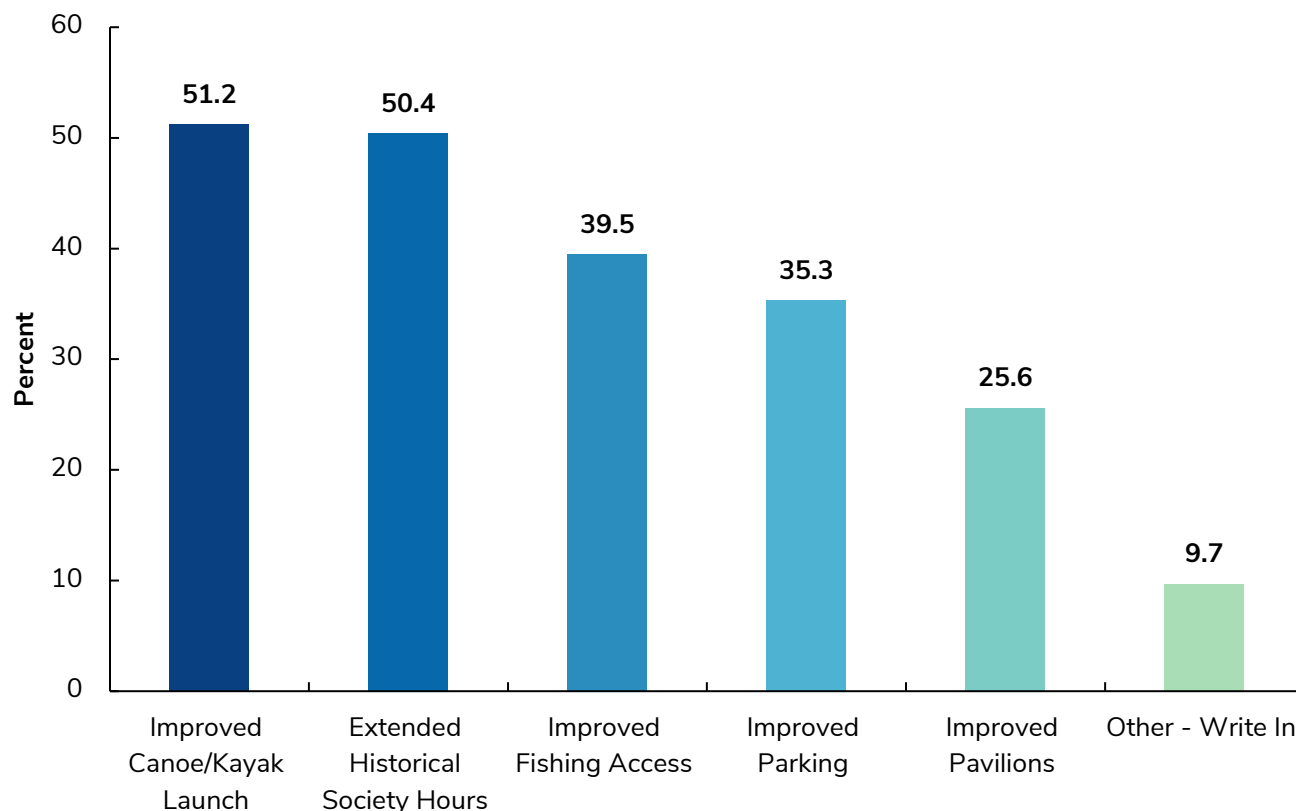
22. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- I wish the historic village was open more often than just one day a week in the middle of the day, in the middle of the week. I know it's run by volunteers, but that's just not welcoming to families.
- Improved play area. I'd love to have it be nature inspired. Not a big plastic playground like other parks around. I take my kids here often but we are quickly out growing it because there is only the wooden train to play on
- During the day on Wednesdays in the summer is not easy for me to get off work to take my kids
- Wish the historic village was open more than one day a week, especially during the summer.
- I have lived a half mile from here for 40 years and have never know it to be open, or have seen people utilize it
- Hours of operation for the historical buildings need to be improved for longer open hours especially on weekends.
- This area is so beautiful but it's not being used to its best advantage. Having fun activities here with the use of these awesome buildings would be great! Great job to those that created these adorable buildings!!
- Need to consider different hours to make it more accessible.
- Has it reopened since covid? Maybe one Saturday a month would be good.
- The village is only open in summer, on one day per week and not even the entire business day. It's a wonderful place though.
- Handicap accessibility is an issue
- I never have been there and seen tge buildings open. But have been SEVERAL times for my family to go look in windows. Open all windows so ppl can see all buildings. Some has shut or dirty curtains.
- Playground equipment broken and some unsafe
- Put a gate up to close park at dusk like all the other parks.
- Have evening hours for tours
- Additional hours open
- Wheelchairs do NOT go over stones and grass. It would be nice if it was open on one of the weekend days. Just Wednesday is difficult for scheduling
- Additional hours would be helpful for the village.

- Never use this park other than to kayak past
- Hours are very limited.
- The restroom doors are always locked. The buildings are never open to the public unless you have no job and your kid is not in school. There's not great parking you can just park where you think there's a parking spot nothing to tell you where to park. If you're handicap don't even go there there's nothing for you to do or see or how to get around. The park is very vandalized with swearwords everywhere junk trash everywhere.
- increase the number of hours the buildings are open
- Only open on Wednesday
- What even goes on here? More events needed. Very outdated.
- Would like to see it open longer hours.
- Would love if they had more local events there. It's such a valuable place but almost a secret to many
- Not usually open when I am there. Evenings and weekends
- The historical village is a great attraction for Waterford Township. Security should be increased in evenings and when not in operation to prevent/reduce vandalism. The train structure is extremely worn and unsafe. There are boards with nails sticking up in the train and in the small playhouse. Many parts of the train are broken. Overall this could be a great park but it shows that it is not taken care well of by the township. For the handicap accessibility, there is a muddy spot at the front of the dock/boardwalk area which makes it difficult for those not able bodied or in wheel chair to access. Bathrooms are great to have but are not always clean.
- Would be nice to have a weekend option to tour the buildings - even every other month.
- Historic village doesn't ever appear open
- Hours ... it's impossible if you're a working mom. Not handicap accessible
- Limited hours on one day a week for the historical
- Could use sprucing up.
- Need evening hours
- If you have a historic village, then a lot money and space needs to be added to it, like huckleberry railroad
- The historical home needs painting
- Only open on Wednesdays.
- Not many hours of operation
- Only open seems like one day a week- never been able to go
- Never open
- Could use upgrades and expanded hours.
- Never seen it open
- Would like open more hours
- Need more available time
- I understand that the hours of operation for the village is staffed by volunteers, but the hours are very limited for the one day of week that the buildings are open. I don't know what can be done about that.
- Can never seem to catch this open
- Need to expand village hours or add weekend hours.
- Never open.
- More
- I wish there were open building hours on other days than just Wednesday. I'm fortunate because my day off is Wednesday, but sometimes it doesn't work out to get other there that one day the buildings are open. I realize this is a volunteer run historical park. I really appreciate all the volunteers and this park! My daughters and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting here! One of my favorite parks in Waterford!

23. What type of amenities or improvements would you like to see at Fish Hatchery Park? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Improved Canoe/Kayak Launch	51.2%
Extended Historical Society Hours	50.4%
Improved Fishing Access	39.5%
Improved Parking	35.3%
Improved Pavilions	25.6%
Other - Write In	9.7%

Other - Write In

- Amenities for families to enjoy the nature and open spaces. I love this place and want to see it thrive
- Better care for existing structures and playground area.
- Connect/road crossing between historical area and fish hatchery
- Gate
- Have a Waterford history day(s) at the scale village
- Improved communication about what is offered at Historical Society, hours, events
- Improved play area. Nails sticking out, not much to do—keep with theme but add some
- Improved playground (8)
- Improved walking trails
- More dock for viewing and fishing.
- More events promoting historical village
- Pavillion are too expensive and when you call to book nobody calls you back
- The banks are too steep to access the water.
- Would be awesome to be able to navigate the Clinton River from here
- easily accessed website information regarding site

24. Please evaluate the following aspects of Herrington Park.

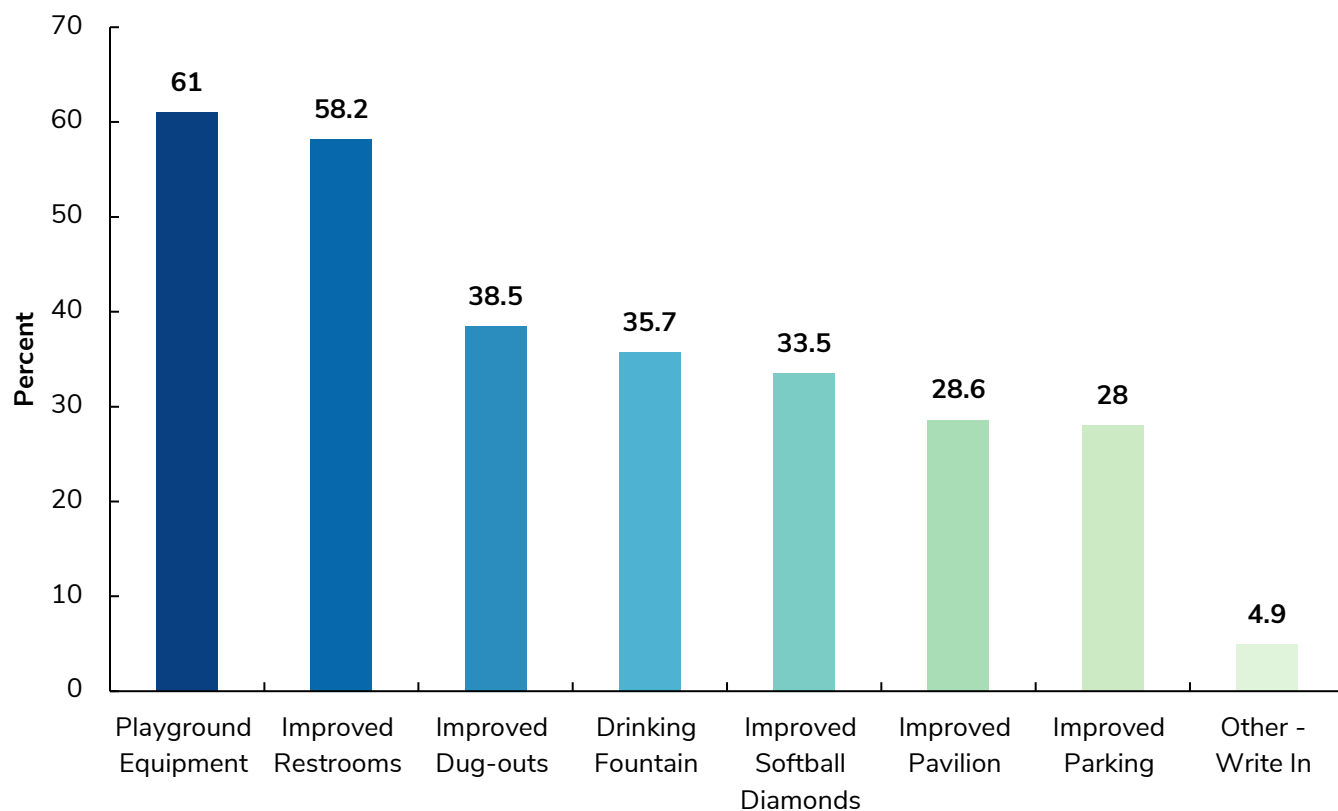
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	20 5.5%	59 16.3%	45 12.5%	7 1.9%	0 0%	230 63.7%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	11 3.0%	64 17.7%	46 12.7%	10 2.8%	2 0.6%	228 63.2%
Maintenance and Appearance	11 3.1%	58 16.2%	46 12.8%	12 3.3%	4 1.1%	228 63.5%
Handicap Accessibility	8 2.2%	36 10.0%	48 13.3%	10 2.8%	1 0.3%	258 71.5%

25. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- There was a playground there, would be nice to have it back
- Better security Multiple cars have been broken into there Better bathrooms
- Get the weeds off the infield and cut the vines and growth off the outfield fences. There's been softball at Herrington for probably 50 years. Let's respect it.
- The restroom could work better
- Fields and main pavilion need updating. Walking path to bleachers and steps from pavilion are in disrepair.
- Bathrooms break quite often
- A net of some sort over the viewing area between the fields. Dangerous for foul balls coming off the other that one is not watching
- Infields have huge clumps of grass piles growing and the outfield fences have weeds covering them. Pine trees between the two fields have branches hanging over into the playing areas.
- Again, my husband has issues with walking and to get to a field without a paved walkway is very difficult. Usually has to sit in the car to watch a game.
- The pavilion attached to concessions needs some love. There are often wasps trying to nest in it. The bathrooms could use some updating.
- Limited use. Underwhelming. Maybe add play structures/things for kids
- Trip hazards near building by baseball fields.
- Patient k needs to be more well maintained
- No public restrooms. Nothing for the handicapped.
- Fields are terrible. Stands and bathrooms are terrible and concessions are so outdated. Pave the parking lot too!
- Fields need to be in better condition
- Park is run down. Needs fixing
- Need to add Betty f between the two softball fields
- Last time I was there in 2021, there wasn't a good place for someone in a wheelchair to watch the game unless they stayed on top of the hill.
- Did not know this was a public park. It appears to be a private park.
- Place looks dirty. Grass full of weeds and many ant hills in grass. No real place to sit and enjoy games. Bathrooms need an overhaul
- Trees are overgrown. Field needs work
- Needs a makeover and updates

26.What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Herrington Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Playground Equipment	61.0%
Improved Restrooms	58.2%
Improved Dug-outs	38.5%
Drinking Fountain	35.7%
Improved Softball Diamonds	33.5%
Improved Pavilion	28.6%
Improved Parking	28.0%
Other - Write In	4.9%

Other - Write In

- Disc golf
- More handicap accessibility
- Park to be open
- Walking paths
- easily accessed website information regarding site

27. Please evaluate the following aspects of Hess-Hathaway Park.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	144 38.4%	166 44.3%	24 6.4%	6 1.6%	0 0%	35 9.3%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	125 33.3%	174 46.4%	30 8.0%	7 1.9%	1 0.3%	38 10.1%
Maintenance and Appearance	125 33.2%	168 44.7%	37 9.8%	12 3.2%	2 0.5%	32 8.5%
Handicap Accessibility	77 20.6%	115 30.8%	53 14.2%	10 2.7%	2 0.5%	116 31.1%
Hours of Operation	78 20.8%	180 48.0%	55 14.7%	11 2.9%	2 0.5%	49 13.1%
Programming	66 17.9%	161 43.6%	54 14.6%	2 0.5%	1 0.3%	85 23.0%
Community Events (i.e. Harvest Happening and concerts)	116 31.3%	160 43.1%	38 10.2%	4 1.1%	0 0%	53 14.3%

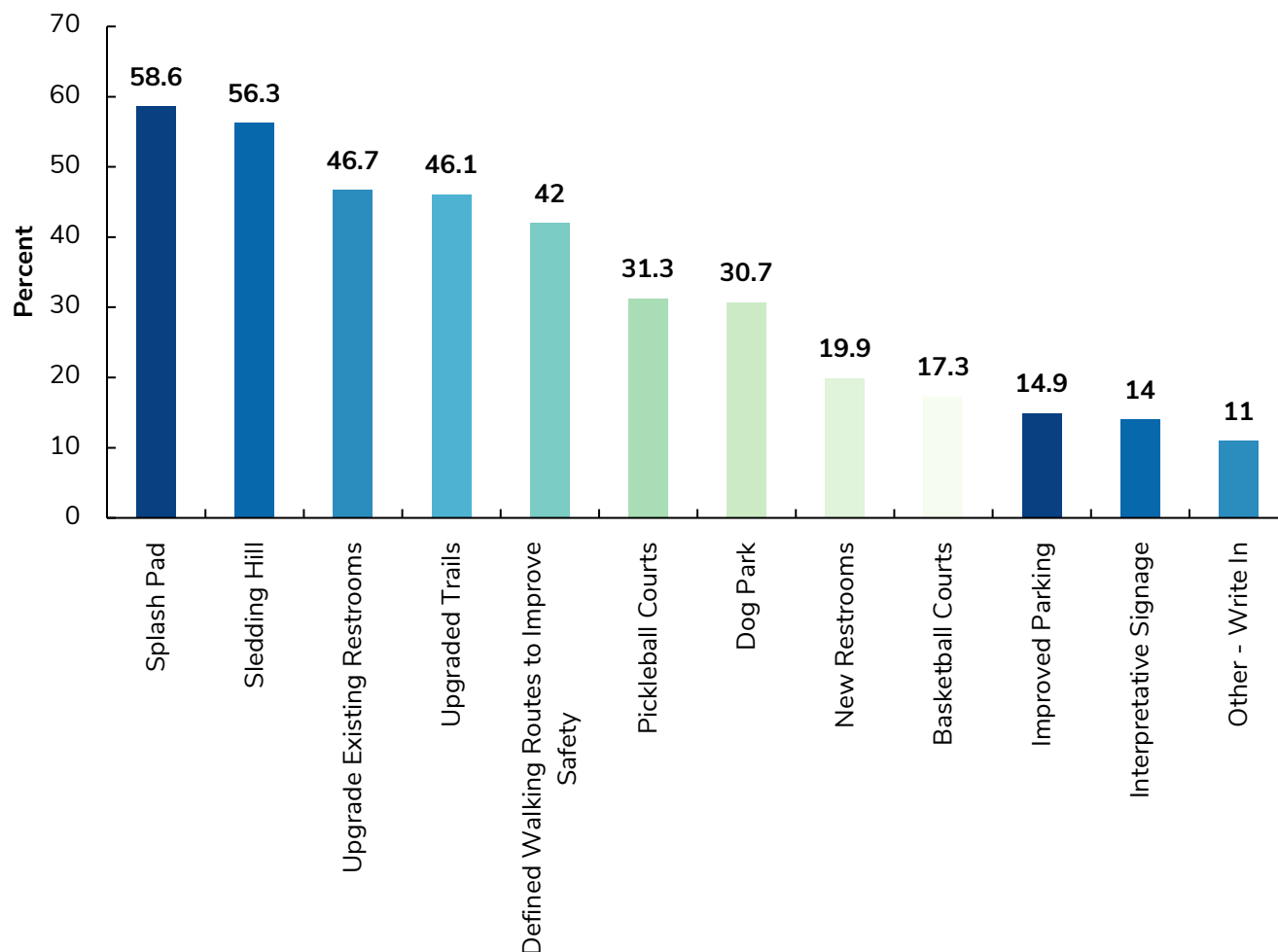
28. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- Need to allow "senior parking" in main lot for the seniors who do not have a "handicap sticker" during events. It is too exhausting and painful to have to walk in from the fields to the concert area.
- This park needs a new playground desperately. It's faded and has broken areas. It doesn't work for access for children with disabilities really at all. Sandbox is nice, but areas are washing out and become trip hazards. The animal area, and activities at the park are nice. But I wish money would be put towards a new structure. Also a paved area for kids to ride their bikes. The only area really is the parking lot which isn't safe
- I would like to see classes for gardening, canning, food presentation and homesteading
- I want to love community events here, but too often it's a hard sale from one vendor after another and not much community building.
- The playground is not maintained and it seems like its always breaking
- The sandbox is my nemesis, lol!!!
- Concerts in the park are fun. At least the politicians in the civic center actually take care of Hess.
- Summer after summer there is missing equipment or an out of order slide with caution tape. It's the ONLY playground in Waterford that is designed to be inclusive of special needs children and it's not being maintained quickly and proactively. When there are that many visits with equipment issues to worry about it becomes a park our family with a special needs child has to add to the list of parks not to visit. This past summer we happily drove to Innovation Hills in Rochester to meet our child's needs.
- The playground had been broken for a very long time and need to be fixed. A few items are dangerously broken and need to be fixed for fun to continue. Needs a refresh
- I used to go to Hess Hathaway several times a year when my children were at home. I haven't been in years.
- Bathrooms are not very nice.

- We love hess hathaway! It's truly a gem. We utilize it all the time. The staff is phenomenal. Sometimes the equipment is in need of repair and it take a while. The off season hours are a bit short/constricting. But overall so thrilled to have access to this incredible park!
- That place is CRAWLING WITH TICKS! We use to go all the time but since getting ticks we haven't been back. Last time we went to harvest happenings, the tractors took a very long time.
- I've gone several times with the littles this year and the playground equipment needs some maintenance. Slides been wrapped in construction tape all year and the sand pit has been a huge mud puddle. Is there a way to add drainage??
 - i don't see any security there - we go to the harvest happening every year because on the advertisement it sounds really good, but when we go there, there isn't much to do. just bounce house really is the highlight. more food or drink area should be there. more activities and kids giveaway will be even a bigger PLUS. could have a live band ? - are there restrooms ? - more playing equipment can be used there considering how many kids come there. - i didn't know there was a trail, i see unpaved area thinking it was for the hayride
- Obtain additional animals
- Would like the park to be open later during the summer (9pm vs 8pm) and later in the fall/winter by an hour.
- I would like to see the return of being able to interact with the animals.
- Needs an updated playground
- No public restrooms for handicap. Nothing to do there for the handicap in a wheelchair. The gazebo is falling apart and it's full of bees. Broken toys in the sandbox. Know where to buy a bottle of water or anything to drink. Yes they have concerts but you have to be online in order to know about them. Why do we have to pay for parking when you have special events when we already pay with our township taxes. Why do people keep bringing their dogs there.
- White Lk residents overpowering & pushing Waterford Twp residents off plays capes. Should charge NON RESIDENTS.
- Our favorite park
- Great park, lots of memories for me and my family!!
- STOP INVESTING SO MUCH MONEY INTO THIS. Invest in the parks, fields and recreation center!!!!
- Handicap parking and restrooms are a very long distance from concert venues
- Love this park! This is a picture of what parks could be like. I can play with my children on the play structure even being in a wheelchair.
- We need a 1/8th mile dirt oval for cars or motorcycles!
- Longer hours would be nice
- Handicap children often have a hard time accessing the play area as it is not handicap friendly and this area is one of the drawing factors to the park
- Add more activities for kids
- When I went last, the play area was in a rough state, not sure if it was from recent weather or not.
- The township does an extremely poor job in advertising said events at the farm. The events listed in the survey I had no idea about. Put fliers up.
- The playground is great, but the farm side needs some serious improvements. It looks run down and ununiformed
- Farm area looks horrible around water/pond
- Needs whole new playground equipment. Looks very old.
- This is barely a waterford park 8t is in west bloomfield
- This is the "it's better than nothing" location in Waterford. There is no security, maintenance on the equipment seems nonexistent, the drinking fountains haven't worked in years, and sometimes the bathrooms are closed but when they're open they're disgusting.
- "Summer" concerts are only in June.
- Buildings are outdated. Lack of restrooms.

29. What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Hess-Hathaway Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Splash Pad	58.6%
Sledding Hill	56.3%
Upgrade Existing Restrooms	46.7%
Upgraded Trails	46.1%
Defined Walking Routes to Improve Safety	42.0%
Pickleball Courts	31.3%
Dog Park	30.7%
New Restrooms	19.9%
Basketball Courts	17.3%
Improved Parking	14.9%
Interpretative Signage	14.0%
Other - Write In	11.0%

Other - Write In

- 1/8 mile dirt oval
- A pathway along Williams Lake Road north to Parkside Preserve of Waterford
- Baseball diamond
- Clean up the old trash dump sights in the back of the park , especially along the walking paths.
- Cleaner picnic tables, they always seem to be filthy and uninviting to use
- Dog park not small area that will lead to fights
- Handicap play area

- I have been many times and I do not know where the trails are
- If able, expand the park to include the LuEllen Woughter Nature Reserve located on the OCC Highland Lakes campus as this designated space is adjacent to Hess-Hathaway property line
- Keep Hess Hathaway as is, it's perfect
- Keep it family friendly while there are cross country meets. Should not have to pay to enter a park Judy because there is a meet when you're not normally expected to pay.
- Keep the no pets policy
- Mountain biking trails
- Nature play area
- New restrooms and building for classes. New playground, splash pad would be amazing!! Paved track for walkers and kids to ride bikes
- No missing or broken equipment
- No where in this whole damn survey does it even hint about adding disc golf.
- Playground, needs to be updated, a lot of things have been broken
- Please do not add a splash pad. I do love those but not here. This park is perfect just the way it is. If you're going to do anything just preserve what is there. Playground equipment included.
- Please keep this park pet free. Some people are fearful and this park is a safe place.
- Restored playground
- Senior walk day events to encourage safe group walking events.
- Snack Shack
- Updated playground (4)
- Volleyball
- Why not have a working farm?
- Wondercide tick treatment application
- more kids play area
- please do not invite dogs to the park. I would hate to see the farm animals upset or hurt by an untrained pet.
- exsigns in trails

30. Please evaluate the following aspects of Lions Park.

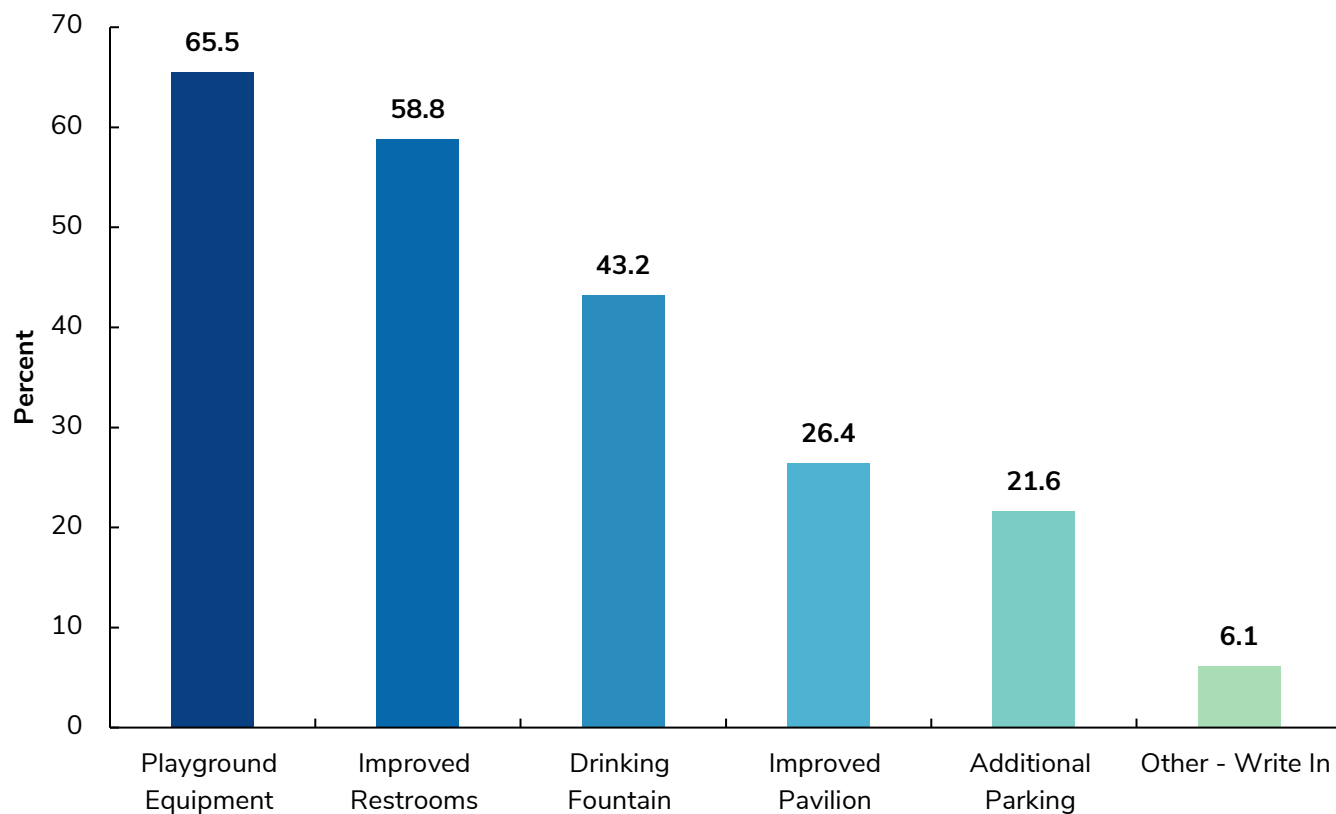
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	12 3.5%	42 12.2%	48 14.0%	3 0.9%	2 0.6%	236 68.8%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	11 3.2%	32 9.3%	52 15.2%	8 2.3%	5 1.5%	235 68.5%
Maintenance and Appearance	9 2.6%	45 13.1%	42 12.2%	6 1.7%	4 1.2%	237 69.1%
Handicap Accessibility	5 1.5%	19 5.5%	44 12.8%	10 2.9%	2 0.6%	263 76.7%

31. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- I have t been there in years
- Same thing as the other ball diamonds. Get rid of the weeds on the infield and maintain the growth on the outfield fences. Check for holes with grass growing over them. I sprained my ankle out there just walking.
- No handicap access. Poor bleacher locations. Field needs upgrades. Restrooms and pavilion need updates. Need playground equipment.
- Needs to be more maintained
- Not very handicap friendly
- There's no public handicap restrooms I am handicap and I live down the road from there and I cannot use my wheelchair to go there because if I have to go to the bathroom the facility is locked and I cannot use it. There's always dog poop everywhere around there because people bring their dogs and do not clean up their mess. Trash is everywhere and I feel unsafe there because people are doing more drug dealing there than anything.
- So much more you could do with this property. Or sell it to builders and invest the money elsewhere
- How about adding things to do at this park
- Park is run down
- Never even noticed this park. We need to improve communication to the community
- Appears to be a private park, not public.
- There is no handicap access

32. What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Lions Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Playground Equipment	65.5%
Improved Restrooms	58.8%
Drinking Fountain	43.2%
Improved Pavilion	26.4%
Additional Parking	21.6%
Other - Write In	6.1%

Other - Write In

- Disc golf
- Find a way to redo park. Neighbors yards are to close by and the bleachers were removed down 1st base line
- If possible, expand the park. There is over 11 acres of land for sale that is adjacent to Lion's Park property line (4223 Crocus Road) with established trails down to Fiddle Lake. Best Scenario is to buy the land and preserve the entire area. A more realistic option is to have stipulations on the development of this land once it is sold.
- Pickle Ball Courts, could become main Waterford park for Pickle Ball
- Pickleball
- Playground with fence

33.Please evaluate the following aspects of Maceday Lake Park.

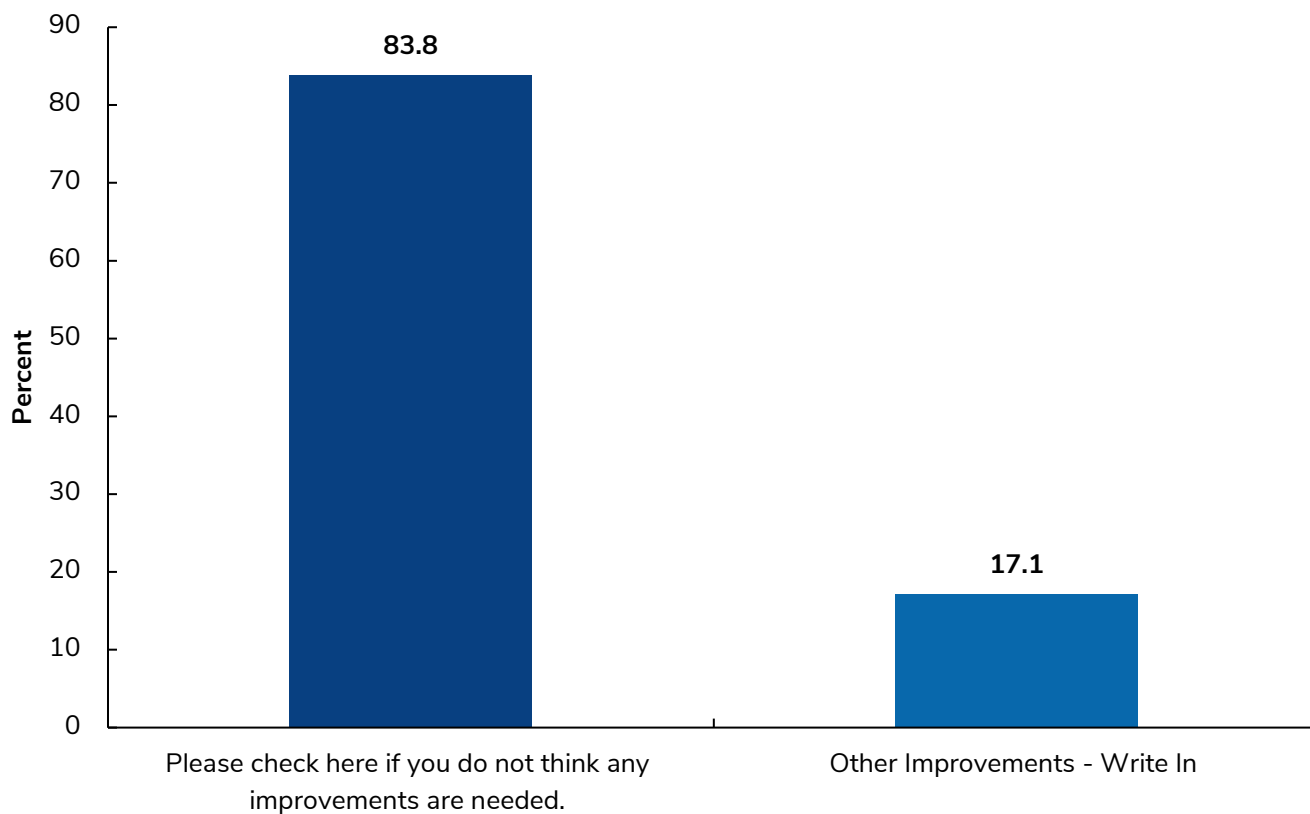
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	12 3.6%	29 8.6%	31 9.2%	3 0.9%	4 1.2%	257 76.5%
Maintenance and Appearance	12 3.6%	24 7.1%	38 11.3%	5 1.5%	1 0.3%	256 76.2%
Handicap Accessibility	10 3.0%	16 4.8%	33 9.8%	7 2.1%	1 0.3%	269 80.1%

34.If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- I would love to see this preserved as natural area but improved in accessibility
- There's nothing for people to do there. No bathroom no wheelchair accessibility there's nothing there this is just a waste of our Township money.
- This is too close to private homes. Parking is tough
- Completely unaware of this location.
- Handicapped people can't access this park. The small trail is not wide enough.

35.Are there any improvements or additions you would like to see at Maceday Lake Park? If so, please write in below.



Value	Percent
Please check here if you do not think any improvements are needed.	83.8%
Other Improvements - Write In	17.1%

Other Improvements - Write In

- A viewing area
- Advertising (where is this one), walking trails and bathrooms
- Benches
- Clean it regularly, security camera? Close?
- Lighting and event areas
- Marked trails
- Not sure of any improvements, but if it is a nature preserve, the keeping it secure as such is a high priority.
- Outreach. I didn't know this park existed
- Parking too close to private homes
- Possibly a bird blind for observing and photographing birds and wildlife.
- Signage? I did not know this even existed.
- Trails
- Walking trails?
- Widen trail & pave parking area.
- Would we be able to have a public bonfire pit here?

36.Please evaluate the following aspects of the Marion Street Park.

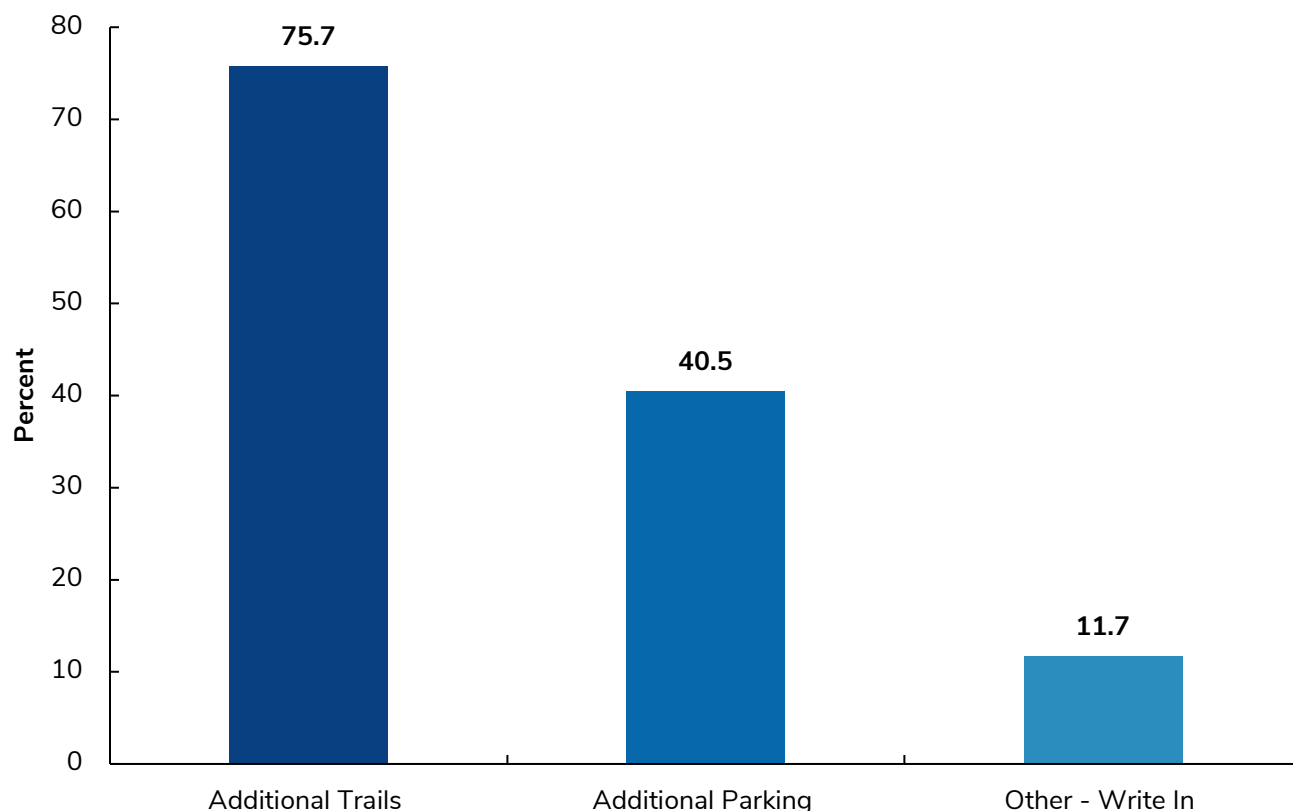
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	8 2.5%	15 4.6%	38 11.7%	6 1.8%	1 0.3%	258 79.1%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	7 2.1%	12 3.7%	33 10.1%	11 3.4%	3 0.9%	260 79.8%
Maintenance and Appearance	6 1.8%	13 4.0%	38 11.7%	9 2.8%	0 0%	259 79.7%
Handicap Accessibility	6 1.8%	9 2.8%	34 10.4%	8 2.5%	2 0.6%	267 81.9%

37.If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- There really isn't any designated place to park.
- No parking.
- needs parking
- Didn't know this exists
- There nothing there but a single park bench and a garbage can I petitioned for years ago. There could be more things for sure.
- There's nothing there for a handicap person no public restrooms no pathways for wheelchair.
- There is no parking available and a gate that a wheel chair couldn't get thru. Only some of the path is paved, the balance is dirt / grass.
- Overgrown and filled with trash. No parking.
- This area of rugged woodlands and wetlands is not handicap accessible. This is a hidden gem that has lots of potential. Lets preserve this space and think of something really neat to do here.
- Didn't know this park existed.
- Completely unaware of this location.
- One restroom needed.

38.What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Marion Street Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Additional Trails	75.7%
Additional Parking	40.5%
Other - Write In	11.7%

Other - Write In

- Another park I didn't know existed
- Better information and description
- Better signs
- Didn't know this park existed, better communication about it
- Fishing piers and better lighting and access.
- Outreach. Didn't know it existed.
- Put playground equipment or more benches or a fountain or something. It's dreb.
- Signage defining trails/markers
- Signage on end of Marion at Elizabeth Lake Road that there is a park there.
- interpretive nature signage about native plants and animals (including Native Americans), there are some signs of Native American history already within the trails of this park, bike trails, board walks, and possible outdoor gym trails

39. Please evaluate the following aspects of Optimist Park.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	20 6.0%	80 23.9%	47 14.0%	4 1.2%	5 1.5%	179 53.4%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	17 5.1%	61 18.3%	50 15.0%	31 9.3%	4 1.2%	170 51.1%
Maintenance and Appearance	17 5.1%	75 22.4%	54 16.1%	12 3.6%	3 0.9%	174 51.9%
Handicap Accessibility	9 2.7%	32 9.6%	55 16.5%	13 3.9%	3 0.9%	222 66.5%

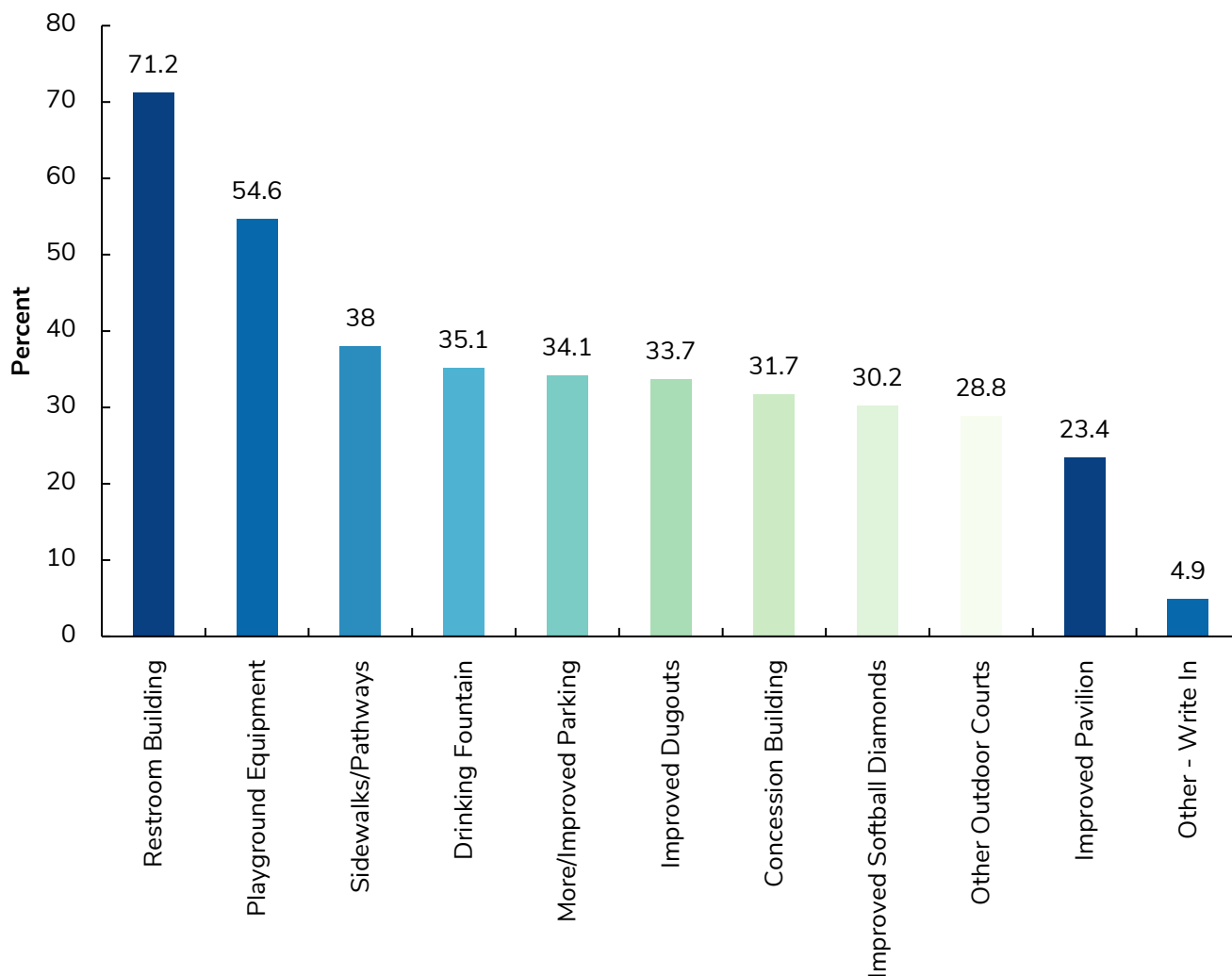
40. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- There was a playground, would be nice to have that again. There was concessions and a real bathroom, those are missed too
- Need restrooms
- Dugouts could be updated
- Needs better, more defined parking and restrooms, and playground equipment.
- Need bathrooms, need to maintain area around the fields
- This is one of the most difficult parks to get into. The one field closest to Elizabeth lk rd, is almost impossible to get to with any kind of a handicap. Parking is difficult off Elizabeth lk rd, so limited. The other field is just okay. Vegetation needs to be trimmed back from the bleachers and dug out area. Mosquito haven. Not my favorite place to play ball.
- I didn't select poor, but I would like to see increased hours. I tried to go there on a Saturday in March and it was closed.
- Why so many baseball fields? So many of these parks are right next to where I live and yet we have never utilized them (and we love the outdoors)
- A child was hit by a car and DIED there due to lack of parking. There needs to be more parking FURTHER from the busy road. Also more fencing to prevent kids entering the road and parking lot. The current playground entrance needs to be permanently closed off for the safety of the kids! Then parking would only be far away near the other entrance from the neighborhood. Also the short path at the top is dangerous. Crime goes on there.
- You removed the playground. Kids use the baseball fields during the summer but the siblings often have nothing to do. Bring back the playground, concessions stands and restrooms.
- There's no handicap nothing there no public restrooms all I see is kids they're getting high on pot and drinking beer trash everywhere nobody's ever there to patrol I don't feel safe ever going there.
- Not clearly accessible poor parking limited use
- Growing up in this neighborhood, I know kids go here to do drugs because I myself used to sneak out and smoke weed. The kids carve into the only picnic table there. They have removed all equipment so it's really just a couple baseball diamonds. It's beautiful, you have views of the lake. I hope this is one of the parks that get improved so many families are in that neighborhood and really could use them.
- The back diamond is not really handicap accessible, terrain makes it hard to get there. The back diamond is just a large sand pit. Bathrooms smell and you can smell when on the diamond next to them. Younger kids play in the back diamond and the benches are high and dangerous

- It is difficult to sit on the away side with a wheel chair due to the tree root
- More tables and benches , porta potty,.trimming of trees and shrubs
- Need to add permanent restrooms and some handicap sidewalks
- Looks like a private park, not public.
- Brush/trees are often overgrown and baseball field are not maintained and have grass growing on the fields.
- Where do I begin The field is full of weeds! It has been burnt with the fire thingy. It does not help much. It is an embarrassment when other teams come to Waterford to play
- No restrooms and the playground was minimized!

41. What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Optimist Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Restroom Building	71.2%
Playground Equipment	54.6%
Sidewalks/Pathways	38.0%
Drinking Fountain	35.1%
More/Improved Parking	34.1%
Improved Dugouts	33.7%
Concession Building	31.7%
Improved Softball Diamonds	30.2%
Other Outdoor Courts	28.8%
Improved Pavilion	23.4%
Other - Write In	4.9%

Other - Write In

- Dis golf
- Get rid of small rock pond
- More Hours
- Please develop this as main pickle ball courts for township, expand Lions Park for softball
- outdoor pickleball courts

42. Please evaluate the following aspects of Rotary Park.

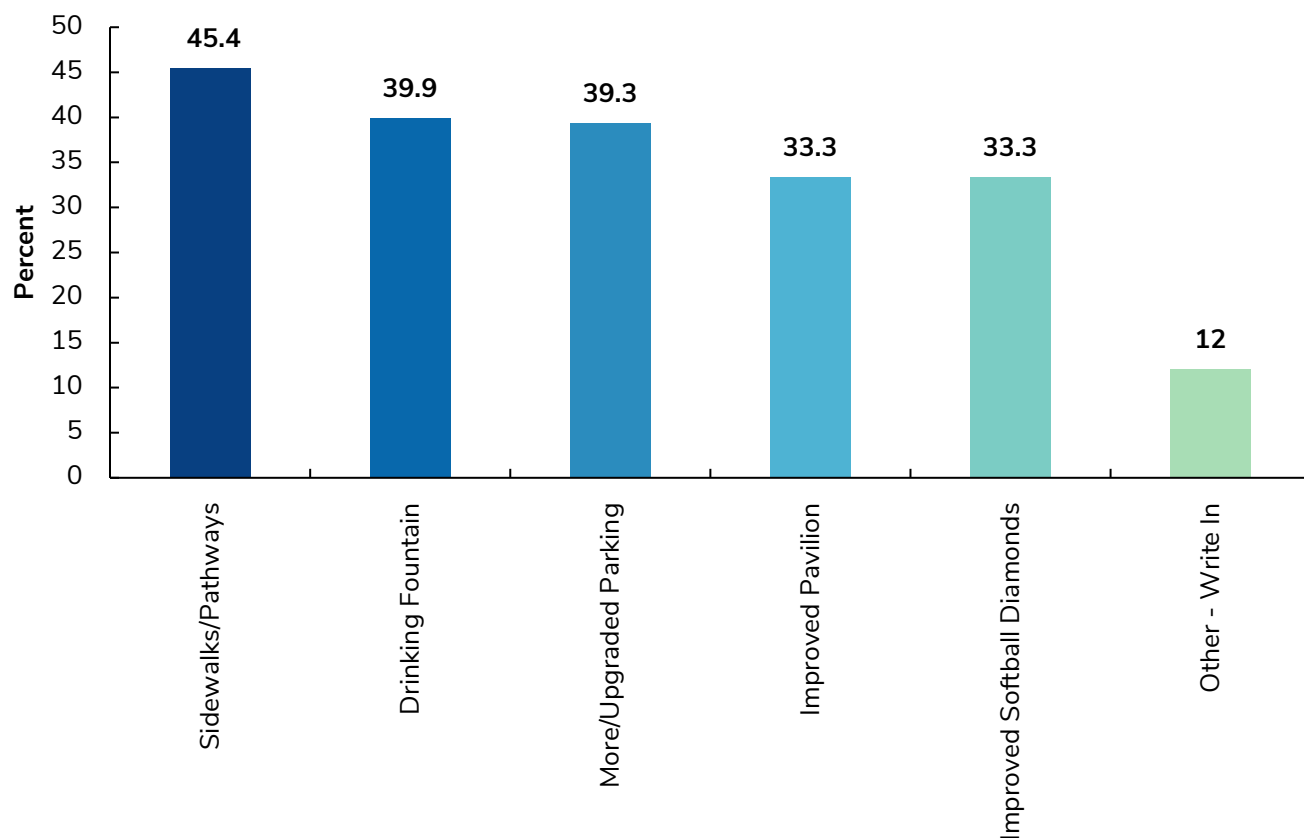
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	35 10.6%	80 24.2%	40 12.1%	4 1.2%	1 0.3%	171 51.7%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	20 6.0%	77 23.3%	52 15.7%	12 3.6%	0 0%	170 51.4%
Maintenance and Appearance	25 7.5%	87 26.1%	46 13.8%	7 2.1%	0 0%	168 50.5%
Handicap Accessibility	10 3.0%	44 13.3%	48 14.5%	11 3.3%	0 0%	217 65.8%

43. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- The fields in this park could use some updating.
- Soccer fields barely have any grass when it gets hot out. Sprinklers would be great.
- Same as other ball diamonds. Get rid of the weeds on the infield.
- Open the restrooms during baseball games. Great playground
- This park is directly along the flight path for Oakland Airport. It should not be further developed for safety and noise level reasons.
- Again, getting out of car to walk to fields, needs to be a paved walkway. Bathrooms are not always available. Softball fields are awful after a rain. Water holes all over the field. Needs better grooming. Road into the park is awful. Needs more maintained better. Potholes.
- Gravel parking lot and restrooms are always closed
- With the addition of the beautiful new playground, it would be a great opportunity to offer a fenced in play area on the opposite corner of the township. Hess Hathaway is a wonderful inclusive park but that is a long drive from the northeast corner of the township if you are looking to visit regularly for free activity in a budget.
- Paved parking lot would make this park more handicap friendly
- I never knew this was a park until I read this survey. It looks like it belongs to the airport. It seems like usage of this park is very limited. Could be make to look more inviting.
- Please open restrooms. People use the park all the time, not just when games are held there.
- Pavilions are a mess. Needs to be improved and plumbing for the bathrooms needs to be updated
- No public restrooms. Nothing for a person in wheelchair to do their
- Should not be with fenced closed through winter
- Please keep the restroom building working and open
- No paved walkways for wheel chairs or walkers.
- The road driving in is horrible with holes, the ground is over used and needs watering/ care
- Needs updating
- Never used, only know of by driving by and through friends.
- Bathroom need overhaul
- Concussion stand is not consistently open. Overgrown trees
- There should be some kind of paved area so that I handicapped person can use the mobility car or a walker.
- It's a large piece of property that is mostly unused or under utilized.

44. What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Rotary Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Sidewalks/Pathways	45.4%
Drinking Fountain	39.9%
More/Upgraded Parking	39.3%
Improved Pavilion	33.3%
Improved Softball Diamonds	33.3%
Other - Write In	12.0%

Other - Write In

- Dog park
- Restrooms (3)
- Added play structures. Swings,etc. Dog Park
- Dis golf
- Improved fields w/sprinklers and maybe even lights.
- Last time I was there the restrooms were not operational. They should be fixed if they haven't yet.
- Maintain playground
- Mosquito prevention
- Need to post signs for the people that bring their dogs there. I've only seen two people picked up after the dogs rest up and just go over there and let them do whatever and leave would help to see if we had signs up and may be from Savannah let people know to pick up their dog waste.
- Pickleball courts (2)
- Slides and swings at the playground
- Unlock bathrooms!
- this might be a good area to have a small facility for bathrooms and concession if the Waterford Corsairs use this to practice still than lets gear this park towards being their home field
- vending or snack shack

45. Please evaluate the following aspects of Shell Park.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	21 6.5%	67 20.8%	48 14.9%	3 0.9%	1 0.3%	182 56.5%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	15 4.7%	56 17.5%	45 14.1%	22 6.9%	2 0.6%	180 56.3%
Maintenance and Appearance	13 4.0%	66 20.5%	44 13.7%	19 5.9%	3 0.9%	177 55.0%
Handicap Accessibility	13 4.0%	33 10.2%	44 13.7%	10 3.1%	1 0.3%	221 68.6%

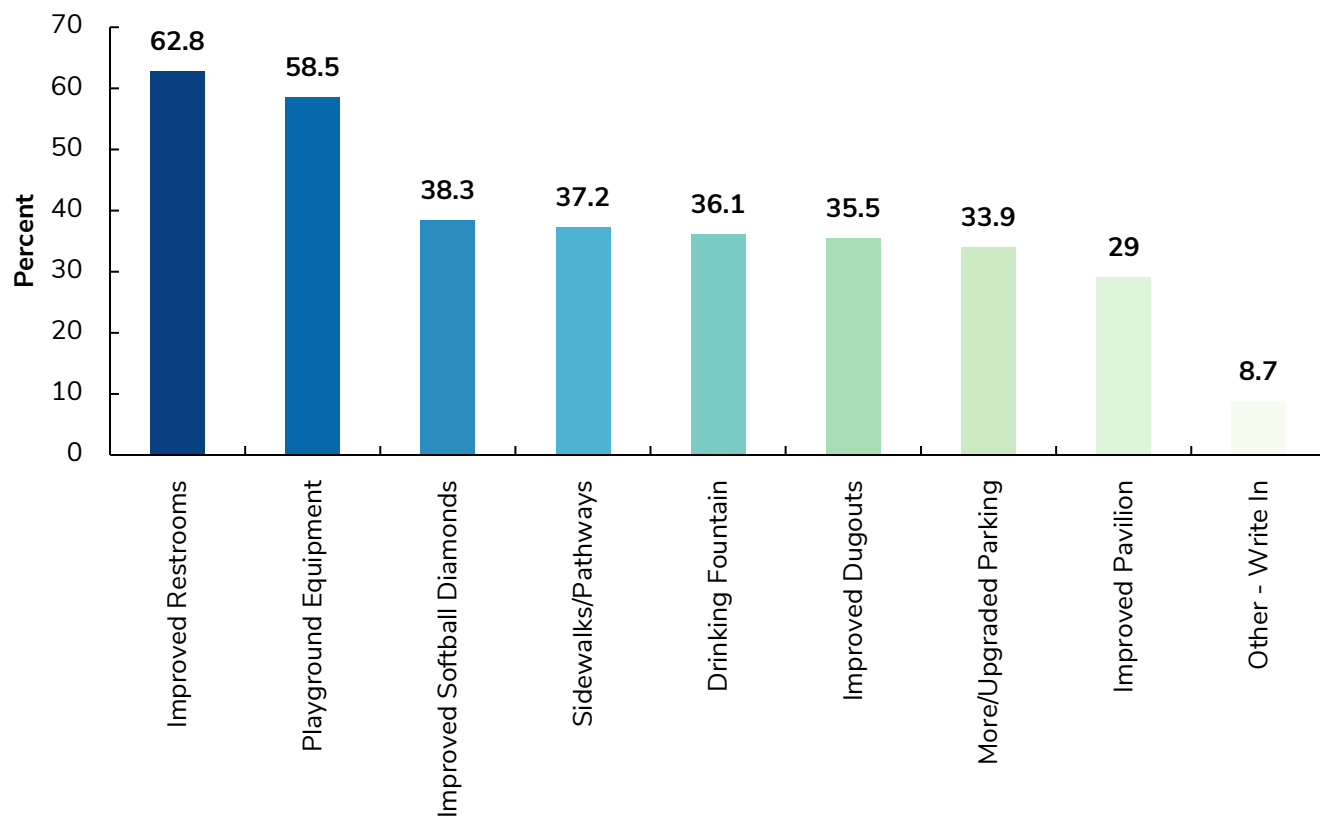
46. If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- Availability of paved walking paths for handicap are not readily available. And the facilities are not updated
- A little bit hard for a handicap person to get to the field. There is no drive up access and only a small path if you need to get to the other side
- Meh
- Get rid of weeds on the infield.
- Restrooms need update at both ends of the park, fields need upgrades, fences need fixing.
- Unlock bathrooms, open concessions
- Neither bathrooms or snack stand we're open at all this year
- The first field is great, lights etc. flat area to walk, etc. but field 2 is awful. The one side with bleachers is completely not accessible and even if able, about impossible to utilize the bleachers. Worst field we ever played at. Yet field 1 is rarely used. We would be playing at field 2, look over and no one at field 2. What are you saving it for? Concession stand hours were not consistent.
- I drive by this area frequently and I didn't even know it was there. Better signage maybe?
- My child played T-ball there this year. Whenever it rain the parking lot was a pond the dugout were full of water. Do you have a building for a concession stand but it was never opened the building also had the public restrooms and they were not open. My child actually peed their pants because there was nowhere to use the bathroom. Also there is no sunshade anywhere to watch a game. People bring their dogs and let them just poop everywhere. Trash on the ground. Garbage cans overflowing. No where to buy a cold drink. Even the driveway to get into the park was full of potholes and abandon building.
- Improve the lighting for all fields
- Need to fix the co session stand and bathrooms. Hate having to use a Porta potty there
- The restrooms are never open, and there is no longer a playground. I shouldn't have to use a port-a-potty right next to a closed restroom and concession stand
- The diamonds could use some upgrading
- Could use sprucing up.
- Every time I have been there the concession stand is closed.
- There is a spot cut in the fence that people utilize to access the park - especially during the Memorial Day parade. The wetland area and area by the rail road is under-utilized.
- No lighting, need better restrooms, better maintained fields.
- I have been told the lighting is not fully on and needs repairing

- Update fields, needs maintenance. Lawn care!
- Only aware of this park as the gathering spot for the Bands at the start of the parade. The facilities are old and dated. Have never seen any events here.
- The park has several ball teams coming through. We could update or give our children a nice place to play ball.
- Parking is free for all on one use. Outdated bathroom. No play area. Sharing small driveway on Dixie entrance is terrible
- Just trash
- The amenities and appearance are lacking for a park that should be our focal point of "downtown". Many improvements could be made to attract people.
- We don't visit here often because we don't play ball here. It's a nice spot for a park where there's almost nothing to do for folks in the community surrounding
- Needs to be updated

47. What type of improvements or additions would you like to see at Shell Park? Please Check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Improved Restrooms	62.8%
Playground Equipment	58.5%
Improved Softball Diamonds	38.3%
Sidewalks/Pathways	37.2%
Drinking Fountain	36.1%
Improved Dugouts	35.5%
More/Upgraded Parking	33.9%
Improved Pavilion	29.0%
Other - Write In	8.7%

Other - Write In

- An updated sign on Dixie that stands out more. It's hard to spot in such a narrow entrance.
- Better signage. This right by my house and no one can ever find it
- Concessions stand upgrades
- Dis golf
- Dog park
- Improved concessions
- More ball games after dark
- Native Plants along the railroad (protection & enhancement), possible outdoor gym area leading from the revitalized downtown area into the park
- Open concession stand
- Pathways surrounding park so people who live close by and safely walk to the park
- Pickleball courts
- Sometimes tricky for two way traffic at entry/exit

48. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Warming House (on the Civic Center Campus).

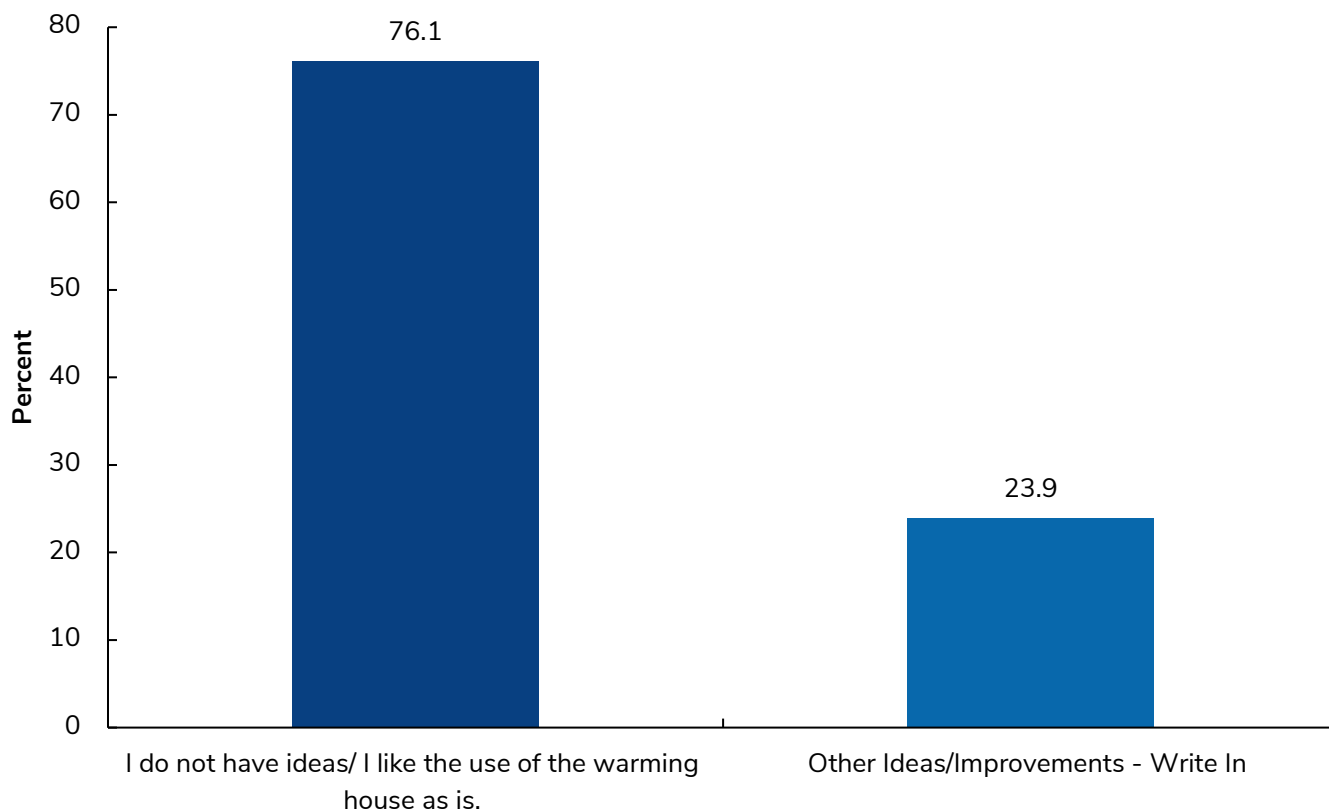
	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know
Safety and Security	83 24.6%	94 27.9%	35 10.4%	2 0.6%	1 0.3%	122 36.2%
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	46 13.7%	90 26.8%	63 18.8%	12 3.6%	2 0.6%	123 36.6%
Maintenance and Appearance	59 17.5%	113 33.5%	38 11.3%	7 2.1%	1 0.3%	119 35.3%
Handicap Accessibility	42 12.5%	86 25.7%	37 11.0%	6 1.8%	0 0%	164 49.0%

49.If you selected "poor" or "very poor" on the previous question, please explain why.

Response

- The building is dated and run down inside.
- Needs a nice outdoor space for kids to play and have safety fencing to keep kids from the pond and road
- It looks run down and dingy
- Allow for alcohol when renting with the purchase of an alcohol permit. I would rent this facility for my group of women for events but no alcohol byob) is allowed.
- The door to the restrooms is always locked. It would be nice if the restrooms were more accessible.
- The building needs to be updated. You charge as residents too much money do use the building when we already use our tax money to pay for it. My cousin had a baby shower there and it was disgustingly dirty and we had to wash all the tables down before we can even use that on the floor didn't look like it's been mopped in years.
- More kitchen and updated bathrooms.
- Long walk to get to building, especially in winter
- I strongly recommend replacing the willow tree(s) that were near the perimeter of the pond. There is at least one willow tree that was cut down due to age. Willow Trees are native to our area and one of the most important trees in the State of Michigan for a healthy ecosystem.
- Often flooded walkway
- Site is difficult to use for visitors with mobility issues.
- The indoor area REALLY needs an update.
- Advertising needs improvement (what can I do here?), more walking paths with directions (makes a loop) and more marked clean bathrooms.
- I wish it were a little more reasonably priced to rent

50.What ideas do you have for improvements or additions at the Warming House (on the Civic Center Campus)?



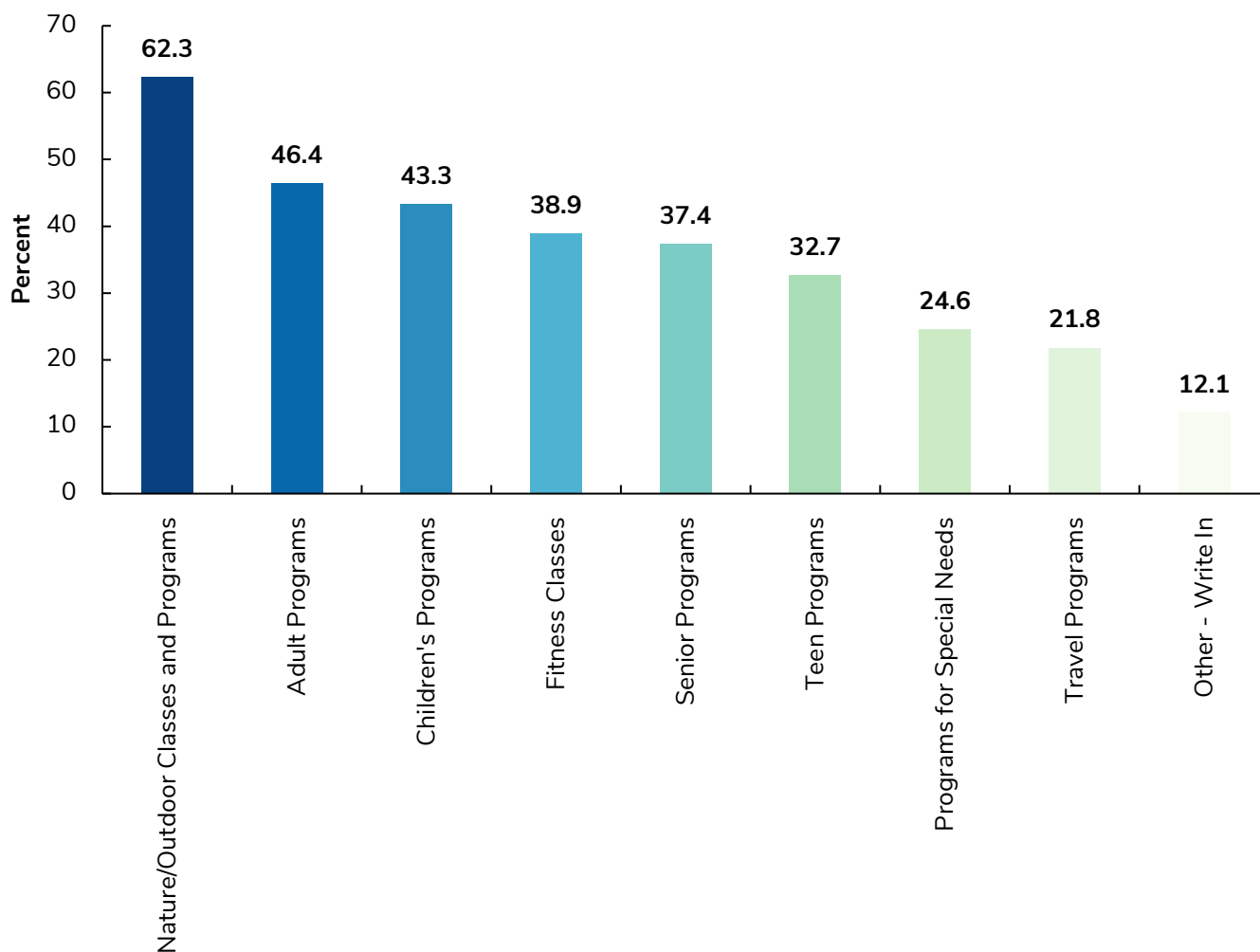
Value	Percent
I do not have ideas/ I like the use of the warming house as is.	76.1%
Other Ideas/Improvements - Write In	23.9%

Other Ideas/Improvements - Write In

- reA playground
- Bathroom accessibility
- Biking trails
- Cider and donuts festival
- Expand the size of the facility for meetings and events.
- Exterior update, lights in the pavilion.
- Having a refrigerator and stove would make it more practical.
- Having a refrigerator available for rentals would be helpful.
- I have had many parties at the warming house, very pleased with it!
- I have lived here 22 years and I am not sure what the point of the warming house is
- Ice skating nights in the winter
- Inside needs to be updated and look nicer for parties, showers, etc.
- Make it larger to accommodate more people.
- Make the rent affordable!
- More community events
- More gardens
- New tables and chairs
- Playground (4)
- Playground area for warmer months

- Public restrooms
- Restrooms for those walking the pond area
- Seems underutilized. Hear about the location frequently, but always in context with it not being available to use.
- Update the interior
- Update the meeting space.
- Wash the sidewalks often! I walk through here everyday and I'm always dodging goose poop. I know you can't get rid of the geese, but it is hard to enjoy walking when the poop is EVERYWHERE! More benches to sit and gaze at the pond would be nice.
- What is actual purpose?
- Would be nice to have a community event and see the fire place used. Perhaps during the tree lighting event.
- any improvements are always great
- work with a local conservation group to plant a willow tree or two near the pond to replace the old ones that needed to be removed

51.What types of activities and programs would you like to see more of at Waterford Township's Parks?



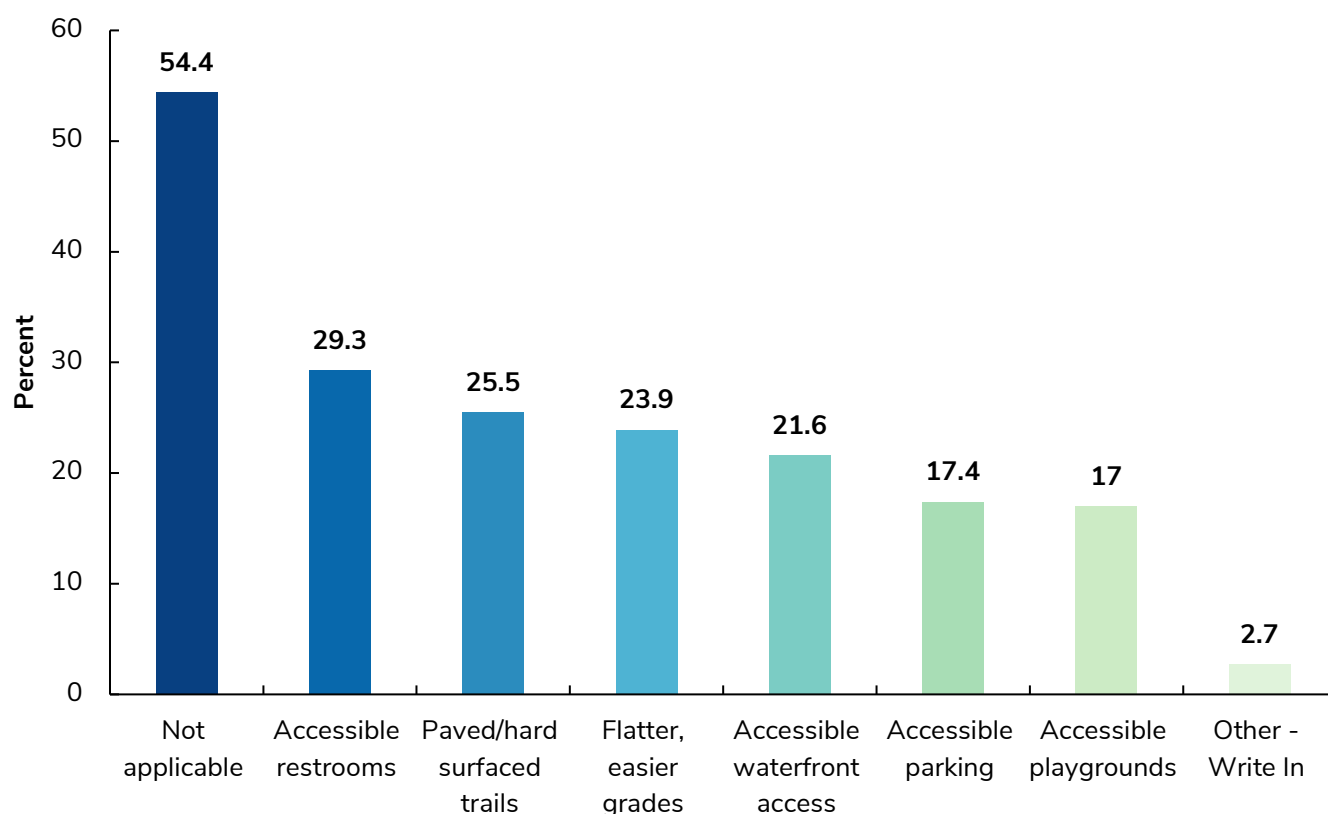
Value	Percent
Nature/Outdoor Classes and Programs	62.3%
Adult Programs	46.4%
Children's Programs	43.3%
Fitness Classes	38.9%
Senior Programs	37.4%
Teen Programs	32.7%
Programs for Special Needs	24.6%
Travel Programs	21.8%
Other - Write In	12.1%

Other - Write In

- Pickleball courts
- AFFORDABLE Sports for kids
- An outdoor skatepark at one of the parks, and an Outdoor fitness (pull up bars, triceps dip bars, etc
- Biking Trails
- Biking programs
- Children swim classes for neighborhoods with beaches.
- Community events
- Disc golf
- Dog parks

- Don't improve areas that are not used such as baseball diamonds, also be considered of functional use other than soccer fields I prefer options to responsibly take my c dog and nieces/ nephews to walk and play, I don't have children in organized sports
- Green Space, areas left natural. NOT Developed.
- I would love to see the rec center and senior center combine to offer a more well rounded experience for our seniors. It would be lovely to also have playground equipment available for families like me to play while I parent I care for attends an event. Also, combining the ages offers such a wonderful opportunity of enrichment.
- Improved public awareness and signage so that parks will be used more.
- Indian Rupee Ngultrum
- Low cost no cost
- More community gatherings
- More outdoor pickle ball courts (2)
- None of it's going to raise taxes
- Outdoor pool
- Pickleball
- Pickleball for beginner
- Preschool/toddler programs outside of work hours
- Pride celebrations, art fairs (not the old lady craft shows), more food truck events, secular events, sensory friendly events, festivals
- Programs for Adults for making crafts
- Promote these township parks. I've living in Waterford for almost 2 years and knew of only two of the parks/facilities surveyed.
- Safe walking paths
- Skate park planning
- Sledding hills, hiking paths, a park like innovation in rochester
- Swimming pool with better hours and indoor walking track
- Tennis/pickleball courts
- The township parks tend to have an emphasis on softball and soccer. Please expand to include popular sports such as kayaking, pickle ball and a sledding hill like at Bowers Farm, Bloomfield.
- Wildlife observation blinds or areas for observation or photography
- Wildlife rehabilitation courses
- more day travel and overnight travel throughout state.
- water rides

52.If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make the Waterford Township parks more user-friendly for you and your family member. Please check all that apply.

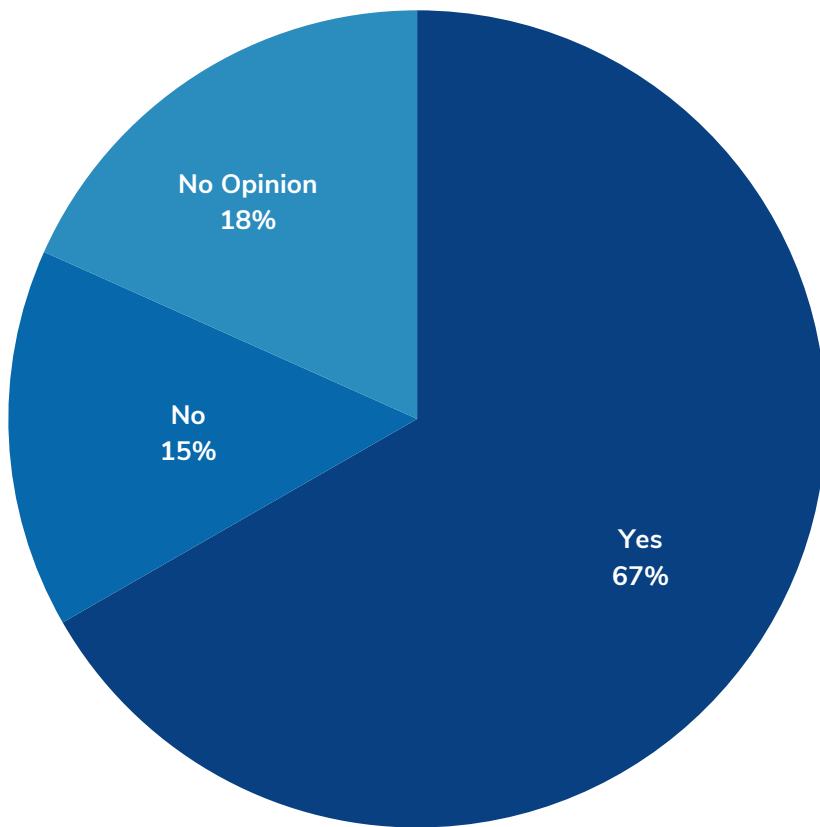


Value	Percent
Not applicable	54.4%
Accessible restrooms	29.3%
Paved/hard surfaced trails	25.5%
Flatter, easier grades	23.9%
Accessible waterfront access	21.6%
Accessible parking	17.4%
Accessible playgrounds	17.0%
Other - Write In	2.7%

Other - Write In

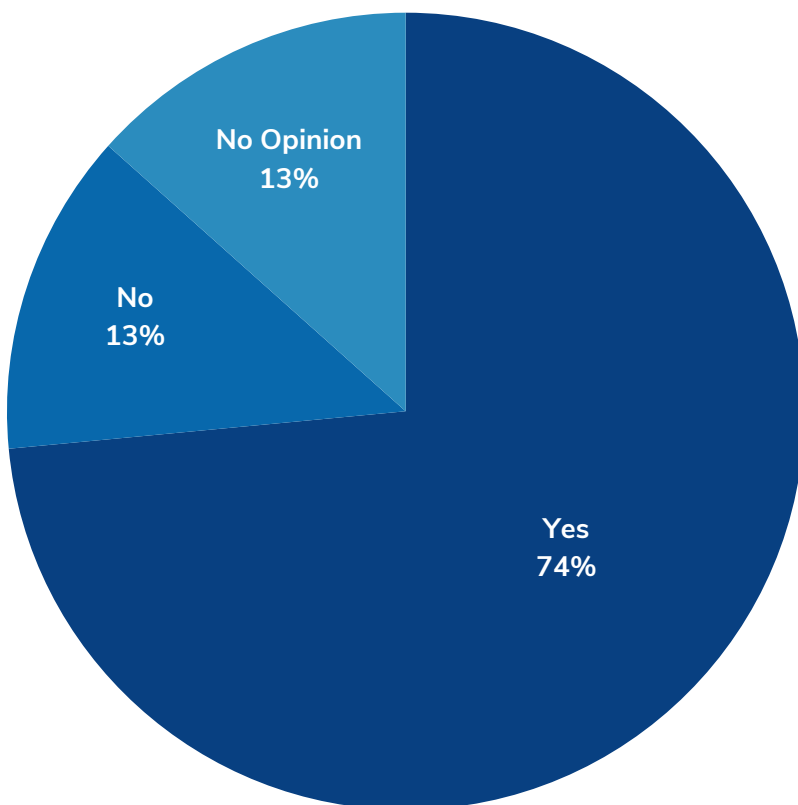
- Adult changing tables in bathrooms
- Avoid cobblestone, brick, anything that can eventually cause a lip in the pavement.
- I do not have a disability, but paved trails would make a park trail more accessible for people with strollers and those with knee issues.
- Unlock bathrooms

53.Would you support a dog park in Waterford Township?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	66.7%	240
No	15.0%	54
No Opinion	18.3%	66
	Totals	360

54.Would you support a new community center in Waterford Township to replace the existing Waterford Recreation Center (CAI Building)?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	73.5%	264
No	13.1%	47
No Opinion	13.4%	48
	Totals	359

55.What do you like best about Waterford Township's Parks?

Response

- We have a great amount of Parks!!
- Love the Rec Ctr and Golden Age Club programs. And travel programs
- They are placed all around the township.
- Their accessibility and the different amenities that they offer our residents.
- Hess-Hathaway is awesome! Between the trails, the gazebo, the play area, the farm animals, pavilion and hay rides, it's the best park we have!
- The staff I have had contact with are wonderful.
- The abundance of old growth trees and the intimacy & shade they offer rather than clear cut open spaces. I strongly dislike clintonwood park and similar parks because there is no shade near the playground equipment.
- That we have quite a few of them.
- The people. The parks are not easily accessible. For example i bring a wagon with small kids and it is not easy to pull through narrow areas and on uneven ground
- I like the amount of parks we have and the variety of wide variety of activities available between all of them.
- They are usually cleaned and maintained. Most have at least a portapotty if not a restroom. Parking is usually decent
- Seems friendly and well taken care of
- I like the people that run them!
- All parks are easily accessible
- The people working for the parks are wonderful
- Absolutely nothing. I came from Troy and they have Beautidul parks and community center. Waterford is run down and has nothing to offer. Every community has pickleball courts except Waterford. Get on the band wagon if you have so many parks. Do something about it. And build a community/senior center to be proud of. Waterford is a large community
- The variety, can see farm animals at Hess Hathaway and other wildlife at Drayton Plains. Also the historical village at fish Hatchery
- That there are many different options in close proximity of each other.
- The variety of classes/ activities offered for my children.
- Variety and affordability of programs.
- Well maintained, nice features
- how many there are
- The variety of locations
- The nature experiences and exposure to farm animals. Outdoor playgrounds and ball / soccer fields.
- There are a lot of parks in this area. The township does a good job of maintaining them
- Preserved natural space with low impact activities. The natural beauty of Waterford, the lakes, river, woods is what attracted many of us to live here.It sets Waterford apart from other suburbs. We shouldn't worry about developing the large natural areas remaining.
- I like the variety of the parks, and that most include the natural wild life/trails to explore
- The natural beauty and wildlife
- The ability to use them whenever at no cost.
- There are many places to walk in the woods and enjoy nature, many play areas for children. the softball diamonds for community use. Please consider pickle ball courts and new Rec center
- Activities for youth
- That we have so many. That in a very urban area Waterford has township, county and state parks.
- Waterford has so much to offer but it needs to bring in more of us that have some money to keep us to stay. Make Waterford have similar parks, events, programs as clarkston, bloomfield, Royal

oak, Rochester etc such a great area but we really do need more to keep people here and upgrade it a bit.

- Free! Open dawn to dusk.
- The way that the Parks Program provides access to our Township's amazing natural resources and historical places for recreation, education and community togetherness.
- Accessibility and walking trails
- Lots of them and generally clean. Need to put some Pickleball courts through out the township
- I grew up in the township in the 50's. (Moved here in 1954) used the CIA for everything. The building is not accessible on the 2nd floor. The bathrooms are EXACTLY like they were at my ballet recital in 1957! The main gym needs some serious repair. I love Hess Hathaway park and Shell park. I don't use the others too much. I love the CIA but realize we probably need a new facility. It was "alive" in the 50's and 69's. I loved going there for the Fair every year. Dance classes, etc weight Watchers, a library extension, reasons to go there for something.
- When you actually listen to the public and follow through with actions.
- We have a lot of parks. I think they were great 40 years ago. I think they need updating
- Their youth soccer and basketball programs
- Great variety!!!
- They are an excellent asset to the citizens.
- Generally they are well maintained. Some parks like Hess-Hathaway and Fish Hatchery are definitely more crown jewels of the system than others.
- There are so many!
- I love the walking trails and nature
- Hess Hathaway
- Many parks for everyone to enjoy.
- Hess Hathaway is inclusive and fenced.
- There's several to pick from, as a Waterford resident with a busy toddler. We enjoy Hess Hathaway the most
- I like that they are free and they look maintained.
- Lots of greenery and focus on nature
- Being out in nature.
- I think we have amazing park spaces. I haven't been able to use them much recently due to mobility issues.
- close trails
- The great variety of programming esp the concert series with ability to order food/adult beverages.
- Easy access on the ones that I have used
- Waterford parks and recreation department personnel
- Kayaking and Nature
- They are beautiful and plentiful.
- Hess Hathaway is the only park my family really uses. I would like some new play equipment for older kids.
- Generally well kept. Regular cleanliness is a big deal.
- Lots of variety.
- That there is offerings for all ages in the community.
- Plentiful, although a couple mentioned in the survey, I didn't even know existed and I've lived in Waterford 54 years.
- I like that we have so many acres designated for parks. Waterford is a beautiful area.
- That we have an abundance of parks and they are used by families
- Access, beauty, utility, and are well maintained.
- Playgrounds and close to home.

- Really enjoy Hess Hathaway. It offers such different activities for our kids and makes a great option for a quick break from our routine.
- I'm very happy with Waterford's parks, my kids have loved playing and doing camps at Hess, playing baseball w/ Parks & Rec and w/ WCA on many of the fields, exploring the Fish Hatchery and Historic buildings and exploring the Nature Center. As they have gotten older, we would like to hike more and I'm just learning about some parks in this survey that I didn't know existed!
- variety of parks and services
- The beauty and the nature
- Hess Hathaway!!!!
- There are a variety and they are geographically diverse.
- The number of parks in the township.
- The trails at Hess-Hathaway are gorgeous, and we also love the farm. My family also loves the Nature Center.
- All the water. We are very blessed. Most of our areas are built up enough just need a little maintenance or face lifts.
- it is very close and my daughter likes to go there, while i take a break.
- The parks my family uses are very nice.
- i hate to admit this, but i rarely use the parks, when our kids were younger - primarily the soccer fields.
- They bring the community together. Our kids NEED sports programs. Give them something to do! Keep them out of trouble.
- We have the best Parks and Rec department programming around. I wish the new building would have been approved. I would totally support it again.
- Drayton plains nature center
- I like the variety of the parks and what they offer.
- The Waterford Township areas are great for out
- Variety
- Overall, you do an amazingly good job with all the parks we offer. The CAI building has just outworn its usefulness.
- Facilities are great. Employees are very helpful.
- I like walking and enjoying nature.
- There seem to be many of them, most I didn't know existed, so the variety seems to be good.
- I didn't know 1/2 of these parks existed, sell them and put the money towards amenities that Rochester, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Lake Orion and Clarkston already have. I drive to all these cities to play Pickleball and ride my bike, then I stop for lunch and shop at all these cities. If it weren't for the lake I live on, I would not live in Waterford. There is nothing nice about Waterford, why would anyone come here! Sorry to be so negative, even more sorry that it's true.
- The amount of nature and untouched area. To me, a park is not baseball diamonds or soccer fields, it is nature. That's why I live in Waterford, and not Troy or Rochester. They've used up every available piece of land, and have no respect for nature.
- Nothing
- Why don't we use the closing OCC land? I think they are not used well, don't waste money on unsupported services. I've seen improvements at rotary park and know fields are growing grass in them, so don't waste my tax dollars and have them crumble
- We are close to so many parks, great walking trails and picnic areas for family time.
- The community outreach
- A great place to get together with little ones. Feels safe and clean
- Love the nature and the different kind of parks we have
- accessibility.
- We enjoy the playgrounds and nature trails!

- The variety of activities that are at most of them.
- Low to no cost to bring my family
- Terrible. We pay so much in property taxes and have nothing to show for it in the parks and Rec aspect. Please take notes from independence and Orion
- Lots of them
- A variety of places to visit and experience.
- I use the hiking trails.
- Open spaces, quiet and full of nature
- I like that there is plenty of areas to play. We have so many parks and that's awesome!
- Fun to go and watch games, eat at the concession stand. Good walk.
- I had no idea most of these existed. I'd love to see these parks advertised more. Perhaps compartmentalizing them (i.e sports, nature, history, bicycle-friendly, playground, water/beach, picnic, etc).
- We like the close proximity to our home with Drayton Plain Nature Center and Fish Hatchery Park. We like opportunities to explore nature and play outside.
- Variety
- That there are many to choose from and they all offer something different to see and do.
- Appreciate walking/biking trail and paths. Need improved mountain bike trails. Pontiac Lake rec area has not seen improvements to trails in years outside of trimming. Community needs safe trails not just bike paths.
- Their beauty! Waterford parks are among the best parks in the country. Nothing can beat the water, nature, and sense of community. And the wildlife!!!
- Clean and quiet
- We love Hess Hathaway
- There is always something to do and they are there for kids to enjoy
- Nature!
- I love the access to nature without having to drive out of town
- Access to the river
- Accessible
- During the pandemic they offered a space we could get out and explore with our children. I've lived in Waterford most of my life and while I haven't been to many of them as an adult, I have fond memories playing softball on many of the fields. Now a mom with two children the only places that really work for our family are Drayton Plains, Hess Hathaway & the Hatchery. We'd love to see a space with more kid friendly equipment, nature programs, camps, dog park, music events, bathrooms are a huge plus and one reason Drayton Plains is hard for our family - the porta potty is fine but not ideal for potty training kiddos. We love it here and know there's a lot of potential to make these spaces even better.
- The variety of amenities and the amount of parks we have. I like how some are more developed and some are not, so nature is preserved.
- Preservation of some natural areas, not trying to turn every location into a busy one.
- That we continue to preserve the beautiful natural areas that we share with other living creatures.
- Gets people out of their house to do things.
- Availability and walking trails and restrooms
- The variety and locations
- I love Hess Hathaway as it accommodates so many children, it's free with great programming.
- There's a great diversity of wildlife in many quiet, secluded areas
- We have a terrific variety.
- Easy access
- There is many parks.
- Community Events

- The variety of settings
- Nature. Stop fucking destroying it. Assholes.
- I like the variety of parks we have and the natural look
- Outdoor space
- The green space and the lakes.
- That there are many i did not know about and I would like to explore. We have lived here only a few years
- The variety of locations and amenities.
- How many we have. Wish they would be updated
- Lots of parks with a wide variety of facilities to use.
- Nature, animals, walking trails. The playground at Hess Hathaway is great.
- There are a variety of parks! Wish the parks had more variety in play structures. A dog park would be great at Rotary Park!
- Openness, not crowded, not trashed
- The trees 🌲 🌲
- There are options, choices of where you can go
- I honestly and truly did not realize there were so many undeveloped/rugged plots of land there are. Leave most alone and let it be land. Toss some picnic tables and benches there and it's the best run around area for a 2 year old. Maybe just make the area more obvious, maybe put the parking lot at the front. Or a huge sign.
- CAI building and property has so much potential - lots of neighborhoods could utilize and walk to this property - be nice to add more outdoor activity structures - all parks should have some type of play equipment, playgrounds are where new families meet other families in their family....and if they can stroller/wagon their kids there huge incentive - could also bring the fair back for township revenue
- The parks all have nice views and are easy to find.
- Quantity of parks and the decent upkeep.
- They all need better care of the lawn, appearance, make them look nice!!
- I like that we have a lot of parks but feel that they do not offer much. More tennis and pickleball courts would be great and restrooms. Also a paved walking or rollerblading path at Hess Hathaway would be awesome! Also new bathrooms at Hess
- They're beautiful! Just need a little updating.
- I was not aware of all the parks in Waterford, but I love going to the ones I know about, We are bike riders. I do like the few little free libraries that are scattered about. I like seeing my neighbors at the parks.
- Well maintained, clean, well run
- Like that Hess us free to use.
- I didn't know we had so many more information about it to local girl and boys scout troops and elementary schools for programs and service projects. They could adopt a park for regular clean ups and improvements
- Variety and availability. The nature center is a gem!
- Water access
- Close to neighborhoods
- Their potential. The reality is a disaster.
- The views, the cleanliness
- Township does not feel like a community. Planning is horrible. Reduce wages of board and put some money into these parks to better our community rather than always relying on residents to fund everything. Sports are expensive and not affordable to low income families. Require school to open access to both pools with affordable swimming and in gym activities
- They are beautiful!

- It's a mixture of country life and sports recreation
- Good variety of parks & facilities. We need a new rec center but not as elaborate as first proposal.
- Attention is paid!!
- The number and variety of them!
- For the most part, I think the majority of the parks are well maintained, clean and safe but I do think that upgrades are needed for accessibility for people with disabilities, especially mobility issues. I think that Waterford Parks have a little something for everybody to enjoy at no cost.
- The quantity of parks, but we use Hess Hathaway the most because of its trails, play structure and community events.
- More clear PR. Where are the parks? What do they offer? Show us pictures. More walking trails, indoor and outdoor. More modern bathrooms.
- That we have so many
- The rustic and undeveloped ones
- I've enjoyed the trails but I've only been to a couple. Didn't realize there were so many. Maybe something online that you can search all the parks for various options without have to look at each place separately.
- Honestly, my family only really frequents Hess-Hathaway. We like it for the variety of programs and amenities, great playground, and farm.
- Beautiful outdoor space. Outdoor activities, concerts programs etc.
- I like that many are close to where i live.

56.What one thing would you do to improve Waterford Township's Parks?

Response

- Cannot think of anything at this time.
- Better proactive maintenance
- I'd love some of our other parks to rival Hess-Hathaway in offerings. We have enough visitors to have two or three parks of this size offering more amenities like a dog park, skate park, splash pad, and playground equipment.
- Hold annual event at each park to allow and encourage residents to become familiar with them, especially senior events. Dog park at Waterford Oaks county park at county tax fund expense. New Community center would depend on cost. Need more coordination with Senior events between P&R Recreation Center and the Senior Center. Taxes are too high now and the never ending additional special taxes that keep getting added on are insane.
- Build a park like Dow gardens that would bring people in from other communities. A nature focused playground, a community center to include the rec center & senior center, a place for the whole family to join together. A place like Innovation park in Rochester is nice but they cleared so much wooded space and lost what cannot be replaced for another 20 years because of it. Please don't lose the old growth we have here in Waterford. Capture our natural resources of wooded areas and water.
- Improve and update lots of the equipment and facilities. I have a toddler and would love to feel more comfortable as he gets older to participate at events at the variety of parks
- Add playgrounds. Siblings get bored watching the games. Playgrounds get kids playing with each other
- New Rec Center Building and continue to protect and take care of our outdoor spaces.
- Improve handicap accessibility, add restrooms where there are none, add drinking fountains where there are none. Improve fishing areas and canoe launches to promote continuous use of these outdoor activities. Add concession stands or at least vending machines if no staff for a concession. Maybe add a splash pad for kids or a dog park, I know a lot of other communities have these amenities and are probably going elsewhere to use them.
- Bathrooms needed for all areas Drinking fountains Maintenance of soccer fields
- Put playgrounds at the ball fields that way siblings of kids that are playing can have something to do.
- Better restrooms
- More community access, enjoyable spaces, that aren't so heavily focused on sports.
- Make the site information more known. I didn't know of half that were asked about
- Pickleball courts
- I know about some of the bigger parks I however didn't know about some of the smaller ones. I'd not heard of them before. Maybe reintroduce some of the smaller parks on your social media or other advertisement
- Update the ball fields and build an actual rec center
- Get the township to increase budget so improvements can be made.
- Update paradise peninsula park.
- improve existing structures repair crumbling infrastructure and show a sense of pride in the community
- I have lived in Waterford for 38 years- raised my kids here, now my grandchildren. Need to do more to promote the parks and make citizens aware of them. Also desperately need a walkway to Dodge Park #4. Dangerous. Help with making that happen.
- Splash pad at Hess Hathaway park
- Bathroom facilities rather than outhouses

- Update the programming to include a wide variety of ages and abilities, adopt a Waterford parks are for everyone mentality, go beyond a model from 40 years ago when Waterford Parks had an emphasis on softball and soccer.
- Mostly just updated to be more accessible and accommodating
- Better building maintenance and amenities
- I already answered, but pickle ball courts #1
- Need new rec center
- Fences around all playgrounds.
- More signage at times for parking/trails. Better advertisement for upcoming park events
- Improve appearance of entrances on heavily travelled roads to include attractive signage.
- Better signs and trail markers
- Add lots of Pickleball courts throughout the township
- Build new civic center building. I believe it would highly increase the community involvement in programs offered at the civic center.
- More baby swings, splash pads
- I'm being selfish, but better accessibility for handicap people and Better baseball diamonds and more usage of them. Some appear to bring "saved" for something but can't figure out what.
- Don't add a dog park we don't need it and would rather have the funding go for existing parks like Drayton plains. There's plenty of other dog parks and places for dogs around.
- Variety- disc Golf- splash pad- skate park. Walking biking paths.
- More art / cooking programs and running programs for kids and adults
- NEW BUILDING FOR EVENTS !!!
- I really feel that we need a newer modern rec center. CAI is ok but definitely passed its prime. This community deserves a nicer facility, however I know this isn't the departments fault, the voters rejected a previous ballot initiative.
- More adult programs that are in the evenings
- They are not well maintained, appear dumpy, and don't have a lot of recreational activities for adults. I haven't found a single tennis court or pickle all court. Basketball would also be nice. And more playgrounds/ splash pads. Currently go to west Bloomfield for their nice parks unless I'm just going for a short hike.
- More playgrounds
- Promote them Send flyers out with tax statements Have aFB page for all of Waterford Parks and Rec
- General upkeep of buildings
- More kids activities and events throughout the year.
- New community center.
- More walking trails!
- Hess Hathaway is really the only playground that isn't just the boring same out stuff everywhere. I'd really love to see another playground on the opposite side of the township that is designed with inclusion and special needs children and safety in mind. The unique and clever designed playground that is built into the natural landscape at Innovation Hills in Rochester is top notch playground and it would be amazing to bring something unique and inclusive to our community, even if in a smaller scale.
- Children's activities after 5pm would be great! We miss a lot of the ones geared towards toddlers, as we're both working parents & our toddler is in daycare during the day.
- add dog park
- I would add play structures for young kids but I understand that they would require maintenance and it might not be in the budget. It was sad when the playground equipment left Optimus park (I think that is the name. The one across from the crescent lake boat launch.).
- Add bathroom buildings and drinking stations. Mark walking paths better

- Upkeep on play structures and more free events
- toilets
- Just keep modernizing aging facilities, add more rain gardens & native plants, and add more pickleball courts.
- Tear down the old CAI building and build a new recreation center that kids and teens would actually want to go to. There are few places where children/teens can go after school/weekends to play basketball with their friends. The indoor court is mainly for smaller children, and it is falling apart. One of the basketball games was even canceled due to building issues. This reflects very poorly on our city.
- More pickelball courts
- Make it easier to find out what they have. There are several with canoe/kayak access that we did not know about.
- I would improve the waterford Riverwalk.
- Play equipment! For young kids and for older kids. We go to Oakland county parks and the metro parks. They have splash pads, larger play equipment, other outdoor activities such as soccer golf, putt putt, swimming pools, etc. I didn't even know of a few of the parks mentioned because they just seem to have walking trails. Most of the parks are either soccer or baseball. More older kids classes would be nice, other than sports. More adult classes would be nice. I like the Mexican cooking class that was introduced. However, the time for the class doesn't workout. But I like the idea!
- Pay attention to trends/cultural changes. When there is something new that is catching on but it is not available in Waterford, it kind of lets the locals down and they have to leave their town to participate. From types of playground equipment to kayak rentals or even entire facilities like a skatepark or splash park. These are significant to the local families who when they get the time leave Waterford to go somewhere else that has them. Also I asking paths to get to parks!!! It is incredibly appealing to home buyers and so convenient to be able to access a park by walking or bike ride rather than getting in a car.
- Dog parks, more benches.
- I would like to see more play equipment in the area. Hess-Hathaway is the only "good" place to take the kids to play. I played softball for several years and there was not much for my kids to do while I played, swings and a slide at Shell and Optimist, for example. I liked taking them with me however they were soon bored.
- Improved access to lakes
- Splash pads!! A planetarium. Night time observatory place with telescopes. Reptile petting zoo.
- My son participated in the baseball league last summer and the park we were at (in a neighborhood?) felt ignored.
- I would like to see more playground equipment at the other parks. Hess is fantastic but it would be great to have more options. Also, water fountains would really be nice!
- We live in a beautiful community but our parks system does not reflect that at this time
- They aren't branded to feel like they are all part of the same community.
- Add playgrounds to more parks. I feel there are lots of parks with baseball, softball, soccer fields but not many parks have playground equipment. Hess-hathaway is on the far side of the township, Rotary park is nice but small. There are lots of parks close to my house but none have amenities that benefit me and my kids. They only have ball fields. Also, walking paths around the parks so people who live close can walk to the parks.
- New Rec Center w/more basketball courts
- More trash cans and regular pickup especially at the canoe sites. Bathroom/ porta potty would be great too!!
- Maintain entryways and roadways especially after rain.

- Put a gate at the Fish Hatchery...protect the buildings...people drive in there all night. Nothing good is happening in a park at 2a .
- more variety of things you could do there
- I have lived in the community for 26 years and didn't even know some of the parks existed. I think educating the community on some of these little-known parks would be helpful. Maybe highlighting them with community events throughout the year?
- i know there is a social media presence, but if you do not follow the parks or are not connected to a community page, you may miss notices of activities. i know it costs \$\$, but a monthly or quarterly mailing may help. I like the number of parks, but I don't know the usage among the township residents. if some parks were sold, would less parks be better and the budget can be more focused? Also, most of the parks seem to be baseball/softball focused - what is the trend for these sports? can these parks be repurposed? Also, pickle ball is a must, the fastest growing sport and Waterford is way behind.
- Redo the CAI building completely. Add some interactive things on the trails to keep us busy while exploring.
- Paved trails and more programming!
- Would really like to have: 1) Splash pad for kids. Since we do not have a community pool, this would be a huge benefit to the community. I would even be supportive of paying a parking fee or purchasing tickets (as they do for the one in Farmington Hills) online as long as the cost is within reason. The cost of the Wave Pool (at \$16 for residents) is getting very expensive and w/out having a slide or anything for pre-teens/teens , and never having any concessions open, it's not worth the expense. 2) Pickleball courts (with a way to reserve them online depending on the popularity). This is becoming a popular sport for all ages. 3) It would be great to have a dog park, but this is lower on my list. There is a dog "park" at Pontiac Lake Recreation (which only a large field), but you can walk your dogs on the trails there. 4) I'd like to see things that teens like to do - basketball courts is one idea. 5) I'm also in favor of having shaded areas at the parks for lounging and picnic areas, as well as options for recycling near the trash cans.
- make sure that there are restroom av
- Promoting all the parks - I didn't know there were so many. Keep handicap accessible in the forefront when planning.
- New facility like Farmington or Auburn Hills...perhaps at the OCC Highland campus
- Add a bike trail.
- Just more of the same. I think you are doing a great job!
- Modernization of key elements (pavilions, restrooms and other facilities).
- more wheelchair accessible areas, especially at sporting events.
- Better maintenance and hours in some parks. Signage and access.
- Marion Park needs a lot of work, I can't say much for the rest.
- Splash pad, dog park, we need things to keep our kids busy and stop losing residents. There is no sense of community here
- put in Pickleball courts
- Restrooms at more parks.
- Leave all the existing trees and trails alone. The only exception would be for the creation of a dog park.
- New CIA building
- More general uses other than soccer, I have pets and I am responsible, do not add thing a which will not be used or create problems for ex in pontiac state park ,so much land and dog park ,small fenced in yard in close to full sun, not safe for dogs or owners, Also let's be conscious of crumbling roads in neighborhoods, with an unrealistic solution proposed, it does not make waterford very attractive, yet township signs are replaced and civic center area kept up to date, last time I checked no residents live there

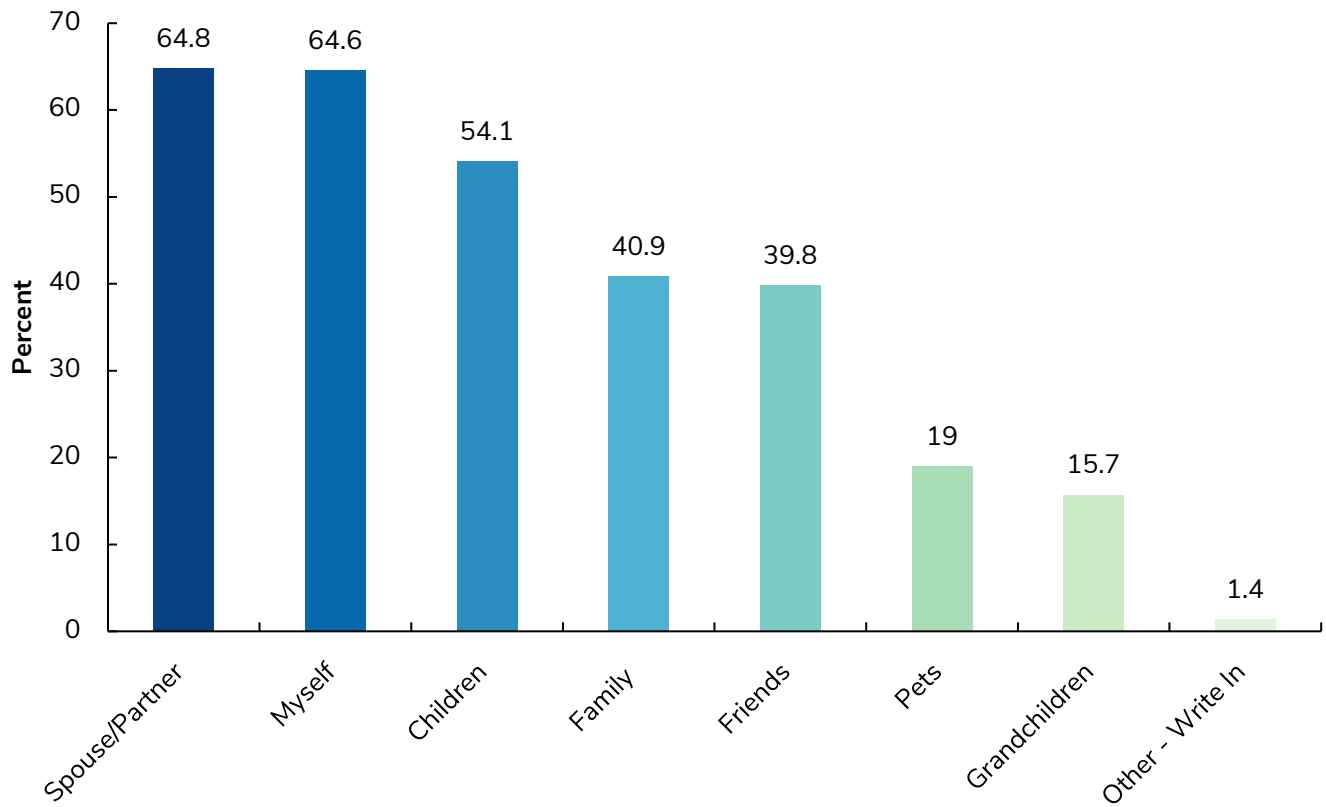
- Youth in our area have nothing to do
- More nature walking trails
- GET A NEW REC CENTER
- More pay to get in type of events to benefit the area and the parks
- Better playgrounds, updated
- Advertising of programs that these parks can offer
- maintenance and signage, and programs.
- Our baseball and softball fields need improvement and would bring in more teams and help bring in more money by adding concessions better bathrooms or bathrooms at all not unmanaged porter potties or locked bathrooms
- Improved bathrooms
- Most of them need major updates and better, regular maintenance
- Build a new parks and Rec building, community pool, nicer fields with better facilities. We need something similar to Clintonwood
- More advertising. I hadn't heard of half of these properties
- Bathrooms!
- Pickleball courts
- I wish the parks (or at least part) were more toddler/preschool friendly. (Example the play structure at the entrance of marshbank park in West Bloomfield) I also wish there was more young family programming that was friendly to working parent schedules.
- Fix the fencing. So many people destroy them, so sick of seeing that.
- Better signage with a distinct look. These seem to be scattered all over, but didn't know about 2/3 of them. Each park has a purpose and would appeal to different people, I'd love to see more people enjoying our green spaces.
- Better up keep on equipment and existing building.
- Pickle ball
- Improve existing trails and bridges and more restrooms
- Improve the lighting for early evening.
- Keep the BMX park and allow for improvements. It is a gem for the kids in the community and the beginner league program is a jewel in our crown of parks.
- Better fishing piers or spots to fish from shore
- Share park info with residents. Well labeled hiking trails.
- Some are not as maintained as others. Just because I'm in a wheelchair, doesn't mean I can't play with my kids. Now a days play structures are made to be all inclusive... sadly some of ours are very outdated. The paths also can be impossible to wheel yourself down. Some have loose gravel that you get stuck in like mud.
- Improved rest rooms and trails where available
- We need a motorsports park
- Restrooms mindful of toddlers and babies. More changing tables and step stools so that toddlers could reach while washing their hands.
- More open hours and trails
- A dog park- but it should be a nice one closer to Orion Oaks with woods and open areas where humans can enjoy too, not just a small fenced in rectangle of dirt like some other dog parks.
- Lives here 30 years and didn't know we had all of these parks. Need to advertise this more by having things at these parks. Familiar with Hess bc I live near it- also bc it is hard to miss and has had so many upgrades
- Upgrade the ball fields
- More free senior fitness classes
- Handicap accessible
- Promoting camps & nature programs for students and adults

- Need community building with pool and splash pad
- Have sledding hills since the one behind Kettering looks like they closed it off. Better bathrooms at the parks.
- More playgrounds
- Clean pickleball courts
- More playgrounds/spaces for kids
- Keep the paths maintained
- I am not sure, more nature programs or community programs would be nice
- Add and improve signage
- Maintain playground at Hess Hathaway better. Dog parks. Walking trail.
- Newer and improved parks
- Paved trails and wish the wave pool would return. But is that Oakland County control.
- Parking and play structures at more parks
- Things to do, concerts, events, disc golf. Also, the township needs to advertise with huge banners.
- Upgrade the trails and pathways and add better parking. Improved signage too. Oops, sorry that was three items, but I wrote them in order of preference.
- Have more outdoor concerts during the summer. Utilize them more in the winter- sledding snowshoeing, lighted area with concessions/hot chocolate. Celebrate winter holidays at Hess Hathaway. Just a note- when OCC closes, do not sell that space for housing. Keep it green with a larger park that can be used for marathons, splash pad, bike path, etc.
- Don't be afraid to use available money and grants to improve our facilities.
- Add Green Space, areas left natural. Not developed.
- I had no idea that most of these parks even existed. To my knowledge, there are no parks north of hatchery Rd., and our finest park, has Hathaway, is on the southern tip of the township, making it almost a half hour drive for those that live at the north end. I would really like to see parks where community can gather, and where community events occur on a much more regular basis.
- I would get rid of the township board and get people who care.
- Tie them all together with navigable pathways for walking/hiking/biking and even navigating the Clinton River better
- We don't have a downtown, we need events to bring residents together.
- More biking trails connecting between main roads or around lakes
- More walking trails
- Make the rent affordable for residents. The rental rates are outrageous. The warming house rental rate is ridiculous. This is Waterford for goodness sake.
- Build a true Community Center!
- Update restroom facilities and organize parking
- Improve/maintain the softball/baseball fields better.
- Pickleball courts, playgrounds/splash pads
- Is there a way to reduce the goose droppings? We also visit Marsh Bank Park in West Bloomfield and it doesn't seem to be an issue there.
- I think all playgrounds should be fenced in. Adding more trees in those areas would be a great way to add shade and nature to an area
- More play structures and more variety in play structures.
- Make ppl more aware (signage), parks on here I didn't know about and I've lived here over ten years
- Pickleball courts
- Bridges at Drayton plains nature walk where it floods .
- Bike and walking trails throughout the township connecting the various parks that include signage and maps at various locations along the trails.
- Bathrooms and improved maintenance

- Maybe the Waterford parks can pick up where independence Twp made a mistake. Build a new wooden bay court park. There was so much uproar about them tearing that park down. I still cannot believe it's gone.
- Publicize the parks more - and Twp activities period - my residence up north sends a list of activities in our tax bill which is a nice feature and helps us stay in the know
- Parking seems to be an issue at most parks. If we could get paved lots I think that would improve the parking situation.
- Invest in ball fields
- Update all playground equipment, walking/ bike paths would be a huge plus! Make the lawn care look appealing
- Have them offer more amenities to the community. We have 34 lakes, let's promote water activities and tennis/pickleball
- A new or an updated Recreation or Community building!
- bike paths
- Interconnection via greenways so you can bike or run or ride between them all.
- Publish more info on the parks.
- The rental process is hard and antiquated I should be able to book online and they are way too expensive. I spent 2 months calling and missing calls about a pavilion rental last year. We won't be using waterford County facilities this year because of all the trouble
- Increase staffing to provide more upkeep and address needs.
- Equipment updates. We have a lot of young children and they need a nice place to play within our community and not have to go to neighboring cities.
- Dog Park, but also awareness. I had no idea many of these parks existed.
- Water fountains
- Modernize several of them and add security!
- Add restrooms and upgrade or add play equipment. Also better parking
- Improve parking situations, add more child friendly playground equipment especially for handicap children, add more recreational programs
- Modernize them to draw residents which will hopefully improve the neighborhoods. Ordinance enforcement is POOR. The neighborhoods are looking like crap because of the lack of enforcement. I have lived here my entire life and we are starting to look like Pontiac
- Bathrooms and more play structures. It would be cool to see ice skating, splash pads and more opportunities to use the fire pit at the warming house.
- Find the right place and budget for the new Senior center
- New rec center
- Periodic upgrades and improvements on a gradual basis!
- Weed control Maintain trees Maintain fields better Walkways for handicap
- New community center with outdoor pickle ball courts.
- Add more play structures. Would also support a dog park, more nature/hiking trails and fishing access.
- Add a dog park, a splash pad, improved play structures and restrooms. Many of the surrounding communities, Rochester, auburn hills and Clarkston all have parks that attract people from outside of their community.
- More walking options for indoor walking
- That all people can use them
- Buy the OCC property on Cooley Lake Rd and turn it into a large civic center, outdoor walking and cross country ski area, add a dog park there, create an archery area, the uses could be many
- Better trail markings for hiking
- More well-kept playgrounds, trails, and places for families aside from ball fields. We end up going to Clarkston or Lake Orion more often than not.

- I didn't know some of these parks existed. Maybe email information about the special features of each park occasionally,.
- How to access the ones near me--Clinton River South and Elizabrth Lake Woods. In the case of the latter, walking trails. I saw none on either side of river. Re. former, I can't find entrance.
- Hess Hathaway seems to get all the attention. We need to spread out activities to other parks and areas. If we could build new center on Williams Lk rd, it would be great for outdoor courts, pickle ball, tennis, etc. instead of everything being at Hess
- Adequate plumbing for restrooms and paved parking. Put in a splash pad somewhere, although my kids are too old now for one of those, I know other families would love something like this! I would have definitely taken my kids if Waterford had one. I often went to Clarkston's Clintonville Park for their splash pad (so nice!) even though I paid a non-resident fee. Indian Springs's splash pad is not very fun or updated so I never went back to theirs.

57. When you visit Waterford Township Parks, who do you normally visit with? Please check all that apply.

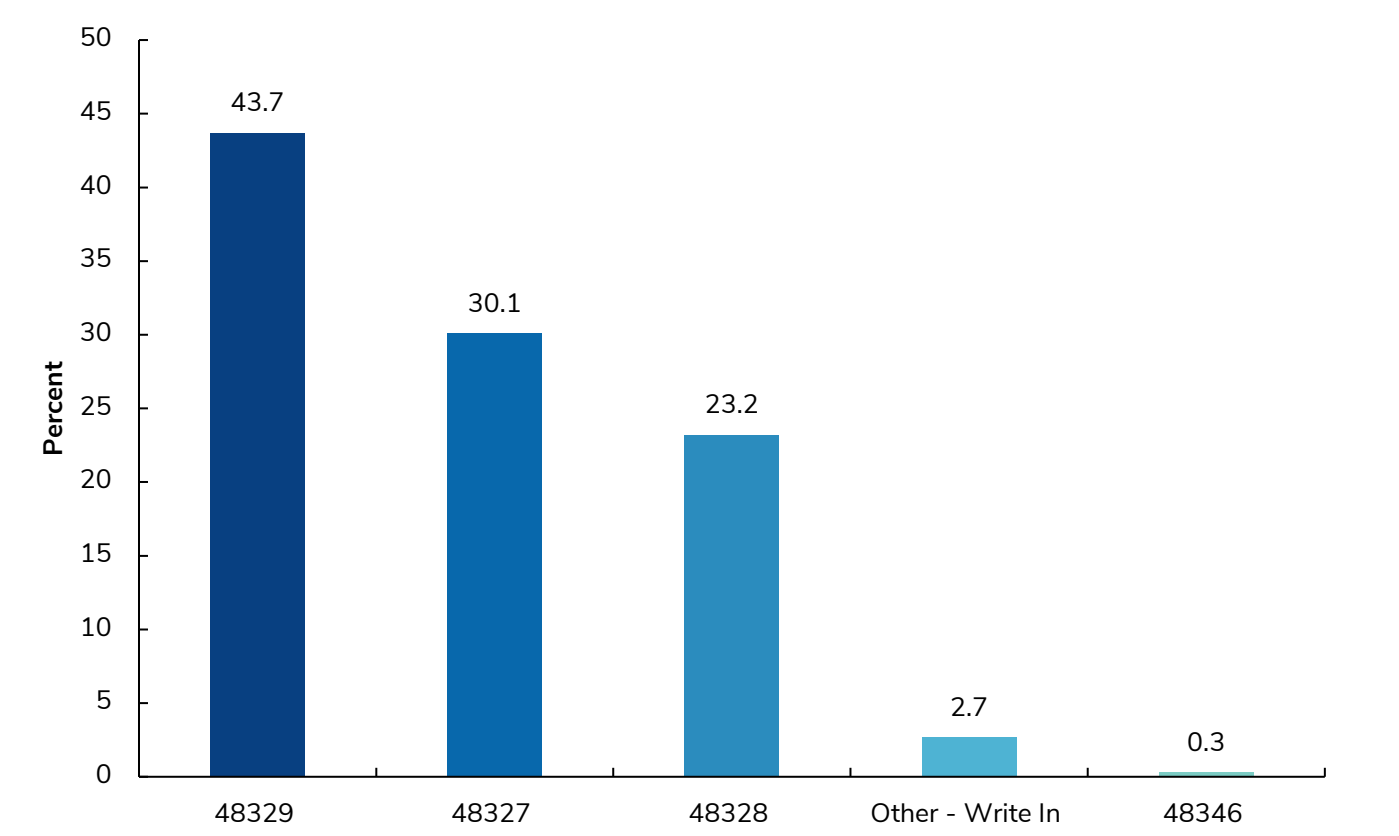


Value	Percent
Spouse/Partner	64.8%
Myself	64.6%
Children	54.1%
Family	40.9%
Friends	39.8%
Pets	19.0%
Grandchildren	15.7%
Other - Write In	1.4%

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- Dog
- Homeschool group
- Multiple scout groups

58.What is your zip code?

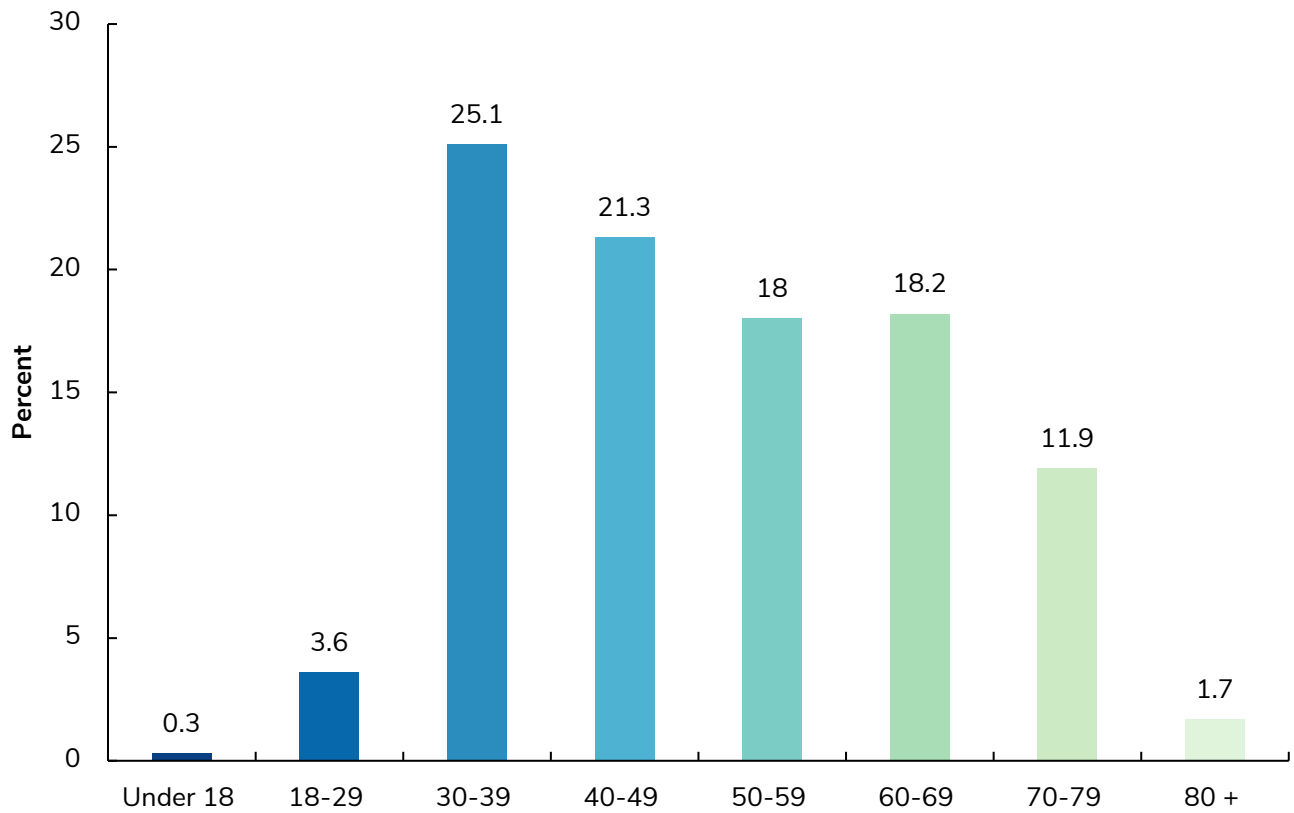


Value	Percent
48329	43.7%
48327	30.1%
48328	23.2%
Other - Write In	2.7%
48346	0.3%

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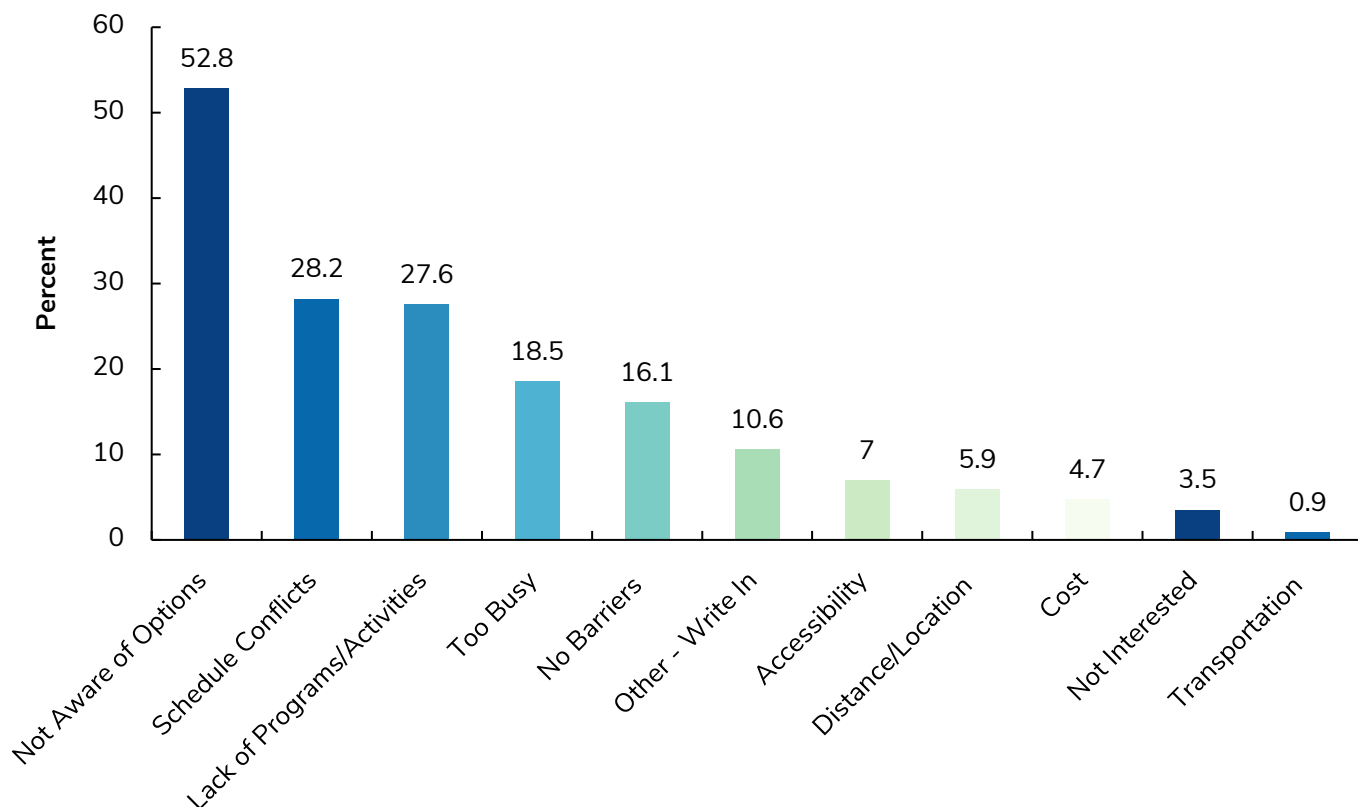
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59.What is your age?



Value	Percent	Count
Under 18	0.3%	1
18-29	3.6%	13
30-39	25.1%	91
40-49	21.3%	77
50-59	18.0%	65
60-69	18.2%	66
70-79	11.9%	43
80 +	1.7%	6
	Totals	362

60.What barriers prevent you from utilizing parks, amenities, programs, and services in Waterford Township? Please check all that apply.



Value	Percent
Not Aware of Options	52.8%
Schedule Conflicts	28.2%
Lack of Programs/Activities	27.6%
Too Busy	18.5%
No Barriers	16.1%
Other - Write In	10.6%
Accessibility	7.0%
Distance/Location	5.9%
Cost	4.7%
Not Interested	3.5%
Transportation	0.9%

Other - Write In

- Bathroom accessibility
- Cleanliness
- Dreadful recreational facility. Paint peeling. Lack of equipment. Stains in ceiling.
- I drive to Milford to go to parks and the ymca
- I prefer going to clarkston and other nicer parks! Our parks need huge updates! I love the clintonville park in clarkston with the splash pad.
- I've lived in the lakes area for 15+ years. I had no idea Waterford had a rec center. I think the amenities Waterford has to offer just needs to be presented better.
- Lack of activities for kids
- Lack of amenities for families at parks.
- Lack of fences, engaging equipment, property maintained equipment.

- Lack of indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- Lack of paved trails or any trails.
- Lack of pickleball courts
- Lack of play areas
- Lack of playgrounds and sidewalks leading to parks
- Many seem to exist only for specific purposes ie youth sports. Also would like to bring my dog to parks
- Me
- Mobility issues
- Most Waterford parks are not relevant to those of us who enjoy activities such as kayaking, hiking in nature on well groomed/paved trails or taking kids to a sledding hills like at Marshbank Park or Bowers Farm. Pickle Ball is a growing sport, which doesn't take much land.
- No book to refer to
- No dog parks so I go to Orion Oaks. These parks have no historical content such as statues and monuments. These parks are rec related and not something like a botanical or Japanese garden to appreciate the beauty and relax and read a good book.
- No open restrooms, always locked or disgusting porta-potty
- No real issues
- No restroom
- No sidewalk leading to parks, can't safely walk or ride bike to get there
- Not sure where they all are and lack of activities to do.
- Only interested in senior programs
- Rental procedures
- The activities are horrible. They draw a repulsive crowd.
- The current condition of the parks make me not want to visit
- There needs to be something for tweens especially for the summer. Unless involved in a specific travel sport, there just isn't any place for them to go. Also independence parks has a great summer program for ages 5-14. My grandsons need something in the township and there just isn't anything for them.
- activities for teens
- concern for safety when alone
- knit/Crochet located on 2nd flr

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FUNDING SOURCES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Parks and Recreation Funding

The Parks & Recreation Department is supported by 10-year operating millage, the Township General Fund, user fees, rental charges, donations, and grants.

Funding Sources (Existing and Potential)

Operating Millage

Approved in August 2014, a 10-year, 0.5 mill, property tax millage exists for the operations of the parks and recreation department. Voter approval is required for the operating millage to be renewed every 10-years. The current operating mileage will be up for renewal in 2024.

General Fund

The General Fund makes a discretionary annual contribution to the parks and recreation department determined by the Township Board of Trustees. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, and interest on investments.

Recreation Program and Rental Fees

Participation fees are charged for programs and events offered by the parks and recreation department. Facility rental fees are assessed for reservations at athletic fields, shelters, classrooms, gymnasium and other departmental amenities.

Additional User Fees

The community can charge fees to the users of specific recreation facilities, or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities throughout Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, the use of lighted athletic fields, and the use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in a municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

Donations and Sponsorships

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, Parent Teacher Organizations and Associations, and community organizations will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Bond Programs

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities:

- General Obligation Bonds: General obligation bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.
- Revenue Bonds: Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project. For example, revenue bonds may be issued for construction of a concession and restroom facility at a community park.
- Special Assessment Bonds: Special assessment bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

Lease or Contractual Agreements

The Township could consider contracts with private entrepreneurs to provide services at township-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Typically, the privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while maintaining the Township's administrative costs.

Grants

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Due annually on April 1
- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection – very important
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Non-motorized Trail Access
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum request
- www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF, applications due annually on April 1
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant (RPG)

- Administered by MNRTF, applications due annually on April 1
- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Minimum Grant Request \$7,500
- Maximum Grant Request \$150,000
- www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation and rehabilitation & operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may sponsor applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors an application)
- Rolling online application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot - Go to "Projects and Programs".

SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grants

The Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan is a framework that guides preservation and future implementation of green infrastructure in Southeast Michigan. The vision benchmarks the amount of green infrastructure in the region, visions future green infrastructure opportunities, and recommends strategic implementation approaches. The vision details the various benefits of green infrastructure, including economic value, water quality, air quality, and recreation. The Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan can be viewed online at www.semco.org.

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI)

The CMI is created under Section 6(1) of Part 196, Clean Michigan Initiative Implementation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The CMI is a general obligation bond, and approximately \$1-\$2 million has been available most funding rounds. Most of this money is for programs

administered by EGLE for various redevelopment and remediation activities, including brown-field redevelopment.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Revenues obtained through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program can be used for a variety of community improvement projects, including development of recreation facilities or land acquisition for new parks or athletic fields in low and moderate-income neighborhoods that qualify under the program.

Other Programs

United States Tennis Association (USTA) –

- Funding for tennis courts and programs
- www.usta.com

Major League Baseball

- Baseball Tomorrow Fund, more info at www.baseballtomorrow.com

United States Soccer

- www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks and off-street pedestrian facilities
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

Conservation Transactions: TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching. More information at www.tpl.org

Community Forestry Grant Program

- Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: Management and Planning, Education and Training, Library Resources and Tree Planting.
- 50% match required.
- <http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf> - Go to "Community Forestry Grants".

Community Foundations, Private Foundations, and Endowments

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The foundation board of directors disburses assets according to a predetermined plan. Funding for recreation facilities through foundations is very limited.

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FIVE-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN

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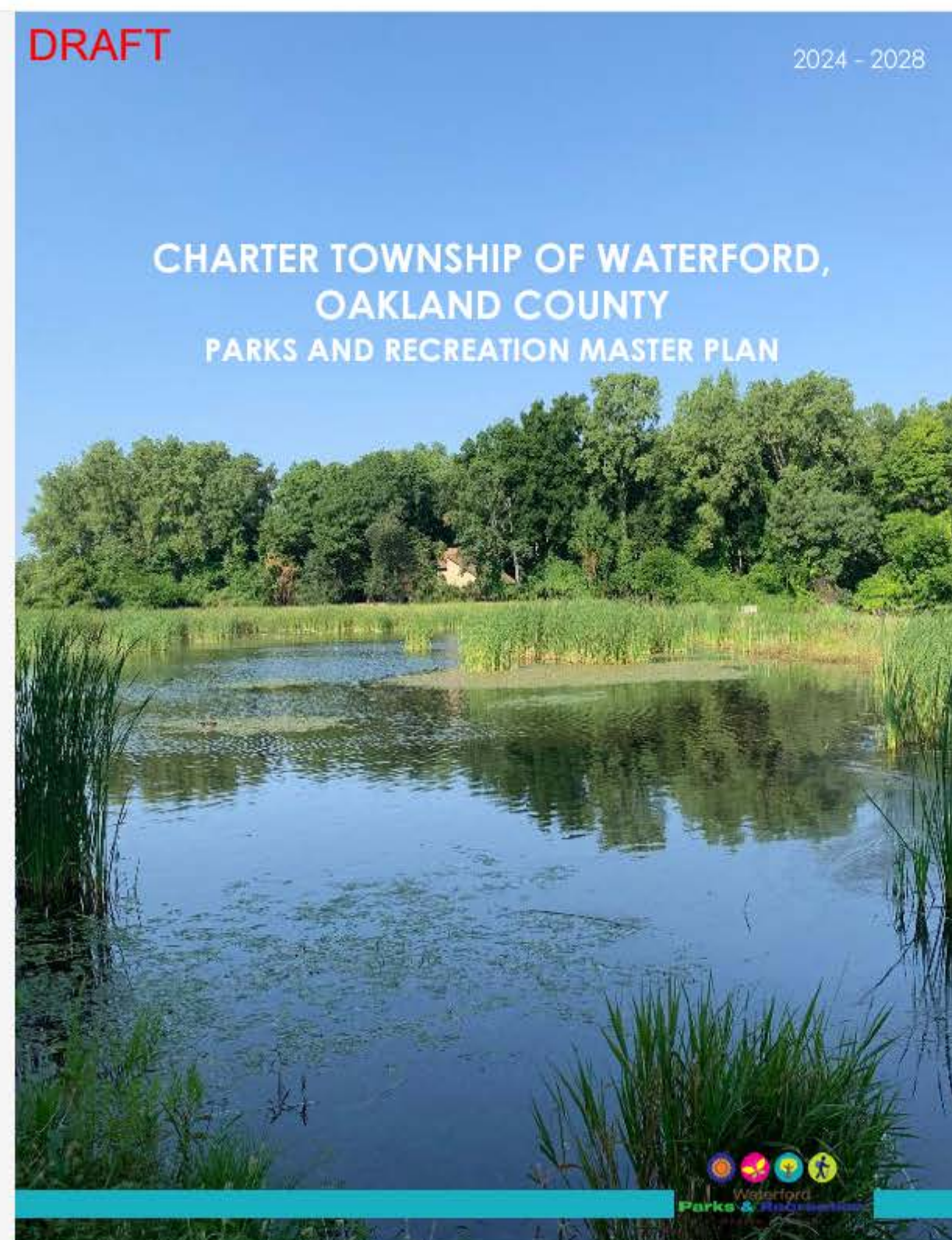
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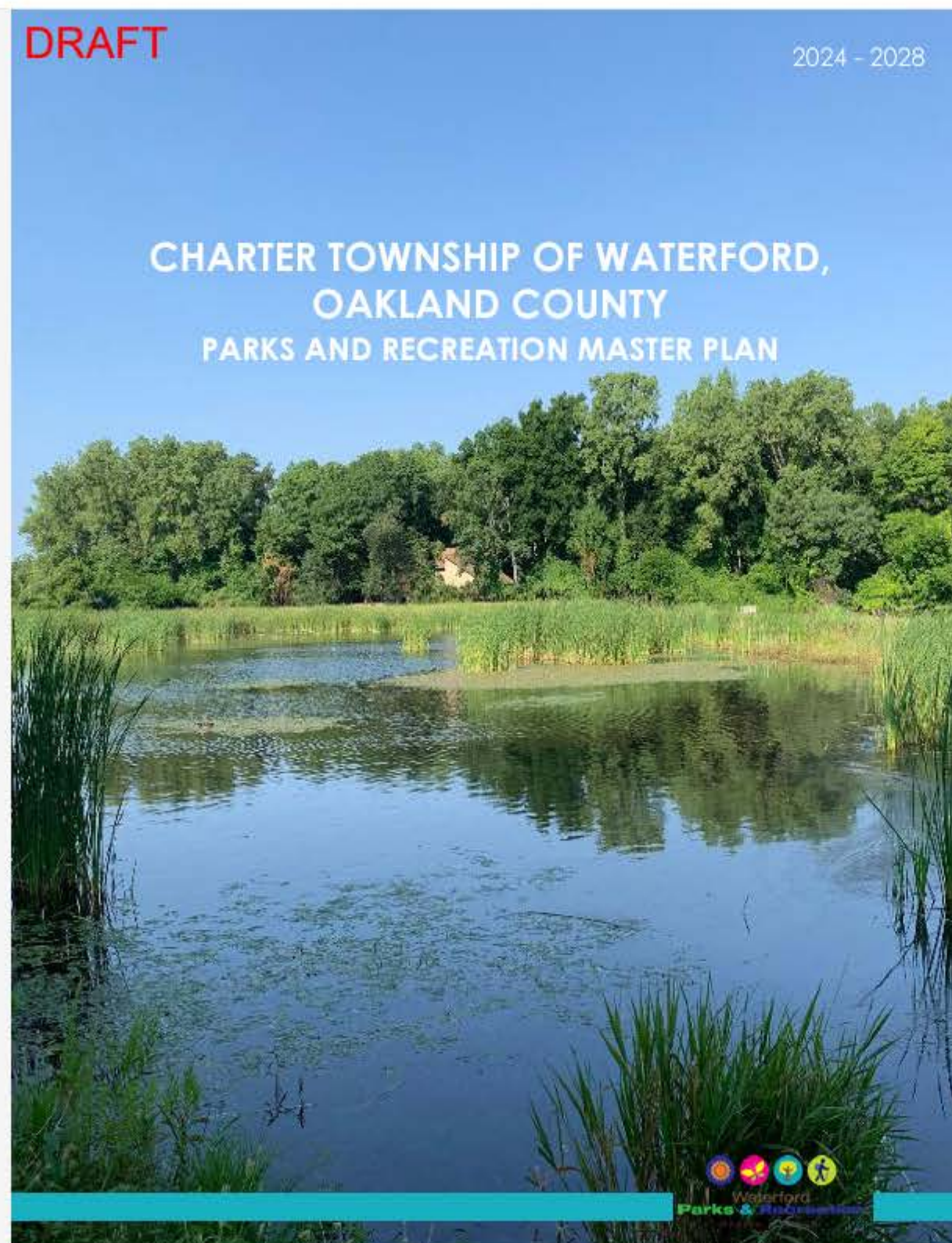
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Waterford Parks and Recreation Board**Public Hearing for Review of 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan****Tuesday, January 9, 2024****Waterford Township Hall, 5200 Civic Center Drive****MINUTES (DRAFT)**

- I. **Call to Order:** Donna Kelley called meeting to order, 6:31p.m.

Members Present: Doug Bremner, Donna Kelley, Matthew Lawton, Jim Powers, Mark Monohon, Rob Petrusha, and Roman Wasylkevych

Not Present: Linda Zabik and Kellianne Yarnall

Also Present: Alison Swanson, Chrissy White, Jessica Hufnagle, Paige Kipp, Sue Camilleri, Erin Asdell, Carol Axford, Murray Day, Terri Chapdelaine, Don Swanson, JoAnn Swanson, Leland Needbar, Pam Saldutti, Robin McGregor, Rudie McGregor, Candace Tucker, Kim Markee, Mary Craite, Tori Heglin, Sherry White, Mark Strang and Gary Wall

II. **Introductions**

- a) Parks and Recreation Board Members introduced themselves by name.
- b) Donna Kelley introduced Parks and Recreation Staff: Alison Swanson, Director and Chrissy White, Departmental Aide.
- c) Donna Kelley introduced representatives from Spicer Group, Inc., Jessica Hufnagle and Paige Kipp. Waterford Township has contacted Spicer Group, Inc. to assist in the preparation of the 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

III. **Presentation of the 2024-2028 Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

- a) Jessica Hufnagle, Spicer Group, Inc.
 - i. Discussed the basis for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, how it is utilized and how grant opportunities, particularly from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) are available once the Plan is filed and approved with the MDNR. She highlighted the process that began in Waterford in the summer of 2023 to update the existing Plan: a public survey was made available in the fall and 731 responses were received. The Draft Plan was available for a 30-day review period prior to this Public Hearing.
- b) Alison Swanson, Parks and Recreation Director
 - i. Budget: The Waterford Parks and Recreation Department operates primarily with funds generated from a 10-Year Operating Millage. This millage will be up for renewal in August 2024.

- a. 2024 Operating Budget: \$2,101,951.00
 - a. Millage \$1,286,161.00
 - b. General Fund Contribution \$250,000.00
 - c. Fees, grants, sponsorships, etc. \$565,790.00
- ii. Park Acreage Per Resident - According to the 2023 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Agency Performance Review, nationwide, the typical park and recreation agency manages 10.8 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents in its jurisdiction. Waterford exceeds this alone with the parks 850+ acres that the Township Parks and Recreation Department manages. This does not include the parks not under our management: Waterford Oaks, Dodge #4, and DNR Boat Launch Sites, etc. Per the NRPA report, having 762.1 acres would be in line with what other communities nationwide manage.
- iii. Survey and Public Review – A public input survey was available September 8-30, 2023. During which time we received engagement from 731 individuals providing us with feedback by completing the survey. This is very close to the level of engagement we had for our last Park Plan Survey in 2018 when we had 732 respond. The Draft Plan was made available for review December 9, 2023 – January 9, 2024. During this time, written comments were received and tonight is the forum for anyone to make a public comment on the document. Written comments that were received during this review timeframe will be included.
- iv. Review of Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Reviewed the Draft Plan in its entirety. Document was shown on the projector so those present could see. Copies of the Draft Plan were made available in the auditorium as well.

IV. **Public Comments**

- a) Murray Day, 1996 Denby Drive, expressed concern regarding grant writing and management. He asked who would be responsible for going after the various grant opportunities that are listed in the Plan as there are several. Alison Swanson indicated that grant writing and management is something that would be on her list of duties. While there are other staff members in the department who have written grants, but the bulk of the larger grants would fall to her. Alison also mentioned that there has been some discussion among the Township Board about possibly contracting a grant writer for use in various departments, no decision has been made. Alison also mentioned that if anyone has grant writing or management experience and would like to assist with efforts please contact her, her business cards are located in the back of the auditorium.
- b) Robin McGregor, 2629 Caterham, expressed concern regarding the upcoming 2024 parks and recreation operating millage renewal and is hopeful a Millage Committee is created soon to get the word out in support of the millage renewal. She expressed concern about the future of the Waterford Senior Center and its Meals on Wheels program. She indicated that the Waterford School District has said they will no longer be operating the Senior Center as of August 1st, and wants to know what the Township is planning to do to continue the necessary programs and services provided by the Senior Center. She asked about the plans for a possible bond proposal for a Community Center. Alison stated that the millage renewal would appear on the August 2024 ballot. Alison assured Robin that she knows the importance of the programs and services that are provided at the Senior Center and knows how important it is that they are sustained. Alison stated that the School District and the Township Board has to make the decision on the future of the Senior Center, the two parties have met to discuss future plans as well as obtain information such as operational and financial details. The discussions between the township and the school district are ongoing and no decision has been made. The feasibility of a Community Center is being explored with the assistance of Plante Moran. Over the next few

months information will be obtained that will allow the township board to decide whether or not to put a bond issue on the November 2024 ballot for a Community Center.

- c) Don Swanson, 3886 Breaker Street, expressed concern regarding condition of softball fields; he stated that the senior men's softball teams cannot play on Waterford fields as their home fields for their league due to the field conditions. He asked what is going to be done about the fields, they need improving. Alison Swanson indicated plans were in-line to have Rotary Parks ball fields laser-lined and graded in 2020, however the pandemic stopped this project and it has not be revisited since. There are plans to do field improvements in 2024 on Rotary Park, which consist of laser leveling and grading of the infields. Alison indicated that American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) are being used to work with engineers to develop the plans and bid proposals for the complete overhaul of Shell Park and Herrington Park. Once project costs are determined ARPA funds will be used if sufficient, or grants will be applied for to fund project completion. Alison also noted that the Northwest Senior Softball League Mr. Swanson is referring to pulled out of other communities and decided to only play games at Independence Township and West Bloomfield parks a couple of years ago, and to her knowledge it wasn't solely as a result of the condition of the fields in Waterford.
- d) Erin Asdell, 3326 Meinrad Drive, commented that the Draft Plan looked good. She urged the Township to work with the Waterford School District to meet the needs of the seniors in order to allow our community's seniors to remain in Waterford with the services and programs they require to meet their needs. She reiterated how important it is for the Township to work to meet the needs of seniors for healthy aging in Waterford.
- e) Murray Day, 1996 Denby Drive, asked why on page 39 of the Draft Plan there isn't mention of the 2005 DEQ Grant the Township received for the Drayton Plains Nature Center's Conservation Easement. Jessica Hufnagle stated that the grants listed within the Park Plans are reserved to those grants a community obtains through the MDNR and other grants are not listed.
- f) Terri Chapdelaine, 2322 Georgeland, asked what grade Alison Swanson would grade the efforts of the last 5-Year Park Plan. Alison Swanson gave the grade of a "C" due to the time lost as a result of the 2020 pandemic which caused a shutdown and halt of many pending project. The effects of 2020, carried forward into 2021 and 2022. Terri asked who is responsible for making sure that the goals and objective in the Plan are being met and requested that a quarterly update or agenda item appear to show the progress of what is being worked on. Alison indicated that it falls under her responsibility to monitor the efforts of the Plan and acknowledged Terri's suggestion.
- g) Sue Camilleri, 5544 Ashby Court, wanted to show support for Alison Swanson and the Parks and Recreation Department. She indicated that she has worked with Alison and has seen the list of projects that is kept and how they are tracked and marked as completed once done.
- h) Robin McGregor, 2629 Caterham, asked what needs to be done to support the upcoming parks and recreation millage renewal. Robin asked if the parks and recreation department is being allowed more school facility use/access, as years ago school district facilities were heavily used by parks and recreation. Alison Swanson stated that a group of individuals that are not township employees would need to form a committee for the millage renewal, as employees may only disseminate factual information on the millage and cannot campaign for a yes or no vote for the matter. Alison stated that a meeting between her and the Waterford School District Superintendent, Director of Communications and Community Relations and the Athletic Director occurred within the past couple of months and the district indicated their willingness to work with parks and recreation and its facility needs. Alison stated that the meeting was positive and believes things are heading in a good direction with the district.

- i) Written comments were received during the 30-day review period. All of the written comments have been reviewed and will be noted and remitted with other all other public comments from tonight's Public Hearing.

- V. **Park Plan Approval and Adoption Recommendation:** Motion recommending the approval and adoption of the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Waterford Township Board of Trustees made by Jim Powers, supported by Rob Petrusha. Motion approved unanimously.
- VI. **Meeting Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jim Powers, supported by Matthew Lawton. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:30p.m.

Additional Public Comment on Draft Plan -
Recieved via e-mail to the Parks Director

Swanson, Alison

From: Roman Wasylykevych <rwasylyke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 9:08 PM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: Re: Parks & Rec Board meeting - Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Sorry, hit the wrong button too soon

On Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 8:21 PM Roman Wasylykevych <rwasylyke@gmail.com> wrote:
Minor nits

- Page 15 "the Friends of Nature" should be Friends of the Nature Center"
- Page 39 & 64: Clinton River Canoe Site had confusing text; pages 39 & 63 not sure what LWCF sign means on Herrington Park
- Page 45: Charter Township in top responses sentence
- Page 49: sidewalks not side-walks
- Page 50: Move D. to C.; add E. Need a bullet to "work with the Clinton River Conservancy (or whatever they are called) to keep the Clinton River navigable within Waterford Township" (meaning chainsawing through blocking fallen trees to at least allow a kayak to get by)

As part of the Greenways committees, I will be taking a closer look at the www.saferoutesmichigan.org to see if we can use that source to complete some of the missing connections in the pathways.

Sorry, I missed today's meeting, however, I like what you have in the Plan.

Roman
+1-248-396-1437

On Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 5:46 PM Swanson, Alison <aswanson@waterfordmi.gov> wrote:

Dear Parks and Recreation Board Members,

We will discuss the Draft 5-Year Park Plan at tonight's meeting. Below is a link to the Draft Plan that is on our website for a 30-day review period.

<https://www.waterfordmi.gov/1386/5-Year-Parks-and-Recreation-Master-Plan->

Swanson, Alison

From: DS <dsch1003@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 6:23 AM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: 5 Year Parks and Rec Master Plan

Hello Allison!

I would like to propose a DISC GOLF COURSE at any of the Waterford Parks, However, I believe **Waterford Oaks** would be a perfect place to have an 18 Basket Course. There is plenty of room and opportunities for a first class course. Disc Golf attracts the nicest people you could ever meet. A DISC GOLF COURSE would also increase the usage of Waterford Oaks Park.

Typically, volunteers working with park personal would be more than happy to help design and do whatever work is necessary to make this a reality.

Thank you for this consideration and opportunity.

David Schulte

291 Scott Lake Road

Waterford, MI 48328

Swanson, Alison

From: Ken Craite <kcraite@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 8:10 AM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: Patks and Rec

Alison,
Thank you for all the work on the 5 year plan.
The only question I have is will the senior center need to be included in the plan?
It still seems unclear as to a plan for the current center or its future.
Thank you again for all you do!
Mary Craite
Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Summers

Guest

Jan 05

Very happy to see "New Recreation Building" as a suggestion. Many visitors from surrounding areas come to classes, etc at this building...it is a representation of Waterford. Let's rebuild to impress!

Swanson, Alison

From: JENNIFER SUMMERS <jennifer.summers@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 10:54 PM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: Parks & Rec Master Plan

Hello Alison,

In regards to the Parks & Rec Master Plan, I was very happy to see "New Recreation Building" as a suggestion. Many visitors from surrounding areas come to classes, etc at this building...it is a major representation of Waterford. Let's rebuild to impress!

Thank you.

Jennifer Summers
248-303-0140

Swanson, Alison

From: Natalie Hunt <njhunt16@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:19 AM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: Waterford Rec Center Recommendations

Good Morning Allison,

My name is Natalie, I just moved to Waterford about a year ago. I am very familiar with the area as I grew up right nearby. I saw there is a plan for the future of the rec center for Waterford and wanted to highly recommend some ideas. The link to review the master plan did not work for me, so I apologize if there is anything I mention that is already in the works. I recently went to Macomb Communities Rec center. It had so many cool things for the community! There was a large pool area with a fun water slide, lazy river, a couple other areas of pool play and of course a swimming pool to swim laps. The community can host birthday parties there (that is why I had the chance to visit), there was a room for hosting events/parties to eat, 2 large basketball courts, a running area above one of the basketball courts, a gym with equipment, game room, and more! I recently also know Lake Orion Community purchased the Great Lakes Athletic Club for their new Rec Center. This would be huge for this community! It would draw in so many new families to the area! I am going to be honest, I miss having up to date facilities like Clarkston , LO, and others around have to offer. Waterford needs a new facility with attractions like Lake Orion and Macomb community have to keep us moving forward and keep the area having a “community” feel. I would highly recommend checking out Macomb communities Rec center, how beneficial something like that would be for Waterford.

Thank you for your time! I appreciate it.

Natalie Baker

Swanson, Alison

From: Asdell, Erin E <Asdele01@wsdmi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 10:19 AM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: 5-year Parks & Rec Master Plan

As a life long resident of Waterford Township, my family & I have participated in Park & Recreation programs. I am a strong supporter of these programs and feel they make Waterford a better place to live, raise families and age in place. The population of Waterford is getting older and I would like to see our Park and Recreation Department address the needs of older adults. The Waterford School District and Waterford Township need to work together to meet the needs of students and families as well as the social, recreational and services of our growing senior population. I am interested in hearing how this 5 year plan can be expanded to improve services to this important part of our population.

Thank you,

Erin

Erin Asdell
Coordinator
Waterford Senior Center
3621 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48328
248-682-9450
Asdele01@wsdmi.org

Swanson, Alison

From: Robin McGregor <rlm2629@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 5:10 PM
To: Swanson, Alison
Subject: Questions for tonight

How is the senior center fit into the Parks and Rec program?

In the 5 year plan I don't see a lot of things for seniors. What are we doing to improve and expand programs for our citizens?

Has the school district allowed the township to use the schools for Basketball and practices within our district?

If not how do we as citizens, Help promote this aspect?

The school district Has plans to drop this senior center in the Meals on Wheels program as of August 1st. Do we have anything yet in writing?

Steve Klein

1 hour ago

Pg 12, Table 2 – Recreation Budgets

It may be possible to estimate and show the "conservation" side of the budget, which would illuminate and track the true cost of conservation transparently. We may find that conservation is far less expensive than recreation, and therefore support it as an affordable objective which satisfies many goals and protects our ability to meet our goals in the future.

Pg. 38 – Paragraph above map where it references recreation and conservation:

These should be broken out into two separate items. Conservation is necessary for biodiversity, which prevents ecosystem collapse and sustains beneficial microbiota which modulate the immune systems of human (and mammalian) residents. Loss of biodiversity must be monitored to protect the health of Waterford residents. Citation: <https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1205624109>

Pg. 50, 5(a)

Between 1976 and 2005, Parks and Rec acquired 6 properties with the support of grants, which comes out to one every 4.83 years. It has been 19 years since the last acquisition. There are many affordable and worthy properties which could be added with substantial grant assistance presently, and we should have an objective that aims to identify these for their recreation *and* conservation value. I believe the current percentage of biodiverse land being protected by the township is under 2% and the community should determine a goal for this percentage so we can determine when we're truly done with acquisitions.

Pg. 50, 5(c)

This should be defined somewhere in the document - I performed a search for this phrase "protected natural areas" and returned no results. Some kind of guideline should exist to monitor and protect specific natural areas so this objective may be fulfilled. It also stands to reason that the amount of specific protected land should be monitored.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vaughn Wagner
Ruth Wagner
Robin McGregor
Mary Craite
Robert Matsura
Sam Harris

Grant Smith
Michael Stein
Crystal McCready
Steve McCready
Steve Meyer
Lila Ball

Terry Ball
Jen Thom
Gregg Marinelli
Alison Swanson
Joellen Shortley

Supervisor Gary Wall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call vote was taken. All board members were present.

1. APPROVE AGENDA
1.1 January 22, 2024

Moved by Bartolotta,
Seconded by Markee, **RESOLVED**, to approve the January 22, 2024, agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Bartolotta, Hauswirth, Matsura and Monohon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 2024 dog licenses are available at the Treasurer's Office. To obtain a license, proof of a current rabies vaccination certificate is needed. The Township sells only the 1-year license. 3-year licenses are available at Oakland County Animal Control. Please call Animal Control at (248) 858-1090 for more information. The license fees are \$15.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered and \$25.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. If the pet owner is a senior citizen (65 years or older) the license fees are \$14.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered and \$23.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered.
- 2.2 Winter 2023 property taxes are payable without penalty through February 14, 2024. Tax bills were mailed on December 1st. For more information or to pay your taxes online, please visit www.waterfordmi.gov/taxes.

- 2.3 Waterford Township offers recycling to Waterford residents on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A truck is located in front of Township Hall for the collection of corrugated cardboard, magazines, and paper board. Waterford Residents only. No commercial haulers are allowed.
- 2.4 The Waterford Township Neighborhood Preservation Corps is seeking volunteers for the 2024 season beginning April 1st to help identify and report basic nuisance violations and blight conditions in the Township. For more information or to volunteer, please visit the NPC website at www.waterfordmi.gov/npc or contact the Supervisor's office at 248-674-6201.
- 2.5 This is your last chance to get your tickets for the annual dinner with the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce this Thursday. Join the Chamber on January 25th, 2024, for a fun evening recognizing the business community's accomplishments at the 25th annual meeting and awards dinner. Enjoy dinner, the awards ceremony, and a game-show-themed activity. Tickets are \$50 and are available for advance purchase from the chamber website at www.waterfordchamber.org or by calling 248-666-8600.
- 2.6 Save the date for Waterford's annual State of the Township Breakfast on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. at Overtime. Tickets will be available for purchase from the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce website, www.waterfordchamber.org, soon, so stay tuned.

3. Consent Agenda

Board Members may remove items from the Consent Agenda for discussion purposes or for the purpose of voting in opposition. Public comment for items removed from the consent agenda may be received in the same manner immediately following the Consent Agenda.

- 3.1 January 08, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 January 22, 2024, Bill Payment
- 3.3 Receive The DPW's December 2023 Report
- 3.4 Receive The 51st District Courts 2023 4th Quarter Report
- 3.5 Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee - Appointment of Trustee Bartolotta
- The current Board of Trustees liaison to the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee is Marie Hauswirth. Marie also serves on the Planning Commission. The new meeting times for the Planning Commission conflict with the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee meetings, so we need to replace Marie on this committee.
- I respectfully request the Township Board's approval for the appointment of Waterford Township Trustee Tony Bartolotta to the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee. Tony will serve as the Township Board Liaison for a term concurrent with his Board of Trustees term to expire November 20, 2024.
- Tony is familiar with the goals and activities of the Nature Center Advisory Committee, and he has agreed to serve as the liaison for the Board of Trustees.
- 3.6 Banner Permit - Waterford Chamber of Commerce
- 3.7 Zoning Board of Appeals - Appointment of Sue Camilleri
- Recently, ZBA member Todd Bonnavier notified me that due to a change in his availability, he would no longer be able to serve on the ZBA as a full-time member. Todd served on the ZBA since 2017 and we thank him for his time and valuable contributions.

I respectfully request the Township Board's approval for the appointment of Waterford Township resident and former Township Clerk Sue Camilleri to the Zoning Board of Appeals through March 31, 2023 to complete Mr. Bonnavier's term. The statute requires that we appoint only through the end of the current term, so we'll bring this back to the board next month for an additional full term beyond this. Sue currently serves as an alternate member of the ZBA and brings years of experience as a Board member, small business owner, and employee in the Building Department.

Consent Agenda Continued.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is responsible for:

- Hearing requests for variances from the non-use requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and granting such variances where practical difficulties exist.
- Conducting appeals of administrative actions made in carrying out or enforcing any Ordinance provisions.
- Hearing and deciding requests for interpretation of the Ordinance.
- Hearing and deciding appeals from the decision of the Planning Commission regarding special approval uses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Moved by Markee,

Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to approve consent agenda items 3.1 through 3.7. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Liaison Reports (Verbal)

Clerk Markee

If you submitted an absentee ballot request or ballot selection form your ballot mailed on Friday. If you need an absentee ballot, please contact the Clerk's Office. Ballot Application Forms- Please read it. Make sure to mark all the boxes that pertain to you. If you do not select a box for either a Republican ballot or a Democratic Ballot, you will not receive a ballot. Waterford does not have a ballot without Presidential Primary. If you select this box, you will not receive a ballot because no ballot is available for Waterford Residents without a Presidential Primary.

Please call the Clerk's office if you do not receive your ballot by February 9th.

Trustee Hauswirth

Greenways Advisory Committee met on January 18th. The Riverwalk Clean-up day will be held on May 4, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We need help so please consider gathering groups, family members, organizations and friends to help clear the path for continued walk ability. We will also be updating our website to provide ongoing information regarding updates, events and progress with the ARPA funding plans.

Trustee Monohon

Waterford Youth Assistance is looking for an Administrative Assistant. It is part time work, and it is posted on Indeed. They discussed future plans; they received a couple generous donations. They discussed where they will be located and what services they will provide.

5. Open Business**5.1 Possible Adoption of Introduction of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-001; Text Amendment - Exterior Appliances**

The following memo was received by Mr. Jeffrey Polkowski, Development Services Director.

This proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment clarifies screening and distance requirements for Exterior appliances.

Section 1-007 of the Zoning Ordinance defines Exterior Appliances as:

Exterior Appliance. A mechanical/electronic device located on the exterior of a building that is instrumental in providing utility service to the building to which it is connected (i.e. air conditioning units, generators, irrigation pumps, gas meters, and electrical boxes).

Currently Exterior Appliances are allowed anywhere on a property provided that they meet the manufacturer's requirements, comply with the Michigan State Building Code, and required yard setbacks. The ordinance is deaf to placement requirements of Exterior Appliances with respect to the subject building. This has caused many neighborhood disputes regarding unsightly Exterior Appliances being built too close to a neighboring property.

The proposed ordinance has been drafted in response to many requests from property owners, developers, and Township Staff to clarify where Exterior Appliances may be placed in a matter that is harmonious with the surrounding environment and mitigates any future residential disputes that may arise.

Additionally, as the ordinance is currently written, there are requirements for Exterior Appliances to be screened. However, this requirement has not historically been enforced. The screening requirements for Exterior Appliances was originally written in the Interim Site Planning and

Landscape Design Standards Manual was adopted in 2010 and was then carried into the Zoning Ordinance in 2022 when the Interim Site Planning and Landscape Design Standards Manual was dissolved. This proposed ordinance amendment also seeks to clarify the screening requirements so that they may now be enforced and will ensure placement in locations with less impact on neighboring properties.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Findings

The Planning Commission reviewed this proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 2023 and resolved unanimously, to forward a favorable recommendation to the Township Board.

Motions

Based upon the Planning Commission's favorable recommendation at the December 12, 2023 regular meeting for this Zoning Ordinance amendment, should the Board want to consider adopting the requested Zoning Ordinance amendment, the appropriate motion would be to introduce the attached Ordinance and schedule it for possible adoption at the January 22, 2023 meeting. However, if the Board does not want to adopt the requested Zoning Ordinance amendment, the appropriate motion would be to not introduce the Ordinance and deny the amendment.

Should you have any questions prior to Monday's meeting please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-001; Text Amendment - Exterior Appliances Continued.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-Z-001

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance No. 135-A ("Zoning Ordinance") to clarify the Building Structure Standards for Exterior Appliances.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Section 2-305 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists Building Structure Standards for Exterior Appliances, is amended to clarify the requirements for Single-Family Residential Zoning districts and for all other Zoning Districts, to read as follows:

2-305 EXTERIOR APPLIANCES:

Exterior appliances are allowed, provided that they shall be located in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements for clearance.

A. For exterior appliances placed on the ground, the following shall apply:

1) For Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts:

- i. Exterior appliances may be located in a rear yard or lakefront yard when placed immediately adjacent to the principle building or any attached structure thereof.
- ii. Exterior appliances may be located in a front yard, side yard and lake rear yard when placed immediately adjacent to the principle building or any attached structure thereof, with the following conditions:
 1. Such units shall maintain a minimum front yard setback or lake rear yard setback of thirty-five (35) feet.
 2. Such units shall maintain a minimum side yard setback of five (5) feet.
 3. Such units shall be screened from view from adjacent dwelling units and streets, through the use of evergreen plant material or screen wall, at least the height of the unit. Other screening options may be utilized after review and approval from the Zoning Official.

2) For all other Zoning Districts, such units shall conform to the minimum setback requirements of the zoning district in which it is located. Units shall be screened through the use of evergreen plant material or screen wall, at least the height of the unit. Other screening options may be utilized after review and approval from the Zoning Official.

B. Exterior appliances placed upon the roof of a building shall be screened from the view of those traveling along adjacent streets and from the view of zoning lots in adjacent residential zoning districts.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-001; Text Amendment - Exterior Appliances Continued.**Section 2 of Ordinance**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect, and the Waterford Township Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified above.

Section 3 of Ordinance

If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

Section 4 of Ordinance

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5 of Ordinance

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be on the 8th day after publication, or a later date as provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act for when a petition for voter referendum on this Ordinance and/or a notice of intent to submit such a petition is timely filed with the Township Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment was adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Waterford at a meeting duly called and held on January 22, 2024.

Date

Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk

Moved by Bartolotta,
Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-001; Text Amendment - Exterior Appliances. A Roll Call Vote Was Taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay

The following memo was received by Mr. Jeffrey Polkowski, Development Services Director.

This proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment adds Nursery Establishments as a Permitted use after receiving Special Approval from the Planning Commission and a determination of compliance with the wellhead protection ordinance from the Public Works Official in the C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; and C-UL, Union Lake Business District. This ordinance amendment also subsequently applies to the OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay as these underlying districts are within the overlay.

This would allow for Nursery Establishments to be permitted within the primary commercial districts of the Township and allow the Planning Commission as the review and approval authority for such Nursery Establishments in accordance with Section 4-006 of the Zoning Ordinance. This ensures that the public be notified, effective site development practices are established, and allows for the Planning Commission to work with an applicant should any site plan move forward for a Nursery Establishment in these commercial districts. Placing this use as a Special Approval ensures that the quality of life in adjacent residential areas are not adversely affected as well as the business practices of adjacent commercial operations.

Section 1-007 of the Zoning Ordinance defines Nursery Establishments as:

Nursery Establishment. A commercial bulk vegetation and soil resource establishment that provides for the growing and wholesale and/or retail sale of live trees, shrubs, sod, flowers, and plants on the same zoning lot, and including as incidental sales, the sale of products used for gardening or landscaping.

Currently, Nursery Establishments are only allowed within some residential districts in the Township. Given the inherent retail nature of these facilities, Planning Staff has made the decision to recommend this ordinance amendment due to the retail-oriented nature of these uses.

That being said, while outdoor storage of plants and plant material is often a component of a Nursery Establishment, Township Staff is only recommending outdoor storage as an accessory to this land use in the C-3, General Business District and the C-4, Extensive Business District due to the intensive nature that outdoor storage may impose on neighboring properties and conflicting land uses.

Additionally, requiring a determination of compliance with the wellhead protection ordinance from the Public Works Official and additional approval authority for such Nursery Establishments in accordance with Chapter 8 Section Article V of the Code of Ordinances. This additional measure is to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of persons served by the Township's Public Water Supply System to protect designated groundwater supplies from contamination resulting from the improper storage, handling, use, production, or discharge of Regulated Substances within areas surrounding existing and proposed municipal drinking water wells and wellfields.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Findings

The Planning Commission reviewed this proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 2023 and resolved unanimously, to forward a favorable recommendation to the Township Board.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay Continued.

Motions

Based upon the Planning Commission's favorable recommendation at the December 12, 2023 regular meeting for this Zoning Ordinance amendment, should the Board want to consider adopting the requested Zoning Ordinance amendment, the appropriate motion would be to introduce the attached Ordinance and schedule it for possible adoption at the January 22, 2023 meeting. However, if the Board does not want to adopt the requested Zoning Ordinance amendment, the appropriate motion would be to not introduce the Ordinance and deny the amendment.

Should you have any questions prior to Monday's meeting please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-Z-002
TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance to amend the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance No. 135-A ("Zoning Ordinance") Business Zoning Districts C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-UB, C-UL to add nursery establishments as permitted uses either after special approval or after wellhead compliance.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Section 3-703.4 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses after special approval in the C-1 Neighborhood Business Zoning District, is amended to add a new section F for nursery establishment to read as follows:

3-703.4. Permitted Uses after Special Approval. The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in the C-1 district, subject to the review and approval of the use in accordance with Section 4-006 and any conditions hereinafter imposed for each such use:

A-E (unchanged)

F. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a Determination of Compliance with Wellhead Protection from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section.

(1) Nursery Establishments (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).

Section 2 of Ordinance

Section 3-704.5 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses as special approval uses in the C-2, Small Business District, is amended to revise subsection F to add a new subsection F(2) to read as follows:

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay Continued.

3-704.5. Permitted Uses after Special Approval. The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in the C-2 district subject to the review and approval of the use in accordance with Section 4-006 and any conditions hereinafter imposed for each such use:

A-E (unchanged)

F. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a Determination of Compliance with Wellhead Protection from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section.

(1) Minor vehicle service facilities (See **Vehicle Repair Facilities** in *Error! Reference source not found.*).

(1) Nursery Establishments (See **Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments** in *Error! Reference source not found.*).

Section 3 of Ordinance

Section 3-705.5 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses as special approval uses in the C-3 General Business District, is amended to in subsection S to add a new subsection S(5) to read as follows:

3-705.5. Permitted Uses After Special Approval. The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in the C-3 district subject to the review and approval of the use in accordance with *Error! Reference source not found.* and any conditions hereinafter imposed for each such use:

A-R (unchanged)

S. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a Determination of Compliance with Wellhead Protection from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section.

(1) On zoning lots with a net lot area exceeding one (1) acre, light equipment rental establishments (See Rental Establishments in Section 1-007) **and new vehicle dealer, used vehicle dealer, and vehicle broker dealer establishments (See Vehicle Dealer Establishments in Section 1-007) with outdoor display or storage.**

(2) **Commercial fueling establishments (See Commercial Fueling Establishments in Section 1-007).**

(3) **Propane fueling establishments (See Uses in Section 1-007) for permitted uses identified in Sections 3-705.3.A and 3-705.3.B.**

(4) **Minor vehicle service facilities, general vehicle service facilities, and major vehicle service facilities (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation And Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).**

(5) Nursery Establishments (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).

(6) T. Unchanged

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay Continued.

Section 4 of Ordinance

Section 3-706.5 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses as special approval uses in the C-4 Extensive Business District, is amended to revise subsection K to add a new subsection K(8) to read as follows:

3-706.5. Permitted Principal Uses after Special Approval. The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in the C-4 district subject to the review and approval of the use in accordance with Section 4-006 and any conditions hereinafter imposed for each such use:

A-J (unchanged)

K. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a Determination of Compliance with Wellhead Protection from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section:

- (1) **Commercial fueling establishments (See Commercial Fueling Establishments in Section 1-007).**
- (2) **Propane fueling establishments (See Uses in Section 1-007) for permitted uses identified in Sections 3-706.3.A, 3-706.3., 3-706.3.B, and 3-706.3.V.**
- (3) Major vehicle repair facilities (See Vehicle Repair Facilities in Section 1-007).
- (4) Fueling facilities as an ancillary use (See Use in Section 1-007) for permitted **uses identified in Sections 3-706.3.Q, 3-706.3.T, and 3-706.3.V.**
- (5) Major vehicle repair facilities and outdoor storage of materials and equipment as accessory uses to a public utility building, providing that all outdoor storage areas are located in a rear yard, which may include yard area that may also be a side yard or a corner lot. The Planning Commission may stipulate a reasonable increase of setback requirements to that of a higher intensity use zoning district **under Division 3-8** as well as additional screening and barriers.
- (6) Light equipment rental establishments (See Rental Establishments in Section 1-007), with outdoor display and storage.
- (7) **New vehicle dealer, used vehicle dealer, and vehicle broker dealer establishments (See Vehicle Dealer Establishments in Section 1-007) with outdoor display or storage.**
- (8) Nursery Establishments (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).

L-N (unchanged)

Section 5 of Ordinance

Section 3-707.5 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses after special approval in the C-UB Business District, is amended to add a new section F for nursery establishments to read as follows:

3-707.5. Permitted Principal Uses after Special Approval.

The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in accordance with Section 4-006 and any conditions hereinafter imposes for each such use:

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay Continued.

A- E (unchanged)

F. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a determination of Wellhead Compliance from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section.

- (1) Nursery Establishments (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).

Section 6 of Ordinance

Section 3-708.5 of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance that lists permitted uses after special approval in the C-UL Union Lake Business District, is amended to add a new Section I for nursery establishments, to read as follows:

3-708.5. Permitted Uses after Special Approval.

The following uses shall be permitted as special approval uses in accordance with Section 4-006 and any conditions hereinafter imposes for each such use:

A- H (unchanged)

I. The following uses shall be considered for special approval, provided that the proposed use and site plan receives a determination of Wellhead Compliance from the Public Works Official as defined and regulated by the Waterford Code of Ordinances prior to consideration by the Planning Commission under this Section.

- (1) Nursery Establishments (See Commercial Bulk Vegetation and Soil Resource Establishments in Section 1-007).

Section 7 of Ordinance

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect, and the Waterford Township Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified above.

Section 8 of Ordinance

If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

Section 9 of Ordinance

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay Continued.

Section 10 of Ordinance

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be on the 8th day after publication, or a later date as provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act for when a petition for voter referendum on this Ordinance and/or a notice of intent to submit such a petition is timely filed with the Township Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment was adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Waterford at a meeting duly called and held on January 22, 2024.

Date

Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk

Moved by Markee,
Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-002; Text Amendment - Nursery Establishments, C-1, Neighborhood Business District; C-2, Small Business District; C-3, General Business District; C-4, Extensive Business District; C-UL, Union Lake Business District; C-UB, Commercial Urban Business District; and OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay. A Roll Call Vote Was Taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

5.3 Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-003; 4565 And 4575 Dixie Hwy, SW Side of Dixie Hwy, NW of Frembes Rd

The following memo was received by Mr. Jeffrey Polkowski, Development Services Director.

The applicant is proposing to rezone two parcels along Dixie Hwy from HT-2, High Tech Industrial and Office to C-4, Extensive Business. The northwestern 2.2 acres parcel is currently vacant and unimproved. The southeastern 2.9 acres parcel has an existing landscaping maintenance establishment operating on it. Both parcels individually meet all of the Zoning Ordinance's requirements for C-4 properties Landscaping Maintenance Establishments are a permitted use in C-4 districts.

The applicant's proposed rezoning is harmonious with the surrounding area and supported by the current and future (drafted) Master Plan. Further, the current zoning of the property does not meet the goals of the current Master Plan, and is especially in conflict with the drafted, future Master Plan's goals for the area as the future downtown of Waterford Township. The drafted Master Plan is expected to be adopted in the coming months and highlights this area as being an ideal location for Drayton Plains. During the public outreach portion of the Master Plan process, the public, along with Waterford's elected and appointed officials, all expressed a desire to see a

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-003; 4565 And 4575 Dixie Hwy, SW Side of Dixie Hwy, NW of Frembes Rd

downtown area established. The proposed rezoning would see over five acres of land rezoned to a zoning district that is congruous with helping see the goals of the Township become realized.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Findings

The Planning Commission reviewed this proposed rezoning at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 2023 and resolved unanimously, to forward a favorable recommendation to the Township Board.

Motions

Based upon the Planning Commission's favorable recommendation at the December 12, 2023 regular meeting for this rezoning, should the Board want to consider adopting the requested rezoning, the appropriate motion would be to introduce the attached Ordinance and schedule it for possible adoption at the January 22, 2024 meeting. However, if the Board does not want to adopt the requested rezoning, the appropriate motion would be to not introduce the Ordinance and deny the zoning amendment.

Should you have any questions prior to Monday's meeting please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-Z-003

ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT

An ordinance to amend the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning a parcel of property with conditions on its use and development as authorized by MCL 125.3405 and amending the Zoning Map.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

The parcels of property that are assigned tax parcel numbers 13-10-176-058 & 13-10-176-093, legally described below, with current address of 4565 & 4575 Dixie Hwy, are rezoned from **HT-2, High Tech Industrial & Office to C-4, Extensive Business** with the Zoning Map that is adopted by and made part of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 3-101, to be changed and amended to reflect this rezoning.

Section 2 of Ordinance

The effective date of this ordinance shall be on the 8th day after publication, or a later date as provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act for when a petition for voter referendum on this Ordinance and/or a notice of intent to submit such a petition is timely filed with the Township Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Waterford at a meeting duly called and held on January 22, 2024.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-003; 4565 And 4575 Dixie Hwy, SW Side of Dixie Hwy, NW of Frembes Rd Continued.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

Date

Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk**LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHMENT TO ORDINANCE 2024-Z-003**

(13-10-176-058)

T3N, R9E, SEC 10 FAIRPLAINS SUB LOTS 22, 23 & 24 EXC THAT PART IN RD

(13-10-176-093)

**T3N, R9E, SEC 10 FAIRPLAINS SUB LOTS 18 TO 21 INCL EXC THAT PART TAKEN FOR
DIXIE HWY 4/17/84 FR 079**

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-003; 4565 and 4575 Dixie Hwy, SW side of Dixie Hwy, NW of Frembes Rd rezoned from HT-2, High Tech Industrial & Office to C-4, Extensive Business. A Roll Call Vote Was Taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

5.4 Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-004; 327 N Telegraph Rd, Rezoning From C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay To M-2, General Industrial

The following memo was received by Mr. Jeffrey Polkowski, Development Services Director.

The applicant is proposing to rezone a 55.7 acres portion of a 70 acres parcel from C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay to M-2, General Industrial. The applicant intends to re-market the internal sections of the former Summit Place Mall site for future businesses after obtaining this rezoning.

A 250 ft wide strip of the parcel along the property's N Telegraph Rd and Elizabeth Lake Rd frontages is excluded from the proposed rezoning which would allow for out-lots to be developed along both roads for the more commercial and service uses allowed in the OV-SP district.

The current 2023 Master Plan's designation for the property is Planned Destination. The proposed rezoning is supported by the upcoming drafted 2043 Master Plan's Future Land Use Map. Said Future Land Use Map designates the property as industrial which is congruous with the proposed rezoning.

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-004; 327 N Telegraph Rd, Rezoning From C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay To M-2, General Industrial Continued.

Planning Commission Recommendation and Findings

The Planning Commission reviewed this proposed rezoning at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 2023 and resolved unanimously, to forward a favorable recommendation to the Township Board.

Motions

Based upon the Planning Commission's favorable recommendation at the December 12, 2023 regular meeting for this rezoning, should the Board want to consider adopting the requested rezoning, the appropriate motion would be to introduce the attached Ordinance and schedule it for possible adoption at the January 22, 2024 meeting. However, if the Board does not want to adopt the requested rezoning, the appropriate motion would be to not introduce the Ordinance and deny the zoning amendment.

Should you have any questions prior to Monday's meeting please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

**COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-Z-004**

ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT

An ordinance to amend the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning a parcel of property with conditions on its use and development as authorized by MCL 125.3405 and amending the Zoning Map.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

The portion of the parcel of property that is assigned tax parcel number 13-25-200-038, legally described below, with current address of 327 N Telegraph Rd, is rezoned from **C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay to M-2, General Industrial** with the Zoning Map that is adopted by and made part of the Waterford Township Zoning Ordinance in Section 3-101, to be changed and amended to reflect this rezoning.

Section 2 of Ordinance

The effective date of this ordinance shall be on the 8th day after publication, or a later date as provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act for when a petition for voter referendum on this Ordinance and/or a notice of intent to submit such a petition is timely filed with the Township Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Waterford at a meeting duly called and held on January 22, 2024.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

Date

Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk

Possible Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-004; 327 N Telegraph Rd, Rezoning From C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay To M-2, General Industrial Continued.

Moved by Markee,
Seconded by Bartolotta, RESOLVED, to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2024-Z-004; 327 N Telegraph Rd, Rezoning from C-4, Extensive Business with an OV-SP, Summit Place Overlay to M-2, General Industrial. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

6.1 Resolution to Approve the Parks and Recreation Five (5) Year Master Plan

The following memo was received by Ms. Alison Swanson.

Attached for your review and consideration, please find a proposed Resolution for Adoption of the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

In the summer of 2023, we began the process of updating the 5-Year Master Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. The Plan was developed in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during this 5-year period. This is a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund recreational and park improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is necessary in order to pursue MDNR administered grants.

At a January 9, 2024, Public Hearing for review of the Plan, the Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Board recommended the Plan for approval and adoption by the Waterford Board of Trustees.

At this time, I am respectfully asking that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees adopt the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will subsequently be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions 248-618-7549.

Trustee Hauswirth read the following resolution.

Resolution to Approve the Parks and Recreation Five (5) Year Master Plan Continued.**2024-2028 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION
For the Charter Township of Waterford**

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Waterford began the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Charter Township of Waterford 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 via a public input survey, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing with the Parks and Recreation Board was held on January 9, 2024 at the Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing the Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval and adoption of the 2024 – 2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Waterford has developed the plan as a guide to improve recreation opportunities within the Township, and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the plan, the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees has determined that the plan will address the recreation needs of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees hereby adopts the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Ms. Swanson addressed the Board of Trustees

Moved by Markee,

Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to adopt the Resolution to Approve the Parks and Recreation Five (5) Year Master Plan for years 2024-2028. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 **2024 North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ) Program Inter Local Agreement and Resolution**

The following memo was received by Ms. Stacy St. James, Environmental & Housing Rehab Coordinator.

In 2003, Waterford Township joined several northern Oakland County communities to create the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ). Through this cooperative effort, NO HAZ was able to provide residents of the participating communities a safe, reliable, environmentally responsible way to dispose of their household hazardous waste (HHW). We consistently receive calls and emails from residents wanting to know where to dispose of their HHW. There are no convenient, local locations which provide the same level of service that can be found at a NO HAZ organized collection event. Partnering with our neighboring communities to hold various HHW collection events throughout northern Oakland County is a great service to offer our residents. In addition, the goals of this program strongly correlate with other ongoing efforts we have in the Township, which include the Wellhead Protection program.

For 2024, our estimated obligation is \$53,908.81. As in previous years, it is being proposed to have the program costs funded through the following accounts:

59044-84500 - DPW Professional Services (\$26,954.40)
17470-96410 - Environmental Projects (\$26,954.41)

Attached you will find the 2024 Interlocal Agreement and associated Resolution.

**THE NORTH OAKLAND
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, the northern cities, villages, and townships in Oakland County are committed to protection of the natural environment and preventing toxic materials from entering our waterways and landfill resources; and

WHEREAS, the improper handling and disposal of toxic and poisonous household chemicals also poses a health risk to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, recognizing there is a need to provide regular and easily accessible household hazardous waste collection services to North Oakland County residents; and

WHEREAS, collection events for household hazardous waste have become widely accepted as the best way to provide citizens with a safe method of disposal of these toxic and poisonous household chemicals, and for the communities to realize the economies of scale, and

WHEREAS, Oakland County, through its Planning and Local Business Development Division, has joined these northern Oakland County communities in creating the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NoHaz), and

WHEREAS, the NoHaz Consortium has developed a household hazardous waste collection program, and

WHEREAS, a NoHaz Interlocal Agreement has been drafted to address necessary legal, liability, and responsibility issues for both the County and the participating communities, and identifies Oakland County's role in administering and managing the NoHaz program, and,

WHEREAS, the NoHaz Interlocal agreement establishes a NoHaz advisory board to assist and advise Oakland County in the development of the NoHaz program.

2024 North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ) Program Inter Local Agreement and Resolution Continued.

Now Therefore be it Resolved: That our community, Charter Township of Waterford, hereby approves the attached NoHaz Interlocal Agreement and authorizes its signature, and

Be it Further Resolved: That we will charge residents \$15 to participate in NoHaz events in 2024, and

Be it Further Resolved: That we hereby appoint Stacy St. James as our official representative to the NoHaz Advisory Board, to work with the Oakland County Planning and Local Business Development Division as needed to plan the NoHaz program for 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Waterford Township Board, at a regular meeting held on January 22nd, 2024.

Kim Markee, Clerk
The Charter Township of Waterford

Treasurer Thomas read the Resolution.

Moved by Markee,
Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to approve the 2024 North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (NO HAZ) Program Inter Local Agreement and adopt the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 **Approval of Co-Responder Inter-Local Agreement Between Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) And Waterford Township**

The following memo was received by Police Chief Underwood.

As you are aware, the below proposal was put before the Board during both preliminary and final 2024 budget discussions. The board saw fit to approve funding for a contracted mental health clinician through the Oakland County Health Network (OCHN). That person will work alongside Waterford Police Officers, providing support and follow-up in cases where individuals are experiencing mental health issues or are in crisis.

We have finalized terms of the inter-local agreement with OCHN (attached) and it has been reviewed by Township Attorney Joellen Shortley.

We respectfully request this honorable body approve the agreement as written and authorize Township Supervisor Gary Wall and Police Chief Scott Underwood to sign the agreement.

As always, if you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Approval of Co-Responder Inter-Local Agreement Between Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) And Waterford Township Continued.

PROPOSAL - Co-Response (CORE) Mental Health Clinician:

It is estimated that one in five people in the United States are living with a mental illness. A significant number of all police calls for service in the United States involve a person living with a serious mental illness, including substance use disorder. These calls involve a person in a mental health crisis in need of immediate professional help aimed at preventing harm or injury to that individual or others. Often, these calls are unpredictable for responding officers and for those in need of help. The response to social service calls of this nature is far from "routine", with elevated emotions and other dynamic circumstances at play.

There has been a push across the country to improve mental health awareness training for police officers so they are better equipped to handle the increased number of mental health related calls and better able to direct those in need to appropriate mental health resources. The Police Department is proud to report we have provided some mental health training during each of our annual training blocks as well as on our digital training platform. We have also established relationships with mental health resources in the community. This type of training along with building these relationships is important because overwhelmingly police officers are the sole first responders sent to assist those in mental health crisis in our community. However, there is a lack of follow-up with people and families, which leads to repetitive calls involving the same person(s).

Recently, three local law enforcement agencies including Auburn Hills PD, Birmingham PD, and Bloomfield Township PD, partnered with the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN, formerly the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority), to discuss ideas and come up with solutions to address this issue. They researched frequency of mental health related calls, how they are handled, utilization of resources, and how other police departments in Michigan and across country are addressing the need for improvement. Following their research and discussions, the group made these recommendations:

1. *Establish a partnership through an inter-local agreement with OCHN.*
2. *Hire a full-time mental health clinician to work within police departments.*
 - a. *Clinician will be contracted directly from OCHN and funded by the police departments.*
3. *Provide the clinician a vehicle, workspace, and communication devices.*
4. *Train staff at each Police Department in Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention.*
5. *Establish a community based mental health team of law enforcement and mental health professionals to meet monthly, to work toward improving service delivery to those in the community and educate staff on available resources.*
6. *Improve mental health call for service tracking and annual evaluation of the program.*

The proposal was for the mental health clinician to work in these communities by co-responding with police to calls for service, proactively following up with people/families, establishing improved communication lines with the hospitals, courts, and jail, and providing proactive education to community members. It is important to note that this partnership is one of a kind in the state, in that these communities are partnering together with community mental health to enhance service delivery, improve training, and establish a mental health community network team. The initial cost of starting this program was estimated at \$133,000, with an annual recurring cost of \$103,000, to become part of the agencies annual budget.

The Co-Response (CORE) Crisis Outreach Program was in fact adopted and funded by all three agencies in the second half of 2022 as a partnership between law enforcement and mental health professionals to better serve their communities. The three agencies came to a mutual agreement with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) to contract a full –time clinician. While police officers are trained to de-escalate many situations, they were not trained to identify specific needs

Approval of Co-Responder Inter-Local Agreement Between Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) And Waterford Township Continued.

of individuals in crisis. Having a licensed social worker qualified in mental health response on staff provides officers with valuable additional resources.

As the program began to gain momentum and the success of the Co-Responder became apparent, other Oakland County law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in starting similar programs; at least two more are up and running. The CORE team meets monthly to communicate the needs and concerns of all organizations. This allows participating members to examine what can be done to improve their response as professionals, what has been successful thus far, and to review any program adjustments that may be necessary.

The primary agencies of CORE began incorporating these other departments into their meetings, allowing for more diverse discussions. Since the co-responders are affiliated with OCHN, this has allowed all of the OCHN clinicians to work together on cases and also respond to, in the moment crisis events much quicker.

CORE is a leading example of how collaboration between mental health professionals and law enforcement can be a successful partnership. We began participating in CORE meetings and discussions in early 2023 and found the information to be valuable. The mental health crisis in Michigan touches all communities, including Waterford Township. A significant portion of our officer's time and resources are spent on calls with some type of mental health component. We have researched our entire call volume for 2020, 2021, and 2022, and found that 15% of officers weekly call volume is related to some type of mental health issue.

In its most basic form, the CORE program aims to tackle three issues; proper handling of those with mental health issues and/or those in crisis, use of police time and resources, and liability. With a full-time clinician on-board to assist our first responders with initial response and follow-up, we believe our Officers will be in a much better position to help our entire community.

Moved by Bartolotta,
Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to approve the Co-Responder Inter-Local Agreement Between Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) And Waterford Township; furthermore, to authorize Supervisor Wall and Police Chief Underwood to sign the agreement. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 **ASA Project Extension and Addition Award Memo**

The following memo was received by Ms. Jennifer Thom, Court Administrator.

The Court was awarded an additional \$7,500 by the State Court Administrative Office for the purpose of record review and correction related to the Automatic Clean Slate implementation. The project has also been extended through Q1 of 2024.

In July 2023, the Board was kind enough to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$12,862, for pass-through money, to take advantage of this reimbursement opportunity.

ASA Project Extension and Addition Award Memo Continued.

The Court respectfully requests an increase to its 2024 budget in the amount of \$7,500 on the revenue side 10101-57601, and an expense of \$7,500 posted to 11360-70900 in order to complete the project and be reimbursed by the state.

Moved by Markee,

Seconded by Bartolotta, RESOLVED, to approve the ASA Project extension and addition award to increase the 2024 budget in the amount of \$7,500 on the revenue side 10101-57601, and an expense of \$7,500 posted to 11360-70900 to be reimbursed by the State of Michigan. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Probation Reorganization - Budget Amendment Request

As the Board is aware, the Court was interviewing for a part-time Probation Officer position. We were incredibly fortunate to have some very talented internal applicants. To better fit the needs of the department and offer opportunities to our most talented people, the Court re-organized the structure of its probation department.

Alise Manatine, who served as our full-time Specialty Program Coordinator (SPC), was selected as our part-time Probation Officer. Recent fluctuation in our Treatment Court numbers led to the decision to freeze the full-time SPC position and fill a full-time Deputy Clerk (DC) vacancy, generating a line savings of 10,785.

Part-timer Alena Zora accepted the full-time DC role.

The Court is seeking a budget amendment to move 10,000 of the money from its Salary line 11360-70200 to its Wages PT/Temp line 11360-70300 to fill the SPC vacancy in a part-time capacity.

Ashley Powers, who served as a part-time Deputy Clerk, has accepted the position.

Moved by Markee,

Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to approve the Probation Reorganization and a Budget Amendment Request of \$10,000.00 from line item 11360-70200 to line item 11360-70300. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 **Resolution Adopting Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office New Stormwater Engineering Design Standards**

Please review the attached Resolution to adopt the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's (OCWRC) Office new Stormwater Engineering Design Standards.

In May 2021, the OCWRC office adopted new stormwater design standards. The Township's draft 2024 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requires that the Township adopt new stormwater engineering design standards to meet water quality requirements. By adopting the OCWRC state-approved standards the Township meets the NPDES MS4 Permit requirement and is not required to develop its own standards.

The draft NPDES MS4 Permit will be finalized and issued later this year.

Requested Board Action

Approve the 2024 Resolution adopting Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 2021 Stormwater Engineering Design Standards.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to approve the 2024 Resolution adopting Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 2021 Stormwater Engineering Design Standards. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.7 **Purchase of New 2023 Sewer Camera Truck**

The following memo was received by Mr. Justin Westlake, DPW Director.

Please authorize the Waterford Township DPW to purchase 1 new 2023 Sewer Camera Truck from Jack Doheny Company for \$289,678.72. The spec sheet for this vehicle and quote are attached to this memo for the Board to review. Jack Doheny Company is a single source vendor for Waterford Township. They have always provided quality products and service for the needs of our water and sewer maintenance vehicles and equipment.

Our department has managed to secure 2023 pricing on this vehicle that will be built in 2024 and will therefore be able to come in under budget on this build. This vehicle was approved during the 2024 budget hearings, so no budget adjustment is required.

This vehicle will replace a 1998 GM truck manufactured by Grumman Olson with 32,016 miles. This vehicle is utilized by our Sewer Department to inspect sewer pipe infrastructure. Whenever we have a sewer backup, we camera our sewer pipe around where the incident took place to try and figure out why the backup occurred. Sometimes we discover the pipe has a break in it or has been compromised by tree roots, other times the pipe was simply clogged by debris, grease, or flushable wipes and just needed to be cleared. This truck is also utilized to do general inspections

Purchase of New 2023 Sewer Camera Truck Continued.

of other sewer pipes in our system to look for problems before they occur. Once they video the pipe the staff prepares reports with recommendations for which sewer pipes in our system should be rehabilitated either by lining or replacing the pipe. This area of our operation has improved greatly over the past year, and we look forward to obtaining this new vehicle so that we can continue to try and stay ahead of problems before they occur. One of the problems we have had is our old camera truck, equipment, and software are prone to breaking down, keeping it off the road. We think this purchase will help remedy that.

I am asking for a 7% contingency on this purchase in case we discover there is additional software or equipment we need to purchase for the vehicle while it is being built, although I do not anticipate that being the case. The total amount I am asking the Board to approve with the \$20,277 contingency added is \$309,955.72.

Requested Board Action:

- 1. Authorize the purchase of the attached 2023 Sewer Camera Truck from Jack Doheny Company for an amount not to exceed \$309,955.72.**

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of the attached 2023 Sewer Camera Truck from Jack Doheny Company for an amount not to exceed \$309,955.72. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.8 **LED Light Replacement Work – Campus Boulevard and Auditorium**

The following memo was received by Mr. Justin Westlake, DPW Director.

Please authorize the Waterford Township DPW to contract with Hutchinson's Electric, a single source vendor for Waterford, to replace 32 LED light fixtures on our main boulevards going from Crescent Lake Road and Tubbs Road connecting to Civic Center Drive. We are also seeking the Board's authorization to have Hutchinson's Electric replace and update the lighting in the Town Hall Auditorium. The scope of work for these projects is in the attached proposals. The price breakdown for these projects is in the table below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Civic Center Drive - LED Lights - 18 Fixtures	\$ 31,370.00
Boulevard Lights to Tubbs Road - 14 Fixtures	\$ 16,747.00
Auditorium Lighting Updates	\$ 29,870.00
Total	\$ 77,987.00
10% Contingency	\$ 7,798.70
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$ 85,785.70</u>

LED Light Replacement Work – Campus Boulevard and Auditorium Continued.

The existing boulevard light fixtures are failing regularly, and the replacement parts for the existing fixtures are getting to be more expensive than replacement fixtures. The new replacement fixtures will help mitigate maintenance and repair costs as well as provide better lighting for our campus to be a safer place to visit for residents. These new fixtures will also be LED so we will continue to realize the energy savings moving forward.

The auditorium has been updated recently with new seating, carpet, and the new lighting would help illuminate dark areas in this room, the back portion in particular while also making it more aesthetically pleasing.

I was able to obtain grant funding for similar LED light projects at the library last year, which paid for half the cost of those projects. I am optimistic I will be able to obtain similar grants for these attached projects, especially the boulevard lights.

These lighting projects were approved during the 2024 Budget Hearings; therefore, no budget adjustments are necessary to make these updates. The amount budgeted for these three projects was \$90,000, so we will be coming in under budget, even considering the contingency, which will likely not be needed. We are systematically continuing to work through replacing sections of our campus' exterior light fixtures over the next few years until they are all updated. We will still have the lighting at DPW, Town Hall and Court Parking lots, and the Police Department to update in the coming years with the completion of these requested projects.

Requested Board Action:

- 1. Authorize Hutchinson's Electric to perform the attached work to update the boulevard and auditorium lighting for an amount not to exceed \$85,785.70 from account number 24690-97107.**

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, **RESOLVED**, to authorize Hutchinson's Electric to perform the attached work to update the boulevard and auditorium lighting for an amount not to exceed \$85,785.70 from account number 24690-97107. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.9 Annual Well Maintenance Work Authorization – Peerless Midwest

The following memo was received by Mr. Justin Westlake, DPW Director.

Please see the attached proposal from Peerless Midwest to perform maintenance and rehabilitative services on Waterford's production wells and pumps. A brief description of each task and the associated cost is given in the attached proposal.

Annual Well Maintenance Work Authorization – Peerless Midwest Continued.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
16-5 Well Pump Work (Ridgetop)	\$ 62,740.00
31-4 Well Pump Work (Hess Farm)	\$ 118,030.00
Total	\$ 180,770.00
5% Contingency	\$ 9,038.50
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$ 189,808.50</u>

Peerless Midwest has been Waterford's single source provider of well consulting/contracting services since 2009. They have completed countless inspections, reports, and services for Waterford's wells. The work they perform keeps the pumps and motors that provide Waterford's water supply in good working order. Waterford's well system is a cornerstone of our water distribution system. This work will help ensure our community's water system is viable into the foreseeable future.

The work we are looking to accomplish this year on our wells was approved in the 2024 budget hearings. These projects should be coded to account # 59041-92230.

Requested Board Action:

Authorize Peerless Midwest to complete the proposed work for Waterford Township not to exceed the amount of \$189,808.50 from account number 59041-92230.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to authorize Peerless Midwest to complete the proposed work for Waterford Township not to exceed the amount of \$189,808.50 from account number 59041-92230. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.10 Purchase of New 2023 GMC Canyon

The following memo was received by Mr. Justin Westlake, DPW Director.

Please authorize the Waterford Township DPW to purchase 1 new 2023 GMC Canyon from Lafontaine Automotive Group for \$42,050.00. The spec sheet and quote are attached to this memo for the Board to review.

Our department has managed to secure a municipal discount for this vehicle. LaFontaine has been a reliable dealership for us to obtain vehicles from over the past couple of years when obtaining any trucks was difficult, and they have also always extended government/municipal discounts to us, when other dealerships would not. For this reason, I would like to recommend we

Purchase of New 2023 GMC Canyon Continued.

purchase this vehicle through them. This vehicle is on their lot and ready to pick up pending Board approval.

This vehicle will replace a 2009 GMC with 86,669 miles. This vehicle is utilized by our Engineering Department for utility staking and is utilized in our efforts to locate and stake our underground infrastructure daily. There is a strong possibility this 2009 GMC will be sold to the Parks and Recreation Department for their part time staff to utilize while maintaining their parks.

This vehicle was approved during the 2024 budget hearings for a half ton pickup truck for \$55,000, so we will be able to make this purchase and come in under budget. After discussing this vehicle with staff members that will utilize it, they requested something smaller like the Canyon so they can more easily navigate and park on neighborhood roads in Waterford that tend to be narrower. We thought this was a reasonable request that will benefit both our staff and Waterford residents alike.

Requested Board Action:

- 1. Authorize the purchase of the attached 2023 Canyon from Lafontaine Automotive Group in the amount of \$42,050.**

Moved by Markee,
Seconded by Bartolotta, RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of the attached 2023 Canyon from Lafontaine Automotive Group in the amount of \$42,050. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.11 Professional Architectural Services for Phase 1 of Fire Station 2 Replacement

The following memo was received by Fire Chief Covey.

The Fire Department is requesting Township Board approval to move forward with the Phase 1 "Building Concept Design" for Fire Station 2 which was approved in the 2024 budget.

Currently Fire Station 2 is located at the corner of Meinrad and Walton Blvd (4596 W. Walton Blvd). Station 2 serves as the primary responding station for the Township's northeast sector. Station 2 is also the oldest fire station in the Township built in 1952. In the 5+ decades fire department needs and requirements have changed significantly. Station 2 was built to meet the community's needs in 1952. The station was built to house the Fire Department fire chief's office and one firefighter. Including fire vehicles that were slightly larger than a modern crew cab pickup truck. Since 1952, the Charter Township of Waterford has grown in population, and emergency run volume has exceeded 10,000 incidents in the Waterford district. The fire department has shifted from an all-volunteer fire service (members did not reside in the station) to a career department with 24-hour shifts requiring kitchen and sleeping accommodations. Due to the age of

Professional Architectural Services for Phase 1 of Fire Station 2 Replacement Continued.

Station 2 the infrastructure is failing and has reached the end of its useful service life. Today's modern fire stations are designed to meet current NFPA safety standards, employees of various genders, future growth, and longevity of 50 to 100 years. Fire vehicles have gotten larger and are now making it difficult to operate out of our garage due to limited space. Station 2 is currently staffed with 4 personnel and houses Engine 2 and Rescue 2. This building needs replacement and based on a current evaluation will require large sums of monies to upkeep. The property is landlocked due to a large sewer main that sits directly behind the station and doesn't allow the township the ability to build a new modern fire station on the property. The current property would be sold, and the future fire station would be built and located on the township owned property directly to the west side of Mason Middle School.

DLZ is a current single source vender for engineering services for the Township, which allows us to contract with them and not go through the bid process. Additionally, DLZ assisted our neighbors West Bloomfield Township with designing and building of a new fire station.

Board Action:

1. Approve \$30,000 for this contract to be used from Fire Department account number 20630-84500 Services other Professional.
2. Award the contract to DLZ for the Phase 1 preliminary planning stages of developing a new fire station 2.

The Fire Department would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Chief Covey addressed the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Bartolotta,
Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to approve \$30,000 for this contract to be used from Fire Department account number 20630-84500 Services other Professional; furthermore, to award the contract to DLZ for the Phase 1 preliminary planning stages of developing a new fire station 2. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.12 Fire Department Annual Fire Gear Purchase 2024

The following memo was received by Fire Chief Covey.

Purchase of our annual 10 sets of fire gear coats and pants

Supervisor Wall, as you are aware, several years ago Captain Eric Steinhebel came to the Chief with a way to save money and change the way we inspect and have our fire gear serviced. Traditionally we would pay personnel overtime to travel to all 9 fire stations, collect fire gear and then deliver the gear to an outside company in Detroit. This company would inspect the gear per NFPA 1851 requirements, wash the fire gear and make repairs if needed. This process without accounting for overtime for transport would cost the fire department \$20,000 annually. Captain

Fire Department Annual Fire Gear Purchase 2024 Continued.

Steinhebel made significant changes to this process. He is now certified to inspect fire gear onsite per the NFPA standard and has purchased a cleaning product that meets the NFPA standard and cleans the gear in house. If or when a repair is needed, then it is taken to a repair facility. This change has greatly reduced the cost of our fire gear cleaning and inspection process. The goal of this change was to help us purchase more new sets of fire gear annually (bunker pants and coats).

10 additional sets of gear needed for 2024.

We are asking that 10 additional sets of gear be added to the order of the 10 new sets for replacement of upcoming retirements/ new hirers due to projected 2024 retirements (fire gear is specifically fitted for each firefighter).

The cost before any possible additional charges (sizes) per set is estimated at \$ 2,543.67 (depending on sizes) with estimated shipping of \$150.00 for an estimated total of \$ 51,023.40 for 20 sets. We are asking for the approval of 20 sets of fire gear to be purchased from account 20630-97131 capital Fire Gear for the 2024 budget year from Conway Shield, Lakeland Fire which has agreed to hold the price to the same as our 2023 purchase price.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to Fire Department Annual Fire Gear Purchase 2024 in the estimated amount of \$51,023.40. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.13 2024 Budget Approved Request to Purchase 2024 Rescue Remount

Waterford Regional Fire Department is requesting Township Board approval for the Rescue/Ambulance Remount project for the 2024 budget.

The previous Fire Chief John Lyman and I started this project 6 years ago with great success. This is a partnership with EV+ in Holland, MI... EV+ is the State of Michigan Wheeled Coach dealer that we use for our current ambulances and have for many years. They will take our ambulance box (patient care area) off our current ambulance and re-mount it on a new chassis. We currently have six ambulances that have been through this process, and we are very happy with the outcome. This has saved the Township taxpayers an average of \$150,000 per unit. The cost of a new ambulance ranges from \$350,000 to \$400,000 depending on options.

What does this accomplish; this new unit will replace a 2015 Ambulance that has over 122,000 miles and needs replacement.

Remount with new chassis \$215,088.00

Lettering and required reflective striping: yet to be determined.

2024 Budget Approved Request to Purchase 2024 Rescue Remount Continued.

Moved by Bartolotta,
Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to 2024 Budget Approved Request to Purchase 2024 Rescue Remount in the amount of \$215,088.00. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.14 2024 Budget Approved Request to Purchase Custom Fire Engine Through Sutphen Corporation

The following memo was received by Fire Chief Covey.

Waterford Regional Fire Department is requesting Township Board approval of the purchase of a custom pumper (fire engine) that was approved in the 2024 budget.

With the successful passing of the 2018 SAD and the creation of the 330 fund we have started to make huge improvements in our current fleet. This is extremely positive for the residents we serve and our ability to provide our firefighters with the tools to safely complete their job. With this purchase, we will be replacing a 23-year-old fire engine that has over 110,000 miles. This is extremely important, as the life expectancy of a fire engine is 10 years front line and 5 years backup. Not only does this eliminate a 23-year-old engine, it provides updated features like air bags, a better braking system, (mandated in 2024 Stability Trac Controls), and Updated Motor to a Cummins X10 (to meet new EPA requirements), cuts down on the large repair and maintenance costs.

This request comes very early after passing the budget because there is a projected 40 to 42 months build time for a fire engine. This is mostly due to the US supply chain issues and the rapidly increasing cost of materials per the manufacturer. We are receiving discounted pricing by using the HGAC Buy Program that guarantees government pricing on the fire engine. This program has given us a great advantage as we want to continue moving towards a fleet of engines that closely match each other and are similar for our mechanic division to work on.

Fire Engine 1 + performance bond

- Total Fire Engine cost \$947,000
- HGAC pricing
- Total \$947,000

This new fire engine will be identical to the previous engines from Sutphen Corporation. This engine will replace E213, a reserve 2003 Pierce Enforcer with high mileage and hours and APAW score of 52 (needing immediate replacement).

Board Action:

1. Approve the purchase of a Custom Pumper/Fire Engine through Sutphen Corporation for the total cost of \$947,000.
2. Approve \$900,000 of the purchase to be paid for by the Capital Vehicle account number 20630-97136
3. Approve \$47,000 of the purchase to be paid out of the Fire Department Fund Balance.

2024 Budget Approved Request to Purchase Custom Fire Engine Through Sutphen Corporation
Continued

Thankfully in August 2018, Waterford voters passed the Public Safety SAD, which keeps us on the path to continue following our truck replacement plan on schedule. This plan includes the 330-Capital Fund put together by Derek Diederich, Barb Miller and Supervisor Wall. This 330-Fund puts monies away annually to save for large future purchases.

The Fire Department would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a Custom Pumper/Fire Engine through Sutphen Corporation for the total cost of \$947,000, to approve \$900,000 of the purchase to be paid for by the Capital Vehicle account number 20630-97136; and to approve \$47,000 of the purchase to be paid out of the Fire Department Fund Balance. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.15 **Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2024**

The following memo was received by Ms. Paula Moore, Chief Assessor.

Attached you will find the information for your approval for the 2024 Poverty Exemption Guidelines based upon the requirements sited under PA 253 of 2020 that amended MCL 211.7u. Since the Board of Review no longer can approve an exemption under extraordinary circumstances, the Board has increased the federal poverty income levels to include up to 200% of the federal amounts. This will allow the Board of Review to assist additional citizens of Waterford that are going through a difficult financial time. The law only allows a 100%, 75%, 50% or 25% reduction in the Taxable Value.

The 75% reduction was just included in the law by the legislators this past year. This has not been included in our Taxable Value reductions for 2024 due to the number of appeals. For example, if an applicant does not receive a 100% exemption, and they receive a 25% reduction, then they are appealing the decision made by the Board of Review to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. This costs the Township time and money to defend. Therefore, 75% has not been included in the reductions to be approved for 2024.

The Resolution and the Guidelines show the exact income levels relating to the reduction in Taxable Value for those that qualify. Also included is the asset test. These are very clear and if someone does not qualify there isn't a reason to appeal unless they errored in providing the correct information to the Board or Review.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines change every year, therefore a new resolution approving the income and guidelines are required. I respectfully request that you approve the resolution for Poverty Exemption for the 2024 tax year.

Poverty Exemption Asset Questionnaire

Please complete the following asset questionnaire in addition to the Application for Poverty Exemption to help us determine your eligibility. If answering "yes" to any of the following questions, please provide further explanation as well as any additional documentation.

Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2024 Continued.

1. Do you own a second home, land or vehicles?
2. Do you own any recreational vehicles such as campers, motor-homes, boats or ATV's?
3. Do you own any buildings other than your primary residence?
4. Do you own any jewelry, antiques or artwork?
5. Do you own any equipment or other personal property of value?
6. Do you have any bank accounts or stocks?
7. Do you have any money that was received from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, a house or a car (unless you are in the specific business of selling such property)?
8. Do you have any withdrawals of bank deposits and/or borrowed money?
9. Do you have any monetary gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances or one-time insurance payments?
10. Do you receive food or housing in lieu of wages? If so, what is the value?
11. Do you receive any Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and school lunches?

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION
POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253 of 2020, the Township of Waterford, Oakland County, adopts the following guidelines and those on the attached Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for a poverty exemption, property owners must submit an application using the State of Michigan Form 5737, Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption. The Board of Review shall consider the income and asset guidelines listed below along with the attached Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions for Waterford Township.

Income: The income guidelines shall be no more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines as follows:

Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2024 Continued.***For 100% Poverty Exemption:***

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>2024 Poverty Income Guidelines</u>
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560
Each additional person	Add \$5,140/person

For 50% Poverty Exemption:

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>2024 Poverty Income Guidelines</u>
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000
5	\$52,710
6	\$60,420
7	\$68,130
8	\$75,840
Each additional person	Add \$7,710/person

For 25% Poverty Exemption:

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>2024 Poverty Income Guidelines</u>
1	\$29,160
2	\$39,440
3	\$49,720
4	\$60,000
5	\$70,280
6	\$80,560
7	\$90,840
8	\$101,120
Each additional person	Add \$10,280/person

Asset Test: To be eligible for a poverty exemption for 2024, assets (excluding the principal residence and one vehicle) shall not exceed \$25,000 for one person and \$35,000 for two or more people living in the household.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above-stated policies and federal guidelines (and the Policy and Guidelines attached hereto) in granting or denying an exemption.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting of the Board on January 22, 2024.

Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2024 Continued.

 Waterford Township Clerk

Date

Clerk Markee read the Resolution.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines for 2024. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.16 **Resolution to Support a Special Assessment District Road Improvement Project for Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln., and Authorizing Contribution of Funds**

The Waterford Township Board of Trustees has committed \$2 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for up to 10% contributions to improvements to subdivision roads through a Special Assessment District (SAD) with the Road Commission for Oakland County. As you know, all public subdivision roads in Waterford Township are under the jurisdiction of the RCOC for maintenance, but repaving is accomplished through the SAD process.

Property owners in the Otter Hills subdivision with frontage on Windcroft Rd. and Bow Ln. have successfully circulated their first petition, received preliminary construction plans and cost estimates, and had a hearing on objections to improve their roads through an SAD. Steve Meyer, a resident within the proposed SAD district, has submitted the attached letter of interest to request the Township's funding support.

As allowed by Public Act 246 of 1931, and in accordance with the Township's adopted procedures for considering potential participation in a road commission SAD, we are being asked to consider Mr. Meyer's request for a contribution to the proposed road improvement project for Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln. at 10% of estimated construction costs in the amount of \$77,489.82.

Per the adopted procedure, I have confirmed with the budget director that sufficient funds exist in the ARPA funds allocated by the Township Board to allow this contribution.

Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln.

Total estimated project cost	\$774,898.22
Base lot assessment	\$19,659.98
Max individual assessment	\$23,395.37
10% contribution	\$77,489.82

Additionally, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has authorized funding for this project in the amount of \$50,000 provided construction is complete in 2024; and RCOC will match that amount with in-kind services such as engineering. This will further reduce the cost of repaving these two roads through the SAD process.

Resolution to Support a Special Assessment District Road Improvement Project for Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln., and Authorizing Contribution of Funds Continued.

Attached to this memo are the resolution for consideration, Mr. Meyer's letter of interest, and a copy of the RCOC Notice to Property Owners Administrative Meeting for this project showing details of preliminary construction plans and cost estimates for this project.

Recommended motion:

- (1) Motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting a Road Commission Project for the Improvement of Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln., and to authorize contribution of funding in an amount not to exceed 10% of the final cost of the project as determined by the RCOC; and directing the Township Clerk to provide the signed resolution to the RCOC and to Mr. Meyer.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A ROAD COMMISSION PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY ROADS WINDCROFT RD. & BOW LN. IN THE OTTER HILLS SECTION 35 SUBDIVISION, AND AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDING SHOULD A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BE ESTABLISHED

WHEREAS, Windcroft Rd. and Bow Ln. ("Roads") in the Otter Hills Section 35 Subdivision in Waterford Township are county roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County ("RCOC").

WHEREAS, Public Act No 246 of 1931, as amended, MCL 41.271 et.seq. ("Act 246") provides a procedure for the improvement of county roads when initiated by property owner petitions representing more than 51% of lineal frontage on each road proposed for improvement.

WHEREAS, property owners have provided the RCOC with petitions of interest for improving Windcroft Rd. and Bow Ln. by creating a special assessment district ("SAD") for funding the project, and the RCOC has provided preliminary construction plans and cost estimates for such a road improvement project in the amount of \$774,898.22.

WHEREAS, the property owners who submitted a petition to the RCOC for a road improvement project have also provided a request to the Township to participate in an SAD, if one is established by the RCOC.

WHEREAS, Act 246 allows the township to contribute to an SAD, thereby lowering the cost to the property owners in the assessment district, if the Board of Trustees approves the Township to be assessed a percentage of the total cost of a road improvement project.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the proposed improvements for Windcroft Rd. and Bow Ln. will create a benefit to the public welfare and convenience of Township residents, and create safer driving conditions for police, fire, and EMS personnel.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that in the event the Board of the RCOC approves an SAD for the improvement of Windcroft Rd. and Bow Ln. in the Otter Hills Section 35 Subdivision, it is the intent of the Township Board to accept an assessment at large levied against the Township in an amount not to exceed 10% of the final cost of the project as determined by the RCOC.

Resolution to Support a Special Assessment District Road Improvement Project for Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln., and Authorizing Contribution of Funds Continued.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting this Resolution, the Township Board is not agreeing to or approving the Township paying any additional costs or expenses related to the SAD. If an SAD is established, a Resolution adopted by the Township Board will be required to establish the exact amount the Township will contribute to the project.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to provide this Resolution to the RCOC for receipt and acceptance, and to the property owners who initiated the request for funding.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on January 22, 2024.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kim Markee, Township Clerk

Moved by Markee,
Seconded by Hauswirth, RESOLVED, to adopt the Resolution to Support a Special Assessment District Road Improvement Project for Windcroft Rd. & Bow Ln., and Authorizing Contribution of Funds. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.17 Formal Request For Deadline Extension - Medical Marihuana Provisioning Facility

The following memo was received by Mr. Arie Leibovitz, President, Ari-El Enterprises, Inc.

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally request inclusion in the January 8, 2024, Township Board of Trustees meeting agenda to discuss the extension of the Medical Marihuana license deadline for provisioning facility, for which a license as granted on March 14, 2022.

The current license deadline is June 28, 2024. However, due to environmental remediation and the EGLE permit delay encountered during the approval and construction process of the facility, I am seeking the Board's consideration for an extension of this deadline until October 31, 2024.

The construction project pertains to the approved 4,000-square-foot dispensary building located at the northwest corner of Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Road, with the specific address being 440 Elizabeth Lake Road.

The site and building construction equipment have been delivered to the site.

Formal Request For Deadline Extension - Medical Marihuana Provisioning Facility Continued.

I kindly request the opportunity to present more details and address any concerns during the upcoming Township Board meeting. Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou for your attention to this request, and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss it further with the Township Board.

Mr. Arie Leibovitz, President, Ari-El Enterprises, Inc. and Mr. Michael Stein on behalf of Michigan Community Collective addressed the Board of Trustees and answered their questions.

Township Attorney Shortley addressed the Board of Trustees and Attorney Shortley asked Mr. Stein if there may be a transfer of ownership or members. Mr. Stein stated that he didn't understand what this had to do with an extension.

Clerk Markee inquired if the extension should have come from the applicant. Ms. Shortley stated that Mr. Stein's confirmation email was sufficient.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Markee, RESOLVED, to table the request for a deadline extension to the February 12, 2024, regular board meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.18 **FOIA Appeal - Mark Hall**

The following memo was received by Township Attorney Joellen Shortley.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a person whose FOIA request is denied has a right to appeal that denial to the Township Board. The Board is allowed ten (10) business days after it is considered to have received an appeal to act on it by : (1) reversing the disclosure denial, (2) issuing a written notice upholding the disclosure denial, or (3) reversing the disclosure denial in part and issuing a written notice upholding the disclosure denial in part.

Under FOIA, Mr. Hall's Appeal received by the Township Clerk's office on 1/4/2024, was considered received by the Board on the date of your first regular meeting after that 1/8/2024. That makes your 1/22/2024 meeting the last day for a timely decision unless you wish to extend your decision for another ten business days which is permitted under MCL 15.240 (1)(d). Your FOIA Coordinator has sent a letter to Mr. Hall that provides notice of the hearing date and the process. His attendance is not required.

The documents related to this FOIA appeal are also attachments to this letter:

12/13/2023 FOIA request received by the Police Department
12/14/2024 Police Department FOIA Coordinator response letter
1/4/2024 Appeal letter received

FOIA Appeal - Mark Hall Continued.

The question presented for the Township Board's decision on this appeal is whether the exemption from disclosure of identifying information concerning a victim of criminal sexual conduct, who was less than 18-years of age at the time the crime was committed, should be upheld, reversed, or upheld in part and reversed in part. That decision should be based on the Board's consideration of the provisions of FOIA upon which the Police Department exempted the records from disclosure and whether a proper exemption still applies. The reasons for the redactions stated in their denial was that the information was of a personal nature, constituted an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, information subject to physician-patient privilege and medical, counseling facts of protected health information. Additionally cited were exemptions from disclosure by other statutes, which are the Crime Victim's Rights Act and, Child Protection laws.

The William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Right's Act is the statute specifically exempts these records from disclosure under FOIA. This exemption is found in MCL 780.758(3)(c), which read as follows:

- (3) [A] ll of the following information and visual representations of a victim are exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

* * *

(c) The following information concerning a victim of child abuse, criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, or a similar crime who was less than 18 year of age when the crime was committed:

- (i) The victim's name and address.
- (ii) The name and address of an immediate family member or relative of the victim, who has the same surname as the victim, other than the name and address of the accused.
- (iii) Any other information that would tend to reveal the identity of the victim, including a reference to the victim's family or other relationship to the accused

Additionally, the Child Protection Law specifically requires these records to be confidential in MCL 722.625 and MCL 722.627.

The FOIA does not specify a standard of review for the Board to apply in reaching its decision and does not require you to make findings or explain the reasons for the decision you make. In that context, my recommendation is that you simply base your decision on the language of the FOIA exemptions and whether you agree with the Police Department's determination that those exemptions were properly applied in exempting the records in question from disclosure.

For your use in deciding this Appeal, the final attachments to this letter are three (3) alternate Resolutions, one of which should be adopted to make the decision called for under FOIA. While you are certainly free to modify whichever Resolution reflects your decision, I would recommend that your motion be by reference to the applicable Resolution (Upholding, Reversing, or Upholding in Part and Reversing in Part), which will facilitate promptly providing written notice of your decision to Mr. Hall.

I expect to be present at your meeting to provide any assistance you may request.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION UPHOLDING FOIA DISCLOSURE DENIAL**

FOIA Appeal - Mark Hall Continued.

At its regular meeting on January 22, 2024, the Township Board of Trustees having reviewed and considered the January 4, 2024 Appeal by Mark Hall of the denial by the Township Police Department FOIA Coordinator on December 14, 2023, that identifying information concerning a victim of criminal sexual conduct, who was under 18-years of age at the time the crime was committed, under the following FOIA exemptions:

1. MCL 15.243(1)(a) information personal in nature
2. MCL 15.243(1)(b)(iii) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
3. MCL 15.243(1)(h) physician-patient privilege
4. MCL 15.243(1)(l) medical, counseling facts protected health information
5. MCL 15.243(1)(d) records or information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute:
 - a. Child Protection Law, MCL 722.625 identity of reporting person
 - b. Child Protection Law, MCL 722.627 information as a confidential record
 - c. Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Rights Act, MCL 780.758(3)(c), information concerning the victim of criminal sexual conduct, or similar crime who was less than 18 years of age when the crime was committed.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees upholds the disclosure denial under MCL 15.243(1)(a) because the information was personal in nature, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under MCL 15.243 (1)(b)(iii), is protected by MCL 15.243(1)(h) physician-patient privilege, MCL 15.243(l)(1) medical, counseling facts protected health information and under MCL 15.243(d) exempted because it is exempt from disclosure by another statute. The other statutes which exempts this information are the Child Protection Law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.625 identity of reporting person, MCL 722.627 information is a confidential record and William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Right's Act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 789.758(3)(c) information concerning a victim of sexual conduct or similar crime who was less than 18 years of age when the crime was committed.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall serve as the written notice of this decision which shall be considered as issued immediately upon adoption, a copy of which shall be mailed by the Township Clerk to Mr. Hall.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on January 22, 2024.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk

Police Chief Underwood addressed the Board of Trustees.

Clerk Markee read the Resolution.

FOIA Appeal - Mark Hall Continued.

Moved by Bartolotta,

Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to uphold the FOIA Disclosure Denial. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Hauswirth, Bartolotta, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

6.19 Public Comments limited to Three (3) Minutes per Speaker

No one addressed the Board of Trustees.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Bartolotta

Seconded by Thomas, RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Bartolotta, Hauswirth, Matsura and Monohon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Markee, Clerk

Gary Wall, Supervisor

RESOLUTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD 2024-2028 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Waterford began the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Charter Township of Waterford 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 via a public input survey, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing with the Parks and Recreation Board was held on January 9, 2024 at the Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing the Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval and adoption of the 2024 – 2028 Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Waterford has developed the plan as a guide to improve recreation opportunities within the Township, and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the plan, the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees has determined that the plan will address the recreation needs of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees hereby adopts the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YEAS: Wall, Markee, Thomas, Bartolotta, Hauswirth, Matsura, and Monohon
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

§

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on January 22, 2024.

Date

1/26/2024

Kimberly Markee
Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Waterford

RESOLUTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD 2024-2028 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees hereby adopts the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
§
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on January 22, 2024.

1/22/2024
Date

Kimberly Markee
Kimberly Markee, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Waterford

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2024

To: Honorable Township Board of Trustees

From: Alison Swanson, Parks and Recreation Director

RE: Resolution Adopting the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Attached for your review and consideration, please find a proposed Resolution for Adoption of the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

In the summer of 2023, we began the process of updating the 5-Year Master Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. The Plan was developed in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, goals, objectives, and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during this 5-year period. This is a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund recreational and park improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is necessary in order to pursue MDNR administered grants.

At a January 9, 2024, Public Hearing for review of the Plan, the Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Board recommended the Plan for approval and adoption by the Waterford Board of Trustees.

At this time, I am respectfully asking that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees adopt the 2024-2028 Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will subsequently be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions 248-618-7549.



January 29, 2024

Oakland County Planning Department
2100 Pontiac Lake Rd
Building 41 West
Waterford, MI 48328

RE: Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2028

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed the recently adopted Charter Township of Waterford Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan is being sent to you according to the Michigan Departments of Natural Resources requirements for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer I. Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" and last name "Stewart" clearly distinguishable.

Jennifer Stewart, AICP
Planner II

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January 29, 2023

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