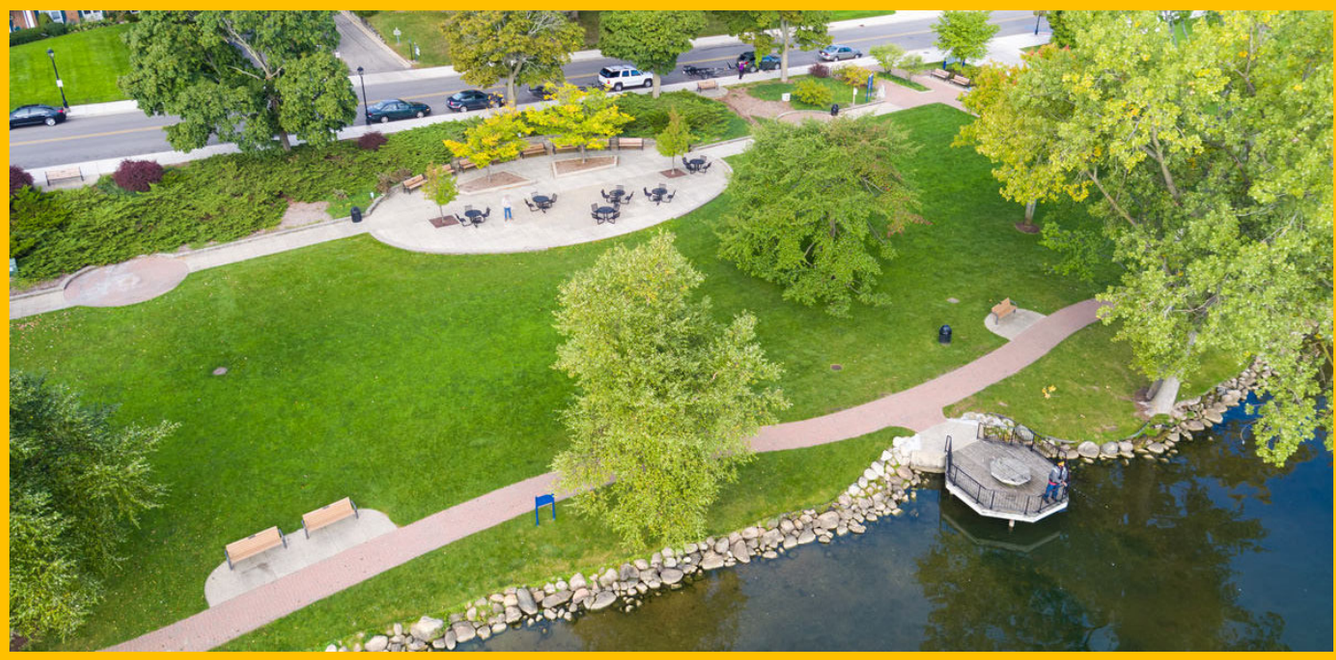
East Grand Rapids 2020 Community Parks and Recreation Plan





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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION



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Parks, Recreation and Open Space are important elements of all communities and reflect positively on the quality of life for residents. The youth of the community are given places to go and activities to participate in that provide positive and constructive ways for them to use their leisure time. Families are able to find fun and inexpensive means of getting together with their friends and neighbors in a manner that builds a positive image of the community. The elderly also benefit from such programs in ways that provide for healthy and happy retirement.

A properly developed plan is representative of what people want, an imaginative projection of what might be and realistic in recognizing what is possible. It is based upon ideas that communities are for people; that change, complexity, and compromise are the essence of communities, and that planning is a means of anticipating or reacting to change.

In recent years, a more holistic approach to recreational planning has been encouraged, stretching beyond the boundaries of traditional parks to include sidewalks, linear trails, greenways, town squares, plazas and other publicly and privately owned lands. A variety of indoor facilities also serve the recreational and social needs of the public. In addition to the human benefits of recreation and open space, there are also important environmental benefits; such as water resource protection, reduced vehicular traffic, and plant and wildlife protection.

PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of this Community Recreation Plan for the City of East Grand Rapids is to provide a logical framework to guide decisions concerning recreation facilities and services. The plan addresses current recreation issues and identifies future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the up-coming five-year period. It addresses both short and long-range goals and objectives and identifies an action program by which these goals and objectives can be accomplished.



In addition, the plan serves as an educational tool to acquaint local officials and residents of the need for a sound and balanced recreation program.

The last Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by the City of East Grand Rapids in 2012. This new Plan has been developed both to reflect the current needs and goals of the community and to meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for Federal and State funding assistance. These funds are available for land acquisition and facility development and improvements to new and existing parklands.

PLAN SCOPE

The scope of this plan includes the City's active and passive recreation facilities, undeveloped open space, trails and linear "green" corridors. Recreational programming is also an important consideration; the City offers a variety of athletic, recreation and enrichment programs for persons of all ages.

The area of the plan is essentially limited to the City boundaries. However, consideration is also made of neighboring municipal facilities and regional facilities that influence use patterns. A location map follows, which illustrated the regional context of the City. Although the City of East Grand Rapids is almost fully developed; surrounding neighborhoods continue to grow and the City's Reed's Lake will continue to be an attraction as the largest lake in the metropolitan Grand Rapids area.

In terms of time, the Capital Improvement Schedule of this document covers development over the next five years. However, the Goals and Objectives developed to guide recreation planning may continue to be relevant for many more years to come.

SECTION 2

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION



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INTRODUCTION

The City of East Grand Rapids is one of the oldest suburbs in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area. Noted for its quality school system and quiet residential atmosphere, the City continues to enjoy the reputation established early in its development as a quality residential community. East Grand Rapids is primarily a residential community with the 2010 Census indicating a total population of 10,694 people. At the center of East Grand Rapids is the Gaslight Village business district providing a diversity of retail businesses including specialty stores and boutiques. The community includes a major hospital, with Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus located in the north-west of the City.

The City of East Grand Rapids is located on the east side of metropolitan Grand Rapids in Kent County, in west Michigan. The City is bordered by the City of Grand Rapids to the south and west, and Grand Rapids Township to the north and east. The location map indicates the relationship of East Grand Rapids to neighboring communities.

East Grand Rapids is 3.404 square miles in area. One of the primary physical assets of the community is Reed's Lake, which covers 283 acres and is one of the larger lakes in Kent County. Fisk Lake, at 28 acres in size, is connected by channel to Reeds Lake.

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

HISTORY

East Grand Rapids was first settled in the early 1830s when the Reed Family moved from New York State. Originally part of Paris Township, residents voted to establish the Village of East Grand Rapids in 1891. The Village was incorporated into a Home Rule City in 1926 when the population was approximately 1,300.
By the 1870s, the Reeds Lake area was a popular summer day trip destination for the people of Grand Rapids and surrounding areas. Attractions included Ramona Park, an amusement park that attracted thousands of families between 1897 and 1955; steamboat excursions on Reeds Lake; and two swimming beaches.



By the early 1950's, with the availability of more cars, people were able to travel further and faster for weekend trips and vacations. Ramona Park's glory days of entertainment were fading and the park began to fall into disrepair. The park closed in 1955 and was replaced with residential apartments and a new commercial shopping center.

POPULATION

The study of population growth trends and changing indicators such as age, education, income and employment are primary to developing a basic understanding of the recreational needs for the City of East Grand Rapid's population. Failure to assess the impact of changing conditions will result in inadequate solutions to existing problems and failure to avoid problems in the future.

East Grand Rapids differs from many communities because the City has reached a peak population and is land locked, restricting any new developments. Therefore, existing recreational areas and facilities must be carefully evaluated to see how they can be improved and used efficiently. Because of its single-family character and the nearly complete development of its land, East Grand Rapids has not experienced population growth since 1970 and in fact shown a small decline in the number of residents. After a peak population of 12,565 people in 1970, the population has fallen steadily to 10,694 in 2010. Between 2000 and 2010 the population fell 0.7%, comparable with the average population loss for Michigan. While the housing stock has remained stable and vacancy rates are low, the average family size has declined since 1970 accounting for the loss of more than 1,800 residents. Between 2000 and 2010 the number of households declined by 0.4% to 3,818 and the average household size fell by 0.4% to 2.8. Estimated population in 2018 was 11,884.

In order to more closely ascertain the size and characteristics of the current population, as well as the future population of East Grand Rapids, this section of the Master Plan uses the currently available census population data on which to assess the present and future recreational needs.



Table 1: Historic Population Growth
City of East Grand Rapids and Surrounding Areas, 1980 - 2010

Community	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change 2000 - 2010
City of East Grand Rapids	10,914	10,807	10,764	10,694	-0.7%
Ada Township	6,472	7,578	9,882	13,142	33%
Cascade Township	10,120	12,869	15,107	17,134	13.5%
City of Grand Rapids	181,843	189,126	197,800	188,040	-4.9%
Grand Rapids Township	9,294	10,760	14,056	16,661	18.5%
City of Kentwood	30,438	37,826	45,255	48,707	7.6%

Source: US Census Bureau 2010 Census

The loss of population in East Grand Rapids can be largely attributed to the following reasons:

1. There is little new development in East Grand Rapids because there is little undeveloped land. The loss of existing residents, therefore, is not offset or mitigated by influx of new residents.

2. East Grand Rapids is heavily oriented to family living. Consistent with national trends, the average family size is declining and, therefore, the population base is eroding.

3. Housing values are relatively high in the City. The cost of housing in East Grand Rapids correlates with the relative affluence of the population and the higher median age of the residents.



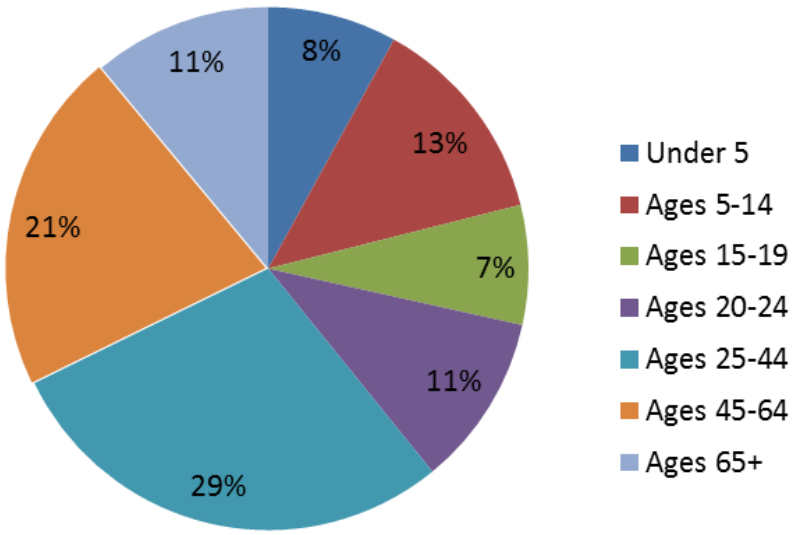
School District Population

A significant draw to the East Grand Rapids community is its excellent school system. Since the school year 2011-2012 with 2,992 students enrolled, the number of students has remained steady for the 2018-2019 school year with 2,890 students.

Population Distribution

Age analysis is an important consideration in identifying the recreation needs of a community and also provides some indication of population migration. The composition of the population of East Grand Rapids, as determined by the 2010 U.S. Census, indicates that there is an above average percentage of people under the age of 18 years of age (31.6%), specifically in the 5-14 age group, when compared to Kent County and the State of Michigan. This suggests a higher than normal need for recreation facilities for the young. There is a significantly lower than average percentage of people in the 20-24 age range (only 3.0%). This is perhaps an indication of the fact that a number of young people move out of the area to attend college. This, and the relatively high number of people in the 45-64 age category, results in an median age of 39.8 compared to 34.4 in Kent County and 38.9 in the State of Michigan. It is also noted that the median age is increasing at a faster rate than surrounding communities.

Table 2: Percent of Residents in Key Age Categories
City of East Grand Rapids, 2010





Population by Race

East Grand Rapids' population is predominantly white (95.42%), with 1.48% of the population of Hispanic origin, 1.06% African and 1.5% Asian. This differs significantly from the Kent County average, which records 79.92% of the population as being white. However, the population diversity has shown a small increase over the last 10 years.

Occupation and Household Income

Household incomes for East Grand Rapids provide insight to the amount of leisure time and disposable income available for different types of recreation. The median household income for East Grand Rapids in 2009 was $98,684, well above the State average of $48,700. The percent of families below poverty level is very low at 2.6%, compared to the State average of 14.5%. This shows a prosperous community, the majority of which can easily afford leisure time pursuits.

The employment opportunities within East Grand Rapids itself are limited, with Spectrum Health being the primary employer. However, a wide variety of opportunities are provided in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 61.8% of residents have management, professional and related occupations, with 26.1% in sales and office positions. The education, health and social services industry accounts for nearly 30% of the community's employees, while manufacturing, retail and professional/management services are also significant.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/RESOURCE INVENTORY

Understanding the physical features and natural resources of the City helps to explain its historical development and guide future develop to ensure important natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations.

TOPOGRAPHY

Relief of East Grand Rapids varies significantly in some areas of town. The areas both north and south of Reed's Lake rise dramatically from the lake. The remainder of the town is gently rolling with few areas which are considerably level.



WATER RESOURCES

Reeds Lake and Fisk Lake are the two most prominent natural features of the City. While Fisk Lake is encircled with single-family homes and generally hidden from public view, Reeds Lake is both visible and accessible to the public, and offers unique recreational opportunities in the midst of a dense urban area. Reeds Lake covers approximately 283 acres and is connected to the 28 acre Fisk Lake by channel. A channel exits Fisk Lake on its northwest side which drains into the City of Grand Rapids.

Significant wetlands are adjacent to Reeds Lake along its northwest side, as well as within the east quadrant of the lake.

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Reed's Lake is a popular summer and winter fishing destination. It supports Sunfish, Perch, Large-mouth Bass and Northern Pike. There is also a large Duck population and the surrounding wetlands are home to a variety of bird, insect and small mammal species.

The northwest area of the lakeshore provides a unique opportunity for bird watching within an urban environment. The Grand Rapids Audubon Club has recorded seeing over 190 species in the vicinity, including a number of rare species and species of special concern. Hodenpyl Woods provides nesting sites for Great Horned Owls, American Bald Eagles and there are resident White-Tailed Deer in the area.

SOILS

The soils survey of Kent County, Michigan of 1986 provides soil classifications that are grouped into various associations, each of which has a distinctive pattern or soil type relief and drainage. These associations can be used to help determine suitability of large areas of general land uses. Soil characteristics can be used to determine soils that may be inadequate for recreational development, which can greatly increase cost and may lead to environmental problems such as erosion. In some cases, soils may be so poor that recreational development is prohibitively expensive.



The following soil types are found within East Grand Rapids:

Perrinton Complex - silty, loamy, well-drained, slowly permeable
Udorthents - loamy, mixed soils
Houghton Muck - mucky and loamy, poor drained soils
Spinks Complex - sandy and loamy soils
Pewamo Loam - loamy soils, poorly drained

The Perrinton Series is one of the predominant soil types within East Grand Rapids and consists of well-drained, moderately slowly permeable soils. These soils were formed in loamy and silty deposits. The slopes can range from 0%-40%.

VEGETATION COVER

The City of East Grand Rapids is a mature residential community and as such, many streets and yards contain mature vegetation. This includes both deciduous and coniferous trees, as well as large shrub masses. The Hodenpyl Woods and Remington Park areas are wooded and retained in a natural state. This 42.69 acre area north of Reed's Lake contains dense, mature woods adjacent to wetland areas. Recreational development has not infringed upon these sensitive ecological areas where many forms of plant and animal life abound. Another natural area at the Manhattan Recreation Area comprises about 20 acres of woods where trails are provided. The Steketee Property recently acquired by the City adds 9 acres of undulating mature woodlands.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The most significant environmental issue in the City of East Grand Rapids is surface water quality. The Kent County Health Department monitors surface water quality by sampling Reeds Lake for bacteriological quality in accordance with Michigan DNR Water Quality Standards. The City has a policy of encouraging non-phosphorus fertilizer to prevent nutrient enrichment of the Lake and a vortex filtration system was installed to filter run-off from the commercial areas into the lake.

There is also an active weed control program on Reeds Lake and a Purple Loosestrife control program has been initiated in association with MSU.



The City of East Grand Rapids conducts comprehensive tests of Reeds Lake every other year. Protecting the wetlands and natural areas that border the lake is an important aspect of maintaining the water quality.

CLIMATE

The influence of Lake Michigan on the climate of West Michigan is quite strong throughout most of the year. Westerly winds combined with water temperature create "lake effects".

During the summer months, the average daily temperature stays near 70° (F). Days with temperatures exceeding 90° are uncommon, usually occurring only a few times a year. The average daily temperature between the months of December and March is approximately 26° (F). Snow flurries are frequent and the average annual snowfall is 78 inches within Kent County. The average date of the first freezing temperature in the fall is approximately September 24. Average annual rainfall in Kent County is 34 inches.

LAND USE (RESIDENTIAL)

East Grand Rapids is a single-family residential community. By far, the largest land use is single-family homes. Much of the land not used for this purpose is devoted to public or quasi-public uses ancillary to the residences; churches, schools, medical facilities, and parks. There are other forms of residential use in the City but they make up a small proportion of the total housing units. For example, there are three condominium and one rental development of some size (over 12 units) in the City.
The remainder of the non-single family dwellings are two family dwellings that were converted from single family homes. Nearly all of the non-single family dwellings are concentrated in and around the Gaslight Village district. A few are also located in the extreme northwest corner of the City near the Eastown shopping district in an area referred to as the Woodstone Neighborhood. The heaviest concentration of single-family conversions is found along Lovett and Croswell Avenues.



LAND USE (COMMERCIAL)

Commercial land use is mainly confined to the Gaslight Village business core, just west of Reeds Lake. Retail uses in this business district range from neighborhood oriented retail and service establishments such as a dry-cleaner, delis, convenience store, and pharmacy, to broader-based stores selling groceries, clothing, jewelry, gifts, antiques, and other merchandise. There is a popular restaurant on Reeds Lake. The largest retailer in the district, Jacobson's, closed in 2002 resulting in re-development of the Gaslight Village area and the influx of a variety of new businesses.

Two other retail centers are located just beyond the City limits: Breton Village Shopping Center, south of the City, and the Eastown Commercial district, west of the City. Breton Village is a "high-end" retail center oriented to the higher income levels of the southeast suburbs such as East Grand Rapids, Cascade, Ada, and Grand Rapids Township. Eastown offers an eclectic mix of specialty shops and galleries, restaurants, coffee houses, entertainment venues.

A few office uses are found in the City as well. These consist primarily of professional offices for doctors, dentists, architects, and sales offices for insurance and real estate. In general, the offices are intermingled with the retail establishments in Gaslight Village. Several professional buildings are also located on Greenwood, north of Gaslight Village. The Ramona medical office building on Lakeside Drive has been vacated and offers an opportunity for re-development.

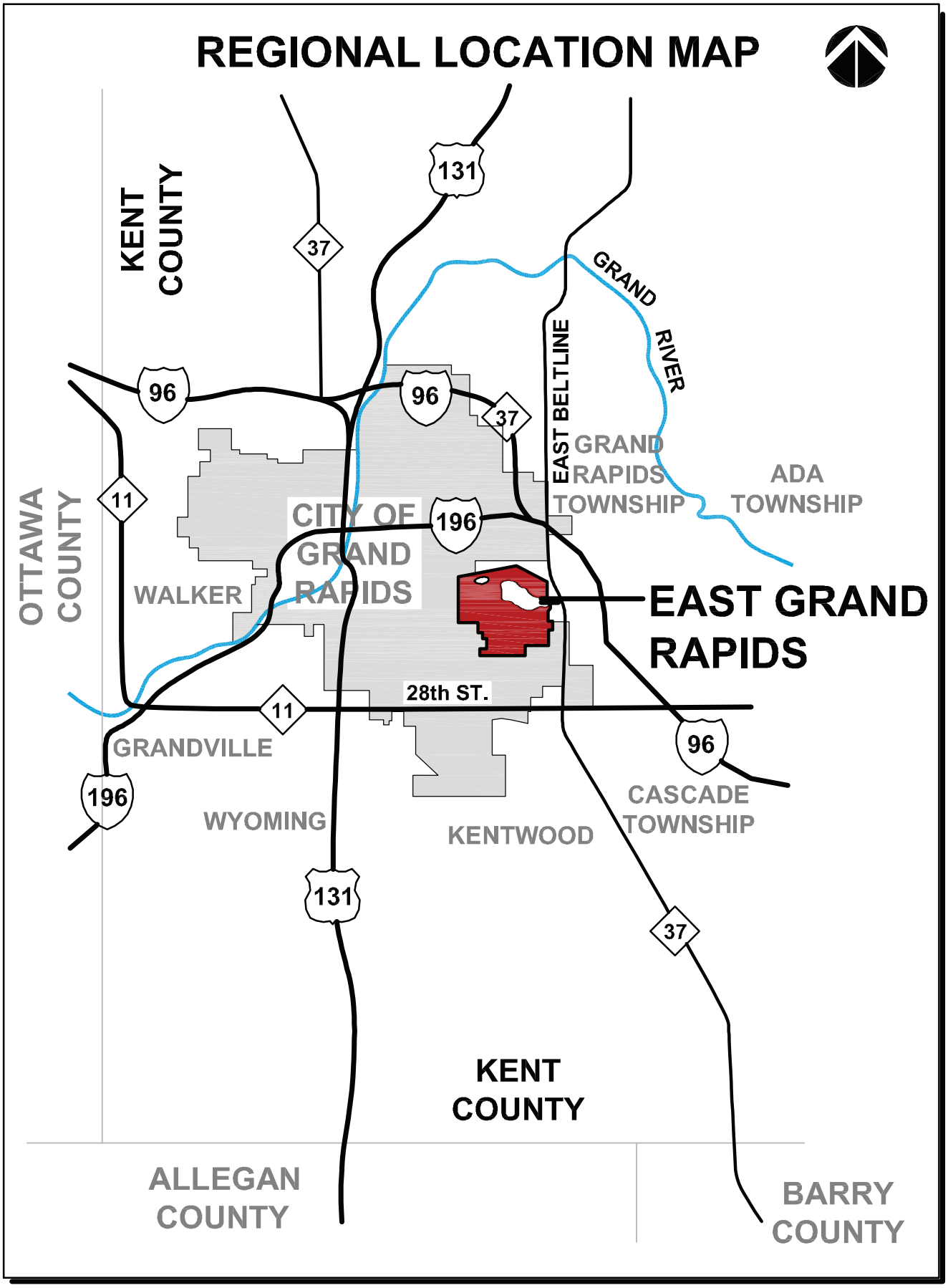
The largest employer in the City of East Grand Rapids is Spectrum Health, with the Blodgett campus located off Wealthy at the west City limits. Two college campuses are also located in the area. Aquinas College is a liberal arts college on an 107 acre campus between Robinson and Fulton, just north of the City limits. Calvin is another liberal arts college with a student enrollment of just under 4,000 in 2010.
It is located on a 390 acre campus, at the southeast corner of the City.

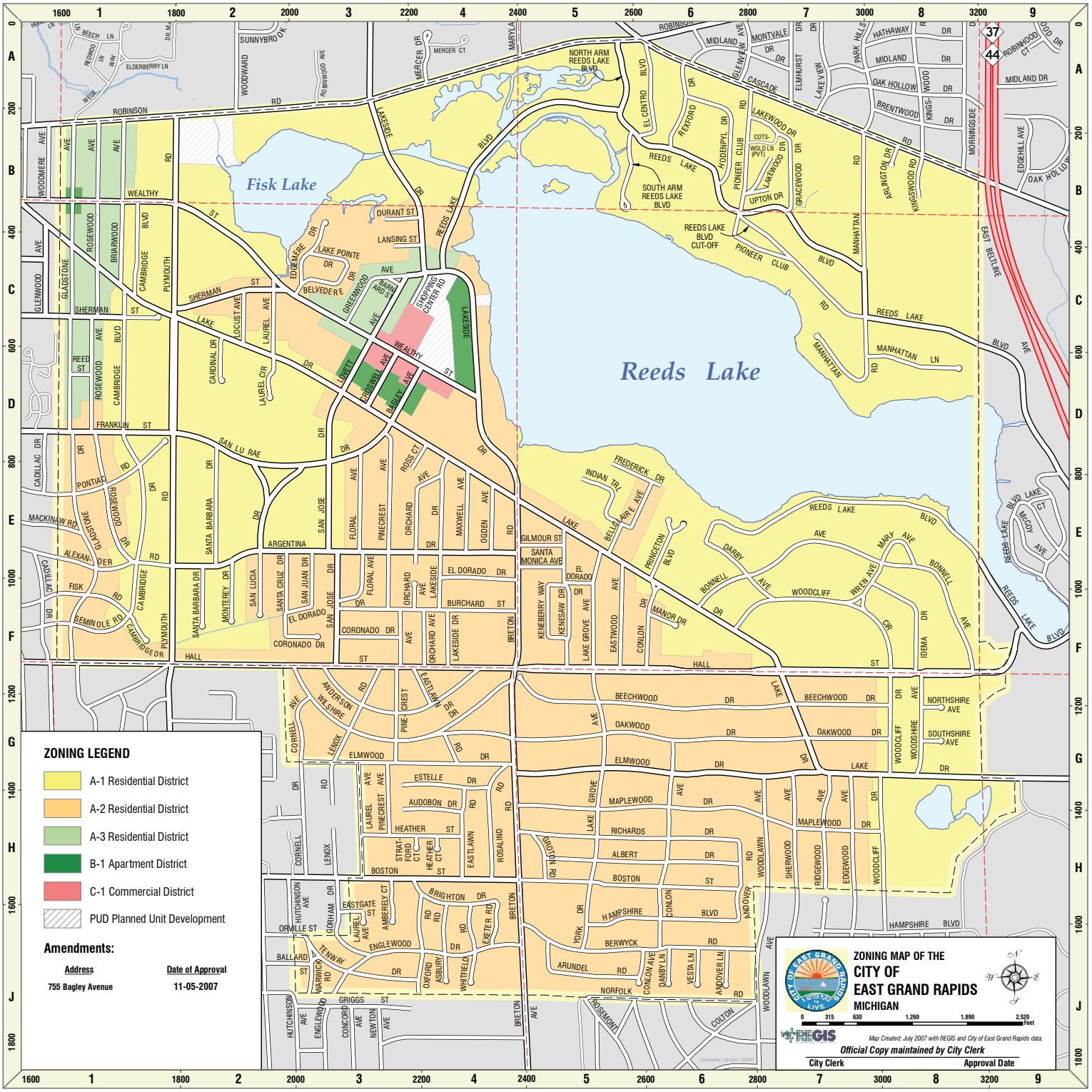
The City of East Grand Rapids Zoning Map follows this section.



TRANSPORTATION

Major transportation access for East Grand Rapids is a connection to the north-south M-37 via Cascade Road. Other major transportation routes include: the north-south Breton Avenue; the east-west Lake Drive and Wealthy Street; as well as Hall Street and Robinson Road. Plymouth Avenue also provides north-south circulation within the City of East Grand Rapids. East Grand Rapids is on all local public (bus) transportation routes.


REGIONAL LOCATION MAP
KENT COUNTY
131
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GRAND RIVER
EAST BELTLINE
96
96
37
GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
ADA TOWNSHIP
OTTAWA COUNTY
11
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
196
WALKER
EAST GRAND RAPIDS
28th ST.
11
GRANDVILLE
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196
CASCADE TOWNSHIP
WYOMING
KENTWOOD
131
37
KENT COUNTY
ALLEGAN COUNTY
BARRY COUNTY


Fisk Lake
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A-2 Residential District
A-3 Residential District
B-1 Apartment District
C-1 Commercial District
PUD Planned Unit Development
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CITY OF
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SECTION 3

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



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CITY MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

The City of East Grand Rapids is governed by a seven-member City Commission elected to four-year terms by the residents of the City. Three advisory boards research various specialty areas make certain decisions and forward findings to the City Commission for final action. The City Manager serves as the Chief Administrative Officer and Personnel Director for the City. The Manager is responsible for budget preparation; program evaluation; policy implementation; coordination of city boards and commissions; and recommendations to the City Commission regarding the needs and operations of the City.

The City staff is made up of 67 full-time and approximately 12 part-time employees working in five departments: the City Manager's Department, the Finance Department, Public Works, the Parks & Recreation Department and the Public Safety Department.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the overall supervision of the day-to-day operations. The Director is also responsible for supervising the Grounds Maintenance program for the City and School District. The Director reports to the City Manager, Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Commission.

The department consists of nine full-time employees, one part-time Administrative Clerk, one part-time Receptionist and an occasional student intern.

Four full-time supervisors are responsible for middle school sports, recreation programming (fitness, education and leisure), and aquatic programming. All supervisors are involved in hiring/evaluating of seasonal staff, preparing activity



brochures, activity administration, budgeting, daily interaction with patrons, and program marketing.

The Account Clerk III position is responsible for managing the office, departmental finances, budget preparation, supervision of part-time Administrative Clerk and Receptionist along with daily interaction with patrons.

The Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Grounds Maintenance Assistant and Grounds Maintenance Employee are responsible for maintaining all athletic fields, school grounds, city and school properties, supervising lawn maintenance contractor, supervising part-time field crew staff, inspection/maintaining playground equipment.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks & Recreation Commission assists the Parks & Recreation Department in developing policies and procedures. The Commission includes nine members. One member is a City Commissioner, with another member being recommended by the school board but appointed by the City Commission. The other seven members are all citizens from the City who are appointed for one-year terms. Each of the nine members has a vote. Non-voting members include the Director of Parks & Recreation, the City Manager, the Mayor, and the School's Athletic Director. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets once a month on the second Monday.

JOINT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Joint Facilities Committee is a committee composed of City Commissioners and School Board members designed to establish policies, procedures and funding for those facilities being used by both the City and the School District. The Committee is important since there is limited athletic and recreation land available. By working together to pool land and resources, high quality athletic fields and parks are available on City and school properties. A copy of the Joint Facilities Agreement is provided in the Appendices.



A chart representing the organizational structure of the City of East Grand Rapids and the Parks and Recreation Department follows this section, along with a summary of the Departmental responsibilities by personnel.

PROGRAMMING

The Mission Statement of the Parks and Recreation Department is:
"The City of East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department, in strong partnership with the community and school district, is committed to providing courteous and efficient delivery of services in safe and secure facilities. We are committed to providing enrichment, educational and sports programming for all ages to promote healthy lifestyles, family interaction and a sense of community. We are dedicated to preserving, enhancing and protecting our parks, green spaces, indoor and outdoor facilities in a fiscally responsible manner for present and future generations."
To achieve this goal an interesting mix of programs for people of all ages is offered from league sports, enrichment classes for youth and adults (fitness, education and leisure), special events, aquatics, and summer children's camps/sport clinics.

The Parks and Recreation Department dedicates an employee to administer the Middle School Interscholastic Sports Program. The sports program includes: Boys & Girls Basketball; Girls Volleyball; Co-Ed Cross Country; Co-Ed Swimming; Co-Ed Track & Field ; Water Polo; Boys & Girls Lacrosse and Tennis.

Other youth programming includes spring and fall soccer, flag football, rocket football, volleyball, basketball, field hockey and lacrosse. The Department continues to evaluate its programming to respond to the Community's needs.

The EGR Parks and Recreation Department sponsors many community events and works with community partners to bring a variety of activities to the community. These events include:

- **4th of July Celebration**
- **Daddy Daughter Dance**
- **Mom and Son Night**
- **Summer Concerts at John Collins Park**
- **Movies in the Park**



- **Taste of East**
- **Clothesline Art Festival**

Annual events also include Reeds Lake Run, a 10K and 5K race. This is one of the most popular races in West Michigan with over 2,000 participants in 2018. Additionally, the highly successful Rhoades McKee Triathlon is held in September and is also organized by the Department.

One of the community groups the Department assists, and supports is the Gaslight Village Business Association. The Department provides manpower and planning assistance with the Taste of East Grand Rapids and the Holiday Tree-Lighting Ceremony. A representative from the Department attends the Business Association meetings.

PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET

The City of East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation budget is used primarily for grounds maintenance, capital improvement, and recreation programming. The budget also includes monies for professional services and contractual work. The majority of funding is through user fees and general fund taxes. Revenue is generated from both indoor and outdoor facility rentals, sponsorships and registration fees.

During the past, Federal and State Grant programs have assisted in providing funding assistance for capital improvements, as well as acquisition of park and recreation lands.

From year to year, the budget expenditures vary reflecting changing needs. The City and Parks and Recreation Budgets follow.

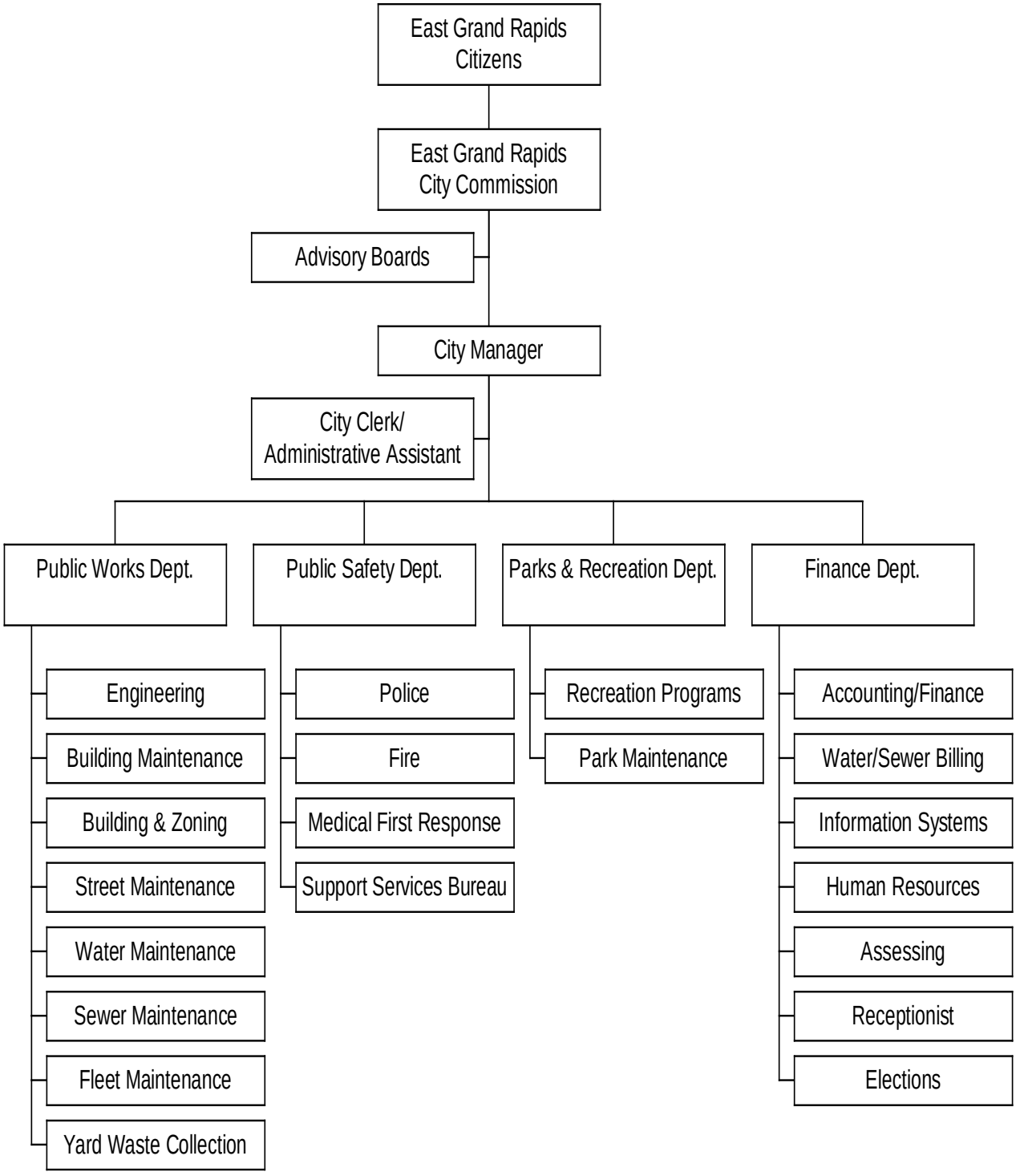
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2018-19

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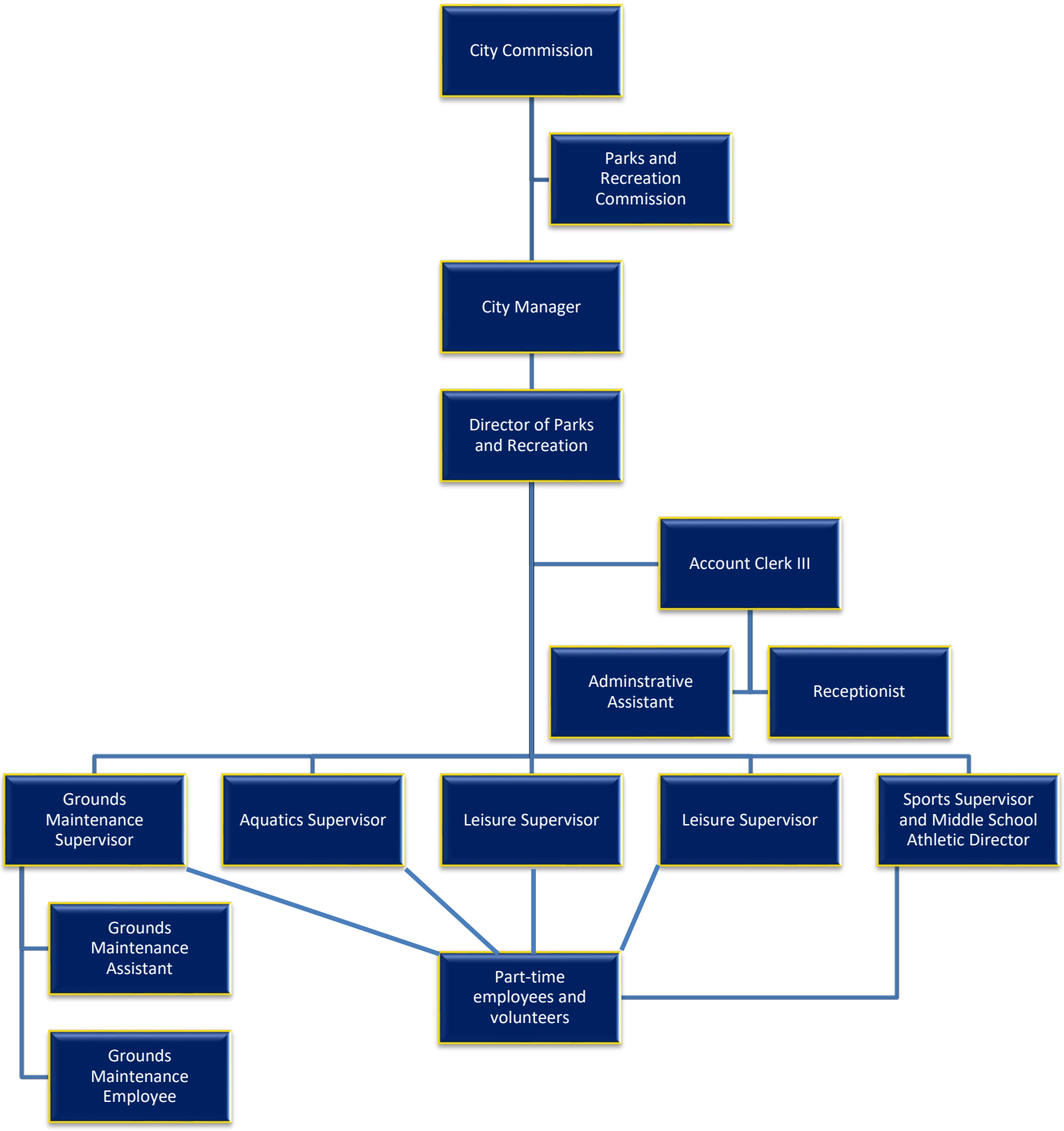
City of East Grand Rapids
Organizational Chart



EGR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTED
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Organizational Chart



EGR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department Job Responsibilities 3/8/2019

Account Clerk III
Diane Ritzke (FT)
Daily Accounting Procedures
Departmental Finance & Budget
Parks & Recreation Commission
Billing Misc. Receivables

Administrative Clerk I
Astrida Molenaar (PT)
Minor Accounting
Program registrations
Assist Supervisors
Mailings
Indoor Facility & Equipment Rentals
Program Guide & Marketing
Website updating

Leisure Supervisor
Pam Slater (FT)
Leisure Programs Youth
Summer Concerts
Summer Camps
Youth Baseball & Softball
Reeds Lake Triathlon Volunteers
Mom/Son Night
Youth & MS Football
Baseball Camp Pee Wee
Scholarship Program
Department Technology
Football Camps

Recreation Supervisor
Rachel Seese (FT)
Leisure Programs Adult
Movies in the Park
Youth Basketball PK – 5th
Sweetheart Dance
78er Baseball & Softball
Reeds Lake Run Volunteers
4th of July Parade and activities
Safety Town
Ultimate Frisbee

Aquatics Supervisor
Betsy Granstra (FT)
EGR Aquatic Club (WAVES) scheduling
Administration of Wealthy and HS Pool
Aquatics Programming
Adult Softball
Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon
First Aid Supplies for Dept.
Sailing
Reeds Lake Run
Apparel bid process
NeoGov Point Person
Race Equipment Rentals
Fundraising Group Donations

Sports Supervisor & Athletic Director Shannyn Fasbender (FT)
Middle School Interscholastic Program
Youth Soccer Fall and Spring
NFL Flag Football
Tennis Lessons
Youth Sport Camps
Girls Volleyball 5th & 6th
Soccer Boys and Girls 6th – 8th
Adult Soccer
Reeds Lake Run Kid's Races
Athletic Field & Park Rentals
Dance & Cheer Teams
Boys & Girls Basketball 6th
Rec1 Point Person
Youth Lacrosse Leagues

Director
Fred Bunn (FT)
Budget, Goals & Objectives and CIP
Daily Departmental Operations
Oversee Grounds Maint.
Joint Facilities
Fireworks Contract
Private Fireworks Permits
Photo & Film Permits
Special Event Permits
Community Donations (benches, tables, etc.)

Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
Phil Weber (FT)
All City and School Grounds
Special Events
Assist with programs as necessary
Grounds Volunteer Opportunities
Oversee lawn contractor
Room set-up
Playground Inspections/repairs

Grounds Maintenance Assistant
Chad Mazie (FT)
All City and School Grounds
Assist with programs as necessary
Special Events
Maintain equipment/storage areas
Room set-up
Playground Inspections/repairs

Grounds Maintenance Employee
Ryan Russell (FT)
All City and School Grounds, Athletic Prep
Special Events, Room Set Ups, Lunch Duty

Receptionist
Carol (PT)
Program registrations
Assist Supervisors
Mailings
Various facility rentals
Silver & Fit billing

Parks & Recreation Department

Summary of Department Tasks:

Sports Programming, Recreation Programming (Leisure, Education & Fitness), Pool Operations, Aquatic Programming, Adult and Youth Sport Leagues, Special Events, Athletic Facility Maintenance (HS, MS and Recreation), Grounds Maintenance, Facility Rentals, Sponsorships, Joint Facilities, Marketing and Social Media.

Workforce Profile:

Full time employees:	8 FTE	Temporary:	250-300
Part-time:	4	Volunteers:	300-400

Departmental Statistics:	**17-18**	**18-19**
Employee and volunteer paperwork	550-700 job apps, hiring forms, drug screen, background & driving checks, etc.	Same
Online form processing	6,612 submissions to date	7,571 submissions to date
Pool membership processing	413	302 memberships 312 punch
Pool electronic check ins		4,127
Programs & Activities (sessions)	768	866
Activity participant transactions	8,670	8,244
Online transactions/registrations	2,405	4,335 677 mobile device 52%
Youth league sports	1,401 participants	1,443 participants
Middle school athletic program	517 participants (10 sports comprising over 29 teams)	514 participants
Adult league sports	1,886	1,708
Indoor and outdoor facilities	153	116
Facility reservations	4,264 annually	4,622 indoor facilities 2,029 outdoor facilities
Payment processing		91% CC, 6% Check & 3% Cash
Pavilion rentals	62 annually	70 annually
Grounds Maintenance		
Property to maintain	176 acres (10 parks and 6 schools)	179 Acres (new property donated - Manhattan Park)
Irrigation systems	14 with over 50 zones	Same
Playgrounds (Certified Playground Inspector on staff)	9	
Ball fields	9	
Sand volleyball courts	4	
Tennis courts	19 (14 pickleball courts striped on various tennis courts)	
Full size multi use fields	4 with (12 smaller fields)	
Streetscape maintenance	47 pots, 86 hanging baskets & numerous planting beds	
Boulevards	Cambridge, Plymouth and Hall St.	
Indoor room setup and tear downs	450-550 annually	
Snowplowing	As needed	
Pool chemical and maintenance	Wealthy Pool	

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EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2018/19
APPROVED BUDGET

	FUND CATEGORY	7060 SALARIES PERMANENT	7070 SALARIES TEMPORARY	7080 SALARIES CONTRACT	7090 SALARIES OVERTIME	7150-7190 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	7400 OPERATING SUPPLIES	8010 CONTRACT SERVICE	8090 J.F. AGREE POOL	8800 COMMUNITY PROMOTION	9300 REPAIRS MAINT.	9470 AUTO EXPENSES	9550 MISC. EXPENSES	9560 DUES & SUBSCRIP.	9570 PROF. DEVELOP.	9640 BANK SER. FEES	9700 CAPITAL EXPENSE	9701 SMALL CAPITAL	9760 JOINT FAC. CAPITAL	TOTAL OPERATION	TOTAL REVENUES	NET
1.	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	379,500.00	42,500.00	-	8,000.00	179,900.00	3,600.00	51,300.00			2,700.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,300.00	5,000.00	13,000.00	9,800.00	2,400.00	100,000.00	800,300.00	58,300.00	(742,000.00)
2.	POOL PROGRAMS		76,900.00			7,400.00	13,200.00	21,600.00	92,400.00											211,500.00	99,000.00	(112,500.00)
3.	SPECIAL EVENTS		2,900.00		2,000.00	900.00	57,700.00	44,800.00		40,300.00										148,600.00	188,800.00	40,200.00
4.	RECREATION PROGRAMMING		62,300.00			7,000.00	8,000.00	34,000.00												111,300.00	183,500.00	72,200.00
5.	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	138,800.00	24,400.00		3,800.00	112,800.00	27,300.00	82,000.00			8,000.00	20,600.00		400.00	2,400.00		8,600.00	-		429,100.00	206,100.00	(223,000.00)
6.	REC SPORTS		56,500.00	49,000.00		5,800.00	33,200.00	64,000.00												208,500.00	294,800.00	86,300.00
7	MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS		37,000.00	7,100.00		4,100.00	6,700.00	5,200.00												60,100.00	93,200.00	33,100.00
8.	AQUATIC CLUB (WAVES)		23,000.00			2,200.00	300.00	3,900.00	62,100.00											91,500.00	60,700.00	(30,800.00)
	18/19 APPROVED BUDGET	**518,300.00**	**325,500.00**	**56,100.00**	**13,800.00**	**320,100.00**	**150,000.00**	**306,800.00**	**154,500.00**	**40,300.00**	**10,700.00**	**21,600.00**	**300.00**	**1,700.00**	**7,400.00**	**13,000.00**	**18,400.00**	**2,400.00**	**100,000.00**	**2,060,900.00**	**1,184,400.00**	**(876,500.00)**

EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2019/20
APPROVED BUDGET

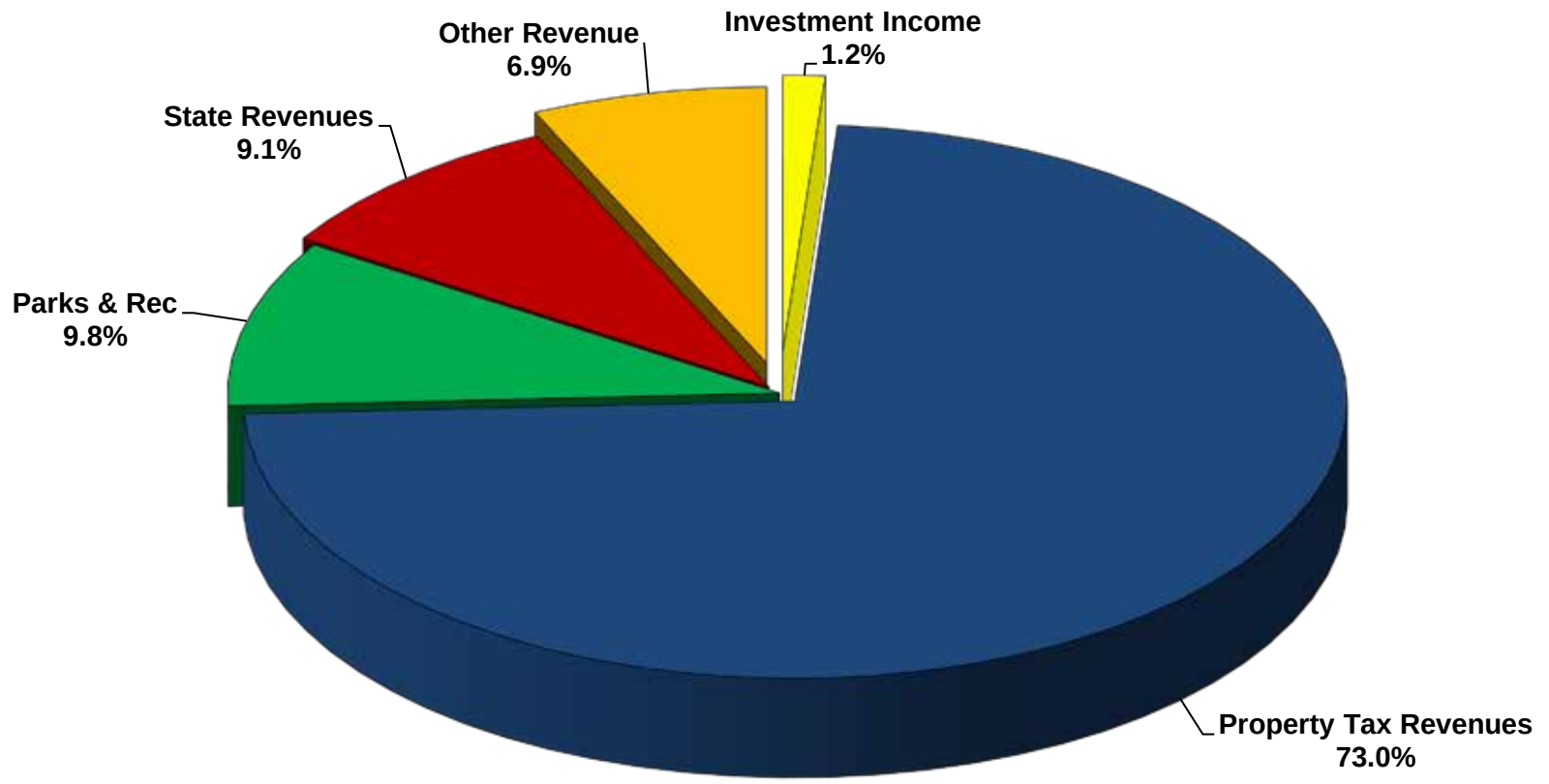
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1.	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	365,800.00	47,800.00	-	8,000.00	214,700.00	3,600.00	46,100.00			9,400.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,300.00	4,600.00	13,000.00	-	2,100.00	100,000.00	817,700.00	60,200.00	(757,500.00)
2.	POOL PROGRAMS		84,400.00			7,300.00	12,700.00	22,900.00	97,000.00											224,300.00	98,400.00	(125,900.00)
3.	SPECIAL EVENTS		3,400.00		2,000.00	900.00	58,500.00	45,400.00		35,400.00										145,600.00	169,800.00	24,200.00
4.	RECREATION PROGRAMMING		58,900.00			6,400.00	7,200.00	35,600.00												108,100.00	170,600.00	62,500.00
5.	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	145,800.00	26,400.00		5,000.00	120,900.00	35,600.00	91,300.00			8,000.00	20,600.00		400.00	2,000.00		13,700.00	-		469,700.00	223,700.00	(246,000.00)
6.	REC SPORTS		48,600.00	50,100.00		5,000.00	30,100.00	59,900.00												193,700.00	284,300.00	90,600.00
7	MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS		41,900.00	8,100.00		4,300.00	7,800.00	5,600.00												67,700.00	95,100.00	27,400.00
8.	AQUATIC CLUB (WAVES)		29,000.00			2,600.00	400.00	3,900.00	68,000.00											103,900.00	80,300.00	(23,600.00)
	19/20 APPROVED BUDGET	**511,600.00**	**340,400.00**	**58,200.00**	**15,000.00**	**362,100.00**	**155,900.00**	**310,700.00**	**165,000.00**	**35,400.00**	**17,400.00**	**21,600.00**	**300.00**	**1,700.00**	**6,600.00**	**13,000.00**	**13,700.00**	**2,100.00**	**100,000.00**	**2,130,700.00**	**1,182,400.00**	**(948,300.00)**

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS
ALL FUNDS BUDGETARY SUMMARY

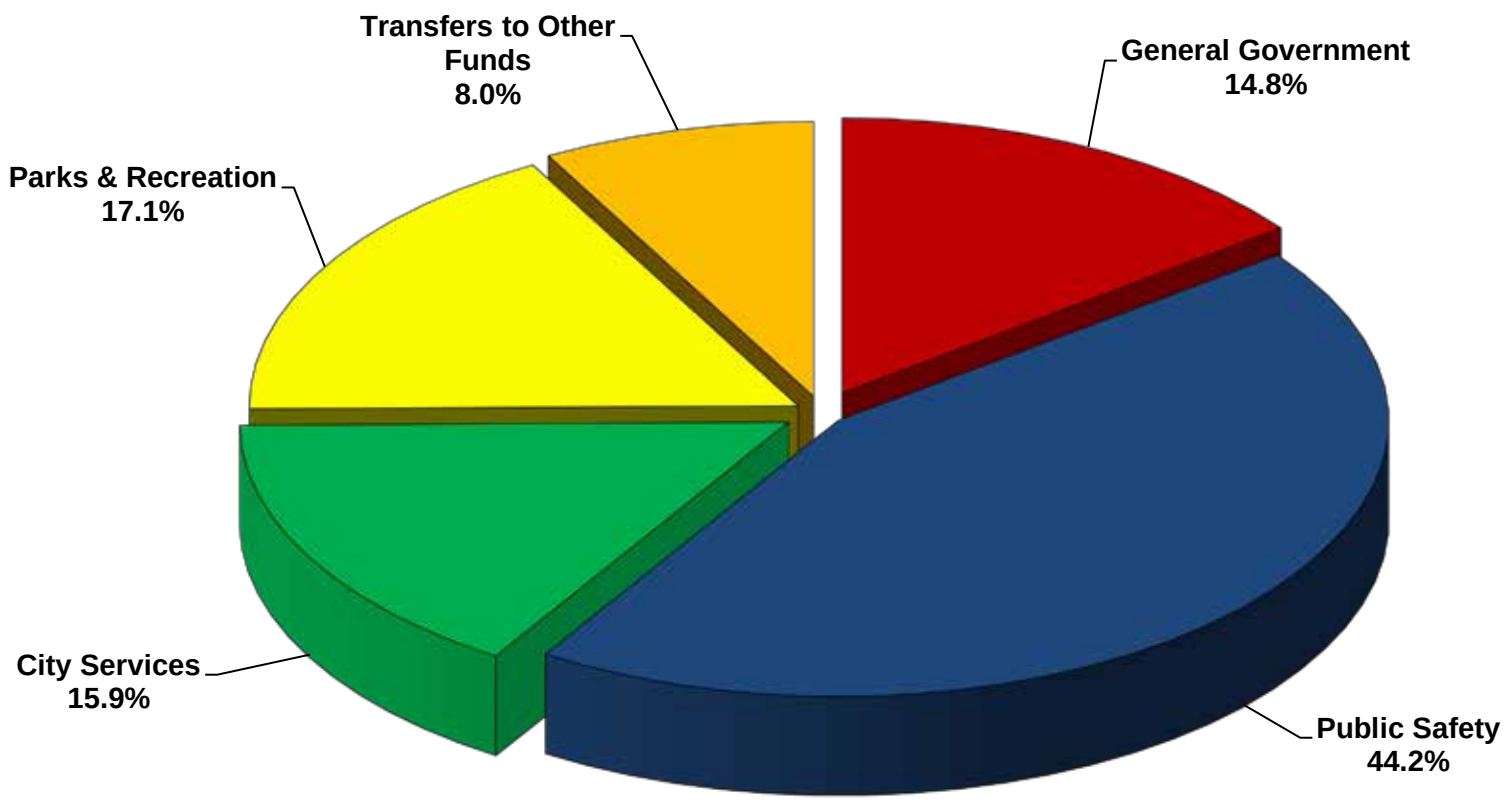
	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Original	2018/19 Amended	2019/20 CM Rec.
REVENUES				
GENERAL FUND	$ 11,653,613	$ 11,690,600	$ 11,740,500	$ 12,126,500
MAJOR STREET FUND	768,538	763,200	880,200	861,300
LOCAL STREET FUND	382,471	285,800	414,900	352,000
MUNICIPAL STREET FUND	1,338,048	1,246,000	1,253,000	1,277,700
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	69,677	50,000	35,000	38,700
WEALTHY POOL DEBT SERVICE	141,903	145,400	145,400	148,700
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX DEBT SERVICE	514,451	523,700	523,700	549,300
WATER & SEWER FUND	4,365,947	4,176,200	4,191,000	4,465,200
HEALTH CARE FUND	1,786,195	1,781,500	2,051,500	2,073,500
MOTOR EQUIP REVOLVING FUND	877,240	836,200	823,500	824,100
OPEB TRUST FUND	403,833	200,000	250,000	200,000
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND	-	-	-	15,000
TOTAL REVENUES	**22,301,916**	**21,698,600**	**22,308,700**	**22,932,000**
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	2,368,063	2,286,400	2,328,400	2,737,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS	**$ 24,669,979**	**$ 23,985,000**	**$ 24,637,100**	**$ 25,669,000**

EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL FUND	$ 10,599,742	$ 11,020,600	$ 11,190,500	$ 11,436,500
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,314,879	972,800	1,291,800	1,585,300
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,271,491	1,355,800	1,984,900	1,455,000
MUNICIPAL STREET FUND	431,865	388,000	388,000	315,700
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	31,166	16,600	71,200	65,300
WEALTHY POOL DEBT SERVICE	140,803	145,400	145,400	148,700
STREETSCAPE DEBT SERVICE	261,665	263,400	263,400	260,000
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX DEBT SERVICE	512,550	523,700	523,700	549,300
WATER & SEWER FUND	3,696,095	4,701,200	4,881,000	5,045,200
HEALTH CARE FUND	1,774,875	1,866,500	2,051,500	2,173,500
MOTOR EQUIP REVOLVING FUND	908,393	1,066,200	1,118,500	1,224,100
OPEB TRUST FUND	355,058	75,000	100,000	100,000
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**21,298,582**	**22,395,200**	**24,009,900**	**24,358,600**
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	2,313,841	2,286,400	2,328,400	2,737,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS	**$ 23,612,423**	**$ 24,681,600**	**$ 26,338,300**	**$ 27,095,600**

General Fund Revenues & Transfers In
$12,126,500



General Fund Expenditures & Transfers Out
$12,436,500



SECTION 4

RECREATION INVENTORY

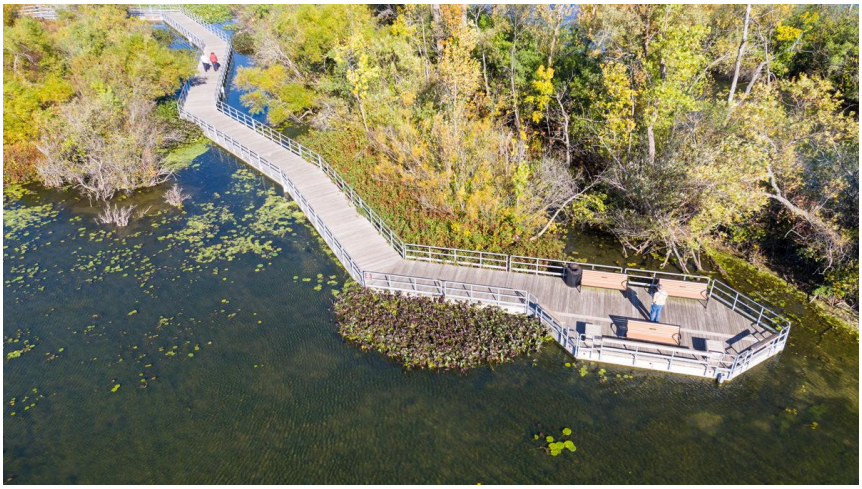


SECTION 4
EXISTING RECREATION INVENTORY

In order to determine the recreational needs for the City of East Grand Rapids, an analysis of the existing facilities was undertaken. The intent of the analysis is to provide a clear evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the City has to offer its citizens. The inventory is based on information provided by City staff and site inspections carried out by MCSA Group as part of the planning process.

CITY PARK AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES

The City of East Grand Rapids provides a range of passive and active recreation opportunities for residents within its City Parks. There are ten (10) City parks and natural areas and five (5) public school sites that have existing recreational facilities on approximately 179 acres of public or quasi-public land in the City of East Grand Rapids. This includes approximately 30 acres of currently undeveloped land for future recreational space. The City properties can be classified as follows: three neighborhood open spaces, five community parks, three natural areas. This classification is adapted from "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines," J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A more detailed description and photographic inventory of each site follows. An Existing Recreation Facilities map at the end of this section illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the City, and an Existing Recreation Facilities matrix provides a summary of the facilities provided at each Location.





An Accessibility Assessment of each facility was undertaken using the following ranking system for the site elements based upon the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design:

1- NONE
2 - SOME
3 - MOST
4 - ALL
5 - THE FACILITY MEETS THE PRINCIPALS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN
Equitable Design, Flexibility in Use, Simple and Intuitive Use, Perceptible Information and Tolerance for Error, Low Physical Effort and Size and Space for Approach and Use



- Recently the City completed a Playground Life Expectancy Assessment which is included in the Appendices.



NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACE

Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. This park typically serves a ¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park. The focus is on informal active and passive recreational activities, such as walking, field games, court games, playground equipment, and picnicking. The City has two neighborhood open spaces, although neither are well developed. The neighborhood park function in East Grand Rapids is provided for primarily by school properties, which are inventoried later in this section.







San Lu Rae Triangle Park
1990 San Lu Rae Drive
1.6 Acres

This is an open grass area within a residential neighborhood, located south of San Lu Rae Drive. This site, also known as Campo Grande, has no formal recreation facilities. There are a total of five benches, a waste receptacle, a dog waste container and three decorative street lights. These elements are located at the three corners of the park.





Accessibility Rating: **2**
This park has a paved walkway on the north side only.

Accessibility Improvements:
Provide paved walkways to benches and concrete pads under benches.

Condition: This open space has benefited from a tree planting program. The benches and lighting are old, and replacement should be considered, along with analysis of how this space is used.



Mary Triangle
3053 Bonnell Ave.
1.0 Acres

This open space in a residential area on the west side of the City is a sloping site characterized by mature trees and lawn. There are no developed recreation facilities.



Accessibility Rating: 3
This park has paved sidewalks all around the property and benches are located on perimeter walks, but there is no barrier-free access within the site.

Accessibility Improvements:
Provide paved walkways within the site.

Condition: This open space is well maintained by regular mowing and some recent tree planting. The concrete footings (water tower footings) at the top of the site should be removed.







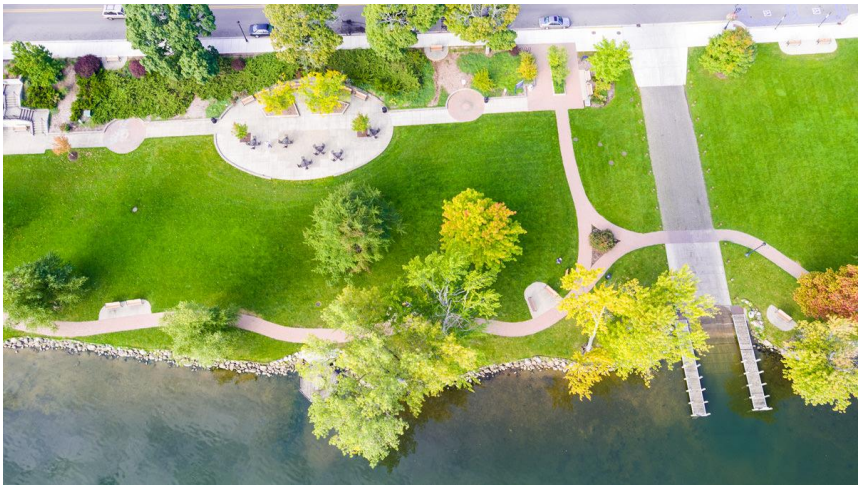
COMMUNITY PARKS

Community-wide parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas are typically between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance. Facilities may include wooded or natural areas, picnic shelters and grills, bike or hiking trails and other semi-active and passive uses for large groups of people. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers and lighted ball diamonds. Community Parks should be easily accessible from throughout their service area. Currently there are five city parks classified within this category.

The following Community Parks are described in detail:

- John Collins Park
- Manhattan Recreation Area
- Remington Park
- Schroeder Property
- Waterfront Park







John Collins Park
650 Lakeside Drive
2.7 Acres



Situated on Lakeside Drive, between the Grand Rapids Yacht Club and Rose's Restaurant, this lakefront park is within easy walking distance of Gaslight Village. It is named for John A. Collins, East Grand Rapids mayor from 1933 to 1956. The park was renovated in 2002 and features the only public access boat launch to Reeds Lake, as well as a lakeshore walk, overlook and fishing decks, benches, gardens, picnic tables, event space/plaza and public restrooms.





Despite its small size, due to the nature of the facilities offered and the number of people attracted to the park, John Collins Park is considered a Community Park facility.

Accessibility Rating: 5
Although not specifically designed for, this park meets the Principals of Universal Design.

Accessibility Improvements:
None required at this time

Condition: This popular park is well maintained, and in good condition



Manhattan Recreation Area
3180 Cascade Road
46.3 Acres



This is the largest City park, located in the northeast corner of the City. It is bounded on three sides by single family residential land use and has two access points and parking areas off Cascade Road and Manhattan Road. The park provides a range of active and passive recreation opportunities and is home to many activities hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. The City was recently deeded 3 acres of land on the East side of the Property. Facilities include: a picnic shelter with grills and tables, a playground, sand volleyball courts (4), softball diamonds (3), multi-use turf fields (1), tennis courts (2) and nature trails. Winter activities include sledding on 1 small and 1 large hill. There is also a natural area with rustic trails. This former school property was purchased by the City with grant funding in the 1990's.



Accessibility Rating: 3
This park has paved walkway connections to most of the facilities.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Replace older walkways which are cracked and uneven
- Provide accessible grills with hard surface access
- Replace engineered wood fiber surfacing in playground with barrier-free surfacing
- Provide barrier-free spectator area at the soccer field
- Provide accessible route to tennis courts



- Improve natural trail system
- Improve surfacing around ballfield complex to remove the trip hazard between the concrete and chips and fines surfacing.

Condition: The majority of the facilities within this park were developed primarily between 1989 and 1993 and are in fair condition. The tennis courts were re-surfaced in 2017. Although for the most part the park functions well, many of the hard surfaces are now in need of replacement. Limited maintenance of rustic trails will continue.





Remington Park
2310 Reeds Lake Boulevard
16 Acres



This recreation area is located off Reeds Lake Boulevard at the City's Public Works Complex. It is the home of the Rusty Swaney Remington Park baseball field. It provides car parking (shared by the City's workforce), a restroom/concession building and a baseball field with bleachers. The restroom facility is used by baseball fans and trail users. There is also an undeveloped natural area bordering Hodenpyl Woods, which accounts for more than half of the park's acreage.

Accessibility Rating: 2
The restroom building is barrier-free and designated parking is provided.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Provide accessible walkways and accessibility to and at Dugouts and Restroom Building
- Install signs for barrier-free parking



Condition: The quality of the facilities appears adequate to meet community needs but accessibility improvements are needed to make the park accessible to all users.



Schroeder Property
Reeds Lake Boulevard
1.5 Acres

This property was donated to the City of East Grand Rapids by the Schroeder family. It is located on the south side of Reeds Lake Trail, adjacent to the Hodenpyl Woods property. The only development on the land is a monument to the Schroeder family and walkway from the sidewalk on Reeds Lake Boulevard. The other features are an open lawn area with some mature trees. Plans to develop this site with amenities for the many users of the Reeds Lake Trail are included in the Action Program of this Plan.





Accessibility Rating: 3
The walkway from the existing sidewalk to the monument is barrier free.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Any future development should comply with barrier-free requirements

Condition: Existing walkway is in good condition and the park is well maintained.

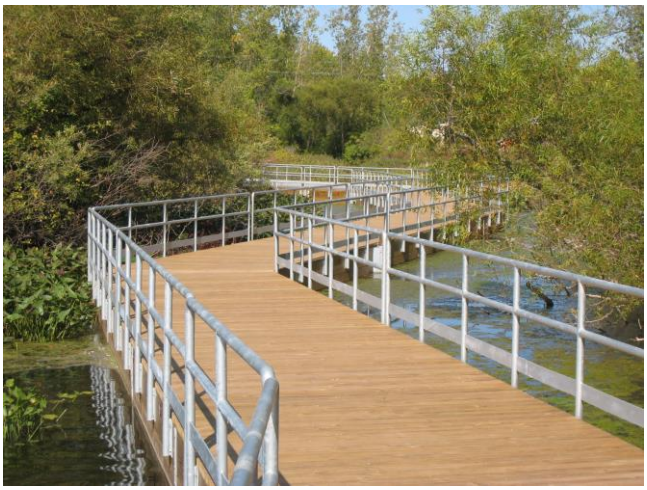


Waterfront Park
2205 Reeds Lake Boulevard
17.3 Acres



Waterfront Park located on the west shores of Reeds Lake includes 6 acres of developed lakefront and 11 acres of undeveloped woodland and wetland west of Reeds Lake Boulevard. The park provides universally accessible trails with boardwalks, fishing decks, interpretive kiosks, shade shelters, picnic tables and benches. The popular Reeds Lake Trail runs through the property. A small parking area is provided off Reeds Lake Boulevard. The park features natural wooded areas and wetlands with a floating boardwalk system giving a unique perspective on the lakeshore environment.

Accessibility Rating: 5
The park was developed in 2010 using the principals of Universal Design.



Accessibility Improvements:

- None required at this time

Condition: The facility is in excellent condition.



The undeveloped portion of this property includes a natural pond, wetlands, and a channel connecting Fisk Lake with Reeds Lake along the northern boundary. The property was purchased with the assistance of grant funding in 1992. Plans showing the future development of this site, including interpretive trails and woodland and wetland restoration are included in the Action Program of this plan.



Accessibility Rating: 1

This site is undeveloped with no accessible facilities.



Accessibility Improvements:

Any future development should comply with barrier-free requirements

Condition: These woodlands are currently unmaintained.





NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

Natural resource areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes and open space. These sites are typically unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability.

Beechwood
2760 Beechwood Drive
4.7 Acres

Situated on the north side of Beechwood Drive off a gravel road in a low-density residential neighborhood, this undeveloped natural area consists of wet woodlands with no site amenities.

Accessibility Rating: 1
This site is undeveloped with no accessible facilities.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Any future development should comply with barrier-free requirements





Condition: This natural area is currently unmaintained.



Hodenpyl Woods
2500 Robinson Rd.
43.9 Acres

Hodenpyl Woods is a natural area on the northwest shores of Reeds Lake, just north of Remington Park. This property was donated to the Grand Rapids Boulevard & Garden Society by Mr. Anton Hodenpyl in 1912 and became the property of East Grand Rapids in 1968. It is stipulated that this will remain an undeveloped public park. The property consists of wooded wetlands both east and west of Reeds Lake Boulevard. It is bounded by Remington Park to the south, Reeds Lake Boulevard to the north and Robinson Road to the west. The park features a 0.9 mile rustic plant identification trail, with several boardwalk crossings and a floating bridge. The trails are also popular with birding groups.



Accessibility Rating: 1
None of the walks in this natural area meet ADA standards.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Provide barrier-free walkways through the natural area
- Provide resting areas with benches on an accessible surface



Condition: The trail has been largely built by volunteers and is overgrown in many areas. Because much of the area is a wetland, during the spring and fall the area is wet and unpassable. It would benefit from improved maintenance to clear the trail and open up views of the property.



Griffiths Park
2816 Reeds Lake Boulevard
3.5 Acres

Griffiths Park is a small area of natural mature woodlands off Reeds Lake Boulevard. It is currently undeveloped for recreational use. The tree canopy consists largely of Ash, which is in decline, and Cottonwood, with some Maple and Elm understory.

Accessibility Rating: 1
This site is undeveloped with no accessible facilities. A paved path runs along the west side of the property.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Any future development should comply with barrier-free requirements

Condition: These woodlands are currently unmaintained.







Steketee Woods
2748 Reeds Lake Boulevard
9 Acres

Steketee Woods is an undulating parcel of undeveloped land with approximately 100 linear feet of frontage with deed restrictions on the north shore of Reeds Lake. The property was donated to the City with the understanding that the property would remain largely in its natural state. The property consists of mature woodlands on the upland areas, with wetlands along the lakeshore. There is residential land use on either side of the land.



Accessibility Rating: 1
This site is undeveloped with no accessible facilities.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Any future development should comply with barrier-free requirements





Condition: These woodlands are currently largely unmaintained. The upper canopy is dominated by Maple trees ranging in size from 6 to 24-inch trunk diameter. There is very little understory growth, except in the wetter areas on the lakeshore.



LINEAR TRAILS

Reeds Lake Trail

There is a designated 4.2 mile trail loop around Reeds Lake, which is popular with walkers, joggers and cyclists. The route utilizes an off-road bike/walking trail, existing sidewalks and existing streets and is signed at key locations. The trail passes through natural wooded areas, wetlands and residential areas, and links many of the City's park facilities.



Bicycle Routes

There are also designated bicycle routes throughout the City that link to neighboring communities.

INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

The East Grand Rapids Community Center is a multi-function facility located on the shores of Reeds Lake in the center of the city. The Community Center houses the East Grand Rapids Branch of the Kent District Library as well as the City's administrative offices, engineering operations, Parks & Recreation Department and several multi-purpose rooms used for programs, meetings, events and rentals. The facility opened in August 2006. The complex also includes the Wege Plaza, a "green roof" overlooking the lake and providing seating and event space.



A recently updated accessible kayak launch provides ADA access to the lake.



PRIVATE PROPERTIES/FACILITIES

Private recreational facilities within the City of East Grand Rapids mainly center on Reeds Lake. There is a small marina/boat slip on the lake and the Grand Rapids Yacht Club is located adjacent to John Collins Park on Lakeside Drive. The Heather Downs Pool Association offers outdoor swimming opportunities to private members.

Although the private recreational facilities within the City are somewhat limited, the surrounding Metropolitan Area has numerous opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation, including golf courses, bowling alleys, go-carting and health and fitness clubs.

REGIONAL FACILITIES

The location of East Grand Rapids means that its population has easy access to recreational facilities offered by the City of Grand Rapids, neighboring Townships and Kent County. Notable facilities of a regional nature include the Kent Trail System, White Pine Trail and Millennium Park, a 1,500 acre multi-purpose County Park.

There are also a number of State Parks within easy reach of East Grand Rapids residents, with those along the shore of Lake Michigan at Holland, Saugatuck and Grand Haven being the most popular.



RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY



The City of East Grand Rapids has been fortunate to receive a number of grants from the Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Clean Michigan Initiative over the last 44 years. These included grants in 1975, 1976 and 1993 for the acquisition and development of the Manhattan Recreation Area. In 1992, the Trust Fund provided funds to enable the purchase of the Gilmore Waterfront Property, which was partially developed in 2010 with the assistance of a Trust Fund grant and additional funds from Access to Recreation. A MNRTF grant was also received in 2002 for John Collins Park improvements.





SCHOOL PROPERTIES/FACILITIES

There are five school sites in East Grand Rapids and the Woodcliff Administration Building. The school grounds are maintained by the City's Grounds Maintenance Department and aim to provide recreational opportunities for the community as well as for school use. The three elementary school playgrounds double as neighborhood parks with varied equipment for preschool and school-age children, while the Middle and High School provide more active sports facilities. Two indoor swimming pools are available for public use, a warm water facility at Wealthy Elementary and a competition pool at the High School.











Breton Downs Elementary School
2500 Boston St. SE
5.1 Acres Available for Recreation



Located at the intersection of Boston and Breton in the south of the City, this school has a range of outdoor recreation facilities including: basketball, tennis courts (2), playgrounds (2), softball diamonds (2) and a soccer field but needs many more accessible connections including barrier free access to the play areas and ballfields.

Accessibility Rating: 2
The School has paved walkway connections to some of the facilities but needs many more connections including a walkway to the existing ballfield and barrier free accessibility to the play areas.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Replace older walkways which are cracked, uneven or have excessive slopes or cross pitches
- Replace engineered wood fiber surfacing in playground with barrier-free surfacing
- Provide barrier-free free access to all facilities.
- Provide barrier-free spectator area at the ballfields.

Condition: Although for the most part the school functions well, many of the hard surfaces are now in need of replacement or resurfacing including walkways. The ballfields are in fair condition and need updates including backstop, players benches and infield surfacing. The playgrounds need updating including walkways, play structures, and play area surfacing. The basketball court is inaccessible, in poor condition and needs new paving and basketball nets and posts.



Lakeside Elementary School
2325 Hall St. SE
3.1 Acres available for Recreation



Centrally located on the corner of Breton and Hall, facilities include basketball, tennis courts (2), playgrounds (2) and softball diamonds (2).

Accessibility Rating: 3
The School has paved walkway connections to most of the facilities but needs more connections including a walkway to the existing ballfield.

Accessibility Improvements:

- Replace older walkways which are cracked, uneven or have excessive slopes or cross pitches
- Replace engineered wood fiber surfacing in playground with barrier-free surfacing
- Provide barrier-free free access to all facilities.
- Provide barrier-free spectator area at the ballfields.



Condition: Although the school functions well, many of the hard surfaces need to be replaced including parking areas and walkways. The ballfields need backstop, benches and infield surfacing. The basketball court needs new basketball poles and nets and to be repaved. The playgrounds need accessible walkways, play structures, and play area surfacing. The tennis courts are in good condition including nets and surfacing. The Fencing should be repainted. Several walkways around the school and recreation facilities need replacing due to excessive slopes, cracking and broken concrete pavement.



Wealthy Elementary School
1961 Lake Drive SE
4.7 Acres available for Recreation

Wealthy elementary school is located just west of Gaslight Village. Facilities include basketball hoops (3), baseball/softball, multi-use field, playgrounds and tennis courts (2). The school also features a warm water, shallow bottom pool used for youth and adult programming.







Accessibility Rating: 4
The School has paved walkway connections to most of the facilities but is not universally accessible.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Replace older walkways which are cracked and uneven
- Replace engineered wood fiber surfacing in playground with barrier-free surfacing

Condition: Although the school functions well, some of the walkways are now in need of replacement. The basketball court paving is in rough condition and should be replaced.



East Grand Rapids Middle School
2425 Lake Dr SE
6.4 Acres available for Recreation

Centrally located off Lakeside Drive, the East Grand Rapids Middle School provides the following outdoor recreation facilities: Mehney Athletic Field (a multi-purpose artificial turf field) restroom and concessions, tennis courts (3), multi-use natural turf field.





Accessibility Rating: 4
The School has paved walkway connections to most of the facilities but is not universally accessible.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Provide accessibility to paved multi-use turf
- Provide accessibility to natural turf field
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Condition: Although the school functions well, there is no accessibility for players to enter field.



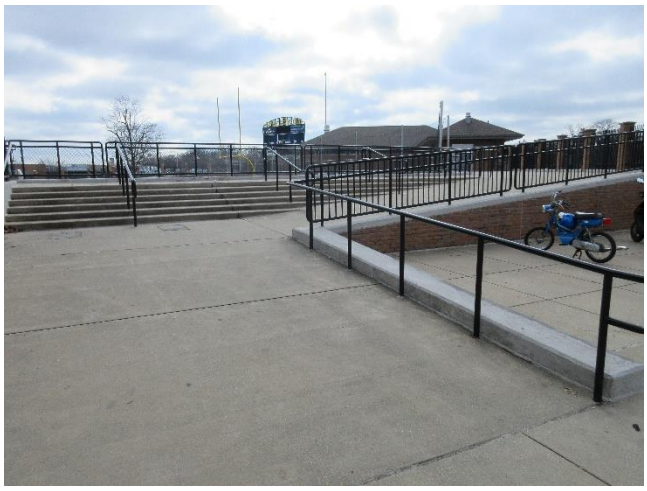
East Grand Rapids High School
2211 Lake Dr SE
7.9 Acres available for Recreation





The High School houses the Memorial Athletic Field (football, lacrosse and soccer), restroom and concessions and an athletic track/lower practice field. The High School Pool is a 14-lane competitive pool with a diving well, primarily used for varsity sports, recreation classes and lap swimming.

Accessibility Rating: 5
The School meets the principals of universal design



Condition: Because most of the facilities are newer, there is universal access to all.



Woodcliff Early Childhood Center and James E. Morse Administration Building
2915 Hall St. SE
4.5 Acres available for Recreation

The Woodcliff school administration complex on Hall Street, provides two (2) playgrounds, youth soccer fields (2) and the Canepa Tennis Center, with eight (8) hard surface courts.





Accessibility Rating: 3
The School has paved walkway connections to most of the facilities but needs a few more connections including barrier free access to the tennis courts.

Accessibility Improvements:
- Replace engineered wood fiber surfacing in playground with barrier-free surfacing



Condition: The recreation facilities and playgrounds are fairly new and in very good condition. The playgrounds are in good condition and are barrier free accessible with walks and ramps. The Soccer Fields could use some turf maintenance but appear to drain well and are in good condition.

CITY OF
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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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DIRECTOR

Manhattan Recreation Area Phase I (26-00628)
1975 LWCF
$14,075

Manhattan Project (26-00705)
1976 LWCF
$26,700

Manhattan Recreation Area Phase II (26-01505)
1993 LWCF
$131,000

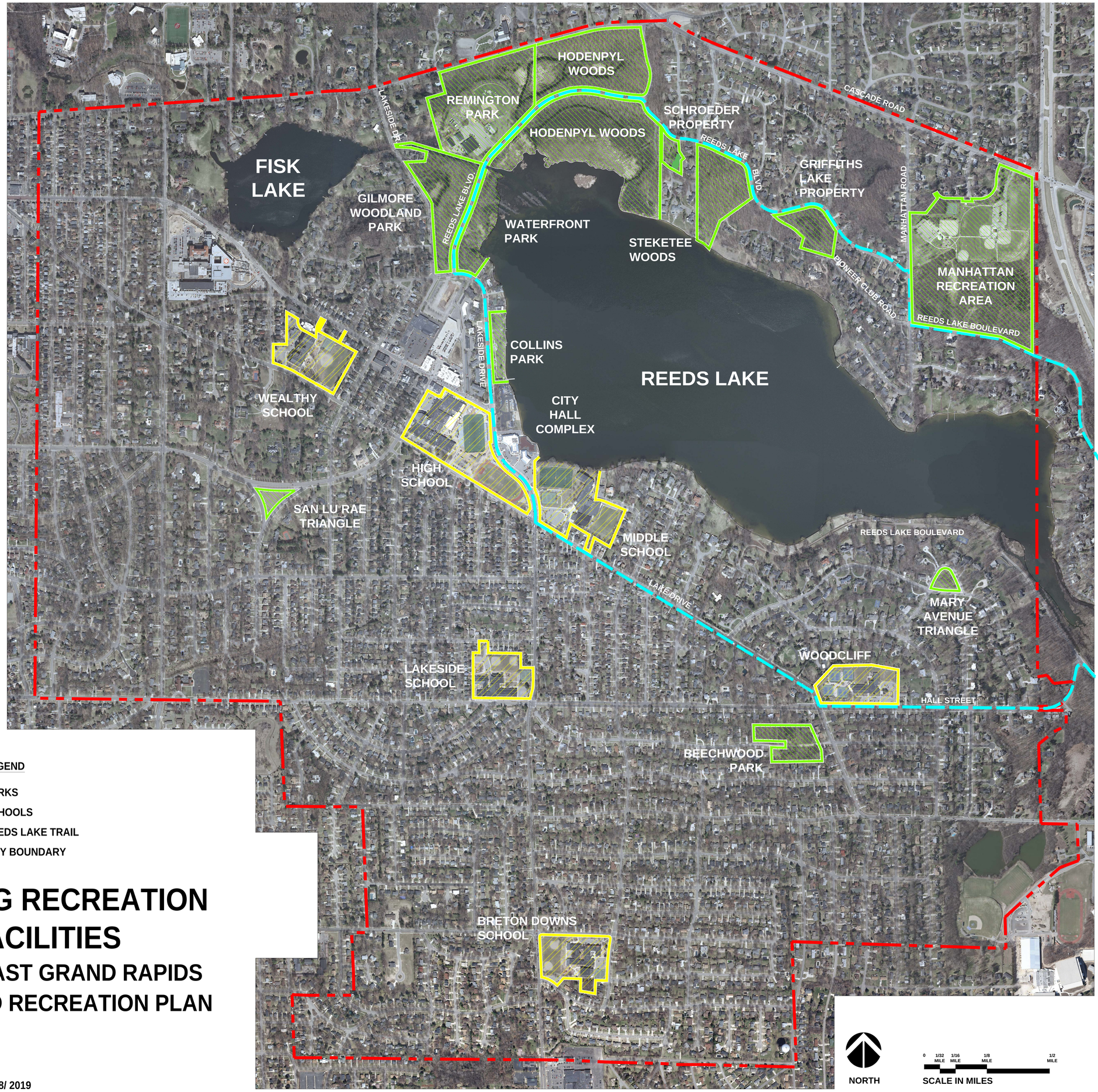
Waterfront Park Expansion (TF91-177)
1992 MNRTF
$800,300

John Collins Park (CM99-112)
2002 CMI
$338,357

Waterfront Park Phase I
2008
$490,000

Waterfront Park Phase II
2013 & 2014
Applied for grant – No Funding

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LEGEND

- PARKS
- SCHOOLS
- REEDS LAKE TRAIL
- CITY BOUNDARY

EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

MCSA GROUP, Inc.
Landscape Architects and Architects
EAST GRAND RAPIDS • MICHIGAN

2018/ 2019

NORTH

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SCALE IN MILES



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS
2019 RECREATION FACILITIES

		Active Recreation										Amenities							Trails/ Natural			Other
	ACRES	Playground	Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Soccer	Football	Volleyball	Basketball	Tennis Court	Lacross Field	Open Play Field	Parking	Restroom	Concession Building	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Benches	Grills	Natural Area	Natural Trail	Paved Walking/ Multi-Purpose Trail	
CITY PARKS																						
Mary Triangle	1.0																2				X	Undeveloped Open Space
Schroeder Property	1.5																				X	
San Lu Rae Triangle	1.6										1						4					
John Collins Park	2.7												1			8	34				X	Fishing/launch ramp
Griffiths Park	3.5																		X		X	Undeveloped
Beechwood	4.7																		X			Undeveloped
Waterfront Park	17.3											1				2	14				X	Lakefront Boardwalks and Fishing
Steketee Woods	9.0																		X			Undeveloped/Lakefront
Remington Park	16.0		1									1	1	1		1	3		X	X		
Manhattan Recreation Area	46.3	1	1	2	3		4		2*	3	3	2	1	1	1	14	4	2	X	X	X	Sledding Hill
Hodenpyl Woods	43.9																		X	X		Lakefront
PUBLIC SCHOOLS																						
Lakeside Elementary	3.1	2		2				1	2*			2										
Breton Downs Elementary	5.1	2		2	1			1	2*			2										
Wealthy Elementary	4.7	2		1		1		1	2*			2			1							
Middle School	6.4				1				3	1		2	1	1								
High School	7.9					1				1		3	2	1			8					Stadium with Track
Woodcliff (Canepa)	4.5	2			2				8		1	2	1	1	1	2	12					
																						*Striped for Pickleball
Total	179.2	9	2	7	7	2	4	3	19	5	5	17	7	5	3	27	81	2				

SECTION 5

PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS



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RECREATION PLANNING

Recreation planning plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in a community. If a community is to provide effective recreational opportunities, it needs a way of identifying and solving current problems and anticipating future needs. Recreation planning is one means of obtaining a perspective on these problems; developing realistic alternatives; formulating goals, policies, and recommendations for public and private decisions; developing criteria to measure change; and involving people in the planning, design and decision processes.

This Parks and Recreation Plan presents an evaluation of the City's recreational needs and opportunities. It considers the existing amenities in the City, the current and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities, and the means for providing those facilities.

Since the previous Parks and Recreation Plan, developed in 2012, the City has continued to make improvements to its park and recreation facilities. The most recent accomplishment is the completion of phase 1 of the Waterfront park development as well as the Channel Boardwalk which are valued additions to the community.

This plan is to serve as a guideline for directing the City in the operation and maintenance of existing and future facilities and programs to meet the recreational needs of its citizen's. The plan summarizes long-term recommendations intended to guide the development of recreation opportunities and describes an action and capital improvement program for implementation over the next five years.

PLAN PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT

This 2019 Community Park and Recreation Plan was developed by the City of East Grand Rapids, with the assistance of MCSA Group, Inc, a park



and recreation planning consultant. City staff met regularly with representatives of MCSA Group, between November 2018 and August 2019 for the development of this Plan.

Criteria considered and evaluated for plan development evolved from the examination of goals and recreation standards determined through a wide variety of input sources. This information was collected from the inventory and review of existing facilities; the identification of recreation needs and deficiencies; public opinion; current statewide recreation issues and priorities; and future expectations.

Public input was sought throughout the process by means of a series of open Public Meetings held to solicit public desires and concerns regarding parks and recreation. The meetings were held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission. They were advertised via Email, on the City's website, social media and in the local media. The meeting schedule was as follows. A summary of the comments and discussion items can be found in the appendices of this report.

May 13, 2019	Community Parks and Recreation Plan The Planning Program and Process
June 10, 2019	Community Workshop Meeting #1 Community Survey – Goals and Objectives
July 8, 2019	Community Workshop Meeting #2 Park Concept Plans
August 12, 2019	Parks and Recreation Commission Community Review and Input
October 21, 2019	City Commission Public Hearing Resolution

In addition, the City undertook a survey of City residents. The survey was available on the internet via Survey Monkey, as well as printed copies at the Recreation Department, Library and City Hall. A total of 536 surveys were completed, approximately 11% of the households. A copy of the



survey and a summary of the results are included at the end of this section.

The survey was well received and indicated a high level of satisfaction with the City's Park and Recreation system. A large number of respondents recorded an interest in Athletics. The most popular activities identified were walking, cycling, running and visiting playgrounds. It is also noteworthy that the Community Center is well used. Of the City's recreation locations, John Collins Park is the most frequented, with Reeds Lake Trail, Waterfront Park and Manhattan Park also well used. Remington Park is the least visited City Park. The maintenance of the East Grand Rapids parks was rated as "excellent" or "good" by the majority of respondents (95.6%).

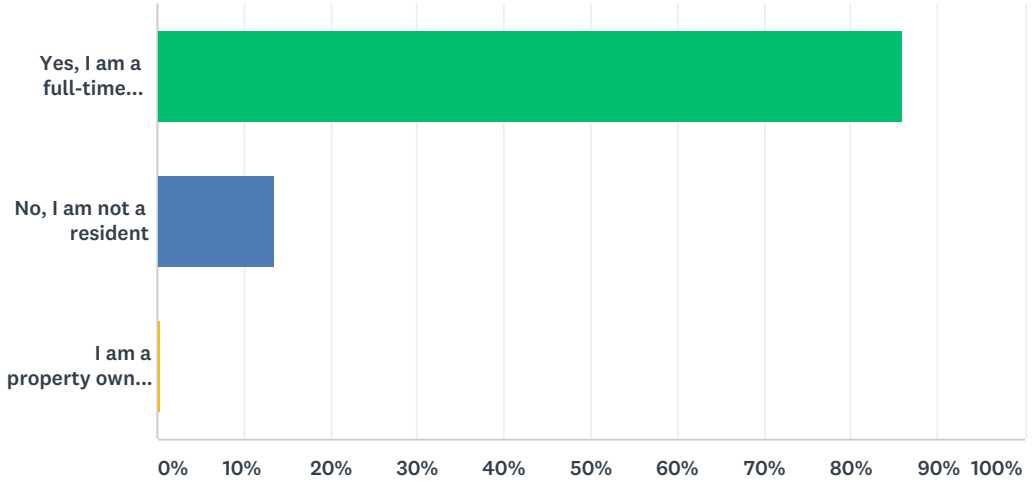
Another important part of the planning process was the development of concept plans for each of the major park properties. These were presented at the public meetings and were made available for viewing on the City's website. The plans were generally well received. The City responded to comments made and refined the plans as necessary.

Comments from the public meetings and surveys were incorporated into a final draft of the Plan, which was made available to the public for one month commencing on August 26, 2019 to solicit further comments prior to a public hearing and plan adoption.

Following the one month review period, the final plan was presented during a public hearing to the City Council on _____, 2019. The Resolution to formally adopt this plan can be found in Section 9.

Q1 Do you live in East Grand Rapids?

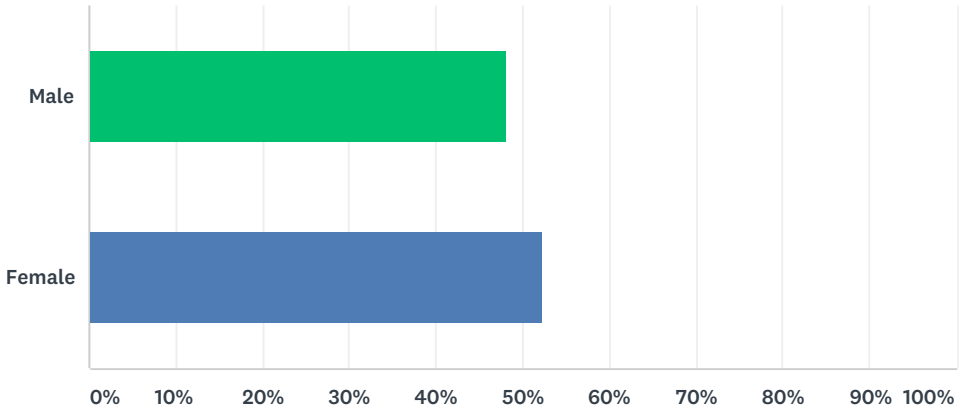
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am a full-time resident	86.06%	457
No, I am not a resident	13.56%	72
I am a property owner but do not reside here	0.38%	2
TOTAL		531

Q2 Are You:

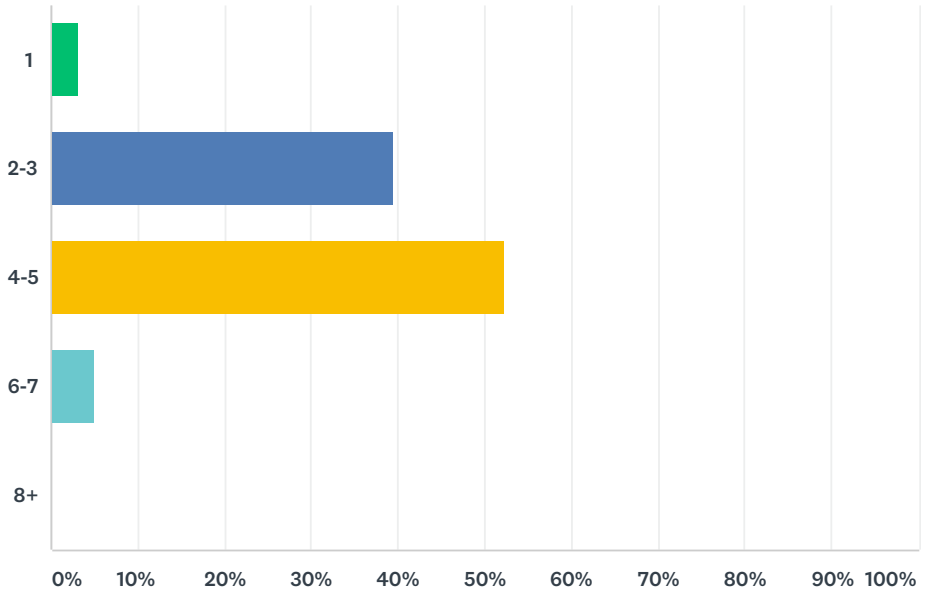
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	48.11%	255
Female	52.26%	277
Total Respondents: 530		

Q3 How many people currently live in your household?

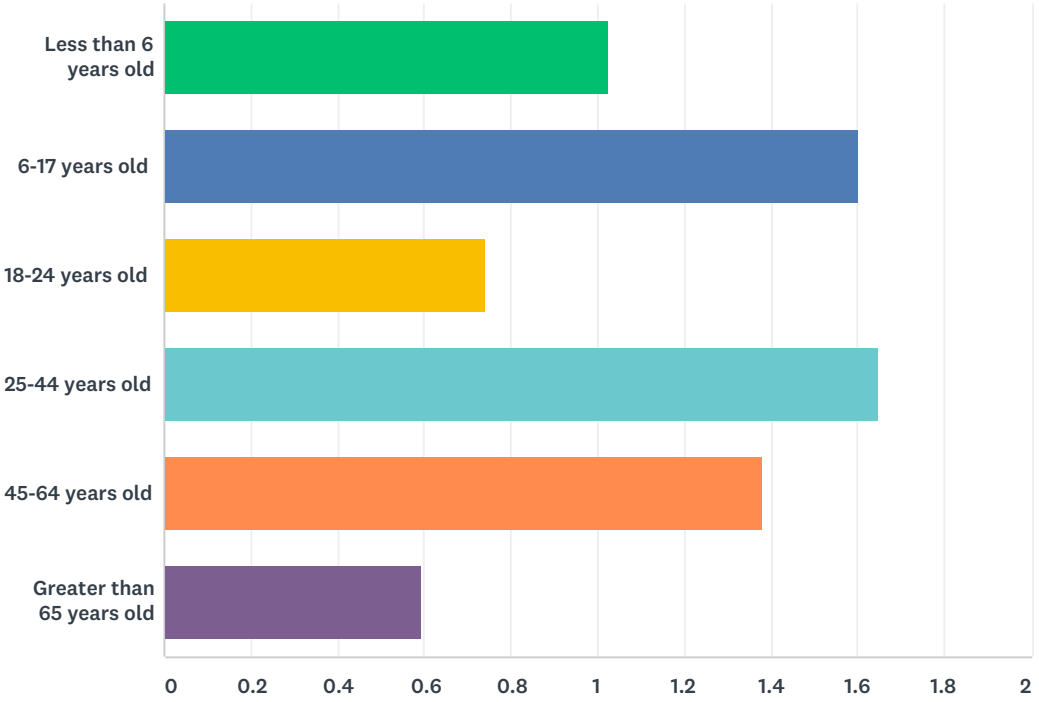
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	3.23%	17
2-3	39.47%	208
4-5	52.37%	276
6-7	4.93%	26
8+	0.00%	0
TOTAL		527

Q4 How many people in your household are:

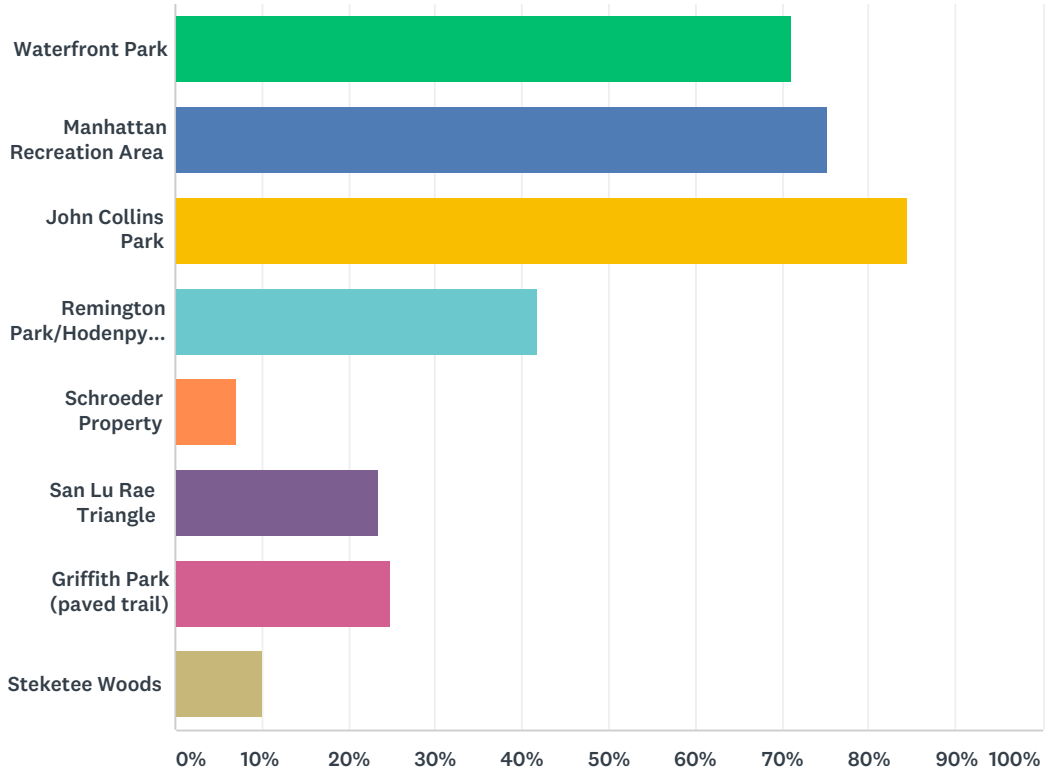
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ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Less than 6 years old	1	248	242
6-17 years old	2	506	316
18-24 years old	1	115	155
25-44 years old	2	571	346
45-64 years old	1	381	276
Greater than 65 years old	1	73	123
Total Respondents: 529			

Q5 Which of the City's parks and facilities have you or members of your household utilized in the last 12 months?

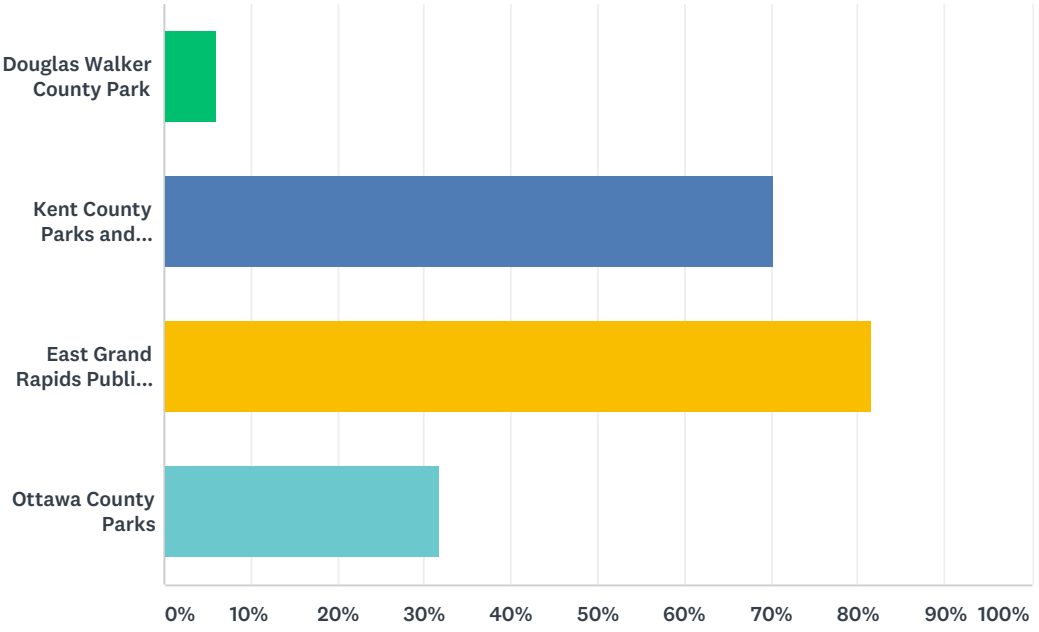
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Waterfront Park	71.16%	375
Manhattan Recreation Area	75.33%	397
John Collins Park	84.44%	445
Remington Park/Hodenpyl Woods	41.75%	220
Schroeder Property	7.21%	38
San Lu Rae Triangle	23.34%	123
Griffith Park (paved trail)	24.86%	131
Steketee Woods	10.06%	53
Total Respondents: 527		

Q6 Check any of these Parks and Recreation Facilities you or members of your household have utilized in the last 12 months.

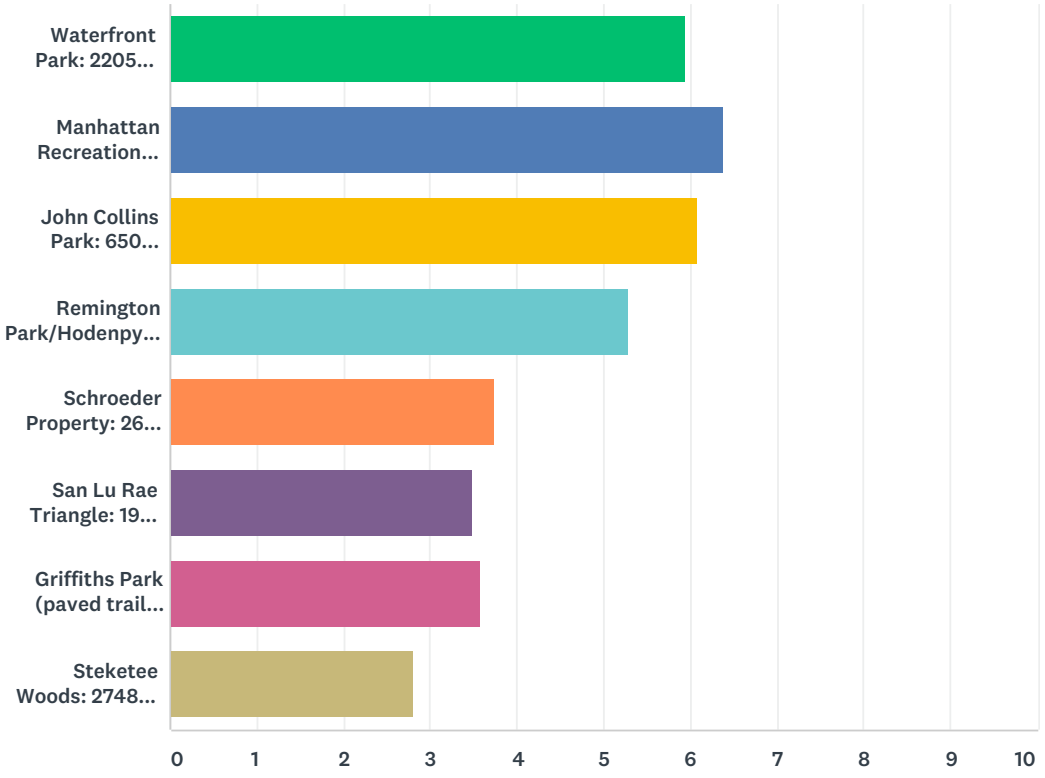
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Douglas Walker County Park	6.03%	31
Kent County Parks and Trails	70.23%	361
East Grand Rapids Public School Facilities after school hours (playgrounds, track, ball fields)	81.52%	419
Ottawa County Parks	31.71%	163
Total Respondents: 514		

Q7 Please rank the City's facilities you would like to see improved or expanded. 1=High Priority, 8=Low Priority

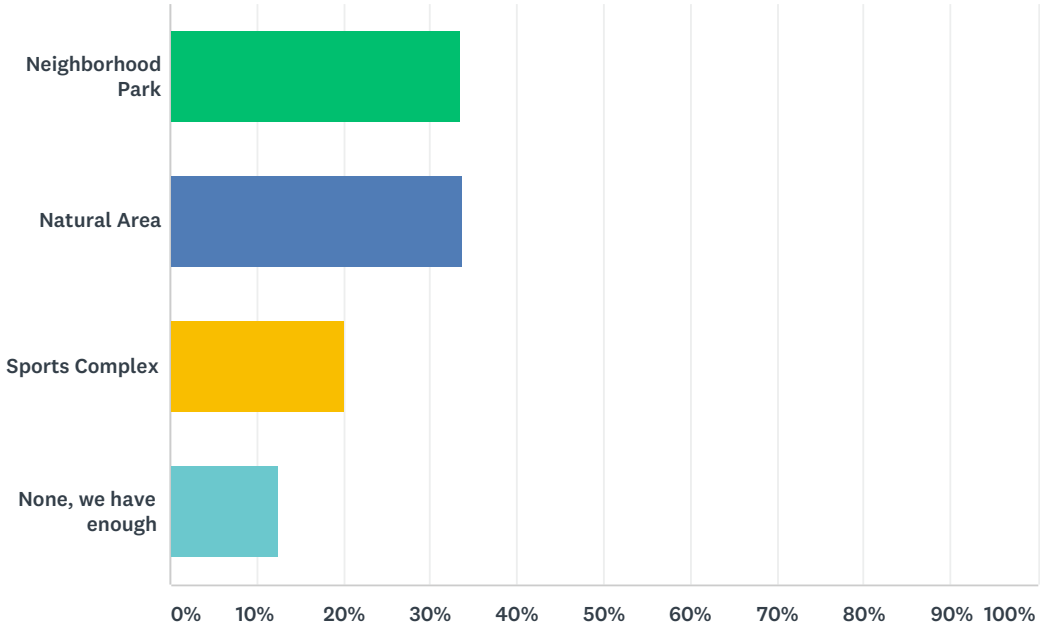
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Waterfront Park: 2205 Reeds Lake Blvd.	21.52% 82	28.08% 107	19.95% 76	11.29% 43	5.51% 21	3.94% 15	5.77% 22	3.94% 15	381	5.94
Manhattan Recreation Area: 3180 Cascade Rd.	39.31% 171	21.38% 93	17.47% 76	6.44% 28	4.14% 18	2.99% 13	3.22% 14	5.06% 22	435	6.38
John Collins Park: 650 Lakeside Dr.	27.27% 114	21.77% 91	22.73% 95	11.48% 48	5.02% 21	4.31% 18	4.31% 18	3.11% 13	418	6.09
Remington Park/Hodenpyl Woods: 2500 Robinson Rd.	12.04% 46	14.14% 54	13.09% 50	35.86% 137	11.78% 45	5.76% 22	4.97% 19	2.36% 9	382	5.30
Schroeder Property: 2618 Reeds Lake Blvd.	0.28% 1	3.10% 11	8.73% 31	11.55% 41	36.06% 128	21.69% 77	12.96% 46	5.63% 20	355	3.75
San Lu Rae Triangle: 1900 San Lu Rae Dr.	8.42% 32	5.53% 21	6.32% 24	8.95% 34	9.74% 37	25.79% 98	10.00% 38	25.26% 96	380	3.50
Griffiths Park (paved trail): 2816 Reeds Lake Blvd.	2.77% 10	9.70% 35	7.76% 28	8.31% 30	14.13% 51	16.07% 58	33.24% 120	8.03% 29	361	3.57
Steketee Woods: 2748 Reeds Lake Blvd.	3.77% 14	4.04% 15	6.20% 23	7.55% 28	8.63% 32	12.13% 45	17.52% 65	40.16% 149	371	2.80

Q8 What additional types of new parks would you most like to see in the City?

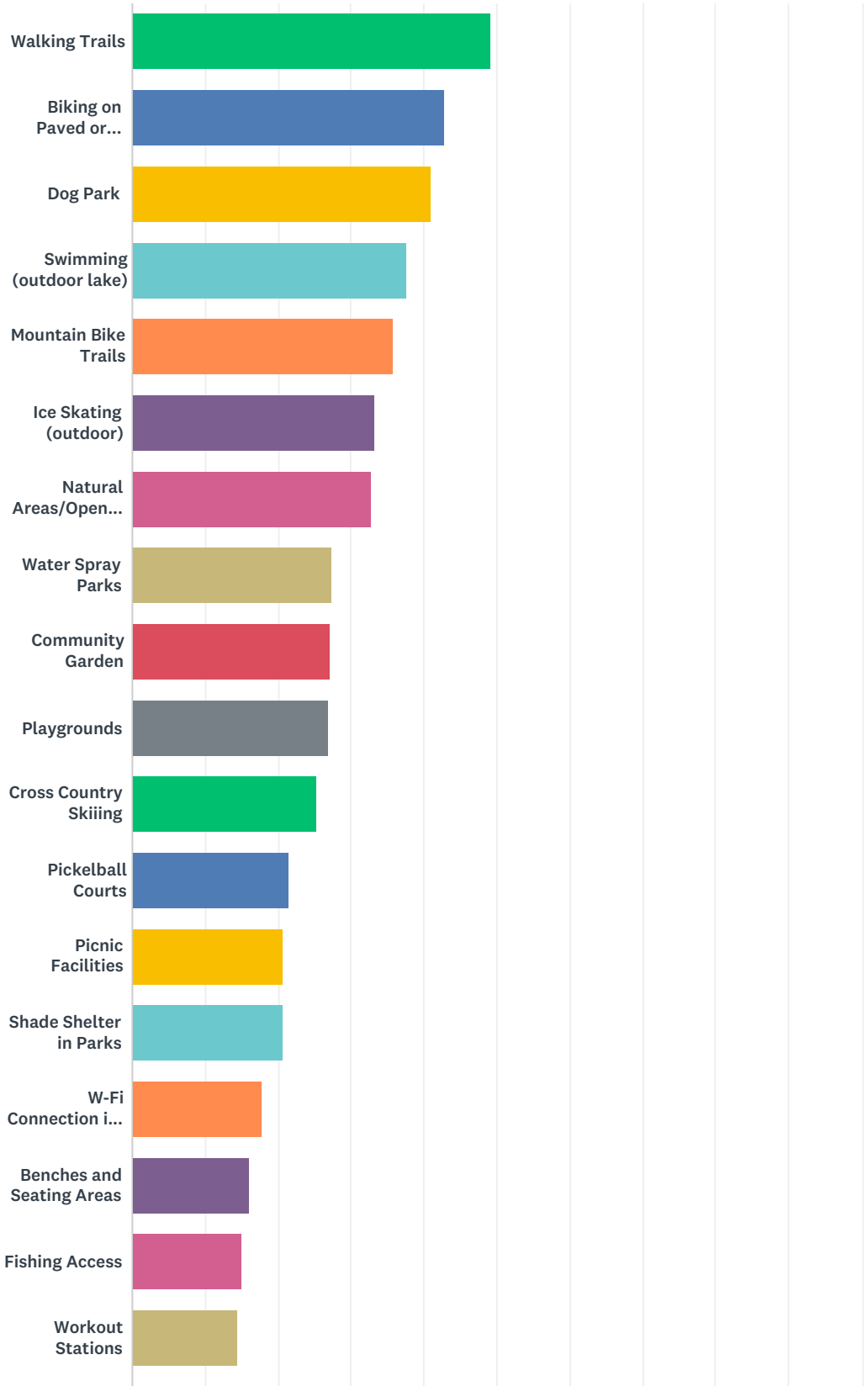
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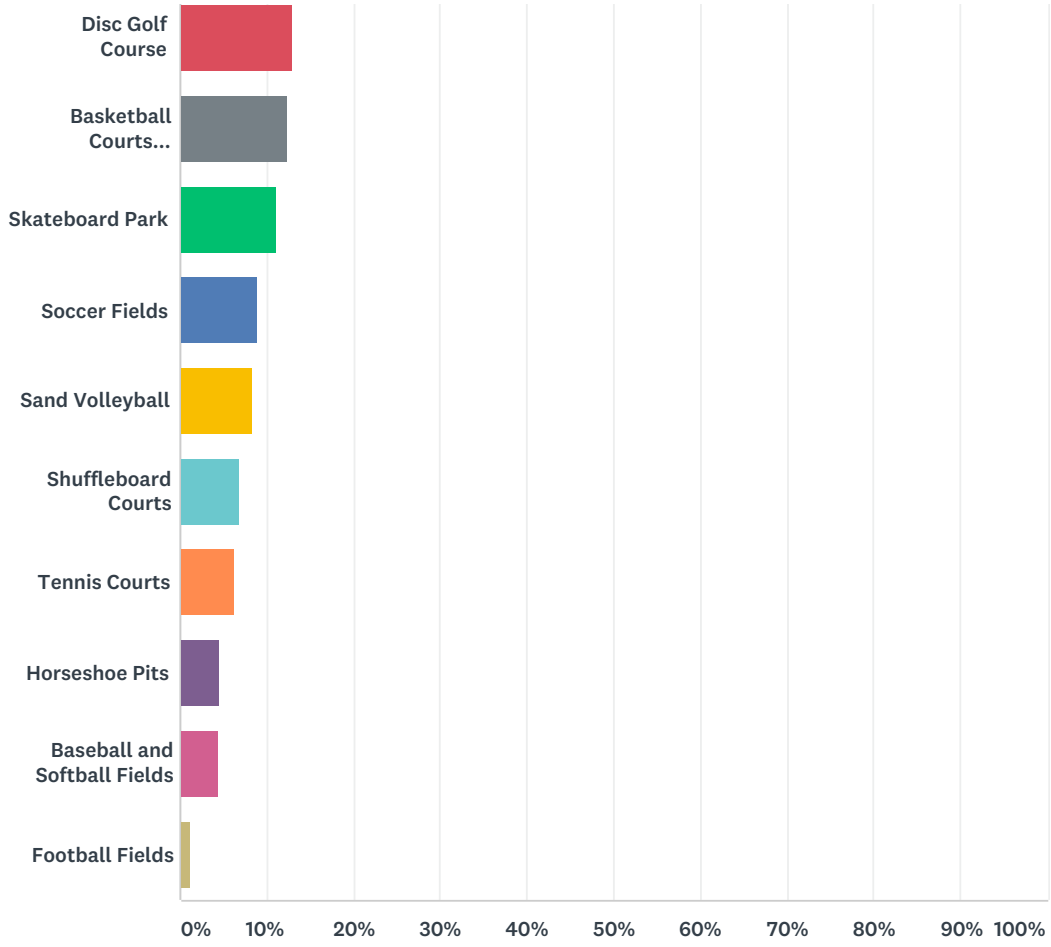


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Neighborhood Park	33.56%	149
Natural Area	33.78%	150
Sports Complex	20.05%	89
None, we have enough	12.61%	56
TOTAL		444

Q9 Which of the following activities/facilities would you most like to see expanded or added in the City?

Answered: 528 Skipped: 8





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking Trails	49.24%	260
Biking on Paved or Pathways	42.80%	226
Dog Park	41.10%	217
Swimming (outdoor lake)	37.69%	199
Mountain Bike Trails	35.80%	189
Ice Skating (outdoor)	33.33%	176
Natural Areas/Open Space	32.77%	173
Water Spray Parks	27.46%	145
Community Garden	27.27%	144
Playgrounds	26.89%	142
Cross Country Skiing	25.38%	134
Pickelball Courts	21.59%	114
Picnic Facilities	20.64%	109
Shade Shelter in Parks	20.64%	109
W-Fi Connection in Parks	17.80%	94

Benches and Seating Areas	16.10%	85
Fishing Access	14.96%	79
Workout Stations	14.39%	76
Disc Golf Course	13.07%	69
Basketball Courts (outdoor)	12.31%	65
Skateboard Park	11.17%	59
Soccer Fields	9.09%	48
Sand Volleyball	8.33%	44
Shuffleboard Courts	6.82%	36
Tennis Courts	6.25%	33
Horseshoe Pits	4.55%	24
Baseball and Softball Fields	4.36%	23
Football Fields	1.33%	7
Total Respondents: 528		

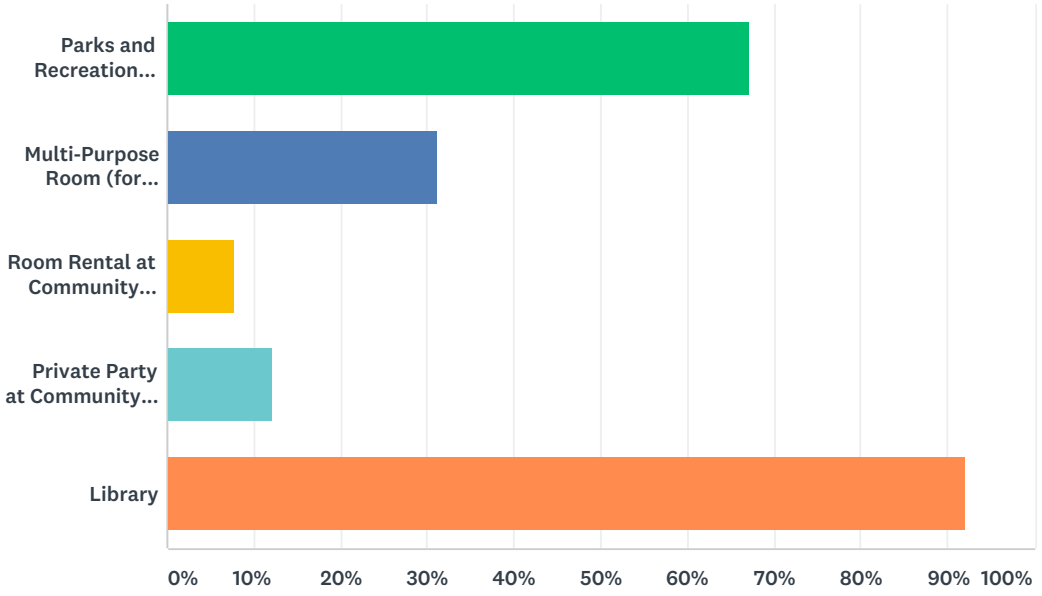
Q10 How many times have you or members of your household visited the Community Center in the past year?If you answered "none" please proceed to question 11

Answered: 459 Skipped: 77

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adults	99.13%	455
Children	72.33%	332

Q11 Please indicate which facilities you or members of your household have used or visited:

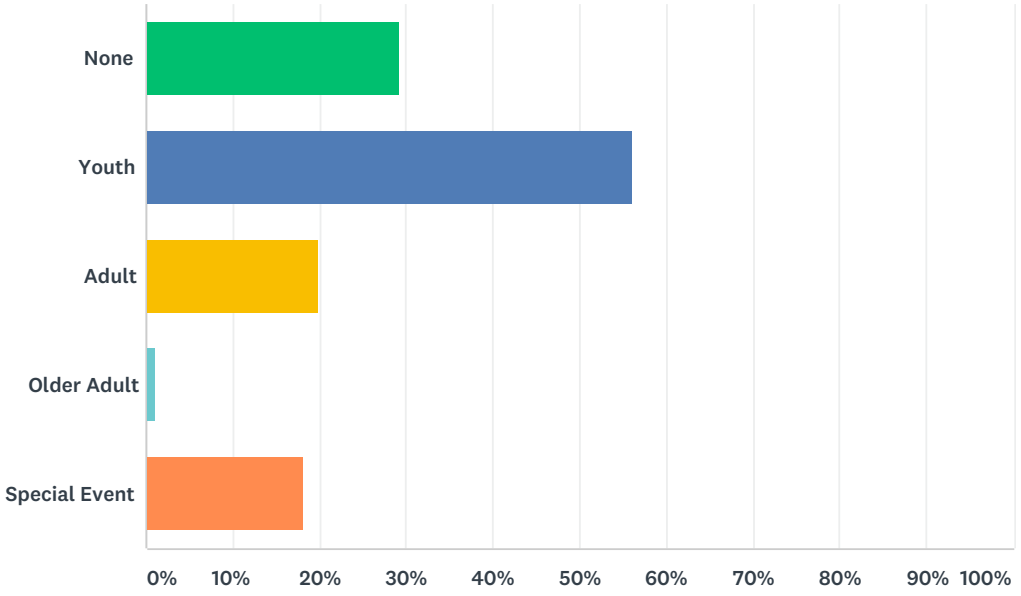
Answered: 502 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parks and Recreation Department	67.13%	337
Multi-Purpose Room (for classes)	31.27%	157
Room Rental at Community Center	7.77%	39
Private Party at Community Center	12.15%	61
Library	92.03%	462
Total Respondents: 502		

Q12 In what recreation programming offered by The City of East Grand Rapids have you or your family participated in the last year?

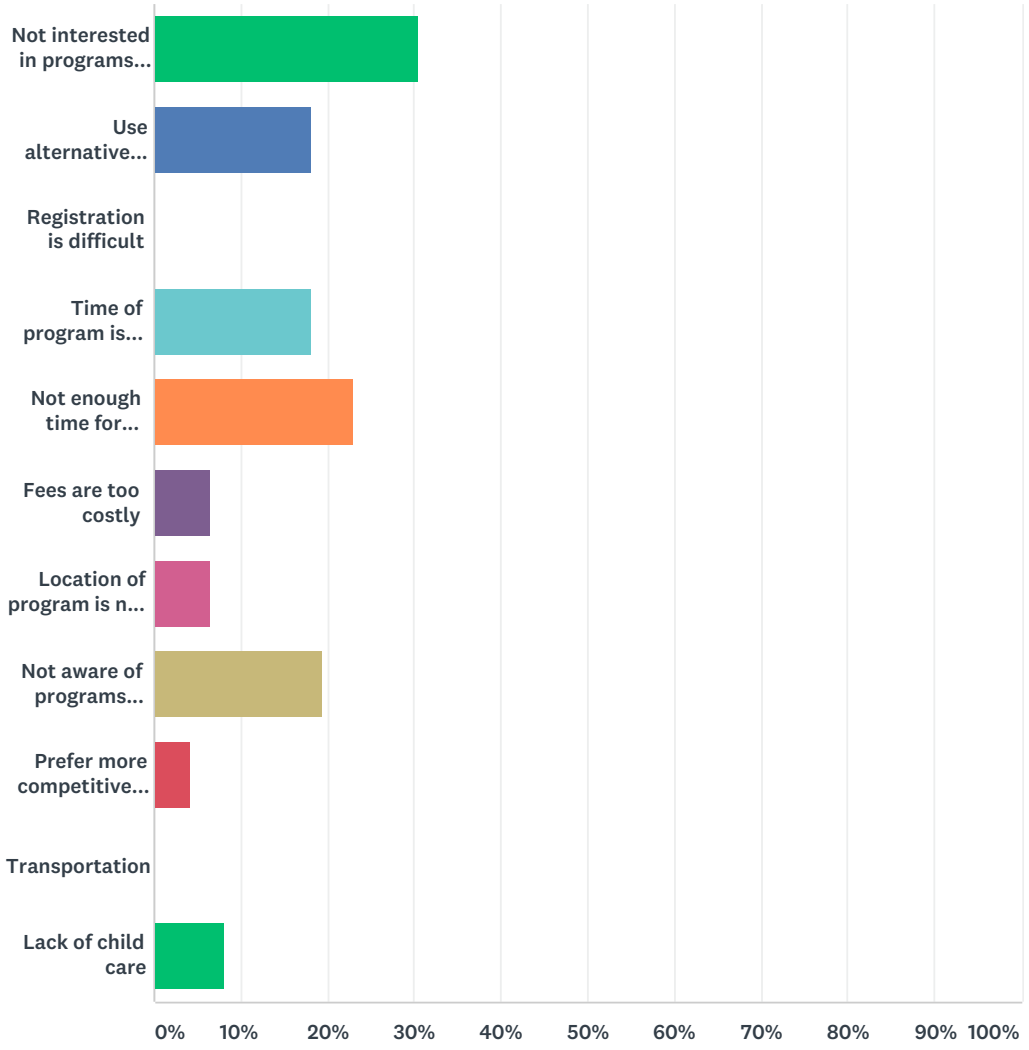
Answered: 524 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	29.39%	154
Youth	56.11%	294
Adult	19.85%	104
Older Adult	1.15%	6
Special Event	18.13%	95
Total Respondents: 524		

Q13 If you answered "none" to Question 12 above, please indicate your reason for non-participation.

Answered: 170 Skipped: 366

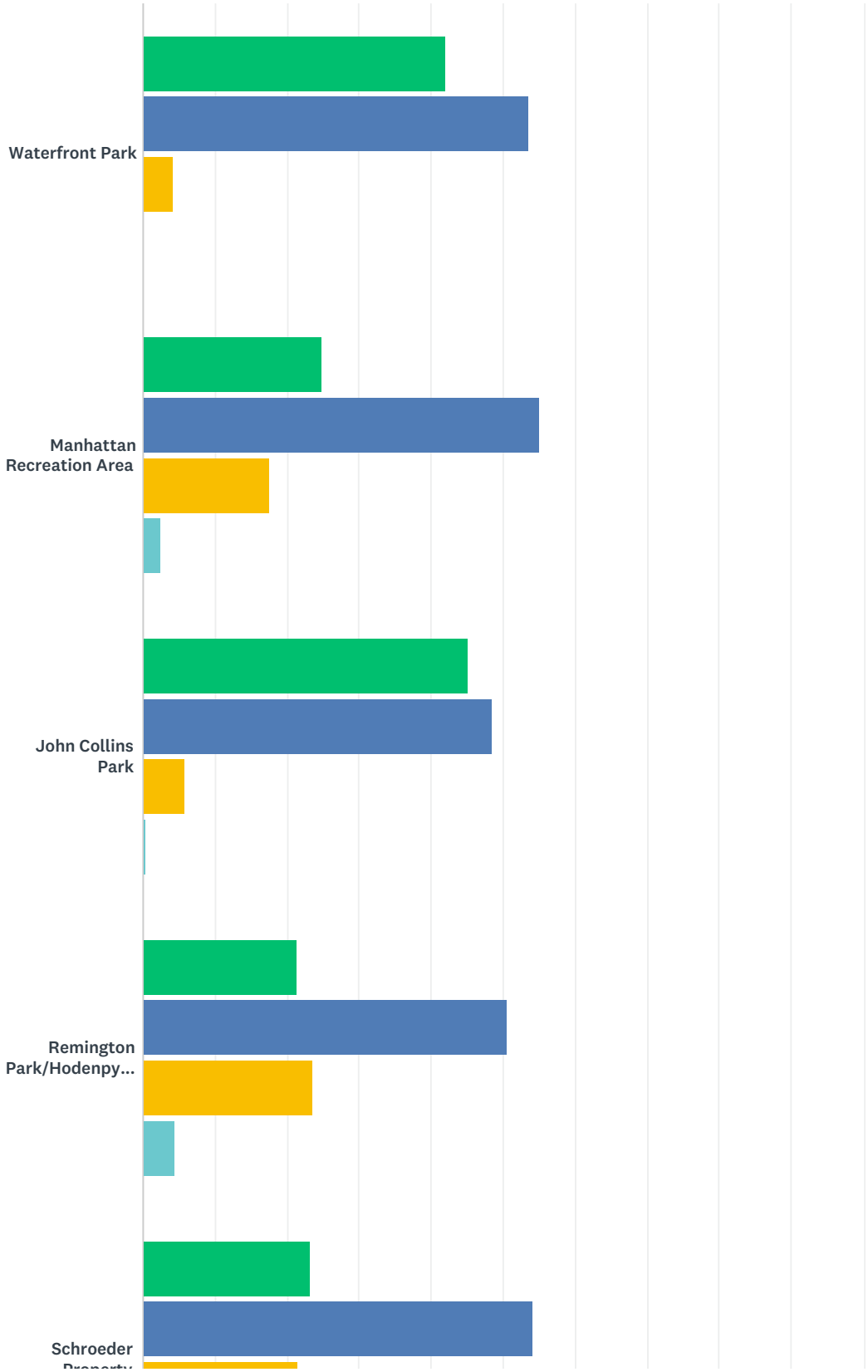


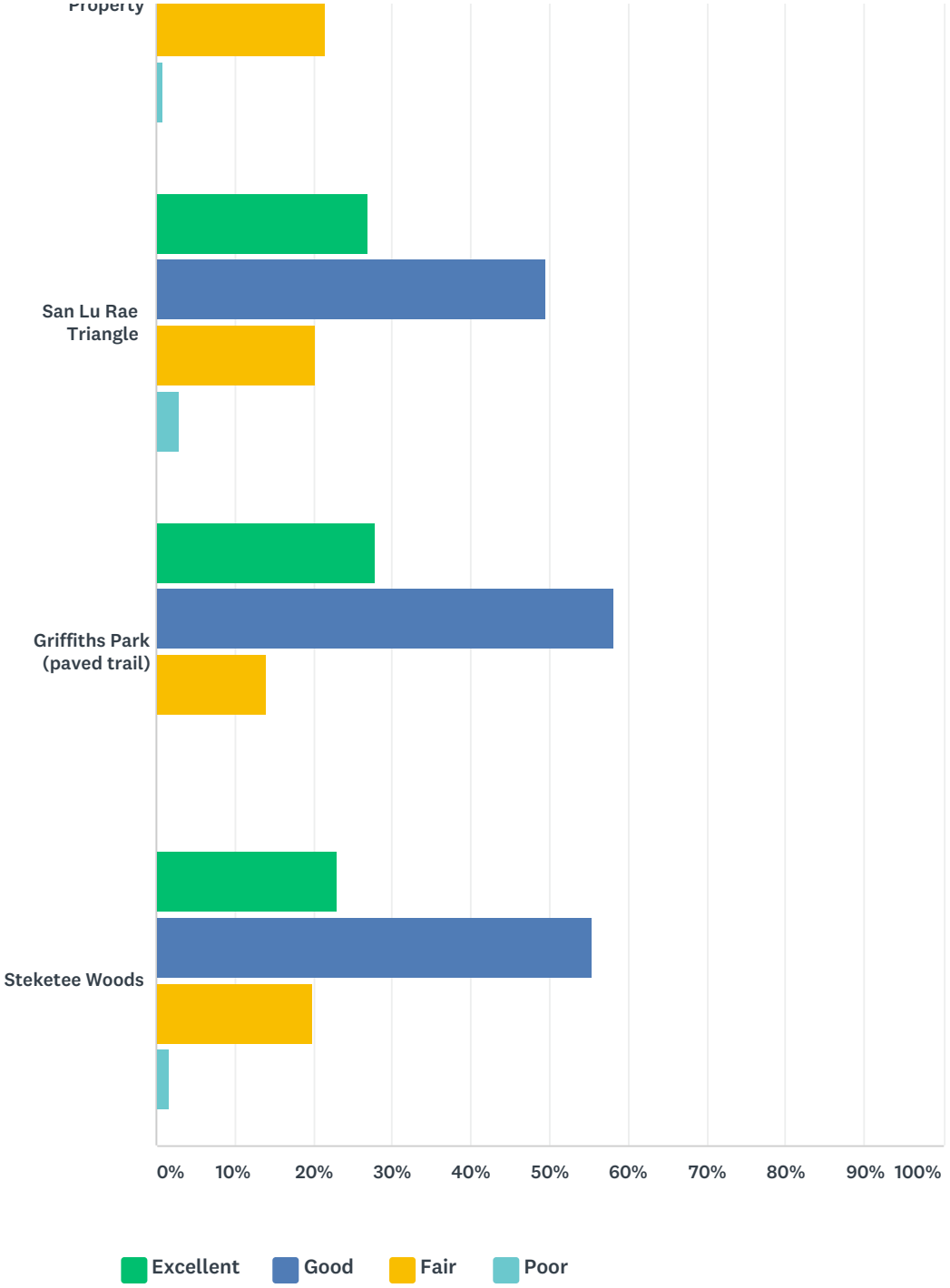
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not interested in programs offered	30.59%	52
Use alternative recreational programming	18.24%	31
Registration is difficult	0.00%	0
Time of program is inconvenient	18.24%	31
Not enough time for participation	22.94%	39
Fees are too costly	6.47%	11
Location of program is not convenient	6.47%	11
Not aware of programs offered	19.41%	33
Prefer more competitive sport leagues for my child	4.12%	7

Transportation	0.00%	0
Lack of child care	8.24%	14
Total Respondents: 170		

Q14 How would you rate the maintenance of East Grand Rapids Parks you have visited?

Answered: 517 Skipped: 19



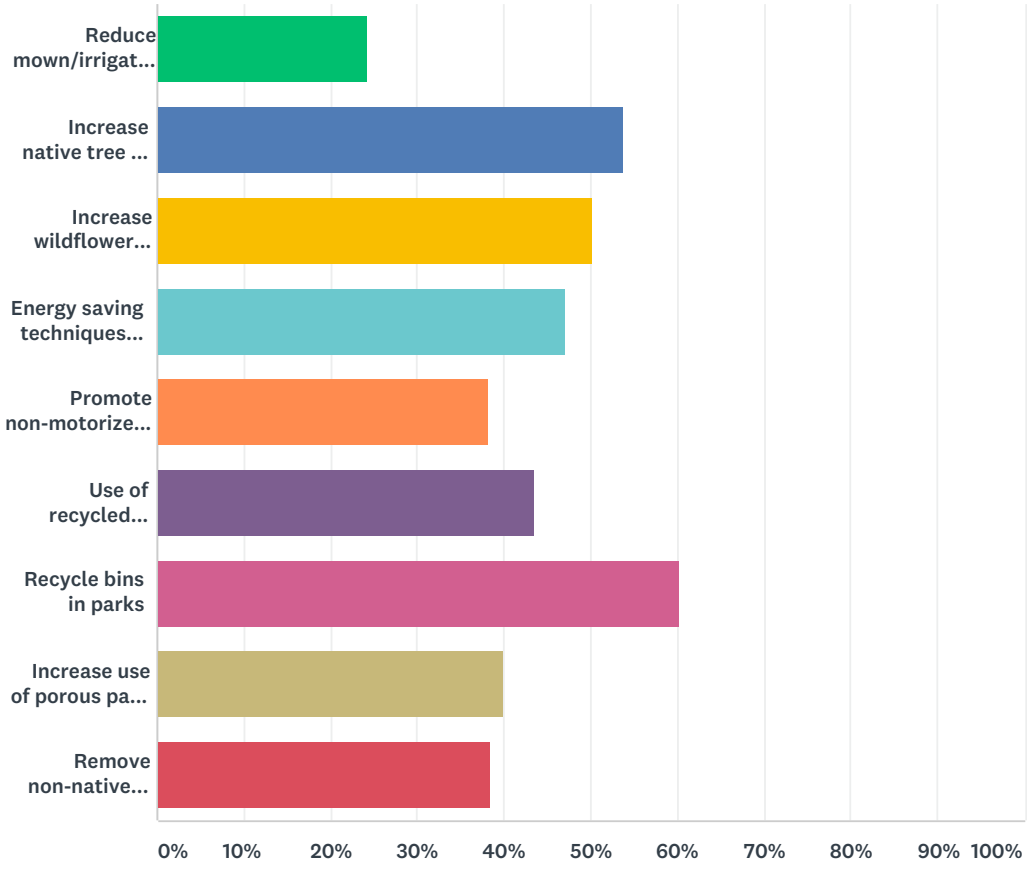


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Waterfront Park	42.08% 194	53.58% 247	4.12% 19	0.22% 1	461	1.62
Manhattan Recreation Area	24.84% 117	54.99% 259	17.62% 83	2.55% 12	471	1.98
John Collins Park	45.27% 220	48.56% 236	5.76% 28	0.41% 2	486	1.61
Remington Park/Hodenpyl Woods	21.33% 74	50.72% 176	23.63% 82	4.32% 15	347	2.11
Schroeder Property	23.27% 57	54.29% 133	21.63% 53	0.82% 2	245	2.00

San Lu Rae Triangle	27.07% 85	49.68% 156	20.38% 64	2.87% 9	314	1.99
Griffiths Park (paved trail)	27.86% 78	58.21% 163	13.93% 39	0.00% 0	280	1.86
Steketee Woods	23.08% 57	55.47% 137	19.84% 49	1.62% 4	247	2.00

Q15 Please indicate which green initiatives you think would be most effective.

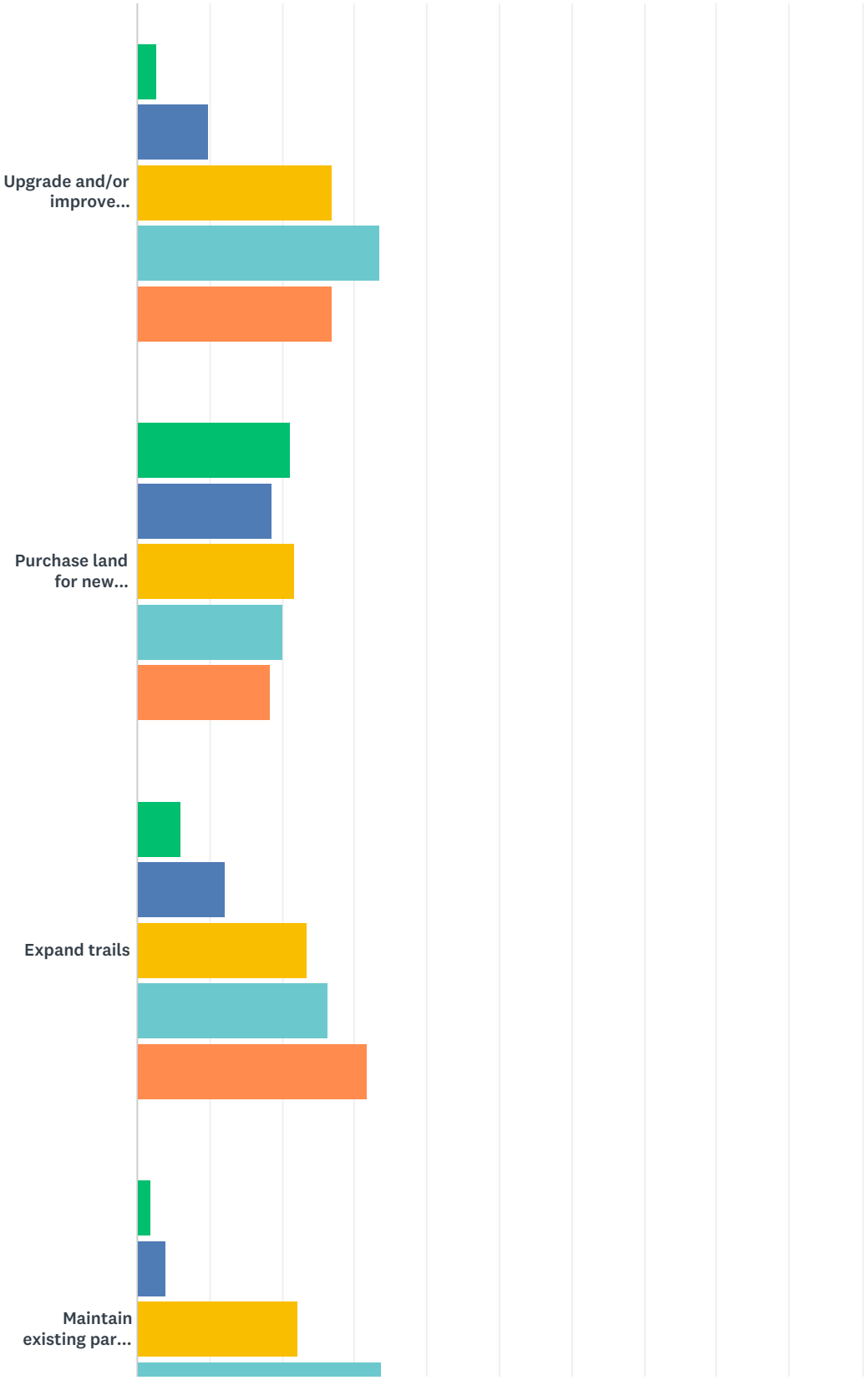
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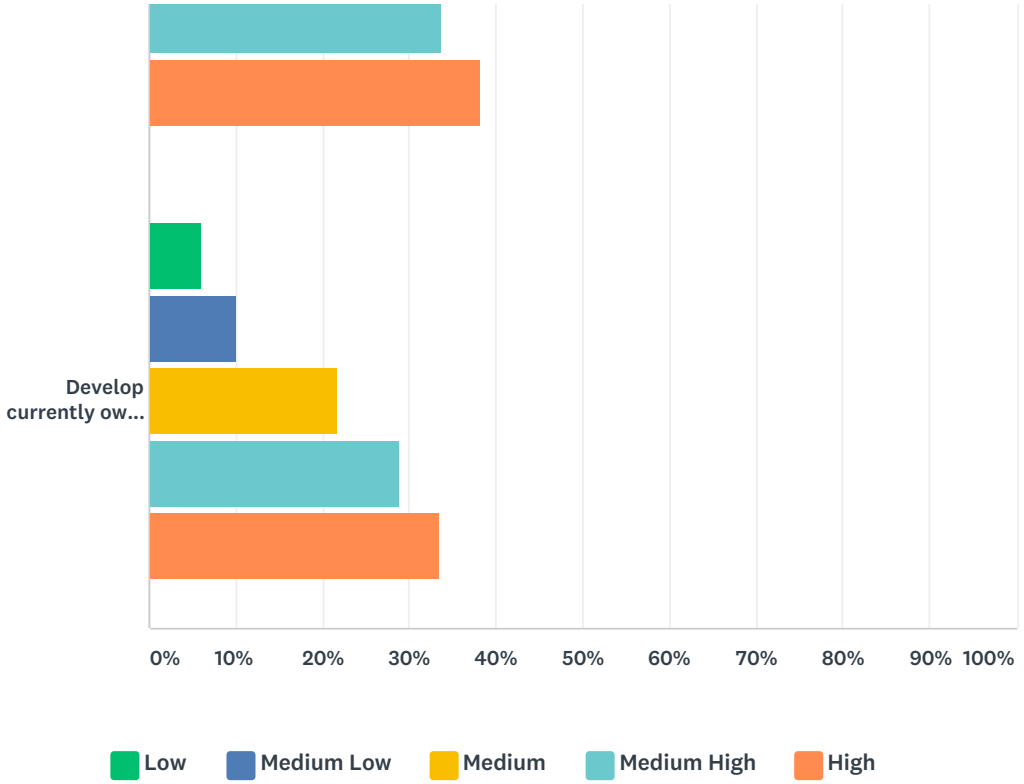


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Reduce mown/irrigated lawn areas	24.29%	119
Increase native tree and shrub planting	53.67%	263
Increase wildflower areas	50.20%	246
Energy saving techniques (solar power, LED lights, timers, etc)	47.14%	231
Promote non-motorized transportation to parks	38.37%	188
Use of recycled products and materials	43.47%	213
Recycle bins in parks	60.20%	295
Increase use of porous paved surfaces for natural drainage (parking areas)	40.00%	196
Remove non-native plants from our natural areas located in our parks	38.57%	189
Total Respondents: 490		

Q16 Please rate, in order of priority, how you feel park and recreation funding should be spent.

Answered: 515 Skipped: 21

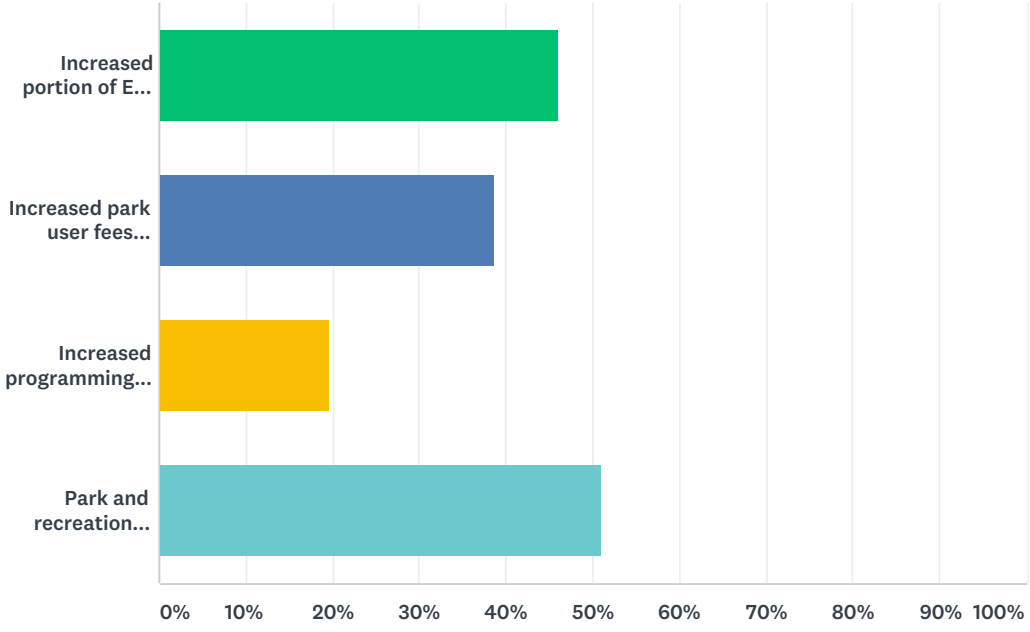




	LOW	MEDIUM LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM HIGH	HIGH	TOTAL
Upgrade and/or improve existing park facilities	2.77% 14	9.90% 50	26.93% 136	33.47% 169	26.93% 136	505
Purchase land for new parks/open space when available	21.21% 105	18.59% 92	21.82% 108	20.00% 99	18.38% 91	495
Expand trails	6.16% 31	12.13% 61	23.46% 118	26.44% 133	31.81% 160	503
Maintain existing park facilities	1.98% 10	3.95% 20	22.13% 112	33.60% 170	38.34% 194	506
Develop currently owned city park natural areas with trails	6.00% 30	10.00% 50	21.80% 109	28.80% 144	33.40% 167	500

Q17 The City will continue to solicit state and federal grant funding and private donations/fund raising for recreation facility development and improvements. What other funding options should be considered?

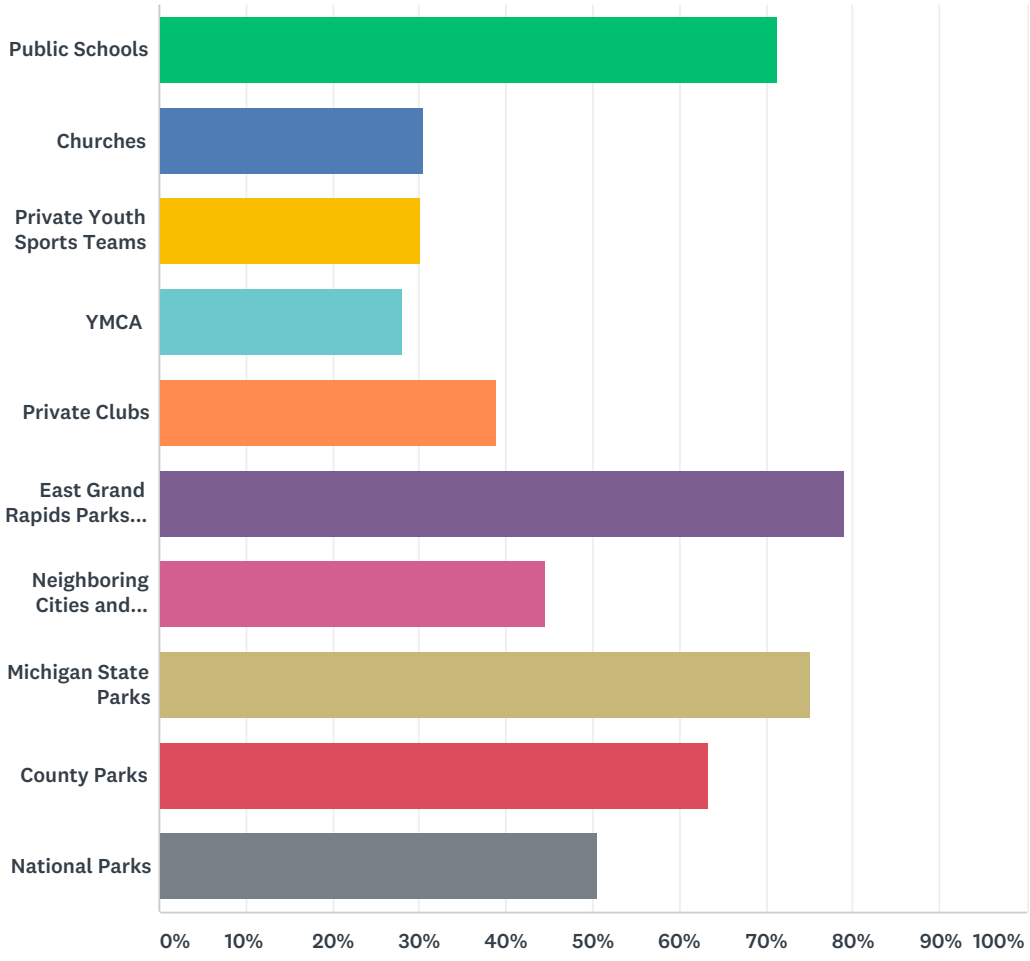
Answered: 408 Skipped: 128



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased portion of East Grand Rapids general tax dollars	46.08%	188
Increased park user fees (rental facilities, etc.)	38.73%	158
Increased programming fees	19.61%	80
Park and recreation mileage	50.98%	208
Total Respondents: 408		

Q18 Check all of the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the last 12 months.

Answered: 518 Skipped: 18

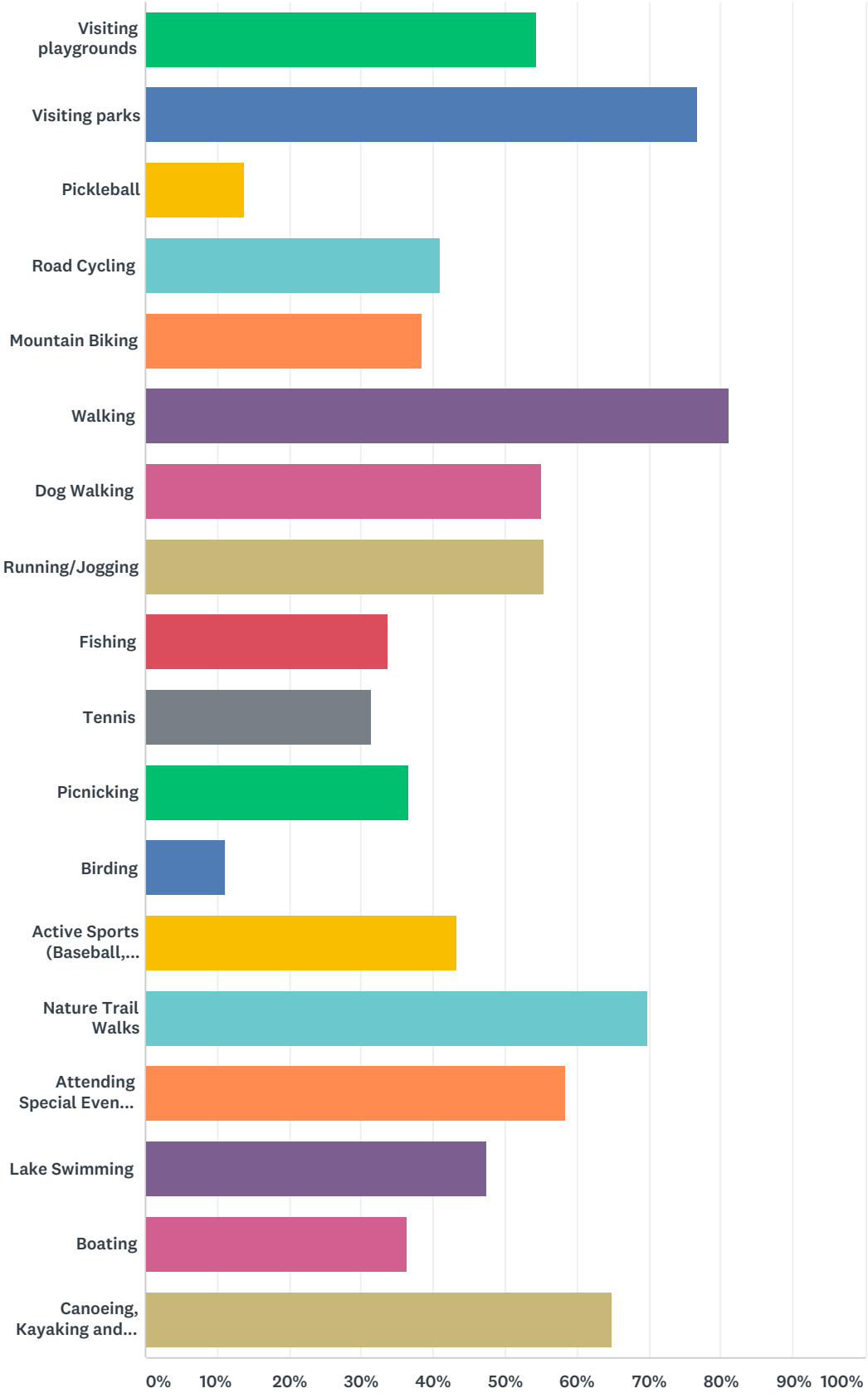


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Schools	71.24%	369
Churches	30.50%	158
Private Youth Sports Teams	30.12%	156
YMCA	27.99%	145
Private Clubs	39.00%	202
East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation	79.15%	410
Neighboring Cities and Townships	44.59%	231
Michigan State Parks	75.10%	389
County Parks	63.32%	328
National Parks	50.58%	262

Total Respondents: 518	

Q19 Please indicate activities you and/or members of your household enjoy:

Answered: 526 Skipped: 10

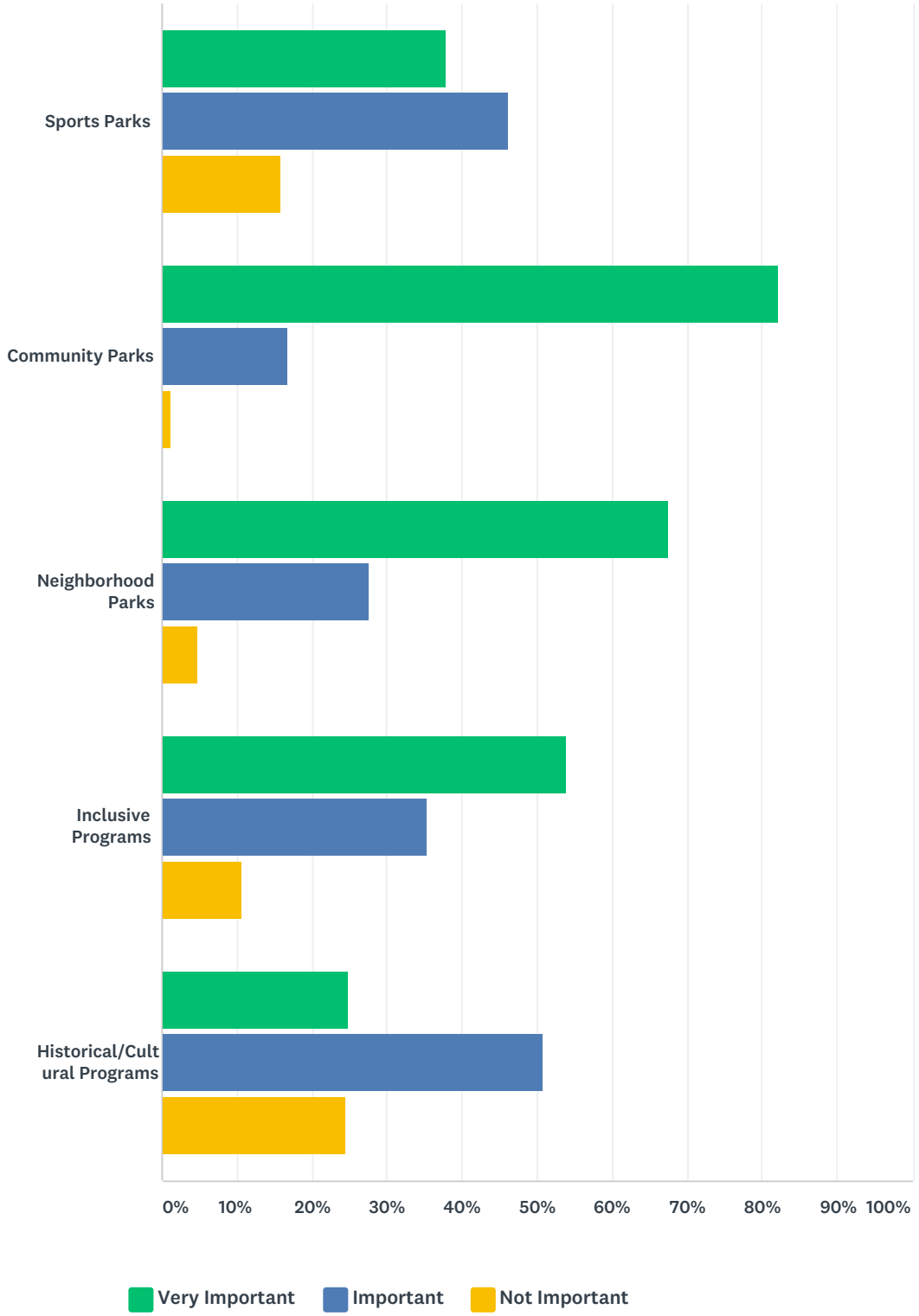


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Visiting playgrounds	54.37%	286

Visiting parks	76.81%	404
Pickleball	13.88%	73
Road Cycling	41.06%	216
Mountain Biking	38.40%	202
Walking	81.18%	427
Dog Walking	54.94%	289
Running/Jogging	55.51%	292
Fishing	33.65%	177
Tennis	31.37%	165
Picnicking	36.69%	193
Birding	11.03%	58
Active Sports (Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Football, etc.)	43.35%	228
Nature Trail Walks	69.96%	368
Attending Special Events (concerts and movies, etc.)	58.37%	307
Lake Swimming	47.53%	250
Boating	36.31%	191
Canoeing, Kayaking and Stand-Up Paddle Boarding	64.83%	341
Total Respondents: 526		

Q20 How important is it to have the following in The City of East Grand Rapids:

Answered: 515 Skipped: 21

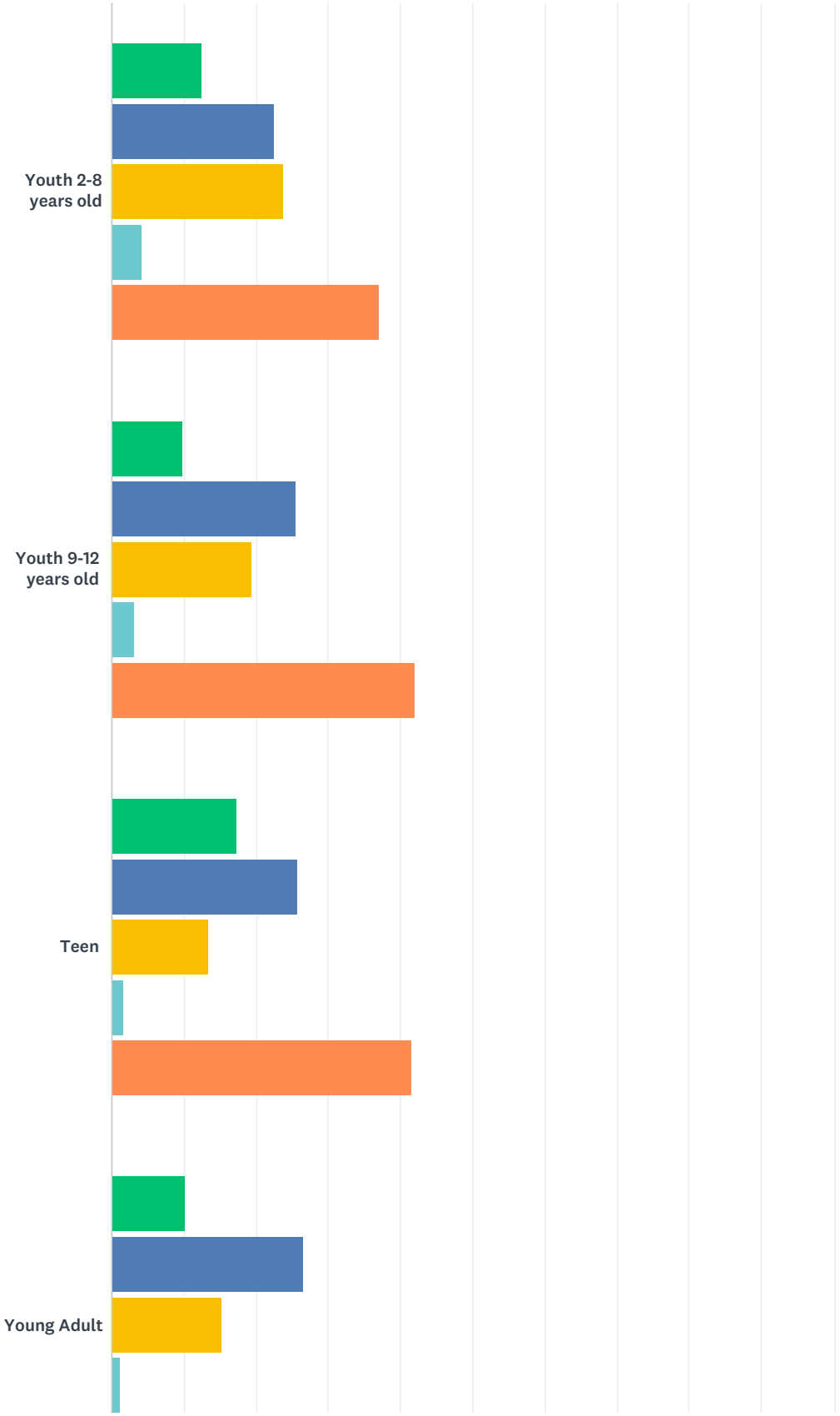


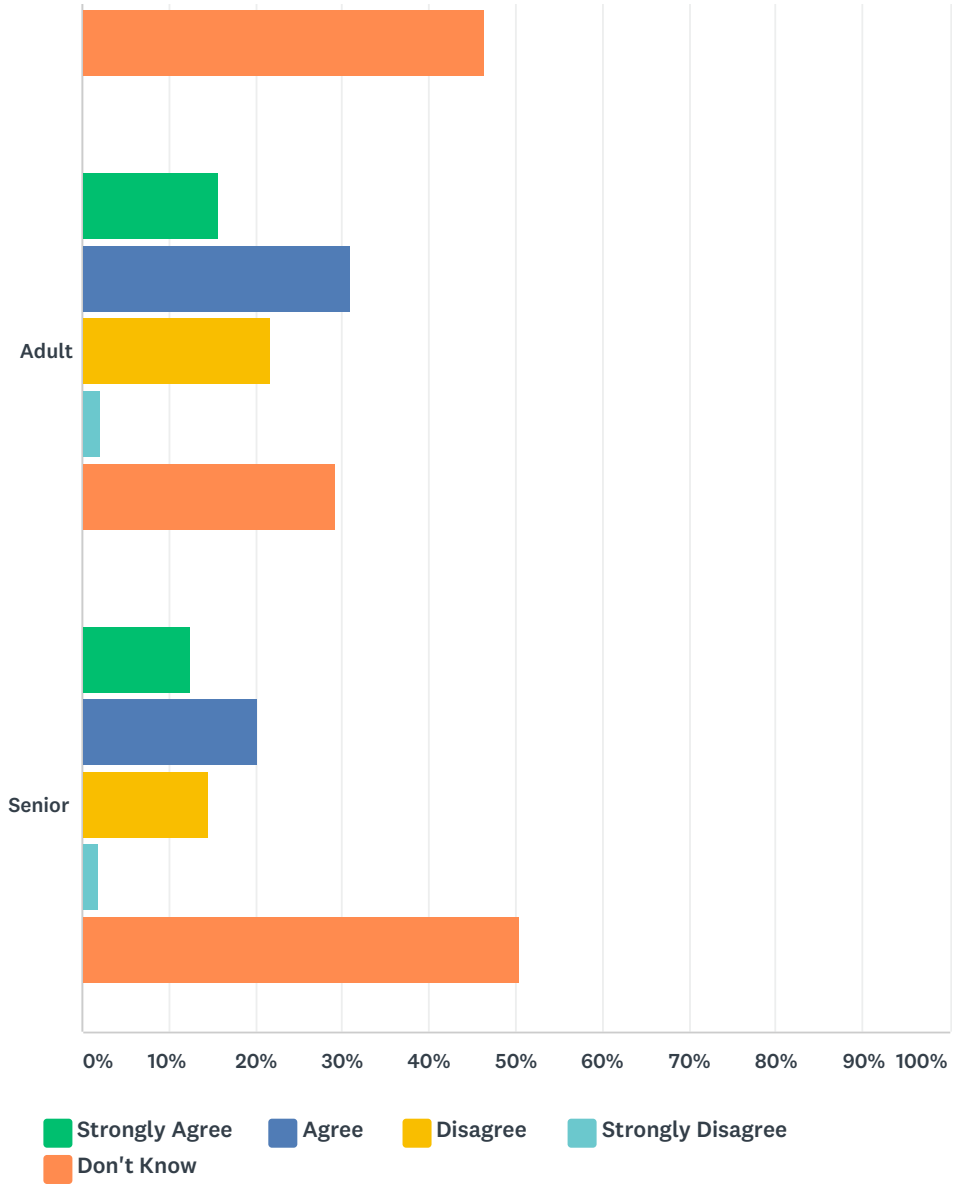
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE

Sports Parks	37.82% 191	46.34% 234	15.84% 80	505	1.78
Community Parks	82.19% 420	16.63% 85	1.17% 6	511	1.19
Neighborhood Parks	67.51% 345	27.59% 141	4.89% 25	511	1.37
Inclusive Programs	53.99% 264	35.38% 173	10.63% 52	489	1.57
Historical/Cultural Programs	24.80% 122	50.81% 250	24.39% 120	492	2.00

Q21 There is a need for more programs for the following ages:

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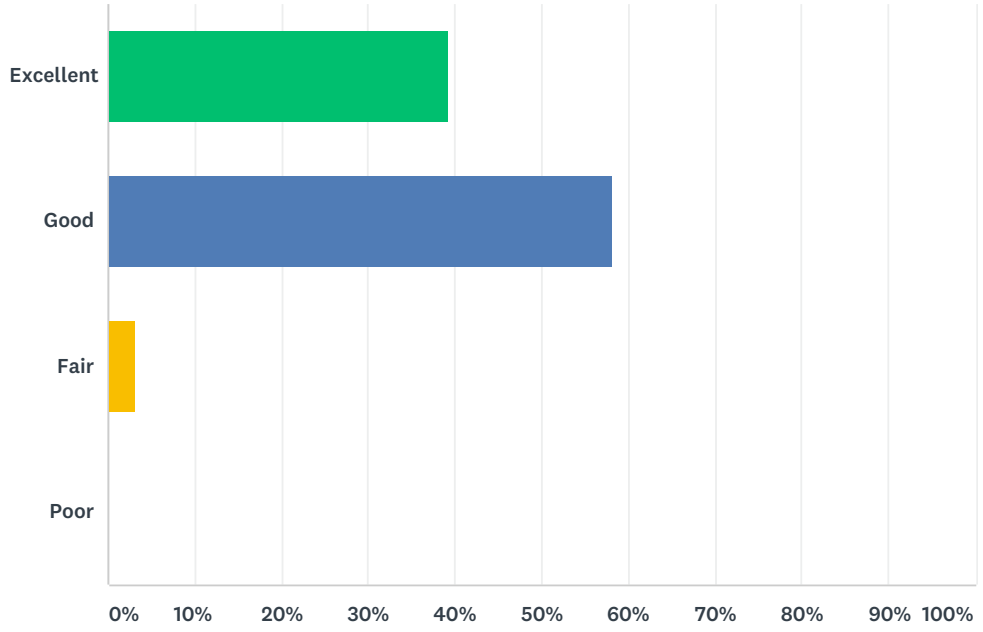




	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Youth 2-8 years old	12.47% 57	22.54% 103	23.85% 109	4.16% 19	36.98% 169	457	3.31
Youth 9-12 years old	9.76% 45	25.60% 118	19.52% 90	3.04% 14	42.08% 194	461	3.42
Teen	17.35% 80	25.81% 119	13.45% 62	1.74% 8	41.65% 192	461	3.25
Young Adult	10.24% 46	26.50% 119	15.37% 69	1.34% 6	46.55% 209	449	3.47
Adult	15.63% 73	31.05% 145	21.84% 102	2.14% 10	29.34% 137	467	2.99
Senior	12.55% 58	20.35% 94	14.72% 68	1.95% 9	50.43% 233	462	3.57

Q22 How would you rate the overall Parks and Recreation Facilities provided by The City of East Grand Rapids?

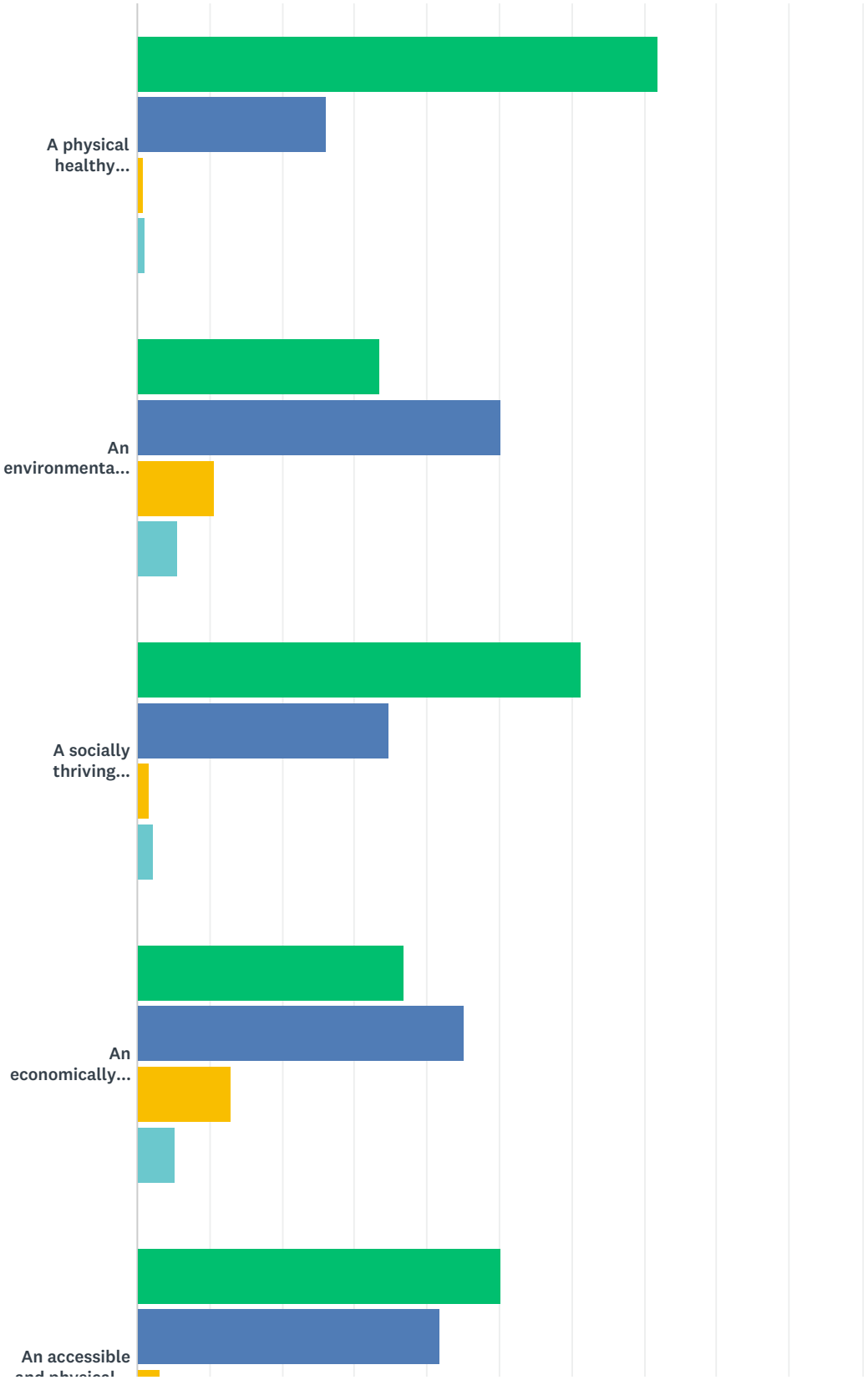
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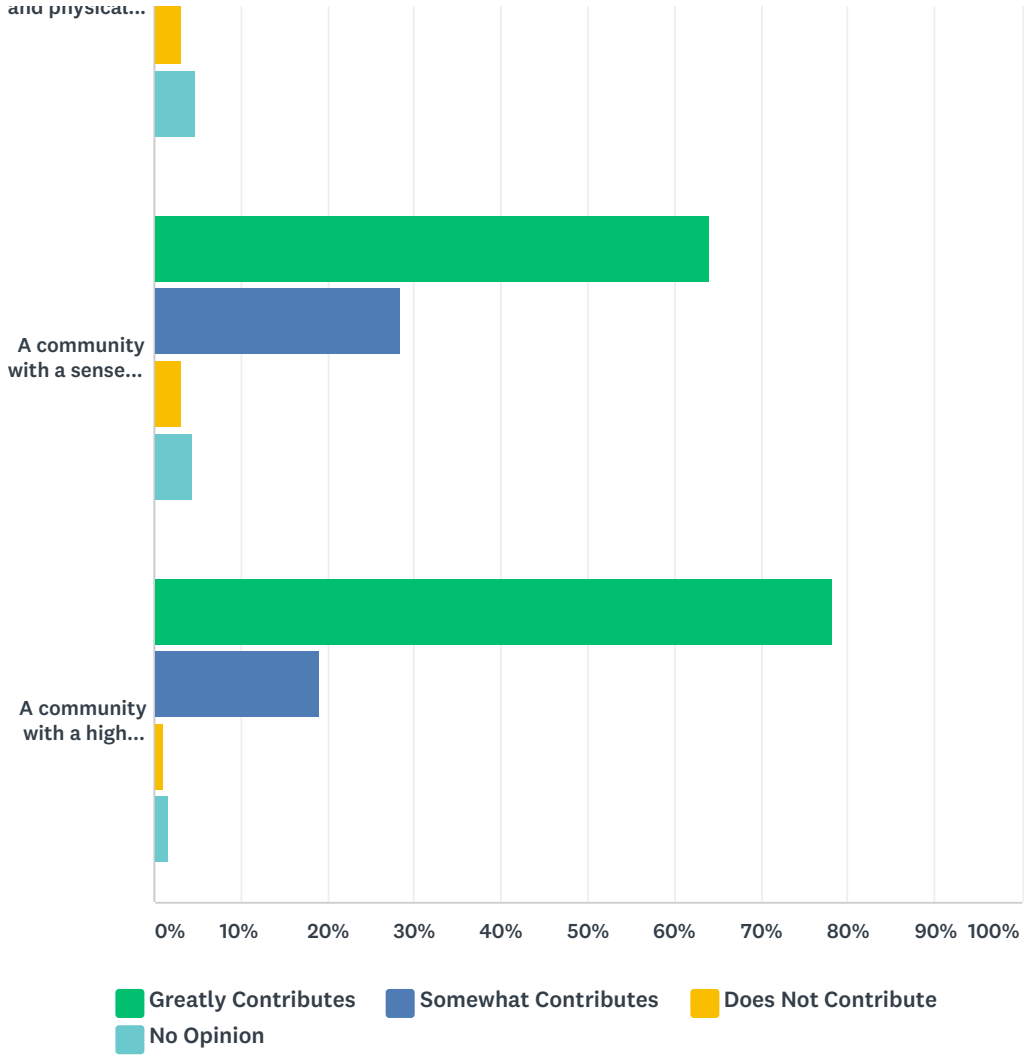


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	39.23%	204
Good	58.08%	302
Fair	3.08%	16
Poor	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 520		

Q23 To what degree do you think Parks and Recreation contribute to East Grand Rapids being....

Answered: 511 Skipped: 25





	GREATLY CONTRIBUTES	SOMEWHAT CONTRIBUTES	DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A physical healthy community	71.99% 365	26.23% 133	0.79% 4	0.99% 5	507	1.31
An environmentally sustainable community	33.53% 169	50.20% 253	10.71% 54	5.56% 28	504	1.88
A socially thriving community	61.39% 310	34.65% 175	1.58% 8	2.38% 12	505	1.45
An economically thriving community	36.78% 185	45.13% 227	12.92% 65	5.17% 26	503	1.86
An accessible and physically connected community	50.30% 253	41.75% 210	3.18% 16	4.77% 24	503	1.62
A community with a sense of place	64.03% 324	28.46% 144	3.16% 16	4.35% 22	506	1.48
A community with a high quality of life	78.19% 398	19.06% 97	0.98% 5	1.77% 9	509	1.26

Q24 Thank you for your participation. If you have additional comments or suggestions please feel free to use the space below.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 394

SECTION 6

RECREATION NEEDS AND DEFICIENCIES



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This section of the Plan identifies recreation deficiencies determined through a variety of means. Study methods include comparison to recreational standards for acreage and facilities, geographic distribution of existing facilities, direct input from City staff and representatives, and public input and participation. While each of these methods has its limitations, using a combination of methods will yield a more accurate assessment of recreational needs and deficiencies. The following is a brief description of each of the methods used.

RECREATION STANDARDS

While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of the City's recreation system. This Plan has used as a guide the 1983 Recreation, Park, and Open Space, Standards and Guidelines and 1995 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Typical recreation standards establish a certain number of activity-specific recreational facilities per 1,000 of population (e.g. 1 tennis court per 2,000 persons). Other standards establish a certain number of acres per 1,000 of population for different types of park facilities, such as neighborhood, community and regional parks. These standards are adapted to reflect the City's character and compared with the City's existing and projected population. This Plan will combine both approaches to ascertain deficiencies in recreational facilities and acreage. The 2017 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was used for the purposes of this study.

There are two basic types of recreational experiences: "active" and "passive." "Active" recreation requires space and facilities capable of accommodating exertive activities. Such facilities include: sports fields, play apparatus areas, open areas, special facilities, such as pools and court areas, and areas for organized activities. On the other hand, "passive" recreation requires little more than space and furniture for quiet, non-exertive activities for limited numbers of users. Recreation areas must provide for both types of use and preferably include a variety of opportunities for each to respond adequately to a wide range of interests and age groups.



Parks are generally classified by purpose and area per population served. They range in type from mini-playlots and green areas to large regional and national parks.

The categories used for this plan will be as follows:

1. Neighborhood Parks and Schools
2. Community Parks
3. Natural Resource Areas
4. Trails

RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACREAGE

1. Neighborhood Parks and Schools

Description - Neighborhood parks serve individual neighborhood populations as determined by the distance that can easily be traveled by local users for relatively short periods of recreation. Facilities provided in these parks are generally active in nature and include multipurpose open play areas for pick-up games, play apparatus, court areas, landscaping, site furnishings and possibly a shelter. Special areas for bike riding or specific court games may also be provided. Activities for all seasons should also be included.

Service Areas - The area served by neighborhood parks is generally considered to be a one quarter (1/4) mile to one half (1/2) mile radius in size and should be uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.

Neighborhood Park Acreage Standards - Nationally accepted standards for neighborhood parks recommend one of two (1-2) acres per 1,000 of population with five (5) acres as a minimum size and five to ten (5-10) acres optimal. It is recommended that the minimum of two (2) acres per 1,000 population be used as a guide for site selection.

It is also recommended that neighborhood facilities be combined with elementary schools. In such cases, the minimum site size should be five to seven (5-7) acres.



Existing Recreation Acreage

The City of East Grand Rapids currently has only two (2) parks that would fit into the neighborhood park definition, both of which are undeveloped.

Name	Existing Site Acreage
San Lu Rae Triangle	1.6
Mary Triangle	1.0
Total	**2.6**

Importantly, the City has five (5) school sites which provide neighborhood recreational areas and opportunities.

Portion of Site Available Existing Site for Neighborhood

Name	Acreage	Recreation*
Lakeside Elementary	8	45% - 3.1 acres
Breton Down Elementary	9	65% - 5.1 acres
Wealthy Elementary	7	61% - 4.7 acres
Middle School	12.3	52% - 6.4 acres
High School	16.6	48% - 7.9 acres
Woodcliff (Canepa)	5	60% - 4.5 acres
Available Total		**31.7 acres**

*based on visual analysis and measurement of open space and site facilities on each school property that can be considered usable for community recreational purposes.

Needs and Deficiencies: The table below compares the 2017 City population to the recreation standard of two (2) acres per 1,000 persons.

2017 Population	Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Required	Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Available	Deficiency/ Surplus
11,731	23.5	31.7	8.2



For the 2017 population, there is an excess of 8.2 acres for neighborhood recreation in accordance with the recreational standards. This neighborhood recreation space is comprised almost entirely of school properties. The school sites generally provide a range of recreational facilities. However, improvements are needed to improve accessibility and to update the facilities offered. Therefore, it is very important that the City of East Grand Rapids and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools continue their joint facilities agreement and continue to provide neighborhood recreation at the school sites.

The San Lu Rae Triangle and the Mary Triangle property serve primarily as open spaces with little or no recreation development.

The use of the acreage standard must be coupled with a review of the location and accessibility of the existing recreation areas. Ideally, they should be centrally located and parks and schools should be adjacent to each other to provide the fullest complement of neighborhood recreation developments. Additionally, the recreational acreage should be accessible on foot without having to cross busy streets or negotiate physical barriers.

Most of the City is adequately served by neighborhood parks when considering the utilization of school sites. The east side of the City, north of Reed's Lake, there would appear to be a deficiency in neighborhood parks. However, the Manhattan Recreation Area, although classified as a City-wide community park, has facilities which also provide a good level of neighborhood recreation. There is a lack of neighborhood facilities along the City's west side.



2. Community Parks

Description - Community-wide parks provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting organized community participation programs that would not be appropriate in neighborhood parks because of their average size or traffic volume generated. Facilities should be centrally located, diverse enough to accommodate all age groups for both active and passive experiences and organized so that compatible uses relate to one another. Adequate parking and vehicular circulation is also important, since park users will generally arrive at these parks by vehicle. Lighted use areas significantly increase the recreational value of parks of this type. Typical facilities recommended for community parks include ball fields, open use areas, tennis courts, picnic areas, play apparatus areas, restrooms and shelters. Additional special facilities could include band shells, amphitheaters, swimming and wading pools, community-meeting buildings, skating facilities, bicycle courses and nature study areas.

As with neighborhood parks, it is often beneficial to develop community parks in conjunction with junior or senior high schools where practical because of the athletic fields and courts potentially available for public use. This arrangement assures the maximum level of use as well as the most practical expenditure of development funds.

Service Area **-** The area served by community-wide parks varies significantly from one municipality to another because of the distribution of population and related factors. However, a community park usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.

Community Park Acreage Standards – The size of a community park varies according to the desired uses but is usually between 30 and 50 acres. It is recommended that a range of five (5) to eight (8) acres per 1,000 population be used as a standard basis for development.

Existing Community Recreation Acreage – The City of East Grand Rapids has five (5) facilities which would fall within the City-Wide Community Park classification. Collins Park, on the City's Reeds Lake waterfront, although only 2.7 acres, is considered a City-Wide Community Park because of its community-wide utilization. Manhattan is the City's largest Community Park, providing a range of activities. Phase one of Waterfront Park also provides passive recreation facilities focused on Reeds Lake.



Remington Park, with its ball field, also provides community-wide recreation. The remainder of the property is in a natural state and should be considered for conservancy. It is important to note the Remington Park property includes deed restrictions that need to be reviewed prior to any improvements to the property.

The high school track and athletic field are both available for community utilization and fit the description of city-wide community parks.

Name	Existing Site Acreage
Manhattan	46.3 acres
Collins Park	2.7 acres
Waterfront Park (developed portion)	6.1 acres
Remington Park	16.0 acres
High School (recreation portion)	7.9 acres
Total	**79 acres**

Needs and Deficiencies: The following table compares the 2017 City population to the recreation standard of eight (8) acres per 1,000 persons.

2010 Population	Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Required	Neighborhood Rec. Acreage Available	Deficiency/ Surplus
11,731	93.8	79	-14.8

The City-Wide Community Park developed acreage of 66.8 acres is deficient by 27 acres from the considered national standard for a typical community of this size based upon 2017 population. This deficit would be made up by the development of the City owned properties for community use, including Waterfront Park Phase 2 (11.2 acres), Steketee Woods (9 acres) and the Schroeder property (1.5 acres). The 43.9 acre Hodenpyl Woods, although passive in nature, also serves the community wide population.

When considering the range of facilities offered, only Manhattan Park provides the true range of activities typical of a community park. However, this is an older park developed largely in the 1970's and is in need of updates and renovations to better meet the needs of the community. It is important to note that this park contains the only City-owned playground and picnic shelter.



3. Natural Resource Areas/Open Space

Description - Natural Resource Areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space and visual/aesthetic buffering. These sites are typically unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability.

Existing Natural Resource Area Acreage – There are currently five sites that fit into this category in the City of East Grand Rapids, as shown by the following table.

Name	Existing Acreage
Beechwood	4.7 acres
Waterfront Park (undeveloped portion)	11.2 acres
Griffiths Park	4.3 acres
Hodenpyl Woods	43.9 acres
Steketee Woods	9.0 acres
Total	**72.3 acres**

Needs and Deficiencies - There are no recognized acreage standards for natural resource areas and the City is fortunate to have a significant amount of natural resource acreage within the city limits. Of those sites, only Hodenpyl Woods currently has any development, with a natural looped trail around the site. Increased barrier-free access to these sites, while protecting the natural resources, is desirable and would increase the amount of acreage available for passive Community recreation. The development of accessible trail systems, with woodland, wetland and lakefront viewing opportunities, is the most appropriate development to preserve the natural resources the sites have to offer. All of these properties have the advantage of potential connections to the Reeds Lake Trail.



4. Trails

Description – There are a number of different types of trails that can provide both transportation and recreation opportunities. Trails may be located within parks, on an independent right-of-way, or within the road right-of-way. Connector Trails are defined as "multi-purpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the Community" (J.D. Mertes and J.R. Hall, Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, 1995). These trails are generally located within the road right-of-way and can be divided into two types. Type I has separate paths for different user types, such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Type II has mixed uses and is suited to lighter use patterns.

The Reeds Lake Trail, a 4.2 mile loop around the lake, is an extremely popular resource for walkers, bicyclists and runners. The trail includes both off-road and on-road portions. The trail serves as a non-motorized link between many of the park's facilities. A bicycle lane is also provided on Wealthy Street, linking to the City of East Grand Rapids. Trails within the parks include a 0.9 mile looped natural trail at Hodenpyl Woods and walking paths at Collins Park and Waterfront Park.

Needs and Deficiencies - There have been no deficiencies determined for this category and needs vary depending on the community. Further development of the Reeds Lake Trail to improve safety was identified as a high priority during the planning process.

The natural area owned by the City also presents an opportunity for additional trails providing viewing opportunities of Reeds Lake, the City's primary natural resources and associated wetlands. Trail improvements should be integrated with other regional trail networks to create an interconnected trail system where possible.



RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES

A comparison of activity-specific recreational facilities within the City of East Grand Rapids to recreation standards indicates that the City contains many of the recreational facilities desirable for the current population. The only deficiency identified is for picnic shelters.

The following table compares the recommended number of facilities per population for the City of East Grand Rapids with the existing facilities available and illustrates any current or projected deficiencies.

Picnic shelters show the biggest need, with only three (3) of the recommended five (5) provided in the City, two (2) of which are at school sites. Additional picnic shelters should be provided at both school parks and City recreation properties to accommodate a range of community uses.

While standards for comparison address the quantity of facilities desirable for a particular number of persons, they do not address quality or location concerns. Consequently, any community that has the appropriate numbers of facilities may not have facilities of a useful or desirable quality or may not have facilities located where they would be most accessible to residents.

RECREATION FACILITIES SUMMARY

The City of East Grand Rapids takes pride in its park and recreation facilities and demonstrates good stewardship of its natural resources. While substantial improvements have been achieved over the last 10 years, a variety of improvements are recommended to fully utilize the City's recreational land and improve accessibility for all users.



2019 RECREATION STANDARDS AND DEFICIENCIES
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS
Estimated 2017 Population: 11,731

FACILITY	STANDARD	RECOMMENDED FACILITIES	EXISTING* FACILITIES	FACILITY DEFICIENCIES
Softball	1:5,000	2	7	OK
Baseball	1:5,000	2	2	OK
Soccer	1:10,000	1	7	OK
Basketball (outdoor)	1:5,000	2	3	OK
Football	1:20,000	1	2	OK
Tennis/Pickleball	1:2,000	5	19	OK
Playground Equipment	1:3,000	4	19	OK
Volleyball	1:5,000	2	4	OK
Running Track	1:20,000	1	1	OK
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1:20,000	1	2	OK
Picnic Shelters	1:2,000	5	3	-2
Boat Ramp	As available	--	1	OK
Sledding Area	Provide as Available	--	2	OK
Trails	1 system per region	--	2	OK

*as of 2019 total existing facilities at City and School properties within the City.

SECTION 7

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



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The City of East Grand Rapids has developed the following goals and objectives for park and recreation facilities and programs. These Goals and Objectives are based upon input from citizens, elected and appointed city officials, and city staff. The goals are long-range in nature and intended to be broad in scope and flexible enough to accommodate future change. The objectives are intended to direct specific program and development decisions to be made within the next five years. Both the goals and objectives are intended to guide actions but flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities as may present themselves. Time and attitude changes can impact on specific options and it is essential for East Grand Rapids to be responsive to its citizens.

PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR EAST GRAND RAPIDS RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.

Objectives:

- Improve and develop park resources within East Grand Rapids which will offer unique opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities

- Plan park areas which will offer passive, as well as active opportunities

Potential Actions:

- Provide appropriate access opportunities to areas within all parks

- Continue to provide diverse programming for all community members



CONTINUE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY WITH THE JOINT FACILITIES AGREEMENT.

Objectives:

- Further enhance the neighborhood park aspects of the elementary school sites
- Provide Accessibility to Recreational Opportunities at all Schools
- Update and Expand Existing Facilities as needed
- Continue to improve and maintain outdoor athletic facilities within the community

Potential Actions:

- Provide neighborhood park elements, i.e. picnic tables, benches, and exterior drinking fountains at city and school sites
- Continue to make facilities barrier free when improvements/ upgrades are made to outdoor facilities
- Investigate development opportunities for futsal courts and pickleball courts

OPTIMIZE THE COMMUNITY-WIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE REEDS LAKE FRONTAGE.

Objectives:

- Provide opportunities for all East Grand Rapids residents to enjoy the beauty of the lake
- Provide for lakefront access to those of all abilities
- Ensure all improvements are sensitive to the existing environment

Potential Actions:

- Provide accessible walkways/trails and overlook decks in South Hodenpyl Woods
- Provide lake viewing opportunities from appropriate observation deck at Steketee Woods
- Investigate the opportunity to provide swimming in Reeds Lake



IMPROVE AND DEFINE THE REED'S LAKE TRAIL FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

Objective:

- Continue improvements to provide a safe, defined, marked and well signed walkway system which is accessible to the East Grand Rapids community.

- Provide improved trail systems within recreation areas and parks linked to the Reeds Lake Trail.

Potential Actions:

- Develop multi-use trails within and through Manhattan Park.

- Update signage system for the Reeds Lake Trail and linking the recreation areas.

- Develop on-grade Trail Directional Signage System.

- Develop Paved Trail Connection on South Side of Reeds Lake Boulevard from Schroeder park to Griffiths Lake Cutoff.

- Develop the Schroeder property as a passive recreation space for trail users.

PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE CITY'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND HABITATS .

Objectives:

- Future Development Projects should be designed mindful of wildlife habitats within the City.

- Protect environment for future generations.

- Protect and enhance wetlands to maintain water quality and as a habitat resource.



Potential Actions:

- Provide environmental education opportunities at Hodenpyl Woods and Waterfront Park Phase II.

- Develop multi-use trail system in Manhattan Park.

- Restore/expand the wetlands of Waterfront Park (Phase 2) and provide access opportunities to the re-created habitats.

APPROPRIATELY UTILIZE THE NATURAL AREAS OWNED BY THE CITY.

Objectives:

- Provide equal access and recreation opportunities for all.

- Utilize park resources in optimum manner while protecting the resource.

Potential Actions:

- Provide barrier-free boardwalks and trails in Hodenpyl, Remington, Steketee and Schroeder Parks.

- Implement Phase 2 development of Waterfront Park. Include expanded wetlands and additional parking.

UTILIZE EXISTING AVAILABLE LAND TO REDUCE THE EXISTING ACREAGE DEFICIT IN CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY PARK FACILITIES.

Objectives:

- Increase acreage of park land for City-wide community utilization.

- Provide park facilities and acreages which are consistent with accepted National Standards.

Potential Actions:

- Improve Waterfront Park (Phase 2), Steketee Woods and the Schroeder property for passive community use.



CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

- Provide for recreation needs and demands

- Approximate National Standards for City-wide community acreages

Potential Actions:

- Evaluate opportunities to acquire land which may become available, especially in the south and east of the City

UPDATE EXISTING FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF CITY RESIDENTS

Objectives:

- Improve existing facilities to meet or exceed ADA requirements and where feasible Universal Accessibility

- Continue to Monitor and update equipment and facilities to comply with current safety standards

Potential Actions:

- Develop a water spray park, state of the art destination playground and multi-use trails at Manhattan Park

- Improve trails and site amenities in all parks to provide improved barrier-free access

- Maintain and/or upgrade existing playground elements within the community

SECTION 8

ACTION PROGRAM AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE



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ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule for the City of East Grand Rapids' Community Park and Recreation Plan states the proposed course of development or improvement that will be taken over the next five years. The Goals and Objectives, from the previous section, serve as guidelines for the development of the Action Program. The Capital Improvement Schedule which follows will focus on the needs identified in the Action Program and will project potential expenditures for the five-year action period on a year-by-year basis. The five-year period will begin in 2020 and extend through 2024. This time period will not be sufficient to accomplish all of the goals and objectives but begins to prioritize those projects that may be achievable within the initial five years.

The Action Program focuses on reduction of deficiencies and expansion and improvements of facilities in a manner that not only meets current needs, but also diversifies the type and quality of recreational opportunities within the City. The Community Park and Recreation Plan identifies these needs in general terms in the Recreation Needs and Deficiencies section; the Action Plan describes specific actions to be taken to address these needs; and the Capital Improvement Schedule specifically itemizes those projects which will be most feasible during the next five years. The proposed schedule will allow for flexibility as funds become available and as opportunities are presented.

The following actions are comprehensive and will require more than five years to complete. Concept Plans illustrating the proposed improvements are included for each of the major park properties.

Waterfront Park

This 17-acre property was purchased in 1992 with assistance from the MNRTF for development for recreation and natural resource protection. Phase one of Waterfront Park was completed in 2010. The City desires to continue the development to realize the full potential of the purchase. Phase 2 development concentrates on the west side of Reeds Lake Boulevard. Plans include re-creating the natural woodlands by removing fill that



was placed on the property prior to purchase and a comprehensive natural re-vegetation program. The proposed development includes a trail system through the park and linking residential areas west of Lakeside Drive and the Remington and Hodenpyl recreation areas. The project will serve as an environmental demonstration site and natural resource education tool.

Waterfront Park was identified as one of the top 3 visited parks in the Community Recreation Survey for the last two Recreation Plan Updates. The City is committed to restoring this property and realizing its full potential for passive recreation and environmental education. The site is in a prominent location close to gaslight village, residential neighborhoods and alongside the Reeds Lake Trail. Improvements to the Waterfront Park area will help to reduce the acreage deficiencies in City-wide community park facilities, as well as provide the opportunities for environmental education facilities.

Due to increased use of the Collins Park, Waterfront Park and Reeds Lake Trail, parking is needed to allow for more additional users.

Remington Park/Hodenpyl Woods

Proposed improvements include a barrier-free loop walking trail following the route of the existing rustic trail and providing new and improved trail linkages to Waterfront Park Phase 2 and the Reeds Lake Trail. Wildlife viewing opportunities and rest areas will be provided by a number of overlook decks. The proposals also include construction of the "lower Reeds Lake Trail" along the northwest side of Reeds Lake, with opportunities for lake and wetland viewing.

Remington Park is one of the least visited parks in the City. The large natural area supports a variety of wildlife and natural woodland and wetland habitats. The existing trails are un-surfaced. Improvements within these areas will provide a higher level of accessibility to the natural areas and waterfront areas for East Grand Rapids' residents of all ages and physical abilities.

Because a large portion of the site is a designated wetland, boardwalks and other elevated trails meeting Department of Environmental Quality Regulations must be considered in the improvements.



Manhattan Recreation Area

Proposed improvements at Manhattan Park include the construction of a new destination playground, splash pad and associated restroom facility in response to community needs and desires. The playground, which is the only one owned by the City, is outdated and consequently has limited play value. Improvements are also needed to comply with current accessibility guidelines.

The City currently lacks outdoor water play opportunities. Proposed support facilities include a large group picnic shelter and other smaller shade shelters. Other proposed improvements include the addition and renovation of mountain bike/ multi-use nature trails, which will link to the Reeds Lake trail. This will improve the accessibility and use of the trail while also addressing erosion issues.

Elementary School Properties.

The school sites in the City of East Grand Rapids play an important role in providing neighborhood recreation facilities. The site inventory section indicates that continued maintenance and upgrade of school recreation areas are needed.

Schroeder Property

This site is currently undeveloped for recreation – there is a volunteer-based wildflower/butterfly/pollinator garden. Trails through the site and linking to the Reeds Lake Trail will allow for passive recreation on this property which also features a memorial to the former owners.

Steketee Woods

This property, with its mature woodland and undulating topography, offers opportunities for trail development and lake viewing. Proposed development includes natural chips and fines trails and boardwalk ramps to provide barrier-free access to the lakeshore. Quiet seating opportunities will also be provided. The proposed improvements will be carefully designed to minimize impact on the natural environment.

These actions address those programs and opportunities which have potential for implementation within the next ten years. These actions do not address every element within the goals and objectives section of this Master Plan, but address those which have high priority and potentials for improvement. As the plan progresses, opportunities may present



themselves which will revise and refine these actions based upon funding opportunities, as well as community opinion, consensus, and direction.

San Lu Rae Triangle

Barrier free access, seating and possible shade shelter.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

As stated in the Action Program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. Assistance will be solicited from all available sources and will include both physical and financial support.

The City will take maximum advantage of any job training and related work programs to assist in clean-ups and basic miscellaneous construction and general recreation facility maintenance projects. The City will also seek funding assistance from all available sources such as trusts, charitable foundations, private contributions, and all Federal and State funding programs.

The following schedule is a breakdown of the anticipated projects and projected funding for the next five years. Projections are based upon order-of-magnitude 2019 costs and will be detailed with refined programs and plans. Changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease but it is anticipated that the changes would be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects themselves. Refer to the following site concept plans for more site-specific information.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds are identified and ARE listed in order of priority.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs
Manhattan Recreation Area Splashpad and Playground New destination playground with ramp access, poured in place surfacing splashpad with colored concrete surfacing, restroom facility, picnic tables, shade shelter with seating, picnic shelter and grills and landscaping.	$1,330,000	$300,000	$1,630,000
Manhattan Recreation Area Multi-Use Trails Partner with West Michigan Mountain Bike Alliance (WMMBA) to add new mountain bike and multi-use trails along recently acquired property and renovate and improve existing trail system with connections to the Reeds Lake Trail.	$50,000	$50,000	$100,000
Waterfront Park Phase 2 Woodland and wetland restoration, trail and boardwalk development, additional parking and environmental education opportunities.	$1,250,000	$300,000	$1,560,000



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds are identified and ARE listed in order of priority.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs
Remington/Hodenpyl Trail Improvements Up-grade trails to provide barrier-free access with wetland and lakefront overlooks and a connection to Waterfront Park	$200,000	$150,000	$350,000
Steketee Woods Provide accessible trail linking to Reeds Lake Trail, including a hilltop terrace, lake viewing area and boardwalk ramp/stairs	$260,000	$300,000	$560,000
Schroeder Property Provide a trail through park to lakefront with viewing decks.	$150,000	$150,000	$300,000
Hodenpyl South Trail Provide barrier-free trail south of Reeds Lake Boulevard with lake overlook decks.	$75,000	$75,000	$150,000
Property Acquisition Acquisition of additional park property as it becomes available	TBD	TBD	TBD

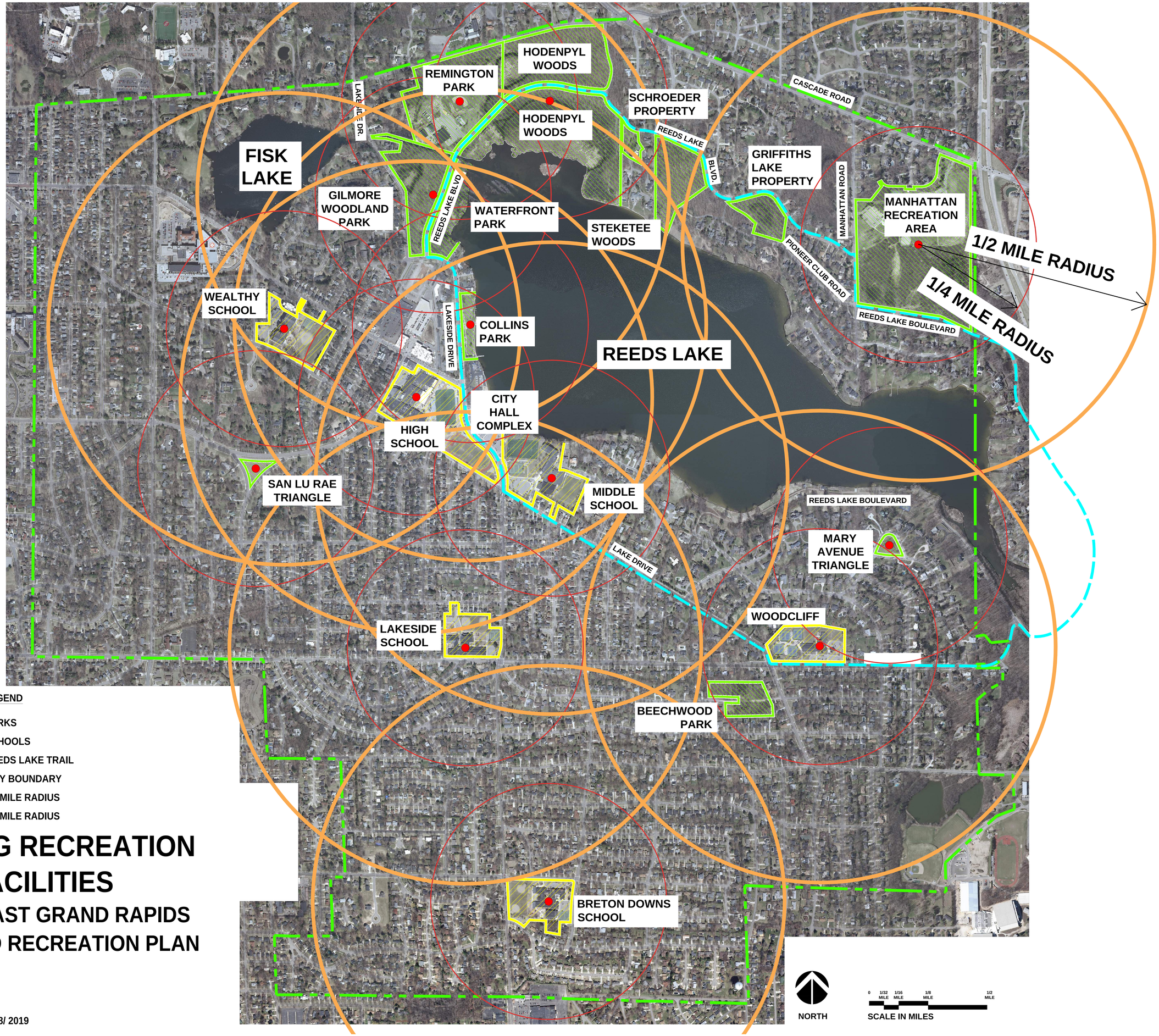
*Other funds include Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Passport to Recreation; Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund; other State or Federal funding sources; Foundation Grants; Private Contributions; WMMBA; School District; and others. Maximum available funds from MNRTF currently $300,000 per project



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The following projects have been identified for improvements and will occur as funds are identified and ARE NOT necessarily listed in order of priority.

Project	City	Other Funds*	Total Project Costs
Dog Park Develop a dog park on existing park property or acquire new property	$500,000		$500,000
New Sports Courts Provide new Futsol and Pickleball Courts (4 Courts)	$140,000		$140,000
Resurface Sports Courts Restripe existing tennis courts to provide Futsol and Pickleball Courts at existing park facilities or school properties (4 Courts)	$25,000		$25,000
Manhattan Field Renovations Softball and Soccer Field Renovations	$205,000		$205,000
Reeds Lake Trail Provide Map/Directional Signs and on Pavement and Wayfinding signs to direct users of the Reeds Lake Trail	$6,000		$6,000
San Lu Rae Triangle Small shade shelter with picnic tables and benches with barrier free companion space along existing north sidewalk	$62,000		$62,000
Recycle Containers Provide Recycle Containers in Strategic locations throughout the City and Schools	$650 Each		$650 Each



LEGEND

- PARKS
- SCHOOLS
- REEDS LAKE TRAIL
- CITY BOUNDARY
- 1/4 MILE RADIUS
- 1/2 MILE RADIUS

EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

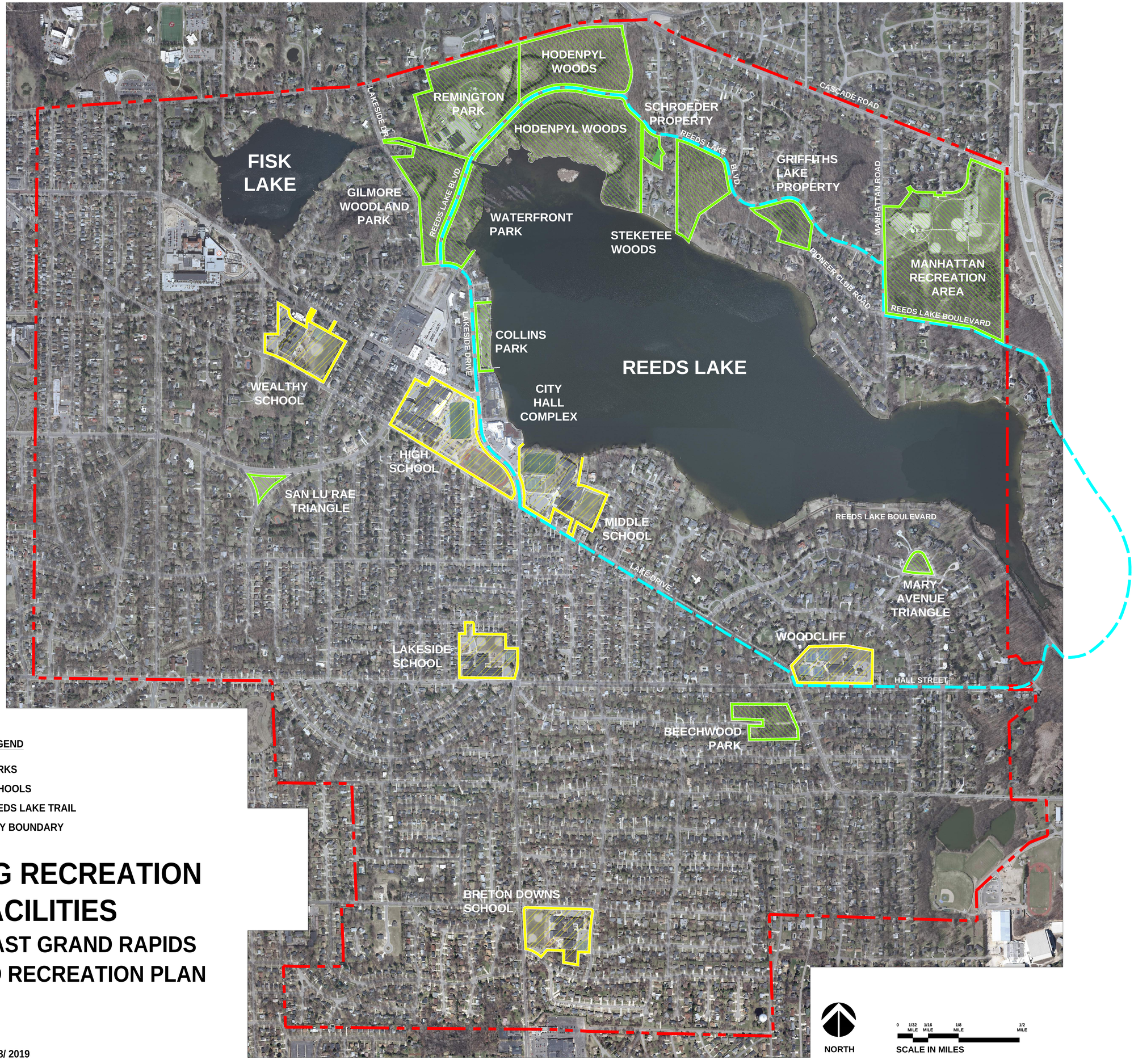
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LOOP 1 FUTURE MULTI-USE TRAIL

LOOP 2 FUTURE MULTI-USE TRAIL

MULTI-USE TURF FIELD

SLEDDING HILL

BALLFIELD

96 PARKING SPACES (4) ADA SPACES

SOFTBALL FIELD

BALLFIELD

NATURE TRAILS

YOUTH SOCCER FIELD

YOUTH SOCCER

YOUTH MULTI-USE TURF FIELD

TENNIS COURTS

VOLLEYBALL

SEE ENLARGEMENT PLAN

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97 PARKING SPACES (4) ADA SPACES

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MASTERPLAN

EXISTING SAND
VOLLEYBALL COURTS

LOW WALL/FENCE

RESTROOM
BUILDING

ENTRANCE PLAZA
DECORATIVE PAVING

RAISED PLANTERS
WITH TREES

SPLASH PAD
SHADE SHELTER

SPLASH PAD
5 TO 12 YEAR
OLD ZONE

SPLASH PAD
AMILY ZONE

SPLASH PAD
TOT ZONE

SIDEWALK TO
BALLFIELDS

LARGE GROUP
SHADE SHELTER
GROUP GRILLS AND
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PLAY AREA
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SPLASH PAD - EXAMPLES



PLAY EQUIPMENT - EXAMPLES

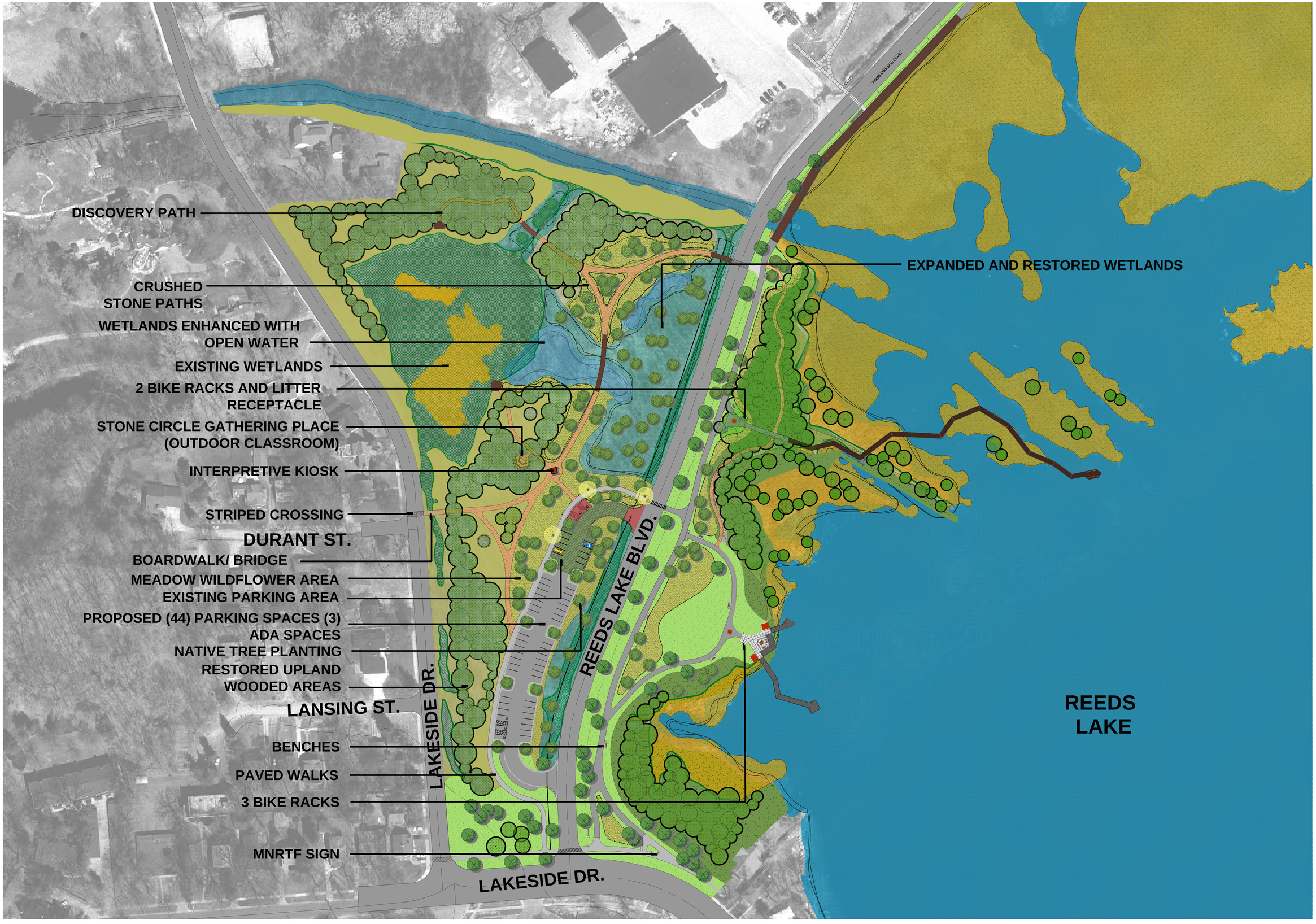




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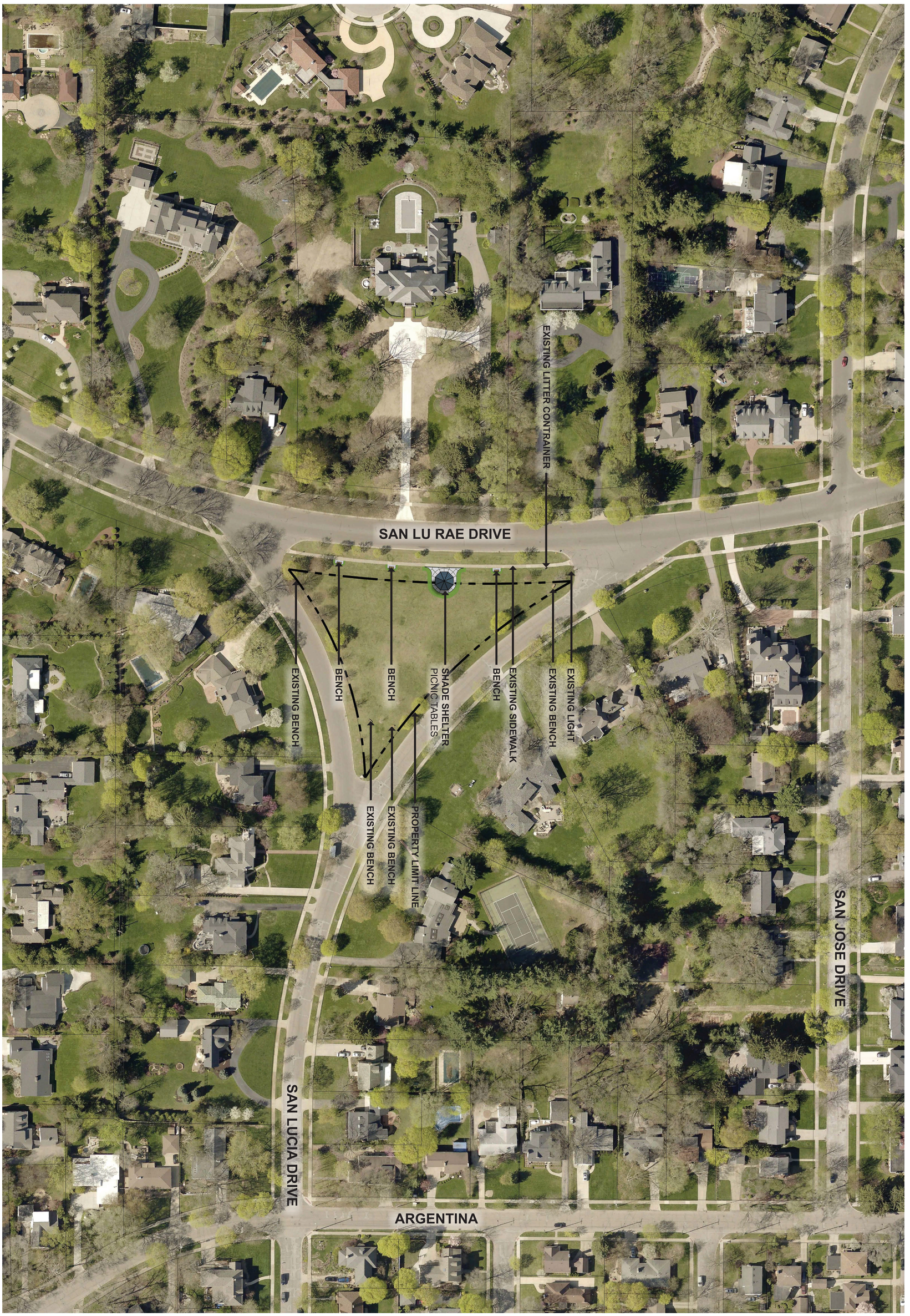
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WATERFRONT PARK



SAN LU RAE TRIANGLE

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REMINGTON PARK AND HODENPYL WOODS

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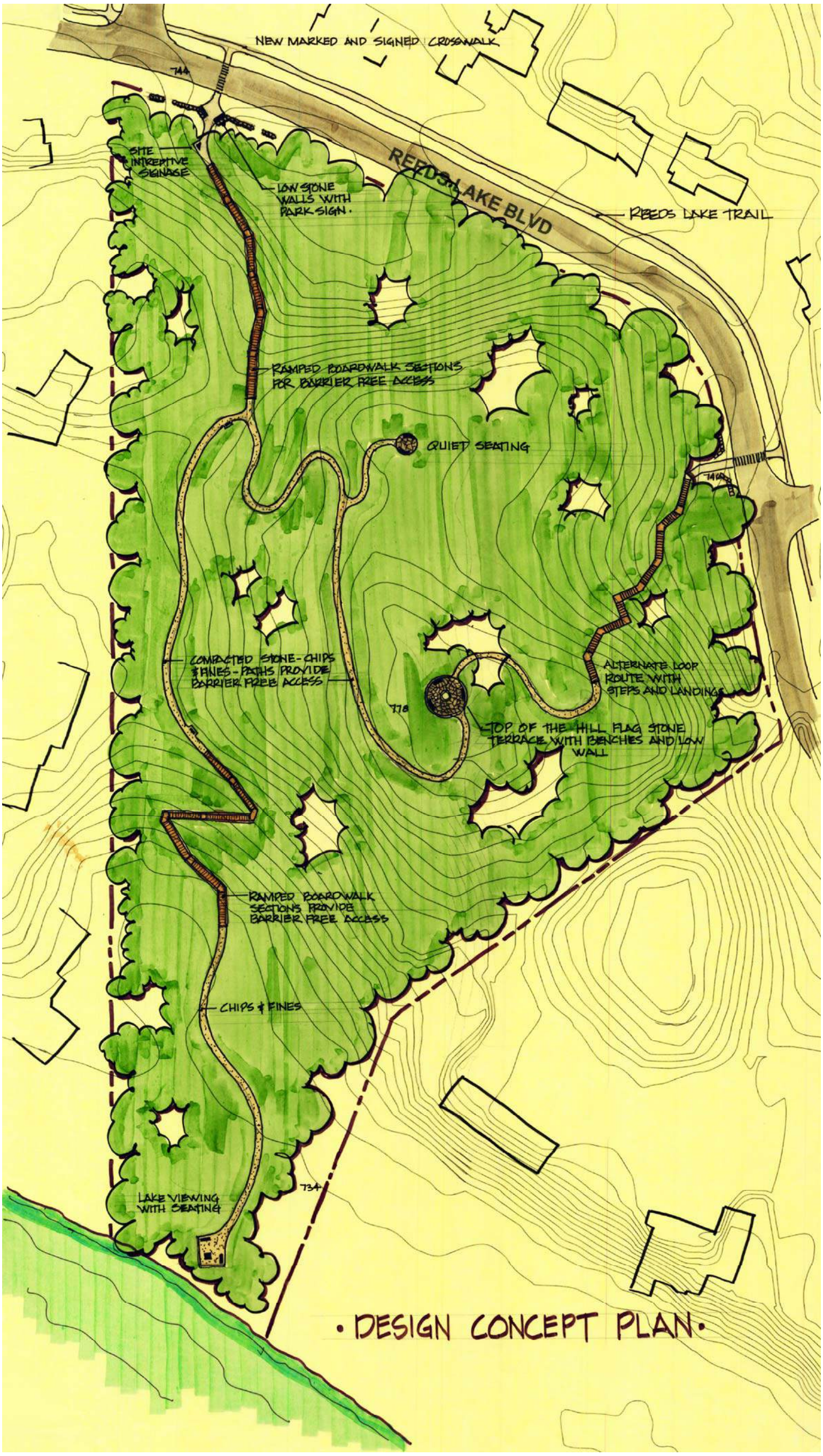
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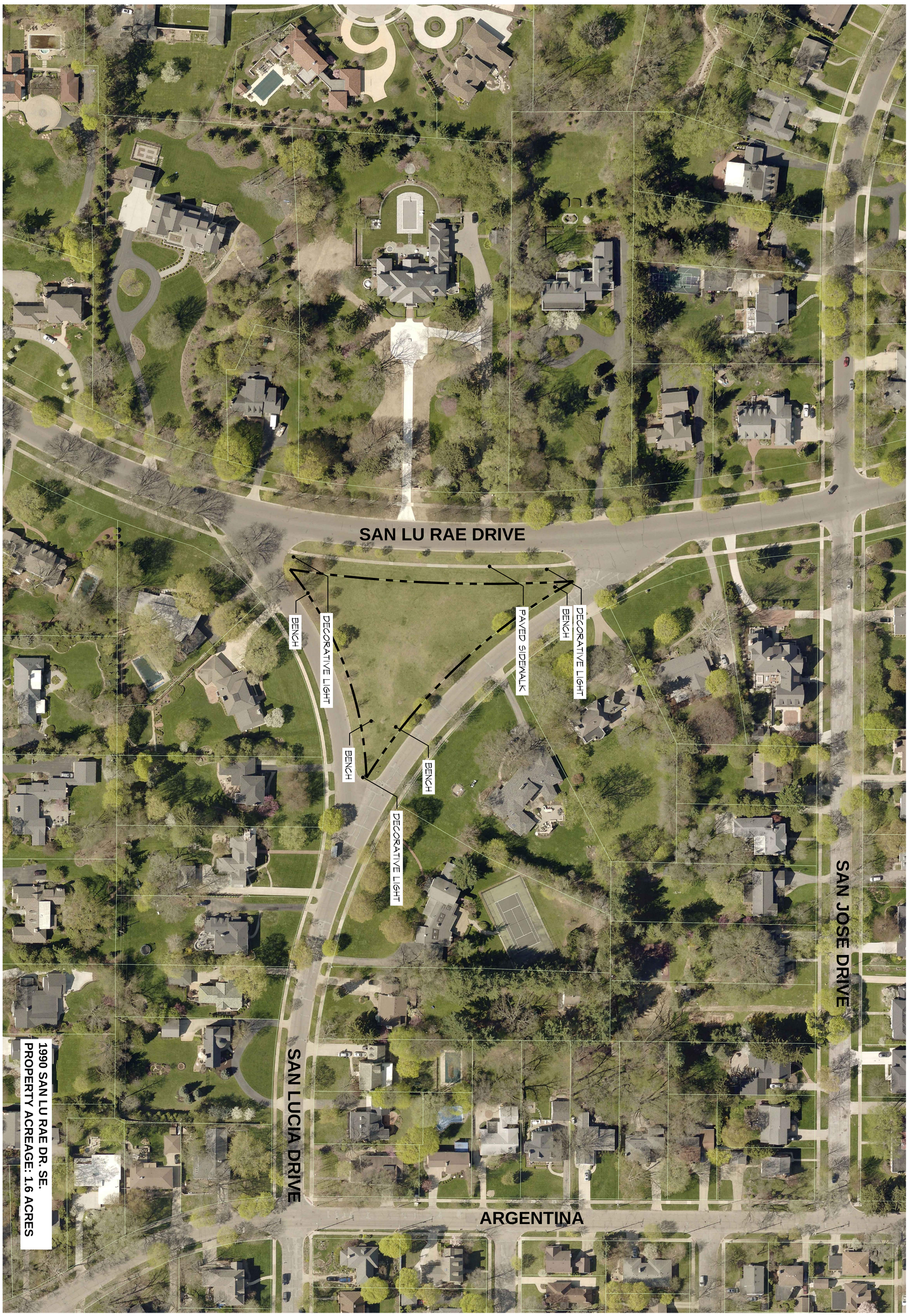
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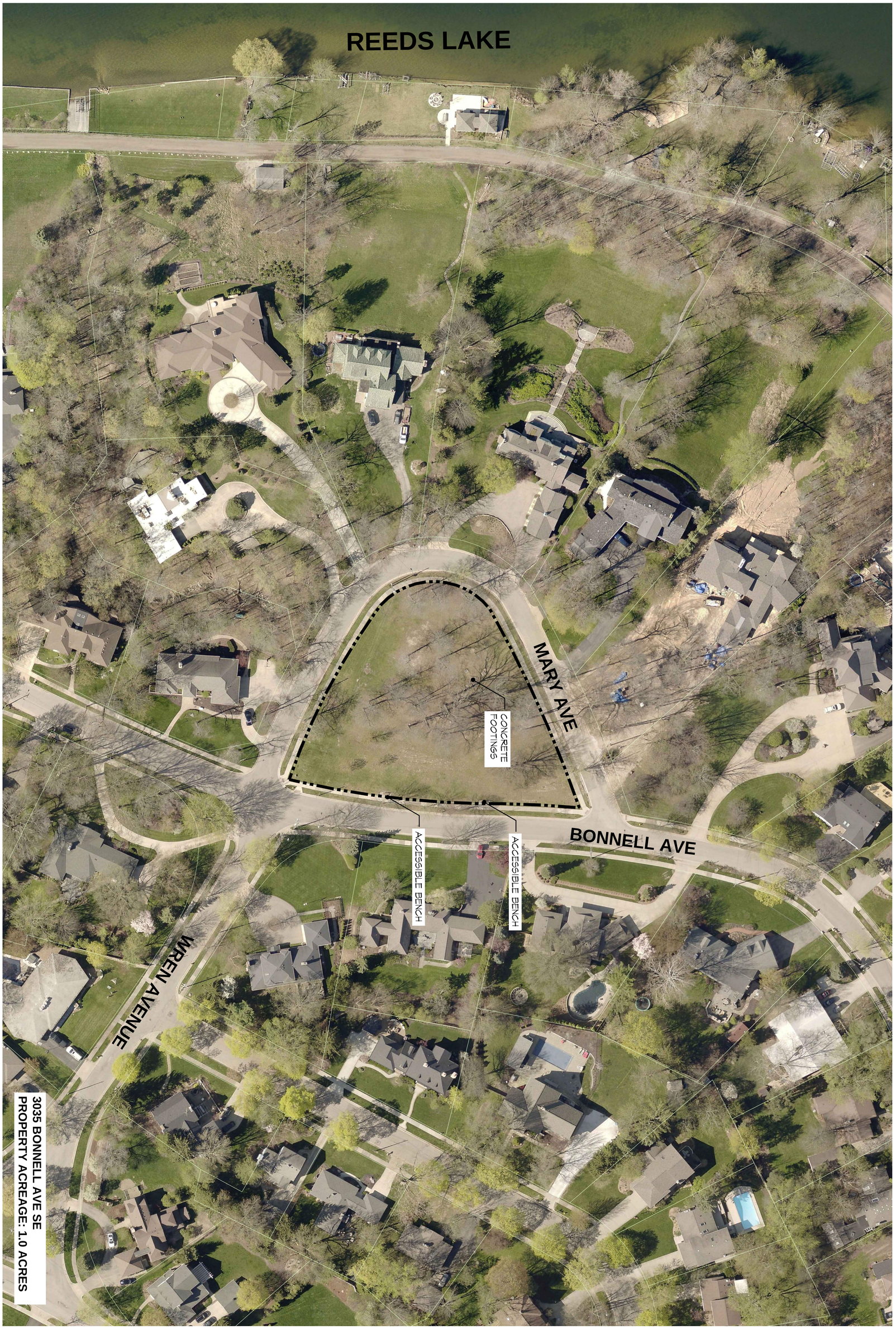
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MARY AVENUE TRIANGLE

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REEDS LAKE

OVERLOOK DECK WITH BOX BENCH

BOAT LAUNCH WITH 2 RAMPS AND SKID PIERS

BENCH

OVERLOOK DECK WITH BOX BENCH

CREW DOCK

CREW BOAT STORAGE

BENCH

BENCH

BENCH

ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

RESTROOM BUILDING WITH ROOFTOP PLAZA

BENCH

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PLAZA WITH SEATING

BIKE RACKS

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MULTI-USE TURF FIELD

SLEDDING HILL

CASCADE ROAD SE.

BALLFIELD

96 PARKING SPACES (4) ADA SPACES

SOFTBALL FIELD

NATURE TRAILS

BALLFIELD

YOUTH SOCCER FIELD

YOUTH SOCCER

YOUTH MULTI-USE TURF FIELD

SIGNAGE

BENCH

TENNIS COURTS

VOLLEYBALL

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

BENCH

PICNIC TABLE

UNDEVELOPED

WOOD SHELTER

GRILLS

97 PARKING SPACES (4) ADA SPACES

SLEDDING HILL

UNDEVELOPED

UNDEVELOPED

REEDS LAKE BLVD. SE.

430 MANHATTAN ROAD SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 46.3 ACRES

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MANHATTAN
RECREATION AREA

ROBINSON ROAD SE.

LAKESIDE DRIVE SE.

BASEBALL FIELD

DUGOUTS

ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS

BLEACHERS WITH ACCESSIBLE SEATING

BLEACHERS WITH ACCESSIBLE SEATING

NO ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGNAGE

UTILITY STATION

BENCHES

62 PARKING SPACES (2) ADA SPACES

ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUILDING

REEDS LAKE BLVD.

HODENPYL WOODS

REEDS LAKE

2310 REEDS LAKE BLVD. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 16 ACRES

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REMINGTON
PARK

REXFORD DRIVE

REEDS LAKE BLVD

EL CENTRO BLVD.

CROSSWALK

UNDEVELOPED

MONUMENT

ACCESSIBLE PAVED WALKWAY

CROSSWALK

REEDS LAKE

2618 REEDS LAKES BLVD. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 1.5 ACRES

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SCHROEDER
PARK

ACCESSIBLE FISHING OVERLOOK DECK

REEDS LAKE

ACCESSIBLE FLOATING BOARDWALK

ACCESSIBLE FISHING OVERLOOK DECK

ACCESSIBLE FISHING OVERLOOK DECK

BENCHES

CRUSHED PATHWAY

BENCH

TRASH CAN

BENCH

INFORMATION SIGNAGE

BENCH

SHELTER

BIKE RACKS

PICNIC TABLE

BENCH

INFORMATION SIGNAGE

SHELTER

PICNIC TABLE

INFORMATION SIGNAGE

REEDS LAKE BLVD. SE.

LAKESIDE DR.

BENCH

PAVED REEDS LAKE TRAIL

BENCH

TRASH CAN

UNDEVELOPED
APPROX. 10.4 ACRES

12 PARKING SPACES (3) ADA SPACES

BENCH

WETLAND

LAKESIDE DR.

2206 REEDS LAKES BLVD. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 17.3 ACRES

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WATERFRONT
PARK

HALL STREET

UNDEVELOPED

24' GRAVEL ROAD

BEECHWOOD DRIVE

LAKE DRIVE SE.

UNDEVELOPED

UNDEVELOPED

OAKWOOD DRIVE

2757 BEECHWOOD DR. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 4.7 ACRES

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BEECHWOOD

REEDS LAKE ARM N

UNDEVELOPED WETLAND

WOODCHIP PATHWAY

WOODCHIP PATHWAY

CROSSWALK

UNDEVELOPED WETLAND

ROBINSON RD. SE.

REEDS LAKE BLVD. SE.

UNDEVELOPED APPROX. 15.4 ACRES

REEDS LAKE

2500 ROBINSON ROAD SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 43.9 ACRES

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HODENPYL
WOODS



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GRIFFITHS
PARK

REEDS LAKE BLVD.

REXFORD DRIVE

UNDEVELOPED

REEDS LAKE

2748 REEDS LAKE BLVD. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 9 ACRES

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STEKETEE WOODS

YORK DRIVE

HAMPSHIRE BLVD.

BERWYCK ROAD

ARUNDEL ROAD

RICHARDS DRIVE

ALBERT DRIVE

PLAYGROUND

25 PARKING SPACES (1) ADA SPACE

TENNIS COURT

12 PARKING SPACES (1) ADA SPACE

BRETON DOWNS SCHOOL

PICNIC TABLES AND BENCHES

BIKE RACKS

HALF COURT BASKETBALL

PLAYGROUND

FENCING

BALLFIELD

16 PARKING SPACES (1) ADA SPACE

BALLFIELD

BOSTON STREET

BRETON ROAD SE.

2500 BOSTON STREET SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 5.1 ACRES

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WEALTHY STREET

LOVETT AVENUE SE.

CROSWELL AVENUE

LAKE DRIVE

LOCUST AVENUE

LAUREL STREET

WEALTHY SCHOOL

4 PARKING SPACES

FRINTED GAMES

3 STRIPED BASKETBALL HALF COURTS

GAGA PITS

TENNIS COURTS

ADA PLAYGROUND

4 PARKING SPACES
(2) ADA SPACES

BENCH

BENCH

BENCH

SWINGS

SWINGS

MULTI-USE TURF FIELD

BLEACHERS

PICNIC TABLES

PICNIC TABLE

PLAYGROUND

BENCH

GAGA PIT

SWINGS

40 PARKING SPACES

32 PARKING SPACES
(2) ADA SPACES

1961 LAKE DRIVE SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 4.7 ACRES

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EGR HIGH SCHOOL

WOODCLIFF CIRCLE

WOOD BLEACHERS

TENNIS

TENNIS

2-5 PLAYGROUND

SOCCER FIELD

ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY

WOOD SHELTER

SOCCER FIELD

21 PARKING SPACES

WOODCLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

BENCH

5-12 PLAYGROUND

TENNIS

ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY

TENNIS

29 PARKING SPACES (2) ADA SPACES

ACCESSIBLE RAMP

ACCESSIBLE RAMP

LAKE DRIVE

HALL STREET

2915 HALL ST. SE.
PROPERTY ACREAGE: 4.5 ACRES

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WOODCLIFF EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER

SECTION 9

LOCAL ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION PLAN

City of East Grand Rapids
Regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Agenda

August 12, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

(EGR Community Center – 750 Lakeside Drive)

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment by persons in attendance.
3. Report of Commissioners.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 8, 2019 (enclosed – approval requested).
5. *Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan (enclosed - approval requested).
6. Special Event Calendar (enclosed – information only).
7. Consider request to approve Special Event Permits (enclosed – action requested).
   A. Kisscross Cyclocross Bicycle Race – October 27, 2019
   B. Tree Lighting Celebration – November 29, 2019
   C. 55th Reeds Lake Art Festival – June 20, 2020
   D. Reeds Lake Run – June 27, 2020
8. Report of Director

*To view this plan visit:

http://www.eastgr.org/DocumentCenter/View/2086/Community-Park-Recreation-Open-Space-and-Greenway-Plan---Final-Draft-2019

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The City will provide reasonable auxiliary aids for individuals requiring them for effective communication in programs and services of the City. Notice must be made to the City five (5) days prior to the program or service requesting the specific auxiliary aid.

PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019
6:00PM

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EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Commission Chambers in the East Grand Rapids Community Center.

Rick Sprague called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Nick Abraham, Brad Andrzejewski, Katie Favale, Mark Hessler, Adam Rogalski, Aaron Smith and Rick Sprague
ABSENT: Carol Campbell and Liz Mitchell
STAFF: Fred Bunn and Diane Ritzke

Report of Commissioners:
Nick Abraham – Commended the Director and staff of the Parks and Recreation Department on hosting the Public Workshop last month regarding the Community Park, Open Space and Greenway Plan. He felt the presentations and discussion went very well
Adam Rogalski – None
Katie Favale – Remarked that she felt the Public Workshop held last month went very well. Also commented the July 4th Celebration was a great day from morning to dusk.
Brad Andrzejewski – July 4th Celebration was great. He said the Parks and Recreation Department does a great job putting together the activities for the day.
Aaron Smith – Mentioned he was very impressed with the response to the survey for the Master Plan.
Mark Hessler – Mentioned that sports will begin in just 5 weeks for the High School.
Rick Sprague – Thought the 4th of July activities were great.

Minutes for the May 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
MOTION: Katie Favale
SUPPORT: Adam Rogalski
YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Favale, Hessler, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (7)
NO: (0)

The 2019/20 Parks and Recreation Commission Schedule was reviewed. Rick Sprague asked anyone who had any changes to their address, phone or e-mail contact Diane at the Parks and Recreation office to update info.

Nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Commission for FY 2019/20 were held.

A motion was made to nominate Carol Campbell as the Chairperson and Aaron Smith as the Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for FY 2019/20.
MOTION: Brad Andrzejewski
SUPPORT: Katie Favale
YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Favale, Hessler, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (7)
NO: (0)

The Special Event Calendar was reviewed.

A Special Event Permit application was presented for approval for the EAU Dance Tutu Trot for the ALS Association of West Michigan to be held on August 24, 2019.
Fred Bunn reviewed the event. Discussion followed.
A motion was made to approve the Special Event Permit for the EAU Dance Tutu Trot for the ALS Association of West Michigan to be held on August 24, 2019.
MOTION: Mark Hessler
SUPPORT: Katie Favale
YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Favale, Hessler, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (7)
NO: (0)

Report of Director
Director Fred Bunn reported on the following:

- The Reeds Lake Run was held on June 22, 2019. Betsy Granstra took over as Race Director this year as Susan Perry who was the previous Race Director retired. This year numbers were down about 400 as the Triple Crown competition was not included in the race this year. Betsy will work with the race directors for the Irish Jig and Diemer Run to see if the Triple Crown series can take place again next year. All in all a great race and a fun day for all.
- July 4th Celebration was held on the 4th of July with Rachel Seese overseeing the festivities for the 1st time this year. Spectrum Health signed on as a Title Sponsor for three years. They contributed $25,000 for the July 4th Celebration and Fireworks and another $10,000 to the Community Foundation Trailblazer 5K. The day was a big success with great weather, fun activities and lots of people.
- Stoneyfield Grant – The City received the Stoneyfield grant to use organic fertilizers on park properties. The properties that these products will be used on will be Wealthy Elementary softball outfield, Middle School Back Field, Manhattan large turf field and John Collins Park. The kickoff for this project will be in September or October.
- Master Plan Process for tonight's meeting. Fred reported there will be a review of the Goals and Objectives, a review of the Action Plan and a Capital Improvement List.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @ 6:21pm.
MOTION: Adam Rogalski
SUPPORT: Katie Favale
YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Favale, Hessler, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (7)
NO: (0)

CITY OF
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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRED S. BUNN
DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Fred Bunn, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: August 7, 2019

RE: Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Resolution

ACTION REQUESTED: The Parks and Recreation Commission approve a resolution adopting the Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan and recommend adoption by the City Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Parks and Recreation Commission, MCSA Group along with citizens from the community have worked diligently over the past several months preparing a final draft copy of the five- year Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. During the master plan process, we have gathered input from the community, staff, city commissioners, parks and recreation commissioners and the Mayor to help formulate a document conveying the needs and wishes of our community. We conducted a community wide survey with 536 responses and two well publicized public workshops providing valuable input from our residents.

The Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan will be available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days prior to being presented to the City Commission for adoption. Any comments submitted will be shared with the City Commission. Once the final plan is adopted by the City Commission it will be placed on file with the Department of Natural Resources for a period of five years.

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Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan
For Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids
Resolution of Adoption

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Rapids has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of representatives from the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Rapids began the process of developing a community park, recreation, open space and greenway plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of East Grand Rapids 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 community park, recreation, open space and greenway plan, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, after a community survey, public workshops and public comment, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to adopt said community park, recreation, open space and greenway plan and recommends the City Commission also adopts the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission hereby adopts the community park, recreation, open space and greenway plan.

Yeas: Campbell, Smith, Favale, Abraham, Andrzejewski, Mitchell, Sprague and Rogalski (8)
Nays: 0
Absent: Hessler (1)
Abstain: 0

I, Diana Ritzke, Account Clerk III, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of August 2019.)

Diana Ritzke
East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department
Account Clerk III

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Fred Bunn

From: Chiara Licari

Re: Updated Five-Year Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan Communications Timeline

Date: Wednesday, March 27

The following is an **updated version** of the 5-Year Master Plan communications strategy, including all the channels of communication we have access to through the City, with the goal to inform residents and present an opportunity for them to provide feedback.

MARCH

Tactics

- E-newsletter
  3/21 — General info, Parks and Rec beginning 5-year plan, will be seeking feedback through survey, series of workshops; Keep a look out; Direct to webpage

- Summer Program guide
  A stay-tuned message mentioned in Fred's letter

APRIL

Dates

TBD — Distribution of survey

Tactics

- Media Relations
  Press release announcing City seeking feedback for 5-year plan (Chiara)

- Website
  Develop a landing page in the Parks and Recreation section for the information, survey, updates, etc. (Fred)
  Post press release as article to homepage (Chiara)

- City Social
  Post press release, including first workshop date and survey info (Chiara)
  Create Facebook events (Parks & Rec page) for both of the public workshops (Astrida)
  Share information from GVBA (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  4/11 — Survey is out (or will be out soon), general info (Chiara)

4/25 — General info (Chiara)

- Water bill
  Stay tuned message, survey coming up, public workshops in June and July (Chiara)

MAY

Dates
5/13 — Review of Process with City

Tactics
- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information (Fred)

- City Social
  Post a reminder of the survey early in month (Chiara)
  Share information from GVBA (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  5/9 — Fill out survey if haven't already, reminder of workshop dates (Chiara)
  5/23 — First meeting overview (Chiara)

- Water bill
  Highlight first meeting and remind of survey; Direct to webpage (Chiara)

- Other
  Reminder in High School Cheat Sheet (Chiara)

JUNE

Dates
6/10 — First public workshop

Tactics
- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information (Fred)

- City Social
  Post reminder day before workshop (Chiara)
  Post reminder of survey closure, day before (Chiara)
  Share information from GVBA (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  6/6 — First meeting next week discussing X, last day to submit survey is June 21/28 (Chiara)
  6/20 — Last day to submit survey is June 21/28, Next meeting is July 8, will be discussing X (Chiara)

- Water bill
  Highlight second meeting; Remind of survey; Direct to webpage (Chiara)

- Other
  Reminder in EGRSF Cheat Sheet (Chiara)

JULY

Dates
7/8 — Second public workshop

Tactics
- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information (Fred)

- Social
  Post week before and day before workshop, reminding residents of survey (Chiara)
  Share information from GVBA (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  7/4 (week of) — Second meeting next week discussing X
  7/18 — Thank you for all who participated, public hearing in October

- Water bill
  Thank you for participation! Direct to webpage

- Other
  Reminder in EGRSF Cheat Sheet

AUGUST- SEPTEMBER

Dates
8/12 — Review Progress with City

Tactics
- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information (Fred)

- Social
  Thank you for input, public hearing on Oct. 7 (Chiara)
  Share information from GVBA (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  8/1 — Thank you for attending meetings! Results under review, public hearing at Oct. 7 commission meeting (Chiara)

- August Water bill
  Thank you and next steps; Direct to webpage (Chiara)

- Fall Program guide
  Thank you from Fred to all those who participated (Chiara)

SEPTEMBER

Tactics

- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information + any documents (Fred)

- E-newsletter
  9/26 — Reminder of public hearing at October 7 commission meeting (Chiara)

OCTOBER

Dates
10/7 — Public Hearing

Tactics
- Website
  Update website landing page with any new information + any documents (Fred)
  Follow up article on adoption of Master Plan (Chiara)

- Social
  Share follow up article on adoption of Master Plan (Chiara)

- E-newsletter
  10/3 — Reminder of public hearing at October 7 commission meeting (Chiara)
  10/17 — Share follow up article on adoption of Master Plan (Chiara)

Other considerations:

- Targeted emails to GVBA members (Chiara)
- Information in School's newsletter (Chiara)
- E-blast through RecOne (Fred)

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRED S. BUNN
DIRECTOR

Dear EGR Resident,

Participate in Parks & Recreation Masterplan Update Process

You can provide your feedback by attending the two public workshops and completing the attached survey. Once complete you can return the survey to one of the following locations:

Parks and Recreation front reception desk
City Hall front reception desk
Library upper circulation desk

Return your survey no later than May 31, 2019

The two public workshops will be held on June 10 and July 8 in room 102 of the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and will be round table discussions.

As a resident of EGR, the Parks & Recreation Department is seeking your input for the Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, which will be updated over the next several months. Having a robust plan in place will allow the department to apply for grants from 2020-2025 that will help continue the improvement and development of EGR's parks, natural spaces and recreation opportunities.

Thank you,
Parks and Recreation Department Team

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PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN WORKSHOP #1

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
6:30PM

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COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN WORKSHOP #1

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019
6:30PM

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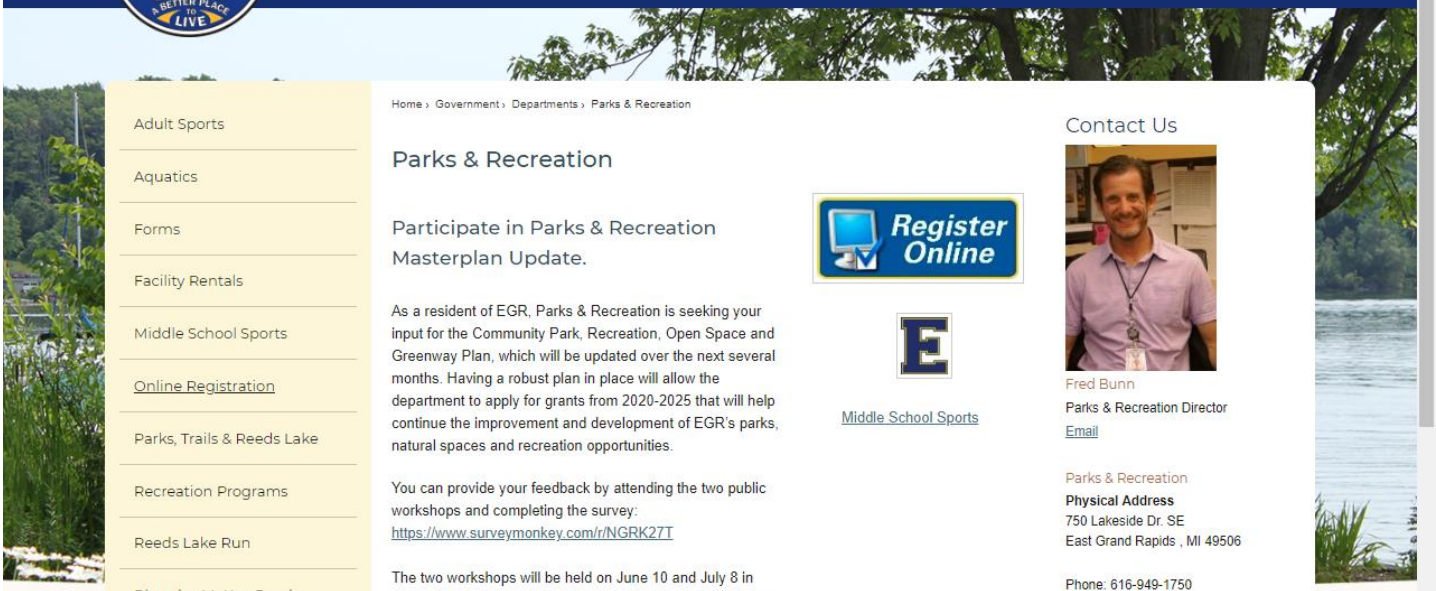
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City of East Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 29, 2018 - Project No. 2043

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1961 Lake Dr SE, East Grand Rapids, MI

Manhattan Park
3108 Cascade Rd SE, East Grand Rapids, MI



Lakeside Elementary
2325 Hall St SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Woodcliff Early Childhood Center
2915 Hall St SE, East Grand Rapids, MI

Breton Downs Elementary
2500 Boston St SE, Grand Rapids, MI

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On May 18, 2018 Tiffany Smith, RLA, CPSI and Sarah VanDyke, ASLA of MCSA Group, Inc. inspected each of the following playgrounds at the East Grand Rapids Elementary, Early Childhood, Daycare and Parks locations:

Manhattan Park
Breton Downs Elementary
Lakeside Elementary
Wealthy Elementary
Woodcliff Early Childhood Education Center

We investigated each component structure by inspecting visually and manually. We looked specifically for signs of age, wear, use and availability of replacement parts. We inspected each component structure including the metal and composite posts, plastic roofs, plastic slides, deck coating and metal structures, metal railings, metal and plastic composite panels components, metal and composite climber components, transition stations and steps, and all fasteners.

The Upper Component Structure at Manhattan Park Playground is the highest priority for replacement. It is the oldest in the system and while many of the parts have been replaced, few are available for purchase at this time. The playgrounds at Wealthy Elementary are the newest and therefore have the longest life expectancy and lowest replacement priority.

We have provided a summary of the estimated lifespan for each structure separated into four categories for replacement priority; immediate replacement, 1-5 years, 6-10 years, and 11-15 years. We also provided an estimated cost to replace each component structure. Depending on the life expectancy, this cost is inflated to allow for cost increases in the future. These costs may be used for budgeting purposes but should be verified closer to the date of replacement.

The condition designations are as follows:
POOR: Condition requires regular inspection and maintenance
FAIR: worn but not a safety issue
GOOD: good condition

Life Expectancy Assessment Summary

Priority	School	Playground	Manufacturer	Age	Replacement Time	Estimated Equipment Cost	Total Estimated Equipment Cost
One	Manhattan Park	Upper Component	Gametime	1994 - Installed 24 Years Old	Immediate Replacement *	$250,000	$360,000
		Lower Component	Miracle	2005 - Installed 13 Years Old	6-10 Years	$85,000	
		Playground Component Structures & Pieces	Mixed Manufacturers	Mixed Age 13-24 Years Old	1-5 Years	$25,000	
Two	Lakeside Elementary	Area A	Landscape Structures	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	1-5 Years	$200,000	$450,000
		Area B - Main Component Structure	Landscape Structures	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	1-5 Years	$200,000	
		Area B - Slide Component Structure	Landscape Structures	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	Immediate	$50,000	
Three	Breton Downs Elementary	Area A	Landscape Structures	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	1-5 Years	$200,000	$500,000
		Area B - 1st Component Structure	Miracle	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	6-10 Years	$150,000	
		Area B - 2nd Component Structure	Miracle	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	6-10 Years	$150,000	
Four	Woodcliff Early Childhood Center	Area A	Landscape Structures	1998 - Installed 20 Years Old	1-5 Years	$75,000	$275,000
		Area B	Landscape Structures	2002 - Installed 16 Years Old	6-10 Years	$200,000	
Five	Wealthy Elementary	Area A	Miracle	2000 - Installed 18 Years Old	11-15 Years	$225,000	$375,000
		Area B	Miracle	2000 - Installed 18 Years Old	11-15 Years	$150,000	

* Immediate Replacement is not due to safety but inability to replace component pieces that are no longer manufactured.

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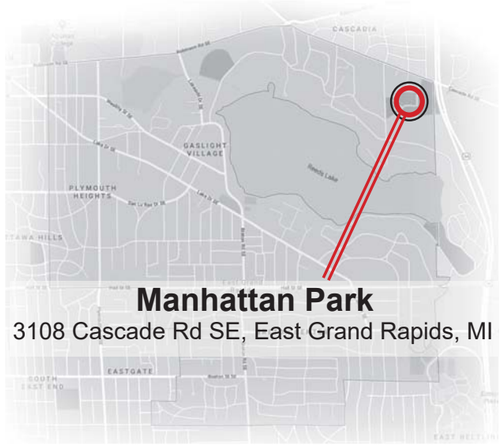
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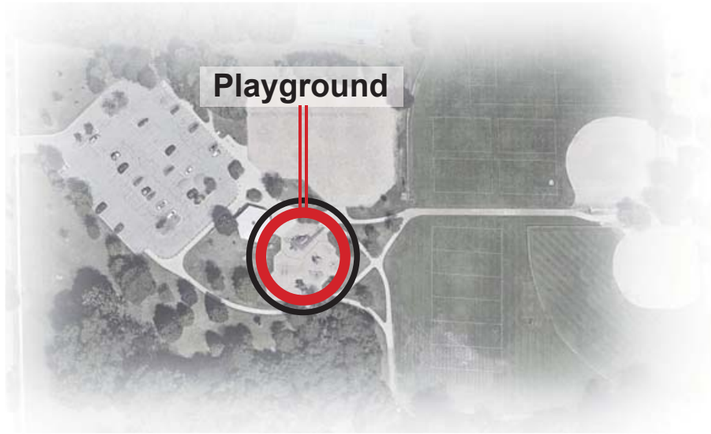


MAIN COMPONENT STRUCTURE

(UPPER - AGES 5-12)

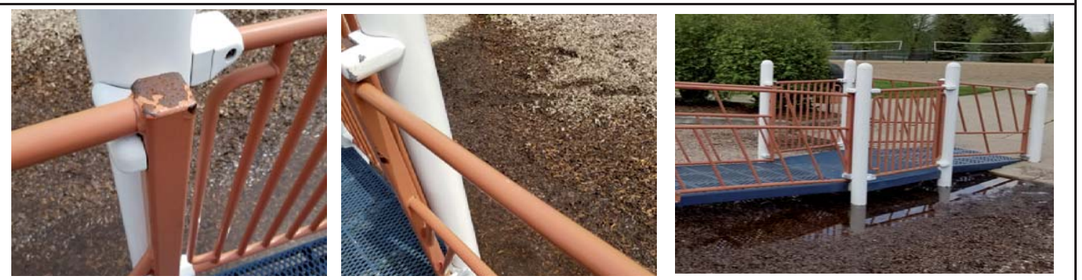


Manhattan Park
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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	POOR	Paint is worn and color is severely faded. Welded joints are oxidizing, rusting, and loosing integrity.	 
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Perforated deck coating is worn and underlying deck is oxidizing. Decking is also cracked in various locations. Slide platform decking is delaminated and is tarnished.	  

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	POOR	Fasteners are rusted, bleeding onto components, and missing throughout the structure.	
Post Condition	POOR	Posts are severely faded and coating is worn. Post fasteners and connectors are worn and oxidizing. Post caps are deteriorating and loose.	
Plastic Panel Condition	FAIR	Plastic is in acceptable condition, but color is fading. Panel windows are clouded and scratched. Panels are missing stickers and paint. Fasteners are tarnished and bleeding onto equipment components.	
Metal Panel Condition	POOR	Metal panels are severely faded and fasteners are rusted and cracked.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	POOR	Railing coating is worn, faded, and underlying metal is tarnished.	
Ramp/Railing Posts	POOR	Posts are square and replacement parts are not available. Paint and post coating is worn and the underlying metal is oxidized	
Roto Plastic Slide	FAIR	Shorter plastic slide is faded and exhibits slight wear. The taller slide plastic is brittle and severely faded. Fasteners are also tarnished and bleeding.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Metal stairs are rusted and delaminating where the deck and post coating has worn.	

Main Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Main Component Structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Gametime.
3. Equipment was installed in 1994 and is currently 24 years old.
4. Equipment make and model cannot be replaced due to discontinuation.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$250,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**Immediate Replacement**

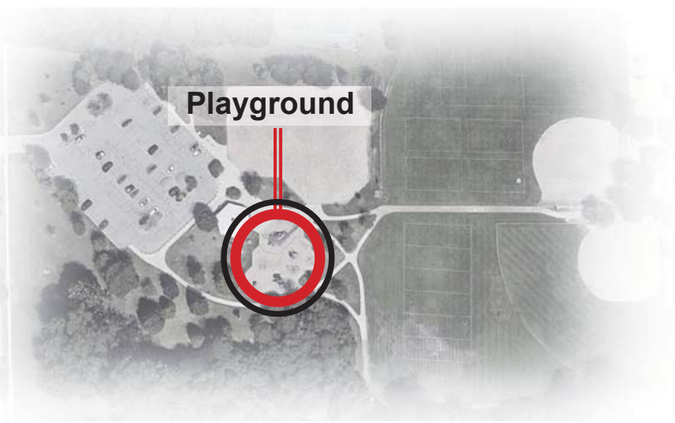


MAIN COMPONENT STRUCTURE
(LOWER - AGES 2-5)



SPIRAL SLIDE





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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
New Play Structure	GOOD	Equipment is in good condition with only minor color fading and slight wear.	
Notes: 1. Main component structure is for lower ages of 2-5. 2. Component structures manufactured by Miracle. 3. Equipment was installed in 2005 and is currently 13 years old.		**Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:**	**$85,000**
		Estimated Years To Replacement:	**6-10 Years**

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Four Seat See-Saw	POOR	Fasteners are rusted and equipment coating is worn and peeling. Exposed metal is beginning to oxidize.	
	Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$4,000**	
	Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**	

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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Spinning Bars	POOR	Fasteners are oxidizing and older equipment has metal protrusions.	 
	Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$3,000**	
	Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Tire Swing	FAIR	Fasteners are tarnished and equipment has metal protrusions.	  
	Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$4,000**	
	Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Two Bay Swing Set	POOR	Fasteners are oxidized, bleeding onto equipment, and structure has metal protrusions.	   
	Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$3,000**	
	Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Slide Structure -Metal Decking	POOR	Decking exhibits severe wear and metal components are oxidizing and delaminating.	   
Slide Structure -Fasteners	POOR	Fasteners are rusted and bleeding throughout structure.	
Slide Structure -Plastic Slide	GOOD	Slide has been replaced and is only showing slight signs of fading and wear.	
Slide Structure -Railing	POOR	Railing wear joints are rusted and failing.	
Slide Component Structure Assessment			
Notes: 1. Slide component structure is for upper ages of 5-12. 2. Component structure manufactured by Gametime. 3. Equipment was installed in 1994 and is currently 24 years old.		**Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:**	**$11,000**
		Estimated Years To Replacement:	**6-10 Years**

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AREA A - COMPONENT STRUCTURE



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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	POOR	Climber coating and paint is worn, faded, and nicked in many areas. Welded joints and cable joints are beginning to oxidize.	
Panel Condition	FAIR	Plastic panels are worn and plastic color is fading or darkening.	
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is severely worn, and underlying metal is rusting, especially at ramp, bridge, and transition areas.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	POOR	Railing coating is nicked and worn. Perforated ramp coating is also severely worn and tarnished. Ramp is delaminating and metal is cracked in several locations.	

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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Most fasteners are stainless steel and are in good condition. Several fasteners are rusted and one is missing.	
Post Condition	FAIR	Post cladding is square wood composite. Several places it is cracked and replacements are not available to acquire. Main post is sound.	
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	The plastic roof component is in good to fair condition with only minor color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	FAIR	Main structure plastic slide has been recently replaced and is in good condition. Metal connections for the slide are rusted and flaking.	
Transition Station/ Metal Steps	POOR	Steps are worn, rusting, and delaminating. Bridge fasteners and structure connections are beginning to oxidize and delaminate.	

Area A - Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1998 and is 20 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$200,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Slide Structure	POOR	The overall structure is not secure and is structurally unsound. Tall slide post is not square and is becoming warped and failing.	
	Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$50,000**	
	Estimated Years To Replacement:	**Immediate**	

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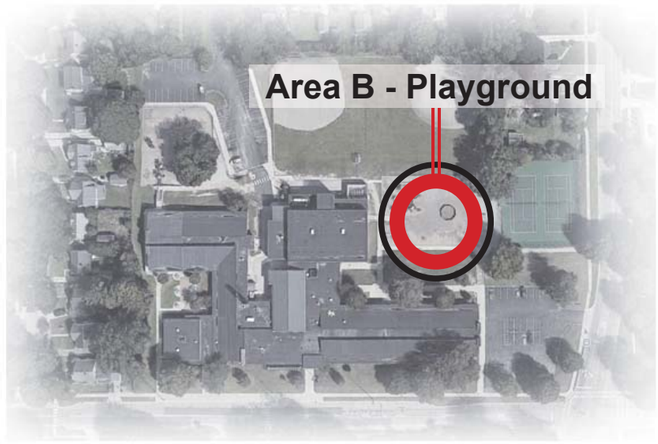
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AREA B - COMPONENT STRUCTURE





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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition -Balance Beam	FAIR	Metal beam and railing are nicked and tarnished.	    
Metal Climber Condition -Hanging Bars	POOR	Fasteners and chains are rusted and bleeding. Handle coatings are worn and beginning to rust.	
Metal Climber Condition -Incline	FAIR	The roto plastic climber handles are severely faded. Climber fasteners and metal chains are rusted.	
Metal Climber Condition -Track Rider	POOR	Track Rider tracks and metal handles have severe coating wear and are beginning to oxidize.	
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is worn and underlying metal is oxidizing.	 

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Fasteners are stainless steel and are in good to fair condition.Some fasteners are rusted.	
Post Condition	FAIR	Post cladding is square wood composite. Several places it is cracked and replacements are not available to acquire. Main post is sound.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	FAIR	Railing coating is nicked and worn. Railing and ramp is rusted around fasteners and ramp deck coating is worn and the metal is oxidizing.	
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	Plastic roof is in good to fair condition with only minor color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	POOR	The plastic slide is the original installed playground slide. The plastic is brittle, cracking, and severely faded.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Stair deck coating exhibits severe wear and under metal is tarnishing. Metal bridge also contains severe wear and the metal is delaminating and rusting.	

Area B - Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1999 and is 19 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$200,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**



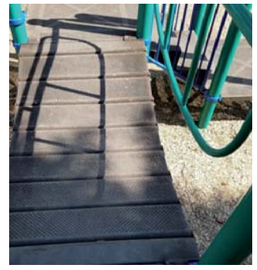
AREA A - COMPONENT STRUCTURE





LOCATION MAPS

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	FAIR	Metal climbers are in fair condition with slight paint wear. Climbers exhibit slight oxidation at structure and fastener connections.	
Panel Condition	FAIR	Plastic panels are in fair condition with only slight color fading. Plastic window panels are clouded and scratched.	
Plastic Tube Climber Condition	POOR	Plastic climber tube is severely cracked at fastener joint connections and has holes throughout component.	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Fasteners are stainless steel and most are in fair condition. Many fasteners throughout the structure have oxidized and are bleeding onto structure.	  
Post Condition	GOOD	Posts are in good condition with only minor color fading and coating nicks and dents.	
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is well worn and metal is rusting at fastener connections. Decking is also delaminating in various locations.	     
Ramp/Railing Condition	FAIRT	Railings are moderatly faded and rusting at welded joint connections.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Metal stair and bridge coating is worn and underlying metal is corroding. Bridge fastener connections and stairs are also flaking in several locations.	
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	Plastic roof is in good to fair condition with only minor color fading.	  
Plastic Slide Condition	GOOD	Slides are in good condition with only slight wear.	

Area A - Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1998 and is 20 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$200,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**

Breton Downs Elementary
Playground Life Expectancy Assessment

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8.29.2018

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1st Component Structure



2nd Component Structure

AREA B





LOCATION MAPS

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	POOR	Colored coating for climbers is deteriorating, corroding, and fading. The Tack Ride, handle, and Climber Joints are rusted throughout the structure.	
Panel Condition	FAIR	Plastic coloring is severely faded, panels are missing stickers and paint is severly worn.	
Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is worn and underlying metal is oxidizing.	
Fastener Condition	POOR	Fasteners are rusted, bleeding, and missing.	
Post Condition	POOR	Posts are square and replacements are not available to acquire. Posts are severely faded and tarnishing. Post caps are rusting and loose.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	POOR	Railings are dented and nicked. Railing welded joints are beginning to rust.	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Plastic Roof Condition	FAIR	The plastic roof component is in good to fair condition with only moderate color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	FAIR	Plastic slides are in fair condition with severe color fading. Several slide fasteners and metal connections are rusted and bleeding onto plastic components.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Coating is severally faded, cracked, and missing in several areas, exposing underlying rusted metal decking. Bridge connections are also rusted. Slide posts are bent and overall stair structure is crooked.	

Area B - 1st Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1994 and is 24 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$150,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**6-10 Years**

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber	POOR	Paint is faded, chipped, and worn off. Underlying exposed metal is tarnishing.	
Plastic Slide Condition	FAIR	Plastic slides are in fair condition, but color is faded. Several fasteners and metal connections are corroded and bleeding onto plastic components	
Post Condition	FAIR	Posts are faded and dented in several locations. Fasteners have corroded at post to structure connection areas.	
Fastener Condition	POOR	Fasteners are rusted throughout structure. Fasteners are bleeding onto structure components.	
Deck/ Ramp/ Railing Condition	POOR	Deck and railing coating is beginning to deteriorate and oxidize.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Metal decking is corroding, delaminating, and cracking in several locations.	

Area B - 2nd Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for upper ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1998 and is 20 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$150,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**6-10 Years**



AREA A - COMPONENT STRUCTURE



LOCATION MAPS

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	POOR	Metal coating is severely faded, brittle, and worn away. Extreme wear has begun to oxidize exposed metal surfacing.	
Metal Panel Condition	POOR	Panels are free of corrosion but metal is dented and protective coatings are faded and scratched.	
Plastic Panel Condition	POOR	Plastic remains in fair condition, but the color is faded. Stickers and other decorative designs are worn and missing throughout structure. Plastic lookout windows are clouded and scratched.	

Woodcliff Early Childhood Center
Playground Life Expectancy Assessment

DATE
8.29.2018

PROJECT NO.
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Landscape Architects and Architects
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Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Fasteners are stainless steel and are in good condition. Several fasteners throughout the structure have begun to corrode.	
Post Condition	POOR	Posts are square and replacement components are difficult to acquire. Posts are also severely faded.	
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is worn, and exposed metal is oxidizing, corroding, and delaminating in several locations.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	POOR	Railings are severely faded, dented, and scratched throughout structure.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Stairs are severely worn, corroded, and delaminating. Previous repairs to prevent delamination have also begun to deteriorate	
Plastic Roof Condition	FAIR	Roof is in fair condition with only minor scratches and moderate color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	FAIR	Plastic slide components are in good condition. Metal slide handles and transition areas are tarnished and moderately worn.	

Area A - Playground Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for lower ages of 2-5.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 1998 and is 20 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$75,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**1-5 Years**



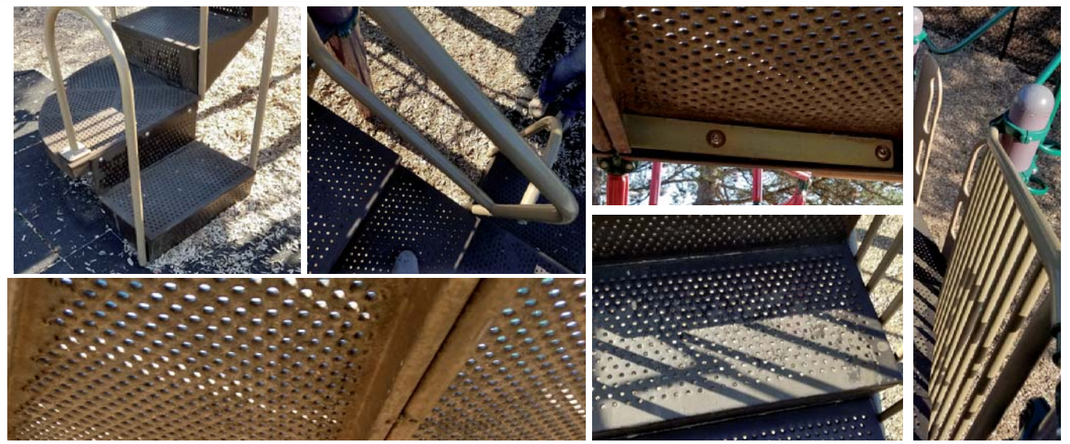
AREA B - COMPONENT STRUCTURE





LOCATION MAPS

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	POOR	Metal coating is faded, scratched, and worn throughout structure.	
Plastic Climber Condition	FAIR	While plastic remains in overall fair condition, plastic color is severely faded and scratched throughout structure. Plastic coatings for the Cable Core Climber are worn exposing corroding metal cables.	
Plastic Panel Condition	FAIR	Plastic remains in fair condition, but plastic panel color is faded.	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Fasteners are stainless steel and remain in overall good condition. Several fasteners show signs of corrosion.	
Post Condition	FAIR	Posts are in overall fair condition with moderate fading, scratches, and dents.	
Metal Deck Condition	POOR	Deck coating is worn and exposed metal decking is oxidizing and delaminating on the underside of the deck.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	FAIR	Metal railings remain in good to fair condition with only some color fading and minor wear and scratching.	
Transition Station Metal Steps	POOR	Metal stair and deck coating are severely worn and the underlying metal is corroding.	
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	Plastic roof component is in good condition with only moderate fading of color.	
Plastic Slide Condition	GOOD	Slides are in good condition with only minor fading and minor signs of wear.	

Area B - Playground Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for lower ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 2002 and is 16 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$200,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**6-10 Years**

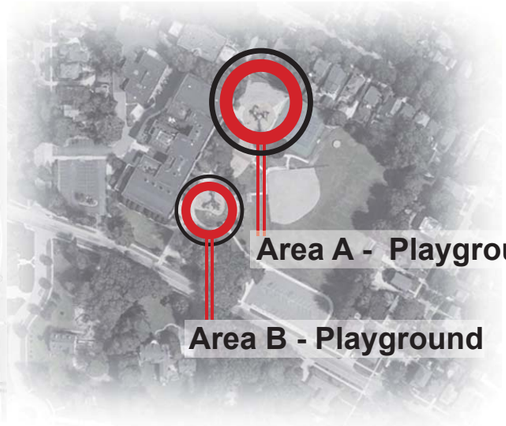


AREA A - COMPONENT STRUCTURE



AREA B - COMPONENT STRUCTURE





LOCATION MAPS

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	FAIR	Metal climber coating is worn, and some fastener connections are beginning to corrode.	
Panel Condition	GOOD	Panels are in good condition with only minor color fading and slight deterioration of paint.	
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Fasteners are in good condition with little sign of corrosion. Some posts are missing fasteners.	
Post Condition	FAIR	Posts are in fair condition with moderate fading and worn or nicked paint coating.	
Metal Deck Condition	FAIR	Deck coating is worn and underlying metal is beginning to oxidize. Sections of the decking have already been replaced while existing decking remains in fair to poor condition.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	FAIR	Railings are in fair condition with moderate color fading and nicks to the paint coating.	

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	Plastic roof components remain in good condition with only moderate color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	GOOD	Plastic slide remains in good condition with only minor fading.	

Area A - Playground Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for lower ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Landscape Structures.
3. Equipment was installed in 2000 and is 18 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$225,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**11-15 Years**

Component Piece	Condition	Condition Assessment	Existing Condition Images
Metal Climber Condition	FAIR	Climbers are in fair condition with moderate paint/ coating wear. The slider track handle exhibits moderate corrosion.	
Metal Deck Condition	FAIR	Decking is in fair condition with heavy to moderate paint/coating wear but little rust or corrosion.	
Post Condition	FAIR	Posts are in fair condition with moderate color fading. Post caps have moderate to severe coating wear.	
Fastener Condition	FAIR	Most fasteners are in good to fair condition, but several fasteners throughout the structure are heavily corroded.	
Ramp/Railing Condition	FAIR	The railing coating is faded and weather worn.	
Plastic Roof Condition	GOOD	Square plastic roofs are in good condition but have moderate color fading.	
Plastic Slide Condition	GOOD	Plastic slides are in good condition with only moderate color fading.	

Area B - Playground Component Structure Assessment

Notes:
1. Component structure is for lower ages of 5-12.
2. Component structures manufactured by Miracle.
3. Equipment was installed in 2000 and is 18 years old.

Total Estimated Cost of Replacement:	**$150,000**
Estimated Years To Replacement:	**11-15 Years**

City of East Grand Rapids
Rules and Regulations
Public Parks

The following rules and regulations are issued pursuant to Section 1.Article I of Chapter 31 of Title III of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids

3.12. **Park Hours**. Public parks shall be open to the public during such hours as are established and published by the Parks and Recreation Commission and posted at the park. It shall be unlawful for any person, except those persons authorized by the Parks & Recreation Director or the Superintendent, to enter upon, cross through or remain within any public park outside of the established hours.

3.13. **Expulsion.** Employees of the City and the schools shall have, and are hereby given, the authority and power to exclude and expel any person or persons from any public park located within the City when such City or school employee believes in their judgment that those person or persons have violated any provisions or requirements of this Chapter, any City Ordinance, or any state law. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to leave a public park when ordered to do so by a City or school employee.

3.14. **Motor Vehicles; Other Motorized Items.** All motor vehicles (except authorized City or school vehicles) shall be removed from Manhattan Park, Remington Park and Waterfront Park parking lots before closing. Any motor vehicles left in said parking lots after closing will be ticketed and towed away by the City at the owner's expense. No motor vehicles, motor cycles, mopeds, go-carts, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, ATV's or similar items shall be used in public parks unless the Parks and Recreation Director or Superintendent authorizes such use beforehand except that motor vehicles and motorcycles are allowed as provided in Section 3.19 of this Chapter.

3.17. **Fires; Grills; Fireworks.** No fire shall be built nor shall any grill be brought into or utilized in any public park, with the exception that grills may be utilized in designated areas within Manhattan Park as approved beforehand by permit issued by the Recreation Director or the director's designee. In addition, grills that have been placed in Manhattan Park by the City may be used without a permit. Any grill approved by the recreation director or the director's designee

shall be fueled by gas or propane only; no wood burning or charcoal burning cookers, smokers, or grills shall be brought into Manhattan Park. Charcoal may only be used in grills provided by the City.
No person shall possess or ignite fireworks, rockets, or sparklers in a public park unless permission, or a fireworks permit, has been obtained beforehand from the recreation director or the director's designee and unless such possession and use complies with Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of this Code.

3.18. **Dogs.** No dogs shall be permitted in any public park unless on a leash, not exceeding six (6) feet in length, controlled by the owner at all times. Owners shall pick up all animal fecal discharges from park property and dispose of in a proper container. No dangerous or vicious dogs shall be permitted in any public park. (Ord., 4-24-1995)

3.19. **Sound Amplification.** Use of sound amplification in the public parks shall not disturb the quiet enjoyment of the park by other park users unless an amplification permit has been obtained from the Parks & Recreation Department.

3.20. **Park Roads and Grounds.** No person shall operate any motor vehicle in any public park except upon established roadways, drives, and parking lots designated by the City. The Parks & Recreation Director or Superintendent may authorize exceptions to this regulation for service vehicles and during special events.

3.21**. No Hunting.** No hunting or trapping shall occur within a public park or in any waters adjacent thereto unless a permit has been obtained from the Parks & Recreation Director.

3.22. **Alcoholic Beverages.** No alcoholic beverages shall be brought into, possessed or consumed within any public park.

3.23. **No Camping.** No person shall camp in any public park unless a permit has been obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department.

3.24. **Injury to or Defacing of Parks.** No person shall damage or deface any item within a public park. No person shall destroy or damage the surface or sod of any playing field, track, tennis courts, or practice area. There shall be no waxing of areas or equipment located in parks, playgrounds and on streetscape areas. No person shall obstruct any walk or drive in any public park or playground and no person shall injure, mar or damage, in any manner, any monument, ornament, fence, bridge, seat, tree, fountain, shrub, flower, playground equipment, fireplace or other public property within or pertaining to said parks. (1982 Code §3.1)

3.25. **Golf Prohibition.** No person shall play or practice golf in a public park and/or on school property.

3.26. **In-Line Skates; Roller Skates; Scooters (motorized and nonmotorized); Bicycles.** No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, inline skates, scooter, bicycle, tricycle, or similar item, or apply any wax, on any playground equipment, park or school property furnishings (including, but not limited to, railings, stairs, curbs, benches, concrete walls, bike racks, planters, and trash cans), tennis court, the community track, John Collins Park, Canepa community tennis center, Mehney field, Memorial field, Remington field, or any other athletic field.

3.28. **Weapons Prohibited.** Except as provided by law, no person shall possess, transport, shoot, fire, or discharge any firearm, air rifle, air pistol, paint gun, bow and arrow, or any other weapon or instrument which might cause damages to persons or property in any public park.

3.33 **Deposit of Garbage and Rubbish.** No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tin cans, paper or miscellaneous waste in any public park or playground except in containers provided for that purpose. (1982 Code §3.3)

EGRPS
EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOINT FACILITIES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is executed as of May 18, 2017 , by and between the City of East Grand Rapids, a municipal corporation, with offices at 750 Lakeside Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 (the "City"), and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, with offices at 2915 Hall Street SE, East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506 (the "East Grand Rapids Public Schools").

RECITALS:

A. The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools are parties to a Joint Facilities Agreement, most currently effective as of June 1, 1992 (the "Joint Facilities Agreement").

B. The City and East Grand Rapids Public Schools have agreed to this Joint Facilities Agreement as hereinafter provided and, in so doing, confirm their cooperation in the planning, acquisition, development, use, maintenance and operation of recreational areas and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree as follows:

1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings.

1.1 City Facilities. Recreation areas and facilities owned by the City specifically limited to: Crew Team Boathouse (excluding floating dock, wood dock and pilings), Remington Park, Manhattan Recreation Area, and adjacent athletic fields, tennis courts and playgrounds, and Wealthy Pool.

1.2 School Facilities. Recreation areas and facilities owned by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools specifically limited to athletic fields, ball fields,

Canepa Community Tennis Center and playgrounds surrounding Breton Downs elementary, Lakeside elementary, Wealthy elementary, Woodcliff administration building, the Middle School and the High School Buildings (the "School Buildings"), tennis courts located adjacent to School Buildings, gymnasiums located within School Buildings, classrooms located within School Buildings, Memorial Field, the "lower field" adjacent to Memorial Field, the community track which surrounds the lower field, Mehney Field, , and the High School Pool.

1.3 Joint Facilities. The School Facilities and the City Facilities and such other facilities as shall hereafter be designated as Joint Facilities by the Joint Facilities Committee established below, and specifically approved by the City and the Board.

1.4 Adult Programs. City and/or East Grand Rapids Public School sponsored programs for persons over eighteen (18) years of age who are not students of the East Grand Rapids Public School District.

2. Joint Facilities Committee.

2.1 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools hereby establish the Joint Facilities Committee (the "JFC"), which shall consist of the Mayor of the City or designee, two (2) additional members of the City Commission, the President of the Board or designee, two (2) additional members of the Board. The City Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Business, Director of Athletics for the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and others may be invited to participate on a nonvoting basis in JFC meetings.

2.2 The purpose of the JFC is to coordinate the administration of the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing, future and potential Joint Facilities, subject, however, to the approval of the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools. The JFC shall have

no independent authority without the approval of the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

3. Acquisition of School Facilities and City Facilities.

3.1 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools shall each retain ownership to property and Joint Facilities which they respectively own at the time of the execution of this Agreement or which they subsequently may acquire. Notwithstanding any term or provision of this Agreement, the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools may each acquire such additional property and facilities and use such additional land and facilities, as, in their individual discretion, they shall determine.

3.2 Before either the East Grand Rapids Public Schools or the City acquires a property, which could potentially become a Joint Facility, it shall inform, and consult with, each other. Unless specifically agreed by the City or the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, acquisition by the City or East Grand Rapids Public Schools shall not obligate the other party for the payment of any costs associated with such acquired property.

3.3 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools may, upon recommendation of the JFC, agree to acquire, by joint purchase, land or facilities, which may become Joint Facilities.

4. Use of Joint Facilities.

4.1 Subject to the priority use for the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, the East Grand Rapids Public Schools commits to continue to provide, for community use, School Facilities (except Wealthy Pool) subject to, and in compliance with, the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Facility Use Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and Facility Use Scheduling, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

4.2 Subject to the priority use for the City, the City commits to continue to provide, for school use, City facilities subject to, and in compliance with, the City's Parks and Recreation Department's Athletic Facilities Rental Form a copy which is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

4.3 Subject to the priority use for the City, the City commits to continue to provide to the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Wealthy Pool in compliance with, the City's Pool Usage Request Policies and Procedures, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" substantially as provided at the time hereof.

4.4 Nothing contained herein shall restrict or prohibit either party from permitting other persons or entities to utilize Joint Facilities, provided, however, that the East Grand Rapids Public Schools or the City, as the case may be, shall have priority over such other persons, subject to the compliance with rules established by the owner of such Joint Facility for usage.

4.5 Joint Facilities used by the City or the East Grand Rapids Public Schools shall be left in the same general state of repair, as they were prior to use. Damage or destruction in excess of normal wear and tear (exclusive of damage by the elements or Acts of God) shall be the financial responsibility of the party utilizing the Joint Facility at the time of the occurrence of such damage or destruction to the extent not covered by the owner's property coverage.

4.6 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree to maintain property damage coverage for their respective facilities. To the extent permitted by their respective carriers, each party hereby waives any claim against the other for property damage. All policies covering each party against fire or other cause shall contain clauses waiving subrogation against the other party.

4.7 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree to maintain liability coverage for all sponsored activities by the respective parties. It is understood and agreed that neither party is assuming the liability for the negligence of the other party. The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools mutually agree to hold the other harmless for any claims resulting from bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, which is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the respective party. Both parties agree to provide an endorsement adding the other as an additional interest or insured to their liability coverage for all joint facilities.

4.8 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree to maintain $5,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage coverage. Both parties agree to provide certificate of insurance or other acceptable alternate for this coverage.

5. Operating and Maintenance Expenses.

5.1 The City agrees to reimburse the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, from time to time, but not less frequently than semi-annually for the additional cost incurred by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for the use of School Buildings by the City other than for children and young adult programs through grade twelve. Such reimbursement shall apply to Adult Programs and shall be payable in the form of an hourly facility use charge to be mutually agreed upon by the JFC. No facility use charges will be assessed by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for children and young adult programs through grade twelve, except for specially scheduled food service and custodial operations of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, which may be necessary. Building custodial maintenance, for example, will not be charged by the board if such custodial services can be reasonably provided during the course of the normal work shift. Specially scheduled custodial personnel, as may be needed, will be charged to the

City on a time and materials basis. The hourly charge for Adult Programs shall be amended from time to time, but not more than annually.

5.1.1 School Buildings. Hourly charges, and the time and material charges for specially scheduled school personnel, shall be assessed to the City for the usage of classrooms, gymnasiums and cafeteria facilities within the School Buildings. These hourly charges shall incorporate expenses incurred by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools in the operation, maintenance and repair of these specified School Building facilities, and shall not incorporate fixed expenses incurred, otherwise, by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

5.1.2 City Buildings. Hourly charges shall be assessed to the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for Adult Program usage of rooms and other such facilities within the City Buildings. These hourly charges shall incorporate expenses incurred by the City in the operation, maintenance and repair of these City Building facilities, and shall not incorporate fixed expenses incurred, otherwise, by the City. No facility use charges will be assessed by the City for children and young adult programs through grade twelve, except for specially scheduled supervisor or custodial operations of the City, which may be necessary. Building custodial maintenance, for example, will not be charged by the City if such custodial services can be reasonably provided during the course of the normal work shift. Specially scheduled custodial personnel, as may be needed, will be charged to the East Grand Rapids Public Schools on a time and materials basis. The hourly charge for Adult Programs shall be amended from time to time, but not more often than annually.

5.1.3 Wealthy Pool. The City shall be responsible for the entire portion of electricity, natural gas and water/sewer expenses attributable to the pool portion of the Wealthy School building. The City shall

also be responsible for all expenses incurred for chemicals, operating expenses, custodial supplies, repairs, maintenance and capital expenses of the Wealthy Pool and adjoining pool locker rooms. The City shall be responsible for custodial salary costs of cleaning Wealthy Pool and adjoining pool locker rooms. The Wealthy Pool and adjoining pool locker rooms shall be governed under section 4.5 of this Agreement, under the heading of "Use of Joint Facilities."

5.1.4 High School Pool. The East Grand Rapids Public Schools and City shall equally share the cost of electricity, natural gas, water/sewer, chemicals, operating expenses, custodial salary, supplies, routine maintenance salary expenses, repair, maintenance parts and athletic/recreation capital expenses for the High School Pool.

5.1.4.1 Billing. The Board will bill the City bi-annually for its share of the expenses. The bill ending on June 30 should be billed no later than July 31 to maintain posting of expenses in the fiscal year.

5.2 The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree to equally share the cost of the ongoing maintenance of (excluding areas included in the Grounds Maintenance Agreement), and for capital improvements to, all Joint Facilities including all tennis courts, athletic fields and ball fields: Memorial Field, the lower athletic field located adjacent to Memorial Field, Manhattan Recreation Area, Mehney Field, Remington Park, Canepa Community Tennis Center, Crew Team Boathouse and all playgrounds located on City or School properties. Excluded is the Wealthy Pool, gymnasiums and the classrooms located within the School Buildings, which facilities are otherwise addressed in Sections 5.1.3 and

5.1.4, and herein. The City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools agree to equally share the cost for capital improvements to Memorial Field, the lower athletic field located adjacent to Memorial Field, Mehney Field, Manhattan Recreation Area, Remington Park, High School Pool, Canepa Community Tennis Center and Crew Team Boathouse. Capital improvement exclusions: See Exhibit "E".

5.3 Athletic program field preparation shall be the responsibility of the user at any and all fields covered under this Agreement. All athletic and recreational fields covered under this Agreement, shall be available for use under the terms of this Agreement. The use of these fields may be closed or have limited play, as needed, for periodic maintenance and capital improvements for the above-referenced facilities will be budgeted and approved as follows

5.3.1 By May 1 of each year, the JFC will establish a proposed Joint Facilities budget for maintenance and improvements for the fiscal year commencing on the next succeeding July 1.

5.3.2 After approval by the JFC, the proposed budget will be referred to the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for approval. Unless otherwise agreed, the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools will each pay fifty percent (50%) of all approved budgeted items. No financial obligations will be incurred by the JFC unless so authorized by the City Commission and School Board.

5.3.3 The routine repair and maintenance of Joint Facilities may be authorized with the mutual consent of the City Manager and the School District's Assistant Superintendent for Business. This authorization is limited to available budgeted resources, and shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars per project. Any project costing more than Five Thousand Dollars is to be reviewed by the JFC,

and the City Commission and School Board if appropriate, before funding will be approved.

6. Procedures for Joint Facilities Fund:

6.1 A Joint Facilities fund will be established by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools to record all transfers and costs associated with the Joint Facilities Agreement.

6.2 A long-term plan will be updated annually including a detailed listing of new and replacement capital projects, maintenance items, and fund reserve.

6.3 Each year the budget will be approved by the Joint Facilities Committee by May, and then sent to the School Board and City Commission for their approval. The Joint Facilities Committee may not approve the budget or any budget amendment without at least two "yes" votes from the School Board members and two "yes" votes from the City Commission members.

6.4 At the beginning of each fiscal year, both the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools will transfer a mutually agreed upon like amount to the Joint Facilities Fund. Any additional funding must be approved by the School Board and the City Commission.

6.5 The budget may be adjusted with approval of the Joint Facilities Committee during the fiscal year based on an increase in the fund balance or savings from completed projects.

6.6 Administration of the fund will be conducted by the City and School staff representatives with regular progress reports to the Joint Facilities Committee. The City representatives will be the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director. The School representative will be the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

6.7 All budgeted purchases must be approved by both the City Manager and the Assistant Superintendent for Business. All purchases over $5,000 must obtain competitive quotes and/or bids.

6.8 A Routine Maintenance line item may be annually budgeted. Routine repairs may be authorized by both the City Manager and Assistant Superintendent for Business for items under $5,000 as long as funding remains in this line item. Any project over $5,000 must be approved by the Joint Facilities Committee.

6.9 All ending fund balance, transfers and investment income will remain in the fund for future re-budgeting by the Joint Facilities Committee.

6.10 If the fund is dissolved later, any fund balance will be allocated equally to the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

7. Improvements and Future Joint Facilities.

7.1 The JFC may undertake the planning of capital improvements to Joint Facilities and the planning for additional facilities which might be owned by the City or the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and become Joint Facilities, including, without limitation, recreation centers, tennis courts, athletic fields, cultural centers, swimming pools, ice skating facilities and areas designated for the study of the ecological environment. No funds shall be expended by the JFC for such planning unless approved by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and the City.

8. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument executed by the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

9. Termination of Joint Facilities Agreement. This agreement may be terminated by either the City or the East Grand Rapids Public Schools on the first day of July of each year, provided that a minimum six-month written notice is served upon the other party.

Executed by the respective Officers of the City and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools pursuant to the authority granted at meetings of the City Commission on **July 3, 2017** and the School Board of Education on **June 12, 2017** .

ATTEST:

Superintendent

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It's President, School Board of Education

ATTEST:

City Manager

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

By

It's Mayor

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Exhibit "A"

3340 Fees, Payments and Rentals (Cf. 9250)

Building and facility use will be governed by policy set by the East Grand Rapids Board of Education, and administered on a day-to-day basis according to the Rules and Regulations established by the Superintendent and reviewed by the Board.

Federal Compliance

The District will comply with the provisions of the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and will not discriminate against or deny access to groups protected by the Act.

Approved: June 9, 2003
LEGAL REF: 20 USCA §4071, et seq. (Equal Access Act); 20 USCA §7905 (Boy Scout Equal Access Act).

Exhibit "A"

9250-R Use of District Facilities (Cf. 3340-R)

Facility Use Policy:

Building and facility use will be governed by policy set by the East Grand Rapids Board of Education, and administered on a day-to-day basis according to the following Rules and Regulations.

A. Priorities for Use

The priorities for buildings and grounds use of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools shall be as follows: (with the exception of the Performing Arts Center and Wealthy Pioneer Auditorium)

1. Instructional purposes of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.
2. Administrative-approved co-curricular activities of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.
3. School organizations (Boosters, PTA, student groups, etc.)
4. City of East Grand Rapids Recreation Department programs.
5. Other individuals or organizations located within the school district.
6. Organizations or individuals from outside the district.

B. Application for Use of Facilities

Use of buildings and grounds will require the completion of an "Application for Use of School Properties." These applications are available in all district offices. The High School Athletic Office will keep the Master Schedule for use of buildings and facilities with the exception of the Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) and Wealthy Pioneer Auditorium to avoid conflicts. Each facility that is to be used must be scheduled and approved at least one week in advance. Failure to do so may result in the denial of the request. (See G. Miscellaneous)

C. General Classifications of Groups or Individuals Using the School Facilities

1. Groups which generally are not charged a rental fee:

These groups shall be made up primarily of East Grand Rapids School District residents and/or staff and shall fall generally under one of the following categories:

a. Parent/Guardian, teacher, community, and student groups organized specifically in the interest of local educational programs.

b. Recreation Department programs which are covered under the City/School Joint Facilities Agreement.

The groups described above will not be charged for use of the facility unless one or more of the following exceptions would be applicable:

a. If they request the use of the building when a custodian is not on duty.

b. If services requested by the organization cause additional school expense.

c. If the cleanup following the activity entails overtime or any other out-of-pocket expense by the Board of Education.

The charges for items (a) through (c) will be determined by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

D. Authority to Deny

The Superintendent of Schools or Assistant Superintendent for Business shall have the authority to deny the use of any facility if, in his/her judgment, such use would not be in the best interest of the school District.

E. Conditions of Use

1. **Holiday, Saturday or Sunday Use**

Because these are days when District personnel are not normally on duty, special approval will have to be secured from the Assistant Superintendent for Business with the understanding that the charges for personnel

will be billed according to the approved fee schedule.

2. **Use of Furniture and Fixtures**

Use of equipment, furniture and fixtures common to the operation of the building and grounds will be granted for use to the sponsoring organization and will be included in such approval of facility use *provided such use is requested in advance* on the form "Application for Use of School Properties."

3. **Use of Motor Vehicles**

District-owned vehicles may not be assigned for use by non-District groups.

4. **Cancellation by District**

The Assistant Superintendent for Business may cancel any permit to use District facilities for just cause.

5. **Cancellation by Sponsoring Group**

Any sponsoring group securing a permit to use District facilities may cancel such permit without penalty with the exception of the Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) by notifying the person in charge of issuing the permit at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled use.

6. **Non-Transferable Permits**

Permits for buildings use are not transferable and must be used only by the sponsoring group receiving the authorization.

7. **Smoking, Food and Beverages**

Smoking and the use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages is not allowed on school district property and shall result in immediate cancellation of facility use privileges. The consumption of food and non-alcoholic beverages shall be allowed only in designated areas.

8. **Public Safety Protection**

a. Activities that attract large groups of people must be covered by adequate public safety protection.

b. Determination of the need for public safety protection will be made by the person in charge of the building or the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

c. The cost associated with providing public safety protection shall be paid by the sponsoring organization.

9. **Equipment**

a. Equipment requested for use by the sponsoring group shall be operated only by an operator that is satisfactory to the administrator of the building.

b. Should requested equipment be expensive or easily maladjusted or if the sponsoring group does not have a competent operator, the sponsoring group shall pay for the services of an operator. (i.e., Food Service equipment, High School Performing Arts Center, and Pioneer Auditorium lighting, controls, etc., *will* require the hiring of qualified school personnel.)

c. Sponsoring groups are not permitted to move equipment onto District facilities without proper authorization.

10. **Flammable Materials**

Flammable or combustible materials shall not be used in any area not properly designed for such use.

11. **Fire Regulations**

All regulations of the State Fire Marshall and of the Fire Departments of the City of East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township must be adhered to in all facilities of the District.

12. **Alterations and Posting**

No alterations shall be made to any District facilities nor shall any items be placed on walls, floors or in or on other places in the building without proper authorization.

For groups not affiliated with the District, the event requiring the rental of the facility is not to be advertised on school property. Further, the group is not to advertise its event in a manner that gives the perception that the District is promoting that activity.

13. **Sponsor Property**

The District will not assume liability for property of the sponsoring group left in or on District facilities.

14. **Disorderly Conduct**

Disorderly conduct of any kind will result in the calling of the police and the loss of the privilege to use District facilities.

15. **Use of Food Preparation Areas**

a. Because of safety considerations and State/County sanitation requirements, the use of food preparation areas and/or equipment will not be available to community or other groups unless authorized EGR Food Service personnel are in attendance.

b. If the supervisor as designated in paragraph "a" above by the sponsoring group is not satisfactory to the administrator in charge of the building, the administrator shall appoint a supervisor and their pay shall be charged to the sponsoring group.

16. **Supervision of Groups**

a. Supervisors are responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations regarding the use of District facilities.

b. The custodian on duty will not open the building until the supervisor for the sponsoring group is on site.

F. **Insurance and Liability of Users**

1. Each sponsoring group must assume liability for damage to District property, grounds and equipment and shall reimburse the District for such damage.

2. Groups renting school facilities may be required to furnish a certificate of liability insurance coverage (in the below indicated amount) naming the East Grand Rapids Public Schools as additional insured.

General Liability
Each occurrence $1,000,000
3,000,000 aggregate

G. Miscellaneous

1. The High School Athletic Office will schedule all school gymnasiums and cafeterias for activities after 4:00 p.m. Individual buildings will schedule all other requests

2. No reservation shall be valid until the rental agreement is returned including the payment of facility charges and signed by the authorized representatives of the rental group, The Athletic Director and/or the Building Principal. Applications for Use of School Properties forms are available at all school offices.

3. The Board of Education or District representatives shall have access to all rooms and activities at all times.

4. All facilities used by the applicant will be examined carefully after use; the applicant shall make or arrange to make restitution promptly for any loss or damage occurring during the applicant's use of said facilities. The Building Principal or Director of Performing Arts Center will inform the Assistant Superintendent for Business in writing of any damage caused during the time the facility was in use by an outside group.

5. Access to facilities and equipment will be limited to that specific request in writing on the "Application

for Use of School Properties" form.

6. Areas are assigned to only the group making the reservation. Doubling up or inviting other groups to use the area simultaneously is prohibited.

7. All groups shall be accompanied by an adult supervisor whose responsibilities shall include discipline, proper use of the building, vacating promptly, and enforcement of all stated regulations and policies. Failure of the adult supervisor to report at the time scheduled shall indicate to the custodian that the activity is cancelled and he is to proceed to close the building.

8. The use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages on school properties is prohibited and shall result in immediate cancellation of facility use privileges.

9. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Performing Arts Director, or Building Principal may enforce any additional regulations which may be deemed necessary to protect property, promote safety, or expedite rental procedure in specific cases.

H. Facility Use Charges

EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kent County, Michigan

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

FACILITY CHARGES**

(Not including Custodial)

Facility	**Capacity**	**Resident**	**Non-Resident**	**Organizations with 75% or more participants currently enrolled in EGRPS**	**Organizations with less than 75% of participants currently enrolled in EGRPS**
High School - Little Auditorium (Lighting & Sound Systems at an additional cost)	250	$50/hr.	$100/hr.	$50/hr.	$150/hr.
Wealthy Pioneer Auditorium** (Contact Auditorium Manager at Wealthy Elem.)	950	**	**	**	**
Cafeterias (lunch room only, no kitchen use allowed)	300	$25/hr.*	$50/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$100/hr.*

Elementary Gymnasiums	275	$25/hr.*	$75/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$100/hr.*
High School & Middle School Gymnasiums	650+up	$25/hr.*	$75/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$100/hr.*
High School & Middle School Locker Rooms		$10/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$10/hr.*	$50/hr.*
Classrooms and Conference Rooms	30	$25/hr.*	$50/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$75/hr.*
Media Centers		$25/hr.*	$50/hr.*	$25/hr.*	$100/hr.*
High School Performing Arts Center**	750	**	**	**	**

Organization rate reflects all organizations, regardless of residency or profit status

*Custodial/maintenance charges will be incurred whenever school personnel are not regularly scheduled to work. The billing rate will be the current hourly custodial or maintenance cost at time and a half. The billing rate is further defined as the total of hourly wage and corresponding retirement and social security costs. Custodial/maintenance charges incurred on Sunday will be charged at double time. There is always a 3 hour minimum charge for custodial/maintenance help.

**See the Annual High School Performing Arts Center Fee Schedule available in P.A.C. Director's Office and/or High School Principal's office.

Athletic fields are scheduled through the City of East Grand Rapids Recreation Department.

Costs incurred for custodial services will be billed over and above the hourly rental rates listed. Certificates of insurance may be required from any group whenever the program is not being sponsored by either the school district or the City of East Grand Rapids Recreation Department.

Charges may apply to days when schools are regularly in session and to facilities when custodial services are regularly maintained. On Saturday, Sunday, holidays, and vacation periods, cost for custodial time will be added to the facility charges. Custodial fees will be assessed at one and one-half times the hourly rate on Saturdays and two times the hourly rate on Sundays, using the above listed rates.* Additional charges may be made for services rendered (custodial labor, special equipment, etc.).

**Rental charges double on Sunday.

Revised: December 5, 2011
Revised: January 12, 2015

East Grand Rapids Public Schools
Kent County, Michigan

Exhibit "B"

Business Office

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2017

To: City of EGR Recreation Dept., EGRPS Athletic Office, Building Principals & Secretaries

From: Kevin Philipps, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Subject: Facility Use Scheduling Process

As a supplement to Board Policy 9250-Use of District Facilities, this memo will provide the process for scheduling district facilities for school activities (including booster groups and PTOs), the City of East Grand Rapids Recreation Department, and outside rentals including residents and non-residents. Please note this memo excludes the Performing Arts Center (High School) and Pioneer Auditorium (Wealthy Elementary), which are scheduled separately.

FACILITY RENTAL

District facilities are allowed to be scheduled up to 90 days in advance. The priority for district facility use is detailed below:

1. East Grand Rapids Public Schools for Instructional Purposes
2. East Grand Rapids Public Schools administrative approved co-curricular activities
3. School-affiliated organizations (Boosters, PTO, student groups, etc.)
4. City of East Grand Rapids Recreation Department programs
5. Other individuals or organizations located within the EGR school district boundaries
6. Organizations or individuals from outside the school district

TIMELINES

Reservations of district facilities are segmented into three-month periods. The deadline for each period is in place to allow for school and City recreation programs to reserve facilities prior to making the facilities available to other organizations or individuals. The timelines for the use and scheduling periods are:

Period	Period Dates	Schools/City Deadline	Other Org./Individuals
Fall Use	Sept 1 – December 31	June 15	After June 15
Winter Use	January 1 – March 31	October 15	After October 15
Spring Use	April 1 – June 30	January 15	After January 15
Summer Use	July 1- August 31	April 15	After April 15

It is important that EGRPS and City of EGR recreation department activities be scheduled prior to the deadline(s) to assure priority status is adhered to and avoid potential conflicts. Once the deadline has passed, other organizations have equal access to use district facilities.

FACILITY RESERVATION PROCESS

All facility reservations should be scheduled in the FS Direct system. Reservations should be scheduled through the following individuals:

- **Middle School and High School:** Secretary to the Director of Athletics, 235-7555, ext. 5451
- **All Elementary Buildings:** Secretary to the Principal at Breton Downs, 235-7552, ext. 1400

Scheduling the reservations into the FS Direct system will also ensure access to the building, lights, and heating/cooling. Custodial services, if needed and/or required, should also be requested through FS Direct. Reservations should be requested as soon as possible to ensure custodial staff will be available if needed and/or required.

BILLING OF FACILITY USE

Other organizations scheduling district facilities will be subject to the schedule of fees detailed in Board Policy 9250. Rental fees must be paid prior to the use of the facility rental. The Business Office will be responsible for the billing and collecting of the facility rental fees. The secretary to the Director of Athletics or the Secretary to the Principal at Breton Downs should forward the pertinent information for facility reservations by other organizations immediately after completion of the scheduling process. The Business Office will prepare an invoice for the organization to make payment prior to the facility rental. If an organization provides payment at the time of the reservation, please forward the check (cash is not acceptable) to the Business Office along with information about the rental.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

The following additional guidelines should be noted and followed:

- Elementary gymnasiums will not be reserved before 4:00 p.m. when school is in session
- During the months of January/February/March, the Breton and Lakeside gymnasiums will not be available until 5:30 p.m. for recreation department or other organization use.
- Recreation department participants or other organization participants shall not have access to the facility until five (5) minutes prior the beginning of the practice/event.
- After school hours, some gymnasiums will not have access to water fountains. Participants should bring their own water bottles as access to other parts of the building will not be permitted.
- Facilities will not be scheduled for use on Sundays unless permission has been provided by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business.
- The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business reserve the right to deny use of any facility, if such use would not be in the best interest of the district.

If you have any questions regarding the process or guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact me at kphilipp@egrps.org or 616-235-3535.

cc: Dr. Sara Magaña Shubel, Superintendent
Dan Luehrs, Maintenance Supervisor
Bruce Towne, Custodial Supervisor

Exhibit "C"

ATHLETIC FACILITIES
RENTAL FORM

EGR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTED
EXPLORE • CREATE • PARTICIPATE

EGRPS
EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Name: _____ Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Head Count: _____

Dates*	Start Time	Ending Time	Athletic Facility

Special Requests: _____

☐ *Copy to Field Crew* ☐ *Check with Supervisors* ☐ *Check with HS Athletics*

☐ **For All Day Events or Multiple Day Events, Parks & Rec. should contact Public Safety.*

SEE PAGE 2 FOR FIELD REGISTRATION & COST

Applicant hereby releases the City of East Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids Public Schools, their officers, agents, and employees from all liability and waives any and all rights and claims for injury or damages arising from the use of City and School facilities. In addition, applicant agrees to indemnify the City and Schools, their officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, judgments, losses, damages, demands, and legal proceedings arising out of or resulting from the use of City and School facilities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please Check The Appropriate Boxes:

Baseball /Softball

Adult Size Fields

- ☐ Manhattan #1
- ☐ Manhattan #2
- ☐ Manhattan #3 (girls' softball)
- ☐ Wealthy
- ☐ Remington (*baseball only)*

Youth Size Fields

- ☐ Manhattan #4
- ☐ Breton School North
- ☐ Breton School South
- ☐ Lakeside School East
- ☐ Lakeside School West

NON RES. Rental Rate *per ½-hour per* field
Baseball or Softball *In Season*

- ☐ Unprepared - $14
- ☐ Lines and bases - $30
- ☐ All day per field (tournaments) - $285

NON RES. Rental Rate *per ½ hour* per field
Soccer / Lacrosse / Football / Field Hockey

- ☐ Mehney - $60 artificial surface
- ☐ Memorial - $60 artificial surface

- ☐ Manhattan #5 - $22 in season; lines & goals
- ☐ Lower Practice Field - $22 (inside the track)
- ☐ Middle School Back - $18 in season

Small Soccer:

- ☐ Manhattan #1 - $16 in season; lines & goals
- ☐ Manhattan #2 - $16 in season; lines & goals

GOAL SIZE: ADULT SOCCER YOUTH SOCCER LAX FIELD HOCKEY (circle one)

***Off Season* Natural Turf Fields NON RES. Fees**
(check which field above)

- ☐ Goals - $100 (if goals are not currently at the field)
- ☐ Paint the field - $125
- ☐ Corner flags - $10 (set of four)

Tennis Court Fees $8/hour/court NON RES.

- ☐ Canepa Tennis Center
  _____ No. courts needed (8 courts total)

  Upper Lower (circle)

- ☐ All Day Tournament Rental 8 courts $200
  (No discount on tournament rentals)

Additional Fees (NON RES.)

- ☐ Additional charge per date if charging admission - $75
- ☐ Scoreboard and Public Address System - $30
- ☐ Light fee for evening games. Lights must be off by10:00pm - $60
- ☐ Staff Supervisor - $9 *per ½ hr* ___ (hours) x ____ (# staff)

Make checks payable to:
EGR Parks & Recreation Department

Total Fees $_____

Less Resident Discount – _____ (20%)

Amount Enclosed: $_____

Check # credit card cash (circle one)

CITY OF
EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRED S. BUNN
DIRECTOR

Exhibit "D"

POOL USAGE REQUEST
Policies and Procedures Sheet

Please complete the attached form and return it to: East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Department, Attn: Pool Request, 750 Lakeside SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. If you have any questions, please call the Aquatic Supervisor at 949.1750 or e-mail.

- All requests must be turned in according to the following timelines:
  - 2nd of January for Spring and Summer requests.
  - 1st of June for Fall requests.
  - 1st of October for Winter requests.
- Requests turned in by the above timeline will be treated in the following priority:

<u>High School Pool</u>
- Athletic Teams
- Athletic Club Teams
- School Education Classes
- Recreation
  - Lap Swim
  - Lessons/Programs
  - EGRA Waves
  - Open Swim
  - Legacy Diving West
  - Rentals

<u>Wealthy Pool</u>
- Recreation
  - Lessons/Programs
  - EGRA Waves
  - Open Swim
  - Lap Swim
- School Education Classes
- Athletic Teams
- Athletic Club Teams
- Recreation Rental

- Consideration will be given when scheduling pool time for EGRA based on the age of the participants
- All requests after the above deadlines are on a first come first serve basis.
- One certified lifeguard is required per 25 people (if authorized to use own staff, copies of current certifications must be supplied to the Parks and Recreation Department with pool usage request).
- If using Parks and Recreation Lifeguard, usage may be contingent on availability of staff.
- Any incurred staff charges will be billed following the event, monthly.

Lifeguard Fees - charged hourly, Additional charge for lifeguards scheduled before 7:00AM

***Note lifeguards are required to be there 15 minutes before and after.**

This will appear as an open/close charge on the billing. You will not be billed if your time backs up to another activity.

- All users are required to follow all facility and pool rules. It is strongly suggested that you read the rules on the enclosed sheet.
- Facilities shall be left in the same general condition as they were prior to use. Damage or destruction occurring in excess of normal wear and tear (exclusive of damage by the elements or Acts of God) shall be the financial responsibility of the party utilizing the facility at the time of the occurrence of such damage or destruction to the extent not covered by the owner's property coverage.

A lifeguard must be on duty for all usage per state pool codes and will be assigned by the East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Department staff if user cannot supply sufficient lifeguards. While on duty our lifeguards are required to enforce all rules and regulations. If there are any individuals repeatedly breaking the rules they will be asked to leave the pool area.

750 Lakeside Dr. SE • East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506-3092
Telephone 616-949-1750 • Fax 616-831-6144

Exhibit "E"

Capital improvement exclusions:

School District Facilities
Memorial Field bleachers, press box, elevator, restrooms, concession and locker room facilities
Track restrooms and locker rooms
High School Pool boilers
Outdoor athletic facility lighting improvements or repairs greater than bulb/lamp replacement.

City Facilities
Manhattan restroom concession building
Restroom building located near Rusty Swaney Baseball Field at Remington Park