



# CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

## FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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## **BACKGROUND**

This Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan was prepared by ROWE Professional Services Company with guidance from the City of Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consisting of:

James Barclay - Chairman	Rae Lynn Hicks
Sandi Brill	George Hicks
Mark Gonyea	Krystle Lynch
Connie Olger	Trudy Plumb
Samantha Fountain – Vice Chairman	

Adam Zettel (City Manager) and Robert Bincsik (Director of Public and Community Services) served as the liaisons to the city. The Recreation Advisory Board provides the evaluation and recommendations for future park improvements, development, land acquisition, or other issues regarding recreation opportunities.

This plan is an update of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Plan and is in accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements as stated in the “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans”. This document will allow for the pursuit of MDNR grants, as well as establish a basis for other funding opportunities. This plan is valid for five years from the date of resolution of adoption.

Successful projects that have been accomplished include:

- Securing a \$45,000 Recreation Passport Grant from the MDNR for improvements to the Elms Park bathrooms, addition of an internal pathway, accessible parking, and exercise stations
- Maintenance and staining of the Elms Park play structure
- Addition of new playground equipment at Elms Park
- Update to the non-motorized transportation plan
- Extensive clean up and beautification by volunteers
- New Disc Golf Course at Otterburn Park
- New Tot-Lot playground at Elms Park
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Partnership to repair sidewalk access throughout the city
- New Dog Park in Elms Park
- Rehabilitation of vintage swings for Tot Lot playground at Abrams Park

## **COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

### *Physical Characteristics*

#### *Location*

The City of Swartz Creek is in Genesee County, which is in the southeastern section of Lower Peninsula. The City of Swartz Creek lies approximately 5 miles southwest of Flint.

#### *Transportation*

The city is divided in half by Interstate 69 which runs east and west. I-75, one of the nation's major north-south interstate highways, intersects I-69 approximately 2 miles east of the city. Bishop International Airport is in the City of Flint, approximately 1.1 mile east of Swartz Creek. The nearest passenger rail stops are in Durand and Flint. The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) also operates a regional bus system.

#### *Soils*

The Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey of Genesee County indicates that most soil in the City of Swartz Creek are nearly level to gently sloping, consisting of poorly drained and somewhat poorly drained loams with a clay loam subsoil. The major concern of these soil types is their wetness. Due to this factor, these soils may limit building development. The soil characteristics of a site should determine to a significant extent the type of recreational activities that would be appropriate, as well as cost effective (USDA, Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey for Genesee County, 1972).

#### *Topography*

The topography of the city ranges from nearly level to gently sloping, rising to low hills in places and includes floodplains.

#### *Water Resources*

The primary body of water in the area is the Swartz Creek, which flows into the city from the west and flows east and northeast through the city until it reaches the Flint River.

#### *Vegetation, Fish, and Wildlife*

Tree species native to the city include elm, ash, sugar maple, oak, tamarack, and aspen. Native wildlife includes open-land wildlife such as sparrows, hawks, rabbits, woodchucks, and field mice. Woodland wildlife includes owls, woodpeckers, squirrels, raccoons, and white-tailed deer. Wetland wildlife includes ducks, geese, and killdeer. Wildlife is limited, and few native woodlots remain within the city limits due to development.

#### *Climate*

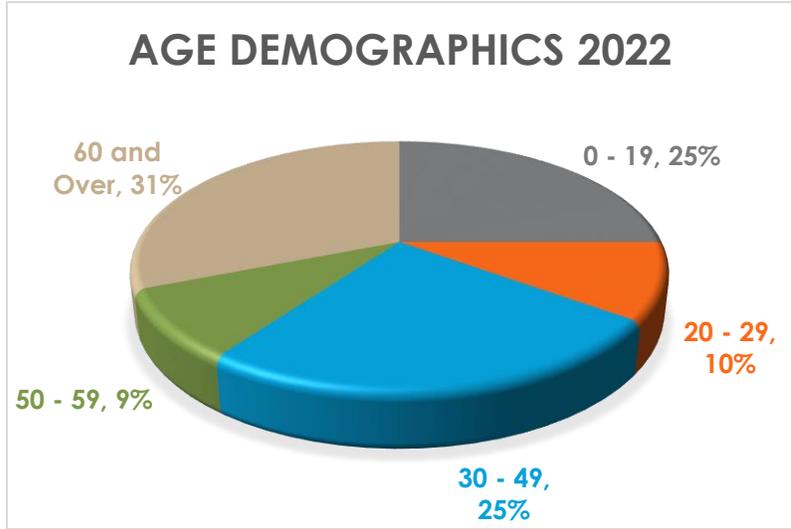
Genesee County is in southeastern Michigan, where the lake effect is not as great as it is in most other sections of the state. The data shows the temperature was 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below an average of six days in winter and 90 degrees Fahrenheit or higher an average of 14 days in summer. Average annual precipitation was 29.58 inches. Snowfall averaged 40.5 inches per year but varied considerably from year to year. There was an average of 39 days

per year with snow cover, the average depth of the snow on days with snow cover being 5.0 inches.

**Socioeconomic Characteristics**

**Population, Growth, and Income**

Between 1980 and 1990, the City of Swartz Creek as well as Genesee County experienced a decrease in population which is somewhat consistent with the slowing growth trend within the state. During this time frame, there was a migration shift from the more urban areas to the surrounding rural townships. However, between 1990 and 2000, Swartz Creek showed a population rebound to pass the 1980s population. From 2000 to 2010, the city grew by 656 and from 2010 to 2020, the population increased by 139. Its current population is estimated at 5,897. The median household income and home value is slightly behind the state average (\$52,669). There is a well-balanced age diversity which indicates a need for all age groups in the community. The median age of residents in Swartz Creek is 40.7; the state average is 39.8 and the Flint Metropolitan Area is 40.5.



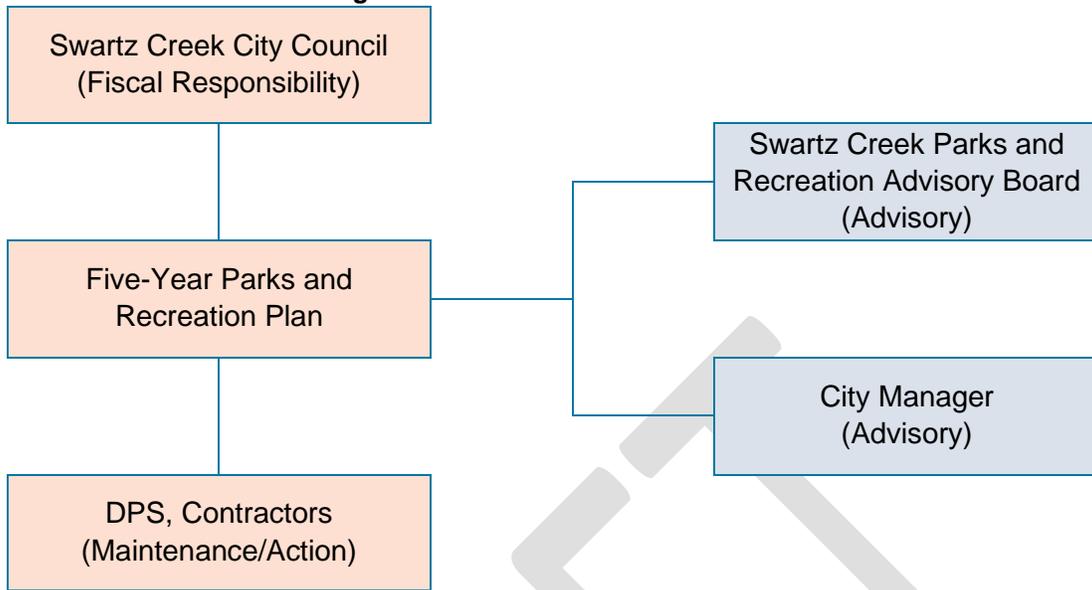
Population Trends for Swartz Creek 2000 - 2020		
Census	Population	Population %
2000	5,102	+5.2%
2010	5,758	+12.9%
2020	5,897	+2.4%

**Administrative Structure**

The Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for developing the Parks and Recreation Plan and spearheading recreational projects. Expenditures are approved by City Council with recommendations from both the advisory board and the City Manager. The Department of Public and Community Services (DPCS) is responsible for maintenance of city parks.

The City of Swartz Creek budgeted approximately \$195,315 for parks and recreation improvements and maintenance in the 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year. A detailed line-item budget for each park is included in Appendix B.

**Figure 1: Administrative Flow Chart**



***Recreation Inventory***

The following is a summary of local recreational facilities available to the residents of Swartz Creek and surrounding area.

The only publicly owned and operated parks in the City of Swartz Creek are Elms Park, Abrams Park, Otterburn Park and Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park (see Map 1: Park Location Map) and are shown in **bold type** in Table 1. The Pajtas Amphitheater and Veterans Memorial are on city property but are managed by non-profits. All other recreation opportunities in the city are provided either by the school district, private facilities, or semi-public facilities.

**Table 1: Swartz Creek Recreation Inventory**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Facilities Available</i>	<i>Total Acreage</i>
Mary Crapo Grounds	1 Ball Diamond used for Youth Baseball	5
Pajtas Amphitheater	1 Enclosed Bandshell Lawn Seating for 1,200	2
Senior Citizen Center	Seating for 120 w/ Full Kitchen & Restrooms	0.7
St. Mary’s Church	2 Baseball Fields 1 Playground 1/2 Basketball Court	3
Sport Creek Racetrack (not operating; for sale)	1,950 Seats - General Admission 408 Seats - Club House	107.7
Genesee Valley Meadows	18 Holes	192
Elms Road Elementary School	3 Softball Diamond (1 for adults) 1/2 Basketball Court Playground	7

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	1 Multi-Purpose Room w/ Stage	
<b>Elms Park</b>	5 Pavilions 2 Playgrounds 28 Picnic Tables 2 Soccer Fields 2 Tennis Courts 2 Basketball Courts 1 Sledding Hill 1 Ball Field 1 Volleyball Field 8 Grills Restrooms	35
Morrish Elementary School	2 Ball Diamonds 1 Soccer Field Playground ½ Basketball Court 1 Multi-Purpose Room	3
Gaines Elementary	2 - ½ Basketball Courts 1 Soccer Field/Softball Field 1 Soccer Field Playground Multi-Purpose Room	3
Pine Hill Park (Village of Gaines)	1 Pavilion 22 Picnic Tables 2 Ball Diamonds 1 Tractor Pull Area	20
First Baptist Church	1 Soccer Field 1 Ball Diamond ½ Basketball Court	2
Syring Elementary School	2 Ball Diamond Playground 1 Multi-Purpose Room	3
<b>Abrams Park</b>	9 Station Fitness Course Playground 4 Pavilions Restrooms 21 Picnic Tables 6 Grills 1 Ball Diamond 2 Tennis Courts ½ Basketball Court 1 Sledding Hill 1 Tot Lot	12
Messiah Lutheran Church	1 Ball Diamond	½
Swartz Creek Middle School	2 Ball Diamonds 4 Soccer Fields 1 Varsity Baseball Diamond 1 Pool 8 Tennis Courts	9

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Swartz Creek High School	1 Track & Field Event Area 1 Football Field 1 Set of Restrooms Gymnasium 1 Soccer Field	9
Dieck Elementary School	Playground 3 - ½ Basketball Courts 1 Ball Diamond	3
Calvary Church of Christ	1 Ball Diamond	½
United Methodist Church	1 Pavilion 1 BBQ Pit 20 Picnic Tables 1 Ball Diamond 1 Soccer Field 1 Croquet Court	3
Cornerstone Baptist Church	1 Ball Diamond	2
<b>Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park</b>	1 Pavilion	1
<b>Otterburn Park</b>	Disc Golf (Under Construction)	20
<b>Veterans Memorial</b>	Public Plaza	¼
Cage Fieldhouse (Swartz Creek Schools)	Indoor Sport Complex	5

### ***Status of Grant Funded Facilities***

In 1971, Elms Park was awarded a \$36,300 MDNR grant (#26-00258) to acquire 24 acres to develop baseball, football fields, access road and parking, and a playground. These improvements are currently in use. In 1976, a \$34,700 MDNR Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant (#26-00707) was used to provide six tennis courts. These courts are in use and provide multi-use function for other recreation in addition to tennis.

In 1975, Abrams Park (formally known as Winshall Park) received a \$16,585 LWCF grant (#26-00556) to provide a picnic shelter and restroom facility. The city made upgrades to this, and it is currently in use. In 1977, an additional grant (26-00904) of \$33,588 was used to develop two tennis courts and parking at Winshall and two picnic shelters and additional access at Elms Park. These improvements are still in use.

In 2015, the city was awarded a Recreation Passport Grant of \$45,000 (RP15-0003) for upgrades and barrier-free improvements to the restrooms at Elms Park. A second phase which is currently being completed includes an accessible pathway, exercise stations, and accessible parking connecting to a pavilion within the park. As part of this grant process, a property exchange was made within the park for the existing cell tower.

In 2020, the city was awarded a joint Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant and a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant (TF20-0068) for \$300,000 for the development of a trail connection that will extend through the entire City of Swartz Creek and connect to the Genesee Valley Trail. This trail will provide non-motorized access to the City of Flint and the Iron Belle Trail.

***Non-Motorized Plan***

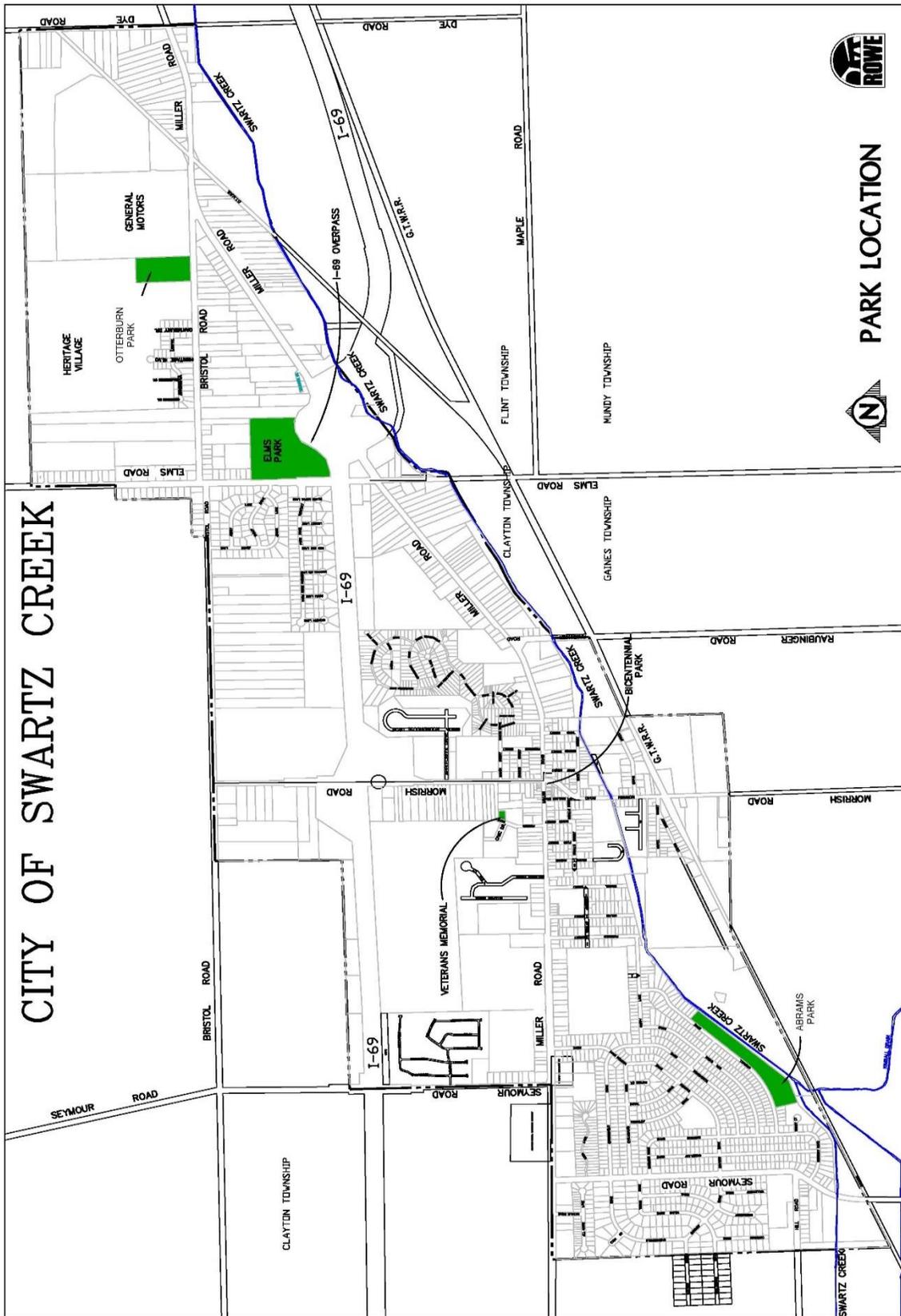
As part of an effort promoted by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the city refined the previous non-motorized plan that has been in place since 2000. Through this effort, three phases were identified that include 4.7 miles of trail. It provides for connection into the regional Genesee County Trail network and indirectly linking to the Iron Belle statewide trail. The three phases include:

- Phase 1        Elms Road to South Dye Road
- Phase 2        Morrish Road along west branch of Swartz Creek to Elms Road, north to Miller Road
- Phase 3        Abrams Park along west branch of the Swartz Creek to Morrish Road

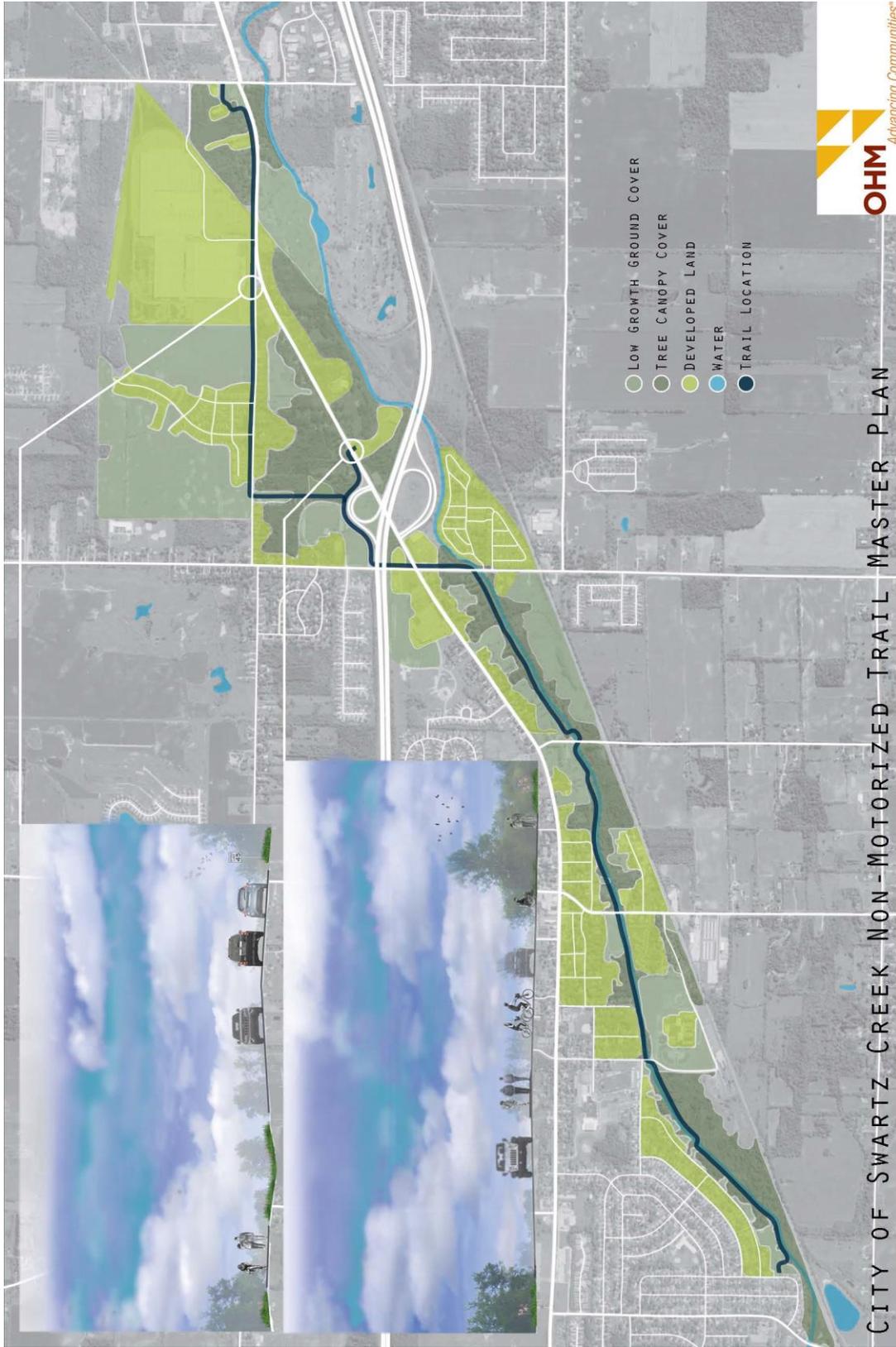
The overall construction cost opinion for the projects is approximately \$1.8 million, not including engineering or any easement costs. Preliminary engineering drawings were provided as a basis for grant applications to seek funding for the projects.

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Map 1: Park Location Map



Map 2: Trail Master Plan Map



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There are a wide range of recreational opportunities available throughout the area. However, it must be noted that accessibility to these facilities is generally a function of having access to an automobile.

**Table 2: Regional Recreational Facilities**

<i>Recreation Facility</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Use</i>
Seven Lakes State Parks	1,378	Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Holly State Park	7,470	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Highland State Park	5,524	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Ortonville State Park	3,205	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Pontiac Lake State Park	3,700	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Brighton State Park	4,913	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Dodge No. 4 State Park	139	Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Island Lake State Park	3,466	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Metamora Hadley State Park	683	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Proud Lake State Park	3,614	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Bald Mountain State Park	4,637	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Kensington State Park	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Marshbank State Park	N/A	Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground
Timberwolf Genesee County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing

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Wolverine Genesee County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Groveland Oaks Oakland County Campground	N/A	Campground, Picnic Areas, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing
Addison Oaks Oakland County Campground	N/A	Camping, Picnic Areas, Shelters, Playground, Boat Launch, Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Lapeer State Game and Wildlife Area	9,000	Hunting-Wildlife Area, Fishing, X-Country Skiing
Flushing County Park	105	Playground, Picnic Areas, Pavilions, Basketball Courts, Softball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, 2-Mile X-Country Ski Trails
Linden County Parks	135	Swimming, Picnic Area, Playground, Tennis Courts, Ball Diamonds, Bike/Hike Trail
Chevy Commons	60	Bike/Hike Trails, Fishing, Flint River Access, Boat Launch

### **Barrier-Free Compliance and Park Conditions**

The following summaries address the accessibility of city parks and recreation facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 was required to comply with these guidelines. Recent improvements in parks have greatly increased accessibility.

A general ranking for each park was determined through site visits as follows.

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

#### **Elms Park (2)**

Elms Park is located off Elms Road; between I-69 and Bristol Road.

##### *Evaluation of Existing Facilities:*

Elms Park is made accessible to pedestrians by a 8-foot-wide sidewalk along the east side of Elms Road, running adjacent to the park for its entire frontage along Elms Road.

Elms Park is a multi-use area with many recreational facilities scattered throughout. There are several parking areas located throughout the park with access to park amenities. However, barrier-free accessibility tends to be an issue due to a lack of pedestrian paths linking facilities directly to the parking lots.

There is a total of five existing pavilions in the park. All have been constructed with a foundation that is flush with the ground, enabling wheelchairs or people with severe mobility limitations to enter without difficulty. One of the largest pavilions has hard-surfaced paths providing access into the structure; a paved path and a route to nearby accessible parking was completed along with the addition of accessible exercise stations. Future extension of this internal path will provide accessible routes to other park elements. The barbeque grills at the two large pavilions are built into the pavement, and there are additional grills without hard-surfaced paths.

The tennis courts and basketball courts are located near a gravel parking lot. Access can be improved with the addition of a paved sidewalk and barrier-free parking spaces.

The existing ball field, soccer field, and small playground area are also without hard-surfaced paths leading to each facility. The horseshoe pits have been removed at Elms Park. The city has addressed these concerns by improving the system of wood chip paths leading from parking areas to facilities within the park.

The playscape area in the northwest portion of the park is an example of the recent efforts the City of Swartz Creek has made toward improving accessibility. The parking lot near the playscape has three marked handicap parking spaces located near the playscape and pavilion. A 6-foot-wide concrete path leads from the parking area into the playscape and the pavilion adjacent to the playscape. This makes it possible for people with disabilities to utilize both the playscape and pavilion.

The playscape is of barrier-free design. The surface of the play area is engineered wood chip, installed in 2022. The play structures are designed to provide play opportunities for both those with and without accessibility limitations.

The pavilion is relatively large, suitable for picnics, meetings, parties, or simply informal use. The pavilion includes a large fireplace/barbeque, many picnic tables, and a barrier-free restroom that was improved in 2016.

Residents have mentioned the need for maintenance and renovations to the restroom facility on-site and further improvements with the existing hard surface courts (basketball and tennis).

The small playground area in the northwest corner of the park is comprised of tot lot playground equipment which is of barrier-free design. The city previously has focused its efforts on providing a barrier-free children's play area in the playscape on the other side of the drive. A hard-surfaced path system will also be developed within the play area.

#### *Transition and Implementation Plan*

The City of Swartz Creek intends to improve accessibility to Elms Park facilities by developing a



barrier-free aggregate pedestrian trail throughout the park. Trailheads will link the trail with each parking area. The trail will be designed to loop throughout the park and link facilities. Engineered wood chip paths will be spurred off the main trail, providing barrier-free access to all facilities. Future facilities will be linked to the trail as they are developed.

Signage identifying the locations of facilities will be provided along the trail where appropriate and all future recreational facilities will be of barrier-free design.

### ***Abrams Park (2)***

Abrams Park is located across the street from a single-family neighborhood. The park backs up to the Swartz Creek.

#### *Evaluation of Existing Facilities*

As with Elms Park, Abrams Park provides a wide range of recreational opportunities. However, the facilities are scattered throughout the park without a barrier-free connection to many of the facilities.

There is an existing 4-foot-wide sidewalk along Winshall Drive, across the street from the park, and there is no sidewalk along Winshall Drive within the park. A trail with exercise stations runs roughly around the perimeter of the park; however, the surface of the trail is grass and is not barrier-free.

There is a fenced tot lot area, including a large play structure located in the northeast area of the park. Barrier-free access is provided to the tot lot by a 3-foot-wide concrete sidewalk leading from Winshall Drive, as well as a 4-foot-wide wood chip path leading from the parking lot and pavilion. The play structure is of barrier-free design. The play surface of the tot lot is engineered wood chips under all the play structures, and grass in other areas. There is no path leading to each play structure within the play area, which means that barrier-free access is limited to those areas directly connected to the engineered wood chip path. Linking the structures with a wood chip surface is a maintenance issue. Most of the play equipment along the perimeter of the tot lot appears to be barrier-free; however, some of the equipment is inaccessible to children with mobility limitations. Future equipment developed within the play area should be of barrier-free design per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

The pavilion near the play area is linked to the parking lot by a 4-foot-wide engineered wood chip path. All pavilions in the park have been constructed with foundations that are flush with the ground.

The tennis courts have entrances designed to keep out bicycles. Unfortunately, these entrances also keep out wheelchairs. A barrier-free entrance should be added to the tennis court facility. The tennis courts, ball field, and basketball court lack barrier-free paths leading to each facility. The tennis courts need to be resurfaced or repaired.



As part of the replacement of the restroom building, all accessibility requirements were met, including a concrete sidewalk to the gravel parking lot. Continual cosmetic improvements are always encouraged (i.e. trash collection, interior repairs).

The existing water fountain near the ball field is of barrier-free design. A path has been developed to link the fountain to the pavilion and parking area.

There are sidewalks along both sides of Whitney Court that end at the park boundary line. The city intends to connect to at least one of these sidewalks, thereby improving accessibility into the park for neighborhood residents. Presently, the lack of sidewalks into the park and the existing curb around the Whitney Court cul-de-sac creates accessibility limitations.

#### *Transition and Implementation Plan*

The City of Swartz Creek intends to improve accessibility to Abrams Park facilities by developing a barrier-free aggregate pedestrian river walkway following the Swartz Creek, along the entire length of the park. Barrier-free connections will be provided to the walkway from each parking area as well as to appropriate areas on Winshall Drive and Whitney Court. Future trail improvements will be designed to provide barrier-free access to the Swartz Creek as well as link facilities throughout the park to each other. As with Elms Park, engineered wood chip paths will be spurred off the paved trail, providing barrier-free access to all facilities within the park.

Signage identifying the locations of facilities will be provided where appropriate. Future facilities will be linked to the trail as they are developed. All future recreational facilities will be of barrier-free design.

Poured-In-Place rubber surfacing has been discussed around the “tot-lot” playground equipment to encourage additional ADA accessibility to park amenities.

### **Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park (3)**

Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park is a small pocket park located along Morrish Road, just south of Miller Road.

#### *Evaluation of Existing Facilities*

There is a small pavilion located in the park. There is a marked handicap parking space immediately adjacent to the pavilion. There is a relatively complete system of 5-foot-wide sidewalks linking the downtown area and the surrounding residential area to the park. However, the pavilion is surrounded entirely by grass. The lack of a hard-surfaced path leading into the pavilion poses an accessibility limitation.



#### *Transition and Implementation Plan*

Future improvements to the park should include the development of a barrier-free hard-surfaced path leading from the sidewalk near the handicap parking space, to the pavilion.

### **Veterans Memorial Park (4)**

This site was completed in the last few years and was designed to meet current accessibility requirements.



### **Otterburn Disc Golf Park (1)**

#### *Evaluation of Existing Facilities*

The city has begun work on developing Otterburn for use as a disc golf course. Currently, the disc golf baskets and routes have been developed and a sledding hill currently exists north of Bristol Road. Future improvements include the construction of a pavilion, gravel parking with ADA accessible parking spaces, 8-foot vehicular access path around the perimeter of the park, small pavilion with porta-john location, and a bike pavilion station.

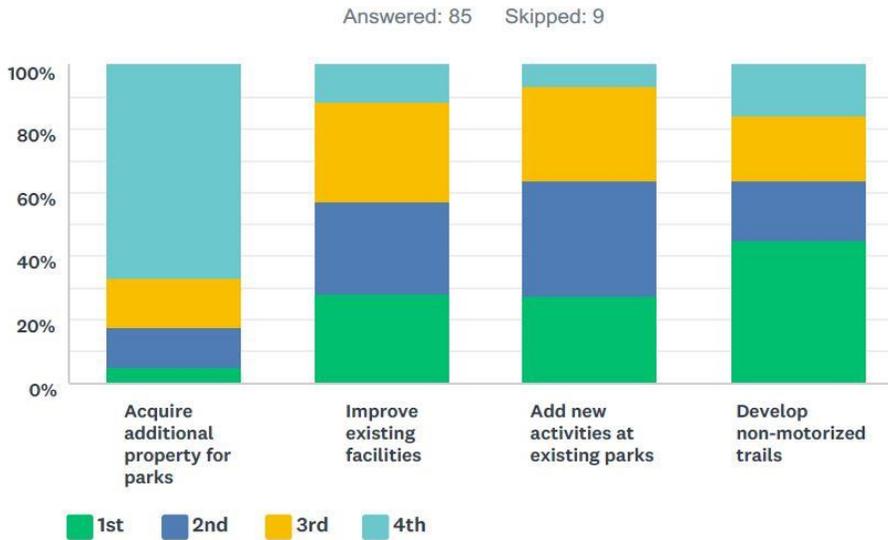
Volunteers have been maintaining the site and installing the disc golf baskets along the routes.

#### *Transition and Implementation Plan*

The intent of the park construction is to ensure that all routes from the parking lot provide accessible routes for disc golf.

**Description of Planning Process**

**Q7 Please rank your priority for use of funding**



ROWE Professional Services Company was hired to assist the city with the update to the recreation plan. In August 2022, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board began discussions on the update of the recreation plan. The board reviewed current goals, objectives, and action plan items at its July meeting.

In June, the board approved a survey to be conducted of the residents and park patrons. Over 150 respondents gave comments towards the current condition of park properties and suggestions for future improvements. A copy of the questions and summary of results is included in [Appendix A](#) and is summarized as follows.

The Parks and Recreation Board also recommended having a focus group interview to review the previous goals and objectives from the previous parks and recreation plan. The focus group was convened on September 15, 2022. Information and agendas are included in [Appendix E](#).

The park board reviewed the plan with ROWE Professional Services Company on November 15<sup>th</sup> during their regularly scheduled meeting.

The draft plan was presented in a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ and recommended for adoption by city council following the hearing. The plan was approved by city council on \_\_\_\_\_. Copies of the public hearing notice, meeting minutes, and resolution have been included in [Appendix E](#).

A final copy of the plan was uploaded to the MDNR MiRecGrants website with a transmittal letter noting that a copy has been sent to the local planning agency for acceptance. Post completion forms and completed checklist for the recreation plan process was also included.

**Goals and Objectives**

The following are goals and objectives as summarized by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board based on broad community input (through a community survey and focus group meeting). These goals represent a flexible tool that will guide the focus of resources for park and recreation

maintenance and development. This format will allow decisions to be made based on changing conditions and take advantage of opportunities as they are presented to the community.

The goals focus primarily as a guide to educate the public on the value of its park system and to leverage development and maintenance efforts by pursuing partnerships, outside funding and volunteerism.

### ***Goal 1: Pursue grants and develop partnerships and advocates to serve park needs***

Continue to seek partnerships with other recreational providers and agencies and with neighboring communities to share ideas and provide non-competing programs and facilities. (Examples include but are not limited to civic groups, schools, community groups and partnerships, etc.)

- Be proactive: establish a coordinated list of projects for civic groups to build, fund, etc. versus reacting to individual requests.
- Apply for grants to develop park facilities maximizing in-kind or leveraged grant match due to limited city funding.
- Develop a stronger partnership with the county parks system to provide community recreational opportunities to the residents of Swartz Creek.
- Collaborate with the DDA on the development of a market/special event space (Holland Square) that can be used as a staging area for bike/foot races, etc. that could link to parks and trail facilities.
- Develop programming within the city through additional staff or partnering with neighboring municipalities for recreational programming.

### ***Goal 2: Enhance use of existing park facilities and programs***

- Replace tree cover throughout city and at key parks due to impact of Emerald Ash Borer and proliferation of cottonwood trees.
- Conduct tree inventory for health of urban forest.
- Renovate restrooms so they are inviting, accessible, and more maintenance friendly.
- Explore adding small features in parks to increase all-season use.
- Consider interpretive signs that engage users by offering information on local history, environment, and culture.
- Install companion seating at park locations and additional park features (i.e., benches, water fountains, picnic tables)

### ***Goal 3: Pursue non-motorized trail system***

- Utilize and expand on existing sidewalks and bike lanes to provide linkages to parks, schools, neighborhoods, and retail destinations.
- Maintain routes as appropriate for all-season use.
- Coordinate construction with other local projects as appropriate for efficiency.
- Implement connection to the Genesee Valley Trail/Genesee County trail system through the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

***Goal 4: Regularly review maintenance practices and policies for park facilities and update when necessary***

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board to review procedures on an annual basis (upon meeting of new members in February) and provide recommendations to city staff and/or council.
- Be proactive with volunteer groups to complete maintenance efforts in coordinated effort with each other and city staff; better communication between Department of Public Works (DPW), city services, and volunteer groups.
- Review Park properties to determine current usage.
- Establish a maintenance schedule and budget for recreation items such as phases of re-staining of the wood playground in Elms Park to complete a comprehensive process for upkeep of this facility.
- Coordinate with the school district to improve the properties that provide increased access to natural features and education on forestry, water, and land stewardship.

***Action Plan***

The following is a description of the projects the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has determined are recreational priorities for the city. Justification is provided for each project. A list of potential funding sources is also included.

***Short-Term Projects***

- Replace backstop in Elms Park. Work on maintenance around the park as well with the playground equipment.
- Develop checklist for routine asset maintenance.
- Remove and replace the cottonwood trees in Abrams Park with something new (i.e. swamp oak, elm trees).
- Annual maintenance to play equipment, including staining of sections of Elms Park play structure in a more organized, thorough manner rather than tackling the entire structure at one time.
- Depending on grants and other match funding, development of the non-motorized trail may be timely with improved bid pricing due to local road projects by the city.
- Additional security measures to protect parks from vandals.
- Add parking on the east side of Elms Park while maintain green space and the separation between the parking area and park amenities.
- Bike racks downtown at Holland Square

***Elms Park Internal Trail***

- City proposes that an aggregate non-motorized trail system be developed throughout the park which would establish a pedestrian trail of high priority for the city.
- Trail users will be able to enter the park from the sidewalk along Elms Road without having to share the entry drive with vehicles. Trail would be of barrier-free design, 8 to 10 feet in width and would allow for a wide range of walkers, runners, people in wheelchairs/walkers or bikers to use the trail safely and efficiently.

- Trailhead location would also be developed to have seating, water fountains and bike racks. Signage and wayfinding would also be installed along trail to provide direction and places of interest in the park.

### Extend Non-Motorized Trail to Elms Road Elementary School

There is an existing easement (owned by Consumers Energy) that connects Elms Road Elementary to the park. The trail connection would provide the school with an opportunity to utilize the facility for recreational activities such as gym classes and cross-country running events. Trail will also provide a pedestrian connection from the school to the residential neighborhoods to the south.

### Mid-Term Projects

- Remove exercise stations in Abrams Park and continue to improve restrooms.
- Repurpose tennis courts at Abrams Park
- Continue to make improvements at all park properties to ensure accessibility to all park amenities (i.e. playground equipment, field access, parking accommodations).
- Work with the school district to develop the southwest corner of Cappy and Fairchild to include forestry education, community garden, play equipment, and creek observation deck.
- Work with Swartz Creek Community Schools to plan the reuse of the Mary Crapo site. This site could provide additional property for future sports fields for the school district. A cooperative effort with the school might be sought as both the city and schools have limited budgets.
- Converting softball fields to baseball fields is still a viable option. Most of the softball fields could be converted since most of the groups that would use the field would be little league teams.
- Development of a non-motorized trail along Swartz Creek through Abrams Park would be an attractive location for a trail system.

Paved or aggregate trail system that would provide public access to the waterway and act as a pedestrian link between park facilities. Trail users would be able to enter the park from the sidewalk along Winshall Drive. Barrier-free design, constructed on paved or aggregate surface, striped and 8 to 10 feet in width; proposed length to be 1,300 feet (or ¼ mile).

Maintain open space and providing light in those spaces to prevent vandalism and promote usage of space for recreational activities.

### Long-Term Projects

- Complete work at Otterburn Park.
- Construction of pavilion, bike station, 8-foot accessible paths through the site, parking, signage, restrooms, forestry, and sledding hill.
- Extend Non-Motorized Trail to Swartz Creek Middle School
- Develop trail connection to Swartz Creek Middle School by extending the existing trail from the park to the school along the Genesee County drain easement.

Develop Non-Motorized Trail Regional Connections

Work with the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (where necessary) to complete trail sections around Swartz Creek

Continued improvements on Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park and potential partnership with the Swartz Creek DDA (i.e., Hometown Days Committee).

Develop partnerships with groups like Swartz Creek Schools, Mundy Township, Genesee County Parks and youth athletic groups in the area for recreational programming and volunteerism.

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**Capital Improvement Plan**

The following schedule is a summary of the action plan that includes key maintenance and development projects in an approximated timeline for completion pending available funding:

**Funding Key:**

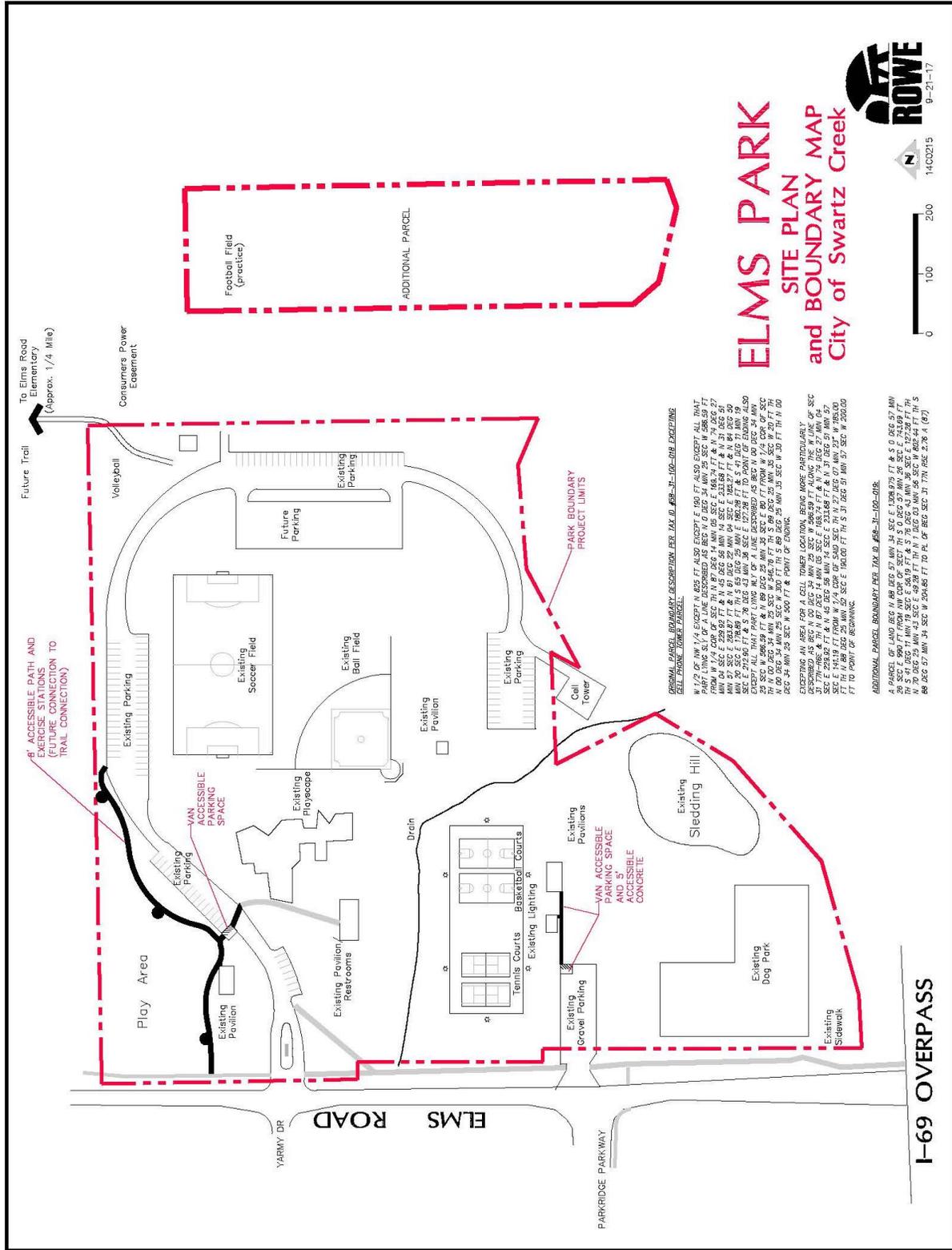
- MNRTF – MDNR Trust Fund
- Passport – MDNR Recreation Passport
- SPARK – MDNR Spark Grant
- TAP – MDOT Transportation Alternative Program
- GF – General Fund
- Private – Private Donation/Foundations

<b>Capital Improvement Plan</b>			
Year	Project	Cost	Funding
<b>Years 0-5</b>	<b>Abrams Park</b>		
	• Tree replacement (on-going)	\$15,000	<b>CE, Private GF, Passport</b>
	• Annual maintenance (\$40,000 per year x 5)	\$200,000	
	• Renovate restroom facilities, remove exercise stations – Minor renovations have already occurred (doors and fixtures)	\$25,000	
	• Additional Seating (Benches)	\$5,000	
	• Refurbish basketball courts (2023)	\$200,000	
	• Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	• Bike Racks	\$1,500	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$451,500</b>	
	<b>Elms Park</b>		
	• Replace backstops (2023)	\$5,000	<b>GF, Passport, Private</b>
	• Drainage improvements, extend internal path (2023)	\$20,000	
	• Additional Seating (Benches)	\$5,000	
	• Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	• Annual maintenance (\$50,000 per year x 5)	\$250,000	
	• Parking Issues	T.B.D.	
	• Bike Racks	\$1,500	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$286,500</b>	
	<b>Otterburn Park</b>		
	• Pavilions	\$200,000	<b>GF, Passport, MNRTF, SPARK, Private</b>
	• Gravel parking and ADA accessible parking spaces	\$80,700	
	• 8' aggregate path	\$35,000	
	• Site preparation/grading	\$215,700	
• Site amenities (i.e. trash receptacles, benches)	\$2,500		
• Pedestrian bridge	\$104,000		

**City of Swartz Creek Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan**

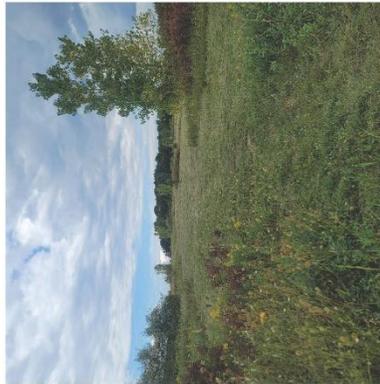
	• Bike pavilion station (including bike racks)	\$20,000	
	• Interpretive Signage	\$5,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$662,900</b>	
	<b>Non-Motorized</b>		
	• Construct Phase 1 of regional trail system – currently out for bids	\$150,000	<b>TAP, MNRTF, GF, Private</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	
	<b>Total for 0-5 Years</b>	<b>\$1,550,900</b>	
<b>Years 5-10</b>	<b>Abrams Park</b>		
	• Annual maintenance (\$50,000 per year x 5)	\$250,000	<b>Private, GF, Passport</b>
	• Refurbish or repurpose tennis courts	\$225,000	
	• Internal Trails	\$50,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$524,000</b>	
	<b>Elms Park</b>		
	• Annual maintenance (\$60,000 per year x 5)	\$300,000	<b>GF, Passport, Private</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	
	<b>Otterburn Park</b>		
	• Annual maintenance (\$60,000 per year x 5)	\$300,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	
	<b>Michael R. Shumaker Bicentennial Park</b>		
	• Remove or enhance pavilion with new features	\$150,000	<b>MNRTF, GF, Private, DDA</b>
	• New benches	\$3,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$153,000</b>	
	<b>Non-Motorized</b>		
	• Construct Phases 2 and 3 of regional trail system	\$350,000	<b>TAP, MNRTF, GF, Private</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>		
<b>Total for 5-10 Years</b>	<b>\$1,627,000</b>		

Map 3: Elms Park Drawing





OTTERBURN PARK SITE PLAN  
SWARTZ CREEK, MI



**LEGEND:**

--- PARK BOUNDARY

**PROPOSED:**

- 1. LARGE PAVILION WITH RESTROOM FACILITY
- 2. GRAVEL PARKING WITH ACCESSIBLE SPACES
- 3. SHELTER/SMALL PAVILION
- 4. DRAINAGE DITCH
- 5. WASTE ENCLOSURE
- 6. PORTA JOHN LOCATION/CONCRETE PAD
- 7. BIKE PAVILION STATION
- 8. 8' AGGREGATE PATH WITH VEHICULAR ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND PARK SERVICE
- 9. ENTRANCE DRIVE WITH STEEL-CABLE BOLLARDS AROUND PARKING LOT
- 10. STAIRS
- 11. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- 12. TRASH RECEPTACLE
- 13. ADA ACCESS TO FIRST TEE BOX

**EXISTING:**

- 11. DISC GOLF (TYP.)
- 12. SLEDDING HILL
- 13. CURB CUTS

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**Potential Grant Sources**

<i>Potential Grant Source</i>	<i>Maximum Request Amount</i>	<i>Minimum Local Match</i>	<i>Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Eligible Projects</i>
LWCF Grant	\$300,000 (Pending federal funding)	50%	April 1 MDNR	May be applicable to development of sports fields or trails that link or provide access to recreational resources
MNRTF Grant – Acquisition Project	No Limit	25%	April 1 MDNR	Purchase of land intended to provide outdoor recreation or protection of Michigan significant natural resources
MNRTF Grant – Development Project	\$300,000	25%	April 1 MDNR	Development of lands to provide outdoor recreation or protection of Michigan significant natural resources
MDNR – Spark Grant	\$1,000,000	NONE	December 2022 TBD 2023 TBD 2024	Projects that enhance features in neighborhoods and renovate or revitalize recreational programming/activities in communities.
Recreation Passport	\$75,000	25%	April 1 MDNR	Redevelopment of existing park and recreation facilities
Transportation Alternative Program	No Limit	20%	No deadline MDOT	Purchase and development regarding non-motorized, related to transportation. Program emphasis is more on providing connections than recreation opportunities

LWCF – Land and Water Conservation Fund  
 MNRTF – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund  
 MDNR – Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
 MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation

### **Federal and State Grants**

There are a variety of funding sources available to local governments for park development. The MDNR Recreation Division administers the LCWF and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). Special initiatives are identified each year by the MDNR that receive special consideration for grants. These should be monitored yearly, and potential projects investigated. Current initiatives relate to acquisition of land for trailways, hunting, or buffer areas for habitat and development of shooting ranges.

- *Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants*

Through the MDNR, there are three tree-planting, grant programs that will assist in funding landscape enhancements at the park and reforestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project cost.

Other funding is also available through other divisions that can be used as match, supplemental, or backup funding. EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) Department for the State of Michigan has other programs such as the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) for water and coastline area and erosion control. Other types of funding go to support existing projects that can be paired with other projects in the community. For example, the pending Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for Phase 1 of the trail system could be used as match to other funding and complete additional phases. The Federal Transportation Enhancement grant program can be used for the construction of non-motorized facilities such as multi-use paths connecting parks. Other grants include the Forest Management Division MDNR Community Forestry grant program that could help fund a tree-planting program for the parks.

Another potential funding source would be through the Urban Community Forestry program through the USDA Forest Services. This organization makes funds available to local units of government and non-profit organizations for street and park tree replacement, Arbor Day celebrations, and tree plantings.

### **Other Local Funds**

Placing special assessments on private property owners for construction of a bike/hike trail abutting their property, for example, could be another funding strategy. Special assessments are often set up to finance sidewalks, sewer, or street projects. The same could be done for sections of the trail system, if needed.

Appropriations from the city's general fund are possible when a prompt commitment of funds is necessary, and the funds are available. Special assessments are levied against the owners of the property and this income is pledged to the repayment of the bonds. Such bonds usually carry a higher rate of interest than general obligation bonds but have the advantage of not being charged against the city debt limit.

### ***Other Sources of Funding***

Additional sources of funding will be investigated. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, special millages, bonds, user fees, and holding fund raising events are methods to raise funds for the development of recreational facilities.

The track record for community involvement in the city for a variety of projects has been impressive. Community organizations, businesses, and individuals have stepped up time and time again to lend their time, talent, and financial support to worthwhile community projects. While this kind of community support cannot always be measured, it should never be overlooked.

- *Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)*

Projects eligible for **CDBG** funding must be in a low- to moderate-income service area and/or provide access to the disabled to qualify. Investments using CDBG funds must provide a documented benefit to low- to moderate-income households. Projects eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements and those that provide ADA accessibility.

### ***Partnering/Advocates***

A regional partnership with other communities could be useful in providing recreational programming and amenities to the area.

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***Appendix***

- Survey Responses
- Budget
- City Park Reservation Maps
- Post Completion Forms
- Public Notices, Meeting Minutes, Resolution
- Transmittal Letters
- Certification Checklist

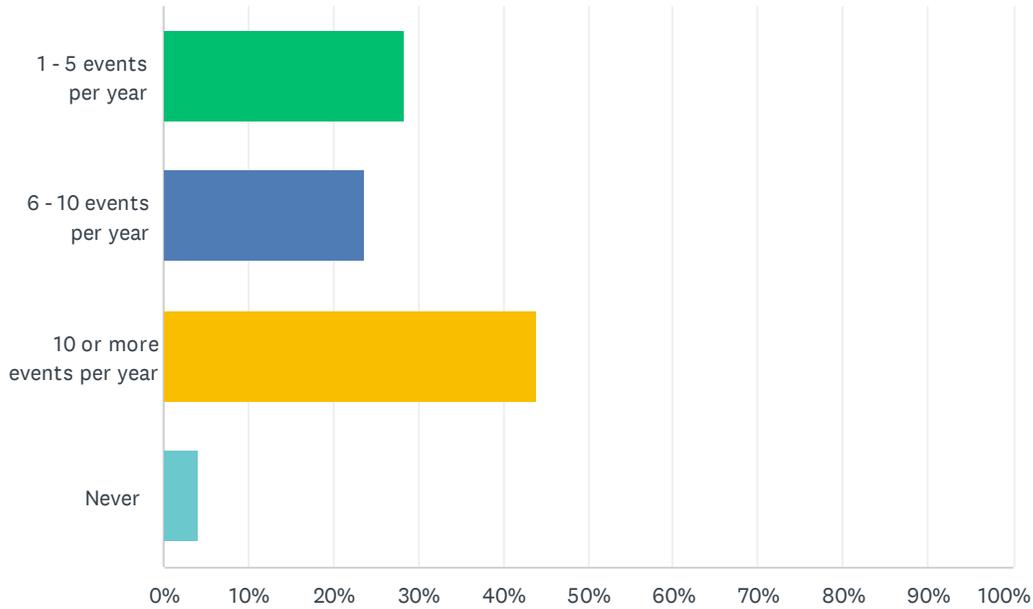
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*Appendix A: Survey Responses*

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# Q1 How often do you or your family visit the parks in Swartz Creek?

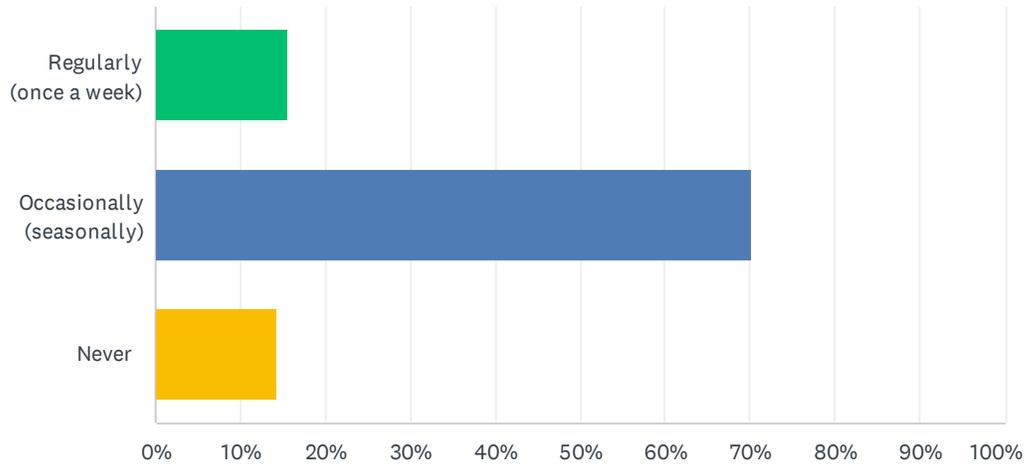
Answered: 148 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - 5 events per year	28.38%	42
6 - 10 events per year	23.65%	35
10 or more events per year	43.92%	65
Never	4.05%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>148</b>

## Q2 How often do you participate in organized activities in parks within Swartz Creek?

Answered: 147 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly (once a week)	15.65%	23
Occasionally (seasonally)	70.07%	103
Never	14.29%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>147</b>

### Q3 Are there any specific park activities or equipment that you would suggest be added?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 33

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Elms Park	83.62%	97
Abrams Park	50.00%	58
Bicentennial Park	15.52%	18

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### Are there any specific park activities or equipment that you would suggest be added?

Answer Choices	Responses
Elms Park	83.62% 97
Abrams Park	50.00% 58
Bicentennial Park	15.52% 18
<b>Answered</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>33</b>

Respondent ID	Response Date	Elms Park	Abrams Park	Bicentennial Park
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Volleyball court	Splash pad,another bathroom esp.by to,ddler play area	
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Splash pad		
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Splash Pad		
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Skate park	Skate park	Skate park
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Splash Pad	Splash Pad	Splash Pad
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Support youth football more	Parking	Where is this park?
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Walking trails	Walking trials	
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Splash pad		
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Splash pad, upgrades to play equipment	Upgrades to play equipment	
114072475133	Jul 13 2022 03:48 PM	Splash pad		
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	Splash pad, paved walking paths	Paved walking paths, splash pad	
114072364276	Jul 13 2022 01:35 PM	Splash pad		
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	extend roadway to connect both parking lots		
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Splash pad, hiking trail surrounding, more parking options	Splash pad, hiking trail along the creek side of park, double up baseball field and basketball court.	
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	Splash Pad		
114071603023	Jul 12 2022 10:58 PM		More electricity	
114071585816	Jul 12 2022 10:21 PM	Splash pad/waterpark	Splash pad/waterpark	

114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Splash pad	Hammock stands that hold many at a time	
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	Splash pad		
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Splash pad		
114071369753	Jul 12 2022 03:54 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM		More sand toys, the digger in the sandbox is not working for the little ones. The metal slide near the lady bug could use a guard rail at the top.	
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Parking and pavilions, food truck night		
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Splash pad, pool, ice rink, volley ball court		
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	Additional small children swing in the smaller children area		Swings!
114071207817	Jul 12 2022 12:23 PM	Water at dog park area. And make a driveway to the park for handicap access. It is a long walk on uneven ground		
114071196271	Jul 12 2022 12:08 PM	water features!		
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	A splash pad	A splash pad	
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114071141757	Jul 12 2022 11:09 AM	Splash pad		
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	Splash pad, slip n slide, snow tubing		
114071066956	Jul 12 2022 09:45 AM	Splash Pad		
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Community pool, Splash pad or similar		
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	Splash Pad	Updated playscape, clean tennis courts	
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM		Splash Pad!	
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Splash pad		
114070922808	Jul 12 2022 06:11 AM	Splashpad		

114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Splash Pad		
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Splash Pad	Updated basketball hoods/court, play equipment for older children	
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Splash pad, more infant/toddler related items		
114070788879	Jul 12 2022 12:13 AM	Splash Pad		
114070788623	Jul 12 2022 12:12 AM	Splash pad		
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	Splash pad		
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM		Splash Pad	
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Trees in dog park		Pool
114070763922	Jul 11 2022 10:54 PM	Splash pad		
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM		Splash pad	
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Community pool		
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	Splash pad		
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	Splash pad		
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	More dual swings for toddler and parent	More dual swings for toddler and parent	
114070728503	Jul 11 2022 09:24 PM	Splash pad		
114070725959	Jul 11 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad		
114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM		Splash Pad	
114070724849	Jul 11 2022 09:15 PM	Upgrade...the mulch, repairs, paint		
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	Splash pad	Fishing pond	
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114070710403	Jul 11 2022 08:42 PM	Equipment for exercise and walking path and stuff for teenager	Toddler play place things for teenager	Walking path
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Pool	Pool	Pool, disk golf, 7' basketball hoop for younger kids
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	Splash pad

114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	Pond for fishing and ice skating, a splash pad, more pavilions in the back, a revamped baseball diamond for use by the public & youth baseball, or a whiffleball stadium, more trees.	Dog park in old tennis court, a bathroom near the newer play area	I don't even know where this is
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM		Lawn bowling, something new to try	
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	Splash pad
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM		Splash pad	
114070695198	Jul 11 2022 08:10 PM	Splash pad		
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Splash pad		
114070693212	Jul 11 2022 08:06 PM	Splash pad		
114070691747	Jul 11 2022 08:03 PM	Splash pad!	Splash pad!	Splash pad!
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Splashpad		
114070683877	Jul 11 2022 07:46 PM	Splash pad		
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Splash pad		
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Updated baseball fields	Updated baseball fields	
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Splash pad	Splashpad	
114070673046	Jul 11 2022 07:25 PM	Splash pad		
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Splash Pad	Splash Pad	
114070668769	Jul 11 2022 07:18 PM	Splash Pad		
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	Cameras to deter crime. A larger sledding hill.		
114070661421	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	Splash pad		
114070661573	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	Ice rink (official one) and splash pad for the littles.	More basketball courts	
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	Water splash area for kids/ teens		
114070652674	Jul 11 2022 06:51 PM		Splash pad	
114070651861	Jul 11 2022 06:50 PM	Splash pad!		
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	Splash pad
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad	More toys age specific towards toddlers	
114070648891	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM			Didn't know this existed?
114070647200	Jul 11 2022 06:42 PM	Splash pad		

114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM		Pool and splash pad remove the tennis	
114070634965	Jul 11 2022 06:23 PM	Splash pad		
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Splash pad!		
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Splash pad	Splash pad	
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Splash pad or water area of some sort		
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Out door Roller blading or roller skating	Out door roller blading or roller skating	
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Add another bathroom; canopy bench at dog park	Add another bathroom with baby changer by tot lot; landscape with trails	Pavilion with fireplace; landscape
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Pickle ball courts		
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad for kids!		
114067711436	Jul 06 2022 07:34 PM	Fishing pond	New playground	Isn't that in Grand Blanc
114066768462	Jul 05 2022 02:47 PM		Need to keep the magnificent trees in the park	
114064948708	Jul 01 2022 06:56 PM	Cops in the park		
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM		Change the name back to winshall	
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	improve ball field		More picnic tables under the pavilion
114063610118	Jun 30 2022 06:19 AM		Update old fitness track and maintain tennis courts	
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Inclusive park access and structures	Inclusive park access and structures	Inclusive playground
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	Add additional pavillions. Possibly invite food trucks for special events.	Upgrades to equipment for older kids. There are older swings, but a lot of the play equipment is for young children. More programmed events would be great!	
114062569268	Jun 28 2022 11:05 PM	Pool		
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM		Updated playground equipment by softball field	

114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM		Walking path along the creek.	
114062457433	Jun 28 2022 07:12 PM		Please fix tennis courts	
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Trash cans		
114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Pool	Splash pad	
114062386030	Jun 28 2022 05:04 PM		Restrooms	
114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	Splash pad		
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM		Trail	Firepit
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	Pickleball courts		
		Skating/ice/roller benches for ice		
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	skating, maybe more advertising for winter activities	Tennis courts fixed	

## Q4 What do you like most about the facilities in the parks?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 61

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### What do you like most about the facilities in the parks?

Answered 88

Skipped 61

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Clean
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Clean
114073445704	Jul 14 2022 04:36 PM	Playgrounds and tennis courts
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	The playgrounds
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Cleanliness
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	My kids enjoy them! A splash pad would make it even better.
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Lots of room
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Toddler play space.
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Play areas for young kids
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Clean place for kids to play. Safe place to walk.
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Making memories with family in our home town. More activities to do would always be awesome for the kids
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	I love the covered Pavillions, real bathroom facilities, and that the parks are well kept and safe.
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	Pokemon stops/gyms
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Everything is always clean
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	Most are maintained well. Open, safe.
114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Green space, lots of choices for different people, and love the new walking trail at Elms.
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	Quality of equipment
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Most of them are clean, and the equipment is well taken care of

114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM	Abrams park is perfect for my toddlers. It's so calm and peaceful with the beautiful shade trees. I also like that the playground is completely fenced in.
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Well maintained
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Creaminess, family oriented.
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	My daughter likes to swing
114071207817	Jul 12 2022 12:23 PM	The dog park area
114071196271	Jul 12 2022 12:08 PM	accessibility to bathrooms and safety
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	No comment
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	I love that it engages our children to be outside, having conversations with friends, and engaged in the community
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	The area is huge
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Centrally located in community
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	Large play areas nice update kids playground at elms park bathhouse if needed
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	They're clean, they're well maintained, they are fun.
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Close by and free
114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Events at Elms Park
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Just the fact that we have them.
114070788879	Jul 12 2022 12:13 AM	Clean
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	Playground
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	Cleanliness
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Dog parks
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM	Clean
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Lots of shade, walking path is very nice, ballfield, tennis courts, basketball hoops, playground, and pavilions are lol very nice!
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	We love the play area and splash pad at Bicentennial Park.
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	The many things to do in the parks makes a great day for the family.
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Mostly enclosed and easy to keep children in play area

114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM	We love the equipment at Elms Park, but it gets HOT for little ones playing outside! A splash pad would be a great addition to any one of the parks.
114070724849	Jul 11 2022 09:15 PM	Elms play scape, pavilions, available restrooms (need cleaning and soap to wash hands)
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	New equipment
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Wish there was a splash pad splash pad in creek, park where crapo building is when it is torn down would be great. A splash pad there would be convenient to walk to restaurants
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Lots of amenities and for all age groups
114070705654	Jul 11 2022 08:31 PM	I like the dog run at elms but I mainly use Winshall. Wish we had one as well.
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	I like the size and different heights. My son enjoys all the parks. I would Love do not have to use the gas to go to ground blank for a splash pad.
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	I love the big shade trees at Elms Park, the new path that was just installed, and the pavilions.
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	trees and walk on those sidewalks, picnics, for reunion and etc
114070696621	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	Verity of things to do, good amount of room.
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Playgrounds
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Clean and safe
114070695198	Jul 11 2022 08:10 PM	Sledding hill
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Nice open areas to take my kids to play and walk my dog.
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	They are clean.
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Shady areas and nice playground
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Both of the fenced in play areas at elms are fun for most kids
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Very clean and usable for the children.
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Clean
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	My kids used to use the playscape regularly.

114070661573	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	They are up to date and cleaned regularly. I would like to see more regular checks on Elms since it seems to have a higher attendance for cleanup.
114070661421	Jul 11 2022 07:06 PM	How clean they stay and how every gets along. Kids never get bored there no matter how long we stay. We also feel safe at all times.
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	I like the playground, basketball court and pavilion at Elms Park
114070651861	Jul 11 2022 06:50 PM	Usually a good amount of parking spots
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Convenient
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Clean, well maintained, large
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Kept up and peaceful family setting
114070634965	Jul 11 2022 06:23 PM	Lots of trees, country settings.
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Up kept equipment
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Fun place to take my grandson
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Elms park is nicely shaded all summer
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	The fact we have a safe place to enjoy the company of friends and family.
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Gathering of family; walking
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Clean and kept up well
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Great for the kids.
114067711436	Jul 06 2022 07:34 PM	Close to Home
114066768462	Jul 05 2022 02:47 PM	The coolness of the shade provided by the trees at Abrams.
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Well kept Expect elms bathroom
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	open space
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	for the most part, I like that there are numerous amenities in the parks. This means that they are not used solely for a singular purpose.
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Kid friendly and good for family functions and community activities.
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Well maintained, close bathrooms,

114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	It's a large park. Spread out
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Trees and nature
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	The pavilions
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	Tennis courts Smooth parking lots for roller skating

**Q5 What do you feel needs the most improvement in the parks? Please be specific as to which park.**

Answered: 85 Skipped: 64

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**What do you feel needs the most improvement in the parks? Please be specific as to which**

**Answered 85**

**Skipped 64**

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114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	ABRAMS needs tennis courts replaced or repaired. Volleyball ball court with sand would be nice
114073472106	Jul 14 2022 05:13 PM	Splash pad Swings at Abrams squeak
114073445704	Jul 14 2022 04:36 PM	Tennis courts at Abrams resurface
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Keeping them cleaned up
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Just keeping up on mowing and cleaning!
114072722258	Jul 13 2022 10:22 PM	Pave Elms park parking lot
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Elm's Park - Sandbox Play Area, up keep.
114072675867	Jul 13 2022 08:50 PM	Not enough places in Swartz Creek to walk in the park
114072674703	Jul 13 2022 08:48 PM	Add a splash pad
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Safety
114072364276	Jul 13 2022 01:35 PM	Splash pad please!
114072192068	Jul 13 2022 10:46 AM	Elms needs to connect drive to other parking lot so you can drive all the way through.
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Abrams is very outdated , another restroom should be added to side with childrens park Don't know the name of it. The one in the neighborhood kind if behind the high school. When
114071885785	Jul 13 2022 03:30 AM	I went by there a couple weeks ago it was very unkempt. Tennis courts looked terrible, tall grass. Old.

114071580384	Jul 12 2022 10:11 PM	Basketball and tennis courts at Elms
114071460663	Jul 12 2022 06:14 PM	We need a splash pad!
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	The bathrooms at Elms Park are always disgusting, and smell horrible
114071270728	Jul 12 2022 01:44 PM	Park Monitors, more garbage cans, restrooms
114071213995	Jul 12 2022 12:31 PM	Elms Park Lots of garbage in the larger kids play area and could use more walking paths
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	No comment
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	I feel that Abrams Park (which I live close to) is completely run down. The basketball court is broken, there are hardly anything for the big kids to play on. Elms Rd needs some type of supervision and trash pick up for the weekends. We see a lot of put if town kids enjoying our park, and it gets roudy (more than just kids playing) and a lot of trash gets left behind
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	Elms Rd Park needs daily maintenance, there's always trash everywhere
114071080050	Jul 12 2022 10:00 AM	Abrams park- long grass, mosquitoes and ticks
114071049816	Jul 12 2022 09:29 AM	Elms Rd Park water issues near the hill or dog park hard to use services most of the wet season. Abrams park playscape and slides need updates as well as tennis courts need a major overhaul
114071038467	Jul 12 2022 09:20 AM	
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	The clientele sometimes is concerning.
114070962864	Jul 12 2022 07:36 AM	Clean up crews. So much trash. My kids and I try to clean as much as possible when we visit.

114070863505	Jul 12 2022 03:54 AM	Working with people to clean up the park. We have gone several times as a family to clean up. We are willing to help organize days to help with all of the parks.9 Abrams Park needs to update the basketball courts, or at the very least update the basketball hoops. The backboards with a spray painted square in them are not very appealing. Abrams Park would also benefit from adding playground equipment for older children as well. The equipment for smaller children is great, but older children are left out.
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Elms road park sometimes doesn't unlock the restrooms which is unfortunate
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Splash pad
114070788623	Jul 12 2022 12:12 AM	More things to do.
114070783955	Jul 11 2022 11:56 PM	More equipment for little ones, or add a splash pad to Abrams Park
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	Elms - dog park lots of potential but just not on par with others in the area
114070767831	Jul 11 2022 11:05 PM	Improve parking at elms. I would suggest paving the driveway and expanding parking with lines to alleviate parking issue. Additional parking would also be appreciated
114070763922	Jul 11 2022 10:54 PM	Elms Rd park doesn't feel safe! Due to a safety concern this year, my teenager isn't allowed to go there.
114070755127	Jul 11 2022 10:30 PM	Cost to rent a pavilion needs to be implemented! Residents of Swartz Creek can't hardly ever use them
114070748261	Jul 11 2022 10:13 PM	Would love to see a handicap accessible playground at Elms rd.
114070740318	Jul 11 2022 09:53 PM	

114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	The roads in Elma park Need paved or just graded more often.
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Possibly more security. I've found condom wrappers at both Abrams and Elms parks this year.
114070715640	Jul 11 2022 08:54 PM	Elms park - new bathrooms
114070715322	Jul 11 2022 08:53 PM	Elms-splash pad, park where crapo building is
114070710403	Jul 11 2022 08:42 PM	Bathrooms Water for kids
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	The city of Schwartz Creek has so many children and truly needs a splash pad The potholes at Elms Park are usually pretty terrible. Also, adding a second entrance (or dedicated exit and one way traffic) to the park would be pretty awesome...especially during football practices. I would also love to see more parks develop throughout the city. Perhaps a sports plex with ayso fields and multiple baseball diamonds.
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	none at this time
114070696621	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	Abrams needs updates. tennis courts need some work. Basketball courts need some nets. Looks bad. Maybe paint the equipment
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Updates to volleyball courts, possibly spray for bugs and bees more
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	More kid friendly equipment
114070694660	Jul 11 2022 08:09 PM	Elms rd park would be nice to add a splash pad and update some of the playground equipment and sandboxes. Would be nice to see some new playground equipment added at Abrams park for older kids instead of just the toddler area and old playground there.
114070691868	Jul 11 2022 08:03 PM	Elms park needs some security at times

114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Both Abrams and elms road need maintenance at least once monthly fixing things such as wooden posts broken swings
114070686686	Jul 11 2022 07:52 PM	Something to keep them cool at Elms. Like a splashpad!
114070683877	Jul 11 2022 07:46 PM	Abrams park needs more love! It is a great space and would be a great asset to the community if given more attention.
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	There is often a lot of trash at elms park and bathrooms are not always clean. The tennis court pavement could use repair
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Update baseball fields and have them groomed and taken care of.
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Abrams park needs more play on equipment.
114070672261	Jul 11 2022 07:24 PM	Cameras
114070668769	Jul 11 2022 07:18 PM	Parking lot and wood play scape at elms road.
114070658102	Jul 11 2022 07:00 PM	Elms park needs improved restrooms, something for summer time such as a water splash area and the basketball court lines redone.
114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad Abrams needs an update and could use more playscapes. Specifically towards toddlers so the playscapes would be lower to the ground and soft ground.
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	I'd like to see a splash pad at elms park and also in the winter, an ice rink possibly with boards and more up keep.
114070647200	Jul 11 2022 06:42 PM	People throwing trash everywhere all the time
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Abrams park needs a pool and splash pad
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Garbage pick up in Elms

114070619420	Jul 11 2022 06:01 PM	I would love to see a splash pad at one of the parks. My kids are grown and gone, but I could still enjoy that with grand kids someday. Also, I would love it if Swartz Creek had hiking trails. I would do that regularly!
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	We need a splash pad or water area of some sort. Grand blanc one is nice but one on creek would get so much use!
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Bicentennial park needs cleaned up. The city does pull weeds or trim the trees and plants. Roses look awful.
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Bathrooms (Elms and Abrams); landscaping and walking pathways (Abrams)
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Abrams. Tennis court
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	I don't not recall any at this time.
114064948708	Jul 01 2022 06:56 PM	Bathrooms are awful
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Abram's shouldn't have been changed names
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	electricity in Abrams park pavilions
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Mowing! Especially at Elms Rd Park and Abrams

114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	I would love to see more programmed activities in all the parks. Could the park partner with For-Mar on the road or other groups to bring educational and fun programming? The Food Bank and GCCARD also have summer lunch programs in parks. These are things beyond planned athletic activities. I really want to see the trail system expansion continue between the parks. I would love to see some natural area enhancements in Abrams park, such as informational signage about the creek and wildlife, etc. Also with Abrams Park, add seating in the more woodsy areas. The creek is a cool asset to Abrams park and is underutilized. Additional seating throughout Elms Park would be nice too.
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Playground equipment at Abrams Park by ball diamond. It's very old and in poor condition.
114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM	Something needs to be done with the tennis court at Abrams.
114062456923	Jun 28 2022 07:11 PM	Parental supervision! Younger kids are over run by preteens!
114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Lighting. More seating.
114062409085	Jun 28 2022 05:43 PM	There needs to be another exit/entrance to elms road park. Maybe if that isn't possible a sign that lets people know that you can exit out the back. It gets crazy when youth football is going on .
114062379938	Jun 28 2022 04:54 PM	The play escape area. Lots of blind spots for parents. Can loose track of kids quickly.
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Designed poorly Trash collection

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Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM

Elms park tennis courts need repairs

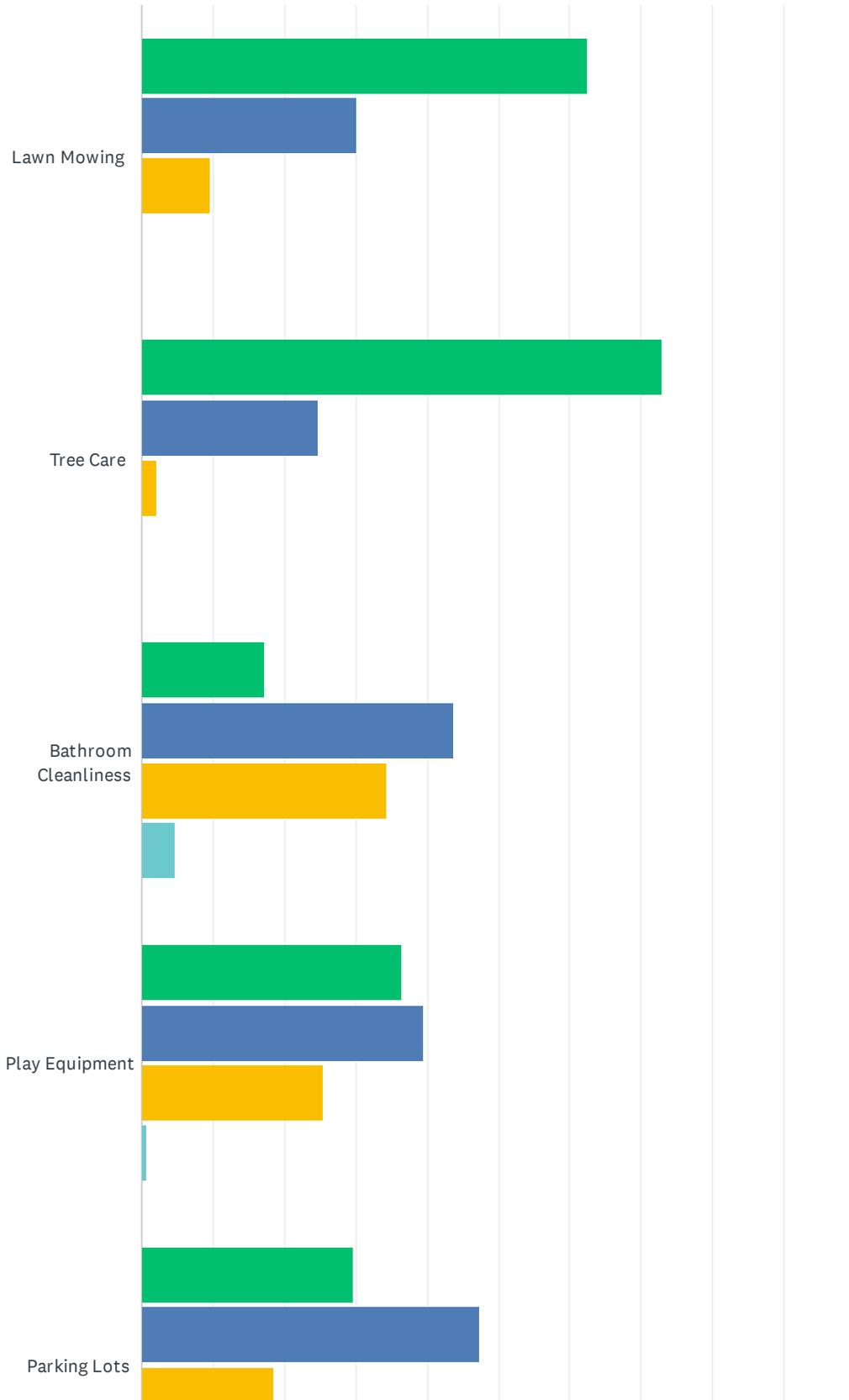
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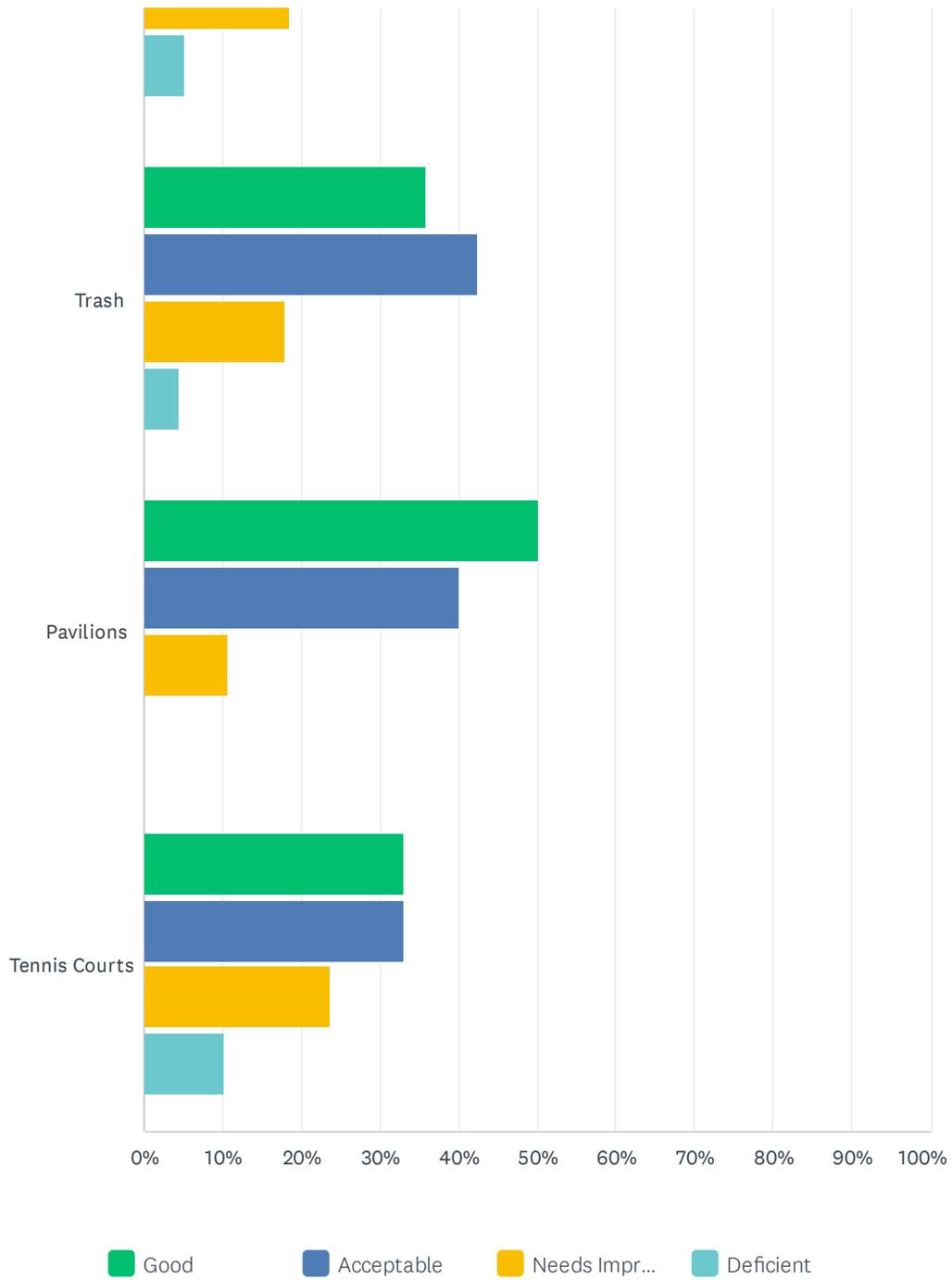
More planned events by the city

# Q6 Do you feel there are any problems with the maintenance of the parks?

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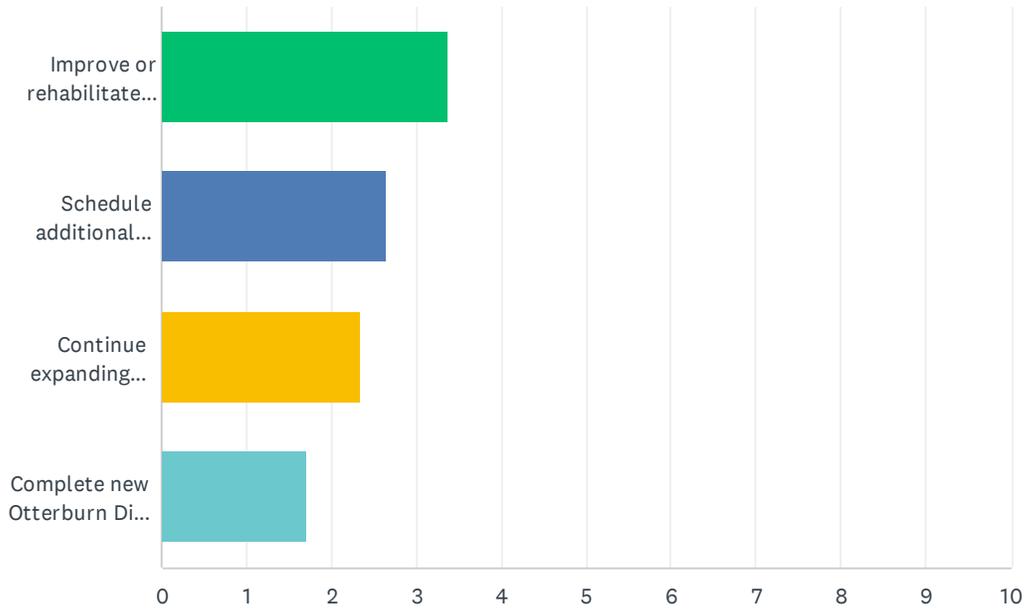


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	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	DEFICIENT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Lawn Mowing	62.50% 85	30.15% 41	9.56% 13	0.00% 0	136
Tree Care	72.99% 100	24.82% 34	2.19% 3	0.00% 0	137
Bathroom Cleanliness	17.19% 22	43.75% 56	34.38% 44	4.69% 6	128
Play Equipment	36.57% 49	39.55% 53	25.37% 34	0.75% 1	134
Parking Lots	29.63% 40	47.41% 64	18.52% 25	5.19% 7	135
Trash	35.82% 48	42.54% 57	17.91% 24	4.48% 6	134
Pavilions	50.00% 66	40.15% 53	10.61% 14	0.00% 0	132
Tennis Courts	33.05% 39	33.05% 39	23.73% 28	10.17% 12	118

### Q7 Rank your priority for use of budgeted funding, from 1 being the highest priority to 4 being the lowest priority.

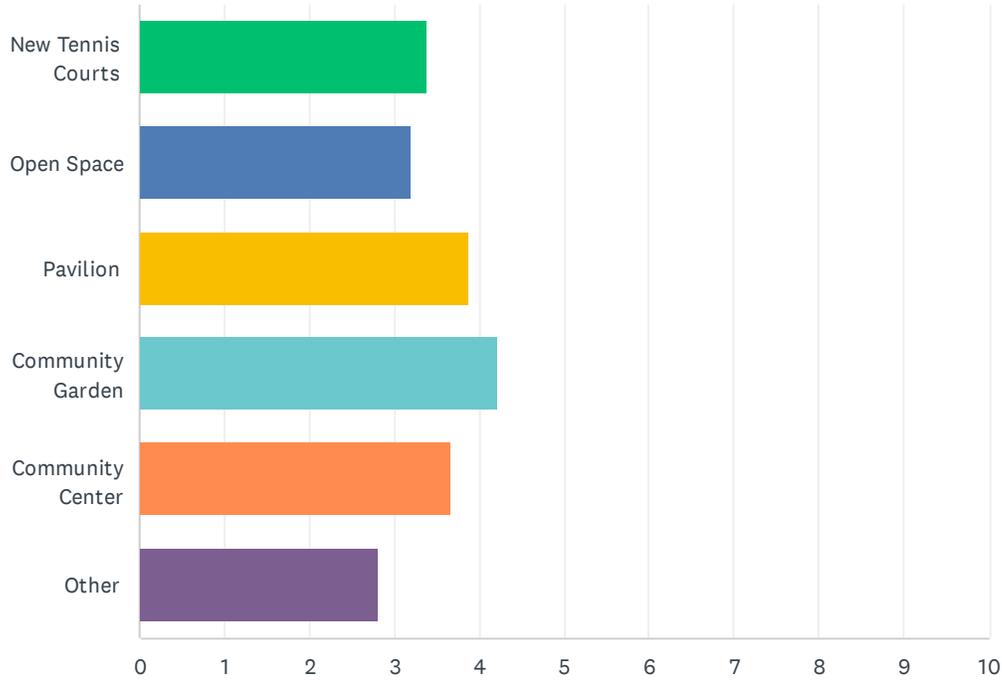
Answered: 140 Skipped: 9



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Improve or rehabilitate existing facilities	54.81% 74	28.89% 39	13.33% 18	2.96% 4	135	3.36
Schedule additional activities at existing parks	21.32% 29	38.24% 52	24.26% 33	16.18% 22	136	2.65
Continue expanding non-motorized trail system	16.79% 23	20.44% 28	43.07% 59	19.71% 27	137	2.34
Complete new Otterburn Disc Golf Park (new Park on Bristol Road)	9.35% 13	12.23% 17	18.71% 26	59.71% 83	139	1.71

### Q8 Rank the following suggested uses for the current tennis courts in Abrams Park, from 1 being most desirable to 6 being least desirable.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 21



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
New Tennis Courts	20.97% 26	12.10% 15	11.29% 14	16.94% 21	17.74% 22	20.97% 26	124	3.39
Open Space	4.13% 5	14.05% 17	23.14% 28	23.97% 29	24.79% 30	9.92% 12	121	3.19
Pavilion	13.11% 16	19.67% 24	25.41% 31	27.87% 34	10.66% 13	3.28% 4	122	3.87
Community Garden	21.43% 27	27.78% 35	23.02% 29	12.70% 16	10.32% 13	4.76% 6	126	4.23
Community Center	17.60% 22	23.20% 29	12.00% 15	14.40% 18	21.60% 27	11.20% 14	125	3.67
Other	26.32% 30	3.51% 4	5.26% 6	4.39% 5	12.28% 14	48.25% 55	114	2.82

**Q9 If you chose "other" for question 8, what are some suggestions for the use of the existing tennis court?**

Answered: 62 Skipped: 87

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If you chose "other" for question 8, what are some suggestions for the use of the existing tennis court?

Answered

62

Skipped

87

Respondent ID	Response Date	Responses
114073553201	Jul 14 2022 07:19 PM	Volleyball courts
114073381135	Jul 14 2022 03:09 PM	Splash pad
114073167059	Jul 14 2022 11:08 AM	Skate park for skate boarding, Rollerblade, scooters, etc.
114072961232	Jul 14 2022 07:10 AM	Splash Pad
114072712065	Jul 13 2022 10:00 PM	Outdoor activities - Pickleball.
114072674703	Jul 13 2022 08:48 PM	Splash pad
114072624800	Jul 13 2022 07:23 PM	Not familiar with Abrams Park
114072503444	Jul 13 2022 04:25 PM	Soccer, gymnastics, splash pad, community garden
114072380108	Jul 13 2022 01:55 PM	Splash pad area
114071983783	Jul 13 2022 06:11 AM	Splash pad/small water park
114071375436	Jul 12 2022 04:02 PM	Splash pad
114071369753	Jul 12 2022 03:54 PM	Splash pad
114071333735	Jul 12 2022 03:04 PM	Splash pad
114071308640	Jul 12 2022 02:32 PM	A splash pad for the summer would be great.
114071279548	Jul 12 2022 01:55 PM	Volleyball court
114071175736	Jul 12 2022 11:45 AM	Splash pad
114071168972	Jul 12 2022 11:38 AM	If not a tennis court, I would love to see a splash pad there!
114071146785	Jul 12 2022 11:15 AM	Splash pad
114071141757	Jul 12 2022 11:09 AM	Splash pad
114070984583	Jul 12 2022 08:14 AM	Splash Pad
114070837955	Jul 12 2022 02:52 AM	Splash Pad

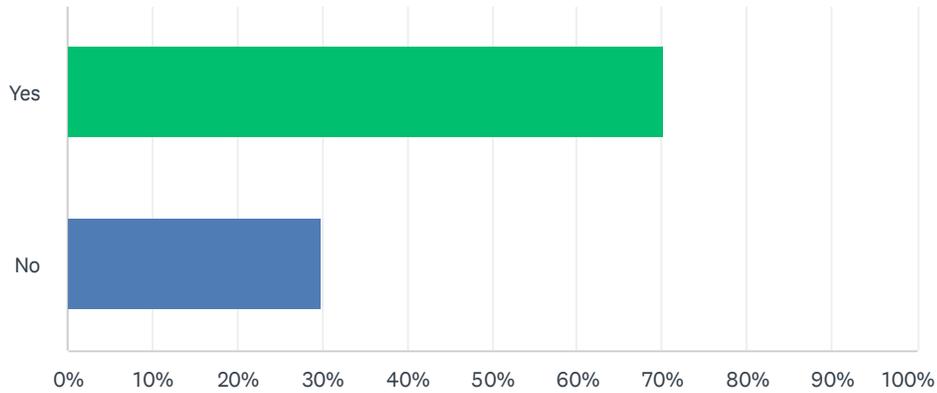
114070796180	Jul 12 2022 12:40 AM	Splash pad
114070775802	Jul 11 2022 11:30 PM	Splash Pad! Please
114070760534	Jul 11 2022 10:45 PM	Splash pad
114070751195	Jul 11 2022 10:21 PM	Splash pad
114070732444	Jul 11 2022 09:34 PM	Roller hockey with nets and side boards
114070730716	Jul 11 2022 09:29 PM	Splash pad would be nice
114070725275	Jul 11 2022 09:16 PM	Splash pad
114070707329	Jul 11 2022 08:35 PM	Community pool or splash pad
114070704952	Jul 11 2022 08:30 PM	Splash pad
114070704344	Jul 11 2022 08:29 PM	Splash pad!!!
114070699569	Jul 11 2022 08:19 PM	I think it would make a great dog park. It's already enclosed, away from the play areas, and would be a great asset to that area of town. Plus it would be easily expandable if needed.
114070696479	Jul 11 2022 08:13 PM	no comment
114070695620	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad water park
114070695527	Jul 11 2022 08:11 PM	Splash pad
114070693212	Jul 11 2022 08:06 PM	Splash pad
114070688887	Jul 11 2022 07:57 PM	Splash pad or rollerblading hockey rink
114070682922	Jul 11 2022 07:44 PM	Fix tennis courts and add splash pad somewhere.
114070681283	Jul 11 2022 07:41 PM	Baseball fields
114070675430	Jul 11 2022 07:30 PM	Splash pad!!!!
114070666450	Jul 11 2022 07:14 PM	Splash pad

114070648885	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad, I don't see tennis courts being used very often. I think a splash pad would be more popular
114070648769	Jul 11 2022 06:45 PM	Splash pad
114070643085	Jul 11 2022 06:35 PM	Pool and splash pad
114070632324	Jul 11 2022 06:19 PM	Splash pad
114070619420	Jul 11 2022 06:01 PM	Possibly an area for skating (like roller skating).
114070616886	Jul 11 2022 05:58 PM	Splash pad for the kids
114070588236	Jul 11 2022 05:36 PM	Water area or splash pad at any park please :)
114070192575	Jul 11 2022 09:15 AM	Add roller balding or roller skating area
114069838133	Jul 10 2022 02:11 PM	Large gazebo for events
114068904244	Jul 08 2022 11:30 AM	Pickle ball courts not use tennis courts.
114067755597	Jul 06 2022 09:18 PM	Splash pad for kids!
114064720564	Jul 01 2022 11:52 AM	Change the name back and maybe people will use the park again
114063889523	Jun 30 2022 12:01 PM	Child ride around area. City to drive on. Teach about stop, yield , right turn. Safety
114063332589	Jun 29 2022 08:23 PM	Other kinds of sport courts
114063003280	Jun 29 2022 12:07 PM	Skate Park
114062549084	Jun 28 2022 10:13 PM	Splash pad area or skateboard park.
114062537486	Jun 28 2022 09:47 PM	Splash pad was mentioned recently on Winchester Village's Facebook page. That might be a good possibility.

114062423509	Jun 28 2022 06:08 PM	Other could be Gaga put. Horseshoe pits. Cornhole area
114062337607	Jun 28 2022 03:53 PM	Skatepark
114055375897	Jun 19 2022 10:44 AM	Pickleball. Put 4 courts in next to tennis courts at Elms Park. You can put up 6' fences around then M and maybe a net between the courts end to end
114055371779	Jun 19 2022 10:26 AM	Skating park

### Q10 Would you like to see pocket parks (small lot, single purpose lots for gardens, gazebos, and reflection areas) developed in Swartz Creek?

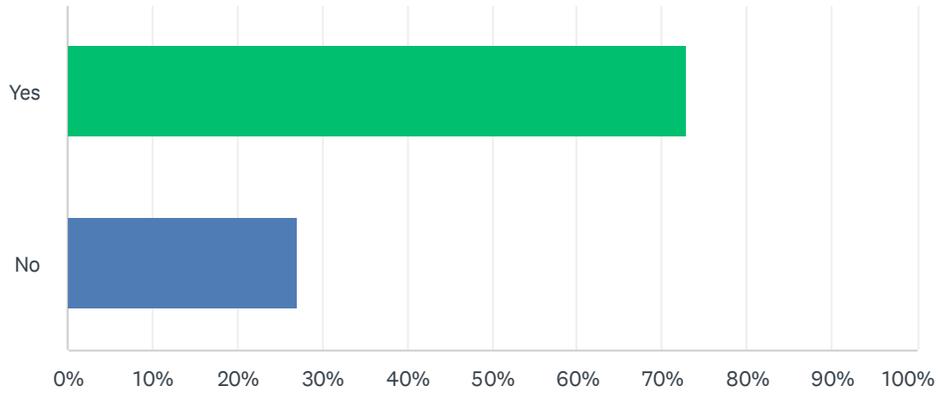
Answered: 144 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.14%	101
No	29.86%	43
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>144</b>

## Q11 Are you a resident within the City of Swartz Creek?

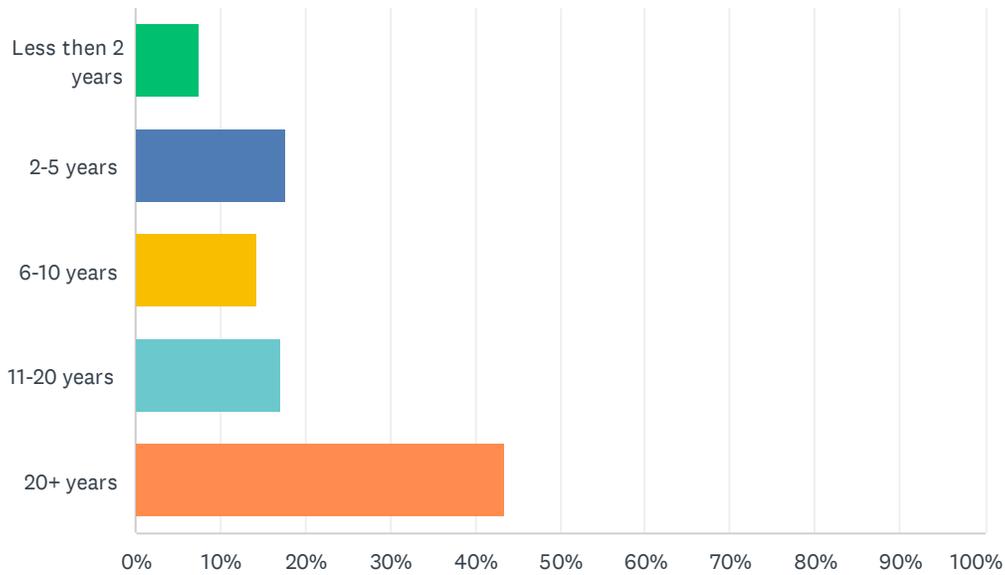
Answered: 148 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.97%	108
No	27.03%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>148</b>

## Q12 How long have you lived in the Swartz Creek area?

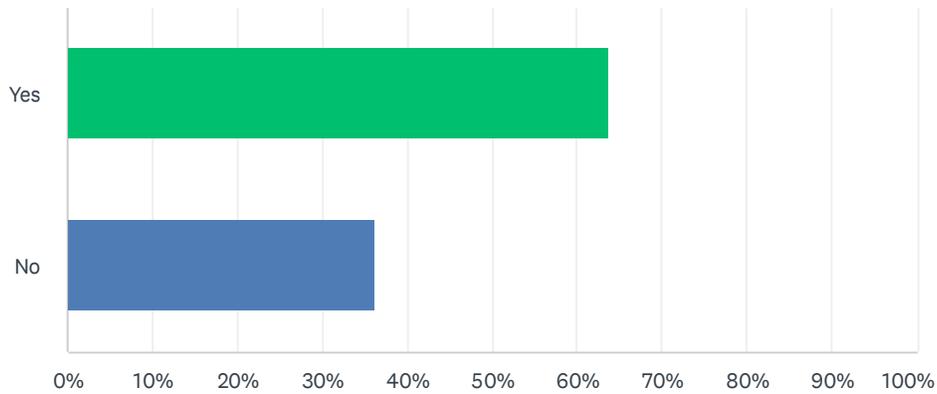
Answered: 147 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	7.48%	11
2-5 years	17.69%	26
6-10 years	14.29%	21
11-20 years	17.01%	25
20+ years	43.54%	64
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>147</b>

### Q13 Do you have children that attend Swartz Creek Community Schools?

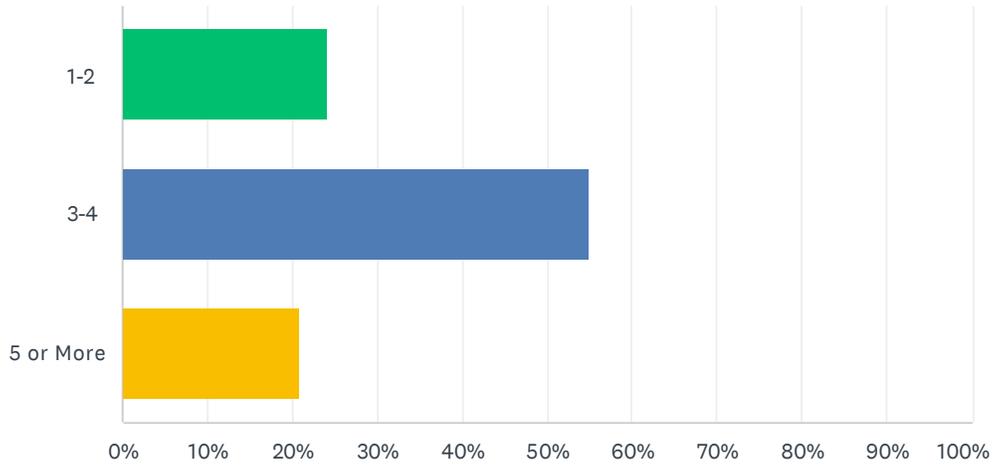
Answered: 149 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.76%	95
No	36.24%	54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>149</b>

## Q14 How many people are in your household?

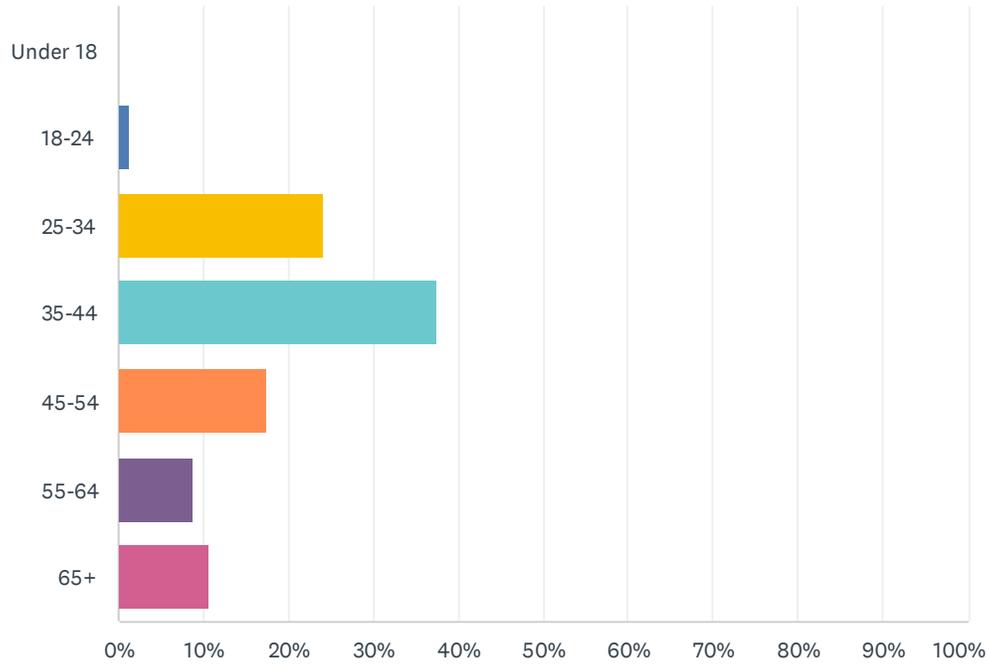
Answered: 149 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-2	24.16%	36
3-4	55.03%	82
5 or More	20.81%	31
TOTAL		149

## Q15 What is your age?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.34%	2
25-34	24.16%	36
35-44	37.58%	56
45-54	17.45%	26
55-64	8.72%	13
65+	10.74%	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>149</b>

***Appendix B: Budget***

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**PARKS & PROMOTIONS 101 (780,780.5,781,782,783,784,786,787,788,794)**

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022			
* Provide for operations, maintenance, and repair of city parks (Abrams, Elms, Bicentennial, Otterburn Disc Golf, Veterans Memorial, Pajtas Amphitheater)  * Provide support for community events and activities related to parks and festivals (parade support & holiday decorating)  * Provide shared services for maintenance to Mundy Townships park	* Complete trail phase one with grant support  * Continue forestry in Abrams Park			
	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
		<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Trail	\$824,200	\$0		\$0
Abrams Park	\$10,000	\$10,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>834,200</b>	<b>10,000</b>		<b>0</b>

**STAFFING SUMMARY**

- \* Staffing for this function consists of the equivalent of 1.525 full time employees (FTE).
- \* 0.09 of the FTE's are composed of salaried staff, including the director of public works.
- \* 1.435 of the FTE's are composed of hourly staff, primarily from the DPW.
- \* Primary contractors for this service include Lawn Kings (mowing)

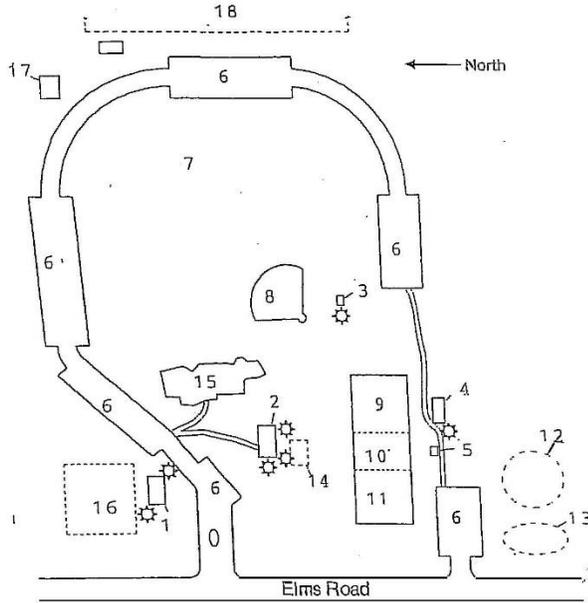
**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2019-2020</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>2020-2021</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u> <u>2021-2022</u>
Total Exp	183,250	215,976	195,315

Appendix C: City Park Reservation Maps

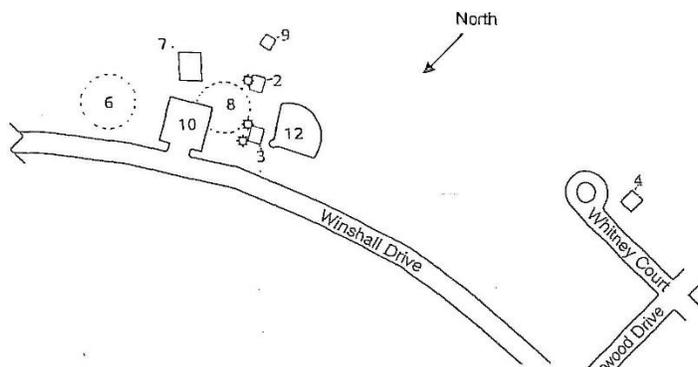
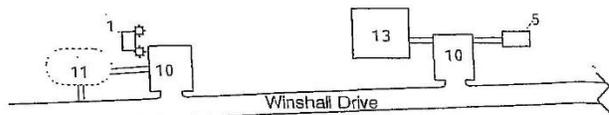
Elms Park

- 1 Pavilion #1 (70-80 People)
- 2 Pavilion #2 (90-100 People)
- 3 Pavilion #3 (25-30 People)
- 4 Pavilion #4 (80-90 People)
- 5 Pavilion #5 (Cannot Be Reserved)
- 6 Parking
- 7 Soccer Field
- 8 Ball Field
- 9 Basketball Courts
- 10 Open Area
- 11 Tennis Courts
- 12 Sledding Hill
- 13 Skating Area
- 14 Horse Shoe Pits
- 15 Dragon Alley Playscape
- 16 Playground Area
- 17 Volleyball with net
- 18 Football/Soccer Field
- o Grill



Abrams Park

- 1 Pavilion #1 (60 People)
- 2 Pavilion #2 (80 People)
- 3 Pavilion #3 (40 People)
- 4 Pavilion #4 (Cannot Be Reserved)
- 5 Volleyball
- 6 Sledding Hill
- 7 Basketball Court
- 8 Playground Area
- 9 Rest Rooms
- 10 Parking
- 11 Playground
- 12 Ball Diamond
- 13 Tennis Courts
- o Grill



*Appendix D: Post Completion Forms*

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*Appendix E: Public Notices, Meeting Minutes, and Resolution*

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# City of Swartz Creek Recreation Plan Meeting Agenda Park Advisory Committee

May 4, 2022

1. Introductions
2. Review accomplishments since last plan. What's left?
3. Review of prior Goals and Objectives and Action Plan  
-Mark up and revise as basis for presenting a draft at future public engagement
4. Public Engagement
  - A. Survey. Confirm questions. Issue asap. Suggest being consistent (city, community, etc). Open ended vs directed. How did responses from last survey direct action?
    1. What do you like most about recreation facilities in the Swartz Creek community?
    2. What do you like least about recreation facilities or opportunities in Swartz Creek?
    3. What changes would most improve recreation in the City of Swartz Creek?
    4. How often do you participate in activities in Swartz Creek parks?
    5. Let us know what you think about maintenance at Swartz Creek parks  
-lawn mowing, tree care, bathrooms, play equipment, parking lots, trash, pavilions (acceptable or not)
    6. Do you believe that the parks add to quality of life and tourism / economy of a community?
    7. Please rank your priority for use of funding

- acquire additional property for parks, improve existing facilities, add new activities at existing parks, develop non-motorized trails

8. What is your age?

9. Are you a resident of the City of Swartz Creek?

10. **NEW** Name Bicentennial Park? Open ended or options? Prize/recognition for the winner? Promote for completing survey?

B. Focus Groups. Use to clarify key questions or items. Time and location, prior to Advisory Meeting?

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Topic</u>
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Winshall Neighborhood	
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Pathway Committee	
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Lions Club	
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Others?	
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C. Town Hall Meeting. Discuss findings from focus groups and survey. Part of a council meeting? Part of issuing plan for 30 day review?

D. Other events our public engagement opportunities?

6. Items needed from city: budget, post completion forms, admin structure changes?

7. Comments, next steps



# Swartz Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan Focus Group Agenda

September 15, 2022

1. Introductions
2. Purpose of Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Submission End of 2022
3. Results from Survey
4. Review Goals and Objectives from Previous Plan (2018)
5. Discuss Improvements and Renovations to Existing Park Properties that are not addressed in previous plan
6. Next steps

**Notes:**

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*Appendix F: Transmittal Letters*

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***Appendix G: Certification Checklist***

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