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# Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The 2023 - 2027 Macomb Township Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks, recreation, and open spaces in the Township, building on the recommendations provided in the 2017 - 2021 document. Developed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Master Plan, this Recreation Plan utilized a variety of input methods to reach a broad network of stakeholders, including some members of the public who might not normally participate in recreation planning efforts.

The purpose of this Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Township over the next five-year period, through December 2027. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. This Plan meets the State's standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

## Key Plan Findings

Macomb Township's recreation properties are cherished community amenities. When asked what they liked the most about living in Macomb Township, land preservation and parks were the top two items. Residents appreciate their parks, and feel that continued maintenance and management are critical to their ongoing success. Ensuring that facilities remain available for people of all abilities is also crucial.

Land preservation and trail development are the clear top priorities, however. Protecting green space and constructing new trails were mentioned on almost all of the open-ended questions, and were ranked "very important" or "important" by the vast majority of participants. The two concepts were frequently grouped together, as survey takers discussed connecting the parks and preserves via non-motorized transportation facilities.

A summary of community needs, survey data, and meeting responses can be found beginning on page 14. A full set of survey responses and boards used at community meetings are provided in Appendix E.

## What The Plan Contains

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans (IC 1924, revised 4-26-2021).

- The plan begins with this Executive Summary and a description of the processes used to prepare the plan.
- Goals & Objectives were obtained by compiling input from community members, staff, and Township officials. They provide a broad set of values which drive recreation development in the Township;
- The action program then provides steps and strategies for implementing the Plan.
- The public participation portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents of Macomb Township, which helped the Steering Committee formulate the Plan's goals and objectives.
- A detailed recreation inventory describes the existing parkland and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the region and state.
- A description of the community's administrative structure follows, including information on funding and budgets.
- The Plan then presents a community description, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community.
- Finally, the appendices include supporting materials, such as a copy of the public input survey, and resolutions and notices that document the Plan's adoption by the Board of Trustees.

## Planning Process

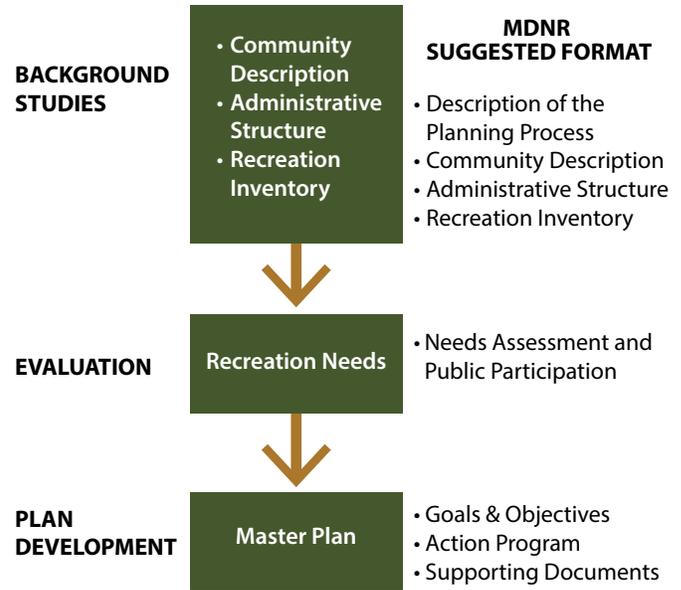
The process used to draft the Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development. Each is described more fully below:

**Background Studies.** This phase involved gathering and updating data from the U.S. Census, existing documents and plans, and from field observations. The data is organized into two main categories: *community description* and *recreation inventory*.

**Evaluation.** The second phase in the planning process evaluated and analyzed the data compiled to determine recreation facility deficiencies and needs. Public input to assess recreational needs was also sought at this level.

**Plan Development.** The last phase in the process involves Plan development and adoption. Based on the deficiencies and needs, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan developed. Strategies to implement the Plan were also discussed.

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier:



This Plan was developed with input from local officials, staff, and residents. A written survey was conducted to receive residents' opinions and ideas for the park and recreation system. A public hearing was held on January 11, 2023 at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, followed by adoption by the Board. The Master Plan was available for public review and comment electronically via the Township website and by request in hard copy at the Recreation Center, Township Hall, and public library for one month prior to the public hearing.

**Table 1. Input Participation**

Participants	Rec. Inventory, Resource Inventory, & Community Description	Public Input	Goal Formulation	Action Program	Public Hearing	Plan Adoption
Board of Trustees	√	√	√	√	√	√
Township Residents		√	√		√	
Township Planning Commission		√			√	



# Chapter 2: Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives offer direction and a framework for decision-making. The following goals reflect the communities' long and short-term recreation needs. Specific methods for achieving these goals are described later within the Plan.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Macomb Township Board of Trustees, through its Parks and Recreation Department, is to provide a full range of quality recreation programs and facilities and to provide aesthetically pleasing parks which meet recreation demands and increase the overall quality of life for Macomb Township residents.

## Vision Statement

That all residents in the Township, regardless of ability, will have access to quality parks, open space and recreational facilities and that recreational, cultural and enrichment programming will be provided to serve the needs of all Macomb Township residents.

1. Provide recreational opportunities in the form of physical parks, building spaces, programs, etc. to Macomb Township residents.
2. Continue long standing relationships with school districts to ensure that Township facilities remain available and utilized to their full potential, and that programs offered by Macomb Township do not overlap or conflict with programs offered by the school districts.
3. Encourage low maintenance recreation facility design to help reduce operational costs, accomplished through the use for appropriate materials for each play structure or facility, landscaping, and related amenities. When properly designed, these materials provide an aesthetically pleasing environment for its users while maintaining the high standards expected by the Township.
4. Provide programming that reflects the current needs and demands of the Township residents based on users, age composition, available funding, etc.
5. Continue to develop relationships between the Parks and Recreation Department, interest and support groups, and private business or recreational providers.
6. Ensure consistent funding for recreation programming and park development and maintenance by utilizing all funding sources available to the Township. These may include but are not limited to monies from the Township's General Fund, recreation budget from the Recreation Millage, and other funding sources established by the Township for recreation uses.. The Township should also aggressively pursue grant opportunities through state, federal, and county sources, non-profit grant funding, private businesses donations and/or sponsorships, and donations from private individuals or groups.
7. Provide a range of recreation opportunities which account for all ages and genders and provide opportunities for residents of all abilities within the community.
8. Remove economic barriers to accessing Township parks and recreation programs.
9. Increase access to Township parks and other amenities by completing the comprehensive non-motorized pathway system.
10. Implement recreation-specific "place-making" amenities, programs and activities to foster a higher quality of life in the Township, including high quality parks and programming that encourages community gathering and civic pride.
11. Plan and implement the Macomb Township portion of the North Branch Greenway that connects public places and natural resources.

## Recreation Facility Objectives

1. Acquire properties to expand current parks recreation opportunities with a long-term objective of providing recreational access or open space within a quarter mile of every residence, meeting the goals of the "Ten-minute Walk" Initiative.
2. Position future recreation facilities in a manner which addresses existing residential density and anticipated population growth, acknowledges changes in resident demographics, and relates to other community facilities.
3. Provide a range of active and passive recreation amenities within the same park whenever possible.
4. Ensure that all recreation facilities are maintained to the highest standards and adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
5. Provide an accessible hard surface trailway or pathway within any new parks in the Township.
6. Provide a system of sidewalks, trailways, and greenways which connect Township parks and community facilities with planned regional path and greenway systems within Macomb County.
7. Plant trees and landscaping in each park and other properties within the Township to provide a more comfortable, aesthetically pleasing environment.
8. Develop a dog park for residents and their 4-legged companions.
9. Consider locations for construction of a sledding hill.
10. Access the Clinton River's major branches for interpretive, fishing, and paddle boat opportunities.
11. Prioritize "Safe Routes to Parks" connections between neighborhoods, schools, and existing parks.
12. Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to ensure future parks are connected to neighborhoods and existing sidewalks as a part of facility planning, and to require new housing developments to provide pocket parks, sidewalks, and/or other public recreational amenities as part of the development structure.

## Recreation Center Objectives

1. Promote the Recreation Center as the focal point of the Macomb Township recreation community for both indoor and outdoor recreation (Town Center Park).
2. Monitor and adjust program offerings to reflect changing recreation preferences and age characteristics by way of community surveys and/or questionnaires.
3. Periodically review and adjust programming costs and payment structures to ensure that resident rates are set at competitive and reasonable levels.
4. Increase awareness of recreation programs, facilities, and future plans for development with different advertising methods including brochures, cable television, social media, web site, e-mail blasts etc.
5. Expand the range of recreational opportunities for teenage residents. These should include both physical and enrichment activities.
6. Continue to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for senior citizens via the Macomb Township Senior Center and Recreation Center and other programming.

## Administrative Objectives

1. Ensure consistent funding for recreation programming and park development and maintenance by utilizing all funding sources available to the Township. These may include but are not limited to monies from the Township's General Fund, Recreation Budget from Millage, and other funding sources established by the Township for recreation uses.
2. The Township should also aggressively pursue grant opportunities through state, federal, and county sources, non-profit grant funding, private businesses donations and/or sponsorships, and donations from private individuals or groups.
3. Provide a consistent level of funding, through county, state and federal monies, to support improvements to the service area's recreation facilities and programs and to provide continued maintenance of these parks.
4. Hold events and functions such as movie or concert nights at the Recreation Center or local schools, to promote community involvement, interaction and unity.
5. Examine different methods of registration in order to increase the number of persons involved in recreation programs and the ability to reach persons who may be restricted in some manner. The following methods could be considered: drop box, credit card, computer/on-line, and phone-in.
6. Include maintenance costs for new facilities in future year's budgets in addition to adding correlating programming.





# Chapter 3: Action Plan

The Action Plan details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as a schedule with suggested capital improvement projects along with a sequence and strategies for implementation. Over the next five years, the Township will be evaluating a variety of properties which may provide opportunities to address recreation deficiencies throughout the community. This Action Plan will help the Township allocate necessary funds from the Recreation Millage and other sources as required to ensure the feasibility of property and easement acquisition, and park and pathway development.

## Action Plan

The following outline lists specific actions and projects which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period. Plans showing the parks improvements are also included to illustrate the proposed projects.

### All Existing Park & Recreation Properties

- Ensure that all recreation properties are safe and properly maintained.
- Ensure that all recreation amenities meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and standards.
- Plant shade trees and add other sustainable features such as rain gardens to help mitigate stormwater issues.
- Evaluate feasibility of adding wi-fi and electrical access at all Township parks.
- Address grading, turf condition, drainage and accessibility at all Township parks.
- Pursue land acquisition for expansion of existing park facilities as opportunities present themselves.

### Future Recreation Property Acquisition & Development

- Continually evaluate Township-owned and other properties which may address recreation needs in underserved areas of the Township, connect to existing recreation facilities, or offer unique features which enhance the recreation experience for Township residents. This generally includes the entire Township outside of the service areas of our existing parks and recreation centers (see Map 2 on page 15).
- Locate properties that can accommodate specialized recreation amenities including but not limited to a dog park, splash pad or interactive fountain, disc golf course, and sledding hill,
- Develop newly acquired parkland with a mix of active- and passive-use amenities. Facilitate neighborhood design charrettes to receive community input on new park developments.
- Evaluate the feasibility of developing the Township-owned property on the south side of 24 Mile at Foss to incorporate parking facilities, athletic fields, and additional active-use facilities as deemed appropriate.

### Trails & Greenways

- Continue to implement Macomb Township's non-motorized plan.
- Maintain the program that identifies the key non-motorized routes and address gaps in existing alignments.
- Acquire property and easements for developing greenways and blueways for hike/bike paths, kayak/canoe liveries, and scenic walkways & platforms, particularly those which would move forward the North Branch Greenway efforts (see description of the Greenway on page 77).
- Continue acquiring easements as necessary to implement the Township's Non-motorized Plan (see Map 1 on page 17).
- Consider enactment of an ordinance in support of a complete streets policy to ensure that future development considers the transportation requirements of all citizens.

## **Macomb Corners Park**

- Add exercise equipment to create a fitness trail along existing trail facilities.
- Evaluate options for improving playground surfaces to improve accessibility.
- Add “Generation Swing Seats” (aka mommy/baby swings), wheelchair swings, and/or inclusive swing seats to swing sets.
- Evaluate opportunities to add rockers, spinners, or other accessible features to make the park as inclusive as possible.
- Evaluate opportunities for adding unique playground amenities such as climbing walls, zip lines, agility courses, or other features to establish the park as a true regional destination.
- Provide an improved connection across 25 Mile Road to planned pathways and sidewalks on the south side of the road.

## **Township Center Park**

- Facilitate a re-imagining session for the property with stakeholders and interested Township residents with a goal of adding amenities which make the park usable by a variety of groups throughout the year.
- Consider the creation of a sled hill, concert venue/ amphitheater, or other large feature on the property.
- Improve connections between the Recreation Center and the northern sections of the park.
- Pave the parking area and add trails as part of any suggested park improvements.

## **Waldenburg Park**

- Evaluate options to control flooding issues throughout the park.

## **Pitchford Park**

- Implement the design plan for the park, including parking, pickleball and tennis courts, shelters, comfort station and picnic area, running/walking loops, and dog parks.
- Work with county officials and other interested stakeholders to develop a crossing over the county drain on the south side of the park and provide connections to the adjacent neighborhoods.

## **Macomb Nature Preserve**

- Improve parking area, barn, and other structures to allow use as an event facility.
- Consider development of pond area as a winter recreation destination, re-purposing a portion of the existing building as a warming center, expanding the pond footprint to allow skating, adding cross country ski trails, and using fill materials from nearby housing developments to create a sledding hill.
- Retrofit the cabin to allow use as a picnic shelter.
- Develop maintenance program to control invasive species and enhance native vegetation including selective pruning and removal, prescribed burns, and other techniques.

## Project Schedule

Table 2 lists the individual projects along with the specific tasks the Township would like to accomplish, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. These projects are not prioritized, and will be implemented as funding and/or resources are available. However, to guide implementation, each project is assigned a time frame for completion.

Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years, while longterm (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, five years or beyond. Mid-term (MT) falls between the two other categories. Ongoing (OG) items are activities that are not necessarily project-related but instead are part of standard daily practices.

**Table 2. Improvement Schedule**

Description	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
<b>Trails &amp; Greenways</b>			
Develop and maintain a prioritization matrix	-	RM	OG
Acquire easements and property in support of North Branch Greenway efforts	TBD	RM, G, D	ST
Acquire easements in support of the Township's non-motorized plan	TBD	RM, G, D	OG
Continue to maintain parks and facilities in good working order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of users	-	GF	OG
<b>Macomb Corners Park</b>			
Construct fitness trail	\$ 60,000 – 70,000	RM, G, D	LT
Upgrade playground surface	\$ 100,000 – 120,000	RM, G, D	LT
Upgrade swingsets	\$ 10,000 – 15,000	RM, G, D	MT
Add inclusive play equipment	\$ 30,000 – 60,000	RM, G, D	LT
Add other unique play amenities	TBD	RM, G, D	LT
Improve connection across 25 Mile	\$ 30,000 – 40,000	RM, G, D, O	ST
<b>Township Center Park</b>			
Facilitate design charrette to re-imagine land use	TBD	RM	ST
Pave parking lot	\$ 60,000 – 80,000	RM, G, D	LT
Consider addition of sledding hill, amphitheater, or other unique park amenity	TBD	RM, G, D	LT
<b>Waldenburg Park</b>			
Evaluate options to control flooding	-	RM	MT
<b>Pitchford Park</b>			
Construct park amenities per approved design plan	???	RM, G, D	ST
<b>Macomb Nature Preserve</b>			
Improve parking area	\$60,000 - 80,000	RM, G, D	ST
Rehabilitate barn and other building structures	TBD	RM, G, D	MT
Develop property as winter destination	TBD	RM, G, D	LT
Develop and implement vegetative maintenance schedule	-	RM	OG
<b>Future Park Properties</b>			
Acquire properties in underserved areas for park development	TBD	RM, G, D	OG

\* RM = Recreation Millage, D = Donations, G = Grants, TBD = To Be Determined

## Implementation Strategies

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the projected expenses involved in the project schedule. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

### Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds **Transportation Enhancements (TE)** activities for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the TE activities. Activities which may apply to Macomb include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; and
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

The **Safe Routes to School** program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's Safe Routes to School program made schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in school areas.

The program provides mini grants for programming and major grants to help communities build sidewalks, crosswalks, and other infrastructure. Up to \$200,000 per school is available for infrastructure projects, and \$8,000 to build programming around the project. Communities must undergo an in-depth planning process prior to submitting an application. Deadlines are ongoing and awarded on a rolling basis. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required.

## Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the *Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)* and the *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)* continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource based preservation and recreation. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$500,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

The *Recreation Passport* grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$150,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

Local units of government may use the Forest Stewardship program to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. A total of \$2,000 may be granted with a 50 percent local match. Applications are due in September. Non-game Wildlife Fund Grants have also been offered in the past to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, and other natural features.

A new grant program released in 2022 and administered by the MDNR is the *Michigan Spark Grant*, a \$65 million dollar grant program of coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds was made available through Public Act 53 of 2022. The program is intended to help communities create, renovate, or redevelop public outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors. Eligible applicants must be local units of government or public authorities legally designated to provide public recreation, or regional or statewide organizations of such entities working together.

Individual grant amounts range from \$100,000 to \$1 million, and will be distributed in three rounds

- Round one: \$15 million by the end of 2022.
- Round two: \$25 million in the spring of 2023.
- Round three: \$25 million in the summer of 2023.

All projects must be completed by 2026. As of the writing of this plan, application forms and scoring criteria have not been established. Additional information on the program is available at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec/sparkgrants>.

## Apply for Other Grant Funding

The ***Detroit Edison Tree Planting program*** began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are typically due in February.

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as ***Bikes Belong Coalition***. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

***Access to Recreation*** is a grant program available for universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:

***Recreation Access Matching Grant*** provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and

***Accessible by Design Awards*** is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

The ***KABOOM! Play Everywhere Design Challenge*** provides funding for creative design ideas that make it easier for families to incorporate play into everyday moments. Winning projects bring play into public spaces in neighborhoods that have experienced significant disinvestment. To date, it has donated \$1 million to southeast Michigan communities.

The Challenge is part of the larger ***Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation***, a billion dollar endowment dedicated to supporting active lifestyles in southeast Michigan and western New York. By supporting access to safe spaces and programs that get kids physically active and moving, the Foundation aims to introduce lifelong healthy habits through its Youth Sports & Recreation grant-making. The Foundation's looks to connect communities through investments in Parks, Trails & Green Design.

## Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the Township will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park or trail acquisition, development, or maintenance.

## Seek Other Sources of Funding

Macomb Parks & Recreation should continue to search for additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting financial contributions, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.

# Chapter 4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community to formulate an action plan for parks and recreation improvement. Needs provide the rationale for goals and objectives and identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends and an online survey was conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents. The opinions expressed by residents and information shared by Township officials and staff helped to inform a strategic solution to meet the Township's recreation needs.

## Comparison to National Standards

According to a 1996 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) study, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves or special use areas. Mini parks/tot lots, neighborhood parks, and community parks are described as close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. Macomb Township maintains five parks and preserves that are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of recommended close-to-home park land is 6.26 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents. The following pages provide a comprehensive analysis of the Township's recreation facilities and a comparison to its peer communities.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. For Macomb Township, County, State, and HCMA parks fill this role. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of park land per 1,000 people.

Other types of parks include the following:

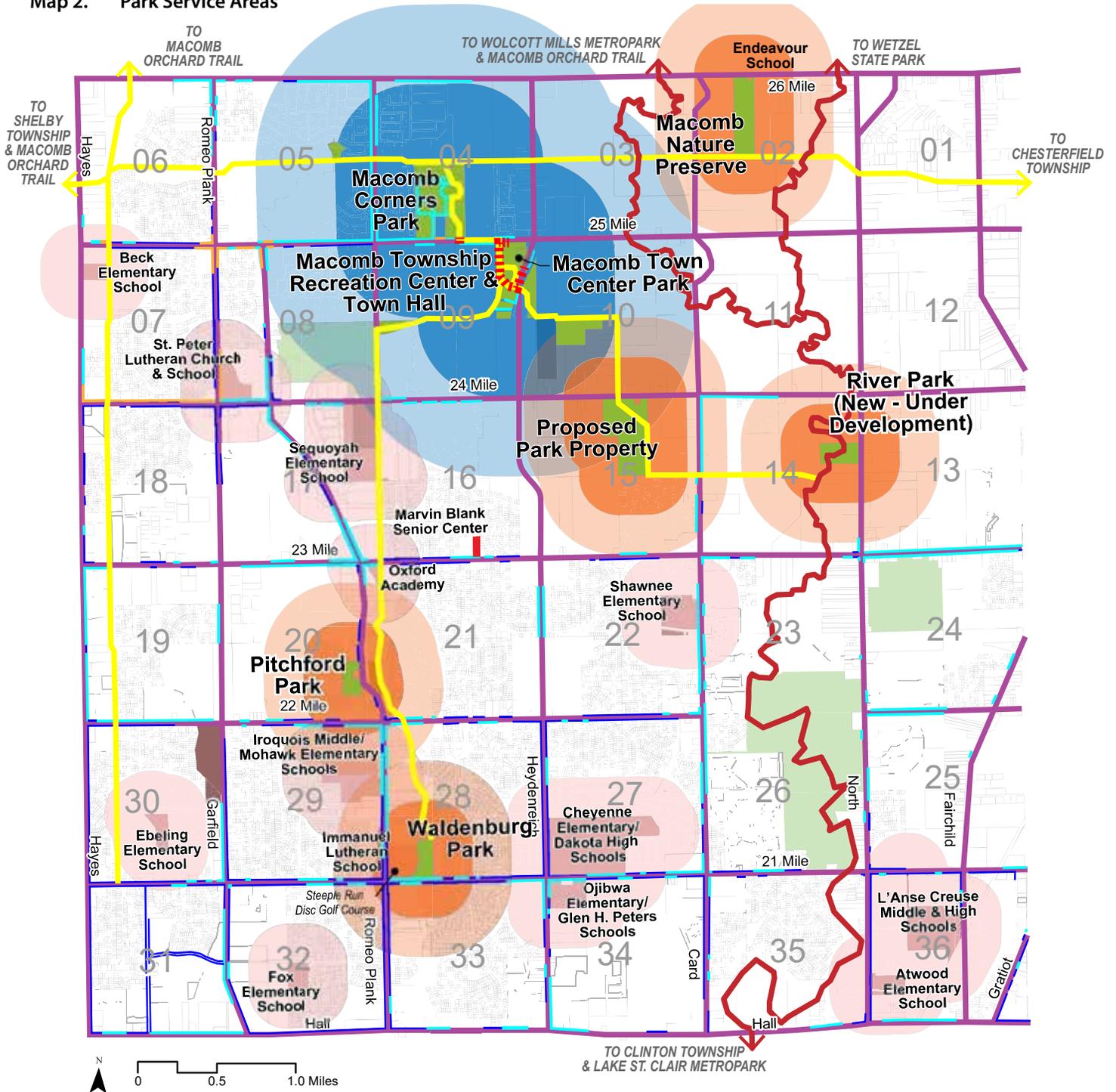
- Schoolyards, areas that can fulfill the space requirements for other types of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex or special use which include the public school facilities located near the Township;
- Greenways, areas that link parks together to form a continuous park environment such as the multi-purpose pathway included in the Township; and
- Private recreation facilities, areas that are privately owned yet contribute to the Township parks and recreation system.

According to these standards, local parks fall short of the range for recommended acreage for close-to-home park land. Using numbers based on population estimates for 2045, the amount of existing parkland should continue to be inadequate. If SEMCOG's projections are correct (see "Population" on page 60), the amount of recommended parkland should remain more or less consistent through that time. Acreage provided by schools, regional, private facilities help to offset these shortages, and ensure that Township residents have adequate access recreation amenities.

**Table 3. Suggested Parkland Acreage**

Type of Park	NRPA Standard (Per 1000 pop.)	Required (Based on 91,663 population)	Existing	Deficiency / Surplus
Close-to-home Parkland	6.25 - 10.5 acres	573 - 963 acres	215.3 acres	358 to 748 acre deficit
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	1,376 - 1,834 ac.	0 acres (within Township), 100,000+ w/in 1 hour	100,000 acre surplus

Map 2. Park Service Areas



- PARKS**
- Schools
  - Vacant School Property
  - Parks & Open Space/Conservation
  - Private Recreation Space
- PATHWAYS**
- 5-foot Pathway (Sidewalk - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Planned)
  - Planned Construction 2022 - 2023

- SERVICE AREAS**
- Neighborhood Park (1/4 mile radius)
  - Community Park (1/2 mile radius)
  - Schools (1/4 mile radius)
- Potential Trail Network (Off Road)\*
  - North Branch Greenway
  - Proposed TAP Grant project
- \*NOTE: The "Potential Trail Network" is conceptual and is subject to change.

## Macomb Township Parks Service Areas

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and SEMCOG GIS

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## Ten Minute Walk Initiative

The NRPA, Trust for Public Land (TPL), other recreation advocacy groups, and communities across the country have embraced the concept of the “ten minute walk”, or the idea that every American should be within walkable distance to a local park or recreation facility. Numerous studies have shown the psychological, health, and general quality of life benefits provided by improved access to green spaces, but the likelihood of utilizing these spaces decreases as distance to the facility increases. For planning purposes, the traditional NRPA service radius of 1/4 mile for neighborhood parks and 1/2 mile for community parks is frequently used to demonstrate the effective reach of park systems.

As shown in Map 2, Township residents have limited access to local recreation facilities across most of the area. Dense neighborhoods throughout the western and southern sections have no parks within walking distance. Treating school playgrounds as recreation facilities helps, but even then, there are significant population centers with little to no recreation options. The proposed North Branch Greenway (see page 77) would be a major step towards improving recreation opportunities for the entire eastern half of the Township. Strategic land acquisition in or near existing subdivisions must also be considered whenever opportunities present themselves.

**Table 4. Top Outdoor Activities - 2020**

Activity	Participation (National)	Overall Rank	Participation (East North Central Region)	Overall Rank
Exercise walking	106.1 million	1	16.4 million	1
Exercise w/ Equipment	56.5 million	2	8.1 million	2
Hiking	46.4 million	3	6.2 million	6
Swimming	47.1 million	4	6.4 million	5
Aerobic Exercising	46.2 million	5	7.3 million	3
Running / jogging	44.2 million	6	6.0 million	7
Camping	40.7 million	7	5.9 million	9
Work out at a club	37.6 million	8	5.2 million	10
Bicycle riding	37.1 million	9	6.0 million	8
Weight lifting	36.5 million	10	5.2 million	11

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2020

## National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 4 lists the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2020.

The 2016 study shows a continued trend towards individual-based outdoor activities, with open water sports, outdoor activities, and snow sports all showing increases in participation. Team related sports, with the exception of soccer and lacrosse, have showed a steady decline in popularity in recent years, while trail related sports continue to grow in popularity.

These trends are consistent with those observed in Michigan. According to a survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, walking outdoors was identified as the most important outdoor activity by 26 percent of users statewide. A list of participation rates for the most popular activities is listed in Table 6 below. Participation rates for children under age 18 is provided in Table 5.

**Table 5. Outdoor Recreation Activities - Children under 18**

Activity	Participation Rate
Visit parks or playgrounds	85%
Swimming outdoors	76%
Sledding/tubing	54%
Fishing	52%
Non-league team or individual sports	46%
Team or individual sports in a league	44%
Road biking	41%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

**Table 6. Top Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan**

Activity	Participation Rate
Relaxing outdoors	75%
Walking outdoors, including dog walking	74%
Visit parks or playgrounds	67%
Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure	64%
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	56%
Swimming outdoors	54%
Picnicking	53%
Fishing	41%
Biking of any kind (on or off road)	40%
Camping of any kind (modern, RV, tent, rustic)	39%
Team or individual sports outdoors	37%
Wildlife viewing and/or photography including birding	36%
Hiking/backpacking	34%
Jogging/running	34%
Canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, or wind surfing	32%
Road biking	31%
Motor boating	31%
Sledding/tubing	30%
Tent or rustic camping	30%
Shooting sports, including archery	30%
Modern or RV camping	25%
Hunting of any kind	20%

Source: Michigan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Some key findings from the Metro Detroit region include:

- Nearly 75 percent of residents feel that outdoor recreation is very important or moderately important to their household.
- Walking outdoors, including dog walking, was identified as the most important outdoor activity.
- 87 percent of participants went outside 52 or more days per year, with nearly 54 percent doing so for more than 100 days.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the area can be summarized as follows:

- While future recreation facility development should respond to the expected increase in seniors, developments should be designed to accommodate a variety of abilities and interests. Meeting or exceeding ADA standards for recreation uses will be critical.
- There is a desire for more walk/bike ways to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable environment. The Township should make efforts to connect existing facilities with regional hike/bike systems (e.g. the Border-to-Border Trail) in the Township and to surrounding communities and facilities.



## NRPA Metrics

In recent years, the NRPA has presented data in a format that allows agencies to compare their amenities to amenities at comparable jurisdictions. Users are able to compare data based on a variety of factors including jurisdiction size, number of acres managed, population density, and more. Comparison points are provided in quartiles, so a community can determine if they are providing more, less, or about the same amount of facilities and services as their peers. In this analysis, the Township's park system is compared to communities with 50,000 to 99,999 residents.

Macomb Township's five parks serve over 15,000 residents per park, compared to the lower quartile threshold of 4,106. Similarly, The Township provides 2.1 acres of parkland per thousand residents, about half of the lower quartile level of 5 acres per thousand (see Table 7 below). In terms of specific amenities, the Township does fairly well if school properties are included (see Table 10 on page 19). While the amenities are available to residents, access may be limited during school hours or special events.

The Township does well with recreation programming. Most if not all of the programs offered by the Township appear on a list of the most common offerings around the country (see Table 8).

In terms of trails, there currently is no dedicated multi-use trail in the Township. The Township does offer a fairly comprehensive safety path and sidewalk network, however, which can connect pedestrians and cyclists to most sections of the Township. The Township currently maintains almost 30 miles of eight-foot safety paths, with plans to expand the network (see Map 7 on page 74). As gaps are filled and new off road routes developed, the Township should fall squarely in the upper quartile.

**Table 7. Facility Comparison - 2022 Metrics**

	Macomb Township	Lower quartile	Median	Upper quartile
Number of residents per park	15,278	4,106	2,451	1,493
Acres of park land per 1,000 residents	2.3	5	8.4	15
Miles of Trails	30*	7	29	53

Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>.

\*Includes all eight-foot safety paths and internal park trails

**Table 8. Programming Offered by Parks & Recreation**

Program	Percent of jurisdictions with this program
Themed special events	83%
Social recreation events	83%
Team sports	85%
Fitness enhancement classes	67%
Health and wellness education	67%
Individual sports	64%
Safety training	62%
Racquet sports	60%
Aquatics	55%
Performing arts	40%
Visual arts	43%
Natural and cultural history activities	37%
Cultural crafts	40%
Trips and tours	43%
Martial arts	39%
Running/cycling races	41%
Golf	22%
eSports/eGaming	7%

**Table 9. Targeted Programs Offered by Parks & Recreation**

Program	Percent of jurisdictions with this program
Summer camp	61%
Specific senior programs	65%
Specific teen programs	46%
Programs for people with disabilities	36%
STEM programs	40%
After school programs	47%
Preschool	25%
Before school programs	16%
Full daycare	4%

**Table 10. Comparison to Facility Development Standards Based On NRPA 2022 Metrics**

Type of Amenity	Percent of jurisdictions with this amenity	# of residents per amenity	Recommended number of amenities	Actual number of amenities in Township*	Deficiency / Surplus
Playgrounds	96%	3,132	29	23	-6
Basketball courts	86%	7,400	12	16	+4
Diamond fields: Baseball - youth	79%	4,858	19	5	-14
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	68%	7,369	12	19	+7
Dog park	67%	15,000	6	0	-6
Diamond fields: Softball, adult	65%	9,000	10	8	-2
Diamond fields: softball - youth	62%	13,773	7	21	+14
Diamond fields: Baseball - adult	54%	55,675	2	4	+2
Community gardens	51%	25,834	4	1	-3
Rectangular fields: soccer field, youth	50%	41,495	2	12	+10
Multi-use courts - basketball, volleyball	48%	10,542	9	9	-
Rectangular fields: soccer, adult	43%	8,784	10	5	-5
Rectangular fields: football fields	35%	29,548	3	7	+4
Driving range stations	26%	16,250	6	6	-
Multipurpose synthetic field	22%	15,000	6	2	-4
Ice rink (outdoor)	18%	35,572	3	0	-3
Rectangular fields: cricket	14%	62,325	1	0	-1
Rectangular fields: lacrosse	11%	49,862	2	0	-1
Overlay field	9%	29,392	3	2	-1
Rectangular field: field hockey	4%	31,965	3	0	0
Recreation centers	49%	78,714	1	1	-
Community centers	51%	19,881	5	0	-5
Senior centers	25%	44,310	2	1	-1
Performance amphitheaters	16%	9,291	2	0	-2
Nature centers	10%	11,821	1	0	-1
Aquatic centers	15%	11,375	1	1	-
Stadiums	11%	9,126	2	0	-2
Teen centers	8%	14,426	1	0	-1
Indoor ice rinks	6%	8,002	2	1	-1
Arenas	4%	11,821	1	0	-1

\* includes non-Township owned facilities

**Table 11. Staffing and Expenditures**

Operating Data	Lower quartile	Median	Upper quartile
Park and Recreation Staffing - Full time equivalents	5.4	11.8	23.8
Full time equivalent staffing per 10,000 residents	6.4	11.3	21.1
Annual operating expenditures	\$551,925	\$1,200,000	\$2,443,647
Operating expenditures per capita	\$68	\$117	\$226

Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>.

The metrics also provide comparison points for staffing levels, expenditures and funding sources, and even responsibilities of park and recreation staff. A full analysis of personnel requirements is beyond the scope of this document, but the report is a valuable data source that can help the Parks Director evaluate their own staff and make necessary adjustments.

With all of these comparison points, it is important to remember two points:

- There is no “one size fits all” approach to recreation planning and provision. Programming and amenities that work well for one community may fail in another. The Township must continually perform outreach to its citizens to best establish the level of service residents desire; and
- Even where the Township identifies deficiencies, it will take time to address those issues. A slow but steady approach to adding park space or trails will show your constituents that you are taking their welfare seriously, while remaining fiscally responsible with their tax dollars. As we will discuss in the next section, Macomb Township residents are more interested in seeing their park facilities well maintained, and less concerned with seeing new parks added.

**Table 12. Staffing and Expenditures**

Source	Percent
General Fund Tax Support	62%
Earned / Generated Revenue	24%
Dedicated Levies	7%
Other Dedicated Taxes	1%
Grants	2%
Other	1%
Sponsorships	1%

**Table 13. Distribution of Expenditures**

Source	Percent
Personnel Services	50%
Operating Expenses	42%
Capital Expenses not in CIP	6%
Other	2%

**Table 14. Targets for Capital Expenditures**

Source	Percent
Renovation	61%
New Development	24%
Acquisition	5%
Other	9%

## Public Input

An online survey was made available to residents from July 11 to August 5, 2022, as part of the outreach program for the plan update. The survey was advertised on the Township’s website, via social media, and on flyers and communications places strategically throughout the area. A hard copy version of the survey was available at the Recreation Center and at Township Hall for those who preferred not to enter information via the internet. A total of 547 unique responses were received, with 95% of the responses coming from Township residents.

The top concern for survey participants was maintenance and development of existing facilities. Residents want to be sure that their parks and recreation facilities are clean and safe to use. Acquisition and development of new parks was seen as a relatively low priority, although almost half of the participants felt that the Township has too few parks.

Developing or expanding the trail and sidewalk system was the second highest priority. Trail development is highly popular across Michigan, and Township residents are no different. 74% of residents participate in walking and trail sports, while 52% enjoy bicycling. Multi-use trails were the top most requested amenity. On a separate question, 87% said the Township should continue to expand the trail system, and offered dozens of suggestions for potential routes. 72% said that developing trails along utility corridors was desirable, and 81% felt that the Township should work with surrounding communities to develop an interconnected regional trail network.

Protecting natural resources also ranked very highly, with 88% of participants considering it “important” or “very important”. Several residents expressed a desire for more access to the river, while others requested more trails in natural areas. The need to protect natural resources coupled with a desire for additional non-motorized facilities, including multi-jurisdictional trails, suggests strong support of the North Branch Greenway Vision (see page 77). It also highlights the importance of protecting undeveloped areas, especially in the northeast corner of the Township. The importance of active-use access was fairly low compared to protecting natural resources, so there may be a desire to see more passive-use facilities developed around the community.

Figure 1. How important are the following?

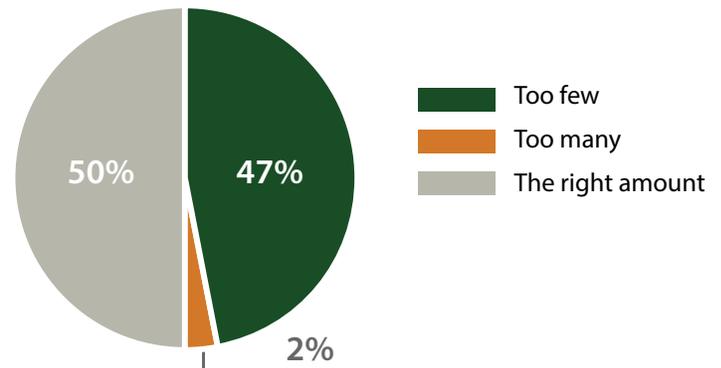
Park Name	% Important or Very Important
Maintain & develop existing parks	92%
Develop or expand community-wide trails & sidewalks	89%
Protect natural resources	88%
Maintain existing programming & events	84%
Access to recreation programs	84%
Develop new programming & events	76%
Access to active-use facilities	58%
Acquire & develop new parks	56%

Figure 2. How satisfied are you with parks?

Park Name	% Very Satisfied or Satisfied
Macomb Corners Park	95%
Recreation Center	88%
Waldenburg Park	85%
Macomb Town Center Park	83%
Pitchford Park	7%

\* Among people who had visited the facilities, i.e. excluding the “Don’t know, haven’t visited” responses.

Figure 3. Does Macomb Township have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?



**“More inclusive options, especially for those that need access or are handicapped. More located near and in neighborhoods.”**

**- Survey participant**

Recreation programming and the Recreation Center were hot topics of discussion early on in the survey. 63% of respondents take advantage of programs and special events offered by the Parks Department. In the open-ended question related to facility satisfaction, high cost and hours of operation were mentioned by several participants. Similar complaints were entered when specifically asked about recreation programs. Generally speaking, residents were satisfied with the program offerings, although there was a strong desire to see the Township sponsor more special events.

Survey participants were similarly satisfied with Macomb Township’s parks, although they have many suggestions for improvements as well as a few concerns.

Residents were frustrated that Pitchford Park had still not been developed, and that frustration was expressed in the satisfaction rates for the park. With construction slated to happen in late 2022 and early 2023, hopefully some of those concerns will be alleviated.

Numerous people mentioned flooding issues at Waldenburg Park. The Park’s location in the Clinton River flood plain makes it difficult to mitigate the flooding issues. The Township is aware of the problem, and is continuing to seek innovative solutions to help minimize future disruptions.

The most popular park amenity options are shown in Figure 5 to the right, but several other suggestions were frequently mentioned. Some of the common requests include:

- a dog park;
- an outdoor pool;
- tennis courts; and
- pickleball courts.

Park development can be an expensive proposition, but participants indicated a willingness to fund recreation activities. The survey took place prior to the election on August 11, when Township voters opted to renew the recreation millage at 0.75 mills. 60% of survey participants indicated they would support up to 0.5 mill; somewhat interestingly, the measure passed on the 11th by a 66.5% to 33.5% margin.

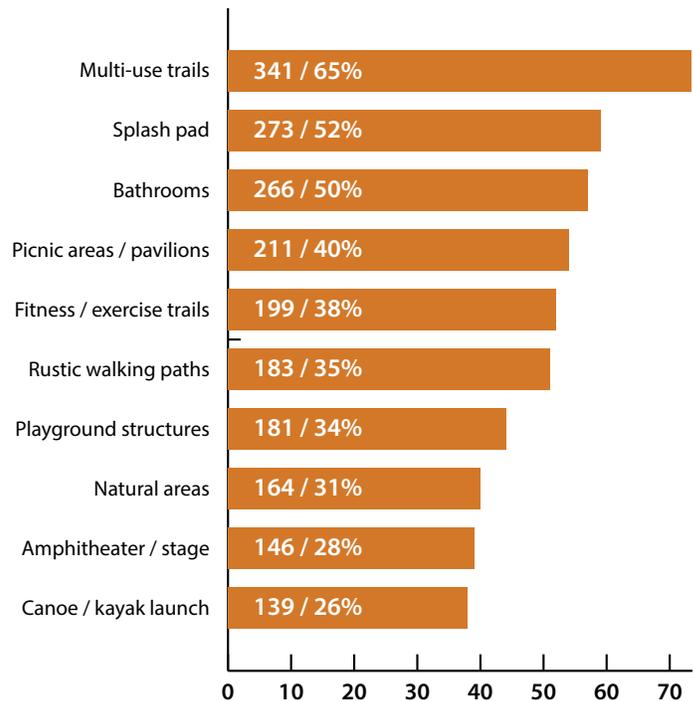
A complete sets of survey responses is provided in Appendix E.

**Figure 4. How satisfied are you with programs?**

Park Name	% Very Satisfied or Satisfied
Youth activities	87%
Adult activities	79%
Senior activities	77%%
Special events	38%

*\* Among people who had participated in programs, i.e. excluding the "Don't know / haven't used" responses.*

**Figure 5. What kinds of amenities would you like to see more of or improved?**



**“Senior Center building needs to be expanded-it’s too small.”**  
*- Survey participant*

**“I’d just like to stress how much additional walking trails are needed in Macomb Township (especially in the Southern area).”**  
*- Survey participant*

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## Public Review and Public Hearing

A draft plan was reviewed by the Steering Committee, members of the Township Board and Planning Commission, and Parks and Planning Department staff prior to release of the draft plan to the public for a 30-day review. Input received through the survey and a review of the recreation trends, deficiencies, and other background information provided in the initial draft helped to establish the master plan goals and an action program for implementation.

The plan was then made available for public review beginning on November 18, 2022 (see Appendix A). Hard copies were available on a limited basis at the Recreation Center, at Township Hall, and at the Public Library. The plan was also available online on the Township's website. Public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing and subsequent adoption by the Township Board on January 25, 2023.

**"Macomb doesn't have events like surrounding cities/townships. For example, Sterling Heights and Clinton Twp have more events and community gatherings. For as large as Macomb is, I feel some of the activities are small scale."**

**- Survey participant**

**"Yes, where is the teen programming? They are the most unserved population in our township. Also, you having been running the same events since we moved here.. Its time to mix it up."**

**- Survey participant**



# Chapter 5: Recreation Inventory

Macomb Township residents are able to take advantage of a wide variety of parks, trails, and open spaces within the Township borders. Five parks, a Recreation Center, 30 miles of trails, private golf courses, and other attractions are all located within the Township borders. Three of the largest parks are clustered in the northern portion of the

Township, while popular Waldenburg and soon-to-be-constructed Pitchford Parks help to address the recreation needs of the southwest corner. All told, Macomb Township maintains seven separate facilities providing a variety of services and encompassing over 193 acres.

**Table 15. Local Park Amenities**

		Neighborhood Parks			Community Parks	Special Use		
		Macomb Town Center Park - 30.1 acres	Pitchford Park - 14.1 acres (construction 2022 - 2023)	Waldenburg Park - 16 acres	Macomb Corners Park - 91.7 acres	Macomb Nature Preserve - 42.1 acres	Macomb Township Recreation Center	Marvin Blank Senior Center
Access	Parking Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Handicap Access		•	•	•		•	•
Passive Use	Play Equipment		•	•	•		•	
	Swings		•	•	•			
	Horseshoes		•				•	
	Fitness equipment						•	
	Gym & locker rooms						•	
	Pool						•	
	Picnic Tables		•	•	•			
	Pavilion		•	•	•			
	Drinking Fountains		•	•	•		•	•
	Grills							
	Restrooms		•				•	
	Active Use Court / Turf Games	Baseball/Softball				•		
Pickleball Courts			•				•	
Basketball Courts				•			•	
Football Field		•						
Soccer/Multi-use Fields			•					
Misc	Trails / Walking Paths (asphalt/concrete)		•	•		•	•	
	Rustic Trails (mown grass)	•			•	•		
	Boardwalk / Viewing Platforms			•		•		
	Dog Park		•					
	Multipurpose rooms						•	•
	Game room						•	
	Natural areas / wildlife viewing			•	•	•		

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) categorizes parks by size and function. Each type has a desired size, service area, number of acres per 1,000 residents, and general characteristics. Recreation facilities are broken into five primary park types:

- Mini-parks or tot lots;
- Neighborhood parks;
- Community parks;
- Regional facilities; and
- Special Use Areas.

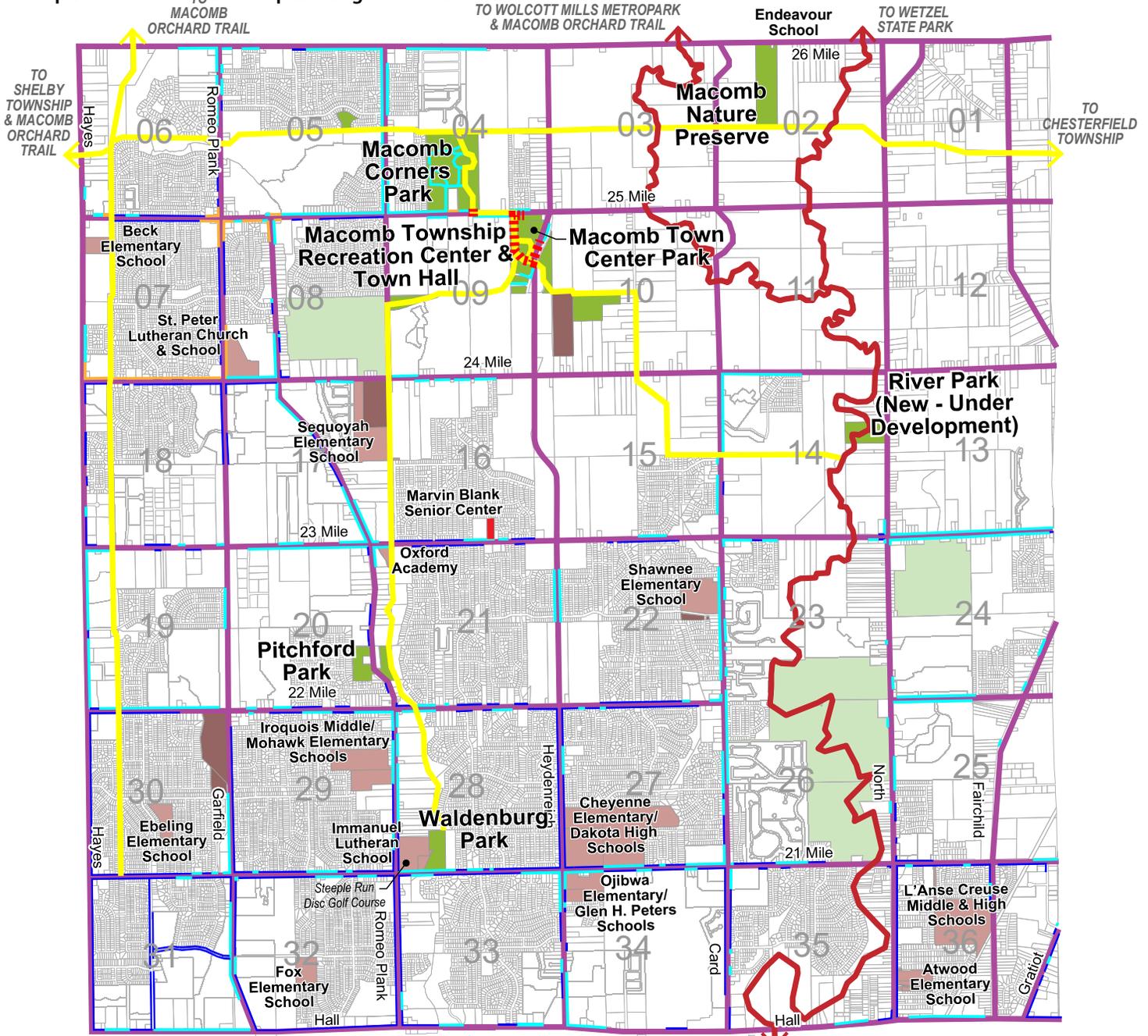
Linear parks, greenways, or trails would traditionally be categorized as a “special use” area. This Plan treats trails as a sixth category. For a full description of recreation facility types, see “Chapter 4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation” on page 14

Macomb Township provides a diverse portfolio of recreation uses at its facilities. Based on a combination acreage and types of use, the Township’s facilities are categorized as neighborhood, community, and special use areas. Park categories can be nebulous, and occasionally two categories overlap in one park; for example, the Recreation Center could be considered both a “special use” and a “community” park due to the wide audience it serves.

This section describes the recreational opportunities available to Township residents. The information contained in the following pages was compiled from community recreation plans, websites, aerial photographs and field surveys. Program options are described beginning on page 51.



**Map 3. Macomb Township Existing Recreation Facilities**



- PATHWAYS**
- 5-foot Pathway (Sidewalk - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Planned)
  - Planned Construction 2022 - 2023
  - Potential Trail Network (Off Road)\*
  - North Branch Greenway
  - ▬▬▬▬ Proposed TAP Grant project
  - Schools
  - Vacant School Property
  - Parks & Open Space / Conservation
  - Other Private Recreation Space

\*NOTE: The "Potential Trail Network" is conceptual and is subject to change.

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# Macomb Township Parks and Trails Facilities

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## MACOMB TOWN CENTER PARK

ADDRESS: 54111 Broughton Road

SIZE: 30 acres (part of 55-acre municipal complex)

TYPE: Neighborhood Park (active)

### EXISTING AMENITIES:

- Football fields & goalposts
- Gravel parking lot
- Walking path (rustic/unimproved)
- Pond



Town Center Park makes up most of the upper half of the Town Center Municipal Complex, comprised of Town Hall, the Recreation Center, the Clinton-Macomb Library, and a large parcel of open space east of Broughton Road. The 30-acre park portion of the site is separated from the rest of the complex by the McBride Drain, running east-southeast midway through the property. It surrounds the Suburban Ice Macomb rink on three sides.

The park consists of a gravel parking lot, four football fields with goal posts, and a pond that is slated to undergo habitat restoration.

The Township hosts and sponsors a variety of community events at Macomb Town Center Park including children's activities, sports camps and athletic events. Despite these activities, the property is underutilized, and would benefit from a community visioning session to help identify potential other uses. At a minimum, connecting Town Center Park to the rest of the municipal complex on Broughton and to the railway system on 26 Mile Road would bring new visitors passing from Macomb Corners Park to the Recreation Center.



Figure 6. Town Center Park & Municipal Center



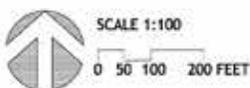
**TOWN CENTER PARK AMENITIES:**

- GRAVEL PARKING LOT
- FOOTBALL UPRIGHTS
- MULTI-USE FIELDS

**RECREATION CENTER AMENITIES**

- INDOOR POOL/AQUATIC CENTER
- PICKLEBALL COURTS
- INDOOR TRACK
- MEETING ROOMS

- BASKETBALL
- AEROBIC ROOMS
- FITNESS CENTER
- INDOOR PLAYGROUND
- VOLLEYBALL



## TOWN CENTER PARK & MACOMB RECREATION CENTER

CAMPUS 53 ACRES,  
PARK ~27 ACRES

MACOMB TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## PITCHFORD PARK

ADDRESS: 49699 Romeo Plank Road

SIZE: 14.1 acres (construction 2022 - 2023)

TYPE: Neighborhood Park (active-passive)

### PLANNED AMENITIES:

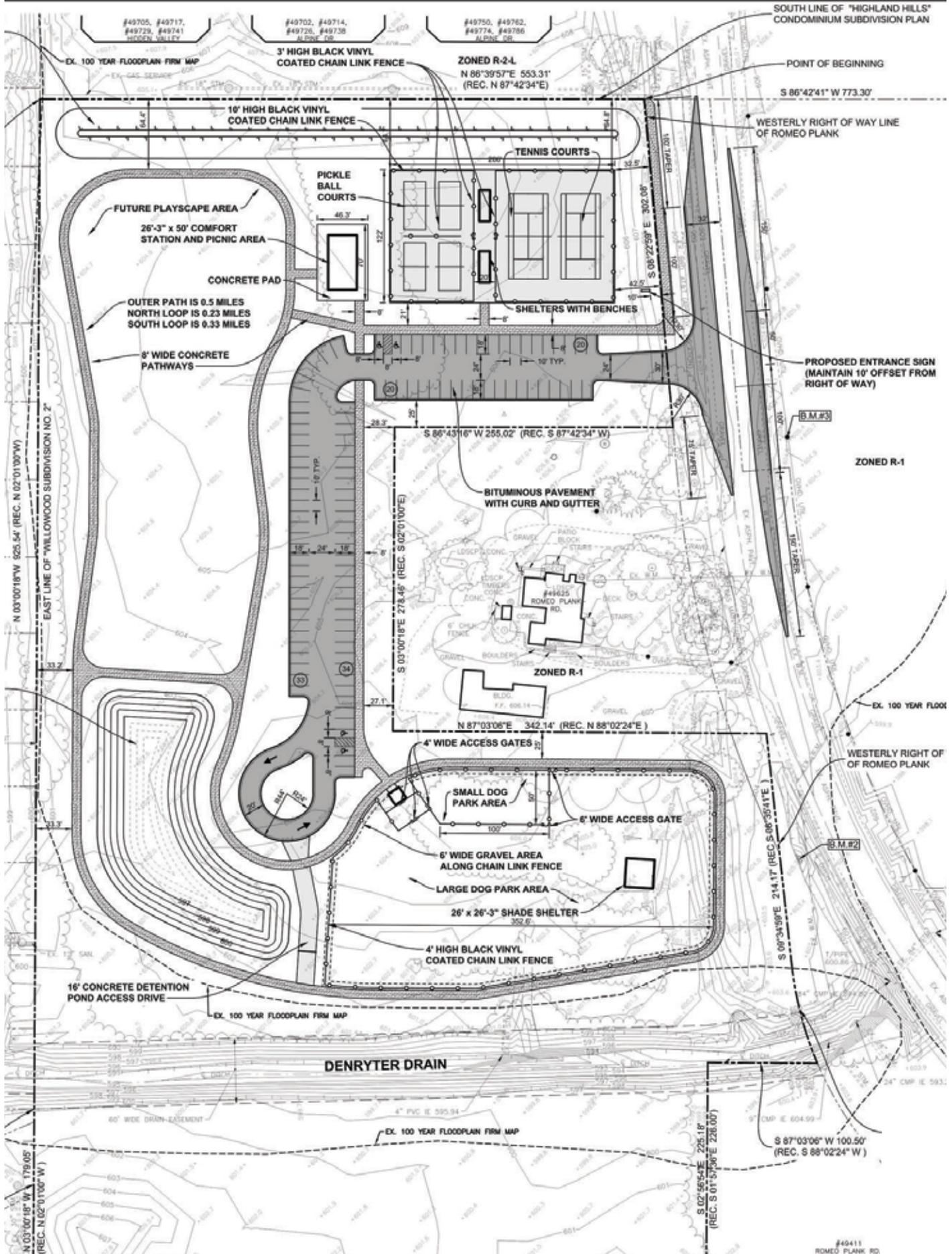
- Tennis courts
- Pickleball courts
- Dog park
- Walking trails
- Shade structure
- Comfort station & picnic area
- Parking
- Play structure (future)



Macomb Township's newest park was made possible by a generous donation from the Pitchford family in 2021. Located on Romeo Planck Road just north of 22 Mile, the park will offer a variety of active- and passive-use amenities including tennis courts, pickleball, and a much anticipated dog park. The Township is currently evaluating options for crossing the drain that borders the park on the north, south, and west sides, and creating connections to the neighborhood to the south via Carles or Zoe Drive.



Figure 7. Pitchford Park



# WALDENBURG PARK

ADDRESS: 19225 21 Mile Road

SIZE: 17 acres

TYPE: Neighborhood Park (passive-active)

## EXISTING AMENITIES:

- Picnic shelters (3)
- Universally accessible playground
- Basketball court (resurfaced 2022)
- Horseshoe pits
- Permanent restrooms
- 0.75 miles of trails with bridges and boardwalks

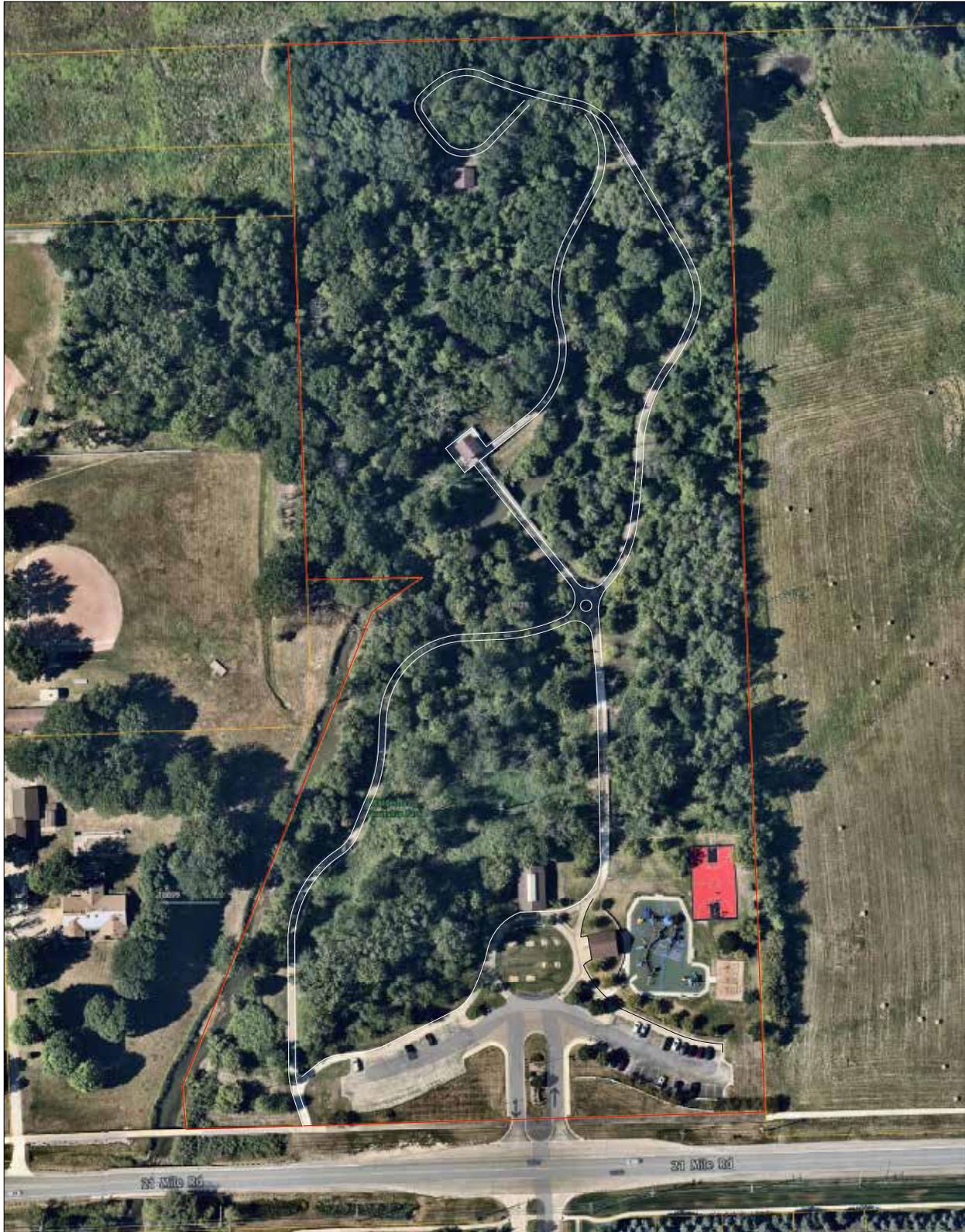


Positioned on the banks of the Middle Branch of the Clinton River, Waldenburg Park offers a unique mix of natural beauty with traditional park amenities. Most of the activities are clustered near the entrance on the south side of the park. The pathways are elevated throughout most of the park as they wind their way through forested wetlands. The park lies in the Clinton River's flood plain, however, and when the waters rise, portions of the trails may be temporarily inundated. The Township continues to seek innovative solutions that can help mitigate the flooding problems.

There is little potential for additional development at this park for the reasons outlined above (wetlands, floodplain). Continued maintenance will be a top priority, and structure upgrades will be performed as warranted.

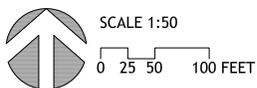


Figure 8. Waldenburg Park



**PARK AMENITIES:**

- PARKING
- UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
- BASKETBALL COURT
- HORSESHOE PITS
- RESTROOMS
- 3 PICNIC SHELTERS
- ~0.75 MILES OF TRAILS



# WALDENBURG PARK

17 ACRES

MACOMB TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## MACOMB CORNERS PARK

ADDRESS: 19449 25 Mile Road

SIZE: 95 acres

TYPE: Community Park (active-passive)

### EXISTING AMENITIES:

- Lighted softball diamonds (6)
- Pickleball courts
- Accessible playground
- Swingset
- Concession stand / restroom
- Volleyball courts
- Parking
- Picnic pavilion
- Soccer field
- 2.15 miles of trails



Macomb Corners Park is the epitome of a “community park”. It’s size, number of sports amenities, and mix of natural and built environments ensure that this park has something for everyone.

While the park is largely built out, a few intriguing possibilities remain available for future development. One of the prime opportunities is a utility easement that borders the northern edge of the park. The corridor has enormous potential for trail development, and could act as a lynch pin for a future regional trail.

Wetlands on the eastern leg of the park preclude much recreation construction, but could function as a disc golf course. The western leg of the park is currently used for soccer, and the space is definitely needed for the growing sport.

A former roller hockey rink was converted to a basketball court and pickleball courts in 2022.

Figure 9. Macomb Corners Park

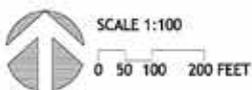


**AMENITIES:**

- -2.15 MILES OF TRAILS
- 6 LIGHTED BALL FIELDS
- ROLLER HOCKEY RINK

- UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
- SWINGSET
- CONCESSION STAND/RESTROOMS

- VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- PARKING
- PICNIC PAVILIONS
- SOCCER FIELD



## MACOMB CORNERS PARK

92 ACRES

MACOMB TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## MACOMB NATURE PRESERVE

ADDRESS: 22200 26 Mile Road

SIZE: 42.1 acres

TYPE: Specialty Park (preserve)

### EXISTING AMENITIES:

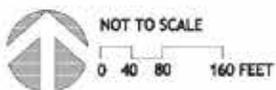
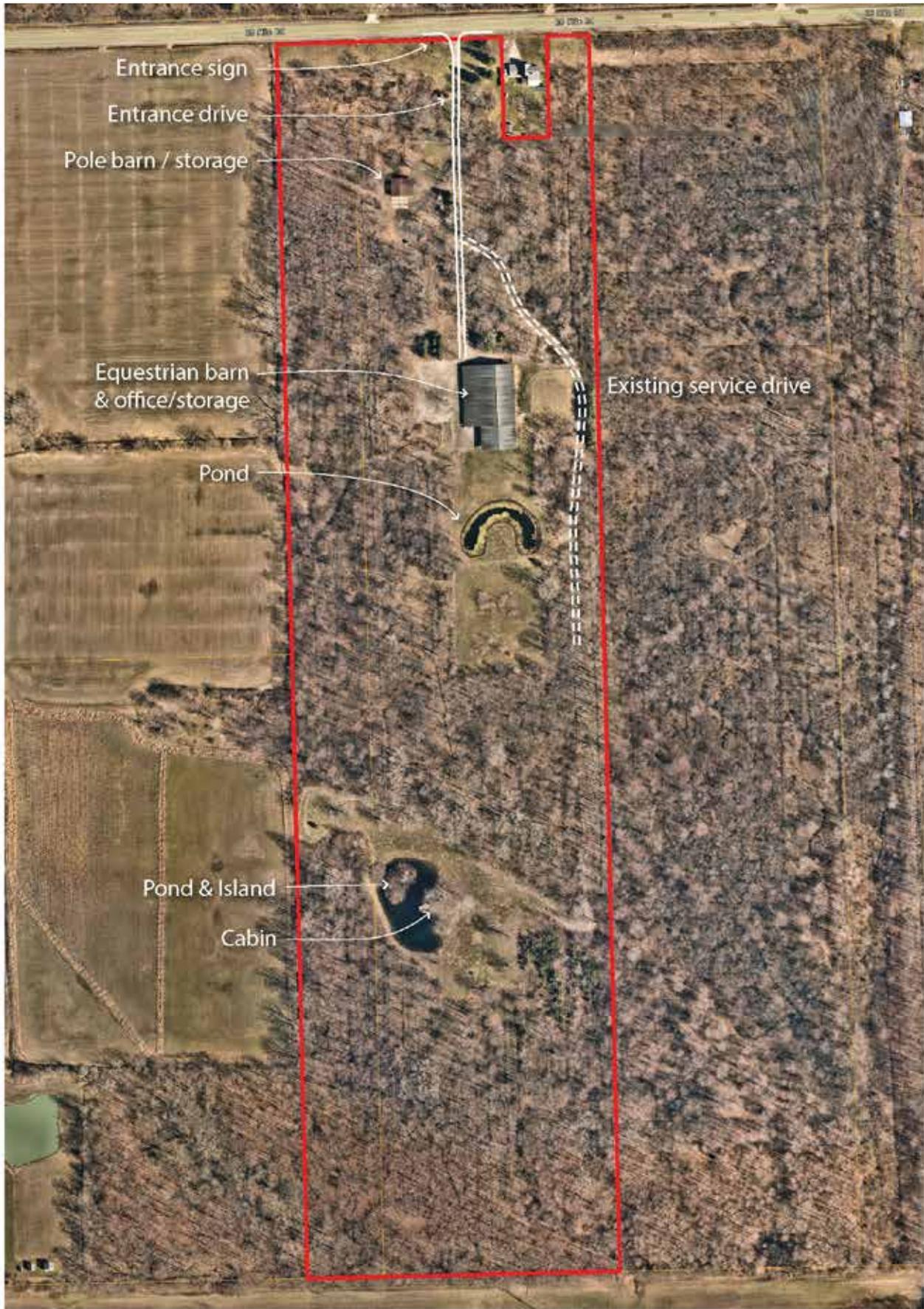
- Natural areas
- Rustic (mown grass) trails
- Equestrian barn
- Small cabin

The Macomb Nature Preserve is a relatively new addition to the Township's park department, and offers interesting development potential. The largely natural area is criss crossed with rustic trails which could support cross country skiers in the winter months. A equestrian barn could be rehabilitated as an event barn, and an attached office could be used as a warming facility as residents skate on a nearby pond.

At a minimum, the Preserve represents one of the key requests of Township residents, preservation of natural resources. While the property may not be as flashy as some the other Township parks, it holds an important place in the overall structure of the system.



Figure 10. Macomb Nature Preserve



MACOMB TOWNSHIP NATURE PRESERVE 42 ACRES  
MACOMB TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## MARVIN BLANK SENIOR CENTER

ADDRESS: 51210 Alma Drive

TYPE: Specialty (Senior Center)

### EXISTING AMENITIES:

- Kitchen
- Multi-purpose meeting room
- Library



The Marvin Blank Senior Center is the base for senior activities in the Township. A variety of activities are offered at the Center, ranging from social events to medical services, adventure trips to exercise and more. The Center features a large multi-purpose room, a kitchen, and a library.



Some more active programs, such as Senior pickleball lessons, are held at the Recreation Center, while other groups like the Walking Group meet at Macomb Corners Park. Some of the events held at the Senior Center include:

- Medicare 101
- Cognition Lecture
- Senior Poker
- Exercise
- Walking Group
- Crafters Corner
- Pizza & Bingo
- Book Club
- Senior Matinee
- Cooking Class
- Music in the Park

The Township recently received two new CDBG grants that will allow for creation of a senior patio and provide a computer lab for the facility.



# MACOMB TOWNSHIP RECREATION CENTER

ADDRESS: 20699 Macomb Street

TYPE: Specialty (Recreation Center)

## EXISTING AMENITIES:

- Fitness center
- Feature pool
- Gymsnasiums (2)
- Activity pool
- Birthday rooms (3)
- Lazy river
- Aerobic rooms (2)
- Water slide
- Meeting room
- Hot tub
- Indoor track
- Locker rooms



The Macomb Township Recreation Center is a 92,000 square foot facility providing both residents and non-residents with a wide array of recreational activities and amenities. The state of the art Recreation Center facilitates a fitness center, 2 gymnasiums, 3 birthday party rooms, 2 aerobics rooms, an indoor playground, meeting space, a feature pool, an activity pool, a lazy river, water slide and a hot tub. The Recreation Center staff prides itself in providing a safe, clean, family-friendly environment. The Recreation Center is visited by several hundred people daily and several hundred thousand people per year.

The Macomb Township Recreation Center also acts as the headquarters for Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Department and is the host of several special events held throughout the year.

An active membership or daily admission pass is required for both Macomb Township residents and non-residents to enter the facility and use its amenities. There are several membership options to choose from; such as monthly and annual memberships, along with trial and summer memberships.

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## RIVER PARK

ADDRESS: 52175 North Avenue

SIZE: 21.5 acres

TYPE: Specialty or Neighborhood (to be determined)

### EXISTING AMENITIES:

- River access
- Former clubhouse
- Parking
- Rustic trails



Acquired in late 2022, River Park is currently undeveloped as a park, but offers enormous opportunities for recreation use. The former site of the Macomb Lions Club, the property sits at the junction of the North Branch of the Clinton River and is largely within the floodplain of the river. Periodic flooding limits building development, but the existing clubhouse could be re-used as a gathering place and the existing parking lot could be used with minor adjustments for accessibility.

The site could also serve as a canoe/boat launch or pickup site and, as such, could be considered one of the first Township-controlled pieces of the proposed North Branch greenway. Other possibilities include a disc golf course, picnic facilities, or simple preserve space.



## Other Township Properties

### South Side of 24 Mile & Foss

This 58-acre is a former landfill site that is being considered for an active-use park development. The Township was previously “capped” to prevent the spread of contamination. Capping involves placing a cover, usually a thick layer of clay, over the contaminated material, followed by a secondary layer of topsoil. While capping does not destroy or remove contaminants, it does isolate them and allows for new uses on the site. Capping has been successfully been used at parks across the country, Red Rock Canyon Open Space in Colorado, Freshkills Park in New York, and the Tiff Nature Preserve in Buffalo, New York.

Figure 11. 24 Mile & Foss Concept Drawing



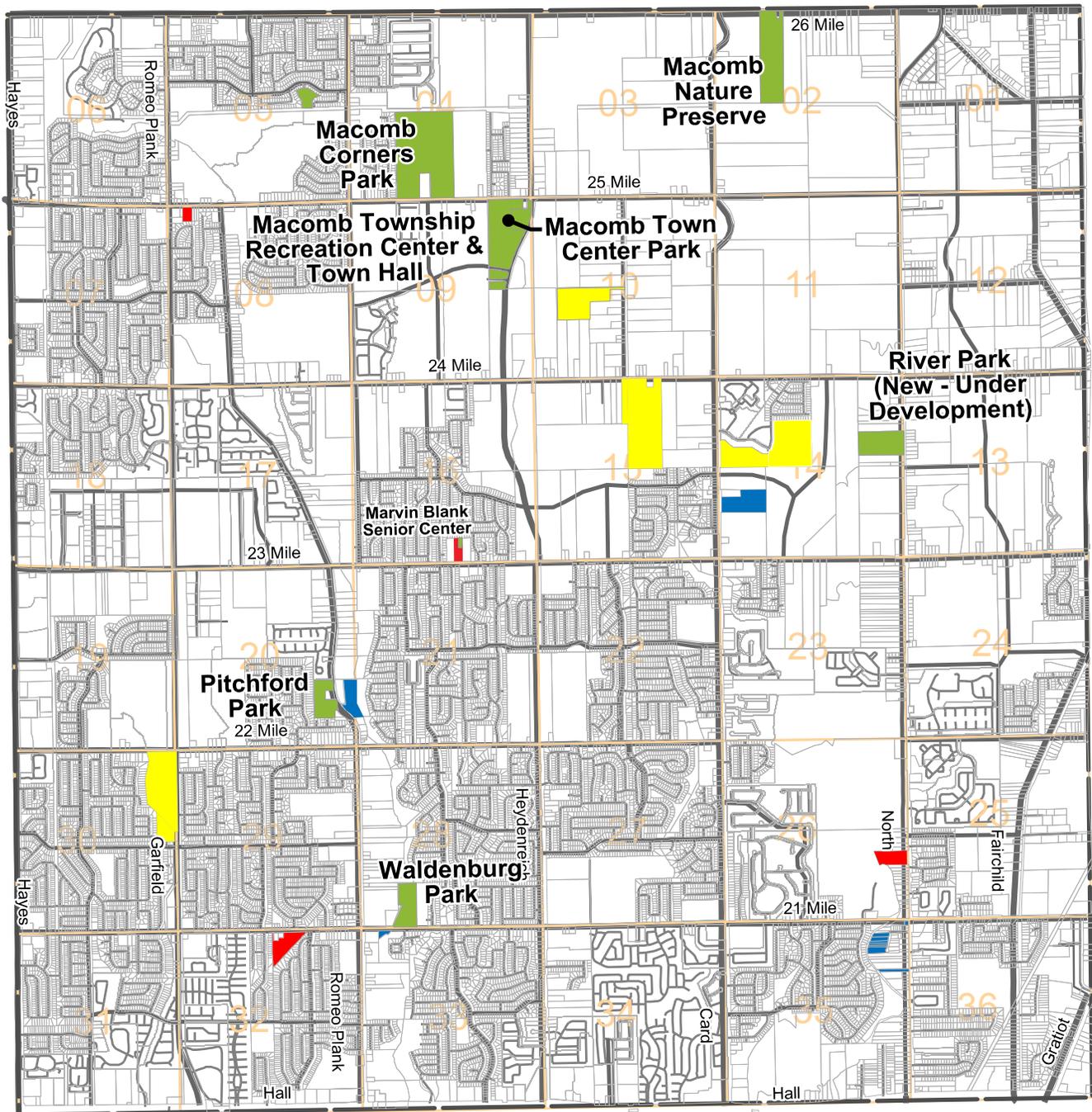
## Other Township-owned Properties

The Township owns a number of properties across the community, some of which have potential to be used as parks or open space. In addition to the 24 Mile & Foss parcel, some properties of particular interest include:

- Town Center/Plattsburg Street: The original Township Hall is scheduled to be relocated just south of the new facility on Plattsburg Street. The building and surrounding grounds will act as a historical district and offer limited passive-use recreation opportunities such as picnics and walking paths.
- Card Road: 54-acre parcel deed restricted for recreation use. The eastern half would be used for active use, and western half as a nature preserve;
- Foss Road: 26-acre wooded parcel being considered as a future nature area; and
- 17800 21 Mile Road: Existing fire station, with a potential for park development at the rear of the property.
- Several parcels near 21 Mile and North obtained by the Township through FEMA due to flooding issues have some potential for recreation development.

Map 4 on page 41 provides a graphical representation of the Township’s properties, including existing parks.

Map 4. All Township Owned Properties

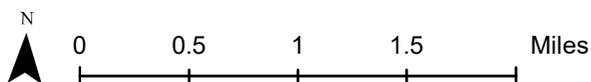


- Existing Park Facilities
- Potential Park Facilities
- Fire Stations
- Other Township Properties

# Macomb Township Township-Owned Facilities

Macomb Township  
Macomb County

*Data from Macomb County  
and SEMCOG GIS*



## Trails & Pathways

Macomb Township has striven to create a robust, interconnected trail and pathways system, with the goal of providing safe and direct non-motorized transportation alternatives for its residents. The current system consists of a mix of six to eight foot walkways spanning over 30 miles. The Township has focused on standardizing the width of the pathways along the major north-south and mile routes to create a more comfortable biking and pedestrian experience. As Map 2 on page 15 demonstrates, a number of gaps remain to be addressed, although the Township has plans in place to provide a grid of 8-foot safety paths across the community.

A potential off-road network is also in the early stages of planning. This network would utilize utility easements and other connected open spaces to provide a more leisurely linear parkway. The routes are still very much in the conceptual phases at this time and will require cooperation from a variety of public and private entities to be come reality.

The North Branch Greenway is another possible off-road system with an even larger scope. Running along the North Branch of the Clinton River, the proposed greenway would offer river access for boating, fishing, and other uses, as well as linear parkways and trails along the length, connecting the Township to neighboring communities and major recreation destinations such as the Macomb Orchard Trail, Freedom Trail, and Iron Belle Trail system. A detailed discussion of the greenway is provided on page 77.

**Table 16. School amenities**

Facility Name	Acres	Amenities Offered
L'anse Creuse Middle & High Schools	59	Baseball & softball diamonds, soccer field, football field, tennis courts
Atwood Elementary	9	Playgrounds, basketball courts, softball diamond, multi-use courts
Cheyenne Elementary/ Dakota High School	133	Playground, basketball courts, multi-purpose fields, baseball & softball fields, soccer fields, football fields
Ojibwa Elementary / Glen H Peters	16	Playgrounds, basketball, multi-purpose fields, softball, soccer, multi-use courts
Shawnee Elementary	35	Playgrounds, basketball, baseball, multi-purpose fields, softball, soccer, multi-use court
Beck Elementary	11	Playground, basketball, multi-purpose field, softball, multi-use court
St. Peter Lutheran	3	Playground, baseball & softball, multi-purpose field, soccer,
Sequoyah Elementary	40	Playgrounds, multi-purpose field, softball diamonds, soccer, multi-use court
Oxford Academy	5	n/a
Ebeling Elementary	14	Playgrounds, basketball, multi-purpose fields, softball, soccer, multi-use courts
Iroquois Middle/Mohawk Elementary	47	Playgrounds, basketball, multi-purpose fields, baseball & softball, soccer, football, tennis courts
Immanuel Lutheran	21	Playground, softball diamonds
Fox Elementary	13	Playgrounds, basketball, multi-purpose fields, softball diamonds

## School Facilities

Macomb Township's public and private schools provide critical recreation resources for the community. The Township depends on school buildings for youth gymnastics, youth basketball, the summer recreation program and adult volleyball. Scheduling Township use of these facilities is very important because of the constant demand for these gymnasiums and facilities. The Township contacts each school district individually to assure continued cooperation.

Four different school districts provide education services to residents in Macomb Township. Each of these school districts offer elective recreation and enrichment programs to the broader community. The Macomb ISD operates the Peters school, a facility for pupils with moderate to severe cognitive impairments, which serves residents in Macomb Township and others from across the County.

Each school in the Township has some outdoor playgrounds and/or fields. School sites have use restrictions during operating hours, are not always available for community recreation activities. Even so, while they cannot be considered a part of the community's recreation inventory without formal collaboration agreements, the remain essential for the health and well-being of the community as a whole.

A table with a partial list of outdoor recreation amenities is provided below.

## Quasi-Public & Private Recreation Facilities

A variety of private and quasi-public recreation facilities exist in Macomb Township. These facilities, while not free of charge, offer residents classes, exercise, or other specialized recreation services to supplement those provided by the Township. The Township coordinates with a number of these private recreation providers to offer programming, including a golf driving range, roller skating rink, ice rink.

Five private golf courses are located in Macomb Township as well, offering excellent game play and social facilities. These courses include:

- Cracklewood: 163-acre golf course with a full practice range, spacious clubhouse, pro shop
- Bello Woods: 131-acre facility with a 27-hole public course, pro shop, and bar and grill
- Hickory Hollow: 127-acre facility with 18-course along the upland of the Clinton River.
- Sycamore Hills: 188-acre property with a 27-hole championship golf course and wedding & banquet facilities
- Burning Tree: 116-acre, 18-hole private golf club

For those who prefer to play golf with a Frisbee, the Steeple Run Disc Golf Course is a 9-hole course on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. The course is open for play after school and on weekends when the baseball and soccer fields are not in use.



## Adjacent Municipal Recreation Facilities

Macomb Township's neighbors offer a wide selection of recreation amenities, many of which are available for use by Macomb residents. A partial list of available parks and features includes:

- Romeo-Bruce-Washington Township Parks & Rec: Seven community parks with playgrounds, baseball & softball diamonds, soccer fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, walking trails, a sled hill, ice rink, and picnic facilities.
- Ray Township: One community park with picnic pavilions, softball fields, tennis courts, playground area, and a walking path.
- Lenox Township: One community park with basketball, outdoor fitness station, picnic facilities, a playscape, soccer field, and a tennis court.
- Chesterfield Township: Six recreation facilities including the Salt River Nature Center, boat launch on the Clinton River, splash pad, soccer and baseball fields, playscapes, and hiking and biking paths.
- Harrison Township: Five community parks with a waterfront pavilion, picnic facilities, basketball, playground, baseball, boardwalk, and fishing.
- Mt. Clemens: 12 city parks and 3 indoor facilities including baseball, soccer, playscapes, and other amenities.
- Clinton Township: 12 parks including an arboretum, dog park, and splash pad, baseball/softball diamonds, picnic pavilions, bocce ball courts, sledding hill, soccer fields, volleyball, basketball, ADA accessible playgrounds, and more.
- Sterling Heights: 30 city parks with a wide variety of amenities including a dog park, boat launch on the Clinton River, splash pad, nature areas, trails, tennis courts, sled hills, and more.
- Shelby Township: Five facilities including a splash pad, nature center, senior center, archery center, playscapes, and trails.

## Regional Recreation Facilities

In addition to the local recreation facilities, there are two county parks, one state recreation area, and two Huron Clinton Metroparks located within a ten minute drive of the center of the Township. These facilities offer almost 1,300 acres of recreation options ranging from rustic hiking to urban concert centers. These facilities, considered regional recreational facilities, are large properties that provide a variety of specialized opportunities such as golfing, water parks, camping, nature study & hiking, and other activities which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. Map 5 on page 46 depicts the location of nearby regional parks, and a table of amenities at facilities located within an hour drive of the Township is provided on page 47. A description of regional recreation providers and selected facilities follows.

### Huron-Clinton Metroparks (HCMA)

The Huron-Clinton Metropark system is a regional park system spanning Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties. Thirteen properties cover over 24,000 acres, with a wide variety of both active and passive uses. Park amenities span a wide range of recreation opportunities and include features such as major splash parks, nature centers, marinas, and extensive trail systems.

While there are no Metroparks within the Township, Wolcott Mill lies just over the northern border in Ray Township. The park offers 250 acres including a working farm, one of America's last remaining grist mills, a park with trails, picnic shelters and more, and 4.25-mile paved biking network. In addition to the paved trails, park offers miles rustic and equestrian trails for users to enjoy..

### Michigan State Parks

Twenty two state parks and recreation areas are located within an hour drive of Macomb Township, offering over 76,000 acres of hunting, fishing, and general recreation opportunities. The closest facility to Macomb Township is the Wetzel State Recreation Area located in Lenox Township. The park offers cross country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, radio controlled flying and watchable wildlife.

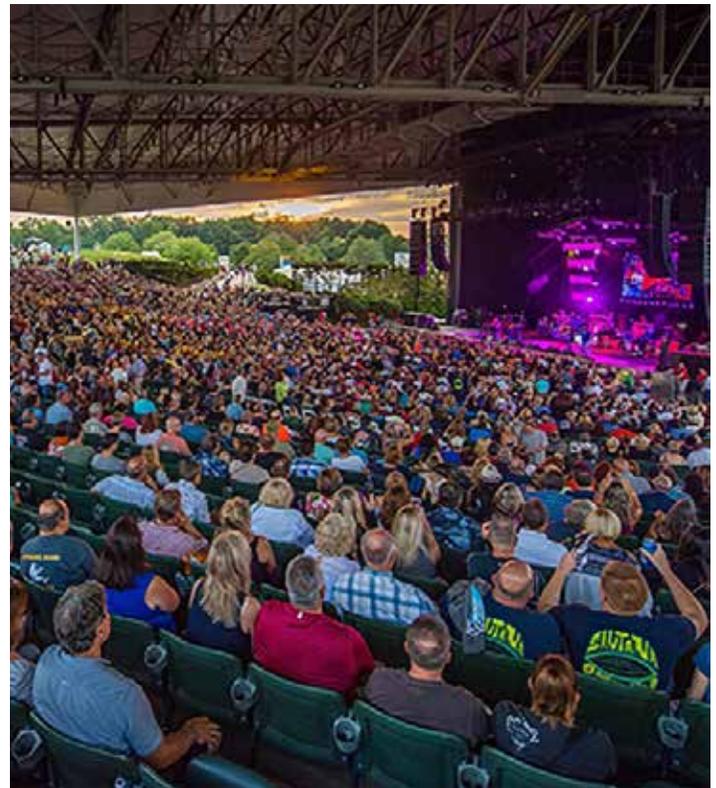
## Macomb County Parks & Recreation

### Macomb County Recreation Facilities

Macomb County offers limited recreation facilities to county residents. Parks ownership and operation falls under the jurisdiction of the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department. The Freedom Hill County Park & Amphitheater is home to the Michigan Lottery Amphitheater, an outdoor concert venue with covered pavilion seating and a lawn area. The 120 acre property also includes a small playground area. The Macomb Orchard Trail is a 2.4-mile linear park operated in agreement with Shelby, Armada, Washington Townships and the Village of Richmond. Nicholson Nature Center in Clinton Township is owned by the County but maintained by the Clinton Township, and is protected by a conservation easement with the Six Rivers Land Conservancy.

### Adjacent County Recreation Facilities

Adjacent counties provide over 11,000 acres of recreation facilities, many of which can be visited without restriction by Township residents. The largest system belongs to Oakland County, with twelve properties totaling over 6,500 acres within an hour's drive. Similarly, Wayne County provides over 3,000 acres of enjoyment, including the Hines Park Greenway, a network of a dozen parks lining Hines Drive and offering numerous biking, hiking, and other recreation amenities.



### **Macomb County Parks**

1. Freedom Hill County Park
2. Nicholson Nature Center

### **Lapeer County Parks**

3. General Squier Park
4. Torzewski County Park

### **Oakland County Parks**

5. Addison Oaks
6. Catalpa Oaks
7. Glen Oaks
8. Groveland Oaks
9. Highland Oaks
10. -
11. Independence Oaks
12. Lyon Oaks
13. -
14. Orion Oaks
15. Rose Oaks
16. Springfield Oaks
17. Waterford Oaks
18. White Lake Oaks

### **St. Clair County Parks**

19. Blue Water River Walk
20. Columbus County Park
21. Fort Gratiot County Park
22. Goodells County Park
23. Woodsong County Park

### **Wayne County Parks**

24. Bell Creek County Park
25. Bennett Arboretum
26. Crosswinds Marsh
27. Elizabeth Park
28. Hines County Park
29. Lola Valley County Park
30. Lower Rouge County Parkway
31. Middle Rouge Parkway
32. Wayne County Fairgrounds
33. Wayne County Family Aquatic Center
34. William P. Holliday Nature Preserve

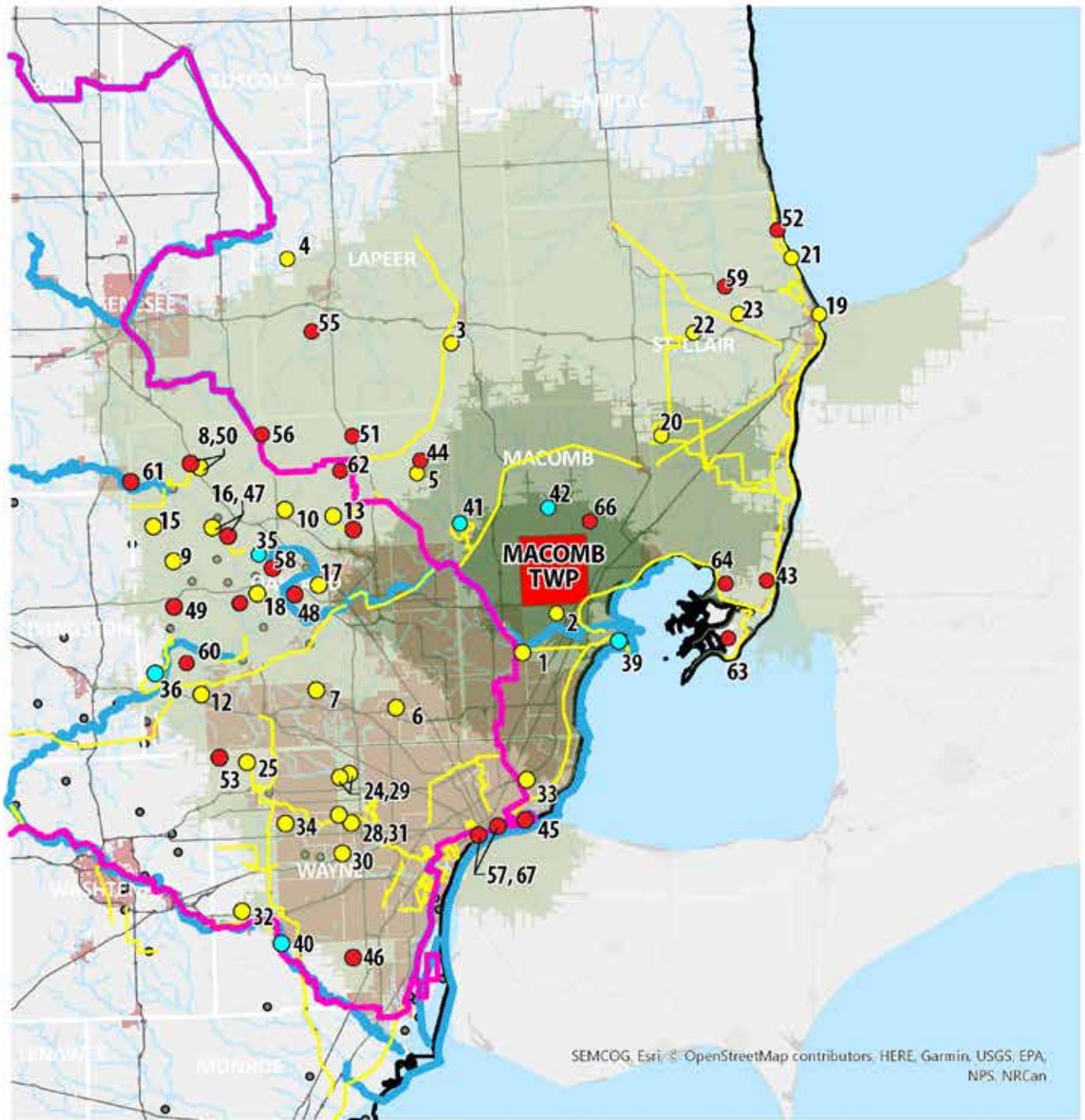
### **Huron-Clinton Metroparks**

35. Indian Springs Metropark
36. Kensington Metropark
37. Lake Erie Metropark
38. Lake St Clair Metropark
39. Lower Huron Metropark
40. Stony Creek Metropark
41. Wolcott Mill Metropark

### **State of Michigan Parks**

42. Algonac State Park
43. Bald Mountain State Rec Area
44. Belle Isle Park
45. Brownstown Prairie State Wildlife Area
46. Davisburg State Game Area
47. Dodge #4 State Park
48. Highland State Recreation Area
49. Holly Recreation Area
50. Horseshoe Lake State Game Area
51. Lakeport State Park
52. Maybury State Park
53. Meridian Baseline State Park
54. Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area
55. Ortonville State Rec Area
56. Outdoor Adventure Center
57. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area
58. Port Huron State Game Area
59. Proud Lake State Recreation Area
60. Seven Lakes State Park
61. Squaw Lake Access
62. St Clair Flats Wildlife Area
63. St John's Marsh Wildlife Area
64. Sterling State Park
65. Wetzel State Recreation Area
66. William G. Milliken State Park And Harbor

Map 5. Regional Recreation Opportunities



**Approximate Drive Time Radius**

- 0 - 14 minutes
- 15 - 29 minutes
- 30 - 60 minutes

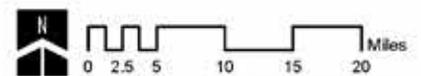
- Major Regional Trails
- Iron Belle Trail
- State-designated Water Trail

**Facility Administrators**

- County Park & Recreation Facilities
- Huron-Clinton Metroparks
- State / Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Other Park Facilities

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Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX	Equestrian	Swimming / Beach	Splash pad / Pool / Water slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat launch	Designated Water Trail	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins and lodges	Rustic site	Group Use Area	Walk-in / Paddle-in sites	Yurts	Vault or Portable Toilets	Modern restrooms	Sanitation station	Shooting range	Archery Range	Hunting	Fishing	Fishing pier			
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Table 19. Major Water Trails

Water Trails	Location	Distance
Clinton River	Oakland and Macomb Counties	81.5 miles
Detroit Heritage Trail	Wayne County (Belle Isle, Rouge River, Huron River, and Lower Detroit River)	33 miles
Huron River	Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties	104 miles
Lake St. Clair Coastal	St. Clair County / Lake St. Clair	33+ miles
Monroe County / River Raisin / Lake Erie	Monroe County (six segments)	11+ miles
Rouge River	Wayne County (four segments)	14.4
Shiawassee River	Oakland, Saginaw, and Shiawassee Counties	85.3
Flint River	Genesee, Oakland, and Saginaw Counties	104

**TABLE 14. Regional Recreation Facilities (cont.)**

Key	AGENCY: HCMA = Huron Clinton Metroparks, MDNR = Michigan Department of Natural Resources, MC = Oakland County Parks & Rec	Property Name	Acres / Miles	ACTIVE SPORTS										PASSIVE ACTIVITIES																	
				Baseball / Softball	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes/shuffleboard	Sand volleyball	Skate park	Soccer / multipurpose field	Tennis / pickleball	Cricket	Banquet / Special Events	Visitors Center / Nature Center / Museum	Comm. Center / Meeting space	Fairground / Major event space	Fitness Center / Gym / Exercise Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Park / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Radio Control Flying	Watchable Wildlife / Birding		
24	HCMA	Indian Springs	2,547	•			•	•	•									•	•	•			•	•	•						•
25	HCMA	Kensington	4,543			•	•											•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•					•
26	HCMA	Lake Erie	1,607		•		•		•									•	•	•			•	•	•	•					•
27	HCMA	Lake St Clair	770	•	•		•	•	•				•					•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•					•
28	HCMA	Lower Huron	1,258	•	•				•				•					•	•	•			•	•	•	•					•
30	HCMA	Stony Creek	4,461	•	•	•	•		•			•				•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•					•
32	HCMA	Wolcott Mill	2,625					•	•						•			•	•	•			•	•	•	•					•
1	MC	Freedom Hill County Park	100											•			•						•	•	•						
2	MC	Nicholson Nature Center	33																												•



## Recreation Programs And Services

Macomb Township offers rich variety of programs and activities aimed at residents of all ages. The majority of programs are held at the Recreation Center or on adjacent grounds, although some are held at Macomb Corners, the Senior Center, or at nearby community school and private facilities. Programming opportunities change throughout the year, reflecting the availability of outside resources and other factors which would impact program offerings.

The center offers monthly, annual, trial, and summer-only membership options. The latter membership runs from May 1 through August 31 and is prorated down according to the number of days remaining in the period. Daily admission fees are also available, with Macomb Township residents being admitted at a reduced rate.

A sample of program offerings include:

- Youth Athletics:
  - Flag football
  - TGA Golf for Kids
  - Girls' Volleyball Clinic
  - Learn to Skate
  - Lil' Tumblers
  - Challenger soccer
  - Skyhawks basketball
  - Dance classes
- Youth Programs
  - Cooking classes
  - Paint parties
  - Young Rembrandts Drawing and Cartooning
  - Photograph
- Adult Athletics:
  - Basketball
  - Softball
  - Sand Volleyball
  - Volleyball
  - Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu (Koryu Japanese Sword Art)
- Adult Programs
  - Oola
  - Italian
  - DIY programs
- Fitness
  - Senior exercise classes
  - Cardio
  - Cardio kickboxing
  - Yoga
  - Interval training
  - Zumba
  - Tai-chi
  - Barre-lates



- Senior Services
  - Senior pickleball
  - Cards
  - Knitting & Crochet
  - Movie matinees
  - Wii bowling
  - Senior coloring
  - Walking group
  - Day trips
  - Potlucks and luncheons
- Aquatics
  - Swim lessons
  - Water Aerobics
  - Lifeguard Training & Employment
  - CPR & First Aid Training

In addition to regular program offerings, Parks & Recreation provide annual special events throughout the year. These provide social outlets for residents and foster community pride. Special events provided by Parks & Recreation include:

- Daddy-Daughter Dance
- "Egg" Stravaganza
- Tons O'Trucks
- Rosco's Picnic Palooza Serices
- Music in the Park
- Movies Under the Stars
- Fall Fest
- Halloween Hoopla
- Holiday Lighting Fest
- Silver Bells Scavenger Hunt
- Santa's Jingle Bell Brunch



## Accessibility Assessment

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the MDNR Guidelines (2009) was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 and is described as follows:

1. None of the facilities 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; and
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Each of the parks was evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements reviewed included parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, and surfacing. Table 20 provides the result of this assessment.

Macomb Township strives to bring all recreation facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

**Table 20. Accessibility Assessment**

Park	Rank	Description
Town Center Park	1	There is no accessible parking or routes to the fields.
Waldenburg Park	5	All walkways and equipment meet or exceed accessibility guidelines
Pitchford Park	n/a	The park has been designed to meet accessibility standards but has not yet been constructed.
Macomb Corners Park	4	All park equipment and pathways are accessible, but not universally accessible. To meet universal accessibility standards, the playground surfacing would need to be upgraded and additional equipment added, and at least one of the fields would be designed for mobility challenged individuals.
Recreation Center	4	All equipment and rooms meet accessibility standards.
Senior Center	4	All equipment and rooms meet accessibility standards.
Macomb Nature Preserve	1	No accessible facilities are currently provided.
Rock Macomb Properties	1	Properties are completely undeveloped at this time.

## MDNR Grants

The Township has received one MDNR grant for parkland development since 1997. The grant was obtained from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program, and was used to acquire land for Macomb Corners Park. Table 21 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted parks and facilities.

**Table 21. Grant History**

Grant Number	Application Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Current Use / Condition
97-229	1997 MNRTF	Township Park Acquisition	\$ 712,500	Land acquired for Macomb Corners Park. The park is in excellent condition and receives heavy use.

# Chapter 6: Administrative Structure

## Township Board of Trustees

Macomb Township is governed by an elected seven-member board. The Board is comprised of three full-time administrative legislators (Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer), along with four part-time legislative trustees elected to serve four-year terms. The terms coincide with the presidential election cycle.

The Township Board is the legislative body responsible for carrying out the functions and operations of the local unit of government. The Board provides funding and oversight for Parks and Recreation. To assist the Board in their public service and daily operations, they employ professional staff and appoint citizens to various committees and commissions. The Board normally meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission consists of seven members. Members must be a resident and serve 3-year terms. They review and vote on all development except in the Town Center Area. The Planning Commission frequently advises the Board regarding recreation planning activities. The Planning Commission and the Recreation Director collaborate on new park development and existing park enhancement to ensure consistency with adopted community-wide planning policies.

## Parks & Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Director administers the staff, proposes the budget and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township's parks and recreation programs. The Director is also responsible for the maintenance of all Township-owned buildings and grounds. An Administrative Assistant, Building and Grounds Maintenance worker, Facility and Aquatics Supervisor, Recreation/Sports Coordinator and Program Coordinator answer directly to the Director in each of the respective divisions.

## Funding & Budget

The Township's annual budget for Parks and Recreation funding, is "to provide a comprehensive parks and recreation program for our residents. This includes, but is not limited to, a Recreation Center with aquatics, gymnasium and workout areas and instructional, athletic and passive programs for all ages. This fund is also used for special events geared primarily for families and park operations." The budget is separated into three functional categories, Administration, the Recreation Center, and Park Operations.

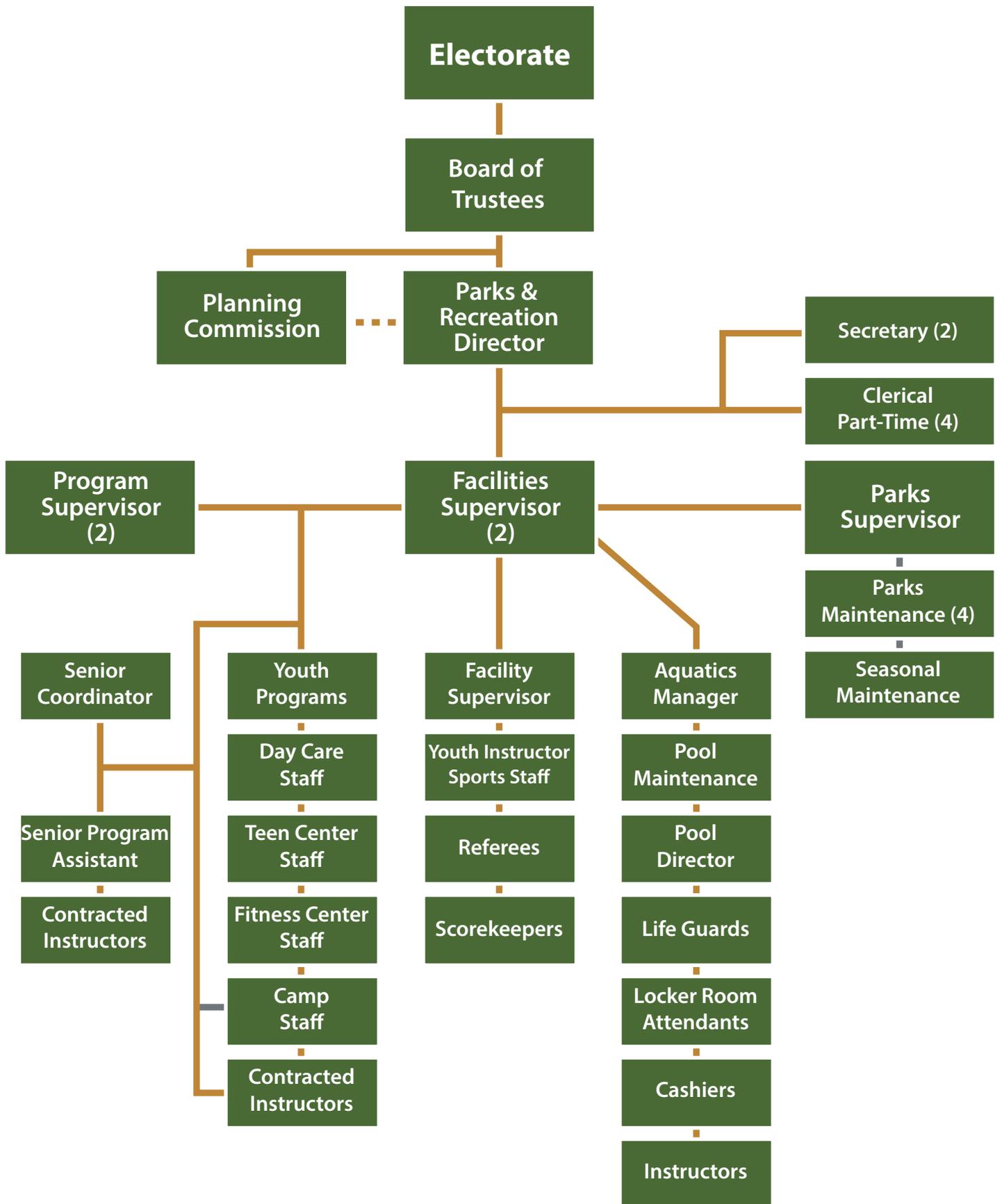
- Administrative functions include day-to-day management and programming at all of the facilities.
- Recreation Center expenditures focus on the care and management of the Macomb Township Recreation Center.
- Park Operations manage and tend the Township's 3 parks, totaling 126 acres.

The Parks and Recreation Department's primary funding source is a millage Township voters approved in 1996 for 1.0 mil for 5 years. Macomb Township residents renewed the 1.0 millage in 2002 for 20 more years. The millage was renewed again at a reduced rate of 0.75 mills in August of 2022. Projected revenue for Parks and Recreation from the millage is \$3,277,870. With the pay off of existing bond debts, the Township anticipates an additional \$600,000 per year being available for park development and maintenance.

A revolving fund was established prior to passage of the millage renewal to provide for future bond payments after the previous millage expired. With passage of the millage, the revolving fund is not in use.

A summary of the 2022 - 2023 Parks and Recreation Budget is provided in Table 22 on page 57.

Figure 12. Organizational Chart



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## Volunteers & Partnerships

The Parks and Recreation Department cooperates with other organizations to expand the recreation programs available to Township residents. Our partner school districts are some of the Township's most important partners in providing recreation facilities and programs.

The Township depends on school buildings for youth gymnastics, youth basketball, the summer recreation program and adult volleyball. Scheduling Township use of these facilities is very important because of the constant demand for these gymnasiums and facilities. We contact each school district individually to assure continued cooperation.

The Township also works with private recreation providers, including a golf driving range, roller skating rink, ice rink, dance studio, bowling alley, local golf courses and banquet halls to provide targeted recreation programs for Macomb Township residents.

**Table 22. Parks & Recreation Budget Summary**

	2021 Actual	2021/2022 Budget	2021/2022 Projected	2022/2023 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes and Fees	\$3,030,393	\$3,100,000	\$3,111,038	\$3,270,000
Federal Grants	35,242	-	-	-
Charges for Services	1,091,137	2,198,300	1,991,144	1,768,300
Interest Income	4,744	7,000	3,150	6,000
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,161,515</b>	<b>\$5,305,300</b>	<b>\$5,105,331</b>	<b>\$5,044,300</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Recreation and culture	\$1,904,663	\$2,518,922	\$2,449,354	\$3,669,944
Capital Outlay	27,400	600,000	300,000	2,200,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,932,063</b>	<b>\$3,118,922</b>	<b>\$2,749,354</b>	<b>\$5,869,944</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,229,452</b>	<b>\$2,186,379</b>	<b>\$2,355,977</b>	<b>\$ (825,644)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Fixed Asset	-	-	\$27,959	\$30,000
Transfers In	-	-	-	\$2,200,000
Transfers Out	(1,748,640)	(1,669,355)	(1,661,621)	(1,612,205)
Debt Issuance	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ (1,748,640)</b>	<b>\$ (1,669,355)</b>	<b>\$ (1,633,621)</b>	<b>\$ 617,795</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 480,812	\$ 517,024	\$ 722,356	\$ (207,849)
Fund Balance, Beginning	\$ 3,582,340	\$ 4,063,153	\$ 4,063,153	\$ 4,785,509
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 4,063,153	\$ 4,580,176	\$ 4,785,509	\$ 4,577,659



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# Chapter 7: Community Background

## Regional Setting

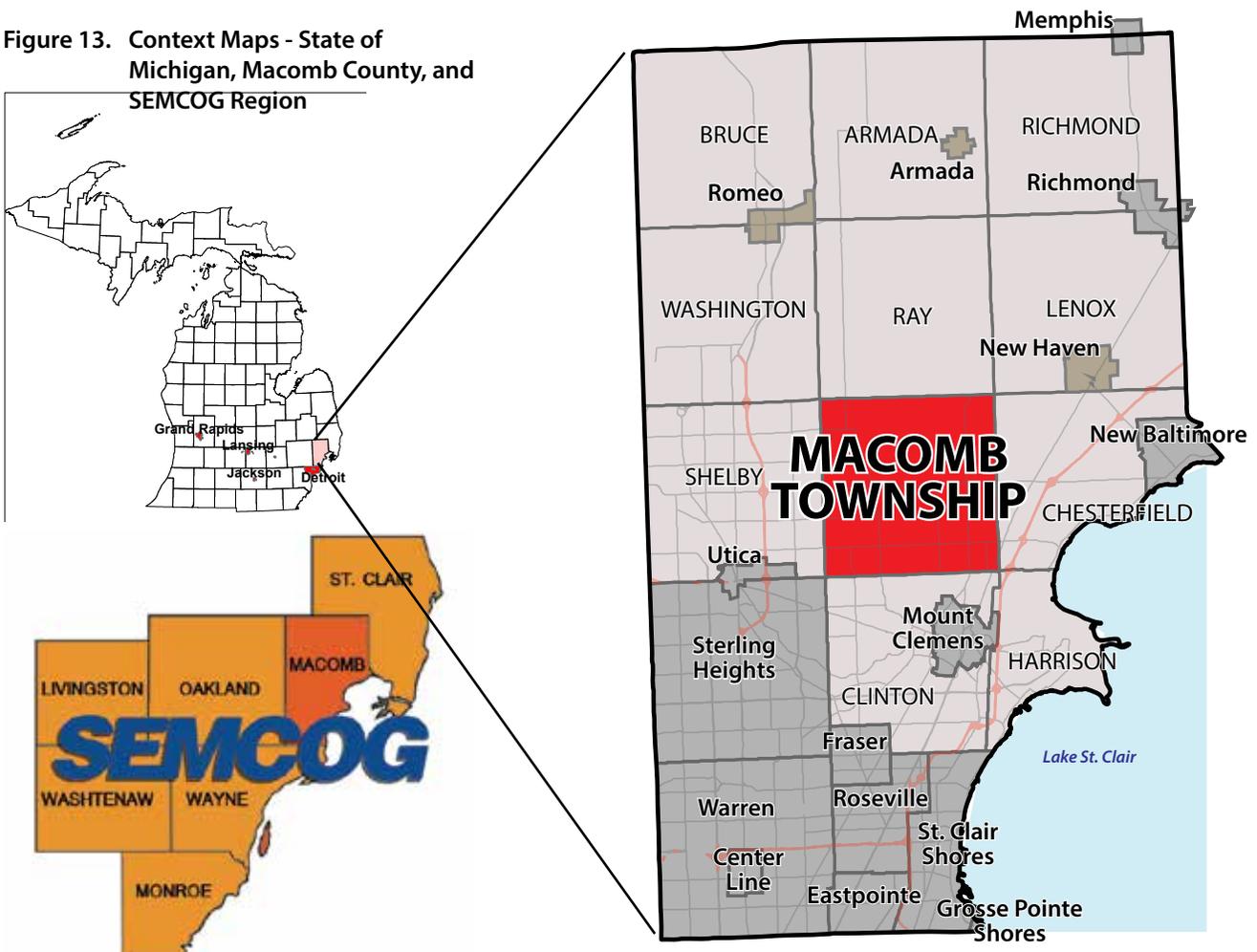
This chapter provides an overview of the human and recreational resources of Macomb Township with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the community has to offer.

Macomb Township is located at the heart of Macomb County, approximately 25 miles north of downtown Detroit. Named in honor of General Alexander Macomb, whose family owned most of Macomb County at one time, the region was originally settled in the early 19th century by German farmers looking for fertile river bottom land. While small sections in the eastern and northeastern sections of the Township remain agricultural in nature, the remainder has seen enormous growth in recent years, and is now composed primarily of suburban single-family residential homes. Macomb Township is the largest civil township in the state of Michigan. Only the charter townships of Canton in Wayne County and Clinton in Macomb County have higher populations.

Macomb County lies in the northeast corner of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the regional planning authority for the seven-county metropolitan area. SEMCOG provides a variety of planning expertise including recreation, transportation, and housing. Their forecasts and US Census data is used throughout this plan.

Macomb County also makes up part of the area commonly known as the "Tri-County Region" made up of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties. These three centers historically formed the Detroit metropolitan area, although that boundary has shifted somewhat west in recent years with population growth in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. While Wayne County has seen major drops in population since the early 1970s, Macomb and Oakland have boomed, and are now beginning to approach the peak population levels of Wayne County in the 70s.

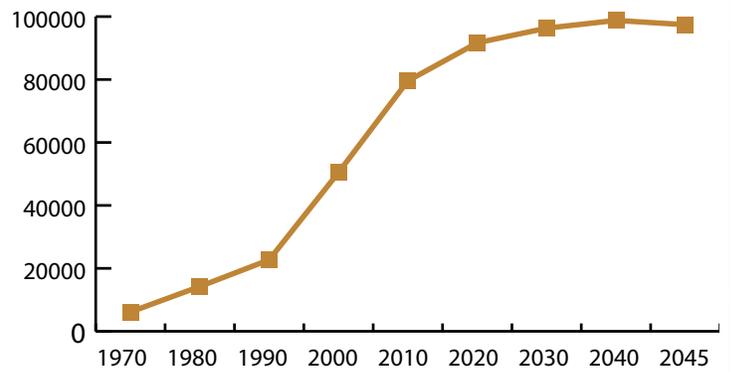
Figure 13. Context Maps - State of Michigan, Macomb County, and SEMCOG Region



## Population

Macomb Township growth over the past five decades has been remarkable. A rural community of 6,140 residents in 1970 has grown to 91,663 residents in 2020, an incredible 1,393% increase. Between 2010 and 2020, the percent change was nearly 24%; of Macomb Township's neighbors, only New Haven experienced a higher percentage increase. Table 23 provides a snapshot of population change in the region, giving an indication of where the changes in population are occurring. Ray and Lenox Townships have resisted development pressure and remain largely rural, while the communities to the south and west have seen high rates of growth as well. Generally speaking, the Townships have fared better than the cities and villages in the region, primarily due to larger tracts of land available for easier development.

Figure 14. Macomb Population Trend



Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Table 23. Population Data, Macomb Township Region

Community	1990	2000	2010	2020	% change 2010 - 2020	SEMCOG 2045 estimate	% change 2020 - 2045
Macomb Twp	22,714	50,478	79,580	91,663	23.9%	97,427	6.3%
Chesterfield Township	25,905	37,405	43,381	45,376	5.3%	51,464	13.4%
Clinton Township	85,866	95,648	96,796	100,513	3.9%	114,413	13.8%
Harrison Township	24,685	24,461	24,587	24,314	-1.1%	28,554	17.4%
Lenox Township	3,069	5,362	5,828	6,022	3.6%	7,322	21.6%
Mount Clemens	18,405	17,312	16,314	15,697	-3.6%	16,245	3.5%
New Baltimore	5,798	7,405	12,084	12,117	0.4%	12,454	2.8%
New Haven	2,331	3,071	4,642	6,097	47.4%	4,692	-23.0%
Ray Township	3,230	3,740	3,739	3,780	1.1%	4,421	17.0%
Shelby Township	48,655	65,159	73,804	79,408	8.6%	85,844	8.1%
Sterling Heights	117,810	124,471	129,699	134,346	3.7%	137,756	2.5%
Utica	5,081	4,577	4,757	5,245	10.7%	5,290	0.9%
Washington Township	11,386	17,122	23,296	26,261	17.3%	38,425	46.3%
Macomb County	717,400	788,149	840,978	881,217	5.1%	924,956	5.1%
Southeast Michigan	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,830,489	2.7%	5,104,922	5.7%

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

Table 24. Household Characteristics

Household Types	Census 2010	2010 HH Percentage	ACS 2020	2020 HH Percentage	2010-2020 % change	2045 SEMCOG	2045 HH Percentage
With seniors 65+	5280	19.9%	7837	25.5%	53.8%	15841	102.1%
Without seniors	21311	80.1%	22373	72.8%	6.1%	21883	-2.2%
Live alone 65+	1432	5.4%	2361	7.7%	89.0%	5090	115.6%
Live alone, under 65	2612	9.8%	2906	9.5%	12.6%	4517	55.4%
2+ persons with children	11839	44.5%	12087	39.3%	3.9%	12730	5.3%
2+ persons without children	10708	40.3%	12856	41.8%	19.4%	15387	19.7%

Source: US Census, SEMCOG

SEMCOG's 2045 forecasts suggests that the Township's population may be approaching a plateau, however. The Township's population is projected to increase through 2040, but begin to decrease by 2045. The net result between 2020 and 2045 is still a 6% increase, but as the rapid pace of development cools and land becomes more scarce, a slowdown is not unexpected.

Age demographics plays a large role in the projected slowdown. Like most of Michigan, the median age of Township residents has been steadily increasing, rising from 36.0 years in 2010 to 39.8 years in 2021. This falls below the levels reported across the county, but surpassed state levels for the first time in 2021 (Table 25). At the same time, household size has been falling (Table 26). The drop can be attributed to children leaving home to form their own households, oftentimes in new communities. The fall is consistent with the Township's general household characteristics (Table 24 on page 60), which shows the percentage of Township households with residents over age 65 increasing by 102% by 2045, while the percentage of households with children is projected to increase by only 5%. Figure 15 compares percentage of age groups in 2000, 2010, and 2020, and clearly shows the decreases in children and younger adults, and the increases in older adults and seniors.

**Table 25. Median Age, Macomb Township & Region**

Year	Macomb Township	Macomb County	State of Michigan
2010	36.0	39.3	38.1
2011	36.4	39.6	38.5
2012	36.7	40.0	38.8
2013	37.3	40.3	39.1
2014	38	40.6	39.3
2015	38.6	40.8	39.5
2016	38.7	40.9	39.6
2017	38.8	41.0	39.6
2018	39.1	40.8	39.7
2019	39.6	40.9	39.7
2020	39.7	41.0	39.7
2021	39.8	41.0	39.7

Source: American Community Survey, 2010 - 2020

**Table 26. Household Size, Macomb Township & Region**

	2010	2020	2045
Macomb Township	2.99	2.9	2.89
Macomb County	2.56	2.5	2.49
SEMCOG Region	2.52	2.46	2.41

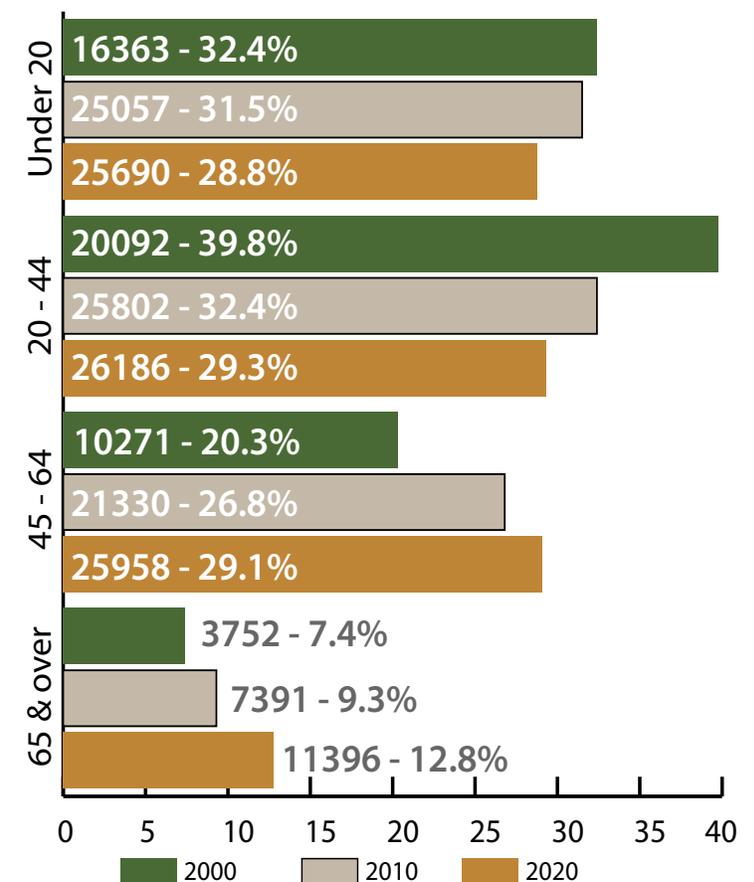
Source: US Census, SEMCOG

**Table 27. Macomb Age Ranges 2000 - 2021**

Age group	Census 2000	Census 2010	ACS 2020	% change 2000 - 2020
Under 5	4549	5279	4793	-10.7%
5 - 9	4602	7027	6881	-3.2%
10 - 14	4055	7058	6797	-6.4%
15 - 19	3157	5693	7219	48.3%
20 - 24	2351	3812	4849	44.1%
25 - 29	3206	3578	4067	15.3%
30 - 34	4714	4574	4599	0.5%
35 - 39	5230	6586	5934	-12.5%
40 - 44	4591	7252	6737	-11.2%
45 - 49	3709	6850	7289	11.8%
50 - 54	3059	5787	7645	60.7%
55 - 59	2039	4741	6025	63.0%
60 - 64	1464	3952	4999	71.5%
65 - 69	1286	2636	3579	73.3%
70 - 74	1037	1799	3344	149.0%
75 - 79	783	1375	2125	95.8%
80 - 84	426	903	1295	92.0%
85 and up	220	678	1053	170.5%

Source: US Census, ACS

**Figure 15. Age Distribution Comparison 2000 - 2020**



Source: US Census, ACS, SEMCOG

According to the 2020 American Community Survey, 8,754 residents or 11.0% of Macomb Township's population have some form of physical disability. This figure, along with an aging populace, underscores the need to accommodate mobility-challenged individuals and those with other disabilities when planning for recreation facilities and programs.

## Socio-Economic Characteristics

### Ethnicity

As the Township grows, it is becoming more diverse. Minority populations have increased from 10.9% in 2010 to 16% in 2020. Individuals identifying as multi-racial saw the largest percent increase (2.5%). Black residents make up 3.9% of the population, followed by Asian (3.1%), Hispanic (2.3%), multi-racial (1.4%), and "other" at 0.3%.

**Table 29. Racial Composition Summary**

Race and Hispanic Origin	Census 2010	Census 2020	Percent of Population - 2020
White	7,441	7,770	52.4%
Black	3,894	3,964	26.7%
Asian	741	1,040	7.0%
Multi-Racial	433	989	6.7%
Other	54	113	0.8%
Hispanic	495	956	6.4%
Total	13,058	14,832	

Source: SEMCOG, American Community Survey

### Education

Macomb Township educational levels did not change significantly between 2010 and 2020. Approximately 47% of residents reporting an Associate's degree or higher, a 5% increase from 2010 levels. Macomb has a higher percentage of residents with degrees than the surrounding county (37%) and the SEMCOG region as a whole (43%).

**Table 30. Highest Level of Education**

Highest Level of Education	Census 2010	Census 2020
Did Not Graduate High School	7.6%	6.8%
High School Graduate	26.1%	23.9%
Some College, No Degree	23.1%	21.8%
Associate Degree	10.7%	12.1%
Bachelor's Degree	21.2%	22.1%
Graduate / Professional Degree	11.2%	13.3%

Source: SEMCOG, American Community Survey

## Employment & Income

The Township's median household income increased by \$4,320 between 2010 and 2020, a 4.4% rise, and now stands at \$103,134. This nearly doubles the \$64,641 median reported for the county. The percentage of households in poverty has remained flat since 2010, sitting at 4.6% in 2020.

According to the SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast, the largest employment sector for Macomb Township residents is in Administrative, Support, & Waste Services (ASWS), followed by Information & Financial Activities, and then Retail Trade. ASWS is expected to see continued growth through 2045, and will remain the primary employer. Per 2021 American Community Survey estimates, 67.5% of Macomb Township residents age 16 or over were employed for 50 or more weeks in the previous year, compared to at 63.8% for Macomb County and 60.8% of the State of Michigan.

89% of Township workers are employed outside of the community, but with the Township (11.1%), Warren (10.7%), and Sterling Heights (10.2%) being the top commuter destinations. For jobs inside the Township borders, 35% of workers come from within the Township.

**Table 28. Forecasted Jobs by Industry Sector**

Sector	2015	2020	2045	% change 2020 - 45
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	2,062	2,128	2,778	30.5%
Manufacturing	2,088	2,003	1,404	-29.9%
Wholesale Trade	338	298	311	4.4%
Retail Trade	2,111	2,131	1,908	-10.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	496	496	526	6.0%
Information & Financial Activities	2,126	2,199	2,255	2.5%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	1,343	1,536	2,044	33.1%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	2,394	2,866	4,307	50.3%
Education Services	1,490	1,553	1,581	1.8%
Healthcare Services	1,502	1,631	3,397	108.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,651	1,682	1,812	7.7%
Other Services	1,380	1,416	1,694	19.6%
Public Administration	84	85	84	-1.2%

Source: SEMCOG

**Table 31. Where Residents Work**

Origin	Percent	Origin	Percent
Macomb Twp	11.1%	Clinton Twp	7.6%
Warren	10.7%	Shelby Twp	5.3%
Sterling Heights	10.2%	Auburn Hills	3.6%
Detroit	8.2%	Mount Clemens	2.3%
Troy	7.6%	Rochester	2.2%
		Elsewhere	31.3%

Source: SEMCOG

**Table 32. Where Workers Commute From**

Destination	Percent	Destination	Percent
Macomb Twp	35.2%	Warren	2.6%
Shelby Twp	7.2%	Roseville	2.1%
Sterling Heights	7.1%	Harrison Twp	2.1%
Clinton Twp	6.6%	Out of the Region	2.1%
Chesterfield Twp	5.6%	Mount Clemens	2.0%

Source: SEMCOG

## Housing

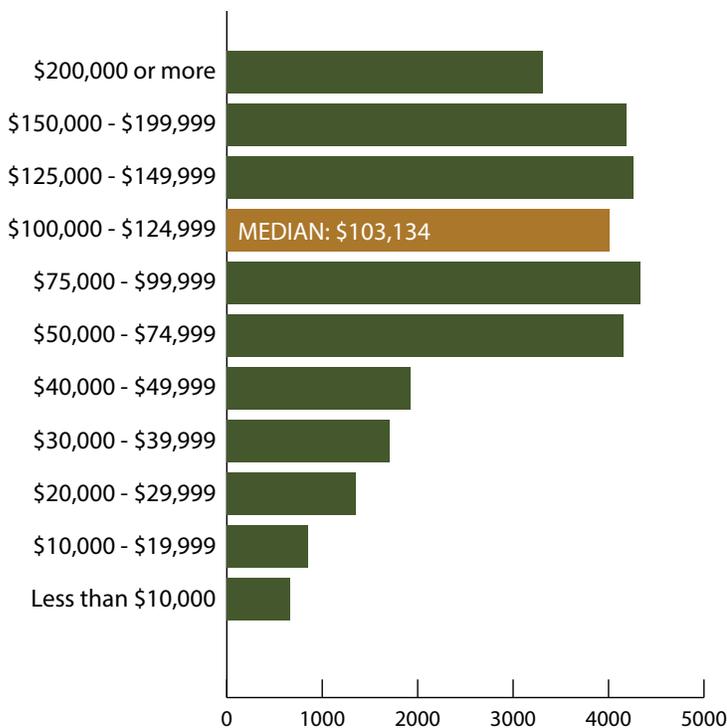
As would be expected in a community with rapid growth, Macomb Township’s housing stock is relatively new. Units built after 1980 compose 88% of the total housing stock, while nearly half (46%) was built after 2000. 80% of units are single-family residential, and just over 90% are owner-occupied. The number of renter-occupied units increased by one percentage point between 2010 and 2020, while the number of vacant units fell by one point.

Building permits for the Township peaked in 2000, and was heavily impacted by the recession of 2005 - 2009 before beginning to recover in 2010. The number of permits issued for single-family units has been falling since 2013.

The median housing value in 2020 was \$283,800, a decrease of \$4,617 (1.6%) from 2010. Median gross rent saw a larger decrease, falling 6.2% to \$1,155.

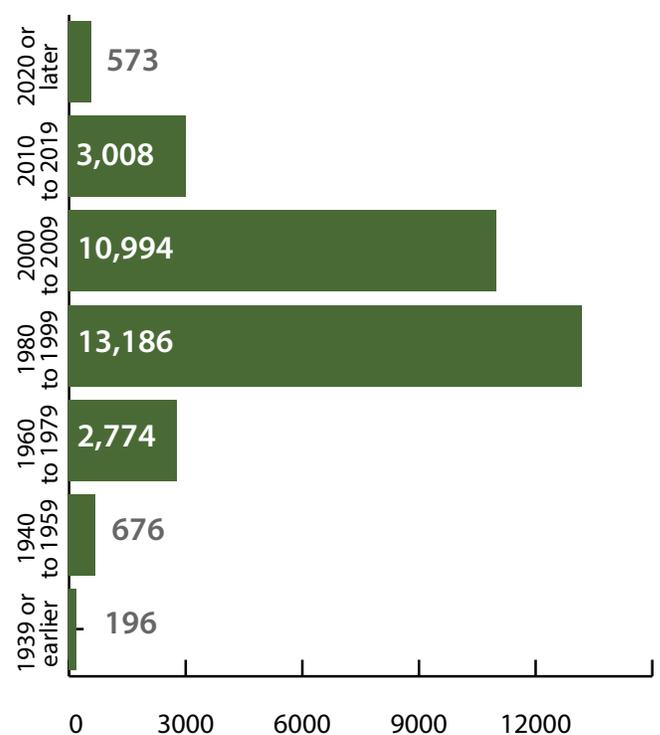
The fast pace of development has had implications on recreation planning. Few large lots remain available for park development, especially in the larger subdivisions which are almost exclusively taken up by single-family homes. Locating parcels suitable for small parks in the denser neighborhoods must remain a priority for the Township.

**Figure 16. Household Incomes 2020**



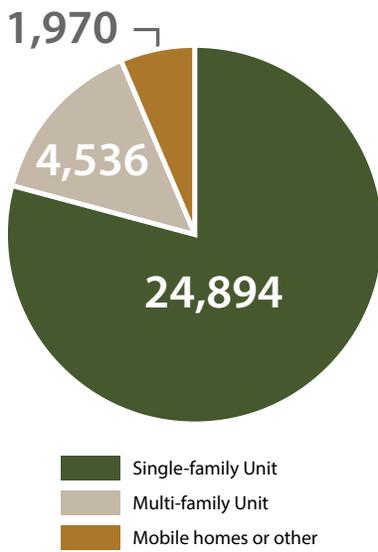
Source: ACS 2020, SEMCOG

**Figure 17. Housing Structures - Year Built**



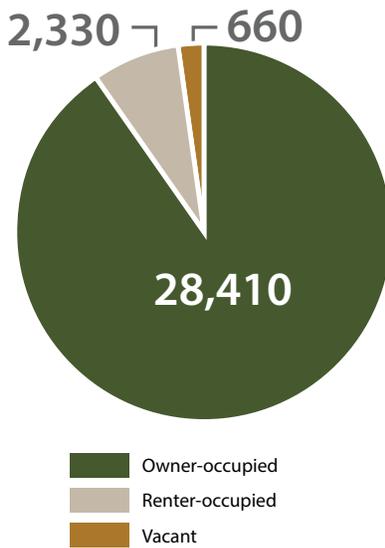
Source: American Community Survey

Figure 18. Housing Types 2020



Source: ACS, SEMCOG

Figure 19. Housing Tenure 2020



Source: ACS, SEMCOG

Table 33. Housing Permits

Year	Single Family	Two Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	1,770	6	104	0	1,880	11	1,869
2001	1,138	0	118	0	1,256	13	1,243
2002	1,204	0	333	0	1,537	9	1,528
2003	1,134	0	260	0	1,394	19	1,375
2004	787	0	270	0	1,057	12	1,045
2005	633	12	158	0	803	27	776
2006	509	0	136	0	645	16	629
2007	355	0	49	0	404	12	392
2008	118	0	5	0	123	7	116
2009	135	0	12	0	147	6	141
2010	308	0	21	0	329	15	314
2011	360	0	29	0	389	7	382
2012	485	0	34	0	519	11	508
2013	569	0	29	0	598	10	588
2014	386	0	66	0	452	0	452
2015	300	0	56	0	356	1	355
2016	347	0	98	66	511	3	508
2017	405	0	97	0	502	4	498
2018	304	42	92	141	579	7	572
2019	294	0	78	0	372	5	367
2020	300	0	22	0	322	5	317
2021	275	0	114	0	389	10	379
2022	196	0	28	0	224	6	218
Totals	12,312	60	2,209	207	14,788	216	14,572

Source: SEMCOG



## Land Use Patterns & Development Trends

Macomb Township land use is dominated by single-family residential development, making up 51% of the total area of the community. Vacant properties make up the next largest land category at 14.5%, and in some cases the parcels may represent an opportunity for land preservation or recreation development. Recreation and open space currently makes up roughly 8% of the Township's area.

SEMCOG's Leaf-off Imagery Analysis describes a different set of land uses, but provides an opportunity to compare changes in land use over the past five years. While single-family residential has increased by 4.6%, multi-family housing has seen the largest increase with a 29.1% increase in area. According to this analysis, the land use category with the largest percentage decrease is Office at -32.5%. Agricultural and recreational uses actually saw modest increases in area,

Table 34. Existing Land Use

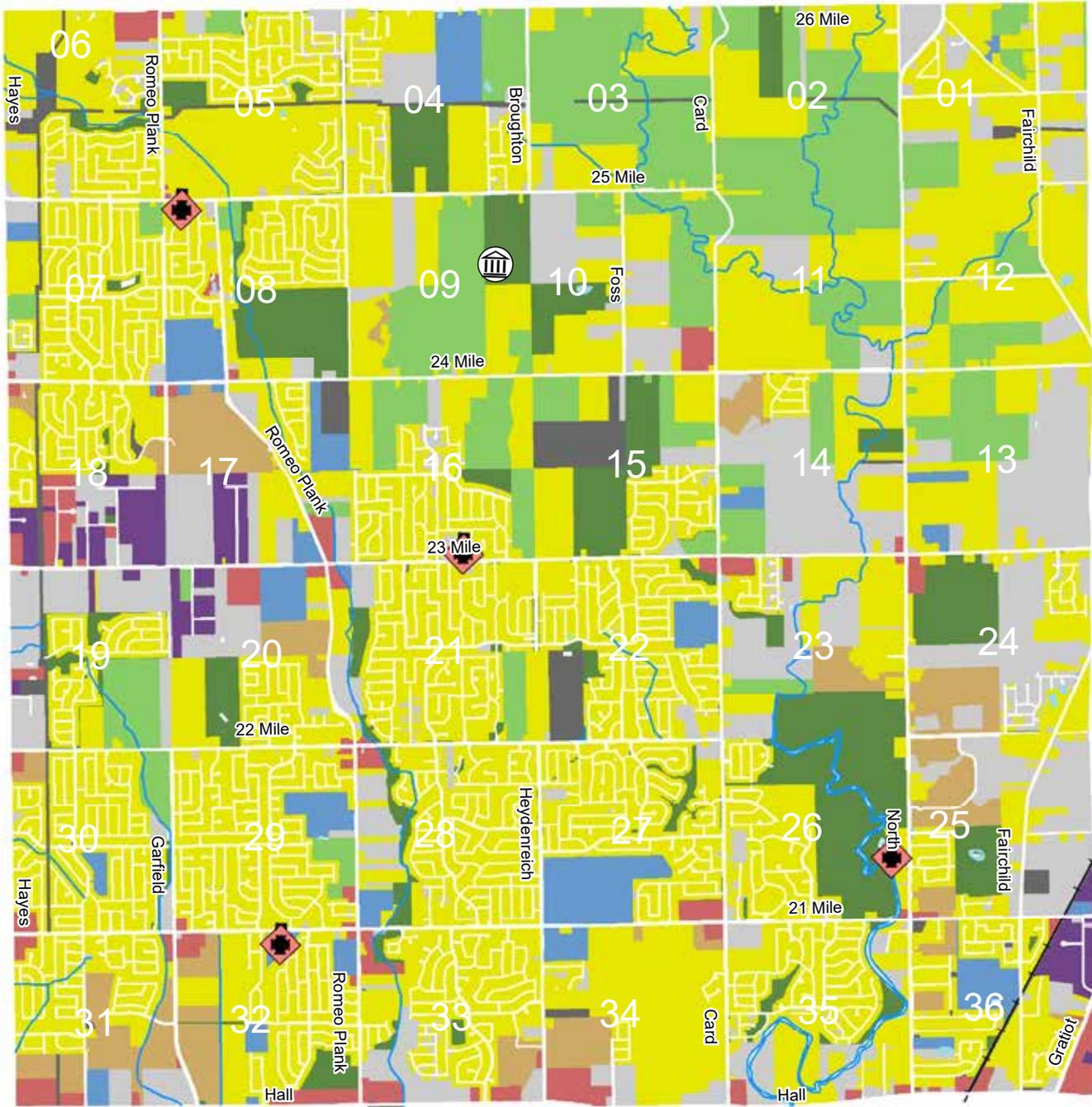
Land Use Categories	Acreage	Percentage
Vacant	3034.75	14.5%
Agricultural & Cemetery	2578.52	12.4%
Single-family housing	10645.15	51.0%
Multi-family housing	899.52	4.3%
Retail, Office & Hospitality	516.88	2.5%
Recreation & Open Space	1658.08	7.9%
Institutional & Medical	753.7	3.6%
Industrial	312.14	1.5%
Parking & Utilities	403.1	1.9%
Water	60.6	0.3%
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>20862.44</b>	

Source: Cultivate Macomb, Macomb Township 2022 Master Plan Update

Parcel Land Use	Acres 2015	% of total 2015	Acres 2020	% of total 2020	Change 2015-2020	Pct Change 2015-2020
Single-Family Residential	6,687.20	28.7%	6,992	30.0%	304.9	4.60%
Attached Condo Housing	865.7	3.7%	777.4	3.3%	-88.3	-10.20%
Multi-Family Housing	56.4	0.2%	72.7	0.3%	16.4	29.10%
Mobile Home	397.8	1.7%	397.8	1.7%	0	0%
Agricultural/Rural Residential	5,739.10	24.6%	5,780.10	24.8%	41	0.70%
Mixed Use	72.8	0.3%	67.8	0.3%	-5.1	-7%
Retail	331.6	1.4%	279.5	1.2%	-52.1	-15.70%
Office	88.7	0.4%	59.9	0.3%	-28.8	-32.50%
Hospitality	52.1	0.2%	48.2	0.2%	-3.8	-7.40%
Medical	87.9	0.4%	90.4	0.4%	2.5	2.90%
Institutional	655.8	2.8%	710.6	3.0%	54.8	8.40%
Industrial	298.4	1.3%	272.8	1.2%	-25.5	-8.60%
Recreational/Open Space	1,117.50	4.8%	1,135.70	4.9%	18.2	1.60%
Cemetery	6.1	0.0%	6.1	0.0%	0	0%
Golf Course	710	3.0%	710	3.0%	0	0%
Parking	0.9	0.0%	0.9	0.0%	0	0%
TCU	402	1.7%	403.3	1.7%	1.3	0.30%
Vacant	3,136.60	13.4%	2,930.30	12.6%	-206.3	-6.60%
Water	60.1	0.3%	60.1	0.3%	0	0%
Not Parceled	2,564.40	11.0%	2,535.40	10.9%	-29.1	-1.10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,331.10</b>		<b>23,331.10</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

Source: SEMCOG Leaf Off Imagery

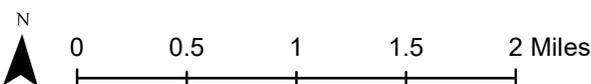
Map 6. Existing Land Use



- Vacant
  - Agricultural and Cemetery
  - Single-Family Housing
  - Multi-Family Housing
  - Retail, Office, and Hospitality
  - Recreation/Open Space
  - Institutional and Medical
  - Industrial
  - Parking and Utilities
- 
- Township Hall
  - Fire Stations

## Existing Land Use

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 Macomb County  
 Data from Macomb County  
 and SEMCOG GIS



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## Natural Features

The figures on the next two pages provide a graphical depiction of some of the environmental characteristics that have an impact on recreation development. A more in-depth discussion of each characteristic is provided in the following paragraphs, as well as a general summary of anticipated challenges and opportunities.

### Geology & Topography

The existing terrain in and around Macomb Township, like most of southeast Michigan, was shaped by the Wisconsin ice sheet which retreated from the region about 13,000 years ago). The substrate consists mainly of sandstone, limestone, shale, salt, and gypsum.

Macomb is characterized as basically flat with very little elevation changes. The North Branch of the Clinton River the Middle Branch of the Clinton River form some of the most dramatic grade changes along their banks, with steep 15 to 20 foot bluffs in some spots. The elevation drops from a high of 639 feet in the northwest corner of the Township to a low of 597 feet near Hall Road in Section 35.

A flat terrain poses two general challenges. First, a lack of terrain makes drainage difficult if not impossible. Poor drainage affects the soils and can cause localized flooding issues. On a micro level, grading can solve immediate flooding and drainage issues, but little can be done if an entire region is impacted. As an example, fill and grading can help elevate a house up from the edge of a wetland, making it possible to build, but that same house would not be able to support a basement, and it would expect to be among the first to experience flooding during a heavy rain event. A better solution would be to move the house onto existing high ground if possible.

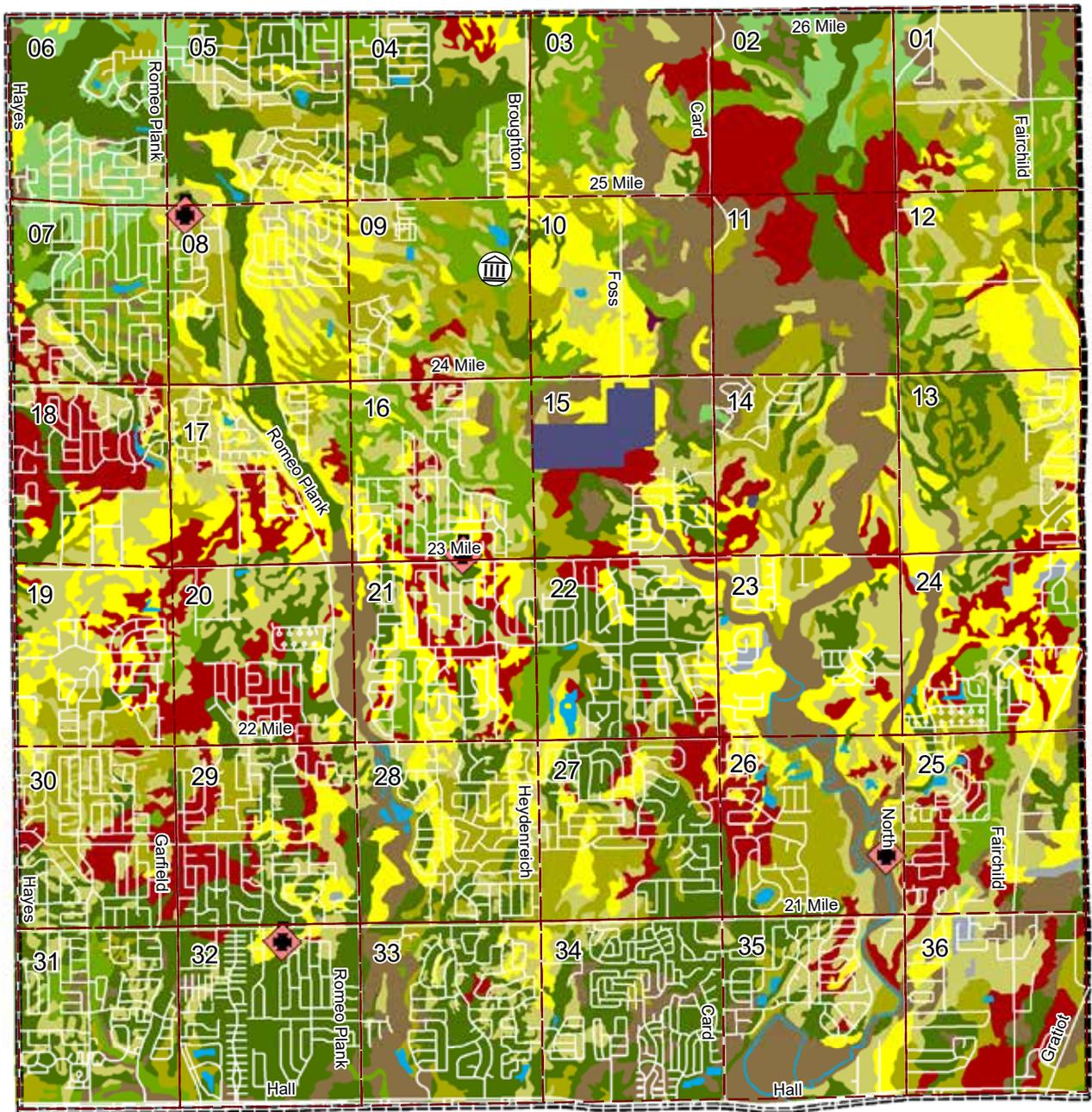
Second, flat terrain limits the ability to support some activities. Mountain biking, sledding, and zip lines are examples of amenities that benefit from a rolling terrain. Again, creative grading can create an acceptable solution, but the substitute will require more planning and cost.

### Soils

Macomb Township soils, in general, are poorly drained loam and clay layers. Only 2,651 acres, about 11% of the Township's total land, across the community drain well enough to support private septic systems. This small amount of usable soil meant that the Township must provide sanitary sewer and water service to all new developments. Even the most rustic park developments in Macomb Township will need restrooms connected to public sewers and running water from municipal lines. Depending on the site, the Township should also include low impact development techniques in park plans so that stormwater is handled as naturally as feasibly possible.

Poor soils can also impact construction of trails and playgrounds. Wet, mucky soils experience significant heave in the winter months, causing cracking in pavement and shifting fixed structures. The USDA Soil Survey rates trail development potential as very limited and playground development potential as somewhat limited across the entire Township. In each instance, depth to saturated zone, ponding, and overly sandy soils are described as the primary concerns.

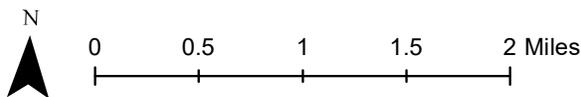
Figure 20. Generalized Soils Map



## Generalized Soils

Macomb Township  
Macomb County

Data from Macomb County,  
USDA, and SEMCOG GIS



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## Water Resources

4,861 acres, or 21 %, of Macomb Township are within a FEMA designated floodplain. 788 acres, 3.4% of total Township lands, are susceptible to a 500-year flood (0.2% annual chance). A 500-year event is the event least likely to impact any areas that may flood. 4,073 acres, 17.5% of the Township's land area, lies within a 100-year (1% annual chance) floodplain. Also known as the base flood, the 100-year flood is the most common kind of flooding event. Within the 100 year floodplain there are 1,099 acres of floodway. The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodway areas that must be kept free of any encroachment so that the water in a 100-year flood is kept within the floodplain.

Developments in the southern 2/3 of Macomb County, first for agriculture then eventually for suburban communities, filled in the vast majority of Clinton River floodplains. This destruction of stormwater management capacity necessitates a regional focus to preserve flood capacity in upstream undeveloped areas. Macomb Township preserves floodplain volume as part of our development review. We expect any park development, particularly any lands in the 100-year floodplain, to maintain or expand flood storage capacity. DNR grant programs prioritize access to water, therefore it is likely that competitive acquisition grant prospects and park development projects will contain floodplains.

The same systems that raise flooding concerns offer potential for recreational development. 33 miles of linear waterways are fairly evenly split between the North and Middle branches of the Clinton River, drains managed by the Macomb County Department of Public Works, and unnamed small creeks and brooks. Both Clinton River Branches run north to south across the Township, crossing Hall Road to the south. These significant waterways offer enormous potential for preservation and recreation purposes. Water trails are becoming increasingly popular across the state, and are a priority for MDNR grant funding. The closest state-designated water trail to Macomb Township is the Clinton River Water Trail, an 80 mile route winding just south of the Township running from Utica through Mount Clemens and on to Lake St. Clair. Development of the North Branch Greenway with connection to Mt. Clemens could be a major tourism boost for the area. A further description of the Greenway efforts is provided on page 77.

Management of two significant watershed areas, the Clinton River East Subwatershed that sends water to the Middle Branch and the North Branch Clinton River Subwatershed, is coordinated through the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC). Formed in 1972 as an association of local governments under the auspices of the Local Rivers Management Act of 1964, then reincorporated as a non-profit in 1994, the CRWC coordinates the efforts of local governments, businesses and community groups to improve water quality and celebrate the value of the Clinton River as a natural and recreational resource.

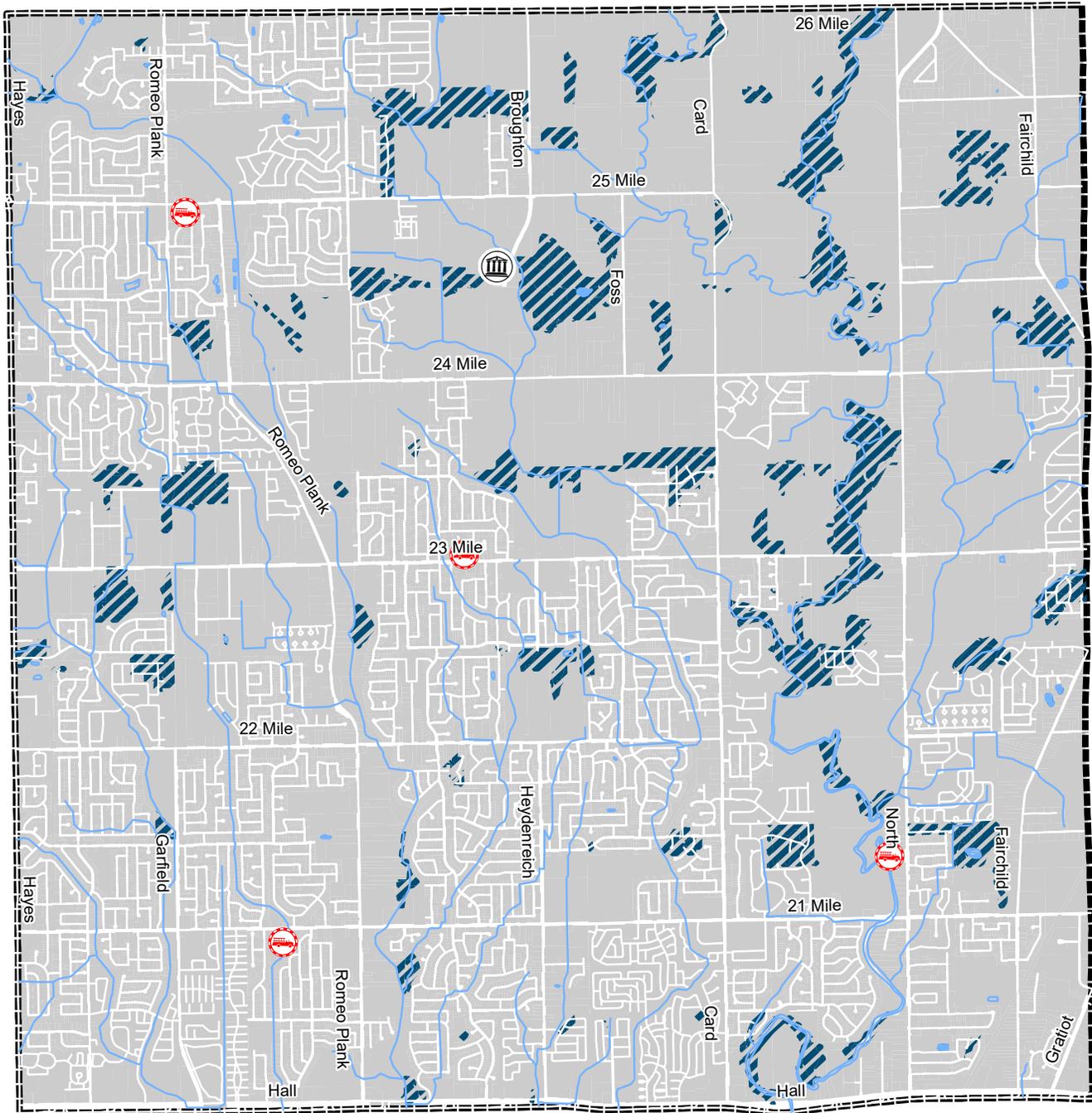
Promoting and enhancing recreation are integral to natural features and resources management and can make additional federal, state, and county funding opportunities available for certain parts of park acquisition or development. Specific activities and improvements are recreation programming, riparian parks, canoe/boat landings/access sites, fishing restoration, and trails & observation decks.

## Wetlands

Michigan's wetland statute, Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, defines a wetland as "land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances does support, wetland vegetation or aquatic life, and is commonly referred to as a bog, swamp, or marsh." The definition applies to public and private lands regardless of zoning or ownership.

Wetlands are prevalent throughout the community, but are most concentrated along the Clinton River and its tributaries. If present, federally regulated wetlands may reduce development potential for properties, but may also present valuable opportunities for preservation of open space and public education. Preserving and enhancing wetlands while creating interpretive opportunities at appropriate park developments can be a valuable component used to secure grant funding.

Figure 21. Potential Wetland Areas



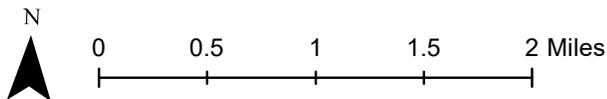
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-  Fire Stations
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Lakes and Ponds
-  Wetlands

## Potential Wetland Areas

Macomb Township  
Macomb County

*Data represented is generalized data projecting suspected wetland areas as based on County data. Detailed studies must be conducted in order to determine presence of wetlands for site development purposes.*

Data from Macomb County GIS



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## Vegetation

Woodlands are located primarily in the eastern 1/3 of the Township and along waterways in the more developed areas. There are almost 400 woodlots greater than 0.5 acres, totaling nearly 3,000 acres or just less than 13% of our community. Woodlots offer excellent value to passive recreation facilities for picnicking, hiking, and nature preserves. Woodlands are essential for all development because forested areas process more stormwater runoff than similar lands without trees, are more aesthetically pleasing, and have higher land value.

Macomb County, particularly along the Clinton River and its branches, is a targeted area to increase urban tree canopy. These targeted areas have the lowest percentage of tree canopy area, highest population density, oldest infrastructure, and are among the most impacted watershed areas in the Macomb County. Tree loss was exacerbated by decades of Dutch Elm Disease, Emerald Ash Borer devastation, and suburban style development. This area particularly needs an extensive and well-managed urban forest that provides cleaner air and water, flood control, reduced energy usage, public health improvement, aesthetics, property value increases and a better quality of life.

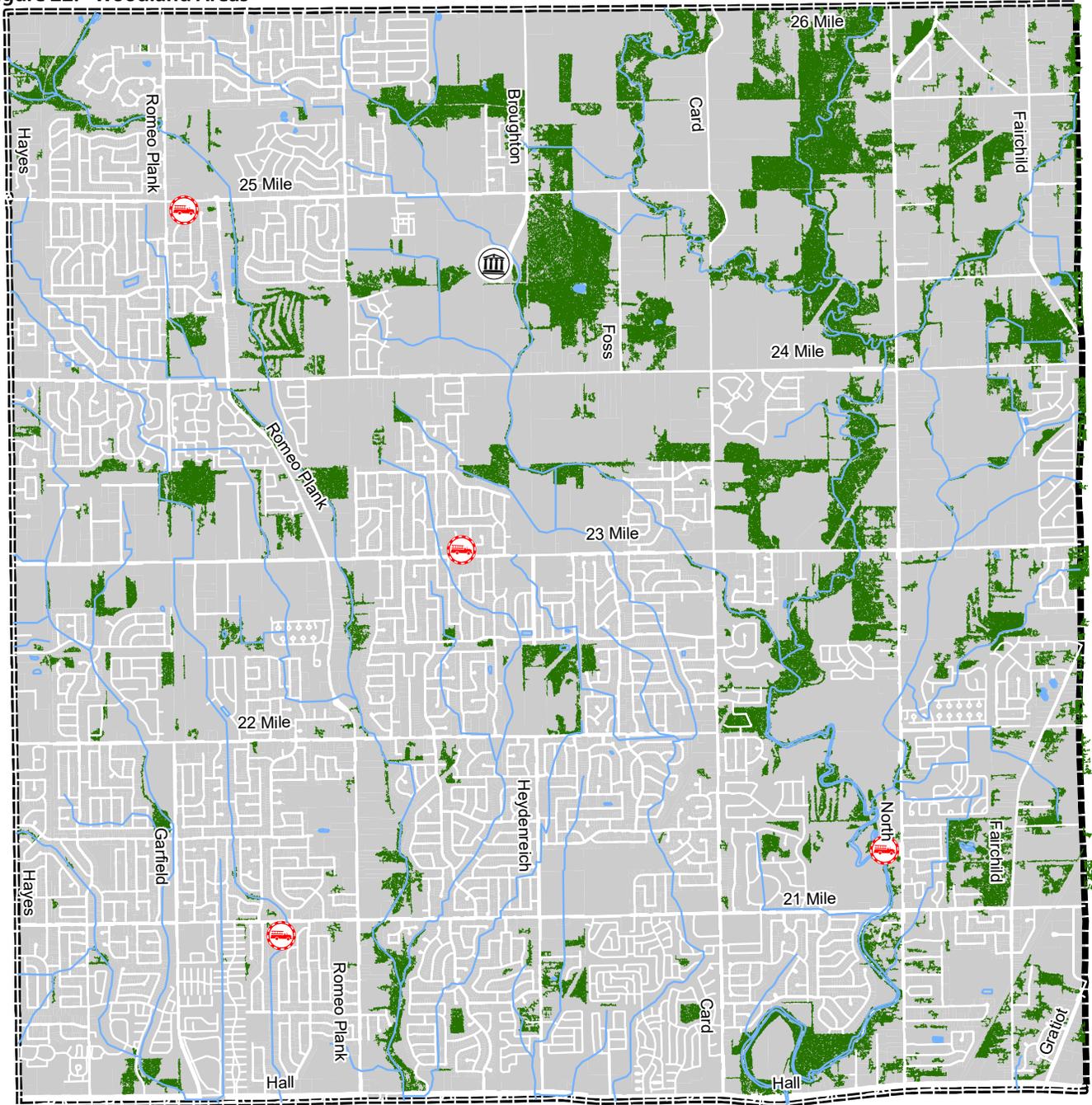
Macomb County and partners like the US Forest Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources provide tools and funding to replace or conserve urban forests in conjunction with some projects or provide materials to homeowners. The Township may have opportunities with park development and enhancement to engage the urban forestry partnerships and increase tree canopy coverage in the community.

## Environmental Resource Summary

As the Township looks to develop new park and recreation facilities, environmental factors must be considered. While some of the factors described in the preceding pages are limiting, all of these limitations can be overcome with careful planning and fore site. These environmental resources should be regarded as assets, not limitations, to be highlighted and incorporated into future park designs.

In fact, these natural features are becoming increasingly rare in Macomb Township, and those that remain provide critical ecosystem services in the form of wildlife habitat, stormwater mitigation, and recreational benefits. Protecting the riparian corridors can provide tangible economic benefits for the community through flood prevention and tourism dollars. Macomb Township's natural resources offer a rich canvas for future recreation development whether they are sports fields, trails and pathways, or nature preserves. The Township must consider how these resources impact both site selection and park development in order to protect them, incorporate them into recreation offerings, and to engage outside funding resources with shared goals.

Figure 22. Woodland Areas

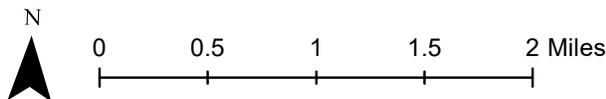


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-  Fire Stations
-  Woodlands
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Lakes and Ponds

# Woodland Areas

Macomb Township  
Macomb County

Data from Macomb County GIS



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## Planning Initiatives

### Cultivate Macomb - Macomb Township 2022 Master Plan Update

Macomb Township completed an update of their Comprehensive Master Plan in 2022. Known as “Cultivate Macomb”, the Plan considers the Township’s historical status, current suburban development context, and future possibilities to provide a vision of the future. It blends the interests of property development, resiliency and flood control, the creation of community character, and public health initiatives as it looks to the future for the Township. The Plan specifically addresses the role of recreation in the community, and offers the primary goals and eight policies in support of those goals:

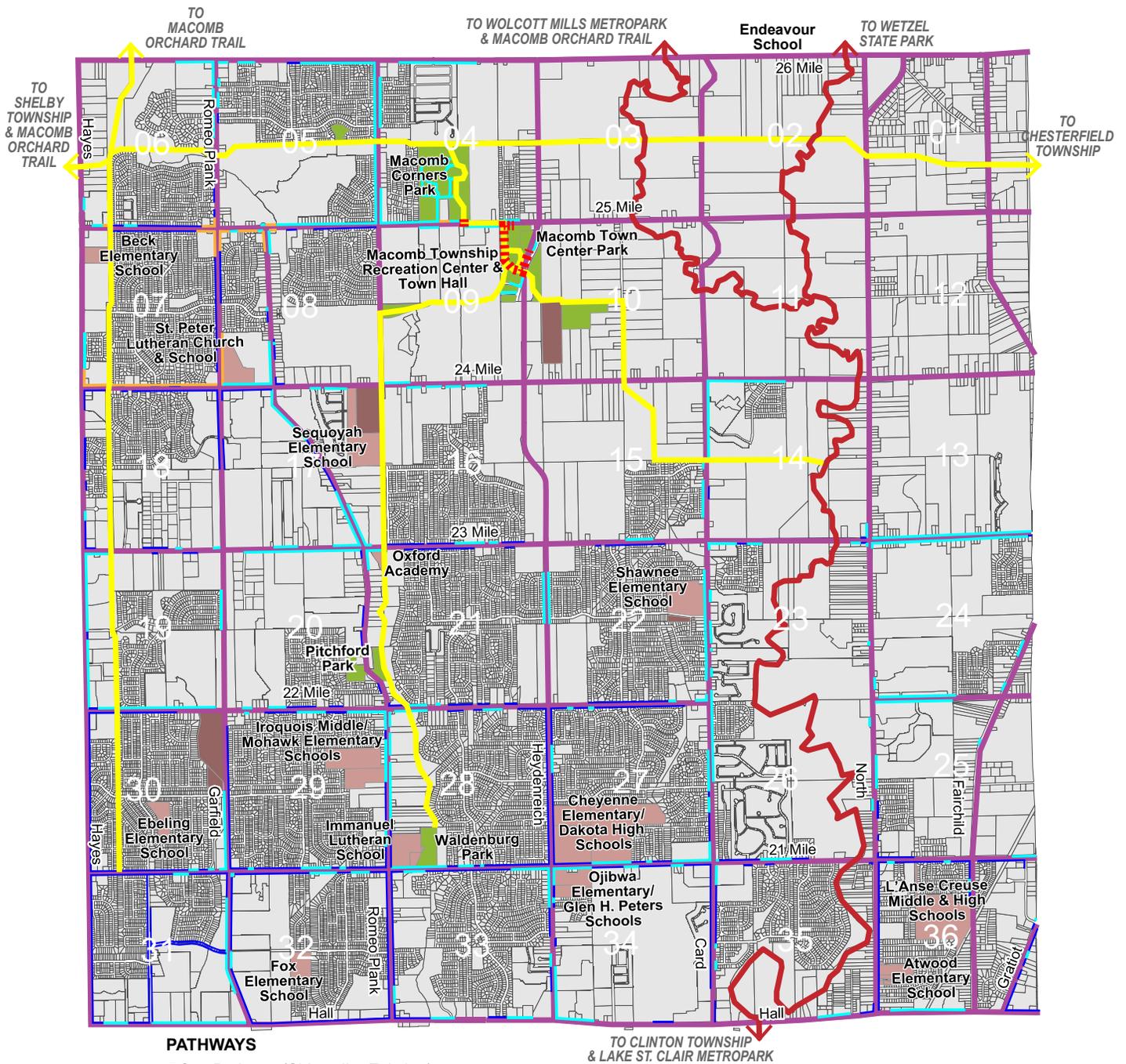
- **Goal 1:** A safe and well maintained park system meets the needs of residents
  - Policy 1: Maintain a current Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
  - Policy 2: Monitor and adjust programming based on activity levels.
  - Policy 3: Monitor trends and wants of changing demographics.

- **Goal 2:** A trail and walk system effectively connects neighborhoods and parks
  - Policy 1: Support Macomb County in the creation of a trail in the east end of the Township.
  - Policy 2: Construct a township-wide trail system that is integrated into the regional trail system.
  - Policy 3: Provide connections between schools, community facilities, and neighborhoods using sidewalks and the safety path system.
- **Goal 3:** New developments will provide dedicated open space
  - Policy 1: Amend ordinance standards to require a certain amount of open space to be dedicated.
  - Policy 2: Connect open space areas to trail systems where appropriate.

The Plan includes a map which acts as the Non-Motorized Network Plan for the Township. The Non-Motorized Plan is provided on page 74.

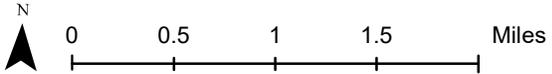


Map 7. Non-Motorized Network Plan



- PATHWAYS**
- 5-foot Pathway (Sidewalk - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Existing)
  - 8-foot Pathway (Safety Paths - Planned)
  - Planned Construction 2022 - 2023
  - Potential Trail Network (Off Road)\*
  - North Branch Greenway
  - - - - Proposed TAP Grant project
  - Schools
  - Vacant School Property
  - Parks & Open Space / Conservation

\*NOTE: The "Potential Trail Network" is conceptual and is subject to change.



# Macomb Township Non-Motorized Network

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## **Macomb County Complete Streets Ordinance**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners adopted a Complete Streets resolution on June 19, 2014, enabling a more holistic approach to transportation planning and improving access to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and public transit by approaching all future transportation projects with the Policy in mind. Standards to review and implement aspects of complete streets will be adopted, with projects near public service areas and institutions being prioritized to best enhance the health, safety and general welfare of Macomb County residents.

Complete Streets based projects may include, but are not limited to, adding bike lanes, curb ramps, making crossing times longer or adding tactile and audible signs.

In 2010 then Gov. Jennifer Granholm enacted a law requiring for a Complete Streets policy to be created at the state level. The Michigan Department of Transportation completed this policy in July of 2012.

## **Macomb County 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

The Macomb County Recreation Plan focuses on the three County facilities, Freedom Hill County Park & Amphitheater, Macomb Orchard Trail, and Nicholson Nature Center, the latter two of which have shared ownership or operating agreements with local municipalities. The plan notes that Macomb County provides the lowest number of public recreation acres of the five largest counties in the state (0.18 acres per thousand people), has the lowest per capita operating expense on recreation by a wide margin, and has accepted the least amount of grant funds for public recreation projects.

The County has traditionally relied on local municipalities, state facilities, and HCMA Metroparks to provide residents with recreation access. The Plan's Goals & Objectives call for the County to adopt a new organizational structure with operation of park facilities shifted to the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department and establish a capital improvement framework that will allow strategic investment in existing facilities and potential acquisition and development of new facilities.

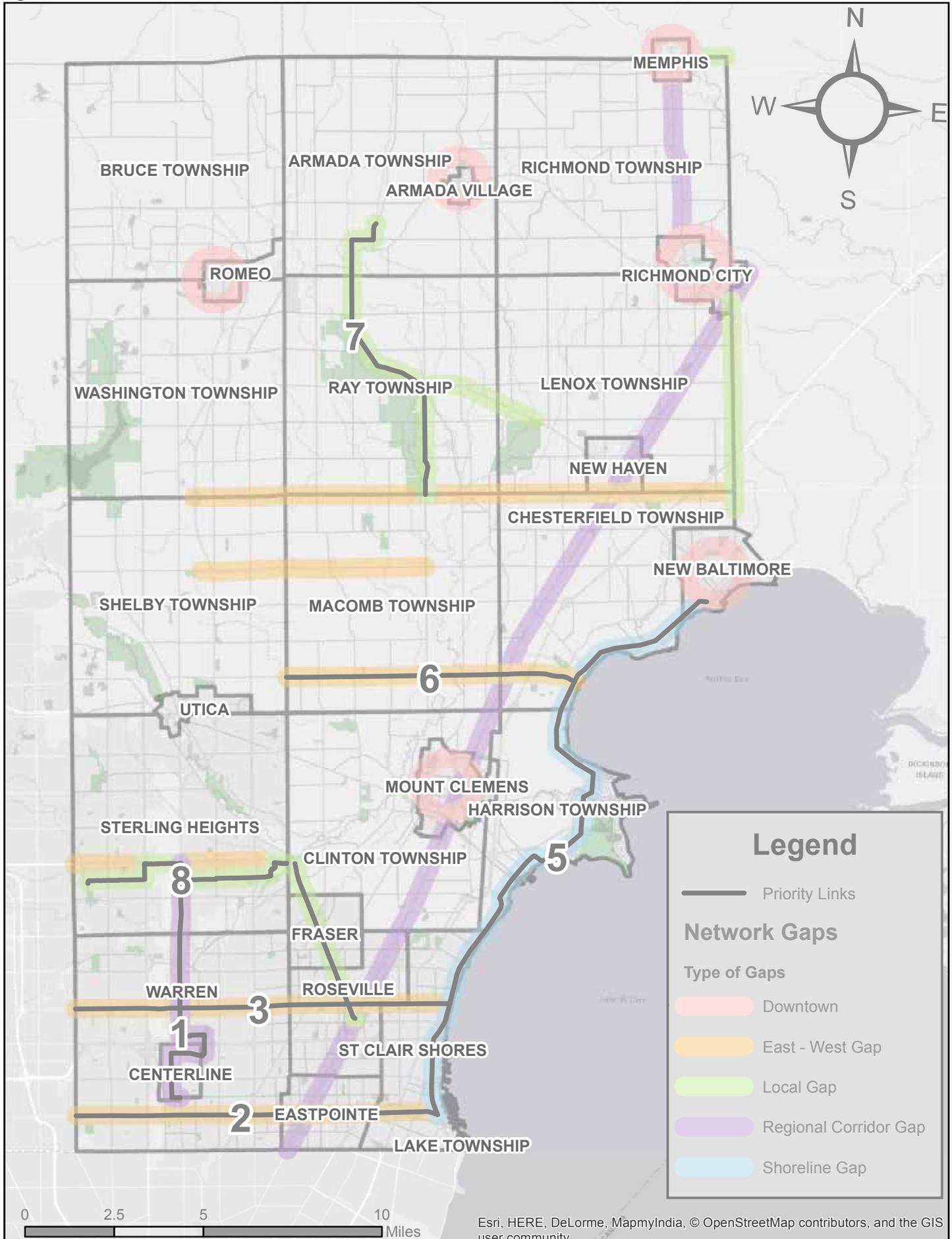
## **Mobilize Macomb - 2017 Non-Motorized Plan**

Mobilize Macomb was developed in response to the recommendations of the County's 2014 Recreation Plan. It emphasizes a desire to make Macomb's streets, trails, and pathways friendly places for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities, and identifies a number of key gaps in the non-motorized network including three in Macomb Township.

East-west gaps in the network are identified along 24 and 26 Mile Roads. 21 Mile Road is labeled a priority link due to its ability to link Shelby, Macomb, and Chesterfield Townships to other regional corridors and routes. The Plan recommends development of a wide sidewalk or shared-use path along the route to accommodate users. Sidewalks, ranging from 5 to 6 feet in width, are currently provided along most of this route, with small gaps typically over drains and streams between Tilch and Susan Roads and Gloede and Garfield Roads. A larger gap begins on the south side of 21 Mile at Card Road to North Avenue, and sidewalk provision on the north side is inconsistent from Creekside heading east. The crossing over the railroad tracks is also undeveloped. Going forward, establishing a consistent walkway width and completing these gaps will help to establish the route.

The plan also identifies the "Wolcott Mill Trail Connector" in Ray Township. This alignment begins to identify an important north-south greenway route which has subsequently been planned as the North Branch Greenway (see next page).

Figure 23. Mobilize Macomb



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## North Branch Greenway Vision

The North Branch Greenway Vision is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration developed by Macomb County Planning and Economic Development, the Clinton River Watershed Council, Six Rivers Land Conservancy, SEMCOG, Huron Clinton Metropark Authority, and Macomb, Clinton, Ray, and Lenox Townships. The vision identifies potential trail routes and conservation strategies for the publicly- and privately-owned parcels along the Clinton River, and works to protect the riparian corridor while incorporating a network of trails that would connect to the Freedom Trail in the south and the Macomb Orchard Trail in the north.

The Vision calls for each community to incorporate the results of the study into their local planning and zoning documents, and to work with property owners to preserve the riparian corridor and floodplain. The network of trails would utilize a variety of approaches for development, and offer a mix of recreational opportunities from paved trails for biking and walking to unpaved trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The Vision also seeks opportunities for increased fishing access and seasonal water trails for kayaking and canoeing.

The three primary long term goals of this project are:

1. Develop strategies to reduce the impact of future flooding within the North Branch of the Clinton River;
2. To work to strategically to protect the riparian corridor; and
3. Establish a multi-modal linear recreational corridor along or near the North Branch of the Clinton River from Clinton Township's Budd Park to the Macomb Orchard Trail in Armada Township



Figure 24. North Branch Greenway Vision



# Vision NORTH BRANCH GREENWAY



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CLINTON TOWNSHIP    MACOMB TOWNSHIP    RAY TOWNSHIP    ARMADA TOWNSHIP    LENOX TOWNSHIP



Kayaking



Equestrian trails



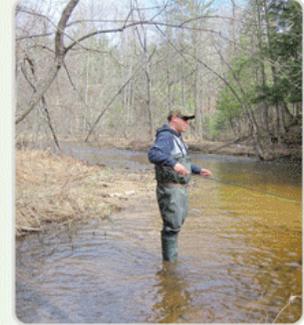
Rendering of proposed activities at Wolcott Mill Metropark



Long-term vision for a potential northern Macomb/southern Ray Township Bridle Farms Region



Paved trails



Fishing



Nature trails

### NORTH BRANCH GREENWAY VISION

With funding support from SEMCOG, the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department (in cooperation with a multi-agency Steering Committee) led the creation of a long-term vision for a connected greenway traversing north/south through the center of Macomb County along the North Branch of the Clinton River.

The North Branch Greenway is a vision for a protected and connected riparian corridor that will assist with habitat conservation, flood reduction, and create a network of trails that would connect the Freedom Trail in the south to the Macomb Orchard Trail in the north. It's envisioned that this connected network of trails could develop in a variety of ways and for a variety of recreational opportunities from paved trails for biking and walking to unpaved trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. This vision also looks to capture opportunities for increased fishing access and seasonal water trails for kayaking and canoeing.

This poster is a companion piece to the North Branch Greenway Vision report that was developed to serve as a tool to assist in policy development, master plan and ordinance development, land acquisition and creation and promotion of recreation opportunities.

For more information, go to: [Green.Macombgov.org](http://Green.Macombgov.org) or, contact the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department at [greenmacomb@macombgov.org](mailto:greenmacomb@macombgov.org) (586) 469-5285

- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY
- RIVER/CREEK
- FLOODPLAIN
- PUBLIC/PARK/SCHOOL PROPERTY
- EXISTING NON-MOTORIZED FACILITY
- EXISTING EQUESTRIAN TRAIL
- PROPOSED NORTH BRANCH GREENWAY TRAIL
- PROPOSED NON-MOTORIZED CONNECTORS
- PROPOSED WIDE PAVED SHOULDERS
- POTENTIAL KAYAK LAUNCH
- PROPOSED FISHING ACCESS

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## **SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan**

The SEMCOG plan, adopted in 2019, was developed to highlight available recreation resources and ensure that the region's recreation system meets the needs of residents and visitors. The Plan notes that with over 2,300 parks covering 214,000 acres, over 400 miles of trails and greenways, and 450 miles of designated water trails, the region is well served by local, state, regional, and federal recreation authorities.

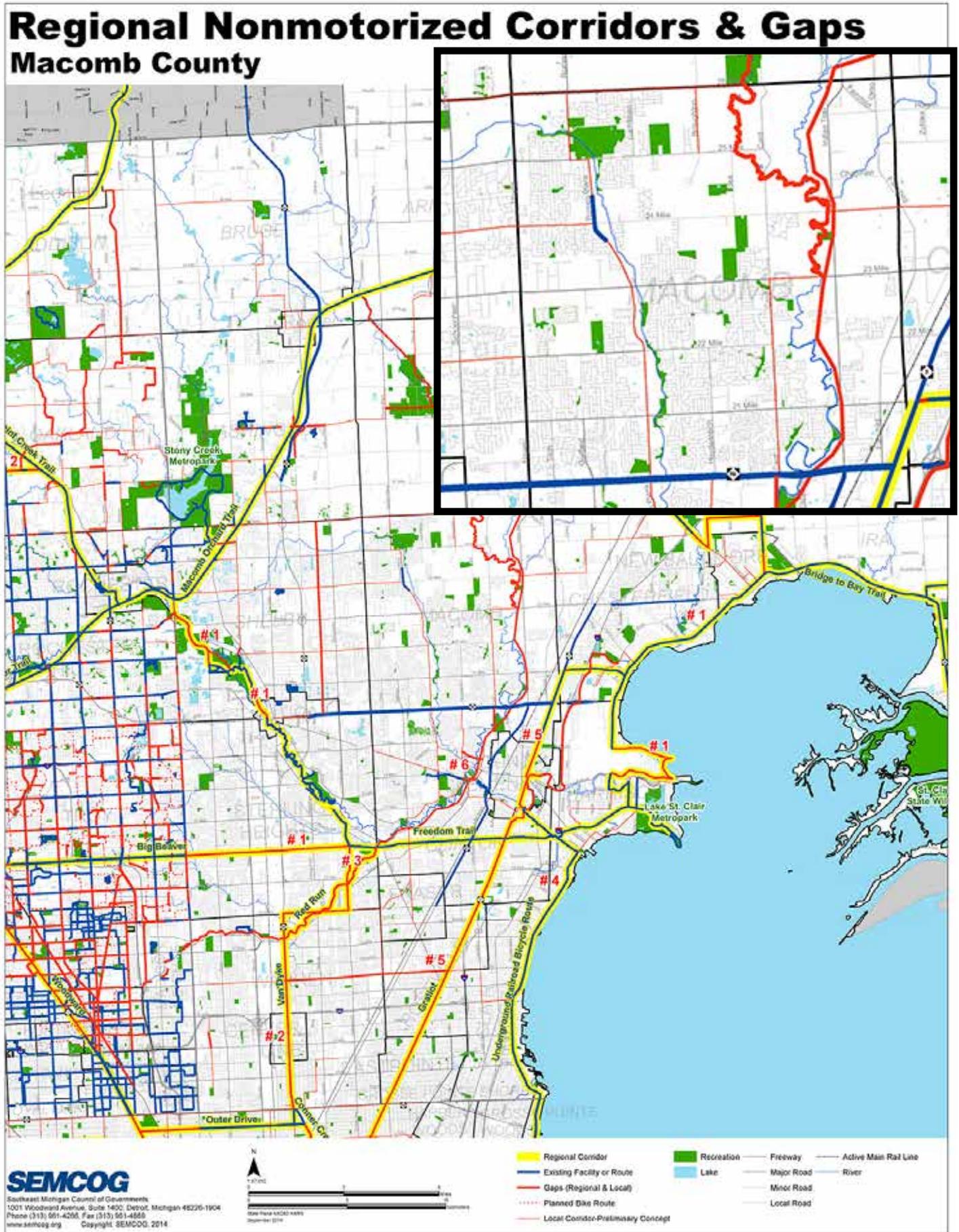
The plan provides several regional policy recommendations to address recreation development. Among the recommendations, prioritization of investment in land acquisition is viewed as necessary to address gaps in access to outdoor recreation facilities. Fostering collaboration among outdoor recreation stakeholders speaks to the need for ongoing cooperation between local and regional recreation authorities. Utilization of universal design principles ensures that facilities are accessible to residents of all abilities. Supporting conservation and stewardship of natural resources recognizes the value of open space and the desire of the region's residents to have access to natural areas in reasonable proximity to their homes.

## **SEMCOG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan / 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan**

The 2040 Regional Transportation Plan is a joint effort between Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The plan provides recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities across 10 regions and incorporating 60 different action items. SEMCOG's larger regional focus places more emphasis on existing non-motorized transportation options, and details several larger trail efforts that overlap efforts in the DLGI plan.

SEMCOG's 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan identifies a few gaps in existing primary and secondary routes in Macomb Township, including local connections along Romeo Planck, 24 Mile, and 26 Mile Roads. The North Branch Greenway is also prominently featured. These routes are consistent with those identified by local planning efforts. It will be important for Macomb Township officials to work closely with regional planning authorities to ensure that long-range visions accurately reflect the desires of the community.

Figure 25. SEMCOG 2014 Bicycle & Pedestrian Travel Plan Detail



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## State of Michigan Iron Belle Trail & North Country National Scenic Trail

The ambitious project by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) would connect a series of trails from Detroit's Belle Isle to Ironwood in the far west of the Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) includes a 1,273 mile long hiking route which winds along the west side of the Lower Peninsula and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. The 791 mile long biking trail uses existing multi-use trails on the east side of the state and follows US-2 in the Upper Peninsula. The IBT has had a tremendous impact on trail development in Michigan in recent years; since 2012, over \$68 million in grant and local funds and \$155 million in private donations have been collected. Over 200 miles of trails are scheduled to be completed in the next few years.

The IBT passes through the southwest corner of Macomb County via existing and planned pathways through River Bends Park in Shelby Township. Trail segments are operated and maintained by local communities and recreation authorities.

Once completed, the IBT will become the largest section of the even more ambitious North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) system, which will run from New Hampshire to North Dakota, making it one of the largest contiguous trail systems in the country. At approximately 4,600 miles, it is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails.

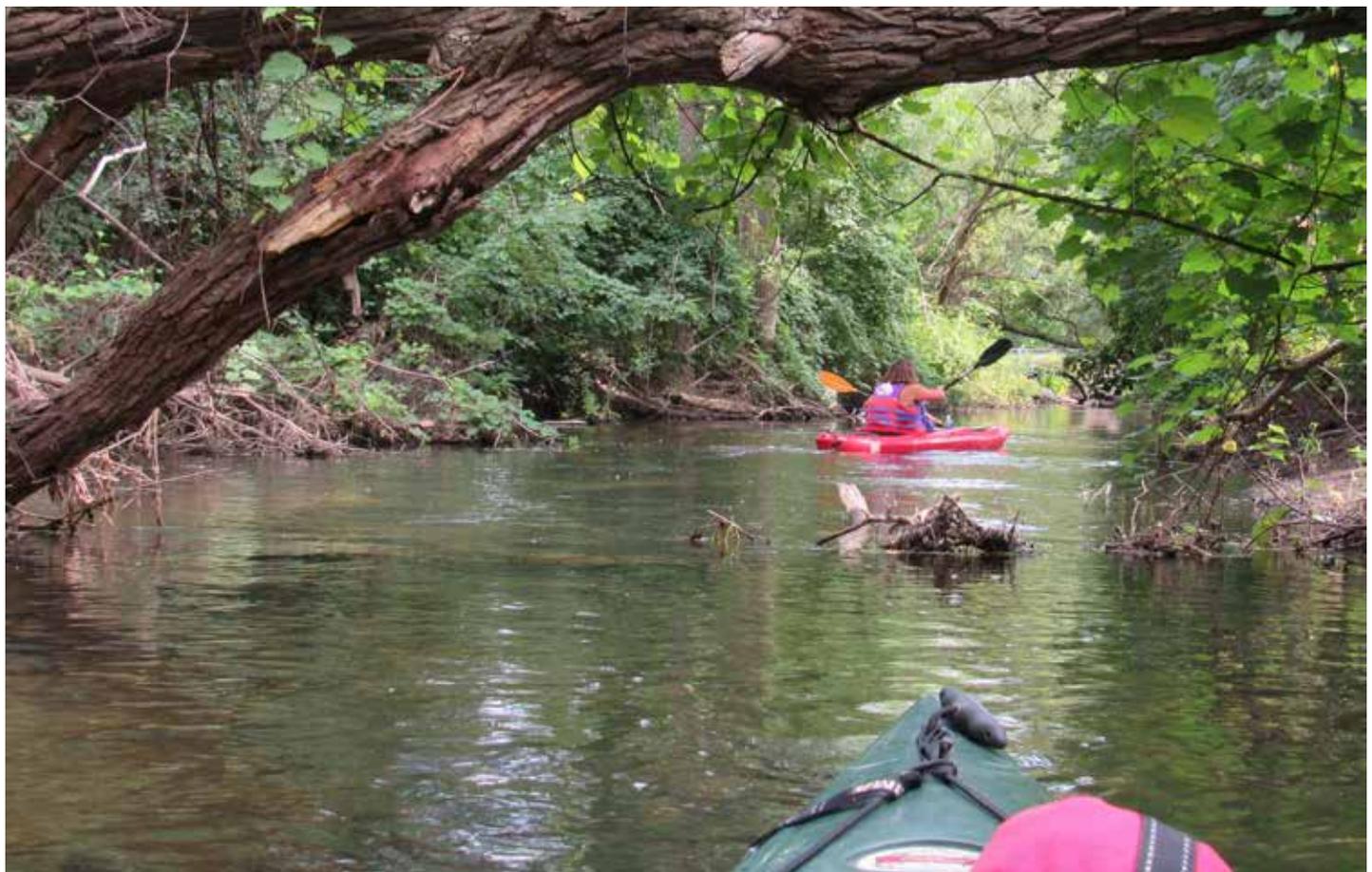
Figure 26. Iron Belle and North Country Scenic Trails



# Michigan Blueways & Water Trails

The State of Michigan currently boasts of more than 3,000 miles of water trails along the Great Lakes and inland lakes and rivers. Like traditional land-based trails, water trails bring visitors to the community and offer recreational and educational opportunities for residents. By improving the overall quality of life for residents, these trails make the community more desirable place to live, work, and play.

The Clinton River Water Trail offers some of the best kayaking and canoeing opportunities in the state of Michigan. Traveling over 72 miles, the trail provides challenges for users of all abilities and passes through a wide variety of environments ranging from glacial lakes and wetlands to forested riverbanks and parks before emptying into Lake St. Clair.



# Appendix A. Public Notices

PER PH  
2023 Master Plan



## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION 2125 Butterfield Dr, Suite 102N • Troy MI 48084

**MACOMB TOWNSHIP  
54111 BROUGHTON**

**MACOMB, MI 48042  
Attention: Chuck Pierce**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
COUNTY OF MACOMB**

The undersigned *Cynthia Slater*, being duly sworn he/she is the principal clerk of Macomb Daily, macombdaily.com, published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which are duly qualified newspapers, and the annexed hereto is a copy of certain order, notice, publication or advertisement of:

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VICKI ARSENAULT  
 NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
 My Commission Expires May 11, 2026  
 Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

Macomb Township

**NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW**

The Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input regarding the Macomb Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. A formal public hearing for adoption of the Plan will be held upon completion of the 30-day review period.

A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:

- Macomb Township Recreation Center, 20699 Macomb Street, Macomb, MI 48042
- Macomb Township Hall, 54111 Broughton Road, Macomb, MI 48042
- Clinton-Macomb Public Library, 54100 Broughton Road, Macomb, MI 48042
- The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov), or can be directly accessed at <https://www.callameo.com/read/005107673190c86d3f193>.
- For questions or comments, please contact Josh Bocks, Planning Director, at (586) 992-0710.

Sworn to the subscribed before me this *21 Nov, 2022*.

*Vicki Arsenault*  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
Acting in Oakland County

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## Parks and Recreation

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Salvatore A. DiCaro Jr.

Director

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input regarding the Macomb Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The hearing will take place as part of the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 25, 2023, at 54111 Broughton Road, Macomb, MI 48042.

A draft copy of the plan has been available for review since November 18, 2022 and will remain available through the date of the hearing. The plan can be viewed at the following locations:

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## Appendix B. Board of Trustees Resolution

**Macomb Township  
County of Macomb, State of Michigan  
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
THE 2023-2027 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Macomb Township developed a 5- year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, Macomb Township solicited public input for the Plan through an online survey that had 547 unique responses from July 11 to August 5 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was available for public review and comment at the Township Hall for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on November 18 , 2022 and ending on January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Macomb Township developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and desires to adopt the Plan as a tool to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled Township Board meeting on January 25, 2023 to take further public comment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Macomb Township Board hereby adopts the Macomb Township 2023-2027 5-Year Recreation Plan as the blueprint to improve recreation for Township Residents.

**MOTION by Pozzi seconded by Lucido to approve the Five Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Pozzi, Lucido, Cusumano, Nevers, Oliver, Drolet, Viviano**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristi L. Pozzi  
Township Clerk

# Appendix C. Minutes of Public Hearing



MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS  
54111 BROUGHTON ROAD, MACOMB MI 48042

Call Meeting to Order

**Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Viviano at 6:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.**

1. Roll Call

**Clerk Pozzi called the roll:**

**Present: Nancy Nevers, Peter J. Lucido III, Leon Drolet, Frank Viviano, Kristi Pozzi, Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Charles Oliver**

**Absent: None**

2. Approval of Agenda Items (with any corrections)

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Nancy Nevers to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

3. Approval of Bills

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Charles Oliver to approve the bills as presented.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Kristi Pozzi to approve meeting minutes from January 11, 2023 as presented.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

**John Crimando spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Scott Bruglio spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Jason Doran spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Renee Thompson spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Tony Baumann spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Norina Watkins spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**Don McIlheney spoke on Agenda Item #20.**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

5. Department of Public Works

- a. Request approval to pay Construction Pay Estimate No. 2; 2022 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation. Project No. 0249-0270, Rogue Industrial Services. (\$80,087.94)

6. Engineering Department

- a. Request to Approve Full Release of Easement for Municipal Utilities for Pheasant Run Site Condominiums Phase II
- b. Request to Approve Pathway Abeyance for 16984 25 Mile Road (Parcel No. 08-08-101-045) and Vacant 25 Mile Road (Parcel No. 08-08-101-046)
- c. Request to Approve Payment of Construction Pay Estimate #1 for Pitchford Park - Warren Contractors and Development, Inc. (\$97,101.00)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 7. FY2023 CDBG Public Hearing for both Service Funding and Bricks and Mortar Projects  
**Supervisor Viviano opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 PM. Stacy Conte provided public comment. Dor Vasquez-Nolan also provided public comment. Supervisor Viviano closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM.**
- 8. 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
**Supervisor Viviano opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM. There were no public comments. Supervisor Viviano closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

- 9. Request approval to adopt the annual MDOT Performance Resolution for Government Agencies for renewal of the annual construction permit for operations within the State Highway Right-of-Way

**PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

*This Performance Resolution (Resolution) is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a Municipality an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way", and/or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way".*

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the Township of Macomb, County of Macomb, State of Michigan

Hereinafter referred to as the "MUNICIPALITY," periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT," for permits, referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utilities or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway Right of Way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the MUNICIPALITY agrees that:

1. Each party to this *Resolution* shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this *Resolution*, as provided by law. This *Resolution* is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims, nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
  
1. If any of the work performed for the MUNICIPALITY is performed by a contractor, the MUNICIPALITY shall require its contractor to hold harmless, indemnify and defend in litigation, the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT and their agents and employee's, against any claims for damages to public or private property and for injuries to person arising out of the performance of the work, except for claims that result from the sole negligence or willful acts of the DEPARTMENT, until the contractor achieves final acceptance of the MUNICIPALITY Failure of the MUNICIPALITY to require its contractor to indemnify the DEPARTMENT, as set forth above, shall be considered a breach of its duties to the DEPARTMENT.
  
1. Any work performed for the MUNICIPALITY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the MUNICIPALITY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the MUNICIPALITY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without the DEPARTMENT'S specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the MUNICIPALITY.
  
1. The MUNICIPALITY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those

contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.

1. The MUNICIPALITY will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the MUNICIPALITY'S facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
1. With respect to any activities authorized by a PERMIT, when the MUNICIPALITY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
1. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this *Resolution* as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
1. This *Resolution* shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the MUNICIPALITY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice provided to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the MUNICIPALITY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY.

Frank Viviano, Township of Macomb, Supervisor  
Kevin Johnson, Township of Macomb, DPW Director

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Charles Oliver to approve and adopt the annual MDOT Performance Resolution for Government Agencies, for Renewal of the Annual Construction Permit for Operations within the State Highway Right-of-Way.**

**Roll Call Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**  
**Nays - None**  
**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2023.**

10. Request approval to adopt the Resolution Policy for Compliance with the Macomb Township NPDES permit requirements for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Water for the MS4

**MACOMB TOWNSHIP**  
**County of Macomb, State of Michigan**

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board of Township of Macomb, held at the Township Hall, 54111 Broughton, Macomb, Michigan, on January 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time, there were:

PRESENT: Viviano, Pozzi, Drolet, Cusumano, Lucido, Nevers, Oliver

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Pozzi and seconded by Drolet

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE MACOMB TOWNSHIP (TOWNSHIP) NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION (NPDES) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER TO SURFACE WATER FOR THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose is to provide a policy regarding the Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control associated with new development and redevelopment of Township owned entities within the Township’s Urban Areas with a population of at least 50,000, and

**WHEREAS**, the definitions for purpose of this policy shall be as follows:

**Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Waters** – Precipitation that does not infiltrate into the ground or evaporate due to impervious surfaces, but instead flows into drain/sewer systems which may include open ditches, detention ponds, or storm sewer that eventually flows to a surface water and/or county drain.

**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** – A system of drainage (including roads, storm drains, pipes, and ditches, etc.) that is not a combined sewer or part of

a sewage treatment plant. During wet weather, pollutants are transported through MS4s to local waterbodies.

**Post-Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs)** – Permanent Stormwater management practices and site design features which store, treat infiltrate, or reduce the volume of runoff from development sites.

**Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control** – The mitigation of stormwater impacts from new developments or redevelopments through the use of practices to treat, store, and infiltrate runoff onsite before it can affect waterbodies downstream.

**Urban Areas with a Population of at Least 50,000** – A U.S. Census Bureau-based definition that delineates geographic areas that represent densely developed territory, and encompass residential, commercial, and other non-residential urban land uses

**WHEREAS**, the scope of this policy applies to the Township and includes new development and redevelopment projects that disturb one or more acres of land as well as projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or redevelopment, and that will result in a discharge to the Township MS4, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Policy shall comply with its NPDES Permit requirement for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Waters from the Township MS4. This includes, at a minimum, providing for the following:

1. Water quality treatment shall be in accordance with the Macomb County Public Works Commissioner *Procedures and Design Standards for Stormwater Management Water Quality Control* requirements.
2. Channel protection criteria shall be in accordance with the Macomb County Public Works Commissioner *Procedures and Design Standards for Stormwater Management Channel Protection Volume Control and Channel Protection Rate Control-Extended Detention* requirements.
3. For all Township-owned properties within Urban Areas with a Population of at Least 50,000, the Township, or its designee shall operate and maintain all post-construction BMPs in perpetuity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, upon adoption the Township shall incorporate this resolution into its Policies and Procedures and shall place it in a format consistent with its other policies (numbering, tracking, adoption date, etc.)

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Leon Drolet to approve adoption of the Resolution Policy for Compliance with the Macomb Township NPDES permit requirements for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface Water for the MS4.**

**Roll Call Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver,**

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

**Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**  
**Nays - None**  
**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2023.**

11. Request approval to purchase office furniture from Office Express. (\$86,978.52)

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Charles Oliver to approve the request to purchase office furniture from Office Express. (\$86,978.52)**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

12. Request to pay Green Meadows Lawnscape, Inc invoices totaling \$39,378.00, which includes properties added to the original scope of work

**MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to pay Green Meadows Lawnscape, Inc invoices totaling \$39,378.00, including the added properties (Season total of \$17,160.00)**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

13. Request approval to exercise the optional two-year extension of the Green Meadows Lawnscape, Inc. contract. (\$268,000.00 + \$65/yd for mulch)

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Nancy Nevers to approve exercising the optional two-year extension of the Green Meadows Lawnscape, Inc. contract as amended. (\$274,242.00 + \$65/yd for mulch)**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

14. Request approval for Syenergy Engineering to replace the storage tank and hot water boiler at the Recreation Center. (\$77,448.00)

**MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Leon Drolet to approve Syenergy Engineering to replace the storage tank and hot water boiler at the Recreation Center. (\$77,448.00)**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

15. Request Permission to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement for Construction Costs with Macomb County Department of Roads for Shared Use Path from 25 Mile Road into Macomb Township Center (\$92,589.00)

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to Authorize the Supervisor to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement for Construction Costs with Macomb County Department of Roads for Shared Use Path from 25 Mile Road into Macomb Township Center (\$92,589.00).**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

16. Request to approve Site Plan; Scavo Farms - Permanent Parcel #08-09-100-004; Located south of 25 Mile Road, 1/4 mile west of Broughton Road; Section 09; Scavo Farms, Petitioner

**MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Leon Drolet to approve Site Plan; Scavo Farms - Permanent Parcel #08-09-100-004; Located south of 25 Mile Road, 1/4 mile**

**west of Broughton Road; Section 09; Scavo Farms, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

17. Request to approve PUD General Design; Hartford - Permanent Parcel \$08-14-100-011; Located south of 24 Mile Road, east of Card Road; Section 14; MJC Hartford Village, LLC, Petitioner

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Kristi Pozzi to approve PUD General Design; Hartford - Permanent Parcel \$08-14-100-011; Located south of 24 Mile Road, east of Card Road; Section 14; MJC Hartford Village, LLC, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

18. Request to approve Extension of Time for Conditional Rezoning; Wolverine Villas - Permanent Parcel #08-05-301-008; Located on east side of Romeo Plank, north of 25 Mile Road; Section 05; Section 5 LLC, Petitioner

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Leon Drolet to approve Extension of Time for Conditional Rezoning; Wolverine Villas - Permanent Parcel #08-05-301-008; Located on east side of Romeo Plank, north of 25 Mile Road; Section 05; Section 5 LLC, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

19. Conditional Rezoning request from Office, Low Rise (O-1) to Commercial, High Rise (C-2) - Permanent Parcel #08-32-300-012; Located on the north side of Hall Road, east of Garfield Road; Section 32; Pattah Development, Petitioner

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to approve Conditional Rezoning request from Office, Low Rise (O-1) to General Commercial (C-2) as amended - Permanent Parcel #08-32-300-012; Located on the north side of Hall Road, east of Garfield Road; Section 32; Pattah Development, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

20. Rezoning request from Residential, One Family Urban (R-1) to Commercial, Local (C-1) - Permanent Parcel #08-04-400-034 and #08-04-400-035; Located on the northwest corner of 25 Mile Road and Broughton Road; Section 04; Salvatore DiMercurio, Petitioner

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Charles Oliver to approve Rezoning request from Residential, One Family Urban (R-1) to Commercial, Local (C-1) - Permanent Parcel #08-04-400-034 and #08-04-400-035; Located on the northwest corner of 25 Mile Road and Broughton Road; Section 04; Salvatore DiMercurio, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**Supervisor Viviano called for a five (5) minute recess at 8:10 PM. Supervisor Viviano resumed session at 8:15 PM.**

21. Request to approve an Amendment for a Stipulated Judgement for Villas of Villagio - Permanent Parcel #08-06-200-008; Located on the west side of Romeo Plank Road, south of 26 Mile Road; Section 06; Villas of Villagio, Petitioner

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Leon Drolet to approve Third Amendment for a Stipulated Judgement for Villas of Villagio - Permanent Parcel #08-06-200-008; Located on the west side of Romeo Plank Road, south of 26 Mile Road; Section 06; Villas of Villagio, Petitioner**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

22. Request to adopt 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**Macomb Township  
County of Macomb, State of Michigan  
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
THE 2023-2027 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Macomb Township developed a 5- year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2023 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, Macomb Township solicited public input for the Plan through an online survey that had 547 unique responses from July 11 to August 5 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was available for public review and comment at the Township Hall for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on November 18 , 2022 and ending on January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Macomb Township developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and desires to adopt the Plan as a tool to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled Township Board meeting on January 25, 2023 to take further public comment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Macomb Township Board hereby adopts the Macomb Township 2023-2027 5-Year Recreation Plan as the blueprint to improve recreation for Township Residents.

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to adopt 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.**

**If any legitimate concerns are brought forward during the public hearing, this motion may be contingent upon such items.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2023.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

23. Request Approval for Engine 4 Repair (\$10,930.22)

**MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Peter J. Lucido III to approve the repairs to Engine 4 in the amount of \$10,930.22.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

24. Request to purchase ball diamond groomer for Macomb Corners Park

**MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Kristi Pozzi to Approve purchase of ball diamond groomer from ABI Attachments**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:**

25. Request to Approve Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Kristi Pozzi to appoint Paul Mazzara to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

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26. Request to Approve Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Appointment

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Kristi Pozzi to appoint James Gammicchia to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term expiring December 31, 2024.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

**There were no public comments.**

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustees Comments

**Trustee Lucido congratulated the new Zoning Board appointees and spoke briefly about Agenda Item #20.**

**Trustee Nevers praised the members of the Board for de-escalating the public comments.**

**Trustee Oliver thanked the DPW crew for their snow removal efforts and thanked the new Zoning Board appointees.**

**Trustee Cusumano congratulated the new Zoning Board appointees and reassured the public that there is no corruption within the Board.**

Treasurer Comments

**Treasurer Drolet congratulated the new Zoning Board appointees and thanked the DPW staff for helping residents during the snow storm.**

Clerk Comments

**Clerk Pozzi congratulated the new Zoning Board appointees.**

Supervisor Comments

**Supervisor Viviano congratulated the new Zoning Board appointees and Josh Bocks on the new 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He also thanked the DPW employees for their help during the snow storm.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION by Frank A. Cusumano Jr. seconded by Leon Drolet to enter into Closed Session to**

**Roll Call Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Leon Drolet, Peter J. Lucido III, Charles Oliver, Nancy Nevers, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:39 PM and reconvened into Open Session at 9:22 PM.

27. Consideration of proposed Consent Judgment in matter of *Sal-Mar Macomb Center, LLC v Macomb Township, et. al.*, Macomb County Circuit Court Case No., 2022-001070-CZ Closed Session per MCL 15.268 (1)(e)

**MOTION by Frank A. Cusumano Jr. seconded by Leon Drolet to approve the Consent Judgment in the matter of *Sal-Mar Macomb Center, LLC v Macomb Township, et. al.*, Macomb County Circuit Court Case No., 2022-001070-CZ.**

**Roll Call Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Leon Drolet, Peter J. Lucido III, Charles Oliver, Nancy Nevers, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

28. Consideration of the proposed settlement in the litigation matter of *Bernco Inc., v. Macomb Township., et. al.* (arbitration demand). Closed Session per MCL 15.268 (1)(e)

**MOTION by Leon Drolet seconded by Frank A. Cusumano Jr. to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of *Bernco Inc., v. Macomb Township., et. al.***

**Voice Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Leon Drolet, Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Charles Oliver, Nancy Nevers, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

29. Closed Session for Litigation strategy update regarding the following lawsuits: *Esordi v Macomb Township, et. al.*, Macomb County Circuit Court Case No., 2020-1432-CD; *Esordi v Macomb Township, et. al.*, U.S. District Court Case No., 21-10570;

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and *Esordi v Macomb Township*, Michigan Court of Appeals Case No. 354363 - Closed Session per MCL 15.268 (1)(e)

**This Closed Session item was informational only and no action was voted on by the Board.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Peter J. Lucido III seconded by Frank A. Cusumano Jr. to adjourn the January 25, 2023 Board meeting at 09:24 PM.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Aye - Frank A. Cusumano Jr., Peter J. Lucido III, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Leon Drolet, Kristi Pozzi, Frank Viviano**

**Nay - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

# Appendix D. Letters of Transmittal



**Carlisle | Wortman**  
ASSOCIATES, INC.

117 NORTH FIRST STREET SUITE 70 ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 734.662.2200 734.662.1935 FAX

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January 27, 2023

Amanda Minaudo  
Program Director  
Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development  
One S. Main Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

Dear Ms. Minaudo:

The Macomb Township Board of Trustees adopted the attached Parks & Recreation Master Plan at a meeting held on January 25, 2023. The plan has been uploaded to the MDNR website for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

**CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.**

**Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA**

**Landscape Architect**

cc. Josh Bocks, Planning Director  
Sal DiCaro, Parks & Recreation Director

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Laura K. Kreps, *Senior Associate* Paul Montagno, *Principal* Megan Masson-Minock, *Principal*



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January 27, 2023

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Regional Review Office  
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments  
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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# Appendix E. Public Input Summary



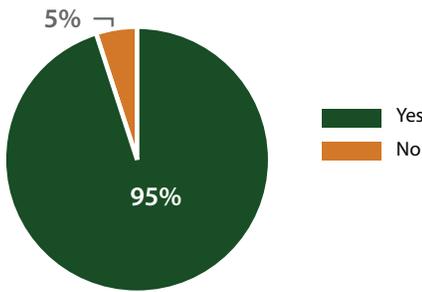
## Macomb Township Recreation Plan Community Survey Results

Macomb Township provided an online survey to residents from July 11 to August 5, 2022, as part of the outreach program for the recreation plan update. The survey was advertised on both the Township's website, on social media, and on flyers and communications placed strategically throughout the area. 547 unique responses were received.

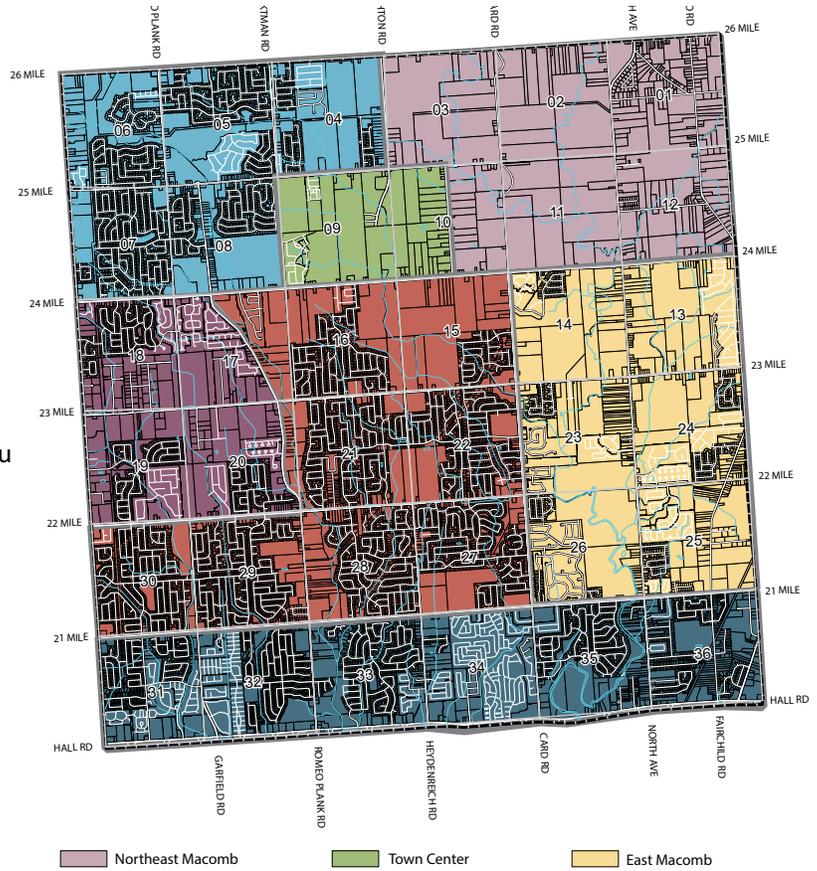
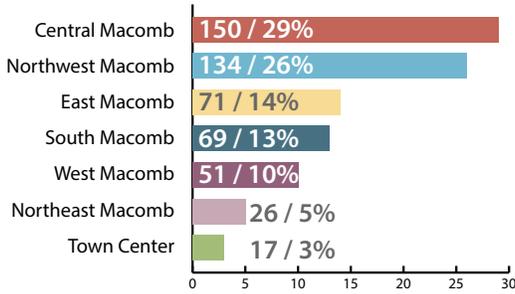
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The following pages provide a summary of the results. For open-ended questions, responses are provided verbatim; no edits have been made for grammar or spelling errors. The top result for each question is highlighted in yellow.

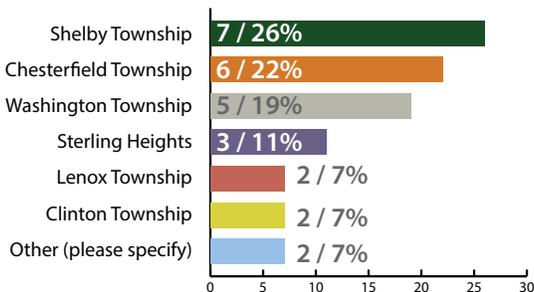
### Q1. Are you a Macomb Township resident?



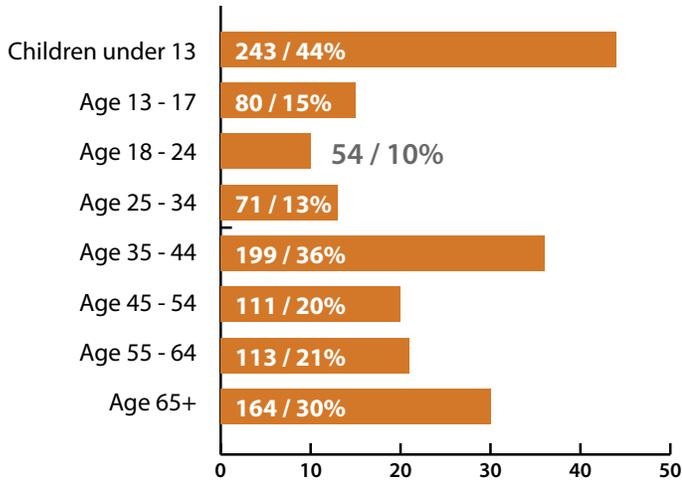
### Q2. (If yes) Which neighborhood/sub-area do you reside in? See map to the right.



### Q3. (If no) Please tell us where you reside.



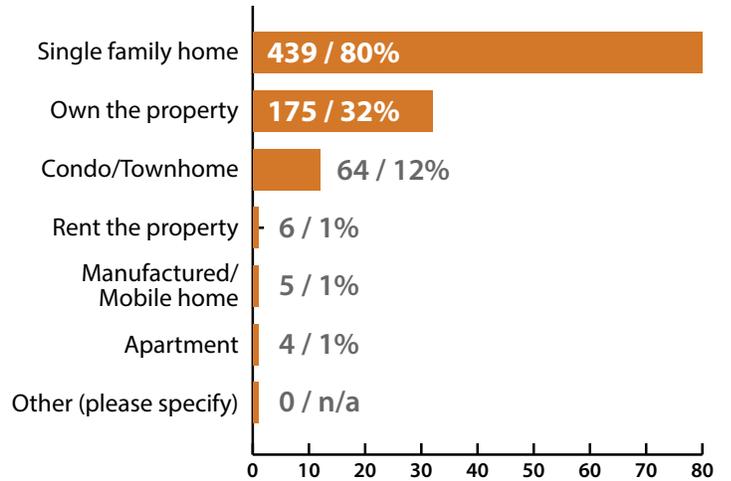
**Q4.** Please indicate the ages of members of your household. Choose all that apply.



Note: Because multiple answers per participant are possible, the total percentage may exceed 100%

Response	Number	Percent
Children under 13	243	44.42%
Age 13 - 17	80	14.63%
Age 18 - 24	54	9.87%
Age 25 - 34	71	12.98%
Age 35 - 44	199	36.38%
Age 45 - 54	111	20.29%
Age 55 - 64	113	20.66%
Age 65+	164	29.98%
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>547</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,035</b>	

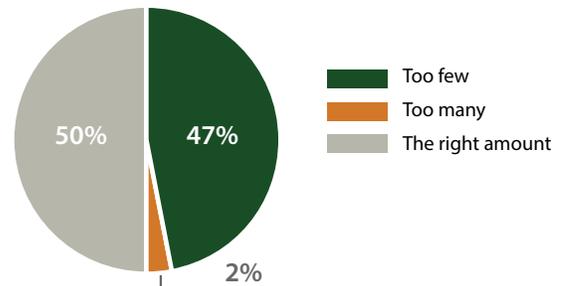
**Q5.** Please describe your current living situation. Choose all that apply.



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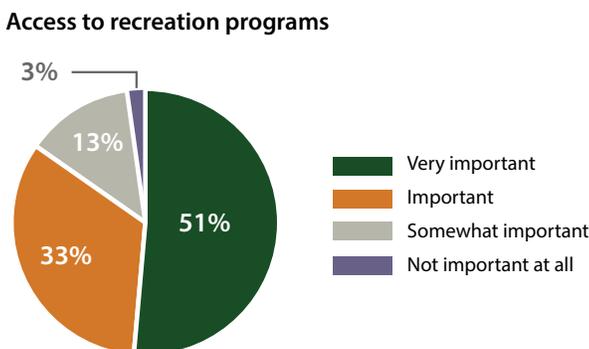
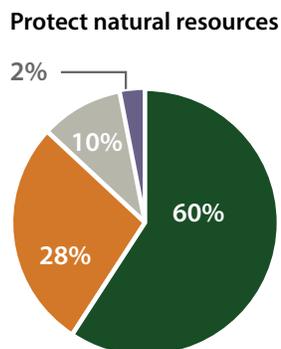
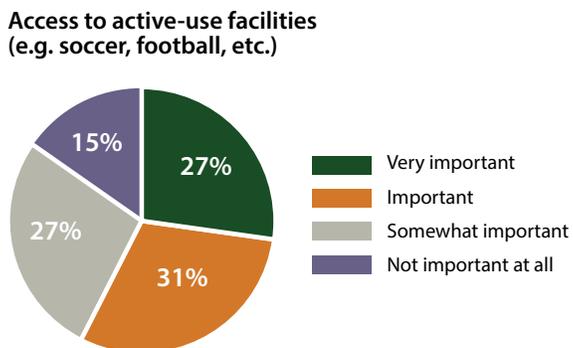
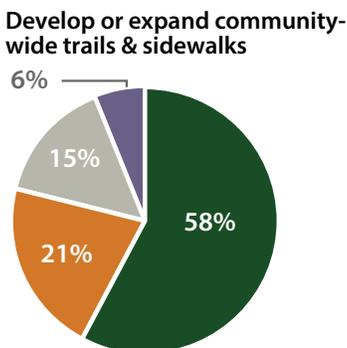
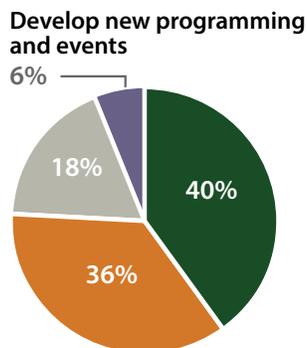
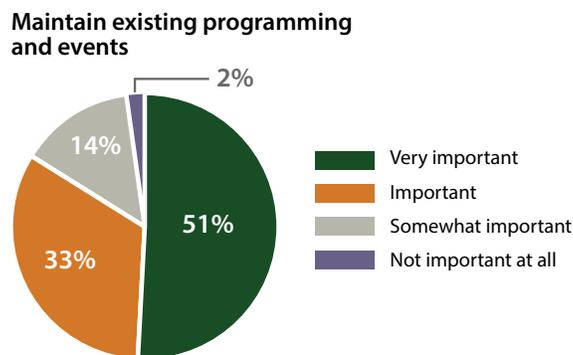
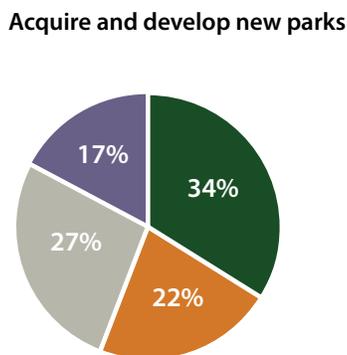
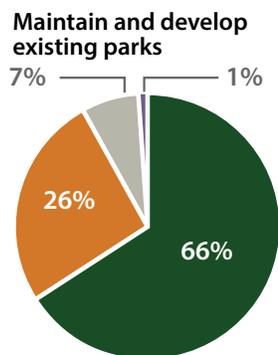
Response	Number	Percent
Single family home	439	80.40%
Own the property I live in	175	32.05%
Condominium / townhome	64	11.72%
Rent the property I live in	6	1.10%
Manufactured / mobile home	5	0.92%
Apartment	4	0.73%
Other (Please specify)	0	-
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>546</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>694</b>	

**Q7.** Does Macomb Township have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?



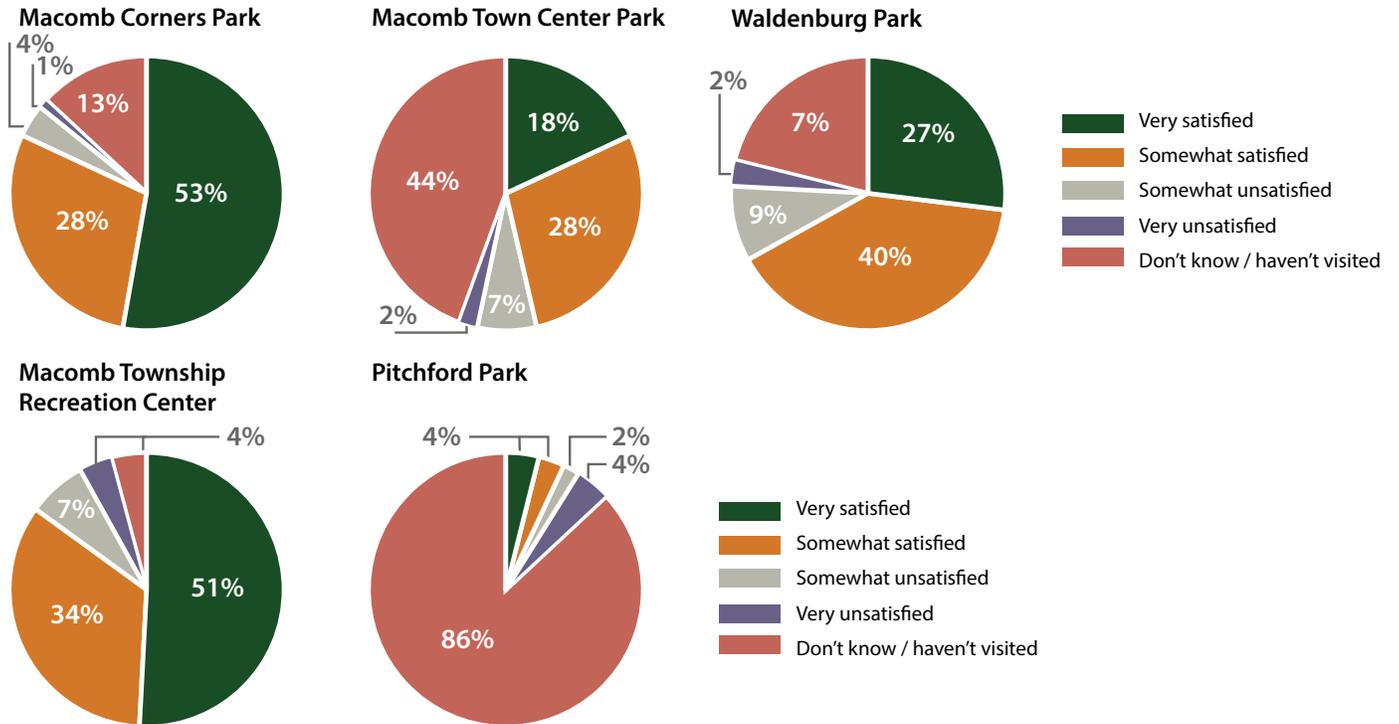
Response	Number	Percent
Too few	252	46.75%
Too many	15	2.78%
The right amount	272	50.46%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,035</b>	

**Q6.** How important are the following items to you and your family?



Response	Very Important		Important		Somewhat important		Not important at all		Total Responses Received
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Maintain & develop existing parks	355	65.62%	143	26.43%	36	6.65%	7	1.29%	541
Acquire & develop new parks	183	33.89%	118	21.85%	148	27.41%	91	16.85%	540
Maintain existing programming & events	272	50.56%	179	33.27%	77	14.31%	10	1.86%	538
Develop new programs & events	214	39.93%	191	35.63%	99	18.47%	32	5.97%	536
Develop or expand community-wide trails & sidewalks	309	57.54%	115	21.42%	80	14.90%	33	6.15%	537
Access to active-use facilities (e.g. soccer, football, etc.)	146	27.44%	162	30.45%	142	26.69%	82	15.41%	532
Protect natural resources	322	59.96%	149	27.75%	52	9.68%	14	2.61%	537
Access to recreation programs	275	51.12%	179	33.27%	71	13.20%	13	2.42%	538
	2076		1236		705		282		4299

**Q8.** How satisfied are you with Macomb Township's parks and recreation facilities?



Q8: All responses considered

Response	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't know / haven't visited		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Macomb Corners	285	53.37%	153	28.65%	20	3.75%	4	0.75%	72	13.48%	534
Macomb Town Center Park	93	17.82%	148	28.35%	36	6.90%	13	2.49%	232	44.44%	522
Waldenburg Park	144	27.22%	214	40.45%	47	8.88%	15	2.84%	109	20.60%	529
Macomb Township Recreation Center	273	51.03%	181	33.83%	38	7.10%	22	4.11%	21	3.93%	535
Pitchford Park	19	3.73%	17	3.33%	12	2.35%	22	4.31%	440	86.27%	510
	814		713		153		76				2630

Q8: Only park visitor responses considered (i.e. "Don't know/haven't visited" response is eliminated)

Response	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Macomb Corners Park	285	61.69%	153	33.12%	20	4.33%	4	0.87%	462
Macomb Town Center Park	93	32.07%	148	51.03%	36	12.41%	13	4.48%	290
Waldenburg Park	144	34.29%	214	50.95%	47	11.19%	15	3.57%	420
Macomb Township Recreation Center	273	53.11%	181	35.21%	38	7.39%	22	4.28%	514
Pitchford Park	19	27.14%	17	24.29%	12	17.14%	22	31.43%	70
	814		713		153		76		1756

**Q9.** If you were unsatisfied with any of Macomb Township's recreation facilities, what can we do to improve your experience?

- Expand nature walking trails at Macomb Corners Park. Acquire new land to expand parks, especially the property for sale next to Pitchford Park; it only makes sense, plumbing there for public restrooms too.
- Less people on water aerobics and have it 5 x weekly
- Would like to see more safe biking/walking paths.
- less bright lighting / fields open when games aren't scheduled / too much personal info collected
- Stop charging for Rec Center usage. We already pay taxes.
- Access to the parks via trails/sidewalks
- Sidewalks to access parks!
- Not many facilities for toddlers, basically a climbing park
- It would be nice to have a Tru Form Runner treadmill. This is a manual treadmill.
- I feel like the price to get into the Rec center is absurd. 16 dollars for an out of city resident is nuts. Sterling heights only charges 5 dollars for their out of city residents. I think reverting back to 10 dollars would be the best option.
- Parking in relation to the entrance at the Rec was not well thought out at all
- There is potential to develop more permanent activities there.
- We have asked for a Farmers Market.
- More passive open space and trails in nature areas
- We need cross-country ski trails. There should be more tennis courts, and more trails for biking and nature walks.
- Add more water aerobic classes for evenings or weekends for people who work.
- Keep up the trails.
- The price increase is too extreme
- Ask for suggestions from household members input
- Always looking and cleanliness, maintenance and upkeep.
- Maintenance on the facilities, better kept, food options regularly
- It is important to keep children out of the work area and track, even with parents.
- The rec center pool hours, especially for families with kids, are ridiculous. Should be open swim at least most of the day, especially through the summer break and holidays. Weekends should be open until 10PM on Fri and Sat, and until at least 8pm on Sundays (including the pool). We quit due to thos
- More bathroom facilities- closer to baseball fields-waldenburg not well maintained .
- Spend some money and get a new Parks & Recreation Director, someone who is not afraid of doing something different.
- Lift the stupid requirements of paying penalty to rejoin. Since I already pay taxes there should be more flexibility. And more definitely you could hire more friendly person to be on charge of Rec Center. Lady I spoke to is not a people person.
- We need disc golf. We need more sand volleyball courts. We need to improve our offerings for seniors. We need a dog park. We need a sprinkle pad. Clinton Township has a lot more than us.
- just more older adult activities and exercise classes and times
- Splash pad and playground needed at rec center
- Would love to see more movie nights, parents night out monthly at the rec center, farmers markets
- Lots of flooding/mosquitoes at Waldenburg park-always seems to have construction. Macomb Corner is nicer but we don't get out there as often. We would love a park/facility with an OUTDOOR pool. We currently spend ALOT for lessons at Troy Aquatic Center. We could keep that money in Macomb. :)
- Bathrooms at Macomb Corners are often messy and missing toilet paper, the water fountains are also turned off and not accessible. The sand volleyball courts are also lacking sand and can be harmful when participating in the league. There is also a lack of lighting for late volleyball games
- Splash pad needed
- We need a splash pad and better road/bike access to the Rec Center & Library
- Price too high for rec center use. Would love a community outdoor pool
- The center should except silver sneakers program this would greatly benefit the seniors In this program and in courage them to vote for mileage ren
- offer senior no cost or low cost yoga like Shelby does
- Modernize equipment and provide better parking and trails
- More/better play structures
- N/A
- Keepbpublic informed us n progress of development
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Install pickleball court
- More inclusive options, especially for those that need access or are handicapped. More located near and in neighborhoods.
- Family engagement activities/ days or Nights. Swimming/ splash pads, cession/bathrooms
- There are no outdoor pickelball or tennis courts. I know many residents that leave Macomb Twp to go to other communities because of the lack of outdoor courts
- Splash pad, more playgrounds, more parks

**Q9 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S FACILITIES, WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE? (CONTINUED)**

- It would be nice if the programming was less expensive for residence of the township. It is too expensive for a family to participate in most any activities including membership
- Timing of Rec center needs to be normalized
- Rec center is old and out dated. No splash pad. Very limited pool activities.
- Could add rubber flooring instead of wood chips at parks for kids running! Also more trees for shade!
- Have parks with nature and walking trails similar to Rochester.
- Keep the up better. More basketball courts, pickleball, tennis, splash park
- Pitchfork needs to be built ASAP. We need a dog park! Waldenburg's flooding issue needs to be properly addressed along with it's lack of parking spaces and mosquito issue. It would be great if it was expanded east into that empty field.
- Need more sidewalks
- Waldenburg's path is too wet most of the time. The rec center pool hours need to include 12-4 during the school year as it was preCovid.
- At LA fitness, all classes, pool, etc are included with the membership. Perhaps Macomb Township could offer a membership that would include classes.
- Need more parks with playgrounds/ splash pads
- More trails with walks in woods
- need to add more. Waldenburg need to add more playing for the kids not enough. Fix the dam basketball court.
- I think Pitchford park is in a bad location especially since Romeo Plank is very overdue for widening and is an extremely busy road
- Sidewalks, trails, finally got swings at Waldenburg, splash park?
- Splash pad!
- Waldenburg always floods!
- Lower cost of rec center for residents
- We have 5 children and it just costs too much money to go to the pool a lot- it much more manageable at \$5/person.
- Would really like to see a splash pad added. Lots of surrounding cities have splash pad and are very nice
- Cost to use rev center
- Waldenberg is typically full of weeds and not well maintained.
- The Macomb Rec center needs to seriously update their gym upstairs , they need more equipment , there are exercises that cannot be done with out the proper equipment and the lay out with the partitions is horrible , it should be wide open for more space
- The cost for pool for residents and guests are too high.
- Keep the soccer nets up at Macomb corners for public use
- Play structures for toddlers/younger kids are needed
- Macomb Corners restrooms are consistently in terrible condition.
- Start working on pitchford
- Rex center prices getting a bit high for community members.
- Waldenburg needs a serious ground leveling around the entire park between parking and train and the massive amount of flooding
- Pricing of Recreation Center activities is too high.
- Macomb Corners - would like more there.
- Waldenburg Park - floods all the time and is filled with mosquitoes which makes it unusable. The playground is decent for older children but needs shade for equipment and parents surrouding the area. Looking forward to Pitchford Park.
- Reduce nonresident rates
- Add a dog park to Macomb Corners Park
- Splash pad
- Get outdoor pickleball courts you promised for the lsd 4 or 5 years
- fix broken thing and clean up
- Need more accessible facilities for all ages and abilities. We should be able to walk or cycle to all
- Wallenberg has had half of the park torn down into a gravel pit for years. Also, the walking trail could be expanded.
- Location and hours. Rec center is too far north and not open early enough during the week.
- Install adult size swing for a disabled person. Fix the bridge at Waldenburg to complete the walking path, and deal with the flooding.
- no answer
- MacombCorners, a restroom/concessions bldg needs to be built closer to diamonds 1-3. For the grandparents especially need to walk so far is unacceptatable. You go to the other diamonds and it's nice n close. This is my biggest beef with this park!!!!!!
- I wish there were more parks in East Macomb, rather than everything being so North, aside from Waldenburg, which doesn't offer much more than a playground/sidewalk.
- We need parks more like Oakland county with good walking and biking trails
- Bigger weight lifting area at the Rec center
- expand rec center to include more wieght machines
- There needs to be sidewalks that join neighborhoods to all the parks
- Increase visibility of Macomb Town Center Park, provide trail maps
- MORE COVERED TRAILS FROM THE SUN

**Q9 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S FACILITIES, WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE? (CONTINUED)**

- Connect the facilities with trails
- The Rec Center could use more thorough and often cleaning.
- Actually finish the pitchfork park with the money that was earmarked for the park in foss.
- Having restrooms open and available would be very helpful
- A splash pad or expansive playground similar to innovation hills Rochester or
- The Rec Center should be better maintained with better cleaning and updated machines.
- More lap swim times
- Update and keep them clean and operating properly
- Waldenburg Park needs an overhaul to fix some of the declining play structures. I also hope to see a playground at Pitchford Park. Would love to see a way for Pitchford Park to connect to the subdivisions that it will back up to to enhance access. There are no sidewalks otherwise to get there.
- Clean up and expand them.
- Maintenance and development
- The rec center has equipment from the original opening of the facility. At this point, everything should be brand new.
- Waldenburg needs improved walking trails and waterway clean up.
- More parks to reduce overuse and overcrowding.
- Better walking trails to get to park. Sidewalk to get to rec center from eastern subdivisions
- Clean them more often, make sure supplies are available. If it weren't for friends I have there I would go somewhere else. It's a dump
- Please consider adding baby and child swings to Waldenburg Park and Pitchford Park
- Outdoor pickle ball courts....additional bike trails
- I wish town center had more to offer, I wish the rec center price wasn't so high for out of town family who want to bring their family for the day. It would be nice if there was a price for family members who accompany macomb Twp residents. I don't bring my family there because \$16 pp is a lot.
- I wish there was an outdoor pool at the recreation center. Also, it would be nice to have a cafe or restaurant inside the recreation center.
- We are very much looking forward to the completion of the proposed facilities at Pitchford Park
- Add a splash pad or outdoor pool. Add innovative playground
- More open swim hours and summer programs for kids
- Town Center Park could be better utilized
- Waldenburg park seems to be vandalized/graffiti more often.
- Clean pool bottom at red center. Add another pool at red center with built in resistance equipment
- Develop pitchfork. The sign had been up for years and no progress has been made at all!!!!
- Waldenberg needs swings- regular and infant ones
- spray for bugs
- Rec center is not kept clean and overpriced classes
- Add splash pad and Pickle ball
- swimming lessons should managed better. More classes for residents . Also a sledding hill for the kids would be nice.
- Mosquito bombing Waldenburg!!!!
- NA
- Outdoor pool and water feature at the Rec Center
- Pickleball needs to be available every day of the week.
- I live super close to the Rec Center but have to pay the insane monthly rate if I want to be a member since I'm out of township. More affordable monthly rates would be appreciated
- Update Waldenburg
- Upgrade bathrooms/locker rooms, particularly in Recreation Center. Add amenities (sauna, etc.). Upgrade pool.
- Based on the plans, I wish Pitchfork had more green area for soccer, or other sports fields. Only Macomb corners Park offers recreational fields to use for sports.
- We are looking for better childcare offerings at the Rec center. Currently the hours do not help working parents in the community. Also want to see connecting bike trails. More modern playground equipment
- More adult events.
- Fallen trees should be removed. It is not "park like."
- Pre Covid, I felt that rec staff did not accommodate the gentle yoga participants. Too clique-ish with your former director for classes so our class felt like we didn't matter.
- Disappointed in the open swim summer hours. I had intended to take my young grandchildren and the open swim hours are not during the morning or afternoon for them.
- I would love it if the rec center had an outdoor pool and Waldenberg park had a splash pad to use in the summer. I think we need to have sidewalks along all major roads with subdivisions.
- No swings at Waldenburg park. Not enough shade. Very crowded. You need another park for that side of town.

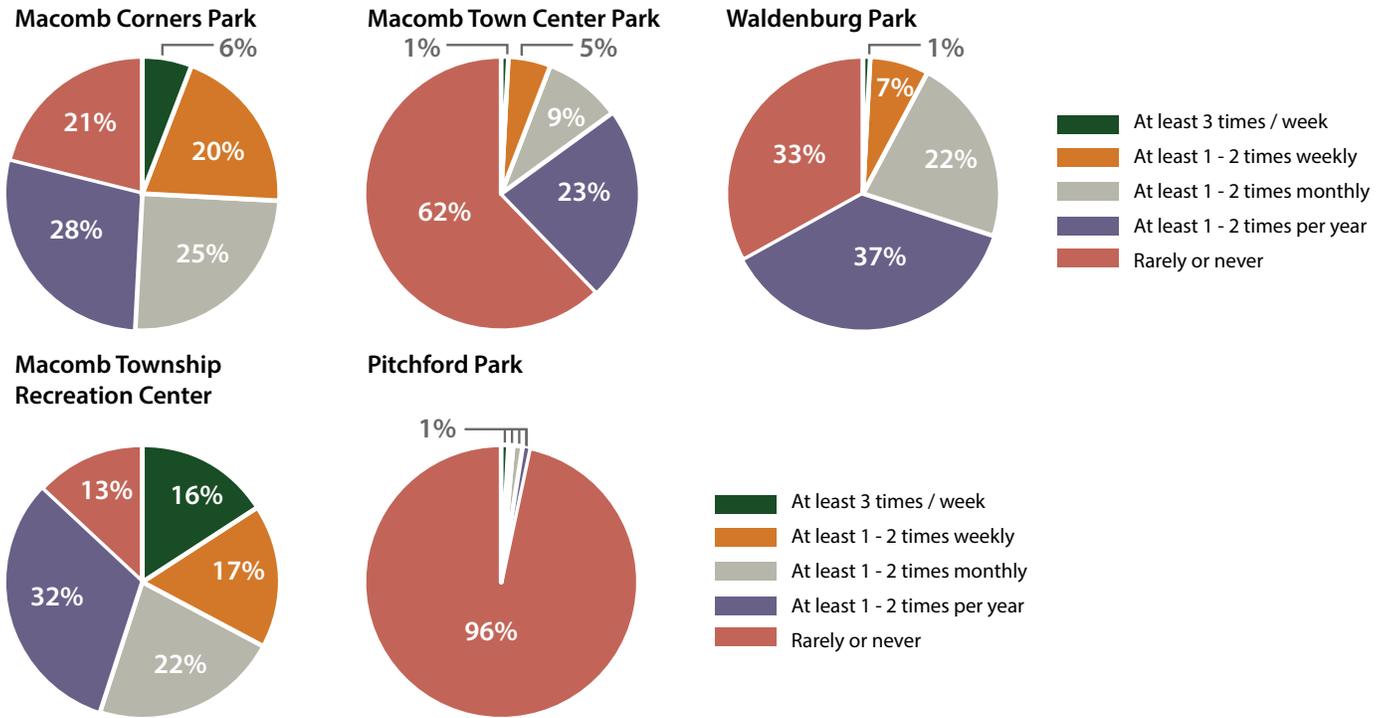
**Q9 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S FACILITIES, WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE? (CONTINUED)**

- Many times at the Waldenburg Park, part of the trail is either under construction or water. It would be nice if there was a sidewalk that you can walk or ride a bike on 25 Mile Rd from Hayes to the Town Center. There are too many places where the sidewalk stops and starts.
- Please update/replace some of the aging gym equipment
- The parking at Town Center park is terrible. We would also like to see additional features to the park.
- No need for it. Should have kept development of splash pad at 24 and Foss. Just because land was donated didn't mean it was right for the township. Location and type of park isn't right for township. You allowed someone due to a donation to alter the township master plan.
- Lack of weekend hours.
- N/A
- Oakland county has so many beautiful parks and innovative area. Why is it so hard to keep up with the times
- Have the right classes for senior citizens.
- Build and maintain new parks.
- It would be great to have access to a splash pad and outdoor pool as a Macomb resident
- Add a water park
- Lower the cost of the Rex center. Amend membership options. It is poorly structured.
- Pickleball!!!! Indoors needs to be everyday and shades need to be added to the gym. Outside, we need pickleball. So many seniors in Macomb and every other city around us has built beautiful courts and we get empty promises for years
- Lower price to residents; raise it for non-residents
- I would love more programs to be in the evening to accommodate working adults. Most of your programs (i.e. exercise classes) that I would be interested in are during the day and for seniors.
- Outdoor pool at Rex center
- Sterling Heights and CTP rec centers all offer free classes/programs/activities for families. Macomb does not. CTP splash pad is free for their residents as well is Sterling Heights. SH rec center even has a free weekly gym for children, macomb has nothing free like that within our rec center.
- N/A
- Not enough trees and nature
- Please add a splash pad and lower the cost to swim. Should be a couple of dollars or free for kids under 8. dollars
- Having it open more hours, like Shelby twp
- Outside pickleball courts, cycle class, garden walk
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- Flooding at Waldenburg Park remains a continued issue almost every time it rains. It's also a very busy park on nice days when it isn't flooded. So busy that parking is very difficult.
- More deep cleaning would be a benefit
- Macomb Township Recreation Center- Increase time lap lanes are open for adults.
- Get Pitchford Park done! Ridiculous that it hasn't even been started yet. Your promises are untrustworthy.
- Pickleball courts
- I wish we had more trails. I wish the Recreation center offered more programs and had less expensive membership rates. I also wish there were more parks/trails closer to my home at 21 and Hayes
- The restrooms should remain open for longer into the spring and fall. There are still a lot of people using the parks during this time.
- Gyms are consumed by HS students; mor Pickleball hours should be available
- More/Bigger parks
- Lap pool is too small in distance and number of lanes
- More common outside areas.
- I liked when Macomb Corners Park didn't have mulch in the play area. We NEED an outdoor aquatic center like Troy has. It will do very well in MT. The rec center gym equipment is outdated.
- No swings at Waldenburg park. We would love a outdoor pool at the rec center.
- Lower rates for residents to use the Rec Center
- Convert roller hockey rink to ice in winter
- The walking trails in Macomb Township are too few and are all far too short. I think it would be amazing if the North Branch Greenway is developed along the Clinton River because that would give more people access to a longer trail. Also, the parks in our area are too small.
- Need splash pad
- Offer Silver Sneakers program to Rec Center to help seniors in community who have lived here the longest and need access to rec center for activity.
- Rec center equipment is aged. It would be nice to have an ADULT pool, no kids. A splash park would also be a great addition.
- The cleanliness of the Recreation Center is lacking. They need more staff as general "floaters" to be monitoring proper use of the facility. They rely very much on posted signs for rules and information-- and none of them are in multiple languages, making them less effective.
- We need splash pads in macomb and an outdoor public pool!
- Pickle ball courts outside
- Need dog walk areas

Q9 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S FACILITIES, WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE? (CONTINUED)

- Turn the Rec Center over to a private company
- Quit the tax payers funding of what should be a private gym.
- Closer parking to the front door of the rec center. The walk around the building is brutal in the winter
- More times for pickleball other than am...too much window glare. Outdoor courts would be good
- Bring the promised pickleball courts to the Township.
- Add more activities enforce dog responsibilities by having the dogs pre registered before they are allowed in the parks and on a leash and enforcement of animal waste usage.
- We took our grandsons to Macomb Corners park to play catch on the ball diamonds. The gates were locked and we were told we could not use them, they are for team play only. It is MY tax money paying for these diamonds and we should be allowed to use them.
- We need more natural areas for hiking/biking, observing nature, nature programs especially for seniors
- longer hiking/biking trails. Sidewalks needed to provide access to get to the local parks.
- Lower price at recreation center for residents
- Pool hours for senior and hours for center
- Have more pool hours for seniors only and extend hours for center.
- Start the development of Pitchfork Park and give outdoor pickleball park
- Accessibility and things to do for children in wheelchairs
- Sidewalks to the parks and streets.
- Get it built
- The price to attend MT rec center

**Q10.** How frequently do you visit Macomb Township’s parks and recreation facilities?



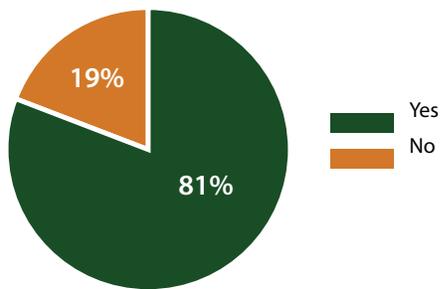
**Q8: All responses considered**

Response	At least 3 times per week		At least 1 - 2 times per week		At least 1 - 2 times per month		At least 1 - 2 times per year		Rarely or never		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Macomb Corners	30	5.69%	106	20.11%	134	25.43%	148	28.08%	109	20.68%	527
Macomb Town Center Park	5	0.98%	23	4.53%	46	9.06%	119	23.43%	315	62.01%	508
Waldenburg Park	5	0.97%	38	7.38%	111	21.55%	190	36.89%	171	33.20%	515
Macomb Township Recreation Center	83	15.63%	92	17.33%	115	21.66%	170	32.02%	71	13.37%	531
Pitchford Park	6	1.27%	2	0.42%	6	1.27%	7	1.48%	453	95.57%	510
	129		261		412		634				2591

**Q8: Only park visitor responses considered (i.e. “Don’t know/haven’t visited” response is eliminated)**

Response	At least 3 times per week		At least 1 - 2 times per week		At least 1 - 2 times per month		At least 1 - 2 times per year		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Macomb Corners Park	30	7.18%	106	25.36%	134	32.06%	148	35.41%	418
Macomb Town Center Park	5	2.59%	23	11.92%	46	23.83%	119	61.66%	193
Waldenburg Park	5	1.45%	38	11.05%	111	32.27%	190	55.23%	344
Macomb Township Recreation Center	83	18.04%	92	20.00%	115	25.00%	170	36.96%	460
Pitchford Park	6	28.57%	2	9.52%	6	28.57%	7	33.33%	21
	129		261		412		634		1436

**Q11.** Do you and your family visit parks in neighboring communities, or county or state parks?



**Q12.** If yes, which facilities do you visit and what do you like or dislike about them?

- Mae Stecker in Shelby. Nice beautiful pond and garden
- Brandenburg park - splash pad; Metro Beach - lake and splash pad; Stony Creek - nature trails
- Stony creek metropark, sleeper state park, bay city state park,. Camping
- Dodge Park Sterling Heights. Expansive trail network and water park and amphitheaters. .
- Romeo, Chesterfield, Harrison, Oakland County. More natural, winding, hilly, spaces between square, cement spaces, and with manmade features architecturally attractive. Natural water ways, more alcoves to rest, less developed, more benches, less lawn, more freedom to wander independently without things being locked up or having to sign up for them with more than an adult license per family.
- Shelby
- Dodge Park - I love the farmers market and food trucks they have on thursdays
- Love MI state parks!
- Stony Creek Metro Park- large, and good location. Love the Nature Center
- George George - beautiful place to take photos. Clinton Twp Civic Center - love the new splash pad.
- Metro parks for trails and 6mile path - state park for trails and water warrior island
- Stony creek, total sports washington
- Sidewalks, trees, shaded areas. Picnic tables, bathroom/outhouse facilities
- Stony Creek, awesome beach, awesome playground and so many fun trails
- Mae Stecker and Herirage Park. I wish we had access to outdoor tennis courts in Macomb. We also love the pond and trail to walk at Heritage, as well as the train by the Shelby police station. Whispering Woods is a favorite spot as well.
- Bathroom access- shade- no mulch
- The Rec center: Like the gym and basketball courts; I'm not a fan of the new pricing.
- River bends nice trees many trails to walk.

- Stony Creek, due to large forested trail system (Sheldon Trails)
- Stony creek metro park
- Stony creek, dodge park, and independence oaks. . They have in depth trails. Macomb keeps building houses instead of maintaining nature trails and nature. Independence has a place for people to swim. We are lacking a small man made lake/outdoor community pool. I heard a splash pad is being built at the rec center. But those are needed. Dodge park has a set up for concerts. Macomb corners does it, but could have a permanent set up and used for other things.
- Mae Steker Park - we like the garden & pond. We like the shaded play area for the kids.
- State and County Parks with lakes.
- Dodge Park. Walking in the wooded areas
- Metroparks have more usable trails and programs. Other communities' parks nearby or in Oakland County provide more options.
- We prefer George George Park, the Macomb-Orchard Trail, and Stony Creek.
- Dodge Park
- Stony creek. Mountain bike
- Sterling Heights. Clinton tshp water splash pad
- Clinton Township
- Hiking trails, walking paths
- Stony Creek. Well maintained easy access no extra costs
- Stony Creek Metropark - trails, nature center, playground. George George Park - walking, playground Lake St. Clair Metropark - miniature golf, playground, trails, gazebo by the water. Dodge Park - trails, basketball and soccer areas, farmer's market
- Not interested
- Often visit paint creek trail in Rochester. Park is located with water setting, with great trails. Park also has several art fairs and events per year always bringing us back. Would be really nice to have something similar local.
- Sand/water options, more leisure activities choices g around. Weight equipment well maintained but could use more cleaning in that area.
- equipment is well taken care of and new things added. However, I do feel the weight are needs to be cleaner. around. I like the new equioment added g around,. I do appreciate the upkeep of the equioment and new I
- Stony Creek
- walking trails, bike trails, open swim for families with kids for longer hours, etc (looking forward to Pitchford Park, and hope it will be developed with food trucks in mind. Would be a great draw.
- Clinton twp parks, Stony creek, saint Clair's shores. We like the swimming lakes, bike trails, outdoor pools
- Shelby - more trees around playground areas shade-

Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- Shelby Activities Center (Love it) and Washington Twp. outdoor Pickleball Courts.
- Shelby Twp has excellent parks
- George George. More activity available for older kids not just young children.
- Better bathrooms open all year
- We camp and visit parks all over the state . We need to offer more options for all age groups and pets
- Stoney creek, Clinton twp splash pad, dodge park, school papers, George george
- Stoney Creek. natural walking areas
- Clinton township for splash pad and dog park
- George George park, Stoney Creek, Mae Stecker- I like the paved paths for walking. I would love to see more sidewalks and pedestrian crossing walkways on the main roads in high traffic areas for safety, for example on 24 mile by the 7-11 and school, a lot of kids cross unsafely, I wish there was a light there for them.
- Dog park in East Lansing with shade and open space and nearby Farmer's Market. In the Farmer's Market there is a space for live music and dancing.
- We are using other city services in Clinton Township, Shelby and Sterling Heights. We like all of their youth and outdoor activities. Also, using the OUTDOOR pool for swim lessons at the Troy Aquatic Center, but Macomb Rec Center is much cleaner. We would prefer OUTDOOR pool activities in Macomb. We like the trails/kids' activities at Stoney, Metro Beach and Wolcott Mill, too. We would stay closer to home, but Macomb Township doesn't offer these programs/ services. LOVE Farmer's Markets.
- Stoney Creek metro park- we like the beaches, kayaking; bathrooms can be a mess sometimes
- Dodge Park is amazing. Clinton Township P&R does a great music + movie night
- Stoney Creek - Size, lake and boat rentals, beach, paved bike trails
- Splash park, trails
- Riverbends, Fraser, Stoney
- Stoney creek for golf and beach
- Stoney Creek, beach, walking trails
- Location and amenities
- Splash pads
- Brandenburg park for the splash pad and Eastwood Beach at Stoney Creek
- Stoney Creek. Like the trails and activities
- Metro parks, swimming
- Metroparks
- New Baltimore, beach location, picnic areas
- Paint Creek in Rochester
- Dodge Park and River Bends. Mainly for the long running trails and great places to walk dogs. Stony Creek also for the trails and the lake access.
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- Dodge Park & Gene Shepard Park - both so friendly, a variety of options. Love the farmers market and food trucks at dodge park. So well maintained, clean and welcoming.
- Stoney Creek . We love the beach area.
- Shelby twp rec center, Sterling Heights community center, Clinton Township Pickelball court, Royal Oak Whittier Park
- Stoney creek metro park, love the water features, events and trails.
- Splash pads in Clinton twp and chesterfield; farmers markets in neighboring cities
- Clinton twp. They have a kids splash pad.
- Boulan Park in Troy! George George park in Clinton twp and dodge park! Macomb would benefit from a splash pad! For residents only! I like the rubber padding and more trees for shade in hot summer days
- Metro, splash pad. Park equipment for all ages. Sledding hill
- Rochester. Lots of biking and running trails. Great scenic views.
- Shelby Twp parks, maec decker, Riverbend, basketball courts, soccer fields, baseball
- Camping
- Dodge Park is wonderful with plenty of parking, huge waking areas, farmers market, splash pad, ice skating, playground, etc. Sterling Heights did an recertification job. The dog park behind Clinton Township's office is great Brevard you have to be registered but it needs the drainage issues corrected. The park in downtown Rochester is also great.
- Splash pad
- Nice shaded trails, tennis and basketball courts
- Food trucks and cleanliness. Splash pad is nice too
- Dodge Park, Rochester municipal park, independence oaks. we like the long trails and access to water at there parks.
- I visit Dodge Park and River Bends five days a week for walking and biking. Dodge Park is terrific because the restroom is open year round. It's a shame that I travel to Sterling Heights and Shelby Township daily because our parks are so lacking.
- Stoney Creek, Woolcot mills; all the wooded area and trails.
- Stony Creek. Beach, picnic facilities, walking trail
- Stone Creek, Nature Center on 26 mile, Algonac State
- Splash pads
- Dodge park
- Not as crowded
- GEORGE PARK IN CLINTON TWP
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Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- Clinton Township by their city hall. Unlike Macomb Township who have an eyesore by the pond near the parks and Rec building, both Shelby Township and Clinton Twnshp have beautified their park areas near their ponds adjacent to their city halls. Macomb Townshio's is disgusting.
- More to do, dodge park is amazing we should do something similar. Riverbend offers mountain biking, disc golf, nature center, hiking
- River bends park- nice walking trail
- Dodge Park has something for everyone on Thursday nights.
- Lots to do for kids
- splashpad
- Metro parks love the splash pad
- Better landscape maintenance
- Splash pads,
- Stoney Creek for access to water and nature center; Wolcott and Inwood for hiking trails;
- Stoney creek
- Dodge park, splash pad, toddler area, long paved trails. It's a drive to get there
- Stoney Creek, Metro Beach, Richmond Community outdoor pool and park. Clean, have good accessibility via bike paths and sidewalks, clean restrooms and other amenities.
- Metro parks- so much to offer. Playgrounds, trails, fishing, swimming, mini golf, nature centers
- Stoney Creek Metro Park
- Clinton township water park
- Rochester park, pink creek trail
- Stoney Creek
- Shelby and Rochester
- Dodge park, all the activity bringing community together
- George George the most because of the big space and play options as well as photo options
- Stoney Creek - Play Areas and Walking Area : Metro Park - Outdoor Pool & Water Play Area : Shelby Township and Mt. Clemens Farmer's Market
- Dodge Park, Stoney Creek Metro Park.
- River Bends Park - nice trails, shaded play areas, nice river access. Stony Creek - big and lots of different activities available. Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve - nice trails along river.
- Metro parks and Belle Isle; the nature aspects of the parks is wonderful!
- Splash pads, nature hikes
- Stoney Creek, Wollcott Mill, as well as parks in Shelby township and Rochester. I like the options for the play areas for my son and the adjoining trails/walking paths.
- clinton twp, shelby and sterling twp for pickleball
- stoney creek
- mea decker, stoney creek, kensington, turtle cove, port cresnet, metroparks, state parks etc. the verity of activities that can be done at the parks and facility be clean..
- Stoney creek esstpointe beach, school playgrounds
- Rochester Hills Parks
- Stoney Creek and Metro Beach, various State Parks: we like the variety of activities and various trails/ opportunities to bike and hike
- Dodge Park,very nice long trails, treated for mosquitoes
- College Park in Sterling Hts. Nice neighborhood park with pickelball courts
- Lake St. Clair Metropark, love the miles of walking opportunities and River Bend in Shelby also for walking trails.
- River bends
- George George is beautiful with fountains, bridges, huge areas for throwing a ball around, picnic tables, seating areas along the sidewalk route, beautiful landscaping.
- TART trails in Traverse City; we like access to natural areas
- Stoney Creek, Addison Oaks for walking and biking. Macomb needs more natural parks
- Stoney Creek Metro Park, Mae Stecker Park
- Occasionally parks in St.Clair County , Goodells Nature Center, we like the trails and the easy access.
- Stony creek metropark, Mae Stecker Park, riverbend park,
- Trails, clean, nature programs
- Stoney Creek - paved trails for running and biking
- River bends. Stony creek. Macomb orchard trial. Clinton river trail. Paint creek trail.
- Bloomer, Stony Creek, River Bends. What I love is the accessibility, I can ride my bike from my home. If I go east or north Macomb there is no sidewalk or trails, Macomb needs to do better in sidewalks
- The water park at Dodge park
- stoney creek, its bike and hiking trails so close to home
- Stoney Creek
- Dodge Park for the farmers market and splash pad
- Spencer Park, for the beach with lifeguards
- ALGONAC STATE PARK FOR BICYCLE PATH AND CLEAN WATER SWIMMING IN THE RIVER
- Wolcott Mills, Metro Beach
- Stoney Creek - like beaches and picnic areas State parks - like camping and picnic areas. National Parks - like historical resources and natural landscape
- Stoney Creek
- Mae Stecker Park
- Brandenburg park - Splash Pad and Summer Camp
- Parks with splash pads are great for younger kids.

Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- Clinton Township Park on Romeo Plank
- Stoney Creek mp.
- Stoney Creek & Metro Park. Like swimming and beach availability
- Stony creek
- Mae Stecker Park and Rochester Park
- Like the splash pad features. Larger play units and trails
- Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights
- Innovation hills Rochester hills. Expansive playground. We also visit Stoney creek and metro beach for their playgrounds and splash pad.
- Stony Creek - beautiful trails. Rochester Community Park - the Ideal park, well maintained, great facilities, a great mix of nature and city
- Dodge park- huge pavilion, food trucks, farmers market in summer, ice rink, food trucks and holiday events
- all
- Stoney creek and metro beach
- Innovation Hills in Rochester is a great park. Shelby Township also has some wonderful grounds and parks. Great walking paths and play structures for kids. George George Park is another great facility. Our family was overly impressed with Sterling Heights in recent years---iceskating in the winter is wonderful and their splash pad is great. No reason why we don't have a splash pad.
- We visit parks with splash pads/water activities for the kids
- Outdoor pools
- George George Park
- Stoney Creek & Wolcott Mill
- The metro parks, love all the things to do there, we camp at state parks and often visit other city's playgrounds
- Stoney Creek Metro Park
- Mae Stecker- tennis courts
- Macomb corners
- Sterling Heights
- Nicer, bigger and have more trails.
- Michigan state parks and we like the camping, hiking, Fishing
- Stoney Creek, Riverbends, Mae Stecker, Wilcolt - trail systems
- Stoneycreek
- Stoney Creek and Metro Beach. Love the lake views and walking trails
- Visit state parks when we have the time to travel
- We go to state parks for camping and the beach
- Rochester- Innovation Hills and dino park and the farmer's market in Rochester
- George George Park- love the play scapes and trails; Mae stecker- love the duck pond and playscapes; dodge park- love the splash pad;
- Brandenburg, Stoney Creek, St Clair Metro Park
- George George Park and Mae Stecker Park have swings and a playground
- Metro parks for walking and biking trails
- Rochester parks have a lot of shade and creeks and that's the only reason we really leave macomb
- New Baltimore Park
- Lake St Clair Metropark. We utilize the Pickleball facilities and water access.
- Splash Pads, outdoor pools, toddler-focused parks
- Stoney is our favorite to bike ride....longer paths
- RWB SLEDDING, STONY TRAILS AND NATURE
- Dodge park, George George, Riverbend- they all have amazing and well kept play structures
- Sterling Heights parks - they have lots of different parks all well maintained and cool playground equipment and offering. love that they do the farmers market and have fun events at their dodge park area
- Stoney Creek, Walter and Mary Burk, Lexington. All habe outdoor swimming options. Would be awesome to have an outdoor swim option similar to Troy Aquatoc Center
- Rochester innovative hills is a unique park. Dodge park has a splash pad and farmers market.
- Metroparks: like everything, size/programs/activities; Dodge Park: like farmers market, concert stage, picnic areas, fire pits, ice rink, expansive trails to other parks, outdoor bathrooms at other state/county parks like access to outdoor pools/lake/beach
- Rochester park and bike trail. Animals at dinosaur hill
- George George, Mae Strecker, Dodge Park
- Stoney Creek, great walking trail and amazing lo play area for kids.
- Metro Parks
- Dodge park, George George park. All offer different things we like- swings, splash pad!!!!
- Stony Creek
- Brandenburg and Dodge Park, splash pad
- Stony Creek, OPC Rochester and Sterling Heights Community Center. OPC has amazing classes and many programs for those fifty and older. Their chair and aqua yoga is amazing, as well as their events. Sterling Heights has a great Teen Yoga program.
- River bends, dodge park, stony creek, paint creek
- metro parks
- Metro Beach Park..... music
- Goodells County Park- Splash Pad trails, accessible playground
- Metroparks
- Brandenburg - splash pad, George George and wahby - walking path, fountains and bridges

Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- The Clinton Township outdoor pickleball courts at the civic center are great. I see many players from the Macomb Township rec center taking advantage of this facility.
- Mae Staeker Park, walking path, Stoney Creek. Love the bike and walking path and beach
- Clinton Twp splash pad, dodge park splash pad, brandenburg splash pad
- Disc Golf Courses at the Troy parks.
- Ease of location, bathrooms
- Macomb needs to have a splash pad or outside pool options. We have to travel to other cities to use their splash pad.
- Stoney Creek and other metro parks.
- Whispering woods. Large enough and Close by my house
- They are larger and have more outdoor beauty.
- Riverside Park offers miles of paved trails to bike or walk in a forest like environment. Love that park. We also have visited in wood trails for hiking. We take our dog on long walks at these parks. Macomb corners is used by us for the same reason
- George George-clean and large play area; stony creek- trails, water activities, nature center; Sterling Heights nature center- trails and center
- Clinton Township, shelbybtownship, and Shelby township park for youth sports and splash pads.
- Connecting trails, longer trails. Modern playground equipment to keep older kids interested. Outdoor pool in the summer
- We enjoy state park facilities and amenities.
- George George Park - I do not like the lack of a play area for smaller children. I like how the Macomb Township Parks have a play area for 2-5 year olds and for 5-12 year old. The older kids can get a bit rough with their play so I like how the parks have a play area that is slightly separated.
- Stoney Creek, Lake St. Clair Metro Parks Splash pads, playgrounds and walking trails
- Hiking trails that are dog friendly
- Stoney creek Walcott mill
- Stoney Creek
- Stoney Creek Park
- Clay township splash pad for grand kids
- Stoney creek & metro park the most. Some state parks occasionally. I love Stoney Creek. Biking, hiking, paddle boards, & mnt bike trails. Enjoy metro park as well but the geese population is too lrg . Biking & hiking trails most important to me. My wife on I use the Macomb orchard trail weekly. We also visit the Paint creek Trail. We also enjoy the Rivertown trails off 22 & Shelby occasionally.
- Stoney Creek. Dodge Park,, park, trails & splash pad. Rochester trails
- Dodge Park - playground, trails; Whaley (Flint) baseball
- We go to the metro parks. We like to take walks and use the features they have like canoeing and watherparks.
- Stoney creek, like what is offered there to do
- Splash pad
- Shelby Township Parks walking and bike riding trails
- Stoney Creek- love the 6 mile loop
- Various state parks
- stoney creek
- We visit parks near Rochester. We like how some of them also have trails and wildlife.
- Dogs seem more controlled on trails in Shelby. Shelby also has a splash pad for kids.
- Stoney Creek - we like the waking trails, picnic areas and natural beauty
- Stoney creek metro park for the beaches and hiking and fishing and boating.
- Royal Oak - love that they are within neighborhoods and have many activities available at them
- All Oakland county parks. Macomb doesn't compare
- Stoney Creek
- Shelby Twp mae stecker park. We participate in tennis lessons there and enjoy that park as well
- Royal Oak parks. They have a park in every neighborhood. They are beautiful and accessible for family's to walk to, etc.
- Borden, Rochester Municipal, Mae Stecker, Stony Creek, Detroit Metro, Innovation Hills, School Playgrounds- I like shaded areas. I like areas that you can see your child playing from a bench. I like water fill-up stations and restroom access. I like covered places to eat.
- Both Sterling Heights and Shelby Twp have many beautiful parks and trails.
- Splash pads, Lakes and Swimming
- George George, Stoney creek
- Washington, Clinton twp, shelby twp
- Mea Stecker park, very nice with pond, heritage garden and old train
- Ray twp park. The big sandbox
- George George Park. Clinton Twp. No bugs. Beautiful landscaping. Clean, bright bathrooms. Solid walking, biking trails.
- Stoney Creek and Lake St. Clair Metro park. We just bike through there and occasionally we will go for an event at one or the other of these parks.

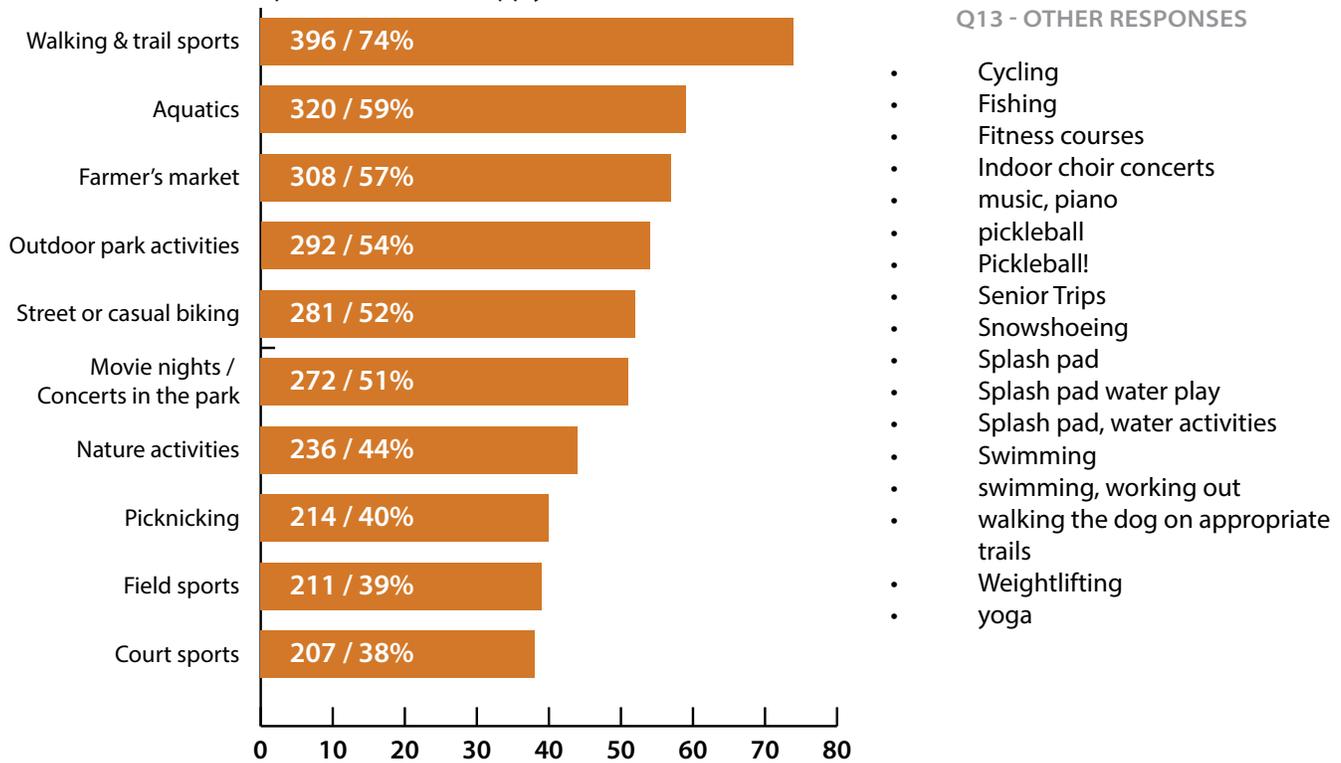
Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- Stoney Creek, Riverbends, Macomb Orchard Trail - we need more natural trails in Macomb Township! It is terrible biking or walking next to a road with cars going 50mph. Please save the tunnel of trees trail (the undeveloped Garfield Road between 24&25 Mile). It is a gem of calmness and nature. No road noise, just bunnies, cross country runners and birding by ear programs. This potential park is walking distance to two elementary schools and a high school. Please save it!
- Dodge Park Splash Pad, Miller Park, Stoney Creek, Lake St Clair metro park - new equipment, variety, walking paths, shaded
- SH and CTP offer SO much for their residents. My children are taking a dance class at SH's and it's superb. We tried a gymnastics at our rec ctr and it was useless. We dropped out. Plus Mac's costs are insane compared to neighbors,
- Rochester municipal park. The community feel, cleanliness and safety
- Shelby Senior Center. Prices are more reasonable than Macomb Rec Center.
- We love George George especially for the long walking path and huge playground with multiple sets of equipment
- N/A
- Metro beach
- Clean, variety of things to do
- The Metro Parks
- Rochester parks, Troy scenic and things to do
- Dodge park. They have a splash pad
- Beaches
- A park in Berkeley with a splash pad!
- St clair Metro park, Mae Stecker park
- Play structures designed specific for bigger kids as well as separate one designed for toddlers (so they are less likely to get run over by a bigger kid playing).
- Stoney Creek Metro and River Bends for great nature and walking trails. Grant Park for great playground structures.
- Heritage Park - very nice landscape and maintained
- Stoney Creek Metropark - sailing
- We like the water and the nature animals too
- shelby twp paarks and rec senior center they have alot to offer for seniors and my husband likes the outdoor pickleball courts uses them 3times a week.
- Sometimes we visit George George park just for variety.
- Outdoor Pickleball is the best! I must travel to other cities to play outdoor daily. Too bad I can't play closer to my home.
- Pickleball courts in Shelby township
- Dog friendly
- Stoney Creek - I love the trails and space for many people. 24 and Van Dyke - I like the trails. I also like the programs CMPL offer for free.
- Sterling Heights Park - outdoor events and pavilion music
- Dodge park, Metroparks
- Clinton Twp and Shelby Twp
- Dog park at Clinton township
- Stoney Creek Metropark
- Stoney creek, metro park, belle isle
- Troy Outdoor Aquatic Center is awesome. The innovation park in Rochester is very nice. The splash pad is Sterling Heights is very nice. Macomb Parks and Rec center is not appealing.
- Dodge park has many activities, like Farmers market, food trucks and entertainment all on the same day so we can make a great evening happen.
- George/George - St. Clair Metro Park
- Splash pads in Clinton Twp. We also love how Innovation Hills was designed in Rochester Hills.
- Stoney Creek. It is large.
- Stoney Creek, Addisyn Oaks
- Brandenburg Park, Dodge Park
- State Campgrounds
- Dodge Park in Sterling Heights because our family rents the pavilion for family reunions and it is a more central location for everyone.
- We prefer George George Memorial Park in Clinton Township because it is larger and a bit nicer than the Macomb Township parks. We live in South Macomb at Hall and Card. I wish the Macomb Orchard Trail (or any decent length trail) was closer to us.
- Algona state park, stoney creek, Brandenburg, Burke park
- Rochester, chesterfield, Shelby Twp
- Pools, splash parks, walking trails. Bug control can be a problem.
- Just moved here not long ago. So haven't visited many parks in macomb. I like hiking paths in woods and by water. I like seeing animals on nature
- River Bends and Holland Ponds in Shelby, Stoney Creek, all for walking and bird-watching. Pickleball inside and outside at Shelby Township Senior Center.
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- Clinton township and dodge park splash pads, Troy community pool
- Pickle ball courts
- Clinton Twp has enclosed dog run facility.
- Love the nature trails.
- Visit the local schools parks as they are much closer to the house. There is a wide variety for young kids to play on.
- Shelby rec ctr 5 days a week for pickleball

Q12 - IF YES, WHICH FACILITIES DO YOU VISIT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THEM? (CONTINUED)

- Ample parking, restrooms, picnic tables and kids play areas
- The pickleball courts and bike trails.
- Clinton Tsp. is a good example of what should be done
- All the Metroparks, Dodge Pk, Riverbends. Opportunities to be in nature and excellent trails
- Stoney Creek, Bloomer State Park
- State parks
- Mae Stecker variety of attractions
- Stoney creek
- Stoney Creek
- Pickleball courts
- Dodge Park and River Bends
- River Bends has such great paths, also the state parks like Wolcott, Metrobeach, etc
- Metro parts, nature centers
- Innovation Hills, George George
- Stoney Creek
- Chesterfield and Clinton Twp which are mostly free
- We enjoy the accessibility to ride our bikes from parks to neighborhood stores safely via bike paths. Motor traffic is hostile to recreational travelers (i.e. hikers and cyclists).

**Q13.** What types of activities do you or your family members participate in? Note that this can include any facility, not just Macomb Township's. Choose all that apply.

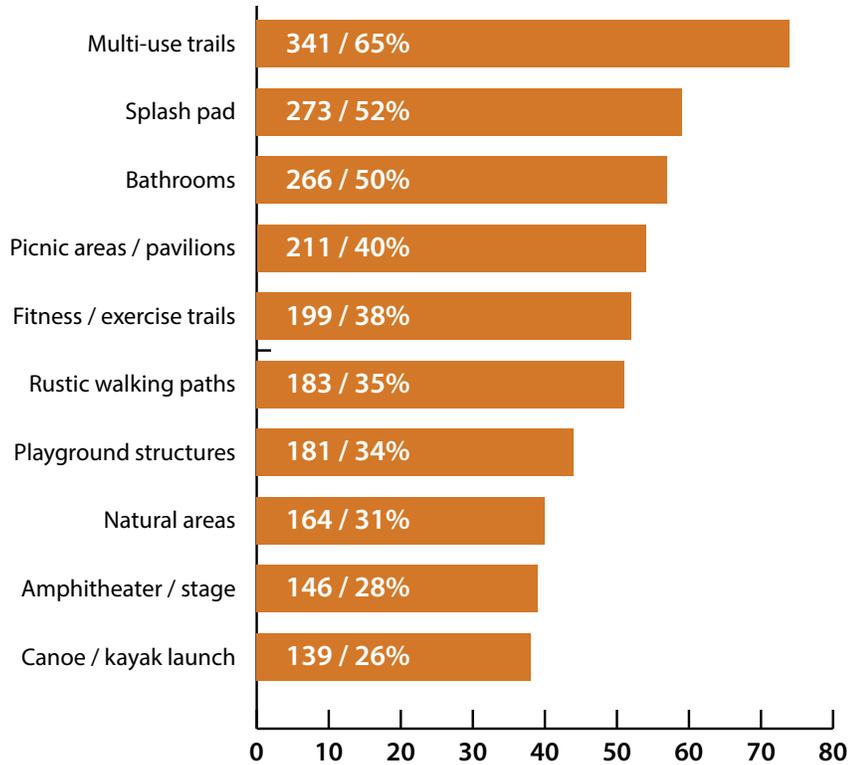


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Response	Number	Percent
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, rollerblading, etc.)	396	73.61%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	320	59.48%
Farmer's market	308	57.25%
Outdoor park activities / playground	292	54.28%
Street or casual biking	281	52.23%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	272	50.56%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	236	43.87%
Picnicking	214	39.78%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	211	39.22%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	207	38.48%
Golf	193	35.87%
Dog park / dog walking	175	32.53%
Sledding	160	29.74%
Canoeing / kayaking	154	28.62%

Response	Number	Percent
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	133	24.72%
Senior programs	114	21.19%
Off-trail / rustic hiking	95	17.66%
Mountain biking	93	17.29%
Figure skating / hockey	91	16.91%
Painting / photography / sculpture	89	16.54%
Kite flying	64	11.90%
Disc golf	59	10.97%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	53	9.85%
Community gardening	41	7.62%
Horseback riding	37	6.88%
Geocaching	29	5.39%
Skateboarding	26	4.83%
Other (Please specify)	20	3.72%
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>538</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>4,363</b>	

**Q14.** Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of or improved in Macomb Township’s parks?  
Choose all that apply.



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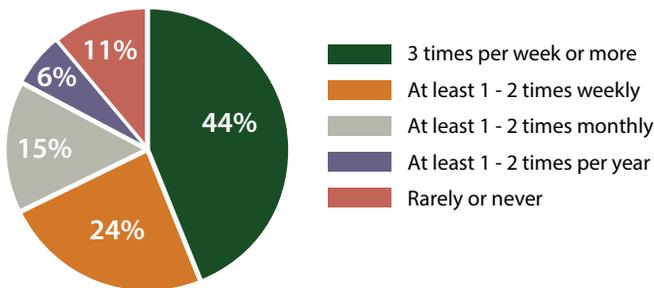
Response	Number	Percent
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	341	64.71%
Splash pad	273	51.80%
Bathrooms	266	50.47%
Picnic areas and pavilions	211	40.04%
Fitness / exercise trails	199	37.76%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	183	34.72%
Playground structures	181	34.35%
Natural areas	164	31.12%
Amphitheater / stage	146	27.70%
Canoe / kayak launch	139	26.38%
Drinking fountains	136	25.81%
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	130	24.67%
Dog parks	125	23.72%
Community Center	108	20.49%
Indoor gym & fitness facility	107	20.30%
Fishing dock	101	19.17%

Response	Number	Percent
Pickleball courts	99	18.79%
Mountain biking trails	89	16.89%
Community gardens	87	16.51%
Bike racks	79	14.99%
Tennis courts	76	14.42%
Basketball courts	69	13.09%
Sand volleyball courts	68	12.90%
Linear parks/trails	67	12.71%
Pocket parks	53	10.06%
Baseball fields	53	10.06%
Cross-country ski trails	51	9.68%
Disc golf	50	9.49%
Soccer fields	44	8.35%
Demonstration gardens	34	6.45%
Other (Please specify)	31	5.88%
Skate park	27	5.12%
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>527</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>3,787</b>	

**Q14 - OTHER RESPONSES**

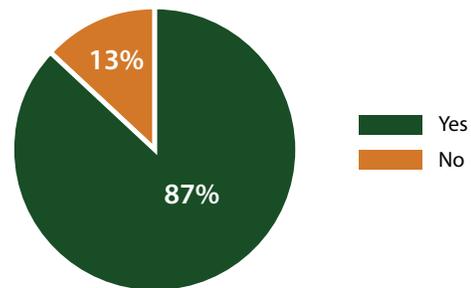
- Accessible features, at parks, adult changing tables
- Competitive Swimming pools like Waterford has cycling path and or connections
- Fitness clubs & events
- Just reiterating tennis courts. They are hard to come by in Macomb.
- More accommodations are required for handicap parking in close proximity to summer concerts
- Neighborhood outdoor pools would be an amazing amenity to have. I grew up in Dearborn with many of the neighborhoods having a public pool for residents for a yearly fee. It was the best part for me growing up there and I would love to see Macomb implement something like that. Even if Macomb could create one or two outdoor pools would be a tremendous addition to the city's recreation.
- Outdoor Aquatic Center. Just like the Troy Aquatics Center. Many Macomb Township residents want this. I know many families that live in the Township and surrounding cities that go to Troy in the summer. You can offer season passes for residents and non, and daily rates for both.
- Outdoor pool (5 similar responses)
- Outdoor pool at Rec Center
- Outdoor pool or beach
- OUTDOOR pool, Farmer's Market
- Outdoor summer pool with lazy river
- Passive walking area, sidewalks
- Public pool
- R/C aircraft, rocket launching
- seating by natural water views
- Senior Center
- Senior Center building needs to be expanded-it's to small
- Side walk to get from Fallbrooke Farms sub. to Macomb Corners Park
- sledding hill
- Swimming areas, particularly outdoor
- Swings added to Waldenburg park
- The senior center and programs are so far behind Clinton Twp and Shelby

**Q15.** How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise, recreation, or utilitarian purposes (e.g. grocery shopping, travel to work/school, etc.)?



Response	Number	Percent
Three times a week or more	236	44.03%
At least once or twice weekly	127	23.69%
At least once or twice monthly	82	15.30%
At least once or twice a year	31	5.78%
Rarely or never	60	11.19%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>536</b>	

**Q16.** Should Macomb continue to expand its sidewalk and trail network?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	463	86.70%
No	71	13.30%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>534</b>	

**Q17.** If yes, are there any routes you would like to see developed?

- Paths that lead from subdivisions to other parks that can network into each other. Currently no safe way to walk or bike from my subdivision to any existing trails/paths.
- More in area 21
- It would be fantastic to be able to walk: or ride a bike safely between ALL of Macomb's parks and facilities. They should all be connected with sidewalks.
- Non-motorized trails along major roads
- 24 1/2 mile from Cracklewood sub side walk to the rec center. Trail to Macomb Orchard Trail and to Wilcott Metro Park. Sidewalks, trails and paths r so needed. Crossing sign installed.
- 25 mile from Shelby Twp to rec center.
- Sidewalk all the way down 25 mile to library
- From Sumpter Forest to Rec Center.
- Romeo plank to 25 mile
- Something near 23 & Fairchild
- It's hard to say, because I don't know what land is available. But any way that can connect to other trails and pathways to parks.
- East Macomb, and tying into the Macomb Orchard trail.
- South 22 mile & card
- Card south of 23 mile
- 21 mile 23 mile card north
- Heydenreich rd section of sidewalk not connected between 21 mile and Hall road. On West side of street. Also 22 mile and Card. Corners outside 22 west side card. Card north of 22 up to 23 mile.
- 25 mile road from Foss to Macomb Orchard Trail in Rochester
- A connection to the Macomb Orchards Trail from our parks near rec Center
- connectors to the other cycling trails
- Sidewalk on 21 mile, some areas miss sidewalks at all
- 25 Mile Rd all the way to Hayes and Romeo Plank between 25 and 26
- Let them meet up
- Into northern part of township from Dakota high school for running and biking etc
- 21 mile between card and north
- 24 and Foss land you have for sale needs to be reconsidered for rustic walking trails linking areas to the north and future development to avoid losing natural areas
- Along all the main roads to connect neighborhoods to the rest of the township. Specifically, to connect the library and ice rink to our home on 25 Mile
- Behind the North Branch of the Clinton Macomb Library.
- 25 mile to foss
- Yes, really need to have connections to the town center area (library, rec center, future splash pad)
- 22 mile to Heydenreich, Romeo plank 22 to 21 on east side
- There are no continuous sidewalk on North Ave. between 21 and 23 mile roads.
- YES, walkway along North Ave between 21 and 23 Mile rd, please!
- Connecting sidewalks in south Macomb where speeds on streets are high and traffic volume is dense.
- 25 Mile. All the way from Romeo Plank to the Rec Center
- Must connect to Rex center from multiple directions
- Romeo Plank
- Area between 21 mile Rd North along the Clinton Rover
- Crosswalk at 25 Mile to get to Macomb Corners Park
- Looks like there are plans for Hayes and 22 Mile, which are our most frequented.
- Connect to Macomb Orchard trail.
- It would be nice to have sidewalks connect Fallbrooke farms subdivision to Macomb Corners Park.. We are landlocked
- South Macomb twp
- Along card, sidewalks.
- 22 mile road near Garfield
- Heydenrich between Hall and 21 Mile needs sidewalks so people can get to the stores by Target. Lowering the speed limit there is also needed as people drive in that residents area as if it was a major highway. A traffic light is needed at Windermere and Heydenrich as well as Riverwoods and 21. There's no way for kids to get to Dakota nor Seneca from the subs in the sw corner of 21 and Heydenrich. Please lower the speed limits and put more traffic lights and sidewalks there.
- 21/card - 23/Card, but we need more sidewalks in general. Sidewalks are very important considering we have very many families with kids.
- Any route would be an improvement. I stopped riding my bike in the neighborhood because of the horrible road conditions of Tilch and Haverhill.
- Waldenburg to township center.
- Along 22 Mile Rd
- 22 mile sidewalk from Heydenrich to card
- Yes. I live in Macomb Town Center next to Cracklewood Golf Course and have been waiting 12 years for the walk way from Macomb Street to the Parks and Rec center and the businesses that were supposed to be built in the proposed downtown that was planned a very long time ago. Time for some serious action on this!
- Along 21 mile from Romeo plank- Hayes. It is hit and miss if the sidewalk is there
- Main roads
- None specifically just more of them

Q17 - ARE THERE ANY ROUTES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED? (CONTINUED)

- Main roads ... along 24 mile road and 23 mile road needs sidewalks
- To the rec center/library from nearby residential subdivisions
- Any to expand down/up to 21 mile
- All along 25 mile from subs to recreation center. It's dangerous to keep crossing 25 mile to catch the next sidewalk or bike path. Continue the sidewalks all the way. Would use my bike for shopping, etc. if bike paths continued.ke
- The proposed route that's near Romeo Plank!
- No
- To connect the areas
- you should be able to walk/ride a bike to any kroger from any address in macomb
- Hayes, 22 mile, 21 mile
- Waldenburg to Recreation Center
- 25 mile road
- I work in Rochester, and with gas prices, it would be nice to be able to bike from Macomb to Rochester. Unfortunately, the bike trails don't go there, & the sidewalks are inconsistent - walks on one side but not the other, etc.
- Foss road to Macomb corners
- PLEASE add sidewalks along Romeo Plank between 25 and 26 Mile road. Even along the mile roads as Shelby Township has done an EXCELLENT job in completing the last few years. NW Macomb is unsafe to walk anywhere outside of subdivisions.
- all
- Sidewalks From 25 mile & Romeo plank to Kroger also sidewalks all the way to the rec center for the kids
- 25 mile to Macomb Recreation Center
- 25 mile from broughton, romeo plank and garfield
- North Avenue
- Garfield between 21 and 22. 22 from Tilch to Garfield.
- Bike lanes on roads or keep putting in sidewalks
- A path east of Romeo plank and west of Card to safely cross 24 mile road to get up to the town center at 25 mile. It would be nice to be able to bike there.
- Connecting to Macomb orchard trail, paint creek trail, Clinton river trail, river bends parks.
- 22 mile from Garfield to Card - 23 mile from hayes to Card - Garfield to Hall road. The entire hall road along clinton river, kayaak launch off 25 mile
- Finish with the planned 8 foot pathways
- 24 mile road
- 25 MILE RD. TO CONTINUE WEST OF LUTCHMAN TO STONEY CREEK
- Along the River
- It seems like southern and eastern Macomb are lacking in most of these maps.
- some connection to the Macomb Orchard Trail if possible
- I would like to be able to ride my bike to the rec center via a 25 Mile Road sidewalk or trail
- 24 mile road and Hayes road
- Macomb corners 25 mile to the town center
- We need sidewalks up and down 22 mile road all the way and up and down romeo plank.
- Card Road sidewalks
- More sidewalks near roads
- Continuous Sidewalks on all major roads such as 21 mile from Card to Romeo Plank or Card from 21 to 23 mile
- Sidewalks desperately needed along Card road both sides
- 25 mile to get to rec center
- North side of 22 mile road Romeo Plank to Pitchford Park and West to Hayes
- Walking path along both sides of Broughton
- Along Luchtman. There is a sidewalk on one side of the road which means Strathmore residents have to cross Luchtman to get to macomb corners. People drive 60 mph down that roadway
- We need sidewalks from the rec center
- Connecting to metro walks
- I'd like to be able to get safely from my home at 25 and Romeo Plank Wolverine Country Club estates to the north branch library;rec center on bike. I was SO happy when the bike trail was made such that I can get to my home to Macomb Corners. I don't think it extends all the way to Broughton though?
- 25 Mile from Romeo Plank all the way to the Rec Center, Library, etc
- very much like the sidewalks that are being added now, somehow connecting these parks (like how River Bends connects to Dodge Park) would be great!
- Need sidewalks all along hydrenich to hall red east side
- 23 mile and Romeo plank area
- Open to ideas
- All mile roads and north-south roads.
- Sidewalk on mile roads to get to parks
- Clinton River Middle Branch
- Foss rd
- Connect the parks but off of the main roads.
- Anywhere that doesn't have sidewalk
- More pedestrian sidewalks alongside major roadways
- Not sure
- 21 between Garfield and romeo plank
- All main roads should have 3-4 feet of sidewalk for biking and walking (take south side of 22 mile road for reference). Or more bike lanes on main roads
- North of 21 mile on Card to 24 mile
- Something closer to central Macomb. I have to drive some distance to get to a trail
- We need the trails to all connect

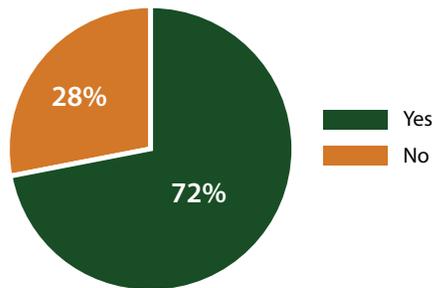
Q17 - ARE THERE ANY ROUTES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED? (CONTINUED)

- NA
- Connection to other biking trails
- Down 22 mile road between Garfield and Romeo Plank, down Garfield from 22 mile to 21 mile
- Finish connecting Macomb Corners to the new library & Rec center.
- Central Macomb area 22 mile and Card
- Just continue to connect the sidewalks in the township
- Northern macomb
- Macomb Corners Park to Macomb Rec Center
- Card & 24 mile road to the rec center. I live at 21 & card. It would be nice to ride my bike to the rec center.
- More at macomb corners, connect sidewalks north side of 25 mile rd
- not sure specifics
- Finish 25 mile from luchtman to broughton
- 25 mile north side of street between Fallbrooke Farms Subdivision and Macomb Corners Park. From Fallbrooke Farms subdivision to Macomb Recreation Center
- Sidewalks needed between 21 Mile and Hall. Accessable trails and activities in the southern part of Macomb.
- Fallbrooke farms to Macomb corners
- 25 Mile Rd from Hayes to Macomb Corners Part or the Town Center. Hayes from 25 Mile Rd to 23 Mile Rd there are too many places where the sidewalk stops and starts. Romeo Plank from 25 Mile to 26 Mile. Sidewalks should be on all the main roads.
- Can you attach to the macomb orchard trail or the rails to trails
- Sidewalks on 26 mile, to 53
- The proposed Waldenburg Park to Macomb Rec Center. Connections to the Macomb Orchard trail sidewalks along 25 mil3
- Sidewalks on both sides of 25 mile from Town Center Park to Macomb Corners Park.
- Cannot get through on 25 consistently near the round a bouts to get to garfield.
- 25 Mile from Hayes to at least the Rec Center and Hayes from 25 Mile to at least 23 Mile
- There are so many areas where the sidewalk starts and stops there's no where outside of my neighborhood I can safely walk or bike to with my kids because sidewalks don't connect. 25 mile needs a path to get to Macomb corners and the rec center.
- Better access on M-59 and along Heydenreich & Card roads
- Routes on main roads, so you can be seen instead of in the middle of the Woods
- na
- Along the river more.
- 24 & 25 mile between Hayes and card
- Heydenreich from 21 to Hall Rd, Hall Road (north side).
- There are many areas along the main roads where the sidewalks end for a little while they then pick back up. It would be nice to get those connected.
- You have a free park already in use: it's the Tunnel of Trees Trail which is the proposed Garfield Road between 24 and 25 Mile Road. Please save it! It's a gem of quiet and nature. So much nicer than walking next to a road or walking under electric utility corridors (yuck).
- 23 mile road
- More sidewalks to and from some of the neighborhoods
- Anywhere there not a sidewalk
- Near 26 Romeo plank area
- 24 mile, 25 mile
- More mile road and major N/S sidewalks like in Oakland county
- Any safe ones sound great to me
- any route that cannot accommodate both a walker and a biker should be considered to be expanded.
- I wish there was more connections... we are at, there are no sidewalks to get to the parks which should be biking distance
- Sideway should be on all main roads
- Everywhere. There should be connecting pathways along every road to give access for people to walk, run and bike for exercise or to get to places safely instead of driving. It is not safe to walk, run or bike on the side of the road.
- Rec center to 24 mile
- Garfield & Hall Rd
- Heydenreich 21 to Hall and all incomplete sections around 21/22 mile roads
- South side of 25 mile rd
- no
- Sidewalks throughout the city.
- I would love to see the North Branch Greenway developed so that residents living in the South/East areas of Macomb Township are provided easy access to longer trails. We aren't very close to the longest nature trail in Macomb County (which I believe is Macomb Orchard Trail). Walking on sidewalks on main roads is not relaxing or enjoyable and it doesn't feel particularly safe. I don't think those should count towards the "60 miles" of pathways/trails we supposedly already have.
- Chesterfield
- More routes in the southern end of the township. Parks are mostly in the north / west ends.
- Along the midpdle brach of the Clinton River
- Fairchild Road

Q17 - ARE THERE ANY ROUTES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED? (CONTINUED)

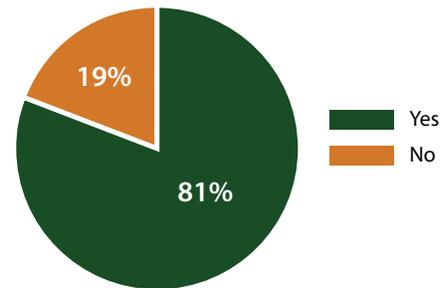
- Fairchild
- South macomb....not enough sidewalks up and down North Avenue, we are stuck in our sub across from from Sycamore Hills
- So you could get from mile road to mile or travel east to west without having to ride on the road.
- From Romeo Plank to Rec. Center by bike and south of 26 mile to Waldenburg Park
- Waldenburg pk to Macomb ctr
- Hedenrich between Hall and 21 Mile, 21 Mile between Card and North, North Avenue
- Anywhere sidewalks are missing
- Sidewalks on 22, 24, Foss, and many more.
- Pedestrian bridge over Gloede drain on 21 Mile.
- Sidewalks on both 23 Mile between Hayes and Romeo Plank; and Romeo Plank north of 22 Mile.

**Q18.** Would you like to see a linear trail developed along utility corridors?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	362	71.83%
No	142	28.17%
Total Responses	504	

**Q19.** Should Macomb Township coordinate with Macomb County and surrounding communities to develop an interconnected regional trail network?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	429	81.10%
No	100	18.90%
Total Responses	529	

**Q20.** If yes, which communities/routes would you like to connect to?

- It would be fantastic to be able to walk: or ride a bike safely between ALL of Macomb's parks and facilities. They should all be connected with sidewalks.
- Non-motorized trails along major roads
- 24 1/2 mile from cracklewood sub side walk to the rec center. Trail to macomb orchard trail and to wilcott metro park. Sidewalks, trails and paths r so needed. Crossing sign installed.
- 25 mile from Shelby Twp to rec center.
- Sidewalk all the way down 25 mile to library
- Romeo plank to 25 mile
- It's hard to say, because I don't know what land is available. But any way that can connect to other trails and pathways to parks.
- East Macomb, and tying into the Macomb Orchard trail.
- Card south of 23 mile
- heydenreich rd section of sidewalk not connected between 21 mile and Hall road. On West side of street. Also 22 mile and Card. Corners soutside 22 west side card. Card north of 22 up to 23 mile.
- 25 mile road from Foss to Macomb Orchard Trail in Rochester
- A connection to the Macomb Orchards Trail from our parks near rec Center
- connectors to the other cycling trails
- Sidewalk on 21 mile, some areas miss sidewalks at all
- 25 Mile Rd all the way to Hayes and Romeo Plank between 25 and 26
- Let them meet up
- Into northern part of township from Dakota high school for running and biking etc
- 24 and Foss land you have for sale needs to be reconsidered for rustic walking trails linking areas to the north and future development to avoid losing natural areas
- Along all the main roads to connect neighborhoods to the rest of the township. Specifically, to connect the library and ice rink to our home on 25 Mile Behind the North Branch of the Clinton Macomb Library.
- Yes, really need to have connections to the town center area (library, rec center, future splash pad)

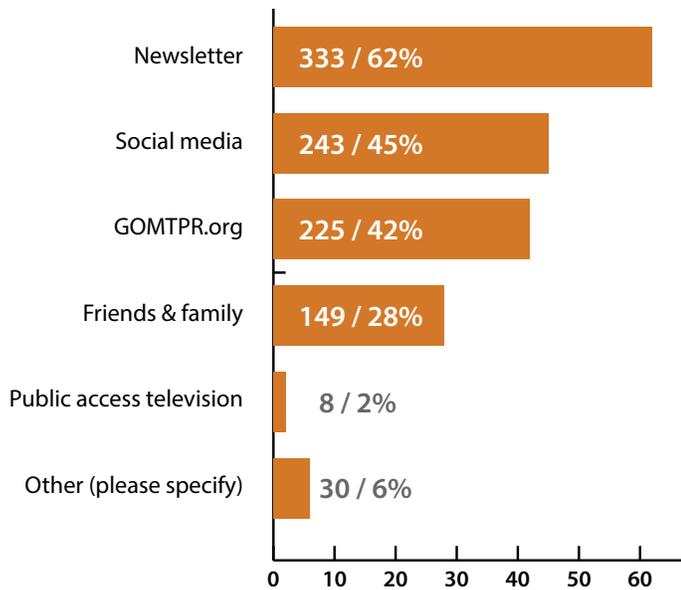
Q20 - WHICH COMMUNITIES / ROUTES WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONNECT TO? (CONTINUED)

- 22mile to heidenreich, Romeo plank 22 to 21 on east side
- YES, walkway along North Ave between 21 and 23 Mile rd, please!
- 25 Mile. All the way from Romeo Plank to the Rec Center
- Must connect to Rex center from multiple directions
- Area between 21 milt Rd North along the Clinton Rover
- Crosswalk at 25 Mile to get to Macomb Corners Park
- Looks like there are plans for Hayes and 22 Mile, which are our most frequented.
- Connect to Macomb orchard trail.
- South Macomb twp
- Heydenrich between Hall and 21 Mile needs sidewalks so people can get to the stores by Target. Lowering the speed limit there is also needed as people drive in that residents area as of it was a major highway. A traffic light is needed at Windermere and Heydenrich as well as Riverwoods and 21. There's no she way for kids to get to Dakota nor Seneca from the subs in the sw corner of 21 and Heydenrich. Please lower the speed limits and put more traffic lights and sidewalks there.
- Any route would be an improvement. I stopped riding my bike in the neighborhood because of the horrible road conditions of Tilch and Haverhill.
- Waldenburg to township center.
- Along 22 Mile Rd
- Yes. I live in Macomb Town Center next to Cracklewood Golf Course and have been waiting 12 years for the walk way from Macomb Street to the Parks and Rec center and the businesses that were supposed to be built in the proposed downtown that was planned a very long time ago. Time for some serious action on this!
- Along 21 mile from romeo plank- Hayes. It is hit and miss if the sidewalk is there
- Main roads
- None specifically just more of them
- To the rec center/library from nearby residential subdivisions
- Any to expand down/up to 21 mile
- All along 25 mile from subs to recreation center. It's dangerous to keep crossing 25 mile to catch the next sidewalk or bike path. Continue the sidewalks all the way. Would use my bike for shopping, etc. if bike paths continued.ke
- The proposed route that's near Romeo Plank!
- No
- To connect the areas
- Hayes, 22 mile, 21 mile
- Waldenburg to Recreation Center
- 25 mile road
- I work in Rochester, and with gas prices, it would be nice to be able to bike from Macomb to Rochester. Unfortunately, the bike trails don't go there, & the sidewalks are inconsistent - walks on one side but not the other, etc.
- Sidewalks From 25 mile & Romeo plank to Kroger also sidewalks all the way to the rec center for the kids
- North Avenue
- Garfield between 21 and 22. 22 from Tilch to Garfield.
- Bike lanes on roads or keep putting in sidewalks
- A path east of Romeo plank and west of Card to safely cross 24 mile road to get up to the town center at 25 mile. It would be nice to be able to bike there.
- Connecting to Macomb orchard trail, paint creek trail, Clinton river trail, river bends parks.
- 22 mile from Garfield to Card - 23 mile from hayes to Card - Garfield to Hall road. The entire hall road along clinton river, kayaak launch off 25 mile
- Finish with the planned 8 foot pathways
- 25 MILE RD. TO CONTINUE WEST OF LUTCHMAN TO STONEY CREEK
- Along the River
- some connection to the Macomb Orchard Trail if possible
- Macomb corners 25 mile to the town center
- Sidewalks desperately needed along Card road both sides
- 25 mile to get to rec center
- North side of 22 mile road Romeo Plank to Pitchford Park and West to Hayes
- Walking path along both sides of Broughton
- Connecting to metro walks
- 25 Mile from Romeo Plank all the way to the Rec Center, Library, etc
- very much like the sidewalks that are being added now, somehow connecting these parks (like how River Bends connects to Dodge Park) would be great!
- Need sidewalks all along hydrenich to hall red east side
- 23 mile and Romeo plank area
- Open to ideas
- Sidewalk on mile roads to get to parks
- Clinton River Middle Branch
- Foss rd
- Anywhere that doesn't have sidewalk
- More pedestrian sidewalks alongside major roadways
- All main roads should have 3-4 feet of sidewalk for biking and walking (take south side of 22 mile road for reference). Or more bike lanes on main roads
- Something closer to central Macomb. I have to drive some distance to get to a trail
- We need the trails to all connect
- Central Macomb area 22 mile and Card
- Northern macomb

Q20 - WHICH COMMUNITIES / ROUTES WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONNECT TO? (CONTINUED)

- Card & 24 mile road to the rec center. I live at 21 & card. It would be nice to ride my bike to the rec center.
- not sure specifics
- Fallbrooke farms to Macomb corners
- 25 Mile Rd from Hayes to Macomb Corners Part or the Town Center. Hayes from 25 Mile Rd to 23 Mile Rd there are too many places where the sidewalk stops and starts. Romeo Plank from 25 Mile to 26 Mile. Sidewalks should be on all the main roads.
- Can you attach to the macomb orchard trail or the rails to trails
- Sidewalks on 26 mile, to 53
- The proposed Waldenburg Park to Macomb Rec Center. Connections to the Macomb Orchard trail sidewalks along 25 mil3
- Sidewalks on both sides of 25 mile from Town Center Park to Macomb Corners Park.
- Cannot get through on 25 consistently near the round a bouts to get to garfield.
- 25 Mile from Hayes to at least the Rec Center and Hayes from 25 Mile to at least 23 Mile
- Better access on M-59 and along Heydenreich & Card roads
- Routes on main roads, so you can be seen instead of in the middle of the Woods
- na
- Along the river more.
- 24 & 25 mile between Hayes and card
- Heydenreich from 21 to Hall Rd, Hall Road (north side).
- There are many areas along the main roads where the sidewalks end for a little while they then pick back up. It would be nice to get those connected.
- You have a free park already in use: it's the Tunnel of Trees Trail which is the proposed Garfield Road between 24 and 25 Mile Road. Please save it! It's a gem of quiet and nature. So much nicer than walking next to a road or walking under electric utility corridors (yuck).
- More sidewalks to and from some of the neighborhoods
- Near 26 Romeo plank area
- 24 mile, 25 mile
- More mile road and major N/S sidewalks like in Oakland county
- I wish there was more connections... we are at, there are no sidewalks to get to the parks which should be biking distance
- Sideway should be on all main roads
- Everywhere. There should be connecting pathways along every road to give access for people to walk, run and bike for exercise or to get to places safely instead of driving. It is not safe to walk, run or bike on the side of the road.
- Garfield & Hall Rd
- Heydenreich 21 to Hall and all incomplete sections around 21/22 mile roads
- South side of 25 mile rd
- no
- Sidewalks throughout the city.
- I would love to see the North Branch Greenway developed so that residents living in the South/East areas of Macomb Township are provided easy access to longer trails. We aren't very close to the longest nature trail in Macomb County (which I believe is Macomb Orchard Trail). Walking on sidewalks on main roads is not relaxing or enjoyable and it doesn't feel particularly safe. I don't think those should count towards the "60 miles" of pathways/trails we supposedly already have.
- Chesterfield
- More routes in the southern end of the township. Parks are mostly in the north / west ends.
- Fairchild Road
- Fairchild
- up and down North Avenue, we are stuck in our sub across from from Sycamore Hills
- So you could get from mile road to mile or travel east to west without having to ride on the road.
- From Romeo Plank to Rec. Center by bike and south of 26 mile to Waldenburg Park
- Sidewalks on 22, 24, Foss, and many more.
- Pedestrian bridge over Gloede drain on 21 Mile.
- Sidewalks on both 23 Mile between Hayes and Romeo Plank; and Romeo Plank north of 22 Mile.

**Q21.** How do you learn about Macomb Township Parks and Recreation programs and special events?



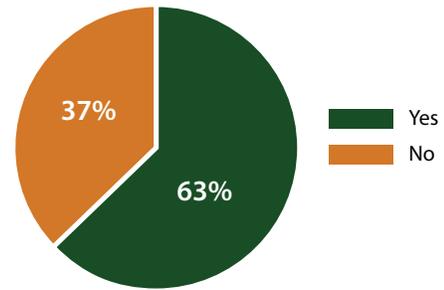
*Note: Because multiple answers per participant are possible, the total percentage may exceed 100%*

Response	Number	Percent
Newsletter	333	62.24%
Social media	243	45.42%
Gomtp.r.org - the Macomb Township Parks and Recreation website	225	42.06%
Friends and family	149	27.85%
Other (Please specify)	30	5.61%
Public access television	8	1.50%
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>535</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>988</b>	

#### OTHER RESPONSES

- Bulletin board at rec center
- Email (7 similar responses)
- I currently use the rec building through the Japanese Sword Program offered there.
- Instagram, email, website, reach Bulletin
- Online
- Reach Magazine
- reach magazine
- rec center billboard
- Visits to the rec center.

**Q22.** Do you participate in the programs and special events offered by Macomb Township Parks & Recreation and the Macomb Senior Center?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	341	63.38%
No	197	36.62%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>538</b>	

**Q23.** If yes, which programs or events do you participate in?

- Occasional classes, special events
- Sometimes music in the park or the movie
- Rosco clown, concerts in the park, exercise classes at rec center.
- Music in the Park, some Rec center summer camps
- Fitness classes, yoga
- Senior center
- Aquatics, Events & Youth programs
- Halloween trick/treating, Christmas breakfast with Santa, music in the park,
- Youth sports
- Rec Center, Tons of Trucks, Concerts
- All kids oriented, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, summer camps
- Yoga
- Classes yoga
- Holiday, Rec center, volleyball, trails, library, sledding Clinton Twp
- Workout classes, babysitting classes, pool, free park events
- Only outdoor since Covid but we have done swim, Rosco, youth tennis, virtual Italian, beginning photography, adult fitness, youth dance, youth soccer, Easter, Christmas and Halloween events for kids.
- Kids classes, music in the park
- Santa, Eggstravasgana
- Concerts
- Concert in the park
- Senior
- Fitness classes; aquatics; youth classes
- Yoga. HIIT

Q23 - WHICH PROGRAMS/EVENTS DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (CONTINUED)

- Music in the park
- Kids classes, swim, sports, camps
- Concerts, Rosco,
- Music in the Park
- Multiple at the Senior Center. But it's not open 5 days a week like Clinton Township and Shelby Township who offer far more activities for their senior citizens every week day
- Tried to do tennis this year, but wrote the wrong registration date so my boys missed it
- Holiday events, movies
- Halloween Hoopla, Easter Eggstravaganza, Santa Rec center
- Halloween, Easter, Christmas lights
- Concerts in the Park, Picnic with Roscoe, tree lighting and Christmas kids events
- Trips if they are interesting
- Kids programs, music in the park, movie in the park
- Swimming classes at Rec Center, Christmas event at Rec Center (awesome)
- Concerts in the park
- Yoga and rec center activities
- Movie night
- Music in the park
- all
- golf, archery, art
- Senior center
- Music in park, Christmas tree, Roscoe
- Children have aged out of programs but participated in all. Now just concerts in the park. Programming needs overhaul. Outdated and stale.
- Kid movie night
- aquatics, educational
- I chose "No" but I would like to see "Adult" night (no kids) for movies, games etc.
- Concerts in the Park
- Macomb Township Little League
- Christmas, music in the park, kid events
- Summer events including Roscoe and music in the park
- Yoga Rec center pool library
- Easter, Halloween, daddy daughter dance
- Outdoor concerts, movie nights, kids programming
- Senior programs and health exercise facility
- Rec center exercise, pickleball, music in the Park
- Rec center programs
- Youth programs
- water aerobics
- Concerts in the park. Anything at Macomb Corners
- Group swim classes, holiday tree lighting
- Swimming and pickleball
- Pickleball
- Music/Movie in the Park Tree Lighting
- Kids related ones
- Halloween, Easter and some sports
- Eggstravaganza, Halloween Hoopla, etc.
- Tea
- Kids events like Santa and the activities at Macomb Corners
- Only a few, but something is needed for the Senior population who are between fifty and seventy.
- swimming lessons
- Fitness
- Music in the park. Macomb township little league,
- Children's
- Gym
- Concerts in park, tree lighting
- concerts
- pool
- A lot of the Senior Events. Concerts and Movies in the Park. I wish more trips were offered that are reasonable priced. Many of our surrounding cities offer them and we've taken a number of them through Diamond Tours that we joined a group.
- Senior Activities and things for the grandchildren...
- Tons of Trucks
- Music in the park, Macomb Corners
- exercise, bingo, trips, painting, wii bowling, trivia, parties
- We love the Holiday events. We also enjoy Music in the Park.
- Sports.
- Music in the Park
- Fitness classes, youth swimming, youth soccer, Egg-Stravaganza, Halloween Hoopla, Music in the Park
- na
- The Halloween, Christmas, and Easter events
- Pickleball
- Christmas, Music in the park, Scavenger hunt, tons of trucks,...
- Summer concerts.
- Easter egg, most children's activities
- Holiday celebrations, ladies teas, fashion shows, trips, cooking lessons, health seminars, library talks
- Senior events & morning fitness courses
- Used to enroll in fitness classes until Maria Marino was fired. Bad decision!
- Macomb recreation member
- Variety and local trips
- Aquatics lessons
- senior center bocce, trips
- Pokemon / legos kids night
- Chicks with Sticks and various other events at the senior center
- Macomb Senior Center Trips & other social events
- Rocco's picnic, movie in the park, family and kid friendly events at the rec center.
- Have not recently

Q23 - WHICH PROGRAMS/EVENTS DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (CONTINUED)

- Music in park
- senior trips
- Special events, classed
- Music in the park
- Aquatics, kids special events, birthdays parties
- Pickleball
- Euchre
- Rec center classes
- Concerts

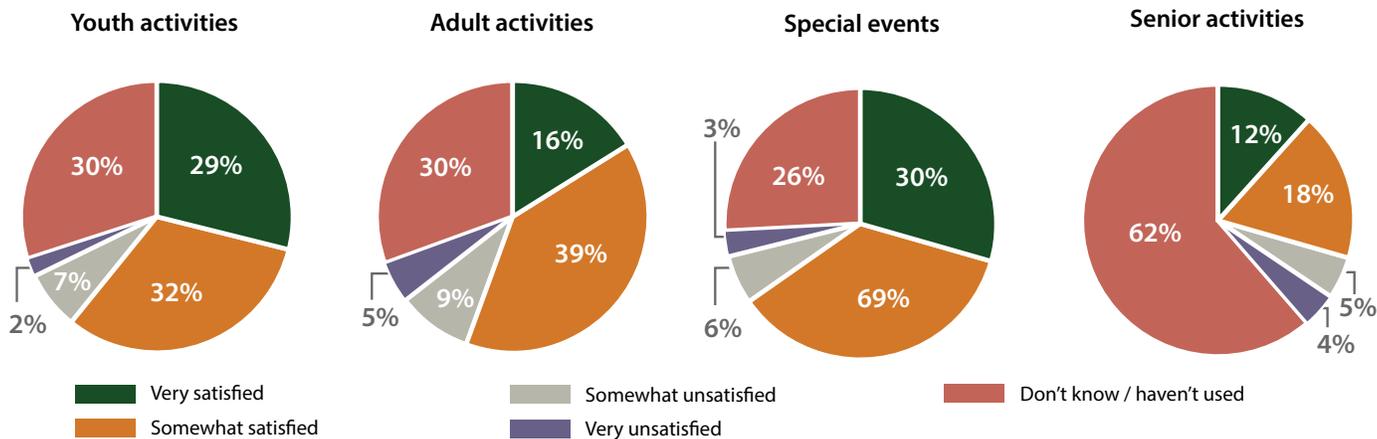
**Q24.** If no, are there any specific reasons that keep you from participating?

- Still working
- No
- Just never go to the community center. Clinton townships is in same area as parks. I like that. They're parks are fantastic.
- Programs of my interest not available and cost on top of membership is ridiculous
- Hours are not the best for working families and times outside work hours fill up quickly.
- Not dog friendly
- worked during the times of activities
- We are currently only doing outdoor activities (Rosco and tennis camp). We would do more if it were outdoor. We would also do the concerts/movies in the park if they started earlier (too close to kids' bedtime)
- would like to see yoga offered
- Distance and availability
- Currently not interested.
- There's nothing for teens or middle aged adults. It's all geared for little kids and seniors. We used to do swimming and other lessons at the rec center when the kids were younger.
- covid
- The exercise classes are expensive for the # of weeks included. I belong to LA Fitness, which includes all classes, pool, water aerobics etc.
- haven't had time, my spouse has participated
- No reason
- Schedule conflicts
- Prefer more trips that are interesting and more 55 plus events
- Working
- Not enough programs offered for wide age range of kids
- Don't know what is available.
- No
- Have not found any that work for the times we need (working parents and often some younger age classes are too early)
- Don't often know about them until too late
- Would like more programs offered like clogging (dancing)
- stopped offering classes or limited space can't get signed up quick enough
- No rec center/free gym with insurance
- Not retired yet. We plan to look into them when we retire.
- Time
- Swim lessons are always full
- Availability, I tried the swimming classes, but never got a spot
- None of interest to me
- Not enough aquatics choices. Also, since seniors age is set relatively young, there are many still working. So, many of the programs and trips are not scheduled with that in mind and are only on weekdays.
- I would like to see "Adult" nights (no kids) for movies, games etc. As much as I'm family oriented, it would be nice for older adults to enjoy "Grown up" movies with popcorn and other activities without kids sometimes.
- Kids love the activities
- No
- Events are always overcrowded
- my kids are older but we're not seniors yet so not a ton geared toward us
- No kids and still work
- There are mostly activities and events for children, and the Senior Center is something I'm not ready for yet. The active fifty and Sixty age group is not represented in our community.
- Not aware of what offerings exist; I would love to play in a floor hockey league at the Rec Center
- I am not a senior
- Nothing interesting.
- Used rec center until covid hit. Haven't been back.
- Not interested at this point in my life.
- haven't seen any of interest to me for the most part. Occasionally I see interesting things, but the timing doesn't work for me
- Not aware of activities
- It is far from south Macomb and it is costly for most programs for seniors.
- Rec Center is too expensive.

Q24 - ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC REASONS THAT KEEP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING? (CONTINUED)

- I live in south Macomb. It is the forgotten part of Macomb.
- I see the tree lighting and many other events advertised. We talk about going to some of them. A lot of them are geared towards kids.
- Now that my kids are older, there's nothing that interests me. I like nature walks, Macomb Township has none.
- Dont plan on participating much next year. Especially with the adults being charged a ticket for the Easter eggstravaganza. I saw no reason in charging the adults when this is a township/community event. Plus no adults were collecting anything or bouncing in any bounce houses
- Maria Marino was fired. Now go to her new facility.
- No special reasons
- no
- I'd love to use the rec center more, but there is no child care at night. Also most of the activities seem to be during work hours.
- We joined the Clinton twp senior center; it fills all our needs with a small but affordable fitness room
- I use the Macomb rec center
- As a married 30-something with no children there aren't really any events that interest me. Most seem to be aimed at families with children.
- Yearly fee for non residents is too expensive for me because I'm retired and on a tight budget
- Heat, mosquitos
- Busy. And newer to the area. Once I retire will also have more time. Will join rec center soon
- Not senior friendly
- Regarding the rec center. Despite tax payer subsidiaries memberships and fees are cost prohibitive.
- Times and dates
- Too many bugs and lack of animal waste control.
- Distance
- Covid 19
- Not a senior

**Q25.** How satisfied are you with Macomb’s program offerings?



Q25: All responses considered

Response	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't know / haven't used		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Youth activities	132	28.63%	148	32.10%	31	6.72%	10	2.17%	140	30.37%	461
Adult activities	76	16.31%	183	39.27%	42	9.01%	25	5.36%	140	30.04%	466
Senior activities	57	11.92%	84	17.57%	24	5.02%	19	3.97%	294	61.51%	478
Special events	83	15.63%	92	17.33%	115	21.66%	170	32.02%	71	13.37%	531
	348		507		212		224				1936

Q25: Only program user responses considered (i.e. “Rarely or never” response is eliminated)

Response	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Total Responses Received
	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	Num.	Perc.	
Youth activities	132	41.12%	148	46.11%	31	9.66%	10	3.12%	321
Adult activities	76	23.31%	183	56.13%	42	12.88%	25	7.67%	326
Senior activities	57	30.98%	84	45.65%	24	13.04%	19	10.33%	184
Special events	83	18.04%	92	20.00%	115	25.00%	170	36.96%	460
	348		507		212		224		1291

**Q26.** If you were unsatisfied with any of Macomb’s programs, what was the problem and what can Parks & Recreation do to improve them?

- I recently participated in Monday morning fitness class and it was moved to Wednesdays in the next session. I think
- I think the biggest issue is knowing what events are going on. I sometimes see my email. I don't know how family hears of events that I'm unaware of, and then it's sometimes too late to sign up. I don't think there are enough mailers and notice for some events. We would participate more if we were more aware of some events.
- My daughter’s tennis session was advertised as “advanced” when we registered but then was changed to “beginner” without alerting us to the change. She didn't get anything out of the class because she's not at a beginners level. The coach felt bad about it.
- More variety to fit the needs of the community, free or very low cost

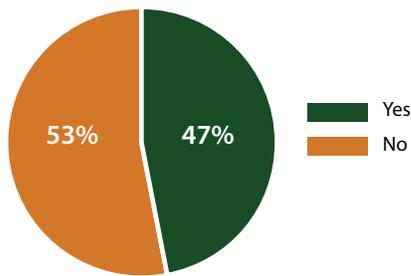
Q26 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB'S PROGRAMS, WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM AND WHAT CAN PARKS & RECREATION DO TO IMPROVE THEM? (CONTINUED)

- No offering enough classes and poor choice of classes placement kid girl dance loud class next relaxing YOGA class ??? Turns into a not relaxing YOGA class
- Increase training for swim instructors.
- Add more outdoor or virtual programming, please.
- More concerts and movies for adults
- No
- The kids sign up process should have a coach or instructor first, then allow to sign up. Begging and almost threatening to cancel an activity listed is very disappointing to a child and parent. This should be figured out before the registration and not during.
- Outdoor pool, splash pad
- Provide things for all age levels
- Tax rates continue to rise along with home values. As a homeowner, I'm not seeing improvement in Township services to justify the increase in taxes. In my area, there are no parks close by. The overall land usage is either residential or business development. There should be more land allocated toward park development.
- Have the senior center open every week day like Shelby and Clinton Townships.
- I think community events could be better. My boys and I have traveled to neighboring communities to do bus rides to Detroit for shows etc.
- Not enough kid classes
- Create more social and interesting events for seniors and 55 plus
- Macomb doesn't have events like surrounding cities/townships. For example, Sterling Heights and Clinton Twp have more events and community gatherings. For as large as Macomb is, I feel some of the activities are small scale
- Not enough
- Minimal availability
- The activities for adults/seniors are not very varied - Rochester OPC has great programs, but it's expensive & farther away. It would be nice to have more art programs - everything is cooking....
- It would be awesome if there were more summer offerings for middle school aged kids
- Better advertisement, website is difficult to navigate and find things
- more drop in programs everyday
- times and days offered not got verity for working people
- More programs for adults and seniors. We have a lot for families and kids/youth
- More offerings
- I find it difficult to access pool info for the Rec Ctr online.
- Look to other communities... chili cook offs, food truck events, Macomb does same old boring stuff. Nothing new on large scale
- Sr. Activities. reason above
- To tell the truth, I haven't heard of any "Adult activities" at Macomb Corner's Park, which is where I would like to see movies for adults with no kids.
- There is a lack on Teen programming which is disappointing. We have been going to Sterling Heights and RARA for teen programming.
- They don't have excursions
- More options
- Expand activities for seniors.
- More of them
- Need to stop closing pool at noon. Alter start time of needed to find workers
- Offer more dates and times for popular events.
- More variety
- More adult activities
- Visit OPC in Rochester and you will see.
- The township offices and rec center are located so remotely away from my location. They should have made it more centrally located within the township. I don't want to drive over 5 miles to use the facilities.
- FYI, love the concert series in July at macomb corner offer more types of classes / activities
- Keep the prices down.
- Offer more Senior programs and lower the cost
- I'd like to see more diversity in the events. More inclusivity. There's a Father Daughter Dance, but not a mother/son event. There's dance classes for the girls (e.g. ballet) but it's not geared toward boys. A lot of the fitness classes are for non-working people or people without children. The lack of childcare options make it difficult to partake. Events are overpopulated with people outside of Macomb. Many cities limit or have no access unless you're a resident.
- na
- We need a specific senior center that has a gym for Pickleball and specific seniors events. Just like Clinton twp and sterling heights
- Egg event mentioned above. The classes I let my children take at the rec center (specifically the gymnastics course) were so uncoordinated. The FREE open gym STerling heights offers for their children under 5 every Monday is excellent. Many macomb residents talk about this. Macomb doesn't offer a free program during the day for the children like this.
- Birthday Parties have become too expensive and should be opened to family members even if not residents(don't charge family members non resident rates).Daily rates are too high in general..
- N/A

**Q26 - IF YOU WERE UNSATISFIED WITH ANY OF MACOMB'S PROGRAMS, WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM AND WHAT CAN PARKS & RECREATION DO TO IMPROVE THEM? (CONTINUED)**

- Hire back Maria Marino
- Have senior center open every day.
- Doesn't seem fun or interesting
- I'm unsatisfied that I don't even really know what adult activities/programs are even offered (besides exercise classes at the rec center). I wish there was a way to be made aware of these programs/events so I could decide if I was interested in participating. At this point in time I'm not even really sure how to find out what they are and what I'm missing out on.
- The cost of the Rec Center
- Not enough special needs programs for my autistic grandson
- Keep control of the bugs.
- Our family would use the rec center way more if the price was lower

**Q27.** Do you participate in any special events or programs held in area schools, surrounding communities, or private clubs?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes	341	63.38%
No	197	36.62%
Total Responses	538	

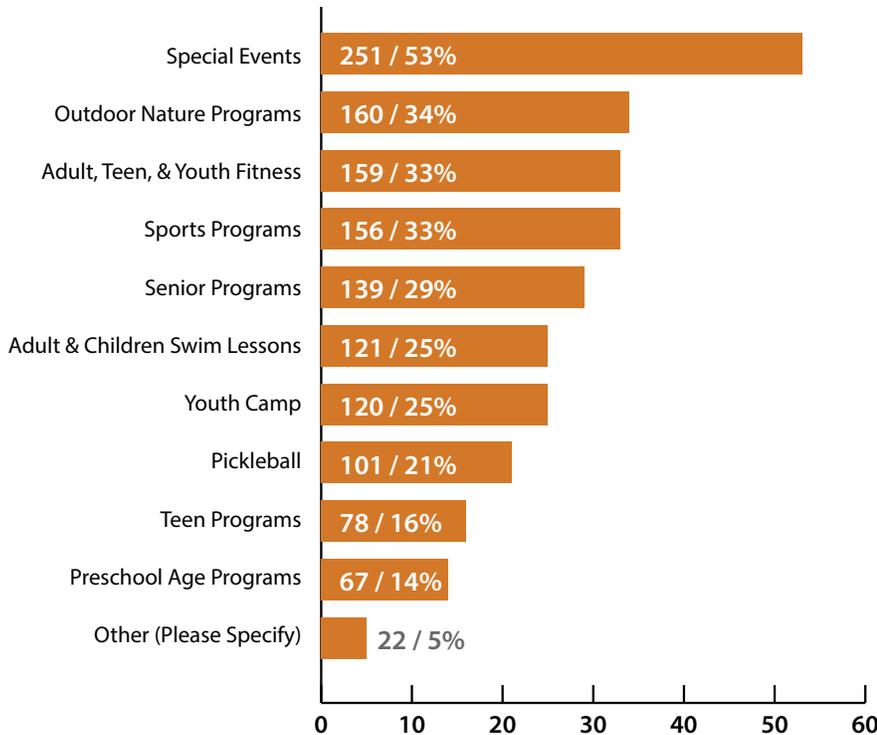
**Q28.** If yes, which program/activity, who offers it, and what do you like or dislike about it?

- Sterling Heights farmers market
- Athletics
- I have participated in a fitness class and yoga class. Both of these classes were moved to different days in following sessions which caused a scheduling conflict for me and I couldn't take the classes on a different day.
- I hear about them after the fact it happened.
- Tennis
- Golf, yoga classes
- Exercise classes
- master gardener programs and volunteer opportunities
- I love Farmington's central park which is surrounded by local businesses and has seasonal farmer's market/live music/dancing/outdoor dining
- Other library programs, soccer, tennis, and swim. We really enjoyed Clinton Township Early Childhood program last year. Shelby youth tennis has a lot more offerings than Macomb and is all outdoor. Troy has outdoor swim. Shelby youth soccer is outdoor and non-competitive, which we like.
- Dodge park farmers market and Clinton Township music/movie
- Shelby senior center, drop in yoga \$3.00 per session, excellent program
- Stony Creek concerts
- Craft shows
- Chippewa valley school activities
- I frequent Sterling Heights programs because I'm in the area because of walking and biking at Dodge Park.
- music
- Golf
- Clinton Township and Shelby Township Senior Centers for many different activities

Q28 - IF YES, WHICH PROGRAM/ACTIVITY, WHO OFFERS IT, AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT IT?  
(CONTINUED)

- See above
- Youth Sports through private clubs, gym membership and fitness classes at private facilities
- Sterling Heights farmers market/music in the park. Well organized closer to home works with my schedule
- Local colleges like Macomb, other senior centers
- Music in the parks
- Volleyball, cheer, hockey clinics
- Public school events, tennis at Mae and disc golf at stoneyy
- Bingo, community center and school
- Clinton Township Parks and Recreation paid exercise classes 9indoor and outside)
- Openhouse at Fire Station - I think it was Shelby Township... (awesome). Craft shows at Dakota High (awesome). Girl Scouts.
- Rochester OPC has great art programs available - classes, workshops, "makers" areas, etc.
- sports clinics at UCS and CVS - we like that fact they offer something for kids over the age of 11 or 12
- Music in the parks, dog parks
- scouts
- plays
- Golf
- School Functions
- over crowded
- They are comparable to Macomb.
- Sterling Heights, Shelby Township, Romeo , RARA, Lake Orion. We look for teen programming and Macomb fails miserably with this.
- Music Dodge Park - splash pad for kids
- Variety
- Church programs
- Sterlingfest, Armada Fair, Romeo Peach Festival — like the size and offerings
- Summer camps and summer programs - lifetime fitness kids camp
- School programs, Chippewa Valley
- Food demonstrations, gardening
- Basketball and ice skating
- OPC-car shows, craft shows, parties, trips, etc.
- baseball
- Shelby Senior Center
- Church activities for kids
- Youth sports
- Shelby Twp. Farmers Market and Fireworks. CenterLine Festivals and trips. Clinton Twp and Sterling Hts Trips
- shelby crafting classes, trips, clinton trips, parties
- TGA golf camps, Macomb Township Little League.
- UCS school events.
- na
- Ballet (Ann Parsley), Gymnastics (Olympia), T Ball (Macomb Township Little League) - they are all very organized
- Shelby twp and sterling heights
- Private clubs: Mt Clemens Eagles, VVA, VFW,. Clinton Twp military events: the The Wall that Heals. The Gold Star memorial dedication.
- Carpathia Club is a nice friendly group of people. It's fun because it builds friendships.
- ShelbySenior Center. They have many drop in exercise classes for \$3
- N/A
- Maria Marino at Empower facility. Variety of fitness classes with punch card.
- Trips, Shelby twp
- Arts Beats Eats, Ann Art Fair,
- washington twp sr events, opc in rochester they offer musical events in their auditorium
- Lifetime fitness - water aerobics & senior exercise class
- Senior activities at Chesterfield
- Social clubs - a place to go to listen to music and have a few adult beverages and no kids.
- Activities for special needs children and their families
- Cost of rec center
- Farmer's Market music and etnic festivals
- Running
- I practice TRI (Japanese Sword Art) at the Rec Center. It is offered through the Tamiya-Ryu Iajutsu organization. The facilities, though large, are not often clean and there is a fee to have visitors watch our practice. Hard to creat interest, when you charge observation fees.

**Q29.** Which programs do you like or would you like to see more of? Check all that apply.



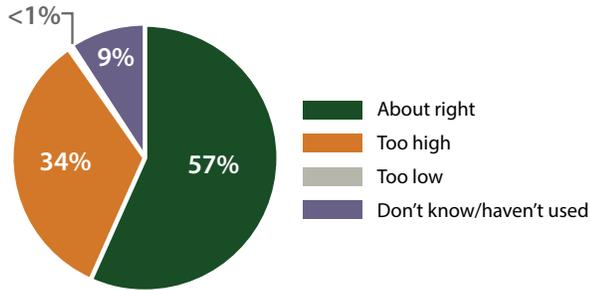
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Response	Number	Percent
Special events (Movies in the Park, Holiday events, etc.)	251	52.62%
Outdoor Nature Programs	160	33.54%
Adult, Teen, & Youth fitness classes (Yoga, walking, classic cardio, Zumba, etc.)	159	33.33%
Sports programs (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, etc.)	156	32.70%
Senior programming	139	29.14%
Adult & Children's swim lessons	121	25.37%
Youth Camp	120	25.16%
Pickleball	101	21.17%
Teen programming	78	16.35%
Preschool age programming	67	14.05%
Other (Please specify)	22	4.61%
<b>Total Unique Responses</b>	<b>477</b>	
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,374</b>	

**OTHER RESPONSES**

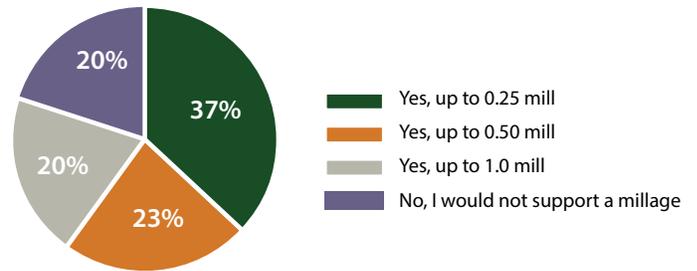
- Fitness oriented social club/events
- I would love to take DIY courses (ex: DIY tiling or other crafty/creative endeavors). I would love to take a woodworking course, a pottery course, etc. Basically anything semi-artistic and hands on. Also it's quite frustrating that if you're a member of the Macomb Township Recreation Center you still have to pay so much additional money to take exercise classes there. They should be included or at a greatly reduced rate.
- Inclusive/special needs sports or facility use
- More arts, please! Pottery, ceramics, jewelry making, lost wax, painting, etc.
- Nature trails.
- Not quite Senior ages; 45-69
- Picnic parties

**Q30.** How do you feel about the fees charged for recreation programming?



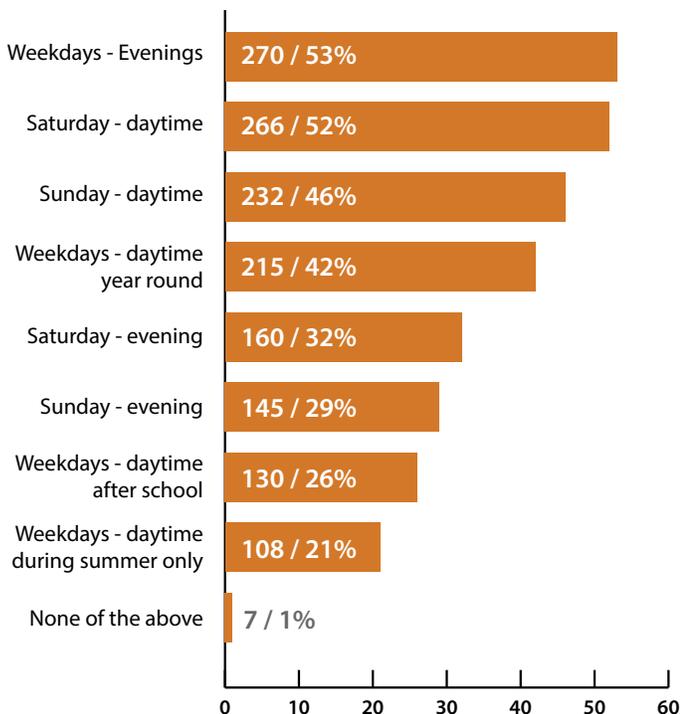
Response	Number	Percent
About right	292	56.70%
Too high	177	34.37%
Too low	2	0.39%
Don't know/Haven't used	44	8.54%
Total Responses	515	

**Q32.** Maintaining and developing quality parks and recreation facilities requires adequate financing. Would you support a bond or millage to help finance Macomb's parks and recreation programs and facilities?



Response	Number	Percent
Yes, up to 0.25 mill (\$25 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	192	37.07%
Yes, up to 0.50 mill (\$50 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	118	22.78%
Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100 annually per \$100,000 of property value)	106	20.46%
No, I would not support an additional millage	102	19.69%
Total Responses	518	

**Q31.** What times work best for you to participate in recreation programs?



*Note: Because multiple answers per participant are possible, the total percentage may exceed 100%*

**Q33.** Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

- Offering programs geared towards families with young children and senior citizens help keep our township an attractive place to live. Sterling Heights' community center and activities like weekly farmers market are good examples of this.
- I said yes to 1. Year if there were better/ trails and paths if not and nothing changes the I'd say .25 mil
- We need a dog park (it's been proposed so many times, nothing has happened yet). I'm so glad you finally got swings at Waldenberg. We really need an outdoor community pool with surrounding activities like splash pad/putt putt. Or an indoor putt putt for year round. I am happy to pay more to have every possible activity in my neighborhood. I actually think the budget is too low. As long as the \$ is transparent, I think most would want all these resources and activities available.
- No
- Should offer free trails for fitness classes in mornings at MTC. Not sure what ones I like with what instructor. Should be free with membership.
- We need sidewalks along 25 Mile on both sides between Foss and Romeo Plank
- Only if rec center was free for residents
- You guys do a really great job, keep the events coming!
- Perhaps transportation to surrounding community events.
- Again, more outdoor programs. Would love OUTDOOR swim lessons and Farmer's Market (similar to Sterling Heights).
- SPLASH PAD, LETS GO!
- Sidewalks!!!!!!!
- yoga
- I would like more crosswalks and sidewalks to access parks
- Need to have keep dog on leash signs at parks. Or open up dog park/run fenced area.
- Outdoor pool, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, pickleball courts, tennis, ice skating, splash pad needed
- A few dog parks that we need to register for admission with vet documents are needed. Our would be nice if they were well-drained, fenced in, and had agility equipment in them.
- Follow Sterling Heights model- always something going on. Visit Dodge Park on a Thursday and see the Farmers Market, food trucks, concert, in action.
- Please review expenses to ensure spending is in alignment with community values. Do our elected officials even know what is important to its constituents?
- Already mentioned that the Senior Center needs to be opened five days a week, and needs a bigger facility. And a lot more activities. That's why many of the Township Senior Citizens go to Shelby and Clinton Township Senior Centers because they offer far more. The senior population in Macomb Township has increased in recent years, but not received more activities for them at its Senior Center
- I would support the millage if rates of activities were lowered
- No
- Rec center membership is way too high compared to memberships at local gyms so as a family on a budget we are not able to afford monthly rec center fees
- Swimming areas!
- Umbrella seating areas at the Recreation center pool and an outdoor pool
- No
- Splash pad free to township residents
- We need our own tennis courts, and splash pad
- I would support the millage with a good plan for really bringing a lot of surrounding area offerings to our township (nicer splash pad, cheaper Rec Center fees, better parks and longer, more scenic trails.
- There is a need for summer camps for tweens/teens
- If you build more baseball & softball fields they will come! Tournaments need some nice fields and it would bring people to our area!
- in the exercise areas a fitness person should be on site at all times because people are not exercising properly with weights and machines. this would be a great benefit to people
- Should not charge adults for children to go swimming, and \$8 for residents is too much. Won't be bringing my family back to rec center
- Sidewalk, Sidewalk and Sidewalks
- preserving golf courses, natural resources for recreation..slow down on the subs
- more rest areas (benches/restrooms) on trails
- Why cant we put soccer and softball fields on the landfill like other communities do?
- Splash pad near an expansive playground would be a huge hit!
- Yes, where is the teen programming? They are the most unserved population in our township. Also, you having been running the same events since we moved here.. Its time to mix it up. We utilize a lot of P&R events which often bring us to other communities because we feel Macomb falls short. You should be researching and aware of offerings in surrounding communities and striving to offer similar events/activities.. Also, how can you have no tennis courts?
- No

Q33 - ARE THERE ANY OTHER RECREATION-RELATED ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION?  
(CONTINUED)

- I would like the rec center to add senior Pickleball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- Road access to the Rec Center is one reason why I no longer have a membership. I go to LA Fitness for \$30/month have access to several clubs and classes are all included. At the Rec Center, it was one location that was inconvenient for me to get to and I had to pay for a session of classes (can't even do drop in). It just doesn't compete for me.
- Why does the rec offer all day camp like the YMCA ?
- More input on board from community
- Our Teens really need help now. We have residents who teach teen programs in other communities.
- golf driving range, disc golf course, sledding hill
- Concerts and talent shows for musicians and artists of all ages would also be welcome. Same with monthly art walks to showcase local artists.
- We want splash pads and more biking/walking trails, basically more opportunities to be active and outdoors
- Skate park
- The rec center is fantastic. It's so nice being able to exercise in a facility like we have here in Macomb. The natural sunlight & view definitely makes it easier to want to go & use the facilities.
- All of the programs that I have participated in the past have all been very well organized. The Senior Center has a new person in charge, so we're not sure yet what kind of changes are coming. We did notice at Bingo some small changes, In the past, Pop and bottles of water were offered but this month neither, there were glasses and pitchers of water. Macomb needs Senior activities since there are so many seniors. Thank-You
- compare senior center with those in surrounding areas
- Youth Girls Softball program
- The hours for the Rec center make it difficult for working people/ parents to attend. I'd like to see an outdoor pool at the Rec center.
- na
- I would just really like for Macomb to have an outdoor pool and splash pad
- We need outdoor pickleball courts
- Don't forget those of us on the south end of Macomb.
- Give people a biking destination by connecting sidewalks and trails. We have a wonderful rec center and library but kids can't ride their bike to them. Families have no where to go on bike trips from their homes. They can't even bike their family over to a Dairy Queen. How sad.
- I would support the bond however the residents don't even see what the bond has done for us when the prices of the rec center increase and there's nothing offered "free" or even comparable to our neighbors.
- I feel as a Macomb Township Resident, we should get a bigger discount on the fees for classes and facility use
- N/A
- I would like to see sidewalks and sidewalks given more priority, there are too many gaps. Connect the sidewalks to other communities such as Shelby Twp and Chesterfield, Washington, & Ray.
- glad to have a full time person at the sr. center
- Looking forward to the new park!!! Can't wait to have a nice dog park!
- Improve senior center and programs
- I have a Medicare supplement, which includes Peerfit. Peerfit will pay for membership to a health club. I have tried to get MTRC to participate with Peerfit, so I can get my membership fee paid for. MTRC has not done anything to solve this issue yet. I can have Peerfit pay a membership fee to lifetime fitness which is much more expensive. I don't know why this is so difficult.
- I am confused why residents must pay membership dues for the recreation center
- I'd just like to stress how much additional walking trails are needed in Macomb Township (especially in the Southern area). Residents near me (Hall & Card) are already so far from the Rec Center and the Macomb Orchard Trail, etc. It would be amazing to have a peaceful place to walk that takes longer than 20-30 minutes to complete. I don't think many people want to walk on sidewalks on the main road. We really need peaceful & safe nature trails in our area. Larger parks would be amazing too.
- Stop buying and selling land! Don't start a park and then abandon it. What a waste of money. Property values have increased and the number of houses has increased, so there's no good reason to tack on any additional millage. Sharpen the pencil and decrease legal and consulting costs in the township and use that money for the parks.
- It would be nice to have a splash pad and/or outdoor pool for our community to use.
- kids Special Needs Programs
- Expand Senior Activities and have Smart system provide transportation daily. Need to be open daily with more activities like Clinton Township and Shelby.