

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole November 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM



Lansing City Hall, Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Ryan Kost, Chairperson
Council Member Tamera Carter, Vice Chairperson

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. October 27, 2025
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Reappointment; Chelsea Dowler; City of Lansing member; Capital Area Transportation Authority Board; Term to Expire September 30, 2028
 - C. RESOLUTION - Set a Public Hearing; Amend Chapter 294; Extending Eligibility for Retirement Services Credits for Fire and Police Departments
 - D. RESOLUTION - Set Public Hearing; Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2026-2030
 - E. RESOLUTION - City Council Meeting Schedule for 2026
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, October 27, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kost called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Ryan Kost
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Tamera Carter
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Office-arrived at 6:04 p.m.
Greg Venker, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney
Theresa Hample, Peckham Vocational Industries
Caleb Adams, Peckham Vocational Industries
Brian Hight, Dept. Public Service
Nick Zande

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Zande spoke on the non profit recognition application from Peckham for their charitable designation, voicing concerns with opinions and reviews he found online with the business. Mr. Zande concluded he does support organizations that support autistic people.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION –Non-Profit Recognition; Peckham Vocational Industries Inc.

Ms. Hample and Mr. Adams provided a brief overview of the 50 years Peckham has been in Lansing. The purpose of the raffle is to raise money for an adjudicated youth program, and this will be used for the mid Michigan area.

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Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if they have a raffle in the past. Ms. Hample stated they have held it before, but because of the dollar amounts increasing, this now meets the criteria for a gaming license.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION FOR PECKHAM VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INC. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Permit; Public Service Department; Lansing Avenue Pump Station (LAPS) Project at 1701/1711 Lansing Avenue

Mr. Hight explained that this project is a pump station upgrade, part of the long term wet weather program, and CSO initiative to eventually handle wet weather and meet conditions of the permit. Council President Kost noted the hearing is tonight as well, but because of THE timeline to start November 1st.

Council Member Hussain asked about the times for the work because of discrepancies in different *WHEREAS* in the resolution. Mr. Hight stated it could be cut to 4:30 p.m. so they wrap up operations in a timely fashion, and day light is scarce. Council President Kost noted it should state 4:30 p.m. throughout the resolution.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED FOR ALL END TIMES TO BE 4:30 P.M. FOR THE NOISE PERMIT WAIVER FOR THE LANSING PUMP STATION PROJECT ON LANSING AVENUE, PENDING ANY ISSUES BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TONIGHT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Closed Session

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:12 P.M., PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(c) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION SESSION CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A WAGE REOPENER BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANSING AND UNITED AUTO WORKERS, LOCAL 2256 AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Reconvene

Council President Kost reconvened the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Discussion/Action:

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER MADE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES FOR THE WAGE OPENER BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANSING AND THE UNION, UNITED AUTO WORKERS, LOCAL 2256.

Council President Kost noted for the public it is a wage reopener for starting wages, not a percentage, and both parties agreed to this

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee

Application for Appointment to Board or Commission

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Lansing Board, Commission, or Committee.

Certain boards, commissions, or committees require appointees to be a registered elector in the City of Lansing (Charter Section 2-102) and be a resident of Lansing for one year prior to taking office (Charter Section 2-102).

Appointees to every board, commission, or committee must not be in default to the City at the time of taking office (Charter Section 2-103.2) and not have been convicted, within 20 years of taking office, of a violation of the election laws of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, or the United States; a violation of public trust; or any felony (Charter Section 2-103.1).

Lansing City Charter, Section 5-104, Ineligibility For Boards, restricts certain City employee activities on some boards: "No person holding another City office or activity employed by the City shall be eligible to be a voting member on any board."

Date	07/01/2024
First Name	Chelsea
Middle	Megan
Last Name	Dowler
Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	Kazlauskas
Date of Birth	
Home Address	319 N Hayford Ave
Zip Code	48912
Email	kazlauskasc1@gmail.com
Gender	
If you don't know which ward you live in, visit the Lansing Neighborhoods Ward Map and type in your address to find out!	
Ward	Ward 1
Best Phone Number to Contact You	4

In what year did you move to Lansing?	2019
Additional Information Regarding Experience and Credentials	CATA passenger. Professional experience in transportation research/policy and economic development.
Occupational Background	February 2024 to present - Lansing Economic Development Corporation (Projects Coordinator). January 2023 to January 2024 - Citizens Research Council of Michigan (local government researcher). May 2018 to June 2022 - Michigan Legislative Service Bureau (research areas focused on regulatory affairs, transportation, and housing).
Educational Background	Master of Public Policy from Michigan State University (received 2018). Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Michigan State University (received 2016).
First Choice for Board to Serve on	Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)
Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission.	I am passionate about public transit and believe CATA's success is essential to Lansing's economic growth and prosperity. I live in a neighborhood right off the 1 route and take it frequently. I recognize that other CATA routes are not as fast, frequent, or reliable and that can present challenges to residents. As a board member, I would make decisions that align with the goal of fast, frequent, and reliable service for all routes.
This certification is not required but may impact potential consideration of the appointment being sought. I authorize the use of the information provided above to conduct a background search, including but not limited to criminal history, residency, and indebtedness to the City of Lansing. If selected to serve, I further authorize additional background checks during the term of my service to ensure the required criteria continue to be met. I also acknowledge that I have the affirmative duty to inform the City if I become aware of any change or condition in my status that fails to meet the required criteria.	
Agreement to Background Check Authorization	I agree
Please type your name in this box to signify that you can serve on a board or commission and the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge.	Chelsea Dowler
Date & Time	07/01/2024 12:00 PM (EDT)
Receive an email copy of this form.	Yes

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for reappointment of Chelsea Dowler as a City of Lansing member of the Capital Area Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire September 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on November 10, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Chelsea Dowler as a City of Lansing member of the Capital Area Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire September 30, 2028.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Kost introduced:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 294 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 294.02 (k) to encourage the retention of the top official of the Fire Department and Police Department by extending eligibility for retirement service credits for those officials up to 30 years, and to correct internal cross-references without any substantive revisions.

The Ordinance is read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 294 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 294.02 (k) to encourage the retention of the top official of the Fire Department and Police Department by extending eligibility for retirement service credits for those officials up to 30 years, and to correct internal cross-references without any substantive revisions.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 294, Section 294.02, Subsection (k) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(k) *Retirement Allowance.*

(1) *Generally.*

A. A police officer whose membership commenced before August 1, 2014, and who retires, shall receive a retirement allowance equal to the sum of 3.2 percent of his or her final average compensation multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service not to exceed 25 years, **unless qualified under subsection (k)(1)E**. In addition to the limitation in the prior sentence, a police officer's retirement allowance shall also not exceed the following: the retirement allowance for a police supervisory division member who separates from city employment on or after July 16, 2015 and prior to July 14, 2019, shall not exceed 115 percent of the member's base wage; the retirement allowance for a police supervisory division

1 member who separates from city employment on or after July 15,
2 2019, shall not exceed 110 percent of the member's base wage; the
3 retirement allowance for a police nonsupervisory division member
4 who retires on or after July 1, 2015, shall not exceed 110 percent of the
5 member's base wage.

6 B. A police officer whose membership commenced on or after August 1,
7 2014, and who retires, shall receive a retirement allowance equal to the
8 sum of 2.5 percent of his or her final average compensation multiplied
9 by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of his or her credited
10 service not to exceed 25 years, **unless qualified under subsection**
11 **(k)(1)E**, except that the retirement allowance shall not exceed 110
12 percent of the member's base wage.

13 C. A firefighter whose membership commenced before May 20, 2014, and
14 who retires, shall receive a retirement allowance equal to the sum of
15 3.2 percent of his or her final average compensation multiplied by the
16 number of years, and fraction of a year, of his or her credited service,
17 not to exceed 25 years, **unless qualified under subsection (k)(1)E**,
18 except that for a member who separates from City employment on or
19 after October 1, 2014, the retirement allowance shall not exceed 110
20 percent of the member's base wage.

21 D. A firefighter whose membership commenced on or after May 20, 2014,
22 and who retires, shall receive a retirement allowance equal to the sum

of 2.5 percent of his or her final average compensation, multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of his or her credited service, not to exceed 25 years, **unless qualified under subsection (k)(1)E**, except that the retirement allowance shall not exceed 110 percent of the member's base wage.

E. If a member of the retirement system, who is currently employed by the City, is promoted to the top official of either the Fire Department or Police Department then the member's credited service may exceed 25 years, but not more than 30 years, except that the retirement allowance shall not exceed 110 percent of the member's base wage.

~~E~~**F. If a retiree dies before he or she has received in retirement allowance payments an aggregate amount equal to his or her accumulated contributions standing to his or her credit in the employees' savings fund at the time of his or her retirement and does not have a beneficiary who will receive a retirement allowance under this chapter, the difference between his or her accumulated contributions and the aggregate amount of retirement allowance payments received by him or her shall be paid from the retirement reserve fund to such person or persons as the retiree has nominated by written designation, duly executed and filed with the Board of Trustees. If there is no such designated person or persons surviving the retiree, such difference, if**

any, shall be paid to the retiree's legal representative. No benefits shall be paid under this section on account of the death of a retiree if a retirement allowance becomes payable under subsections (k)(3) and (k)(4) hereof on account of his or her death.

(2) *Deferred allowance.* Should any member, who has ten or more years of credited service, leave the employ of the City before becoming eligible to retire as provided in section (i) hereof for any reason except his or her discharge, retirement or death, he or she shall be entitled to a retirement allowance, as provided in subsection (k)(1) hereof pursuant to its provisions in force at the time he or she left City employment, provided that he or she does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions from the employees' savings fund. His or her retirement allowance shall begin the first day of the calendar month next following the month in which his or her written application on the approved form for the same is filed with the Board of Trustees, within 30 days before, on or after his or her attainment of age 55.

(3) *Retirement options.*

A. A police officer member, within 30 days prior to retirement, may select one of the following four survivor election options by making an election on a form agreed upon by the collective bargaining unit for which the employee is a member and the City:

Option I. Under this option, the member at retirement shall receive the full retirement allowance as provided in subsection(k)(1)A. and upon

1 the retiree's death, his or her surviving spouse, who was his or her
2 legally married spouse at the time of retirement, shall receive a
3 retirement allowance equal to 50 percent of the retiree's retirement
4 allowance until the spouse's death.

5 *Option II.* Under this option, the member at retirement shall receive 93
6 percent of the full retirement allowance as provided in subsection
7 (k)(1)A. and upon the retiree's death, his or her surviving spouse, who
8 was his or her legally married spouse at the time of retirement, shall
9 receive a retirement allowance equal to 75 percent of the retiree's
10 retirement allowance until the spouse's death.

11 *Option III.* Under this option, the member at retirement shall receive
12 86 percent of the full retirement allowance as provided in subsection
13 (k)(1)A. and upon the retiree's death, his or her surviving spouse, who
14 was his or her legally married spouse at the time of retirement, shall
15 receive a retirement allowance equal to 86 percent of the retiree's
16 retirement allowance until the spouse's death.

17 *Option IV.* Non-spousal beneficiary. A member may select a reduced
18 pension naming a parent, brother, sister, child or grandchild as
19 beneficiary. The reduced pension shall be actuarially determined based
20 on the age of the member and the beneficiary at the time of retirement,
21 and shall not be actuarially more costly than Option I. For this option
22 to be made and take effect, the member who is married must first have

1 filed with the Board a voluntary written spousal relinquishment of
2 beneficiary agreement on a form approved by the Board that has been
3 duly and voluntarily executed by the member's spouse.

4 B. A firefighter member, within 30 days prior to retirement, may select
5 one of the following four survivor election options by making an
6 election on a form agreed upon by the Collective Bargaining Unit for
7 which the employee is a member and the City:

8 *Option I.* Under this option, the member at retirement shall receive the
9 full retirement allowance as provided in subsection (k)(1)~~B~~. and upon
10 the retiree's death, his or her surviving spouse, who was his or her
11 legally married spouse at the time of retirement, shall receive a
12 retirement allowance equal to 50 percent of the retiree's retirement
13 allowance until the spouse's death.

14 *Option II.* Under this option, the member at retirement shall receive 93
15 percent of the full retirement allowance as provided in subsection
16 (k)(1)~~B~~. and upon the retiree's death, his and her surviving spouse,
17 who was his or her legally married spouse at the time of retirement,
18 shall receive a retirement allowance equal to 75 percent of the retiree's
19 retirement allowance until the spouse's death.

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21 86 percent of the full retirement allowance as provided in subsection
22 (k)(1)~~B~~. and upon the retiree's death, his or her surviving spouse, who

1 was his or her legally married spouse at the time of retirement, shall
2 receive retirement allowance equal to 86 percent of the retiree's
3 retirement allowance until the member's spouse's death.

4 *Option IV. Non-spousal beneficiary.* A member may select a reduced
5 pension naming a parent, brother, sister, child or grandchild as
6 beneficiary. The reduced pension shall be actuarially determined based
7 on the age of the employee and the beneficiary at the time of
8 retirement, and shall not be actuarially more costly than Option 1
9 above. For this option to be made and take effect, the member who is
10 married must first have filed with the Board a voluntarily written
11 spousal relinquishment of beneficiary agreement on a form approved
12 by the Board that has been duly and voluntarily executed by the
13 member's spouse. Regardless of the indicated beneficiary, retiree
14 health care shall be passed on only to the member's spouse.

15 If the non-spousal beneficiary is a minor child, health care shall be
16 available until the age of 19 or up to the age of 25 if the nonspousal
17 beneficiary is unmarried and is a full-time student for at least five
18 months of the year.

19 C. If a retiree who retired under subsection (i)(1) hereof dies prior to the
20 earlier of his or her attainment of age 55 or the date upon which he or
21 she would have achieved 25 years of credited service but for the
22 disability, his or her widow or widower, who was his or her legally

1 married spouse at the time of his or her retirement, shall receive a
2 retirement allowance computed according to subsection (k)(1) hereof.
3 In computing the retirement allowance, the retiree's credited service
4 shall be increased to include the period he or she was in receipt of a
5 disability retirement allowance provided in subsection (i)(3) hereof,
6 and his or her final average compensation shall be recomputed using
7 the monthly rates of compensation as of the date of his or her death for
8 the rank or ranks held by him or her during the period used in
9 computing his or her final average compensation at the time of his or
10 her retirement. For Fire Department employees, if the employee
11 incurred the disability while "acting" at a higher rank, the final average
12 compensation of the employee shall be based upon the pay he or she
13 would have received in the "acting" rank for the applicable service
14 period. The widow or widower retirement allowance shall not be less
15 than 20 percent of the retiree's recomputed final average compensation
16 and shall be subject to subsection (k)(3)C. hereof.

17 D. No retirement allowance shall be paid thereunder on account of the
18 death of a retiree if any retirement allowance is paid or payable under
19 subsection (n) hereof on account of his or her death. Any retirement
20 allowance payable under this section shall be subject to subsection (o)
21 hereof.

(4) *Allowance for spouse of deceased member.* If a member, who has ten or more years of credited service, dies on or after the effective date of this revised chapter (September 1, 1966) while in the employ of the City, and leaves a widow or widower, the widow or widower shall receive a retirement allowance equal to one-half of the members accrued retirement allowance computed according to subsection (k)(1) hereof in the same manner in all respects as if the member had retired the day preceding the date of his or her death, notwithstanding that he or she might not have satisfied the applicable provisions of subsection (1) hereof. However, the widow or widowers retirement allowance shall not be less than 20 percent of the member's final average compensation and shall be subject to subsection (o) hereof. No retirement allowance shall be paid or payable under this section on account of the death of a member if any retirement allowance is paid or payable under subsection (n) hereof on account of his or her death.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and shall expire December 31, 2034.

Approved as to form:

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October 1, 2025

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City Attorney

Dated: _____

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, November 17, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 294 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 294.02 (k) to encourage the retention of the top official of the Fire Department and Police Department by extending eligibility for retirement service credits for those officials up to 30 years, and to correct internal cross-references without any substantive revisions.

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held at City Hall, in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers located at 124 W. Michigan Avenue, on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input for the 2026-2030 Parks 5-Year Master Plan.

For more information, please call Parks and Recreation Department 517-483-4277. These documents are available for review at the office of the City Clerk or at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/clerk> under the heading of Documents Placed on File. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., the day of the hearing, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, throughout its history the City of Lansing has developed a series of master plans serving to provide structure and direction to the development of Parks and Recreation facilities owned and operated by the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive State of Michigan grants through the Department of Natural Resources for parks and recreation projects an updated Five- Year Master Plan and Capital Improvement Project Schedule must be on file with the Department of Natural Resources by February 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Five-Year Plan expires on December 31st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources requires a public hearing before the local legislative body regarding the Five-Year Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan 2026-2030, held public meetings for input on September 10th, 2025, and October 8th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board reviewed and approved the Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan 2026-2030, at its meeting on October 8th, 2025 and moved that the draft plan be forwarded to City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set on December 15, 2025, for the purpose of receiving additional public input on the Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan 2026-2030.



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PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN | 2026 - 2030

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The City of Lansing's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2026 - 2030, was a cooperative effort by the City of Lansing, the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, Park Board members and the citizens of Lansing.

CITY OF LANSING MAYOR

Andy Schor, Mayor

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Brett Kaschinske, Director of Parks and Recreation
Emily Stevens, Leisure Services Manager

CITY COUNCIL

Ryan Kost, 1st Ward
Jeremy A. Garza, 2nd Ward
Adam Hussain, 3rd Ward
Brian T. Jackson, 4th Ward
Jeffrey Brown, At-Large
Peter Spadafore, At-Large
Tamera Carter, At-Large
Trini Pehlivanoglu, At-Large

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Kimberly Whitfield, 4th Ward
Nate Scramlin, At-Large
Tirstan Walters, At-Large
Joan Lenhard, At-Large
Ravynne Gilmore, At-Large

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Rawley Van Fossen, Director

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Shane Muchmore - 2nd Ward
Anthony Cox - 3rd Ward
Josh Hovey - 4th Ward
Katie Alexander - At Large
Monte Jackson - At Large
Timothy Klont - At Large
Ted O'Dell - At Large

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Andy Kilpatrick, Director

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ANDY SCHOR, MAYOR

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life and maintenance of parklands, the provision of quality leisure time activities, and the provision of special facilities which would otherwise not be available to Lansing residents.

INTRODUCTION

The 2026 - 2030 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed as a guide for the City as they work to fulfill the Department's mission over the next five years. The Plan will not only provide guidance, but is necessary to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The format of this Plan has been established by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources Grants Management Section.

The Plan was formulated based on information gathered, analyzed and compiled from the following sources:

1. Input from the citizens of Lansing
 - Online survey
 - Open houses in each Ward
 - 30-day public review period
 - Public meeting at Park Board to review full draft of the Plan
 - Public hearing at City Council
2. Collaboration with other City planning efforts including:
 - The City-Wide Master Plan
 - The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
 - The AARP Age Friendly Community Plan
 - Middle Grand Water Trail Development Plan
 - Red Cedar Water Trails Planning Efforts
 - Tri-County Regional Trails Feasibility Plan
3. Evaluation of:
 - Demographics
 - Natural features
 - Parks and recreation trends
4. Data compiled from previous Recreation Plans and City Policies



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2020 - 2025

PARK MILLAGE

Over the past five years, the department has been able to accomplish programmatic and capital improvement goals from 2020 - 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, largely due to the successful renewal of the Lansing Park Millage. The Department has been successful in using millage funds as a match for State and County grant funding. The following is a partial list of the projects that have been funded with the millage and grant funding from 2020 - 2025.

RIVERFRONT PARK - Riverfront Park grand opening of Play Michigan!, the region's first universally-accessible playground to meet the needs of children with physical, sensory, and developmental disabilities. Includes parking lot with 26 ADA spaces and a cantilevered deck over the Grand River.

WASHINGTON PARK - Washington Park was renamed Stabenow Park after Debbie Stabenow. Stabenow was the first female U.S. Senator, a seat she has held since 2001. The pavilion was updated and relocated in the park for better access, art panels were installed along the pathway, and a new outdoor fitness court was installed.

MOORES PARK POOL - Received \$6.2 million dollars in state funding for the restoration of Moores Park Pool. Construction began with June 2024 with Rhino Construction opening June of 2026.

FULTON PARK OVERLOOK - After being destroyed by fire, Fulton Park Overlook was rebuilt at the cost of \$113,000 with an inlaid map of the Grand River, benches, and a bike repair station.

GIER PARK - A \$100,000 pump track with two tracks for different skill levels and accessibility was installed at the BMX track at Gier Park.

SYCAMORE CREEK DISC GOLF COURSE - Opened the new Sycamore Creek Disc Golf Course which has seen 1,165 rounds scored, 356 new players, 19 first time players, and 1,701 hours tracked for the months of September and October. Estimated players that have visited the course since September is over 600 with the most rounds played by one person as 24.

CLIFFORD PARK - Clifford Park tennis courts were resurfaced and painted for 6 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court at the cost of \$264,000.

Frances Park Rose Garden - Frances Park Rose Garden added ADA accessible, bridal walk, benches, and paved handicapped parking. DNR Passport grant helped the redesign of rose beds, planter's colonnade, irrigation, and drainage.

BEACON PARK - ADA wheelchair swing installed at Beacon Park, a gift from Peckham Advocacy Group.

TURNER MINI PARK - Installed new pavers at Turner Mini Park that eliminated trip hazards and added a new concrete ADA sidewalk and ADA picnic tables.

SYCAMORE CREEK DRIVING RANGE - New agreement with Fenner to expand nature studies for pre-school at Sycamore Creek Driving Range.

GIER COMMUNITY CENTER - Provided Gier Community Center on two separate occasions as a homeless shelter during Covid-19 in cooperation with Holy Cross.

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CITY HALL PLAZA - Installed an opened a 3,000 square foot synthetic surface skating rink with lights at City Hall Plaza purchased by Our Community Foundation.

REUTTER PARK - A 45x80 foot concrete pad was placed at Reutter Park in cooperation with Downtown Lansing Inc. for the Kringle market and ice skating rink. CADL provided the ice skates for this program.

REUTTER PARK - Installed “people’s park” art on the northeast corner of Reutter Park in partnership with LEAP.

DURANT PARK - A 25x15 foot stage was placed at Durant Park in partnership with the Friends of Durant Park. Total cost of construction was \$59,521.

HUNTER PARK - A new bike repair station for Hunter Park was purchased and installed.

LEISURE SERVICES BOARD - Combined community center boards to create one Leisure Services Board to serve all of Lansing.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD - Received donations of items from Blue Cross Blue Shield to enhance centers and reduce costs:

- Four large planters that line the Schmidt Center entrance
- Four square tables that line the Schmidt Center game room
- Large locking cabinet for E-Sports room for Letts Center

GIRLS RED CEDAR VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM - Completed our first, full season in the Girls Red Cedar Volleyball program with a 4th grade team.

TRAILER CAMERAS - Purchased 4 portable trailer cameras connected to an LPD video system.

GIER COMMUNITY CENTER - Added cameras to Gier Community Center.

FISH LADDER MUSIC PARK - Construction of Fish Ladder Music Park at Brenke Fish Ladder was completed in the fall of 2025.

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM - Worked closely with Lansing Community College in transitioning their men’s baseball team to Kircher Municipal as their new home ballfield. Improvements were made to the dugout and other areas of the field.

LETTS CENTER - Letts Center gym was resurfaced for indoor tennis play, providing more grip to the flooring.

DRIVE THRU HALLOWEEN EVENT - Increased attendance to the Drive Thru Halloween event from 167 cars to 489 cars serving an estimate of 1,500 children with 24 vendors handing out candy.

GIER CENTER - New tenant at Gier Center, KCS Angels, rents space and provides Therapeutic Recreation Activities to the community.

PLAY PATROL - Mobile Rec Unit, named “Play Patrol” by social media voting, received vehicle wrapping and is being utilized at different City events and will visit area parks throughout the year.

PLAY EQUIPMENT - Finished installation of new play equipment in 13 playgrounds: Comstock, Dunnebacke, Foster, Hillborn, Hull Court, Ingham, Oak Park, Riverpoint, Schmidt, Tammany, Waldo, Walsh, Stabenow, and Fulton.

HUNTER PARK - Installed a new pool liner at Hunter Park pool.

FERRIS PARK - Installed a Teqball Table at Ferris Park. Teqball is a ball sport that is played on a curved table, combining elements of sepak takraw and table tennis. Back and forth, the players hit a football with any part of the body except arms and hands.

MOORES PARK - Moores Park Pavilion was stabilized using MDOT riprap placed on the slope for restoration due to damage from stormwater runoff.

LEISURE SERVICES

- Provided swimming lessons to 16 students in the Lansing School District Bilingual Program.
- December 2020 held the first annual HOLIDAY NIGHTS OF LIGHTS drive-thru 13 day event at Frances Park on weekends in December (Fri-Sun). Event had 4,120 visiting vehicles during hours of operation with at least 2 people per vehicles and continued today.
- Schmidt Community Center opened a Refurbished Game Room featuring an original mural designed by Emily Farrell.
- Increased revenue in aquatics by 192% and 724% in senior programs.
- Increased aquatics staff by 222% by providing staff development for head lifeguards and managers, jointly coordinating additional training for exposure to bloodborne pathogens and Michigan Mandated Reporters to aquatic staff and summer camp staff.
- The Water Safety Fair was held in conjunction with the Lansing Police Dive Team and the Lansing Fire Department to promote water safety in and around the water. CPR demonstrations were available, dive gear was presented, instructions for escaping a submerged vehicle were given, and life jackets were handed out.
- Hunter Pool was a host site for the 15th Annual World's Largest Swim Lesson. Held in June, this event is a global program to help communities build awareness about teaching children to swim.
- Partnered with 9 local businesses and organizations to put on the 7th Annual Summer Scavenger Hunt, benefiting over 30 Lansing area residents.
- Opened an eSports room at Letts Community center, which is currently open 4 nights a week for the public to use.
- Switched all leagues to age based. This helps create consistency and increases the likelihood that players are at the same stage in development.
- Began tracking coaches background checks in Rec Track to verify they are done once a year.
- Youth fall soccer enrollment was up 10%.

- Youth basketball numbers were up 50%.
- Youth floor hockey enrollment was up 87%.

VOLUNTEERS

- Michigan Waterways Stewardship organized two major river cleanup sessions (June and September), resulting in 811 volunteers, 3,042 volunteer hours, and removal of 39,683 pounds of litter and trash and 40 cubic yards of trees and brush.
- Friends of Cooley Gardens as a core group of 7 experienced gardeners helped us reach a total of about 200 volunteer hours.
- MSU students from CSUS 476 - Natural Resource Based Recreation and Management course assisted in planting 25 trees at Sycamore Disc Golf Course.

RIVER TRAIL GRANTS - INGHAM COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS MILLAGE

- The Lansing River Trail was extended by 1.4 miles thru Bear Lake to Forest Road. This brings the total connected River Trail to over 17 miles.
- At Washington Avenue the scouring that took place at the bridge was repaired and the trail was repaved from the bridge south to Hazel Street.
- Bridge 9 by Moores Park Pool received repairs to the abutments and approaches.
- Bridges 13, 14, and 15 from the entrance to the Potter Park Zoo to the west all received repairs to the support system and stabilization of the bank to prevent failure.
- Bridge 31 under Cesar Chavez is substantially completed with the span under Chavez coming in the spring of 2022 and will be installed in under two weeks.
- The River Trail was extended on the west side of the river along Grand Avenue from Saginaw to Oakland Ave.
- Red Cedar Trail Development was renovated thanks to Ingham County Parks Committee providing millage funding for \$995,000.
- An 1,875 foot trail extension was constructed beginning at Cambridge Road to Frances Park. A total of \$1,395,000 was funded with assistance from Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage and Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- A \$220,000 wall repair and soil stabilization was completed at Mt. Hope Cemetery.
- Bridge 18 near Kruger's Landing was replaced.
- Bridge 21 between Crego Park and Clippert Street Trailhead was replaced.
- Mother Tree Art was installed at Hunter Park funded by the Mayors Arts and Culture Grant.

GRANTS/AWARDS

FRANCES SHORELINE - \$400,000 was received for the Frances Shoreline lot from the DNR Trust Fund.

MOORES PARK - Concrete chess tables were installed at Moores Park with the Moores Park Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Grant.

FOSTER PARK - Hammock poles and a volleyball court were installed at Foster Park with the Frogholler Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Grant.

SCOTT SUNKEN GARDENS - Scott Sunken Gardens received the Community Landscape Beautification Award from the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association.

MT. HOPE CEMETERY - Fratcher Memorial Garden at Mt. Hope Cemetery installed a third wall with the columbarium funds from Fratcher Foundation.

FULTON PARK - A new bike repair station for Fulton Park was purchased with the Lansing Eaton Neighborhood Organization Neighborhood Grant.

MOORES PARK - Moores Park Pool was reconstructed with \$6.2 million from the State of Michigan.

CEDARBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD - Cedarbrook Neighborhood received a Neighborhood Grant from the Department of Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement for the purchase and installation of a generation swing at the playground.

LEWTON RICH NEIGHBORHOOD - Lewton Rich Neighborhood received a Neighborhood Grant from the Department of Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement for the purchase and installation of a slide on the playground.

DAVIS PARK - A fitness court was completed at Davis Park with a National Fitness Campaign Grant for \$50,000.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS - Parks that benefited from Neighborhood Grants are Poxson Park with a new concrete chess table, Bancroft Park with new horseshoe pits, Scott Woods Park with new grills, Beacon Park with ornate trash cans, and Foster, Gier, and Schmidt Parks with grants for e-sports items.

RIVER TRAIL - \$300,000 from Ingham County Parks and Millage and \$400,000 from the DNR Trust Fund was used to add 2 miles of River Trail connecting Fenner Nature Center and Corporate Research Park.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

ABOUT THE CITY OF LANSING

The City of Lansing is located centrally in the state of Michigan. Two of the state's largest cities are located within a one to two hour commute from the City. Grand Rapids is located to the west and Detroit is located to the East. The City of Lansing is the state capital of Michigan and is home to a number of state government buildings such as the Michigan State Capital building. The state capital was moved from Detroit to Lansing in 1847 because of the City's central location in the State. The City is broken down into four (4) political wards. Ward 1 is the northeast ward in the City, followed by Ward 2 in the southeast, Ward 3 in the southwest, and Ward 4 in the northwest.

The City of Lansing has a strong student presence with Lansing Community College located just north of the Downtown and Michigan State University located on the eastern border of the City in the neighboring City of East Lansing. Lansing is primarily located in Ingham County with small portions of the City extending into Clinton and Eaton Counties. The City of Lansing is bordered by the City of East Lansing, the City of Dewitt, Dewitt Township, Delta Township, and Delhi Township. Lansing Township is interspersed in pockets throughout the City. Lansing is the most populous City in Ingham County and the sixth most populous city in Michigan. The City is comprised of approximately 36 square miles of land, the majority of which has been developed with a few exceptions such as parklands.

The City of Lansing contains substantial recreational opportunities with over 100 parks, approximately 25 miles of trails, and is home to one Ingham County park. Other recreation opportunities in the City include Potter Park Zoo and numerous public and private golf courses. Three rivers flow through Lansing including the Grand River, the Red Cedar River, and Sycamore Creek, which provide the City with additional recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors.

Three major freeways run throughout the City of Lansing. U.S. 127 runs north and south on the eastern border of the City. Interstate 496 runs east and west through the center of the City. Lastly, Interstate 96 runs east and west through the southern portion of the City. The Capital Region International Airport is located in the northern portion of the City and offers flights to larger airport hubs across the United States and some international flights. Public transportation in the City is provided by the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA).



DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

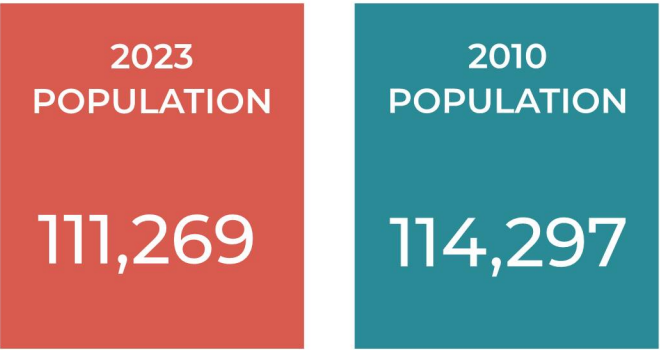
Information from the U.S. Census Bureau was used to analysis current demographic conditions and trends within the City of Lansing. These demographics were further compared against Ingham County and the State of Michigan to gain a better understanding of how demographic conditions in the City compare to that of the region and state. This section of the plan will examine data such as population trends, education, housing, and economic characteristics for the City.

The data presented in this chapter is from the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) which is based on 5-year estimates and compared to Census data from 2010. **Table 1** provides a full comparison for data for the City of Lansing, Ingham County, and the State of Michigan.

POPULATION

According to the 2023 ACS, the City of Lansing had a population of 111,269 people. This was a 2.65% decrease from the 2010 census, which recorded the City's population at 114,297 people. This loss in population is unlike the County and the State which, had population increases of 1.33% and 1.55% respectively. This loss in population poses different planning challenges than that of communities with increasing populations.

FIGURE 1 - CITY OF LANSING POPULATION



In addition to looking at total population, examining a community's vulnerable populations is critical. In 2023, 22.3% of the City of Lansing's population was under the age of 18. This was similar to the State which has 21.4% of the total population under 18 and slightly more than the County which had 19.7%. For the percentage of the population ages 65 and older, the City of Lansing was at 13.1% in 2023. This was about equal to the County at 14.6% and lower than the State at 18.2%.

EDUCATION

Education can be another factor to review. In the City of Lansing, 18.3% of the population had a Bachelor's Degree or higher in 2023. This was lower than both the County and the State which were at 22.6% and 19.3% respectively.

INCOME

The median household income for the City of Lansing in 2023 was \$55,197. This was lower than the County (\$62,998) and the State (\$69,183). In 2023, the per capita income for the City of Lansing was \$31,559. Similar to median household income, the City's per capita income was lower than both the County (\$35,561) and the State (\$38,952). The last income factor that is important for understanding the needs regarding parks and recreation in a community is the percentage of the population that is below the poverty line. In 2023, 18.3% of the City's population was below the poverty line. This was more than both the County and the State. Ingham County had 15.9% of the population below the poverty line and the State had 13.5%.

HOUSING

The last section of demographics to be reviewed for this Plan is that of housing. Based on the 2023 ACS, the City of Lansing had a household size of 2.08. This is comparable to the County (2.26) and the State (2.39). The median housing value in the City in 2023 was \$135,000. The County and the State both had larger median housing values. Ingham County had a median housing value of \$202,000 in 2023 and the State of Michigan had a median housing value of \$256,200. Lastly, the percent of renter occupied housing units that in 2023 was 43.2% of the City of Lansing's occupied housing units. In comparison, the percentage of renter occupied housing units for Ingham County was 39.4% and the State of Michigan was 26.2%.

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

Based upon the analysis of some of the social and demographic characteristics in the City of Lansing, a number of themes emerge. These themes should help the City when preparing goals and objectives for the future of parks and recreation because they indicate the distinct recreation needs within the community.

AGE

- It is always going to be important to plan recreational opportunities for those both youngest and oldest in the community. This ensures age is not a limiting factor in recreation.
- Active recreation opportunities such as playgrounds and sports fields are often wanted and used by those younger in age.
- Community members older in age often participate in more passive or low-impact recreation opportunities. Examples of these include walking and wildlife viewing.
- The City of Lansing has a larger segment of the population who are young adults. Approximately 20% of the population is between the ages of 20 to 29 and an additional 15% of the population is between the ages of 30 and 39. It is important that the City provides recreational opportunities not only for children and older individuals but also for these young adults as they represent a substantial portion of the City's population.

INCOME

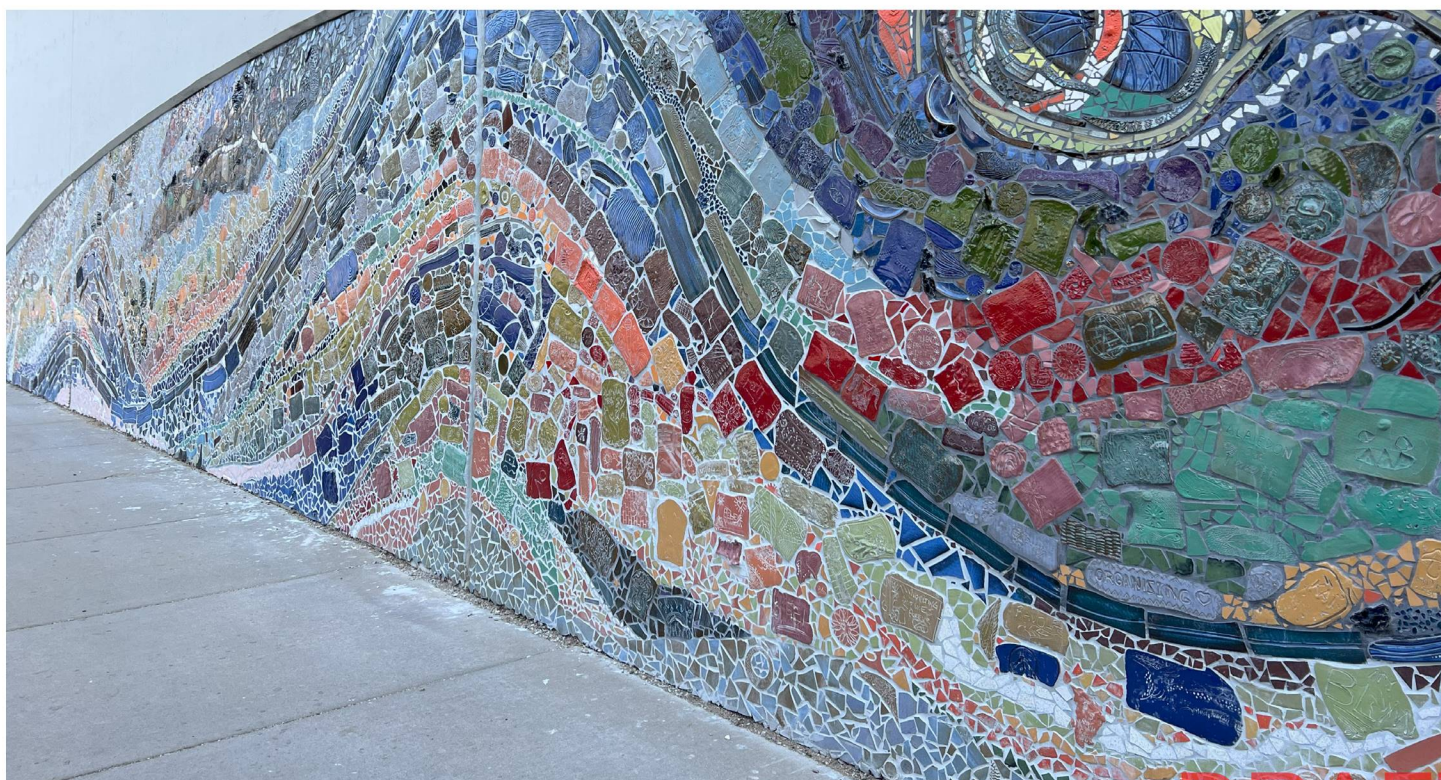
- A factor that could limit the recreational opportunities that are participated in is income. The City of Lansing has a lower median household income and a lower per capita income than that of the County and State. In addition, the City has a higher percentage of the population living below the poverty line than the County and State.
- To ensure income is not a limiting factor to those who want to participate in recreational opportunities, the City should continue to provide affordable recreational opportunities. City parks, trails, and special events are often free to use to ensure all community members have access to recreation regardless of income. In addition, the City offers scholarships to families who may not be able to participate in recreation programming otherwise.

HOUSING

- The City of Lansing has a larger percentage of renter occupied housing units, over 40% of its units, than that of the County and the State.
- Those who live in apartments or multi-family housing typically have limited outdoor space and no yard of their own. This means that this group is more dependent on the parks and green spaces provided by the City.
- The City should continue to ensure recreation opportunities are dispersed throughout the City to provide easy access to recreation for those who may need it.

TABLE 1 - DEMOGRAPHICS FOR THE CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

	CITY OF LANSING	INGHAM COUNTY	MICHIGAN
POPULATION			
2023 Population	111,269	284,637	10,037,261
2010 Population	114,297	280,895	9,883,640
% of Population Change	-2.65%	1.33%	1.55%
% of Population 65 and Older	13.1%	14.6%	18.2%
% of Population Under 18	22.3%	19.7%	21.4%
Median Age	33.5	33.3	40.1
EDUCATION			
% with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	18.3%	22.6%	19.3%
INCOME			
Median Household Income	\$55,197	\$62,998	\$69,183
Per Capita Income	\$31,559	\$35,561	\$38,952
% of Population below the Poverty Line	18.0%	15.9%	13.5%
HOUSING			
Average Household Size	2.08	2.26	2.39
Median Housing Value	\$135,000	\$202,000	\$256,200
% of Renter Occupied Housing Units	43.2%	39.4%	26.3%



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NATURAL FEATURES

TOPOGRAPHY

The City of Lansing stays fairly consistent in elevation, with little change throughout the City. The only areas that differ are those that lie on the Mason Glacial Esker. The banks of rivers and creeks throughout the City have gradually sloping banks that rise between zero (0) and ten (10) feet.

MASON GLACIAL ESKER

An esker is a winding riverbank that formed upon, within, or beneath a glacier. As water traveled it deposited silt, gravel, and sand along the banks. Once the glaciers melted the sediments that were deposited along the banks remained forming the narrow, winding ridges known as an esker. The longest esker in Michigan is that of the Mason Esker. The Mason Esker starts in Dewitt and runs through Lansing, and Holt before ending in Mason. The Mason Esker was made predominately of sand and gravel. Most of this has been removed and used to create highways and other roadways. Only a few sections of the Mason Esker remain, such as a section that can be found in Bancroft Park.

WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS

A natural features inventory is useful to recreation planning because it highlights existing resources, showing where gaps may be located in the community. Oftentimes, areas of natural features are chosen for future parkland and trail development. Natural features include areas such as wetlands, water bodies, and wooded land. Woodlands and wetlands are valuable resources especially for a more developed community. They provide areas for wildlife habitat in the City and natural areas for stormwater infiltration.

The majority of the City is developed, leaving smaller scattered pockets of woodlands and wetlands throughout the City. The largest section of this is located on the eastern side of the City south of I-496. This section contains forested wetlands, deciduous forests, and evergreen forests, and is home to the Fenner Nature Center and Crego, Shubel, Sycamore Creek, and Scott Woods Parks. Another larger section of forested lands, deciduous and evergreen, is located on the western portion of the City along the Grand River. In this area is Fine, Fulton, and Hunters Ridge Parks. Another notable section contains forested wetlands and is located in the norther portion of the City near the airport. Beyond these larger, notable sections of natural features many smaller sections can be found throughout the City. These areas often correlate with where parklands are located.

WATERWAYS

Lansing has two rivers and a creek that flow through the City. These include the Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Sycamore Creek. The Grand River flows along the southwest border of the City before entering the City just south of I-496. The Red Cedar River joins the Grand River in the center of the City before flowing northward through Downtown and then turns and flows westward back out of the City. The Red Cedar River flows into the City at the City's eastern boundary near Michigan State University. The river continues westward till it joins with the Grand River. Sycamore Creek flows into the City along the southeastern boundary and flows northward. The Creek passes Hawk Island County Park and a number of City parks or recreational facilities before joining the Red Cedar River near Potter Park Zoo and Shubel Park. The City of Lansing owns lands abutting the rivers, that serve as parkland for residents. This protects the sensitive environments from development and ensures public access to these features remain.

In the City are a few small lakes. The City owns Fidelity Lake, which is located in Crego Park. This lake was created during the construction of I-127 as a borrow pit. In the northern region of the City is Jones Lake. This lake is owned by the City and public access is available. Hawk Island Park, operated by Ingham County, has a small lake with public access for swimming, fishing, and boating. Similar to Fidelity Lake, this lake started as a borrow pit. The last lake is Bear Lake with no public access provided and is owned by Michigan State University.



PLANNING INITIATIVES

To allow for cohesive, thoughtful development in the City, a few key planning initiatives have been utilized. Information is shared between City departments to ensure everyone remains informed of planning decisions. Additionally, the departments can share this information with their consultants to allow for cohesion between the information and ideas presented in various planning documents and encourage the continued shared vision for the City of Lansing.

Discussion in this section is related to key planning documents in the City. Some documents such as the City Non-Motorized Transportation Plan will be discussed in the corresponding section found on page 51.

LANSING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

In 2012 the Design Lansing Comprehensive Plan was adopted to guide development and the future of the City of Lansing. This plan was based on five (5) policy sections called plan elements. These plan elements are economic development, neighborhoods, green infrastructure, transportation, and placemaking.

Currently, the City is in the process of creating a supplemental update to the 2012 Comprehensive Plan. In this plan, the five (5) plan elements have been further refined to focus on social development and includes the elements of economic opportunity, neighborhood accessibility, sustainability and resiliency, mobility and safety, and community culture. These elements can be seen reflected in the goals and objectives created in this recreation plan.

AARP AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN

The City of Lansing is a part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. This program is designed to emphasize the built and social environment in a community to enable residents to stay in their community as they age. These includes items such as walkable streets, transportation options, housing, and programs and activities for these residents. These factors were taken into consideration during the creation of this plan and in the goals and objective that were created for parks and recreation over the next five (5) years.





ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

EXECUTIVE BRANCH - MAYOR

In the City of Lansing, Article 4 of the City Charter establishes the executive branch of the government. Within the Charter, it establishes the Mayor as the chief executive officer of the City. The responsibility of the Mayor is designated as the implementation and administration of City policy. A mayor within the City of Lansing is elected every four years. Currently the office is held by Mayor Andy Schor, first elected in November of 2017 and then re-elected in November of 2021.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - CITY COUNCIL

The legislative branch within the City of Lansing is comprised of eight members who each serve four year terms on the City Council. Of the eight members, four members represent each of the individual political wards and four members are elected at large. The current members of Council are listed below.

1 ST WARD	Ryan Kost	AT LARGE	Jeffrey Brown
2 ND WARD	Jeremy A. Garza	AT LARGE	Peter Spadafore
3 RD WARD	Adam Hussain	AT LARGE	Tamera Carter
4 TH WARD	Brian T. Jackson	AT LARGE	Trini Pehlivanoglu

ADVISORY BOARD - PARK BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Department is assisted by a citizen based board, the Lansing Park Board, which serves the department in an advisory capacity. In Article 5, Chapter 1 of the City Charter members of the Park Board have to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. Park Board members serve four year terms. Similar to that of City Council, four Park Board members represent each of the individual political wards and four other members are appointed at large. The current members of the Park Board are listed below.

1 ST WARD	Mike Dombrowski	AT LARGE	Nate Scramlin
2 ND WARD	Rick Kibbey	AT LARGE	Tirstan Walters
3 RD WARD	Isaac Francisco	AT LARGE	Joan Lenhard
4 TH WARD	Kimberly Whitfield	AT LARGE	Ravynne Gilmore

The Park Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at Foster Community Center at 6:30 p.m. During these meetings, a review of the progress and concerns of the department is conducted and activities are reviewed to ensure all are held in accordance with accepted City policies. The Board could additionally propose changes to the department's operations for the purpose of making the department and programs more effective. Proposed policies and programs, or change in existing policies or programs requiring Council action, must be submitted by the Department Director to the Park Board prior to submission to the Mayor and Council for action. In addition, the Board submits written recommendations concerning the proposal to the Mayor to go along with the department's proposal. When the Mayor submits the proposal to Council for action, the Board's recommendations are also forwarded. This same procedure is followed with regard to budgetary matters. Every year, the Board is required to prepare a written report evaluating the effectiveness of the services provided and analyze the status of priorities for services and activities within the Parks and Recreation Department. This written report must be completed prior to December 1st.

MISSION AND ROLES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Department of Parks and Recreation creates community through people, parks, and programs. The mission of the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life through the preservation and maintenance of parklands, the provision of quality leisure time activities, and the provision of special facilities which would otherwise not be available to Lansing residents. The department of Parks and Recreation accomplishes this mission through a variety of actions. These include:

- Organization of youth, adult, and senior citizen recreational programming in parks, community centers, schools, swimming pools, the nature center, and a historic home;
- Regular maintenance of all parks and natural areas owned by the City of Lansing, including maintenance of Lansing's urban forest areas through regular cycles of tree planting, fertilization, and trimming;
- Providing public golfing opportunities at Groesbeck Golf Course, which support recreational and league play in the area;
- Providing burial services and cemetery maintenance at the City's three municipal cemeteries;
- Provision of special recreation facilities such as Ranney Skate Park, Soldan Dog Park, Gier Park BMX Bicycle Track, Cooley Gardens, Frances Park Rose Garden, Adult Outdoor Fitness Facilities, Strikeout Baseball, Beacon Soccer Field, and the Lansing River Trail linear park.
- Sustaining working partnerships with the Lansing School District, Ingham County Parks, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing Community College, Capital Region Community Foundation, Michigan State University, YMCA of Lansing and various community banking organizations.

The Parks and Recreation Department receives feedback regularly from citizens on parks and recreation facilities and programs provided. This feedback is received through advisory support from the following citizen groups: City of Lansing Parks Board, Friends of Turner-Dodge, Fenner Conservancy, the individual Community Center advisory boards, the baseball and softball advisory boards, and neighborhood park "Friends" groups. Citizens are encouraged to join or be involved in these advisory groups to help provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Department. This feedback ensures the Department is accomplishing its mission and helps identify areas for improvement. All of these groups that provide guidance and support to the Parks and Recreation Department can be found under Citizen Advisory Groups starting on Page 26.

In turn, the Parks and Recreation Department provides support to the Mayor and City Council in policy decisions regarding recreational options and facilities within the City of Lansing.

ORGANIZATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is separated into four different divisions. Each of these divisions are described below and can be found within the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation administrative structure, Figure 2, shown on page 24.

Administration

The Administrative Division includes Management and Business Administration, Park Design, Planning and Research, staff support for park and pavilion rentals, event planning, and support services for both the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund programs. The Management and Business Administration Division is responsible for contracts, license agreements, salary, hourly, and temporary employment agreements, and seasonal payroll and time cards. They also process procurement card reconciliations, accounts payable and receivable, and process paperwork for yearly employee evaluations and step increases.

Field Services

The Field Services Division is comprised of Forestry, Grounds and Landscape Maintenance, and Athletic Fields and Pool Maintenance. The Public Services Department handles the staffing of each of these services.

Forestry is responsible for maintenance of safe and healthy trees in City parks and on City streets. Care includes trimming and removal of dead, damaged or diseased trees and limbs from these areas. They also maintain and stock a city nursery, which provides trees for residential streets, parks, cemeteries, and golf course plantings as needed.

Grounds and Landscape Maintenance is responsible for care and maintenance of turf, shrubs, ornamental trees and flowers, as well as planting new growth for the next season. They also handle repair of tables, benches, signs and playground equipment, as well as ice and snow removal on trails, parking areas, and park sidewalks during the winter season.

Athletic Fields and Pool Maintenance is responsible for the maintenance of City athletic fields and the public outdoor pools at Hunter and Moores Parks, as well as Cemetery burials and grounds maintenance.

Leisure Services

The Leisure Services Division in the department is responsible for providing and managing programming at the four community centers (Gier, Foster, Letts, and Schmidt Community Centers). In addition, Leisure Services provides lifetime sports and special recreation services programming such as Kids Camp, programming at Hunter and Moores Park swimming pools, and therapeutic recreation. The Leisure Services Division is responsible for operating a handful of specialized facilities including Turner-Dodge House (historic home) and Fenner Nature Center. While leisure services operates Fenner Nature Center, programming at the nature center is provided by Fenner Conservancy.

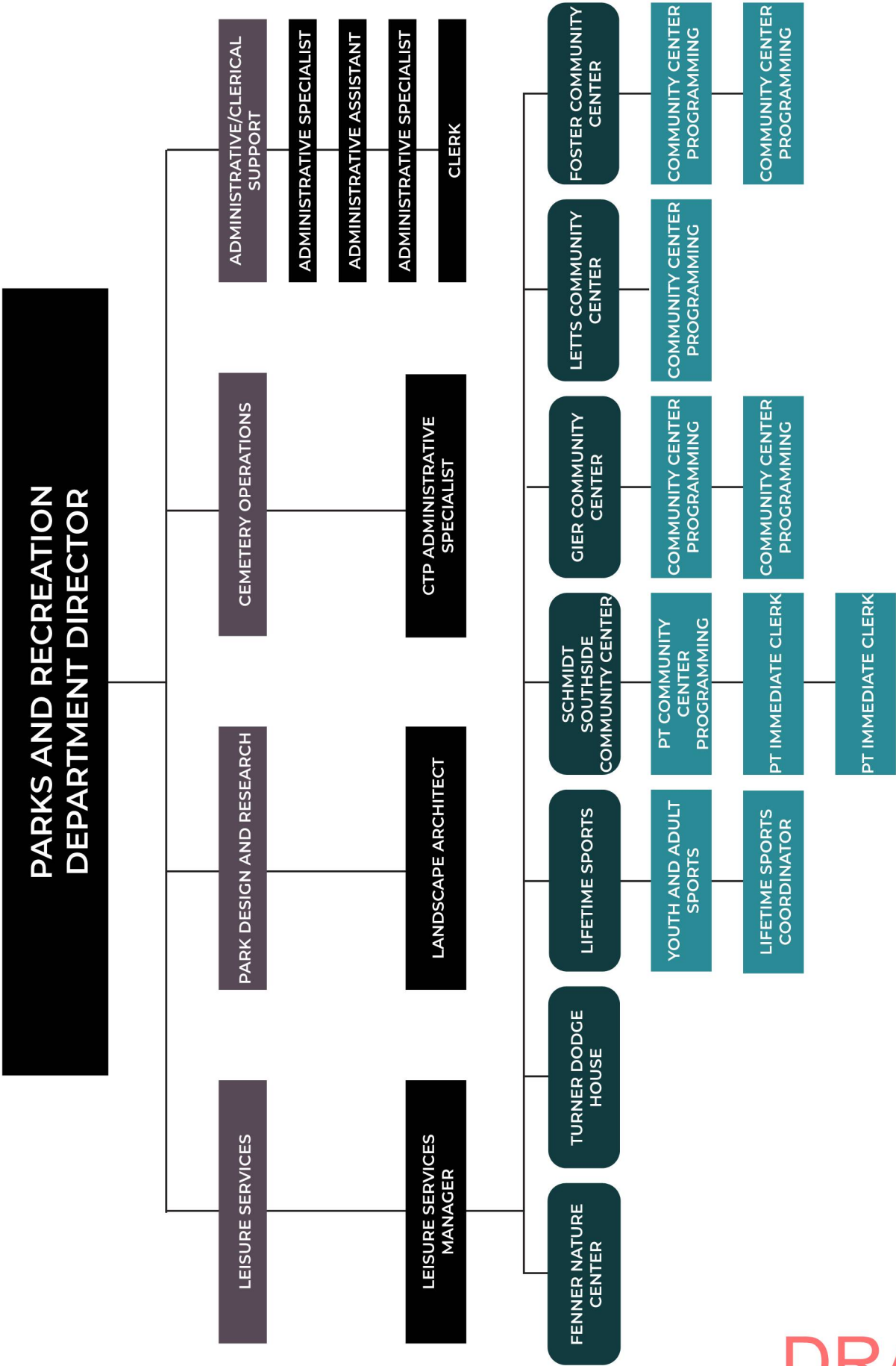
Golf Operations

The City owns the Groesbeck Golf Course. This is an 18-hole golf course located in the City. While the City owns the Golf Course, it is managed by Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority (LEPFA).

FACILITIES

Recreation programming within the City of Lansing is provided at Letts, Gier, Schmidt, and Foster Community Centers; Groesbeck Golf Course; Lansing River Trail; Moores Park and Hunter swimming pools; Fenner Nature Center; the Turner-Dodge House; and the Davis, Gier, Ranney, Sycamore, Davis and Kircher Park ball fields. In addition, recreation programming occurs at several neighborhood parks and athletic fields throughout the year. The City offers some of its facilities for rent, including pavilions, equipment, ball fields, and community centers. Rental forms can be found on the City website and include all the options available to rent, prices associated with the rental, and all policies related to rental.

FIGURE 2 - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

REGIONAL DIRECTORS GROUP

The Regional Directors Group is made up of directors from the City of Lansing, City of DeWitt, City of East Lansing, Meridian Township, Eaton County, Ingham County, Delta Township, Delhi Township, and City of Portland. This group of directors meets on a quarterly basis in the effort to advance regional goals and discusses a broad range of topics.

LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT

As will be discussed in the Chapter 4, collaboration between the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the nearby schools or school district is vastly beneficial to providing a wide range of recreation opportunities for those of all ages. Many City parks are located near or abutting school facilities. This has lent itself to a partnership between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Lansing School District. The schools often use park facilities to host afterschool programs, and the Parks and Recreation Department's athletic and summer programming often utilizes school facilities. The Parks and Recreation



Department continues to work with the school district on proving improved integration between the schools vast facilities and the Department's programming abilities. This partnership provides improved recreation opportunities for residents, and prevents a duplication of facilities.

FENNER CONSERVANCY

Fenner Conservancy currently manages the programming at Fenner Nature Center through a license agreement with the City. The City still maintains ownership of the Nature Center and provides some funding for staff and maintenance.

LANSING BOAT CLUB

The Lansing Boat Club manages the Lansing Municipal Marina that is located at Grand River Park.

DOWNTOWN LANSING, INC.

Downtown Lansing, Inc. is an organization that helps promote the downtown, or central business district, within the City of Lansing. Downtown Lansing, Inc. organizes several social and recreational events within downtown Lansing each year such as Downtown Traffic Jam, Drive-in Movie, A Fresh Taste, Trick or Treat on the Square, Silver Bells in the City, and Breakfast with Santa.

CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS

Citizen advisory groups play an important role in parks and recreation within the City of Lansing. The goal of citizen advisory groups is to advocate for specific recreational facilities or activities. During the planning and budgeting process, these groups advocate for their specific areas, provide many hours of volunteer support, and raise funding for development projects and equipment for park facilities. Citizen advisory groups vary in size and membership. From a few citizens to several hundred each group is unique with its own set of by-laws. A few citizen advisory groups operate as non-profits within the City. Tables 2, 3, and 4 display the department sponsored boards, friends groups, and other organizations that help the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. Aside from those listed below, the City of Lansing maintains many other boards and commissions to help maintain a vibrant community. For a full list, please visit the City of Lansing's website at lansingmi.gov.

TABLE 2 - DEPARTMENT SPONSORED BOARDS

DEPARTMENT SPONSORED BOARDS	
Leisure Services Advisory Board	
Adult Baseball Advisory Board	

TABLE 3 - FRIENDS GROUPS

FRIENDS GROUPS	
ORGANIZATION	PARK OR FACILITY
Friends of Cooley Gardens	Cooley Gardens
Friends of Frances Park	Frances Park
Friends of Turner-Dodge House	Turner-Dodge House
Friends of Durant Park	Durant Park
Friends of Lansing Regional Trails	River Trail
Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries	Evergreen, Mt. Hope, and North Cemeteries
Friends of Bancroft Park	Bancroft Park
Friends of Ingham	Ingham County Parks
Friends of Ranney Park	Ranney Park

TABLE 4 - OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
ORGANIZATION	PARK OR FACILITY
Lansing Community College	Kircher and Ranney Park
Old Town Commercial Association	Burchard and Turner-Mini Park
Lansing Garden Club	Scott Sunken Gardens
Greater Lansing Food Bank	Various City Parks
MSU Crew Club	Grand River Park
J & K Steamboat	Grand River Park
Lansing Boat Club	Grand River Park
Mid-Michigan Mountain Biking Association	Fulton-Fine-Hunters Ridge Park
Capital City Family BMX	Gier Park
Moore's Park Neighborhood Association	Moore's Park
The Peoples Pool	Moore's Park
Friends of Fenner Conservancy	Fenner Nature Conservancy
Michigan State University Softball Club	Ranney Park
Mid-Michigan Turf, LLC	Hope Soccer Complex
Southside Community Coalition	Beacon Park South
Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW)	Grand River
MI Waterways Stewards	Waterways and Adjacent Parks

VOLUNTEERS

The Department is fortunate to have an actively involved network of volunteers to assist with projects throughout the year. These cooperative efforts provide tremendous support to department staff and to allow the department to undertake projects that may not otherwise be within the department's ability to start and or complete. The volunteer network in the City consists of youth from private and parochial schools, local and national businesses, religious organizations, university students, fraternity and sorority organizations, scouts, and neighborhood associations. Volunteers help complete a wide range of projects. Some of these include park clean-ups, construction, equipment installation, tree trimming, river cleanup and painting. Additionally, the department has a volunteer tool trailer stocked with equipment available for on-site use. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website.

SPONSORS

The City of Lansing appreciates all those who help contribute to ensuring the highest quality parks and recreation opportunities and events are provided to residents of the City. Each year companies and businesses can sponsor events, programs, and banners in the City.

POLICIES

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LANSING

ESTABLISHMENT

The Charter of the City of Lansing, Michigan, was approved by the voters on August 8, 1978. Article 1, Chapter 1, Section 101 states, "The people of the City of Lansing, by adoption of this home rule Charter, create and continue a body corporate known as the 'City of Lansing' and provide for continuing control of their municipal corporation."

SALE OF LAND

Section 403.6 of the Charter states, "No park, recreation, cemetery, or waterfront land may be sold without the approval, by a majority vote, of the electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special election."

GRANTS

City Council Grants Policy (Resolution 357 of 11/23/98) states, "Any grant shall be subject to the same budgetary policies required of other City expenditures as required in Sections 7-107 through 7-110 of the City Charter. Applications for grants requiring the addition of City staff or a City match of \$10,000 or more, or exceeding \$100,000 or exceeding one year in length, shall require a financial impact statement and approval of the City Council. Any grant funded position shall terminate upon the expiration or elimination of grant funding. No grant, which is subject to these provisions, shall be accepted without the approval of City Council."

CITY COUNCIL POLICY RESOLUTIONS

PARK LAND POLICY

The City Park Land Policy was adopted by the City Council in 1979 and covers the policies and procedures for the acquisition, development, encroachment, and disposal of parkland. A resolution was adopted by the City Council in April of 2003, which classifies City properties as dedicated parklands. Based upon City Ordinance, the Mayor must designate whether or not properties that are acquired by the City shall be added to the written inventory of dedicated parklands. The Park Board advises the Mayor and recommends whether acquired land should be dedicated as parkland, and a classification for the parkland such as neighborhood, community, city-wide, or special use park.

FUNDING AND BUDGET

OPERATING BUDGET

The City of Lansing general fund is used to fund the Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget. Two enterprise funds are administered by the Parks and Recreation Department for the Golf and Cemetery operations. These enterprise funds are used to cover the costs of operating and capital costs. Service and program fees are charged to offset the general fund operations.

INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET

The City of Lansing’s infrastructure budget funds capital improvements projects for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Lansing Park Millage is used for the Parks and Recreation portion of the infrastructure budget. The City of Lansing defines a capital improvement project as a project that has a useful life of at least ten years and costs no less than \$15,000. Additionally, capital improvement projects must meet accounting definitions for items that can be capitalized. Typically, professional services and free-standing equipment would not be considered to be capital improvements.

PARKS MILLAGE

The Lansing Parks Millage is voted on by residents of Lansing and provides funding to keep the parks system maintained and safe for users. The Park Millage has been in place for over 30 years and has leveraged over 45 million dollars in grants and community donations. Residents of the City vote on the Park Millage every five (5) years. The Lansing Park Millage was renewed by voters for 2020-2025 and will soon be up again to be renewed. The Parks Millage generated approximately 2.7 million dollars last year. Money generated from the millage is used for operations and capital improvements projects.

TABLE 5 - CITY OF LANSING BUDGET FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

CURRENT AND PROJECTED BUDGET FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IN 2025 - 2026		
	2024/2025	2025/2026
GENERAL FUND	\$9,104,075	\$9,889,333
CEMETERY SUBSIDY FUND	\$1,122,000	\$1,300,500
GOLF SUBSIDY FUND	\$100,000	\$15,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,514,500	\$2,635,000
TOTALS	\$12,840,575	\$13,839,833





RECREATION INVENTORY

INTRODUCTION

A recreation inventory is a assessment done to analyze the parks and recreation opportunities in the City. This allows the City to assess the quantity and type of facilities, where they are located, the condition they are in, identify where new facilities should be built, and where ADA improvements are needed. It also allows the City to showcase the variety of programs and events offered.

The City can use the knowledge gained from the recreation inventory to better plan for parks and recreation. This knowledge, in conjunction with community input, gives City officials and Parks and Recreation Department staff a better understanding of what their goals and actions should be regarding parks and recreation.

The inventory presented in this chapter was completed in the Spring of 2025 by Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Planning Consultant. It contains information regarding park classifications, parks and amenities, accessibility ratings, programming available, trails, non-city owned recreational opportunities, and regional recreation opportunities.

PARKLAND INVENTORY

Table 6 on the following pages displays the inventory of all the amenities available in City of Lansing parklands. In addition, the Ward in which the parkland is located and the size are noted. Any unique amenities within the parkland are displayed in the last column titled special park features. Table 7 inventories City Golf courses and Table 8 inventories Cemeteries. Following the inventory tables, maps displaying the Lansing park system are presented. These maps include an overall map of the City showcasing all the parklands, community centers, schools, and non-motorized paths. Four other maps are then presented breaking down the City park system by Ward. This allows for a better understanding of how parkland is distributed in each Ward in the City.



TABLE 6 - CITY OF LANSING PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PARK FACILITIES INVENTORY

Parks and Recreation Department Park Facilities Inventory																				
Park Name and Map Key	Ward	Acres	League Diamond	Neighborhood Ballfields	Basketball Court	Football/Soccer Field	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Play Equipment	Picnic Area	Shelter/Pavilion	Walkways & Trails	Restrooms	Sledding/Skiing	Boat Ramp or Dock (D)	Parking	River or Water Frontage	Trail Access Point	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Special Park Features
Attwood (E-9)	3	28.80							1	X	X									Large Open Field
Averill (C-7)	3	8.00				X			X											
Bancroft (H-3)	1	42.43		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			Mason Esker
Barb Dean Tot Lot (F-6)	1	0.89						X	X	X										
Bassett (E-3)	4	3.40		X	X			X	X											
Beacon (D-7)	3	1.31				X			X			X								Lighted Soccer Field
Beck (F-9)	2	10.50							X							X				
Bluebell (F-8)	2	2.71			X				X											
Burchard (F-4)	1/4	5.10							X	X					X	X	X	X	X	Fish Ladder, N. Lansing Dam, Canoe Portage, Outdoor Music Venue
Caesar-Donora (G-6)	1	2.90							X	X										
Cavanaugh (F-8)	2	25.10							X					X						
Cherry Hill (F-5)	4	4.97							X	X	X				X	X	X		X	
Clifford (G-6)	1	5.44					3		X							X				Community Garden
Comstock (E-4)	4	8.29		2	X				X	X				X						
Cooley Gardens (F-5)	4	1.40								X	X		X			X	X			Formal Gardens
Crego (I-6) (Largest)	2	200.7										X			D	X	X	X	2	Lake Frontage, Natural Setting, Krueger Landing
Davis (D-8)	3	45.80	4	X	2	X			2	X		X	X			X				
Debbie Stabenow (F-7)	4	44.01	X						X	X	X		X			X				
Dietrich (F-3)	4	5.00								X	X	X				X	X	X		

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PARK FACILITIES INVENTORY

PARK NAME AND MAP KEY	WARD	ACRES	LEAGUE DIAMOND	NEIGHBORHOOD BALLFIELDS	BASKETBALL COURT	FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELD	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEYBALL COURTS	PLAY EQUIPMENT	PICNIC AREA	SHELTER/PAVILION	WALKWAYS & TRAILS	RESTROOMS	SLEDDING/SKIING	BOAT RAMP OR DOCK (D)	PARKING	RIVER OR WATER FRONTAGE	RIVER TRAIL ACCESS POINT	CANOE & KAYAK LAUNCH	SPECIAL PARK FEATURES
DODGE (F-3)	4	8.69										X	X			X	X	X		Historic House, Indoor Meeting Center
DUNNEBACKE (D-4)	4	6.00							X	X	X									
DURANT (F-4)	4	3.00							X	X		X								Historic Site, Arch, Music Venue
EDMORE (F-4)	4	0.62							X								X			
ELM (F-5)	1	5.60	X		X				X				P			X	X	X		
ELMHURST (E-6)	3	5.30			X		2		X											
EVERETT (F-7)	2	3.00			X	X														
FAIRVIEW (H-4)	1	4.20										X					X			MSU Oaketum, Tollgate Wetlands
FENNER NATURE CENTER (I-6)	2	129.52								X		X	X			X	X			Arboretum, Tours
FERRIS (F-4)	4	5.92		X	2				X	X			P			X				Lighted Soccer Field
FINE (B-8)	3	35.99										X					X			Mountain Biking Trails
FOREST VIEW (H-7)	2	8.10			2			X	X	X	X			X		X				
FOSTER (H-5)	1	4.00			2				X	X	X	X	X							Community Garden, Bike Repair Station, Hammock Stands
FOSTER COMMUNITY (H-5) CENTER	1	2.30							X	X			X			X				Administration, Cemetery Office, Gym
FRANCES (C-6)	4	57.80		X	X	5			X	X	X	X	X		D	X	X	X		Formal Flower Gardens, River Overlook, Large Open Field
FULTON (B-7)	3	44.30							X	X						X	X			River Overlook
GEORGETOWN (E-9)	3	11.20					2		X	X	X									

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GIER (F-3)	1	36.22	3		X			2	2				X	X		X				Community Center, Gym, Softball Complex, BMX Track
GLEN EDEN (H-7)	2	2.50																		
GRAND RIVER (D-6)	4	41.62											X		X	X	X			Michigan Princess, MSU Crew Club
GRAVES, GERALD W. (C-9)	3	8.74			X				2											
GREENCROFT (F-6)	2	1.50																		
HILLBORN (C-8)	3	6.20							X											
HILLSDALE (E-5)	4	3.20							X											
HOLLY (D-7)	3	5.00							X											
HORSEBROOK (D-3)	4	4.37			X				X											
HULL COURT (E-4)	4	1.30							X			X								
HUNTER (H-5)	1	14.00							X	X	X	X	X			X				Outdoor Swimming Pool, Spray Park, Green House, Community Gardens
HUNTERS RIDGE (B-7)	3	31.69										X				X	X			Mountain Biking & Trails
INGHAM (D-7)	3	11.80			X				X							X				Disc Golf Course
IRVING (G-6)	1	0.40																		
JONES LAKE (E-2)	4	2.38															X			Lake Frontage
KALAMAZOO PLAZA (F-5)	4	0.83								X							X			R.E. Olds Memorial
KAYNORTH (G-8)	2	2.55							X									X		
KENDON (G-8)	2	5.72			X															Large Open Field
KIMBERLY (I-3)	1	19.50																		Natural Marsh Ecosystem

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KIRCHER (I-5)	1	6.70	X						X	X			X			X	X	X		Baseball Stadium
LARCH (G-4)	1	0.50																		
LETTS COMMUNITY CENTER (E-5)	4	4.60					4		X	X	X		X			X				Community Center, Gym, Pickleball
LEWTON (D-6)	3	1.70																		
LYONS (G-7)	2	5.00			X	X														
MAGUIRE (H-8)	2	8.86							X	X	X					X	X	X		Trailhead, Bike Repair Station, Fitness Court
MARSCOT (H-9)	2	5.00			2				X											
MARSHALL (H-4)	1	11.40	2		X	X		9	X	X	X		X			X				Sand Volleyball
MCKINCH (D-8)	3	22.50			X				X											
MOORE, HAROLD (F-3)	4	2.20			X				X	X	X									
MOORES (E-6)	4	22.90			X	X	2		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	South Dam, Outdoor Swimming Pool, Labyrinth
MUNN (H-8)	2	14.36															X	X		
OAK (G-4)	1	16.70		X	X	X			X	X			X	X		X				
ORMOND (H-4)	1	8.20			X				X											
OSBORN (D-4)	4	0.60							X											
PLEASANT VIEW (D-8)	3	7.40																		
PORTER (G-3)	1	10.70			X				X											
POTTER	1	98.50							X	X	X		X			X	X	X		Managed by Ingham County Zoo - Fee
POXSON (G-7)	2	16.70							X											
QUENTIN (E-6)	4	10.30	2				2		X					X						
RANNEY (I-4)	1	19.10	X				2						X	X		X		X		Skateboard Park, Handball

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Reasoner (F-3)	1	6.62			X				X	X										Large Open Field
Regent (H-5)	1	4.90							X											
Reola (F-7)	2	0.60			X				X											
Reutter (F-5)	4	3.00							X	X										Fountain
Riverfront, L. Adado (F-4)		14.68								X					X		X	X		Amphitheater, Windlord Sculpture
Risdale (D-8)	3	17.60			2	X			X				X			X				Athletic Stadium, Restrooms, & Storage Building
Riverpoint (F-5)	1	4.37							X	X	X				X	X	X	X		River Confluence
Riverside (E-6)	4	7.30															X			
Rotary (F-5)	1	3.74								X	X				X	X	X	X	X	Beach & Seating Area, Sculpture
St. Joseph (D-5)	4	18.80		3	X				X				X			X				
Scott (F-5)	4	5.50											X			X	X			Sunken Garden
Scott Woods (G-7)	2	90.27			X				X	X	X	X				X	X	X		Natural Setting & Dog Park
Seventh (G-3)	1	1.58			X				X											
Schmidt Community Center (D-9)	3	N/A			X				X							X				Leased from Lansing School District - Gym & Pool
Shubel (H-6)	2	55.50															X	X		
Stabler (H-5)	1	1.30			X				X											
Sunset Hills (D-3)	4	0.40										X								Community Garden
Sycamore (G-6)	2	10.00	X			X			X				X			X				
Sycamore Creek	2	53.20											X			X	X	X		Fenner Preschool and Disc Golf
Tammany (I-7)	2	1.60							X											DRAFT

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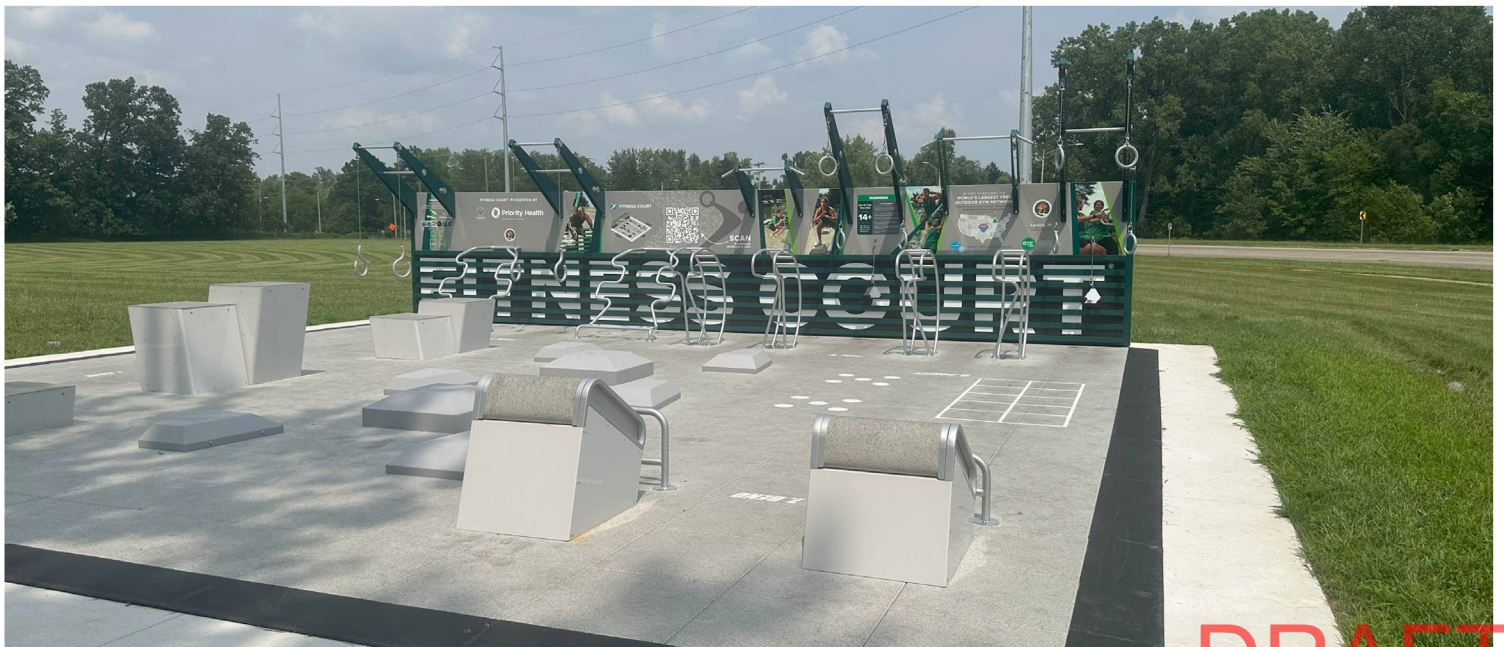
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TRAGER (G-6)	1	0.60															X	X		
TURNER (F-3)	1	0.04							X											Mini Park
WAINWRIGHT (C-8)	3	5.40					2		X	X										
WALDO (G-7)	2	0.50			X				X											
WALSH (H-5)	1	4.00		X	2				X	X	X									
WENTWORTH (F-5)	4	0.90								X							X			Remembrance Memorial, Rotary Steam Clock
WILLOUGHBY (E-10)	2	50.00																		
WILSON (C-3)	4	4.92			X				X	X	X									
WILSON, RUDOLPH & DOROTHY (D-4)	4	15.50	2							X			X			X				Horseshoes & Concessions

TOTAL PARKS: 107

TOTAL PARK ACREAGE: 1,701.98 Acres

AVERAGE PARK SIZE: 15.91 Acres



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Parks and Recreation Department Golf Course Inventory																				
Golf Course Name	Ward	Acres	League Diamond	Neighborhood Ballfields	Basketball Court	Football/Soccer Field	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Play Equipment	Picnic Area	Shelter/Pavilion	Walkways & Trails	Restrooms	Sledding/Skiing	Boat Ramp or Dock	Parking	River or Water Frontage	Trail Access Point	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Special Park Features
Groesbeck	1	74.00											X			X	X			18 Holes, Fee

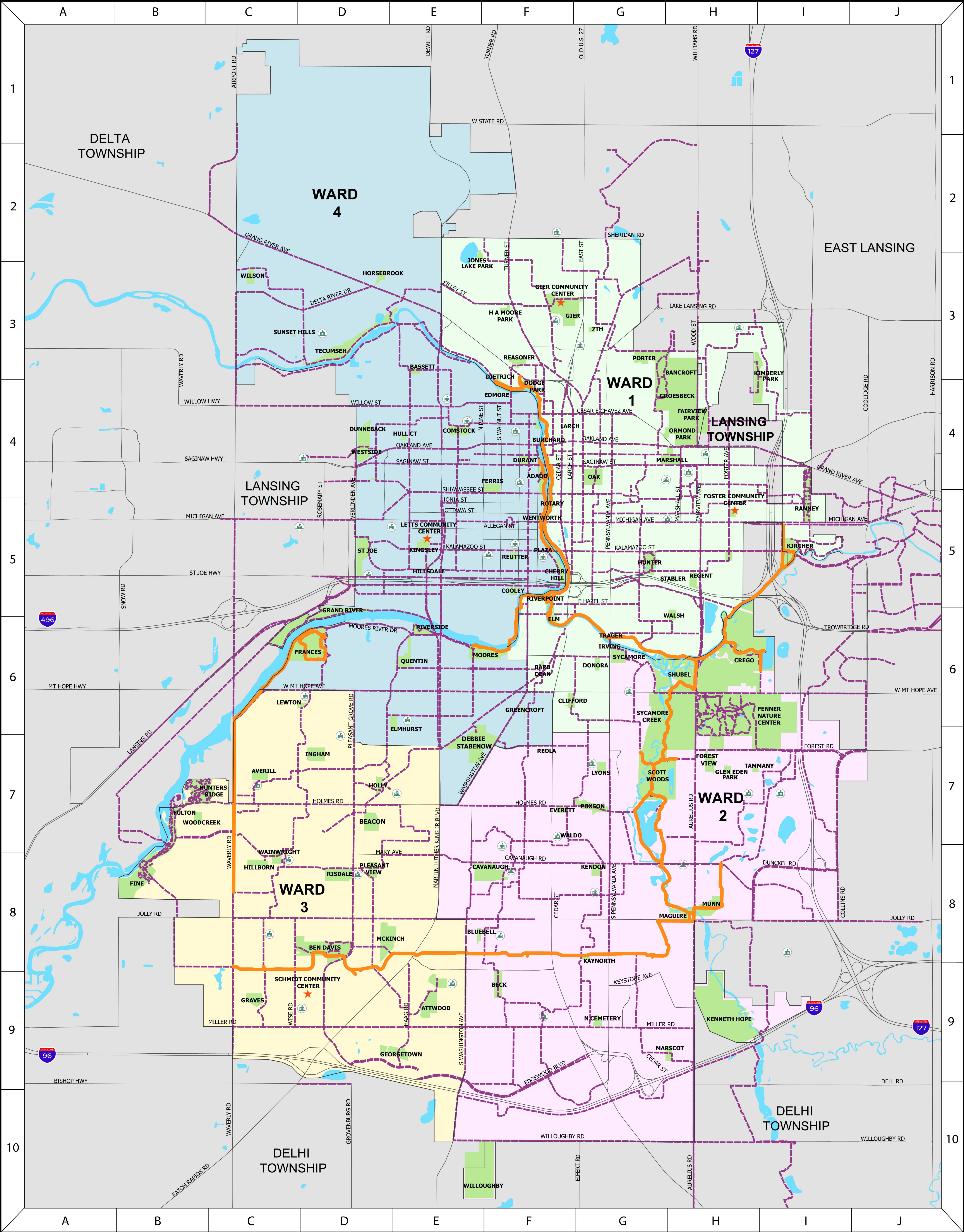
AVERAGE GOLF COURSE SIZE: 74 ACRES

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AVERAGE CEMETERY SIZE: 67.50 ACRES

The Lansing River Trail is comprised of 25 miles of pathways, bridges, and boardwalks.

CITY OF LANSING PARKS MAP



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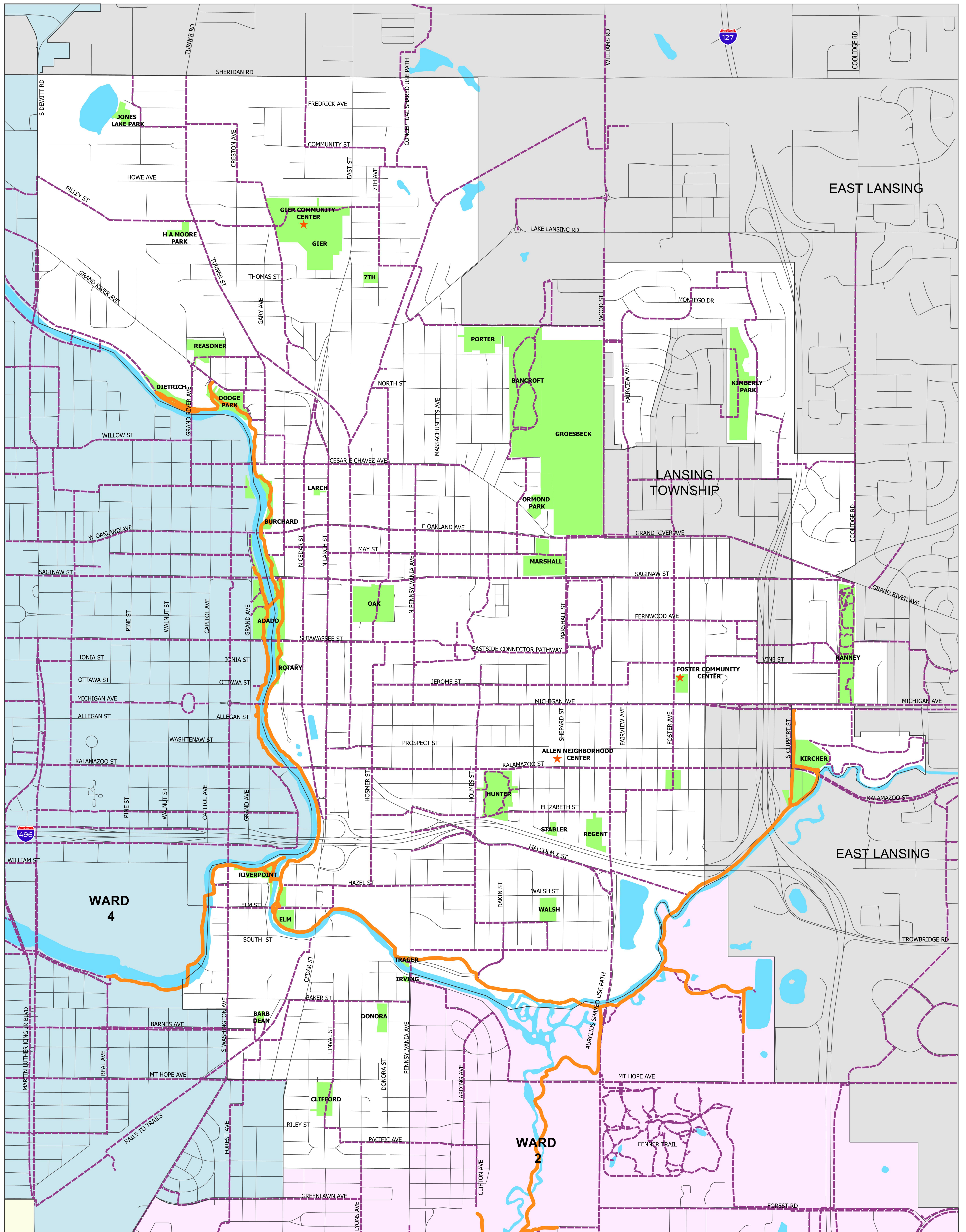
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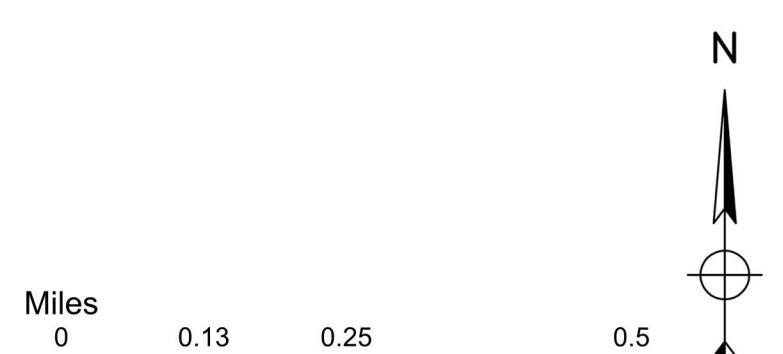
WARD 1 PARK AND TRAIL MAP



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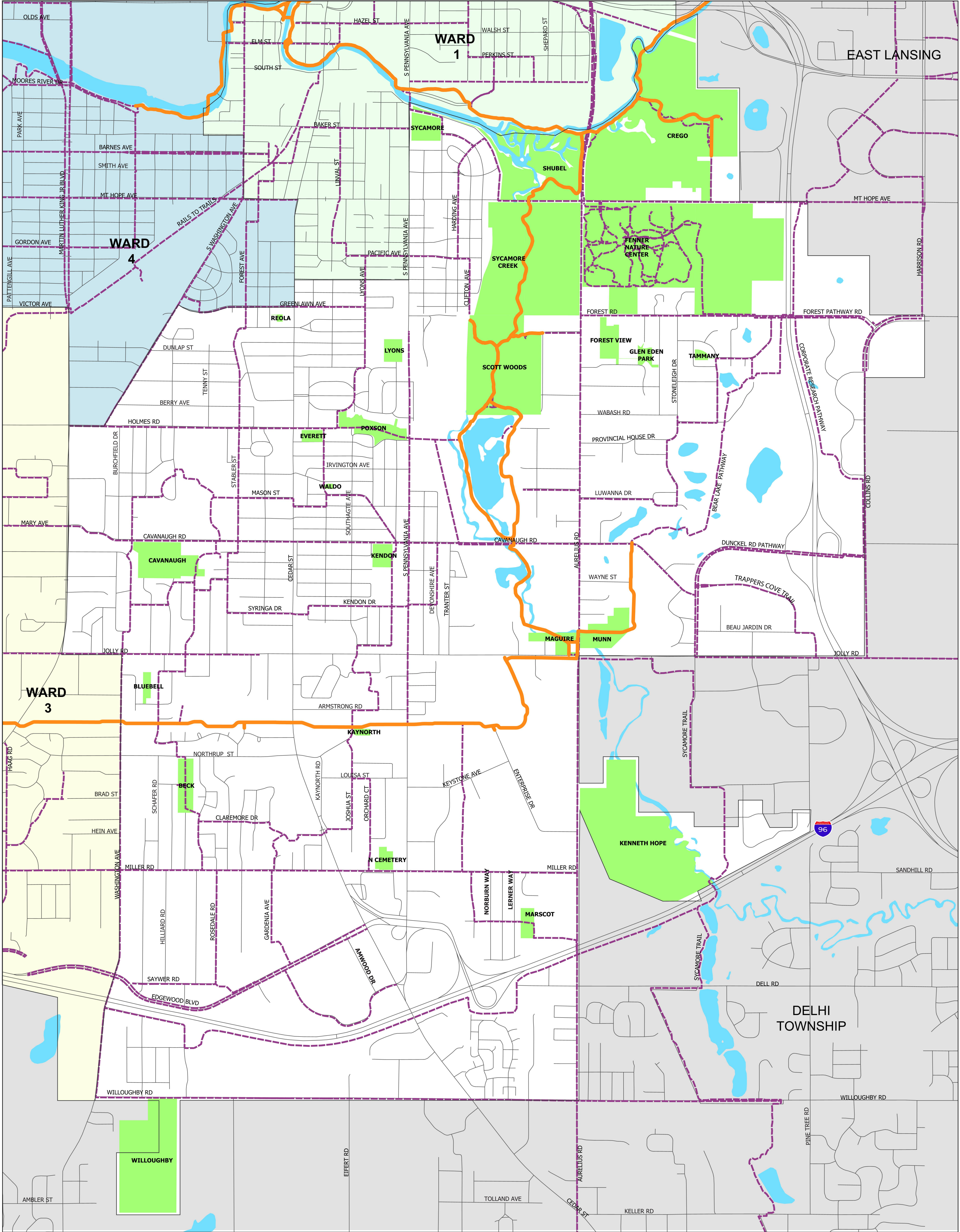
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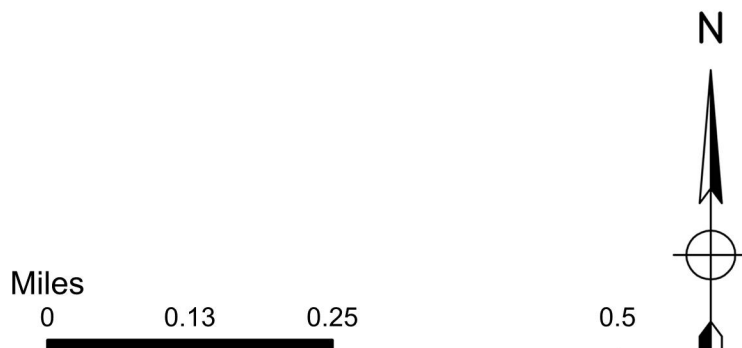
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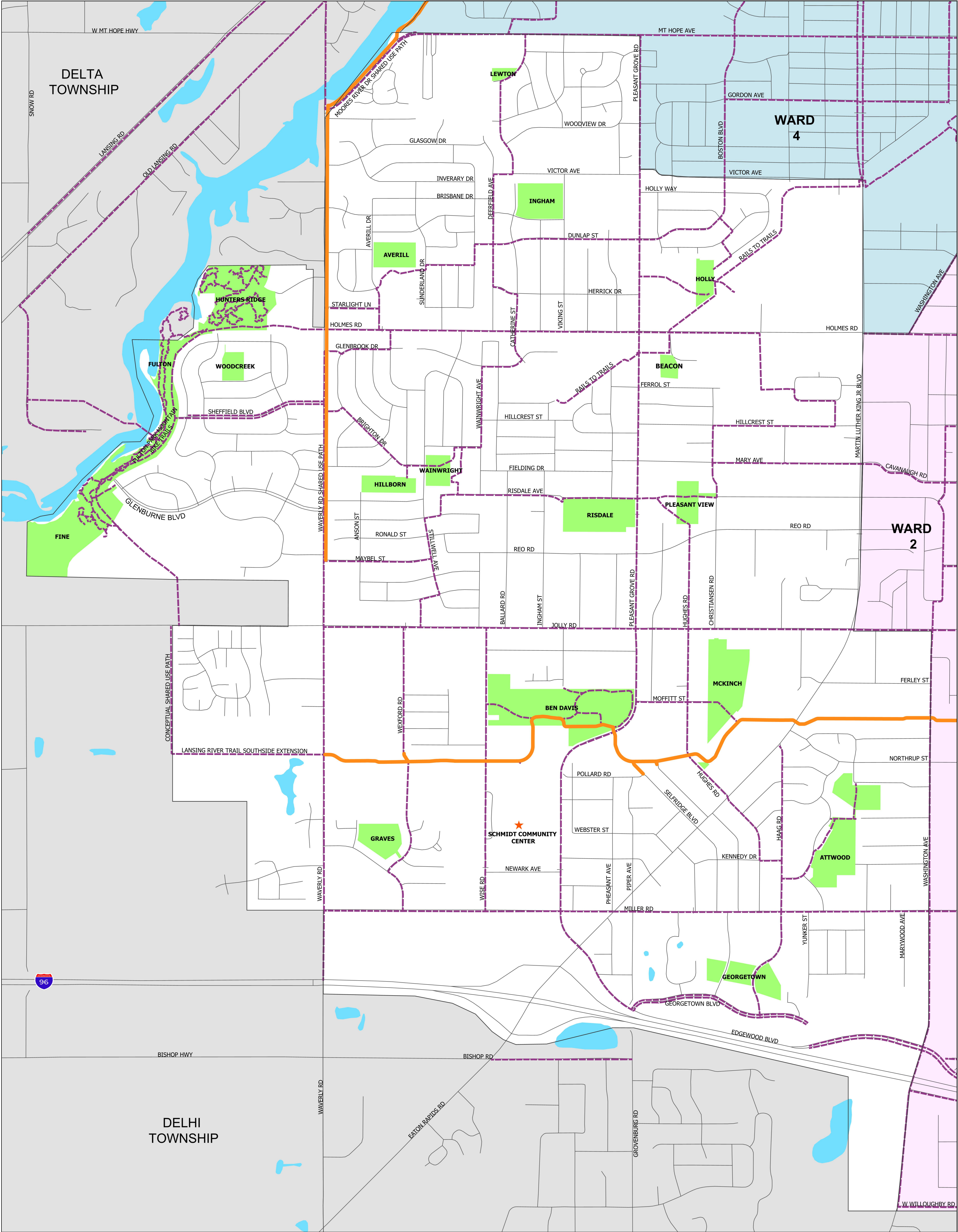
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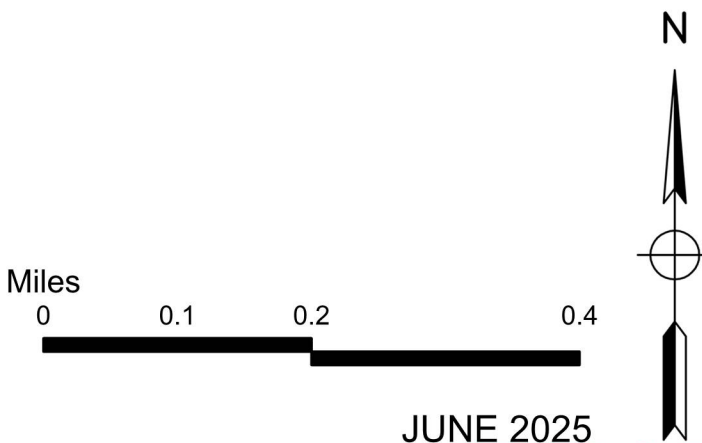
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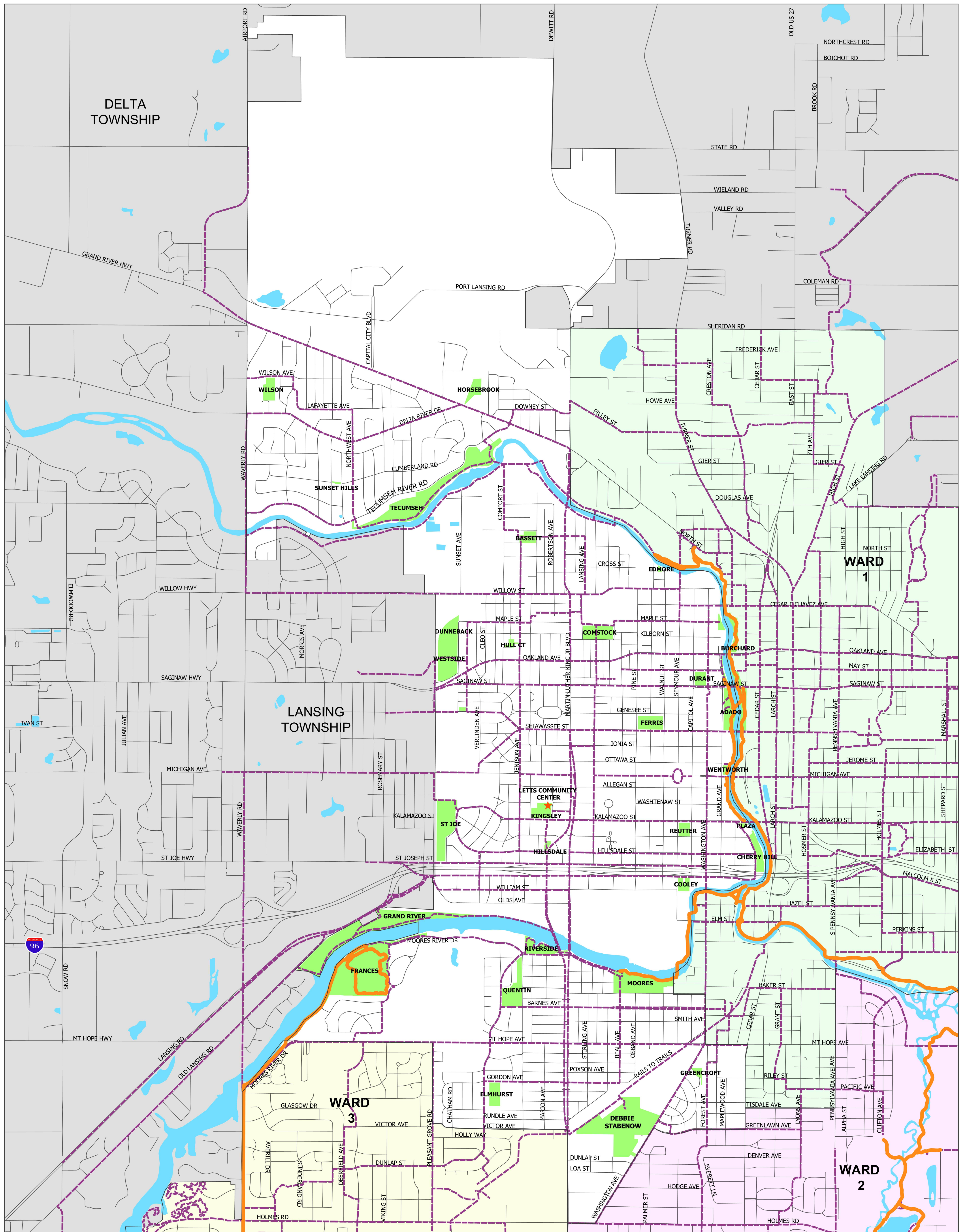
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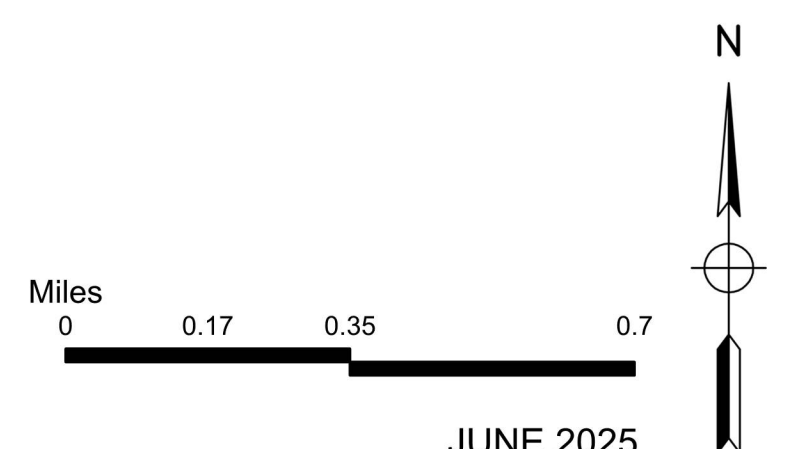
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TRAILS

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

LANSING RIVER TRAIL

The City of Lansing has an extensive non-motorized transportation system with miles of trails, bike lanes, and sidewalks for residents and visitors to use as an alternative means of transportation.

The Lansing River Trail has been built in multiple phases, starting in the mid-1970's along the Grand River in the downtown region of Lansing and has expanded over time to connect several parks, businesses, schools, and other communities. In the 1980's and 1990's, the River Trail was expanded east along the Red Cedar River to Potter Park Zoo and Michigan State University (MSU) in East Lansing. In 2008, the segment southward along the Sycamore Creek was built, stretching from Potter Park Zoo south through Hawk Island County Park, to Maguire Park where it connects to the Delhi Township path system.

From Maguire Park, a trail segment was built in 2014 extending west to Waverly Road along a utility corridor. Along Waverly Road beginning at Maybel Road, a trail extends north up to Frances Park.

The Lansing River Trail has grown to 25 miles of pathways, bridges, and boardwalks within the City of Lansing connecting to East Lansing and MSU's trail systems and the Delhi Township trail system. The trail allows for walking, biking, and running. Trailheads with parking are available at multiple park sites throughout the City.

In 2009, the City of Lansing adopted a complete streets Ordinance and in 2011 the Public Service Department adopted the City's first non-motorized transportation plan. Since 2012, new projects within the City are required to provide short and long-term bicycle parking within their site



plans. The City has a long standing history of actively planning and prioritizing non-motorized transportation. The City has worked with surrounding communities and entities such as the City of East Lansing, MSU, Delhi Township, Delta Township, and Ingham County. Collaboration between the City of Lansing and surrounding communities has not only allowed the City to provide an extensive non-motorized transportation network, but also provides connection to surrounding communities and facilities.

The City of Lansing's Non-Motorized Plan includes a vision for establishing a walking and bicycling network that links to a regional non-motorized system. The Plan includes objectives, strategies, performance measures, and prioritizes routes and facilities based on an extensive public engagement process. The recommendations include priority cross-town routes, a number of additional neighborhood connectors including on-street bike lanes and bike routes, and connection to the City's existing trail network to regional trails.

When collecting community input, respondents valued the trails and non-motorized transportation opportunities available in the City, but wished to see it continue to be expanded to reach additional parks and recreation facilities and centers of activity.

Recent improvements to the Lansing River Trail include extensions of the trail east past MSU, as well as an extension from Aurelius Road, just north of Maguire Park, extending east and then north where it crosses Cavanaugh Road, then Wabash Road near Bear Lake, and ending at Forest Road. Potential future improvements include continuing the Lansing River Trail past Waverly Road then north through existing residential development and north past Jolly Road before connecting into Fine Park.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (TCRPC)

In 2010, the TCRPC began to establish a region-wide green infrastructure vision for Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. This planning initiative identified and analyzed potential conservation areas, and mapped hubs and potential links to create a network for protected lands and trails. This green infrastructure plan would result, once implemented, in natural resource conservation in balance with economic development and a healthy environment.

Most recently, the TCRPC developed the *Regional Trails Feasibility Plan*, adopted in August 2023. Through the efforts of this Plan the TCRPC sought to connect statewide trails that pass through Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton Counties, and study existing paths, and proposed routes to fill crucial corridor gaps in connecting the Tri-County region to the state wide trail systems, particularly the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) Trail, the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail (also the Iron Belle Trail), and the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail. The City of Lansing, at the northwest corner of Ingham County, is at the heart of these three counties and thus an important central connection point.

INGHAM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS AND PARKS PLAN

After passage of the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage in 2014, Ingham County developed the Comprehensive Trails and Parks Plan. The Plan provides a detailed inventory and assessment of the trail systems within Ingham County, identifies planned trails and regional corridors, and makes recommendations for county-wide Trails and Parks Millage projects. The Plan contains a bridge assessment, pavement assessment, and water trail assessment.

Ingham County established the Trails and Parks Millage to provide essential funding for trail and park projects to communities within Ingham County and the Ingham County Park system. Voters approved the millage in 2014, implementing a six year 0.5 mill levy, which was renewed in 2020.

Since its inception, the millage has funded a total of 115 projects, awarding just under \$45.5 million to local communities.

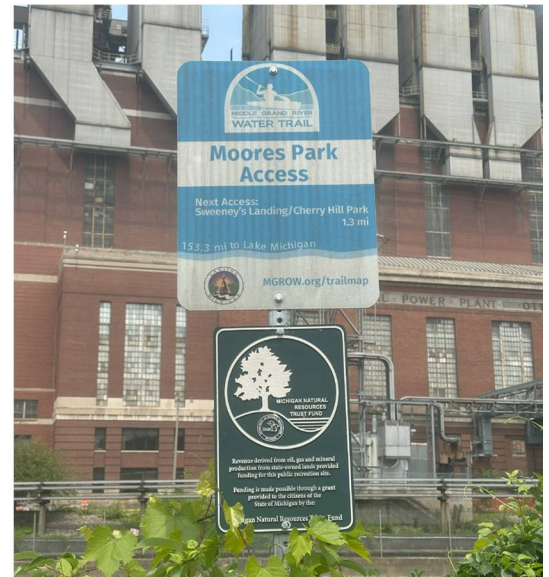
The City of Lansing has received a large portion of these millage funds, almost \$17.2 million, first focusing on the reconstruction of the existing River Trail pavement and bridges, but more recently expanding the City's non-motorized trails, while also improving and expanding the water trail on the Grand River and Red Cedar Rivers.

WATER TRAILS

MIDDLE OF THE GRAND RIVER WATER TRAIL

The Middle of the Grand Water Trail stretches 87 miles from the City of Eaton Rapids to the Village of Lyons and is one of only nine water trails in Michigan with a state designation. The River Trail provides a paddlers with a of urban, suburban, and natural areas to enjoy. The Middle of the Grand Water Trail flows through the heart of Downtown Lansing. The City of Lansing has kayak launch points or river access points for the water trail at Tecumseh Park, Burchard Park (2), Adado Riverfront Park (2), Rotary Park, Riverpoint Park, Cherry Hill Park (Sweeney's Landing), Moores Park (with portage around dam), Grand River Park, and Fulton Park for paddlers to utilize.

A plan was developed for the Middle Grand River Water Trail by the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW). The plan was created to guide the development and management of a safe, sustainable water trail along the Middle Grand River. The plan also looks at extensions to the Red Cedar, Looking Glass, and Maple Rivers.



RED CEDAR WATER TRAIL

The Red Cedar Water Trail stretches 23 miles from McCormick Park in Williamston to the Grand River confluence at Riverpoint Park in the City of Lansing. There, it merges into the Middle Grand River Water Trail. The Red Cedar River Water Trail Committee is in the process of submitting for a state designation. In 2024, a multi-jurisdictional project was awarded to improve the water trail corridor of the Red Cedar River. The funding will provide new launch sites and help clean fallen trees and other debris from the Red Cedar River which prohibit navigation down the river corridor.

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

PARKLAND CLASSIFICATIONS

City of Lansing parklands are placed in classifications based on recommendations from the Park Board to the Mayor when acquired. These classifications are based on the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These include mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and linear parks. The City additionally uses another parkland classification that they have defined as city-wide parks based on size, equipment, facilities, and locations. Each of these classifications are defined below.

MINI PARKS:

Mini parks are small outdoor recreation spaces that address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs of a concentrated population. These parks are usually 2,500 square feet or one acre in size and serve an area up to a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. These parks are also known as pocket parks.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:

Neighborhood parks can often be considered the basic unit of a parks system. They serve as recreational and social hubs of the neighborhood. These parks are intended to serve an area $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in distance and are uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. They are generally 5 to 10 acres in size.

COMMUNITY PARKS:

Community parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks are usually between 30 to 50 acres and serve a radius of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 3-mile distance.

CITY-WIDE PARKS:

City-wide parks serve the largest range in the City. These parks are intended to serve the entire City and draw audiences from all four Wards. These parks have more unique features or purposes than that of the other parkland classifications which draws community members from a larger range to these spaces. There are no specific standards for this classification.

LINEAR PARKS:

Linear parks are connections that link places or parks together. Linear parks are typically designed for multiple modes of transportation such as walking, biking, jogging, and hiking. There are no specific standards for linear parks.



NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) annually gathers data from parks and recreation agencies to provide an overview of parks and recreation agencies' performance. With this data, the NRPA publishes an NRPA Agency Performance Review that provides jurisdictions and agencies with reports, tables, graphs, and other data visuals that provide an idea of a "typical" agency within a given population. The purpose of this performance review is to provide agencies with a tool to compare their own performance with that of other US agencies and identify areas where the agency is performing with excellence and areas where improvement could be made. The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review represents data from approximately 900 parks and recreation agencies across the country. It is important to remember that these metrics are a snapshot of parks and recreation currently throughout the country.

The City of Lansing has a population of 111,269 people. The City was compared with other agencies with a population between 100,000 and 249,999 people. Based on the 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review, the median number of residents per park for areas with a population of 100,000 to 249,000 is 3,437 people. Comparatively, the City of Lansing has 1,011 residents per park. This indicates that the City on average has more parkland than that of other agencies serving similar populations. The median acres of parkland per 1,000 residents for agencies is 9.2 acres. The City of Lansing provides 17.39 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. This is more comparable to the upper quartile of agencies that provide 16.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. These two statistics indicate that the City of Lansing, on average, is providing more parklands than that of its peers.

The median miles of trails for agencies with similar populations is 29 miles of trails. The River Trail in Lansing is currently 25 miles. This does not include all of the trails located within City of Lansing parks and open spaces. With these included, the City of Lansing has more than the median miles of trails for agencies serving similar populations.

The City of Lansing parks and recreation operating budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year is \$13,839,833. Comparatively, the median annual operating budget of jurisdictions serving similar populations is \$14,754,000. This comparison is particularly important and informative because on the annual operating budget in the City is slightly lower than that of its peers however, the City is still providing more parkland than that of its peers.



ACCESSIBILITY

Park systems and facilities should be designed to be safe, accessible, and usable for all individuals within the community regardless of one's age or ability. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has developed a grading system to identify parks and facilities accessibility levels, based upon the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines. The system uses a five point system ranging from 1, not accessible to 5, park designed using the principles of universal design. The criteria for each ranking is shown below in Table 9. Each park and recreation facility managed by the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is rated using the system described here. The accessibility rankings for each park and recreation facility can be found within Table 10. Accessibility assessments for each park were conducted during the spring of 2025.

After the Americans with Disabilities Act went into effect in 1992, the Parks and Recreation Department developed a Transition Plan. The process involved completing accessibility assessments of the Lansing Park system and its facilities. The plan targeted barriers that hinder the availability of services, facilities, programs, and activities for people with disabilities. The Plan was completed and adopted by City Council in 1993. The Parks and Recreation Department's recent projects have been constructed to comply with all federal and state statutes regarding barrier-free compliance.

TABLE 9 - DNR ACCESSIBLE GRADING SYSTEM FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

ACCESSIBILITY GRADE	DEFINITION
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

TABLE 10 - PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATIONS

CITY OF LANSING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION		
PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY RATING	SPECIAL ADA FEATURES
ATTWOOD	3	
AVERILL	1	
BANCROFT	3	Trail
BARB DEAN TOT LOT	3	
BASSETT	2	
BECK	3	
BEACON	4	Trail and Playground
BLUEBELL	3	
BURCHARD	3	
CAESAR-DONORA	3	

CITY OF LANSING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION		
PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY RATING	SPECIAL ADA FEATURES
CAVANAUGH	2	
CHERRY HILL	3	Kayak launch designed to principles of universal design
CLIFFORD	3	Pickleball
COMSTOCK	2	
COOLEY GARDENS	2	Parking lot designed to principles of universal design
CREGO	5	Park was designed using principles of universal design
DAVIS	3	Restroom/Concession, ballfields, Fit Court, and parking lot built using universal design
DIETRICH	2	
DODGE	2	
DUNNEBACKE	2	
DURANT	3	
EDMORE	1	
ELM	2	
ELMHURST	1	
EVERETT	1	
FAIRVIEW	4	Tollgate Drain Paths
FENNER NATURE CENTER	3	Davis pavilion and the River Trail
FERRIS	3	Strikeout baseball
FINE	1	No facilities at the park site
FOREST VIEW	2	
FOSTER	4	
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER	5	Renovated using the principles of universal design, swings
FRANCES	4	Parking lot and rose garden
FULTON	3	Overlook
GEORGETOWN	2	
GIER	3	Pump track
GLEN EDEN	1	No facilities at the park site
GRAND RIVER	3	
GRAVES, GERALD W.	2	
GREENCROFT	1	No facilities at the park site
HILLBORN	2	
HILLSDALE	3	

CITY OF LANSING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION		
PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY RATING	SPECIAL ADA FEATURES
HOLLY	3	
HORSEBROOK	1	
HULL COURT	2	
HUNTER	4	Pool upgrades
HUNTERS RIDGE	1	
INGHAM	2	Playground
IRVING	1	No facilities at the park site
JONES LAKE	1	No facilities at the park site
KALAMAZOO PLAZA	4	
KAYNORTH	1	
KENDON	1	
KIMBERLY	1	No facilities at the park site
KIRCHER	4	
LARCH	1	No facilities at the park site
LETT'S COMMUNITY CENTER	5	Renovated using the principles of universal design
LEWTON	1	No facilities at park site
LYONS	1	
MAGUIRE	5	Access designed using the principles of universal design
MARSCOT	3	
MARSHALL	3	
MCKINCH	1	
MOORE, HAROLD	2	
MOORES	3	Pool
MUNN	2	ADA access to the River Trail pathway
OAK	3	
ORMOND	3	
OSBORN	1	
PLEASANT VIEW	1	No facilities at park site
PORTER	2	
POTTER	3	Managed by the county
POXSON	2	Playground
QUENTIN	2	
RANNEY	4	ADA accessible pathways within the park

CITY OF LANSING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION		
PARK NAME	ACCESSIBILITY RATING	SPECIAL ADA FEATURES
REASONER	2	
REGENT	2	
REOLA	1	
REUTTER	3	
RIVERFRONT, LOUIS F. ADADO	4	A universally accessible playground, Play Michigan, was added
RISDALE	3	Stadium designed using the principles of universal design
RIVERPOINT	4	Dock
RIVERSIDE	1	No facilities at the park site
ROTARY	5	Designed using the principles of universal design
ST. JOSEPH	3	
SCOTT	4	Parking lot access to Cooley
SCOTT WOODS	4	
SEVENTH	1	
SCHMIDT COMMUNITY CENTER	5	Designed using the principles of universal design
SHUBEL	1	No facilities at the park site
STABENOW, DEBBIE	2	Playground, fitness equipment, and pavilion
STABLER	2	
SUNSET HILLS	2	No facilities at the park site
SYCAMORE	2	
SYCAMORE CREEK	3	
TAMMANY	4	
TECUMSEH	3	
TRAGER	1	No facilities at the park site
TURNER	4	
WAINWRIGHT	2	
WALDO	2	
WALSH	2	
WENTWORTH	4	
WILLOUGHBY	1	No facilities at the park site
WILSON	2	
WILSON, RUDOLPH & DOROTHY	4	
WOODCREEK	3	

DNR GRANT HISTORY

The City of Lansing has been successful in receiving grants for parks and recreation from the DNR. The Parks and Recreation Department have continued to maintain the sites acquisitioned and facilities constructed from grant funding to allow for the use of these spaces for the public. Table 11 below details each of the past grants the City of Lansing has received.

TABLE 11 - CITY OF LANSING GRANT HISTORY

CITY OF LANSING GRANT HISTORY					
PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICATION YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	GRANT STATUS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
26-00045	1966	Sheffield Park (formerly Southwest River Park)	\$69,615	Closed	Acquire 26.78 acres for park development & scenic drive extending Moores River Drive
26-00550	1974	Lansing Outdoor Ice Rink	\$78,500	Closed	Building addition, ice making equipment, fencing, batter boards, lighting, walks, parking & site development
26-00693	1976	Lansing Riverfront Park	\$82,812	Closed	Wharf & starter deck, 2 lighted deck tennis courts, viewing deck, site furniture, signs, landscaping, LWCF sign
26-00926	1977	Dietrich Park Development	\$53,000	Closed	Develop 5 acres for parking, pedestrian/bike path, landscaping, site preparation, LWCF sign, 2 docks with stairs & entry woodwork
26-01023 J3	1977	Davis Park	\$38,781	Closed	Well, vault toilets, decking & steps, pathway, fence, parking, road, bench, landscaping, picnic tables, fire circle, LWCF sign
26-01023 K3	1977	Lansing Tennis Courts at four Parks	\$46,317	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts at Marscott, River Street, Wilson & Woodcreek Parks
26-01023 L3	1977	Forest View Park	\$21,000	Closed	Construct 2 tennis courts
26-01023 M3	1977	Gier Park	\$60,438	Closed	Lighting & fencing for existing ball diamonds & LWCF sign
26-01060 C4	1975	Theo Fulton (Sheffield) Park	\$33,400	Closed	Overlook dock, play area, parking, picnic area, & LWCF sign
26-01134	1980	Lansing Riverpoint Park (formerly Elm St. Park)	\$31,300	Withdrawn	Development of dock, boat ramp & parking lot

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PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICATION YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	GRANT STATUS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
26-01221	1981	Chadwell Launch	\$53,297	Closed	Develop canoe launch, demolition, earth moving, retaining walls, asphalt path, landscaping, dock, & sign
26-01296	1984	Lansing Urban Recreation Trail	\$68,407	Closed	Trail, demolition, site development, landscaping, boardwalks, furniture, signs, asphalt path, LWCF sign at Elm and Cedar St.
TF86-229	1986	Urban Recreation Trail	\$262,500	Closed	Construction of 2 links to Riverfront Trail. Commencing at Elm St. east of S. Cedar St.
TF87-244	1987	Lansing Urban Rec. Trail	\$250,000	Closed	Continue trail east of Potter Park Zoo towards MSU
TF88-138	1988	River Trail	\$375,000	Closed	Continue walkway along Grand River with observation decks, fishing & canoe access
TF88-139	1988	Lansing River Trail	\$80,250	Withdrawn	Acquire 1/2 mile of abandoned railroad line in northwest portion of City
TF89-187	1989	Lansing River Trail '89	\$375,000	Closed	Continue River Trail from Turner Dodge Mansion to Brenke Fish Ladder. Boardwalk, stairs, grading, walls/handrails, paving and landscaping
BF89-405	1989	Moore's Park Renovations	\$272,325	Closed	Rebuild restroom, renovate and resurface 12 concrete shuffleboard courts, renovate picnic shelter & stairs, resurface 2 tennis courts, parking, play equipment and landscaping
BF89-407	1989	Potter Park Renovations	\$200,000	Closed	Renovation of pavilion including new restroom facilities & renovation of farmyard area in the zoo
TF90-261	1990	Lansing River Trail '90	\$316,500	Closed	Construction of asphalt pedestrian path with wooden decks along the Grand River from Grand River Ave. to the Dodge Mansion
BF90-262	1990	Fenner Natural Area	\$187,500	Closed	Redevelopment of existing trail system, new barrier-free loop, interpretive signs, educational exhibits in the center and paving existing parking lots

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BF91-096	1991	Tennis Court Repairs	\$97,500	Closed	Test 3 methods of repairing cracked asphalt at Clifford, St. Joseph & Ranney and replacement of fence
BF91-097	1991	Riverpoint Park	\$159,300	Closed	Develop the River Trail from Elm St. to Washington Ave. & Riverpoint Park from Clippert St. to Kalamazoo St.
BF93-270	1993	Neighborhood Play Equip.	\$210,000	Closed	Adding modern accessible play structures at Davis, Washington, Frances & Hunter Parks
26-01536	1993	Frances Park Renovations	\$101,537	Closed	Restoration of pavilion and overlook structures and removal/replacement of roads and parking lot surfacing/curb cuts for accessibility
TF95-122	1995	River Trail West	\$375,000	Closed	Link existing River Trail from Spring St. to Riverpoint Park & from Riverpoint Park to Washington Ave.
TF95-125	1995	Fenner Arboretum In holding Acquisition	\$360,000	Closed	Acquire 10 acre parcel, a commercial inholding, & return it to its natural setting
TF96-102	1996	Frances Park Shoreline	\$408,900	Closed	Provide improved parking areas, fishing docks & riverbank stabilization along the Grand River
TF97-027	1997	River Trail Moores Park - Elm Street	\$500,000	Closed	Construction of 1,600 feet of asphalt and boardwalk paths, bridge over Grand River and, on adjacent property, wooden stairs & walkway
TF97-218	1997	Poyet Parcel Acquisition	\$900,000	Withdrawn	Acquisition of 31 acres of natural area along Sycamore Creek for preservation and extension of River Trail
CM00-099	2000	Kircher Park Renovations	\$360,000	Closed	Construction of new restroom/concession/equipment storage building, paved parking lot, fencing improvements & accessibility improvements
TF02-127	2002	Moores Park Improvements	\$247,800	Closed	Develop an extension to the River Trail through the park with riverbank stabilization, improved fishing access, and canoe launch

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TF03-106	2003	River Trail South Extension	\$226,500	Closed	Southern extension of the Lansing River Trail from Shubel Park to Hawk Island County Park. Ten foot wide, paved trail to connect residential neighborhoods to existing park land
TF04-078	2004	River Trail South Extension	\$500,000	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide asphalt trail to include a 14 foot wide bridge & site amenities which provides 8,100 linear feet of access to Sycamore Creek.
TF05-071	2005	Lansing River Trail South Extension	\$426,500	Closed	Develop a 10 foot wide, 4,100 linear foot bituminous trail, boardwalk & bridge along the Sycamore Creek from Hawk Island Park to Maguire Park.
TF06-050	2006	Hunter Pool Renovation	\$500,000	Closed	Improvements to Hunter Park Pool including installation of splash park & upgrades to existing pool with zero depth entry
TF08-147	2008	Hunter's Ridge Land Acquisition	\$785,300	Closed	Acquisition of 28.47 acres of property with 500 feet of frontage on the Grand River to be used for walking trails, wildlife viewing, fishing opportunities & habitat protection
TF10-050	2010	Crego Park Development	\$500,000	Closed	Improvements to Crego Park including permeable pavement parking lot, universally accessible kayak/canoe launch, walking paths, fishing docks & site amenities
TF12-019	2012	Frances Park Trail Improvement	\$300,000	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail including fishing docks, benches, bike racks, & viewing platform
TF16-0081	2016	Lansing Boat Club Acquisition	\$67,500	Closed	Acquisition of a 9-acre parcel located on the Grand River. The river front parcel will be incorporated into Fulton Park & become a connection of Hunters Ridge and Fulton Parks.

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TF17-0079	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Moores Park	\$24,500	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail including a canoe & kayak launch below the dam along the Grand River
TF17-0090	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Riverfront Park	\$33,600	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail including a canoe & kayak launch at the City Market in downtown Lansing
TF17-0098	2017	Canoe/Kayak Launch at Krugers Landing	\$24,500	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail including a canoe & kayak launch east of Potter Park on the Red Cedar
TF18-0029	2018	East Willard Avenue Acquisition	\$17,300	Closed	Acquisition of this 3.47 acre parcel was incorporated into Scott Woods Park & gives the City of Lansing the properties on both sides of the trailhead at the end of Willard Avenue
TF18-0030	2018	Wise Road Acquisition	\$20,500	Withdrawn	Acquisition of this 0.59 acre parcel that will be incorporated into Davis Park
TF18-0033	2018	Cambridge to Frances Park River Trail Connection	\$300,000	Closed	Improvement to the River Trail including a third of a mile extension of the River Trail north of Frances
TF18-0133	2018	Hunter's Ridge Drive Acquisition	\$82,500	Closed	Acquisition of 1.6 acres within Hunter's Ridge Park along the Grand River
TF19-0003	2019	Cavanaugh Road Property	\$75,000	Withdrawn	Acquisition of 1 acre to improve blighted stretch of the River Trail. Structures on property will be removed to improve appearance.
TF19-0024	2019	East St. Joseph Street Property	\$75,000	Withdrawn	Acquisition of improved lot adding to Lansing's riverfront park system
TF19-0025	2019	River Street Property	\$60,000	Withdrawn	Acquisition of improved lot adding to Lansing's riverfront park system
RP-210044	2021	Frances Park Accessibility and Shade Structure Improvements	\$150,000	Closed	Improvements to historical shade structure, construction of accessible pathways and ramp, and landscaping
TF21-0031	2021	Adado Riverfront Park Improvements	\$300,000	Closed	Construction of elevated deck/boardwalk and observation area, bike racks, accessible pathways, benches, and picnic tables

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CITY OF LANSING GRANT HISTORY					
PROJECT NUMBER	APPLICATION YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	GRANT STATUS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
TF21-0142	2021	Corporate Research Park Path Development	\$300,000	PA Executed	Development of 10-foot wide ADA accessible pathway at Forest Road Park Pathway and heading south to connect with existing non-motorized facilities
TF21-0170	2021	Fenner Pathway	\$300,000	PA Executed	Development of 1.7 miles of ADA accessible pathway connecting the Lansing River Trail and the Bear Lake Pathway to Fenner Nature Center
TF23-0032	2023	Sycamore Creek Land Acquisition - Cavanaugh Road	\$300,000	Withdrawn	Acquisition of 3.47 acres adjacent to Sycamore Creek and the River Trail for landscaping improvements and potential trailhead use
TF23-0043	2023	Waverly Road Acquisition	\$500,000	PA Executed	Acquisition of 35 acres of wooded natural area along Waverly Road. Will provide additional parkland along the South Lansing River Trail and potential trailhead location
TF24-0013	2024	Frances River Lot Improvements	\$400,000	PA Executed	Renovation of wooden decks and railings with light weight concrete and cable railings
TF25-0001	2025	Letts CC Tennis Courts Expansion	\$400,000	Undetermined	Increase the number of courts from 4 to 6 and installation of high performance court surface
TF25-0025	2025	NS Parcel Acquisitions	\$400,000	Undetermined	Acquire 4 parcels of Northfork Southern along the Grand River in downtown Lansing
RP25-0003	2025	Gier BMX Track Improvements	\$150,000	Undetermined	Repair and replace BMX track turns and starting gate.



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NON-CITY OWNED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN LANSING

Within the Lansing region there are a vast variety of other recreation opportunities for residents to participate in. The list below includes both public and private spaces that provide a diverse range of recreation options for those of all ages and abilities.

BILLIARDS

Nuthouse Sports Grill, Lansing
Coach's Pub and Grill, Lansing
LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, Lansing
Art's Pub, Lansing
The Green Door Bar & Grill, Lansing
Westgate Tavern & Grill, Lansing
Midtown Brewing, Lansing
Lucky's, Lansing

BOWLING

Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, Lansing

CAMPGROUNDS

Cottonwood Campground, Lansing
Der Happy Hallow, Lansing

CAMPS

Woldumar Nature Center, Lansing
Potter Park Zoo, Lansing
YMCA, Lansing

CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL

River Town Adventures, Lansing
The Power of Water, Lansing

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club, Lansing
Lansing Spartans Youth Organization, Lansing
Lions Clubs of Michigan, Lansing/surrounding area
Rotary Club, Lansing and surrounding area
American Legions Posts, Lansing/surrounding area
Kiwanis Club, Lansing and surrounding area
Curling Club, Lansing
University Club, Lansing
Lansing Table Tennis, Lansing
Lansing Boat Club, Lansing
Liederkrantz Club, Lansing
Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan, Lansing
Capital Area Soccer, Lansing
Greater Lansing Aikido, Lansing
Tri-County Bike Association, Lansing

DANCE AND GYMNASTICS

Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts, Lansing
Patsy Watson School of Dance, Lansing
In Motion Dance Center, Lansing
Greater Lansing Academy of Dance, Lansing
Dance City West, Lansing
Red Cedar Gymnastics, Lansing
Capital Cheer Legends, Lansing
WILDCATS Cheer Pride, Lansing

FITNESS AND YOGA

Hilltop Yoga, Lansing
EmPOWER Lansing, Lansing
Just B Yoga, Lansing
Old Town Pilates, Lansing
FLEXcity Fitness, Lansing
I.Q. Fitness & Wellness Center, Lansing
Westside Fitness, Lansing
Court One Athletic Clubs, Lansing
YMCA, Lansing
Elite Fitness, Lansing
M-43 Fitness, Lansing

GOLF COURSES: MINIATURE AND DISC

Kramer-Ruthruff Disc Golf, Lansing
Zap Zone, Lansing
Grand Woods Park Disc Golf, Lansing

GOLF COURSES: PRACTICE RANGES

Forest Akers West, Lansing
Woodside Golf Course, Lansing
Royal Scot, Lansing
Westside Community YMCA

GOLF COURSES: PRIVATE

Country Club of Lansing, Lansing

GOLF COURSES: PUBLIC

Chisholm Hills Golf Club, Lansing
Royal Scot Golf, Lansing
Woodside Course, Lansing
University Club of MSU, Lansing

MUSEUMS

Impression 5, Lansing
Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing
R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, Lansing

NATURE CENTERS

Woldumar Nature Center, Lansing

THEATERS: CINEMA

NCG Cinema, Lansing
 Celebration Cinema, Lansing
 Regal RPX, Lansing
 Xtreme, Lansing

THEATERS: PERFORMING ARTS

The Robin Theatre, Lansing
 Riverwalk Theatre, Lansing
 LLC Dart Auditorium, LLC Campus, Lansing
 Children's Ballet Theatre, Lansing
 Starlight Dinner Theatre, Lansing
 The Murder Mystery Company, Lansing

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Collaboration between the City of Lansing and the Lansing School District is critical in providing additional recreational facilities and opportunities. Typically, schools have recreational facilities available for use and provide a number of programming options for students in the City. Below is information of both the City of Lansing Public Schools and the private schools in the area.

CITY OF LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT

The City of Lansing School District is the 5th largest school district in the State of Michigan and covers an area of 52 square miles. The City of Lansing Public School District serves over 10,000 students ranging from pre-K through 12th grade. The school District includes 25 buildings. Many of the school buildings have recreation facilities for students to use such as playgrounds and sports fields. The City of Lansing School District and the Parks and Recreation Department maintain a relationship to provide high quality recreation facilities to residents of the City. More information about this partnership can be found in Chapter 3.

**OTHER SCHOOLS**

In addition to the Lansing School District, there are a number of private and public academy schools that have recreation facilities within the Lansing region. These include parochial, Montessori, and charter schools. Some of these schools include Cole Academy, Emmanuel Lutheran School, Greater Lansing Adventist School, Hope Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir, Lansing Baptist School, Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing Christian Schools, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, Mid-Michigan Public School Academy, Montessori Children's House, Mosaica Education, New City Academy, New Covenant Christian School, Our Savior Lutheran School, Pam's Academy of Champions, Resurrection Catholic School, St. Gerard Catholic School, and Windemere Park Charter Academy.

REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

In addition, to inventorying the parks and recreation opportunities available within the City of Lansing it is important to review of County and State facilities that residents of the City may utilize. Descriptions of these County and State recreation facilities are provided below.

COUNTY PARKS

BURCHFIELD PARK - INGHAM COUNTY

Burchfield Park is Ingham County's largest park at 540 acres of woods, trails and a beach. The park includes the Riverbend Natural Area and McNamara Landing. The park is located along the Grand River between Dimondale and Holt. This park includes miles of hiking and biking trails and access to the Grand River Water Trail. Park amenities include two 18 hole disc golf courses, a beach, bathhouse, canoe and kayak rentals, cross country skiing and rental, hiking trails, mountain biking trails, picnic areas and shelters, playgrounds, sledding hills, softball diamond, volleyball court, winter snack bar, and a winter warming lodge.

Riverbend Natural Area is located in the middle section of Burchfield Park. The natural area contains nature trails that take hikers through mature forests, fields, and riverbank habitats. The natural area also provides water access and a spot for canoers and kayakers to stop while exploring the Grand River Water Trail. In the winter the entrance to natural area is closed. The trails in the natural area are maintained for cross country skiing and can be accessed from McNamara Landing or Burchfield Park.

McNamara Landing is at the south end of Burchfield Park. The trails in McNamara Landing travel northward all the way to the north end Burchfield Park. McNamara Landing has a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch, parking, restrooms, and a pond.

HAWK ISLAND COUNTY PARK - INGHAM COUNTY

Hawk Island County Park located within the City of Lansing on Cavanaugh Road between Pennsylvania Avenue and Aurelius Road. The Park includes amenities such as a swimming beach, 30 acre pond, bath house, boat rental, fishing with the lake stocked, picnic grounds and shelters, playground, volleyball courts, ball diamonds, paved trails, a winter sports rental area and cross-country skiing extending through the park. There are walkways on Cavanaugh Road leading to the park. Hawk Island County Park is additionally adjacent to Soldan Dog Park. The dog park is a City of Lansing Park that is maintained cooperatively with the Ingham County Parks Department. This Park was built on the former Sablain's Gravel Co. site that was mined and used for cement. The park was constructed with the help of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and opened to the public in 2002.

LAKE LANSING PARK NORTH - INGHAM COUNTY

Lake Lansing Park North is located north of Lake Lansing and consists of 530 acres of recreation areas, woods, and trails. A majority of the Park is located north of Lake Drive; only the boat launch connects Lake Lansing to the Park. The park consists of a variety of natural environments such as mature maple and oak woodlands, marshlands, and evergreen forests that can be accessed through ten miles of trails and boardwalks. The park additionally contains a 2.4 mile trail loop that is marked with interpretative signage. The park also offers a playground, basketball court, picnic grounds and picnic shelters, cross country skiing, softball diamond, and boat launch.

LAKE LANSING PARK SOUTH - INGHAM COUNTY

Lake Lansing Park South consists of 30 acres of land on the west side of Lake Lansing with access off of Marsh and Lake Lansing Roads. The park was previously an amusements park and the carousel building has been preserved and remains on site. Park amenities include the beach, amphitheater/band shell, pedal boat rental, volleyball courts, bath house, multi-purpose dock, snack bar, playground, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, and picnic areas and shelters.

POTTER PARK ZOO - INGHAM COUNTY

Description

Potter Park Zoo is located in Lansing, Michigan off of Pennsylvania Avenue. Potter Park Zoo is owned by the City of Lansing, however it is operated and managed by Ingham County. In 2006, the Potter Park Zoo Millage passed, which provides funding for the zoo from Ingham County residents. The passage of the countywide zoo millage put both the funding and management of the zoo under the County. Potter Park Zoo officially became a county run facility in 2007. Potter Park Zoo is the oldest public zoo in Michigan with over 500 animals and 160 different species. The zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and participates in over 40 Species Survival Plans (SSP) designated to manage and conserve threatened or endangered animals. The zoo is open to the public 264 days a year. In addition, the zoo veterinary team partners with the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine to provide medical care for its animals.

Mission

"Inspiring conservation of animals and the natural world."

Grants

Potter Park Zoo has received two grants. In 2019, a Lansing Neighborhood Grant of \$3,220.40 was received. This grant was used to plant native plants around the Tiger Den, install an accessible table and bench for a dedicated quiet area, and installed an accessible grill near the Tiger Den. In 2020, a ReLeaf grant of \$1,500.00 was received for planting trees within the Zoo. A significant amount of tree remediation and planting of native trees because of this grant.

Facilities

Potter Park spans 102 acres. The zoo accounts for 20 acres and the park is 82 acres. There are a number of amenities that include picnic areas, play equipment, restrooms, parking, river frontage, and a River Trail access point. In addition there are three rental facilities available in the park. These include the Tiger Den, which has a capacity of 300 people. The other two are the Eagle Landing, capacity 80, and Penguin Cove, capacity 60.

Programming

Programs at Potter Park Zoo are funded through the Potter Park Zoological Society. The Potter Park Zoological Society is a private, 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization that supports Potter Park Zoo through educational programming, public and private events, and fundraising.

The FALCONERS is a free program designed to allow children and adults of all ages with special needs and unique challenges (such as autism or developmental disabilities) and their whole family to have an enriching educational experience in a safe and welcoming environment. One event is held each month throughout the year and is free for all to participate in.

The Zoo in your Neighborhood Program is a program that runs from May through September and is designed to reach a more members of the community. Throughout this time period themed presentations and Wild Tales (animal themed story times) are hosted in locations throughout the Lansing Area such as libraries and community centers. In addition, community zoo passes are available. These passes can be found at community partner locations. These passes can be checked out for family's to visit Potter Park Zoo free with free admission and parking. After the visit, the passes get returned to the community partner locations so others can use them.

Potter Park Zoo also offers K-12 programming. This includes Big Zoo Lesson, ERESA Animal Science Class, and the Homeschool Zoo Crew.

Potter Park Zoo offers hour long guided tours covering a number of different topics of your choosing ranging from animals, careers, and designing habitats.

During the summer, Potter Park Zoo offer the Zookambi Summer Camp. Half day and full day weekly camps are available to choose from. Each week is based on different topics with topics tailored to grade level to ensure all participants enjoying the experience and learn about varying aspects of the animals and the Zoo.

STATE PARKS

SLEEPY HOLLOW STATE PARK

Sleepy Hollow State Park is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It is approximately 2,678 acres located on Lake Ovid. Visitors can camp in the Park's modern campground or cabins or spend the day. Amenities at the park include swimming beach, fishing pier, restrooms, disc golf, playground, picnic areas, and boat rentals. The park offers 16 miles of hiking and biking trails and an additional 12 miles of equestrian trails. During the appropriate seasons, hunting and trapping can take place in the park. In the winter, the park is open to cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

ROSE LAKE WILDLIFE RESEARCH AREA

Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It is approximately 4,140 acres located in Bath and Woodhull Townships. The area contains a number of lakes such as Potter Lake, Mud Lake, and Rose Lake. The research area provides opportunities to view and study wildlife and habitats. In addition, hunting is allowed in the appropriate seasons, a shooting range is available, and trails for hiking and mountain biking.

PROGRAM INVENTORY

The City of Lansing offers a variety of recreational programs to both residents of the City and non-residents. Registration is available both online and in-person. The City offers scholarships for low-income youth to participate in these programs. A complete inventory of Lansing recreational programs is listed on the following pages.

CITY FUNDED PROGRAMS

SCHOLARSHIPS

The City of Lansing has partial scholarship available to City of Lansing residents who are under 18 years of age and who meet Federal HUD low-income guidelines for the Lansing area. These scholarships can be used for Parks and Recreation sponsored programs but do not include team fees, supply costs, out of town trips, or one day activities.

AQUATICS

Youth Swim Lessons
Adult Swim Lessons
Open Swim (Indoor & Outdoor)
Lap Swimming

SCHOOL YEAR

After School Program (Grades K-6)
Spring Break Camp

OPEN RECREATION

Teen Nights
Volleyball
Basketball
Pickleball
Table Tennis
Climbing Wall
Batting Tunnel

DANCE

Ballet
Acrobatics
Latino Dance
Hustle
Line Dance
Ballroom Dance
Belly Dance (Beginning to Master)

MARTIAL ARTS

Karate for Kids
Family Karate
Adult Self Defense
Judo/Jujitsu
Aikido
TaeKwonDo
Classical Japanese Swordsmanship

FITNESS & WELLNESS

Boxing Fitness
Low Impact Aerobics
Yoga
Fitness Center
Enhanced Fitness
Zumba
Pound
Strength and Conditioning
Cardio Drumming
Meditation

SPORTS

Floor Hockey (Youth League)
Archery (Youth – Adult)
Sports Sampler (Youth)
Volleyball (Youth & Adult)
Basketball (Youth)
Tennis (Youth Lessons – Adult Leagues)
Soccer (Youth)
Flag Football (Youth)
Tackle Football (Youth)
Cheer
Running Club
Wrestling
Archery
Softball (Youth and Adult)
Adult Baseball (Wooden Bat, Ages 30 & Over;
Ages 40 & over)
Youth Baseball (Junior, Wildcat, Tee Ball)

GENERAL ENRICHMENT

Travelogue
Technology Classes
Stage Combat



TURNER-DODGE HOUSE

Public Visitor Hours
Guided Tours, Tours & Tea
Seasonal Teas
Wedding/Shower/Party Rentals
Special Event Rentals
Festival of Trees
Tea and Ballet
Live Music
Victorian Halloween
Valentine Love & Chocolate
Fairy Tale Festival
Festival of Trees

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Belly Dance
Tutoring

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Kids Camp Program/Field Trips
Easter Egg Hunt
Holiday Road Rally
Leader in Training
Mayor's Annual Riverwalk and Run
Scavenger Hunt
4th of July Parade
Concerts in the Park
Drive-In Movie
Mother/Son & Daddy/Daughter Dance
Mayor's Senior Fair
Trick or Treat Trail
Holiday Nights of Lights

CO-SPONSORED CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY (CADL) PROGRAMS

Baby/Toddler/Family Story Time
Drop In Computer Sessions
Discussion Clubs
Kids Crochet
Book Clubs
STEAM Programs

SENIORS

Tri-County Office on Aging – Meals on Wheels
Walking Program
Crafts
Holiday Events
Billiards and Pool Tournament
Picnics
Trips
Bingo
Card Games
Dominoes

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED AT CITY FACILITIES

PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE FRIENDS OF FENNER NATURE CENTER

Nature Education Tours
Apple Butter Festival
Preschool Program
Exploring Nature Programs

Earth Day Extravaganza
Maple Syrup Festival
Facility Rentals
Summer Camps

CITY OF LANSING EVENTS

Various events are held in Lansing and at Lansing parks and facilities throughout the year. When events are held at Lansing parks and facilities, the Department schedules the facilities, makes sure that the site is prepared, and cleans up afterwards. The Department also rents a Showmobile to groups in the Lansing area that can be used as a portable stage for events. The City hosts over 250 events each year. The following page is a list of just some of the events there are to participate in.

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EVENTS

Women's March
 Recyclerama
 Child-Abuse Prevention Awareness Day
 Dapper Dads Fashion Show
 Common Ground
 Stations of the Cross
 MI Cops Candlelight Ceremony
 VOA Stand Down for Homeless Veterans
 July 4th Celebration
 Car Capitol Auto Show
 Taste of Downtown
 Eucharist Procession
 Chili Cook Off
 Trick or Treat on the Square
 Spring Equinox Gathering
 Community Easter Egg Hunt
 Battlefield Brawl
 Arbor Day Event
 MSU Rowing Competition
 Lids for Kids
 Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow
 Bike and Seek

FESTIVALS

Lumberjack Festival
 Beerfest at the Ballpark
 Sikh Day Parade & Festival
 Cristo Key Festival
 Margarita Festival
 Juneteenth Parade and Festival
 Lansing Old Town Beer Fest
 Michigan Pride & Festival
 Scrapfest
 Michigan Jazz Fest
 ArtFeast
 Reo Town Art Festival
 Michigan Chicken Wing Festival
 Lansing Beerfest
 Michigan Blues Fest
 Oktoberfest
 Bridge Fest
 Red Cedar Jubilee
 Lansing Fiesta and Carnival
 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival
 Taco and Tequila Festival
 517 Hispanic Heritage Festival
 5:01 Dam Jam Music Festival

RACES

Run for the Son
 Hemlock 22 Mile Hike for Awareness of Veteran
 Suicide
 Multiple Sclerosis Walk
 Sparrow Michigan Mile
 Hawk Island Triathlon
 Run for Fame
 Alzheimer's Walk
 Capital City River Run
 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
 Crop Walk
 Hot Cider Hustle
 Silver Bells Parade & 5K
 Lansing Turkey Trot
 St Patrick's Day Run
 Twilight Run
 Epilepsy Summer Stroll 5K
 Great Scrap Run
 EC3 Family Fun Run
 PR Night Road Mile
 Super Bowl 5K
 Blue Cross Winter Warm Up 5K
 Donut Stop
 Hippity Hop 5K
 Rock Lansing 5K
 Memorial Mile
 Miles for Moms
 Soles4Vets Memorial 5K Race
 Mayor's Riverwalk and Run
 Playmaker's Michigan Mile
 Mighty Mile
 Hometown Half Marathon
 Paper Chase
 Trail Town 5K
 All American 4 and 8 Mile
 Ele's Race 5K
 BWL Hometown Power 5K
 Summer Sizzler
 Courdy's Pumpkin Run
 Run for Fame 5K
 Step Up For Down Syndrome
 Big Brothers Big Sisters Miles for Mentorship
 Race to Restore
 Spooky Sprint
 Day of the Dead 5K
 Woldumar Trails Run
 Candy Cane Course
 Playmakers Holiday Classic 5K

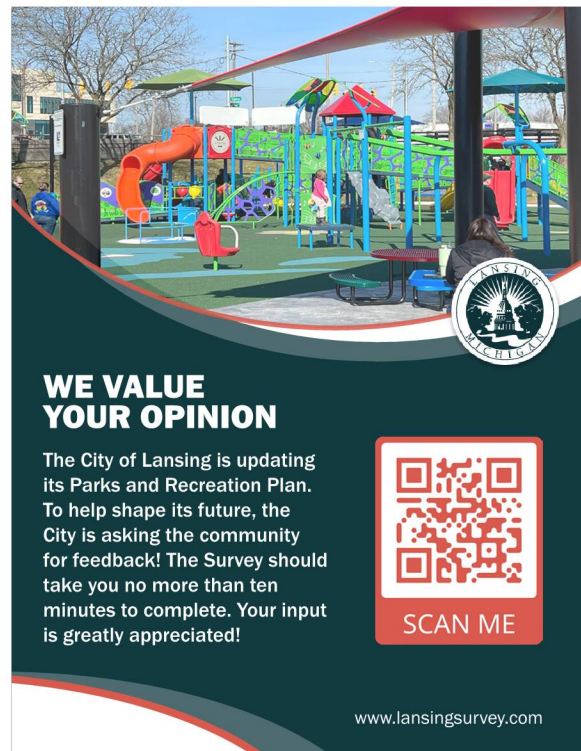


COMMUNITY INPUT

OVERVIEW

Community input is foundational to the development of a parks and recreation plan. Ideas, recommendations, and concerns expressed by residents are taken into consideration when the City looks at creating the goals, objectives, and action plan for parks and recreation over the next five years. The City of Lansing received input from community members in several ways throughout the creation of this Plan. These included:

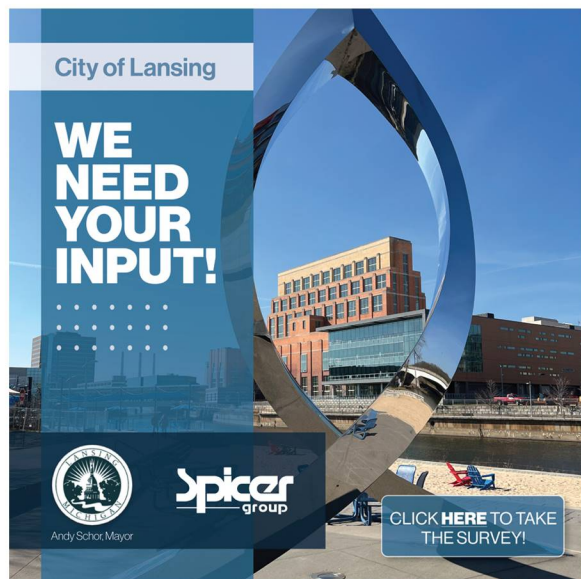
- **ONLINE SURVEY** - February 18th through May 2nd, 2025
- **OPEN HOUSES:**
 - Ward 1 - Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Foster Community Center
 - Ward 2 - Thursday, March 13, 2025, Fenner Nature Center
 - Ward 3 - Saturday, March 8, 2025, Schmidt Community Center
 - Ward 4 - Wednesday, March 26, 2025, Letts Community Center
- **ONE MONTH REVIEW PERIOD** - **DATE** through **DATE** the Plan was posted on the City website and hard copies were available at each **COMMUNITY CENTER**
- **PUBLIC HEARING** - **DATE** an advertised public hearing was held for the this Plan. Community members could attend and provide comments about the Plan



METHODS OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City advertised the Plan and public participation opportunities in a number of ways. These included:

- Flyers shown above and postcards were posted to the City's website, shared on social media sites, and in person at community centers to advertise the survey and the open houses throughout the course of the public input period.
- A QR code and web domain, www.lansingsurvey.com, were provided for the survey.
- Targeted ads to residents were made over social media to encourage participation of the survey as depicted to the left.
- The City Parks and Recreation Director went on local news stations to discuss the update to the Plan and ways the community could participate.
- News articles were posted about the public survey and open houses in local news outlets such as WILX.
- Notice of 30 day review period and public hearing was shared on **DATE AND PUBLISHED IN XXX**.
- A public hearing for the draft Plan was held on **DATE**.



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SURVEY

The survey received a total of 346 responses and included 15 questions, with a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions. The following review of the survey is a summary of the most relevant survey results. To view a complete report of the survey results, please see Appendix A.

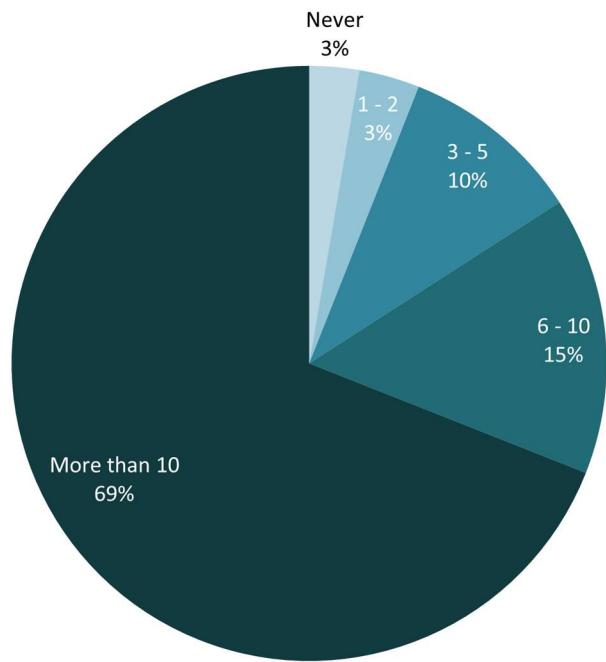
PARKS

Respondents were asked which parks they visit the most in the City. The most common answers are listed below.

- 1. Frances Park
- 2. Moores Park
- 3. Crego Park
- 4. Potter Park
- 5. Fenner Nature Center
- 6. Scott Woods Park
- 7. Bancroft Park
- 8. Adado Riverfront Park

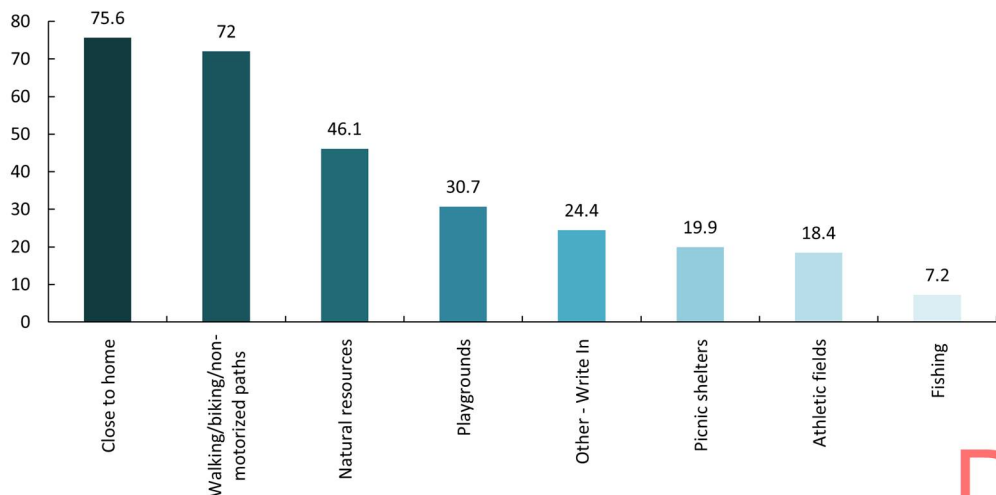
Other frequent mentions were the Lansing River Trail and Hawk Island County Park which is a County Park located in the City. When asked how frequently respondents visited City of Lansing parks in the last year almost 70% had gone more than 10 times.

FIGURE 3 - PARK VISITS IN THE LAST YEAR



It is important when deciding on parks and recreation improvements to understand why residents use parks and recreation facilities. The top responses to this question by respondents included parks that were close to home, the walking/biking/non-motorized paths available, natural resources, and playgrounds. The survey asked respondents what parks and recreation facilities they would like to see expanded or improved. The top response to this question was trails. This was followed by public gardens, natural areas/shade, and nature centers. These questions could indicate that community members both use and would like to see more natural facilities incorporated into City parks that are accessible by trails. Similar results came out of open houses that community members attended. The open house results can be viewed on page 82.

FIGURE 4 - REASON PARTICIPANTS USE CITY OF LANSING PARKS

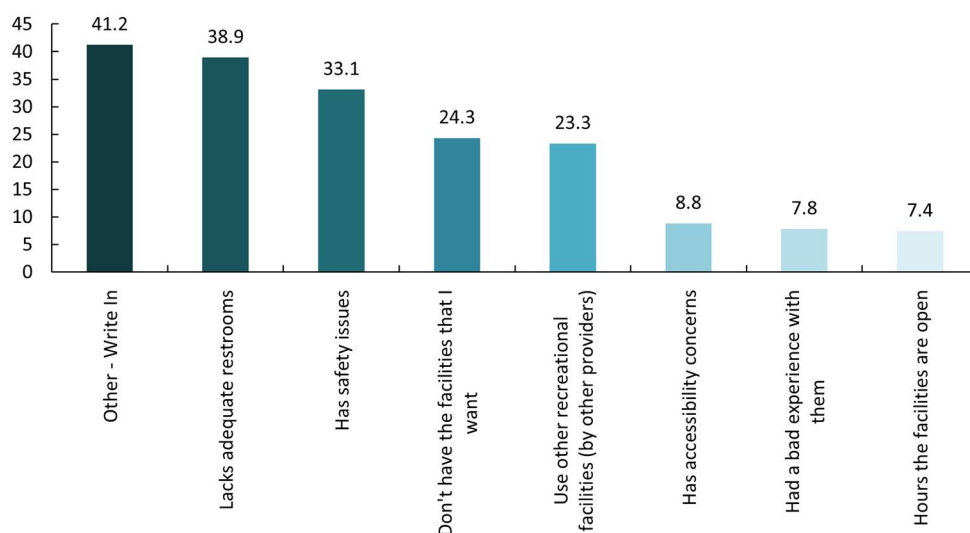


The survey asked what stops respondents from using City of Lansing parks, or from using them more. This question informs the Parks and Recreation Department what they could improve to boost visits and engagement in park facilities. Top responses to this question were lack of adequate restrooms, safety issues, or the City does not have the facilities respondents wanted. Many people wrote in responses to this question. The top responses included:

- Safety concerns while at park facilities
- Maintenance and cleanliness
- Access to the park facilities and connectivity
- Lack of amenities and infrastructure

The responses received from these questions match many of the comments received during the open houses. Updates and improvements to parks could be made with these factors in mind to potentially boost park usage throughout the City.

FIGURE 5 - FACTORS THAT LIMIT PARK USAGE



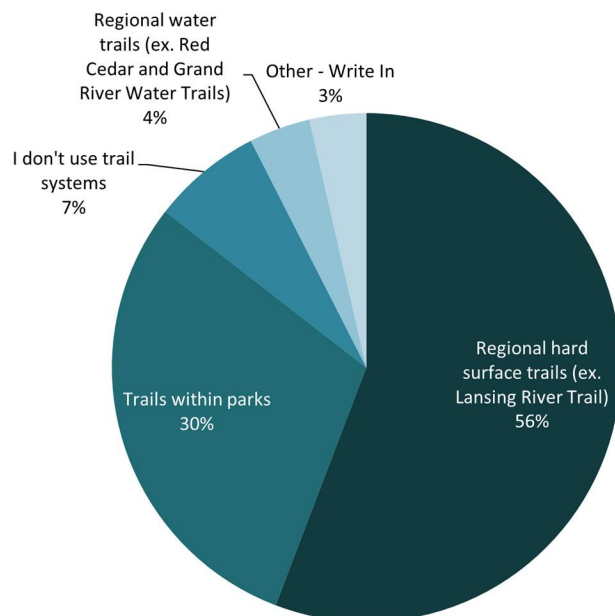
TRAILS

A few questions in the survey were directed at non-motorized paths in the City. A question was asked about what types of non-motorized paths respondents typically use. The top response was regional hard surface trails. This response correlates with one of the earlier questions asked in the survey, “which park do you visit most?” The responses to that question showed the Lansing River Trail as one of the more popular park facilities. Additionally, during the open houses guests indicated that the Lansing River Trail is highly valuable in the Lansing parks system. Other responses to this question can be seen in the figure to the right.

Respondents were asked how frequently the trails are used. The responses were as follows.

- Daily (12%)
- Weekly (40%)
- Monthly (26%)
- Quarterly (7%)
- A few times a year (16%)

FIGURE 6 - TYPES OF TRAILS



PROGRAMMING

The City of Lansing currently provides programming opportunities for residents and guests to participate in. The survey asked what types of parks and recreation programs the respondents and their families take part in. The top responses included:

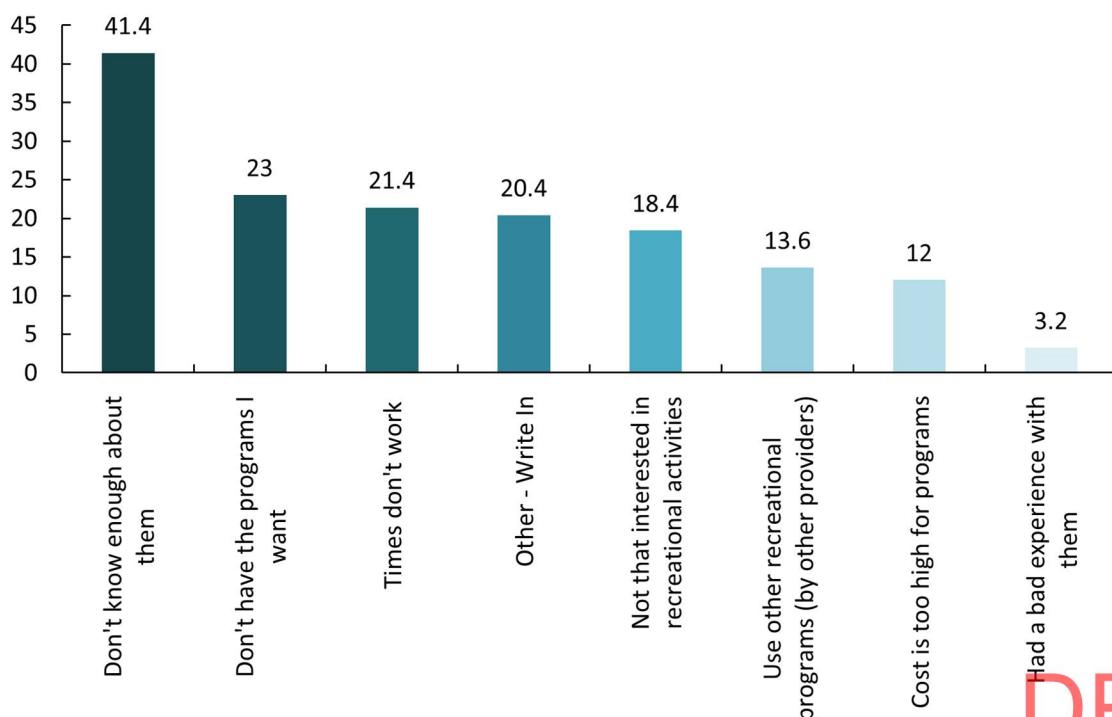
- None (41%)
- Special events (27.8%)
- Sports both adult and youth (22%)
- Community Center open activities (20%)
- Fitness programs (17%)

Understanding what limits people from using City of Lansing recreation programs is also valuable information that could be used to help boost participation in the future. The responses asking why respondents do not use Lansing regional programs are provided below in Figure 7. The top response to this question was that people feel they do not know enough about the programs, which may explain why 40% of people in the previous question responded that they do not participate in recreational programs. The survey asked what the best way to be notified of activities and services offered by the department is. The responses to this question were:

- Social media (64%)
- Website (53%)
- Parks and recreation guide (52%)
- E-mail (46%)
- Direct mail (29%)
- Signage (29%)
- E-newsletter (26.7%)

To help boost awareness of recreation programs to attain higher participation, the City could invest additional resources to boost engagement on social media and the parks and recreation website to spread additional knowledge of programs and activities available.

FIGURE 7 - REASON PARTICIPANTS STOP USING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS



PARKS MILLAGE

The City of Lansing Park Millage is used to help continue to provide a well-maintained parks system to the residents of Lansing. Survey respondents were asked how they think the Park Millage money should be used and could choose one of the three options below.

- Park improvements (54%)
- Park maintenance (30%)
- Recreational programs (17%)

ACCESSIBILITY

It is critical that people of all abilities have access and the ability to use the parks and recreation facilities and programs offered by the City. The survey asked what changes could be made to make parks and trails easier and more enjoyable to use if you or your family member has a disability. The responses included:

- Accessible restrooms (36%)
- Paved/hard surface trails (34%)
- Sensory gardens (25%)
- Flatter, easier grades (22%)
- Accessible parking spaces (22%)
- Accessible playgrounds (20%)

These are improvements that should be focused on when designing park and trail improvements to make City facilities more inclusive for those of all abilities. Some respondents of the survey listed accessibility as a limiting factor to park usage.

MISCELLANEOUS

Respondents were also asked two short answer questions. The first question asked what respondents like most about parks and recreation within the City. The answers could be summarized into the following themes:

- The Lansing River Trail and connectivity it provides
- Large number and variety of parks in the City that suit all different needs
- Never too far from a park in the City and there are parks in most neighborhoods

The second question asked respondents what they would do to improve parks and recreation in the City. The answers can be summarized into the following themes:

- Maintenance and cleanliness of park spaces
- Increased bathroom access along trails and in parks
- Safety and security such as increased lighting
- Recreation facilities updates, for example playground improvements
- Improved connectivity between neighborhoods and park facilities

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST?

"There are lots of options for parks! The River Trail is an excellent resource and is maintained well."

"Substantial recreation space available throughout the City. Fantastic trail system that is accessible in many areas with helpful signage to stay aware of your location. Great for running and training!"

"The opportunity to get into nature and breathe easy."

"The many options and variety."

"The continued growth and connection of the trail systems"

"Programs and activities that cater to everyone."

WHAT WOULD YOU IMPROVE?

"Safety. Sometimes I don't feel safe at certain parks if I go alone."

"Keeping up with trail maintenance. Add more kayak launch points."

"Increase maintenance support."

"Additional placemaking: benches, tables, pavilions, gardens, restrooms, and trash cans."

"Proper lighting in and around the parks including parking lot lights."

"Additional enrichment and fitness programs for adults."

"Increase River Trail connections between key areas."

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OPEN HOUSES

Throughout the month of March, 2025, the City of Lansing hosted four open houses to gain additional feedback from residents on parks and recreation facilities within the City. One open house was conducted in each Ward of the City. The dates times and locations of the open houses are presented below.

WARD 1: FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER

Date: March 11, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

WARD 3: SCHMIDT COMMUNITY CENTER

Date: March 8, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

WARD 2: FENNER NATURE CENTER

Date: March 13, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

WARD 4: LETTS COMMUNITY CENTER

Date: March 26, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Join us for a community input session to give your thoughts and ideas on the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan. Your ideas can help guide the future of our parks.

JOIN US AT THE FENNER NATURE CENTER

DATE: MARCH 13, 2025

TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ADDRESS: 2020 E MT. HOPE AVENUE
LANSING, MI 48910



At each of the open houses, City staff and consultants engaged with community members, seeking their feedback on the City of Lansing's parks and recreation system. Community members were engaged on topics of parks within the City and more specifically in each Ward, non-motorized transportation options, and improvements or additions they would like to see to the City's parks and recreation system. Each open house had four stations to participate in.



WELCOME TO THE OPEN HOUSE

CITY OF LANSING PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will help guide parks and recreation decisions within the City for the next five years. Your input and feedback will help drive decisions within your community!

WHAT TO DO TODAY

LEARN MORE: Check out each display to view park facilities in the community and provide your thoughts on what future amenities you would like to see.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS: Fill out a short survey and chat with our team.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Scan the QR code or visit www.lansingsurvey.com to take the survey. The survey is open until April 30, 2025.



STATION ONE: WELCOME

This was the first place guests stopped when entering the open houses. Guests signed in and were told about each station they could participate in. Guests were also encouraged to scan the QR code of the welcome board to take the community input survey.



Ward 2 Open House: Fenner Nature Center

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STATION TWO: CITY WIDE PARK FACILITIES

Station two focused on improvements or additions to park facilities that would be tailored to the City as a whole. These were generally larger amenities that would draw guests from across the city. Guests at each open house were given dots and asked to place a dot next to the amenity they would most like to see.



Options

Dog Park
Food Truck Court
Multi-Purpose Pavilion/Festival Area
Splash Pad
Musical Instruments
Interactive Art

Results

Following the completion of all four open houses, the dots were tallied. Below is the list of amenities in order from most to least chosen.

1. Multi-Purpose Pavilion/Festival Area
2. Food Truck Court
3. Splash Pad
4. Musical Instruments
5. Interactive Art
6. Dog Park

STATION THREE: WARD SPECIFIC PARK FACILITIES

Station three was set up similar to that of station two. However, this station focused on smaller improvements that guests would like to see within their Ward. This station had two boards of amenities to review. Guests were encouraged to place one dot on each board indicating their preferences. Alongside these images, a map of the ward was displayed with the parks and non-motorized paths available for reference and additional discussion.



Ward 4 Open House: Letts Community Center

Results

Following the completion of all four open houses, the dots were tallied. Below is the list of amenities in order from most to least chosen.

1. Rain/Pollinator Gardens with Walkways
2. Earthen Playgrounds
3. Tree Planting/Grove
4. Small Shade Structures
5. Community Gardens
6. Sustainable Art Lighting
7. Multi-Generational Activities
8. Fitness Equipment
9. River Access
10. Community Center Upgrades
11. River Overlook
12. Interpretive Signage

STATION FOUR : NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

Station four was the last formal station at the open houses. The goal of this station was to discuss non-motorized transportation with guests and learn what they use and where they believe gaps are located. This station had a map of the City showcasing the Lansing River Trail, other non-motorized paths/connections, and City parks. Discussion was focused on where connectivity to parks and other centers of activity in the City could be improved with future expansions of the River Trail and where biking facilities could be improved.



Ward 3 Open House: Schmidt Community Center

GENERAL OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

Throughout the duration of the open houses, City staff and consultants were available to have general conversations with guests outside of the four stations about the parks and recreation system in the City. Guests could discuss anything they believed should be heard related to parks and recreation in the City. Common thoughts expressed by multiple guests are displayed below.

- Expand the connectivity of the trail and non-motorized transportation system within the City to connect to more locations, both within the City and into neighboring communities.
- Increase park maintenance, especially of the River Trail, during the winter months.
- Increase safety measures, such as lighting, in parks and trails throughout the City.
- Promote the preservation of natural habitats and provide more native plants throughout parks in the City.
- Increase signage both in and around parks.
- Focus on the beautification of parks spaces such as placemaking elements and more frequent trash and debris cleanups.
- Expand safe biking opportunities and facilities throughout the City that provide connections to centers of activity in the City.



Ward 1 Open House: Foster Community Center



Ward 3 Open House: Schmidt Community Center

SUMMARY

The public input collected during the community input survey and open houses provided valuable feedback for the City. It informs City staff how users feel about parks and recreation facilities in the City and what they envision for the future of parks and recreation. This feedback is used by City staff and the Park Board to create meaningful and realistic goals and objectives. The survey results and open house feedback provided comments on all aspects of parks and recreation in the City. Many similar themes came out of all the public input opportunities. Highlights of these include:

CONNECTIVITY: Many people love the trail system in the City, and many would love to see this system to continue to be expanded. Expansion was desired in many ways, including: connectivity to other City park facilities, community destinations, and continued expansion and coordination with surrounding communities. In addition, many would love to see the biking facilities improved within the City. Increased biking facilities, such as bike lanes, that provide connections to trails would allow safer non-motorized routes and easier accessibility throughout the City.

MAINTENANCE: While most residents like the facilities within the City, some feel the maintenance of these spaces could be improved. Feedback included more frequent mowing of parks and more frequent trash and debris clean up. Another recommendation was focused on winter park and trail maintenance, such as better and more frequent snow clearing of the trails.

GREEN SPACES/NATIVE PLANTS: Many people commented on enjoying all of the green spaces throughout the City. Many believe this should continue to be a focus in parks. Additionally, promoting the use of native plants and trees throughout parks and in the City was frequently mentioned.

PLACEMAKING: There were many recommendations made by people that could be categorized as placemaking. Additional signage throughout parks and identifying parks was recommended. Increased lighting throughout parks, trails, and parking areas to promote a sense of safety especially during dark, winter months was recommended. Adding additional restroom facilities, benches, picnic tables, and art were all recommended and create that sense of place and promote the use of the facilities.



Ward 3 Open House: Schmidt Community Center



Ward 4 Open House: Letts Community Center



GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & ACTION PLAN

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GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Goals, objectives, and the action plan are a helpful framework used by the City to measure progress and change made to the Lansing parks system over time. Goals are long-term outcomes that the City would like to achieve in the future and objectives are generally more specific, measurable items that will help the City work toward its goal. The goals and objectives presented in this Plan take into account the other planning initiatives and goals throughout City documents and feedback heard from City residents and those who use the parks system. This provides the City with a cohesive vision in the future. Lastly, action items are the smallest and most specific unit in this framework. These are the specific projects or programs the City would like to complete over the five (5) years to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. Presented in this chapter are the goals, objectives, and actions developed by the City throughout this process.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Below are the goals and objectives created for this recreation plan. Many goals and objectives were identified through this process. The goals and objectives have been numbered for ease of use and discussion. These numbers do not reflect any particular priority. Rationale has been provided as to why each goal is important to parks and recreation in the City of Lansing.

GOAL I: CONNECTED

Rationale: The Lansing parks should be part of the fabric of the City. All residents should easily be able to travel to a nearby park, as spending time outdoors can have positive effects on one's health and provide opportunities to connect with one's neighbors. The goal is about making improvements to make it easier to get to parks via walking, biking, or transit and reducing the reliance on private automobile transportation. This encourages an active, walkable community.

OBJECTIVE A: Improve access to parks to those traveling by transit, biking, and walking.

OBJECTIVE B: Continue expansion of the Lansing River Trail throughout the City of Lansing and coordinate with surrounding jurisdictions to continue the expansion of the River Trail to connect to larger regional trails and recreation opportunities.

OBJECTIVE C: Identify current natural areas throughout the City for acquisition, especially near waterfronts, parklands, or other natural areas currently owned by the City of Lansing.

OBJECTIVE D: Expand Fulton-Fine-Hunters Ridge off road biking and hiking trails utilizing Lansing School District property.

OBJECTIVE E: Partner with Ingham County for trail connections and maintenance of adjacent properties.

OBJECTIVE F: Partner with Delta Township to connect Fulton-Fine-Hunters Ridge Park to Anderson Park across the Grand River.

OBJECTIVE G: Continue to expand the trail and sidewalk system to provide access to additional parks and recreational facilities throughout the City.

OBJECTIVE H: Ensure all City residents live near parks by finding where parks are missing and acquiring land to fill gaps where needed.

OBJECTIVE I: Complete connectivity study to determine where connections in sidewalks and bike facilities could be improved and coordinate improvements with regional goals outlined in the Greater Lansing Trail Plan and the Lansing Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

GOAL II: ACCESSIBLE

Rationale: All programming, events, and amenities within the Lansing parks system should be known to every citizen. The goal is about making it easier to know what is happening within the park system, making it easier to register for events and classes, and ensuring the programming reflects the needs of the community.

OBJECTIVE A: Improve communication and processes regarding events, programming, and facility improvements available to Lansing residents.

OBJECTIVE B: Establish a plan to improve access to parks and facilities for those with disabilities to ensure age, ability, and income are not obstacles to parks and recreation facilities and programs.

OBJECTIVE C: Reach out to the refugee community, and other potential new users, to determine recreational needs.

GOAL III: RESILIENCY

Rationale: The Lansing parks system needs to ensure that the effects of our changing world are planned for to ensure that parks can continue to serve the needs of the City. As the effects of climate change continue to worsen, improvements to the parks should be made with an eye to the future.

OBJECTIVE A: Identify options to offer different and increased programs outside throughout the year.

OBJECTIVE B: Identify and create additional programs for those with special needs and aging populations.

OBJECTIVE C: Establish plans for healthy lifestyle drop-in facilities.

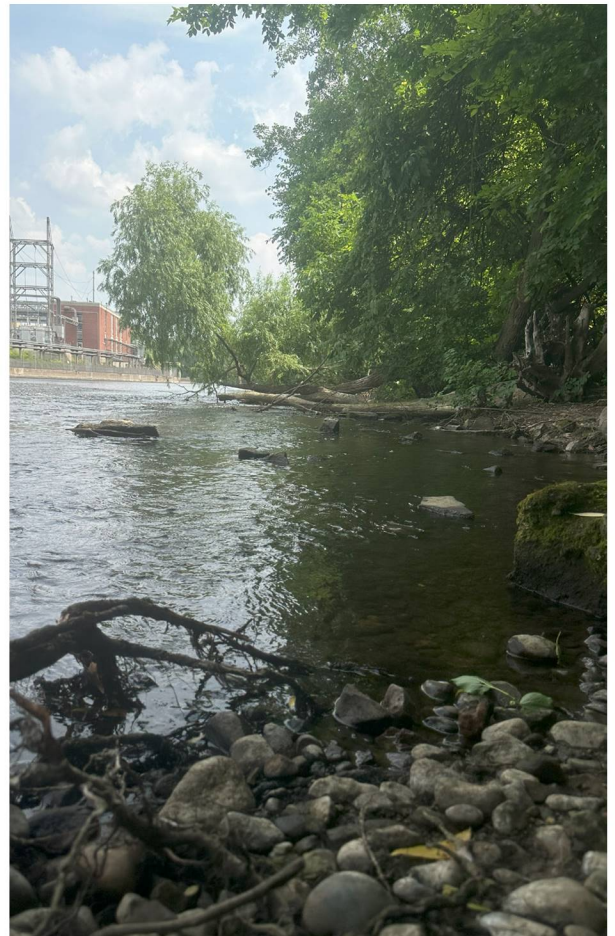
OBJECTIVE D: Protect the ecosystem by improving or adding tree canopy, focus on planting species native to Michigan, and protecting or enhancing natural areas.

OBJECTIVE E: Utilize parkland for storm water management and enhancement of park amenities.

OBJECTIVE F: Minimize impervious areas on new projects.

OBJECTIVE G: Work with the Planning Commission to promote green space or park areas within large new developments as a way to give back to the community and provide additional opportunities for recreational spaces dispersed throughout the City.

OBJECTIVE H: Provide programming to teach the importance of how green space and recreational facilities can help promote healthy and climate resilient cities.



GOAL IV: DIVERSIFIED

Rationale: The Lansing parks system needs to understand how it can better serve communities within the City impacted by systemic racism. An equity assessment would allow the City to understand where programming and improvements could be made to better serve the surrounding communities. There are many organizations within the City that can help provide the programming needed as the recreation needs of the community change over time. Every resident in the City should have access to the Lansing parks system and programming regardless of one's age, ability, or income.

OBJECTIVE A: Conduct an equity assessment to understand how facilities and programming are distributed.

OBJECTIVE B: Partner with Lansing School District to offer recreational programming.

OBJECTIVE C: Partner with organizations to fund and continue to develop the downtown and riverfront community, especially the Capital Region Community Foundation (Our Community) for development from I-496 to the dam at Burchard Park in north Lansing.

OBJECTIVE D: Partner with the Lansing Parks Foundation to assist with capital improvements projects.

OBJECTIVE E: Provide additional programming opportunities for older adults such as a chair volleyball league.

OBJECTIVE F: Continue to provide and expand upon the inclusive recreational programming options provided in the City to ensure that all those who wish to participate are able regardless of age or ability.

GOAL V: PLACEMAKING

Rationale: To promote the use of parklands and recreational facilities throughout the City, it is critical that these spaces are inviting and functional for guests. Elements such as lighting, signage, and seating make spaces more usable for guests. These elements additionally promote a sense of place and give the facilities an identity.

OBJECTIVE A: Identify parks and spots along the River Trail for small investments to specifically improve health, happiness, and well-being.

OBJECTIVE B: Increase targeted and environmentally sustainable lighting in and around parks and trails to increase safety for users.

OBJECTIVE C: Update park facilities and trails throughout the City to include coordinating signage throughout the parkland, educational materials/signage, and location signage to improve knowledge and ease of use for guests.

Objective D: Continue to assess and prioritize maintenance concerns and litter removal in order to provide clean and safe facilities and grounds.

ACTION PLAN

An action plan is a tool that showcases specific actions a community intends to take that will implement the goals and vision that community has created for parks and recreation. These are actions the City intends to take in the next five years. The foundation for the following actions was the information gathered through the Parks and Recreation survey, open houses, city-wide planning efforts, demographic data, land use trends, and recreation master plans from adjacent communities. The actions are not listed in any particular order and subject to the availability of funding through the Lansing Parks Millage, General Fund, DNR grant funding, and the approval of the Lansing Parks Board, Mayor, and City Council.

The action plan is divided into two separate focus areas including the capital improvements projects and planning projects. Capital improvement projects were identified as meeting the goals and objectives of this Plan, are grant eligible, are capable of being completed in the next five years, and are included in the Capital Improvements Schedule. Master Plans, studies, and marketing strategies that meet the goals and objectives of this Plan will be funded through the Parks Millage, General Fund, and partnerships; these are considered the planning projects.

The Parks and Recreation Department cares for parks by allocating funds to different scopes of work. The department goes through an annual budgeting process where funds are allocated to planning, neighborhoods park renovations, repair and maintenance, and capital improvement projects that are not grant eligible. For example, every year funds are allocated for improvements or replacement of multiple neighborhood playgrounds. These items are not included in the Capital Improvements Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because they are typically repair/maintenance projects, are smaller projects that can be funded through the general fund or park millage, or they are not eligible for DNR grant funds.

Below is a list of capital improvement projects planned for the next five (5) years that could be grant eligible:

FULTON PARK: Construct path across the river to connect to Anderson Park or Woldumar Nature Center in Delta Township

FRANCES PARK: Repair decking and docks at the overlook parking lot. Replace the trail between the two docks and make repairs to the overlook parking lot.

TREES: Continue to plant new and replace removed trees in city parks throughout the city aligning with our climate sustainability plan. Examine if tree removals can be used for board lumber.

WENTWORTH PARK: Replace the fence along east side of park to safely separate the park from river and steam pipe. Connect the River Trail to the NE corner of Michigan and Grand.

DOG PARK: Establish an off-leash dog park in the downtown Lansing or other parks based on need.

COMMUNITY CENTERS: Upgrade flooring, lighting, doors, HVAC, etc. Replace steps at Gier Center.

FENNER NATURE CENTER: Repair decking/dock from the visitor's center to the pond on the east side of the building. Look to replace the septic system at the Visitor center as special events stress the system. Repair and/or replace Maple Grove Pavilion.

HUNTERS RIDGE PARK: Installation of an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch.

FRANCES PARK: Construct and install an open to the public cricket field.

MARSCOT PARK: Repair and upgrade the current basketball court.

MOORES PARK: Repair and upgrade the tennis courts for tennis and/or pickleball.

QUENTIN PARK: Repair and upgrade the tennis courts for tennis and/or pickleball.

MARSHALL PARK: Installation of a basketball court complex.

RIVERPOINT PARK: Installation of a fishing dock at the confluent of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers.

BURCHARD PARK: Installation of shade sail over Fish Ladder Music Park.

COMSTOCK PARK: Renovations and upgrades to the existing community building and field for either soccer or rugby.

REUTTER PARK: Repair of historic fountain.

RIVER TRAIL AT ELM PARK: Replace trail bridge under Elm Street with at grade trail extension that does not need to go over the Red Cedar River.

RIVER TRAIL: Add lighting along the trail to connect REO Town to Old Town and extension of the west side of the trail in the downtown to connect from Kalamazoo north to Oakland Avenue.

POTTER PARK: Potter Park Zoo is managed by Ingham County, but owned by the City of Lansing, and county upgrades will be included in the City of Lansing plan.

GRAND AND RED CEDAR RIVERS: Clean up debris and log jams to provide accessibility and eliminate safety hazards.

PAVING PROJECTS: Parking lot repairs at Fenner Nature Center, North, Evergreen and Mt. Hope Cemeteries, Gier BMX track parking lot, and other park facilities.

FINE PARK: Acquire land the Lansing School District owns, approximately 66 acres east of Fine Park.

RIVER TRAIL: Acquire 33 acres of land to extend the Lansing River Trail west of Waverly Road to connect our residents in southwest Lansing.

INDOOR ICE ARENA: Build an indoor ice arena as there are currently only 3 sheets of ice in the area and no ice surfaces for Lansing residents except for the synthetic ice rink currently in the downtown.

SPLASH PAD PLAY AREA: Create splash pad play area in parks. There are currently splash pads at Hunter Park and Hawk Island Park (Ingham County Park Facility).

ACQUIRE PARK LAND: The Parks Department is always looking for additional property to acquire or purchase to improve the offering of facilities and activities to the public. There are areas along the River Trail where the City would like to extend it, but are unable to do so because they don't own the property needed.



PLANNING PROCESS

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PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Lansing has undertaken the process of updating its five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan to inventory current recreation opportunities in the City, gather community feedback on the state of parks and recreation facilities in the City, and develop goals, objectives, and an action plan for the City to work on through 2030. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be used as a guide for the development and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and programs in the City over the course of the next five years. From this Plan, the City of Lansing will continue to be eligible for grants provided from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the City in reaching the recreational goals outlined in this Plan.

DNR requires Parks and Recreation Plans plans to include specific information. This includes a community description, administrative structure for parks and recreation in the City, an inventory of parks and recreation facilities, goals and objectives, action plan, and community input. The DNR requires multiple forms of public input during the planning process. These include early public input such as a survey, a 30-day review period, and an advertised public hearing. The City of Lansing exceeded the required input needed and additionally hosted four open houses in conjunction with the community wide survey, public review period, and public hearing.

The City of Lansing contracted with Spicer Group to assist with the development of the Plan. Spicer Group consultants met with City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department staff, Park Board Members, and City officials throughout 2025 while working on this Plan.

During the spring of 2025, data was collected about the City of Lansing including demographic information, mapping data, and inventory of the parks and recreational facilities throughout the City. This data was gathered from numerous resources including Parks and Recreation Department staff, Information Technology Department, Park Board members, City officials and a thorough review of the 2020 – 2025 City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Plan.

Numerous opportunities for public participation and input were available throughout the development of this Plan in 2025. A survey was available for residents to participate starting in March and closing in April in addition to four open houses that were held throughout the month of March. A full summary of the public input gathered for this Plan can be found in Chapter 5. The public input gathered from survey and open houses as well as existing knowledge from the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks Board were used to develop the goals and objectives outlined in this Plan. A draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was finished in MONTH, YEAR. The Draft Master Plan was available for review at LOCATION and the City of Lansing website. The Plan was out for review by the public from DATE to DATE and was publicized on the City of Lansing website and Facebook pages. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the public hearing held on DATE at PLACE and occurred prior to the adoption of the Plan by the City. Following the Public hearing.....FINISH WRITING ADOPTION PROCESS..... The Plan was uploaded to the DNR for approval in MONTH, YEAR. Copies of the advertisement notifications, public hearing minutes, and the resolution of adoption are included in Appendix XXX.



A. Community Input Results
B. Water Trail Maps
C. Adoption Documentation



A. COMMUNITY INPUT RESULTS

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Report for City of Lansing Recreation Plan

Response Counts



1. List the 3 City of Lansing parks you visit the most, starting with the one you visit most.



ResponseID	Response
2	Bancroft Park, Fulton Park, Fine Park
3	Ferris, Frances, Adado
4	River Trail, Moores Park, Crego
5	Francis Park, Moores Park, the entire River Trail
6	Beck, Fenner, Bluebell
7	Beck, Fenner, Bluebell
8	LettsFrances
9	Letts, Frances, Fenner
10	Fairview, Bancroft, Hawk Island, Potter park/Crego/Scotts woods
11	River trail, bancroft, Crego
12	Fairview, Fenner, kimberly
13	Armory Park, River Trial, Stabenow Park
14	Francis, Quentin, Moores

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15 Hawk Island, Soldan Dog Park

16 My wife and I don't really use the parks, but we run through many of them on the river trail

17 Moore's Park, Potter Park, Francis Park

18 Lansing River Trail, Groesbeck Golf Course, Armory Park

19 Poxson, Potter Park, Hawk Island

20 Hawk Island, Moores Park, Scott Woods

21 Stabanow

22 Hunter Park, Hawk Island, Moore's River Park

23 Hawk Island Moore's River Park Francis Park

24 Moores Park, RiverPoint Park, Frances Park

25 Moores Park, Frances Park, Cooley Gardens

26 Potter park

28 Hawk island, Hunter and Frances

29 Rotary, Adado Riverfront, Turner Mini

30 Gier, Frances, Quinton

31 Hawk island, Adado, Frances park

32 Benjamin Davis Francis Park and Hawk Island

33 Riverside, Fenner, Frances

34 Hawk Island, Frances, and Potter Park

35 Poxson, Hawk Island, Scott Woods

36 Scott Woods, Frances, Moores

37 Francis Park, Clifford Park, Fenner Park

38 None

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39	Cooley Gardens
40	Kendon, Risdale
41	Scotts Woods, Hawk Island, Fenner Nature Center
42	Marshall park, Risedale park, Benjamin Davis
43	St Joesph Park
44	Hawk Island, Scott Woods, Crego
45	River Trail, Fish Ladder
46	gross beck, potter park, hope
47	Gier, Adado, Tecumseh
48	Tecumseh, Wilson, Francis
50	Ferris Par, Adado Riverfront Park, Reutter Park
51	Winch Park, Ferguson Park, Lake Lansing Park
52	Wonch, Ferguson, Lake Lansing
53	Davis, McKinch, Moores
54	Fenner, Woldumar, Moores Park
55	Moores River
56	Hawk Island
57	Gier, Filley Street Park, Hawk Island
58	Hawk Island, Crego, Adado
59	River Point, Moore's Park, Adado/Play Michigan
60	River Point, Moores, Cooley Gardens
61	Quentin, Francis, and Moores Parks.
62	The gardens behind Turner Dodge house, River trail from Old Town area through south of 496, Fenner

ResponseID Response

63	Gier, Tecumseh, Hawk Island
65	Hawk Island, Frances, Crego
66	Bancroft park, Groesbeck Golf Course, Riverfront Park
67	Frances Park, Potter Park Zoo, Hawk Island
68	Bancroft Park, Burchard Park (East of river), Adado Riverfront Park
69	potter park zoo, hook iland mores park
71	Potter park, Hawk Island, Cavanaugh
72	st joeseph, hillsdale, and potter park
73	Potter Park Zoo
74	BLUEBELL
76	Hunter oak beck
77	Hawk Island, Potter park zoo, andLansing lake.
78	hawk island, bluebell,beck
79	Hawk Island, Potter park zoo, andLansing lake.
80	George Town, Davis, Hawk Island
81	BlueBell
82	I don't know and I don't want to visit any of them
83	lake lansing, washington park.
84	Willoughby, marscot, kendo.
85	Hawk Island, Frances, and Grand River.
86	cavanaugh
87	Crego Park, Frances Park, Moores Park.
88	Davis Risdale Washington
89	Rotary, Riverfront, Frances

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90	Scott Woods, Shubel, and Sycamore Park
91	Scott Woods, Shubel, and Sycamore Park
92	Hawk Island, Moore's River & Francis
93	hawk island, Quentin, cavanaugh
94	Benjamin F. Davis, Maguire Park, Hawk Island
96	River Trail, Play Michigan, Foster Community Center Park
97	Armory Park (Eastern High School), Hawk Island
98	Foster Community Center / Park, Horton St/Armory Park, Crego
99	Hunter, Foster, and Potter
100	Potter Park, Marshall Park, Frances Park
101	Potter Park, Marshall Park, Frances Park
102	bancroft, potter, hunter
103	Let's Community Center, Adado Riverfront (all inclusive), and Debbie Stabinaw (Washington Park)
104	Beck park, Hawk Island and Crego
105	Elm,Quinton,gier
106	Scott Woods, Hawk Island, Potter
107	Benjamin Davis, Francis
108	Ranney Park, Municipal Baseball Field
109	Riverfront, Elm, West Side
110	Bancroft, river trail, gier park
111	Grier Park, Potter Park, fish ladder
112	Foster , Gier community center and scymore oark
113	Gier Park

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114	Osborn Park, Potter Park Zoo, Adado Riverfront Park
115	Gier, Fenner, Brenke
116	Geiger
117	Gier park
118	Frances, Cooley Rotary
119	Ferris, Reutter, the new all inclusive one
120	Gier Park
121	Fenner park
122	Fenner park, Hunter park, Fidelity lake
123	Bancroft park, Marshall, porter park
124	Frances Park, Moore's River Park, Hunter Park
125	Beck, Maguire, Ben Davis
126	Elmhurst, frances, Quentin
127	Crego, Hunter, fish ladder area
128	Gier, Wilson
129	Francis, Fenner, and Hawk Island
130	Hunter Park, Crego Park, Scott Woods
131	Hunter, Potter, Moores
132	Frances Park, Moores Park, Adado riverfront
133	Potter, Crego, and Mt. Hope
134	Dodge Park, Riverside Park, Grand River park
135	Foster CC, Moores, Frances
136	Sycamore Creek, Scott Woods, Fenner
137	Potter, Hawk Island, Crego

ResponseID Response

138	Scott woods, Hunter park, crego
140	Frances, Quentin, Moores
141	Elm, Cavanaugh, Hawk Island
142	Maguire, Scott Woods, Davis
143	Turner-Dodge, Reasoner, Burchard
144	brenke fish ladder, potter park, adado riverfront
145	Frances Park, Quentin Park, Moores Park
146	Ingham Park, Francis Park, Moores Park
147	St joe Everett wainwright
148	St joe Everett wainwright
149	Adado, Fenner and Hawk Island
150	Benjamin F Davis park, Scott Woods Park, crego park
151	Frances Park, Washington Park,
152	Kaynorth, Scott's Woods, Hawk Island
153	scott woods, maguire, forest view
154	Moores park, adado riverfront park, fishladder
155	Fairview, Fenner, Moores
156	Bancroft, Fenner Nature Center, Play Mi All Inclusive Playground
157	Reutter, Hawk Island, Fenner
158	Everett Park , Poxson Park , Waldo Park
159	Elmhurst, Frances, Gier
160	Bancroft
161	Bancroft, hawk island, Moore's river
162	Hunter Park, Fenner, and Bancroft

ResponseID	Response
163	Reuters, Ferris
164	Cemeteries, Frances, Dodge
165	Hunter, Stabler, Crego
166	1. Benjamin F Davis Park 2. Forest View Park 3. Hawk Island Park
167	Rutter Park, Riverfront & Bancroft
168	Potter Park
169	Potter Park, Scott Woods, Hawk Island
170	Elmhurst, Quentin, Potter Park
171	Hawk Hallow, Rotary Park, Fenner Nature Center
172	Soldan Dog Park
173	Hunter Park, hawk island
174	Slater, Old Everett, Marshall
175	Bancroft, Fenner, Hunter
176	Francis Fenner
177	Rotary, Potter,Crego
179	Cooley Gardens, Crego, Bancroft,
180	Fenner, Fairview, Crego
181	Ferris Park, rotary park, and fish ladder.
182	Adado, Frances, Gier
183	Crego, hunters park, fenner
184	Crego, hawk Island, Potter
185	Frances, Fenner, Crego
186	Tecumseh River Park, Hawk Island/River Trail, Granger Meadows
187	Hawk Island Scott Woods and Crego Park

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188	Cherry Hill, Rotary, Riverpointe
189	River Trail, Fairview, Hunter
190	Gier park, crego park, and cavanaugh park.
191	Scott Woods, Downtown River Trail, Moores Park
192	Scott's Woods, Fenner, Mt Hope Cemetery,
193	Davis Park, Maguire Park, Frances Park
194	Hillsdale, Letts, Scotts woods
195	Foster, Fenner, Crego
196	Wainwright, Fulton, Hillborn
197	Moores Park, Adado Riverfront, Crego
198	Walsh Park, Francis Park, and Potter Park
199	1. Moore's Park, 2. Riverside Park, 3. Quentin Park
200	Ben Davis, Fulton, Averill
201	Fenner Nature Center, Hawk Island, Crego Park
202	Bluebell Park, Cavanaugh, Davis
204	Bluebell, Davis, Potter
206	Fenner Nature Center, Slater park in Groesbeck, Grange Acres
207	Fenner, Hawk Island, Crego Park
208	Kircher, Potter, and Adado Riverfront
209	Moores river, rotary,
211	Scott Woods, Sycamore Creek, Evergreen
212	Potter Park
213	1.Benjamin Davis 2.Francis 3.St. Joseph
214	Hawk island, Scott woods, Crego

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215	Francis Park, Hawk Island, Simkin Drive Park
219	Woldumar, Fenner, Oaketum
220	None, I go to East Lansing, Haslett and Okemos
221	River trail, hawk Island, Moore's park
222	Frances Park Potter Park. Washington Park
223	Hawk, crego, the one on the big dam
224	Moore's Park, Hawk Island, Tecumseh
225	Moore's park, Hawk Island, Francis
226	Gier Park, Kendon Park, McGuire Park
227	hawk Island
228	Grand Woods, Hawk Island, Hawk Meadow
229	Hawk Island, Hawk Meadow, Grand Woods
231	Scott Woods, Fenner, Forest View
232	Hawk Island, Tecumseh Park, Frances Park
233	St. Joseph, Hunter, Ben Davis
234	Scott woods, Maguire, wilson
235	Cherry Hill, Mt Hope Cemetery, Sunken Garden
236	Riverfront, brenky fish ladder, Frances park
237	Quentin, Francis, adado river front - inclusive park
238	Hunter Park, Beacon Park, Benjamin Davis
239	Hawk, boardwalk, Moore's
240	None
242	mt hope cemetery, sycamore creek, scott's woods
243	Scott woods, Bancroft, crego

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244	Fenner, Hawk Island, Scott Woods
245	Hawk Island, Granger Meadows, Crego
246	Adado Riverfront, Hunter, Regent
247	Bancroft, Marshall
248	Fenner, Potter Park
249	Tecumseh Park, Woldumar Nature Center, Frances Park
250	Everett , moores, crego
251	Crego, Adobo
252	Frances Park, Hawk Island, Holly Park
253	Bancroft Park, Hunter, Benjamin Davis
254	Foster, Hunter, Moore's River
255	Hawk Island, Potters Park, Marshall Park
256	River trail, Adado, Crego
257	Frances Park, Moores River Park, Scott Woods
258	Bancroft. River trail. Scott woods.
259	Fennee, hawk, crego
260	Sycamore Creek Park, Cooley Gardens, Crego Park
261	Potter, Crego, Hunter
262	Quentin, Moore's, Frances
263	Bancroft park
264	Ranney skatepark, hunter park, foster park
265	Fenner Nature Center, Hawk Island, Potter Park
267	Fenner and Slater
269	Fenner, Hawk Island, Mt. Hope cemetary

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270 Quentin, Frances and Riverside

271 Moores Park, Frances Park, Soldan Dog Park

272 Frances Park, Hawk Island, Fish Ladder

273 Frances park, Patriarch park, woldumar

274 St Joe is nearest

275 Hunter park, Adado Park, Hawk Island park

276 Bancroft, Foster, and Larch

277 Walsh Park, Barb Dean, Bancroft

278 Fairview, Potter, Bancroft

279 Quentin Park, Hawk Hollow, Crego Park

280 Hunter Park, Frances Park, Crego

281 Waldo, Poxson. Washington

282 Bancroft, Scott Woods, Potter

283 Moores park hawk island

284 Regent, Hunter, Foster

285 Moore's park, Scott woods, hawk island

286 Sycamore, Clifford, Fine

287 Hawk Island, Frances, Crego

288 Moores Park

289 Hawk Island, Rotary Park, Riverfront Park

290 Hawk island, Scott woods, frances

291 Fenner, Potter, Hunter

292 Potter park, Fenner, Sharp,

293 St. Joeseeph, River Trail, Lett's Community Center

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294	The new all inclusive park. Delta walking path. Delta mills park
295	Moore's park, Quentin park, Elm Park. (Hawk Island would be 1 but that is a county park)
296	Scott woods, hawk island, sycamore creek
297	Moore's Park, Potter's Park, Crego Park
298	Hawk Island - Crego Park - Morris River Drive
299	Davis, Francis, Hawk Island
300	Bancroft, Hawk Island, Rotary
301	Frances, River Trail, Fenner
302	France's Park, Moore's Park, Washington Park (now dumb name of someone we don't know)
303	Bancroft, porter, moore's river
304	Bancroft Park, Scott's Woods, Hawk Island
307	Scott Woods Park, Hawk Island, Bancroft Park
308	Gier park softball fields.
309	Dunnebacke, R&D Wilson
310	Adado Park/River Trail, Francis Park, Moore's Park
311	Soldan's Dog Park, Scott Woods, Fenner
312	Potter park
313	Hawk Island, Maguire, Scott woods
314	Hawk island, maguire, Scott woods
315	Bancroft, Ormond, Potter
316	Bancroft Park
317	Wainwright Park, Benjamin F. Davis, Fulton Park
318	Hawk Island

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319 Hunter Park, Crego Park, Moores Park

320 Sycamore, Benjamin Davis, Debbie Stabinaw

321 Hawk Island, Letts and St Joseph

322 Scott Woods

323 Atwood, Potters, Hawk Island

324 St Joseph, Scott's Run, Cherryhill

325 Meijer Gardens (GR), Patriarch Park (EL), Lakeshore State Park (Milwaukee)

326 New park downtown, sharp park

327 Benjamin Davis, Francis Park, Grand Woods Park

328 Wilson, Tecumseh, Lyons

329 Woldumar, Fenner, Comstock

330 Hawk Island crego Scott woods

331 Benjamin Davis, Gier, Fenner

333 ranney park

334 St. Joe Park, Hunter Park, Westside

335 Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hawk Island, Bancroft

336 Francis park, Fenner nature Center, Quinten

337 None

338 Moore's Park, Scotts Woods, and Crego

339 Lyons, Scott wood, hawk island

340 Frances, hawk Island, moores park

341 Francis, Moores, Bancroft Parks

342 Rivertrail, Frances, Fenner

343 Gier

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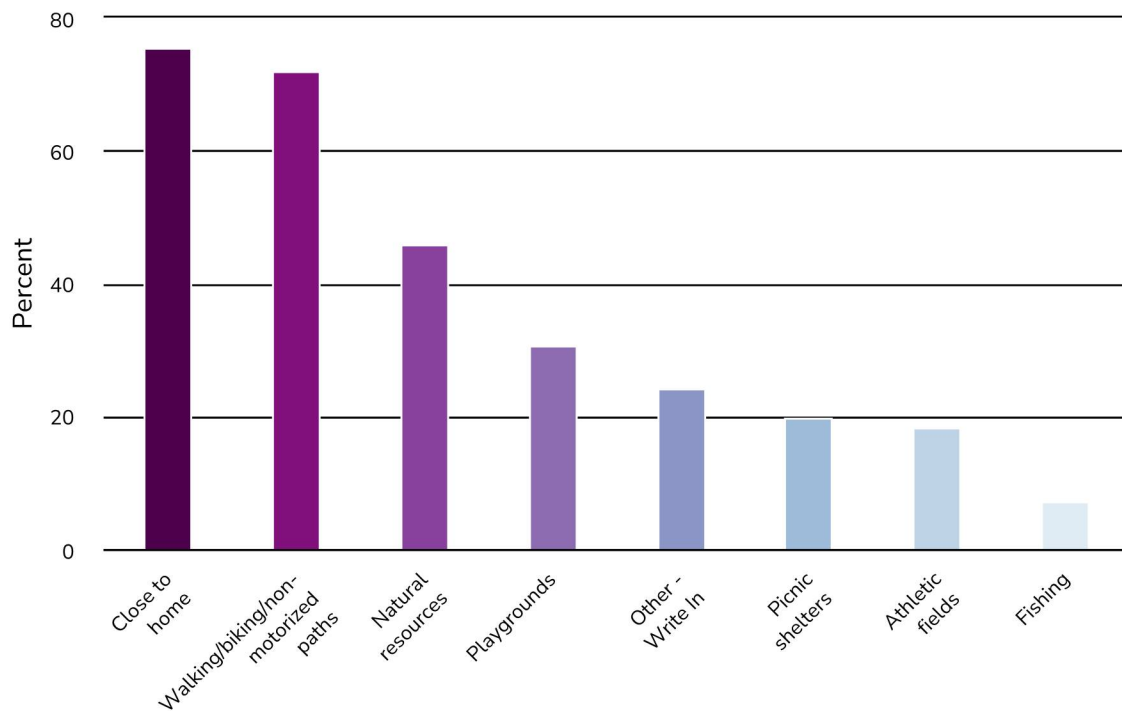
344 Sharp Park

345 Rudolph and Dorthy Wilson Park, Crego, Bancroft

346 Francis, Adado Riverfront, Granger Meadows

347 hunter park, bancroft park, frances park

2. For what reason do you use these parks? (Check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Close to home	75.6%	251
Walking/biking/non-motorized paths	72.0%	239
Natural resources	46.1%	153
Playgrounds	30.7%	102
Other - Write In	24.4%	81
Picnic shelters	19.9%	66
Athletic fields	18.4%	61
Fishing	7.2%	24

Other - Write In

Count

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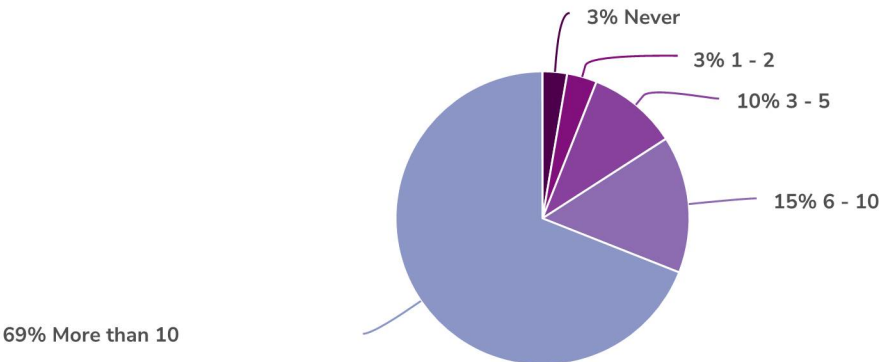
Other - Write In	Count
Close to work	2
Programs offered	2
Quiet	2
An awesome pump track for the kids to ride	1
BMX track and pump track	1
BMX track and the Pump Track	1
Basketball, soccer	1
Beautiful Scenery	1
Beauty. Along river trail.	1
Biking, cross-country skiing	1
Bmx track	1
Close to work	1
Concerts in the park, events (weddings, bbq for groups of which I'm a member, etc.)	1
Discgolf	1
Dog	1
Dog Park	1
Dog walks	1
Don't feel safe	1
Don't use, no where to sit	1
Events and Programs	1
Family and Community gatherings	1
Fenner for proximity to the visitor center/programs, Hawk Island for really nice paved trails that are great for roller skating	1
Totals	79

Other - Write In	Count
Flower gardens with labels	1
Football Practice	1
Hunter park ANC programming.	1
I don't visit them other than an occasional walk on the River Trail by Lansing Center.	1
I have never visited a park in Lansing	1
I literally live in Georgetown	1
I manage Turner-Dodge & Reasoner & Buchard are adjacent	1
I use the kayak launches	1
It is my wife's favorite place	1
It's a quite and beautiful place.	1
It's important to have places that we can just go and sit and read, or exist. I enjoy these parks because they are close to me (Elm) or because I've coached baseball but above all because they are comforting.	1
Juneteenth Festival	1
Kayaking	1
Kite flying	1
Larch park needs attention so the families and kids have a safe area to play.	1
Letting my dog explore	1
Movie night	1
Music events.	1
N/A	1
Nice trail area to roller skate	1
No homeless people or drug use in the parkinglot	1
None are in Lansing	1
Totals	79

Other - Write In	Count
Paved Walking paths	1
Places to sit/benches/chairs	1
Pokémon Go	1
Pool, gardens, trees	1
Pump track and Capital City Family BMX	1
Pump track bmx track	1
Quentin - small sledding hill	1
Quiet forest with wildlife	1
Quiet trails	1
Recreation, skate, gardens, resources	1
River Access	1
Rivertrail	1
Sports, Swimming, Flowers	1
Stoopfest, historic pool, zoo	1
Swimming	1
Swimming (pools and beach)	1
Tai chi practice	1
The beautiful forest	1
To view the native plants populations	1
UNDEVELOPED	1
Walking Tail	1
Walking path	1
Totals	79

Other - Write In	Count
We love that the parks are a mix of playground and nature area. It is also wonderful to have all needs accessibility.	1
Work	1
Zoo	1
commuting through parks	1
dog park	1
golf	1
lack of crime	1
quiet, low noise levels	1
sledding hill	1
tennis courts	1
Totals	79

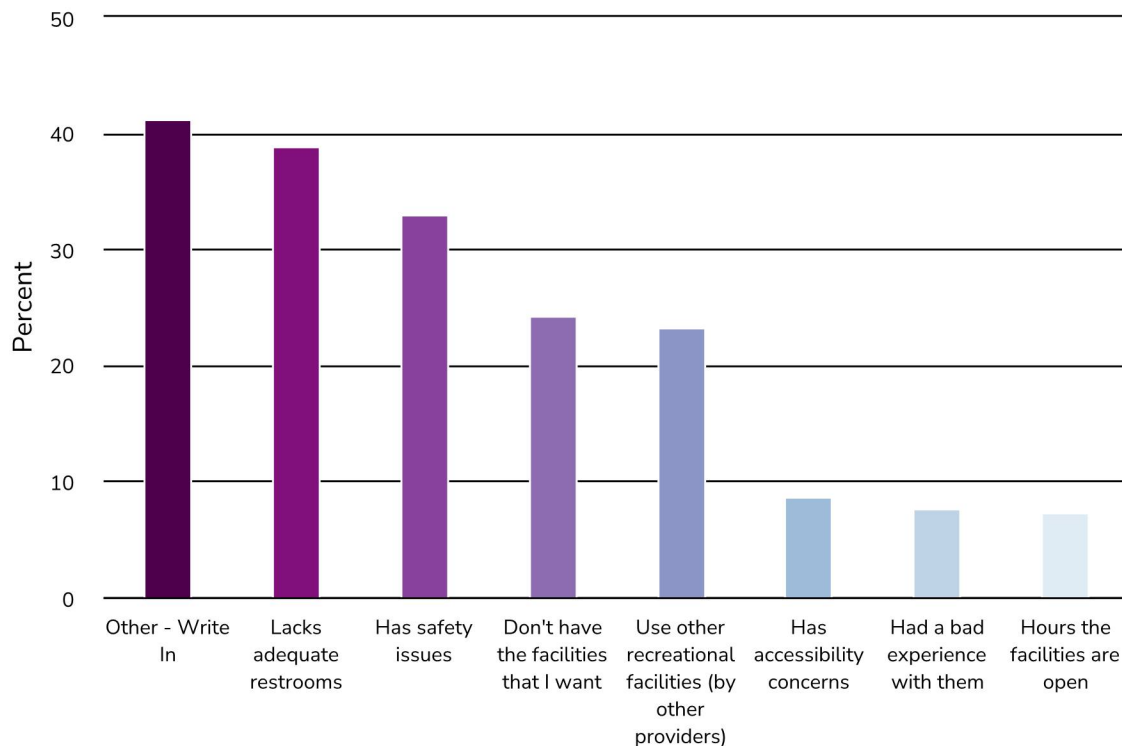
3. How many times did you visit City of Lansing parks in the last year?



Value	Percent	Responses
Never	2.7%	9
1 - 2	3.3%	11
3 - 5	9.9%	33
6 - 10	15.1%	50
More than 10	69.0%	229

Totals: 332

4. What stops you from using City of Lansing parks, or from using them more? (Check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Other - Write In	41.2%	122
Lacks adequate restrooms	38.9%	115
Has safety issues	33.1%	98
Don't have the facilities that I want	24.3%	72
Use other recreational facilities (by other providers)	23.3%	69
Has accessibility concerns	8.8%	26
Had a bad experience with them	7.8%	23
Hours the facilities are open	7.4%	22

Other - Write In	Count
None	2
Nothing stops me	2
Time	2
Too much bugs	2
Trash, litter, people who use drugs leaving behind needles, mostly safety concerns are the drawback from time to time	2
Working	2
Adequate parking	1
As a resident who rents, I wasn't given more information. I had to find all the parks near me or found them by wandering the river trail. Providing more literature to housing complexes may help.	1
As a single woman, I would not feel safe visiting a park alone.	1
Bathrooms are small not handicap accessible! Need more things for people with disabilities to do at community centers besides KC angels, bowling, need to bring the Floor hockey game back to gier! Maybe a bigger gym at foster.	1
Charges fee (Hawk Island)	1
Cleanliness issues	1
Cost	1
Cost to enter	1
Covered shelter	1
Crime. Wish the Moore's Park cameras still worked in the North parking lot.	1
Crime/Vagrancy	1
Dirty and filled with trash, equipment broken, lacks art significancw	1
Don't find the time	1
Drug deals in the Moores park south parking area, Tons of trash left by them.	1
Totals	121

Other - Write In	Count
Expense to drive in (Hawk Island etc)	1
Fear of spreading invasive plant species	1
Full of vagrants, drunks, gangs, and drug users	1
Have to cross dangerous roads to get to them	1
Heavily covered in litter/garbage	1
Highway construction blocking my path	1
Homeless people and gangs	1
Homeless people, drug use	1
Homeless population and trash	1
Homeless population lives in parks because they have nowhere else to go	1
I don't always know they are there	1
I don't have any	1
I don't have any reasons I don't use parks	1
I live in Okemos & enjoy the greenspaces there	1
I use them!	1
I walk, bike, transit everywhere by choice. Bancroft park is my favorite but sidewalks don't connect the eastside where I live to the park (or at least not obviously). I would appreciate some better/safer connections.	1
I would like more community events	1
If their location is not/is less accessible by bike	1
Inaccessible by walking	1
Is not nearly clean enough.	1
It is dirty and there is a lot of trash on the floor	1
Just busy	1

Totals

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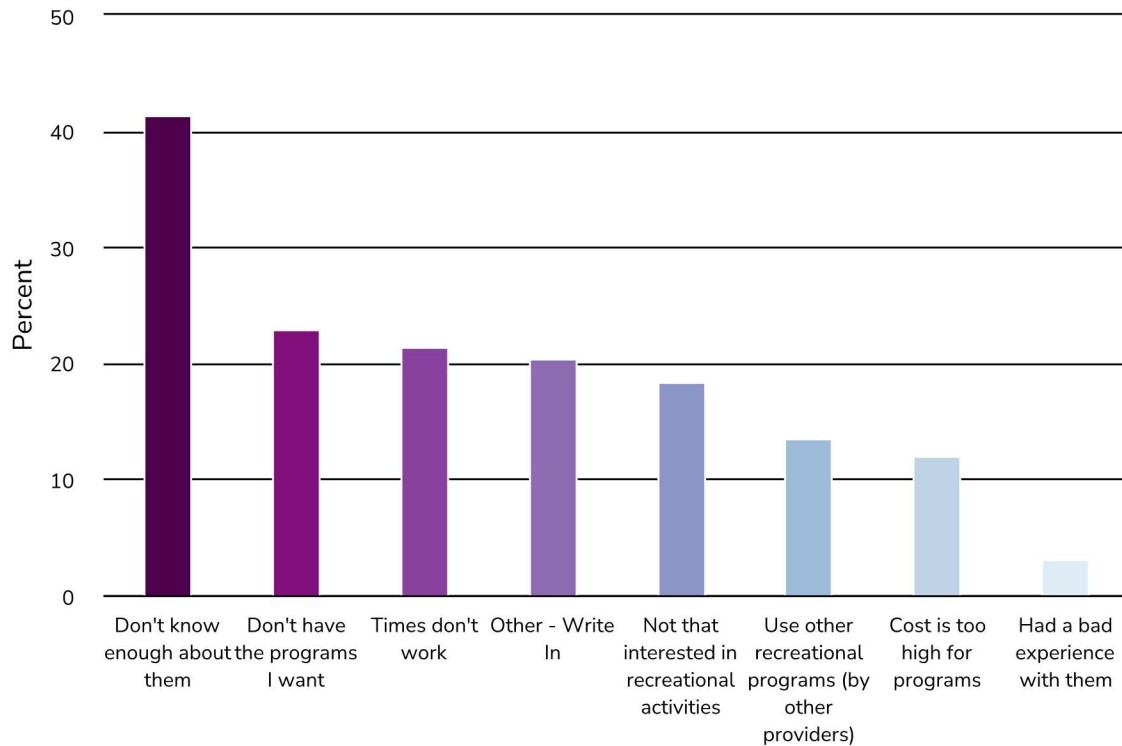
Other - Write In	Count
Just don't no reason	1
Just not close enough to me	1
Lack of free time	1
Lack of transport/connectiveness via trail or public transit	1
Lacks adequate connectivity to my neighborhood	1
Lacks playground equipment family enjoys	1
Lacks water fountains (for humans and dogs)	1
Lawn care services are horrible.	1
Lighting	1
Maintenance	1
Many of the things that stop me from using Lansing parks more are a direct outgrowth of LACK OF ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE!	1
Michigan Winters	1
Most of the parks are accessible by car only. Walk in access is weak. Bike access mostly applies to the Riverwalk access, which is not great. (it lacks signage for destinations and is a leisure trail. Parks rarely have bike parking/racks, but judicious parking.	1
N/A	1
N/A. I use them frequently	1
Need better courts and city organized tournaments	1
No inspiration.	1
No issues	1
No protected bike path to them.	1
No reason not to use the parks.	1
Not allowed to let my dog off leash	1
Totals	121

Other - Write In	Count
Not as forested/natural	1
Not attractive/visual appealing	1
Not clean or maintained	1
Not clean, not well maintained	1
Not enough play features for kids	1
Not on bus line or inaccessible by bike	1
Nothing I need to ck them out	1
Nothing, I use Lansing parks	1
Off leash dogs	1
Only able to play in summer.	1
Our kids are older so our usage changes	1
Parking	1
Parks like Kaynorth have nothing. No picnic area, no restroom, no water fountain.	1
Parks need security cameras and lighting	1
Parks on south side are hard to access by walking with my family. If we have to get in the car to get there, we'll go to a bigger park with more amenities, like hawk Island or lake Lansing. Wish we could safely walk to our local parks	1
People who just use the park to sit in their cars and smoke pit, or end up having fights in the parking lot	1
Poorly maintained....grass isn't cut, trash is full, improperly equipped, parking lot surface is terrible	1
Public transit (ir)regularity/routes	1
Snow and ice not cleared/treated promptly	1
Some of the trails that I prefer are overrun by mountain bikes or motorized vehicles (unlawfully)	1
Totals	121

Other - Write In	Count
Stacey McNamara put a restriction on my aquatics account without just cause and without informing me. The situation was resolved, but it limited our access for a few days. I think it was a totally avoidable misunderstanding with a racial aspect and I am not convinced that Lansing Parks and Recreation has taken all reasonable measures to prevent it from happening again.	1
The bike trail needs renovation.	1
The river trail needs an extreme makeover to be safe for bike riding! The tree roots create dangerous obstacles for bikers.	1
The type of shady people at them. (Drugs, alcohol, smoking, loud, fights, etc)	1
There's always trash everywhere.	1
These parks are just lands of grass, lacks amenities	1
To clarify, safety issues are not the parks themselves but the creepy old white men who won't mind their own business	1
Too many off leash dogs, no enforcement	1
Trash homeless encampments	1
Trash, Poor maintenance and upkeep, Downgraded facilities constantly such as playground areas, etc.	1
Trash/garbage in parks	1
Unleashed dogs, and zero enforcement of leash laws.	1
Upkeep	1
We are a sport family. Utilized other recreational facilities that are geared toward sports.	1
We will use parks with larger playgrounds like Patriach in E Lansing at times. But mostly use Lansing parks	1
Winter weather	1
Would like a Covered Shelter	1
don't have small children, so don't go as much	1
don't have time	1
hard to get to them by walking or biking due to car traffic	1
Totals	121

Other - Write In	Count
it's difficult to get to parks without a car in foster farms neighborhood. I have to cross 127 to get to the nearest river Trail access	1
my mom forbidden it mainly cause no one was watching me and she was afraid I'd step In dog feces	1
none	1
nothing really	1
pool issues	1
restrooms have been privtized to baseball events	1
significant grass allergies and asthma response to smoke	1
time	1
to busy	1
too busy	1
trash	1
turpitude, indolence	1
Totals	121

5. What stops you from using City of Lansing recreational programs, or from using them more? (Check all that apply)



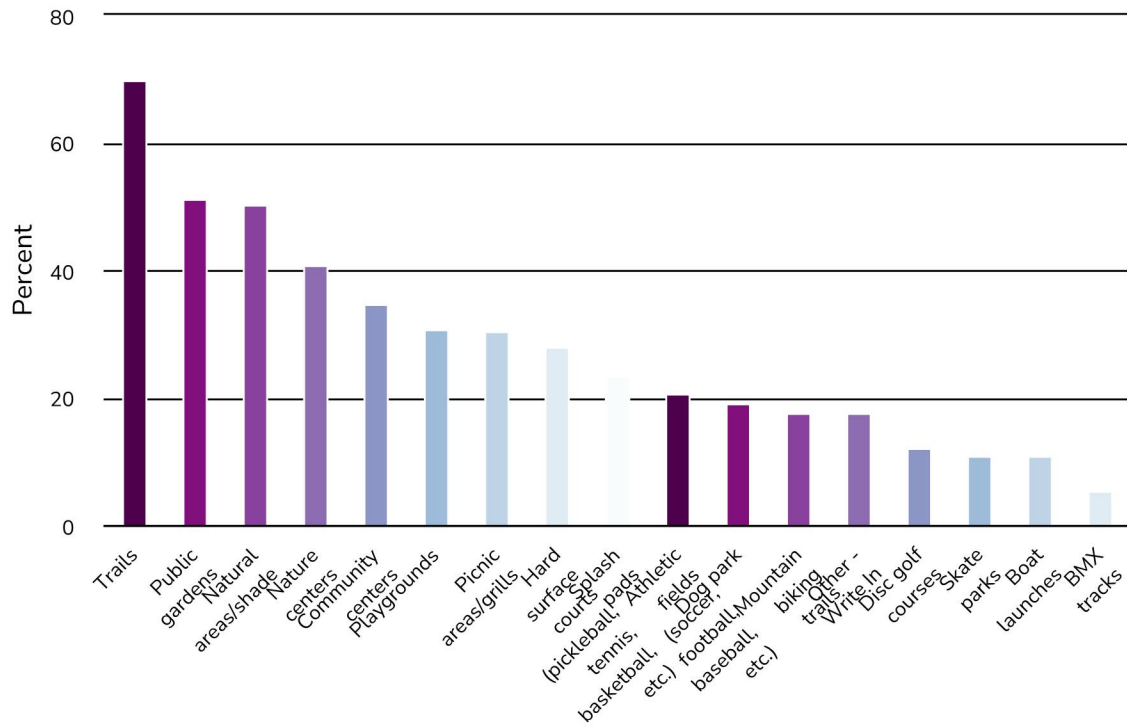
Value	Percent	Responses
Don't know enough about them	41.4%	128
Don't have the programs I want	23.0%	71
Times don't work	21.4%	66
Other - Write In	20.4%	63
Not that interested in recreational activities	18.4%	57
Use other recreational programs (by other providers)	13.6%	42
Cost is too high for programs	12.0%	37
Had a bad experience with them	3.2%	10

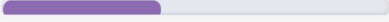
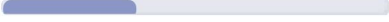
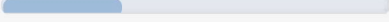
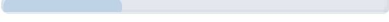
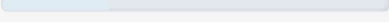
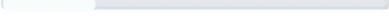
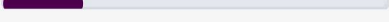
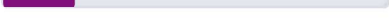
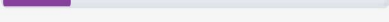
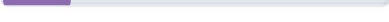
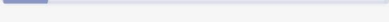
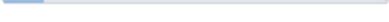
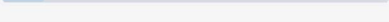
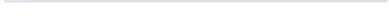
Other - Write In	Count
none	2
Accessibility and accommodations for disabilities info is not readily available	1
Again, just busy	1
As a single woman, I would not feel safe visiting a park alone.	1
Ball fields need new lighting. It was part of the master plan many years ago when my late cousin Tony was working with the parks department.	1
Basketball isn't available in a attractive location with the proper marketing.	1
Child (4) not old enough for after school program yet	1
Distance from home is too far	1
Don't know where to find the information about the recreational programs.	1
Don't live in Lansing	1
Everything is on the north side	1
Facilities are okay, not great	1
Have a bingo night , carnival that everyone could come, maybe a rummage sale! Maybe open the game room put games and crafts in the game up stairs at gier!	1
Have a hard time committing to the schedule	1
I bought a membership to the East Lansing Hanna Center because of the variety of Prime Time creative classes offered.	1
I do use them!	1
I don't get on line often so I miss things	1
I don't really want activities, other than Moores Park pool.	1
I use several of the programs. Exercise, Tai Chi, Bingo, Puzzle, trips.	1
I use them a lot	1
I use them and like them, but would use them more with more options	1
Totals	61

Other - Write In	Count
I use them!	1
I'd love to have more times hosted. Craft nights, reading clubs etc. Something free in a space especially in winter.	1
I'm busy nowadays but will likely use them more in the future. I do go to Concerts in the Park and similar events when I can though	1
It's challenging to plan schedule around short term inconsistent beginner/introductory programming. Would prefer longer term opportunities that develop my skills/interests beyond the intro phase to something more intermediate. It's fun to try new classes but some current classes (boxing, etc) are repetitive if you participate more than one season	1
Lacks quality instruction in several sport activities.	1
Late night activities are usually unsafe for me	1
Location	1
Location, most of the senior programs are at Schmidt and I live near Foster	1
Many of the programs my family is interested in are only offered at facilities prohibitively far from us.	1
Most youth sports are on the south side of lansing, which is the opposite side of town for us. Also would love to see budget put into retaining sport coaches on staff as I would be willing to pay a little more for mileage or sporting cost to support having coaches as opposed to parent coaches.	1
My Rec. interests are not best provided for in an urban setting.. No problems with your programs.	1
My own physical limitations; it's nothing about the activity, per se.	1
N/A	1
N/a	1
Na	1
Need more for older kids, work with the Lansing school district to bring down the cost and offer more programs.	1
None in city's southeast side	1
Not competitive enough and lack of teaching-Sports Specifically	1
Totals	61

Other - Write In	Count
Nothing	1
Nothing	1
Nothing stops us.	1
Only use Gier park. We are out of town	1
Safety	1
Since I'm an event manager & programmer, I don't havetime for other activities	1
Soggy field	1
TIME	1
The cancellation policy. I took a class I signed up for and it was too strenuous for me. I was not able to cancel and receive ANY refund.	1
They are poorly managed and low quality	1
They conflict with school extra curricular timing.	1
Too easy.	1
Use them	1
curating my own recreational programs	1
hard to use website	1
i work them	1
not a lot that I can participate in - most either for elderly or young.	1
nothing in ward 2	1
pool closure/maintenance issues	1
to much mosquito	1
too busy to probably do it anyway	1
Totals	61

6. What parks and recreation facilities would you like to see expanded or improved? (Check all that apply)



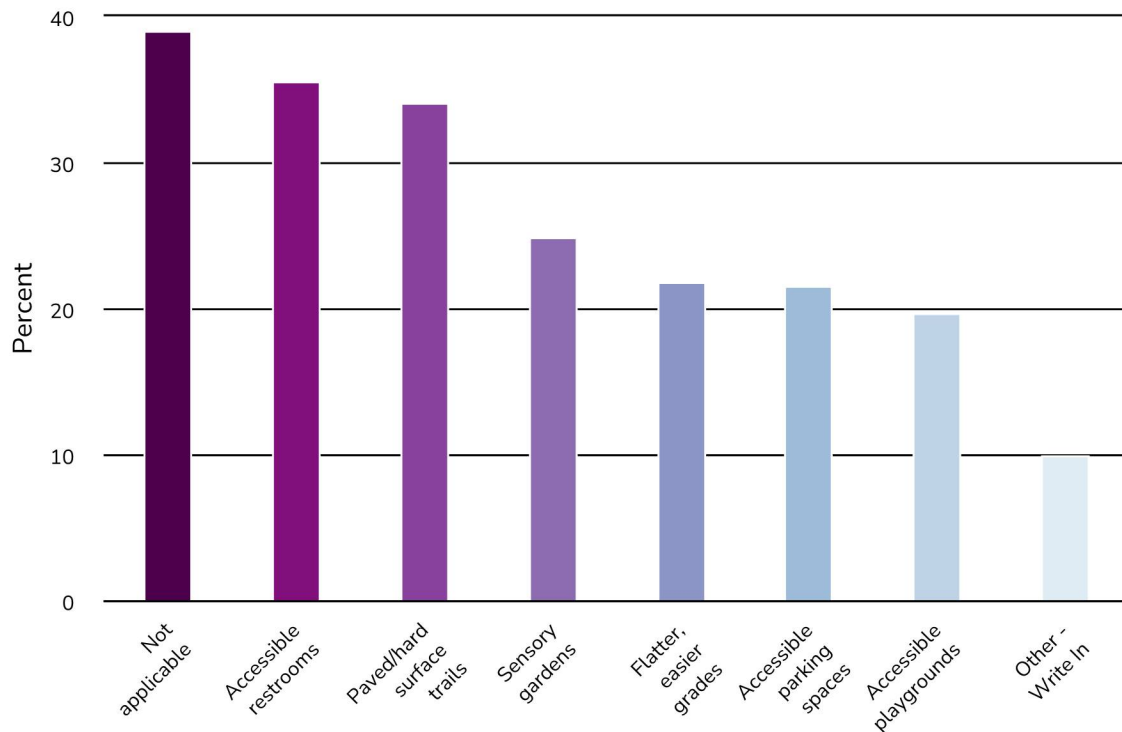
Value	Percent	Responses
Trails	69.8% 	229
Public gardens	51.2% 	168
Natural areas/shade	50.3% 	165
Nature centers	40.9% 	134
Community centers	34.8% 	114
Playgrounds	30.8% 	101
Picnic areas/grills	30.5% 	100
Hard surface courts (pickleball, tennis, basketball, etc.)	28.0% 	92
Splash pads	23.5% 	77
Athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball, etc.)	20.7% 	68
Dog park	19.2% 	63
Mountain biking trails	17.7% 	58
Other - Write In	17.7% 	58
Disc golf courses	12.2% 	40
Skate parks	11.0% 	36
Boat launches	11.0% 	36
BMX tracks	5.5% 	18

Other - Write In	Count
A roll skate rink surface for roller derby and roller hockey and open skate	1
Accessible bathrooms	1
Accessible water access	1
Additional facilities at the bmx track would be nice. Better maintained and safer restrooms at the top of the hill, better parking lot, picnic tables at the pump track and ones not falling apart.	1
Additional walkable entrances	1
Again, the river train would be an amazing space to ride my bike if it wasn't so dangerous/damaged. And the city streets has zero road bike lanes, so this is the only option and the state of the trail is terrible!	1
Benches to sit on, tables to eat at	1
Biking access with decent routing to get to them. I often see families drive to Hawk Island to ride together. Not very easy for a family to bike to the parks.	1
Bocci ball	1
Cherry hill launch is not wheel chair accessible unless you go down backwards with assistance due to grade. Ranney is in disrepair and discourages beginning skaters	1
Classes in art, writing and targeted to seniors	1
Community concerts, amphitheatre or band shell	1
Connective walks and area with bus stops/bike parking	1
Contained soccer fields like the one at Ferris are great, but could be better maintained	1
Dirt Bike Track	1
Dog park so people stop using Armory Park/Eastern High School as a dog park	1
Exercise gym area in Bancroft	1
Expanded biking trails rivet trail is sketchy in areas	1
Get rid of Schor	1
Golf	1
Totals	55

Other - Write In	Count
Hiking trails that aren't paved	1
I would NOT like to see more paved, salted, striped trails. It takes away from the experience of being in nature.	1
Indoor pools	1
Kayak launches, roller hockey rink	1
More Gym Space	1
More garbage and recycling containers that are emptied more regularly	1
More relevant classes- look at the Prime Time newsletter that East Lansing offers in terms of reasonably priced physical & creative classes offered	1
Native plant diversity; ground covers which function and provide environmental benefits. Less turf grass.	1
Native plantings, riparian restoration along the Grand River	1
Natural playgrounds - like logs and rocks etc.	1
Nature Playgrounds, parkour playgrounds	1
None	1
Outdoor exercise equipment	1
Planting more native trees and plants while removing invasive plants in order to improve the ecosystem in our area	1
Please put a community center in ward 2!! We have no place to come together.	1
Please seek to maintain rather than expand. More is not better, in this case!	1
Pools, workout equipment for adults (not the goofy machines that no one uses, but traditional equipment like pull up and dip bars, crunch platforms, etc).	1
Programs or classes in the arts (such as drawing, painting, crafts, pottery for adults.	1
Proper field/stadium	1
Restrooms	1
Totals	55

Other - Write In	Count
River trail	1
Safe access, fewer fences, more entrances and ways in	1
Safer ways for cyclists and pedestrians to get to parks	1
Securing the grassy areas at Moore's Park. Many people including parkaintenance drive over the grassy areas to park closer to basketball courts and pavilion.	1
Separate community centers activities and another specifically for adult activities. Kids programs should have to fight for space over adults.	1
Small dog and big dog friendly agility course.	1
Soccer fields like beacon, and basketball courts with top quality backboard and floors with canopys hanging over them to protect from rain	1
The downtown boardwalk may be improved using plastic-infused wood that lasts longer. Also increased clean-up efforts - trash detracts from the experience.	1
Turner-Dodge would benefit from more operational resources & better grounds care both Summer & Winter	1
Water Access for Tubing, Swimming, Kayaking.	1
Wouldn't go it will be another place for crime and for homeless to live	1
city ran indoor ice rink	1
none	1
rest rooms	1
ward 2 needs a community center. old mclaren building? lansing makers network? also CONNECTIVITY between parks would be nice	1
Totals	55

7. If someone in your family has a disability, either visible or invisible, what changes could make parks or trails in Lansing easier and more enjoyable from them to use? (Check all that apply)

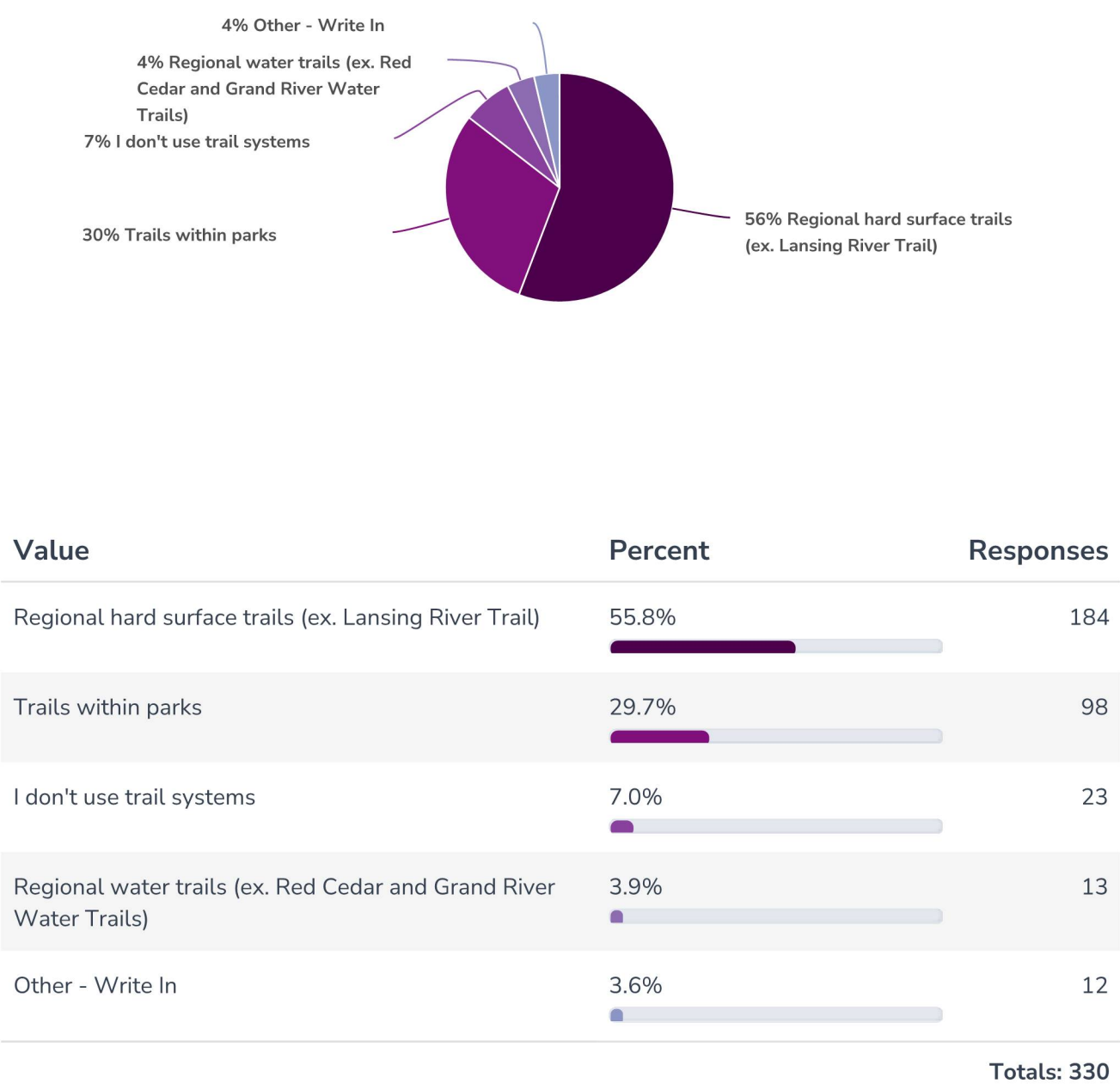


Value	Percent	Responses
Not applicable	39.1%	125
Accessible restrooms	35.6%	114
Paved/hard surface trails	34.1%	109
Sensory gardens	25.0%	80
Flatter, easier grades	21.9%	70
Accessible parking spaces	21.6%	69
Accessible playgrounds	19.7%	63
Other - Write In	10.0%	32

Other - Write In	Count
None	3
The mow vendor's gas riding mowers are incredibly loud for people with sensory challenges. Has there been thought about using electric mowers instead?	2
Accessible water access	1
Additional walkable entrances	1
All these things can be individually found at different area parks, but rarely are more than one or two found together.	1
Amenities not so far from parking lot	1
Better online maps with notes on accessibility: to know before we go	1
Better website information (virtual tours or more photos - AbleVu would be a great resource)	1
Flooding	1
Get rid of Schor	1
Have more events for us to do at the community center with out costing a bunch of money art contest, and crafts maybe Easter egg hunt have a Christmas dance for people with disabilities	1
I don't know if quiet areas for calming down are an option for sensory overwhelm	1
I don't think all trails have to be accessible	1
It would be nice to have a handicap pad and access to water fearures at the Hawk entry of the dog park	1
Maintain them so they are not so much a safety hazard.	1
More and comfortable places to sit down. E.g., ergonomically contoured for sitting, easy to rise from, and arm rests.	1
Mowing the grass with the deck down.	1
Open restrooms and functional water fountains	1
Restrooms available more, they are often locked.	1
Seating or pavilion closer to parking lot	1
Totals	29

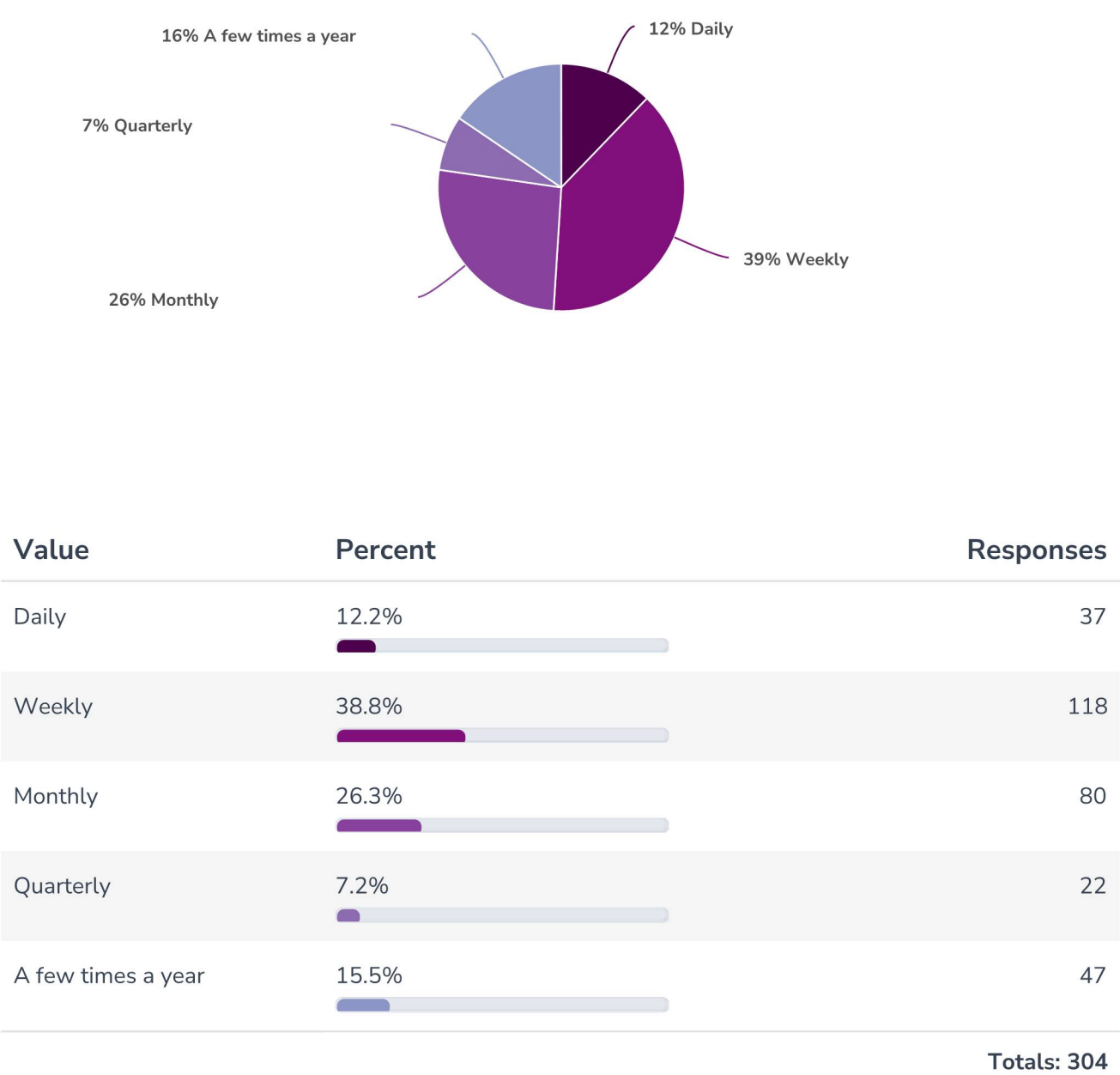
Other - Write In	Count
Studies clearly show what makes parks more accessible	1
Turner-Dodge needs to create a professional grade video tour of the 2nd & 3rd floors for those who cannot use the stairs.	1
Welcome the sunflower: https://hdsunflower.com/us/	1
it is very hard to get wheelchairs to athletic fields	1
love the idea of sensory gardens	1
pot holes, cracked pavement. Repair uneven surfaces.	1
Totals	29

8. What types of trails/non-motorized paths do you usually use?

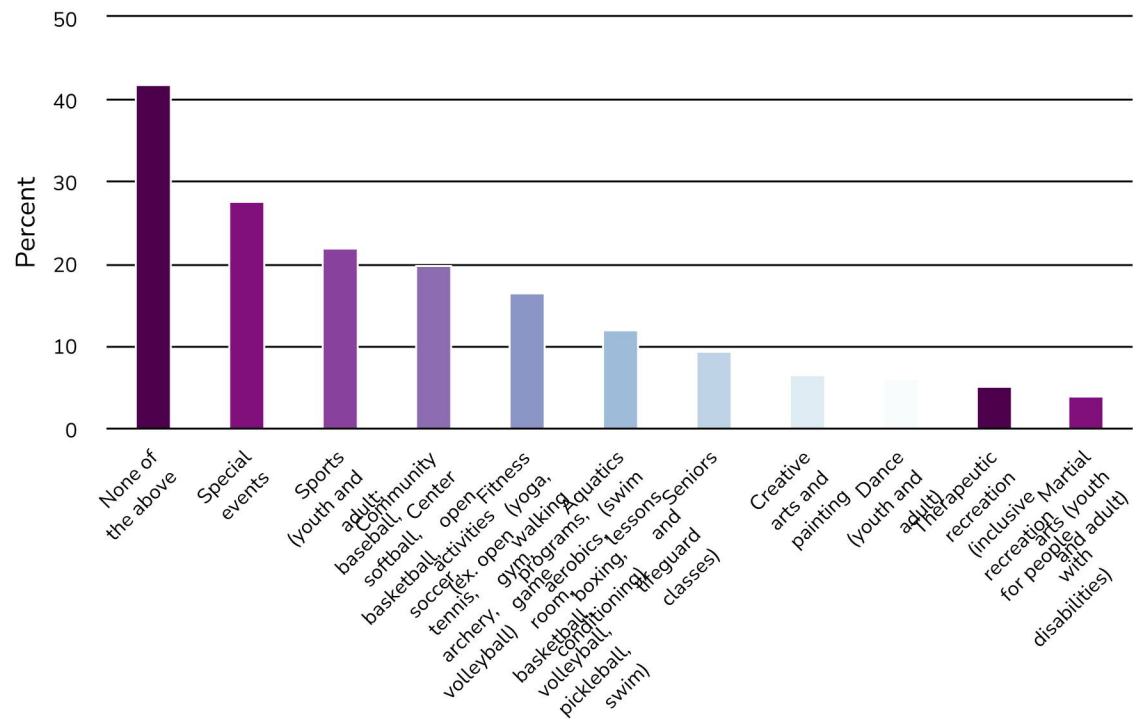


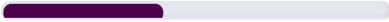
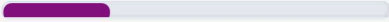
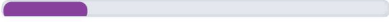
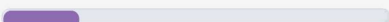
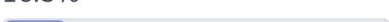
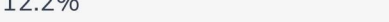
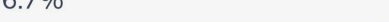
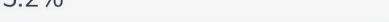
Other - Write In	Count
All of the above, in Lansing mainly the River Trail and Fenner	1
All of the first three choices	1
All of these	1
Both Lansing River Trail as well as non-paved hiking trails within parks (Like Fulton Park, Fenner Nature Center, and Crego Park trails)	1
Don't feel safe on bike trails solo	1
I don't use the tails	1
I use all the trails!	1
I use both paved trails and trails within parks equally.	1
It won't let me choose multiple but we use both regional trails	1
McNamara mountain bike trails, Eastgate.	1
Trails within and outside of parks.	1
Totals	11

9. How many times did you use trails in the past year?

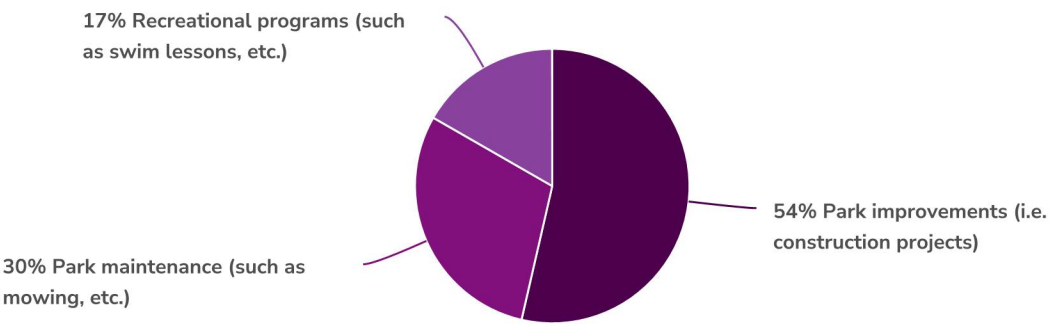


10. What Lansing parks and recreation programs do you or your family take part in? (Check all that apply)



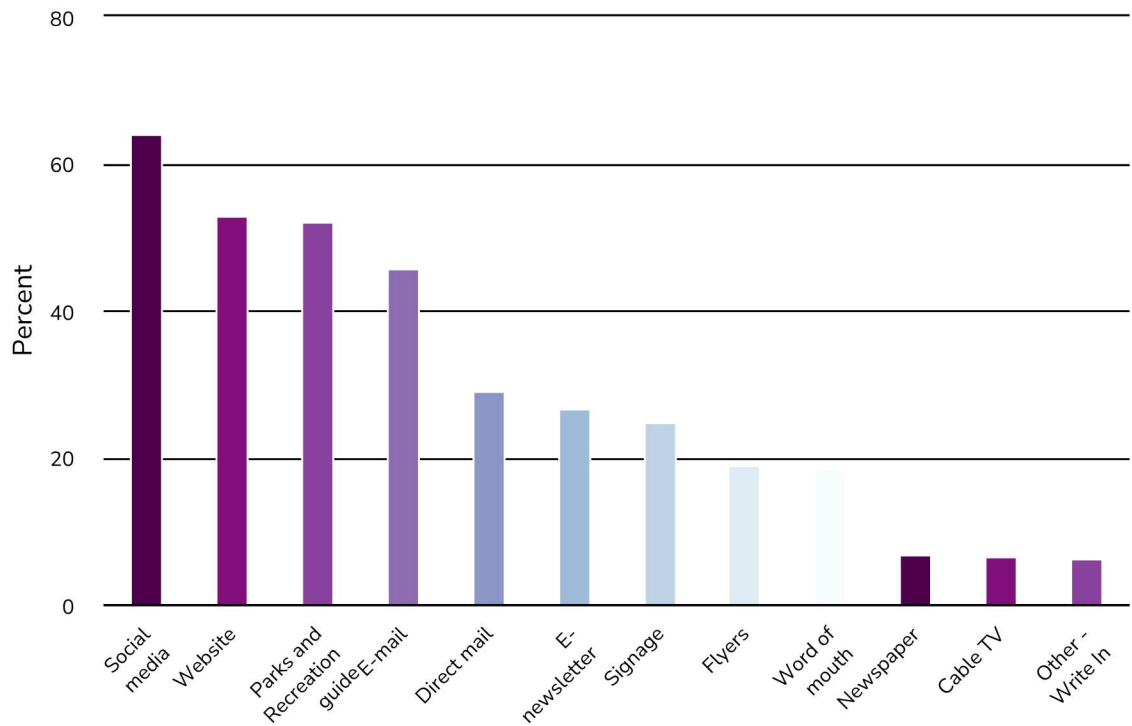
Value	Percent	Responses
None of the above	41.9% 	137
Special events	27.8% 	91
Sports (youth and adult; baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, tennis, archery, volleyball)	22.0% 	72
Community Center open activities (ex. open gym, game room, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, swim)	19.9% 	65
Fitness (yoga, walking programs, aerobics, boxing, conditioning)	16.5% 	54
Aquatics (swim lessons and lifeguard classes)	12.2% 	40
Seniors	9.5% 	31
Creative arts and painting	6.7% 	22
Dance (youth and adult)	6.1% 	20
Therapeutic recreation (inclusive recreation for people with disabilities)	5.2% 	17
Martial arts (youth and adult)	4.0% 	13

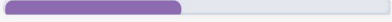
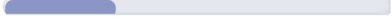
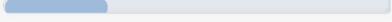
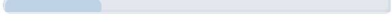
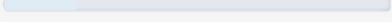
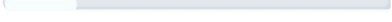
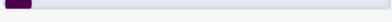
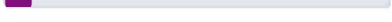
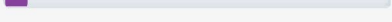
11. The money from the City Park Millage is used for improvements, supporting grant funding, and maintaining recreation areas. How would you spend this money?



Value	Percent	Responses
Park improvements (i.e. construction projects)	53.6%	173
Park maintenance (such as mowing, etc.)	29.7%	96
Recreational programs (such as swim lessons, etc.)	16.7%	54
Totals: 323		

12. What is the best way to let you know about activities and services from the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department? (Check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Social media	64.2% 	212
Website	53.0% 	175
Parks and Recreation guide	52.1% 	172
E-mail	45.8% 	151
Direct mail	29.1% 	96
E-newsletter	26.7% 	88
Signage	24.8% 	82
Flyers	19.1% 	63
Word of mouth	18.5% 	61
Newspaper	7.0% 	23
Cable TV	6.7% 	22
Other - Write In	6.4% 	21

Other - Write In	Count
City Pulse	2
Radio	2
All of the ways listed.	1
Any of the above are fine. I like getting the booklet in the mail that is quarterly	1
City Pulse and other calendars	1
Flyers in businesses and community boards would also be helpful	1
I read the local news online at WLNS and Lansing State Journal	1
Improve the website - it's terrible.	1
Lansing guide	1
Local TV involvement	1
Local morning news!	1
Local news segments	1
More details about the programs - where they're at, how long, what type environment, where to park. Working with Able Eyes would go a long way to making me feel more comfortable at city facilities.	1
Neighborhood meetings (like CDCA)	1
Please start texting when registration opens	1
Radio	1
Text updates w link to the website	1
text	1
Totals	20

13. What are the ages of the people in your household who use parks and recreation facilities in the City of Lansing? Please select the number of people within your household that are in each age group.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Responses
Under 13 Count Row %	33 23.7%	56 40.3%	30 21.6%	8 5.8%	10 7.2%	1 0.7%	0 0.0%	1 0.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	139
13 - 18 Count Row %	33 35.9%	36 39.1%	13 14.1%	4 4.3%	3 3.3%	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%	92
19 - 29 Count Row %	30 29.7%	42 41.6%	23 22.8%	3 3.0%	1 1.0%	1 1.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	101
30 - 39 Count Row %	16 10.6%	68 45.0%	60 39.7%	4 2.6%	2 1.3%	1 0.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	151
40 - 49 Count Row %	32 25.4%	52 41.3%	38 30.2%	2 1.6%	0 0.0%	1 0.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.8%	126
50 - 59 Count Row %	32 37.2%	30 34.9%	22 25.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	86
60 - 69 Count Row %	28 33.7%	35 42.2%	17 20.5%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	83

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Responses
70 - 79 Count Row %	32 44.4%	29 40.3%	10 13.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%	72
80 and older Count Row %	34 81.0%	6 14.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 4.8%	42
Totals												892 100.0%

14. What do you like most about parks and recreation in the City of Lansing?



ResponseID	Response
2	There's a park in every neighborhood and they're in ok shape
3	I like that there are multiple options, and the grass is usually cut well.
4	The river Trail connects many of the parks. I just wish it felt safer to get to them from my home. When I lived by Ferris Park, I didn't used that park very often, but i didn't have to cross unsafe roads to get to the river trail.
5	The beauty of the natural environment. The trails, the proximity, the connectivity. But again, the River Trail, from Moore's park to Old Town to Hawk Island needs a make-over! It would also be amazing if bike lanes to our roads were added to the cities priorities...
6	We love having neighborhood parks to go to.
7	All of the river trails. Love the new playground downtown.
9	It's affordable and open to everyone.
10	1. River trail! 2. Playgrounds 3. After-school programs @ Foster 3. Natural areas (eg big trees and hills at Bancroft), everything peaceful with big trees and nature)
11	Trails
13	The River Trail. Also love kayaking access to the river.
14	Outdoor options like green/natural spaces, the river trail and playgrounds

ResponseID Response

16	There are lots of options for parks! The river trail is an excellent resource and is maintained well
17	Close to where I live.
18	Substantial recreation space available throughout the City. Fantastic trail system that is accessible in many areas with helpful signage to stay aware of your location. Great for running and training!
19	The opportunity to get into nature and and breathe easy
20	I love the Lansing River Trail! I walk on it (mostly) daily. Safety is a huge concern for me. I appreciate seeing the volunteers in the electric carts.
21	That there are many parks
22	Pools, workout equipment for adults, the Turner-Dodge House, trails, and nature centers. I think pools, workout equipment, and the Turner-Dodge House should be much higher priorities in terms of investment. I especially want to see more investment in hours and programs for the Hunter Park Pool, including swimming lessons and support for youth in the neighborhood to become lifeguards (instead of just recruiting mostly white kids from affluent schools with swim teams).
23	Easy access from neighborhood. Fun to explore, new adventures, love to walk or ride bike on trails
24	Rivertrail and expansions to other communities.
25	Old growth trees, gardens, rivers, modern amenities
28	Lots of parks to choose from!
29	How close they are to natural assets - rivers, lakes, woods.
31	Easy accessibility, senior programs are great
32	I love seeing a young kids out there in the park playing with their parents. And I love going walking on the trails throughout the city.
33	I really like the amount of green spaces there are, and the variety of activities that are offered
34	Ease of access
35	The many options and varieties!
36	I love walking my dog at various locations along the river trail. Lots of shade, and pleasing to the eye.

ResponseID Response

37	Senior programs
38	The people at my local rec center are really friendly.
39	I loved Cooley Gardens & river trl esp during covid & when i lived close to both. As a sr I love schmidt for exercise socializing & education. It has transformed my retirement to healthy & fulfilling.
40	The community actually wants to go outside in the digital era. It's nice to be around people and enjoy nature.
42	Being outside
45	offering after school program and camps for youth
47	I appreciate the variety of parks, community centers and programs that the city of lansing offers
48	Variety
49	Somewhere for the kids to burn off energy. Need to have less smoking of weed on the grounds.
50	I like that the recreation programs are affordable and pretty good. I like that the trail system has been expended though taking it even further through the city would be great.
51	The trails winding through the woods.
52	Natural area and a nice place to walk the dogs.
53	Low-cost recreation. Trails.
54	Love the youth activities - from after care, summer camp, to athletics. Love the river trail and seeing it grow and improve! Love the natural areas within parks, like Bancroft. Love the playgrounds!
55	classes, clean parks and trails, and access to doggie bags and trash receptacles.
56	The river trail is a great resource, but lacks enforcement to make it safe for everyone. Better to improve what we have before trying to build out or create even more programs.
57	We love how close we are to multiple parks. Love that usually the parks are well lit, accessible by walking or biking and have playground areas/open spaces/and courts
58	Nature areas
59	The River Trail is a true treasure that we use frequently in the warm months. Having parks in most neighborhoods is nice.

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60	Updated playground equipment, wide open spaces, and the extensive trail network
61	Love having green space, but would like better maintenance. The hired mowers do a terrible job.
62	It's close to home
63	Being able to enjoy nature not that far or in the city
64	There are a lot of options.
65	The continued growth and connection of the trail systems
66	The many parks Lansing offers. There's always one close by. Playgrounds and other ways to keep kids busy. Walking paths
67	Lots of trails and parks
68	I really enjoy being able to get to my destinations by going through parks. I also really enjoy relaxing in parks.
69	seeing my friends
70	I like that the parks are stable and are very playable.
71	I like these parks because they are a fun bonding time to do with your family and a way to spend time with your family.
72	i like how there are many and you dont have to walk far for any of them
73	I like that its a park
74	I don't know.
75	Swing sets
76	they are fun and some are clean
78	that theres trails
79	Cheap
80	IDK

ResponseID Response

81 Because you can do a lot of stuff there

82 I'm not sure

83 being able to breath

84 Flower, Fountain.

85 The things they offer.

86 The good swings

87 Nature trails and beautification of land.

88 lot of people use them I meet friends there they are clean

89 Variety, low cost, friendly staff

90 I LOVE how many parks we have within ten minutes from wherever you are in the city of Lansing. I love how affordable the recreation classes are for families. I LOVE the Lansing River trail and the trails leading to it from our many parks. I love how much nature we have in an urban setting like wild turkeys, deer, and so on.

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92 The staff is always friendly. I love that there are multiple community centers.

93 I think there's a good quality of programs. Once you know to go out to the website and register. There are so many different things you can find and do. Being able to participate in open events and special events is also really nice. I don't feel pressure to commit to a schedule for these and the low cost of entry is never a deterrent.

94 The River Trail, I run and bike on it almost every day. I also really enjoy the pull-up bar at Benjamin Davis Park and the outdoor athletic center at Maguire Park. It's important to me because I get a lot of my fresh air, sunshine and exercise through the park and trail system.

96 Many are accessible by the river trail

97 Thank you Parks and Rec!

98 I like that I am never very far from a park - that there are so many parks. I love the river trail system - nice to be able to bike places along the path with my family.

100 Having nature available within the city is important to the quality of life.

ResponseID Response

101	Having nature available within the city is important to the quality of life.
103	I adore the availability of parks and green space. There are beautiful parks with playgrounds all over the city, tucked into neighborhoods everywhere. The trails are a wonderful place to explore while walking or biking. I especially love that I can find so many spots to slip a canoe or kayak into the river right in the middle of town!
104	I like the fact that there are lots of parks located throughout the city and are easy to find.
105	Most "recreational" programs are provided at a relatively low cost.
109	The staff is phenomenal. I think it's incredible we have multiple community centers.
110	Great city
111	We primarily take part in BMX and bike riding at both Grier Park and throughout the community. What we appreciate the most is that both BMX and bike riding is something that anyone of almost any skill can do. The BMX track and pump track, anyone of any ability skill or age level is more than welcome and treated like family. We've been able to assist kids in the local community with getting a bike to ride and supporting them in a positive athletic outlet. We also enjoy Potter Park and the zoo. We spend lots of days picnicking along the river, but struggle to find areas without geese poo to sit.
112	It's convenient, Fun I bowl on Tuesdays and it's been so much fun bowling bring out in community and having lots friends and meeting new ones too
113	The new pump track and BMX track brings people to the community from all over the state
114	How accessible many of them are from our home by walking or biking.
115	The park's director is great, we love the BMX Track and pump track inside of Gier. We need more lights and bathroom facilities in the front of the park.
116	Everything to do with capital city BMX great people doing a great job I would love to see them grow
117	Bmx track and pump track
118	Many to choose from.
119	How many neighborhood parks there are
120	The bmx track and bike park
122	Swimming

ResponseID Response

123	The people who run it. It's a fun and entertaining, exciting, sports , community centers, kids programs, seniors programs, just a fun place to be.,
124	That we have so many of them and that they are all different.
126	I like the playgrounds for kids, kids programs, and open volleyball at foster
127	Being able to access trails in the neighborhoods around me for walking and running
130	The river trail is a huge asset - maintaining the trails and preserving the natural areas is imperative.
131	The river trail is so cool, the zoo is great, and the community events are fun
132	We love the miles of walking paths, especially the River Trail which can connect you to all parts of the city. We enjoy the concerts in the parks and seeing our grandchildren and neighborhood children enjoy the playgrounds. We also enjoy visiting the public garden spaces and appreciate the improvements at the Frances Park Rose Garden.
133	Programs and activities that cater to everyone.
134	I really enjoy walking the Riverfront Trail.
135	A park is with in 5 minutes of any place in the city.
136	River Trail
137	As a long distance runner, I love the River Trail system! It's very close to our apartment, and it's in our requirements to buy a home that it's near walking/biking trails.
140	Aquatics, trails and bike paths. And the people who staff the parks and community centers are great. The aquatics program has really improved by taking it back in-house!
141	They offer a variety of activities.
142	Welcoming Staff, All the great special events offered.
143	Parks staff work very hard and put on great programming, although they often lack the resources they need -- especially staff hours for program planning & facilitation & dedicated full-time marketing staff.
144	That there are many different park options in and around Lansing :)
145	I can go shoot hoops, play catch at a ballfield, play tennis, walk the dogs all within about a mile from home.
146	Locations

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147	Nothing
148	Nothing
149	My daughter requests to go to Adado all the time, she loves the playground and we love that we can meet our friends who are disabled there and it's fun for everyone. Our whole family loves the river trail, and the trails at Hawk Island and Fenner. We love to visit the Chestnut trees at Fenner. We know they're fighting blight but they are a treasure nonetheless, please do not cut them down if making improvements to Fenner.
150	River trail
151	The trails system
152	I like that different parks have walking paths and lots of trees.
153	we like to walk around hawk island and scott woods, we like to bike. we like the archery courses and some other classes (but they are very far from us). we use hawk island and the ymca for swimming.
154	How it makes me feel connected to the city
155	For the ones I frequent I find the nature to be quite nice, especially Fairview Park.
156	Variety and options
157	Using the River Trail to get to various places around the city safely, rather than risking busy roads with little to no biking infrastructure or safety from cars.
158	The convenience.
161	I like the river trail and the canoe launches.
162	I love the paved pathways in our parks. The lansing river trail is a gem in this community.
163	How close it is to home.
164	I like how many parks there are and, on the whole, I like that the prices of anything that costs money is pretty low.
165	Community feels connected and passionate about local environment
166	Quiet. Clean. Safe. Peaceful.
167	So many great parks and green spaces within the city.
169	Excellent, well-maintained facilities.

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170	I love the summer camp offerings, the Todd Martin tennis opportunities and swim lessons. The community centers are a wonderful resource and we plan on having our son's birthday party at Lett's and taking advantage of the e-games room. We also had his 3rd birthday at Letts.
171	LAP Inc has done a great job at creating a common identity/sense of place for all the parks they have designed. Clear views, common plant types, accessible, with modern amenities
173	Abundance of options. River trail
174	Lots of nice green space and convenient locations
175	I love Bancroft
176	Variety of parks like the river trail but it has more sketchy areas to ride thru.
177	The river trail
179	Having green spaces to escape car infestation/infrastructure
180	There are so many options to choose from, whether we're looking to dive into nature hikes, paddle waterways or hit our neighborhood playgrounds.
181	I would like for each side of town and also one in downtown to be an Ultra Modern Community Center with saunas and steam rooms and basketball courts and gymnasium for working out with a small track and a sitting area we can grab snacks and that was really people can converse
182	Accessibility to all.
183	Trails and fishing
184	LRT and E-Bike access.
185	The amount of parks
186	We love Lansing Parks! We are always out at one park or another. We have young kids who enjoy the playgrounds, and we also like to hike and bike trails (including the river trail).
187	The ability to travel the city and have walkable natural areas
188	Lansing has nice spots of parks in just about every neighborhood. Lansing also recreational programs. Though knows very little about them or no reminders of such.
189	Proximity.

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190 The number of parks

191 Lansing has a great trail system. I love Scott Woods where I can connect with the trees and waterways plus get some exercise. The trails need some love regarding maintenance to the boardwalk downtown and regular trash pick-up. There are certain areas that cause concern for safety. Although, I am sympathetic to those experiencing mental health and housing issues.

192 How many parks there are, that they are scattered throughout the city and that there are several larger parks with undeveloped/natural areas.

194 Open space, woods, trails

195 variety of programs

196 The abundance and variety of the parks and activities, and how well run the department is.

197 Connectivity between parks, commercial areas (REO, downtown, Old Town, East side), access to river and ponds. Often travel via bike on River trail and enjoy parkland for breaks

198 I would like to see actual after school recreation programs brought for our youth to participate in. Also more activities for senior citizens that wouldn't require a lot of mobility to participate.

199 I love that I live within walking distance of several green spaces. Having a variety of natural and human-created features (Moore's Park is more wooded, Quentin has the baseball diamond, Riverside is on the banks of the Grand River). And of course the River Trail! Plus, your community engagement processes (like this survey) are great! I felt connected to park decision making and park staff.

200 Having space to walk and take in nature

201 good trails, close to water and natural areas, trees & plants

204 trees, freshness, getting outside, dogs must be leashed

206 I like Fenners trails and I did take classes in the past like basket making and wreaths made from found materials in the park. I went to yoga in the past but stopped going due to the time offered. I live on the east side and not many activities at the Foster Center which I am closest to.

207 The river trail and being able to get around the city safely by bikes. Lansing just needs to expand the river trail.

208 I have often used the river trail to get from East Lansing to the Capitol and back, and always consider it a great time.

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211	I really enjoy the River trail and use it daily for recreation as well as commuting. I appreciate the opportunity to be immersed in nature and also enjoy getting out on the water. I don't know about the cities organized recreational opportunities but would enjoy adult sport or disc golf leagues.
212	The programs for seniors
214	I like that we have access to natural areas and trails and the river within the city and are able to be removed from vehicle traffic.
220	I don't like the Lansing parks, I don't feel safe due to lack of security. I used the golf courses until most of them closed, and Grosbeck's fees are the same as much better courses outside of Lansing.
221	Lansing River trail is the core. Good new pickleball courts. trail maintenance continues to improve
222	Community Centers & Senior Program's
223	How far we can go on the trail system
224	The ability to be so close to nature.
225	The river trail and connection between everything. Francis is one of the prettiest spots in Lansing and hawk Island has amazing amenities. River trail is jewel of Lansing though.
226	Senior activities at Schmidt Community Center and adult recreational softball at Gier park.
227	connectivity of trails
228	I love the shaded trees and natural landscapes of our parks
229	I like walking around trails and enjoying nature while still being in the city.
231	River Trail
232	Their abundance, cleanliness, and proximity to nature and natural spaces
233	I like that there are so many. Big ones, small one, ones that are just bigger than a pocket. When you're in Lansing, you're never far from a park.
234	Parks are great, awesome way to get outside and destress. I appreciate the natural beauty and the ability to meet neighbors in a shared safe place. We have picnics and walks in parks
235	Variety, proximity to population, respect of natural and historic material

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236	Usually clean and green in a bustling city, nice place to relax and just breathe the fresh air.
237	We like how many there are and how close they are to the house. We like the inclusive playground. We really liked the weekly park activity in Quentin park last summer for kids.
240	Nothing Lansing sucks, nothing too do, when there is an event it's the same old boring thing.
242	Excellent wildlife viewing/birdwatching
243	Plenty of walkability! Well kept! Would love to see more areas for swimming locally!
244	River Trail systems and all the natural water features. (Rivers lakes ponds streams)
245	Potential
248	Safety is a top concern, I enjoy Fenner as there are laces to walk, places to picnic and places to just sit and enjoy nature.
249	The nature
250	That there are many
251	That they are plentiful and well maintained.
252	Enjoying natural scenery and playgrounds and activities for children
253	The number of parks in our neighborhoods. We also need to feel safe and security cameras and lighting is needed.
254	I like how many are connected by bike trails.
256	Lots of nature, variety, and I love the new accessible playground at Adado. My child does not have special needs, but the accessible design just makes it a better experience for everyone. Felt safer and easier for parents to interact.
257	Access to natural resources, gardens, trail connectivity
258	The variety and sheer number of parks.
260	Walking paths through trees that allow for bird watching
262	The open spaces, connection to rivers,
263	I like the activities my kids can do

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264 There's a skate park

265 I love the Lansing parks! I appreciate the flat, paved trails for roller skating, it's much nicer than bumpy sidewalks

267 I only go to 2, Fenner and Slater (because it's in my neighborhood). A number of them feel unsafe and some are too far from my home

269 Hidden, quiet, peaceful

270 Our city has a lot of parks. And I love our community centers. Foster has a lot of great programming and feels like it's utilized really well.

271 Natural features. Historic structures like the Moores Park pool, gardens, gazebos, picnic areas, overlooks, and concerts in the summer

272 The city trails that have access to the grand river or if there are trails for running/biking

273 Several great locations

274 Their potential

275 For the little amount of funding put in (via milage) I will say that the city seems to do a pretty good job of getting the bang for the buck as it were. But more funding would be great.

276 The variety of parks, each park has something for everyone.

277 The history of the parks and the vast greenspace

278 Nature.

279 How broad and numerous they are. You can always find exactly what you are looking for in a park.

280 How I can access parks in every area of Lansing; I'm never far from a park

282 Most have a unique draw. The diversity.

283 Trees

284 How many parks there are

285 There's lots of great hiking trails.

286 Easily available, there are so many parks that if one has an event and I don't feel like participating it's so fast and easy to find so many parks with similar traits

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- 287 I love the natural areas and trails that offer a slice of peace and quiet in an otherwise loud and bright city.
- 288 green space, river trail
- 290 Playgrounds and pavillions
- 292 There are a lot of parks in the city and most of them are pretty well maintained. I love all of the walking trails, and green spaces. Lately we've been really into pickle ball so ay place that has courts is a plus. It be really fun to see some volley ball nets and more disc golf courses too!
- 293 Running paths (not-paved) and tennis courts.
- 295 The proximity and the value they add to our neighborhoods and community. Our kids love the playgrounds and my wife and I love walking in the trail system.
- 296 The high number of them scattered throughout the city.
- 297 How many options there are throughout the city for parks. It feels like no matter where you are, there it a park that's not too far away.
- 298 natural setting
- 299 Affordable Programs
- 300 Bancroft Park feels like living next to a deep forest. It's great to be able to escape the city. Loop 2 at Bancroft is so beautiful. Hawk Island is a great destination for biking. My wife and I love riding down there from our home near Bancroft.
- 302 What i DONT like is the lack of maintenance. I am not sure who you hire or if it's the management telling them what to do are acceptable. I clean up more trash than anyone else in my neighborhood's park. We even created a neighborhood group to take weekly spots to clean one of your largest parks, Moores river. That is unnecessary when we pay taxes. The reason we don't go there often anymore, with a 5 and 3 year old, is because of the lack of yard maintenance, new play set is not kid friendly, and the bathroom is never open. Moore's park has never properly been cleared of leaves and sticks. My kids and myself have been stabbed and stucked several times walking to the playground. I am not talking about the soccer zone area... that always looks beautiful. But the part under the amazing large trees where you placed a very under thought new play equipment. That new set, it is unbelievable. Also you couldn't have replaced the mulch or the rubber under the swings? That's a hazard too. The kid play area is junk. We often skip the new play area there and walk to the old one by the pool. My kids enjoy that one more. So after that rant, we prefer Frances park because for some reason it seems to be more maintained. However I still pick trash up there too. Though it is the best park we have and that's why it is my go to. So treat moore's park the same! Washington park we like but the play set is to geared for older children. I like the work out station. However, again, it's full of trash... And why can't you bring back the ice rink there? It was awesome.

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303	I love the wildlife diversity found in Lansing. Spring ephemerals, nut trees, birds and bugs! There are so many sites that the habitat is diverse enough to host a lot of species
304	I like the opportunity to walk in places where you can see nature. Green space and access to waterways is extremely important for personal and community health.
307	Trails
310	The variety of programs and activities and all the beautiful parks!
311	I keep learning more about parks nearby. It has been fantastic.
313	Well maintained, paved trails
314	The river trail, and ESPECIALLY Hawk Island are our favorite parts of living in Lansing. I am able to ride my bike to work every day, we are able to walk our dog on well maintained and beautiful trails and paths. I adore the parks and trails of the city of Lansing.
315	They are plentiful and decently maintained. They offer beautiful nature within the city.
316	Bancroft Park - the trails, forest, and wildlife.
317	I have not been to the majority of the City of Lansing parks, but my wife and I love the hiking trails in places like Fulton Park, Hunter's Ridge, Fenner Nature Center, and Crego Park. I love that there's so much mostly undisturbed natural area to explore. We have a toddler and a baby, so we really love and appreciate the paved pathways as well as playgrounds at Benjamin F. Davis, the Inclusive playground at Adado, and the Lansing River Trail. Wainwright Park is right in our neighborhood, so it's perfect for hosting neighborhood events.
319	The sheer number of spaces is one of the best things about the Lansing Area. A friend moved here recently from Arizona and can't believe how many parks there are.
320	We love how many parks there are and how diverse the offerings are at each of them. No matter what were in the mood for there's likely a park that can provide it. I would love a more organized directory of what all our parks offer in the city.
321	I like the vieriety of parks we have and I love the river trail.
322	Love the river trail, very much enjoy co-ed softball.
323	River trail is close to work so lots of afternoon walks
324	Programs for kids.
325	Not one single thing.

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327	Variety of options
328	The parks are maintained adequately and feel safe most of the time
329	Plenty of parks across the city
330	Proximity to the river trail
331	Availability
334	The variety of parks, trails and programs to meet the interests of all people in Lansing.
335	I love that there are so many parks that I can access easily for a walk with my dog, whether I've got 30 minutes or a few hours.
336	The availability throughout the city.
337	Not much! Not enough beginning Art classes
338	The abundance of them! I love taking walks in the area and stumbling on all the little gems all over.
339	The updates to the parks
340	Way to get exercise
341	Love all the parks and green spaces. Love the walking and riding trails especially the River Trail system. We also love the Concerts in the Park in the summer. Used to play softball, not sure if there are senior leagues ... and other leagues like pickleball.
343	Good number of parks
345	Very close and frequent throughout the city. A lot of variety. A place where you can really have a good time. All walks of life. Decent balance of people from all walks of life.
346	Well maintained and manicured landscaping, trails to walk, beautiful nature views, places to meditate.
347	The trees and the trails. We have several large parks that provide an "escape." I also love that Lansing has a park for every type of vibe. If i want to be near activities, I have parks downtown. If I want quiet, I have parks like Fenner or Bancroft. Lansing has so many awesome parks and the department should be proud of what it does with the resources it has. Parks are one of the reasons we are proud to call Lansing home.

15. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation within the City of Lansing?



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2	Have trash receptacles available year round. I use the trails all year and it's really gross. I'm a responsible dog owner and there's no place to dispose of poop bags.
3	I really would like soccer fields that are well kept. Soccer fields typically need a lower cut than the grass is cut. Also putting out some goals for all of the community to use would be nice when I host pick up soccer in summer
4	Buy up some long abandoned property along E Michigan so it can be a park instead of an eyesore.
5	The River Trail, from Moores Park to Old Town to Hawk Island needs a make-over! It would also be amazing if bike lanes to our roads were added to the cities priorities...
6	Upkeep on keeping the parks mowed, clean and safe.
7	☐☐♂
9	We need to find better ways to protect our homeless neighbors during cold weather. Letts Community Center is NOT a good place to have a warming center. The facility is inadequate for what the homeless folks need and having the warming center there interferes with programming. We need to do better.
10	River trail needs to have less closures so that I can get where I need to be. Parks department needs to STOP selling park land to developers!!!
11	Safety. Sometimes I don't feel safe at certain parks if I go alone.

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13	Keep up with trail maintenance. Add more kayak launch points.
14	Focus on what works and what the public uses the most. Maintain and make those spaces as welcoming as possible. Cut the waste on things that drain funds.
15	Better water quality protection, evaluation, and treatment with surface water bodies. The high phosphorus content caused by nearby storm drain discharge into the Soldan Dog Park pond causes significant and extensive algal blooms. These blooms negatively impact our dogs health. It's critical to keep in mind that humans have to go into that water--sometimes dogs need to be separated, a toy needs to be retrieved, a young pup is struggling to swim. To keep our dogs safe we must go in that water. Failure to address the harmful algal bloom situation with structural controls (not heavy metals in the water our dogs ingest and wear) is a failure to keep Lansing residents safe.
16	More adult fitness/rec sports programming
17	Secure grassy areas at Moore's Park so people do not drive over the grassy to the basketball courts and pavilion. Two tracks have been created by these individuals and the maintenances workers cleaning the restrooms and picking up trash. Please stop this behavior.
18	Maintenance of the river trail could be improved in the winter, plowing to maintain use throughout the seasons can help people stay active throughout the year.
19	Provide more opportunities for Seniors
20	Keep improving the Lansing River Trail! Such an asset for our community. Safety is a big concern for me.
21	Move the youth football team to a different park other than them practicing on the outfield of the softball area at Washington park.
22	Swim lessons and other programs at the Hunter Park pool. I'm certain you could get the Allen Neighborhood Center to partner on that.
23	Better lighting under bridges for safety at night
24	Trail improvements. Education on appropriate use of parks, not just people sitting in their cars in the parking lot (they can do that at Walmart).
25	More community events and volunteer opportunities.
28	Upkeep of parks and rec centers
29	More playscapes, cleanliness, public art
31	???

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33	More time slots for the activities and for parks to be made a little safer
36	Restrooms would be nice.
37	Larger areas for Senior programs.
38	Hold more seniors activities on weekends or evenings. Not all of us are retired.
39	Make them more accessible to people with mobility issues.
40	Maintenance upkeep.....mowing, trash, parking
41	Have a bathroom at Scotts Woods Park and move the disk golf course from next to the Fenner Nature Center Preschool to another park like Poxson
43	Make the Lett's Center more of a community center for the actual community
45	more programming for teens and tweens to reduce violence, youth hiring park clean up program. provide more space for community gardens
47	right now there aren't any adult art classes available. I am interested in not only taking them, but would be happy to volunteer to lead a monthly or biweekly craft project meant for adults!
48	More services within the parks to complete with other non-park facilities.
50	I would expand the trail system to make it a more effective way to get around the city and I'd keep it clearer in winter.
51	Expand the trail network, including adding non paved trails.
52	More natural area/ wild life friendly, not as much cut grass and manicured areas.
53	This is a tough and expensive project, but I think it is time for the city to consider another indoor ice rink. Washington Park used to have one. The Lansing area is only home to one rink (not including Munn Ice Arena at MSU). Many customers would like to see another option, and this would be beneficial to those who would use it on a regular basis but also could boost the economy.
54	Improve the playgrounds as the equipment becomes vandalized Maintenance of public garden spaces (ie: Foster Community Center)
55	change the cancellation policy. At least allow the person to receive SOME compensation if they find the class too challenging.
56	Continuous enforcement of leash laws for dogs - I am on the river trail every other day, and EVERY DAY I see off leash dogs. Motorized vehicles (dirt bikes, ATVs) on the trail make it unsafe but there isn't enforcement to keep them away.

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- 57 Some parks need more maintenance/repairing of playground equipment. Change the lawn mowing contract, they are not that great and do not take care with the job they do. Additionally would love to see when the city comes out to trim a specific tree for a complaint, that other trees are also trimmed and maintained at the same time, instead of making multiple trips to the same park.
- 59 The switch from more traditional playground equipment in recent years is not my favorite.
- 60 More slides! It seems a lot of equipment with slides was removed/upgraded in favor of other types of playground equipment.
- 61 Better maintenance. The parks need more than just a fast mowing. We need trash pick up, cleanup under mature trees, dead tree removal and replacing the dead trees, down limb pick up, weeding, general care and cleanup. I would love to see a city employee maintenance team again, other than private companies.
- 62 Expand the river trail - better non-road linkages to East Lansing and Delta Twp trails, improve park areas that are lovely but have been neglected for years (I'm thinking in particular about the abandoned gardens behind Turner Doge - it's a lovely area that the City has allowed to fall apart), add back access to the River Trail at Dietrich Park (removal of that reeks of classism and racism due to the prevailing views of the neighborhood - so gross of the City to do that when revamping the Grand River bridge), thank you for the update at Comstock Park, it wasn't in time for my kiddo to use it but it has definitely benefitted the neighborhood.
- 63 Increase safety, less homelessness, less drug use.
- 64 Paying for 4 kids gets quite pricey - I would love to see a family rate or a bundle rate (like if you enroll 4 kids, pay less or if you join multiple recreations over the year, pay less, etc). Add more play structures to the smaller parks that connect for better "floor is lava" games for kids.
- 65 Better advertisement of the parks and rec options - they aren't widely known about for the most part
- 66 Repair and maintain infrastructure- pools, buildings, sidewalks and trails
- 67 Create one annual fee for admission into all of the city parks...pay one parking or admission fee and visit as much as you want.
- 68 I would greatly appreciate the Lansing River Trail being treated as a top priority for snow clearing and ice treatment as it serves as a commuter route. I would also appreciate sand/grit being used as an ice treatment instead of salt as sand/grit is friendlier to animal paws, the environment, and bicycle parts.
- 69 they need to be clean

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70	The cleanliness, i'm pretty sure I got the flu after falling face flat on a slide.
71	They need to be cleaner
72	theres a lot of vandalism
73	no
74	I don't know.
75	None
76	clean environment.
78	hte metal slides
79	Taking care of the animal poop.
80	Add music soccer or other sports.
81	I would Put swing Park close to it
82	people throwing away their trash
83	ad more benches
84	take animals like parrots, Domestic dogs, Cats.
85	Clean and make them safer.
86	to add more activities in the park.
87	Increase community gardening initiatives.
88	police friendly visits or classes of some kind a bigger community relationship with them.
89	Increase maintenance support
91	I wish more new people to Lansing were aware of the offerings and the parks available to them, so they would be more inclined to build roots in Lansing like others including myself have.

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| 93 | I think a key part is marketing. It took me a while to learn about all of the different programs that are available to us through the system and registration can get a little bit expensive for some programs, such as archery I think having more programs that are open drop in or less of a commitment are also a good way to involve the community and get them to know others that might be interested in parks and recreation. Finally, I think offering some of these spaces that are not being used to community members that might want to host a zumba class, or something more casual could increase word of mouth engagement. |
| 94 | Continued maintenance of the River Trail- maintaining the trail itself repairing cracks and potholes, maintaining the wooden bridges. Repair/maintenance and improvement of the outdoor athletic equipment. Possible expansion of the trail system to make it longer/extend to new areas. Improvement/maintenance of the natural areas- removing invasive, promoting health of flora/fauna in the park system. |
| 96 | additional placemaking: benches, tables, pavilions, gardens, trash cans, restrooms. |
| 97 | Activate more youth programs for kids in our city |
| 98 | Winter river trail maintenance, expand restroom facilities (open them), more interesting landscaping / native plant areas / pollinator gardens. |
| 100 | Make them a priority. Do not sell our parks off. |
| 101 | Make them a priority. Do not sell our parks off. |
| 103 | Perhaps make the public restrooms easier to access |
| 104 | More staff maintaining them, cleaning up the trash. Could also use some better lighting and cameras to make residents feel safe. |
| 105 | More collaboration between the school district and the parks and rec department. |
| 108 | More youth programs in the summer at City parks. |
| 109 | I would like to see more highlights of local creators outside of the art trail. We have a great local music scene and lots of creative young people who could bring a lot of energy into Lansing events and programs. |
| 111 | Additional improvements to Grier Park would be great. Better restroom facilities, at the top of the hill. Picnic facilities. A tiny playground, even. The park is so often used but needs upgrades and advancements to keep drawing in visitors. |

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- 112 Bathrooms at all community centers having floor hockey games and tournaments back at gier! Instead of just bowling for people with disabilities have more things to do dances, board game night with prizes ,bingo for people with disabilities have the rooms up stairs at gier opened for kids to do events if something goes on on Saturday morning s! Have a family game night with other families have the room designed across from concession at gier for teams to hang out before there game! A bigger gym at foster!
- 113 Many improvements to the BMX track including replaced berms, lights to hold night races, and an indoor track for the winter months.
- 114 Invest in more urban tree canopy to improve shade, air quality and the natural ecosystem.
- 115 Brighter signs and more signs on main roads leading to individual park locations.
- 116 More bike related activities like trails
- 117 Better mowing company.... They honestly are not good at mowing
- 118 More resources for parks staff.
- 119 More trash cleanup
- 122 Accessibility, cleaning up trash
- 123 More kids camps
- 124 Upkeep like mowing and trash pick up.
- 126 Updating playgrounds that need maintenance
- 127 Improve housing for unhoused population so they don't have to live in the parks. I feel like I'm disturbing them by running or walking through or near where they are living.
- 130 More frequent cleanup of litter at parks such as Hunter Park. There is often broken glass on the paved walkway which is dangerous for pedestrians and pets.
- 131 Fix drainage so rain doesn't flood and block paths necessary for everyone to enjoy these spaces
- 132 I think more dog parks are essential. We are regular, daily, walkers and there are always many dogs being walked. Unfortunately some owners are letting them off their leashes which is dangerous on multiple levels. We witnessed two occasions of unleashed dogs chasing deer at Frances park directly through the playground area. Had small children been presented a serious accident resulting in injury could have occurred. Unleashed dogs in any of our public spaces needs to be unacceptable.
- 133 Start up creative/ art programs again. I know adults are missing them.

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134	Update sections of the Riverfront trail near Old Town, such as a bridge that has sunk down one side. Clean up litter. A lot of people experiencing homelessness use this area. Sometimes I get catcalled and it feels unsafe and they leave a of trash around. Opportunity to work with homeless shelters and provide information about them, or to provide food/essentials in these areas.
135	Better maintenance and upkeep of the parks.
136	Better bike and pedestrian access to trails. Protected bike lanes. Sidewalk improvements
137	Expand the River Trail and have more monitoring/upkeep. Lots of debris from unhoused folks along the banks of the river, and traversing the trail adds up.
138	Trash removal. Most parks have broken glass on the paths at some point.
140	Find a way to get people to stop smoking pot and having open alcohol in Moores and Frances parks ... all the parks for that matter.
141	More investment in quality athletic programs and facilities for the area youth. The "recreation" aspect is taken way too seriously and leaves a void of knowledge in its wake forcing people to look in other places.
143	Turner-Dodge should have 2 full time staffers who are paid & treated as professionals in the fields of history and event programming. Park & Rec employees should be on a professional track in their respective roles & be treated as such from hire to retire. In years past an over-reliance on part-timers has impeded Parks ability to function at a higher capacity -- from kids camps to historical programming. From Marketing to maintenance. If these roles were professional level, full time jobs, there would be much better results.
144	Accessible bathrooms along walking trails
145	I'm originally from Houghton in the UP. I've always wished there were a real ice outdoor rink.
146	Make decisions about parks and recreation more public and transparent.
147	More activities that are free a guide in the parks shelters in most pRks
148	More activities that are free a guide in the parks shelters in most pRks

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- 149 This is complicated because the root of the issue is outside of parks and rec, which is the city needs a more robust program to help house unhoused individuals. When we were at Adado last week we couldn't walk down the trail because a tent was under the bridge blocking the trail. The solution isn't to be clearing encampments, everyone needs to sleep somewhere but putting pressure on the city to help create affordable housing and more inclusive, temporary shelters to get folks under roofs which not only gets folks on a path to success but allows us to enjoy the river more. Something more directly controllable by parks and rec is just in general keeping trash out of the river. We were walking along the river trail that runs next to Frances park and I had to climb down the rocks to pull an entire sex doll out of the river because I thought someone had drowned when I first saw it. Then I realized what it was and had my husband take our daughter far enough away I could pull it out and throw it away. There was trash every where on my climb down and back. Also planting native filter plants to keep runoff from the roads would help.
- 150 Better care of the natural environment surrounding and within the parks
- 151 More playgrounds at parks.
- 152 Improve facilities in locations near apartments in Ward 2 like Kaynorth. Add picnic areas, accessible toys for kids, seating etc.
- 153 connections between parks and trails on the south side. it's not safe to allow kids to walk to our local parks because of cars, lack of sidewalks, and lack of bike infrastructure. our 12-year-old used to be able to walk to parks with her friends in our previous city.
- 154 More cleaning to make the parks safe for kids and people in general (restroom cleanliness, litter/trash disposal)
- 155 Better maintenance and improving some of the parks that are basically just green space, like Marshall Park. Fairview Park could also use some work on the asphalt trails. In the winter it would also be nice if Fairview Park could have its trail plowed to make it more accessible.
- 156 How to learn more about what each offers
- 157 Honestly many facilities are trashed.
- 158 Put signs in all city parks and at all entrances to have people keep their dogs on a leash at all times as well as cleaning up after their dog. Everett Waldo and Poxson need more signs. Limit the soccer use at Everett Park so other residents can take full use of the park for their families etc and not be limited in what they can do when it's overrun by soccer use.
- 160 No more grifting Schor
- 161 More public art in our spaces. Get rid of that silly little village/ice skating thing downtown. It's an eyesore and no one uses it.

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- 162 I would like to see some cleaner parks, I already clean up hunter park and right now I cannot remember if there are enough trash cans there or they need to be emptied more frequently. I would like to see some more clean public restrooms. I would like to see more free city events, there is one that happens the same weekend every August I would like to see it happen at other times of the year as well.
- 163 Park maintenance needs to improve.
- 164 I dislike having to drive to other municipalities parks to do outdoor pickleball! I wish there were more options
- 165 More native and conservation plantings and education on local wildlife
- 166 More open gym access. More times. More days.
- 167 More bathrooms near the river trail
- 169 Continue expanding the bike path.
- 170 I'm continually impressed with the parks and rec offerings.
- 171 Maintenance in lesser visited areas to encourage use of all parks. Advertise/plan more large community events.
- 172 Improve the parks. There are a lot of small parks without much to do. It would be nice to have one or two feature parks (like Hawk Island).
- 173 Expand the river trail. Focus efforts on trail as a resource for a less car centric commute from neighborhoods to downtown. Current focus on recreation is nice but population would use the trail and an expanded network to get to work and if it was heated/plowed it could be used all year
- 174 Pickleball!
- 175 more accessible bathrooms , more doggie bag stations, more trash receptacles, trail maintenance, invasive species management.
- 176 More paved bike trails and park more walking trails thru parks something similar to Valhalla in holt
- 177 More cycle route connections that don't cross roads
- 178 More activities and events. Maybe outdoor movies.
- 179 Narrow roads and demolish parking lots to increase area for parks, pedestrian/bicycle/bus lanes, & tree cover. Or integrate native plants into more natural landscaping/decrease lawns

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180	Many playgrounds are badly maintained. Rust, sharp edges, dangerous wear and tear. Add this to lack of accessibility for even minorly disabled children, and the fun can get sucked out fast.
181	I would upgrade all the community centers to make them have Ultra Modern facilities and I would also improve our funding for hosting and organized basketball events popular rise in them or they become common and very popular and will become known as the city of tournaments
182	More attention to timely repairs. Perhaps hire more personnel.
183	Improve boardwalks and trails
184	Better access and maintenance
185	Clean grounds, maintained/updated facilities.
186	Keep up the good work! General playground updates
187	Expand the river trail and maintenance the existing trails
188	More frequent flyers, mailers of recreational programs. Perhaps a dedicated website for Lansing recreation with an interactive calendar. Add more amenities to some parks even if that means closing other neighborhood parks and selling the land. The later is controversial I know, but city parks are lot to maintain.
189	Naturalization. A lot of parks have too much turf grass in edge areas or less than ideal areas that make any use difficult so that could be converted for animal/insect habitat. Build a roller hockey rink. Finish river trail throughout city.
190	Hire a company that will take pride in maintaining the lawn of each park. And not keep using united who constantly cuts with the deck in the locked all the way up position. Leaving clumps and half cut grass 6-8" long all season.
191	The Downtown and Parks and Rec should coordinate to plan/encourage a more bike-friendly downtown with connectivity to the neighborhoods and river trails. Please maintain the urban canopy downtown and along Michigan Ave. Thank you for all your work.
192	Quit with the contract maintenance and get a robustly sized staff back in place. Open, green space is vital to physical and mental well-being -- so care for it, like it deserves to be taken care of. Currently it is overwhelmed by trash, run-down/busted equipment, lack of rest-rooms, high-hazard trees and A TOTAL LACK OF COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF those spaces!! I am a volunteer steward for one of the parks and know these things from experience.
194	Cleanup, empty trash, rest room availability

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195	maintain parks, more free programs for all children in Lansing
196	Add more activities and entertainment (concerts in the park, Meetups, live music, live painting, performances, etc.) geared toward working adults, adults who don't have kids, and young/middle aged professionals. We have more than enough "fun for the whole family".
197	Increase of river trail connections between key areas
198	Secure them in the evenings to try and prevent vandalism and/or vagrants from entering after hours. These days too much illegal activity occurring at night in parks, making it unsafe for citizens to feel comfortable.
199	Having more native plantings and gardens is my biggest priority. I would love to have fewer grassy lawns and more winding trails between gardens within each park. I know the question asks for a single most important feature, but I think it is worth mentioning that many parks lack benches and shade!
200	Maintain and mow them as they should be. Parks have been an embarrassment the last few years with them not being maintained!
201	signage to small parks and parking, have a toilet at all locations
204	Covered shelter is nice
206	More classes for adults/ seniors on east side of Lansing
207	More bike paths like the river trail.
208	In my opinion, more bike trails and proper, protected bike lanes on major thoroughfares.
209	Build better trails and riverfront. The boardwalk should be awesome along the river (look at detroit). Yet, Lansing's is shut down half of the time because the boards are rotten. There should be flowers along the river, public art, things to do, Street vendors. But there's nothing.
211	I would continue to expand the river trail to link parks and invest in or promote opportunities for adults to have sport leagues
214	The parking areas could use some improvement and moderate expansion.
219	Find a safe place where unhoused people can go other than the parks
221	I would like to see more connections within Lansing and connections to delta township, Dewitt, etc. Add athletic fields or hard court to downtown adjacent parks. More intense trash management and policing the homeless population
222	Promise the programs offered

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223	Security or more oversight from staff as far as inappropriate behavior by people at the parks. It's rare for us to go without hearing someone cussing someone out at a full yell, smelling weed every 5 minutes, or some random drunk is on the sidewalk asking for money.
224	More free events
225	Keep them out of disrepair. Many hard surfaces are unusable. Moore's park is one of the biggest and best parks but our hard surfaces are completely useless apart from the 3v3 basketball court, that I don't think is even apart of the park system technically, but the old school.
226	While we are pleased that the school district is experiencing student expansion at Hill school, as seniors we are concerned that this may have a negative impact on senior activities at the same location. We started going to the center a little over a year ago and have seen a significant increase in its popularity in the same time.
228	B2 lacks walkable access to parks. Waverly has no sidewalks to cross the bridge nor safe crosswalks. I'd love to see a foot path between Sunset Hill and Wilson neighborhoods to Grand Woods and elsewhere south of the river
229	I would love to see better connectivity between parks that aren't on the Lansing River Trail. It would also be great to see some initiatives to teach residents about native plant species and invasive plant species that they'll see while spending time in the parks. Resources could be provided on how residents can help to stop the spread of invasive species and how to safely remove them. Similar to how Hawk Island has information posted about invasive garlic mustard.
231	Connect them to safe walkways and bikeways
232	Make them more connected for people without access to cars
233	Open geese hunting
234	Connectivity to neighborhoods. It's hard to get to fenner across aurelius. Why can't I get from my hope cemetery across aurelius? I have to go in a big loop north. Or from the south? All fense. Scott woods is fences off. Hawk Island is fenced off. There are so many dangerous fast streets on the south side. We need traffic calming and more entrances
235	Work to activate and program Moores Park Pool; partner with groups to hold events in smaller parks. Allow the use of pop up tents on parks for events. Generate earned revenue through events, programs and sponsorships.
236	More water features to add to the relaxation. Can still remember as a little girl driving downtown on a hot night for a root beer float then a drive past the fountain at Reutter park
237	Upgrade playground equipment

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239	Security. Too many times I've seen a fight, or someone extremely messed up on drugs, or someone blasting very foul music. It's the biggest reason we end up leaving or don't go.
240	Instead of fixing the parks, find a place for people who live under bridges and sleep in the parks
242	Pollinator reefs/gardens
243	Clean areas to swim! Restrooms
244	Continue linking and expanding non-motorized trails and update signage (especially including maps along trails).
245	Safety and cleanliness
246	The website for parks and rec classes is difficult to navigate. Also, I wish there were swimming lessons offered for adults.
248	I'd have more opportunities like skating, kayaking, that youth can participate in.
249	Perform major improvements to depleted parks and failing infrastructure
250	Snacks lol
252	Cleaner and better maintained, most playgrounds often are filled with garbage that is dangerous to children
253	Make programs more affordable, increase age to include teenagers, work with the school district to have more facilities and lower the cost.
254	Focus on accessibility and safety for the parks
256	Continue accessibility improvements and increase security on the River Trail.
257	Improve access and safety. Parks should be accessible by foot from adjacent neighborhoods
258	More public communication about parks/ nature within Lansing people can enjoy for free.
260	Interconnected bike trails between parks
262	Open the restrooms year round, maintain the parks, have adequate trash removal and trash cans
263	Better communication with the activities guides. I used to get them in the mail but for some reason I don't anymore.

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264	Provide accessible bathrooms open hours and trash cans
265	I'd love to see more money devoted to Fenner Nature Center to support their work. In addition to natural areas I'd also like a skate park in the city.
267	More programs at Foster
269	Make sure they are maintained
270	It's hard to pick one thing. I know Parks and Rec has already been working on this, but I think continuing to develop and sustain programs where young people esp. teens can get involved after school is important right now. I don't think young people are getting enough support and guidance in general in our city
271	More trash cans in the parks and parking lots.
272	Add more trails to the smaller neighborhood parks that promotes running. Incorporate nature on trails and make improvements with updating old equipment
273	More multi-use spaces (trails with playgrounds and rec areas) and better maintained parks
274	Make them nice, all of them not just the few
275	Litter control seems to be an issue.
276	Creating more outdoor fitness areas, sensory areas, assebility for everyone
277	Keep parks open until 12 midnight and add bon fire pits. Also an ice skating rink NOT made of plastic.
278	Keep them maintained and secured better.
279	Increasing the variety of the types of trails, etc.
280	Create more infrastructure for public, fun, active use, such as disc golf and pickleball courts
281	A lot of the traditional playground equipment has been replaced with equipment that neighborhood kids don't like. We've discovered these playgrounds to be underutilized. Bring back swings and slides for example. And have toddler and small child play areas.
282	Other than previously mentioned. Enhance bike, pedestrian, and bus access. Create family friendly corridors for bike travel between parks. Lansing is an extremely car-centric place to live; it would be nice to see that diminish.
283	A rink for roller skating

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284	Keep trash cleaned out, address dumping and camping
285	The parks are great. Some of them need maintenance. And more safety. Moore's park is super sketch sometimes. It also doesn't help that police don't respond when you have an issue there.
286	Have monthly clean ups with the surrounding neighborhoods of city parks and get volunteers to continue to build our community
287	I don't know what can be done about creepy old white men harassing me on the trails, but sometimes I don't go just because I don't want the risk. Also a natural areas that could be enjoyed after dark in the winter would be so helpful. In winter it's already dark when I get home from work but all parks close at dusk, so it's difficult to find a nice place to walk my dog.
288	security, liter, homeless camp trash.
289	Improve safety (specifically on the river trail)
290	Safety.
291	Expanded arts programs for adults - I take ceramic classes through the city of East Lansing since they aren't offered here. I'd also like more class options or a fitness center at Letts, the community center closest to me.
292	I'm definitely interested in the recreation activities the city has to offer, but as someone new to Lansing, I didn't know about them for a while. I'd love to see more athletic facilities..tracks, pickle ball courts, volleyball nets etc.
293	Increase the connectivity of the river trail to the Westside
294	Add more options. The nice places are too busy. There's not enough safe places to go anywhere else.
295	We live Moores park but it seems like it could be safer. We sometimes feel uneasy there.
296	Water the trees that we do plant, and plant more.
297	Improvement of run down areas and maintenance of the park. (mowing, gardens, etc.
298	more trails
299	More gym space for sports/sports practice
300	Litter cleanup especially glass. Graffiti control. Continue to have great art projects on the River Trail. Keep Bancroft safe and natural, don't sell it to the golf course!
302	See prior comment

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303	We have the infrastructure already build for restrooms and yet they're often closed except by events request. Public amenities are the backbone of a city. We need to find the maintenance of the restrooms to keep them open year round. (Example- Bancroft park relies on a gate opener and closer. Why not have them lock the restrooms at night and open in the morning and then those are eyes that can report maintenance issues)
304	I would make more forested areas and do better stewardship practices so that invasive plants don't get spread by mowers. Find ways to reduce fossil fuel use and become more sustainable for the future. This would reduce noise and air pollution while also supporting wildlife better.
305	improve safety (policing)
307	Maintain them better. More trash cans.
308	Proper lighting in and around the parks including parking lot light.
309	Know more about events going on. More safe walking options.
310	The river trail so I can ride my bike without destroying my bum and my bike.
311	Work to dissolve the mediation agreement at Soldan's Dog Park only 1 remaining signature resides in the area.
312	Make programs cheaper and offer free after school care available AT the schools again
313	Additional enrichment and fitness programming for adults
314	The only thing I would suggest is raising general awareness of how functional and well-maintained the River Trail is. It's really such a huge perk and attraction.
315	Signs to communicate with patrons. I.e. programming, upcoming changes, etc.
316	More access to nature in the city. Maintained paths in the winter. Access to bathrooms.
317	Have more paved interconnected bike trails connecting more parks in Lansing. Have playgrounds in parks be a mix of platforms and climbing structures. And swings. More nature-y wandering trails throughout parks.
319	Enforcement of no motor vehicle policies (dirt bikes, ATVs) on trails and within parks.
320	More winter activities. The city needs a great sledding hill.
321	I ould improve the safety along the river trail, Reuter and Letts park. I would also make more adult activities during the weekend and off hours.

ResponseID Response

- 322 Safety!!!! Too many dangerous, off leash dogs and zero enforcement of leash laws. Also, many motorized rec vehicles (dirt bikes, four wheelers) on river trail. So dangerous, no enforcement.
- 323 Less "Karen's"
- 324 Improve ease of finding programs on website. The website filtering is difficult and does not provide results one would expect. As if programs are not categorized the way someone would expect.
- 325 We're planning to move.
- 327 Offer more options for working adults in the evenings and weekends. More community based interest groups (like a walk/run club)
- 328 Use the vacant land owned by schools or the city to expand parks. Grow low maintenance native plants and flowers instead of grass. More drinking fountains or water bottle filling station
- 329 Add more sports fields
- 330 Basic maintenance
- 331 Na
- 333 the bathrooms at ranney skatepark need to be open to public not just for the use of Lansing community college softball games
- 334 Accessible covered picnic pavilions
- 335 I would love for the paths to be better maintained and for there to be accessible bathrooms.
- 336 Some have parking issues.as to needing repaved. And also litter control
- 337 Offer more of a variety of art classes - us old folk need to keep our minds sharp!
- 338 More native trees, more trees in general planted. We have a lot of old trees and I am concerned about the canopy being replaced as those older trees get taken down for varying reasons.
- 339 The employees who are responsible for maintaining things like the bathrooms at the parks should be better, my husband works with the women that are responsible and he says they're lazy and don't even do their job. Remove the drug use, and homelessness taking over. Washington park for example, all that "natural" area did was create the perfect environment to hide and do illegal activities at the park. Go there some time in the summer and see everyone hanging out of their cars or up on the field where they shouldn't be and you will be surprised at what you see.

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340 Maintaining surfaces, removing trash

341 If would be nice to not have so many homeless people and encampments around the rivertrail and parks. Wish they had housing and a place to gather not laying on the trail, under the pavilions, etc...

343 Dedicated safety and regular maintenance

344 Clean them up, especially broken glass and trash.

345 A campaign to keep the parks clean. People little too much. Campaign to discourage graffiti. We have amazing stuff just need community empowerment to keep it maintained

346 Add clean bathrooms.

347 I would increase native plantings and try to restore some of the riverbank (restore is probably not the right term). Our rivers are an incredible asset and having the riverbank in better shape would be awesome.



B. WATER TRAIL MAPS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO CITY CLERK SUGGESTIONS

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, City Clerk Chris Swope submitted a recommended list of dates for the Lansing City Council meetings for 2026 to the Lansing City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:30 p.m. or at another time or date as determined by the Council President, and before all Monday Council meetings listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Charter requires the City Council to meet at least 26 times each year; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the City Clerk's recommendations for the meeting dates for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby approves the Lansing City Council meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Note</u>
Monday, January 5, 2026	Annual Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026	
Monday, January 26, 2026	
Monday, February 09, 2026	
Monday, February 23, 2026	Board List; before 1 st meeting in March
Monday, March 09, 2026	Mayor's Budget; on or before 4 th Monday in March
Monday, March 23, 2026	
Monday, March 30, 2026	Mayor's Board Appointments; before 1 st meeting in May
Monday, April 13, 2026	
Monday, April 27, 2026	
Monday, May 6, 2026	
Monday, May 11, 2026	Adopt Budget; no later than 3 rd Monday in May
Monday, May 18, 2026	
Monday, June 8, 2026	Council Act on Appointments; by 1 st meeting in June
Monday, June 22, 2026	
Monday, July 13, 2026	Budget Priorities; no later than October 1
Monday, July 27, 2026	
Monday, August 10, 2026	
Monday, August 24, 2026	
Monday, September 14, 2026	
Monday, September 28, 2026	
Monday, October 12, 2026	
Monday, October 26, 2026	
Monday, November 9, 2026	
Monday, November 16, 2026	
Monday, November 30, 2026	
Monday, December 7, 2026	
Monday, December 14, 2026	

Except as otherwise noted, all other meetings will be on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor David C Hollister City Hall. The meeting location will be posted on the notice of the public meeting in accordance with state statute.