



City of Troy, Michigan

Parks & Recreation Master Plan **2026 - 2030**



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1: Executive Summary

The 2026 – 2030 Troy Parks and Recreation Master Plan builds upon previous iterations of the plan and articulates a vision for parks and recreation over the next five years. Officials from the Recreation Department, the Parks division of the Department of Public Works, and the Parks and Recreation Board used information gathered from a robust community outreach process to evaluate resident recreation needs and wants and compared them against their current offerings. The following chapters provide a comprehensive review of these findings and presents an implementation strategy for parks and recreation improvements.

The purpose of this Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts in the City over the next five-year period, through December 2029. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the City to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. This Plan is also intended to meet the State's standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.



Key Plan Findings

The City of Troy is a vibrant, rapidly growing community with a large park system. Residents are rightfully proud of their parks, but as the community grows, so does the pressure to provide a world-class recreation system. Residents recognize the critical importance of ongoing maintenance, and its role in providing a safe and welcoming park environment. They also have embraced the idea of an comprehensive trail system which would connect various amenities throughout the City, and could allow residents to travel to adjacent communities and beyond.

Troy has made tremendous strides in since completion of the previous recreation plan. The new Jeanne M. Stine Community Park has become a jewel of the city, providing a gathering place for all seasons. The park features a stage and lawn space for summer months, and the Rink, an ice rink in the winter and roller skating rink in the summer. Two new phases of the Troy Trail have been constructed in Jaycee and Sylvan Glen Lake Park. A new playground and picnic shelter was also constructed at Sylvan Glen Lake Park. Safety surfacing was improved at several parks, greatly increasing accessibility to the area playgrounds.

Residents seem pleased with the direction Parks and Recreation has taken and are looking for more of the same. Improving upon existing facilities was the prime concern, ensuring that facilities remain clean and operable. Updating outdated equipment and facilities, especially playground equipment and restrooms, was a common request. Equally as important was expanding upon the Troy Trail system, with the hope of connecting the segments and expanding their reach to regional facilities.

A summary of community needs can be found in “Needs Analysis & Public Participation” on page 19. A full set of survey data and other community input can be found in Appendix E on page 162.

What The Plan Contains

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

The plan begins with this **Executive Summary** and a description of the processes used to prepare the plan.

Goals & Objectives were obtained by compiling input from community members and City staff. They provide a broad set of values which drive recreation development in the City.

The **Action Program** then provides steps and strategies for implementing the Plan.

The **Public Participation** portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents of Troy, which informed the Plan's goals and objectives.

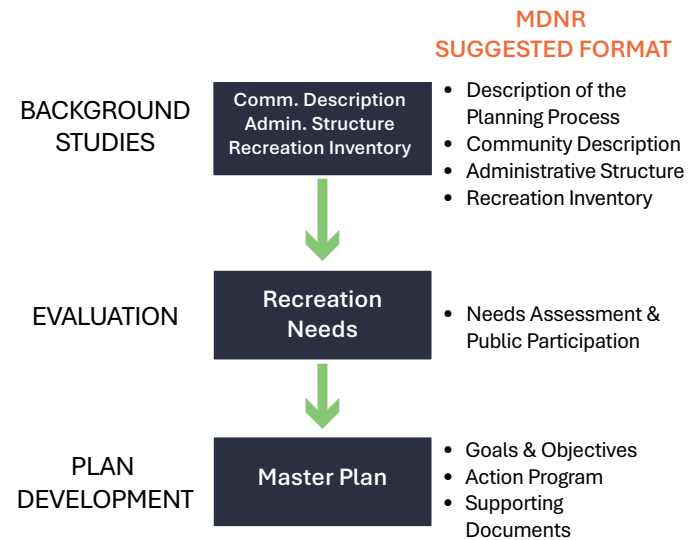
A detailed **Recreation Inventory** describes the existing parkland and recreational facilities of the community as well as those of the region and state.

A description of the City's **Administrative Structure** follows, including information on funding and budgets.

The Plan then presents a **Community Description**, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community.

Finally, the appendices include supporting materials, such as a copy of the public input survey, and resolutions and notices that document the Plan's adoption by the Troy City Council.

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



This Plan was developed with input from local officials, staff, and residents. An online survey was made available to gather input on needed improvements to the community's recreation facilities and programming. The survey was also available in hard copy form by request.

A Public Hearing was held in front of the City Council on January 5, 2026, after which the plan was officially adopted. The Master Plan was available for public review and comment electronically via Troy's website and by request in hard copy form at the Community Center, at City Hall, and at the Troy Public Library for over one month prior to the public hearing.



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2: Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives provide general, high-level guidelines and recommendations for decision-making, consistent and in accordance with the desires expressed by Troy residents. The expressed values are deliberately broad in nature, allowing for planning flexibility while still providing clear guidelines for development and operation.

Parks and Recreation should consistently strive to meet the stated goals and objectives, and they should influence the nature and extent of administrative, programming, development, and maintenance actions. The following goals and objectives have been reviewed and are supported by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Goal A. Continue to provide a varied range of parks and recreational facilities to meet the needs of all components of the population in all geographic areas of the city.

Objective 1. Maintain and improve access to parks and recreation facilities.

Objective 2. Develop existing park sites for appropriate use in consideration of community needs and resource limitations.

Objective 3. Maintain an urban forest program.

Objective 4. Encourage protection of natural features, such as wooded areas, wetlands, wildlife habitat, natural drainage ways, and open space.

Objective 5. Review and update the parks and recreation Action Plan annually.

Goal B. Encourage usable open space and recreation facilities in subdivisions, apartments and condominiums, and other residential developments.

Objective 1. Utilize existing parks and recreation facilities to their maximum potential given available resources.

Objective 2. Provide opportunities for citizen input in recreation planning and decision making.

Goal C. Actively promote parks and recreation facilities and opportunities.

Objective 1. Continue to provide programming opportunities at parks and recreation facilities.

Objective 2. Collaborate and coordinate with other agencies and organizations to provide recreation resources for residents.

Objective 3. Support and promote a system of trails, pathways and sidewalks in collaboration with state, regional, and other local entities.

Goal D. Implement innovative techniques of maintaining acceptable levels of service.

Objective 1. Adhere to high standards of maintenance for all parks and recreational facilities given available resources.

Goal E. Practice sound fiscal management of the parks and recreation system.

Objective 1. Pursue funding sources for capital improvements, operations, and maintenance including local sources, state and federal grants programs, sponsorships, fundraising committees, public-private partnerships, and other sources.

Objective 2. Augment recreation operations with user fees as needed.



Swimming laps at the Troy Family Aquatic Center

3: Action Program

The Action Plan identifies how the City of Troy intends to work towards meeting the Plan's Goals and Objectives over the next five years. The following is a list of proposed projects, with justification provided for each. Note that the list is not broken down by year, but rather it reflects all of the recreational improvements proposed for the next five years. The following paragraphs outline the specific projects and actions which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period spanning 2026 through 2030.

Action A: Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities (all parks)

This action includes replacing or repairing old equipment and facilities which are in a state of disrepair, are outdated, or dangerous. It also includes improving the appearance of the City parks through appropriate landscaping and routine periodic maintenance. All upgrades must meet safety and accessibility standards. Proposed actions include:

- a. Continue to perform routine periodic maintenance on all parks and recreation amenities to ensure facilities are clean, safe, and operating effectively;
- b. Upgrade existing restrooms and locker rooms and add additional restrooms and drinking fountains where appropriate;
- c. Maintain and upgrade play structure safety surfacing utilizing ADA approved surfacing to a regulated depth and fall zone;
- d. Refurbish athletic field surfaces as needed;
- e. Address surface drainage issues;
- f. Refurbish parking areas, walkways, and court game pavement surfaces as needed;
- g. Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, and signs;
- h. Maintain play structures and swings and replace aging equipment as necessary;
- i. Evaluate opportunities to diversify the recreation experience by adding new forms of play equipment and amenities; and
- j. Maintain structures and picnic shelters with roof repair, exterior painting, and other actions to ensure the amenities remain in good operating condition.

Action B: Continue to develop a comprehensive trails and pathway system throughout Troy.

This action is the result of overwhelming feedback from residents previous recreation and comprehensive master plans, from in-person meetings held with constituents at parks and events in the City, and from the results of our online Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey.

- a. Use Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a Trails and Pathways Liaison to the City Council;
- b. Continue to review and update existing trails and pathways recommendations to reflect the current status of the system, and modify as appropriate;
- c. Recommend adoption of Plan to City Council;
- d. Identify and pursue alternative funding sources for trail development and obtain grant funds as they become available;
- e. Coordinate non-motorized development activities with Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Road Commission of Oakland County, surrounding communities, and the Michigan Department of Transportation; and
- f. Develop support for City of Troy Trails and the Pathways Master Plan through increased communication with constituents. Communication methods should be achieved through a variety of channels including media coverage, dispersal of information on the City website, social media outreach, and through other sources as appropriate

Action C: Continue to work towards provision of a fully inclusive and accessible recreation environments.

Ensure that Troy's parks and recreation facilities meet or exceed the standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- a. Add inclusive play structures, benches, and other amenities to replace outdated structures;
- b. Ensure that existing individual amenities are connected via appropriately designed sidewalks or pathways;
- c. Ensure that walks and pathways are stable and slip-free, and all gaps or abrupt transition points are eliminated;
- d. Provide high contrast markings, tactile lettering, and other visual cues for vision-impaired visitors;
- e. Provide frequent shaded benches or other forms of respite areas for mobility-challenged users;
- f. Incorporate fencing around playgrounds to provide safe play spaces for cognitively-impaired users; and
- g. Work with disability advocates, family groups, and other organizations to evaluate and improve existing parks and facilities.

Action D: Continue pursuit of alternative revenue opportunities to maintain and improve parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Develop an internal structure that promotes working with community partners through public-private partnerships, volunteers, and pursuing grant opportunities.

- a. Encourage public-private partnerships, including:
 - Local sources;
 - State and federal grant program;
 - Sponsorships;
 - Fundraising committees; and
 - Other sources.
- b. Pursue opportunities for grant funding for projects that will benefit the community including but not limited to the following programs:
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
 - Recreation Passport Grants
 - Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation
 - Waterways Program Grants
 - Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Program
 - Recreation Improvement Fund Grant
 - Recreational Trails Program Grants
 - Community Development Block Grant

Action E: Review and refine recreation program offerings.

Regularly audit existing program offerings to determine if programs meet the recreational needs of citizens, and adjust as needed to provide the greatest benefit to residents.

Action F: Support sustainability and natural space improvements and protection.

- a. Evaluate opportunities to increase Troy's urban forest through strategic tree plantings in both developed and undeveloped parks;
- b. Evaluate opportunities to mitigate stormwater runoff through introduction of rain gardens, redesign of bioswales, and strategic planting efforts in low-lying or flood prone areas of parks;
- c. Consider reduction of turf grass areas in strategic park locations via the introduction of short stem prairie grasses or other forms of native landscaping;
- d. Implement invasive species management programs to protect local habitats and improve the overall appearance of the facility; and
- e. Introduce sustainable infrastructure improvements such as use of LED lights, user/light sensors, low-flow toilets, and other forms of improvements.

Action G: Increase awareness of Troy recreation properties and programming.

- a. Continue signage rollout to ensure both developed and undeveloped park and recreation facilities are identified in a consistent format;
- b. Increase ongoing marketing efforts through social media presence and other outlets;
- c. Expand special event and programming efforts at park properties and facilities; and
- d. Consider alternative outreach efforts to connect with at-risk populations who may not be reachable through traditional outreach methods.

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Project Schedule

Table 1 lists individual capital improvement projects along with a cost estimate and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term projects (ST) are recommended for completion within one to two years, medium-term (MT) within two to five years while long-term projects (LT) may take longer to complete, within five to six years. There are also tasks that are on-going (OG). Costs are for budgetary purposes only. Further investigations may be necessary to determine engineers probable cost opinions.

It is important to remember that these projects are necessarily aspirational in nature. It is not expected that each project will be completed within the next five years. By listing the projects in this table, the City is demonstrating its desire to see these improvements completed in the near future, but is providing itself the flexibility to re-prioritize tasks as circumstances dictate.

Table 1: Improvement Schedule

Project/Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Beach Road Park			
Construct connecting paths to swings, play equipment, and playing fields	\$40,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Create walking loop around park	\$190,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	LT
Beaver Trail Park			
Create limestone surface walkway through woods	\$80,000 - \$100,000	LF, D, G	LT
Brinston Park			
Create walking loop around east and north side of park	\$130,000 - \$150,000	LF, D, G	LT
Upgrade play equipment	\$200,000 - \$250,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Upgrade restroom	\$100,000 - \$130,000	LF, D, G	MT - LT
Milverton Park			
Add new play structure	\$180,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add basketball court	\$50,000 - \$60,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add benches	\$20,000 - \$25,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add landscaping / trees	\$15,000 - \$20,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Redwood Park			
Improve parking lot	\$80,000 - \$100,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Upgrade play structure	\$200,000 - \$250,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add restroom with drinking fountain	\$200,000 - \$230,000	LF, D, G	LT
Robinwood Park			
Improve walking trail	\$200,000 - \$250,000	LF, D, G	MT

LF = Local Funds, D = Donation, G = Grant

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Table 2: Improvement Schedule (continued)

Project/Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Boulan Park			
Add large inclusive playground (multiple phases)	\$1.8 - \$2.0 million	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add basketball courts	\$70,000 - \$100,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add raquetball/handball/squash court	\$40,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add benches w/ shade structures or trees	\$30,000 - \$40,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add pavilion or shade structure near tennis courts	\$100,000 - \$130,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add walkways to soccer bleachers	\$80,000 - \$90,000	LF, D, G	MT
Update restrooms	\$100,000 - \$130,000	LF, D, G	MT
Donald J. Flynn Park			
Upgrade concession stand/restrooms	\$180,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	LT
Improve connection to walkway to hospital	\$35,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	LT
Convert turf swales to bioswale	\$30,000 - \$40,000	LF, D, G	LT
Firefighters Park			
Refurbish disc golf course	\$20,000 - \$30,000	LF, D, G	ST
Update pedestrian bridges	\$800,000 - \$900,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add walkways to soccer fields	\$1.5 - \$1.6 million	LF, D, G	LT
Upgrade restrooms	\$100,000 - \$130,000	LF, D, G	MT
Jaycee Park			
Create walkways to soccer bleachers	\$80,000 - \$90,000	LF, D, G	MT
Upgrade restrooms	\$100,000 - \$130,000	LF, D, G	MT
Raintree Park			
Create connection to softball field dugouts	\$20,000 - \$25,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add climbing walls and/or zip line	\$80,000 - \$100,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add native plantings to mitigate stormwater in low-lying areas	\$10,000 - \$15,000	LF, D, G	MT
Jeanne M. Stine Park			
Evaluate options for shade structures or trees near performance lawn	TBD	LF, D, G	ST
Improve connections to park from nearby parking lots including wayfinding signs, signal lights, and improved crosswalks	\$120,000 - \$180,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Sylvan Glen Lake Park			
Add fishing pier or lake overlook	\$20,000 - \$30,000	LF, D, G	LT
Add native aquatic/shoreline plantings in strategic locations to stabilize bank and provide fish habitat	\$40,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	LT
Troy Community Center			
Upgrade restrooms and locker rooms	\$180,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Evaluate options for new gym space and elevated walking trail	TBD	LF, D, G	LT

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Table 2: Improvement Schedule (continued)

Project/Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source*	Time Frame
Troy Family Aquatic Center			
Upgrade locker rooms	\$180,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	ST
Troy Farm			
Improve parking lot to include accessible parking spaces	\$20,000 - \$25,000	LF, D, G	ST - MT
Add wayfinding signage to improve connection to Nature Center	\$15,000 - \$20,000	LF, D, G	MT
Stage Nature Center			
Dredge existing pond	\$500,000 - \$550,000	LF, D, G	LT
Implement invasive species control program	\$20,000 - \$25,000	LF, D, G	MT
P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park			
Address drainage problem at Daisy Knight Dog Park	\$100,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add landscaping / trees within Dog Park	\$20,000 - \$30,000	LF, D, G	MT
Improve connections from parking lot to shelters in Dog Park	\$15,000 - \$20,000	LF, D, G	ST
Add benches along Troy Trail	\$20,000 - \$30,000	LF, D, G	ST
Phillip J. Huber Park			
Implement invasive species control program	\$20,000 - \$25,000	LF, D, G	MT
Add wayfinding signage	\$30,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	ST
Replace existing exercise equipment	\$30,000 - \$50,000	LF, D, G	LT
North Glen Park			
Create limestone pathways through park	\$25,000 - \$35,000	LF, D, G	LT
Schroeder Park			
Create limestone pathways connecting soccer field and sandbox to paved walkways	\$25,000 - \$35,000	LF, D, G	LT
Troy Historic Village			
Improve parking lot	\$150,000 - \$200,000	LF, D, G	MT
Repair church roof	\$250,000 - \$300,000	LF, D, G	ST
Troy Trails			
Extend Phase I	\$1.3 - \$1.5 million	LF, D, G	ST
Continue to evaluate opportunities to extend and connect existing phases of the Troy Trail	TBD	LG, D, G	OG
Evaluate opportunities to prepare regional connection study with neighboring communities and regional planning authorities	TBD	LG, D, G	LT

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Implementation Strategies

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

Apply for Local Funding

Oakland County Parks (OCP) Community Park and Trail Capital Grant Program provides assistance to local communities with planning, preliminary engineering, and construction costs related to park improvements and trail projects. Requests for proposals are released in March with applications due by late April. OCP awarded over \$700,000 in grants to eleven communities in 2024.

More information can be found at <https://www.oakgov.com/community/oakland-county-parks/get-involved/community-outreach-grant-programs/community-grant-program>.

OCP allocates millage funds for high-priority invasive species removal projects as part of their **Community Habitat Improvement Grant Program**. Candidate projects demonstrate best practices, treat high priority species, increase community awareness and/or improve habitat. Funds are not distributed to recipients, but instead are paid directly to contractors for services rendered. Contact Patrick Canniff, Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Outreach Coordinator at canniffp@oakgov.com for more information.

Recreation Assistance Partnership Program (RAPP) is an initiative that creates improved access to recreation experiences for all Oakland County residents by providing mobile recreation units, bus transportation, nature education programming and other services to more than 250,000 participants each year who may not otherwise have had access to these activities. The RAPP programs can supplement existing programming offerings and encourage users to more frequently utilize area parks.

Apply for Federal Funding

Federal funds are typically administered through state organizations. For example, **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** funds are allocated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which administers TAP activities. These activities include community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. New as of 2025, SEMCOG now administers a separate fund, with grants limited specifically to the seven-county SEMCOG area. Interested communities in the southeast Michigan region are able to apply to either or both programs.

To be eligible, an applicant must be approved as detailed by Public Act 51 of 1951. For planning purposes, an “Act 51 Agency” is a local road agency, and includes city, villages, and county road agencies. Townships must be sponsored by an Act 51 Agency to apply for TAP grants. A project must fall into one of the twelve principals originally in the Transportation Enhancement program, and must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation. Activities which may apply to Troy include:

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

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

The **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is funded by gas taxes paid by off-road vehicles. The FHWA allocates funding to the MDNR with the stipulation that 30% of the funding must be used for motorized trail uses, 30% for non-motorized use trails, and 40% for diverse trail uses. Annual funding for the program maintains at \$84 million annually.

The City should explore funding opportunities through other Federal programs. Some programs which may offer opportunities include:

Climate & Environment Programs:

- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP),
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and
- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT grant).

Equity Programs:

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grants (RAISE),
- Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSLFTP),
- Reconnecting Communities (RCP),
- Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE), and
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program (RCN)

Congressmembers can also use earmarks to direct funds to community-supported projects without needing to go through a statutory or administrative formula-competitive process. The Rails to Trails Conservancy provides an excellent compilation of Federal and other resources available to municipalities. The list can be viewed at <https://www.railstotrails.org/trail-building-toolbox/funding/>.

The **Safe Routes to School (SR2S)** program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's SR2S program made schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:

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

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

Apply for State Funding

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

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

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

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$400,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

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

The **Recreation Passport** grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests are \$7,500 and maximum requests are \$75,000. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Application are typically due on April 1st.

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

Apply for Other Grant Funding

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

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

The **Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance Program** does not offer monetary grants, but instead provide s planning expertise and support for community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Their top focus area includes building healthy communities through, parks, trails, and outdoor opportunities. The application deadline is March 1. More information and an application form can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/upload/NPS-RTCA-Application-Form.pdf>.

SEMCOG's **Planning Assistance Program** provides direct funding for local planning projects that move regional plans and priorities forward. The program has awarded over \$3.3 million through competitive grants to 90 projects ranging from planning projects on transportation safety and equity, trails and greenways, sustainable infrastructure, electric vehicles, and broadband accessibility.

Further information is provided at <https://www.semco.org/member-services/planning-assistance-program>

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

- **Recreation Access Matching Grant** provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation for people with disabilities; and
- **Accessible by Design Awards** is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.

The **Access for All** and the **Play is Essential for All** are small grant programs administered by the mParks Foundation. They are dedicated to increasing accessibility to area parks and recreation facilities. A maximum of \$5,000 is available to mParks members in good standing.

<https://www.mparksfoundation.org/access-for-all.html>

Created with proceeds from the \$1.4 billion sale in of the Buffalo Bills after the death of the late Ralph Wilson, the **Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation** began operations in 2015 with a focus on five key values that reflect the vision and philosophies of Mr. Wilson. Operating under a directive that all funds be awarded within a 20-year period, one of the core functions of the Foundation is to improve recreation accessibility in southeast Michigan and Buffalo, New York. In 2018 the Foundation launched its Parks & Trails Initiative with \$100 million in commitments for southeast Michigan. \$50 million was committed to help make connections and eliminate gaps in regional trail systems, with 20% earmarked for future maintenance and sustainability of these assets.

In 2016, the Foundation established permanent endowed Legacy Funds in the areas of Caregiving, Youth Sports, Community Assets, and Design & Access. Administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Legacy Funds are typically smaller grant awards intended to support localized projects. The two Legacy Funds which are most applicable to recreation planning include the Design & Access Fund, which supports projects working to increase the walkability and bikeability of local communities and/or increasing outdoor recreational activities, and the Youth Sports Fund, which supports projects bringing high-quality sports programs to youth.

Additional information is available at <https://www.ralphcwilsonjrfoundation.org/>

The **Michigan Municipal League (MML)** offers a variety of microgrants and other grant funding that may be useful for placemaking and park development. Their new grant hub allows communities to search for available grants across a variety of topics, including transportation and recreation. More information can be found at: www.mifundinghub.org.

The **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM)** was established in 1984 to provide service for Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. While CFSEM coordinates with the Ralph Wilson Foundation and other granting bodies, they administer their own grant programs as well, focusing on arts and culture, the environment, and health and human services. Current priorities are sustainability, regional impact, leveraging funds, and collaboration between organizations. Competitive grants range from \$30,000 to \$75,000. A certified audit is required as part of the application process. Application deadlines are May 15 for a September decision, and August 15 for a December decision.

Full details are provided at <https://cfsem.org/for-nonprofits/>

The **AARP Community Challenge Grant** offers funding for public space and transportation improvements that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, and access to public and private transit. The average grant amount is \$11,900, with 83% of awarded grants falling under \$20,000. Funds can be used for permanent physical improvements, temporary demonstrations that lead to long-term change, or new, innovative programming. Applications are evaluated based on their relevance to the needs of people age 50 and up. Additional information can be found at <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2023/2023-challenge.html>

The **National Association of Realtors** offers a placemaking grant for the creation of new outdoor public spaces and destinations. Level 1 grants are used for demonstration or temporary projects which test the viability of a permanent installation, and are capped at \$3,000. Level 2 project can be used existing or new projects such as trailheads, playgrounds, pocket parks, dog parks, and other forms of gathering places. The maximum award for Level 2 projects is \$7,500. More information is available at <https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/placemaking>

The **United States Tennis Association (USTA)** offers competitive grant programs to fund activities ranging from simple repairs of existing facilities to construction of new courts. Dollar amounts range from \$5,000 up to \$200,000, depending on the planned improvements. Maximum funding cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. More information is available at <https://www.usta.com/en/home/coach-organize/tennis-support/facility-assistance.html>

Increase Support for Parks

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

It is also crucial to increase the visibility of the Parks system through periodic notices to residents. E-mails and social media are commonly used platforms to reach interested constituents, but periodic newsletters delivered with tax bills or other official City documents can reach those who might not be technologically inclined.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

The City of Troy should continue to pursue other creative fundraising avenues such as seeking individual donations, encouraging sponsorships, holding special fundraising events, online crowdfunding, or other methods.



Sylvan Glen Lake Park

4: Needs Analysis & Public Participation

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community to formulate an action plan for parks and recreation improvement. Needs provide the rationale for goals and objectives and identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends and an online survey was conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents. In addition, several “pop-up sessions” took place during the summer of 2019 at various locations to receive the broadest possible level of input from community members. These varied sources of information helped to inform a strategic solution to meet Troy’s recreation needs.

Comparison to National Standards

According to a 1996 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) study, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are considered close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All of Troy’s parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of recommended close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks are parks that serve a broader area (one hour drive or about a 45 mile radius) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. For Troy, County, State, and HCMA parks fill this role. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of park land per 1,000 people. A description of regional parks is provided beginning on “Regional Recreation Facilities” on page 92.

According to these standards, local parks fall within the range for recommended acreage for close-to-home park land. Using numbers based on population estimates for 2050, the amount of existing parkland should continue to be adequate to meet the City’s recreation needs. Acreage provided by schools and private facilities further act to meet resident recreation requirements. Troy residents are especially well-served by regional park facilities provided by the state and other recreation providers, despite the fact that no regional parks are actually located in the City’s borders.

Table 2: Parkland Acreage Standards

Type of Park	NRPA standard per 1,000 population	Required - Based on 2023 estimate of 4,328 residents	Existing	Deficiency / Surplus
Close-to-Home Parkland & Greenways	6.25 - 10.5 acres	27 to 45 acres	30.6 acres	+4 acres
Subdivision Parks	-	-	28 acres	-
Commerce, Walled Lake, & Wixom Nearby Parks	-	-	961.3 acres	-
Regional parks	15 - 20 acres	65 to 87 acres	27,000+ acres	+26,935 acres
Schoolyards	-	-	400 acres	-
Private Recreation Facilities	-	-	996 acres	-

National Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on national and regional levels provide insights into recreation activities and demonstrate activities with the greatest growth in popularity. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. Table 11 lists the top ten recreation activities completed by persons aged seven years and older in the past year (2024).

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

These national trends are consistent with those observed in Michigan. According to the 2023 - 2027 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), 86 percent of Michiganders participate in trail activities and “other” outdoor activities. A list of participation rates for the most popular activities in Michigan is listed in Table 4 on page 21.

Other highlights from the most recent SCORP include:

- Four out of the top ten most popular activities involve walking or biking;
- 95 percent of Michiganders reported participating in at least one outdoor recreation activity;
- The total net economic value of outdoor recreation in Michigan was \$165 billion, while positive health impacts are estimated to save the state around \$2.8 billion in annual healthcare costs.

Table 3: Top Recreation Activities - NSGA Survey

Activity	Participation Rate (in millions)			
	National	Overall Rank	East North Central Region	Overall Rank
Exercise walking	110.2	1	15.8	1
Exercise with equipment	52.9	2	8.1	2
Hiking	51.8	3	7.2	4
Swimming	44.9	4	6.1	6
Running/jogging	43.1	5	6.4	5
Bicycle riding	42.4	6	7.4	3
Camping	40.4	7	5.8	7
Weightlifting	36.8	8	5.0	8
Yoga	30.7	9	4.8	9
Fishing (fresh)	29.9	10	4.2	11
Work out at gym	29.1	11	4.2	10

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2024

Table 4: Top Outdoor Recreation Activities in Michigan

Activity	Participation Rate / (Rank)	
	Statewide	Detroit Metro
Going for a walk on local streets or sidewalks	80% (1)	79% (1)
Going for a walk on local unpaved trails/paths	62% (2)	58% (2)
Visiting the beach but not swimming	60% (3)	54% (3)
Visiting parks or playgrounds	58% (4)	43% (6)
Swimming at the beach	52% (5)	51% (5)
Sightseeing and/or scenic driving for pleasure	47% (6)	52% (4)
Day hiking on non-local, unpaved trails/paths	47% (7)	not rated
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	41% (8)	35% (10)
Motor boating, cruising	38% (9)	41% (7)
Bicycling on paved streets, paths, or sidewalks	37% (10)	37% (8)
Social gathering at park or natural area	not rated	37% (9)

Source: Michigan State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Table 5: Sport Growth - NSGA Survey

Activity	Participation Rate (in millions)			
	2016	2023	Percent change	Overall participation rank
Team Sports				
Soccer	14.1	15.3	8.5%	19
Hockey (ice)	3.4	3.5	2.9%	50
Volleyball	10.7	10.9	1.9%	26
Basketball	24.8	24.2	-2.4%	13
Cheerleading	3.7	3.5	-5.4%	51
Individual Sports				
Pickleball	1.7	9.9	482.4%	1
Tennis	12.6	15.1	19.8%	12
Golf	18.5	20.5	10.8%	22
Ice/figure skating	8.7	9.0	3.4%	29
Gymnastics	6.1	6.1	0.0%	36
Selected Other Sports				
Running/jogging	44.9	43.1	-4.0%	44
Exercise walking	105.7	110.2	4.3%	27
Bicycle Riding	36.2	42.4	17.1%	13
Canoeing	7.9	7.6	-3.8%	43
Hiking	42.9	51.8	20.7%	10
Fishing (fresh water)	28.9	29.9	3.5%	28

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the United States 2024

Table 6: Team Sport Growth - SFIA Survey

Activity	Participation Rate (in millions)		% Change 2022 - 2023
	2022	2023	
Pickleball	8.95	13.58	52%
Tennis	23.6	23.84	1%
Basketball	28.15	29.73	6%
Golf	25.57	26.57	4%

Source: Sports & Fitness Industry / Topline Report 2024

NRPA Metrics

The NRPA recognizes that a “one style fits all” approach is not necessarily the best solution to park planning. The agency suggests that each community develop a system that best suits their residents individual needs. Troy’s focus on the quality, rather than simple quantity, speaks to the success of their park system, and must continue to be the City’s primary goal.

Each year, the NRPA releases a set of metrics that allow a community to compare their facilities with those of their peers. Communities are placed in groups based on population; Troy falls at the upper end of the 50,000 to 100,000 grouping. In addition to a traditional paper report, the NRPA provides an interactive website that provides information median and upper and lower quartile levels for a wide range of topics. The report is available at <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>

NRPA’s metrics suggest that Troy’s physical park facilities could be increased to match their peers (see Table 7 on page 23). The number of residents served per park is high, falling within the lower quartile of the metrics, but the number of acres of land per 1,000 residents is above the median. Individual park amenities (see Table 8) are generally similar to those in peer communities, although basketball courts are under-represented. It is important to remember, however, that many of the shortcomings are offset by offerings at area schools and private facilities. Attractions such as racquetball/handball/squash courts are missing entirely in the City. Adding these features in lesser-used parks could attract new users.

While there is always room for a larger number and greater variety of programs, it appears that Troy’s current levels are comparable with peer communities (see Table 10 and Table 11 on page 25). Recreation offered 260 unique programs in the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year, with 1,360 individual program sections at varying days and times throughout the year. This level of program access puts Troy in the upper quartile of peer institutions. Recreation has done an excellent job at ensuring Troy residents have access to enrichment and other program opportunities.

Staff and expenditure levels are again near the median levels reported by peer communities (see Table 13 through Table 17 on page 26). Troy is once again near the median in terms of annual operating expenditures.

The values reported by the NRPA show how disparate park and recreation departments can be. As Troy continues to grow and the needs of the community increase, these comparison points may prove to be useful to ensure that the City’s parks and recreation offerings are the highest quality possible while remaining fiscally responsible.



Table 7: Facility Comparison - NRPA Metrics

Category	In Troy	Lower quartile	Median	Upper quartile
Number of residents per park	3,234	3,646	2,299	1,441
Acres of park land per 1,000 residents	10.6	4.7	9.2	16.5
Miles of trails (Troy Trails only)	2.75	8	16	35
Miles of trails (including internal park paths)	6.8	8	16	35

Table 8: Outdoor Park & Rec Facility Prevalence

Type of Amenity	% with this amenity	# of residents per amenity	Calculated # of amenities	Actual # of amenities	Deficiency / surplus
OUTDOOR FACILITIES					
Playgrounds (all)	95%	3,643	24	19	-5
Tot Lots (ages 2-5)	69%	13,262	7	5	-2
Playgrounds (ages 5 - 12)	46%	5,601	16	14	-2
Playgrounds w/ inclusive structures	44%	21,910	4	5	1
Basketball courts	91%	8,447	10	1	-9
Diamond fields	83%	4,560	19	14	-5
Rectangular fields	79%	4,659	19	34	15
Tennis courts	84%	5,818	15	9	-6
Dog Parks	78%	55,250	2	1	-1
Community garden plots	52%	56,367	2	1	-1
Swimming pools	58%	48,064	2	2	0
Skateboard parks	60%	61,384	1	1	0
Pickleball courts	59%	8,592	10	13	3
Volleyball courts	47%	29,214	3	9	6
Fitness zones / exercise stations	41%	32,500	3	3	0
Multi-use courts	45%	25,512	3	4	1
Splashpads/spraygrounds/showers	41%	51,000	2	1	-1
Multi-use racquet courts	44%	13,339	7	1	-6
Walking loop/Running tracks	34%	19,700	4	0	-4
Disc golf courses	32%	56,150	2	3	1
Driving range stations	33%	7,774	11	21	10
18-hole courses	35%	62,756	1	2	1
Synthetic rectangular fields	26%	33,799	3	0	-3
Ice rinks	24%	28,500	3	1	-2
9-hole golf courses	15%	64,937	1	0	-1
Overlay field	11%	25,500	3	0	-3
Waterparks	12%	64,304	1	1	0
Racquetball/handball/squash courts	15%	40,796	2	0	-2

Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>, 50,000 - 99,999 population

Table 9: Indoor Park & Rec Facility Prevalence

Type of Amenity	% with this amenity	# of residents per amenity	Calculated # of amenities	Actual # of amenities	Deficiency / surplus
OUTDOOR FACILITIES					
Multi-use courts - basketball/volleyball	34%	24,000	4	2	-2
Competitive swimming pools	28%	64,000	1	0	-1
Basketball courts	22%	25,598	3	2	-1
Leisure pools	23%	63,418	1	1	0
Walking loops/Running tracks	22%	63,671	1	0	-1
Pickleball courts	20%	14,818	6	4	-2
Multi-use racquet courts - tennis/pickleball	23%	15,015	6	0	-6
Therapeutic pools	15%	63,610	1	0	-1
Racquetball/Handball/Squash courts	15%	40,708	2	0	-2
Tennis courts	8%	10,428	8	8	0
Recreation centers (including gyms)	73%	31,805	3	1	-2
Community Centers	69%	50,284	2	1	-1
Permanent & semi-permanent restrooms	53%	5,521	16	16	0
Performance amphitheaters	52%	60,594	1	1	0
Senior centers	48%	64,937	1	1	0
Nature centers	31%	64,672	1	1	0
Aquatics centers	43%	60,770	1	1	0
Stadiums	16%	62,575	1	0	-1
Indoor ice rinks	17%	51,896	2	0	-2
Teen centers	17%	59,694	1	1	0
Arenas	11%	59,630	1	0	-1



Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>, 50,000 - 99,999 population

Table 10: Programming Comparison

Category	In Troy	Lower quartile	Median	Upper quartile
Number of programs offered annually	260 (1,360*)	98	409	1,708
Percent of programs that are fee based	80%	67%	84%	95%

* Troy Recreation offers 260 unique programs, equating to 1,360 program sections.

Table 11: Program Offerings

Category	% with this amenity	Offered in Troy?
ALL PROGRAMS OFFERED		
Themed special events	97%	Y
Social recreation	94%	Y
Team sports	93%	Y
Fitness Classes	92%	Y
Health & Wellness Education	91%	Y
Individual sports	85%	Y
Racquet sports	84%	Y
Safety training	81%	Y
Aquatics	79%	Y
Performing Arts	78%	Y
Visual Arts	78%	Y
Cultural Crafts	75%	Y
Natural & Cultural History	75%	Y
Trips and tours	74%	Y
Martial arts	66%	Y
Running/cycling races	66%	Y
Golf	58%	Y
eSports/eGaming	34%	Y
TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES		
Summer camp	93%	Y
Older adult programs	88%	Y
Programs for people w/ disabilities	79%	Y
Teen programs	77%	Y
STEM programs	68%	Y
After-school programs	56%	Y
Preschool	43%	Y
Before-school programs	24%	Y
Full daycare	12%	Y

Table 12: Staff Responsibilities

Category	% with this amenity
OPERATIONAL AREAS OF PARK & REC STAFF	
Operations/Maintenance	43%
Programmers	36%
Administration	16%
Other	3%
Capital Development	2%
RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARK & REC WORKERS	
Park sites	99%
Indoor facilities	98%
Recreation	96%
Jurisdiction-wide special events	93%
Racquet sports	89%
Trails	88%
Special purpose parks/spaces	78%
Outdoor swimming/water parks	76%
Non-park sites	75%
Outdoor sports complexes	66%
Community gardens	56%
Golf courses	41%
Large outdoor amphitheaters	41%
Indoor swimming/water parks	40%
Tourism attractions	38%
Beaches (all waterbody types)	30%
Farmers markets	29%
Indoor performing arts center	29%
Indoor sports complexes	29%
Campgrounds	12%
Marinas	12%
Pro or college sports complex	10%
Fairgrounds	3%

Source: <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>, 50,000 - 99,999 population

Table 13: NRPA Staffing & Expenditure Ranges

Category	Troy	Lower quartile	Median	Upper quartile
Park and Recreation Staffing - Full time equivalents	22 Parks, 48.7 Rec, 70.7 total	45.1	74.4	128.1
Full time equivalent staffing per 10,000 residents	1.2	6.4	9.8	17.7
Annual operating expenditures*	\$9,053,533.83	\$5,829,269.00	\$8,379,671.00	\$14,749,042.00
Operating expenditures per capita*	\$103.70	\$74.14	\$120.72	\$196.53
Operating expenditures per acre of park*	\$9,819.45	\$5,527.00	\$9,642.00	\$20,766.00
Revenue as percent of operating expenditures (cost recovery)*	24.4%	13.7%	28.8%	53.4%
Five-year capital budget spending**	\$9,877,438.46	\$5,356,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$28,786,000.00

Table 14: Source of Operating Expenditures

Program	Percent
General fund	63.5%
Earned revenue	21.4%
Special taxes/Levies (voter approved)	7.4%
Special taxes/Levies (non-voter approved)	3.4%
Other	2.6%
Agency Operating Grants	1.1%
Sponsorships, in-kind donations, etc.	0.6%

Table 15: Distribution of Expenditures

Program	Percent
Personnel Services	55.0%
Operating Expenses	38.0%
Capital Expenses not in CIP	2.0%
Other	5.0%

Table 16: Targets for Capital Expenditures

Program	Percent
Improvements	90.0%
Acquisition	4.0%
Other	6.0%

Table 17: Operating Expenditures Dedicated to Parks or Recreation

Program	Percent
Parks	39.0%
Recreation (programming)	39.0%
Administration	14.0%
Other	8.0%

*Total all funds based on 2025 actuals. See page 110 for budget tables.

**2022 - 2025 actuals plus 2026 adopted levels

Future Trends

The NRPA and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration published a list of future trends compiled from different sources that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. These trends include an increase in:

- Environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management and water quality protection,
- Concerns regarding personal and family security, in the importance for wellness activities and a desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage,
- Public costs, specifically in the provision of leisure services through the public and private sectors and partnerships,
- A greater recognition of the economic value of parks, open space, and green infrastructure, and
- Senior citizens, fewer traditional family households, greater number of smaller households and an increase in cultural diversity of residents.

The implications of the trends discussed in the preceding pages, combined with the demographic and physical characteristics outlined in the Community Background (see “7: Community Background” on page 117) can be summarized as follows:

- As Troy’s population increases, demand for recreation will likely increase;
- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors;
- There is and will continue to be a need for more linear parks both along corridors and in off-road settings to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian pathways for recreation and non-motorized transportation; and
- Collaboration and partnerships between public, private, and non-profit agencies can greatly impact the recreation facilities and programs a community can offer. Cooperation between agencies can lead to increased efficiencies, reductions in cost, and more comprehensive provision of recreation opportunities for Troy residents.

Ten Minute Walk Initiative

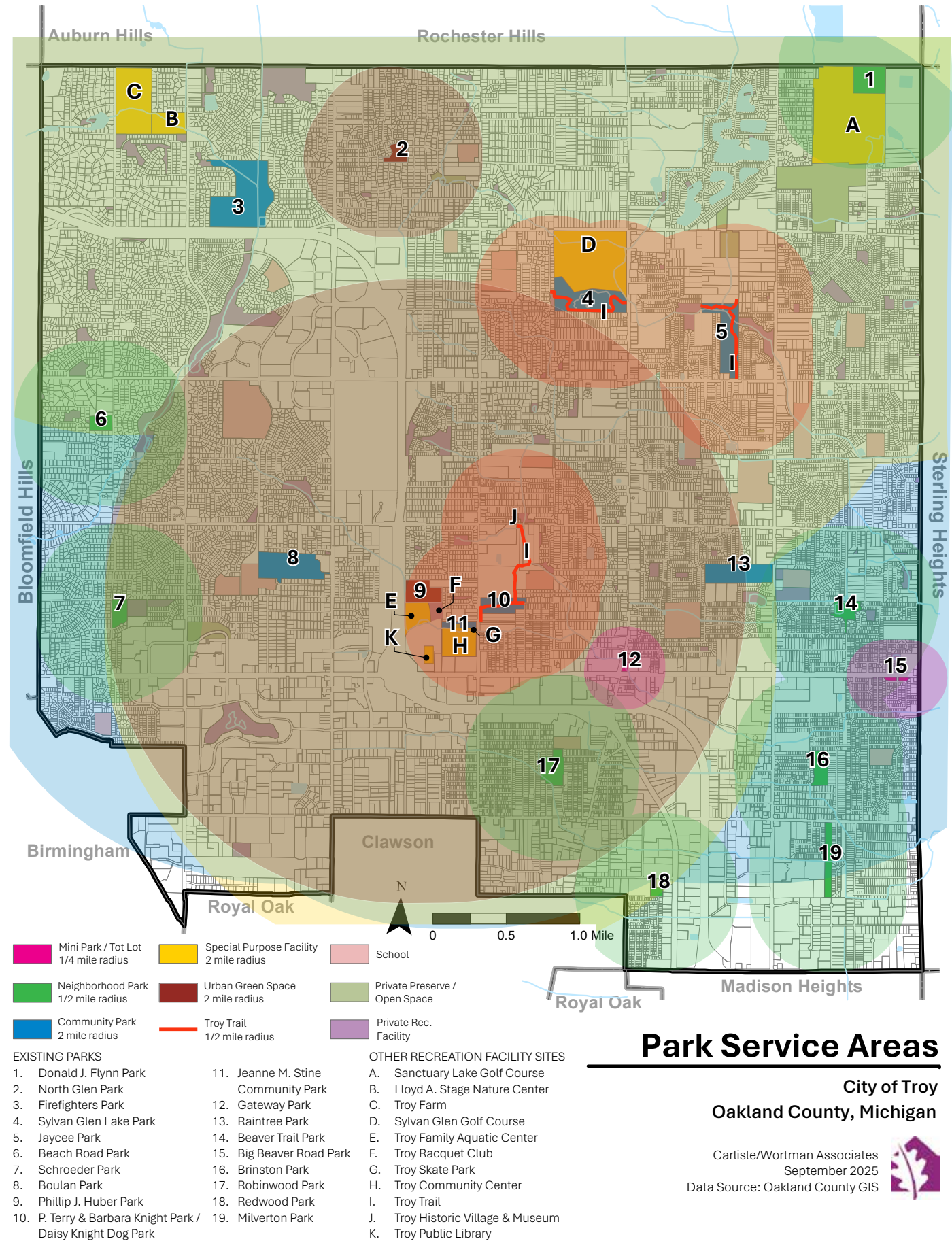
The NRPA, Trust for Public Land (TPL), and other recreation advocacy groups have championed the Ten Minute Walk Initiative, which states that every American should be within walkable distance to a local park or recreation facility. Numerous studies have shown the psychological, health, and general quality of life benefits provided by improved access to green spaces, but the likelihood of utilizing these spaces decreases as distance to the facility increases. For planning purposes, a service radius of 1/4 mile for mini-parks, 1/4 to 1/2 mile for neighborhood parks, and 1 to 3 miles for community parks are frequently used to demonstrate the effective reach of a park system. Definitions are not generally provided for special use or urban green spaces, with these facilities commonly treated as community parks, and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this plan, the service radius used to evaluate Troy’s coverage was 1/4 mile for the mini parks, 1/2 mile for neighborhood parks, and 2 mile for Clara Miller Park. Special use and urban green spaces were also assigned a 2 mile radius.

Map 1 on page 27 provides a graphical representation of the service areas described above. With the exception of the far southeast and southwest corners of the City, Troy has excellent service coverage. The only areas that are not served by Troy parks fall within the “Integrated Industrial Business Districts”. All of the housing lying south of Big Beaver Road is served by at least two parks.

Troy’s service areas extend well beyond the City’s borders, especially the special use facilities on the north end of the City. In much the same fashion, service areas from for parks in surrounding communities bleed into Troy’s borders, effectively mitigating any deficiencies seen on the south side. Additionally, service areas for school playgrounds and private facilities are not included on this map, but would help to offset any recreation shortcomings.

Based on comparisons with peer community park and acreage standards, there is not a pressing need to acquire new properties for recreation development. Residents also indicated a preference for maintaining and upgrading existing park properties, rather than developing new facilities (see page 29). While the City should remain open to new property acquisition if the right opportunity arises, its focus should be on improving and upgrading existing facilities first.

Map 1: Troy Park Service Areas



Public Outreach

Troy Parks & Recreation performed extensive outreach to understand the needs and wants of community members and park visitors. An online survey, which ran from June 15 through September 15, 2025, was advertised on the City and park websites, in the Fifty Forward newsletter, the Troy Recreation Guide, and on social media. Hard copies of the survey were also made available at the Community Center. 870 unique responses were received. 96% of the responses came from within the City. A full set of responses can be found in Appendix E beginning on page 162. Staff also set up booths throughout the summer at Troy Daze and other large events.

The results of the survey were similar to those received for the 2020 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Residents continue to place a high priority on maintenance and upkeep of existing parks and recreation facilities. 98% described maintenance as “important” or “very important” and, in a ranked choice vote, “Maintaining what we have and improve quality” finished at the top. This sentiment was echoed in open ended responses throughout the survey, with messages regarding upkeep, cleanliness, or general maintenance commonly falling within the top one or two general categories. There were frequent requests to “update” equipment and facilities. While it was not always clear exactly what item was intended, the main culprits seemed to be restrooms and locker rooms, play equipment, and trails.

Trails played a key role in the survey results as well. Multi-use trail development was the most requested recreation improvement, with almost 73% of respondents indicating a desire to see the Troy Trail system expanded. Unfortunately, there was a general lack of awareness of the Troy Trails; half of the respondents admitted they were not familiar with the trails. Of those who had used the trails, 67% indicated they were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the facilities. Common complaints were that the trails were too short, were disconnected from each other, or “lead to nowhere”. 60% of respondents indicated that they used regional trails such as the Clinton River Trail, and there was interest in developing connections to these regional amenities. 61% of respondents felt the City should develop a non-motorized transportation study to evaluate potential routes within the City, while 64% expressed interest in develop a regional study in partnership with Clawson, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, and regional planning authorities.

While residents saw room for improvement in area parks, satisfaction levels were generally high. The most common rating level for all of Troy’s parks was “satisfied”. Even for the two lowest rated facilities, the Daisy Knight dog park and Redwood park, over two thirds of the respondents indicated

that they were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the park. Improvement requests tended to be simple in nature. Expanding paths, maintaining restrooms, and providing more benches or seating, preferably with shade, were frequently mentioned. Upgrades or expansion of pickleball courts and the addition of a splash pad outside of the Troy Family Aquatic Center also received some traction.

Inclusive or adaptive play received some attention as well. Participants described a desire for a park similar to Innovation Hills in Rochester Hills on multiple occasions. While the City has done a good job in bringing existing play equipment up to compliance with ADA standards, and recently added an inclusive play structure at Sylvan Glen Lake Park, there are no playground structures in the City that match that level of inclusion or accessibility.

Even more challenging is the desire for more connection with nature. Only a few of Troy’s parks have significant amounts of natural areas. Some, such as Robinwood Park, offer a pleasant, tree covered experience for visitors, but only Phillip J. Huber Park and the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center/Troy Farm can offer large and relatively pristine natural spaces. As a largely built-out urban space, Troy has limited opportunities to acquire land for preservation purposes. The City can, however, evaluate opportunities for improving access to parks such as Huber, Schroeder, and North Glen, providing rustic walking spaces that are still made accessible through innovative techniques such as braille trails. Strategic shoreline restoration at Sylvan Glen Lake Park could provide more access to water while helping to improve habitat.

Over half of respondents participate in Troy programming, with sports, fitness, and aquatics programs leading the way. Survey participants noted a limited amount of inclusive/ adaptive offerings and outdated senior programs. Senior programming received significant attention in the open ended comments, with some complaining that a dedicated senior center (i.e. outside of the Community Center) was warranted.

There remains a need to improve communication and engagement with residents regarding programming and park operation in general, however. Strengthening outreach beyond the Recreation Guide can help to increase awareness regarding program offerings and special events. While the City has a good social media presence, creative outreach can ensure residents in underserved areas like southwest Troy are prioritized in planning.

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Firefighters Park

5: Recreation Inventory

Developing a complete inventory of the parks and recreation facilities and programs is an essential component of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding the current state of parks, facilities, and programs in Troy allows us to identify deficiencies or opportunities, and will assist decision-making in the future. While some facilities listed in this chapter, including the golf courses and aquatic center, require entrance fees or even memberships, they are still public amenities and act as recreation opportunities for residents. The inventory covers the following components:

- Troy Parks and Facilities
- County/Regional Parks and Facilities
- Facilities in Neighboring Communities
- Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities
- Programming
- Comparison to Recreation Standards
- Barrier Free Accessibility

Park Categories:

The City of Troy owns and operates nineteen parks and eight recreation facilities. These parks and facilities are assigned categories based on a 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) study which recommended placing parks into one of four basic categories:

- **Mini-parks or tot lots**, generally one acre or less, with a service area of 1/4 mile radius. Mini-parks tend to be small, commonly focusing on providing amenities for young children or senior citizens, or simply offering a public green space in an otherwise busy corridor.
- **Neighborhood parks**, ranging in size from 5 to 15 acres and with a service area of 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius. Neighborhood parks serve as social and recreational focal points for neighborhoods and are the basic units of a park system.
- **Community parks** are generally larger (25+ acres) properties serving an area up to a 2 mile radius. These facilities are suited for more intense recreation (e.g. swimming pools or soccer fields).

- **Regional parks**, which may be 200 acres or more, and service an area up to one hour's drive away (60 miles). These parks are usually provided by state, county, or other regional recreation authorities. While several of Troy's facilities serve multiple communities, none of the properties truly fit this definition.

This plan expands upon the NRPA list, adding two additional categories:

- **Special Use facilities** may also service one or more communities by providing highly specialized attractions such as dog parks, community centers, or other amenities.
- **Urban Green Spaces** set aside land for preservation purposes. Programming functions in these parks may cover a variety of uses, from trails and nature appreciation to simple stormwater management.
- **Linear parks or Trails** offer non-motorized transportation alternatives to residents. They may be used for utilitarian or recreation purposes, and usually include trailheads, parking, or other attractions.

Each park category has an "acres per thousand people" value attached, providing an easy method for planners and parks staff to determine the adequacy of a park system (see Table 2 on page 19) and a service area designation (Map 1 on page 28). Category designations are somewhat subjective, and it is not uncommon for a property to fall under two or more groups. The NRPA has moved away from categorization in recent years, noting that park prescriptions need to be more sophisticated, and consider a range of variables which ensure the recreation needs of the community are being met by the parks system. Despite this disclaimer, the report is still widely referenced for comparison purposes, as it offers a general idea of the level of coverage that is considered adequate for a typical park network.

Figure 1 on page 32 gives a further description of categories and how they apply to the Troy parks system. Map 2 on page 33 shows the location of all of Troy's parks and recreation facilities. Table 18 on page 34 provides a high level overview of amenities at each park. A detailed inventory of Troy's properties begins on page 36. In addition to these resources, Troy maintains an online inventory of park facilities at https://rec.troymi.gov/parks_facilities/index.php.

Figure 1: Types of Recreation Facilities

 MINI PARK OR TOT LOT

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Addresses limited, isolated or unique recreational needs. Serves a concentration, limited population, or specific group of people
- **SERVICE AREA:** Less than 1/4 mile distance in residential settings
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** Between 2,500 square feet and one acre in size
- **AREA PARKS:** Gateway Park, Big Beaver Road Park

 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The basic unit of a park system and the social focus of a neighborhood. Should be easily accessible to the neighborhood with safe walking & bike access.
- **SERVICE AREA:** 1/4 to 1/2 mile distance, and uninterrupted by nonresidential roads & barriers
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** From 1 to 5 (small park) or 5 to 10 acres (large park)
- **AREA PARKS:** Beach Road Park, Beaver Trail Park, Donald J. Flynn Park, Milverton Park, Robinwood Park, Redwood Park, and Schroeder Park,

 COMMUNITY PARK

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs & preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.
- **SERVICE AREA:** Determined by site; usually serves two or more neighborhoods and a 1 to 2 mile radius
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** As needed to accommodate use. ~30 to 50 acres
- **AREA PARKS:** Boulan Park, Brinston Park, Firefighters Park, Jaycee Park, Raintree Park, and Sylvan Glen Lake Park

 SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKS

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Covers a broad range of facilities oriented toward single-purpose use, such as historic preservation or downtown open space
- **SERVICE AREA:** Variable; dependent on specific use. No applicable standard.
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** Variable
- **AREA PARKS:** P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park (Daisy Knight Dog Park), Sanctuary Lake Golf Course, Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, Troy Farm, Sylvan Glen Golf Course, Troy Family Aquatic Center, Troy Community Center, Troy Historic Village, and Troy Public Library

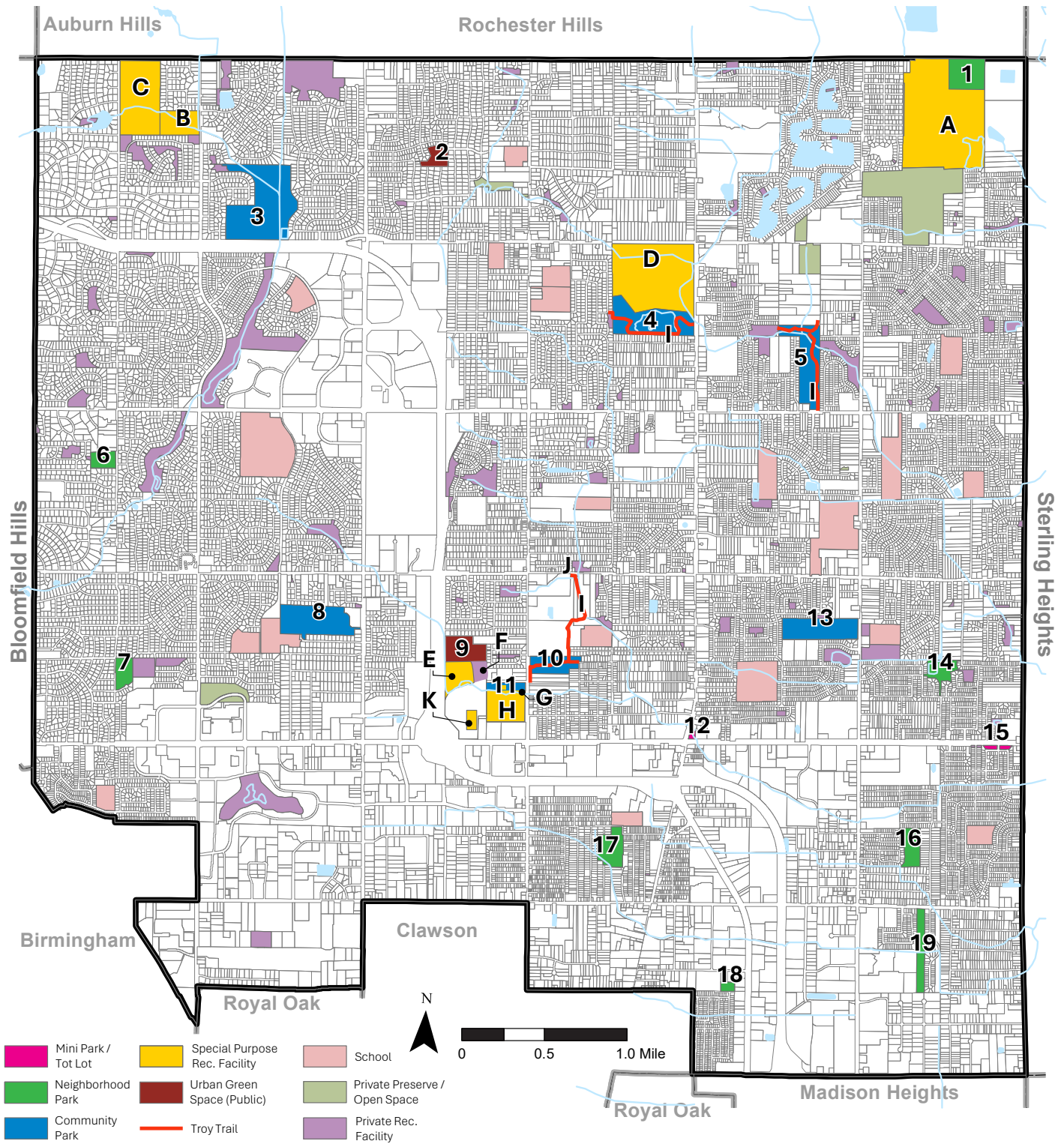
 URBAN GREEN SPACE

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Generally lands set aside for preservation of drainage corridors, wetlands, or other significant community natural resource areas.
- **SERVICE AREA:** Variable
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** Variable
- **AREA PARKS:** North Glen Park and Phillip J. Huber Park

 LINEAR PARKS & TRAILS

- **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Facilities intended to meet both recreation and transportation needs. Linear parks may stand alone, or fall within a larger park facility or green space.
- **SERVICE AREA:** Variable
- **SIZE CRITERIA:** Variable
- **AREA PARKS:** Troy Trail

Map 2: Troy Recreation Facilities



EXISTING PARKS

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Donald J. Flynn Park | 11. Jeanne M. Stine Community Park |
| 2. North Glen Park | 12. Gateway Park |
| 3. Firefighters Park | 13. Raintree Park |
| 4. Sylvan Glen Lake Park | 14. Beaver Trail Park |
| 5. Jaycee Park | 15. Big Beaver Road Park |
| 6. Beach Road Park | 16. Brinston Park |
| 7. Schroeder Park | 17. Robinwood Park |
| 8. Boulton Park | 18. Redwood Park |
| 9. Phillip J. Huber Park | 19. Milverton Park |
| 10. P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park / Daisy Knight Dog Park | |

OTHER RECREATION FACILITY SITES

- | |
|-----------------------------------|
| A. Sanctuary Lake Golf Course |
| B. Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center |
| C. Troy Farm |
| D. Sylvan Glen Golf Course |
| E. Troy Family Aquatic Center |
| F. Troy Racquet Club |
| G. Troy Skate Park |
| H. Troy Community Center |
| I. Troy Trail |
| J. Troy Historic Village & Museum |
| K. Troy Public Library |

Recreation Properties

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Oakland County, Michigan

Carlisle/Wortman Associates
September 2025
Data Source: Oakland County GIS



Table 18: Troy Recreation Amenities

Equipment Type	Amenity	Mini Parks		Neighborhood Parks						Community Parks		
		Big Beaver Road Park	Gateway Park	Beach Road Park	Beaver Trail Park	Brinston Park	Milverton Park	Redwood Park	Robinwood Park	Boulan Park	Donald J Flynn Park	Firefighters Park
General Play	Play structure, climbing equipment			1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
	Swings			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
	Picnic Shelter					1	1	1	2	1		1
	Drinking Fountain			1		2	1			3	1	2
	Parking (# of spaces)			38		110	18	9		389	301	368
	Restroom			1		1	1			2	1	1
Court Sports	Pickleball					1		4		4		8
	Tennis					1				8		
	Basketball					1						
	Multi-use court, Shuffleboard											
	Sand Volleyball				1				1	2		3
Field Sports	Baseball / Softball			1		2		1		2	4	
	Cricket									1		
	Football											1
	Soccer			1		2				6		10
	Multi-use field			1								
	Running track											
Nature & Trails	Lake or Pond (scenic, fishing)											Y
	Wooded Area (in acres)				5.2			8	18			38
	Rustic Trails (in feet)											1350
	Paved Trails (in feet)	815	880		3019	2020	3450		5785	6933		5000
	Bike Repair Station											
Special Equipment	Pool											
	Splash Pad/Special Aquatic											
	Dog Park											
	Museum / Educational Center											
	Golf Course											
	Disc Golf											1
	Concession stand/Pro shop									1	1	
	Amphitheater/Stage											
	Community Center											
	Fitness Equipment						1					
	Skateboard Park											
	Ice / Roller Rink (Outdoor)											

Community Parks (cont.)				Special Use Parks									Urban Green Space		
Jaycee Park	Raintree Park	Stine Community Park	Sylvan Glen Lake Park	Lloyd A Stage Nature Center	P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park	Sanctuary Lake Golf Course	Sylvan Glen Golf Course	Troy Community Center	Troy Family Aquatic Center	Troy Farm	Troy Historic Village	Troy Public Library	North Glen Park	Philip Huber Park	Schroeder Park
2	2		2						1						
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Mini Parks

Big Beaver Road Park

2923 Thames
Acres: 2.1
Special Features: Walkway, Benches, Landscaping

Big Beaver Road Park provides a connecting sidewalk, benches, and small open space along Thames Drive. A masonry wall and landscaping separates the park from Big Beaver, providing noise relief for park visitors and neighbors alike. There is no designated parking for Big Beaver Road Park.

Park Amenities

- A. Benches
- B. Walking path (815 feet / 0.15 miles)

Gateway Park

2923 Thames
Acres: 2.1
Special Features: Walkway, Seating, Landscaping

Built in 2009, Gateway Park provides a modern, lighted non-motorized connection between Big Beaver and Rochester Road. Built-in seating and bike racks are available for visitors. In summer months, the retention pond has a lighted fountain that can be enjoyed by pedestrians, bicyclists, and passing motorists. There is no designated parking for Gateway Park.

Park Amenities

- A. Benches
- B. Walking path (880 feet / 0.17 miles)
- C. Detention basin w/ fountain

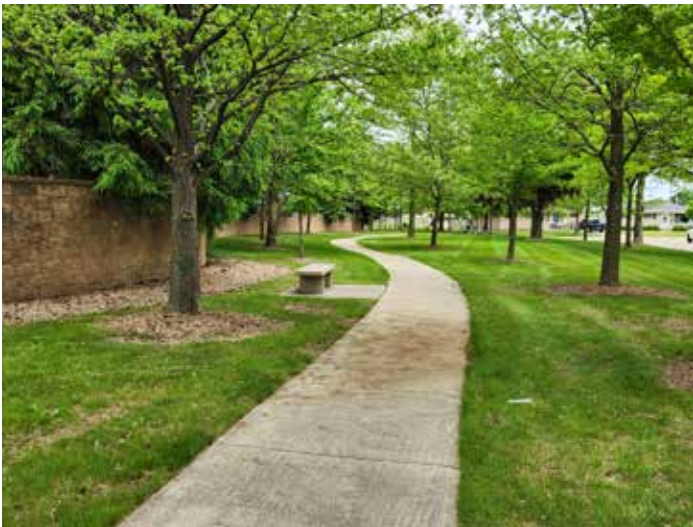


Figure 2: Big Beaver Road Park



Figure 3: Gateway Park



Neighborhood Parks

Beach Road Park

Address: 4651 Beach Road

Acres: 10

Special Features: Restrooms and drinking fountain, sports fields, accessible play equipment

Beach Road Park includes a mix of active- and passive-use amenities including swings, play equipment, and ball fields. The play equipment is ADA compliant, as are the restrooms located between the swings and play equipment.

Park Amenities

- A. Softball field
- B. Soccer field / multi-use field
- C. Swings w/artificial turf surfacing
- D. Restrooms w/ drinking fountain
- E. Play structure w/ artificial turf surfacing
- F. Parking (38 spaces, 2 accessible)



Figure 4: Beach Road Park



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Beaver Trail Park

Address: 3458 Pasadena (entrances at Avalon & Cedar Crest, Pasadena & Traverse, and Fernleigh & Winter)
Acres: 7

Special Features: Sand volleyball court, accessible play equipment, wooded area with walking trails

Upgraded safety surfacing and ADA compliant play equipment are two highlights of Beaver Trail Park. The park is accessible by an asphalt path from three different points. A natural walking path is also available through the woods. A sand volleyball court north of the playground equipment provides an active-use amenity for visitors. A large retention pond on the north side of the park services the surrounding neighborhood.

Park Amenities

- A. Accessible play equipment w/ artificial turf surface
- B. Swings
- C. Sand volleyball court
- D. Wooded area with rustic walking trails. Note that the trails are not handicapped accessible.
- E. Walking paths (3020 feet / 0.6 miles)



Figure 5: Beaver Trail Park



Brinston Park

Address: 2262 Brinston Dr

Acres: 18

Special Features: Sports fields and courts, restrooms w/ drinking fountains, picnic shelters

Brinston Park offers a variety of active-use experiences. ADA compliant pathways lead to soccer fields, tennis courts, and ball diamonds. A picnic shelter capable of hosting up to 150 people sits close to swings and a playground structure with artificial turf safety surfacing.

Park Amenities

- A. Basketball court
- B. Tennis court w/ pickleball markings
- C. Softball field (2)
- D. Accessible play equipment w/ artificial turf surface
- E. Swings
- F. Picnic shelter
- G. Restroom w/ drinking fountain
- H. Soccer fields
- I. Parking (110 spaces, 5 accessible)
- J. Walking paths (2020 feet / 0.4 miles)



Figure 6: Brinston Park



Milverton Park

Address: 2384 E Maple

Acres: 15

Special Features: Walking paths, fitness equipment, climbing boulders, restrooms w/ drinking fountains

At 250’ wide by a half-mile long, Milverton Park’s long and narrow layout is well suited for walking and jogging in a relatively compact footprint. Exercise equipment near the southern end of the active-use area complements the 0.65 mile-long walking loop. The park is intersected by the Spencer Drain, and a wooded wetland which covers most of the southern half of the park helps to control stormwater runoff from the surrounding neighborhood.

Park Amenities

- A. Parking (18 spaces, 3 accessible)
- B. Restroom w/ drinking fountain
- C. Picnic shelter
- D. Climbing boulders
- E. Swings
- F. Multi-use space
- G. Fitness equipment
- H. Pedestrian bridge over Spencer Drain
- I. Wooded wetland (not accessible)
- J. Walking paths (3450 feet / 0.7 miles)



Figure 7: Milverton Park



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Redwood Park

Address: 750 Redwood Dr

Acres: 3

Special Features: Pickleball courts, play equipment, picnic shelter, softball field

One of the smallest parks in the Troy park system, Redwood takes advantage of every square inch by providing a variety of passive- and active-uses. Accessible routes connect to ADA compliant swings, play equipment, and picnic shelter. An eight-court pickleball facility has proven very popular.

Park Amenities

- A. Softball field
- B. Parking (9 spaces)
- C. Multi-use space
- D. Picnic shelter
- E. Play structure w/ artificial turf surfacing
- F. Swings
- G. Pickleball courts (8)



Figure 8: Redwood Park



Robinwood Park

Address: 640 Robinwood Dr

Acres: 18

Special Features: Picnic shelters, sand volleyball court, playground structures, wooded walkways

Over a mile long path winds through beautifully wooded grounds at Robinwood Park. Two play structures with artificial turf safety surfacing and two picnic shelters are all ADA compliant. While the park does not have dedicated parking on-site, parking is available at Morse Elementary on Cherry Drive.

Park Amenities

- A. Picnic shelters (2)
- B. Playground structures (2)
- C. Swings
- D. Sand volleyball court
- E. Walking path (5785 feet / 1.1 miles)
- F. Benches



Figure 9: Robinwood Park



Community Parks

Boulan Park

Address: 1898 Boulan Park Dr

Acres: 63

Special Features: Cricket field, lighted baseball/softball diamonds, tennis courts, accessible play structures

Acquired in 1953 for \$1.00, Boulan Park offers a wide variety of active recreation facilities, including a newly constructed cricket field which will be the first of its kind in the state of Michigan. Boulan Park features a picnic shelter, sand volleyball courts, lighted ball diamonds, soccer fields, swings, playground equipment, tennis courts, restrooms, and walking paths.

Park Amenities

- A. Swings
- B. Picnic shelters (2)
- C. Play equipment w/ artificial turf surfacing (2)
- D. Restroom w/ drinking fountain
- E. Sand volleyball courts (2)
- F. Cricket field (new 2025)
- G. Parking (389 spaces / 11 accessible)
- H. Softball field (lighted)
- I. Concession stand w/ restroom
- J. Baseball field (lighted)
- K. Tennis courts (8)
- L. Multi-use field
- M. Soccer fields (6)
- N. Walking path (6930 feet / 1.3 miles)



Figure 10: Boulan Park



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Donald J. Flynn Park

Address: 1710 E South Blvd

Acres: 25

Special Features: Lighted ball fields, concession stand, play equipment

Donald J. Flynn Park is a traditional diamond complex complete with four lighted fields, accessible stands and dugouts, and a concession stand/restroom. A small playground structure is located in the northeast corner of the complex. The City has an agreement with Beaumont Hospital to allow hospital staff to use the parking area during non-peak hours.

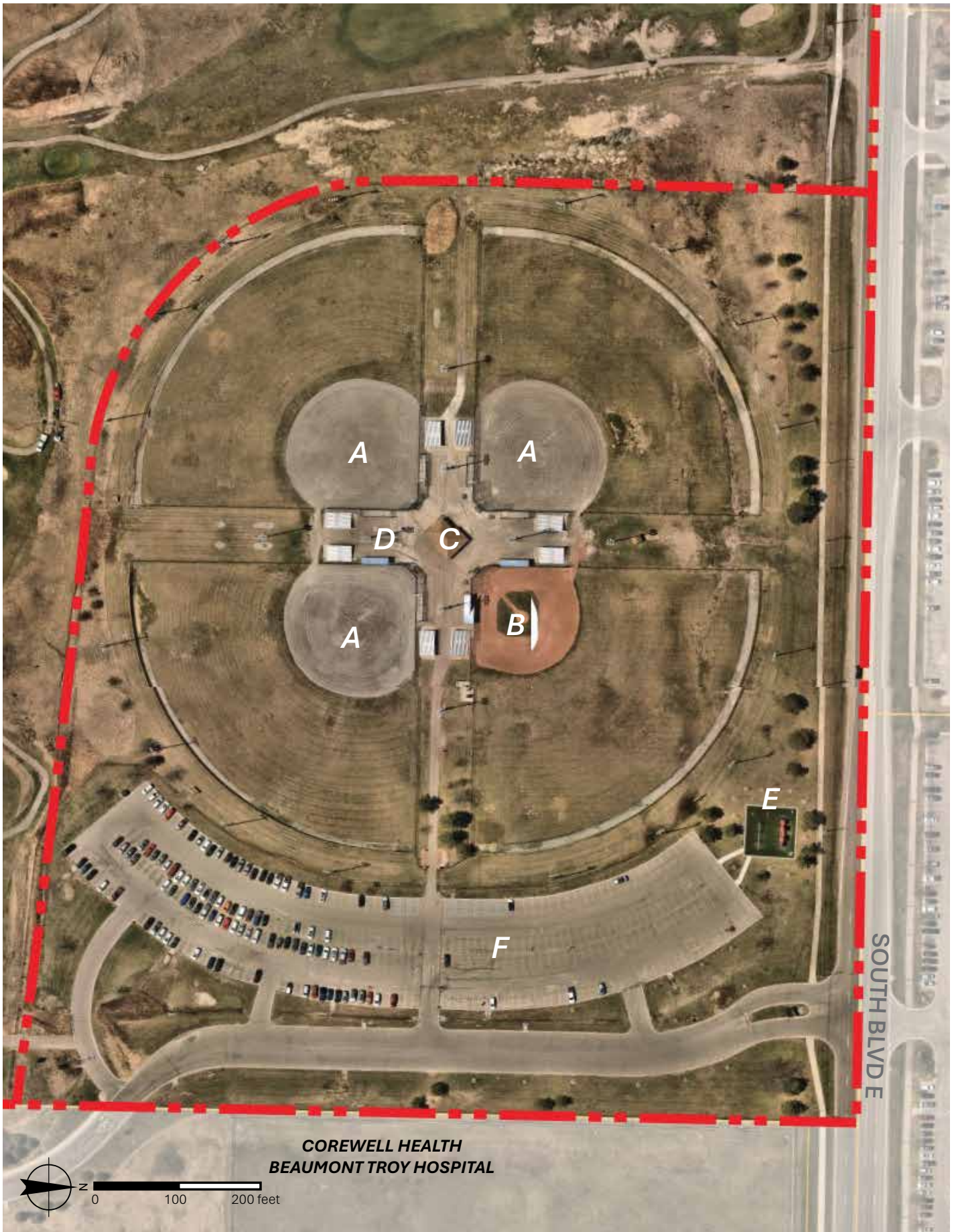
The park sits at the northeast corner of the Sanctuary Lake Golf Course. A description of the golf course is provided on page 70.

Park Amenities

- A. Softball fields (3, lighted)
- B. Baseball field (1, lighted)
- C. Concession stand w/ restrooms
- D. Picnic shelter w/ sail shade
- E. Accessible play equipment and swings w/ artificial turf surface
- F. Parking (301 spaces, 9 accessible)



Figure 11: Donald J. Flynn Park



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Firefighters Park

Address: 1800 W Square Lake Rd

Acres: 96

Special Features: Water access / fishing pond, wooded disc golf course, soccer fields

Firefighters Park hosts a variety of passive- and active-recreation facilities. The park contains approximately 30 acres of woodland and other natural areas, and shore fishing is allowed on the 5-acre lake on the northern end of the park. An 18-hole disc golf course winds through the woods on the east side of the park. A concession stand and restrooms is situated close to soccer fields in the southwest corner, and a football field is located east of the entry drive. Four new pickleball courts were added in 2025.

Troy received a \$100,000 grant to study and improve the Sprague Drain which runs through the center of the park. The funds will be used to improve the habitat within the park through a series of improvements including invasive species management, naturalization of the detention basin, and construction of a bankfull bench on either side of the floodplain.

Park Amenities

- A. Fishing pond
- B. Walking trails (asphalt, 5000 feet / 0.9 miles, rustic, 1350 feet / 0.3 miles)
- C. 18-hole disc golf course
- D. Sand volleyball court (3)
- E. Softball diamond
- F. Pickleball courts (8, new 2025)
- G. Parking (366 spaces, 14 accessible)
- H. Picnic shelter
- I. Concessions w/ restrooms and drinking fountain
- J. Soccer fields (8)
- K. Football field
- L. Detention basin



Figure 12: Firefighters Park



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Jaycee Park

Address: 1755 E Long Lake Rd

Acres: 43

Special Features: Troy Trail and bike repair station, restrooms with drinking fountain, sand box

Comprised of land acquired in 1967 and later expanded in 1980, Jaycee Park offers three full-time soccer fields plus six seasonal fields, ball diamonds, and sand volleyball courts for active-minded visitors, and playgrounds and a picnic shelter for more passive individuals. The addition of Phase III of the Troy Trail in 2022 has brought increased interest and visitation to the park. The section of the trail in the northern part of the park provides much needed nature access for park visitors.

Park Amenities

- A. Troy Trail - Phase III (4230 feet / 0.8 miles)
- B. Sand volleyball court
- C. Picnic shelter (3)
- D. Restroom w/ drinking fountain
- E. Bike repair station
- F. Sand box
- G. Softball diamond (2)
- H. Maintenance building
- I. Swings (2)
- J. Parking (198 spaces, 9 accessible)
- K. Soccer fields (9)

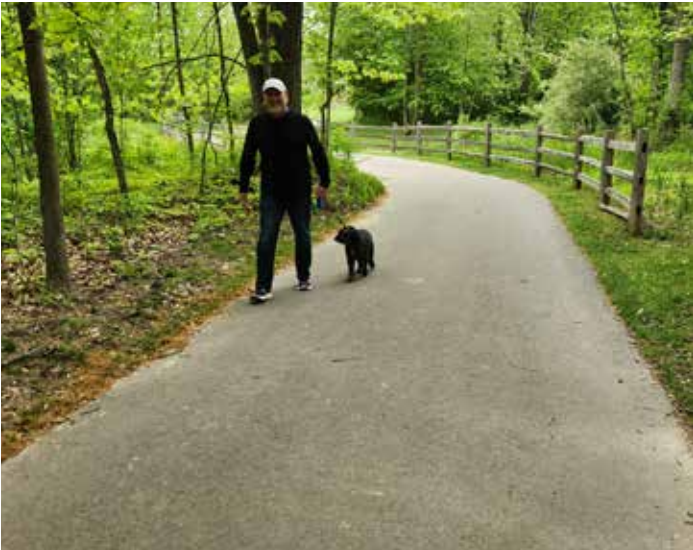


Figure 13: Jaycee Park



Raintree Park

Address: 3775 John R Road

Acres: 41

Special Features: 9-hole disc golf course, wooded setting, walking/biking trails

Wooded Raintree Park contains a 9-hole disc golf course which winds through the trees. For those who prefer to walk or bike, an asphalt trail goes back through the end of the long, narrow park. Parking for 126 vehicles, restrooms, and a rentable picnic shelter make the park ideal for gatherings.

Park Amenities

- A. Walking trail (6,900 feet, 1.3 miles)
- B. Disc golf course
- C. Swings
- D. Sand volleyball court
- E. Play structures w/ artificial turf surface (2)
- F. Storage w/ restrooms
- G. Bike repair station
- H. Parking (123 spaces, 8 accessible)
- I. Softball field



Figure 14: Raintree Park



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Jeanne M. Stine Community Park

Address: 241 Town Center Drive

Acres: 9

Special Features: Stage with lawn seating area, “The Rink” ice skating/roller skating rink, concession stand with restrooms

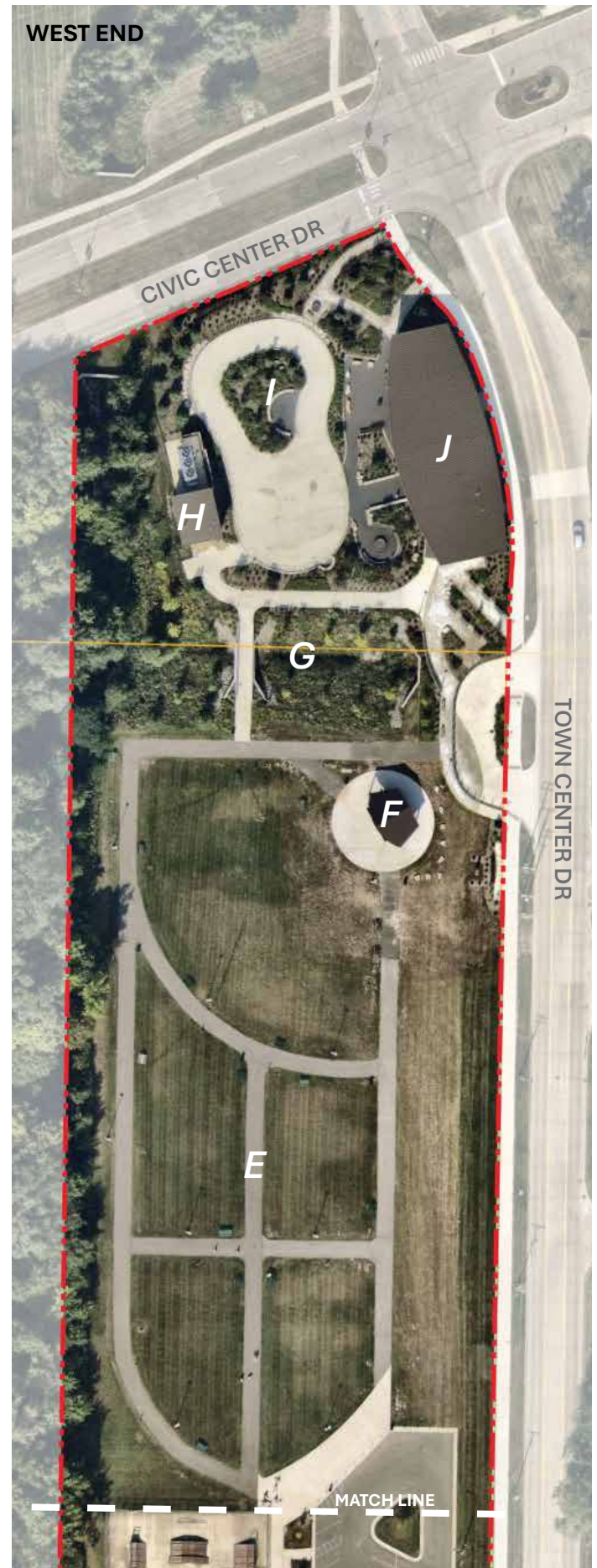
Located immediately north of the Community Center, award-winning Jeanne M. Stine Community park is Troy’s newest facility. A true four-season facility, the park features the Rink, an all-season skating ribbon with fire pits, concessions and rental facility, and restrooms. The Rink’s Great hall offers seating for 200, and is available to rent. The center of the park includes a stage and lawn seating area for summertime concerts. The east side is a more traditional passive-use section, with walkways and a picnic pavilion. Stormwater facilities are highlighted, rather than disguised, and feature native plantings and pedestrian walkways.

Park Amenities

- A. Walkways (3800 feet, 0.7 miles)
- B. Picnic pavilion
- C. Parking (63 spaces, 3 accessible)
- D. Skate park
- E. Lawn seating area
- F. Stage
- G. Stormwater basin
- H. Maintenance / storage
- I. “The Rink” ice / roller skating
- J. Concession stand, restrooms, and seating area



Figure 15: Jeanne M. Stine Community Park



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Sylvan Glen Lake Park

Address: 5725 Rochester Road

Acres: 40

Special Features: Water access and fishing, ADA compliant play structure (new 2025), Troy Trail Phase II

Sylvan Glen Lake Park, located at the southern end of the Sylvan Glen Golf Course, provides access to both Sylvan Glen Lake as well a 19-acre wooded area. Shore fishing is allowed at the lake, but boating and swimming are prohibited. Phase II of the Troy Trail, constructed in 2021, runs west from the golf course through the woods, A new accessible playground and picnic shelter were added in 2025, bringing a new audience of visitors to the park.

Park Amenities

- A. Troy Trail (3900 feet, 0.75 miles)
- B. Accessible play structure w/ rubber play surface (new 2025)
- C. Picnic shelter (new 2025)
- D. Lawn area / beach
- E. Restroom w/ drinking fountain
- F. Parking (51 spaces, 4 accessible)



Figure 16: Sylvan Glen Lake Park



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Special Use Facilities

Troy Civic Center Campus

The Troy Civic Center Campus, a 124-acre complex northeast of the intersection of Big Beaver Road and I-75, houses many of Troy’s “special use” facilities as well as Jeanne M. Stine Community Park (page 60) and Phillip J. Huber Park (page 80). A description of the individual facilities are provided below, and maps of the Civic Center Campus begin on page 65.

Troy Community Center

Address: 3179 Livernois
Acres: 28
Special Features: Fitness facilities, meeting rooms, indoor aquatic center, basketball courts

Located in the southeast side of the Campus, the Community Center is the heart of the Troy recreation system, service as both the office for the Recreation Department and as the primary meeting space for many recreation programs. The building includes an indoor pool, fitness room, gymnasium with two full-size basketball courts, locker rooms, aerobics and dance studios, pre-school rooms, and meeting and banquet rooms. In addition, there are a variety of amenities for seniors at the senior center with areas for reading, a games and puzzle room, TV room, gathering space, and program opportunities.

The exterior grounds offer over a half-mile of trails and sidewalks, shuffleboard courts, a bocce ball court, a play structure (part of the child care center), outdoor seating areas, and a softball diamond.

Park Amenities

- A. Parking (529 spaces, 22 accessible)
- B. Walkways (2985 feet, 0.6 miles)
- C. Bocce ball and shuffleboard courts
- D. Community Center (see Figure 18 on page 66)
- E. Playground
- F. Outdoor seating
- G. Softball field
- H. Multi-use field



Figure 17: Troy Civic Center Complex - southeast



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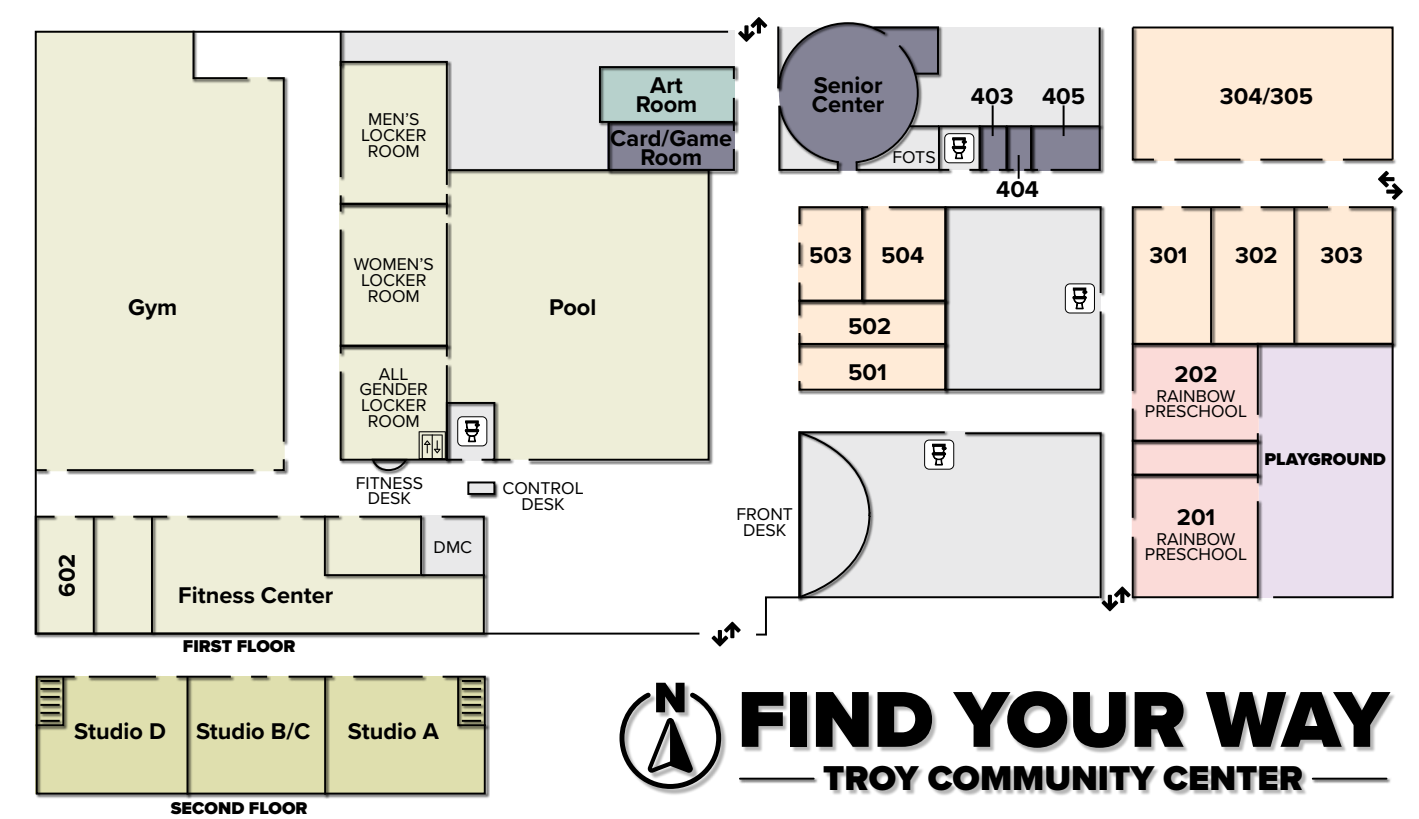
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Figure 18: Troy Community Center Building Diagram



Troy Racquet Club

Address: 3400 Civic Center Drive
Acres: 28
Special Features: Indoor tennis courts, locker rooms, lounge

While not part of Troy’s parks and recreation system, the Troy Racquet Club provides valuable recreation options for residents. The Club has a contract with the City to lease the space located east of the Troy Family Aquatic Center. Air structures are erected over the City of Troy outdoor tennis courts every September, giving Club members an indoor winter retreat until the bubbles come down in May.

Troy Family Aquatic Center

Address: 3425 Civic Center Drive
Acres: 4
Special Features: Outdoor aquatic amenities

The Troy Family Aquatic Center is an award-winning outdoor special-use facility open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Amenities include a main pool with zero-depth entry, three water slides (one for children under ten), two spray pools, waterfall, two sand volleyball courts, play equipment area, and concession stand. The Aquatic Center is a part of the larger Civic Center complex, situated northwest of the main Community Center.

Park Amenities (see Figure 20 on page 69)

- A. Kiddie Cove: Kiddie area with a waterfall, kiddie slide and splash pad
- B. The Lagoon: Main pool with a zero-depth edge
- C. Three 25 meter lap lanes (six during lap swim only time slots)
- D. Play structure
- E. Harvey’s Hut Concession Stand
- F. Storm Mountain: Tube slide (Red Thunder) and body slide (Blue Lightning)
- G. Dolphin Dunes: Sand volleyball and sand play area
- H. Parking, shared with Phillip J. Huber Park (248 spaces, 8 accessible)



Figure 19: Troy Civic Center Complex - southwest



Figure 20: Troy Civic Center Complex - northwest



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Sanctuary Lake Golf Course

Address: 1450 E South Blvd

Acres: 200

Special Features: Golf course, pro shop, restaurant, driving range

Sanctuary Lake is an 18-hole municipal golf course in the far northeast corner of the City. The course contains a bar and grill operated by a contracted vendor, a pro shop, and a driving range. Donald J. Flynn Park is located in the northeast corner of the property (see page 52 for details).

Course amenities (see Figure 21 on page 71)

- A. Parking, (195 spaces, 7 accessible)
- B. Clubhouse and grill
- C. Driving range



Figure 21: Sanctuary Lake Golf Course



Sylvan Glen Golf Course

Address: 5501 Rochester Road

Acres: 143

Special Features: Golf course, restaurant

Sylvan Glen Golf Course is an 18-hole facility located immediately north of Sylvan Glen Lake Park. The course has a pro shop and a privately operated restaurant. The course is adjacent to Sylvan Glen Lake Park (see page 62) and is used for cross-country skiing when weather permits in the winter months.

Park Amenities (see Figure 22 on page 73)

- A. Restaurant and Pro shop
- B. Parking, (357 spaces, 12 accessible)



Figure 22: Sylvan Glen Golf Course



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Troy Farm

Address: 3305 South Blvd W

Acres: 71

Special Features: Historic buildings, Senior Garden, natural areas

The Troy Farm is a historic farm located in the northwest corner of the City. A farmhouse, built in 1898 and two barns, built between 1826 and 1830, also grace the site. The Community Gardens, with 96 ground-level gardening plots and 9 raised beds, are available to rent and are located near the barns. A gravel parking lot accommodates approximately 20 vehicles.

The site includes rustic trails in meadows east of the farm and community gardens. The trails are open to the public for running. Since 2018, the Farm has hosted the “Run for Nature” 5K run. Proceeds from the event help to fund events and programs at the Stage Nature Center.

Park Amenities

- A. Parking, gravel lot (approx. 20 spaces)
- B. Historic buildings
- C. Community Gardens

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

Address: 6685 Coolidge Hwy

Acres: 23

Special Features: Nature center, walking trails

The Stage Nature Center provides residents with the opportunity to learn about and enjoy the natural environment, offering nature-oriented facilities and programming. The site features passive recreation areas, the Nature Center building, nature trails, pond, picnic area, and a wooded area. Programs and building activities are operated by the Troy Nature Society.

Park Amenities

- D. Fox Trail
- E. Bluebird Trail
- F. Blackbird Loop
- G. Nature Center Building
- H. Sugar Shed
- I. Parking, (57 spaces, 2 accessible)
- J. Sugar Maple Loop



Image source: Tripadvisor

Figure 23: Troy Farm / Stage Nature Center



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P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park

Address: 3410 Livernois

Acres: 19

Special Features: Daisy Knight Dog Park, Troy Trail

The Daisy Knight Dog Park, part of the larger P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park, was opened to the public in 2017. Dog park users must have a membership, but membership is open to both Troy residents and non-residents. The dog park features shelters and picnic tables on both the large and small dog areas, double gated entry, and water fountains for dogs and humans.

A Planned Unit Development adjacent to the park helped to pave the way for the dog park's construction. Drainage issues were addressed and potable water added to the park in 2019. Phase I of the Troy Trail runs through the park on its way north to Wattles Road.

Park Amenities

- A. Troy Trail, Phase I (6200 feet / 1.2 miles)
- B. Daisy Knight Dog Park
- C. Parking (56 spaces, 3 accessible)
- D. Restroom w/ drinking fountain, bike repair station



Figure 24: P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park



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Troy Historic Village

Address: 60 W Wattles Rd
Acres: 5
Special Features: Museum, historic buildings and programming

The Troy Historical Society, established as a 501.c.3 nonprofit corporation, administers the Troy Historic Village through a renewable management agreement. Troy Historical Society provides engaging education and enrichment programs at the city-owned Troy Historic Village as well as outreach programs for schools and adult groups. Nearly 30,000 guests visit the Village each year, including 15,000 students, chaperones, and teachers from public, private and charter schools in southeast Michigan. The Troy Historical Society is committed to expanding awareness of the Village as an outstanding center for history education, arts and culture and inclusive community engagement.

- Park Amenities
- A. Parsonage
 - B. Old Troy Church
 - C. Wagon Shop
 - D. Town Hall
 - E. Print Shop
 - F. General Store
 - G. Troy Township Hall / Museum
 - H. Poppleton School
 - I. Caswell House
 - J. Log Cabin
 - K. Niles-Barnard House
 - L. Parking (35 spaces, 3 accessible)



Figure 25: Troy Historic Village



Urban Green Space

Phillip J. Huber Park

Address: 3500 Civic Center Drive

Acres: 31

Special Features: Nature trail with exercise stations

Phillip J. Huber Park is part of the larger Civic Center complex which includes government buildings, the Aquatic Center, skate park, and Community Center. The boundaries of the park include a 27-acre natural area with a 1.4-mile long network of trails. The groomed earth trails include basic fitness equipment for pull-ups and similar exercises. While the trails and exercise stations provide physical fitness opportunities, the primary benefit of the park is preservation of one of the few remaining large wooded parcels in the City.

Park Amenities

- A. Nature / Exercise Trails
- B. Parking (shared with Aquatic Center, 389 spaces, 11 accessible)



Figure 26: Phillip J. Huber Park



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North Glen Park

Address: 6500 Elmoor Drive

Acres: 10

Special Features: Natural area

North Glen Park is an undeveloped, heavily wooded park surrounded by residential areas. There are no parking facilities or other amenities. Site is accessible only by unmaintained dirt pathways which cross the woods. Access points can be found at Whiting, Elmoor, and Herbmoor Drives.

Park Amenities

- A. Unimproved trails



Figure 27: North Glen Park



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Schroeder Park

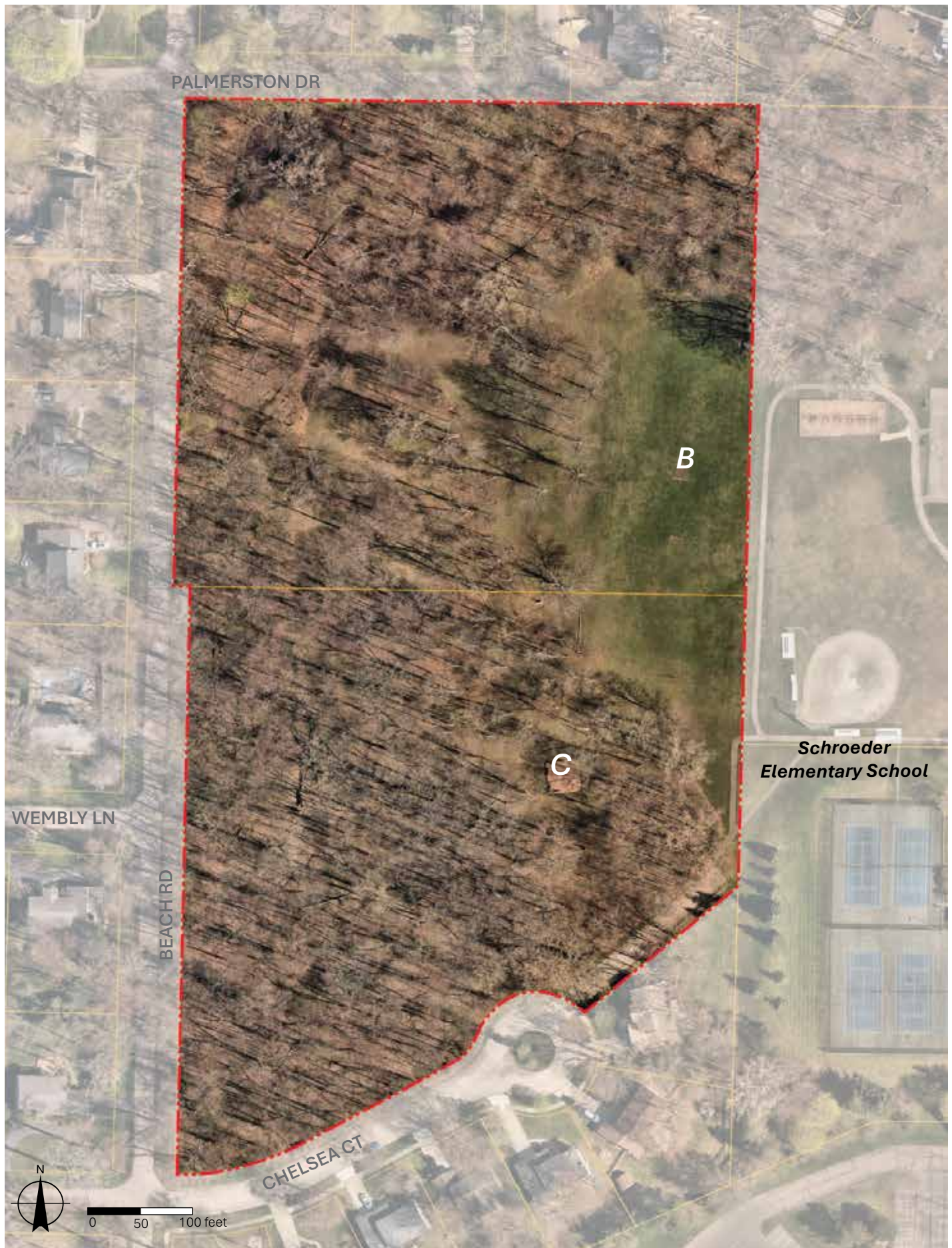
Address: 3500 Beach Road
Acres: 12
Special Features: Natural area

Schroeder park consists of 10 acres of woods with rustic pathways throughout. A small patch of open grass is used for two small soccer fields. The site is adjacent to Schroeder Elementary which also maintains a ball diamond and play equipment. Schroeder Park has no dedicated parking.

- Park Amenities
- A. Unimproved trails
 - B. Soccer fields
 - C. Sand box



Figure 28: Schroeder Park



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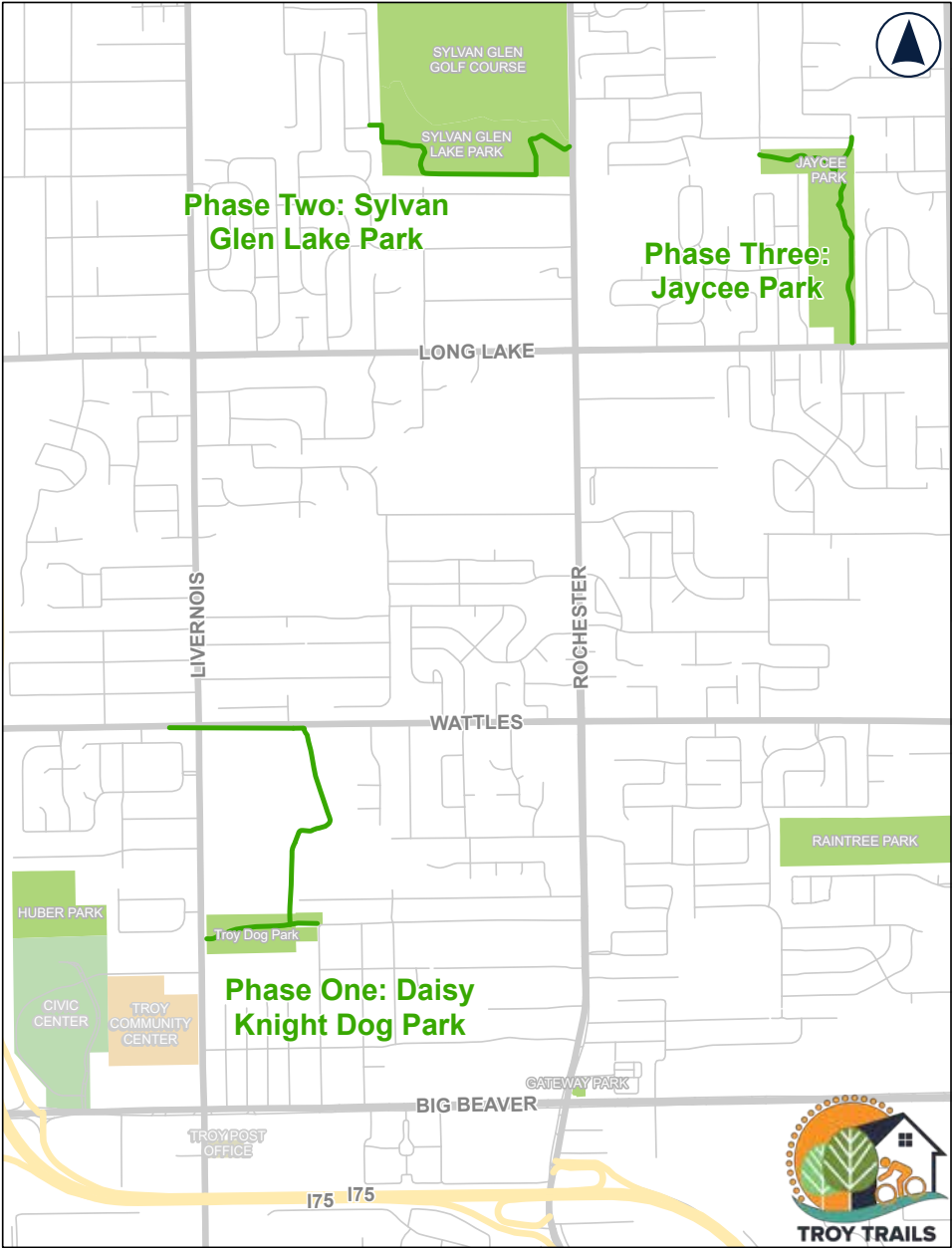
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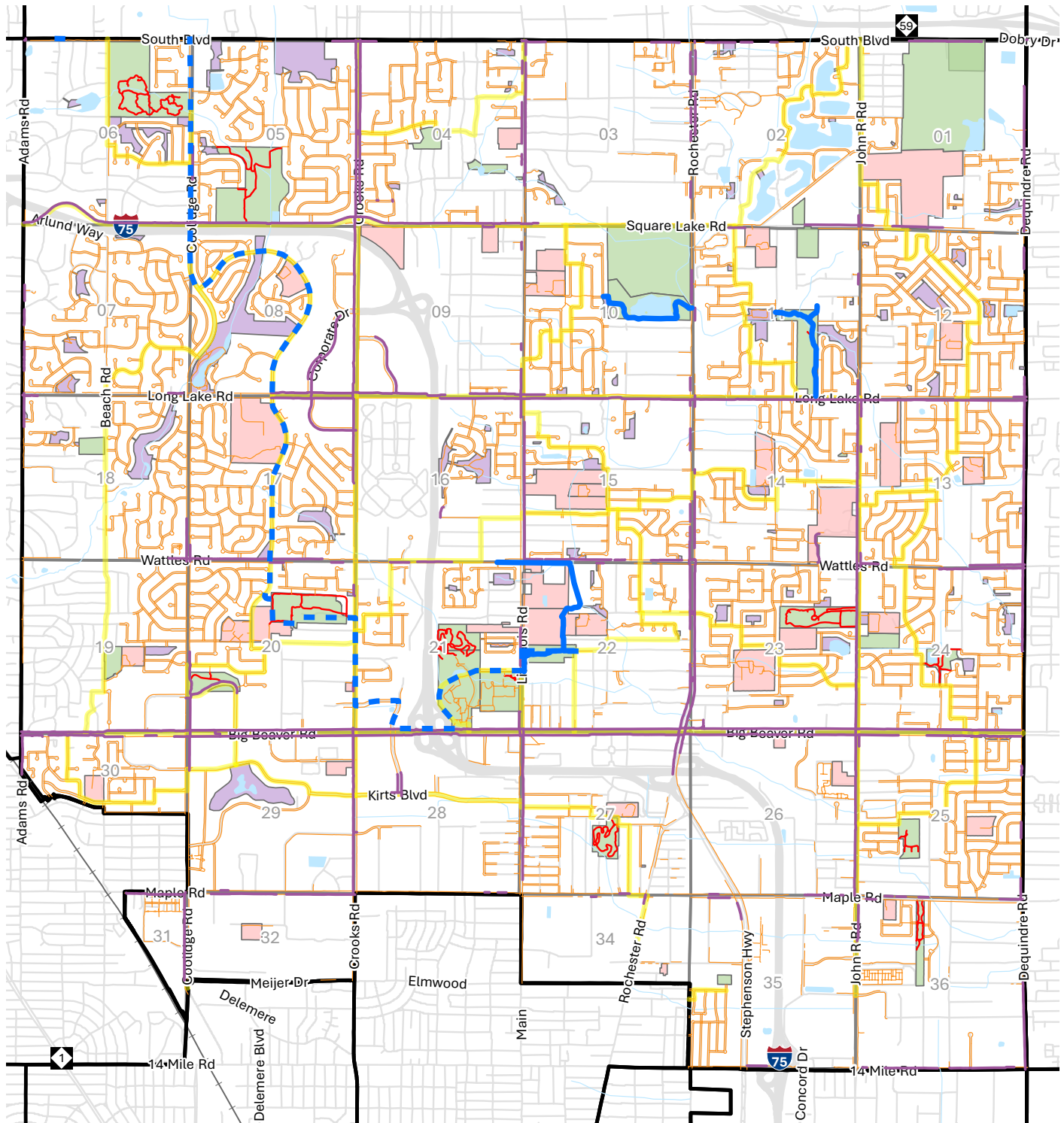
Troy residents have access to a variety of non-motorized transportation options, including over 480 miles of sidewalks, 54 miles of side paths (wider sidewalks, typically 8-foot wide, found along major roads), and over 10 miles paths within the City’s parks. These facilities make it possible for residents to travel from home to schools, shops, or other destinations without needing to access a car. Unfortunately, there are many gaps in the system, and not every neighborhood has sidewalks. The City’s 2009 Trails and Pathways Master Plan (see page 129) provides a vision for trail and pathway development in the community, and helped to inform development project currently underway.

Beginning in 2020, the City began development of the Troy Trails. Largely contained within park boundaries, the first three phases of the project span 2.75 miles in Jaycee, Sylvan Glen Lake, and P. Terry and Barbara Knight Parks. The City used a combination of grant funds and strategic property acquisitions and sales to obtain the necessary easements required to house the alignments.

Figure 29: Troy Trails



Map 3: Non-motorized Facilities

**Parks**

- City of Troy Facility
- Educational Facility
- Private Owner

Facility Types

- Trail, Existing (Troy Trails), Asphalt, 10-foot width
- Trail, Proposed
- Park Path, Surface & width varies
- Sidepath, Concrete, 8-foot width
- Sidewalk, Concrete, 5 to 6-foot typical
- Route, recommended on-street bicycle alignments based on low-speeds and relative light traffic levels. No official markings or signage installed at this time.

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School and Private Recreation Facilities

As in many communities in Michigan, local school districts provide a valuable resource of facilities and programs for community recreation. The Troy School District operates twelve elementary, four middle and two high schools within the City. These schools occupy about 390 acres of land. In addition to the schools, the Troy School District has other properties in the City, including the Troy Continuing Education Building, the Administration Building, a bus garage, and several vacant properties.

The Troy School District covers most of the City, although small segments along its perimeter are served by six other school districts. Three of these school districts, Avondale School District, Birmingham School District, and Warren Consolidated Schools, have elementary schools in Troy.

School campuses are designed and maintained chiefly to meet the recreation needs of the children during school hours. While school campuses can provide recreation opportunities for nearby residents as well, access is necessarily limited to times when class is not in session. For sections of the City that do not have a municipal park, a school site can serve as a surrogate park. Schools also have indoor facilities that are available to the public on a restricted basis. Facility rental information can be obtained at <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/departments/building-operations/facility-rentals>.

Table 19: School Recreation Amenities

District	Community	Acres	Play equipment	Swings	Climbers, slides	Tennis courts	Basketball courts	Multi-use court	Shuffleboard	Baseball/Softball	Football	Soccer	Multi-use field	Running track (outdoor)	Trails / Sidewalks	Cafeteria or Gym	Nature area	Pool	Indoor track	Auditorium	Meeting rooms
Troy Public Schools	Barnard Elementary 3601 Forge Dr	17	2	3	Y		5	2		1			1		2100	1					
	Bemis Elementary 3571 Northfield Pkwy	20	3	4	Y		5	3		1			1		3700	1					
	Costello Elementary 1333 Hamman Dr	23	2	4	Y		1	1		2			1		3625	1					
	Hamilton Elementary 5625 Northfield Pkwy	20	2	4	Y		4	3		1		2	2		2470	1					
	Hill Elementary 4600 Forsyth Dr	12	1	3	Y		4		2	1			1		2300	1					
	Leonard Elementary 4401 Tallman Dr	30	4	4	Y		4	2		1			1		1280	1	1				
	Martell Elementary 5666 Livernois Rd	30	2	2	Y		2	1		3		1	1		2500	1					
	Morse Elementary 475 Cherry Ave	9	4	2	Y		2	2		1			1		950	1					
	Schroeder Elementary 3541 Jack Dr	10	2	2	Y					1					1570	1					

Table 17: School Recreation Amenities (continued)

District	Community	Acres	Play equipment	Swings	Climbers, slides	Tennis courts	Basketball courts	Multi-use court	Shuffleboard	Baseball/Softball	Football	Soccer	Multi-use field	Running track (outdoor)	Trails / Sidewalks	Cafeteria or Gym	Nature area	Pool	Indoor track	Auditorium	Meeting rooms
Troy Public Schools	Troy Union Elementary 1340 E Square Lake Rd	30	2	2	Y		2	2				1			1500	1					
	Wass Elementary 2240 Willard Dr	22	2	2	Y		2	2		1		1			2650	1					
	Wattles Elementary 3555 Ellenboro Ave	15	3	6	Y		4		2	1			1		2060	1					
	Baker Middle / Int'l Academy East 1359 Torpey Rd	38					2			1	1			1	3000	1		1			
	Boulan Park Middle 3570 Northfield Pkwy	16										2		1	1300	1		1			
	Larson Middle School 2222 E Long Lake Rd	32								3	1	2	3	1	4400	1		1			
	Smith Middle School 5835 Donaldson Rd	20								2	1			1		1		1			
	Athens High School 4333 John R Rd	50				8				4	2	1	1	1		2		1	1	1	
	Troy High School 4777 Northfield Pkwy	75				8				4	2			1		2	1	1		1	Y
	Troy Continuing Ed Ctr 1522 E Big Beaver Rd	3																			Y
	Troy Preschool 205 W Square Lake Rd	10	1	1																	
Avondale	Woodland Elementary 6465 Livernois	11	2	2	Y		1	1							2330						
B'ham	Pembroke Elementary, 955 N Eton St	10	2	3	Y		2	1		2			1		1380						
Warren	Susick Elementary 2200 Castleton Dr	12	5	4	Y		1	2					2		1700						
Private	Bethany Christian 2601 John R Rd	9	1							2		2									
	Brookfield Academy, 3950 Livernois	3	1																		

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Private Facilities

Private recreation developments provide a valuable service to the community by relieving demand and use pressures on public facilities. Private facilities may be for-profit or non-profit facilities and clubs and can address a wide range of interests. While it is impossible to list every potential private business in a city the size of Troy, we have included Table 9 to provide an overview of some opportunities available to Troy residents.

Churches

In addition to public parks and school facilities, there are over fifty churches in Troy, many of which provide indoor or outdoor recreational opportunities for Troy families.

Subdivision Open Space Areas

Many subdivision developments in Troy have open space common areas. These areas provide passive leisure pursuits and add to the aesthetic quality of the neighborhood. Subdivision open space area in Troy encompasses approximately 250 acres of land. These open spaces typically consist of open grassy areas with trees and wetland areas, although some contain basic recreational facilities such as playgrounds and ball diamonds. They provide passive recreational opportunities and assist in alleviating demand for public parks.

Apartments and Condominium Facilities

Most apartment and condominium developments in Troy have some recreational facilities to serve the needs of the residents. The most common types of facilities provided in these residential complexes are oriented toward adults, such as outdoor pools, clubhouses and tennis courts. Some complexes have playgrounds. The Somerset Park Apartments complex includes a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, playground, community center and outdoor pools.

These recreational facilities address the recreational needs of the residents and alleviate the need for public recreational facilities in the neighborhood.

Gateways and Corridors

Gateways and Corridors provide passive recreation opportunities. The Big Beaver Corridor features sidewalks on both sides, plus a landscaped boulevard. Beach Road is a scenic parkway that includes sidewalks in some areas. Sections of major thoroughfares in Troy have sidewalks on one or both sides of the road.

Table 20: Private Facilities

Facility Name	Facility Type	Address
Rising Phoenix Archery	Archery	3863 Rochester
Stevens Family Baseball Complex	Baseball	1529 Equit Drive
Bowl One	Bowling Center	1639 E. 14 Mile
Escape Entertainment Center	Bowling Center / Arcade	1950 E. Square Lake
Clawson / Troy Elks Club	Community Club	2549 Elliott Drive
Juliart Dance Studios	Dance Studio	83 E Long Lake
Link School of the Arts	Dance Studio	1077 Rankin
Troy Dance Studio	Dance Studio	4963 Rochester
Renaissance Fencing Club	Fencing Club	408 Oliver Street
LA Fitness	Fitness Center	710 E. Big Beaver
Lifetime Fitness	Fitness Center	4700 Investment
Peak Physique Fitness Training	Fitness Center	1071 E Long Lake
Planet Fitness	Fitness Center	2880 W Maple
Planet Fitness	Fitness Center	288 John R Rd
Power House Gym	Fitness Center	2585 Livernois
Troy City Fitness	Fitness Center	4924 John R Rd
Boys and Girls Club of Troy	Gymnasium, playground	3670 John R
Motor City Gymnastics	Gymnastics	192 E Maple
Troy Gymnastics 1 & 2	Gymnastics	1600 W. Maple
Troy Gymnastics 3	Gymnastics	1921 Northwood
Troy Gymnastics 4	Gymnastics/ Aquatics	1311 Maplelawn
Troy Sports Center	Ice Rinks (4), Training Center and Dance Studio	1819 E. Big Beaver
Brazilian Ju-jitsu	Martial Arts	3863 Rochester
Kim's Taekwondo USA	Martial Arts	2903 E. Big Beaver
Krav Maga Detroit	Martial Arts	950 W. Maple Rd Ste D
Troy Black Belt Academy	Martial Arts	5939 John R
Troy Martial Arts	Martial Arts	1881 W. South Blvd.
Troy Racquet Club	Tennis Courts	3400 Civic Center Drive
Explore Yoga	Yoga Center	1417 E Long Lake Rd
Thrive Hot Yoga	Yoga Center	2559 Livernois

Cemeteries

Cemeteries provide passive open space and historical and cultural educational opportunities.

Troy has four publicly-owned cemeteries:

- Troy Union Corners Cemetery, 1199 E. Square Lake Road
- Crooks Road Cemetery, 3701 Crooks Road
- Beach Road Cemetery, 5360 Beach Road
- Perrin Cemetery, 1050 Coolidge Highway

City of Troy Undeveloped Parks

The previous two recreation plans and the 2018 Troy Green Space Report describe several parcels designated as “Undeveloped Parks.” While financial realities and limited funds for park development may limit options for developing these properties at this time, it is important to remember that these parcels represent the some of last public open spaces left in Troy. The City will continue to seek direction regarding preservation of the remaining properties or other utilization of these twelve pieces of land for the betterment of the City.

- Site #1
Parcel #: 88-20-02-451-010
Location: Section 2, north of Square Lake/Willow Grove, west of Kensington Church
Area: 6.5 acres
- Site #2
Parcel #: 88-20-04-476-011 & 012
Location: Section 4, north of Square Lake/Willow Grove, west of Livernois
Area: 1.7 acres
- Site #3
Parcel #: 88-20-09-451-014, 015, 016 & 017
Location: Section 9, north of Long Lake East of I-75.
Area: 2.48 acres
- Site #4
Parcel #: 88-20-10-101-004
Location: Section 10, on Square Lake East of Livernois.
Area: .70 acres

- Site #5
Parcel #: 88-20-10-452-010, 007 & 014
Location: Section 10, on Long Lake between Livernois and Rochester.
Area: 3.04 acres
- Site #6
Parcel #: 88-20-11-201-029
Location: Section 11, south of Square Lake between Rochester and John R.
Area: 14.6 acres
- Site #7
Parcel #: 88-20-15-426-053 & 054
Location: Section 15, on Rochester between Long Lake and Wattles
Area: 5.02 acres
- Site #8
Parcel #: 88-20-16-200-026
Location: Section 16, south of Long Lake east of Livernois.
Area: 14.12 Acres
- Site #9
Parcel #88-20-22-101-041
Location: Section 22, on Wattles between Livernois and Rochester Rd. South side of Wattles
Area: 1.4 acres
- Site #10
Parcel #: 88-20-24-100-041
Location: Section 24, east of John R. between Wattles and Big Beaver.
Area: 6.13 acre
- Site #11
Parcel #: 88-20-25-126-018
Location: Section 25, south of Big Beaver and east of John R.
Area: 5.82 acres

See “Map 6: Natural Features” on page 127, for a graphical representation of these parcels.

Regional Recreation Facilities

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts. These parks provide unique recreation experience for the region’s residents, reducing the need for intensive development in close-to-home parks. Regional facilities are provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Oakland County. There are no regional parks within Troy’s borders, but a number of parks, as depicted on Map 4 on page 94, are within a short drive of the City borders. A list of amenities provided at those sites is described in Table 21 on page 96.



Belle Isle State Park. Image Source: FeliciaFullwood.com

Michigan State Parks

Troy residents have access to four state parks within a half hour drive of the city borders, and another thirteen parks within 45 minutes of home. These state facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-county skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

The nearby parks include:

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- Belle Isle State Park
- Dodge #4 State Park
- Highland Recreation Area
- Holly Recreation Area
- Island Lake Recreation Area
- Maybury State Park
- Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area
- Ortonville Recreation Area
- Pontiac Lake Recreation Area
- Proud Lake Recreation Area
- Seven Lakes State Park
- Wetzel Recreation Area
- William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor



Dodge #4 State Park. Image Source: PureMichigan.com

County Parks

The Oakland County park system consists of 17 parks and more than 6,000 acres of land. The county parks offer year-round recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, swimming, boating, golfing, picnicking, cross-country skiing, and fishing. Oakland County parks include a waterpark and wave pool, two nature centers, three dog parks, five golf courses, a bicycle motocross track, an off-road vehicle park, two campgrounds, and conference and banquet facilities. The two facilities closest to Troy are:

Catalpa Oaks

Located in Southfield, Catalpa Oaks features four soccer fields, playgrounds, including a universally-accessible playscape and swings for all abilities. A pavilion offers picnic table seating for 100 people. A walking path runs along the perimeter of the 25-acre park.

Red Oaks

Red Oaks County Park in Madison Heights has five unique recreational facilities within its 163-acres. These five facilities include a 5.2 acre dog park, a waterpark, 2,400 square-foot log cabin nature center, a golf course, and a new county park in development at what was formerly the city of Madison Heights' Ambassador Park. New playgrounds, trails and restroom facilities are currently being designed.

In addition these two facilities, Oakland County provides nine other parks offering a wide variety of recreation experiences. All are located within a 45-minute drive of the City. They include:

- Glen Oaks (Oakland County)
- Groveland Oaks (Oakland County)
- Highland Oaks County Park (Oakland County)
- Independence Oaks (Oakland County)
- Lyon Oaks (Oakland County)
- Orion Oaks (Oakland County)
- Rose Oaks (Oakland County)
- Springfield Oaks (Oakland County)
- Waterford Oaks (Oakland County)
- White Lake Oaks (Oakland County)

Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park district that encompasses the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston. Since its inception in 1940, the HCMA has obtained over 20,000 acres of park land, all located in the metro Detroit region. The parks provide a variety of outdoor recreation and educational activities including picnicking, hiking, golf, biking, winter sports, water-related activities, horseback riding, and special programs. There are no Metroparks located in Troy, but five are within easy driving distance. They include:

- Indian Springs Metropark
- Kensington Metropark
- Lake St. Clair Metropark
- Stony Creek Metropark
- Wolcott Mill Metropark

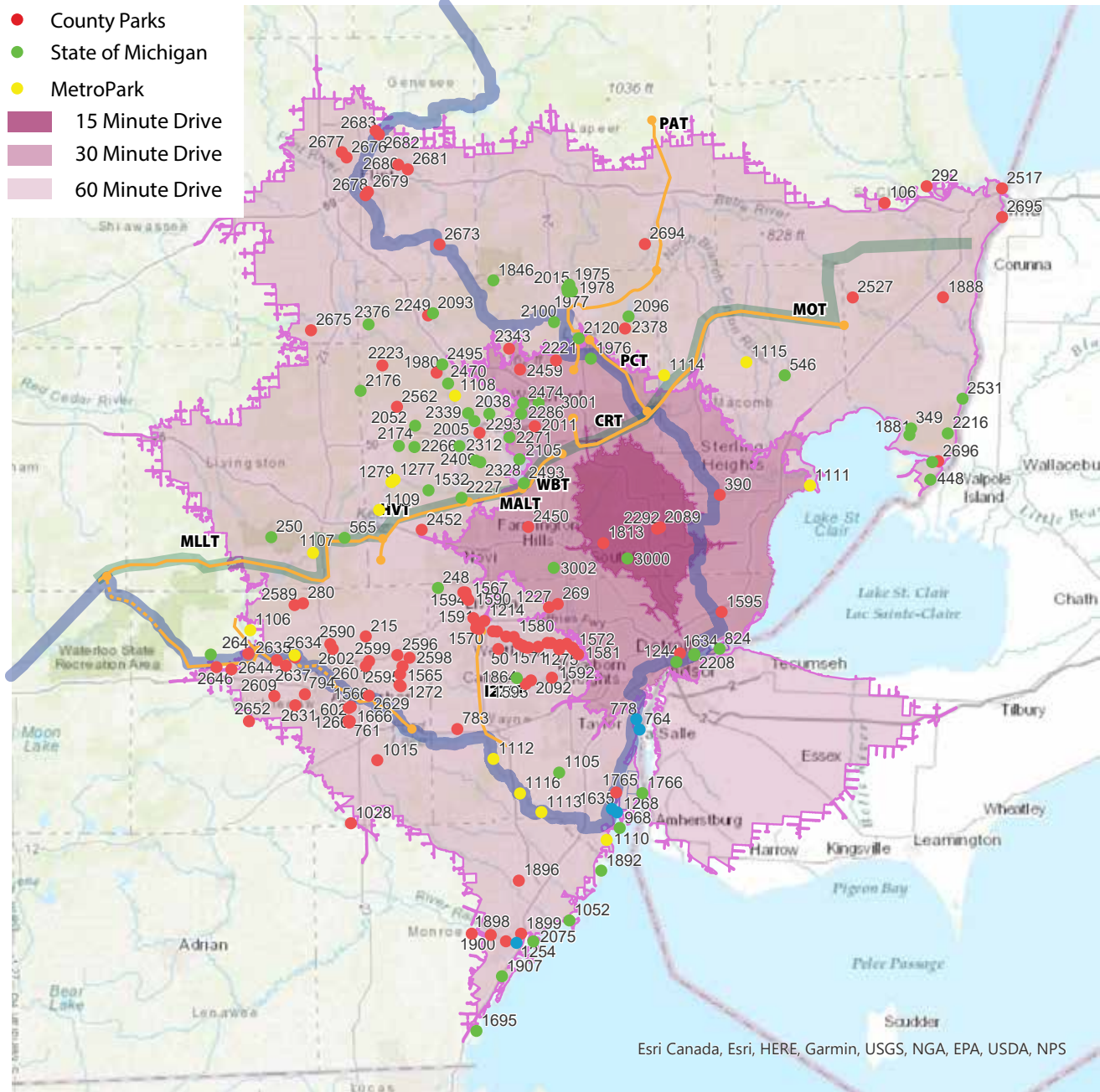


Catalpa Oaks. Image Source: Oakland County



Indian Springs Metropark. Image Source: Reynolds Polymer Tech

Map 4: Regional Parks



MAJOR TRAIL NETWORKS

- Iron Belle Trail
- Great Lake-to-Lake Trail
- Individual Trails

MAJOR INDIVIDUAL TRAILS

- B2B: Border-to-Border Trail
- CRT: Clinton River Trail
- HVT: Huron Valley Trail
- I275T: I-275 Metro Trail
- MALT: Michigan Air Lines Trail
- MLLT: Mike Lavine Lakelands State Trail
- MOT: Macomb-Orchard Trail
- PAT: Polly Ann Trail
- PCT: Paint Creek Trail
- WBT: West Bloomfield Trail

Regional Recreation Facilities

City of Troy
Oakland County, Michigan



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STATE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES

PARKS OR RECREATION AREAS

- 1977 - Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- 824 - Belle Isle Park
- 1244 - Detroit Riverwalk
- 2105 - Dodge Brothers State Park No. 4
- 2266 - Highland State Recreation Area
- 2093 - Holly State Recreation Area
- 248 - Maybury State Park
- 1596 - Michigan Outdoor Adventure Center
- 1846 - Ortonville State Recreation Area
- 2339 - Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- 1532 - Proud Lake State Recreation Area
- 2376 - Seven Lakes State Park
- 546 - Wetzel State Park
- 1244 - William G. Milliken State Park & Harbor

GAME AND/OR WILDLIFE AREAS

- 2495 - Davisburg State Game Area
- 1848 - Horseshoe Lake State Game Area

LAKE ACCESS / BOAT LAUNCHES

- 2470 - Big Lake
- 2312 - Cedar Island
- 2271 - Crescent Lake
- 2474 - Lake Oakland
- 2120 - Lake Orion
- 2096 - Lakeville
- 2038 - Maceday
- 2493 - Orchard
- 2100 - Paint Lake
- 2005 - Pontiac Lake
- 2176 - Tipsico Lake
- 2328 - Union Lake
- 2052 - White Lake
- 2227 - Wolverine Lake

HURON CLINTON METROPARKS

- 1108 - Indian Springs
- 1109 - Kensington
- 1111 - Lake St. Clair
- 1114 - Stony Creek
- 1115 - Wolcott Mills

COUNTY PARKS

OAKLAND COUNTY

- 2378 - Addison Oaks
- 1813 - Catalpa Oaks
- 2450 - Glen Oaks Golf Course
- 2249 - Groveland Oaks
- 2552 - Highland Oaks & Holly Oaks ORV Park
- 2343 - Independence Oaks
- 2452 - Lyon Oaks
- 3000 - Oak Park Woods
- 2221 - Orion Oaks
- 3001 - Pontiac Oaks
- 2292 - Red Oaks
- 2223 - Rose Oaks
- 3002 - Southfield Oaks
- 1980 - Springfield Oaks
- 2011 - Waterford Oaks
- 2293 - White Lake Oaks

GENESSEE COUNTY

- 2673 - Atlas County Park
- 2683 - Bluebell Beach County Park
- 2685 - Bluegill Boat Launch
- 2688 - Buell Lake County Park
- 2684 - Crossroads Village
- 2681 - Davison Roadside Park
- 2677 - Flint Lake Park
- 2674 - Flushing County Park
- 2680 - For-Mar Nature Preserve
- 2690 - Holloway Reservoir Park
- 2675 - Linden County Park
- 2676 - Max Brandon Park
- 2678 - McKinley Park
- 2687 - Mounds ORV Area
- 2689 - Richfield County Park
- 2682 - Stepping Stone Falls Cty Park
- 2679 - Thread Lake Park

LAPEER COUNTY

- 2694 - General Squier Memorial Park
- 2693 - Torzewski County Park

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

- 2165 - Fillmore County Park
- 2166 - Lutz County Park

MACOMB COUNTY

- 390 - Freedom Hill County Park

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

- 2668 - Geeck Road County Park
- 2670 - Kerby County Park
- 2671 - Lytle Road County Park
- 2672 - Shiatown County Park

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

- 1888 - Camp Otsiketa
- 2527 - Columbus County Park
- 106 - Goodells County Park

WAYNE COUNTY

- 1227 - Bell Creek County Park
- 1594 - Bennett Arboretum
- 1214 - Hines County Park
- 269 - Lola Valley County Park
- 1595 - Wayne County Family Aquatic Center

Table 21: Regional Park Amenities

Category	Name	Acres / miles	ACTIVE-USE ACTIVITIES										PASSIVE-USE ACTIVITIES													
			Baseball / Softball Fields	Basketball	Disc Golf	Golf	Horseshoes / Shuffleboard	Sand Volleyball	Skate Park	Soccer / multi-purpose field	Tennis & Pickleball	Zip Line	Banquet Facilities / Spec Events	Visitors Center	Community Center/ Indoor Fac.	Fitness Center / Equipment	Michigan State Park Explorer	Nature Programs	Geocaching	Metal Detecting	Dog Parks / Trial Course	Pet Friendly Area	Playground	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Radio Control Flying
STATE PARKS	Bald Mountain Rec Area	4,637			•													•	•			•	•	•	•	
	Belle Isle State Park	982								•							•	•			•	•	•			•
	Detroit Riverwalk	84																								•
	Dodge #4 State Park	139																		•	•	•	•			
	Highland State Rec Area	5,900										•							•	•			•	•	•	•
	Holly State Rec Area	8,000			•										•		•	•		•	•	•			•	
	Maybury State Park	1,000																			•	•	•			•
	Michigan Adventure Center	0.5										•	•			•										
	Ortonville Recreation Area	5,340																								
	Pontiac Lake State Park	3,745														•						•	•	•	•	•
	Proud Lake State Rec Area	4,700														•				•	•	•				
	Seven Lakes State Park	1,434																			•	•	•			
	Wetzel State Rec Area	900																								
	WG Milliken State Park	31														•							•	•		
METROPARKS	Indian Springs	2,547														•	•			•	•	•				•
	Kensington	4,543			•	•	•	•		•		•				•	•			•	•	•				•
	Lake St. Clair	770		•			•			•								•	•		•	•	•			•
	Stony Creek	4,461			•							•														
	Wolcott Mill	2,625																								
COUNTY PARKS	Addison Oaks	300			•		•	•				•						•			•	•	•			•
	Catalpa Oaks	24	•						•									•					•	•		
	Glen Oaks Golf Course	122				•						•														
	Groveland Oaks	361	•				•		•												•	•	•			
	Highland Oaks	302																•				•				
	Holly Oaks ORV Park	235																								
	Independence Oaks	1,286	•				•					•				•	•				•	•	•			
	Lyon Oaks	1,041				•			•			•					•		•	•	•	•	•			
	Oak Park Woods	17																			•		•			
	Orion Oaks	916															•		•	•		•				
	Pontiac Oaks	77																			•					
	Red Oaks Golf Course	141				•			•							•			•	•	•	•	•			
	Rose Oaks	640															•					•				
	Southfield Oaks	39																								•
	Springfield Oaks Golf Course	333				•						•														
	White Lake Oaks Golf Course	195				•						•														
TRAILS	Clinton River	16 mi																								
	Macomb Orchard	24 mi																								
	Milford	8.6 mi																								
	Paint Creek	8.9 mi																								
	Polly Ann	14.5 m																								
	West Bloomfield	6.8 mi																								

	TRAILS						WATER / BOATING				WINTER SPORTS				CAMPING AMENITIES										HUNTING				Table of Contents	Executive Summary	Goals & Objectives	Action Plan	Needs Assessment & Public Participation	Recreation Inventory	Administrative Structure	Community Background
	Hiking	Biking	Bike Rental	Mountain Biking / BMX Course	Equestrian	Off-Road ORV Trails	Swimming / Beach	Splash Pad / Pool / Water Slide	Paddlesports	Boat Rental	Boat Launch	Snowshoeing	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Ice Skating / Hockey	Sledding	Equestrian Camping	Electrical Service	Winter Camping	Concession Store / Food	Cabins And Lodges	Rustic Site	Group Use Area	Walk-In / Paddle-In Sites	Vault Toilet	Modern Restrooms	Sanitation Station	Shooting Range								
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Recreation Programming

Troy residents have the opportunity to participate in an array of classes and programs. Programs are offered by the Community Center, Troy Senior Center, Stage Nature Center, Troy Historic Village, Troy Public Library, and Troy Continuing Education Center among others, and are held at locations throughout the City.

Troy Community Center

Troy Community Center Membership for the Community Center are provided in three tiers:

- Basic: Gives unlimited access to fitness area, gymnasium, indoor pool, and locker rooms
- All-Access: Provides access to over 70 group fitness classes per week, plus unlimited access to fitness area, gym, indoor pool, and locker rooms
- Matinee: Provides discounted rates from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Memberships are available on a monthly or annual level. Pricing is age based, again in three tiers: Adults 18 - 59, Youth 3 to 17, and Senior 60+. A premium is added to membership rates for non-residents.

The facility also offers personal training, banquet/room rentals, senior center, and DMC Medical Center.



Fitness Classes

Over 70 class offerings per week. Some class examples are:

- Cardio Circuit
- Dance Fitness
- Zumba
- Slow Flow Yoga
- Core Strength and Mobility
- Cycling
- Pound

Rainbow Preschool

Located in the Community Center, Rainbow Preschool courses offer a nurturing, play-based learning environment that fosters your child's creativity, social skills, and overall development, while ensuring a strong foundation to their future success. Half day options and parent and tot programs available.

Adult Sport Programs

The City of Troy offers numerous adult sport leagues including basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, pickleball lessons, pickleball clinics and pickleball ladders.

Youth Sports Programs

The City of Troy offers numerous youth sports programs including basketball leagues, Sanchin-Ryu Karate, and Coach Dave Classes.

Enrichment Classes

Premiere Dance Program, Irish Dance, ice skating lessons, art classes, and STEM Classes are offered throughout the year.

Adaptive Programming

Adaptive Daytime Friendship Club takes place twice a week from 10am-3pm and has 25 participants each day. A monthly Friday Frolic is also offered and hosts 75 participants. Additional programming includes bowling, special events, Monday Mingle, and field trips.

Troy Family Aquatic Center

Open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, the Troy Family Aquatic Center Memberships are also provided in three tiers:

- Sand Dollar: Daily admission to Aquatic Center (No guaranteed entry if at capacity.)
- Harvey's Oasis Pass: includes daily admission and guaranteed entry if at capacity, entrance into the park 30 minutes before open swim, discounts on concessions and cabanas, free entry into special events, and free use of the Community Center Indoor Pool if the Aquatic Center closes for the day.
- Sailor Pass: Includes Harvey's Oasis Pass Benefits and a Basic Membership at the Troy Community Center Fitness Center.

The facility also offers concessions, cabana rentals, birthday parties, special events, private rentals, dog swim, and special daily discounts.

Aquatics Programs

Aquatics classes and programs are held at both the Troy Family Aquatic Center (summer months) and at the Community Center (year round). Offerings include water aerobics, kiddie swim times, group swim lessons for all ages, private swim lessons, and special open swim hours during school breaks.



The Rink at Stine Community Park

This facility is operated by the Recreation Department and is available for roller blading during the summer. The ice rink is available from December – early March and is staffed during the season. Ice skates are available for rental and it is open varied hours seven days a week. Concessions (coffee and hot chocolate) is available on weekends for purchase.

Camps (Summer)

- Preschool Camps: four options during summer
- Safety Town: eight options
- Day Camp: eight full week options for 5-7 year olds and 8-12 year olds.
- Art Camp: eight options
- Fame Performing Arts Camp : Three options
- Sports Camps in partnership with the Troy School District: 44 options
- Teen Camps: 14 full week options
- STEM, Challenge Island, and Esports Ultimate Gaming Camps are also offered.



Senior Center

Troy Senior Center is an open space for all seniors ages 50+ to gather and socialize, or participate in organized recreational programs together. The space was formally introduced as the Senior Center in the Fall of 2024. The main room, used for socializing, playing card games, and so on, is available unless a program is scheduled. The TV room, which features a 75-inch TV, offers Movie Mondays, presentations, Tigers game watch parties, and more. The Book Nook in room 402 provides couches, tables, and a variety of books, puzzles, and games. The Game Room offers drop-in play of card games, board games, and puzzles, with games available to borrow on the shelves. Free coffee is provided by Meals on Wheels Monday – Friday, from 8 am–2 pm. Congregate Hot Lunch is served Monday–Friday, 11:45 am–12:30 pm

Senior Programs

Senior Programming remains a priority for the Department and Recreation intends to expand the offerings in the future. Below are some of the many program types offered to our community.

- Movie Mondays (Monthly)
 - Prize Bingo (Monthly)
 - Flu and Vaccine Clinic
 - Art Classes
 - Dance Classes
 - Senior Groups and Clubs
 - 50+ Computer Classes
 - Tuesday Tunes (Monthly)
 - Daily Lunch
 - Evening Concerts (Monthly)
 - Seminars/Presentations
 - AARP Safety Driving Class
 - Tax Preparation (FOTS)
 - Pickleball Lessons/Ladders
 - Wellness Lectures
- Fitness Classes
 - DMC Therapy Clinic
 - Extended Trips
 - Day Trips
 - Me and My Grand
 - Coffee Chats
 - After Lunch Brunch
 - Quarterly Birthday Bash
 - Mingle and Meet Events
 - Speed Dating
 - Senior Expo
 - Purse/ Jewelry Sale (FOTS)
 - Spring Fling (FOTS)
 - Fall Pizza Lunch (FOTS)
 - Holiday Lunches and Music

Senior Resources and Assistance

- Hospital Equipment Loan Closet
- Medicare Counseling (FOTS)
- Congregate Hot Lunch
- Meals on Wheels Home Delivery
- Blood Pressure Checks (Monthly)
- Focus Hope Food Distribution
- Computer Disc Erasure
- SHARP: Home Repair
- Troy R.Y.D.E
- Ask an Attorney
- Friends of Troy Seniors
- AgeWays
- Michigan 2-1-1
- Office Hours with Senior Staff
- Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



Special Events

The Recreation Department plans events quarterly. There are up to ten special event offerings per quarter throughout the year. Below are our big annual events that bring in large numbers of the community.

- Midsummer Blast
- Polar Party
- Frightful 5K
- Family Fall Fest
- Evening Concerts
- Family Night Outs
- Ice Skating Events
- Senior Expo

Daisy Knight Dog Park

The Recreation Department handles pass sales and issues that occur at the dog park. Maintenance issues are coordinated to the Parks Department at DPW.

Shelters, Field/Court Use and Special Use Requests

All Shelter, Field, and Court use is coordinated and booked by the Recreation Department. Information regarding these reservations are passed on to the Parks Department so they are able to handle any issues that occur. Special Use requests are requests that are above just a rental. These can include 5K runs, tournaments, school district park use, etc... The Recreation Director must approve these events in order for them to happen.



Troy Recreation Partners

In addition to the programs offered directly by Troy Parks and Recreation, several organizations have partnership agreements to provide specialized programs and other opportunities for Troy residents.

Friends of Troy Seniors (FOTS)

FOTS works with the Recreation Department to provide volunteers for events and offer their own events a few times a year.

The Recreation Department also oversees the management contracts for the below groups for the facilities listed below.

Lloyd Stage Nature Center

The Nature Center daily operations are handled by the Troy Nature Society. The Society offers programming, special events, and reserve the facility and shelter as requested. The facility is open to the public Tuesday – Friday 9am-3pm and Saturday from 10am-4pm. Trails are available from dawn to dusk. Some programs and events they offer are:

- Nature Camps
- Family Workshops
- Maple Syrup Programming
- Owl Encounters / Bat Walks
- Nature Uncorked Event
- Run for Nature Event

Troy Historic Village

The Historic Village daily operations are handled by the Troy Historical Society. The Society offers programming, special events, and reserve the facility as requested. The facility is open to the public Monday – Friday 10am-3pm for a fee or a membership can be purchased. Some programs and events they offer are:

- Traffic Jam
- Constitution Cafes
- Exhibits
- Chedder's Preschool Story Time
- Blacksmithing Classes
- Holiday Events

Sanctuary Lake and Sylvan Glen Golf Courses

The Golf Courses are managed by TROON Golf. They handle daily operations including tee times, pro shop sales, and maintenance at both facilities. They also offer golf camps in the summer for kids. The courses both have 18 holes and Sanctuary Lake also has a driving range that is managed by TROON.

Lease Agreements

The Recreation Department also oversees the lease agreements for the below facilities.

Troy Racquet Club

Offers memberships for a fee, also offers tennis lessons and tournaments.

Camp Ticonderoga

Restaurant located at the Sylvan Glen Golf Course. The contractor works with the golf course to ensure a positive experience for users.

More Sports Organizations in Troy

Although the Recreation Department strives to offer as many programs as possible, there are occasions where it may be more efficient and cost effective for outside organizations to offer and manage certain program offerings. The following are some of the other sports organizations in Troy that handle sports leagues and camps.

Troy Youth Soccer League

Offers soccer league options to the youth of the community.

Troy Baseball Boosters

Offers baseball and softball league and camp options to the youth in the community.

Troy Cowboys Football and Cheer

Offers football and cheerleading options for the youth of the community.



Status Of Grant Assisted Projects

The City of Troy has received six DNR grant awards since 1966, with the most recent coming in 1999. Grant funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreation Bond fund has been instrumental in developing recreation facilities for Troy residents. Table 22 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities.

Troy continually seeks creative forms of financing for park projects. Naming rights, land transactions, and other forms of grant assistance are all tools to be utilized as the City looks to improve upon and expand their parks and recreation facilities in their portfolio.

Table 22: Grant Status

Grant Number	Application Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Status / Condition
26-00054	1966 LWCF	Acquire 27 acres of land for Boulan Park	\$40,800.00	Park is in excellent condition and continues to evolve. New amenities under construction and planned for the future will ensure the park remains popular and heavily used.
26-00322	1972 LWCF	Acquisition of a city wide park site for Raintree Park	\$123,500.00	Park is in excellent condition and continues to evolve. It is highly popular and heavily used.
26-00382	1973 LWCF	Firefighters Park Develop 20 acres to include beachhouse with toilets, change courts, and picnic shelter, along with expanded parking, complete system and man made pond.	\$76,270.90	Park is in excellent condition and continues to evolve. New amenities under construction and planned for the future will ensure the park remains popular and heavily used.
26-00855	1977 LWCF	Raintree Park: develop section 23 for waer main, sanitary sewer, site improvement, 6 bocce courts, 7 shuffleboard courts, and LWCF sign, restroom	\$45,771.46	The bocce ball and shuffleboard courts are no longer at the park, but have been replaced with other amenities over the years. The property is in excellent condition and highly popular.
26-01502	1991 LWCF	Brinston Park expansion: Redevelopment and expansion of Brinston Park including 2 soccer fields, parking, restrooms, ballfield	\$195,372.59	The fields and restroom are in good condition and heavily used. The park remains highly popular.
TF98-157	1999 MNRTF	Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center: Construction of a new nature interpretive center to include improved and expanded teaching, exhibit, lecture, library and office spaces.	\$466,000.00	The Nature Center has become a regional attraction and is a source of pride for the community. It remains in excellent condition and is continually improved to ensure its continued relevancy.

Accessibility Assessment

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing access to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. The City of Troy has done an outstanding job ensuring that their facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and continues to work towards bringing all facilities into compliance.

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system used to evaluate the facilities was developed using New England ADA Center and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association guidelines, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Facilities are assigned a score from 1 to 5, where 1 = none of the elements meet 2010 ADA Standards, and 5 = the facility meets universal design principals.

- Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes few paved areas and facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are accessible but may not be completely barrier free.
- Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are easily accessible.
- Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation. All new park construction projects in the City of Troy will be designed to meet or exceed the most recent requirements of the ADA while existing facilities will be brought into compliance as repair and update work are carried out.

It is important to remember that accessibility refers to more than just mobility issues. Universal design standards take into consideration other factors such as vision, auditory, and cognitive issues as well, so a Level 5 park is rare. It is highly unlikely that a park department could make every property in their system universally accessible, but small steps such as ensuring there are accessible connections to all play equipment, offering more benches with shade, erecting fencing around play structures to accommodate autistic visitors, and using large type on park signage for visually impaired visitors are a few steps that can be taken to improve a park's accessibility.

Table 23 provides the current rank and a brief explanation of deficiencies and/or opportunities for improvement.



Table 23: Accessibility Assessment

Facility	Rank	Description
Beach Road Park	3	Play areas are compliant, but not directly connected to access paths. Sports fields have no direct access. Restrooms are fully compliant.
Beaver Trail Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards. All play equipment is connected to access paths.
Big Beaver Road Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Boulan Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards. Connections to soccer fields and tennis courts could be strengthened.
Brinston Park	4	Connections are provided to all amenities although the routes could be strengthened for the basketball and tennis courts. All equipment ADA compliant.
Donald J Flynn Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Firefighters Park	3	Some amenities meet accessibility standards. The eastern side of the park remains largely inaccessible. Bridge thresholds were barriers for wheelchair use.
Gateway Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Jaycee Park	3	Accessible routes not available to softball fields or sandbox. New play equipment is a significant improvement.
Lloyd A Stage Nature Center	3	Nature Center is ADA compliant, but rustic trails are not accessible. One additional accessible parking space must be added.
Milverton Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
North Glen Park	1	No access to the park.
P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards. Connections to the dog park shelters can be improved.
Philip Huber Park	1	Outdoor trails are rustic and not accessible.
Raintree Park	3	Ball field and disc golf course are not accessible.
Redwood Park	3	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Robinwood Park	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards. Trail should be extended to volleyball court.
Sanctuary Lake Golf Course	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Schroeder Park	1	Rustic trails through woods and lack of connection to soccer fields.
Stine Community Park	5	Designed to be universally accessible
Sylvan Glen Golf Course	4	While the park was not specifically designed for disabled users, it meets all accessibility standards.
Sylvan Glen Lake Park	4	New playground and picnic shelter fully compliant. Access to lake can be improved.
Troy Community Center	5	Meets or exceeds all ADA design standards.
Troy Family Aquatic Center	5	Meets or exceeds all ADA design standards.
Troy Farm	2	Handicapped spaces and raised beds provided, but gravel parking lot and packed earth trails are not accessible.
Troy Historic Village	3	Paths are accessible, but historic buildings cannot be modified to be compliant.
Troy Public Library	3	Existing facility is an older building and includes some structural deficiencies. New building will meet or exceed all ADA design standards.
Troy Racquet Club	4	Meets all ADA design standards.

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Administration

Parks and recreation services in Troy are provided primarily by the City government and the Troy School District. The City owns and maintains seventeen parks, five special use facilities, and operates a year-round recreation program. The recreation program is administered by the Recreation Department. The Troy School District currently maintains nineteen sites on which recreation facilities are located. The Director of Operations is responsible for developing and maintaining the school sites and other facilities. The School District and City cooperate with each other on an informal basis to maximize the use of school and park sites. In certain cases, formal agreements have been drafted to develop and use recreation facilities. In the past, the City constructed ball and soccer fields on school property; these fields were maintained by the school district.

Parks and Recreation History

Troy Parks and Recreation was dramatically impacted by the Great Recession. Since 2007, “quality of life” departments, including the former Parks and Recreation Department, were reconfigured in an effort to reduce expenditures and enable the departments to continue functioning.

Funding for quality of life services and venues was eliminated before public safety and infrastructure. Closing of venues, including the Troy Historic Village, Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, and the Troy Community Center, were averted by a move to public-private partnerships. The Troy Historical Society (THS) assumed operations of the Troy Historic Village, the Troy Nature Society (TNS) assumed operations of the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, while Troy voters approved a special millage that allowed the Troy Public Library to remain in operation.

Beginning 2012, parks and recreation functions were reorganized, with **Recreation** now functioning as an independent department under the Director of Economic and Community Development, while **Parks** was reorganized as a division of the Department of Public Works under supervision of the Parks, Streets and Drains Superintendent. The Recreation Department was given instruction to maintain programmatic cost neutrality. Programs that did not cover costs were no longer offered, fees were raised on some programs, and some programs were absorbed by non-municipal organizations. Figure 30 on page 108 shows the City’s current organizational structure.

Project Financing

Troy Parks and Recreation has utilized creative financing models to help fund recent park and trail developments. A public/private partnership was used to help the City meet a goal of obtaining 80% of development costs from outside funding sources to fund development of the P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park (including the Daisy Knight Dog Park).

The City entered into a Planned Urban Development agreement with NorthPoint Development to allow the construction of new senior housing south of the proposed park. NorthPoint agreed to finance parking lot lighting, landscaping, and snow removal costs, construction of a stormwater detention pond and rain garden, and pathways along Livernois. NorthPoint also made a cash donation in the amount of \$50,000 towards the project.

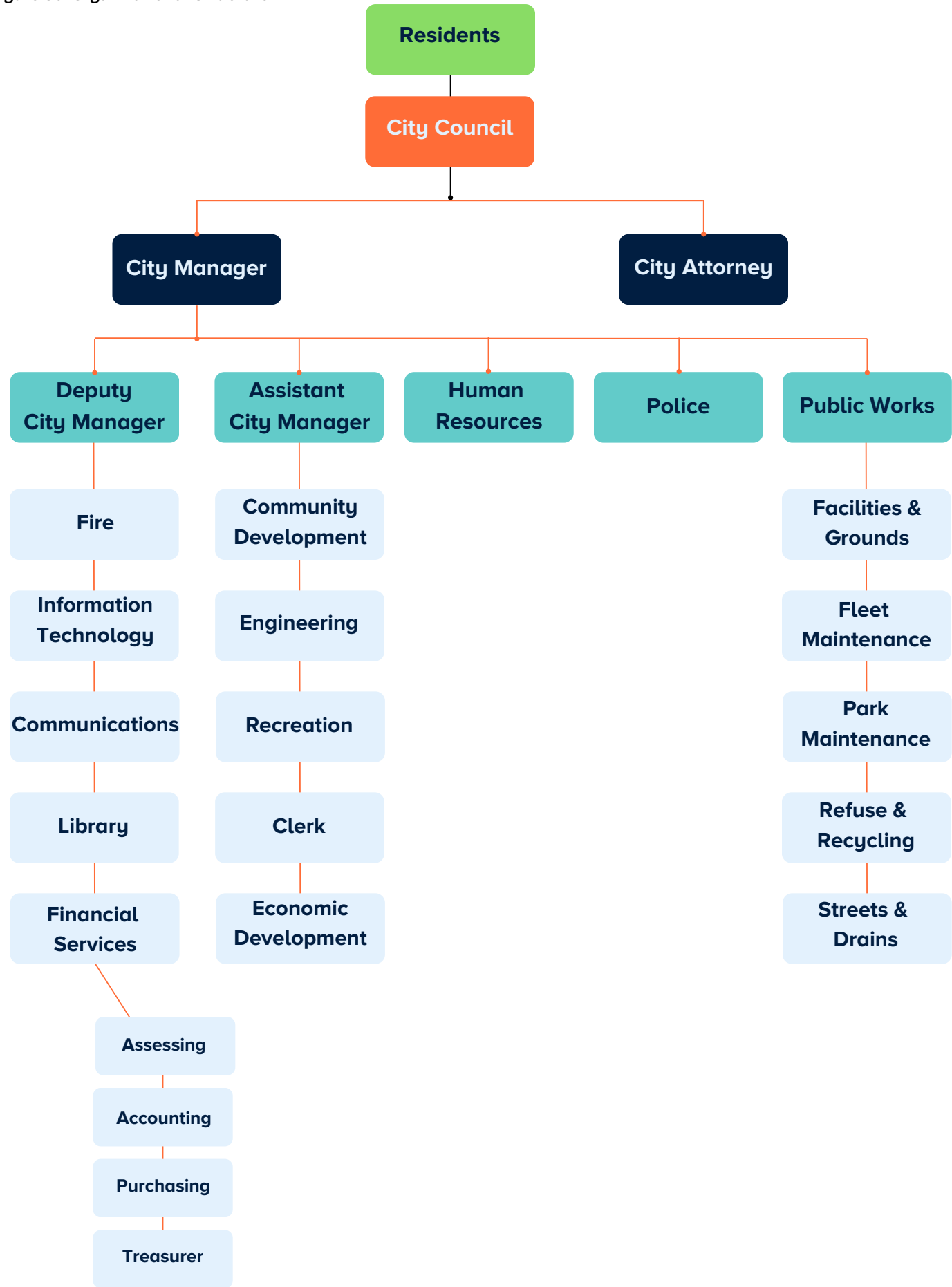
Additionally, a policy change by City Council in March of 2016 enabled memorial naming rights for individuals or groups who donated a minimum of 60% of development costs. This policy change led to a \$100,000 donation by Barbara Knight, and the subsequent naming of a new property as the P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park.

Building on these agreements, the City pursued and obtained easements with Walsh College, Zion Christian Church, and the Oakland Water Resource Commission to enable the construction of the Troy Trail. The trail, which opened in August 2018, connects from the Civic Center to P. Terry and Barbara Knight Park, continuing north across Wattles Road before ultimately ending at the Troy Historic Village. Subsequent phases of the Trail in Sylvan Glen Lake Park and Jaycee Park utilized Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants to help fund construction.

Similar public/private partnerships continue to be utilized to fund major park projects and assist with programming and operations. As an example, the City entered into an agreement to allow the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) to offer services in the Community Center. Among other services, DMC offers outpatient and orthopedic services as well as physical rehabilitation on site.

A 20-year, \$137 million bond proposal was put forth to voters in 2025 to fund construction of a new library, improve local roads, invest in parks and recreation amenities, and support public safety. \$75 million would go towards the library, while \$17 million is dedicated to parks and recreation improvements. The bond PASSED/FAILED on November 4.

Figure 30: Organizational Structure



City of Troy Administration

The City of Troy was incorporated in 1955 with a council-manager form of government. Appointed by a seven person City Council, the City Manager supervises all departments, except for the City Attorney's Office, and is ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City. There are seven department heads that report directly to the City Manager. Of these direct reports to the City Manager, park services is located under the Director of Public Works, while recreation services falls under the Assistant City Manager.

Park Maintenance is responsible for park site development, maintenance, and facilities preparation for all City parks. The division oversees forestry operations including planting, trimming and tree removal. Division staff also maintains all municipal sites and grounds such as fire stations, boulevards, parks and cemeteries.

The Recreation Department is responsible for the development and maintenance of recreation program schedules, publicity, and operations. Recreation staff coordinates indoor and outdoor facility use and directs part-time personnel who manage program sessions. The Recreation Department also oversees the operation and programming offered at the Troy Community Center as well as aquatics programming through the Aquatics Division.

The Aquatics Division is responsible for the operation and programming of the indoor and outdoor pools. The premier facility associated with Aquatics is the Troy Family Aquatics Center.

The Recreation Department also oversees the services of the City's privately managed, but municipally owned, golf courses Sylvan Glen and Sanctuary Lake. Through contract, Troon Golf is responsible for operations and maintenance of these two courses.

The City contracts with the Troy Nature Society and Troy Historical Society to provide programming at the City's LLoyd A. Stage Nature Center and Troy Historic Village throughout the year. Programming includes classes and special events.

To provide City Council with parks and recreation service recommendations, a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, consisting of eight members who are appointed by council, meet with the department administrators to review ongoing programs, facilities, and other related matters. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board operates in adherence to Chapter 27 of the City of Troy Municipal Code.

The Recreation Department hired a Recreation Supervisor in September 2017 to specifically address the needs of the growing Senior (ages 50+) population. This person oversees development of quarterly newsletter, email promotion e-newsletter, additional programming, program surveys and stats, liaison with Friends of Troy Seniors volunteer group, expanded travel programs, and additional free programs.

Troy School District Administration

The Troy School District operates under the guidance of an elected school board. The top administrative officers in the school district are the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. As mentioned above, Recreation Department and Department of Public Works maintain a cooperative relationship with the Troy School District.

Parks and Recreation Budgets

The City of Troy's Park and Recreation Departments are funded primarily through the general fund. However, golf functions operate as enterprise funds. The tables beginning on page 110 and running through page 114 summarize the Departments' 2022 - 2025 budget histories, adopted budgets for 2026, and proposed budgets through 2028.

Table 24: Aquatic Center Fund

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted*	2027 Forecast*	2028 Forecast*
REVENUE							
587.000 - Aquatic Center Fund, Revenue	\$748,427.01	\$576,969.40	\$584,506.86	\$647,444.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Totals	\$748,427.01	\$576,969.40	\$584,506.86	\$647,444.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES							
587.787 - Aquatic Center Fund, Aquatic Center	\$698,316.75	\$603,828.56	\$678,507.81	\$802,578.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
587.789 - Aquatic Center Fund, Aquatic Center Capital	\$3,785.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$173,231.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Totals	\$748,427.01	\$576,969.40	\$584,506.86	\$647,444.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Totals	\$702,102.15	\$603,828.56	\$678,507.81	\$975,810.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Total: AQUATIC CENTER FUND	\$46,324.86	\$(26,859.16)	\$(94,000.95)	\$(328,365.95)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$748,427.01	\$576,969.40	\$584,506.86	\$647,444.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Grand Totals:	\$702,102.15	\$603,828.56	\$678,507.81	\$975,810.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Grand Totals:	\$46,324.86	\$(26,859.16)	\$(94,000.95)	\$(328,365.95)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*The Aquatic Center was an Enterprise Account and has been moved into the General Recreation fund as of the 2026 Fiscal Year.

Table 25: Capital Projects Fund

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
EXPENDITURES							
401.756.752 - Capital Projects Fund, Recreation Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
401.756.755 - Capital Projects Fund, Recreation, Community Center	\$2,785,733.33	\$3,005,185.77	\$1,873,793.45	\$404,457.83	\$1,430,000.00	\$9,905,000.00	\$55,000.00
401.756.787 - Capital Projects Fund, Recreation, Aquatic Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$200,000.00	\$1,575,000.00	\$3,250,000.00
401.771 - Capital Projects Fund, Nature Center	\$31,736.23	\$59,217.29	\$26,214.56	\$21,100.00	\$40,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$60,000.00
Revenue Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Totals	\$2,817,469.56	\$3,064,403.06	\$1,900,008.01	\$425,557.83	\$1,670,000.00	\$11,650,000.00	\$3,365,000.00
Fund Total: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ (2,817,469.56)	\$ (3,064,403.06)	\$ (1,900,008.01)	\$ (425,557.83)	\$ (1,670,000.00)	\$ (11,650,000.00)	\$ (3,365,000.00)
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Grand Totals:	\$2,817,469.56	\$3,064,403.06	\$1,900,008.01	\$425,557.83	\$1,670,000.00	\$11,650,000.00	\$3,365,000.00
Net Grand Totals:	\$ (2,817,469.56)	\$ (3,064,403.06)	\$ (1,900,008.01)	\$ (425,557.83)	\$ (1,670,000.00)	\$ (11,650,000.00)	\$ (3,365,000.00)

Table 26: Historic Village Fund

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
EXPENDITURES							
101.804.802 - General Fund, Museum, Historic Village Operations	\$106,000.00	\$137,174.25	\$107,822.75	\$125,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
101.804.804 - General Fund, Museum, Museum Buildings	\$99,799.45	\$87,337.20	\$102,466.31	\$133,272.17	\$144,690.00	\$165,820.00	\$171,580.00
101.804.807 - General Fund, Museum, Museum Grounds	\$26,303.16	\$17,671.87	\$23,536.65	\$37,069.10	\$78,750.00	\$81,080.00	\$83,770.00
Revenue Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Totals	\$232,102.61	\$242,183.32	\$233,825.71	\$295,341.27	\$363,440.00	\$386,900.00	\$395,350.00
Fund Total: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$(232,102.61)	\$(242,183.32)	\$(233,825.71)	\$(295,341.27)	\$(363,440.00)	\$(386,900.00)	\$(395,350.00)
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Grand Totals:	\$232,102.61	\$242,183.32	\$233,825.71	\$295,341.27	\$363,440.00	\$386,900.00	\$395,350.00
Net Grand Totals:	\$(232,102.61)	\$(242,183.32)	\$(233,825.71)	\$(295,341.27)	\$(363,440.00)	\$(386,900.00)	\$(395,350.00)

Table 27: Nature Center Fund

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
EXPENDITURES							
101.771 - General Fund, Nature Center	\$159,821.26	\$176,384.37	\$178,289.82	\$215,640.37	\$225,300.00	\$240,220.00	\$243,440.00
Revenue Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Totals	\$159,821.26	\$176,384.37	\$178,289.82	\$215,640.37	\$225,300.00	\$240,220.00	\$243,440.00
Fund Total: CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$(159,821.26)	\$(176,384.37)	\$(178,289.82)	\$(215,640.37)	\$(225,300.00)	\$(240,220.00)	\$(243,440.00)
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Grand Totals:	\$159,821.26	\$176,384.37	\$178,289.82	\$215,640.37	\$225,300.00	\$240,220.00	\$243,440.00
Net Grand Totals:	\$(159,821.26)	\$(176,384.37)	\$(178,289.82)	\$(215,640.37)	\$(225,300.00)	\$(240,220.00)	\$(243,440.00)

Table 28: Recreation Budget

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
EXPENDITURES							
101.756.752 - GENERAL FUND, Recreation, Recreation Administration	\$795,569.72	\$861,663.76	\$848,466.94	\$837,490.14	\$949,140.00	\$974,160.00	\$999,020.00
101.756.753 - GENERAL FUND, Recreation, Recreation	\$945,101.44	\$1,012,772.80	\$1,026,461.59	\$1,198,974.35	\$1,296,828.00	\$1,312,520.00	\$1,338,538.00
101.756.754 - GENERAL FUND, Recreation, Senior Programs	\$196,268.28	\$218,831.53	\$247,116.31	\$272,793.48	\$301,040.00	\$313,510.00	\$324,980.00
101.756.755 - GENERAL FUND, Recreation, Community Center	\$1,931,753.96	\$2,355,653.29	\$2,795,571.47	\$3,233,399.48	\$3,369,360.00	\$3,614,650.00	\$3,715,473.60
Expenditure Totals	\$3,868,693.40	\$4,448,921.38	\$4,917,616.31	\$5,542,657.45	\$5,916,368.00	\$6,214,840.00	\$6,378,011.60
Fund Total: GENERAL FUND	\$(3,868,693.40)	\$(4,448,921.38)	\$(4,917,616.31)	\$(5,542,657.45)	\$(5,916,368.00)	\$(6,214,840.00)	\$(6,378,011.60)
Revenue Grand Totals:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditure Grand Totals:	\$3,868,693.40	\$4,448,921.38	\$4,917,616.31	\$5,542,657.45	\$5,916,368.00	\$6,214,840.00	\$6,378,011.60
Net Grand Totals:	\$(3,868,693.40)	\$(4,448,921.38)	\$(4,917,616.31)	\$(5,542,657.45)	\$(5,916,368.00)	\$(6,214,840.00)	\$(6,378,011.60)

Table 29: Sylvan Glen Budget

	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Adopted	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
Fund: 584 SYLVAN GLEN GOLF COURSE							
REVENUE							
584.000 - Sylvan Glen Golf Course, Revenue	\$1,614,614.09	\$1,936,410.52	\$1,930,426.65	\$1,559,385.85	\$1,579,810.00	\$1,610,020.00	\$1,640,800.00
Revenue Totals	\$1,614,614.09	\$1,936,410.52	\$1,930,426.65	\$1,559,385.85	\$1,579,810.00	\$1,610,020.00	\$1,640,800.00
EXPENDITURES							
584.785 - Sylvan Glen Golf Course, Sylvan Glen Greens	\$1,338,453.27	\$1,535,847.46	\$1,644,176.00	\$1,265,807.29	\$1,393,942.00	\$1,424,140.00	\$1,445,611.70
584.786 - Sylvan Glen Golf Course, Sylvan Glen Pro Shop	\$74,549.94	\$73,690.39	\$82,298.63	\$49,264.08	\$81,100.00	\$99,210.00	\$102,510.00
Revenue Totals	\$1,614,614.09	\$1,936,410.52	\$1,930,426.65	\$1,559,385.85	\$1,579,810.00	\$1,610,020.00	\$1,640,800.00
Expenditure Totals	\$1,413,003.21	\$1,609,537.85	\$1,726,474.63	\$1,315,071.37	\$1,475,042.00	\$1,523,350.00	\$1,548,121.70
Fund Total: SYLVAN LAKE GOLF COURSE	\$201,610.88	\$326,872.67	\$203,952.02	\$244,314.48	\$104,768.00	\$86,670.00	\$92,678.30
Fund: 585 ANCTUARY LAKE GOLF COURSE							
EXPENDITURES							
585.768 - Sanctuary Lake Golf Course, Sanctuary Lake Capital	\$0.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$283,455.30	\$146,000.00	\$811,000.00	\$80,000.00
Expenditure Totals	\$0.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$283,455.30	\$146,000.00	\$811,000.00	\$80,000.00
Fund Total: SANCTUARY LAKE GOLF COURSE	\$(0.03)	\$ -	\$ -	\$(283,455.30)	\$(146,000.00)	\$(811,000.00)	\$(80,000.00)
Revenue Grand Totals	\$1,614,614.09	\$1,936,410.52	\$1,930,426.65	\$1,559,385.85	\$1,579,810.00	\$1,610,020.00	\$1,640,800.00
Expenditure Grand Totals	\$1,413,003.24	\$1,609,537.85	\$1,726,474.63	\$1,598,526.67	\$1,621,042.00	\$2,334,350.00	\$1,628,121.70
Net Grand Totals	\$201,610.85	\$326,872.67	\$203,952.02	\$(39,140.82)	\$(41,232.00)	\$(724,330.00)	\$12,678.30

Volunteer Groups & Partnerships

The City of Troy has a number of volunteer Boards and Committees which act as advisory bodies to City Council. Volunteers on these Committees are appointed by the Mayor & City Council, meeting on a monthly, quarterly or as needed basis as noted in the Board/Committee descriptions. Recreation specific Boards, Committees, or Commissions include the following:

- **Historic District Commission (HDC):** Consists of seven Troy residents with at least two persons chosen from a list submitted by the Troy Historical Society, one person nominated by the Troy Historical Commission, and one architect duly registered in the State of Michigan. Commissioners are appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. The HDC meets as needed at the Troy Historic Village.
- **Historic District Study Committee:** The study committee is an ad hoc committee established to consider the establishment, modification or elimination of historic districts in specified areas as determined by City Council and then be dissolved. The Study Committee last met in 2022.
- **Parks and Recreation Board (PRB):** Troy's PRB meets quarterly and consists of seven representatives appointed by City Council. Members serve at-large for three-year overlapping terms. An eighth member, representing the Troy School Board of Education, is nominated by the Board of Education and serves a one-year term. The PRB is tasked with providing budget recommendations to the City Manager, recommending operating policies for parks and recreation programs, suggesting long-term capital improvements for parks and recreation facilities, including the acquisition of park sites, and promoting activities that will benefit the City parks and recreation program, including the encouragement of organized team athletic programs. A student representative may be appointed for a one-year term by City Council and will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- **The Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center** is overseen by the Troy Nature Society. The Nature Society's eleven-person Board of Directors serve overlapping four-year terms, and oversee the programs and activities offered at the facility. In addition to the Board, numerous volunteer opportunities are available, from working at special events to maintaining the grounds and much more.
- **The Troy Historical Society (THS),** established as a 501.c.3 nonprofit corporation in 1966, administers the Troy Historic Village for the City of Troy through a renewable management agreement. The THS Board of Trustees is a thirteen person body, with two advisory members, and an Ex Officio Executive Director. Troy Historical Society provides engaging education and enrichment programs at the city-owned Troy Historic Village as well as outreach programs for schools and adult groups.
- **The Friends of the Troy Public Library,** administered by a nine-person Board comprised of individuals who either live or work full-time in Troy, oversee programming and other activities in the library. The library offers a variety of program options for children, teens, adults, and seniors.
- **Troy Racquet Club** is managed by four head professionals who oversee programming activities and ensure the facility offers the highest possible play and learning experience. Thirteen professional staff members operate individual classes and lessons.
- **Troy Youth Soccer League** was established by volunteers in 1974 to give Troy children a place to play recreational soccer. The League is affiliated through Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.
- **Troy Baseball Boosters** offer competitive play opportunities for children ages 5 and up. Baseball and softball play typically starts in April and ends in July. The Boosters partner with the Royal Oak Sandlot League to offer an option for girls softball.
- **Troy Cowboys Football & Cheer** is an all-volunteer organization that is committed to helping young athletes develop football and cheer skills. The Troy Cowboys accepts participants of all skill levels. Athletes must be between ages 5 and 13, and may be from Troy and any surrounding city.



Troy Historic Village

7: Community Background

Regional Setting

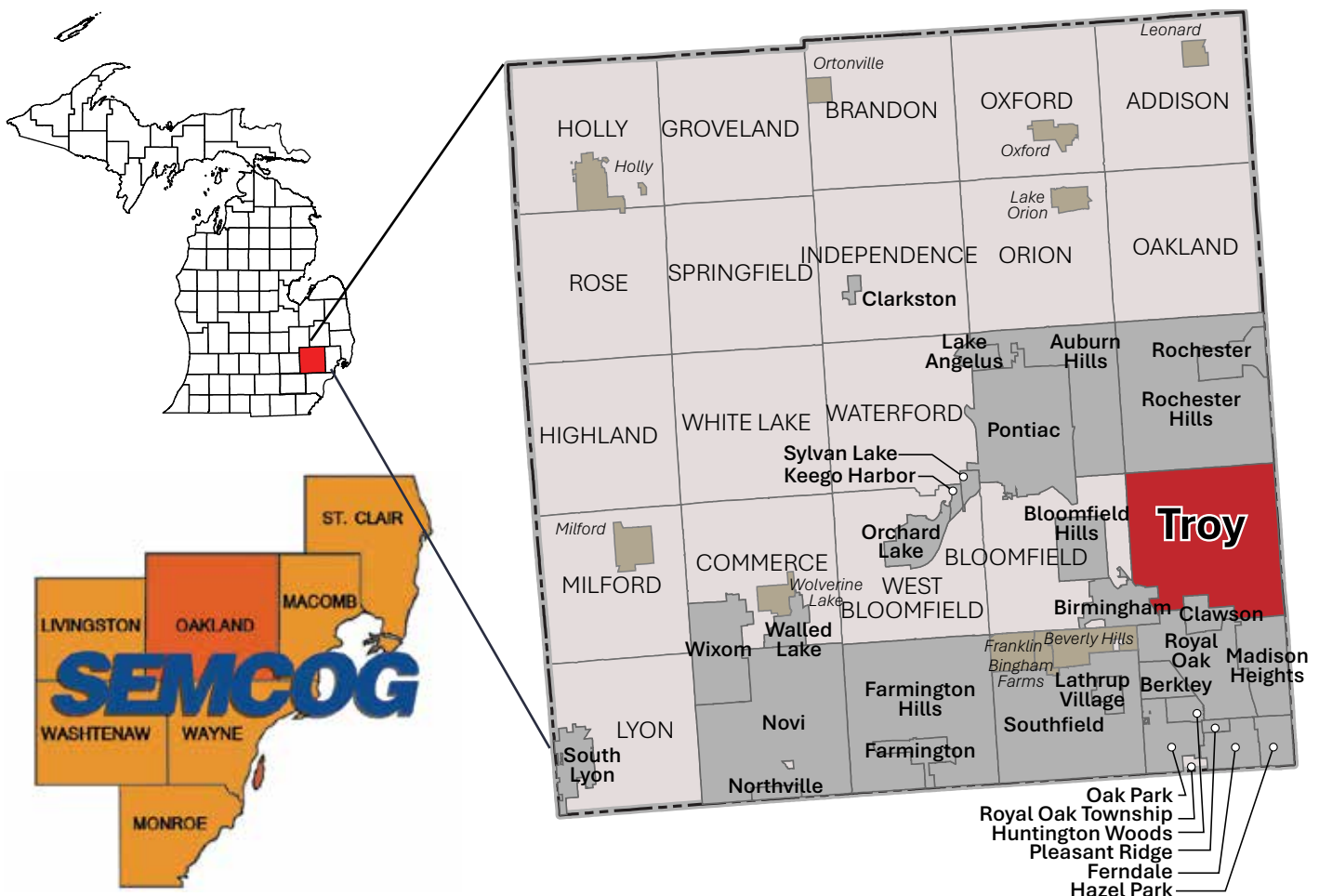
Located in southeastern Oakland County, the City of Troy is the largest municipality in Oakland County and the twelfth largest in the state. Troy is approximately 33.6 square miles in size and is split by Interstate I-75, which runs a zig-zag route from the southeast to the northwest corner of the city.

Troy is located approximately 6 miles north of Detroit, and just over a mile east of Pontiac. It is an economic powerhouse, and has the second highest cumulative property value in southeast Michigan. The city is bordered by the cities of Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills to the north, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, and Birmingham to the west, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, and Clawson to the south, and Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, and Warren in Macomb County to the east.

Oakland County is located in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) region. SEMCOG's planning studies encompass a wide variety of topics that are relevant to recreation activities, and they maintain a comprehensive database of information for the following seven counties: Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne. SEMCOG data is utilized as a supplementary data source for some of the population and land use related data included in this Plan. US Census and American Community Survey (ACS) data are used as primary sources.

The data compiled in this section is crucial to understanding the people to be served and demographic trends which may impact recreation needs. The following pages also considers the physical characteristics of the area, and the opportunities those resources may present.

Figure 31: Context Maps



Population Growth and Characteristics

Troy saw an 7.8% increase in population from 2010 to 2020, with the population as of 2023 estimated at 87,307. SEMCOG predicts a significant increase in population through 2050, with the total population reaching 95,523 residents, a 9.4% increase.

Table 30 below compares the population of the City with communities in the immediate area. Between 2010 and 2020, Troy's growth rate was near the top of the surrounding communities, falling behind only Birmingham in terms of percentage growth rate. In terms of numbers of new residents, Troy was at the top, with 6,327 new residents moving to the area between 2010 and 2023. Percentage growth rates ranged from Birmingham's 8.5% to -4.1% in Madison Heights. Troy exceeded Oakland County's overall growth rate of 6.0%.

The total number of households in Troy fell by 2,258 units between 2010 and 2020, dropping from 32,961 to 30,703, a 7.4% decrease. There has been a significant increase in households since 2020, however, with SEMCOG estimating 34,657 households in 2024. SEMCOG forecasts an additional 4.8% increase by 2050, reaching 36,316 households (see Table 32 on page 119).

Troy's average household size held steady at 2.63 in both the 2010 and 2020 Census. SEMCOG's 2024 estimate places the household size at 2.52, but projects an increase to 2.60 by 2050. Decreases in household size can be an indicator of an aging population and frequently correlate closely with a community's median age. Troy's median age had increased fairly rapidly between 2010 and 2016, rising from 40.8 to 42.0 years (see Table 31 on page 119). Since that time, the median age has remained essentially the same, hovering around 42.2 years.

Table 30: Population Trends

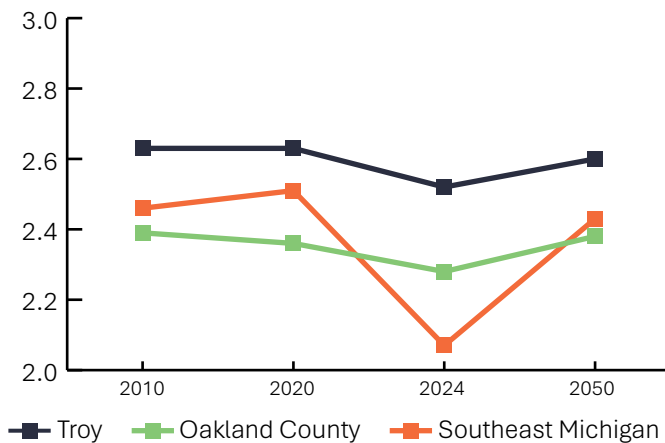
Community	1990	2000	2010	2020	% change 2010 - 2020	ACS 2023 estimate	SEMCOG 2050 projection	% change 2023 - 2050
Troy	72,884	80,959	80,980	87,294	7.8%	87,307	95,523	9.4%
Beverly Hills	10,610	10,437	10,267	10,584	3.1%	10,507	10,768	2.5%
Birmingham	19,997	19,291	20,103	21,813	8.5%	21,612	23,062	6.6%
Bloomfield Twp	42,473	43,023	41,070	44,253	7.8%	43,973	45,136	2.6%
Center Line	9,026	8,531	8,257	8,552	3.6%	8,448	8,718	3.2%
Clawson	13,874	12,732	11,825	11,389	-3.7%	11,314	11,886	5.0%
Madison Heights	32,196	31,101	29,694	28,468	-4.1%	28,411	29,770	4.8%
Pontiac	7,130	10,467	12,711	13,035	2.5%	12,939	14,255	10.1%
Rochester	7,130	10,467	12,711	13,035	2.5%	12,939	14,255	10.1%
Rochester Hills	61,766	68,825	70,995	76,300	7.5%	75,995	83,089	9.3%
Royal Oak, City of	65,410	60,062	57,236	58,211	1.7%	57,880	61,090	5.5%
Shelby Twp	48,655	65,159	73,804	79,408	7.6%	79,878	92,218	15.5%
Southfield, City of	75,728	78,296	71,739	76,618	6.8%	75,699	83,490	10.2%
Sterling Heights	117,810	124,471	129,699	134,346	3.6%	133,308	143,767	7.8%
Warren	144,864	138,247	134,056	139,387	4.0%	136,660	144,204	5.4%
Oakland County	1,083,592	1,194,156	1,202,362	1,274,395	6.0%	1,272,294	1,387,838	9.1%
SEMCOG Region	4,590,468	4,833,368	4,704,809	4,830,489	2.7%	4,804,188	5,138,535	6.9%
State of Michigan	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	10,034,113	1.5%	10,037,261	9,905,992	-1.3%

Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

In some respects, Troy's growth characteristics seems to go against the aging trend that is common across much of Michigan and the United States. While Troy's median age has leveled off over the past five years, the median age across both the State of Michigan and the United States has steadily increased. Michigan's median age increased from 38.1 in 2010 to 40.3 in 2022, before dipping slightly to 40.1 in 2023. The US increased from 36.9 to 38.7 years. Troy's median age remains higher than the surrounding county, state, and country overall.

Troy has seen a 12% increase in young adults since 2010 (see Table 33 on page 120). A high level of young adults frequently equates to more families, and a corresponding increase in young children. That generalization has not borne out in Troy at this time, however. Despite the increase in young adults, the total population of children fell by 3.9% between 2010 and 2023. At the same time, the population of seniors age 65 and over increased by over 30%. The number of households with seniors increased almost 35%, while the number of households with children remained static with only a 0.3% increase (see Table 34 on page 120).

Figure 33: Household Size



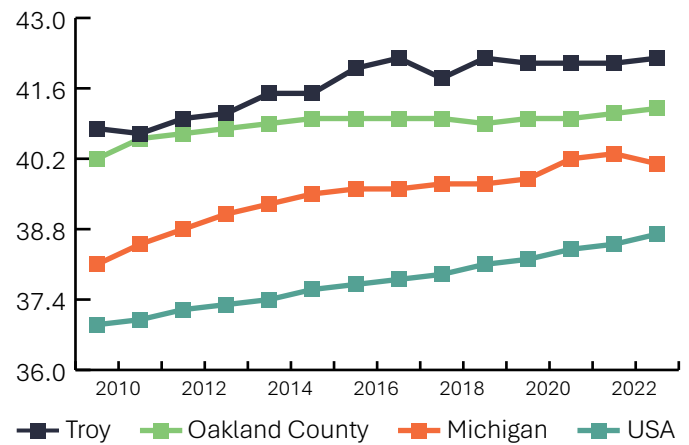
Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Table 32: Household Size

	2010	2020	# Change 2010-2020	% Change 2010-2020	SEMCOG July 2024	SEMCOG 2050
Troy households	32,961	30,703	(2,258)	-7.4%	34,657	36,316
Household size	2.63	2.63	-	0.0%	2.52	2.6
Oakland County	524,047	483,698	(40,349)	-8.3%	548,489	573,614
OC household size	2.39	2.36	(0.03)	-1.3%	2.28	2.38
SEMCOG Region	1,936,635	1,844,785	(91,850)	-5.0%	2,011,784	2,074,416
SEMCOG HH Size	2.46	2.51	0.05	2.0%	2.07	2.43

Source: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG 2050 Regional Development Forecast

Figure 32: Median Age



Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Table 31: Median Age

Year	City of Troy	Oakland County	State of Michigan	United States
2010	40.8	40.2	38.1	36.9
2011	40.7	40.6	38.5	37
2012	41	40.7	38.8	37.2
2013	41.1	40.8	39.1	37.3
2014	41.5	40.9	39.3	37.4
2015	41.5	41	39.5	37.6
2016	42	41	39.6	37.7
2017	42.2	41	39.6	37.8
2018	41.8	41	39.7	37.9
2019	42.2	40.9	39.7	38.1
2020	42.1	41	39.8	38.2
2021	42.1	41	40.2	38.4
2022	42.1	41.1	40.3	38.5
2023	42.2	41.2	40.1	38.7

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

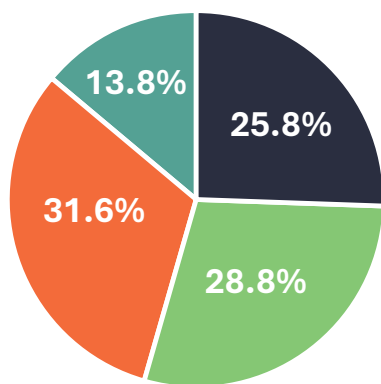
Table 33: Age Group Trends

Age Groups	2010	ACS 2023	# change 2010-23	% change 2010-23	Age Groups	2010	ACS 2023	# change 2010-23	% change 2010-23
Under 5	4171	4052	-119	-2.9%	45-49	6829	6217	-612	-10.7%
5-9	5304	4849	-455	-10.1%	50-54	7095	6745	-350	-5.3%
10-14	6012	5319	-693	-13.3%	55-59	6403	6481	78	1.2%
15-19	5421	5926	505	9.1%	60-64	5303	5828	525	9.8%
Children Under 20	20908	20146	(762.00)	-3.9%	Mature Adults	25630	25271	(359.00)	-1.5%
20-24	3824	6197	2373	39.4%	65-69	3732	5085	1353	27.1%
25-29	4120	4757	637	14.6%	70-74	2592	4456	1864	45.4%
30-34	4394	4716	322	6.8%	75-79	1987	2640	653	27.4%
35-39	5186	5417	231	4.5%	80-84	1490	1762	272	16.4%
40-44	5772	5283	-489	-8.9%	85+	1345	1577	232	16.4%
Young Adults	23296	26370	3,074.00	12.0%	Seniors 65+	11146	15520	4,374.00	30.1%
					Totals	80980	87307	6327	

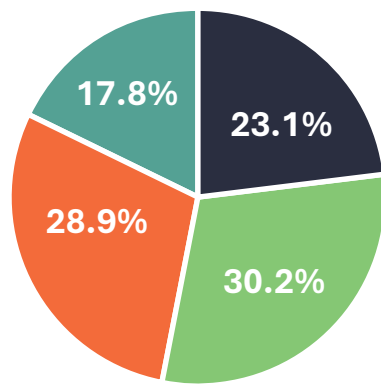
Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates

Figure 34: Population Percent by Age Group

2010



2023



Children Under 20

Young Adults

Mature Adults

Seniors

Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates

Table 34: Household Types

Attribute	Census 2010	ACS 2023	# Change 2010-2023	% Change 2010-2023	SEMOG 2050
With Seniors 65+	8,132	10,952	2,820	34.70%	14,243
Without Seniors	22,571	22,417	-154	-0.70%	22,073
Live Alone, 65+	2,961	3,887	926	31.30%	-
Live Alone, <65	4,211	4,644	433	10.30%	-
2+ Persons, With children	10,639	10,671	32	0.30%	10,748
2+ Persons, Without children	12,892	14,167	1,275	9.90%	16,464
Total Households	30,703	33,369	2,666	8.70%	36,316

Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Individuals with Disabilities

According to the 2023 American Community Survey, 9.1% of Troy residents have some form of physical disability, an increase of 7.3% from 2012. Roughly 4% of City residents have some form of ambulatory difficulty. From a recreation planning standpoint, many of the design approaches used to accommodate disabilities are the same used to address senior concerns. Accommodating both individuals with disabilities and seniors must remain a primary consideration when planning for parks and recreation facilities and programs. See Table 35 for further details.

Diversity

Troy continues to become more ethnically diverse as the City grows. The white non-Hispanic population decreased from 72.7% of the total population in 2010 to 62.6% in 2023, while Asian populations increased by 7.1%, making up 26.1% of the total population. Black/African American, Hispanic, and “other” populations remained essentially static, while individuals identifying as multi-racial rose by 1.8%. Table 36 provides additional information.



Table 35: Disability Characteristics

Disability Type	ACS 2012	ACS 2023	# change 2012-23	% change 2012-23
Total Pop.	81,208	87,109	5,901	7.3%
Total with disability	6,694	7,887	1,193	17.8%
Hearing	1,987	2,172	185	9.3%
Vision	1,137	858	-279	-24.5%
Cognitive	2,304	3,019	715	31.0%
Ambulatory	3,360	3,388	28	0.8%
Self-Care	1,561	1,427	-134	-8.6%
Independent Living	2,747	3,017	270	9.8%

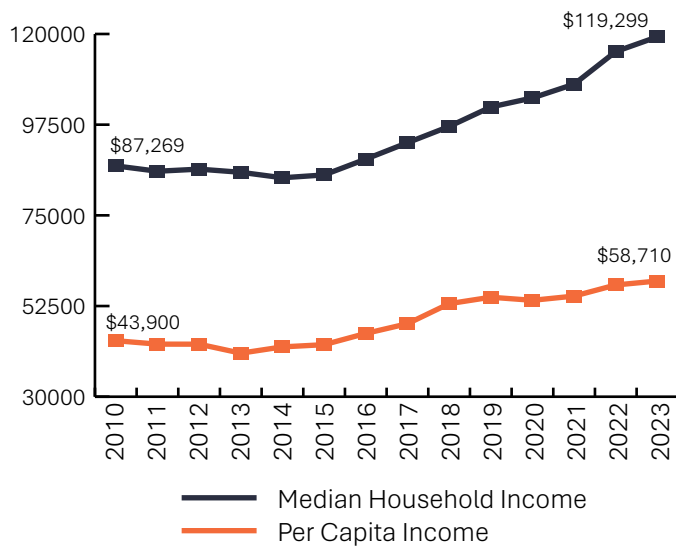
Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

Table 36: Race & Hispanic Origin

Race & Hispanic Origin	Census 2010	Percent of population 2010	ACS 2023	Percent of population 2023	Percent change 2010 - 2023
Non-Hispanic	79,270	97.9%	84,975	97.3%	-0.6%
White	58,869	72.7%	54,640	62.6%	-10.1%
Black	3,210	4.0%	3,555	4.1%	0.1%
Asian	15,439	19.1%	22,822	26.1%	7.1%
Multi-Racial	1,502	1.9%	3,203	3.7%	1.8%
Other	250	0.3%	550	0.6%	0.3%
Hispanic	1,710	2.1%	2,332	2.7%	0.6%
Total	80,980	100%	87,307	100%	-

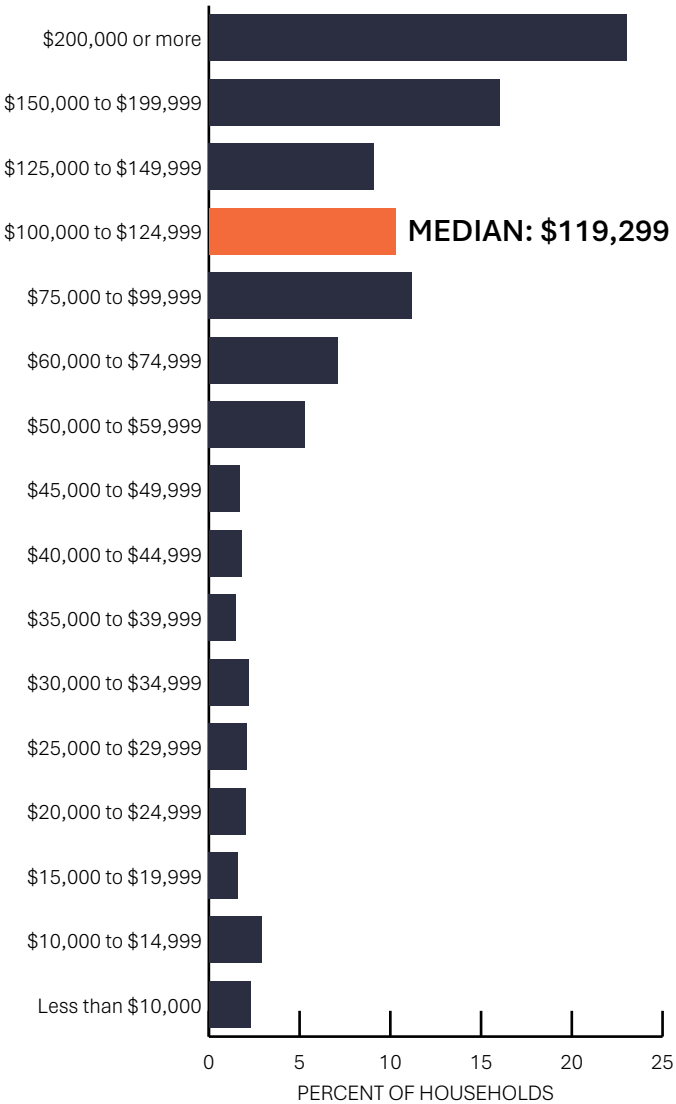
Sources: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Figure 35: Household & Per Capita Income



Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

Figure 36: Household & Per Capita Income



Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates

Income

Troy's median household income has risen steadily since 2010, with an average yearly increase of 2.5%. Per capita medians rose at a similar rate at 2.3% overall. The number of persons living in poverty increased from 4.6% in 2010 to 5.3% in 2023, while the number of households in poverty rose from 5.4% to 6.7% during that period.

77% of Troy households earn greater than \$60,000 annually, while 58% earns more than \$100,000. Slightly less than 9% earns under \$25,000 per year.

Employment

According to SEMCOG's 2050 Regional Development Forecast, Troy's workforce has been and is projected to be centered around two primary industry sectors:

- Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ (22.3%), and
- Information & Financial Activities (15.7%).

These numbers are not expected to change significantly by 2050; While Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities is expected to grow by almost 31% by 2050, the sector will still only make up 2.4% of the total workforce. Healthcare Services is expected to grow by 26.2%, but will remain the third largest employment sector at 11.7%).

Table 37: Household & Per Capita Income

Year	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
2010	\$87,269.00	\$43,900.00
2011	\$85,946.00	\$43,046.00
2012	\$86,465.00	\$43,034.00
2013	\$85,685.00	\$40,805.00
2014	\$84,325.00	\$42,364.00
2015	\$85,027.00	\$42,911.00
2016	\$88,954.00	\$45,703.00
2017	\$93,017.00	\$48,111.00
2018	\$97,048.00	\$53,086.00
2019	\$101,882.00	\$54,685.00
2020	\$104,132.00	\$53,921.00
2021	\$107,550.00	\$54,969.00
2022	\$115,639.00	\$57,729.00
2023	\$119,299.00	\$58,710.00

Source: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates

Education

Troy residents are highly educated, with nearly two thirds (64.1%) holding a Bachelor's degree or higher. That rate is significantly higher than Oakland County (52.4%) and the state of Michigan (31.8%). Since 2010, the percent of residents with an Associate degree or higher continues to rise, especially for graduate degrees, which saw a 4.7% increase from 2010 to 2023.

Table 38: Education Levels

Highest Level of Education	Census 2010	ACS 2023
Did Not Graduate High School	5.3%	4.20%
High School Graduate	16.2%	12.50%
Some College, No Degree	15.4%	12.10%
Associate Degree	6.2%	7.10%
Bachelor's Degree	30.2%	32.70%
Graduate / Professional Degree	26.6%	31.40%

Source: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates

Table 39: Building Permits

Year	Single Family	Multi-Unit	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2010	49	8	57	8	49
2011	52	0	52	18	34
2012	101	10	111	33	78
2013	149	17	166	37	129
2014	111	10	121	45	76
2015	133	120	253	42	211
2016	104	13	117	43	74
2017	166	54	220	37	183
2018	132	25	157	23	134
2019	84	425	509	24	485
2020	112	316	428	14	414
2021	60	65	125	20	105
2022	67	145	212	20	192
2023	59	228	287	22	265
2024	89	145	234	23	211
2025	23	0	23	3	20
TOTALS	1,491	1581	3,072	412	2,660

Source: SEMCOG Development

Housing Characteristics

Housing construction has been moving at a rapid pace, with almost 2,300 new units built since 2015. While single-family detached homes remain the predominant housing type (71.5%), multi-unit buildings (27.9%) have made significant in-roads, rising from 22% in 2010. Just over half (51.4%) of new building permits issued since 2010 have been for multi-family units, including duplexes, attached condos, and multiple unit complexes (see Table 39 and Table 40). As more residents move into multi-unit facilities, the need for and importance of shared recreation space will rise.

Despite the increase in multi-unit housing, the percentage of renter-occupied units has actually fallen slightly, from 26% in 2020 to 24.6% in 2023. Most housing units (70.7%) in 2023 are owner-occupied. The number of vacant units fell from 6.7% in 2010 to 4.6% in 2023 (Table 41).

According to ACS data, the median housing value in 2023 was \$396,800, a 6.8% increase from \$369,687 in 2010. The median gross rent is at \$1,557, a 5.7% increase from \$1,469 reported in 2010.

Table 40: Housing Type

Housing Type	Census 2010	ACS 2023	% of units 2023
Single Unit	23,636	25,012	71.5%
Multi-Unit	9,037	9,754	27.9%
Mobile Homes / Other	332	231	0.7%
Total	33,005	34,997	

Source: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Table 41: Housing Tenure

Status	Census 2010	ACS 2023	% of units 2023
Owner occupied	23,329	24,749	70.7%
Renter occupied	7,374	8,620	24.6%
Vacant	2204	1628	4.7%
Seasonal/migrant	220	15	0.0%
Other vacant units	1984	1613	4.6%
Total Housing Units	32,907	34,997	

Source: US Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, SEMCOG

Land Use Patterns and Development Trends

The presence of I-75 and easy access to both the city of Detroit and Detroit Metropolitan Airport have helped to make Troy one of the key business hubs in the state of Michigan. No less than 40 major companies are based in Troy, and with major commercial corridors following the I-75 corridor, Big Beaver Road, and Maple Road. Key commercial nodes are found at I-75 between West Square Lake and Long Lake Roads, at Maple and 14 Mile Roads, and Maple and Crook Roads. Industrial uses also play an important role, with almost all industrial uses situated south of Big Beaver.

Residential development makes up over 50% of the total land area. Single-family use dominates, with multi-family residential concentrated immediately south of Big Beaver Road. Map 1 illustrates Troy's existing land uses while Table 4 presents their extent.

1,303.3 acres or 6.1 percent of Troy's total acreage is classified as park, recreation, and open space. Total recreation space is slightly below Institutional and Industrial uses, and well below Commercial land uses.

Table 43: Land Use, SEMCOG

Land Use	Acres		
	2015	2020	Change
Single-Family Residential	8,909.30	9,016.70	4.2
Attached Condo	329	315.1	20.3
Multi-Family Housing	489.9	511.3	13.9
Mobile Home	32.8	32.8	0.0
Agricultural/Rural Residential	228.7	210.8	0.0
Mixed Use	4.1	3.2	0.0
Retail	730.7	759.2	-1.7
Office	1,193.20	1,131	-20.3
Hospitality	256.1	176.7	0.0
Medical	165.5	157.1	0.0
Institutional	1,255.40	1,196.40	-1.6
Industrial	1,251.50	1,219.20	1.7
Recreational/Open Space	773.5	807.1	0.0
Cemetery	215.5	215.5	0.0
Golf Course	384	384	0.0
Parking	145.6	147.3	0.0
TCU	257.5	279.3	0.0
Vacant	1,022.30	1,163.40	-4.1
Water	183.5	183.5	0
Not Parceled	3,691	3,609.80	-12.5
Total	21,519.1	21,519.1	0

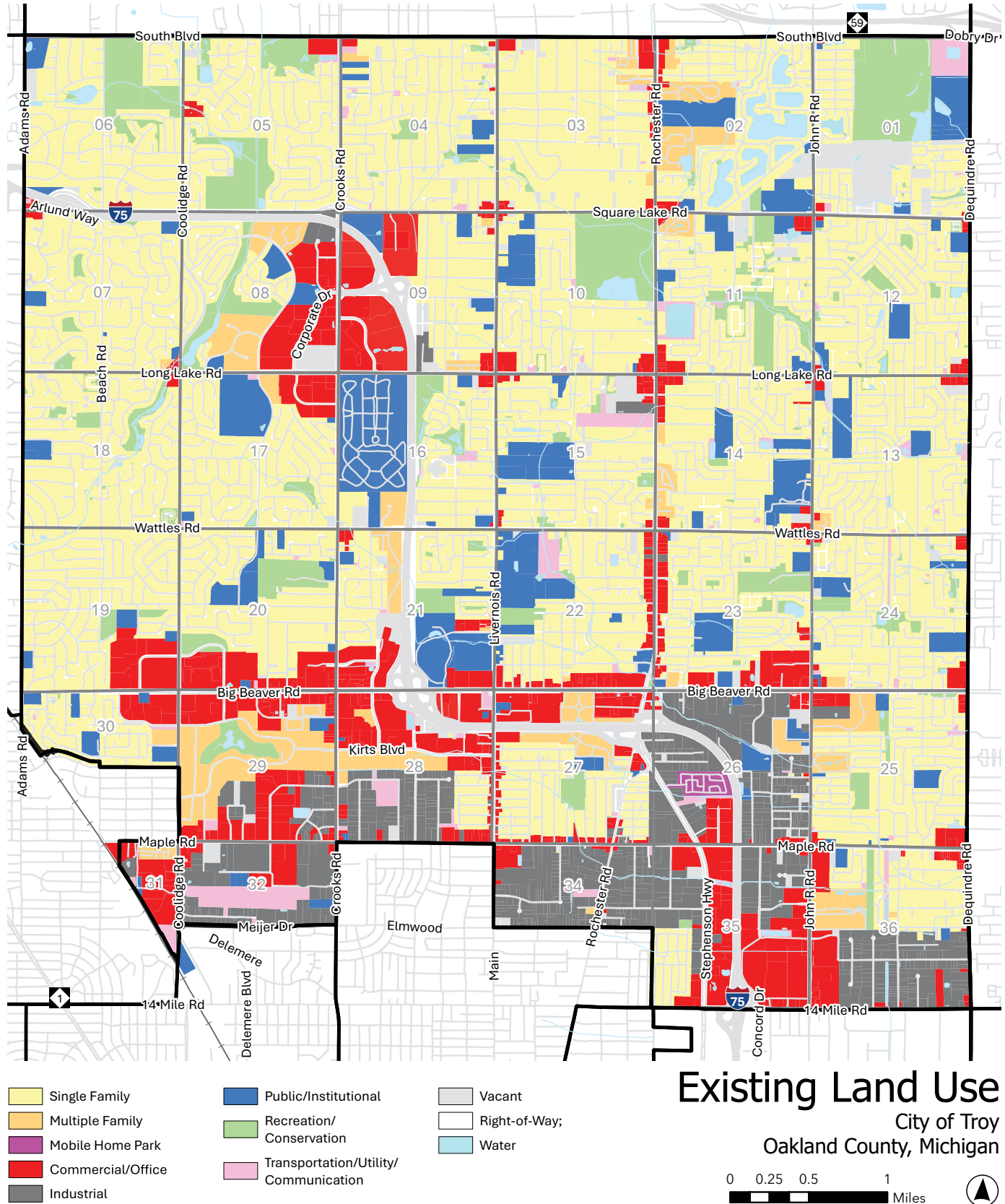
Source: SEMCOG

Table 42: Land Use, Oakland County GIS

Land Use	2015		2024		Difference in Acres	Percent Difference
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent		
Single-Family Residential	466.6	43.4%	462.1	43.0%	4.5	1.0%
Multiple Family	63.1	5.9%	63.3	5.9%	-0.2	-0.3%
Recreation/Conservation	60.2	5.6%	59.4	5.5%	0.8	1.4%
Commercial/Office	14.8	1.4%	14.9	1.4%	0.0	-0.1%
Public/Institutional	10.4	1.0%	10.7	1.0%	-0.2	-2.3%
Vacant	27.0	2.5%	31.3	2.9%	-4.4	-13.9%
Road ROW	142.8	13.3%	143.3	13.3%	-0.5	-0.4%
Water	289.0	26.9%	289.0	26.9%	0.0	0.0%
TOTAL	1073.9		1073.9			

Source: Oakland County GIS

Map 5: Existing Land Use



Date: September 2025
Prepared by: Carlisle/Wortman Associates
Data: City of Troy, Oakland County, SEMCOG, State of Michigan



Natural Features

As a highly developed suburban / urban area, Troy has relatively few high-quality natural areas remaining within its borders. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) has identified regions across the state with the potential for restoration and preservation, ranking them as Priority One through Priority Three. There are no Priority One properties in Troy, but there is one Priority Two parcel, the Turtle Woods Preserve located in the northeast corner of the city.

Several Priority Three level properties are scattered across the city. Of those properties, three are Park properties; Philip J. Huber Park, Raintree Park, and the Stage Nature Center. Other Priority Three areas include:

- A 54 acre wood lot north of the chain of lakes region between Rochester Road and Emerald Lake Drive;
- A 45-acre parcel south of East Square Lake Road and west of John R, part of an undeveloped City-owned park;
- A 28-acre conservation area west of Woodland Elementary on Livernois;
- The Northfield Hills Condominiums commons area; and
- A 29-acre parcel in the Glens of Carlson Park subdivision.

Geology, Topography and Soils

As the glaciers melted and receded to the north, they deposited soils sediment and rocks in the form of till and moraines. Till was typically deposited in a uniform manner as the glacier receded, while moraines were created when the glacier essentially “dumped” its debris in one particular location. The topography and drainage of the area have, therefore, been determined by where and how much glacial debris were deposited in particular areas.

The city is generally flat, with an elevation change of only 382 feet (528 to 910 feet above sea level). The southeastern half of the City has almost no elevation changes; the topography begins to become more pronounced in the northwest corner at a line running from the Community Center northeast to Sylvan Glen Park. Less than 3% of the total area have slopes that exceed 4%.

According to USDA Soils Surveys, Troy’s predominant soil associations Urban soil complexes comprising almost half of the city soils (46%). A variety of loamy fine sands and sandy loams make up another 26% of the area. The USDA considers about 33% of the city to have very limited potential for trail development primarily due to depth to saturated zone. Playground development is considered only somewhat limited or not limited at all.

Woodlands

The majority of trees and vegetation that existed in Troy prior to agricultural development were cleared long ago. Isolated pockets of trees are located around the area, often in areas considered unsuitable for development. Encroachment by invasive species, especially large stands of *Phragmites australis*, tends to choke out native vegetation and eliminates habitat for wildlife. Careful management of invasive species can help to improve the small pockets of quality land still available around Troy.

Water Resources

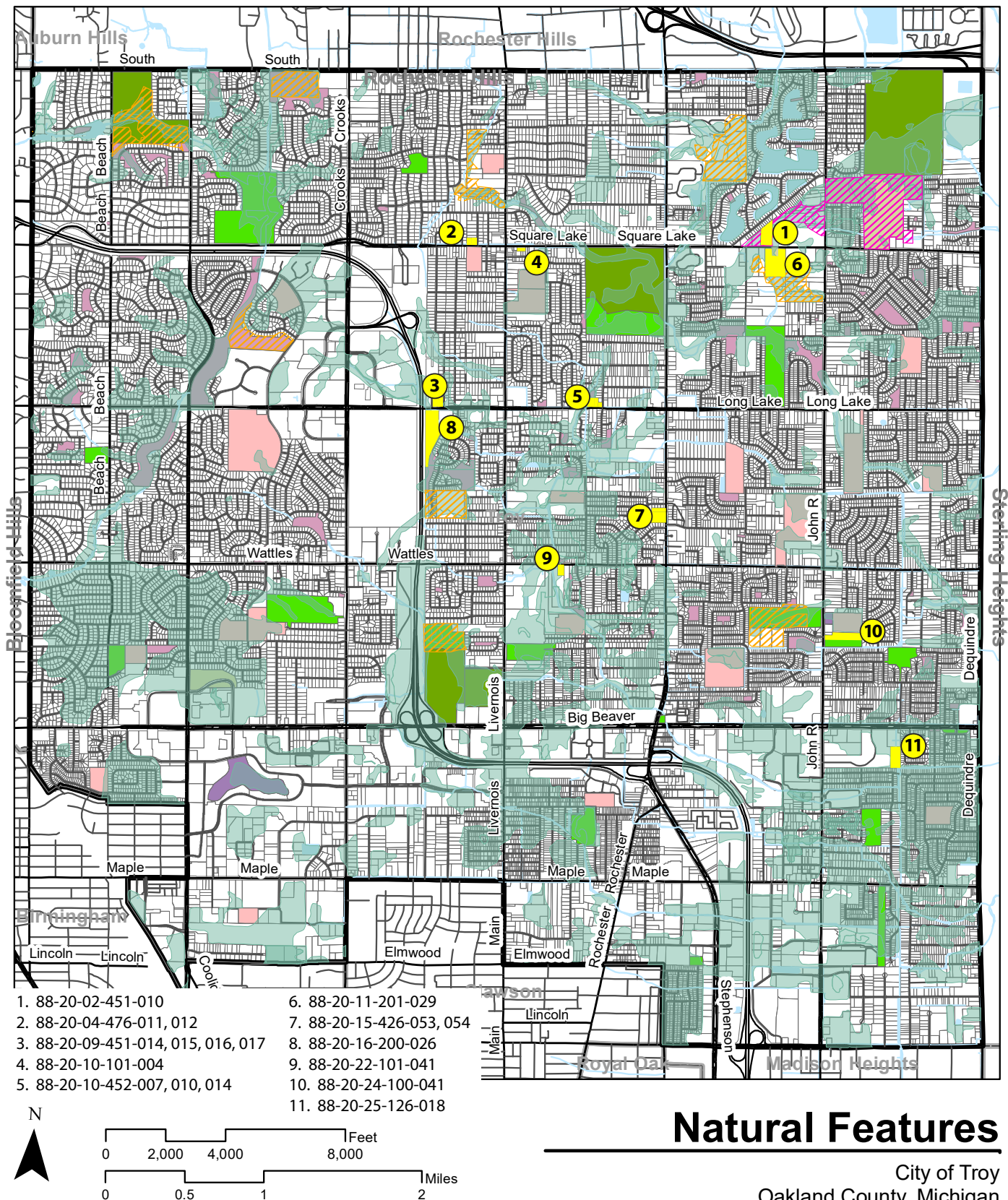
Most of Troy falls in the Clinton River watershed, with the northwest corner of the city draining to the River Rouge. A few small streams and drains can be found in the eastern half of the City, and a tributary of the River Rouge crosses the City’s west side. For the most part, the tributary is little more than a creek for much of this area, with portions of the river buried in culverts. Just under 21 miles of creeks, drains, and rivers can be found in and around the city.

Over 6,500 acres of land were historically wetland areas. Most of these areas have since been developed for housing and other purposes. Wetlands act as giant sponges, retaining and soaking in excess stormwater, allowing it to infiltrate into underground aquifers. Where wetlands have been destroyed, it is common to see flooding problems, especially during heavy rain events. This has proven to be a problem across southeast Michigan in recent years, as rain events have become shorter in duration but generally more severe.



Huber Park

Map 6: Natural Features

**MNFI Priority Preservation Areas**

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|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Priority Two | Historical Wetland Areas | Undeveloped Parcels |
| Priority Three | Lakes and Streams | |

Carlisle/Wortman Associates
 November 2019
 Data Source: Oakland County GIS



Planning Initiatives

Planning documents prepared on a local and regional level can have an impact on local recreation planning efforts. The following pages provide a high-level summary of documents that are relevant to Troy Parks and Recreation, and whose directives influence the recommendations of this plan and ongoing recreation development.

Plan Troy 2040

Adopted in 2024, Plan Troy 2040 describes Troy as a leader in Michigan and strives to position the City as a global leader. Building off of the 2015 update, the new plan focuses on encouraging mixed use, permitting residential density in appropriate locations, and allowing flexibility of uses. Plan Troy 2040 references the 2020 Recreation Plan, and specifically calls out the importance of continued trail development within the City. Trail development remains the City's number one recreational priority. Residents expressed overwhelming support for trails development during the Parks and Recreation Master Plan development, the Master Plan Survey, and within Troy Vision 2020.

The City created the Troy Trails and Pathways Committee, a group charged with developing a world-class trails system in Troy. The Committee was allocated funding for assistance in developing strategies for trails and pathways. In 2007, the Committee developed a series of long term and short term goals. While over a decade old, many of the short term goals put for by the group are still relevant to the City today.

Some of the predominant themes in the long term goals are:

- Provision of scenic trails throughout the City
- Overall safety, security, and sustained funding
- The inclusion of bike lanes, trails and pathways into road construction projects
- The development of bicycle and pedestrian friendly destinations throughout Troy
- The incorporation of trails and pathway systems into private developments
- Development of community education programs about trails and alternative transportation

Improving multi-modal circulation and safety is listed as one of the top priorities for the community. To address this issue, the plan suggests the strategies of:

- Implementing road diets;
- Introducing pedestrian mid-block crossings; and
- Facilitating health and wellness initiatives which encourage walking and biking

While not explicitly recreation-related Plan Troy 2040 includes a commitment to the protection of the natural environment. City parks play an important role in preserving open space. By encouraging low-impact development techniques, continuing to develop improving opportunities for non-motorized development, Troy is actively enhancing the quality of life for residents.

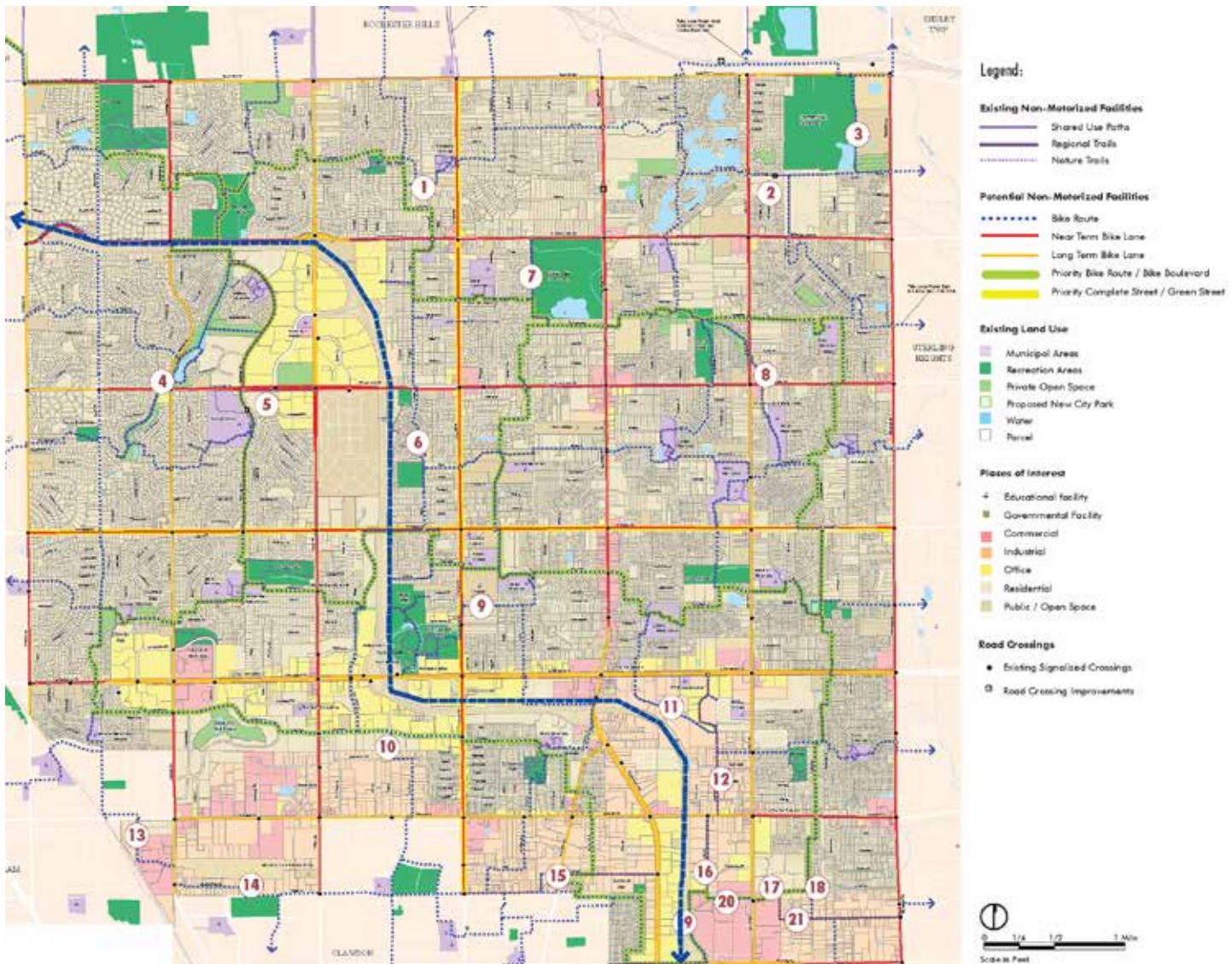
The final topic of interest is the need to plan for all ages and stages of life. The chapter focuses on the importance of a diversity of housing options, that allows people to live and remain in Troy as their needs change. The implication of aging in place is that amenities such as parks and other entertainment facilities must be able to accommodate the needs of a diverse range of individuals. Universal design and visitability, while described in the context of housing, can and should apply to recreation planning as well.

2009 Troy Trails and Pathways Master Plan

The Troy Trails and Pathways Plan was a direct response to the findings of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. It provides a vision for potential routes throughout the City with connections to adjacent communities and regional trails. Well over 80 miles of bike lanes, shared-use paths, and bike boulevards are proposed for the region.

The Trails Plan makes special mention of complete streets policy and usage, designating Livernois and Wattles Roads as priority complete or green street projects. These routes could incorporate stormwater features as part of the street redevelopment, helping to ease the burden on existing stormwater infrastructure at a reduced cost compared to traditional methods, and providing an improved pedestrian and biking experience.

Figure 37: Troy Trails and Pathways Master Plan



CITY OF TROY PATHWAY PLAN

The Plan at right represents the cumulative design based on preliminary plans and the desires of the City of Troy and the TTC. The plan illustrates routes, destinations, crossings and future improvements.

Below is a list of desired and potential projects, in no particular order of significance, to implement the Troy Pathway Trail Plan keyed numerically on the plan.

1. Desire to create pathway between Fredmoor Drive and Woodland Elementary School through private property.
2. Boardwalk through wetland area.
3. Desire to create pathway segment along hospital.
4. Desire to create off-road trail segment through church property and neighborhood greenspace.
5. Add sidepath along west side of Northfield Parkway through the High School property.
6. Desire to use existing private pathway.
7. Desire to create pathway along the boundary of Sylvan Glen Golf Course.
8. Desire to create off-road trail segment through neighborhood greenspace and church property.
9. Potential to add pathway through proposed City Park.
10. Desire to create pathway between Kirts Boulevard and Heide Road through private property.
11. Desire to create pathway along creek through private property.
12. Potential to add bike lanes.
13. Coordinate route with future transit center.
14. Desire to create pathway through empty lot.
15. Desire to create pathway between Rankin Road and Elmsford Drive through private property.
16. Potential for four to three lanes conversion on Chicago Road to include bike lanes.
17. Desire to create pathway through private property between Elliot and Lovington Roads.
18. Desire to create pathway to Executive Drive through private property.
19. Desire to add sidepath on west side of Oakland Mall Service Drive.
20. Potential for sidepath along north side of Chicago Road.
21. Potential for three to two lane conversion to include bike lanes.

2018 Troy Green Space Study

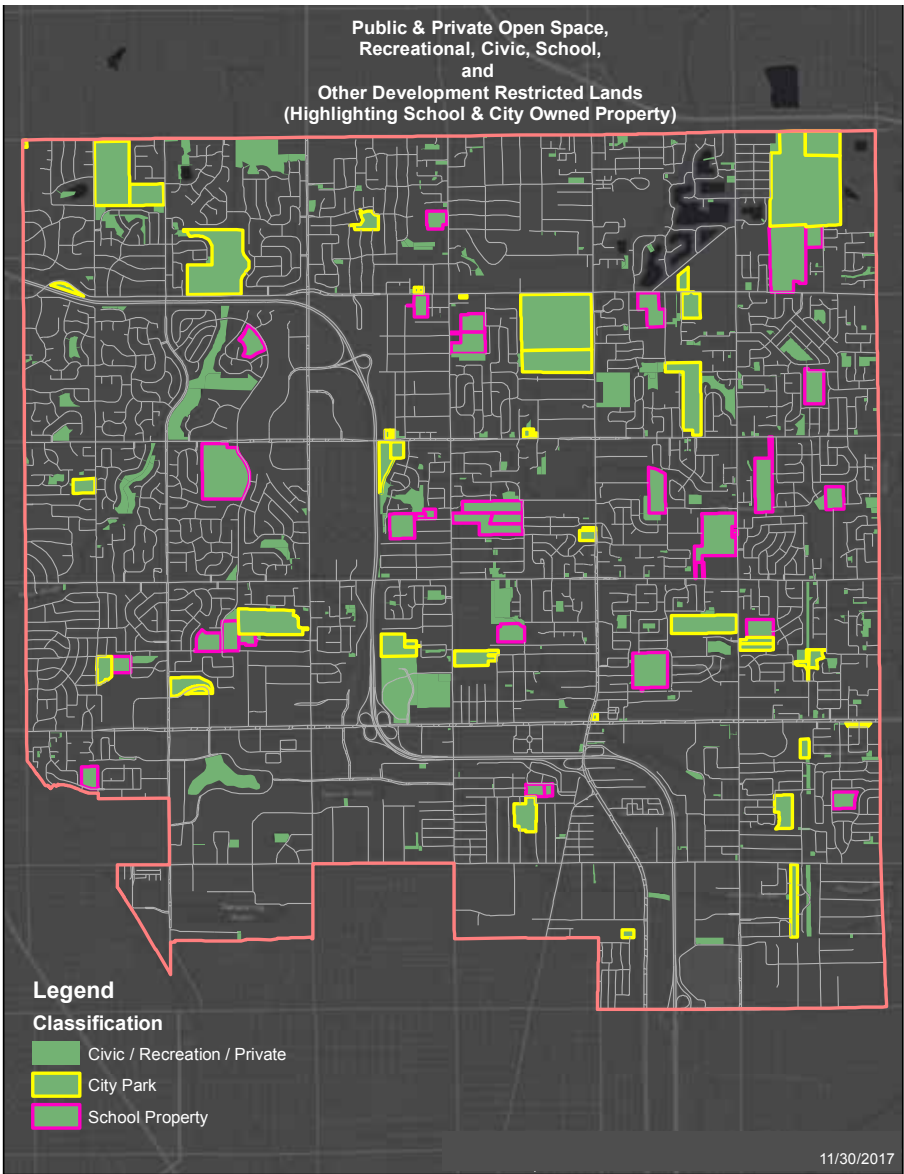
Appointed by the Parks and Recreation Board on January 11, 2018, the Green Space Subcommittee was tasked with defining “open space” and “green space” as it relates to the City of Troy. The Subcommittee analyzed current City inventory, including both developed and undeveloped parks, to gain a better understanding of current conditions, and compared the results with conditions in surrounding communities. They also identified open land parcels not owned by the City, e.g. the Troy School district, the State of Michigan, or Oakland County. Finally, the Committee provided recommendations which provides means to protect and enhance the City’s green space.

After developing broad definitions for open space and green space, the Subcommittee refined the definition for the City of Troy. The Subcommittee’s final definition of green and open space is as follows:

Open/Green Space is any open piece of land that is available to Troy residents for both active and passive recreational use; and may or may not be owned by the City of Troy. This space includes the following:

- City Owned: Developed Parks, Undeveloped “Pocket” Parks, Community Gardens, Cemeteries, Dog Park, two Golf Courses, Nature Center, Historic Village, Civic Center and the Community Center.
- Troy School District Owned: Various School Yards and any undeveloped land.
- Private Ownership: Both developed and undeveloped land within the city that may be accessible by permission to Troy citizens

Figure 38: Troy Green Space Study



A full inventory of Troy’s green and open space assets is provided in the Recreation Inventory section beginning on page 27.

Troy Historic Village Master Plan

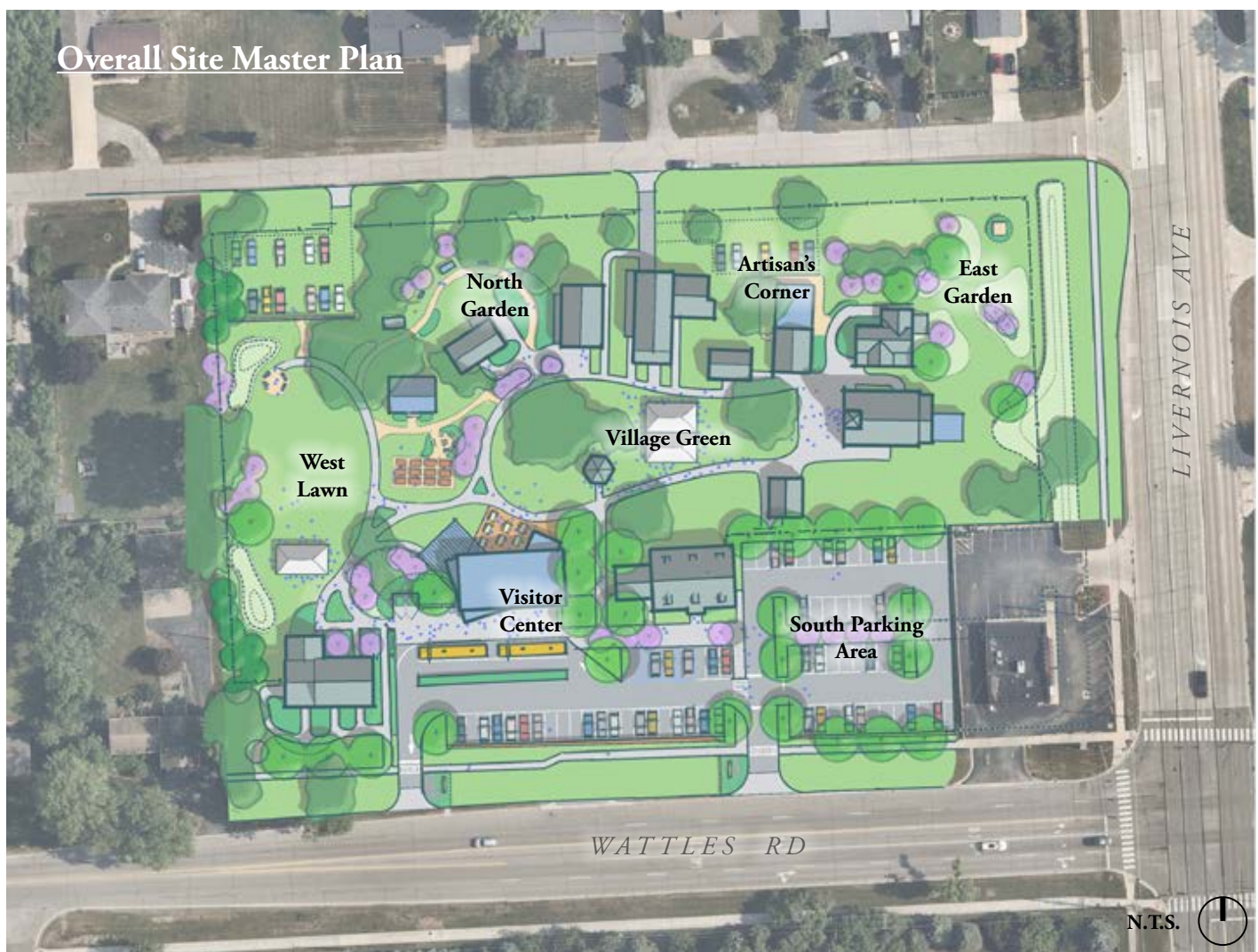
Developed in 2023, the Master Plan recommends several near-and long-term improvements, focusing on improvements that address infrastructure challenges and provide greater opportunities for programming. Parking and visitor circulation are major themes of the plan, seeking to improve the visitor experience.

The plan outlines a number of major recommendations broken into four primary categories: Accessibility & Visitor Experience, Outdoor Spaces and Programming, Infrastructure and Sustainability, and Landscape Maintenance and Operations. Some of the recommended projects include relocation of the Log Cabin and development of a new visitor center, reconfiguring parking, burying overhead power lines, increasing visibility through new signage, and adding a tall structure such as a water tower or silo in the East Garden.

The plan recommends a phased approach to implementation. While most of the Phase I improvements are relatively low cost and easily implementable, reconstruction of the visitor parking lot would be costly and will likely require significant additional planning.

The complete Master Plan is included in Appendix F beginning on page 216.

Figure 39: Troy Historic Village Master Plan



Oakland County Potential Natural Areas Assessment: 2017 Update

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) identifies potential natural areas (PNAs) that may harbor high quality natural areas and unique natural features. The study builds on earlier studies conducted in 2000, 2002, and 2004. Prioritization criteria included size, presence of riparian lands, wetlands, and connectivity to assess each natural area's ecological value. The analysis revealed one "priority two" natural area just west of Crooks Road on the northern border of the City. The site is largely wetland and is bordered by the stream which continues south through Firefighters Park. Nine other "priority three" areas are scattered throughout the City, all north of Big Beaver Road. Troy Farm, Raintree Park, and Phillip J. Huber Park all contain some amount of "priority three" habitat.

An interactive map can be found at: <https://www.oakgov.com/community/community-development/environmental-stewardship>

Oakland County Parks: 5 Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2023 – 2027

The 10-member Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPRC) oversees 17 facilities totaling just over 6,700 acres. Over 200,000 residents visit the parks each year. Oakland County's parks offer a wide variety of recreation opportunities for area residents that are not typically provided at local neighborhood parks, including boating, equestrian facilities, hunting, and more. The plan describes a desire to provide diverse recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, the need to partner with local communities to identify and address gaps in park access, and emphasizing the importance of conserving natural resources and advancing green infrastructure.

The plan provides recommendations for each county-owned facility, including Red Oaks County Park in Madison Heights. A number of upgrades are proposed for the park, including accessibility improvements, implementing green infrastructure, and re-evaluating usage, specifically taking steps to form a more cohesive park overall. The plan also recommends evaluation of the existing dog park, water park, and golf course, citing financial sustainability concerns and suggesting alternative uses for some of the facilities.



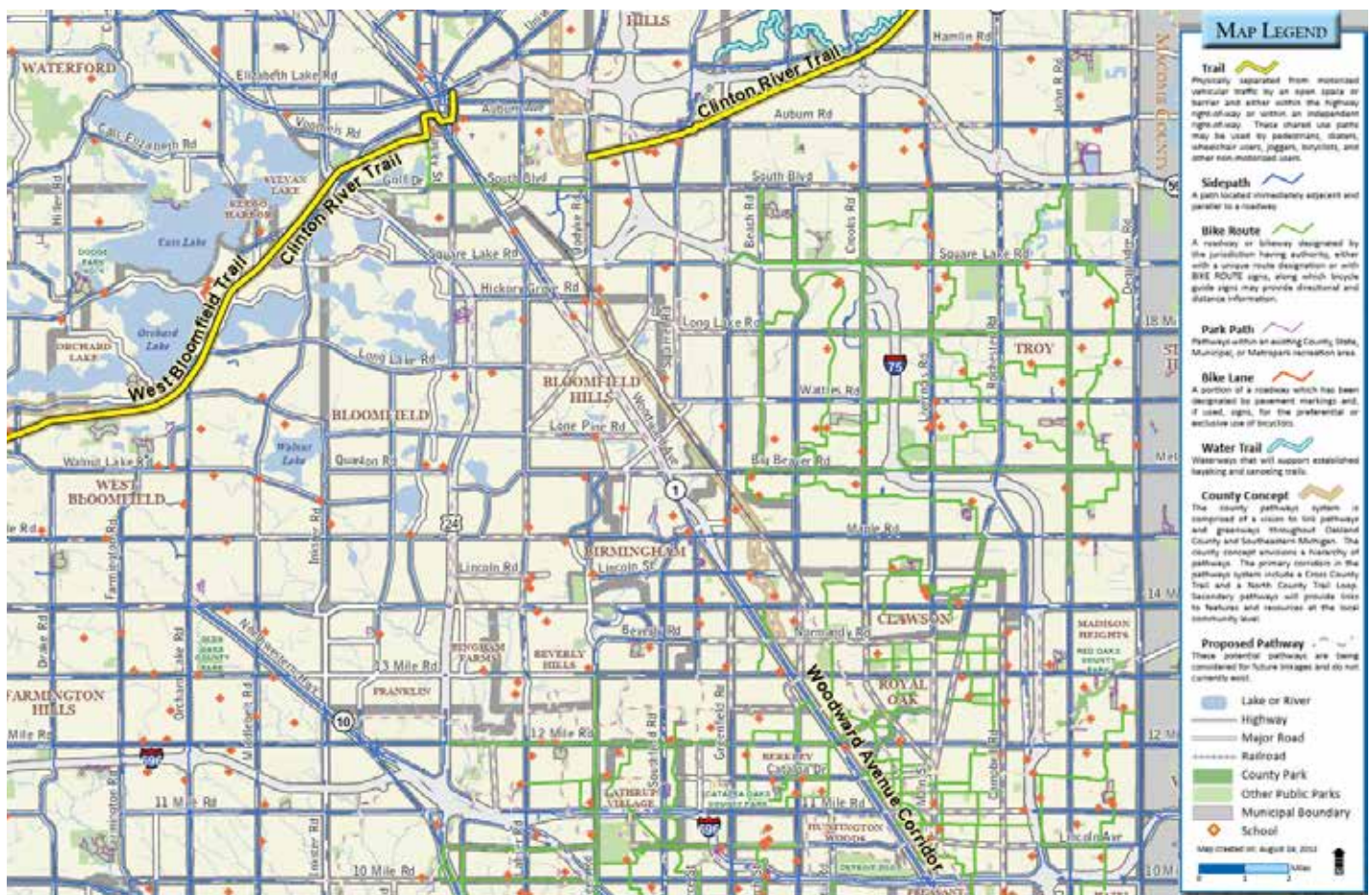
Phillip J. Huber Park

Oakland County 2008 Trails Master Plan

Developed by the Oakland Trails Advisory Council, Oakland County Parks & Recreation Department, and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, the 2008 plan laid the framework for the robust trail network that has developed within the county. The plan evaluated existing conditions, highlighting the County's eight major trails while also identifying known gaps in the network. Rather than propose a "preferred route" to bridge these gaps, the plan recommended development of multiple connector routes which provide different trail experiences for users and provide an overall benefit to the system users, owners and communities. Lack of an urban trail network in southeast Oakland County was identified as a significant deficiency, and the describes efforts to implement a greenway along the Woodward Corridor to address this shortcoming.

In conjunction with the Trails Master Plan, the **Oak Routes Map** was developed to show the location of existing major trails in the county, as well as local bike routes, park paths, and concept routes. The map was last updated in 2013-2014. It can be accessed at <https://www.oakgov.com/home/showpublisheddocument/44/638023898641100000>

Figure 40: Oak Routes Detail



Adapted 2013 -2014 Oak Routes Map

Other Online Resources

Oakland County now offers three interactive maps on its website providing information on the varied recreation amenities available to residents. These maps include:

- **Park Finder**: Provides basic information on all local and regional recreation facilities, with a link to the relevant municipality's website. <https://oakgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c333ef99a4c044c4ac4b81a6bf91a138>
- **Trail Viewer**: The Trail Viewer details the location of major trails and their surface types. It also includes park locations and internal park trail configurations. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6d39b89707554e08ae3f1746da3d231e>
- **Equestrian Finder**: Locations of horse trails, training facilities, and other equestrian-related amenities. <https://oakgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=a9929e2597dd47be86be9a12bf73f790>

SEMOG 2045 Regional Transportation Plan / 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for SE Michigan

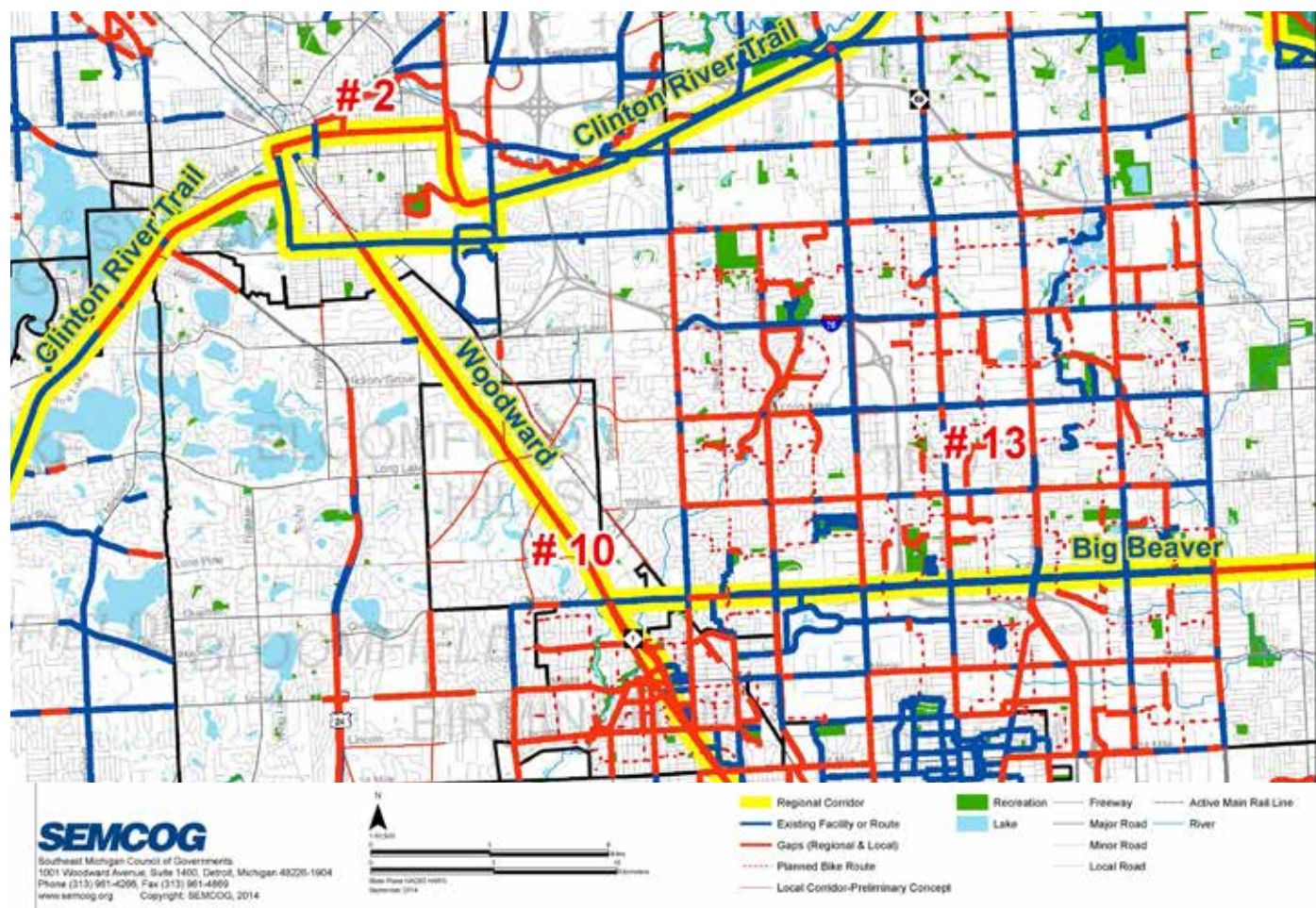
The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan provides broad transportation recommendations for projects across the seven-county region, with a budget of over \$5 billion proposed for transportation infrastructure improvements. While this plan focuses on motorized infrastructure, it does provide a chance to look at upcoming projects and plan accordingly for other related infrastructure improvements.

SEMOG's 2020 "Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan" creates a regional bicycling and walking vision for southeast Michigan, offering guidance on how to increase connectivity, use, and safety of proposed networks. The plan builds off of the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel plan, evaluating social justice and equity issues in addition to traditional traffic and safety data included in the earlier document. The new plan shows that:

- There is a growing interest in bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout the region.
- There is desire and need to enhance safety and comfort through infrastructure improvements;
- The non-motorized network is vital for increasing access to core services and amenities;
- Gaps in the regional system present challenges for connecting existing and planned infrastructure;
- A connected system supports healthy lifestyles and provides recreation, tourism, and economic development opportunities; and
- Collaboration and coordination is required between communities is required to develop and sustain a regional system.

Maps of existing and planned facilities highlights potential regional corridors along Big Beaver and Woodward. If a connection can be established to the Clinton River Trail just to the north of the City, residents would have direct access to thousands of miles of trails via the Iron Belle Trail network (see page 136).

Figure 41: SEMCOG 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan



SEMCOG Parks & Recreation Plan for SE Michigan

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

With almost 67,000 acres of parkland, Oakland County offers 56 acres of park per 1,000 residents. This level is higher than the region's average of 43 acres per resident. In terms of pure park availability, Oakland's acreage is almost double that of the next highest county (Washtenaw at 38,695).

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

Other SEMCOG Online Resources

- Southeast Michigan Trail Explorer: Provides a ground-level view of individual trails throughout southeast Michigan. To date, more than 50 regional land and water trails, covering over 550 miles of water trails and 400 miles of greenways and land trails, have been imaged. <https://www.semco.org/trailexplorer>
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Maps: SEMCOG offers several GIS-based maps which show the existing mobility network and regional bicycle and pedestrian corridors. They also provide an equity and demand analysis for the seven county region, as well as a safety analysis and links to local bicycle and pedestrian plans. All of the maps are collected on one page, at <https://bicycle-and-pedestrian-mobility-maps-semcog.hub.arcgis.com/>

2023-2027 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

The 2023-2027 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) determined that 95% of Michigan residents have participated in some type of outdoor recreation in the past year. Trail-based (86%) and water-based (80%) recreation are the most popular forms of recreation activities statewide. Participants report that being outdoors allows them to be close to nature, and they enjoy the psychological benefits and the break from their typical routines. While Michiganders are generally happy with the availability and quality of recreation locations, there are barriers to access in some areas and visitors from more densely populated areas report a considerably lower level of satisfaction with close-to-home facilities. The report also found that Michiganders are more likely to use resources that are easily accessible, e.g. paved trails or wildlife viewing areas.

The plan outlines a series of strategies and objectives for state recreation, including:

- Improve collaboration with municipalities and other stakeholders to ensure facilities meets the needs of residents and visitors, and explore opportunities for regional analysis and planning.
- Ensure recreation opportunities are connected and accessible to visitors of all backgrounds, abilities, means and geographic locations
- Enhance health benefits through public-private partnerships and inter agency collaboration to increase access to facilities and programs.
- Communicate the economic value of recreation and support continued engagement with new users. Identify and address barriers to participation in outdoor recreation activities.

Major Trail Projects

The State of Michigan and Oakland County in particular has seen a boom in non-motorized projects in recent years. The projects are often interconnected, and development of one segment can have a significant impact on existing and planned developments in other communities.

The Great Lake to Lake Trails-Route 1, a 275-mile system which stretches from Port Huron to South Haven, runs through northern Oakland County, utilizing other trail systems including the **Paint Creek Trail (PCT)** to form portions of its alignment. The PCT continues south to the City of Rochester where it intersects the **Clinton River Trail**, a 16-mile long route running from Keego Harbor in the west to Rochester in the east. The trail is somewhat unique as it frequently parallels the **Clinton River Bluewater Trail**, a 72-mile long water trail running from Maceday Lake in Waterford Township to Lake St. Clair in Harrison Township.

The surface trail connects with several other major trails and pathways, including the **Macomb Orchard Trail** in Rochester, the **Shelby Township Trail**, the **West Bloomfield Trail**, and the **Michigan Air Line Trail**. This network of interconnected routes combines, along with other alignments, to form the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail. The success of this route has lead to planning for four additional routes running from Muskegon to Bay City, Charlevoix to Alpena, Manistique to Marquette, and Escanaba to the Porcupine Mountains.

The most comprehensive system in the state, however, is the **Iron Belle Trail (IBT)**, a 2,000+ mile network stretching from Belle Isle in Detroit to Iron Mountain in the far western Upper Peninsula. The IBT includes a 1,273 mile long hiking route which winds along the west side of the Lower Peninsula and borders Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula, and a 791 mile long biking trail on the east side of the state and following US-2 in the Upper Peninsula. Since 2012, over \$68 million in grant and local funds and \$155 million in private donations have been collected to complete the trail. The **Paint Creek** and **Polly Ann Trails** in northeastern Oakland County are key segments of this larger system.

Finally, the IBT is, in turn, part of the larger **North Country National Scenic Trail** which travels from eastern New York to central North Dakota. The trail passes through seven states along the way, with the longest stretch found in Michigan. At approximately 4,600 miles, it is the longest of the eleven National Scenic Trails.

Figure 42: Great Lake-to-Lake Trail Route 1



Figure 43: North Country Scenic Trail



Figure 44: Iron Belle Trail



Michigan Blueways & Water Trails

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

The **Huron River Water Trail** offers some of the best kayaking and canoeing opportunities in the state of Michigan. Starting in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, the water trail travels over 104 miles, passing through a wide variety of environments.

Trail Links

Many of the major trails in the area have a dedicated board or council, or have a webpage that highlights the trail and its features. The following links will take you to webpages dedicated to the major trails in southeast Michigan.

- Iron Belle Trail: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/places/state-trails/iron-belle>
- Great Lake-to-Lake Trails: <https://michigantrails.org/great-lake-to-lake-trails/>
- Border-to-Border Trail: <https://b2btrail.org/>
- Clinton River Trail: <https://www.clintonrivertrail.org/>
- Headwaters Trails: <https://headwaterstrailsinc.org/>
- Huron Valley Trail: https://www.southlyonmi.org/residents/community/rail_trail.php
- I-275 Metro Trail: <https://michigantrails.org/i-275-metro-trail/>
- M5 Metro Trail: <https://mitrails.org/m5-metro-trail.php>
- MI Air Line Trail: <https://www.miairlinetrail.com/>
- Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park: <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/heritage-trails/lakelands-trail-state-park>
- Milford Trail: <https://www.milfordtrail.com/>
- Paint Creek Trail: <https://paintcreektrail.org/wordpress/>
- Polly Ann Trail: <https://pollyanntrail.org/>
- West Bloomfield Trail: <https://www.wbparks.org/parks-facilities/west-bloomfield-trail/>
- Clinton River Water Trail: <https://www.crowc.org/recreation/paddling>
- Huron River National Water Trail: <https://huronriverwatertrail.org/>
- Shiawassee National Water Trail: <https://www.shiawasseewatertrail.org/>



Iron Belle Trail near Ironwood. Image Source: Up North Live

Adjacent Community Recreation and Non-Motorized Transportation Plans

Troy's neighbors in Oakland and Macomb Counties have developed or are in the process of developing their own recreation plans. Some of the recommendations of these plans should be of interest to Troy officials and residents as they reference opportunities for collaboration. This is particularly true for trail planning efforts, where regional cooperation is critical to maximize the efficiency of potential routes. Major projects such as the development of new recreation centers or aquatic facilities may have an impact on visitation levels at Troy's own facilities.

Some items of interest include:

- **Clawson 2024 - 2029 Recreation Plan:** Suggests coordination with Madison Heights, Troy, and Royal Oak to develop a regional trail plan;
- **Royal Oak 2023 - 2027 Recreation Plan:** Considers development of a new community center and pool.
- **Royal Oak 2011 Non-Motorized Plan:** Sets an objective of converting a portion of the Canadian National Rail right-of-way to a multi-use path.
- **Birmingham 2013 Multi-Modal Transportation Plan:** Proposes buffered bike lanes on Woodward Avenue and Elon Road and bike lanes leading into Troy on North Adams and North Eton Roads;
- **Rochester Hills 2023 - 2027 Recreation Plan:** Recommends study for the development of an aquatic recreation facility;
- **Rochester Hills Transportation Master Plan 2021:** Suggests expansion of multi-modal transportation network, shows pathways along South Boulevard, and connections south to Troy at Crooks, Livernois, Rochester, and Adams Roads;
- **Sterling Heights 2022 - 2026 Parks, Recreation, and Non-Motorized Plan:** Identifies Dequindre Road as a sidewalk gap priority, and shows 15 Mile and 17 Mile Roads as designated pedestrian/ bike-oriented streets.
- **Madison Heights** is working on their recreation plan update in 2025.

Appendix A: Public Notices

The online survey was advertised via flyers at the Community Center and other locations, in Troy Fifty Forward, the Troy Recreation Guide (see below), in social media, and on the Troy website.



Troy Recreation Department
3179 Livernois Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

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CITY OF TROY PARKS & RECREATION

2026–2030 Master Plan Survey

The survey is live online through
Sunday, September 14, 2025

The City of Troy is seeking input regarding recreation opportunities in the community via an online survey. The results of this survey will be used to inform the recommendations for the 2026–2030 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

PREFER A HARD COPY?
Pick one up at City of Troy facilities and return to Troy Community Center by September 15! Learn more at rec.troymi.gov/masterplan

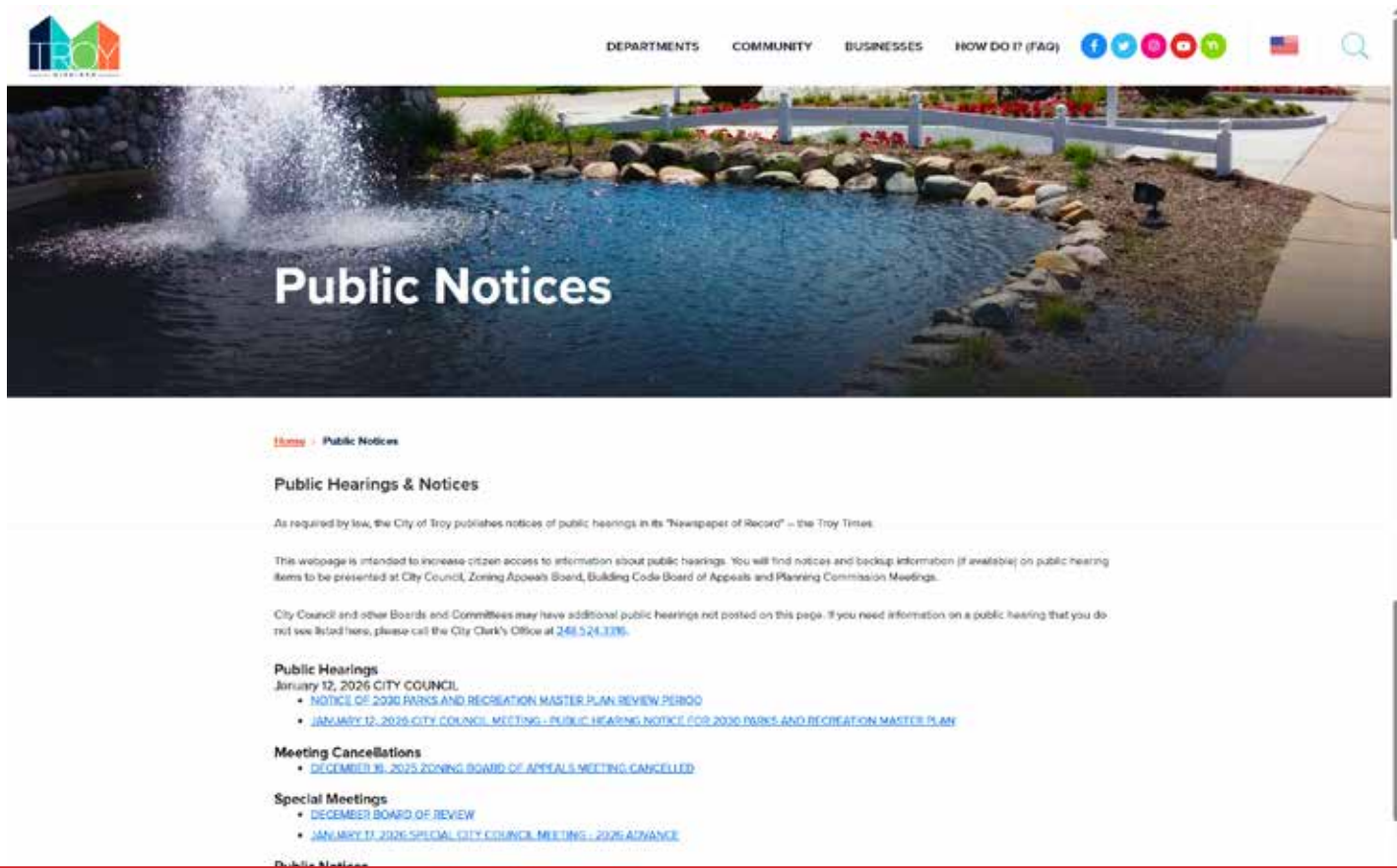
Your feedback will help inform the future of Troy Parks & Rec!

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW

Scan the QR code or go to rec.troymi.gov/survey



Screenshot: City of Troy website, December 1, 2025. Link results provided on following page.



Public Hearings & Notices

As required by law, the City of Troy publishes notices of public hearings in its "Newspaper of Record" -- the Troy Times.

This webpage is intended to increase citizen access to information about public hearings. You will find notices and backup information (if available) on public hearing items to be presented at City Council, Zoning Appeals Board, Building Code Board of Appeals and Planning Commission Meetings.

City Council and other Boards and Committees may have additional public hearings not posted on this page. If you need information on a public hearing that you do not see listed here, please call the City Clerk's Office at [248.524.3316](tel:248.524.3316).

Public Hearings

January 12, 2026 CITY COUNCIL

- [NOTICE OF 2030 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN REVIEW PERIOD](#)
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Appendix B: Minutes of Public Hearing

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-Draft

January 12, 2026

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CITY OF TROY OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN RESOLUTION

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **CONCURS** in the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and **APPROVES** the City of Troy 2026-2030 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as revised with corrections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AUTHORIZES** the transmittal of the 2026-2030 Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

I, M. Aileen Dickson, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Troy; do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Troy City Council at a Regular Meeting duly called and held on Monday, the Twelfth day of January, 2026.



M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC 3
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Appendix D: Letters of Transmittal



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The following pages are a summary of an online survey made available to Troy residents from June 15 through September 15, 2025. The survey was advertised via social media and on the Troy website, as well as at events held throughout the summer. Hard copies of the survey were available at the Recreation Center upon request. 33 hard copies were received and were entered by the City’s consultants.

870 unique responses were received. Responses were reviewed by IP address to ensure the integrity of the data. While there were several duplicate IP addresses, they were in clusters of two or three, which typically indicates entries from within one household. There were no indications of possible “ballot stuffing”.

On all open-ended questions, responses are provided verbatim. Tables with blue-green headers are attempts at categorizing open-ended comments and providing a tally of those categories. Individual comments may cover multiple categories and are open to interpretation, so the result tallies should be viewed with some caution.

Q1: Are you a current Troy resident?

Response	Count	Percent
832	95.85%	96.16%
No, but I operate a business in Troy	1	0.12%
No, but I use Troy parks or recreation programs	35	4.03%
Total Responses	868	

Q2: Please tell us which zip code you currently reside in. (Troy residents only):

Response	Count	Percent
48083	246	29.57%
48084	139	16.71%
48085	261	31.37%
48098	186	22.35%
Total Responses	802	

Note: Eight (8) “Other” responses were answered as 48098. Those responses were incorporated into the correct zip code listed in the table above.

Q3: Please tell us the municipality you currently reside in (non-Troy residents only)

Response	Count	Percent
Birmingham	1	2.94%
Clawson	3	8.82%
Fraser	1	2.94%
Grosse Pointe Shores	1	2.94%
Hazel Park	1	2.94%
Huntington Woods	1	2.94%
Madison Heights	2	5.88%
Orchard Lake	1	2.94%
Ortonville	1	2.94%
Rochester Hills	7	20.59%
Royal Oak	5	14.71%
St. Clair Shores	1	2.94%
Sterling Heights	5	14.71%
Warren	3	8.82%
West Bloomfield Township	1	2.94%
Total Responses	34	

Q4: Please indicate your age. For households with multiple family members, check all that apply

Response	Count	Percent
0 - 5 years	119	13.73%
5 - 12 years	159	18.34%
13 - 18 years	86	9.92%
19 - 24 years	72	8.30%
25 - 34 years	133	15.34%
35 - 44 years	233	26.87%
45 - 54 years	211	24.34%

Response	Count	Percent
55 - 64 years	174	20.07%
65 - 74 years	186	21.45%
75 and over	72	8.30%
Prefer not to answer	13	1.50%
Total Unique Responses	867	
Total Responses	1,458	

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

Q5: Please describe your current living situation.

Response	Count	Percent
Apartment	23	2.65%
Condominium / Townhome	34	3.91%
Single family home	810	93.21%
Manufactured (mobile) home	1	0.12%
Other (Please specify)	1	0.12%
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Q5 Other Responses

- live with daughter

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

Response	Very Important		Somewhat Important		Somewhat Unimportant		Not important at all		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Maintain existing parks	771	89.76%	71	8.27%	15	1.75%	2	0.23%	859
Acquire and develop new parks	289	33.88%	320	37.51%	157	18.41%	87	10.20%	853
Maintain existing programming	509	59.81%	275	32.31%	59	6.93%	8	0.94%	851
Develop new programming	324	38.12%	393	46.24%	96	11.29%	37	4.35%	850
Develop a community-wide trail system	459	53.62%	260	30.37%	77	9.00%	60	7.01%	856

Q7: Please rank the following phrases to help us understand your overall priority for the future of Troy parks and recreation. Rank the phrases from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Maintain what we have and improve quality	3545	100.00%	1
Focus on environmental stewardship and open space	2543	71.73%	2
Expand recreational offerings and program variety	2539	71.62%	3
Develop new facilities and modern amenities	2313	65.25%	4
Increase access and inclusion for underserved groups	1765	49.79%	5
Total Responses	847		

Q8: Does Troy have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?

Response	Count	Percent
Too many	13	1.54%
Just about right	609	72.16%
Too few	222	26.30%
Total Responses	844	

Q9: How satisfied are you with the current condition and maintenance of Troy's recreation facilities including your parks, Community Center, Aquatic Center, and Troy Trails?

Response	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Don't know / Haven't visited		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%			#	%	
Beach Road Park	93	11.18%	237	28.49%	73	8.77%	14	1.68%	415	49.88%	832
Beaver Trail Park	28	3.39%	126	15.27%	38	4.61%	13	1.58%	620	75.15%	825
Big Beaver Road Park	17	2.08%	111	13.57%	32	3.91%	9	1.10%	649	79.34%	818
Boulan Park	166	19.86%	426	50.96%	94	11.24%	25	2.99%	125	14.95%	836
Brinston Park	46	5.63%	198	24.24%	46	5.63%	13	1.59%	514	62.91%	817
Firefighter's Park	256	30.73%	376	45.14%	62	7.44%	19	2.28%	120	14.41%	833
Donald J. Flynn Park	80	9.78%	232	28.36%	53	6.48%	13	1.59%	440	53.79%	818
Gateway Park	21	2.58%	75	9.23%	22	2.71%	11	1.35%	684	84.13%	813
Phillip J. Huber Park	37	4.55%	168	20.66%	51	6.27%	12	1.48%	545	67.04%	813
Jaycee Park	158	19.20%	377	45.81%	63	7.65%	13	1.58%	212	25.76%	823
P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park	52	6.40%	118	14.53%	28	3.45%	13	1.60%	601	74.01%	812
Daisy Knight Dog Park	44	5.39%	133	16.30%	53	6.50%	33	4.04%	553	67.77%	816
Milverton Park	19	2.34%	104	12.79%	37	4.55%	19	2.34%	634	77.98%	813
North Glen Park	11	1.38%	71	8.88%	20	2.50%	7	0.88%	691	86.38%	800
Raintree Park	166	20.17%	366	44.47%	91	11.06%	17	2.07%	183	22.24%	823
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Sanctuary Lake Golf Course	77	9.47%	214	26.32%	42	5.17%	10	1.23%	470	57.81%	813
Schroeder Park	29	3.63%	102	12.75%	44	5.50%	8	1.00%	617	77.13%	800
Jeanne M. Stine Community Park	136	16.69%	252	30.92%	65	7.98%	18	2.21%	344	42.21%	815
The Rink at Stine Community Park	189	23.28%	191	23.52%	37	4.56%	11	1.35%	384	47.29%	812
Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center	291	35.32%	292	35.44%	45	5.46%	4	0.49%	192	23.30%	824
Sylvan Glen Golf Course	92	11.25%	230	28.12%	46	5.62%	16	1.96%	434	53.06%	818
Sylvan Glen Lake Park	137	16.71%	230	28.05%	59	7.20%	16	1.95%	378	46.10%	820
Troy Community Center	255	30.50%	414	49.52%	99	11.84%	16	1.91%	52	6.22%	836
Troy Family Aquatic Center	162	19.68%	303	36.82%	88	10.69%	32	3.89%	238	28.92%	823
Troy Farm	68	8.32%	153	18.73%	47	5.75%	12	1.47%	537	65.73%	817
Troy Historic Village	198	23.94%	308	37.24%	34	4.11%	5	0.60%	282	34.10%	827
Troy Trails	94	11.38%	220	26.63%	110	13.32%	43	5.21%	359	43.46%	826

 = most frequent response

Q9: How satisfied are you with the current condition and maintenance of Troy's recreation facilities including your parks, Community Center, Aquatic Center, and Troy Trails? (Don't know / Haven't Visited eliminated)

Response	Very Satisfied		Satisfied		Somewhat Unsatisfied		Very Unsatisfied		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Beach Road Park	93	22.30%	237	56.83%	73	17.51%	14	3.36%	417
Beaver Trail Park	28	13.66%	126	61.46%	38	18.54%	13	6.34%	205
Big Beaver Road Park	17	10.06%	111	65.68%	32	18.93%	9	5.33%	169
Boulan Park	166	23.35%	426	59.92%	94	13.22%	25	3.52%	711
Brinston Park	46	15.18%	198	65.35%	46	15.18%	13	4.29%	303
Firefighter's Park	256	35.90%	376	52.73%	62	8.70%	19	2.66%	713
Donald J. Flynn Park	80	21.16%	232	61.38%	53	14.02%	13	3.44%	378
Gateway Park	21	16.28%	75	58.14%	22	17.05%	11	8.53%	129
Phillip J. Huber Park	37	13.81%	168	62.69%	51	19.03%	12	4.48%	268
Jaycee Park	158	25.86%	377	61.70%	63	10.31%	13	2.13%	611
P. Terry & Barbara Knight Park	52	24.64%	118	55.92%	28	13.27%	13	6.16%	211
Daisy Knight Dog Park	44	16.73%	133	50.57%	53	20.15%	33	12.55%	263
Milverton Park	19	10.61%	104	58.10%	37	20.67%	19	10.61%	179
North Glen Park	11	10.09%	71	65.14%	20	18.35%	7	6.42%	109
Raintree Park	166	25.94%	366	57.19%	91	14.22%	17	2.66%	640
Redwood Park	21	13.29%	85	53.80%	34	21.52%	18	11.39%	158
Robinwood Park	44	21.36%	110	53.40%	34	16.50%	18	8.74%	206
Sanctuary Lake Golf Course	77	22.45%	214	62.39%	42	12.24%	10	2.92%	343
Schroeder Park	29	15.85%	102	55.74%	44	24.04%	8	4.37%	183
Jeanne M. Stine Community Park	136	28.87%	252	53.50%	65	13.80%	18	3.82%	471
The Rink at Stine Community Park	189	44.16%	191	44.63%	37	8.64%	11	2.57%	428
Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center	291	46.04%	292	46.20%	45	7.12%	4	0.63%	632
Sylvan Glen Golf Course	92	23.96%	230	59.90%	46	11.98%	16	4.17%	384
Sylvan Glen Lake Park	137	31.00%	230	52.04%	59	13.35%	16	3.62%	442
Troy Community Center	255	32.53%	414	52.81%	99	12.63%	16	2.04%	784
Troy Family Aquatic Center	162	27.69%	303	51.79%	88	15.04%	32	5.47%	585
Troy Farm	68	24.29%	153	54.64%	47	16.79%	12	4.29%	280
Troy Historic Village	198	36.33%	308	56.51%	34	6.24%	5	0.92%	545
Troy Trails	94	20.13%	220	47.11%	110	23.55%	43	9.21%	467

 = most frequent response

Q10: How often do you use the following facilities?

Response	Daily		Once or twice weekly		Once or twice monthly		Rarely or never		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Troy Community Center	99	11.66%	179	21.08%	221	26.03%	350	41.22%	849
Troy Family Aquatic Center	22	2.62%	64	7.61%	144	17.12%	611	72.65%	841
The Rink at Stine Community Park	5	0.60%	20	2.39%	147	17.56%	665	79.45%	837
Troy Trails	55	6.54%	108	12.84%	217	25.80%	461	54.82%	841



= most frequent response

Q11: Do you or your family visit neighboring community, county, or state recreational facilities?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	650	75.76%
No	208	24.24%
Total Responses	858	

Q12: If yes, why do you choose to visit them? Please check all that apply.

Response	Count	Percent
The park has special features that aren't available in Troy parks	407	62.91%
Close to family and/or friends	160	24.73%
We just like a change of scenery	321	49.61%
We feel safer in this park	20	3.09%
Other (Please specify)	84	12.98%
Total Unique Responses	647	
Total Responses	992	

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

Q12 Response Categories*

Open-ended Response	Count
(Longer) Trails	26
Nature / natural features	15
Proximity	9
Programs	8
Variety of experiences	7
Pool / Splash pad	7
Updated/modern play equipment	4
Special events/gatherings	4
Water access / beach	4
Restrooms	3
Cleanliness / Maintenance	3
Cost considerations	3
Pickleball	2
Sledding	2

* Only categories with more than one response are shown

Q12 Other Responses

- Adequate restrooms for small children
- Bathroom facilities
- BBQ
- Beachwood pool is cleaner than aquatic center
- Better access to dance rooms
- Better maintained
- Better structures for toddlers
- Better swim lessons
- Better trail access. Better ponds for fishing
- Better walking paths
- Better walking/biking trails
- Biking and running trails
- biking trails
- birmingham parks are neighborhood gather spots
- Camping and beach
- close to summer home
- closer to our home with trails
- Closest to home
- Community Events
- Different experience available, updated equipment or cleaner bathrooms
- Dodge park is it!!!! Have you been there?!?! Can't believe we have a lame farmer's market and lame events compared to Sterling Heights. Troy seems to do things half way and half heartedly.
- have bodies of water
- Hilly terrain not available in Troy
- I live closer to other parks that have better birding opportunities and habitat.
- I only use other parks when I'm working nearby and walk at lunch
- Innovation Hills is AMAZING with so much variety, Many of Rochester, MI parks!
- It's fun to check out different parks like Innovation Park.
- Larger parks for cycling
- Longer bike trails or we can walk in rochester park then go to the hot dog place for lunch on outside
- Longer distance trails
- Longer hiking trails
- Longer trails for hiking, walking and bike riding
- Lots of toilets, lots to do for all ages. I am talking about the great hiking paths and trails in Rochester parks. I pay their annual fees for passes.
- more green space, more mature trees, more trails away from roads
- More miles of trails
- More scenic for hiking
- More trees or lake/pond
- More untamed space
- Mostly metro parks in Ohio are free and less crowded and better.
- Natural hiking trails. Troy keeps building up our parks. What happened to balancing active and passive parks? Everything seems to be overly active. Sylvan Glen. Used to be a nice, quiet, natural park. Nows it's turned into a busy and loud on the weekends. The building of the gazebo and playground will only make it noiser. What a list opportunity to make it a natural area to teach about the fish, birds, and plants there.
- Nature trails 4-6 miles on length
- Nature!
- Near our house.
- Near where we live, has a lake, good destination to bike to
- Need good long connected trails
- No cost splash pads
- No specific purpose with some of our parks. Most are land and picnic tables and playgrounds
- Occasionally RARA has specific programming that we like to participate in.
- On vacation.
- Other community centers are nicer and friendlier
- Other parks have more modern playground equipment, hiking/jogging trails, exercise trails, and other amenities.
- Park is very large and has long walking trail
- Pickleball courts that have proper signage to use rack system when courts are full. The new Firefighters Park pickleball courts are very nice and welcome, but they have the wrong message on the sign that says 1.5 hour limit per court. Those who play Pickleball will not be happy with that arrangement. Use Borden Parks sign as a model for good pickleball play and etiquette.
- Programs offered there
- Rochester has miles of access for both the paint creek trail and the Clinton. Also just a lot more nature parks to teach our youth so someday they will have a more complete understanding than us
- run club
- Runs, biking, sledding
- Specific events (runs, etc.)
- Splash pad, playgrounds and swings for toddlers, music playgrounds
- Stony Creek- Good safe road for biking
- The parks in Rochester hills have more natural space and trails than troy's and trails
- there is significantly more nature and preservation in the state parks Troy lacks preservation of nature.
- They got better parks which include splash pad throughout the summer so kids could enjoy.Hills for sledding during winters

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Q12 Other Responses Continued

- They offer complete trails that are handicap accessible. Have developed their land highlighting the natural elements there. Our parks are very basic and plain.
- Troy doesn't have a splash pad other than what's in the aquatic center and we don't always want to pay so much for one.
- Troy has NO Trails. "Troy Trails" is a joke. They don't even join. I have to drive to Rochester to go true trails like Clinton River and Paint Creek. "Troy a little of walking" - they are NOT trails. Joke to call them that. Need pickleball courts not more Criket.
- Troy parks are more for sports so there isn't much scenery for walk. Neighboring communities have few parks that are outstanding.
- Troy parks are nice, but do not offer of a nature/ wilderness experience
- Unique programming like Wet and Wild Wednesday in Rochester Hills
- Usually a get together for a purpose
- Utilize Warren's community center for swim lessons as we find them more comprehensive and in a nicer pool - waist deep lazy river vs having to kneel in the kiddie section of the Troy pool. Programming was also more cohesive with instructors that clearly knew what they were doing. Experienced some newer teachers in Troy that seemed unsure what to teach next.
- Walk paint creek trail
- Water - St. Clair River Park
- Water to swim
- We don't have parks with good investment near us. Do more with southeast Troy!
- We don't like outside people coming to Troy Pool and that should be for people who live in this city and their family member's.
- We enjoy the nature and beaches at the State parks
- We go when other parks have concerts or parties
- We have only 1 park with basketball courts.
- We like to travel
- We like wooded trails and places with rivers
- We live on troy and find other commuity parks closer to us. we are in section 1. we play tennis and there are no tennis courts nearby in troy
- We use some county and state parks when boating

Q13: How do you typically travel to local parks?
Please check all that apply.

Response	Count	Percent
Walk	321	37.68%
Drive	764	89.67%
Bike	207	24.30%
Total Unique Responses	852	
Total Responses	1,292	

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

Q14: What types of activities do you or your family members regularly participate in? This includes any parks you visit, not just Troy's. Please check all that apply.

Response	Count	Percent
Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading, etc.)	648	75.17%
Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.)	453	52.55%
Outdoor park activities / playground	437	50.70%
Farmer's market	367	42.58%
Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.)	350	40.60%
Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad)	345	40.02%
Picnicking	321	37.24%
Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.)	255	29.58%
Movie nights or concerts in the park	227	26.33%
Golf	223	25.87%
Dog park / dog walking	216	25.06%
Sledding	186	21.58%
Canoeing / kayaking	177	20.53%
Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.)	177	20.53%
Senior programs	132	15.31%
Off-trail / rustic hiking	131	15.20%
Hunting or Fishing	100	11.60%
Mountain biking	96	11.14%
Skiing (cross country or alpine)	95	11.02%
Art / Painting / photography / sculpture	93	10.79%
Disc golf	89	10.32%
Figure skating / hockey	70	8.12%
Community gardening	59	6.84%
Kite flying	52	6.03%
Geocacheing	47	5.45%
Horseback riding	30	3.48%
Skateboarding	22	2.55%
Other (Please specify)	55	6.38%
Total Unique Responses	862	
Total Responses	5,453	

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

Q14 Other Responses

- 2024 Troy Historical Soc Walking group was great but Concerts in Park same time
- A Tai chi practice field.
- Aquatic Center
- Art shows and also outdoor patio/rooftop restaurants
- Badminton
- Badminton(TCC)
- Basic exercising options
- basketball
- Bike
- Biking
- Biking on roads not dirt
- Boating
- Boating
- Bocci/shufflebd, Cornball
- camping <2 identical responses>
- Cycling
- Dance rooms
- Discussion groups. Game nights
- exercise programs
- Fitness
- Green space for bocce, cornhole
- Gym/ fitness class. At Troy community center
- Hanging out with friends
- History
- History lectures, garden walk
- Ice skating but not necessarily figure skating. We love community picnic events, food trucks, holiday celebrations and fairs so we will drive out do those. We love fireworks and drone shows.
- Martial arts
- Music concerts
- Onewheeling
- Play on play structure or swinging on swings. The pavilion's are nice shade too.
- Reading on benches or picnic tables
- rollerskaing
- Rolller skiing loop
- Rv camping
- Sandboxes
- Senior trips/activities
- Sewing/Quilting, Yoga
- Skating
- Skating at rink - we love the summer skating events. Would love to see skate rentals.
- Snowshoeing
- Splash pad

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Q14 Other Responses Continued

- Stargazing <2 identical responses>
- Swimming
- Taiji practice
- Taiji weekend exercises
- Tennis
- tent camping
- TROY SENIOR GARDENS
- walking
- walking, fitness classes in community center
- walks at lunch at Huber Park
- Watch sporting events
- Weight lifting

Q15: Of Troy's existing park amenities, where do we need the most improvements? Choose all that apply.

Response	Count	Percent
Jogging and walking paths	274	35.77%
Restrooms	248	32.38%
Troy Trails	227	29.63%
Natural areas	188	24.54%
Benches / seating	155	20.23%
Community Center (General)	142	18.54%
Playground equipment	137	17.89%
Pickleball courts	133	17.36%
Fitness Center (Community Center)	113	14.75%
Outdoor aquatic facilities (Troy Family Aquatic Center)	109	14.23%
Picnic areas / shelters	107	13.97%
Indoor Aquatic Facilities (Community Center)	105	13.71%
Sled hills	84	10.97%
Inclusive play areas / Accessibility	84	10.97%
Senior Center	80	10.44%
Indoor theater / event space	63	8.22%
Basketball courts	62	8.09%
Tennis courts	59	7.70%
Amphitheater at Jeanne Stine Community Park	58	7.57%
Swingsets	57	7.44%
Parking	57	7.44%
Baseball / softball fields	54	7.05%
Soccer fields	51	6.66%
Daisy Knight Dog Park	50	6.53%
Golf facilities	48	6.27%
Multi-use fields	45	5.87%
Cross-country ski trails	44	5.74%
Sand volleyball courts	41	5.35%
Banquet Center (Community Center)	36	4.70%

Response	Count	Percent
Disc golf	30	3.92%
Football fields	15	1.96%
The Rink at Jeanne Stine Community Park	13	1.70%
Skateboard park at Jeanne Stine Community Park	10	1.31%
Other (Please specify)	56	7.31%
Total Unique Responses	766	
Total Responses	3,035	

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

Q15 Other Responses

- 1-geese, 2-deer
- A splash pad free of charge!!9
- Accesibi
- Asphalt paths around the parks in desperate need of repair
- Badminton court
- Badminton Courts needed
- Badminton courts which is way too less compare to other city
- Bathrooms!
- Better access for handicapped seniors using assisted devices
- Bicycle lane
- Bike paths
- BIKE PATHS!
- Boulan Park Concession Stand
- Community gardens in beaver trail park
- Dance studio rooms
- Deer population issues
- Drinking fountains and trees planted when dead ones removed
- Easier access to ball fields

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Q15 Other Responses Continued

- Fix existing trails, Milverton park falling apart
- Focus more on SE Troy!!
- Forests
- Have more dog friendly parks
- I don't think they need improvements. Save the taxpayers money.
- I would like a fishing dock at Sylvan Glen Park
- In MILVERTON PARK: Add a playscape (other Troy parks replaced (&discarded?) perfectly good playscapes) and add shade trees along the walking path and fix the flooding on the path and grassy areas (sometimes impossible).
- lakes
- Landscaping at Redwood Park.
- maintaining Huber Park, with woodchips and restoring the fitness stations
- More chairs, less private cabana, need sun umbrella for lifeguard at shallow end
- More picnic tables. More shelters
- More shade in Stine park
- More tennis courts! The ones in the middle schools got taken down like at smith middle school. The community used those and now they are gone. The courts built at firefighters could have been multi use for tennis and pickleball but they only were made for pickleball, when there's a larger population of tennis players in this community. No input from the community was asked prior to building these. They could have been multi use and more inclusive. The courts at boulan and firefighters are always packed.
- More trails that connect to other trails, please!
- Mtb trails
- Need longer walking/cycling trail than we have now. I can only get in 1.5 miles away from my home on my back (and back). Would like a 5 mile long trail in the city.
- None
- not sure.
- Nothing is needed
- outdoor splashpad with shades
- Preserve the woods for deer
- Provide bathroom at Beaver Trail Park. So many kids come to play at this park but there are restrooms. Going back home which can take 15-20 minutes to use restroom is not an option. Many senior citizens walk here too but there are no restrooms for them as well.
- Repair exercise stations in Huber Park
- Room is disgusting. More handicapped. Senior activities later in day and some weekends. Theater, special event bus trips
- Schroeder Park is a mess and dangerous.
- shade areas at Jeanne Stine Park
- Security
- Shade at the parks!
- Taiji field
- tennis and basketball courts needed
- The new park signs lack the character of the old signs
- Trees
- Troy Historic Village
- TROY SENIOR GARDENS OUT HOUSE AND FOOT PUMP WASH SYSTEM IN POOR
- Unsure
- Updated workout equipment and wood chips at Huber Park

Q16: Please tell us your concerns about the items you selected in the previous question.**Q16 Response Categories**

Open-ended Response	Count
Trails, sidewalks, pathways	112
Maintenance, cleanliness	69
Restrooms / Locker rooms	60
Troy Aquatic Center, pool	52
Play structures	42
Natural areas	41
Pickleball	39
Shade, trees	39
Update, outdated	34
Benches, seating	26
Troy Community Center	23
Fitness Center	21
Flooding	19
Baseball, softball	18
Basketball	18
Accessibility, inclusivity	17
Dog park	17
Tennis	16
Concerts	16
Senior Center, programs & facilities	19
Parking	16
The Rink	13
Hours & availability	13
Add more	11
Animal, insect, invasive species control	9
Cost	9
Soccer	8
Picnic shelter, tables	9
Golf	8

Open-ended Response	Count
Disc golf	7
Water feature, splash pad	6
Sled hill	6
Programs, classes	5
Resident only use	4
Badminton	4
Sand Volleyball	4
Safety	4
Amphitheater	4
Courts (general)	3
Garbage cans	2
Ski trails	2
Skate park	2
Dance	2
Farmers Market	1
Firefighters Park	24
Stine Community Park	18
Boulan Park	17
Robinwood Park	14
Redwood Park	8
Sylvan Glen Park	5
Raintree Park	5
Milverton Park	3
Schroeder Park	3
Huber Park	4
Beach Road Park	3
Troy Historic Village	3
Jaycee Park	2
Silverton Park	1

Q16 Responses

- #1 most important! The asphalt walking-jogging paths around the parks are in desperate need of repair. Deep cracks in them, and uneven trails will cause people to trip and fall. Repair the trails for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Troy!
- 1. More shade or trees at amphitheater; more playground equipment for young families during summer concerts. 2) senior programs (ex: more bus trips to Tiger games), also senior bus (if Madison Hgts can own senior bus, why not Troy?) 3) More signs in fitness center instructing to "wipe down equipment"
- - Be nice to have one linked bike trail. - Resurface Redwood pickleball courts. (I would say more courts,, we'll see how additional Firefighters courts work) - More Senior programming
- 6 new pickle courts at FF is great but will fill up fast we need many more. Bike trails need to be longer so we don't have to drive to a trail far away.
- A bathroom facility and more pavilions for shade.
- A connected bike path/lane system would be amazing.
- A dining room in the present Community Center is hardly enough! The seniors of Troy should have their own building that includes indoor walking track and pool (like the Rochester OPC). More local trips by bus (i.e., Detroit Historical Library, J.L.Hudson tower, renovated train station, Roostertail,
- A lot of destruction of significant natural areas that have genuinely shaped the lives of many current and past Troy resident. Demonstrates a general lack of empathy for the emotions and experiences of residents
- A lot of the playgrounds don't have seating for adults or eating.
- A true trail.
- Access to many of the baseball fields is too challenging for older adults with walkers. I would like to be able to attend the games of my elementary school grandkids.
- Accessibility of restrooms(Women's at Boulton and Raintree Parks, for example)
- Add a play structure at the Jeanne Stine Park and provide more parking (it seems like everyone parks at the tennis club and when I go for my tennis lesson there is little parking). Make the aquatic center for residents only - it is too crowded and I can't enjoy it. Quit building more housing.
- Add more
- Again, everything seems focused on active, active, active. People need to learn to just be in nature. Open space and hiking trails are missing.
- Amphitheater at Stein Park. It's in complete sun! Needs shade with either trees or some kind of covering. As the sunsets the sun will be in everybody's eyes as they watch the outdoor concerts as they're now being moved from bowling to Stein Park. Aquatic center continue emphasis on keeping the bottom
- Amphitheater needs shaded areas, dog park is swampy much of the year and very small, never enough pickleball courts, restrooms should be available at every facility and open year round
- Amphitheater: When I heard it would be like Auburn Hills, I was hoping/expecting theater-like seating like AH has. Would love to see more Troy Trails - what we have is great, but all 3 sections are quite short. I'm hoping we can add the walking path to TCC (if the bond passes).
- Aquatic center can be dangerous - from the bottom of the pool (skinned feet and knees) to the old playground. The soccer fields flood regularly, have holes and are dangerous to play on. The baseball fields are in poor shape as is the fencing, bleachers, grass and slag.
- aquatic center hours extended until at least 7 pm, and possibly the season extended. More Benches/seating in shade in parks.. Add trees to sunny, hot parks. Add creative playground equipment to parks, like ziplines. More water features ie. a stream like at Innovation Hills
- Aquatic facilities - the amenities do not justify the price of admission
- automatic out of bound systems for pickleball
- Badminton - more Courts needed more and improved versions. Since this sport has many adults along with kids/teens playing with high traffic at courts.
- ball fields are not well maintained or consistently lined for games, natural areas are not maintained at SNC for educational programming, restrooms are consistently gross our missing products
- Bandshell at Jeanne Stein park needs nearby parking and TREES. The picnic tables are metal with no shade. Who would picnic there on a sunny summer day with no shade. The locker room at Aquatic outdoor pool is lacking in space to accommodate everyone. Curtains often torn and dirty.
- Baseball fields in some areas are overgrown. Aquatic facility could be nicer/bigger and have more open swim hours. More plentiful benches for grandparents. More trails through nature.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Baseball fields need more attention and higher quality to attract more players
- basketball courts need padding on the full block/ cement walls like the ones behind the hoops. People(me)have hit the block wall and could get seriously hurt. Man in Canada died hitting a brick wall playing pickleball. I emailed several TCC employees including Mayor Baker. 1 yr later, no progress.
- Bathroom availability and upgrades
- Bathrooms are okay, but we can make them better
- Bathrooms are outdated old and disgusting and locks in the women's room don't always work
- Bathrooms are usually dirty. No close parking at the Stine park. Raintree disc golf course floods easily. Many trees along Raintree trail need trimmed or cut down.
- Bathrooms can always be better
- Beaver trail and several other parks have outdated playground equipment. We are often going to other cities or metro parks to use more modern playgrounds. New equipment at raintree is nice, but is small compared to other city's facilities
- BEing able to host a banquet style event at TCC is a nice option. I have not investigated that for a few years so may not have enough perspective, but it seemed as if the catering choices could have been stronger. Parking at Firefighters and Redwood is an issue
- benches are old, trails require more upkeep, more accessibility for all ages and to more areas of the city
- Better parking at the rink
- Better seating for baseball games. Areas that are level and don't flood so easily.
- Bike trails need to be able to be connected.
- Boulan Park needs more picnic tables throughout the park and the concession stand needs to be open again! The community has been begging for it.
- Brinston Park tennis/pickleball court needs upgrading. Has land that could be used for other activities.
- Build more tennis courts at the local parks such as firefighters park.
- C;lass exercise rooms in the community center need additional room or expansion as we consistantly run out of room for all the attendees.
- Cannot walk to park due to NO sidewalk on South Blvd west side of Dequindre
- Children with physical disabilities should be able to access fun playgrounds. ADA compliance is too low a bar and doesn't mean there will be fun things that are wheelchair accessible.
- City seems determined to wipe out all green spaces for new development. Very disappointing
- Civic Center lacks basic sidewalks for walking! Not connected to Huber Park trails. Fitness Center lacks in an indoor walking facility. Pool needs standard 25M lanes, not 20M. Back of women's locker room should be all changing rooms - only 1 right now.
- Clean restrooms and shaded benches needed at all important areas like Outdoor Aquatic Center and Stine Park. Farmer's Market should not be during business hours!
- Clean restrooms at parks would be nice; why are we paying for an ice rink so expensive and there's already an ice rink behind Buffalo wild wings
- Clean restrooms, playground estructures need maintenance, not enough tennis courts,
- Cleaning of restrooms. Keep natural areas from being developed
- Cleanliness
- Cleanliness of restrooms, updated playground equipment
- Cleanliness —supplies available
- Community center discriminates against people with special diets. Can't bring in lunch. Can't eat what they serve. Can't
- Community center has few adaptive class offerings. I know why. I tried to run one and was treated abominably by administration.
- Community Center need major updates. Need a new auxiliary gym for pickle ball so that the kids can have more than a half court of basketball. The parking lot at the community center is atrocious. I would like to see a dedicated basketball center for youths. Also, soccer nets left on fields at parks
- Community center needs an update with an updated patio space. And a theatre room for senior/ or community movie days. Some of the walking trails are pretty rough and can use more wood chips or upgraded blacktop. The upgraded play structures are nice but not all playgrounds have updates.
- Concrete needs repair
- Connect the trails and use the School Administration property
- Connect them to bikable lanes
- Connect trails
- Connecting walking/biking trails--not enough of them (sidewalks figure into this to safely walk/bike and they are in poor condition at least on the east side of Troy. Asphalt trails added and maintained. Electric bikes and scooters disallowed!
- Conservation of habitat and green spaces is critical even in more urban areas

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Cost
- Daisy Knight Dog Park floods consistently. The last thing you want as a dog owner is to come home with a muddy dog! Also needs more trees or other shade cover.
- Daisy Knight park is bowl shaped which causes flooding in the middle of the park. Sylvan Glen has too many geese that contaminate the area around the lake. The park could benefit from culling the population.
- Dated facilities
- Disc golf at raintree is a swamp. It's hard to find a tennis court that isn't full.
- Disc golf course seems to have trash from drinkers & smokers so we have been going elsewhere. 1-mowed grass attracts geese. Per Ohio Naturalist (and as demonstrated at several parks), leaving tall grass, esp around water makes it unattractive to them 2-deer need to be moved up north
- Do we even have a sledding hill. In Troy. The baseball fields are trash and embarrassing. Need better drains at firefighters park
- Dog Park boring and muddy; need outdoor pickleball, Rochester and Sterling Heights has much better programming and facilities for seniors
- Dog park is unusable most of year thanks to trying to use a drainage field as a park. These drainage are muddy often to a high degree. I have been going to the community center since it opened. In the past few years they have been buying/leasing inferior exercise equip, so we are losing members
- Dog park is wet, muddy and needs improvement. Need more walking trails in nature in Troy. Troy needs less housing development on open areas and more parks and nature areas.
- Dog park needs more trees and a water feature.
- Don't understand at all why the rink was built for only children under 10??it is beautiful but so ridiculously small that adults or teens don't want to waste their time putting their skates on. Very poor planning for families with multiple ages
- don't like that sometimes we feel we're in people backyards. More privacy from the neighborhood would be nice, - would seem more like a get away, instead of invading someones home space
- Drainage in FireFighters park - Soccer Fileds hold to much water
- Driving range at SI is a mess. Do better.
- During a picnic last summer in the shelter at Raintree Park, a large rat ran past our table! Also, bees continually interrupted our picnic. That park, and perhaps others, need better critter and insect control.
- Entrances and exits are blocked with falling trees and more trees are about to fall. Somebody will eventually get hurt and sue.
- Equipment at parks is getting old and some of the courts are in bad shape
- existing are fine, there just are not enough
- Expanding trails / maintaining the paths for jogging & walking. Replacing and adding shelters
- Expansion needed
- Expansion of trails for biking and walking throughout the city
- Firefighters is very outdated
- Firefighters Park paved trail ends at the bridge. Wondering if it could have a blacktop trail leading over to disc golf. As I'm aging, I find it harder to walk on uneven ground. We walk our grand dog at most of the parks and Troy and it really helps to have a paved path. Also, more benches along the
- Firefighters soccer fields were once a great location for tournaments like the Soccer City Classic. Unfortunately these fields haven't been improved in over 30 years. This location has the ability to be world class. Troy is huge soccer community and the city has failed to keep up with the times.
- Fitness Center needs equipment updates and changes to attract younger demographic and fitness needs.
- fitness center not maintained as it was 6 yrs ago. Stine Park needs better care. playgrounds need improvement the ice rink is terrible need expansion
- FITNESS CENTER: Add more space for classes (or so "FAME" summer camp doesn't limit our classes) and add ceiling fans to Studios A-D.; NATURAL AREAS: Keep greenspace & stop clearing trees for houses and buildings; OTHER - MILVERTON PARK: Plant shade trees along path & fix flooding & add a playscape.
- Flynn should be a showcase for baseball in Troy. See Kyte Monroe in St. Clair Shores. Also, Beaver trail park would be a great location for a Wiffle ball field for kids in the area.
- Getting everything linked by trails would be great!
- Groomed trails /maybe rentals again might be nice at Sylvan Lake, more outdoor PB courts (depending on popularity of new ones at Firefighters Park) and expanded trails AA best can be retrofit
- Handicap areas. Improve walkway / doors / bathrooms
- Having safe play structures for kids to play on is very important!

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Hi! I would say my main suggestions are the restrooms at the aquatic center. Those I feel like haven't been updated at all in the 37 years I've been in Troy. The community center is nice but the workout area is cramped. Also, just having safe playground spaces is important and more indoor options.
- Historic Village needs adequate parking to provide safety for school children attending in buses. Also needs roof repairs where lectures are held in the chapel. A modern visitor center would also provide better safety in bad weather.
- I am a frequent participant in activities at Community Center/Senior Center
- I am very disappointed with the maintenance of The Rink. The fire pits should be on more often for residents to enjoy.
- I believe most of them have aged and are in need of replacement
- I don't like seeing the woods being removed for building but understand its private property
- I feel parks could be upgraded. And we need a splash pad. More seating with benches would be good for older people.
- I just feel like there can always be more of these things
- I just want more areas that have old growth trees. Areas that are walkable and it doesn't even have to be through parks just shaded sidewalks during the summertime and lovely colors and autumn I would love that.
- I just wish we had longer trails/more green space in the city
- I like the Troy Trails but I would love a crosswalk to connect the Boys and Girls Club to Raintree and another crosswalk across Long Lake at the entrance of Jaycee Park. This would allow people on the East side of Troy to connect to neighborhoods across the main roads safely.
- I love a lot of what you have done at Sylvan lake. Except people like to ski around the lake in winter and the way you clear the whole path it makes it too difficult. Just plow half if the walkway so walkers can walk and skiers can ski!
- I love Huber Park and how it is a more secluded trail, and I like that it is unpaved with woodchips (great for jogging on). I wish the exercise stations were functional as I might like to use them, but most are badly falling apart or completely broken. Also would like more similar wooded trails.
- I love to walk and bike with my family. More access to trails is never a bad thing!
- I think adding all the playground equipment at Sylvan Glen Lake Park is disgusting you had a nice beautiful setting it was gorgeous and then you ruined it by putting all that equipment in what a mistake
- I think adding more variety for the playground equipment and scenery for walking paths would be nice along with adding trees for shade on those areas. I think the soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, and skate park could all just use some upgrades along with more of them.
- I think both pools could be improved. They are nice. We enjoy the aquatic center
- I tried to go to a concert at Boulan Park on the same night as a softball game - couldn't find a parking spot and gave up after 20 minutes circling the lot; missed a show I wanted to see
- I wish that Troy would add playground equipment for seniors in some of our parks. I have seen and visited parks with equipment for seniors and it's terrific.
- I wish there was a place to do a long run (over 5 miles) on jogging path or Troy Trails. Aquatic Center has become boring and locker room is not nice.
- I wish there were more modern play equipment other than just slides and swings in Robinwood park
- I would like a longer path with a stream in it like the Rochester Park.
- I would like more paths to run on with additional Troy trails/more trails in/around parks
- I would like more trails and connected neighborhoods or parks through trails, for either running or biking.
- I would like to have more trails and see arks continue to get improved playgrounds.
- I would like to see some dedicated indoor pickleball courts for seniors who cannot play outside in the heat. Restrooms need to be open or available at some of the parks,
- I would love some fitness program options on Sundays. I would also love more pickle ball options. I am always on the waitlist and never get in.
- I would love to have Troy Trails expanded and safer places to run long distances like the trail system in neighboring communities. The exercise trail at Huber isn't maintained well and older, so an update to that would be exciting.
- I'd like to suggest more activities for active older adults 55+, like maybe a senior residents' pickleball league, a walking or slow biking group. The city's aging population doesn't just want the typical senior activities offered in that Community Center Room.
- I'm looking forward to the expansion of Troy Trail north of Wattles. Also new trail areas.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- I'd be glad to see more of the community outside with more options and connected trails. Fun runs or other events can expose the parks to the community that may be unfamiliar with them
- I'd like to see the bike trails extended. I'd rather not have to drive to Paint Creek. Bring the Civic Center courts back to the public. You killed the community ran 125 member Troy Tennis Club! The Boulan softball fields are substandard and could use major infield work and the bathrooms redone.
- If the outdoor pool bottom is more smooth and the locker rooms are cleaner and newer, that would be great. Maybe consider other use of the outdoor pool when the weather is cold?
- If trees are removed for various reasons they should be replaced
- I'm just concerned with the amount of green space throughout the city and would like to see preserved and/or taken care of.
- In Boulan park, pickleball players took Most of the tennis courts. We have to wait long time for tennis court
- In general, a few more benches per park would be great. Also, maybe one more park could have disc golf
- In Silverton park would like to see a play ground for the kids. Get rid of that workout area
- increased capacity at aquatic center. canceled membership this year because it was at capacity every time we tried to go
- Indoor pool lighting; lack of benches near playgrounds; flood/water management on disc golf courses; walking path improvements at Boulan, Poison ivy on North Glen Park paths (trash cleanup needed too); live feed cameras for pickleball courts, more benches at courts, better paddle/wait lines.
- Indoor swimming pool and therapy pool is very busy. I would like to see the swimming pool time extended to at least 8 pm for working professionals. Community center looks dated and stuck in the 80's. New furniture and better workflow needed.
- Indoor theaters/event space. A little space is available. Space is being consumed. Need to set priority for community uses.
- Innovation hills has much more intelligent play items in playground and very progressive and thorough in conservation efforts with nature florets and attention to keep safe spaces for local wildlife
- Invasive species in natural areas, water/flooding at raintree, and bathroom facilities at troy farm.
- it would be nice if Robinwood park had exercise stations along the path
- It would be nice to add some amenities like a coffee shop in the community center, and I wish something could be done about the coyotes on the Troy trails. I've had two scary encounters and don't feel safe walking there alone.
- IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A SPLASH PAD AT ONE OF THE PARKS, ALSO ROBINWOOD PARK WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A BATHROOM AND WATER FOUNTAIN
- It would be nice to have more trails like Troy trail
- It'd be nice to have a traditional sauna at the fitness center. Restrooms at parks are nice when you have young children.
- It's an older facility. Needs a bit of modernization, not terribly but it does look dated. Fresh coat of paint, some new tiling, you don't have to go crazy.
- It's so nice but needs trees, plant some trees
- Jaycee Park needs a paved pathway around
- Jean Stine park doesn't have enough shade for the outdoor concerts. We didn't attend some because it was too hot. Need to add some canopies or permanent shading if you choose to continue to have concerts during the summer. Also there's not playground equipment for the kids to use during the conc.
- Jogging paths are for the most part OK, but can get uneven in some areas. Some can be widened, such as in Boulan Park
- Just better trails and better upkeep more seating
- Just more, interconnected trails and equipment maintenance. The redwood Park ball field didn't get bars until the sign for this survey went up.
- Just need more
- Just needs general improvements and cleanliness
- Just needs updating.
- Keep poison ivy from edges of walking trails
- Keep them up to be safe
- keeping the community center clean for participants
- Lack of
- Lack of garbage cans. More garbage cans are needed, especially when there are sports activities happening at the parks.
- Lack of shade at the amphitheater makes it challenging to enjoy summer concerts; as a special ed teacher I don't see many inclusive playground options; parking is not always convenient and many lots need repairs; the restroom facilities I've used in Troy parks are often outdated
- Lady's change room, shower, change space is too tight and small
- Larger, cleaner, and more modern indoor pool area with lap swim, more paved bike trails (longer mileage), more sand courts

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Lawns are not always regularly mown and soccer fields at Boulan are not painted with lines. I'd love to see more inclusivity. Finally, I moved from Madison Heights and I miss the nature trails through the woods. The one at Rain Tree is ok, but not the same.
- Leave some areas minimally developed so nature can be enjoyed.
- Longer natural trails for walking; more true nature areas that don't have grass mowed; more trash bins in the parks so there is less litter;; clean the ponds T Firefighters Park - they are so disgusting and polluted .
- Lots of investment around the city but we are an afterthought
- Love this city but riding bike is very dangerous. Side walks (Rochester Rd 16 to 19) very unsafe
- Lower non-resident fees at the aquatic center.
- Pickleball courts on the east end of Troy
- Maintain current equipment in fitness center
- Maintain what we have only
- Many concerts & events seem to fill up, standing room only. Some parks could more shade.
- Many of the parks don't have enough benches very close to the playground. Parents are often struggling to find an available seat that's close enough to observe their children while playing on the playground.
- Milverton Park has no playscape. There are only 2 fake rocks and a swing.. Virtually nothing for small children
- Milverton park seems largely overlooked when compared to other parks in the area. We do not have a proper play structure. Just some swings and an odd assortment of unsafe climbing rocks. As this neighborhood is growing, it would be nice to see it be more family friendly
- Milverton park trails need work, falling apart. Robinhood park has no public bathroom
- more (smaller) picnic shelter areas (covered seating to relax out of sun) that don't need to be reserved.
- perimeter walking/jogging path (dirt ok) at each park
- more accessbile walking trials
- More available
- More complete trails with less exosure to traffic.
- More connected trails for walking and bikes. More courts.
- More connected trails, more trees and shaded walking space in general.
- More golfing like in age area is needed so as disgolf because a lot of people play it more benches and seating areas because I feel like we have less of those and basketball courts are awsome little bit more though is needed because a lot of people like to play it
- More greenspace, less development. More trees!
- More of the side paths need more wood chips. Many times they are too flooded or muddy to walk through.
- More outdoor activities in the summer, like movies and concerts. Ski hills and cross country try skiing, improve baseball fields
- more outdoor benches and small round tables at library, community center.
- More pickle ball people taking tennis courts and there is high demand for it. For example, it's really hard to get tennis courts a Boulan Park. It would be nice to have more built at other parks.
- More pickleball courts
- More pickleball courts and a connected trail system that allows personal electric vehicles PEVs.
- More pickleball courts please
- More pickleball courts/upkeep of current courts (redwood park) improving accessibility to adaptive parks/equipment,
- more playground structures are needed that focus on the eight to thirteen year old age group. Firefighters Park used to have play structures that focused on this age group.t
- More please
- More restrooms and updated playgrounds
- More seating at playground in shade, need more trees in play areas and native plants for environmental health/biodiversity (with educational signs), I wish we had more playground equipment that included natural materials and the idea of some risky play
- More shade for owners. Longer trail connections and parking access (ex. on Wattles when accessing trail south to dog park)
- More trails, more shelters, upkeep existing shelters and supporting restrooms.
- More trees for shades and flowers for Jeanne Stine Community Park
- More Troy trails. And a conveyor belt or something to help get up the sled hills
- More women friendly golf tees at the two golf courses
- Mosquitos and poison ivy are prohibitive
- Most baseball fields are outdated. Troy should be hosting tournaments to bring money to the community but we have no facilities fit to do so. Bathrooms need improvement at parks.
- Most just could do better
- Most of the items I selected are outdated. Troy doesn't have any playground that is amazing - think innovation hills park in Rochester. The community center and the aquatic center are very old

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Most part trails the trail isn't safe for running or little kids walking.
- Most Troy parks are for one purpose only, like to play a sport or it's just land with a sad swing set. These aren't inviting. Also, connecting the Troy trails would be great and you're so close. Biking is hard to do safely in Troy.
- Moving summer concerts from Boulan Park to Jeanne Stien park was not well thought out. The following reasons support my thinking. #1. Poor parking. #2. Little to no shade. There's no playground area to draw children, which made the concerts at Boulan Park a family evening. Not as many people
- My adult children go to other skate parks because Troy hasn't updated the skate park. Would love for this to be updated. I also wish the dog park was at a very discounted rate for Troy residents. I understand the upkeep but we pay a lot in taxes and etc.
- My biggest complaint is the general lack of pedestrian and cycle accessibility- for example crossing from lake into JC Park, there's no walkway across the street for pedestrians. This is the case in many of our mile road where there's no option for safe crossing in between the miles.
- N/a
- Na
- Need a bike trail connecting to Rochester hills trail system
- Need a designated area to practice Taiji. Currently none of the parks has a Taiji field.
- Need a trail system that criss-crosses the entire city, separate bike paths along every major road similar to Rochester Hills. Current bike paths lead nowhere!
- Need accessible restrooms for those with bladder issues. Sometimes I go and the restrooms are closed and I have to go stop at a store or restaurant.
- Need better access for handicapped that use assisted devices
- Need lights at Firefighters pickleball courts
- Need maintenance more frequently
- Need more and better
- Need more and more variety.
- Need MORE connected trails; dog park should have more shade options for dog and human safety
- Need more courts since many have been eliminated at schools, parks
- Need more development near troy community center
- Need more disc golf courses
- Need more fully enclosed parks. Parents with multiple small children seek these out. Schroeder Park was great for this, but now it is under construction. :(Wabash Park in Rochester hills is a good example.
- Need more habitat for birds
- Need more indoor pool time for toddlers at TCC. Can use more newer equipments in parks for kids.
- Need more miles
- Need more shade in the parks. TFAC locker rooms are outdated...need family locker rooms.
- need more trails for walking and biking
- Need more trails that are connected so you can access all of Troy
- Need more trails, especially trails that can link with other systems (e.g. Clinton River trails)
- Need more untamed space. No pave trails. Just natural space. Convert some manicured park areas.
- Need more Volleyball and Pickleball courts; Some parks don't have restrooms; easy access to parking locations also needs to be evaluated.
- Need more, newer, nicer.
- Need pickleball courts with a backboard for practicing
- Need pool chairs. Family changing rooms for kids.
- Need seating options and soccer fields flood
- Need to be more modernized and upgraded and we need to expand a bit more in areas where there isn't a lot of activity so we can get more participation in those areas and get more people involved to build an even stronger community! Expanding but also maintaining our roots is important. Integration!!
- Need to make these parks and activities more accessible to seniors.
- Need to preserve environment and not build
- No restrooms at Robinwood park.
- No restrooms in Robinhood park
- None
- Not all parks have restrooms for small children
- Not enough chairs and too much sand in water at TFAC and indoor fitness center equipment is missing many machines and the ones they have are very old and in poor condition
- Not enough benches for people to rest (for seniors) on walking paths & trails. More lights in park.
- Not enough courts in Troy
- Not enough of each category.
- Not enough picnic tables/seating in parks. Indoor pool hours not usable and always full when open. Could use more playground equipments
- Not enough walking or biking trails that are easily accessible from the neighborhood
- Not sure where they all are.
- Not up to par with Royal oak
- Nothing special for dog like area to swim.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Old
- Orion Oaks dog park is elite in its space nature and amenities. Wish we had something like that in Troy. And more dog park offerings that are free esp since we are not allowed to have fenced yards
- Other cities have more accessible sledding hills
- Our kids are in college so we don't do the same soccer activities as we did 3-4 years ago. What my wife and I do enjoy is going to Sterling Heights Free Concerts at Dodge Park every Thursday in the summer. We also go to Auburn Hills Knight Amphitheatre for Free Outdoor concerts on Friday nights.
- Out dated broken items
- Overall, great. Could update some equipment such as weights, bands for fitness classes. Some have covers that are peeling off and we sometimes don't have enough weights for the whole class.
- Park restrooms not always clean; indoor pool issues in the last year
- Parking is needed closer to the rink at stine park
- Parking lot needs repaving,, community center fitness rooms need cleaning and painting. Halls need painting. New equipment.
- Parks are not accessible for those in wheel chairs, particularly children. Parks lack restrooms and drinking fountains. More trees should be planted as well
- Parks need trees and shaded areas; I love to swim, and the pools could use more/deeper space for adult swimming (the outdoor pool also could use a good scrubbing around the filters on a regular basis)
- Parks should not be just grass fields we need to protect trees and nature to help reduce heat and clean our air. Plus people enjoy being in nature more than just a field.of grass.
- Parts of Huber Park trails are still bare earth, the fitness stations are missing or in poor repair, I try to walk there 5 days a week, and miss how it used to be better maintained.
- Path at Robinwood park is cracking shifting causing fall hazard. I actually fell once already due to shifting path.
- Pickleball courts are amazing but need a few things. Water fill station, bike rack, flag for wind
- PICKLEBALL COURTS! and look at what Dodge park has and how they bring the community together!!!
- Playground equipment at Robinwood is on its last leg. Should be tuned up or replwced. Lots of stuff appears to be dated at the community center indoor pool.
- Playground equipment needs updating and more equipment for ages 0-5 years old. Toddlers need safe spaces to play. Trails need to connect to each other. More pickleball courts
- Please add playground equipment for kids 10+. They need to be physically challenged and to have fun, too.
- Please allow access to the dance rooms when it is available.
- Please build more trails to connect bicyclists & pedestrians to more places. Make park restrooms year-round facilities and add restrooms at parks that don't have them. Drainage on some of the park paths (esp. at Raintree) could be improved to get rid of standing water after storms.
- Please improve the scheduling in the Troy community center. The person who is responsible for scheduling clearly have a strong bias. The scheduling is always in favor of certain sports while ignore others. All members pay the same fee. Yet we are NOT treated fairly.
- Pool facilities need to be maintained
- Preserving natural nature areas is most important too many are being demolished for townhouses effecting wildlife and our ability to enjoy nature. Some bathrooms such as Raintree park are a little older or run down
- Preserving nature, even in small green spaces, is very important and should be a priority in all communities.
- Priority for Troy residents
- Quality of Equipment & Facility, Size and accessibility by foot and bikes, shaded areas by trees etc
- Rapid loss of green space in Troy is quite alarming. Whenever new buildings go up, very little green space is saved but touted as "look we left a very small spot of green space". The open space, tranquil feel of Troy has greatly diminished.
- Really the only one that impacts me
- Redwood Park has a baseball field that hasn't been used in the 10+ years I've have lived in the neighborhood. The wooden benches are so rotten they could be a safety hazard. A better use of that area may be a dog run because while we don't have baseball players there are a lot of dog owners.
- Redwood Park is very popular for pickleball players which is great but the playground is in serious need of an upgrade. it's a small park in a small section of troy but there are a lot of kids in the neighborhood, and pickleball players would like to bring their kids to play on modern equipment.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Redwood park playground is old and outdated. Lots of kids in this neighborhood. We love the troy aquatics center. Would love a better splash pad area.
- Redwood Pickleball courts in need of repair
- Restrooms are poorly maintained
- Restrooms at parks are outdated, poorly lit, and lack baby changing stations. Parks need more benches and seating areas for families. Paths need repaving - too many potholes when pushing a stroller. Rusty playground equipment is unsafe for babies and toddlers.
- Restrooms locked during operating hours sometimes
- River at Troy nature center is polluted. This is probably more of a system wide concern throughout multiple counties and cities but very important. Chemical pollution in rivers is unfortunate.
- Robinhood park do not have any restroom.
- Robinwood park does not have toilets
- Robinwood park for example pavement is in very bad shape.
- Robinwood walking path is in desperate need of attention
- Rochester Hills innovation park is more fun for kids
- Rochester innovation hills put Troy parks to shame. Rink too small, only update to firefighters park was a statue despite lack of playground equipment, why not dedicate new playground equipment to our firefighters? Tfac has weed, smoking, trash, thongs, no policing. Too many apartments
- Safety
- Sanctuary lake practice facilities and many bare spots on the course need improvement.
- Sanctuary Lakes has very much improved their cart paths, but the fairways and bunkers need a lot of work. The new carts are wonderful.
- Schroeder is a joke. Parents and guards think it is part of school. Very limited access even on weekends and off hours.
- Seniors in Troy are under represented
- Shade areas. Work out suggestions on trails. Like the one by aquatic center, it's great but need a lot of help!
- Shady playgrounds. More playground features (ex- the water river feature at Rochester's innovation hills). Modernized picnic areas. More features at the indoor pool.
- short trails
- Signs at new pickleball courts are wrong at firefighters people think they can take a court and stay on for 90 mi Utes and not rotate with paddle rack
- soccer field at Beach Road park not maintained.
- Softball fields not great. No concession stand. Games canceled because someone is not there to turn on the lights. The person running the adult Softball teams should be fired. I hear it on the field constantly.
- Some of the bathrooms could use some updates. We also love the rink but wonder if offering rentals would get more skaters out in the summer as well as a concession stand. I suppose you would need to see the demand.
- Some of the equipment is old and can use updating such as Boulon park. Also need more benches to watch kids at Beach Road park
- some of the parks have playgrounds that do not have continuous paths to reach all areas, limiting mobility. For instance Raintree does not have a walking path that connects to the swings so adults or kids with more limited mobility (or parents with young kids in strollers) cannot easily access them
- Some of the walking trails are uneven. Bicyclists go racing by with disregard for walkers.
- Some parks don't have bathroom facilities. Both aquatic centers could use some updates. A few great playground parks only have seating in the sun with no shade available.
- Some playgrounds are outdated, small compared to the size of the park
- Somehow need to connect trail segments to get more contiguous system and greater length.
- Somewhat out of date
- Specific to Schroeder park there are invasive fox grape vines overtaking all the trees along Chelsea Ct and Beach Rd. Need to remove before it kills trees.
- Stage Nature Center's restrooms need updating
- Suggest to install EV charge stations in park for parking
- Surrounding cities do a much better job at maintaining natural areas while also providing trails, options for all citizen needs.
- Sylvan Glen Golf Course lost its bathroom on the back 9 years ago. This is a travesty given that the course is a revenue generator for the city. Sylvan Glen Lake Park got a bathroom. Why is Sylvan Glen Golf Course being given no love?
- Sylvan Glen Golf Course needs a 2nd restroom on the course. You fixed the one restroom and then took down the 2nd restroom. For number of golfers that use that course throughout the season a 2nd restroom is badly needed.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Sylvan Glen lake park should have been left without playground equipment since it was a place to escape the noise of the world. Since that was not the case, you need another park like it with water (lake) and NO playground equipment or other noise producing amenities. Connectivity of Troy trails
- TAC - Keep early bird lap swimming 8-10A but don't kick us out of lanes for lessons
- TCC is filthy. All floors need to be buffed and polished. The studios are not cleaned between am/pm sessions. The equipment needs to be cleaned and/or replaced. Need more weights, cardio balls and Bosus need air. How come you can never get a hold of Brian or find him?
- TCC used to have both basketball courts available in most of the time. The courts are designed for basketball with high ceiling. It is a waste in resource when using it for pickleball. TCC should change some of the existing rooms for pickleball courts or to expand the TCC with more room for pickleball
- Tennis courts are a big factor!! I love tennis but there are not many courts, and when there are courts, they are being used by classes or programs. I would love to play tennis with my friends but can never find an open court.
- The Aquatic Center is actually really well done, but my family spends a LOT of time there so it's selfishly high on my list of priorities. I would love to see more trails and paths connecting areas so I could safely jog or bike with my family, and more indoor spaces for bad weather.
- The aquatic center price for entry is not justified by what is offered. For a large family the family discount does not offer enough spaces, four entrees for a family of six
- The aquatic facilities are fun but limited. There isn't a lot for kids to do, especially indoors because there are classes going on taking up the pool, they can't use the hot tub and they can't use slides if they need a floaty. A theater space would be nice for community clubs and events.
- The aquatic facilities need to be expanded and updated, ie The Rochester OPC.
- The baseball fields are dangerous. We should have more basketball courts available throughout the city. The soccer fields need to be better for the level of soccer that our kids play. I have a lot more to say but not enough characters. Email me if you want more: <EMAIL ADDRESS REDACTED>
- The baseball parks are poorly maintained, and some were taken away to make room for other sports. We have a thriving sports community of parents and kids who are being ignored by the city. Flynn park is a safety issue and poorly maintained. Other cities make our fields an embarrassment.
- The baseball/softball field at Redwood Park is in serious disrepair. I would love to see it converted to tennis courts (and/or possibly badminton courts) to complement the pickleball courts already there that were not built for the option of tennis.
- The bathroom that was removed at Sylvan Glen needs to be replaced.
- the bathrooms at all of the parks I regularly go to are rarely well-stocked, and aren't kept up really well
- the bathrooms especially need a major remodel The aquatic center needs a major remodel and the biggest complaint is there are no seats to use anytime you go.
- The community center pool is old & small. Need saunas and steam rooms and overall locker room update. The overall center also has no soft seating areas, or art on the walls, etc, it's not very inviting and needs a cafe or something with coffee & snacks. The golf courses need flowers, can't fin the
- The cricket court at Boulan Park that takes away huge green open space and picnic pavilion and pushes walking trail into a narrow path way is a great SHAME!
- The daisy knight dog park floods often and makes it a giant mud pit frequently
- The daisy knight dog park seems to be treated as an afterthought in the Troy park system and listening to the residents who utilize the facility, there is a sense that the city of Troy is unresponsive and even unfriendly toward that part of the community
- The dog park had broken glass in the dirt for weeks
- The equipment: facilities inside the community center needs maintenance. Lot of the equipments are too old and tattered and needs to be replaced
- The fields are always wet. Not graded well.
- The fitness center, in the areas where there are weights, could use better air circulation. Adding ceiling fans and dehumidifiers would help. Today, 6/23, the weight areas were very muggy and the air was stagnant in the smaller workout room. It's uncomfortable to workout with poor air circulation.

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- The general cleaning and upkeep of the community center (fitness area). Horribly Streaked mirrors because of lack of training and supervision of the employees doing the work. Dust build up again lack of supervision and process. Less talking with the guests and more cleaning
- The gym needs to develop its weightlifting areas to be suitable for deadlifts and more squat racks. Those are the busiest parts of the gym. We need more natural areas, the city is overdeveloped. Rochester/ Rochester Hills is doing way better!
- The indoor aquatic facility is tiny and barely has any lap lanes or area to really swim in. Most families I've talked to prefer to go to other indoor pools.
- The indoor pool at the community center is always breaking down and having issues. Heater needs repair a lot.
- The location for the proposed new library is awful. That park is used often so it shouldnt be removed. Too many invasive species around community center campus, aquatic center that need to be dealt with.
- The move of concerts to Stein Park from Boulan should immediately be reviewed & relocated at an existing park facility due to severe lack of parking, lack of playground for families & inadequate shade availability. If a determine factor for the move to Stein park was the erection of the " bandstand
- The offerings for seniors is somewhat limited.
- The one time I visited, TFAC, just over a year ago, the women's locker room was atrocious --only 1 toilet with a door, no shower curtains, no changing area, teeny tiny lockers too small for swim bags. There is very little shade for summer concert goers at Jeanne Stine Park.
- The outdoor aquatic facilities are out dated and the locker rooms are very hard to use and no family facilities. We need more lounge chairs. All we heard is next year, but that has been going on for 5 years.
- The parks that have the large baseball fields and multi person activities are great and all, but not everyone is going to be able to take advantage of group activities with 6+ people. Prioritize the small number activities
- The path around Boulan Park could use some improvements. The ground is uneven and breaking down in some areas.
- The playground structures could be diversified. Sally Smoly park in Holland is really nice with natural elements. Something like this would be nice to add to Schroeder that currently doesn't have any structure to play with and no other parks nearby in the neighborhood.
- The pools need some major work to make them look clean and updated. The indoor pool looks dirty and I don't feel comfortable in there with my kids. The outdoor pool splash pad is sad and isn't interactive, rusty, and outdated.
- The rink is nice but very small. The troy trails are nice but short distances. The community center gym could be updated to be more on par with other fitness facilities in the area.
- The "Senior Center" is just a cafeteria w/new furniture for dining. It should be a furnished lounge area (sofas, chairs, coffee tables, board games) to invite senior attendance. And it should be open the same hours as the Center (to 8 pm)
- The Seniors need more day trips and a dedicated bus. We need carry out meals from the dining room. No library improvements. *Tooo cold in the building. Non residents don't pay enough.
- The sledding hill at Sylvan Glen is difficult to get to and easy to hit people
- The TFAC is outdated and overpriced. It literally has not changed since I was a child in the 90s. Only 2-3 tubes for slide available and poorly inflated. Hardly feels worth the cost.
- The trails in Troy are not connected. My wife and I love to walk our dog and be in nature. Philip Huber is nice, but is a one mile loop. The Troy Trails are one-way tails (not connected or looped) and less than 2 miles there and back. I have to drive 8-10 miles every day to Rochester.
- The Troy fitness center is underutilized
- The troy trails have lots of invasive species in them. Removing these and replacing them with native species would be a great improvement.
- The walking/jogging/biking trail around the robinhood park has bad asphalt road with lot of uneven surfaces, potholes and cracks. The park could use more picnic benches. The Troy aquatic center could maintain the shower and bathrooms better as always there's stagnant water around the bathroom.
- There are almost no trails for biking or running anywhere around Troy. We typically drive to Rochester to bike or run on the paint creek or clinton river trails
- There are few neighboring communities that have updates their parks (such as innovation hills in Rochester and dodge park in sterling heights), so we tend to frequent those parks more than parks in troy. A destination park like that in troy would be awesome!

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- There are not any basketball courts to my knowledge that are not on school property, A really cool sledding hill would be great.
- There are not enough swim lanes, too many lessons in the way of lap swimmers and not enough swim hours. Also the lifeguards do not protect lap lanes during busy times when lap swimmers are trying to do laps. Lessons for kids seem to be the only thing ever protected.
- There are not many pickleball courts in Troy, so we have to go out of city most of the time
- There are parks without restrooms or enough picnic tables
- There are very limited sidewalks in Troy to get places around the community safely. I wish there were sidewalks in neighborhoods and on main roads.
- There aren't too many trails, it would be nice to have more
- There is no place to get on a bike and ride in Troy; you have to get in the car to go to a REAL trail. "Troy Trails" is a joke. Also, Troy was SO SLOW about getting pickleball courts. And so disappointed in what you did to the TENNIS courts. You took the only 8 we have and made 4 into pickleball
- There is not enough badminton courts
- There needs to be bigger lockers in the change area.
- There's constant contention between tennis and pickleball players in Boulon park. Police were call in some occasions. I hope the city enforces the rules to limit some courts for tennis ONLY.
- There's not as much forestry. As a result, there's not as much wonder and adventure as there could be
- These are all places that need serious TLC.
- These are areas that our family would use more often if Troy had/improved them.
- These areas need improvement to be better utilized by the community. There aren't nearly enough program, offerings, community, events, etc..
- They all need some updating. Stine Park needs more shade especially for concerts, events
- They need to maintained consistency and improved modern facilities
- Too few baseball and pickle ball courts. Baseball fields need massive improvement.
- Too many mosquitoes
- Too many staff everywhere instead of parks, pools
- Too many unleashed dogs in public spaces
- Trail too short; fitness center classes always short on right equipment
- Trails could benefit from trees on both sides so you aren't just alongside a busy road. More loop paths are needed. A place to stand up paddle or kayak would be very appreciated. Safe crossing spots for children to access parks would be helpful. Access to streams and natural playgrounds.
- Trails disconnected ; TFAC needs updating
- Trails should be longer and bike lanes. Community center should have more classes
- Troy aquatic center should be for residents only. The vibe there is gross. Shame because it was amazing when it opened in the 90s to just residents. Beach road park needs more trees and play equipment.
- Troy community center indoor pool , water is a little cold. many people complain about the cold water. I suggest some degrees warmer than current. also family locker room temperature is cold. more family changing rooms please.
- Troy could use more natural hiking/walking trails for active people. Also more activities for seniors - think OPC in Tochester
- Troy has the largest demand for educational robotics, yet teams disintegrate every year from burnout since TSD does little to support it.
- Troy has very few wooded paths with natural trail surfaces. Compare to Bloomer Park, River Bends park. Troy has no long distance bicycle trails like Clinton River Trail, Paint Creek Trail, Macomb Orchard Trail.
- Troy Historic Village is not represented in survey questions, nor is the library. THV is in need of a new church roof (currently leaking during lectures). THV needs major upgrades to m/f restrooms at the general store. THV needs improved parking and a visitor center (new)
- Troy is getting rid of too many green spaces with housing and buildings. We need more green space why get rid of nature and the natural habitats of the animals and force them out.
- Troy is not dog friendly or senior citizen friendly. BOulan park need a an enclosure for dogs with water , more garbage can at each exit and more benches along walking path
- Troy needs more areas that will serve the dual purpose of providing low-intensity recreational activities while also maintaining natural areas (and even "rewilding" some areas). If those goals cannot be met simultaneously, the goal should be to preserve natural areas (particularly trees/forests)

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Q16 Responses (Continued)

- Troy needs more tennis courts in the 48083 (E of Rochester, S of Big Beaver). See the kids on my street playing tennis in their driveway because there are no Troy courts they can walk to. Also, it's be nice if more parks had groomed cross country trails for another winter activity.
- Troy needs to incorporate true and natural green spaces that promote native species such as wildflowers and areas where old growth trees can live.
- Troy parks are a joke compared to Rochester. All that property tax and I try to avoid these underdeveloped and tiny parks in Troy
- Troy residents are paying to visit OPC in Rochester. When are we going to improve/increase the number of senior activities and get a dedicated senior center that you were given funding?
- TROY SENIOR GARDENS HAVE THE PRICE GO UP EVERY YEAR!!!! IT WAS %26.00 WHEN I STARTED, HAD FULL RESTROOM, STRAW PROVIDED and Post for water was not in the way like they are now. Please remember older seniors do not have good balance.
- Troy senior services do not compare to other local cities. Senior services are ignored.
- Troy Trails are awesome. The Jaycee Park trail and bridge is a game changer. Let's get a trail.system that spans the city, North South, East west. Link into existing regional trails.
- Troy Trails needs to also be in West Troy and need to connect to the Clinton River Trail
- Troy would be improved by expanding the quality and quantity of trails, maintaining green space, and integrating the two.
- Turf field at Firefighters, more shaded walking paths
- turning tennis courts to pickleball, my kids have no place to play basketball, no have to drive 5 miles to tennis courts in troy and they are always full
- Updating
- Various needs must be assessed.
- Very few dog friendly parks
- Very limited senior options. Aquatic center kids outgrow quickly .community center pool area needs to offer different classes and cleanliness leave much to be desired in general. Seems troy created space for specific purpose but few of the offerings are inclusive or are appealing to most citizens.
- Very, very, very, very unhappy with the summer concerts being moved out of Boulan Park. How do you call the Stein Park a park? There are no trees to sit under or near. We have attended summer concerts in Bham and RO. Busy downtown parks with a cozy vibe. Stine is a big open space it is not a park
- Walking trail at Boulan Park need to be completely redone. Totally inadequate now.
- Walking trails cleared in winter
- We can always use more accessibility. Playgrounds/ swings to accommodate wheelchair users (parents or children). The indoor pool (specifically the kids splash area) could be warmer. I love the shaded walking trails at Robinwood park and would love to see a city wide interconnected trail path
- We could really use a free or cheap splash pad. If we have a sled hill I don't know where it is. The hours for the indoor water park are really limited and there are so many restrictions on things running. Accessible playgrounds are different than inclusive ones.
- We could use more paths and make everything more accessible
- We do like Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. It is close but also very nice and scenic. Love the water and animals as do our walk.
- We have not prioritized maintaining our existing facilities especially the sport fields and restrooms. We should upgrade and renovate what we have rather than create new parks, facilities and programming
- We live by Beaver Tail and the play set is limited to certain ages and is small. When there's more than 4 kids it's almost too many. Love that we can let our dogs off leash in the retention area.
- We love the Troy aquatic center but cleanliness is an issue. Band-aids, gum, leaf litter, algae on steps to water slide, showers have mildew
- We need a restroom at Robinhood park.
- We need a splash pad
- We need more open nature with upaved trails. This is a huge boost to health and wellness. More areas like Stage.
- We need more trails
- We need more trails that connect without having to go on the roads.
- We need more trails to connect and more trails in general. Planting of trees for shade on the walking/ jogging paths. A need for more walking paths at parks and benches to provide a short break. There is a need for more than one outdoor basketball court.
- We need more.
- We need to maintain and get them refreshed which is not done consistently
- We need to maintain and upgrade green spaces
- We need to update older equipment/facilities that we have before building more new. Like better playground equipment and bathrooms for parks.

Q16 Other Responses (Continued)

- We need vast improvement on the Troy trails. Right now it's only a couple 1 mile paths scattered in random areas. We need a connected long pathway for runners, bicyclists, and pedestrians to use. It would also be great to add restrooms and water fountains along this trail.
- We often go to Innovations in Rochester Hills because the trails are excellent and it offers something for everyone. Would be nice if Troy had a similar park with trails that size.
- We only have a single basketball court in all of the parks. Some parks do not have restrooms. Troy Trails can use some improvements by making them like a loop, so that it is easier to ride a bicycle. Sanctuary Lake Golf Course is the only place with a driving range for practice.
- We stopped going to the aquatic center ages ago when it was no longer just for Troy- was way too crowded. Bathrooms need a lot of work at the parks. Wish Troy had more tennis and basketball courts, we go to other cities.
- We would like a restroom at Robinwood Park
- We would like a trail like Clinton River trail in Rochester
- We would love an indoor cork track!
- What was comment that TAC loses 2000 gallons/day? 2nd year season pass Troy Aquatic Center & excellent overall experience with 3040 water laps WALKED usually 50/day over 64 days there May 26-Sept5 Did 1 water slide on birthday (only 49 walk lap that day). Glad early discount on pass for 2025 offered
- While our park dept does a phenomenal job maintaining, surrounding cities have much more modern baseball fields that can host larger tournaments.
- Winter maintenance and storage would need to be considered
- Women's locker room is in need of upgrades. Floor is gross with old gum and other stains. Shower curtains are ripped and falling. Showers are often cold., plumbing leaks. There are currently two broken pool ladders. The seating needs updates. Many chairs are broken, etc
- Workout area is too small and machines are unreliable. Need more equipment.
- Would be nice to have more tennis courts/pickleball, basketball courts.
- Would like more interesting playground features like Innovation hills
- Would like more pickleball courts, as well as some indoor options
- would like more walking/biking paths
- Would like to have pickleball courts in East Troy
- Would like to see more natural trails for jogging and pickleball courts.
- would like to see more trails for walking and/or biking. REALLY LIKE THE NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AT FIREFIGHTERS PARK. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK TROY REALLY NEEDED.
- Would like to see more walking and biking paths.
- Would love to have a basketball court at redwood park
- Would love to have longer trails walking or bike riding
- Wow, do we really have that many parks? I drive by them daily and they are virtually empty/unused. Not sure you are focusing on what the people of Troy care about.
- You don't mention shade but that's a big issue for me. I quit taking kids to Beach Road park due to lack of shade. You need a small restroom closer to the soccer fields at Boulan Park. It's a long walk now for a little kid who has to go really bad.
- You need to protect the very limited trails you have and not build structures on them.

Q17: What additions would you most like to see in the parks and recreation system over the next 5–10 years? Please choose your top five (5) items.

Response	Count	Percent
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	290	35.76%
Fitness / exercise trails	265	32.68%
Natural areas	248	30.58%
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	207	25.52%
Indoor walking paths	186	22.93%
Pickleball courts	160	19.73%
Splash pad	155	19.11%
Water feature (e.g. fountain, lake, etc.)	135	16.65%
Playground structures	124	15.29%
Indoor gym & fitness facility	100	12.33%
Fishing pier	93	11.47%
Inclusive play areas	90	11.10%
Amphitheater / stage	88	10.85%
Sled hills	88	10.85%
Picnic areas and pavilions	85	10.48%
Mountain biking trails	79	9.74%
Outdoor swimming pool	78	9.62%
Indoor theater / event space	73	9.00%

Response	Count	Percent
Dog parks	61	7.52%
Tennis courts	58	7.15%
Basketball courts	57	7.03%
Cross-country ski trails	56	6.91%
Badminton courts	45	5.55%
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	34	4.19%
Disc golf	33	4.07%
Multi-use fields	31	3.82%
Soccer fields	30	3.70%
Baseball fields	27	3.33%
Cricket field	24	2.96%
Sand volleyball courts	18	2.22%
Skate park	16	1.97%
Lacrosse field	11	1.36%
Padel courts	10	1.23%
Football field	6	0.74%
Other (Please specify)	51	6.29%
Total Unique Responses	811	
Total Responses	3,112	

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

Q17 Other Responses:

- 1-Mutiuse paths to access Bloomfield, Rochester and statewide bike/hike trails. 2-Fitness/biking-Make crosswalk signals always on for peds as in Ann Arbor to encourage walking.
- A BETTER Senior Center. One room, basically a cafeteria, is totally inadequate. SENIORS constitute almost HALF OF TROY'S POPULATION, about 45,000 of 90,000 residents
- a Tai Chi practice court for seniors.
- A Tai chi practice field,
- Adding a Taiji field for seniors to practice
- Additional nature center (such as turtle woods) would be great
- Adult only sauna, steam room, and spa.
- Better access for the handicapped
- Better locker facilities at TFAC, more shaded areas at Jeanne Stine Park
- Bike paths
- Bocce courts
- Courts for senior citizens only.
- CROSSWALKS with traffic lights to actually get to all of these so called parks and playgrounds you're connecting.
- Dedicated Indoor Pickleball Facility
- I would love a a rock Park or spaces specifically designed for kids to not just stay on a trail but interact with the woods and climb and get to know nature that is not just on a paved path. I also think adults would appreciate some sort of ninja warrior or play area that would be fun for outdoor exercise. I also think it would be wonderful to have Parks that were designed to have food trucks there with schedules so that we could have more third spaces where adults can enjoy eating with other adults while kids play. And easy biking and walking pads to these places. Also, I really appreciate how many trees and native designs that places like Royal oak have.
- indoor swimming pools

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Q17 Other Responses Continued:

- Indoor waterpark
- Just more wooded green space! Natural space
- Lower taxes!
- MI “native species” gardens/parks for pollinators and to appeal to a variety of bird species for birding
- More local neighborhood parks with walking paths and benches
- More police it’s very unsafe in Troy now
- More programs at Community Center
- Nature! Wooded space forests trees etc STOP BUILDING AND DEVELOPING
- New unique things like Innovation Hills. Country Club type amenities. Better Heated indoor pools
- None
- None! Keep/improve what we have
- Nothing is needed. We spend too much already.
- Nothing, scale back
- Pave the parking lot at the senior garden
- Ping pong and snooker
- Playground in SE Troy. What we have is very limited.
- Playset geared for kids 8-14 such as advanced climbing structures. Development like innovation hills! We go there ALL year round, Troy has nothing like it
- Parking, roof repairs, visitor center at THV
- Please add restroom in robinhood park
- Racquetball court
- Robotics Center - Troy has the largest demand for educational robotics, yet teams disintegrate every year from burnout since TSD does little to support it.
- Rochester hills have few beautiful parks that they just built. They are for all ages. It has walking trails and maintained sitting area with beautiful water and fountain in the middle. This is great for mental health.
- Sand boxes at playgrounds
- Senior events
- Senior oriented activities
- Shade such as canopies for Jean Stine park similar to what is used for playgrounds in the south.
- Splash Pad and Concession Stand at Boulan Park
- Splash pad!
- Substantial play areas like innovation hills for families, not half-baked single additions here and there
- To make better use of the space, please allow access to the dance rooms when there is no class scheduled.
- Trees shades. Since city of troy allowed mondrian to cut down all the trees in the troy area.
- Would appreciate some major facilities (pool, indoor event center , large playground , restaurant etc) built in the northeast side of the city .
- Would love to have park runs like Livonia.
- Would really like to have a field for Taiji practice field and would also used for other activities

Q18: Of the items you chose, please rank them in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important. Note that the least important value may vary depending on the number of items you checked in the previous question.

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Multi-use walking/biking paths (i.e. 10'-wide paved pathways)	9446	100.00%	1
Fitness / exercise trails	8495	89.93%	2
Natural areas	7995	84.64%	3
Rustic walking paths (i.e. 6 to 8' crushed limestone or wood chip paths)	6676	70.68%	4
Indoor walking paths	5966	63.16%	5
Pickleball courts	5228	55.35%	6
Splash pad	5012	53.06%	7
Water feature (e.g. fountain, lake, etc.)	4165	44.09%	8
Playground structures	4021	42.57%	9
Indoor gym & fitness facility	3184	33.71%	10
Fishing pier	2977	31.52%	11
Inclusive play areas	2941	31.13%	12
Sled hills	2795	29.59%	13
Amphitheater / stage	2782	29.45%	14
Picnic areas and pavilions	2699	28.57%	15
Mountain biking trails	2505	26.52%	16
Outdoor swimming pool	2487	26.33%	17

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Indoor theater / event space	2290	24.24%	18
Dog parks	1968	20.83%	19
Tennis courts	1886	19.97%	20
Basketball courts	1832	19.39%	21
Cross-country ski trails	1780	18.84%	22
Badminton courts	1451	15.36%	23
Ice skating rink (outdoor)	1069	11.32%	24
Disc golf	1051	11.13%	25
Multi-use fields	943	9.98%	26
Soccer fields	931	9.86%	27
Baseball fields	874	9.25%	28
Cricket field	761	8.06%	29
Sand volleyball courts	578	6.12%	30
Skate park	502	5.31%	31
Lacrosse field	348	3.68%	32
Padel courts	325	3.44%	33
Football field	192	2.03%	34
Total Responses	787		

Q19: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle *for exercise or recreation*?

Response	Daily		Once or twice weekly		Once or twice monthly		Rarely or never		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Walk	415	49.40%	237	28.21%	108	12.86%	80	9.52%	840
Jog / run	58	7.46%	145	18.66%	92	11.84%	482	62.03%	777
Bicycle	52	6.53%	197	24.75%	218	27.39%	329	41.33%	796

Q20: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle *to run errands*?

Response	Daily		Once or twice weekly		Once or twice monthly		Rarely or never		Total Responses
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Walk	58	7.04%	77	9.34%	125	15.17%	564	68.45%	824
Jog / run	8	1.02%	21	2.66%	32	4.06%	727	92.26%	788
Bicycle	14	1.76%	58	7.29%	123	15.45%	601	75.50%	796

= most frequent response

Q21: Do you use regional trails such as the Clinton River Trail, Paint Creek Trail, or others?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	507	59.30%
No	348	40.70%
Total Responses	855	

Q22: If yes, which trails do you like to use? Please check all that apply.

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Paint Creek Trail	399	79.96%	1
Clinton River Trail	385	77.15%	2
Macomb-Orchard Trail	136	27.25%	3
Polly Ann Trail	60	12.02%	4
West Bloomfield Trail	60	12.02%	26
Royal Oak Trails	49	9.82%	28
Iron Belle Trail	20	4.01%	29
Great Lake-to-Lake Trail	19	3.81%	30
Lakes Community Trail	10	2.00%	31
Michigan Air Line Trail	8	1.60%	32
I-275 Metro Trail	6	1.20%	33
Mike Levine Lakelands State Trail	4	0.80%	34
Other (Please specify)	24	4.81%	
Total Unique Responses	499		
Total Responses	1,180		

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

Q22 Other Responses:

- B2B trail Ann Arbor, Detroit Riverwalk, Dequindre Cut
- dequindre cut
- Dequindre Cut
- Dequindre Cut and Riverwalk weekly
- Dodge park, River Bends park, Bloomer park
- Emerald Lakes sidewalks
- Freedom Trail along 16 Mile
- Hines Park
- Innovation hills Park trails
- Innovation Hills, Rochester Hills MI
- Kensington and Stony Creek Metroparks paved trails and hiking trails, Dequindre Cut in Detroit and Belle Isle in Detroit
- Madison Heights Nature Center
- Oakland county parks
- Orion oaks county park
- Proud Lake, Kensington
- Riverfront, Dequindre Cut
- Spencer Park Rochester Hills
- Stoney creek hiking and mountain biking trails
- Stoney creek metro park, many of the Rails to trails,
- Stoney Creek Sheldon Trails
- Stoney Creek trails, River Bend Trails, Rochester Riverwalk
- Stony Creek trails
- Troy trails

Q23: Are you familiar with the Troy Trails?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	425	49.94%
No	426	50.06%
Total Responses	820	

Q24: If yes, what do you like or dislike about the trails?

Open-ended Response	Count
Too short	90
Disconnected, disjointed	60
Like (general)	34
Natural features, access to nature	28
Proximity to home	26
Maintenance	25
Need more	24
No destinations, connections, loops	15
Paved	13
Separated from traffic, safety, crosswalks	13
Accessibility, convenient	11
Animals, mosquitoes, invasive species	11
Shade	9
Not familiar with trail, don't want to use	9
General aesthetics	6
Width	5
Connects neighborhoods	4
Restrooms, drinking fountains, amenities	4
Too expensive	3
Parking	2
Signage	2

- ?
- 1) More trail maps & info sent to residents of Troy
- A lot of diverse natural features.
- Accessible
- Aesthetics and paving
- All good!
- Away from traffic, somewhat rustic, paved and maintained.
- can be disjointed at times and cross busy intersections
- Close proximity to our home.
- Close to home and easy to access

- close to home, can access by walking or biking to trails, feel safe
- Could be better maintained
- Difficult access from home, disjointed, busy road crossings
- Difficult to have a continuous trail system in a developed city like Troy
- Disconnected. There could be bike paths every along main roads to connect to Clinton River trail.
- Disjointed. Troy should have required developers to add bike paths like Rochester Hills did.
- Dislike that they are so short and not connected
- Dislike, Not connected.
- Dislike. They are NOT trails that connect. No purpose for them. They are way to short to ride on
- dislike-can't reach them, they aren't connected, there are no plan to connect with statewide trails
- Distance from home. Need to drive to get to them.
- don't come to my neighborhood and can't let my kids ride to them because there are no sidewalks ther
- Don't want to use them
- Enjoyable and easy to bike or walk. Would enjoy longer or connections
- Existing segments are too short, need to connect or somehow extend them.
- Gaps
- Genarelly enoij them. The one by the dog park could use more shade behind the church.
- Go nowhere
- Good width. Would like to see them joined for longer trails. Need better clearing in the fall.
- Great addition!!!! Love them.
- Great trails, too short
- Have not used enough to have an opinion
- how best to access the trails north or wattles
- How close they are.
- I am only familiar with Jayce Park trails. They are short and not equipped with way finding signs
- I cannot safely get to them from where I live
- I didn't know about the new one at Jaycee Park
- I dislike having to try and cross a Main Street like Long Lake road to get there. There is no safel
- I dislike that building the wide trails removes much of the remaining woods.
- I dislike the amount of invasive species along the troy trails
- I do not like that they are so short and not connected or looped. I like that they have nature area
- I do think it would be nice to continue to expand the trails through Tro.
- I don't like walking along major roads and I prefer shaded areas

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Q24 Responses Continued

- I don't like how short they are and they don't connect
- I have not used the Troy Trails because they currently do not extend to my neighborhood in 48083.
- I know of it but it is far from my house. I would like one closer.
- I know of the Daisy Dog Park one and really like that inclusion, though it does feel short.
- I like everything
- I like how it is very accessible from some communities/ houses and gives a chance to walk over
- I like how nicely done they are
- I like how spacious the actual trail is, but I don't like how short they are
- I like it
- I like natural scenic pathways. But dislike mosquitoes.
- I like that they are paved and cleaned off.
- I like that they are paved paths and somewhat shaded.
- I like that they're paved and well maintained. I dislike that the trail sections are connected
- I like that they're there but I want them to be more available
- I like that we have more options
- I like the beauty and its proximity to my house. I dislike the coyotes.
- I like the daisy dog park trail, just wish it was longer and had more amenities + connectedness
- I like the locations
- I like the natural nature around them. Many are paved and clean and not too crowded
- I like the peaceful nature settings.
- I like the width & that it takes us by nature. I dislike that it's discontinuous.
- I like their accessibility, distance, & wildlife. I dislike the amount of invasive species.
- I like they are well-maintained.
- I like they can accommodate bicycle traffic. However, they need to be loops for ease of travel.
- I like to have trails that circle back to where you start.
- I love how they are wooded, especially the new one by the Dog Park and how they connect neighborhood
- I love the trails, they are just so short for a long run or bike ride.
- I love the trails. Accessibility at Sylvan Glen and Jaycee are great.
- I love them, would love to see more of them
- I love them. They are great. Jaycee trail lets us walk to the park
- I use trails to bike. I want a firmer surface to bike.
- I used trails when the Troy Historic had someone leading group walks. Would like it back
- I wish it was longer
- I wish the Jaycee Trail was longer. I love the stream! And the colors are beautiful in the fall!
- I wish there were more crosswalks to connect neighborhoods.
- I would like more of them that are connected.
- I would like to see the trails extended.
- I would prefer they be longer and reach into more neighborhoods to increase utilization.
- I'd like to make them longer
- I'm happy with the trails I have used.
- Inconvenient to get to
- It could be longer
- It has been a welcome addition to the city
- It seems like a big maintenance expense for little usage
- It's too buggy
- It's well maintained, lots of water fountains and restrooms. Trail isn't long enough or connected
- Its fine
- Joke of a trail. 2 miles long and goes through a gigantic open field with no shade.
- Lack connections to other regional trails.
- length, nature, safely.
- Like
- Like : well maintained. Dislike : short
- Like everything
- Like having them. Wish there were more.
- Like how clean the trails are
- Like that it is paved and maintained, has bathrooms, has drinking fountain, feels safe, has a pond'
- Like that you have them
- Like the condition of trails, dislike that they are not connected
- Like walking into downtown Troy on the Cl River trail for dinner. prefer trails that are not flat
- Like: paved Dislike: short, not shaded
- Like: close to nature, shades, near water, can walk the dog; Dislike: there is not enough of them :)
- LIKE: natural shaded areas w/just nature sounds amid stillness; variety of birds; bridges over bogs
- Limited distance, mostly within existing parks.
- Location is good wish they were more widespread
- Location. All are at least two miles away to use. Little infrastructure to ride my bike there
- Love that it's paved, would love clearer bike vs pedestrian sections
- Love the nature. Wish it was longer
- LOVE the shade and winter access. Hate the mosquitoes and poison ivy.
- Love the trails, wish they were longer or integrated

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Q24 Responses Continued

- Love them - wish they were longer. And closer to my house - wattles and Coolidge.
- Love them! a restroom or more trash and connect them.
- Love them, would like to see the expanded as much as possible.
- Maintained well. Mosquitoes are debilitating.
- Many mosquitos, not wide enough and/or long enough.
- More paths jeeeded
- n/a
- Nature in the city
- Nearby
- Need a connected trail system throughout the city
- need more
- Need more and to connect the trails
- Need more, need to connect.
- Need more signs on trails so people become familiar & use them. Map of trails at several places for
- Need to be better groomed
- Needs expanding
- needs more invasive species management to make them more usable
- Nice trails
- nicely developed. Too short, not enough of them, need to be connected, add restrooms/portapotty
- No complaints! All's good.
- No connections and too short
- No continue access. It's a trail to nowhere right now. Beach road all the way to Troy farm is great
- Not as extensive as it should be to be convenient
- Not completely connected
- Not continuous and around busy traffic
- Not enough of them
- Not extensive enough. Not connected.
- Not long enough <5 duplicate responses>
- Not long enough and limited in location.
- Not long enough, do not lead to anywhere, not connected to any other trail.
- Not long enough. But what we have is nice.
- Not much to them
- Not near home.
- Not near me I'm in beaver trail sub/to see it run north and cross into sub north of Wattles
- Not really long enough and disconnected on main roads
- Not really true bike trails - just certain roads that have been selected to be called "trails".
- Not sure where they go north of Wattles Rd
- Ok
- Only One pathway, short
- Parking is tough
- Paths
- Paved, maintained in winter, lack of interconnection
- peaceful, views
- Phillip Huber park is maintained by volunteers. The city should help
- Poorly designed route
- Quiet is nice and we just went to the not too noisy area
- Rustic, woodsy locations with some water
- Seems like a waste until EVERY main road, both sides, have sidewalks to ride on to get to a trail
- Short <3 duplicate responses>
- Short distance.
- Short, flat landscape and boring; no need to force it on Troy.
- Small
- Sylvan Glen needs to go all the way around so you don't have to double back.
- t
- That they are all disjointed, no connections
- That they don't connect across troy
- The length and surface
- The natural trails at Huber park adjacent to the outdoor pool are a gem to Troy.
- The one closest to me on Wattles does not have a safe connection point for a loop
- The ones I use are shorter than I would like. It's about a mile long, but I would like it to be long
- the rustic feel of getting out of the hustle and bustle
- The shade
- The sylvan glen trail is overrun by geese, I won't even go on it.
- The trails are nice but dogs need to be leashed and the city needs to enforce this.
- The trails are nice, well maintained and near my house which is great.
- The trails connect to neighborhoods and are paved to allow inclusive access
- The Troy trail is extremely short
- The walking-jogging paths desperately in need of repair! Deep cracks and uneven surfaces.
- There are so many
- There needs to be much more connectivity.
- There very short not enough natural area.
- There's just not enough
- They are disconnected and not great for exercising. No loops or lead-ins to continued sidewalks.
- They are great- but come to grinding haults at the mile roads which don't even have sidewalks.
- They are great for the community
- They are hard to get to and not very long.

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Q24 Responses Continued

- They are isolated and go nowhere, need linkages with new trails for walking & biking (hard surfaces)
- They are not connected.
- They are not trails. They are primarily just signs on surface streets.
- They are ok
- They are peaceful and away to get around and enjoy nature
- They are really nice, but disconnected
- They are short and not connected
- They are short, don't connection.
- They are short, with hard pavement.
- They are short. Silver Glenn and Jaycee, if possible, would be so cool if they were connected.
- They are too enclosed, not all connected.
- They are too short and don't connect with each other or larger trail systems.
- They are too short. We need to connect to a major trail but a couple of residents ruined that.
- They are underused
- They are very disconnected
- they are well maintained
- They are well maintained and accessible but they're not long enough
- They are well maintained, but they are not well connected. Improved signage, more paths would help.
- They are well-maintained.
- They aren't that close to me
- They aren't close to my home.
- They don't connect and they should be in more densely forested areas.
- They don't connect to each other
- They don't connect.
- They don't go far enough for biking.
- They don't connect to each other or to other trails.
- They don't go anywhere.
- They go nowhere
- They're nice but too short.
- They're nice, but don't lead anywhere, just a paved path. I'd rather walk at Huber or nature center
- To many busy roads to cross
- to much debris
- To short. Not enough paved trails.
- Too disconnected <2 duplicate responses>
- Too disconnected
- Too disconnected, not enough parking.
- Too few
- TOO OLD TO USE! WIFE HAS A WALKER
- Too overgrown too many wetlands and not enough trails
- Too short <11 duplicate responses>
- Too short and don't like to be by busy roads. Don't connect to anything.
- too short!
- too short, able to link via neighborhoods; need crossing signal on Long Lake rd & livernois
- Too short, not connected
- Too short, not worth going, also too urban not enough nature
- too small
- Traffic isn't paying attention I'm worried I'll be hit on my way to the trail
- trails are maintained dislike trails are short
- Trails are well maintained and love the natural features. Just too short, wish they were much longer
- Trails should connect efficiently but sidewalks need to be maintained to make connections better
- Trails should run (as much as possible) through forested/shaded areas
- Troy trail is too short
- Very nice trails, I just wish there was a lot more
- Very nice, just not enough
- Very short distance but nice to have the option to mix it up from normal road running and walking.
- Very smooth
- walking in nature rather than a neighborhood
- Waste of money <2 duplicate responses>
- We have to go on main roads.
- We love everything but are deterred by the large amount of mosquitoes
- We need more
- Well maintained
- Well. Maintained
- Wide and well maintained
- Wish they were connected and longer
- Wish they were continuous
- Wish they were longer
- wish they were longer and went in a loop instead of in neighborhoods
- Wonderful, just too few and far apart
- Would like them to be longer
- Would like to see more and longer, perhaps loop and/or connecting
- Would love longer or more connected to other spaces, vs. out and back. Love walking there from home

Q25: Would you like to see the length of Troy Trails extended?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	589	72.54%
No	223	27.46%
Total Responses	812	

Q26: If yes, please tell us about any routes you would like to see developed.

- 3
- 5
- ?
- ?
- 1.Join the existing sections of trail. 2.Connect to other cities ped & bike facilities, Village, Farm, Nature Ctr, community center, shops, schools.
- 1. Long Lake Rd, 2. Square Lake Rd from City Hall to 19 Mile on Livernois and then to Silver Glen Golf Course
- A continuous trail from north-east Troy to the community center area
- A park trail through the square mile of Rochester Rd to John R and 17 Mile to 18 Mile rds
- A route along big beaver giving options to get the community center area - library, pool etc.
- A route around Sylvan Glen Lake; Jaycee to Raintree
- A route that connects our community in southwest Troy. We don't have a Troy park and no rec amenities. Big beaver is hard to cross to Schroeder.
- a trail in Firefighters Park and around the pond (it has poison ivy right now). I like the idea of an interconnected trail system
- Add bike lanes or widened pedestrian paths on civic center and town center drives. Also connect troy trails at wattles up until long lake to sylvan
- All
- All mile roads east-west and main arteries north/south--again, sidewalk conditions/connections are a very important factor here.
- All of them, preferably with interconnection
- Any
- Any expansion would be welcome
- Any routes that aren't running parallel to a main road
- Any that don't require crossing roads
- Any wooded areas
- any/all through north/northwest Troy
- Anything! Trails are always good
- Around Civic Center and Northern Portion of City.
- around the library (?) if possible
- As long as they are connected. Segments are not as inviting.
- As many as possible
- As many routes as possible throughout the city allowing for safer walking and exercise across the entire city.
- At least make bikable sidewalks to connect to Troy Trails and link it to Clinton River Trail
- Avoid main roads and connect to reach without a car from any area of Troy
- Basic Walking paths at all parks. There is a park on Beach with no sidewalks to access the park and there could be a walking circle around the outside
- Both north and south
- can huber park fitness trail be paved to extend comm. center path? see crossin lane above, need a way to get from daisy knight to Innovation hill
- can one be created to connect a neighborhoods to their neighborhood parks. Or can they somehow be connected?
- Can we connect the trails? The trails should be longer.
- Circular routes of various lengths
- Clinton river trail
- Close to my home
- Closer to big Beaver connecting the main area and making a more walkable and connecting to other areas towards the dog park
- Collaboration with surrounding communities to connect toward Detroit, Rochester, Royal Oak, Bloomfield and beyond
- Connect all trails
- Connect different parks and communities with community centers
- Connect different schools to the community center
- Connect near dog park south to maple.
- Connect Phase 1 & 2
- Connect the existing trail segments and parks
- Connect the Sylvan Glen trail to the original TT
- Connect the trails. Expand as much as possible.
- Connect them
- Connect to other trails.
- connect to paint creek
- connect to surrounding trails so I can bike from Troy to Clinton River Trail
- Connect to sylvanglen trail
- Connect to the Clinton River trail through Firefighters and then connect the other Troy trails to Firefighters.
- Connect to the Rochester bike paths and the Clinton River Trail.
- Connect trails to the Clinton River trail
- Connected to the Clinton river trail system would be nice
- connected trails to parks

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Q26 Responses Continued

- Connecting routes.
- Connecting the northeast corner of Troy where we live.
- Connecting them for a longer continuous ride
- Connection up Crooks or Livernois to Clinton River Trail
- Connections to longer trails would be great, including connections to popular cities such as Royal Oak, Lake Orion, etc.
- Continue the Troy Trail.....but probably can't because of all the ridiculous condos/apts/random streets of houses going in everywhere.
- Continuous
- Create a loop around all of Troy and extend to connect to other trails.
- Daisy dog park
- Daisy knight
- daisy knight
- Daisy knight dog park
- Daisy knight dog park trail to be extended
- Daisy Knight Trail north through the Leonard neighborhood.
- daisy dog park
- Definitely would like a trail
- Dog Park to Jaycee, Jaycee to Sylvan Glen, Sylvan Glen to Dog Park.
- Don't know
- Don't know where they are currently
- East of Joh. Through Wass, Hill and Barnard neighborhoods
- East of John R
- Extend the trails to the northwest side of Troy
- everywhere
- Everywhere possible (would love to see complete N-S and E-W trails through city), but with emphasis through natural/forested areas as opposed to roads
- Extend from the dog park / waffles and livernois area. More protected pedestrian connection across livernois northbound
- Extend length and better marked
- Extend to SE Troy 48083 zip code area. Add more sidewalks and pedestrian crossings to major streets..
- Finish the plan to connect the trails
- finish Troy Trail to Jaycee Park
- Firefighters park trails
- Firefighters park,
- Focus on SE Troy
- From one end of Troy to the other
- From the Troy Skate park to Boulan Park to Firefighters park
- Further north west
- Haven't been there, but longer/more trails isn't a bad thing (I don't think?)
- Homes on the Northeast corner of city have no direct 'walking' access to city facility ... especially those in a wheelchairs
- I am just finding out about this right now but I love this idea. So as much expansion as possible would be amazing.
- I don't know much about them because I don't think there are any in 48084
- I don't know
- I need to do more research on the trails to see where they're connected
- I thought we were supposed to get a trail in Crescent Rudge/Parc sub
- I would like a connection to run up toward the Clinton River Trail.
- I would like the trails to go through subdivisions where there is space to allow so.
- I would like to be able to ride from my home in 48083 on the trails
- I would like to see 3-5 mile paths and also connected to other cities
- I would like to see an interconnected trail with Rochester
- I would like to see the path at Jaycee park lengthen to more of a continuous path around the perimeter of the park.
- I would like to see the trails connect to Rochester trails
- I would like to see trail paths that connect through communities and need not be accessed from busy roads.
- I would love to be able to bike from the Wattles/ Livernois trail to some other trail system (Dodge Park, Clinton River??)
- I75
- I'd like routes that cross the city north- south and east-west through parks / woods connected, avoid riding in the street on major rds.
- I'd like to see the routes connecting to the other parks in Troy and the other paths north of Troy.
- ldk
- If we had it go through currently mowed areas and just let the grass and wildflowers grow, it might provide important habitat for our pollinators
- I'm interested in longer trails that span 10+ miles
- I'm old.
- In this survey it was mentioned a park to park trail connecting the parks. Not sure how possible that is but it sounded good.
- Interconnected trails

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Q26 Responses Continued

- It is up to you
- It might be nice to have it come closer to us in 48083
- It would be great if we can connect phase 2 and phase 3.
- It would be great to connect different parks or areas to one another rather than separated trail segments.
- It would be nice to connect the existing trails and have them follow natural areas as much as possible
- it would be nice to connect to other cities trails end to end, especially to the north into Rochester.
- Jaycee and Fire Fighters park
- Jaycee Park has the Gibson Drain. The area around that drain is a completely underutilized area. Set up a bike trail that follows it east to Dequinder
- Jaycee Park trail
- Jaycee Park trail can circle back to the playground. Dog park trail can continue on Livernois.
- Jaycee to Sylvan Glen
- John R/Long Lake area
- Just more of them so Troy could be a more walkable city
- Let's start by connecting the Dog Park trail to Sylvan Glen Park.
- Link to Oakland County trails
- Links to Detroit
- Livernois, rochester, long lake and wattles square
- Long Lake, Square Lake, Livernois & Rochester Roads
- make sure parks trails, community centers are accessible to the east and north sides of troy, not just contraband west
- Make them interconnected
- Maple and Livernois area could use trails for kids
- Maybe join the trails
- More distance
- More natural trails that aren't concrete.
- More on the east side of Troy
- More on the west side of Troy
- More options along mile roads, better paving into and out of raintree park to neighborhoods
- More safe areas to walk and run
- More toward Beach Road.
- More toward dequindre/big beaver area, maybe to beaver trail park
- More trails would be great
- Mosr connections where ever possible
- Mtb trials
- N/a
- Near Beach Road Park - it is not very safe to walk with children on Beach Road to get to the park
- Near Firefighters Park <2 duplicate responses>
- near my neighborhood (Long Lake and Livernois)
- near Raintree Park
- Near wattles and Coolidge!
- need longer ones for bikes and better connected-given Troy is built may need to use sidewalks a lot
- New routes made at least a mile
- No specific routes
- north south connectors
- North to Leonard elementary school
- North to the school administration property.
- Northeast quadrant of Troy
- Not certain, I only learned about these trails just now through this survey! Will check them out
- Not even really sure why they run....
- not fussy. I just love the trails in Rochester, but they have a different system with the rails to trails, Troy doesn't have that.
- Not sure <10 duplicate responses>
- Not sure - depends on land availability
- Nothing it particular. It would just be nice to have several miles of connected trails
- Perhaps make the path in Boulan Park into a trail? It is currently quite bumpy and narrow.
- Phase 1
- Phase Three Jaycee Park
- Planting more trees along sidewalks of major roads will help the use of the sidewalks as trail connects.
- Please connect South east Troy to the rest of the city
- Prioritize new paths connecting to the existing ones.
- Raintree park
- Raintree to Beaver Trail to Brinston to Milverton
- Rochester Road
- Round trip circuits, not straight lines that require doubling back.
- Route in NW section of City, connect farm, etc. and lead toward Clinton River Trail.
- Routes through parks and trees and connecting through the city, so bikes can ride vs roads
- routes to connect the city
- should connect Beaver Trail park to Wattles through the empty space between subs.
- similar to Clinton River interconnected trails would be ideal.
- Single full NS and EW paths
- Some kind of destination like Rochester Park where we can pack a lunch & picnic there.
- Some more in north Troy
- Something connecting to Adams Road near Big Beaver or Wattles
- Something near Firefighters park besides TNC
- Something on the west side of Troy
- Somewhere close to 19 mile and John R
- Somewhere Near Beach Rd and long lake rd

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Q26 Responses Continued

- Southeast
- Southeast part of town.
- Square lake dequindre area
- Start connecting. It is not useful to have small areas, they need to be connected to many subdivisions to be useful to residents.
- Sylvan lake to Firefighters
- Take them into the northwest side of the city
- Ten foot paved path along every major north & south road, allowing you travel to all sections of the city and to connect with other cities and trails.
- The extension of phase 1 to Long Lake will be great! Connect this to phase 2, and connect Jaycee Park to Raintree Park as priorities.
- The one off of Wattles somehow connected to the North?
- The original route planned 10 years ago from the Library to Auburn hills was good. Certainly need easy access to cross I-75 at Crooks and at Adams
- The trail by the dog park.
- The trail near civic center. One area of concern, the path along Rochester Road Sylvan Lake is so close to Rochester rd and I don't feel safe.
- the trail near livernois
- The trail that ends at the Dog Park is the closest to my house - I would love to see it extended.
- These trails, while great, are all pretty short. It would be nice if they help residents go somewhere like errands or connect to other trails
- They need to connect like Paint Creek or Clinton River - otherwise there is no purpose. Too short. You can call them walks, not Trails.
- They're all too short to bother going to them
- Through nature
- Through out the city
- Through south blvd/ Livernois
- To Clinton River trail.
- Trail around junction of Dequindre and Square Lake road
- Trails that are more identifiable rather than a sidewalk through a neighborhood. Benches, more natural features/trees & landscaping to emphasize natur
- Trails that go through multiple subdivisions that would allow walking, running, biking without interfering with roads for vehicles. Maybe bridges.
- troy trail between livernois and rochester extended from wattles to long lake and beyond
- Turn it into an interconnected system more like the Clinton River Trail
- Unsure
- Using some of the low volume streets to connect Troy trails will be nice.
- Wattles area one
- We live in the Dequindre/John R/Wattles/Long Lake neighborhood. I would like to use the trails, but do not want to have to drive to get to them.
- We live on Adams Road in Troy and there are no sidewalks to helps us get to a trail, so we would like a convenient location
- We need to make extraordinary efforts in connecting with the Clinton River Trail.
- We're losing green space that would be nice for trails.
- West side of Troy
- Whatever will connect Troy's parks, whether it be residential roads or separated shared use paths.
- Wherever it can connect people to deep woods, streams and other areas of untouched nature.
- Wider sidewalks connecting to Jaycee Park and Troy Trail from subdivisions N of Square Lake Rd & John R
- Would like some of the trails connected or linger so it doubles as a long bike trail
- Would like to see the trails connected and go to maybe the Clinton River Trail?
- Would like to see them extended towards each other.
- Would love more trails over on the Schroeder side of town. The community center trails are too buggy and poorly marked. We love plant creek trail.
- Would love to see us connect phases 2 & 3. When phase 1 extends to Long Lake (2027?), perhaps this could also connect to 2 & 3 for 1 complete trail
- y
- You can be the judge of where trails will be developed

Q27: If Troy Trails were to be extended into an interconnected trail system, would you use them for more than just recreational purposes (e.g. commuting, running errands, biking to school, etc.)?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	440	54.05%
No	374	45.95%
Total Responses	814	

Q28: What kind of amenities should be included with Troy's trails and/or trailheads?

Response	Count	Percent
Benches	581	72.26%
Trash cans	562	69.90%
Shade (trees, shade structure)	516	64.18%
Drinking fountains	415	51.62%
Wayfinding signs	384	47.76%
Dog waste stations	358	44.53%
Emergency call boxes	310	38.56%
Bike racks	205	25.50%
Bike repair stations	177	22.01%
None of the above	35	4.35%
Other (Please specify)	47	5.85%
Total Unique Responses	804	
Total Responses	3,590	

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

Q28 Other Responses

- Above/below grade crossings on busy roads
- Adopt a garden or tree is nice.
- At major trailheads, food truck pads
- Basic exercise stations.
- Bathroom <8 duplicate responses>
- Bathroom Access
- bathrooms/portapotty
- Better mtb trails and bathrooms
- Create dedicated trails where bicyclists don't have to compete with automobile traffic
- EV CHARGE STATION
- Incorporate workout areas.
- Maintained in winter
- parking areas at trailheads
- Proper path so less mosquitoes
- Rest rooms
- Restroom
- RESTROOM
- Restroom every few miles or within each connecting part
- Restrooms <6 duplicate responses>
- Restrooms or porta potties
- restrooms or porta-john
- Restrooms. But, honestly, just focus on building out the trail system first, please, and then you can put in amenities over time...
- Scenic lookouts
- Set up an splash pad with sensors so it only works people are there. Set up a small picnic area. Even a small rink or dog running area. Set up a small basketball court or volleyball court or even a small ice rink. Give permits for food trucks and other mobile vendors to generate taxes and revenue to pay for these things.
- Signage on community use guidelines - ie calling side when passing on bike, staying to right if slower moving, etc.
- Small Play Structures
- Small workout stations
- There are already bathrooms at Sylvan Park which is great so don't need to add any.
- Toilets <2 duplicate responses>
- Toll access to use pay per use
- Trailhead bathrooms
- Water bottle refill machines.
- water bottle refill stations
- We don't have any in SE Troy!!

Q29: Do you take advantage of existing Troy programming?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	475	56.35%
No	368	43.65%
Total Responses	843	

Q30: If yes, which programs do you frequently participate in?

Open-ended Response	Count
SPORTS	
General	12
General (Adult)	1
General (Youth)	15
Pickleball	28
Basketball (General)	8
Basketball (Youth)	2
Sports Camps (Youth)	7
Soccer (General)	4
Skate (General)	4
Badminton	3
Tennis	3
Races, runs	2
Baseball	3
Ice skating	2
Golf (Senior)	2
Softball	2
Sports Leagues	2
Other team sports	2
PARKS & FACILITIES	
General	5
Troy Public Library	49
Community Center	39
Nature Center	27
Troy Historic Village	18
Troy Trails	4
The Rink	3
Dog Park	2
Boulan	2
Raintree	2

Open-ended Response	Count
CLASSES & EDUCATION	
General (Lessons, classes, etc)	15
Arts & Crafts	12
Lectures	8
Computer	3
Sewing, quilting	3
Gardening	2
Grandparenting	2
SENIOR PROGRAMS	
General	26
Lunches	6
Bingo	6
DIA trips	3
Tours, trips (General)	3
Cards & Games	3
AQUATICS	
General	35
Troy Aquatic Center	7
Youth	7
Water aerobics	2
FITNESS & EXERCISE	
Fitness (General)	41
Dance	13
All other fitness programs	7
Yoga	7
Flex into Fitness	7
Karate, Taiji, Tai Chi	6
Zumba	2
Chair exercise	2
Fitness (Senior)	2
Walking	2
PROGRAMS, GENERAL	
General	5
Adult	1
Family	9
Youth	6
Nature	2

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Open-ended Response	Count
YOUTH PROGRAMS	
Youth Programs, General	4
Toddler	2
Camps	34
Preschool	3
SPECIAL EVENTS	
General	4
Concerts	32
Farmers Market, Flea Market	7
Outdoor movies	6
All other special events	4
Summer Bash	3
Free Events	3
Tuesday Tunes	2

Q30 Responses

- 1) Senior programs, 2) Outside summer concerts
- 5K races
- Activities through the community center
- Adult soccer league; youth summer camps
- Adult soccer leagues
- Aerobics, concerts
- All senior programs
- Aquatic Center, Adult Fitness, Troy Historic Village, Troy Public Library
- Aquatics such as polar plunge and summer bash
- Aquatics, Gardening
- Badminton <2 duplicate responses>
- badminton, at least twice a week
- Basketball <4 duplicate responses>
- Basketball, 5k runs
- Basketball, baseball, soccer
- Basketball, summer bash, swim lessons, all Halloween events, Christmas and other holiday events (Valentine's dance, etc)
- Basketball, swim, football
- bingo and any other free events
- Bingo, blacksmith class
- bridge
- Bring grandchildren to programs at the center
- camps <2 duplicate responses>
- Camps, Classes, Lessons
- camps, swim lessons, special events
- camps, swim, nature center, historical village, concerts, outdoor movies, library, etc.
- Chair exercise, Yoga
- Chair yoga/library programs/senior events
- Children and family programming and events

- Children's
- Classes
- Classes at TCC.
- Classes for kids
- Classes, Historic Village programs
- Classes, special events
- Coach Dave, sports
- Community center
- Community center activities
- Community center and parks
- Community center classes <2 duplicate responses>
- Community Center Fitness classes
- Community center pool
- Community center sports leagues / classes
- community center, sports
- Community events like the family dance, the library, summer kick off, carnival, aquatic center,
- Community pool
- Community summer programs
- computer, talks,
- Concert in and outside
- concerts
- Concerts in the park
- Concerts in the park. Pickleball at TCC and now Firefighters Park
- Concerts seniors service
- Concerts, Would do Zumba if it were cheaper
- Concerts, classes
- Concerts, DIA tours, other day tours, senior lunches, did fitness until classes were not specified in the rec magazine
- concerts, exercise programs
- Concerts, painting classes, speakers
- court sports
- crafts, computer, guest speakers
- Dance
- Dance fit
- Dance, gym, pickleball
- Dance, swim, camps
- Dance, Zumba, kickboxing, pilates
- DIA, Other bus tours
- Dog park
- Eccentrics Class
- Educational and entertainment
- Educational, entertainment.
- Educational, informative
- Enrichment classes
- Euchre
- Events at TCC; authors and senior events
- Exercise programs, pickleball, concerts
- Exercise
- exercise and fitness

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Q30 Responses Continued

- exercise classes almost daily
- Family events at the rec center and the rink
- family friendly ones
- Family nights/toddler play time, stage nature center toddler classes
- Family programs , youth sports, indoor pool
- Farmers market
- Farmers market, concerts, movies in the park, craft classes, computer classes
- Fitness - Spin (not enough classes), Core (no longer offered as a standalone, hate step aerobics)
- Fitness <4 duplicate responses>
- fitness and senior programs
- Fitness center
- Fitness center classes
- Fitness center programs
- fitness center, dog splash, dog park
- Fitness class, pickleball court, swimming pool
- Fitness Classes <2 duplicate responses>
- Fitness Classes at community center
- Fitness classes with Josh and Dalya!
- Fitness classes. Art classes. Summer outdoor concerts. Aquatic center.
- Fitness program at the community center, and my daughter takes camps
- Fitness program at the community center, and trail at Boulan park
- fitness programming
- Fitness programs
- Fitness, but we need more mental performance/ life coaching to help people focus on pursuing goals and create a “buffering effect” against illness type of support (Sport Psychologists!)
- Fitness, gym, pickleball
- Fled into fitness, aquatic center and Troy trails
- Flex Fitness pass
- flex into fitness
- Flex into Fitness at Troy Community Center, Aquatic Center, Library programs, occasional community center programs, like to start doing more with Lloyd Stage Nature Center and the Historical Village programs
- Flex into Fitness classes
- Flex into Fitness programs, fitness center (weights), tap dance class, nature center hikes, historic village
- Flex into Fitness, Gym equipment, concert, art classes
- free events for kids
- Golf lessons
- Grandparenting sessions
- have not lately
- Historical museum
- Historical, Authors,
- I bring grandchildren to busy bee and camps
- I like author talks
- I use the troy fitness center and pools frequently.
- I used yo be a member of the community center
- Ice skating, classes
- indoor pool swimming in TCC
- It can vary but are involved it sports (baseball and soccer) and some summer programming.
- Just here and there nothing consistently - concerts, Stage Center Native Plant Education Class
- Karate, other activities.
- Kid’s activities: swim, dance
- Kids camps <2 duplicate responses>
- Kids sports <2 duplicate responses>
- kids’ sports lessons (swim, dance) and arts. Other family programs
- Kids’ sports, camps
- Kids summer camps, kids swim classes, kids basketball
- Kids. Swim lessons. Sports. Stage nature center
- Lap Swimming
- Learn to skate
- Library <4 duplicate responses>
- Library activities
- library and nature center activities
- Library classes, nature walks
- Library events
- Library for kids
- library or family events
- Library programming
- Library programming!
- Library Programs <3 duplicate responses>
- Library programs and Skate rink
- Library programs, recreation center programs
- Library programs. Used to use the comm Center pickleball sessions, but have since joined a gym with pickleball.
- Library summer reading
- Library toddler dance party
- Library travel, lectures
- Library, and summer family events
- Library, farmers market, summer programs, family activities
- Library, nature center, comm center
- Library, recreational
- Library, swim lessons, art classes
- library. market when it was available, Troy museum
- Library. Mid summer bash.
- Lunches, trips
- Me and my Grand, Senior Golf, Trails

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Q30 Responses Continued

- Membership to the Troy Community Center
- Monday sewing; Wednesday quilting
- more of the over 50 book ones
- most recently pickleball and exercise classes
- movie, yoga, lunches, fitness room, bingo,
- Movies in the Park, kids summer camps
- Movies, lunch, concerts, bingo, parties
- Music
- Music in the park
- My daughter did dance, fame camp, we did the cupid family shuffle, we do open swim
- My kids do many activities and summer camps. We frequent Troy Village kids events and events at Stage Nature center
- Nature center
- Nature center and community center
- Nature center and Troy Historic Village
- Nature center, community center
- Nature center, historic village, aquatic center
- Nature center, historic village, community center
- Nature programs
- Nature Programs
- Not frequently but swimming. I find that Troy's programming is more focused on Seniors than families
- Offerings for senior activities
- One time craft classes
- open gym for pickleball and some of the exercise classes
- Open swim, skating rink, TFAC, tennis, dance
- Park and Rec
- Parks
- Parks and Rec sports leagues and TFAC, Library programs
- PB
- Pickle ball, Taiji practice.
- pickleball & family events
- Pickleball <6 duplicate responses>
- Pickleball and art classes
- Pickleball and workout area
- Pickleball classes
- Pickleball ladder, Constitution cafe
- pickleball ladder, youth sport camps
- Pickleball, outdoor concerts
- Pickleball, mah jongg, bingo
- Pickleball, volleyball, fitness center
- Pottery
- PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- Preschool programs
- Preschool, summer camps
- Price bingo, movie, DIA trip, Senior picnic
- Primarily library presentations
- Programs @ the Stage Nature Center
- Programs offered at the library and at TCC
- Quilting
- Rink events, summer concerts
- Senior <2 duplicate responses>
- Senior activities and fitness classes
- senior concerts
- Senior events <2 duplicate responses>
- Senior exercise classes
- Senior expo, Stage Nature Center events, Troy Historic Village events
- Senior fitness offerings
- Senior golf leagues
- Senior programs <3 duplicate responses>
- Senior programs although the one we enjoyed the most isn't offered anymore (the free brunch and learn series)
- Senior trips and the library
- Senior/general
- Seniors <2 duplicate responses>
- Shine dance fitness
- Skating, swimming, community center workouts
- Social senior stuff like speed dating
- Softball <2 duplicate responses>
- some indoor concerts, birthday lunches, needlecraft club
- Special musical performances
- Sports <3 duplicate responses>
- Sports activities for children
- Sports camps
- Sports camps. Community center classes
- Sports for my children
- Sports leagues
- Sports leagues
- sports, gym
- Sr. programs and other
- Stage and Historic Village programming
- stage nature center or recreation
- Stage nature center, kids activities
- Stage Nature Center, Troy Historic Village, Troy Community Center
- Stage Nature Center, Troy Library, occasionally Community Center, Historic Village and park areas
- Storybook trail at Raintree, various children programs
- Students extra curriculars
- Summer bash, library programs
- Summer camp, Troy community center recreation classes
- Summer camps <4 duplicate responses>
- Summer camps for kids
- summer camps, community center activities

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Q30 Responses Continued

- Summer camps, fitness classes (learn2swim, learn2skate, sports classes for the kids)
- Summer camps, library programs
- Summer Camps, Nature Center Programming, Historic Village Programming
- Summer camps, red sports, art classes
- Summer camps, road races
- summer concerts
- Summer concerts, former farmer's market, art classes, former fitness passport classes 5 days/wk (when more offerings earlier in day)
- Summer concerts, library programs, occasional programs at the Community Center
- summer concerts, pickleball,
- Summer sports camps
- Summer sports youth camps. Not anymore but my kids have done dance classes and I've done yoga classes at the community center. We still do take advantage of Stage Nature Center and Troy historic village programming sometimes. Maybe once per year.
- Swim
- Swim and playgrounds
- Swim classes
- Swim classes for my child
- Swim for kids
- Swim lessons
- Swim lessons
- Swim, camps
- Swim, karate
- Swimming
- swimming
- Swimming at Troy Community Center, Children's Programs at the Troy Library and Stage Nature Center.
- Swimming classes for preschoolers, sports classes for young children.
- Swimming summer sports camps
- swimming, various kids sports & camps
- Tai chi
- Tai Chi and pickleball classes
- Taichi, coach Dave classes
- Talks, pickleball
- TCC all-access pass, programs held at the library, concerts on the park, shopping at farmer's market (previously)
- Tennis
- The rink at stine park
- The Sunday flea markets
- Things at the nature center and pool
- TPL and Parks & Rec
- Troy community center
- Troy community center activities and library
- troy community center, events in the library and at the community center
- Troy community center, Jaycee Park trail, Raintree park
- Troy daze, boulan park programs.
- Troy Historic Village
- Troy Historic Village Historical/educational programming
- Troy library programs, community center programs for kids, sports for kids
- Troy nature center
- Troy Nature Center programs occasionally
- Troy swim school, summer concert series, special events
- Tuesday Tunes, Concerts
- Tuesday Tunes, Music Prorams
- Used to go to cycle class
- Usually the free ones focused on kids. I want to do more library programming but the times never work out for my kids and I
- Variety
- variety
- walking
- Was doing dance classes until chronic illness picked up
- Water aerobics
- water aerobics
- We like the fitness classes and walking groups
- Wt lifting, swimming
- Yoga
- Yoga classes
- yoga, senior baseball, summer concerts,
- Youth activites, Library programs
- Youth sports
- Youth sports and aquatics, grandparent and me classes
- Youth sports and camps
- Youth sports lessons and camps
- Youth sports, basketball, tennis
- Youth sports, programming, and summer camps

Q31: How do you typically hear about Troy's parks and recreation programs and events? (Check all that apply)

Response	Count	Percent
Troy Recreation Guide	614	73.53%
City of Troy Recreation website	349	41.80%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram)	225	26.95%
Fifty Forward Newsletter	172	20.60%
Word of mouth	161	19.28%
At the park or recreation facility	140	16.77%
e-Newsletters	95	11.38%
I am not usually aware of Troy's programs and events	67	8.02%
Other (Please specify)	17	2.04%
Total Unique Responses	835	
Total Responses	1,840	

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

Q30 Other Responses

- Banners on fences at Boulan and Sylvan Glen,
- Banners on the side of the road
- email
- Emails
- e-mails from community groups
- Emails sent by senior program leaders
- Google maps
- Google website
- I live in section 1. although I have 3 kids the community center is too far for us/not convenient. dog park too far too. can't drive all the way over to find no dogs for my dog to play with
- Library
- Library website
- More stuff in SE part of city by 15 mile rd
- Not really
- Programming isn't suited to a lot of people's needs in this area
- Troy Library posters & flyers, Oakland County Moms Summer Concerts online
- Troy Rec email
- Troyvtimes

Q32: How do you feel about fees charged for recreation programming?

Response	Count	Percent
Too high	151	19.58%
About right	612	79.38%
Too low	8	1.04%
Total Responses	771	

Q33: Which times work best for you to participate in recreation programming? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	Percent
Weekdays - daytime (year round)	322	40.50%
Weekdays - daytime (summer months only)	134	16.86%
Weekdays - daytime after school	155	19.50%
Weekdays - evenings	393	49.43%
Saturday - daytime	439	55.22%
Saturday - evenings	239	30.06%
Sunday - daytime	354	44.53%
Sunday - evenings	200	25.16%
None of the above	36	4.53%
Total Unique Responses	795	
Total Responses	2,272	

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

Q34: Which of the following programs would you like to see more of? Please choose your top five (5) programs.

Response	Count	Percent
Adult programs	230	29.83%
Exercise and fitness	220	28.53%
Senior programs	216	28.02%
Concerts and shows	191	24.77%
Family programs	176	22.83%
Pickleball	142	18.42%
Youth sports programs	133	17.25%
Art programs	117	15.18%
Swimming	109	14.14%
Crafts	100	12.97%
Preschool programs	93	12.06%
Special events	92	11.93%
Travel and excursions	90	11.67%
Gardening	86	11.15%
After-school programs	84	10.89%
Teen programs	83	10.77%
Skills classes (e.g. programming, taxes, etc.)	80	10.38%
Golf	61	7.91%
Safety classes	57	7.39%
Dance	54	7.00%
Therapeutic recreation	52	6.74%

Response	Count	Percent
Tennis	49	6.36%
Summer camp	46	5.97%
Ice skating	35	4.54%
Skiing (alpine and cross country)	35	4.54%
Gymnastics	32	4.15%
Volleyball	30	3.89%
Soccer	25	3.24%
Badminton	25	3.24%
Basketball	24	3.11%
Bowling	23	2.98%
Babysitting	22	2.85%
Baseball	21	2.72%
Language arts	18	2.33%
Homeschooler programs	16	2.08%
Cricket	16	2.08%
Karate	14	1.82%
Fencing	11	1.43%
Football	4	0.52%
Other (Please specify)	44	5.71%
Total Unique Responses	771	
Total Responses	2,956	

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

Q34 Other Responses

- 1-Offer non competitive adult pickleball. Current "Open Beginner pickleball" courts attract tennis players who slice. I and others desire recreational/ social leagues-injury free. Would love to learn badminton, open court players look very experienced. Recently attended "Green Stage" in Ashland, OR. Would be an amazing offering.
- Adaptive programming. That you didn't even offer this choice is a shame.
- Coed senior activities, like a softball team
- Conversation groups
- Cycling
- day trips
- Diving classes
- Do more in SE Troy
- Farmer's market with a focus on getting more farmers & their produce
- Fishing
- Flag football
- Floral design!
- History of Troy & Multi-cultural history
- I do not participate
- I would love for a school aged, ski program to be offered for my daughters.
- Jiu jitsu
- Maker Space - shared shop/studio to explore advanced hobbies such as woodworking, electronics and home automation
- More Stuff in SE part of City 48083
- Mtb
- Nature related
- none
- None
- Our dog loved doggie splash

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Q34 Other Responses Continued

- Park runs
- Programs for toddlers
- Quilting
- Racquetball
- Robotics!
- Roller/ball hockey
- Softball!!!!
- Special needs adults classes
- Tai chi
- Taiji
- Volunteer community service opportunities in Troy.
- Walking group
- Water aerobics
- Water exercise
- We have enough already
- Wheelchair citizens incorporated with non wheelchair bound citizens
- yoga
- Yoga, Pilates
- Young kid/toddler specific sports or craft classes (age 2-6)
- Youth sports that aren't on the weekends. Holiday events like Halloween trails, family dances, egg hunts, family art events

Q35: Of the programs you said you would like to see more of, please rank them in order of importance, with 1 being most important and 5 being least important.

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Adult programs	8434	100.00%	1
Exercise and fitness	8163	96.79%	2
Senior programs	8001	94.87%	3
Concerts and shows	7020	83.23%	4
Family programs	6620	78.49%	5
Pickleball	5275	62.54%	6
Youth sports programs	4962	58.83%	7
Art programs	4322	51.24%	8
Swimming	3993	47.34%	9
Crafts	3658	43.37%	10
Preschool programs	3529	41.84%	11
Special events	3368	39.93%	12
Travel and excursions	3293	39.04%	13
Gardening	3157	37.43%	14
After-school programs	3117	36.96%	15
Teen programs	3085	36.58%	16
Skills classes (e.g. programming, taxes, etc.)	2944	34.91%	17
Golf	2286	27.10%	18
Safety classes	2063	24.46%	19
Dance	1999	23.70%	20

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Therapeutic recreation	1928	22.86%	21
Tennis	1830	21.70%	22
Summer camp	1639	19.43%	23
Ice skating	1311	15.54%	24
Skiing (alpine and cross country)	1302	15.44%	25
Gymnastics	1142	13.54%	26
Volleyball	1090	12.92%	27
Badminton	908	10.77%	28
Basketball	861	10.21%	29
Soccer	849	10.07%	30
Bowling	810	9.60%	31
Babysitting	810	9.60%	32
Baseball	789	9.35%	33
Language arts	653	7.74%	34
Homeschooler programs	597	7.08%	35
Cricket	589	6.98%	36
Karate	519	6.15%	37
Fencing	367	4.35%	38
Football	107	1.27%	39
Total Responses	749		

Q36: Should Troy prepare a non-motorized transportation study to identify potential treatments and routes within the city?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	494	61.52%
No	309	38.48%
Total Responses	803	

Q37: Should Troy partner with Royal Oak, Clawson, Madison Heights, and regional planning authorities to develop an interjurisdictional non-motorized transportation study?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	512	63.44%
No	295	36.56%
Total Responses	807	

Q38: Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

- #1 spend our tax money wisely. Don't waste it on things that few people will use. ie special needs playgrounds don't need to be at every park just like soccer fields aren't at every park. #2 Troy will never be a walking city. Stop wasting money that way. In Troy, we drive to parks.
- 1) More shade or trees at amphitheater; more playground equipment for young families during summer concerts. 2) senior programs (ex: more bus trips to Tiger games), also senior bus (if Madison Hgts can own senior bus, why not Troy?) 3) More signs in fitness center instructing to "wipe down equipment after use". Most fitness users do not wipe down equipment. 4) More benches on walking paths
- 1) We need a "Senior" bus for senior trips for Troy residents, 2) Please continue with the 0 or low costs senior events, 3) Troy senior leaders (Lindsey & Lori) doing an excellent job! 4) What happened to "Troy Restaurant Week"? Event was always so enjoyable!
- 1. The puzzle room is crowded. We need more room. 2. We would like to have longer hours of indoor swimming pool.
- 1. To attract younger families we should have more playground equipment for kids. 2. For seniors, more benches are needed in parks & trails for them to res, relax and get energized and walk more for health.
- [am a Tai chi enthusiast. My friends and I practice Tai chi in the parking lot of Firefighter's Park every weekend. I hope the city will designate a specific area with shade trees and a few benches for us to rest.
- 1. ^^include Bloomfield & Rochester Hills in the interjurisdictional study. I like riding to Bowers Farm along Square Lake, & I've ridden up to the park off of John R in Rochester Hills but haven't carried my heavy bike down the steps to Clinton River Trail. 2. Tell us more about undeveloped parks.
- A field that is flat area and allow group of people to do Taiji or other activities.
- Add Rugby to the sports for consideration by Parks + Rec. Hosting a regional rugby tournament or something similar would raise visibility for Troy and the sport of Rugby.
- ADD: a ninja warrior practice area, racquetball courts as part of the all-access pass, bungee exercise,
- Adding restroom
- Also Go north for non motor study, scenic, broader streets,
- Although I am a senior, I do love hearing about all the programs for families in Troy.
- Appreciate the additional restrooms added at many parks. A fishing pier and batting cage would be great
- Baby sitting classes for preteens, teens, young adults. Civic classes for children, preteens, teens, young adults. Repairing the walking/jogging paths should be the #1 priority of the city before spending money on any new programs or expansion of the trails and parks.
- Badminton
- Beaver Trail is in terrible condition, it could be a nice place for the kids to play
- Benches along the walking trails would be very helpful for seniors and those with mobility issues who are walking for strength
- Bike lanes
- Biking lanes on major mile streets
- Birdwatching
- Bring back the Farmers market similar to what Dodge Park does with a concert and food trucks.
- Bring tennis courts to firefighters park, more affordable senior personally training, put funding into Philip Huber park which is beautiful
- Bring za playscape to Milverton Park and other things for Kids
- City of Troy employees should receive more of a discount on fitness center/ aquatic center for themselves and family

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Q38 Responses Continued

- Coaching for kids in badminton
- Connecting Troy to Clawson would be amazing since we don't have a downtown
- Consider a facility as high tech as the Rochester OPC
- Converting traffic light "Walk" signals to automatic rather than manual along key corridors would make city more non-motorized friendly.
- Cost to participate in many activities is too great for my family of 7. Cost for amenities are all too high. We appreciate the sand dollar pass at TFAC this year. It is the first time we could afford passes as a family. Pro-rated or discounts for families is essential for our participation.
- Couples programs
- Create a Taiji field for seniors to practice
- Did not understand what non-motorized transportation refers to
- Do a study with Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Auburn Hills. That's where all the main long trails are located.
- Do NOT bring in bicycle lanes on our roads. Make sidewalks wider. I've seen too many close calls in royal oak and other cities with bike lanes
- Do not slim the main roads got bike paths. Do not road diet. With all the apartments and condos adding people to the city, it wouldn't make sense.
- Doing great. Parks are improving. Sylvan Glen Lake Park is nice.. would like to see more nature preserves.
- Don't put the library next to the community center. traffic will be a nightmare
- Don't waste tax dollars on non-motorized studies.
- Encourage cyclists etiquette: ring bell, "on your left", etc.
- expand indoor pickle ball courts for cold seasons
- Expand the pickleball open gym times during the winter months when we can't use the outside courts
- Farmington Hills The Hawk facility and Canton The Summit are best in class locally
- Feel free to contact me about the needs for Troy Robotics. We have one of the largest, if not the largest, demands for competitive educational robotics, yet fail to have even ONE Troy schools employee involved in the program
- Find ways to offer more no-cost or low-cost public transportation options in Troy so those without vehicles can access Troy park lands and other recreation venues.
- Flag football
- Focus less on the programming and more on the quality of the facilities. An interjurisdictional non-motorized transportation system would be amazing.
- Focus more on SE Troy!
- Free splash pad would be great
- Give back the greens in boulan park! That huge ugly field is a disgrace.
- Go visit the parks in Rochester. Their main park is full of activities; outdoor yoga, running and biking clubs, music in the park, fishing, hiking, etc. They are a destination.
- I am OLD – 80's & use a cane. BUT I'd like to get out. Sylvan Glen Lake Park USED to be inviting to take a chair, bag lunch & a book. A nice QUIET scenic spot. But you've turned it into a noisy circus.
- I appreciate a lot of the hard work that you all are doing. I think creating native plant pathways and education to help improve our biodiversity. Any increased walkability or biking is also wonderful. Look into risky play and natural playgrounds for kids. Look at parks like Bernheim Forest and Arbo
- I appreciate that The Aquatic Center was available for water aerobics due to renovations/work on indoor pool; Christine our instructor as well as the water aerobics class members have thoroughly enjoyed being able to have class at the Aquatic Center- thank you!
- I think it would be great to do an intro to fishing class and also if we could let trout unlimited put up some signs with wildlife facts and also encourage water quality and memberships. It could be bilingual and I would offer to teach or help. Merlin birding app is another great activity to do
- I think more outdoor swimming facilities should be a top priority. There is land on John R Road near Raintree Park that would be perfect for an outdoor community pool
- I think the rate of progress and development of the parks and recreational facilities in the past 5-ish years has been phenomenal
- I used to run a senior program. It was free. I had 25 members. I had to cancel it when you started charging to sit on a chair. All we did was sit around the table in the reading room & plan our activities for the next month or two. We also discussed some problems members had & helped each other. Most prevalent were home repairs – finding reliable contractors vs and personal needs; e.g. finding doctors, services. In so doing, we made a lot of friendships. I attracted many widows & divorcees, singles, & new residents.
- I wish it was safer to be a pedestrian/ride a bike in Troy. I'd love to have a more walkable community.

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Q38 Responses Continued

- I wish that there were more programs for children. My son did snapology a few years ago and it was always full. Now there isn't much of anything for elementary kids during the school year outside of sports
- I wish there were more fitness classes at the TCC so I could join again.
- I wish there were more social recreation programs aimed at young adults (non-seniors)
- I would like to know when I can watch a baseball game or soccer game at our parks even though I don't play.
- I would like to see a walkway around the soccer fields and firefighters so people can walk for a long time
- I would love if Troy could make some of the fitness classes available to "all ages". I would love to participate in a fitness class with my pre-teen and teen; something I could do with them. Maybe like a dance fitness or cardio... especially in the winter. An indoor walking track would be great too!
- In the lap pool too many stop and just talk instead of swimming. They take up lanes for people who are trying to swim. I use Stony Park to ride my bike. I like trails but don't use them much.
- Inappropriate move of outdoor concerts to Stein Park
- Include more swimming classes in evening and weekends. Not all of us are stay at home moms in the summer
- increasing interconnectivity of trails is essential. Our bike trails currently take us through neighborhoods and streets not designed for bikes. I know we cannot take old rail ways like other communities and create trails, but safe trails that feel like they are in natural spaces would be great.
- Indoor track
- Install a no cost splash pad like neighboring cities have. Also a racquetball court would be nice
- It would be nice to make more use of Sylvan Glen Lake, such as canoeing or kayaking.
- I've participated in other sports leagues as a coach and non-coach, and by far the best person running any is Meghan Veiga. She is great at communicating, scheduling, taking care of problems, etc. Separately, develop a better swim lesson program with more options and full-time instructors.
- Just make a trail that you can ride you bike in a safe area - not along major cross roads. Connect to larger trails like Clinton River. Troy has nothing to offer in Trails - just building more houses and condos. Connect to the Clinton River or the Macomb one not these dinky "Troy Trails"
- Just the coed senior teams
- Keep more woods! Shade at play structures
- Keep up the quality of the Aquatic Center. I swam there for many years as many kids grew up and it's a great family friendly resource
- Local laws seem behind the times in considering personal electric vehicles. Although motorized, they shouldn't be considered the same as a dirt bike or atv. Please provide the same allowances to them as you would a bicycle.
- Look at all the parks in Royal Oak
- Look at other cities that have state of the art community centers. We are better than our community center represents.
- Look to Rochester cities - they do a phenomenal job for all ages and preserving natural areas. You could learn a lot from that.
- Make it easier to pause fitness memberships. Had to miss one month due to surgery and had to fill out five new forms in person.
- May be kayaking
- maybe a wide trail path that small businesses can occupy that would be so enjoyable to walk on and socialize on that people wouldn't drive cars
- Mom support groups, mom walking groups
- More affordable senior trips
- More crosswalks across main roads and leaving the trees as is. Please don't tear down more trees.
- more evening programming so that working seniors can take part
- More in neighborhood park features. Beaver trail park has one small playground and swing but large fields with nothing in it. Community gardens and more trees
- more moving less driving as a foundational principle
- More sidewalks
- More splash pads and sledding hills
- More sports related activities for young adults
- More sustainable and environmental focused development! We need to be like neighboring cities who buy up land to preserve it. We are losing green space to poorly built homes at an alarming rate.
- more Tai Chi classes
- More trash bins in Firefighters Park near the ponds. There are none there & litter ends up in the ponds & looks ugly.
- More trees in the parks!
- More trees plants flowers to Jeanne Stine Community Park. Please, please, please allocate more money to develop it. It is just bare lawns for most part of it.
- more walkable is better! appreciate the survey and action that has been taken thus far
- More Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation

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Q38 Responses Continued

- Most of all would prefer this initiative to be the highest of priorities of everything in the survey!
- Mountain biking into Troy at Turtle Woods
- Move outdoor events
- Multi use turf fields may be worth the investment
- N/A
- Need completed sidewalks for wheelchairs , strollers , bikes to easily access parks etc
- Need more adaptive programming.
- Need substantial overhaul to compete. Stop building apartments and start building play areas
- Need to look at what is successful at other cities as not charging double \$ for non residents. When need others to be there at Troy inside activities that have competition in area. \$10/yr non resid = Shelby. Why does city give prizes to bingo & not euchre? Why 3 booklets emailed? Why charge \$20/yr non residents when R Oak charges \$1.25 when/if you go each week & can bring food & have prizes. 100% Royal Oak people stopped coming 2025 BIG problem. Still 2 other cities. Troy have got seniors EACH WEEK. AMAZING organization & the scanning at ID both Shelby, & R> Oak. ALSO why was there NO TROY BUS to the spring or fall 2025 FREE DAY at Detroit Zoo?? DIA had monthly trip with Troy bus. Zoo = zero. We pay taxes to both DIA & Detroit Zoo.
- New courts are great. Redwood courts need resurfacing. Sylvan Glen park is FANTASTIC. New trail at Jaycee is wonderful. DPW/Parks folks have been VERY responsive to input and questions.
- No <11 duplicate responses>
- No, thank you for your thorough and thoughtful planning of Troy's parks and rec future. Keeping green space for our kids is one of the best things by a we can do.
- None <6 duplicate responses>
- On my walk the other morning two work trucks were out looking for a deceased deer and I wanted to highlight how hard they were looking, how early they were out. It's great to see the city being taken care of!
- Once our grandkids are old enough, I'm sure I will have more input.
- Other outdoor swimming options for summer.
- Our boys used so many different sports related park facilities when growing up in Troy. Now our grandchildren are often here and we like to have options for them to enjoy.
- Park runs
- Partner with Sterling Heights and Eichester Hills, too - esp. the trail just east of Dequindre
- Play structure unnecessary at Sylvan Glen Lake park with Jaycee park close by. Natural peacefulness of sylvan Glen lake park was great for mental health but no longer. Now need to replicate in another park to have a peaceful lake amenity.
- Please bring back the Troy Farmers Market. - Add two indoor ping pong tables. - Troy is making progress in expanding travel options by partnering with established, reputable providers but please increase the options. Fur therapy and book mobile visits excellent ideas. Thank you
- Please consider the Troy Historic Village in your plans to fund repairs and improvements, and adult programing at the library
- Please don't put your roads on diets like Royal Oak. It's really frustrating. I know we want to be eco friendly but when work is 8 miles away it's hard to use anything other than a car.
- please fill in sidewalk gaps and ensure generous distance from, and/or physical barrier between, sidewalk and street
- Please increase green space in the city. Save the trees!
- Please just mountain bike trials in or close to beaver trial and raintree
- Please make the city more bikeable. Add more bike lanes so we can ride the bike going to and from work.
- Please open bathrooms when sporting events are going on.
- Please protect the diamonds of Troy - the Nature center and the natural trails at Huber park by the outdoor pool.
- Please re-open the concession stand at Boulan Park
- Please, please don't add bike lanes all over the place like Royal Oak and Ferndale. They are useless and confusing/dangerous to young and older drivers.
- please, please update the playground at Redwood Park
- please, please, , more bike lanes! I am scared to bike near cars after I was hit by a car while bicycling in Troy and had a six month recover (nearly had permante brain damage!)
- Quit building more homes/cutting trees. Make the Aquatic Center for residents only, or make resident only days. I have kids that would love to go, but we don't ever go because it is too overcrowded. I'll drive an hour north to go to waterpark over going across the street to the Aquatic Center.

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Q38 Responses Continued

- Quit sponsoring yoga, unless you begin doing other religious practices like prayer meetings or rosary. Very offensive to Christians.
- Raintree park has lots of big puddles(like lakes) when it rains heavily. Please level the ground
- Really happy the city looking to expand walkability! I work from home but would love to make errands etc more walkable.
- Regional support and collaboration is essential for any non-motorized plan. There is capacity for such a plan. We just need the political will to do it.
- Safe crossings across 45 mph roads for the safe access to the parks/facilities, including lowering the speed limits!
- Schroeder Park could use some help. It feels like it belongs to the school. It would be nice to be able to walk there more
- Schroeder park really needs some attention.
- Signs need to be in English always. Americans do not know all various languages and it is frightening to enter a park with signs in unknown languages. It is also extremely rude. English always and first.
- Softball for girls
- South of big beaver and west of Troy no way to travel from the neighborhood to Schroeder. Lack of hawk crossing on big beaver. New Kmart site should have a trail that connects through golf view and into the neighborhood so we could bike to school. A linear trail down big beaver would be cool too.
- Splash pad like Normandy Oaks would be amazing!
- stay ahead of e-bike usage along with gulf carts
- STOP allowing developers to cut down more trees.
- Stop allowing non residents cheap access to our amenities like pools. Over run and degrade use for residents
- Stop building more apartment/condos/houses and taking away all the green space and making our nice city look silly with houses two inches apart and no yards near main roads and in random areas of subdivisions.
- STOP SWITCHING CAR LANE TO BIKE LANES , STOP GOING TO R.O. AND PARTS OF CLAWSON DUE TO TOO MUCH SIGNAGE ! DUE TO BIKE TRAILS ALONG ROAD AND BACKED UP TRAFFIC.
- Stop taking away open space like the cricket field in Boulan park. What a shame!
- Stop wasting our money
- Take care of our current programs , structures and parks better than you're currently doing
- Thank you for all that you do and for asking our opinion on how we can improve this great city!
- Thanks for looking into this! It would be awesome if we could have a multi city trail system
- The bundling of funds for this new bond is too many things at once... I think it'll discourage voters from passing it ...
- The Comm. Center used to have more day trips (Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, tours around Detroit ex DIA exhibits). There used to be a book club which was pretty popular.
- The east side parks do not have tennis courts or pickleball courts.
- The huge area at Raintree Park just west of John R is underutilized. I rarely see anyone playing softball at the existing diamond and the rest of the area could use something like tennis or pickleball courts. A biking / walking path that runs near the pavilion connecting the perimeter path is needed
- The lack of green space and parks in Troy is depressing. I work as a remote software engineer and there's zero reason for me to live in this city.
- The original plans for Sylvan Glen Park showed a fishing pier. I thought the summer concert series was better at Boulan Park. Pollenation Gardens.
- the outdoor pool
- The parking at outdoor concert new stage is terrible with NASTY signs "STAY OUT tennis only" on Troy close-by only property pay-to-play which has a very big lot for concerts the front part must be available for all. Bring back farmers MKT to a place with shade for vendors & shoppers w/decent parking
- The reserved fields are annoying. Kids just can't be kids anymore. They can't be reserved all the time.
- The staff in the rec center are very helpful and courteous. They make it a welcoming space.
- There are not sidewalks on some streets making this unsafe, pedestrian traffic light sometimes don't work
- This is likely outside of your jurisdiction, but as a Troy resident, my #1 grievance with this city is the destruction of any and all green spaces by firms like Mondrian Properties and Amber Apartments. Anything to promote more natural space is a win in my books. I haven't forgotten "Drivewaygate".
- To make better use of the space, please allow access to the dance rooms when there is no class scheduled.
- Too many staff do service that are from last century, automate stuff plz and increase number of facilities instead of ppl

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Q38 Responses Continued

- Troy developed a non-motorized plan back in 2008 and essentially did nothing with it. Any road program should include a 'Complete Streets' component which actually gets implemented.
- Troy does a great job with recreational services. You do not need to be all things for all people. Focus on what is working and make small adjustments.
- Troy Historic Village is not referenced nor history, but park of Troy Parks & Recreation. Troy Public Library improvements not referenced, but part of Troy.
- Troy is very dog unfriendly but then there are many people that go to the Troy Farm and let the dogs run without a leash. Great to see the Troy Farm houses, etc removed as very unsightly.
- Troy should make a concerted effort to recruit more fitness class instructors. The ones we have are great but there needs to be more of them so that instructor substitutes are easier to find (Less cancelled classes). Also, if there's a way to get a Peloton bike for the gym, that would be great.
- Troy's natural spaces and parks are part of its major assets! Please preserve and continue to invest in them as they make our community a wonderful place to live and play. Thanks so much for all you do to enrich our lives and experiences here in Troy!
- TRX fitness classes
- Try Troy / Bloomfield hills / Birmingham, not Clawson or Madison Heights. Ew.
- Upgrade everything in the TCC Fitness Center - EVERYTHING!
- very disappointed senior water aerobics was discontinued also cost of sr day trips are very expensive (compare to Shelby Twp programming)
- We already have a lot. Don't spend a lot of money putting in the same things we already have.
- We are disappointed with the change of venue for the summer concert series. We loved the shade and the playground at Boulton. It is less family friendly at Stine park because there is no playground for our kids.
- We love the new skating facility. That is one of the smartest additions in a long time!
- We need a Senior Center to better support our aging population.
- we need better sport programming so that we are not forced into travel sports
- We need to improve the traffic lights to accommodate for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. We are already fairly poor in bike lanes. With the traffic lights requiring users to press the button to activate for pedestrians/ bicycles, it is making us very unfriendly to pedestrians and cyclists.
- We need to keep and acquire more green space instead of building on all open land. We keep building but are preserving the environment or infrastructure
- We need trails for biking and walking but Michigan isn't the right climate for full time commuting.
- We should ensure that what we have is being used often by the community before spending on any new builds! The skating rink is an example of if you build it they may come, it's too reliant upon seasonal weather to be successful. I'm all for improving on the wonderful amenities we already have.
- We should remove all bus stops from the city of Troy
- We should work with Oakland Transit and SMART to expand public transportation in the city so that residents can better take advantage of our recreational opportunities
- We would like a free splash pad like other local cities. Visiting the tfac is cost prohibitive for our family.
- We would love a splash pad even if it had a membership fee
- Why 3 cabanas to rent at \$150/day empty 95% season 2025. When need move chairs for sitting. Also birthday private parties should NOT have 100% outside cover before entering PAID pool area.
- Will the Troy youth ski program come back?
- Wish there were more events. Like Rochester has arts and apples. Maybe a big farmers market on weekends. Ideally, on build out parks/options in northern Troy
- Yes
- Yes! The increased use of ebikes, e-scooters and every other electric fast moving device people are riding that puts walkers, bikers and kids in danger.
- Yes Riding bikes in this city is hazardous need better sidewalks
- You avoided Q about previous Troy group walks in parks by Historical Society that were GREAT!! But always same nite as outdoor Troy concerts = STUPID. Then these fun walks stopped as "No \$" MORE STUPID. Huber Park a DISASTER & could be dangerous now used to be wonderful w/station. I walk at Raintree and Oakland County Red Oaks. Both very good and close.
- You have to bring the quality of our fields up to that of our peers. We should be having tournaments and events to bring people to Troy. Instead, we are losing revenue and quality of life to other cities

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textarea-1 [REDACTED] Add more tennis courts please. Boulan gets packed and Troy high has classes/trainings. The community used to use the middle school tennis courts and then those were taken down. Also at Firefighters, there could have been tennis courts added with the pickleball lines to be useful for both types of players, but instead was limited to only pickleball. Please add more tennis courts at firefighters.

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Hi Brent,

Outstanding document! Very thorough and very well done!

I just have one very small point that you and Carlisle Wortman are probably aware of.

On page 126, under Water Resources: most of Troy is in the Clinton River Watershed. There are a few small streams and drains in the eastern half of Troy that are part of this watershed.

Not a big deal and not really a part of the main theme of this document but I thought I would mention it because:

- (1) I am an active member of both the Friends of the Rouge and the Clinton River Watershed Council and since the Rouge River was mentioned in this section I thought I would bring up the Clinton River.
- (2) I wanted to show you that I read and went through all 235 pages of this document. Ha Ha!

OK, Thanks and take care.

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"While some facilities listed in this chapter, including the golf courses and aquatic center, require entrance fees or even memberships, they are still public amenities and act as recreation opportunities for residents."

At least regarding TFAC, while this says it is for residents, there are many non-residents that use it. Also, 73% report they rarely or never use TFAC. While resident use of it seems low, is there any idea why?

Also, TFAC is a facility that needs on-going repair and maintenance that seems to not get done as much as it should. The R&M needs to happen to keep the facility going.

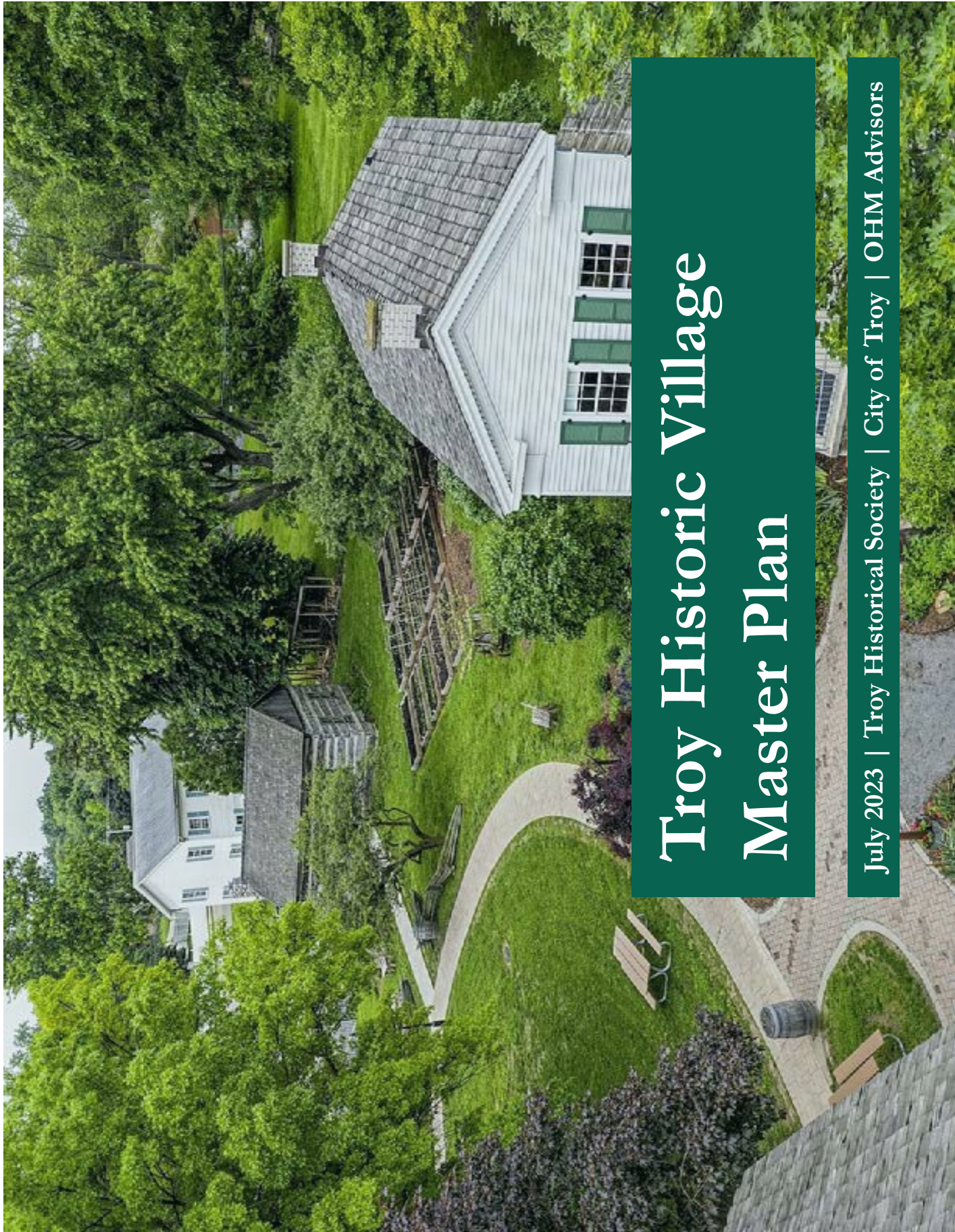
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Appendix F: Troy Historic Village Master Plan



Troy Historic Village Master Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Why create a Master Plan for this site?

The Troy Historic Village Master Plan explores opportunities for the future of this local historic asset. The study is initiated by the City of Troy and the Troy Historical Society to consider community and operating budget changes since the last master plan's completion in 2010, and to build upon the momentum of the Niles-Barnard House restoration in 2021, a major project identified by the 2010 Master Plan.

While the 2010 Master Plan was ambitious in scope and vision, few of its components remain suitable. Staff describe the site as being “building rich, but space poor,” which inhibits their ability to grow event and program participation. The Troy Historic Village is programmed year-round, however there are operational limitations due to lack of adequate infrastructure, parking, building capacity, and underutilized outdoor space.

The Master Plan update considers the site’s existing conditions and utilizes community engagement to develop a blueprint for the Troy Historic Village staff, Troy Historical Society, and City of Troy to act on over the next several years. Additional recommendations will be included for consideration in subsequent years and as funding becomes available.

The scope of the Master Plan is:

- Assess current conditions
- Define goals
- Strategize near-term and long-term improvements with specific recommendations by area
- Develop project phases and opinions of construction cost to implement recommendations

Plan Goals

The following goals were identified by stakeholders early in the planning process. The goals were used to organize the existing conditions assessment and Master Plan recommendations.

- Improve site circulation and the visitor experience
- Address the need for additional parking with considerations for safety, visibility, and placemaking
- Identify underutilized spaces and opportunities for activation
- Ensure that infrastructure improvements incorporate accessibility and sustainability
- Encourage a greater community understanding of the Troy Historic Village
- Strategize implementation phases based on funding availability
- Clarify funding, operations, and maintenance roles for the proposed improvements
- Provide sufficient and appropriate space for staff, programming, and collections storage in a proposed new Visitor Center

How to use the Plan

The Project Background section describes the previous planning efforts and existing conditions taken into consideration to develop the Master Plan.

The Public Engagement section provides a summary of the feedback received through surveys and focus groups to guide the development of the Master Plan recommendations.

The Recommendations section contains conceptual maps with project phasing and implementation strategies, including opinion of construction cost ranges. The Master Plan provides a framework for decision-making in the near- and long-term.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Troy Historic Village is located at the intersection of Wattles and Livernois Road in the heart of Troy, Michigan. Troy was settled in the 1820s and by the 1880s, was thriving as an agricultural community. The parcels where the Village is located were forest, then farmland, prior to use as the Township Hall location. After the Township Hall was built in 1927 incorporating pieces of historic structures, ten (10) more structures would join to make the Village what it is today. Eight (8) of those buildings were relocated, two (2) were recreated, and the former Township Hall now serves as the visitor center and staff offices. Each of the 11 buildings represent a distinct time period and contain collections and stories from the 1800s up to 1920, representing Troy's early farming community. In 1966, the Troy Historical Society was formed to steward the site in collaboration with the City of Troy.

As the surrounding landscape transformed to residential and commercial uses, the Troy Historic Village has remained a unique educational campus. Other than its primary function as a display of historic local buildings and collections, the Troy Historic Village is a field trip destination for student groups. This is reflected by the site's operating hours, weekdays only from 10 am – 3 pm. Additional programs and events are scheduled largely on afternoons and evenings. Some programs occur on weekends, but the Village is often available as a rental venue. The Troy Historic Village receives an estimated 30,000 visitors and school children annually. The Master Plan update explores opportunities to attract more visitors to the site through strategic site improvements, such as utilization of available outdoor spaces, expanded parking capacity, infrastructure enhancements, relocation of the Log Cabin, and construction of a new Visitor Center.



Location Map



Previous Planning Efforts

An assessment of prior plans and survey data served as a starting point to understand where a Master Plan update should begin. The topics previously discussed in the Strategic Plan, Master Plan, and City of Troy resident surveys are a foundation to guide the Master Plan update. While recommendations at the individual building level are outside of the scope of this Master Plan, the Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) completed in 2018 also provided a view into the improvements necessary to preserve the Village's structures.

The following documents were reviewed:

- Troy Historical Society Strategic Plan (2022 – 2027)
- City of Troy Resident Surveys (2021)
- Troy Museum and Historic Village Interpretive Master Plan (2010)

Troy Historical Society Strategic Plan (2022 – 2027)

The Troy Historical Society is the nonprofit organization responsible for administering, operating, and programming the Troy Historic Village for the City of Troy through a renewable management agreement. Following the disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Troy Historical Society engaged in the strategic planning process to form a key operational and business plan for the next five (5) years, including defined measures of success and budget considerations to improve short-term and long-term performance. The internal goals and strategies established by the Board, staff, leaders, and the community will guide actions and decisions related to the Troy Historic Village from 2022 through 2027. The plan also provides some insight into how staff navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, lessons learned, and which programs adopted during the pandemic will continue in the foreseeable future.

2021 Resident Survey Results

The City of Troy hired a national research non-profit to engage 2,000 randomly-selected residents in two benchmarking surveys, one focused on budget items and the other on engagement and satisfaction with City services. The resident budget priorities survey asked about satisfaction with City facilities and infrastructure, including the Troy Historic Village. The resident engagement and priority survey provided insights into preferred ways to communicate with the City, behavioral use of amenities, and willingness to increase taxes to support certain improvements. Compared to other City amenities and infrastructure, the Village takes low priority in City budgets. However, there is opportunity to grow residents' appreciation for this amenity by offering more community collaboration and event space.

Troy Museum and Historic Village Interpretive Master Plan (2010)

The purpose of the Interpretive Master Plan was three-fold: to identify core interpretive messages from the historical buildings at the Village; to improve visitor orientation, site circulation, and wayfinding through three (3) different onsite interpretive zones; and to identify the resources needed to make improvements to the landscape and the interiors and exteriors of buildings. The Interpretive plan also provided insight into annual visitation, school program offerings, monthly and seasonal events, and staff structure. The 2010 Master plan was ambitious in scope and vision and showed what the Troy Historic Village could become, although few of the plan components have come to fruition.



2010 master plan concept for future land uses.

Existing Conditions Analysis | Overall

In order to build the foundation of knowledge required to plan future improvements, the site's existing conditions were inventoried and analyzed. Specific methods included on-site observation, desktop surveying, and engagement with facility stakeholders. While the primary assets of the site include the Village's buildings, the analysis considered the full scope of built and natural landscape to ensure a holistic campus experience. Below are the key findings and the following pages illustrates the analysis in further detail:

Key Findings

Overall site function. Most of the buildings contain historic collections of different sizes and offer interpretation of early life in Troy. The Old City Hall Building is used for staff offices and storage, but does not function well as an entry point for school groups. The Niles-Barnard House is used for Village rentals, as well as some staff operations, but can't operate well as a Visitor Center. Further, the location of the Niles-Barnard House feels disconnected from the rest of the Village due to underutilized space north of the building. The fence line will need to be adjusted to include additional space acquired in 2008 and 2022.

Accessibility and visitor experience. The current orientation of the parking lot minimizes the Village's presence from passersby and is insufficient for days of high-activity use. Additional spaces with a clear and cohesive flow would greatly benefit visitors. There is also potential to expand accessible walkways into underutilized parts of the Village to enhance interpretive amenities and the visitor experience.

Outdoor spaces and programming. More covered outdoor areas are needed for multi-purpose use by volunteers, school groups, event rentals, and patrons.

Infrastructure and sustainability. Improved WiFi is considered a need to grow the site's capacity to host virtual programming, on-site presentations, and hybrid events from more parts of the Village. Gaps in lighting around the Village pedestrian pathway need to be addressed to completely illuminate the area during evening events. Existing storage space is scarce, and future storage needs will need to accommodate additional exhibit collections as the Troy Historic Village grows its offerings.

Landscape maintenance and operations. The Village's landscape is characterized by lawn, simple garden demonstrations, and trees of varying health conditions. Minimal tree removal is desired but may be necessary pending further assessment. Spaces for additional trees will be considered. Lawn and general site maintenance are performed by the City of Troy Facilities and Grounds Operations. Other garden maintenance is performed by volunteers. Underutilized green space can be activated for passive use and stormwater management. The City of Troy Facilities and Grounds Operations will defer to a necessary contractor to maintain green stormwater infrastructure (GSI).



Existing Conditions Analysis | Accessibility and Visitor Experience

1 There are two main driveways to enter the Village parking areas from Wattles Road. A horseshoe driveway connects the two parking lots and provides an approach to the Village visitor entrance gate west of the Old City Hall Building. The horseshoe driveway is where school buses enter to drop off student groups, but shuttles have to pull up in a different location to bring senior visitors or visitors with mobility challenges to an accessible sidewalk. It is also used as a fire lane in the event of emergency and a lane for other service vehicles, such as postal delivery trucks. While original to the Old City Hall, there is moderate signage clutter and significant underutilized space due to the horseshoe driveway and current parking configuration.



A northeast perspective of the circular driveway from outside of the Old City Hall Building.

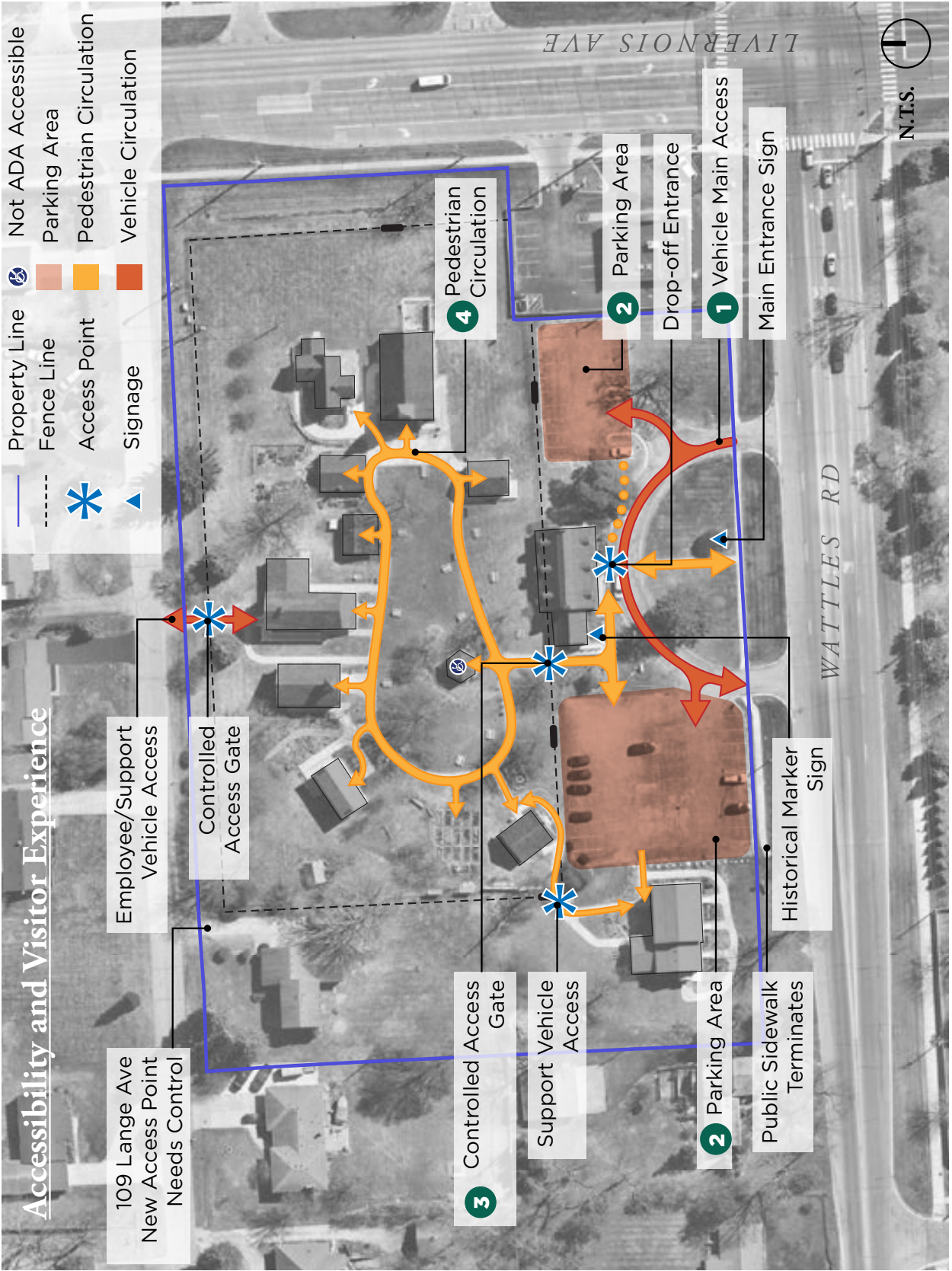
2 The parking lot next to the Niles-Barnard House is at the same grade as most of the site, making it much more visible than the other parking area east of the Old City Hall Building, which is slightly depressed and easily missed by cars following the curvature of the horseshoe driveway.

3 The current layout contributes to the Village feeling far removed from Wattles Road and confuses some visitors regarding where they should pull in and park. When school groups arrive, they walk from the entrance gate next to the Old City Hall Building to their first tour destination, the Church building on the eastern side of the Village. One staff priority is offering a different entrance experience through a new visitor center, a recommendation explored in the Master Plan.



The sidewalk approach to the Niles-Barnard House is not connected with the pedestrian path along Wattles Road.

4 While the Village's pedestrian circulation routes are largely accessible, some buildings present barriers to accessibility. The plan graphic reflects buildings with entrance ramps for those using mobility assistance devices, however, some buildings have second floors that would be entirely inaccessible. While the analysis did not include a comprehensive accessibility audit, Master plan recommendations were formulated to prioritize accessibility within the planning process. Any multi-level buildings added to the site, such as the new Visitor Center, should be fully accessible with an elevator.



Existing Conditions Analysis | Outdoor Spaces and Programming

An essential goal of the Master Plan is to make the most out of the outdoor space available to the Troy Historic Village. Each space offers different levels of functionality for events and programming.

Village Green

The Village Green is the highest utilized space on site. It is characterized by open lawn, circulating walks, some shade trees, lighting, and a variety of seating options, including benches and chairs.

Main Entrance and Parking

As illustrated through studying site circulation, the parking areas are heavily used and serve a critical function for the Village. However, the parking lot contributes to the Village feeling disconnected from Wattles Road and doesn't utilize space to maximize parking and circulation. The space is generally characterized by pavement, with intermittent landscaping.

Blacksmith's Yard

This large area currently serves as storage and display for farm-related exhibit collections and programming material.

Garden and Flex Space

This space is primarily used for outdoor yoga programming and a volunteer garden.

Pioneer Garden

A twelve-bed garden with several fruit trees utilized as part of the interpretive landscape.

Underprogrammed Open Space

These spaces are primarily open lawn and do not house permanent or temporary site programs.



The Village Green is often activated with events and programming.



The fire pit located between the Old City Hall Building and the Log Cabin.

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Existing Conditions Analysis | Infrastructure and Sustainability

1

Site Grading and Drainage - West Lawn

There are grading concerns in a few areas that need to be addressed. The West Lawn area experiences challenges with the current grading and drainage patterns; water stands after rain events behind the Niles Barnard House, and regrading is required to improve functionality and integrate the former 109 Lange Avenue property. Original foundation material remains mounded onsite for potential reuse in landscaping or building; using or rehusing this material will also improve functionality.

2

Water Intrusion - Church and Old City Hall

Water intrusion has been reported by staff in the Church basement and Old City Hall building basement, affecting exhibit collections and their storage areas. The grading issues behind the Church Building will be the most challenging and costly to correct. There are existing bioswales in the right-of-way along Lange Avenue and Livernois Avenue to retain stormwater collected onsite.

3

Overhead Electrical Utilities

There are existing electrical utilities visible on-site. The City of Troy also provided the locations of underground utilities to guide decision-making. The stability of the power pole located behind the Niles-Barnard House is a concern. Another general concern is the current capability of the site to generate enough electricity to support specific programs and events, specifically rentals.



The excavation "mound" behind the Niles-Barnard House.



A westward perspective of the grading challenges behind the Church.



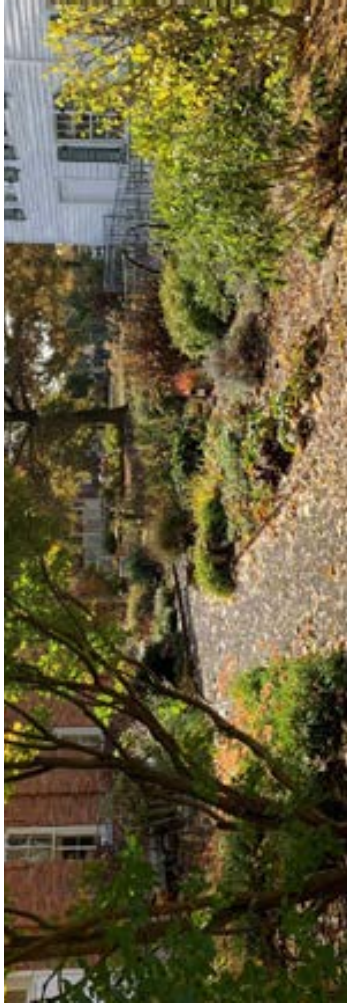
Existing Conditions Analysis | Landscape Maintenance and Operations

The Troy Historic Village staff and volunteers, Troy Garden Club volunteers, and City of Troy Facilities & Grounds Operations all share varying levels of responsibility for maintaining the onsite vegetation. While Facilities & Grounds Operations hold the primary responsibility for landscape maintenance, which includes tasks such as mowing and site repairs, the other volunteer groups contribute by maintaining numerous gardens. The focus of Village staff is on direct programming, so there is heavy reliance on volunteers for the maintenance and improvement of gardens (which add a great deal to aesthetics and sometimes provide indirect programming in the Village). The loss of any of these volunteers directly impacts the ability to maintain gardens. Considerations for maintaining and expanding these volunteer relationships is crucial to the continued level of this additional site landscaping which falls outside the City's responsibility and the staff's time and availability.

The following page includes a diagram depicting the conditions of existing trees, as determined by Village staff. A detailed tree assessment conducted by an arborist is warranted before final decisions regarding actions for tree maintenance, removal and/or care.



The Village's pioneer demonstration garden.



Volunteer-maintained gardens by the Caswell house and gazebo.





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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The public engagement component of the Master Plan update sought to gather years, and even decades, of institutional knowledge from site stakeholders, coupled with feedback from visitors and the community at large. The project team sought feedback from Troy Historic Village visitors through two surveys (available online and in print) advertised on-site, shared on the Village's social media channels, and available to subscribers via the Village's e-newsletter. A focus group, consisting of Troy Historic Village Staff, City of Troy staff and elected officials, and Troy Historical Society board members, was also assembled by the project team to provide feedback specifically focused on recommendations other than those identified by the survey.

Key Themes

- » Survey 1 reflected community support for adding covered outdoor spaces, creating more parking areas, funding a new Visitor Center, and dedicating indoor flexible space to individual or group use, particularly for school programming activities and eating indoors.
- » The priorities identified through the focus group include the aforementioned, as well as stormwater management in flood-prone areas and to mitigate the impacts of adding more paved parking area, upgrading infrastructure to better support programming and volunteer or public events, increasing curb appeal through landscaping treatments with updated entrance signage, site accessibility improvements, and developing new Visitor Center design concepts.
- » Survey 2 gathered more targeted feedback on the draft site improvements from the neighborhoods around the Village, Village staff, Historical Society members, and City staff. 46% of Survey 2's respondents live within a 0.5-mile radius of the Village. Notably, they expressed support for relocating a historic silo or water tower to the northeast corner of the Village as a visual point of interest. There was also support to bury overhead electrical lines on the site for maintenance and aesthetics purposes. Some neighbors expressed Village events and rentals can create a noticeable amount of noise that affects immediate neighbors, demonstrating the need for more vegetative buffers along the perimeter for sound attenuation. Neighbors also expressed concerns with the option to create bus parking directly off of Lange Avenue.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Troy Historic Village Master Plan has been developed in response to the priorities, objectives, and feedback received from stakeholders and the community, over a period of nine months. The plan was developed through an iterative process, incorporating input from stakeholders and undergoing necessary revisions. Building upon the site's collection of historical buildings, the plan aims to create a holistic campus experience that enhances its overall appeal and cultural enrichment. The plan addresses key aspects such as the entrance and parking experience, introducing innovative learning and interpretive spaces, implementing effective stormwater management strategies on-site, and seamlessly integrating the new open space at 109 Lange Avenue. With the addition of a Visitor Center creating additional event and rental space, and enhancements to parking and pedestrian circulation, the Troy Historic Village Master Plan will possess a diverse array of options to further elevate its cultural significance and solidify its position within the community.

Overall Site Master Plan



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RECOMMENDATIONS | Accessibility and Visitor Experience

The Troy Historic Village Master Plan project places a strong emphasis on improving accessibility and enhancing the overall visitor experience. By strategically addressing signage, parking, circulation, and the placement of key facilities, the plan aims to create a more inviting and engaging environment for all visitors.

Prominent Entrance Signage and Increased Visibility

To increase visibility and awareness, the plan proposes redesigning and reconstructing the parking lot to make the Village entrance signage more prominent. This redesigned signage can also serve as a platform for sharing rental information, upcoming programs, and events. Additionally, relocating the State of Michigan historic marker signage closer to main roads will ensure greater visibility for passing motorists. The plan further suggests incorporating a tall structure, such as a historic water tower or silo, in the East Garden to serve as both signage and a visual attraction.

Improved Parking and Visual Continuity

The proposed plan maintains the main visitor parking area along Wattles Road with two entrance points. To optimize parking efficiency and visual continuity, the plan suggests realigning the parking lot entrances, necessitating curb cut adjustments. By removing the circular horseshoe driveway, more dedicated parking spaces can be created, while landscaped islands and buffers compensate for the green space lost. Study at the master plan scale suggests an improved lot capacity of ±68 spaces if designed per current City of Troy code requirements. Additional study and potential deviation from City standards could yield additional parking spaces. The plan ensures that the parking lot can still accommodate bus drop-offs, trash removal vehicles, and event parking. Furthermore, it recommends establishing parking agreements with nearby entities to accommodate additional parking needs.

Enhanced Visitor Circulation and Connectivity

A vital aspect of the visitor experience is improved circulation and connectivity throughout the Village. The plan proposes adding comfortable pathways in underutilized areas, such as the West Lawn, North Garden, and East Garden, which would connect visitors to various buildings, landscapes, gardens, and interpretive amenities across the campus. It also reconsiders connecting sidewalk gaps around the perimeter of the Village that would create a more welcoming atmosphere.

Relocation of the Log Cabin and New Visitor Center

To accommodate the construction of a new Visitor Center, the plan recommends relocating the existing Log Cabin to a spot southeast of the Caswell House. This new location aligns with the historical context and establishes a node along the main walking path, surrounded by gardens, a relocated fire pit, and seating areas. The Visitor Center itself is envisioned to be situated on the north edge of the parking lot, providing a clear entry point to the campus. The building, spanning approximately 3,000 square feet, will feature a basement for additional exhibit storage, a second floor for staff offices and gathering spaces, and possibly flexible gathering spaces or classrooms, restrooms, storage, and a small kitchen on the first floor to cater to visiting school groups.

RECOMMENDATIONS | Outdoor Spaces and Programming

The Troy Historic Village Master Plan prioritizes the enhancement of visitor experiences through the introduction of multiple programming areas that offer unique and engaging activities. The Niles-Barnard House, the new Visitor Center, and the Old City Hall building will serve as central hubs for various events, volunteer activities, and rentals, creating a dynamic and ever-evolving experience for visitors.

Expanded Flexible Use of Outdoor Spaces

To accommodate programming, volunteer activities, and events, the master plan designates additional space for flexible use of outdoor areas, allowing for the incorporation of temporary tents as needed. The first designated site is located north of the Niles-Barnard House, while the second encompasses the Village Green outside Town Hall and the Church. The Village Green tents will be pitched for events only, while the West Lawn tent will remain pitched as a multi-use outdoor programming and event space adjacent to the Niles-Barnard House. These versatile spaces provide ample room and shelter for a wide range of activities, enriching the visitor experience.

Permanent Outdoor Space at Existing Buildings

The master plan also includes the addition of permanent covered space to the Wagon Shop. This expansion will create a dedicated workspace for smithing instructors and volunteers, ensuring the availability of a suitable environment for their activities. Architectural concepts for this structure, as well as the Native American outdoor classroom, could be sourced from architecture capstone courses offered by Lawrence Tech University and the University of Michigan, ensuring innovative and well-designed spaces.

Multi-Use Covered Outdoor Space at the Visitor Center

The new Visitor Center will incorporate multi-use covered outdoor space, further enhancing the visitor experience. This addition will allow for the inclusion of food trucks, providing flexibility for community picnics, weddings, and events, while preserving the distinctive character and quality of the grounds. The presence of food trucks will not only cater to visitors but also add vibrancy and a sense of excitement to the overall atmosphere of the Troy Historic Village.

Enhancements to Wayfinding, Signage, and Exhibits

As part of future improvements, the master plan recommends updating wayfinding and interpretive signage throughout the Troy Historic Village. These enhancements will assist visitors in navigating the site more easily and provide them with valuable information about its historical significance. Additionally, the plan includes the creation of a new exhibit that reflects the identity and diversity of the Troy community from 1920 to 2020, offering visitors a comprehensive understanding of the region's history and heritage, and fostering a deeper connection with the site.

RECOMMENDATIONS | Infrastructure and Sustainability

Addressing infrastructure and utilities is crucial in realizing the Troy Historic Village Master Plan. By prioritizing the burying of overhead electrical lines and resolving grading and flood intrusion challenges, the site's aesthetic appeal, resilience, and functionality can be significantly enhanced. These infrastructure improvements are vital for preserving the historical authenticity, creating versatile spaces for events, and safeguarding valuable collections stored on-site.

Burying Overhead Electrical Lines

Not only would burying all overhead electrical lines contribute to the Troy Historic Village feeling period-appropriate, but it will also make the site more resistant to wind and ice damage. By burying the overhead electrical lines behind the Niles-Barnard House, a visually pleasing backdrop is created for event rentals. Moreover, this infrastructure improvement opens up the West Lawn, creating an inviting and open space suitable for various activation and programming activities.

Addressing Grading Issues and Flood Intrusion Challenges

The Troy Historic Village faces grading issues and flood intrusion, particularly around the Niles-Barnard House and the Church. Resolving these challenges is essential to ensure the preservation of the site and the protection of its valuable assets. By implementing effective solutions, such as appropriate grading and drainage systems, the risk of flood intrusion can be mitigated, safeguarding the integrity of the structures and the collections they house.

Redirection of Stormwater

To reduce flood risk to the collections stored in the Church's basement, a recommended solution involves constructing an angled roof extension at the rear of the building. This design alteration will redirect stormwater away from the basement.

Other Campus Infrastructure

Other infrastructure issues that should be addressed include lighting and electrical. An assessment of current outdoor light levels would identify dark spots that are potential safety hazards and help inform a more uniform lighting plan. Similarly, an electrical assessment could create a better electric grid for indoor and outdoor Village programming.

RECOMMENDATIONS | Landscape Maintenance and Operations

Within the Troy Historic Village Master Plan, landscape enhancements play a crucial role in enriching the visitor experience and managing stormwater runoff. While landscape and planting design will be conducted at a more detailed level, there is significant opportunity to incorporate functional gardens to create a more immersive environment. Additionally, the implementation of various projects may necessitate select tree removal and relocation, requiring adherence to city regulations and the development of a Tree Protection Plan. These landscape recommendations will contribute to the overall success of the Master Plan, enhancing aesthetics, functionality, and environmental sustainability.

Enhancing Flexibility and Functionality

The West Lawn and Village Green are designated open, flexible lawn areas essential for programming. These spaces provide opportunities to engage visitors and host various activities. Expanding the groundcover garden to form the North Garden offers further potential for creating a cohesive and visually appealing landscape. Moreover, adding vegetative buffers to specific areas such as the west fence line, south of the staff parking area, and south of the Church will enhance both the visual appeal and environmental sustainability of the Village.

Tree Removal, Relocation, and Tree Survey

The implementation of recommended projects within the Master Plan may involve the removal and/or relocation of select trees, including those in poor health. Conducting a comprehensive tree survey is necessary to assess the overall health of existing trees and determine the environmental impact of their removal. Specifically, one tree in the circular drive will be removed, and two trees will be removed or relocated to accommodate the redesigned parking lot.

Parking Lot Landscaping and Tree Protection

The detailed design concept for the parking lot must adhere to Article 13 (Site Design Standards), specifically Item C (Parking Lot Landscaping Standards), outlined in the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance. Compliance requires the planting of one tree per eight parking spaces, with a total of nine trees for an estimated 68-space parking lot. Additionally, the greenbelt buffer between the parking lot and the sidewalk should have one deciduous tree planted every 30 feet. To facilitate these changes, a Tree Protection Plan in accordance with Chapter 28, Tree Regulations, is required by the City of Troy.

PHASING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The success of the Troy Historic Village Master Plan relies on careful phasing and implementation strategies. The recommendations outlined in the plan are divided into two phases: Phase 1 (short-term) and Phase 2 (long-term). While all elements of the Master Plan hold importance, Phase 1 projects are identified as “shovel-ready,” “low-hanging fruit,” or critical incremental pieces that pave the way for Phase 2 projects. It is essential to recognize that some Phase 1 projects are necessary and practical, while others are innovative ideas generated during the Master Plan process. Although Phase 1 projects are expected to be implemented sooner, it is equally crucial to begin planning and designing Phase 2 projects in the present. This may involve engaging consultants for specific design aspects or feasibility studies.

Flexibility and Resource Allocation: Adaptability of Project Priorities

With the right resources, intent, and consensus, any project can become a high priority. The alignment of project priorities with ongoing site improvements is crucial for successful implementation. Additionally, the Troy Historic Village and the City of Troy must develop a strategy to meet the increased maintenance needs of existing and future buildings and landscaping. Adequate consideration of maintenance requirements should be incorporated into the strategy and funding for each physical project. This approach allows the Troy Historic Village to strengthen its organizational capacity while maintaining programming and events aligned with the vision outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Organizational Goals and Project Areas: Recommendations Alignment

The recommendations in the Master Plan are further organized according to the goals of the plan and the specific areas where improvements will take place. This organization ensures a clear alignment between the goals and the corresponding recommendations. Cost estimates are provided for each recommendation, giving an indication of the anticipated financial considerations associated with their implementation.

Phase I Improvements



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PHASING AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ID	Improvement	Area	Phase	Cost
1	Improve Site Accessibility and Visitor Experience			
1.1	Create staff, volunteer and maintenance vehicle grass parking area on newly vacant 109 Lange Ave	West Lawn	Phase I	\$ (seed) \$\$ (sod)
1.2	Adjust fence line on north, west, and southern sides to incorporate 109 Lange Ave property, the Niles-Barnard House, and new Visitor Center * Add privacy fence and landscaping to buffer events and activities; add motorized gate to the staff parking lot	Full site * West Lawn	Phase II	\$\$\$
1.3	Fill sidewalk gap from Wattles Road to Niles-Barnard House	West Lawn	Phase I	\$
1.4	Extend pathway behind Niles-Barnard House to reconfigure West Lawn area	West Lawn	Phase I	\$\$
1.5	Create service-only drive access with motorized gate behind General Store	Artisan's Corner	Phase I	\$\$
1.6	Extend pathway behind Caswell House to create North Garden area	North Garden	Phase I	\$\$
1.7	Extend natural garden behind Parsonage Building and Church to create East Garden Area	North Garden	Phase II	\$\$
1.8	Reconstruct visitor parking lot, access drive, walkways, and landscaping	South Parking Area	Phase II	\$\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$
2	Activate Underutilized Spaces			
2.1	Construct permanent covered outdoor space behind Blacksmith Shop	Artisan's Corner	Phase I	\$\$ - \$\$\$
2.2	Relocate fire pit	North Garden	Phase II	\$
2.3	Acquire seasonal tents for programming and events after completion of utility (3.2) and grading (3.3) work.	West Lawn Village Green	Phase II	\$ - \$\$ (permanent supports + tent purchase)
2.4	Complete groundcover garden with relocated fire pit	North Garden	Phase II	\$
2.5	Relocate Log Cabin	North Garden	Phase II	\$\$\$
2.6	Construct new visitor center	Visitor Center	Phase II	\$\$\$\$\$

Opinions of Cost Estimates

\$ = < \$20,000
 \$\$ = \$20,000 - \$99,999
 \$\$\$ = \$100,000 - \$499,999
 \$\$\$\$ = \$500,000 - \$999,999
 \$\$\$\$\$ = > \$1 million

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ID	Improvement	Area	Phase	Cost
3	Infrastructure and Sustainability			
3.1	Conduct photometric analysis of site lighting across Village; implement lighting improvements as needed	Full Site	Phase I	\$\$
3.2	Bury overhead power lines north of Niles-Barnard House	West Lawn	Phase I	TBD
3.3	Regrade area behind Niles-Barnard to create improved drainage	West Lawn	Phase I	\$\$
3.4	Regrade area behind Church to improve drainage	East Garden	Phase I	\$
3.5	Construct overhead structure behind Church to redirect water away from the building basement	East Garden	Phase II	\$\$ - \$\$\$
3.6	Remove and relocate trees as necessary	Full Site	Phase II	\$\$ to remove (with potential to increase for relocation)
4	Enhance Community Understanding			
4.1	Implement Native American outdoor classroom	West Lawn	Phase I	\$\$
4.2	Source historic water tower/silo and install in northeast corner	East Garden	Phase II	TBD
4.3	Relocate Memorial	East Garden	Phase II	\$ - \$\$
5	Consideration of Operations and Maintenance			
5.1	Formalize bus parking agreement with Community Center, neighboring church, and daycare	Off Site	Phase I	TBD
5.2	Expand WiFi for virtual programming in other buildings	Full Site	Phase I	TBD
5.3	Develop an on-site and off-site storage plan to meet the Village's needs as the new visitor center with storage space is added to the site	Full Site	Future Considerations	TBD
5.4	Acquire 1920 - 2020 Troy exhibit collection to reflect the current community identity and diversity	Old City Hall	Future Considerations	TBD
5.5	Explore the need for a wayfinding and interpretive signage plan, including "historic point of interest" signs throughout Troy and cohesive interpretive and wayfinding signage site wide	Full Site	Future Considerations	\$\$ (consulting fee only)
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