

Georgetown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2015



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1 Introduction



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

PLAN PURPOSE



This 2015 Georgetown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Plan is a guide for the future development of recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors of the Township. The plan addresses current recreation issues and identifies future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the up-coming five-year period. It addresses both short and long-range goals and objectives and identifies an action program by which these goals and objectives can be accomplished. In addition, the plan serves as an educational tool to acquaint local officials and residents of the need for a sound and balanced recreation program.

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The last Parks and Recreation Plan was developed by Georgetown Charter Township in 2009. This new Plan has been developed both to reflect the changed needs and goals of the community and to meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for Federal and State funding assistance. These funds are for improvements to new and existing parklands.

PLAN SCOPE

The scope of this plan includes the Township's active and passive recreation facilities, undeveloped open space and linear "green" corridors. Recreational programming is also an important consideration, although not handled directly by the Township. The area of the plan is essentially limited to the Township boundaries. However, consideration is also made of neighboring municipal facilities and regional facilities that influence use patterns and collaborations. (In terms of time, the Capital Improvement Schedule of this document covers development over the next five years.) The Goals and Objectives developed to guide recreation planning may continue to be relevant for many more years to come.



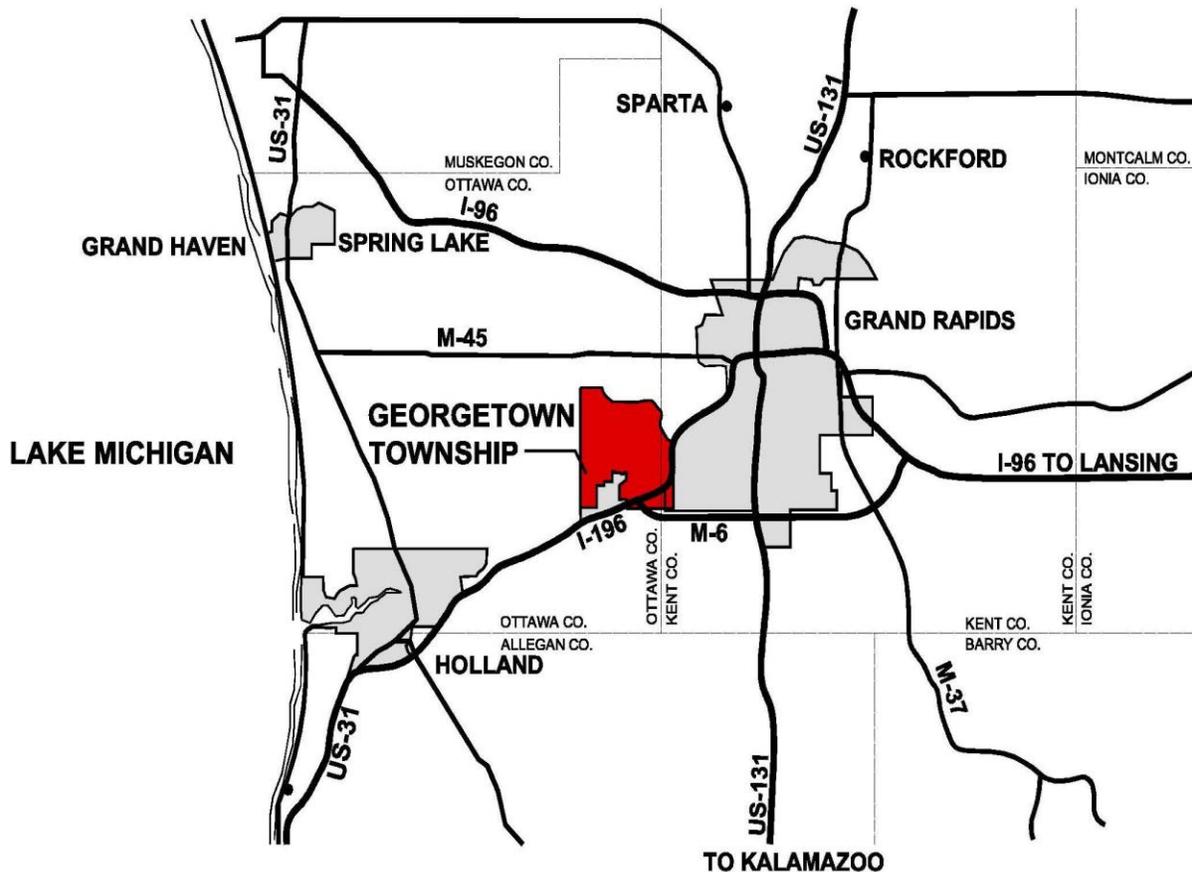
2 Community Description

Georgetown Charter Township covers approximately 34 square miles in eastern Ottawa County, on the border with Kent County. Georgetown Charter Township is the largest political unit in Ottawa County and houses 18% of the County's population. The Grand River forms almost the entire northern boundary, with the City of Hudsonville and Jamestown Township to the south, Blendon Township to the west and the City of Grandville to the east. The Township is part of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area and has experienced considerable population growth in recent years.



LOCATION

The Township is located in central west Michigan on the western edge of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area. The location map below indicates the relationship of Georgetown Charter Township to neighboring communities.



LOCATION MAP



HISTORY

Georgetown Township has experienced many changes throughout its history and originally encompassed several other present day communities including Jamestown, Zeeland and Blendon Townships. The Township has evolved from a lumber town with a river landing, to a quiet farming settlement, and most recently to a growing suburban community.



Remnants of the lumbering era can be found in the very names of Jenison and Georgetown Township. The Jenison Family arrived in 1836 and began to cut the white pine and hardwood trees. By 1838, the Jenison's owned 1600 acres south of the Grand River along Rush Creek. George Ketchum built sawmills along Rush Creek in 1837 and the area became known as "George's Town."

With the Grand River as its northern border, trees could be easily harvested, sawn, and floated down river to Grand Haven. Stephen Lowing, John Haire, and the Blendon Lumber Company are a few of the others who lumbered this area.

By 1870, Georgetown Township had a population of 1,474 people and a shift took place in the local economy. Farming and merchandising began to replace lumbering. Lumber mills were converted to flour mills and land that had been cleared of timber was now being farmed.

There were many successful farmers in Georgetown Township. The Jenison's and the Lowing's were some of the first to turn to farming along with many Dutch immigrants. Grain crops and dairy farms, such as the Blissveldt Farm and



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The Cedar Crest Dairy, were very productive. The Hiram Jenison home on Port Sheldon and the Lowing homes on Bauer are stately reminders of the many farm houses that dotted the landscape.

The L & L Jenison Mill was built in 1864. Pride of the Valley flour was in high demand and kept the mill going until 1953 when things finally ground to a halt. (Today a pump marks a well that was located just in front of the mill.)

During the early 20th century, after World War II, residential development boomed which resulted in the decision in 1965 to become a Charter Township.

TRANSPORTATION

The Township is easily accessed from the interstate highway system. I-196 cuts across the southeast corner of the Township and has entry/exit ramps at Baldwin St., 44th Street and 32nd Avenue in Hudsonville. I-196 links to I-96 and Lansing to the east and U.S. 131 running north and south. The recently completed M-6 provides connectivity to the southern metropolitan area. Chicago Drive (M-121) crosses the Township from north-east to south-west providing numerous access points.

Other arterial and major collector roads include Cottonwood Drive, Fillmore St., Bauer Road, 28th Avenue and Port Sheldon Street.

Georgetown Township operates its own bus system for individuals with special needs or 55 and older. Fees are set by the Township Board. Transportation is available to or from the Senior



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Center, as well as to appointments or work. Rides are scheduled by calling the Senior Center.

A 2.6 mile non-motorized trail runs alongside 44th Street from M-121 to Kenowa Avenue in the southeast of the Township. Sidewalks along Port Sheldon and other major streets also provide for some level of non-motorized travel. A link to the Kent Trail system stops at the Township/County line at Baldwin Street.



POPULATION

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

The 2010 Georgetown Charter Township population was 46,985, which makes up over 18% of Ottawa County's overall population. The Township experienced fast population growth between 1970, when the population was recorded at 17,615, and 2000 recorded at 41,685. In line with trends across the State, this growth is now negligible. However, with land still available for development and the proximity of major employment centers, future population growth should still be anticipated with a continued need to acquire sufficient recreational land in the appropriate locations and further develop recreation facilities.



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The following table demonstrates the general population characteristics of Georgetown Charter Township compared to Ottawa County and adjacent municipalities from 1970 to 2000.

Population Growth
Georgetown Charter Township and Selected
Communities, 1980 – 2010

Community	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change 2000-2010
Georgetown Township	26,104	32,672	41,685	46,985	11%
Allendale Township	6,080	8,014	13,042	20,708	37%
Blendon Township	3,763	4,740	5,721	5,772	1%
City of Hudsonville	4,844	6,170	7,160	7,116	-1%
Ottawa County	157,174	187,786	238,314	263,801	10%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The composition of the population of Georgetown Charter Township, as estimated by the 2010 Census, indicates that there is an above average percentage of people under 18 years of age (29.4%) when compared to County (28.7%) and national figures (25.7%). This suggests a need for park and recreation facilities for the young. The number of people 65 years of age and over is 10.6%, slightly above that of Ottawa County at 10.1%. The median age of Township residents is 34 years, with 35-44 year olds making up the largest percentage of the population, indicating a strong family-forming pattern.

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The racial makeup of the Township's population is predominantly white. The 2010 Census indicates the population is 95% white compared to 90% in Ottawa County. The population includes 1% Asian, 1% Black or African American and 3% Hispanic.

The majority of housing units are owner-occupied, with a median household income level of \$58,936, above the Ottawa County average of \$52,347 as recorded in the 2000 U.S. Census.

Approximately 10.3% of the Township population (4300 persons) reports some kind of disability. This includes 35% of persons over the age of 65.

LAND USE

Georgetown Charter Township has been identified as primarily a residential community with commercial areas to service the residents. Of the approximate 22,000 acres of land which make up the Township about 58 percent (12,760 acres) is developed. Development is heavily concentrated in the area South of Bauer Rd. and east of 36th Avenue and consists of mostly single family homes. The land adjacent to the Chicago Dr., Baldwin St., and Cottonwood area serves as the commercial service core of the Township. Industrial development is primarily found in a single industrial park located off Port Sheldon. Extensive sand and gravel mining activity continues in this area and in most cases, lakes have been created where gravel has been removed. Agricultural land use has decreased in recent years as a result of development. However, vegetable production remains a significant land use in the northwest and southwest areas of the Township.



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The landform of Georgetown Charter Township is primarily flat and low lying in nature, characterized by numerous man-made lakes, creeks and drainage ditches. A ridge runs north/south along the west edge of the Township, west of 28th Avenue. The southeast corner of the Township is also characterized by more undulating topography.

The primary natural resource in the Township is the Grand River, which forms the Township's northern boundary. The Grand flows through metropolitan Grand Rapids and empties into Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Numerous tributaries make up the Lower Grand River watershed. Other water courses include Rush Creek, the Lowing-Comstock Drain and its tributaries, Bliss Drain, Watson Drain and Huizenga Drain. A 100-year floodplain adjoins many of these water features and limits development. However, the potential for wildlife viewing, passive recreation and trail corridors should be considered.



3 Administrative Structure



The Township, through its seven trustees, charts the course the community will follow. The trustees include the Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four general trustees, all elected positions. The Georgetown Township Board is committed to a better and respected government for the people.

The first Township Manager for Georgetown Township was appointed in March 2009. The manager is a non-voting member of all Township Committees in addition to representing the Township on various other councils and committees outside the Township. He is responsible for the day-to-day Township operations.

Georgetown Charter Township's Service Committee is responsible for the administration of the Township's Parks and Recreation program. This committee is made up of three Township Board members. Overall budgets and policy are set by the Township Board, while operation of the park system is generally reviewed by the Service Committee who then makes recommendations to the Township Board.



Staffing

The Georgetown Charter Township's Department of Public Works is primarily responsible for the maintenance of the parks; however, some of the maintenance activities are contracted to outside sources. The Township has on staff a full-time Parks Director and a Parks Assistant. Part-time staff currently includes two park security personnel,

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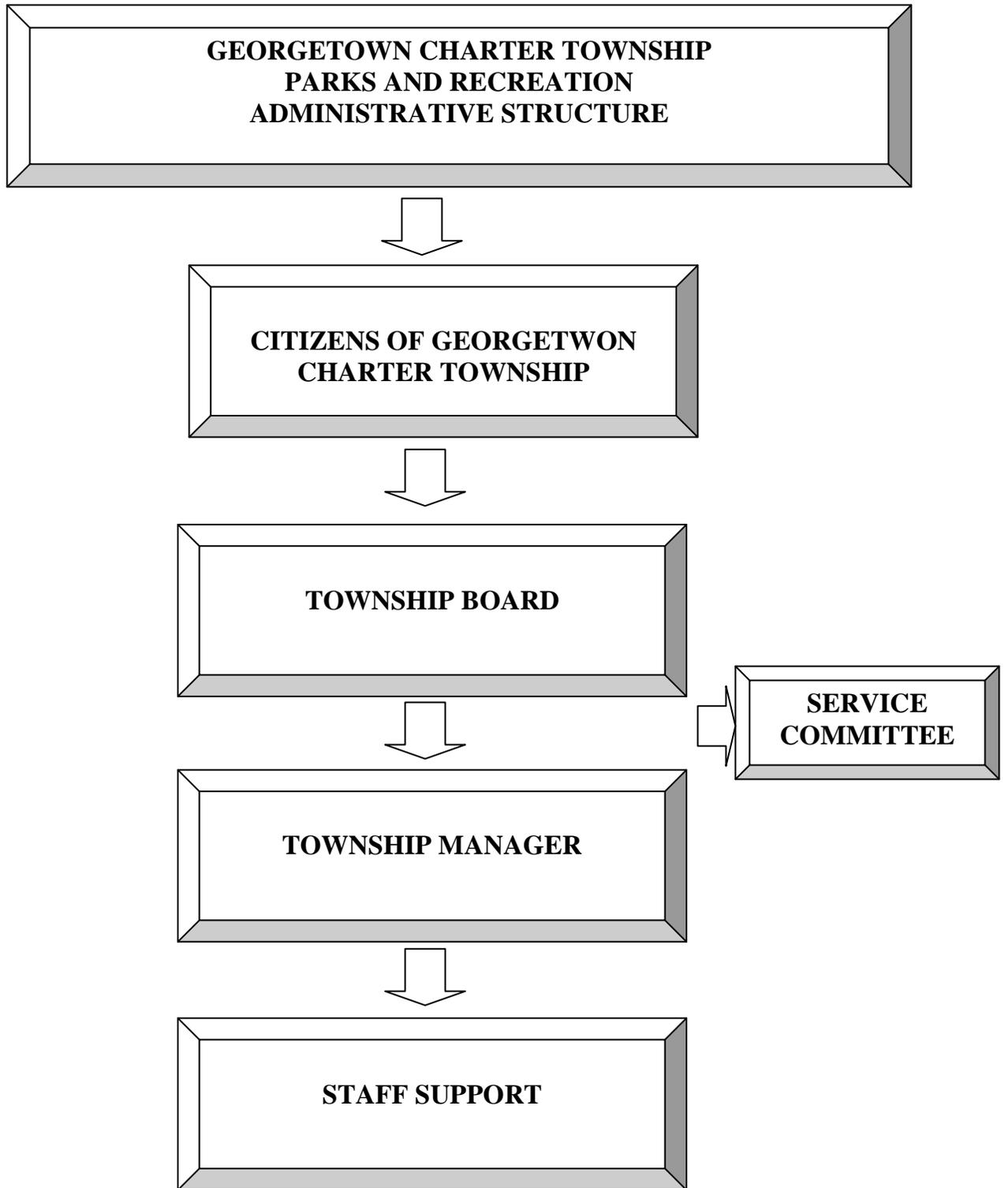
three park attendants and three park maintenance personnel.

The Ice Arena has a full-time manager. Other staff members are responsible for programming and day-to-day operations and maintenance of the center.

The Georgetown Senior Center employs a Director and four support staff responsible for transportation, programming, meals and maintenance. The direction of the center is guided by an eight member Advisory Board. Many volunteers assist the staff.

Organizational charts for Georgetown Charter Township and Parks and Recreation follow.





Recreation Programming



Recreational programming is predominantly run through the school system or by independent groups. A.Y.S.O., Select Rangers Program (soccer), Georgetown and Hudsonville Little League and Georgetown Softball, Hudsonville Rocket Football and Rocket Cheer are all active in the community and help maintain the fields at 28th Avenue soccer complex and the Port Sheldon Sports Complex.

The Township provides a variety of programs at the Ice Arena, including learn-to-skate, learn-to-play hockey, checking camp, small area games and adult league games. Grand Valley Amateur Hockey Association also runs programming for various age groups.

The Georgetown Senior Center offers a variety of social, recreational, and educational activities for individuals age 55 and over.

Budget

Georgetown Charter Township continues to make a substantial financial commitment to the recreational needs of the community. For 2015, \$1,468,900 is allocated for parks staff, operation and maintenance. Capital improvements are funded on an as-needed basis, with \$1,000,000 allocated in 2015 and an average of \$1,000,000 per year anticipated for the life of this plan.

Allocations for the parks and recreation system primarily come from the Township general fund. At times, some of these funds have been



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supplemented with grants for specific park improvements.

A copy of the current budget for Parks and Recreation follows.



2015 Budget

The Board of Trustees of Georgetown Charter Township resolves:

That the 2015 Budget (Copy on File) hereby be adopted.

That a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM and was published in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

That the Georgetown Charter Township Board shall caused to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll an amount equal to 2.7500 mills as authorized under state law and approved by the electorate.

That estimated township general fund expenditures for 2015 for the various township activities are as follows:

Township Board	59,250
Supervisor's Department	30,000
Superintendent Dept	166,710
General Office and Facilities	208,224
Clerk's Department	21,900
Board of Review	4,305
Treasurer's Department	20,430
Assessing Department	176,000
Election	13,000
Cemetery	198,750
Sheriff Dept./E-Unit	1,602,000
Crossing Guard	81,300
Fire Department	1,054,400
Building Department	292,450
Drains	147,010
Highway and Streets	1,035,000
Street Lights	442,000
Planning Commission	25,900
Zoning Board of Appeals	6,500
Parks and Recreation	1,468,900
Senior Transportation	148,900
Senior Center	95,350
Media/Marketing/WCET	145,000
Museum	11,700
Ice Arena	807,150
Transfer To Other Funds	845,000
Total General Fund	9,107,129

That estimated township expenditures for 2015 for the other various township funds are as follows:

Perpetual Care Fund	40,000
Library Fund	1,384,300
Water and Sewer Fund	10,659,000

That the budget of Georgetown Charter Township is hereby adopted by reference, with activity expenditures as indicated above.

That the Board of Trustees of Georgetown Charter Township adopts the 2015 year budget by cost center. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each cost center, and may make transfers among the various line items contained in the cost center appropriation. However, no transfers of appropriations for line items related to personnel may be made without prior board approval by budget amendment.

Those appropriations will be deemed maximum authorizations to incur expenditures. The fiscal officer shall exercise supervision and control to ensure that expenditures are within appropriations, and shall not issue any town order for expenditures that exceed appropriations.

That no obligation shall be incurred against, and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account unless there is a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriation and sufficient funds are or will be available to meet the obligation.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt the foregoing resolution.
Motion Carried.

Georgetown Township Clerk

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015
		ACTIVITY	AMENDED	ACTIVITY	MANAGER	BOARD
			BUDGET	THRU	BUDGET	BUDGET
				12/31/14		
APPROPRIATIONS						
Dept 751-Parks & Recreation						
101-751-702.000	Salaries and Wages	73,544	113,000	50,745	118,000	118,000
101-751-702.600	Longevity Pay	1,040	1,971	1,122	1,200	1,200
101-751-702.800	Overtime	4,285	5,000	4,429	7,000	7,000
101-751-715.000	Social Security	6,034	8,200	4,307	8,200	8,200
101-751-726.000	Supplies	17,705	25,000	12,137	25,000	25,000
101-751-741.000	Uniforms	456	600	358	600	600
101-751-801.000	Legal	0	0	2,086	0	0
101-751-803.000	Independent Audit	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
101-751-804.000	Planner	17,173	0	2,869	0	0
101-751-820.000	Classes & Training	0	300	0	300	300
101-751-834.000	Hospitalization	17,448	30,000	12,644	30,000	30,000
101-751-836.000	Life Insurance	157	300	119	300	300
101-751-837.000	Insurance & Bonds	12,000	13,500	12,000	13,500	13,500
101-751-853.000	Telephone	420	1,000	315	1,000	1,000
101-751-860.000	Transportation	5,159	5,000	3,317	5,000	5,000
101-751-874.000	Retirement Benefits	6,330	8,000	4,605	8,000	8,000
101-751-921.000	Electric	13,621	15,000	9,966	15,000	15,000
101-751-923.000	Trash Removal	648	1,500	455	1,500	1,500
101-751-930.000	Repairs & Maintenance	74,383	80,000	56,059	80,000	80,000
101-751-930.010	Mowing	32,655	80,000	25,298	80,000	80,000
101-751-930.020	Fertilizer	8,980	7,000	5,880	7,000	7,000
101-751-930.030	Sprinkling Repair	4,162	12,000	3,568	12,000	12,000
101-751-930.040	Algae Treatments	3,705	3,500	4,065	3,500	3,500
101-751-956.000	Miscellaneous Expense	0	200	798	200	200
101-751-970.000	Capital Outlay	33,918	160,000	2,530	50,000	50,000
101-751-970.001	Capital Outlay-Fixed Asset	334,516	1,100,000	546,692	1,000,000	1,000,000
Totals for dept 751-Parks & Recreation		669,939	1,671,671	767,964	1,468,900	1,468,900

4 Recreation Inventory

In order to determine the recreational needs for Georgetown Charter Township, an analysis of the existing facilities was undertaken. The intent of the analysis is to provide a clear evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the Township has to offer its citizens. The inventory is based on information provided by Township staff and site inspections carried out by M.C. Smith and Associates as part of the planning process.

GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

There are seven (7) Township parks, one ice arena, four (4) County Parks, a private sports complex and eleven (11) public school sites that have existing recreational facilities on approximately 1125 acres of public or quasi-public land in Georgetown Charter Township. The Township properties can be classified as follows: three neighborhood parks, three community parks and one sports complex. This classification is adapted from “Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines,” J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A more detailed description of the various public, quasi-public and private recreation facilities follows.

An Existing Recreation Facilities map at the end of this section illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the Township, and an Existing Recreation Facilities matrix provides a summary of the facilities provided at each site. A



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Park Accessibility Assessment is also provided at the end of this section.

Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park is the basic unit of the park system and typically serves a residential area of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park. The focus is on informal active and passive recreational activities, such as field games, court games, playground equipment, and picnicking. Three of the Township's recreation areas are considered to fit into this category.

Pioneer Park (5.7 acres)

Pioneer Park is a small neighborhood park in a residential area south of Baldwin. The park features a paved parking area, picnic shelter, playground with a small modular unit and swings, two (2) small soccer fields and a recreation ballfield.



Rosewood Park (8.5 acres)

Rosewood Park features a large paved parking lot, fenced playground with a high tower modular structure and a gravel trail with picnic tables on concrete pads. A small triangle of the park to the north is undeveloped. Adjacent to the park, Ottawa County Drain Commission property is used for a soccer field with the large slope surrounding it popular for sledding and fun family event that involves a large slip and slide.

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Woodcrest Park (10.9 acres)

Woodcrest Park is the Township's third neighborhood park. It has frontage on Baldwin Street but is accessed from the residential neighborhood off Boulder Bluff Drive. The park has an older paved parking area, a small fire engine themed playground and a soccer field. Woodcrest also features a small pond, which is used only for drainage purposes. The park has no connecting walkways.



Community Parks

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



Maplewood Park (22.3 acres) Maplewood Park is a small community park in a residential neighborhood in the north-east of the Township. The Park is located on the north side of Maplewood Lake and features splash pad, an adjacent playground and modern restrooms/concession building. Other facilities include basketball court, two (2) tennis

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courts, two (2) sand volleyball courts, picnic tables and grills and ample paved parking.

8th Ave Community Park (55 acres)

This is the Township's most popular park site, with a swimming beach, a large picnic pavilion with modern restrooms, basketball court, beach volleyball, limited play equipment and a one mile loop walking trail around the lake with boardwalk and gazebo. Due to heavy park use, there is an entrance fee for non-residents during summer weekends. Security personnel and park attendants are employed to monitor use.



Rush Creek Park (40 acres)

Rush Creek Park is one of the Township's largest recreation properties. It is accessed through a residential neighborhood on the west side of the Township. The park is equipped with a picnic shelters, two (2) playground areas, a newly resurfaced tennis court, a ball field, two (2) soccer fields and bituminous paved parking. The facilities are surrounded by a natural area containing two Creeks, which connect into Rush Creek to the south of the property, and a network of informal pathways.



Sports Complex

A sports complex is a park that consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities, strategically located to best serve the community. Site size is determined by demand, with a minimum of 25 acres and 40 to 80 acres considered an optimal size.

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Port Sheldon Sports Complex (28.9 acres)

This site is owned by Ottawa County and is located south of Port Sheldon, just outside the Township boundary. However, this sports complex is managed by Georgetown Charter Township, in collaboration with A.Y.S.O., Hudsonville Little League and Georgetown Softball. The site provides two (2) Little League Fields, three (3) softball fields and eight (8) soccer fields. Support facilities are limited to paved parking, with no modern restroom building or lighting.

28th Ave Soccer Fields (9.5 acres)

This property is earmarked for cemetery expansion but is currently used for soccer, with eight (8) fields maintained by Georgetown Rangers. This is not dedicated park land but can be expected to continue to be available for recreational use for the next twenty years. A modern restroom/concession building is on site.



Special Use Facilities

Special use facilities have specialized or single-purpose activities such as golf courses, nature centers, boat launches, arenas, outdoor theaters or stadiums. Special Use sites are listed below:

Georgetown Ice Arena, 8500 48th Avenue
(11.5 acres)

The Georgetown Charter Township community ice rink was dedicated in 2004. The Georgetown Ice Center boasts two sheets of NHL size ice (85' x 200'), heated seating for 900 and 400, skate rental, locker rental, team locker rooms, video arcade and a privately operated pro-shop and concession area. The facility is utilized by Grand Valley State University, Jenison High School Hockey, and Hudsonville High School Hockey and the Grand Valley Amateur Hockey Association (GVAHA).

Programs offered include Learn-to-Skate and Learn-to-Play, Youth Scrimmage League, GVAHA Hockey Programs (mite – midget), Hockey Camps/Skill Clinics, Adult League Hockey, Public Skating and Drop-In Hockey, Freestyle Skating and Meeting/Party Room Rentals.



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Linear Trails



Georgetown Township has 2.6 miles of non-motorized trail alongside 44th Street from Chicago Drive to the east township boundary. This will connect to the Kent Trail system via Kenowa Avenue. Sidewalks continue along Port Sheldon Street to the west.

Undeveloped Open Space

Georgetown Township also owns a 12.83 acre undeveloped parcel with frontage on the Grand River in the northeast of the Township off Baldwin Street. Other land, adjacent to Township owned facilities, also provides for area recreation, especially soccer. These include 2 acres at the Township fire station on 36th Avenue and 4 acres at the 44th Street Fire Station. These properties are not designated park lands and cannot be depended on as recreation areas indefinitely.



GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP DNR GRANT HISTORY

Georgetown Township has received grant aid from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for three projects in the 1970s. These included site improvements at Pioneer Park in 1975, Meidema Lake Park (Maplewood Park) in 1977 and Woodcrest Park in 1978. These facilities are primarily still in use, despite their age, but are now in need of renovation/replacement. In 1999 the Township received a grant in the amount of \$104,580 from the Clean Michigan Initiative for

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improvements at 8th Avenue Community Park. The expanded trail facilities are well maintained and contribute to the popularity of this park. A complete list of grant assisted park and recreation facilities is included in the Appendices.

SCHOOL RECREATION FACILITIES

Georgetown Charter Township encompasses three school districts, two of which provide additional indoor and outdoor activities within the community. Surrounding neighborhoods can enjoy the amenities that are provided by the schools which offer playgrounds, open fields, tennis courts, basketball hoops, softball fields as well as an Olympic size swimming pool.





Grants Management
Department of Natural Resources

Friday, May 23, 2014

Recreation Grant History

Applicant

Georgetown Charter Township

Project No. 26-00621

Project Year: 1975

Project Title: Pioneer Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$17,530.00

Project Description: Site improvement, landscaping, tot lot, wood chip path, parking, benches, lighting for tennis courts, water line, shelter, picnic equipment, and LWCF sign

Project No. 26-00929

Project Year: 1977

Project Title: Meidema Lake Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$80,490.85

Project Description: Develop 13 acres bathhouse with utilities, 2 tennis courts, parking and entrances drive, tot lot, site improvement, and LWCF sign, beach development

Project No. 26-01060 W3

Project Year: 1978

Project Title: Woodcrest Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$26,945.27

Project Description: Park shelter building, utilities, landscaping, fencing, LWCF sign

Project No. CM99-068

Project Year: 1999

Project Title: Georgetown Community Park Improvements

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$104,580.00

Element

Floating Timber Boardwalk, 2,220 SF

Bituminous Path, 5,500 LF

2 Viewing Platforms, 2,000 SF

Timber Boardwalk, 6' wide, 180 LF,

16 Benches, 6 Receptacles, Gazebo

Paving Small Parking Area

Project Description: Park and trail improvements to include construction of timber boardwalks, paved path looping the lake, viewing platforms, parking improvements and associated park amenities.



Grants Management
Department of Natural Resources

Friday, May 23, 2014

Recreation Grant History

Applicant

Georgetown Charter Township

Project No. TF10-054

Project Year: 2010

Project Title: Maplewood Park Improvements

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$333,300.00

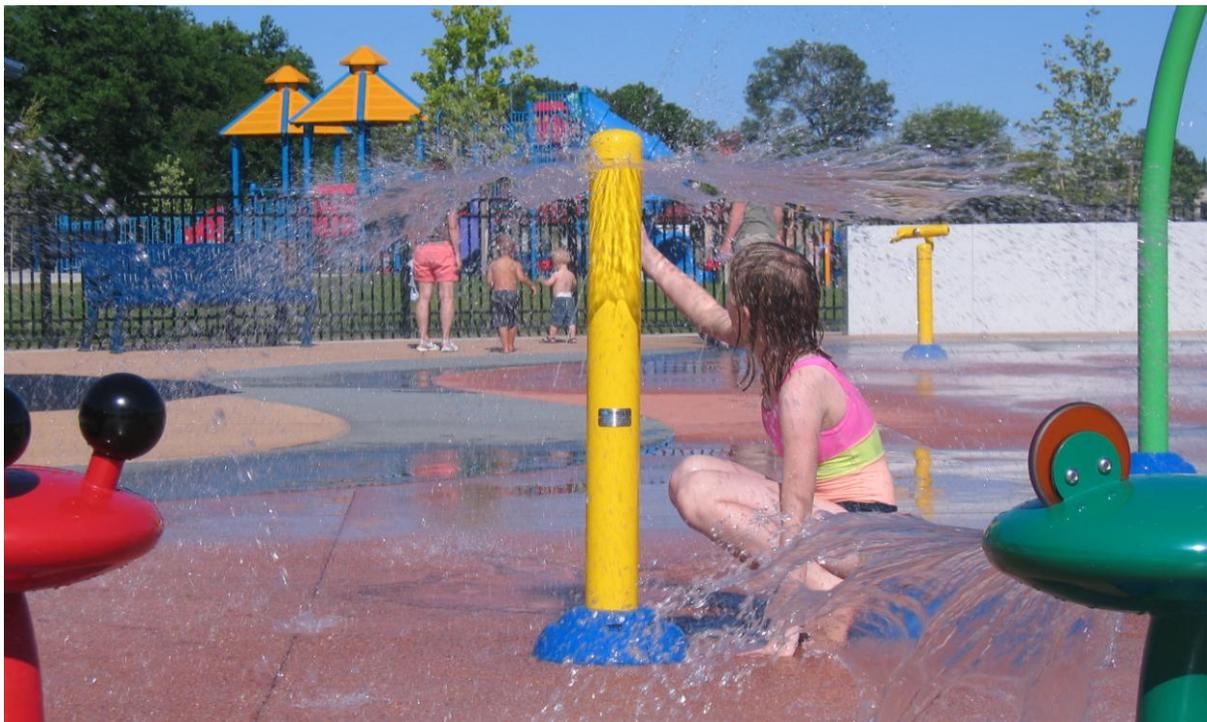
Element

- Site preparation and grading
- Water spray area
- Play area improvements
- Waterfront renovation
- Paved walkways
- Picnic shelter

Element

- Sports court renovation
- Site amenities
- Site lighting and electrical
- Landscaping
- Permit fees
- MNRTF sign

Project Description: Development of a 13-acre park on Maplewood Lake to include water spray area, playground improvements, group picnic shelter, lakefront improvements, a fishing/overlook deck, walking trail, sports court improvements, site amenities, landscaping and lights.



GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP PARK ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARK	RANK	DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
Pioneer Park	3	Paved parking area with no designated barrier-free spaces. Paved walk from the parking area to a playground with unitary surfacing and a picnic shelter. Barrier-free portable toilet.	The parking area should be striped with designated barrier free spaces. The addition of a looped pathway with access point from the residential area to the west and spectator areas for the soccer and ball field would be of benefit. The addition of barrier free picnic tables and access to grill is recommended.
Rosewood Park	3	Large paved parking area, no designated barrier-free spaces. Paved walk from the parking area to a new playground with unitary surfacing. Gravel walk around park with picnic tables on concrete picnic table pads. Soccer field in a storm water detention area with steep access.	Designated parking spaces should be provided. Surfacing of walkway needs improving to remove step form trail to picnic table pads. Some barrier-free tables should be provided. and surfaced walkways. Consider a paved viewing area for the soccer field at the top of the slope.
Woodcrest Park	1	Paved parking area with no designated barrier-free spaces. Narrow asphalt walk from the parking area does not meet ADA and does not connect to any of the parks facilities. Small play area has unitary surfacing but has no accessible route.	The parking area should be striped with designated barrier free spaces. The addition of a new paved pathway from the parking lot to Baldwin Avenue with links to the playground and around the pond. In need of accessible portable toilet.
Maplewood Park	5	Newly redesigned park includes resurfaced basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. An expanded play area with barrier free surfacing was installed. A walking trail, fishing dock, pavilion and splash pad are new barrier free additions.	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP PARK ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

PARK	RANK	DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES	RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS
Rush Creek Park	2	There are no designated barrier-free spaces in the paved parking areas. This is an older park with few paved walkways. The newer play area has no ramp access. The north play structure has a paved walkway obstructed by wheel stops. The picnic shelters have paved access.	Provide designated barrier-free parking spaces in multiple locations. Add walks to playground and tennis court. Provide barrier-free grills and picnic tables at the shelters. Consider more hard surfaced walks throughout the park, including the natural area with connections to surrounding residential neighborhood. Add barrier free portable toilets.
8 th Avenue Park	3	Paved walkways and a looped walking trail provide access to most of the parks facilities. The beach area is not acceptable and some of the trails are in need of repair. Picnic tables in the open areas do not have connections to the sidewalk.	Repair trail/boardwalk connections to eliminate sudden changes in grade. Improve beach area access and playground to include accessible surfacing. Provide accessible picnic tables and grills throughout the park.
28 th Avenue Soccer Fields	3	There is ample paved parking with striped barrier-free spaces. Restroom and concession building appears to be barrier-free. There are no access routes or spectator areas at the fields.	Consider the provision of accessible routes with spectator areas to the fields.
Port Sheldon Sports Complex	3	There are designated barrier free spaces in the paved parking areas. Gravel paths connect the t-ball and little league ball fields. The bleachers to the adult softball fields are on concrete pads and are all accessible. Plenty of portable toilets are available; however, they are not accessible.	Improvements to include accessible portable toilets on accessible surface. Provide new accessible restroom buildings to accommodate the amount of fields in this park.

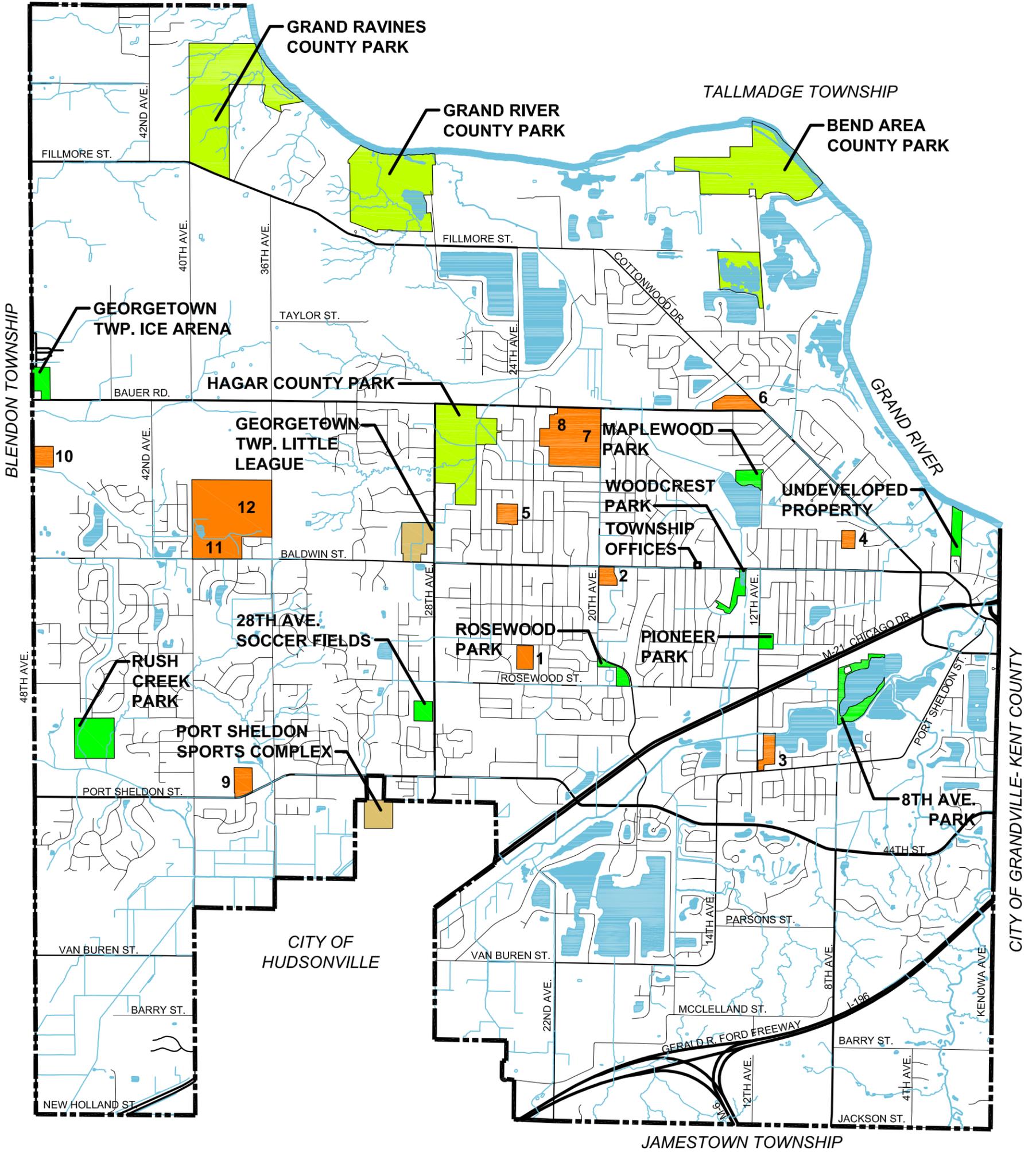
The ranking system used is as follows:

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

The recommended improvements are scheduled to be completed during the renovation of each specific park as outlined in the Action Program.

ALLENDALE TOWNSHIP

TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP



- GEORGETOWN TWP. RECREATION FACILITY
- OTTAWA COUNTY PARK
- OTHER RECREATION FACILITY

- PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- JENISON**
 - 1 ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY
 - 2 SANDY HILL ELEMENTARY
 - 3 BURSLEY ELEMENTARY
 - 4 MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY
 - 5 PINWOOD ELEMENTARY
 - 6 BAUERWOOD ELEMENTARY
 - 7 JENISON JR. HIGH
 - 8 JENISON SR. HIGH
- HUDSONVILLE**
 - 9 ALWARD ELEMENTARY
 - 10 BAUER ELEMENTARY
 - 11 GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY
 - 12 BALDWIN ST. MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

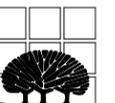
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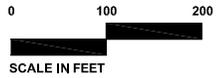
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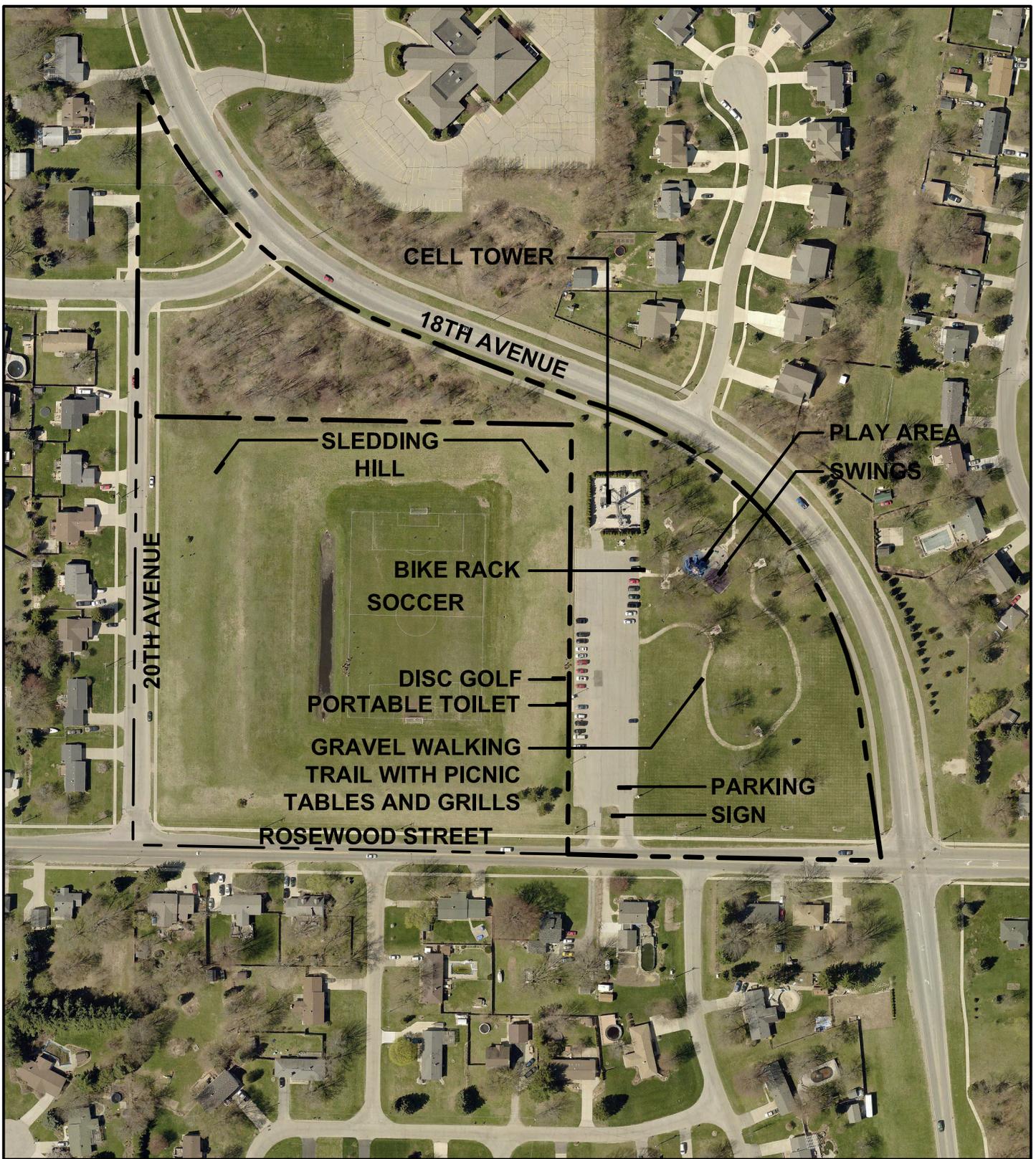
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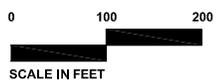
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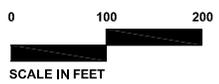
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STREET ADDRESS: 6921 28TH AVENUE

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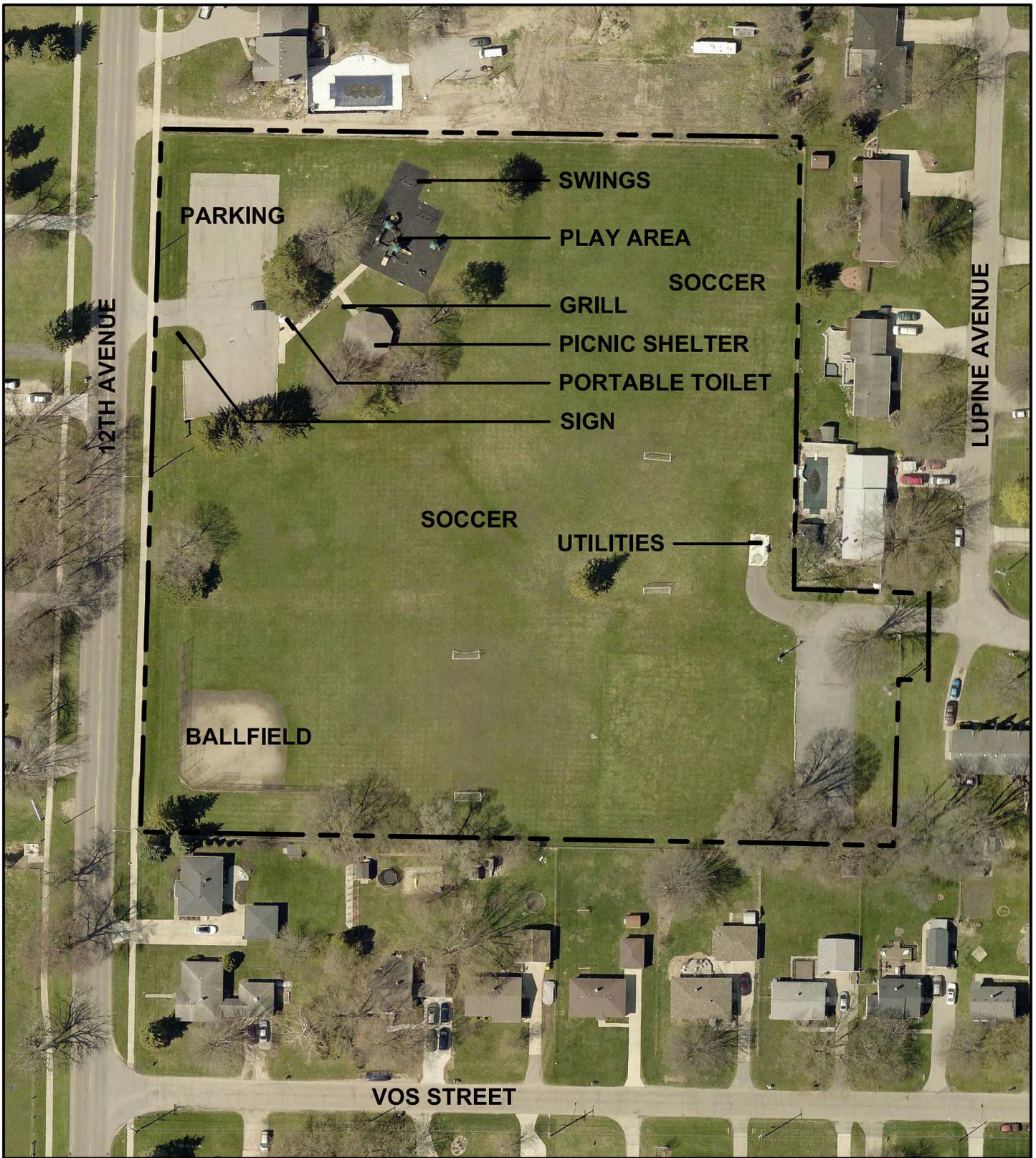
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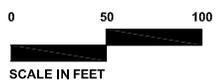
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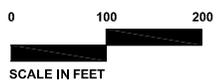
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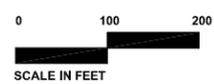


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PROPERTY ACREAGE: 50.46

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**8TH AVENUE PARK
 SITE INVENTORY
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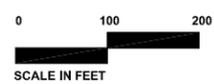


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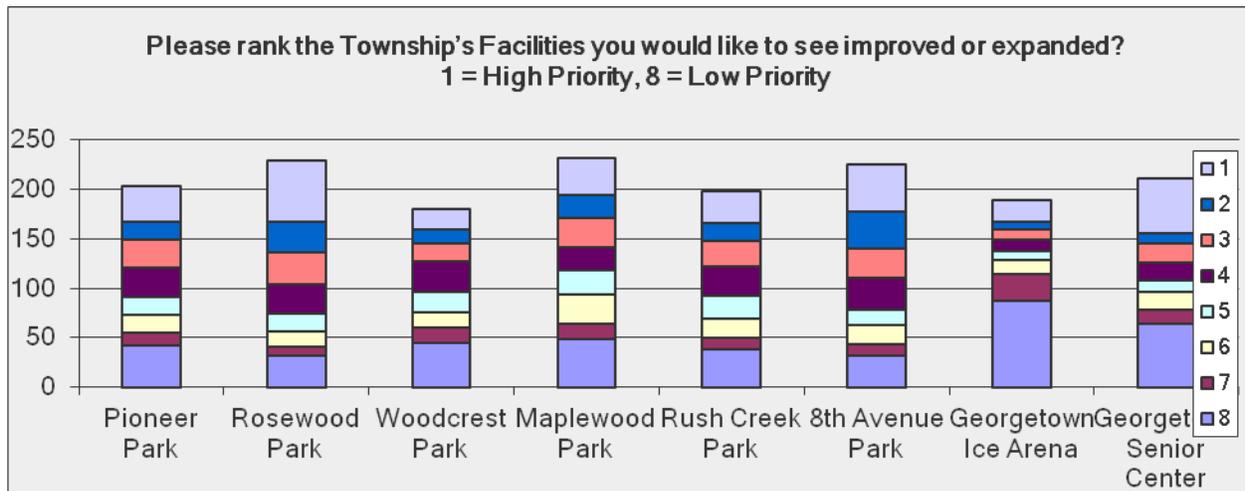
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5 Planning and Public Input Process

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

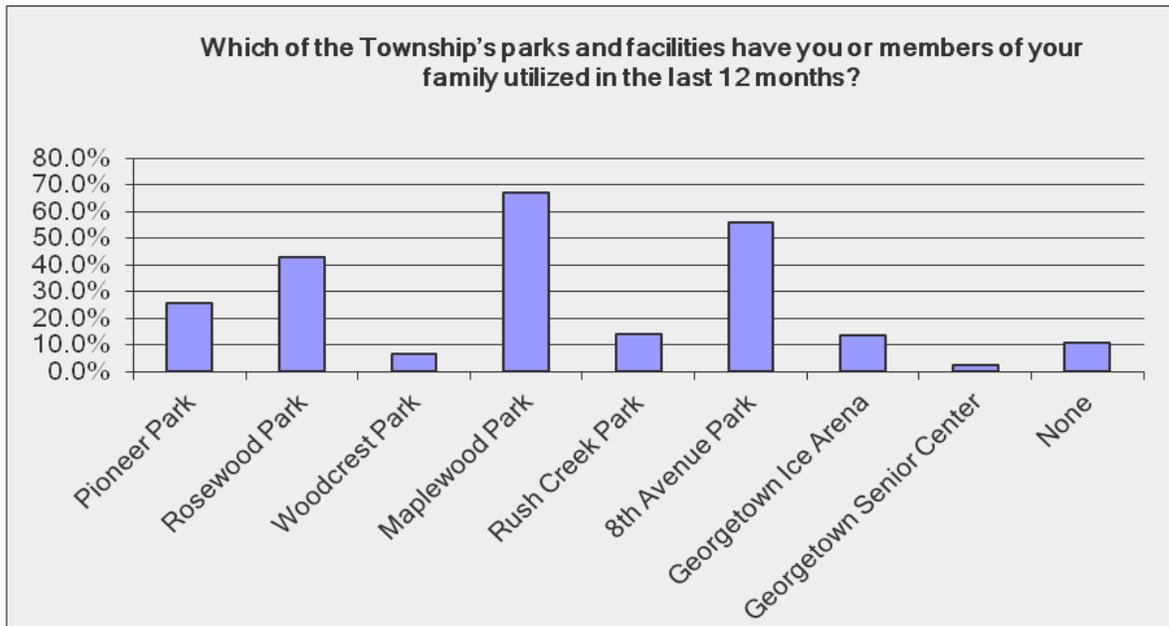


This Parks and Recreation Master Plan presents an evaluation of Georgetown Township's recreational needs and opportunities. It considers the existing amenities in and around the plan service area, the current and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities, and the means for providing those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

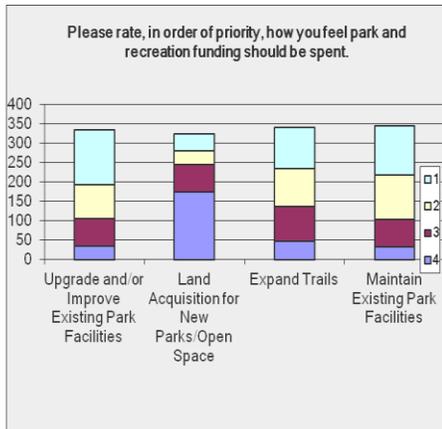
Georgetown Charter Township Park and Recreation Plan

Georgetown Township has worked diligently to improve recreation facilities over the last five years since the last plan was adopted in 2009. Many of the action items have been achieved.

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



This 2015 Parks and Recreation Plan was developed by a committee including the Georgetown Township Manager, representatives from the Georgetown Township Board, with the assistance of M. C. Smith Associates, Inc., a park and recreation planning consultant. The committee met regularly with representatives of M.C. Smith Associates, between June 2014 and January 2015 for the development of this Parks and Recreation Plan.



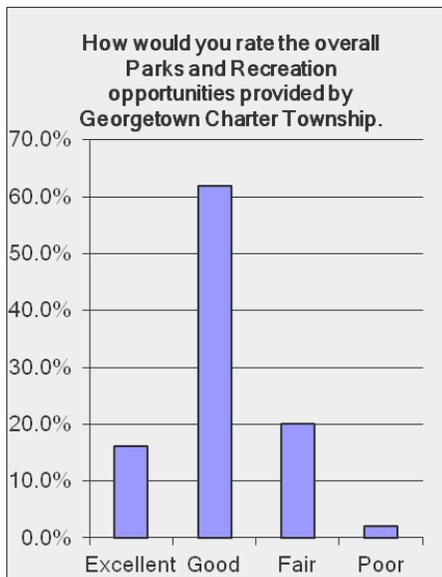
Criteria considered and evaluated for plan development evolved from the examination of goals and recreation standards determined through a wide variety of input sources. This information was collected from the inventory and review of existing facilities; the identification of recreation needs and deficiencies;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

Public input was sought throughout the process by means of multiple open Public meetings and a Community Survey. The Public meetings were held to solicit public desires and concerns regarding recreation facilities and programming. The public meetings took place on March 12, April 14, June 23 and July 14 at the Township Offices. The meetings were advertised in local media newspapers. The Community Survey was made available online through Survey Monkey.

64% of survey respondents want to see the walking trails expanded in Georgetown Township.

Community Recreation Survey

A written survey distributed to the residents of Georgetown Township via Facebook was considered a good method of gaining input from a large percentage of the population. M.C. Smith Associates developed a survey for the Georgetown Township Parks and Recreation Plan, with input from the Township staff and representatives, covering a range of topics relating to parks and recreation facilities and programming and a vision for the future. The surveys were made available at the on survey monkey and on the website, enabling responses to be received electronically. A total of 375 responses were received during the 30 days the survey was available.



Survey Content

Questions addressed recreation facilities, recreation programming and park maintenance. A copy of the survey can be found at the end of this section. As well as choosing from a list of given responses, people were given the opportunity to write in their own answers.

Survey Results

Following is a summary of the results to each question. The full range of responses can be found at the end of this section.

Survey Analysis

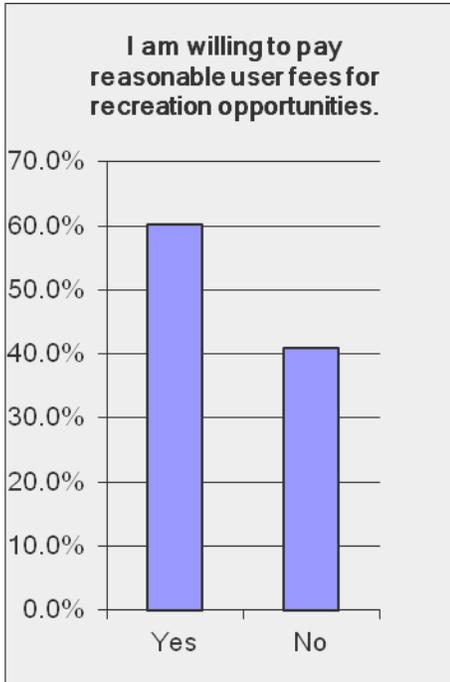
Maplewood Park, 8th Avenue Park, and Rosewood Park were among the most popular recreation facilities that are utilized in the Georgetown Area. Nearly 28% of survey respondents would like to see Rosewood Park improved.

Walking, visiting playgrounds, and cycling were rated high. The addition of walking trails was the most requested type of amenity the public would like to see added to Georgetown Charter Township. Biking Trails, and Canoe/Kayak access were mentioned as a need throughout the survey. Swimming opportunities, dog walking areas and playgrounds were rated high as a need as well.

74% of survey respondents reported it was very important to have Community Parks in Georgetown Township. 25% of the people said it was very important to offer more teen programs.

Over 60% of the people would pay a reasonable fee to participate in recreation programs.

The participants were asked to prioritize where funding should be spent. 145 people would like to



88% of the people responded YES to utilizing Georgetown Charter Township Park facilities.

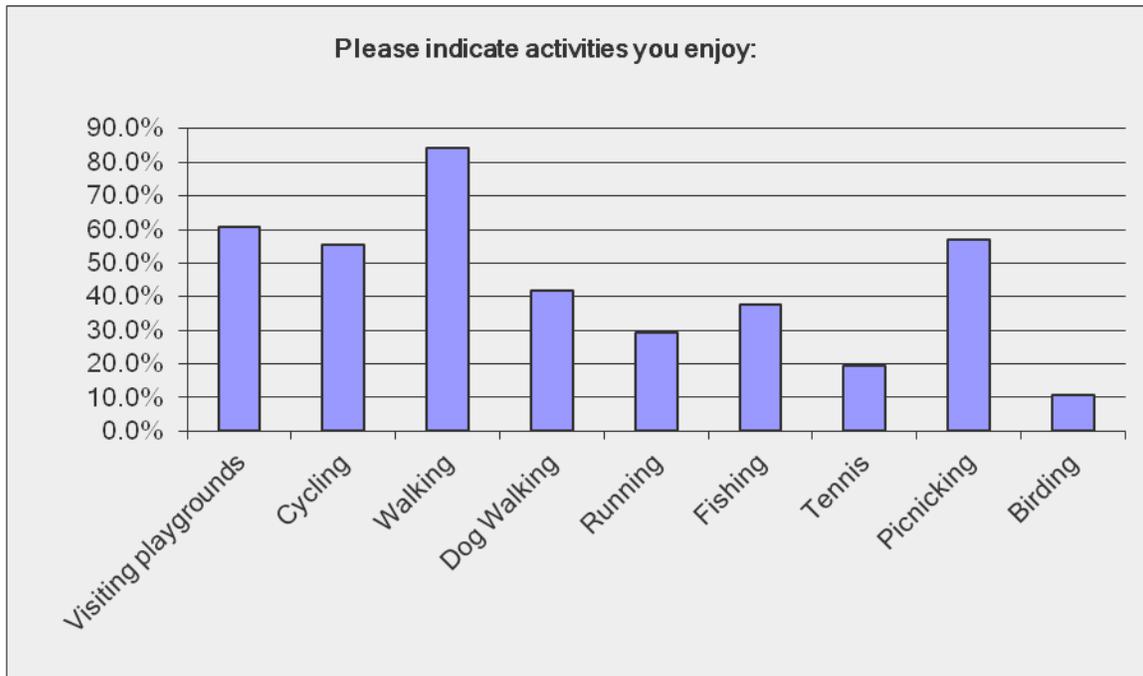
Georgetown Charter Township Park and Recreation Plan

see the existing parks and amenities upgraded as the top priority. Over 60% of people rated the Georgetown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Opportunities as Good.

Conclusion

Comments from the public meetings and Community Survey were incorporated into a final draft of the Plan, which was made available to the public for one month commencing on December 12, 2014 to solicit further comments prior to a public hearing and plan adoption.

Following the one month review period, the final plan was presented to the public during a Public Hearing on January 12, 2015. The Township Board passed a Resolution to formally adopt this plan, copies of which can be found in the following sections.





Georgetown Charter Township

1. Do you live in Georgetown Charter Township? If not, what City or Township?

- Yes
- Other

Other (please specify)

2. Please select your gender

- Male
- Female

3. How many people live in your household?

- 1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-7
- 8+

Other (please specify)

4. How many people in your household are:

	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Less than 6 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>					
6-17 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>					
18-24 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>					
25-44 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>					
45-64 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>					

	1	2	3	4	5	6+
65 years or older	<input type="checkbox"/>					

5. Have you or members of your household participated in recreation programs offered by Georgetown Charter Township?

- Yes
- No

6. If you have not participated in any activity or used Georgetown Charter Township Park facilities in the last 12 months please indicate why.

- Lack of time
- Lack of Facilities
- Physical limitations
- Location is not convenient
- Not interested

Other (please specify)

7. Which of the Township's parks and facilities have you or members of your family utilized in the last 12 months?

- Pioneer Park
- Rosewood Park
- Woodcrest Park
- Maplewood Park
- Rush Creek Park
- 8th Avenue Park
- Georgetown Ice Arena
- Georgetown Senior Center
- None

Other (please specify)

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

- Public Schools
- Churches
- Private Youth Sports Teams
- YMCA
- Private Clubs
- Georgetown Parks and Recreation
- Neighboring Cities or Townships
- Michigan State Parks
- County Parks

Other (please specify)

9. Check any of the Park and Recreation Facilities you or members of your household have utilized in the last 12 months.

- Hagar County Park
- Grand River Ravines County Park
- Georgetown Little League Complex
- Port Sheldon Sports Complex

Other (please specify)

10. Please rank the Township's Facilities you would like to see improved or expanded?

1 = High Priority, 8 = Low Priority

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pioneer Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Rosewood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Woodcrest Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Maplewood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rush Creek Park								
8th Avenue Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Georgetown Ice Arena	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Georgetown Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/>							

11. Please indicate activities you enjoy:

- Visiting playgrounds
- Cycling
- Walking
- Running
- Fishing
- Tennis
- Picnicking
- Birding

Other (please specify)

12. Please rate the maintenance of Georgetown Charter Township parks you have visited.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Pioneer Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosewood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodcrest Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maplewood Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rush Creek Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8th Avenue Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Georgetown Ice Arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor

Georgetown Senior Center

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

	1	2	3	4
Upgrade and/or Improve Existing Park Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Acquisition for New Parks/Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain Existing Park Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Which of the following recreational activities/facilities would you like to see added or expanded

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball and Softball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf Course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural areas/ open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Spray Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Biking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Workout Stations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe Pits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickelball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/Kayak Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Benches and Seating Areas |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi Connections |

15. The Township is considering ways to implement sustainable/green initiatives in the Township Parks. How important do you consider this issue?

- Very Important
- Important
- Not Important

16. Please indicate which green initiatives you think would be most effective in achieving this goal.

- Reduce Mown/Irrigated Lawn Areas
- Energy Saving Techniques (Solar Power, LED Lights, Timers, Etc.)
- Increase Native Tree and Shrub Planting
- Recycling Bins in Parks
- Increase Wildflower Areas
- Use of Recycled Products

Other (please specify)

17. How important is it to have the following in Georgetown Charter Township?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Recreation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Arena | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical/Cultural programs |

Other (please specify)

18. There is a need for more programs for the following ages:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Youth 2-8 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Youth 9-12 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Teen	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>				

19. I am willing to pay reasonable user fees for recreation opportunities.

- Yes
- No

20. How would you rate the overall Parks and Recreation opportunities provided by Georgetown Charter Township.

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

21. To what degree do you think Parks and Recreation contribute to Georgetown Charter Township being...

	Greatly Contributes	Somewhat Contributes	Does Not Contribute	No opinion
A Physically healthy Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An Environmentally sustainable Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Socially thriving Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An Economically sustaining Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An Accessible and physically connected Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Community with a sense of place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Community with high quality of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

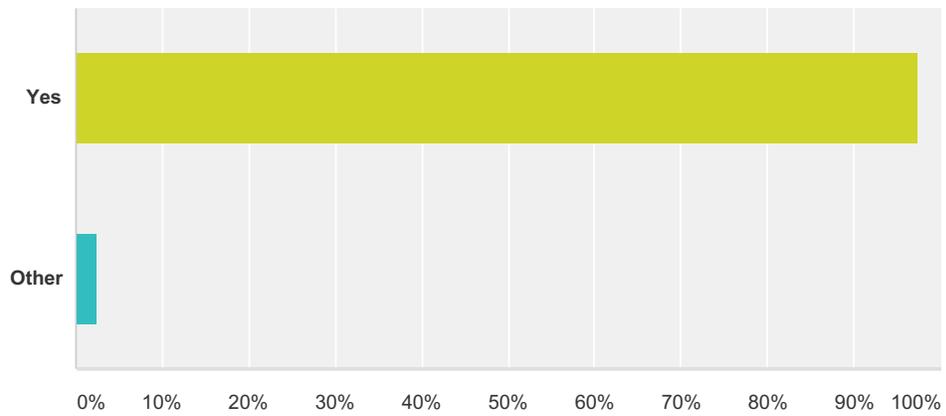
22. Thank you for your participation. If you have additional comments or suggestions please use the space below.

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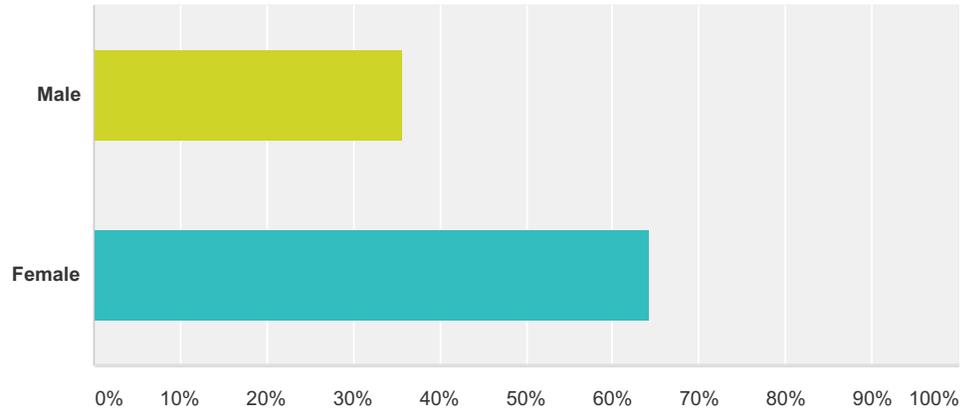
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	97.56% 360
Other	2.44% 9
Total Respondents: 369	

Q2 Please select your gender

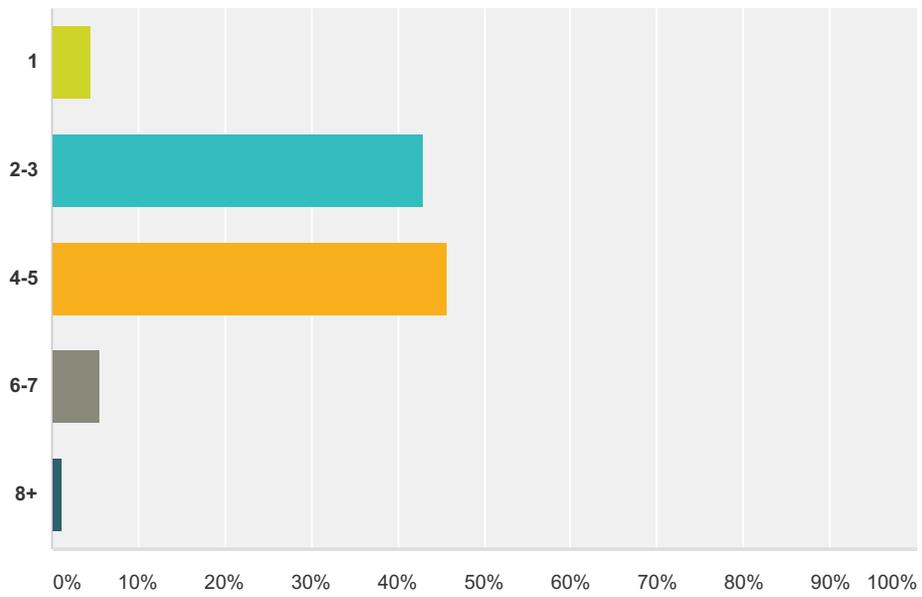
Answered: 373 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Male	35.66% 133
Female	64.34% 240
Total Respondents: 373	

Q3 How many people live in your household?

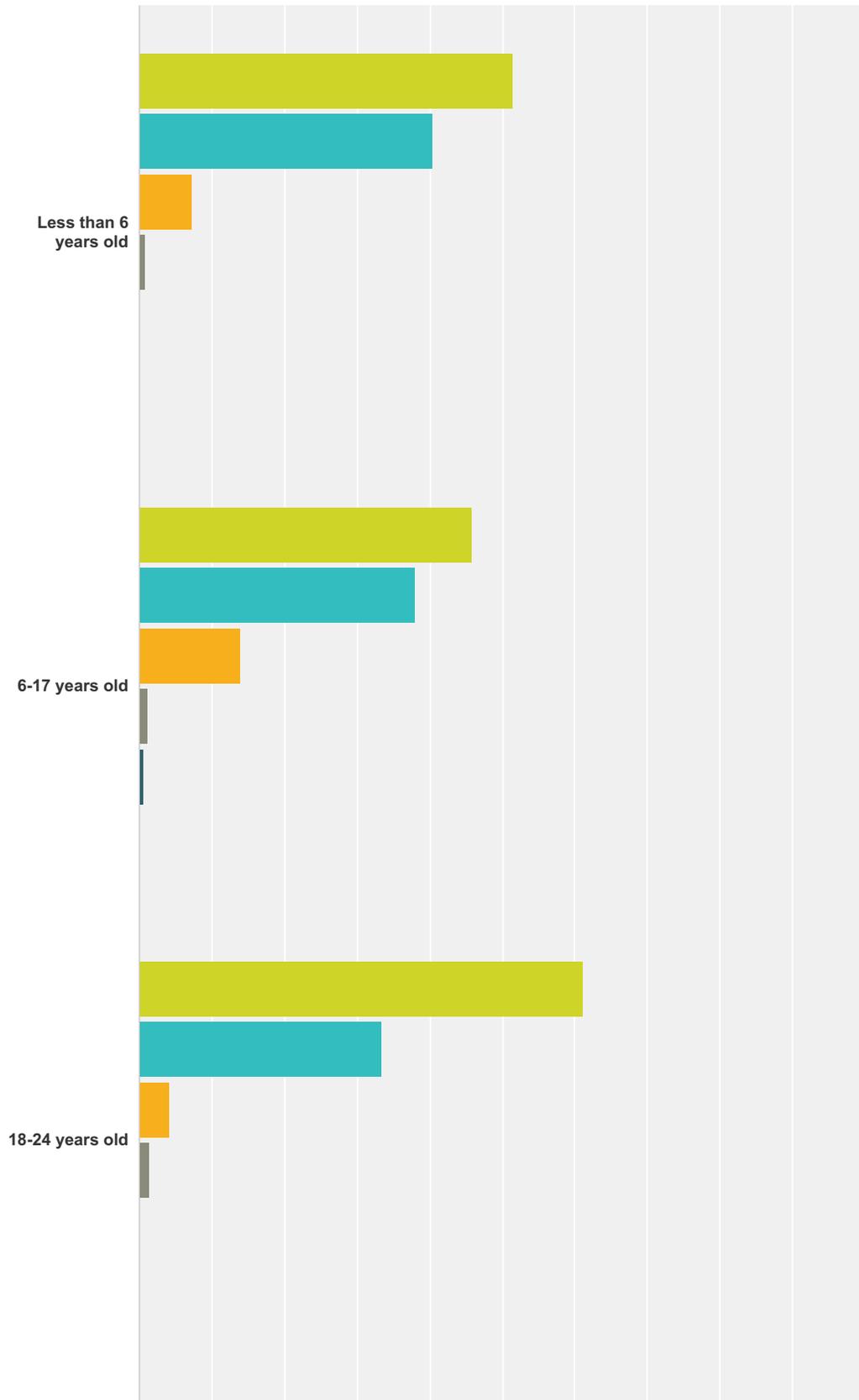
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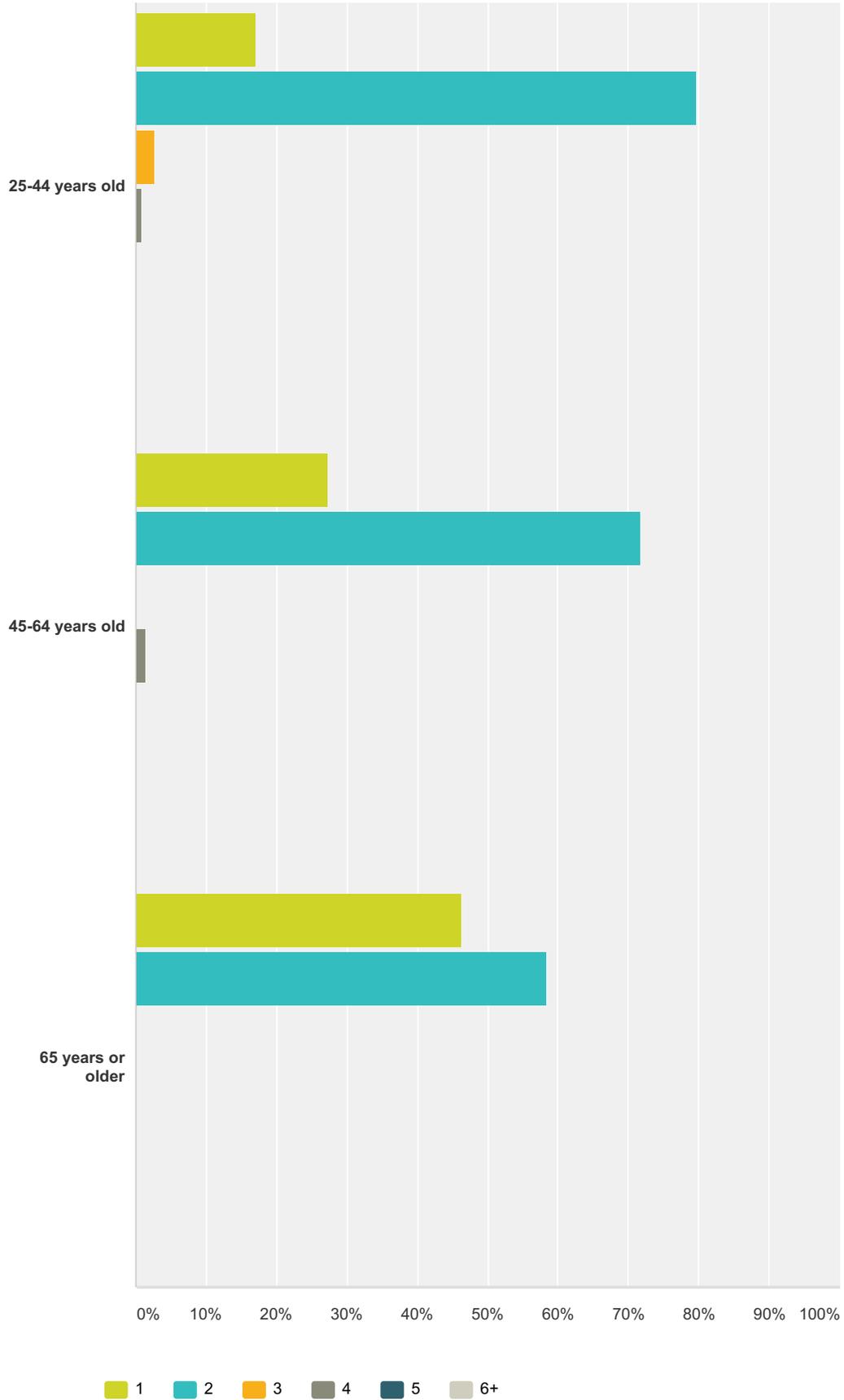
Answer Choices	Responses	
1	4.57%	17
2-3	43.01%	160
4-5	45.70%	170
6-7	5.65%	21
8+	1.34%	5
Total Respondents: 372		

Q4 How many people in your household are:

Answered: 375 Skipped: 0



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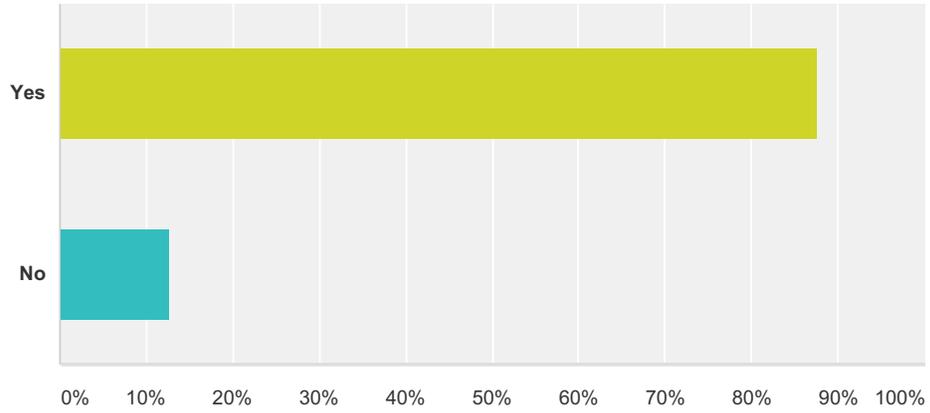
1	2	3	4	5	6+	Total Respondents
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Less than 6 years old	51.47% 70	40.44% 55	7.35% 10	0.74% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	136
6-17 years old	46.00% 69	38.00% 57	14.00% 21	1.33% 2	0.67% 1	0.00% 0	150
18-24 years old	61.11% 44	33.33% 24	4.17% 3	1.39% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	72
25-44 years old	17.18% 39	79.74% 181	2.64% 6	0.88% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	227
45-64 years old	27.40% 40	71.92% 105	0.00% 0	1.37% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	146
65 years or older	46.34% 19	58.54% 24	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	41

Q5 Have you or members of your household utilized recreation programs or park facilities offered by Georgetown Charter Township?

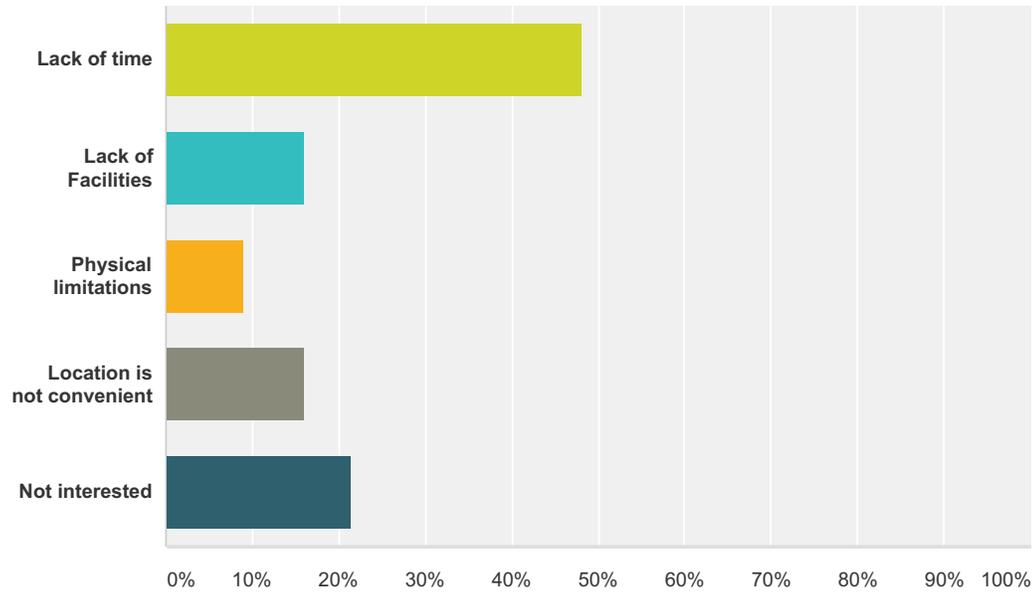
Answered: 372 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	87.63% 326
No	12.63% 47
Total Respondents: 372	

Q6 If you have not participated in any activity or used Georgetown Charter Township Park facilities in the last 12 months please indicate why.

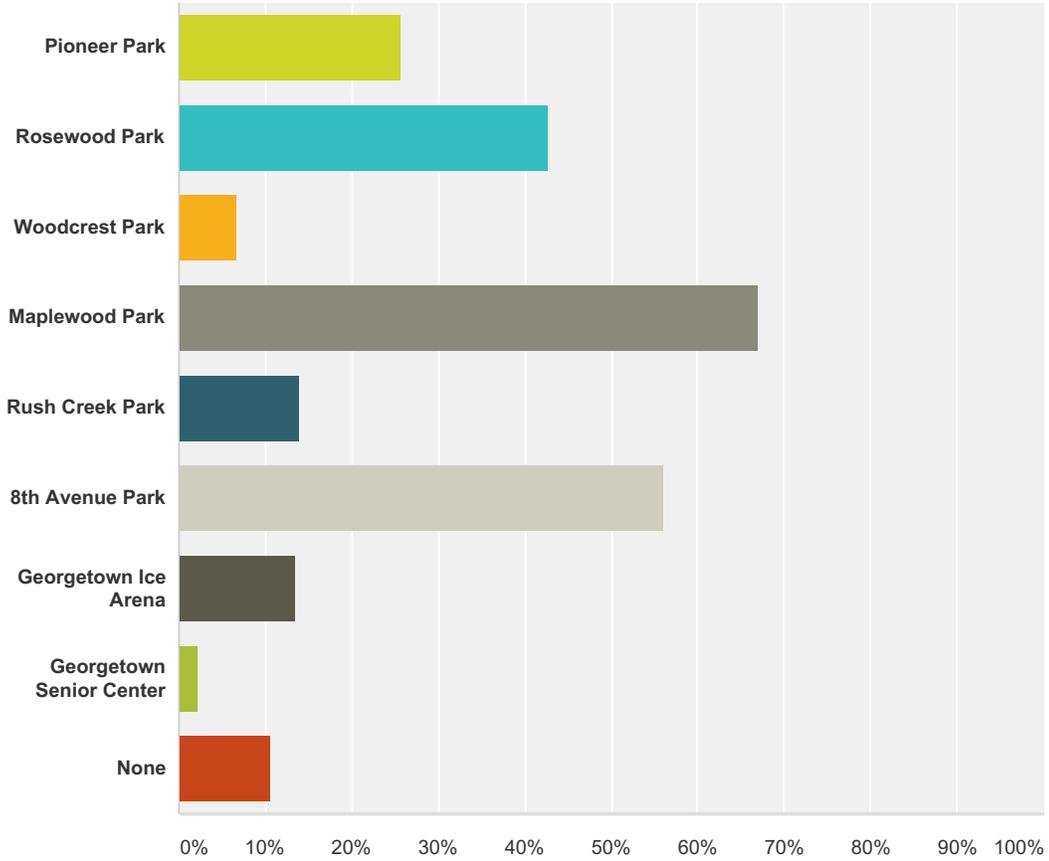
Answered: 56 Skipped: 319



Answer Choices	Responses
Lack of time	48.21% 27
Lack of Facilities	16.07% 9
Physical limitations	8.93% 5
Location is not convenient	16.07% 9
Not interested	21.43% 12
Total Respondents: 56	

Q7 Which of the Township's parks and facilities have you or members of your family utilized in the last 12 months?

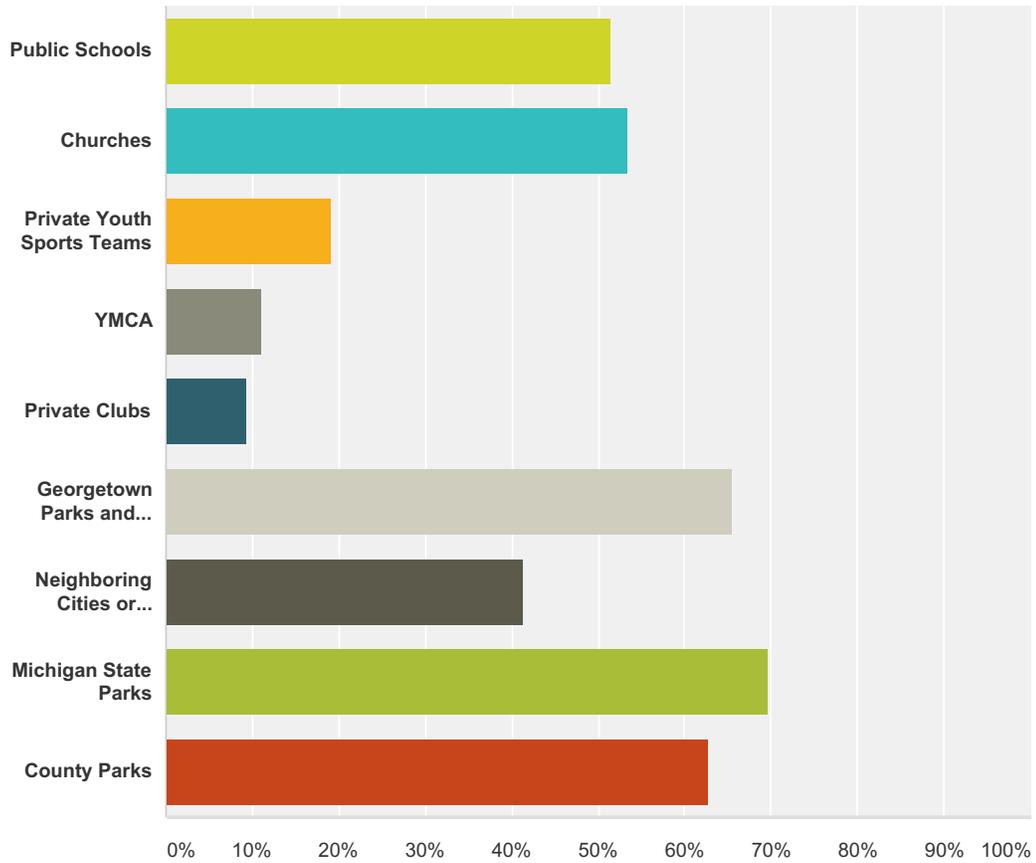
Answered: 355 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses
Pioneer Park	25.63% 91
Rosewood Park	42.82% 152
Woodcrest Park	6.76% 24
Maplewood Park	67.04% 238
Rush Creek Park	14.08% 50
8th Avenue Park	56.06% 199
Georgetown Ice Arena	13.52% 48
Georgetown Senior Center	2.25% 8
None	10.70% 38
Total Respondents: 355	

Q8 Check all the organizations that you or members of your household have used for indoor and outdoor recreation activities during the last 12 months.

Answered: 361 Skipped: 14



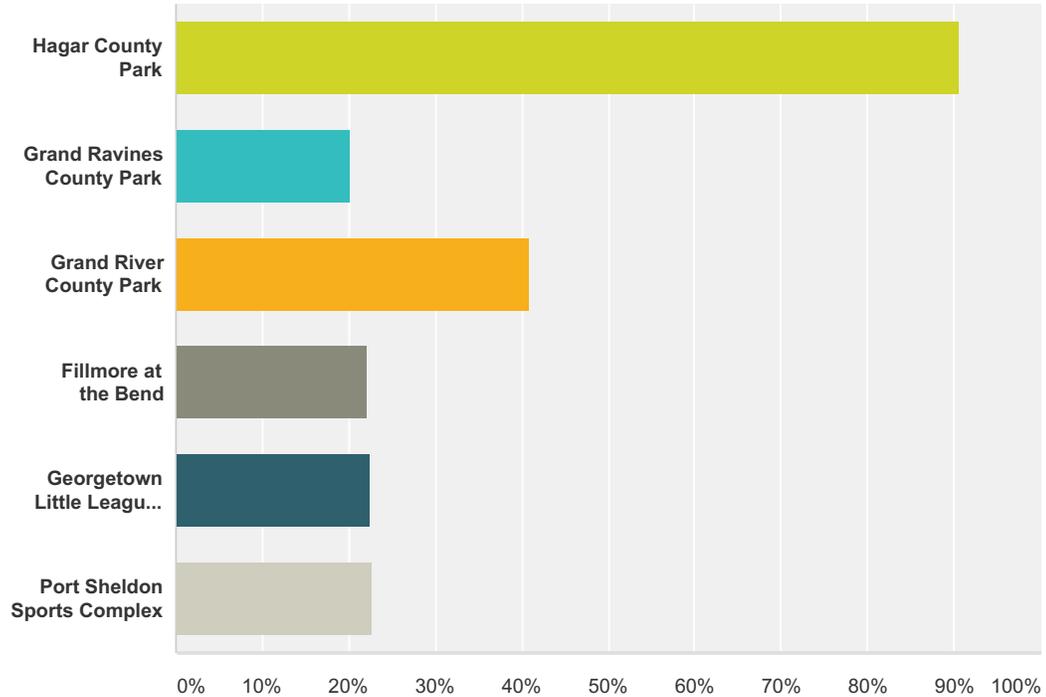
Answer Choices	Responses	
Public Schools	51.52%	186
Churches	53.46%	193
Private Youth Sports Teams	19.11%	69
YMCA	11.08%	40
Private Clubs	9.42%	34
Georgetown Parks and Recreation	65.65%	237
Neighboring Cities or Townships	41.27%	149
Michigan State Parks	69.81%	252
County Parks	62.88%	227

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Total Respondents: 361

Q9 Check any of these Park and Recreation Facilities you or members of your household have utilized in the last 12 months.

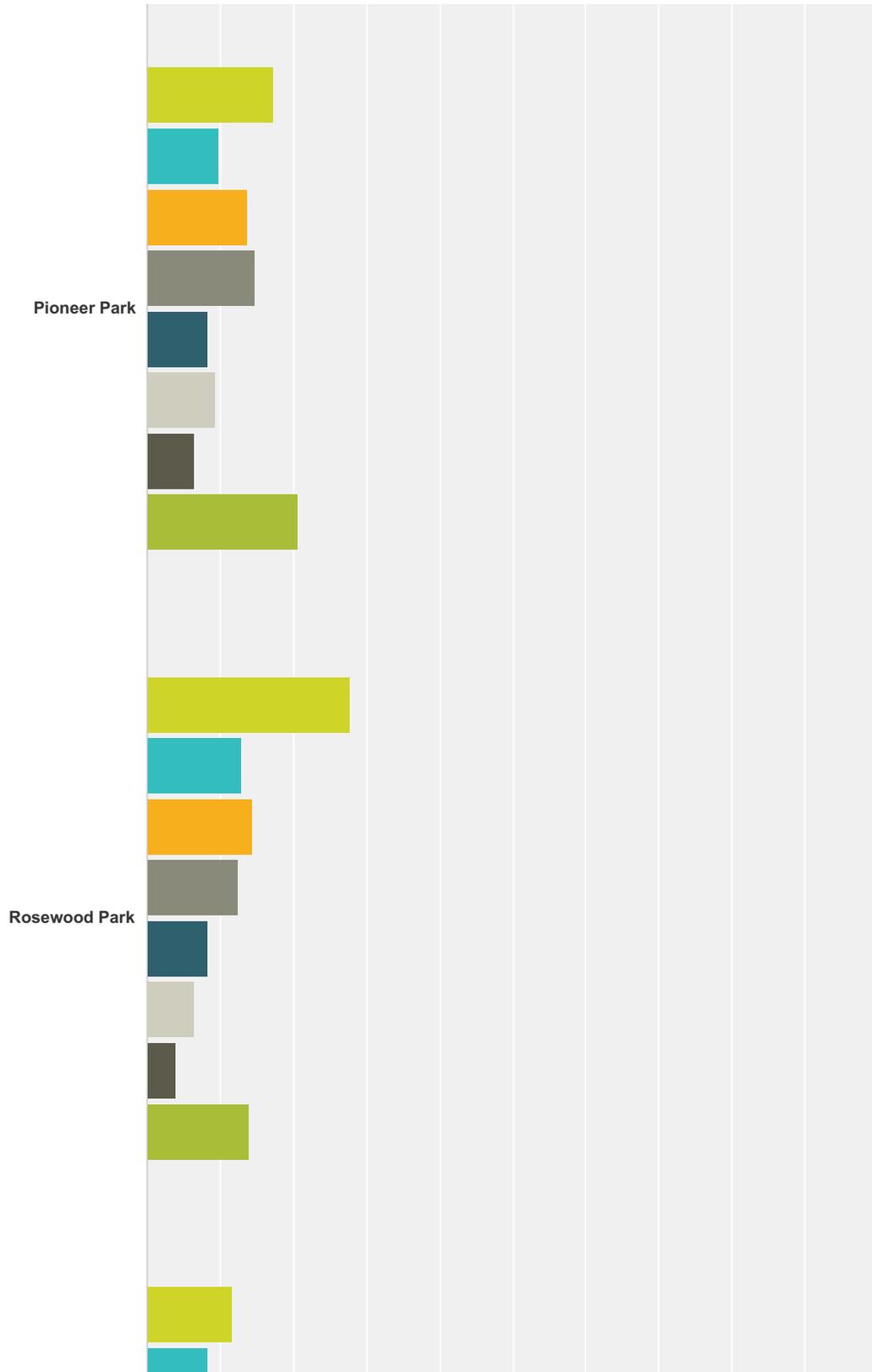
Answered: 320 Skipped: 55



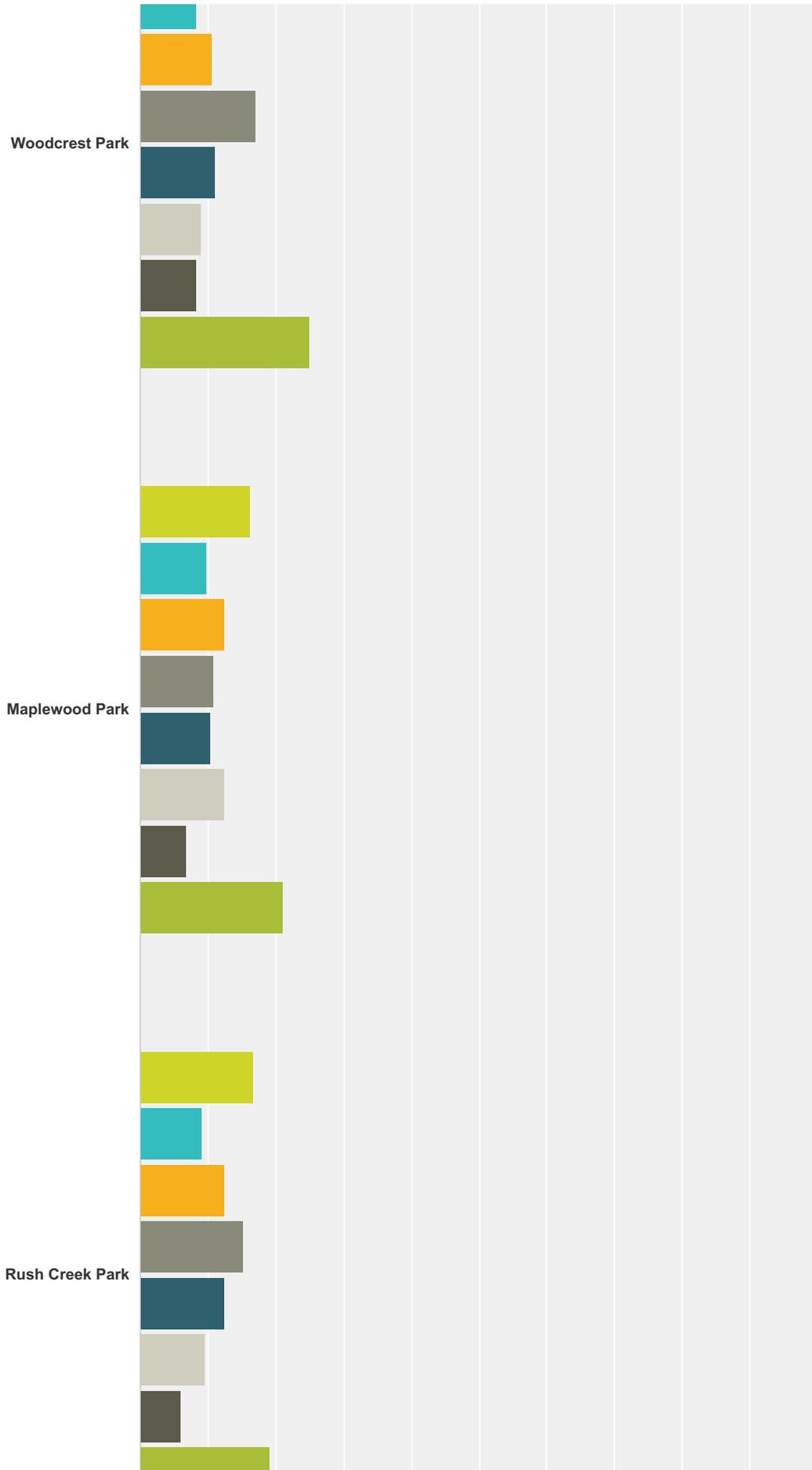
Answer Choices	Responses
Hagar County Park	90.63% 290
Grand Ravines County Park	20.31% 65
Grand River County Park	40.94% 131
Fillmore at the Bend	22.19% 71
Georgetown Little League Complex	22.50% 72
Port Sheldon Sports Complex	22.81% 73
Total Respondents: 320	

**Q10 Please rank the Township's Facilities
you would like to see improved or
expanded? 1 = High Priority, 8 = Low Priority**

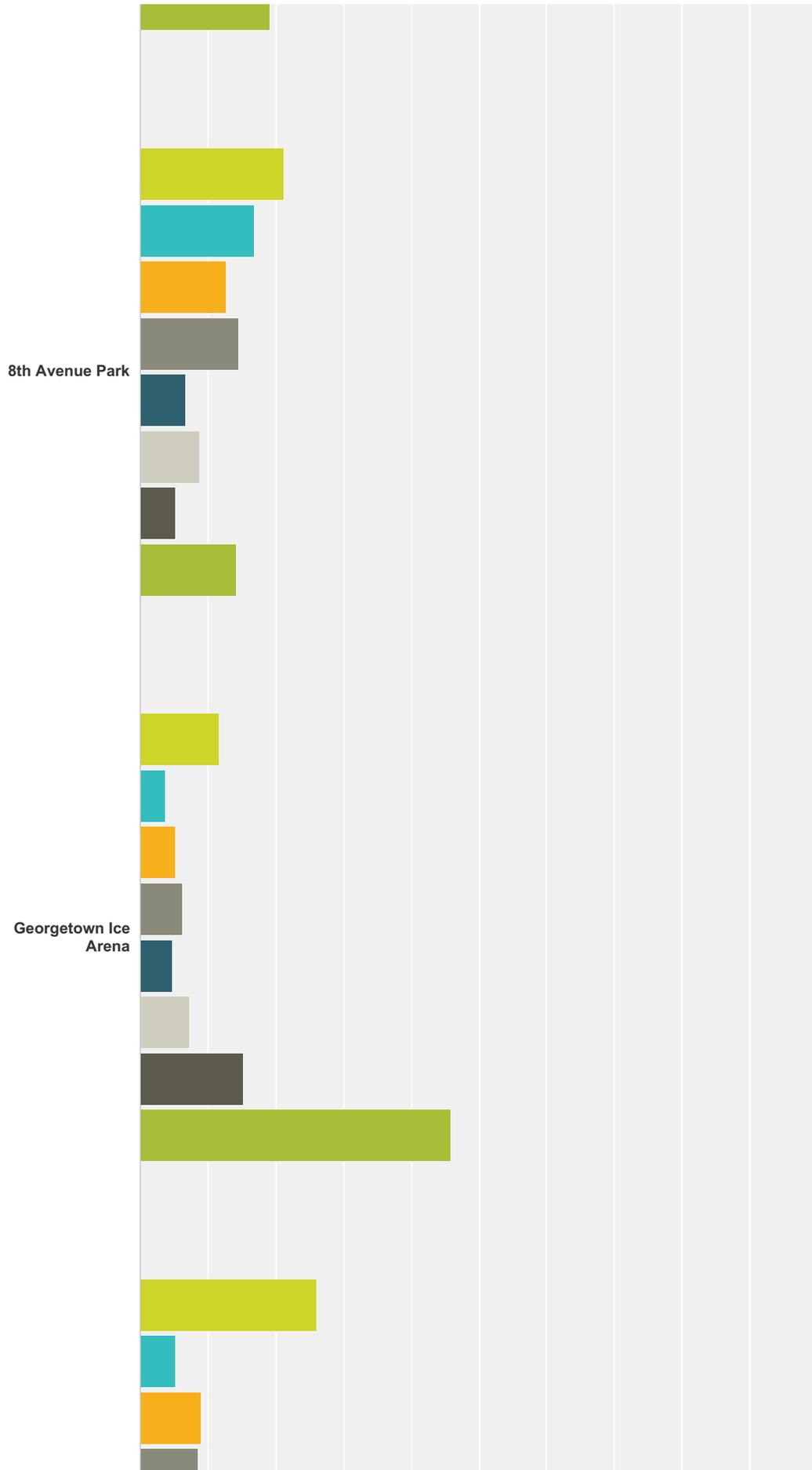
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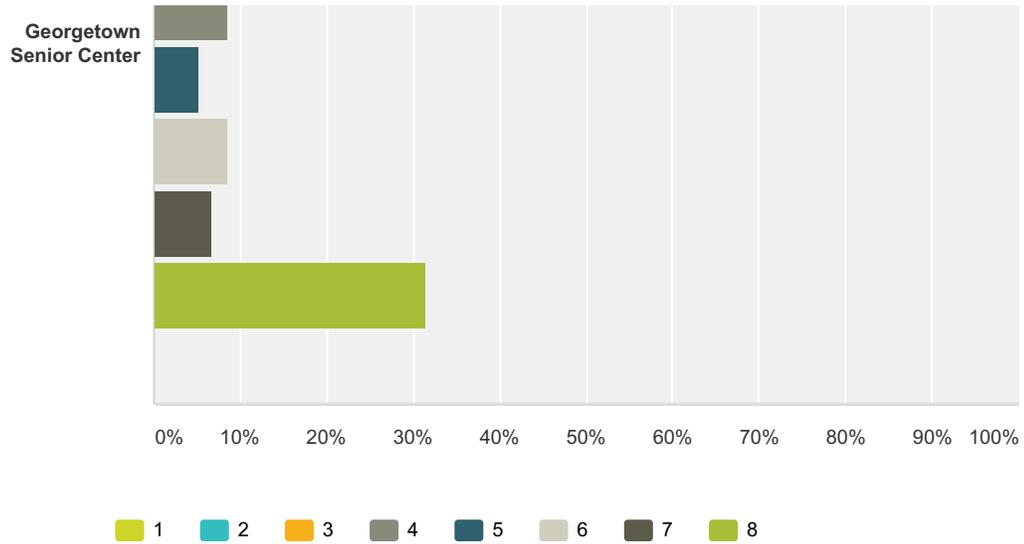
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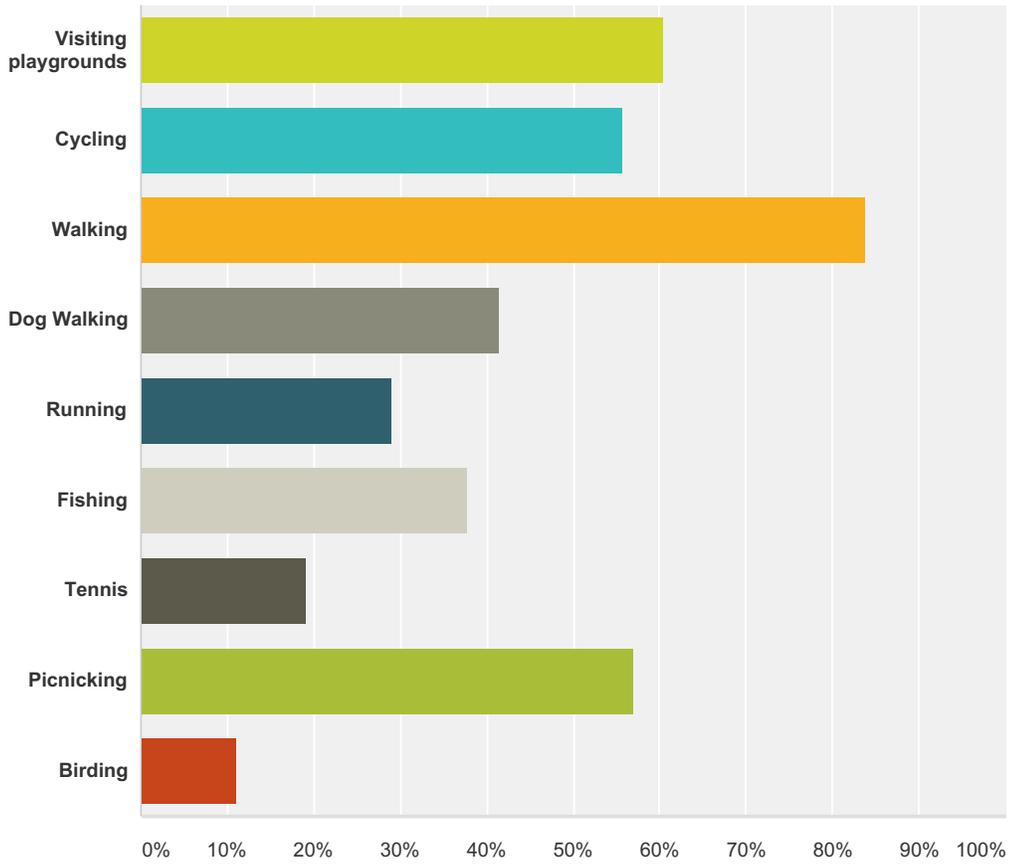
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Respondents
Pioneer Park	17.24% 35	9.85% 20	13.79% 28	14.78% 30	8.37% 17	9.36% 19	6.40% 13	20.69% 42	203
Rosewood Park	27.83% 64	13.04% 30	14.35% 33	12.61% 29	8.26% 19	6.52% 15	3.91% 9	13.91% 32	230
Woodcrest Park	11.67% 21	8.33% 15	10.56% 19	17.22% 31	11.11% 20	8.89% 16	8.33% 15	25.00% 45	180
Maplewood Park	16.38% 38	9.91% 23	12.50% 29	10.78% 25	10.34% 24	12.50% 29	6.90% 16	21.12% 49	232
Rush Creek Park	16.67% 33	9.09% 18	12.63% 25	15.15% 30	12.63% 25	9.60% 19	6.06% 12	19.19% 38	198
8th Avenue Park	21.24% 48	16.81% 38	12.83% 29	14.60% 33	6.64% 15	8.85% 20	5.31% 12	14.16% 32	226
Georgetown Ice Arena	11.64% 22	3.70% 7	5.29% 10	6.35% 12	4.76% 9	7.41% 14	15.34% 29	46.03% 87	189
Georgetown Senior Center	26.19% 55	5.24% 11	9.05% 19	8.57% 18	5.24% 11	8.57% 18	6.67% 14	31.43% 66	210

Q11 Please indicate activities you enjoy:

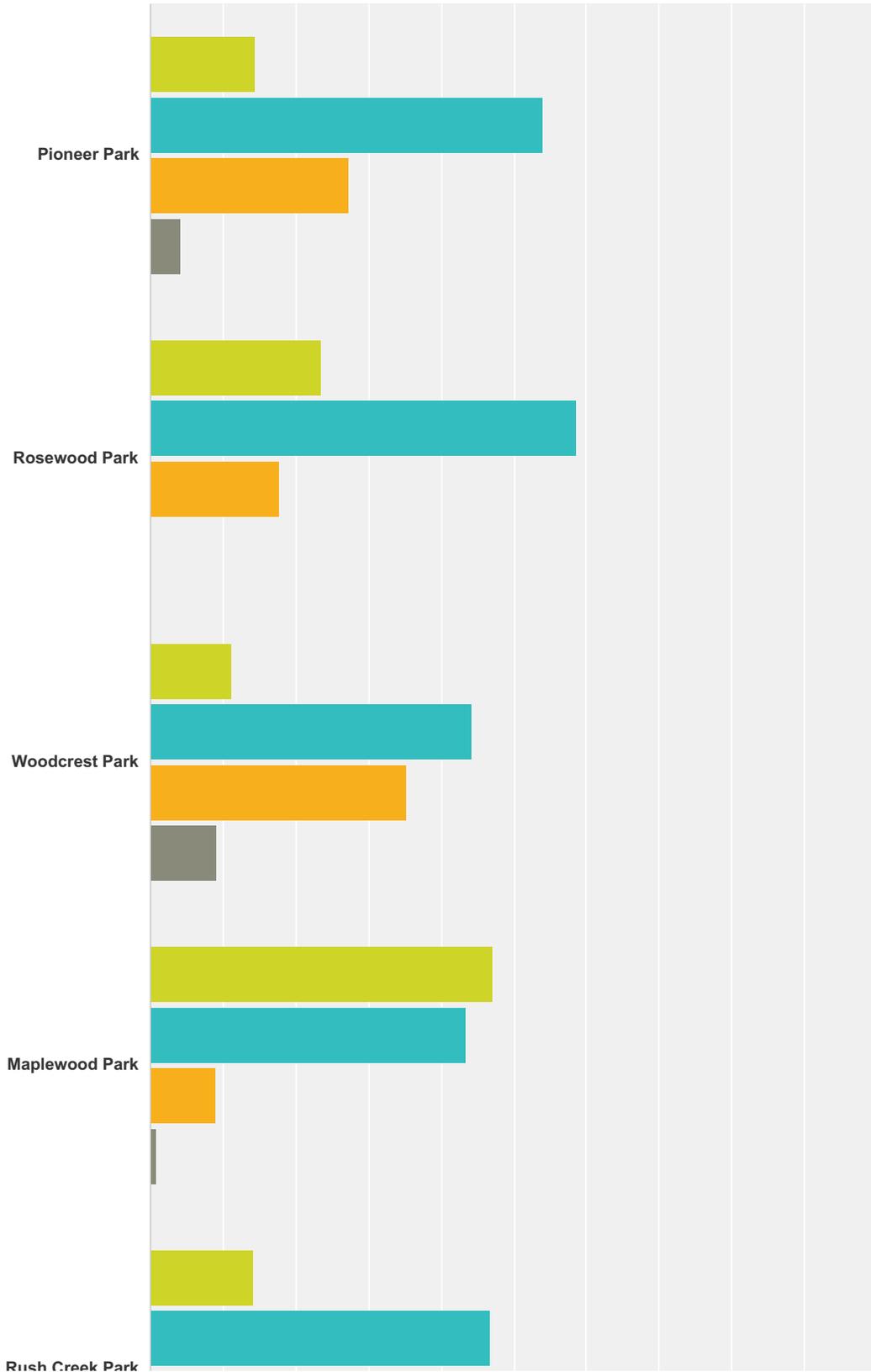
Answered: 363 Skipped: 12



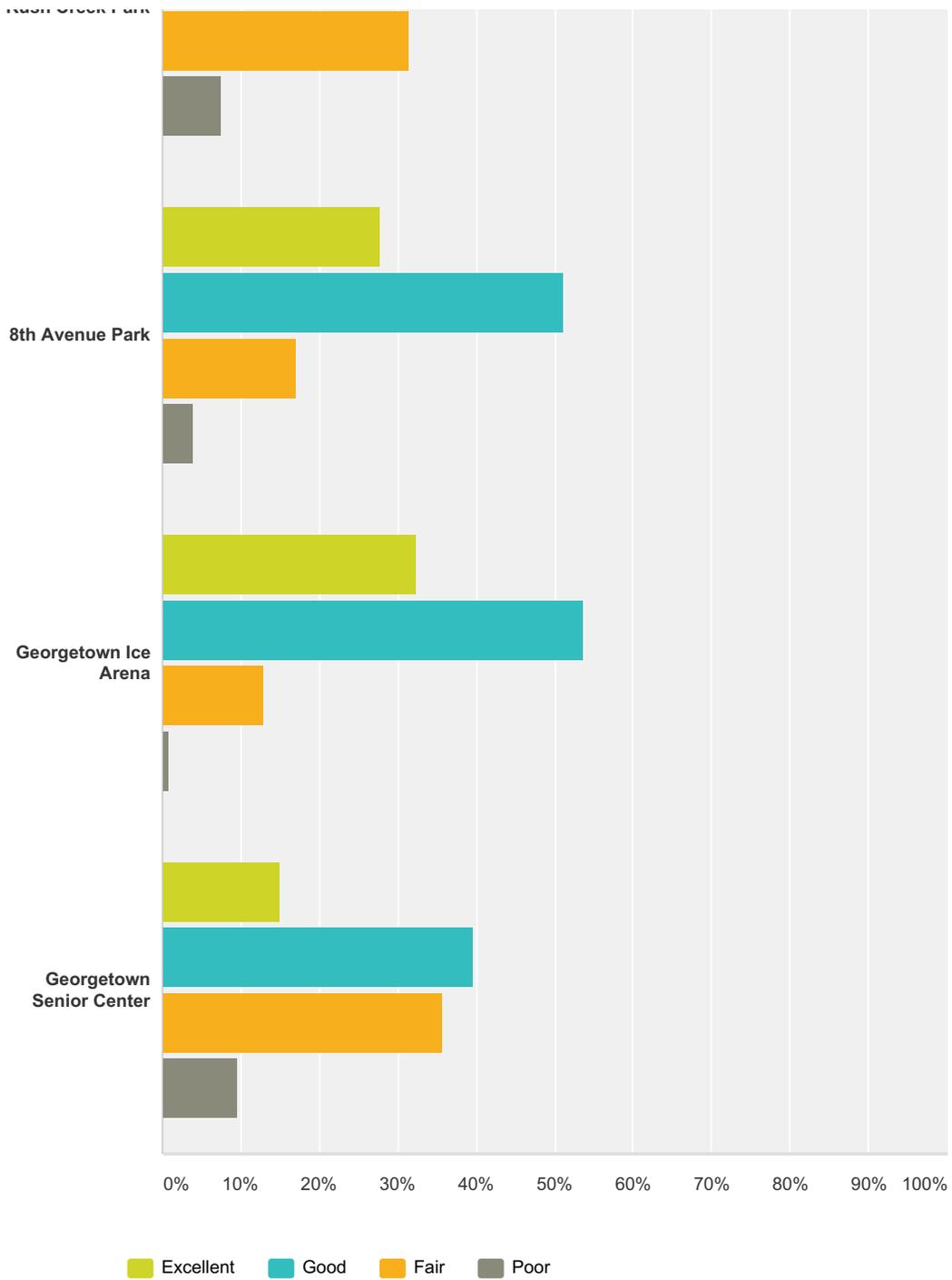
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Visiting playgrounds	60.61%	220
Cycling	55.65%	202
Walking	84.02%	305
Dog Walking	41.60%	151
Running	28.93%	105
Fishing	37.74%	137
Tennis	19.28%	70
Picnicking	57.02%	207
Birding	11.02%	40
Total Respondents: 363		

Q12 Please rate the maintenance of Georgetown Charter Township parks you have visited.

Answered: 323 Skipped: 52



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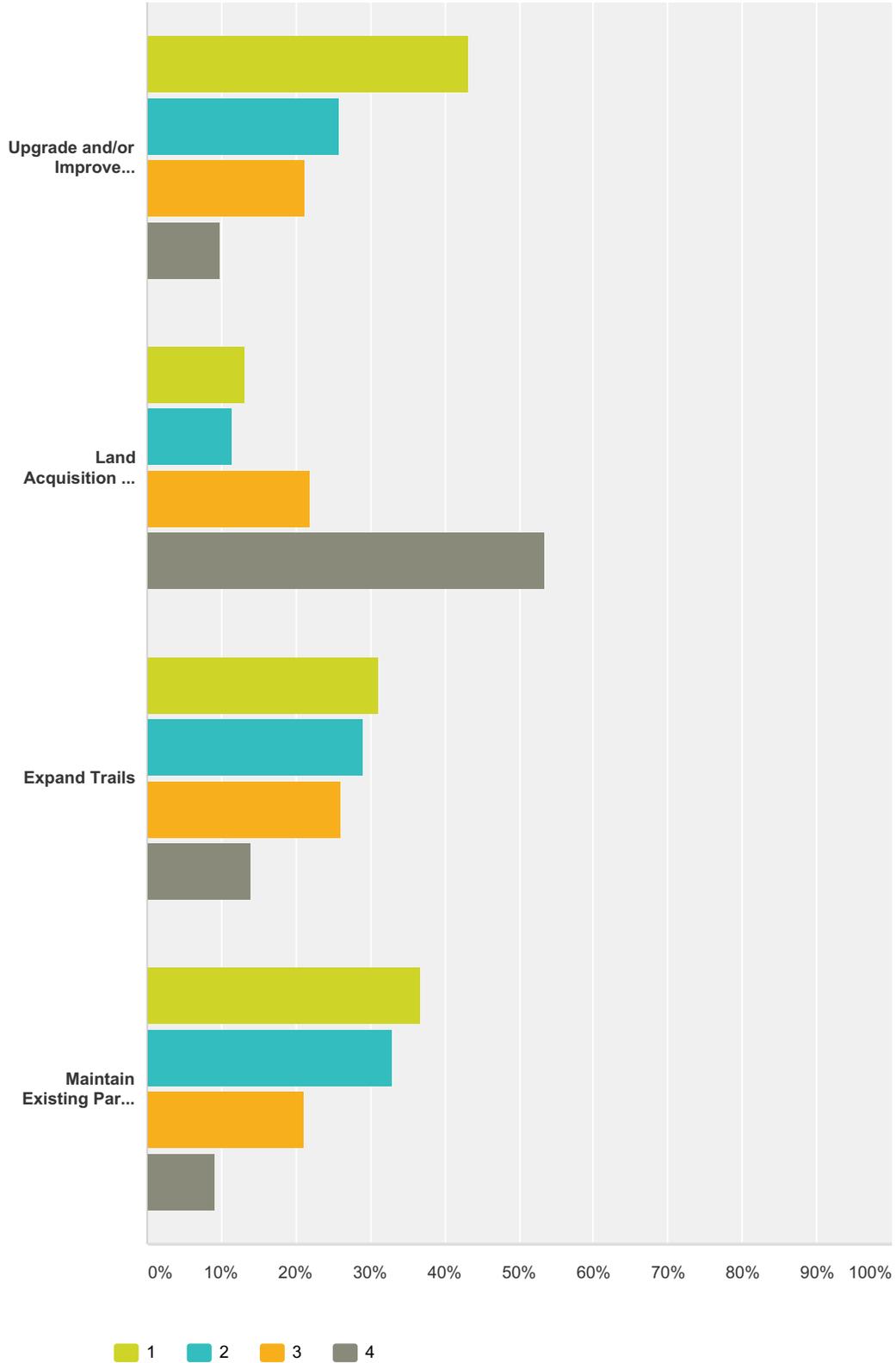
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total Respondents
Pioneer Park	14.38% 21	54.11% 79	27.40% 40	4.11% 6	146
Rosewood Park	23.56% 45	58.64% 112	17.80% 34	0.00% 0	191
Woodcrest Park	11.36% 10	44.32% 39	35.23% 31	9.09% 8	88
Maplewood Park	47.27% 121	43.36% 111	8.98% 23	0.78% 2	256

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Rush Creek Park	14.29% 15	46.67% 49	31.43% 33	7.62% 8	105
8th Avenue Park	27.80% 62	51.12% 114	17.04% 38	4.04% 9	223
Georgetown Ice Arena	32.41% 35	53.70% 58	12.96% 14	0.93% 1	108
Georgetown Senior Center	15.07% 11	39.73% 29	35.62% 26	9.59% 7	73

Q13 Please rate, in order of priority, how you feel park and recreation funding should be spent.

Answered: 360 Skipped: 15

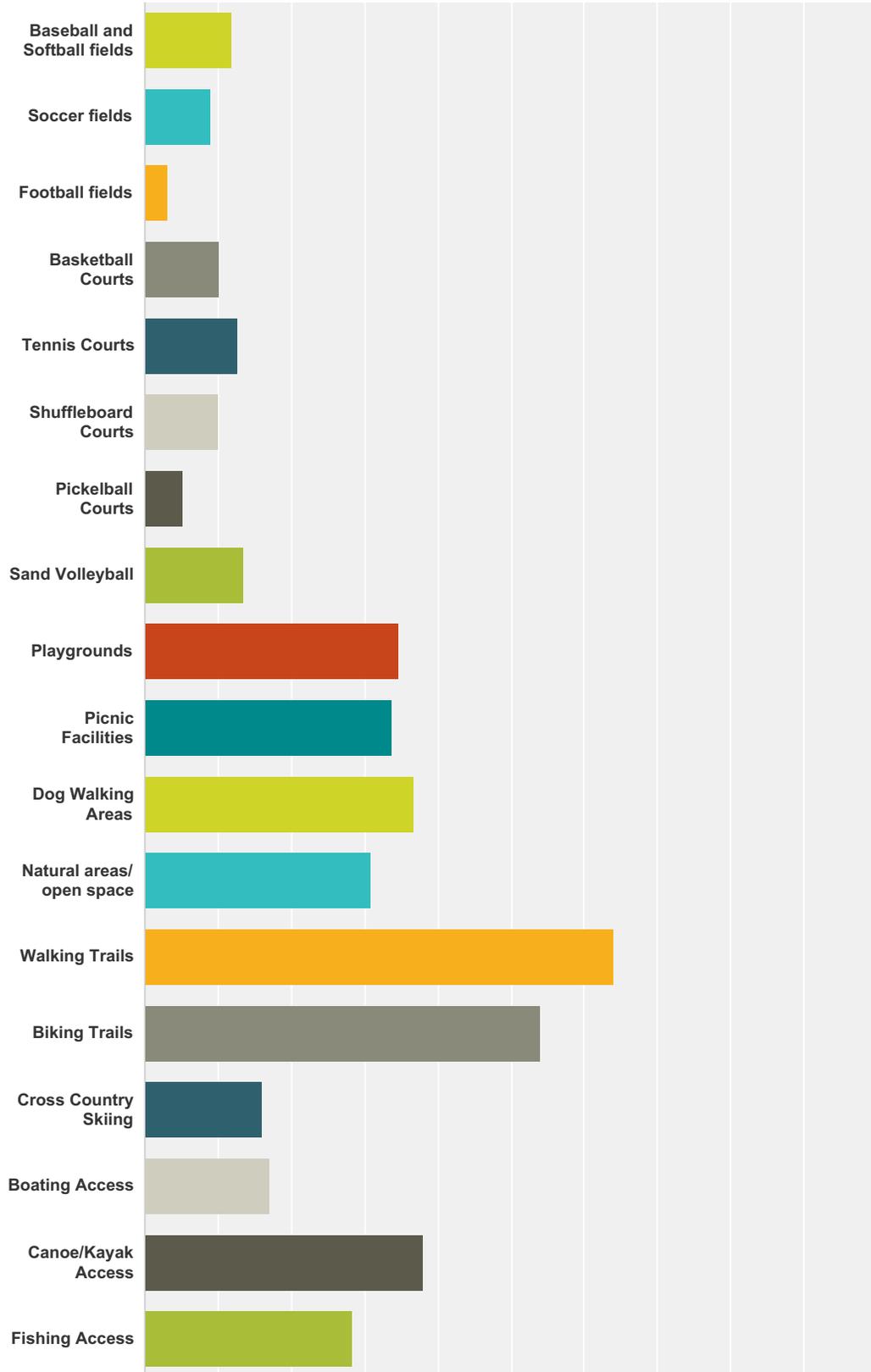


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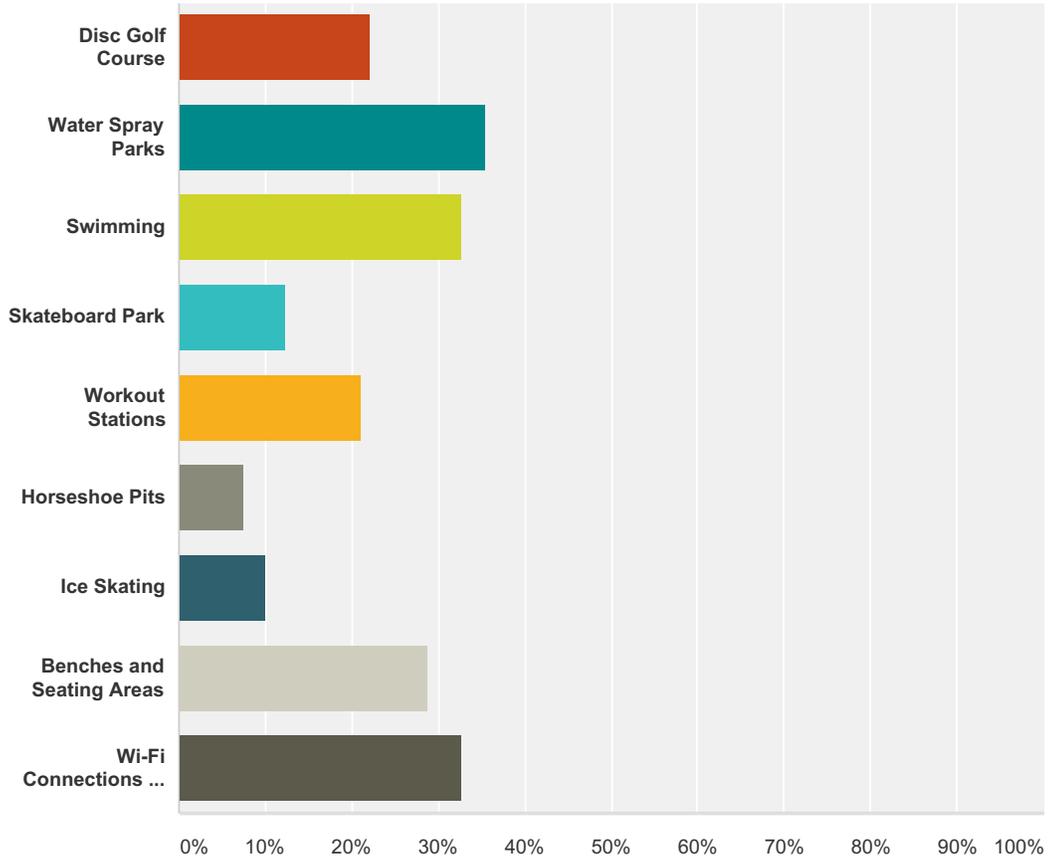
	1	2	3	4	Total Respondents
Upgrade and/or Improve Existing Park Facilities	43.28% 145	25.97% 87	21.19% 71	9.85% 33	335
Land Acquisition for New Parks/Open Space	13.23% 43	11.38% 37	21.85% 71	53.54% 174	325
Expand Trails	31.09% 106	29.03% 99	26.10% 89	14.08% 48	341
Maintain Existing Park Facilities	36.71% 127	32.95% 114	21.10% 73	9.25% 32	346

Q14 Which of the following recreational activities/facilities would you like to see added or expanded

Answered: 360 Skipped: 15



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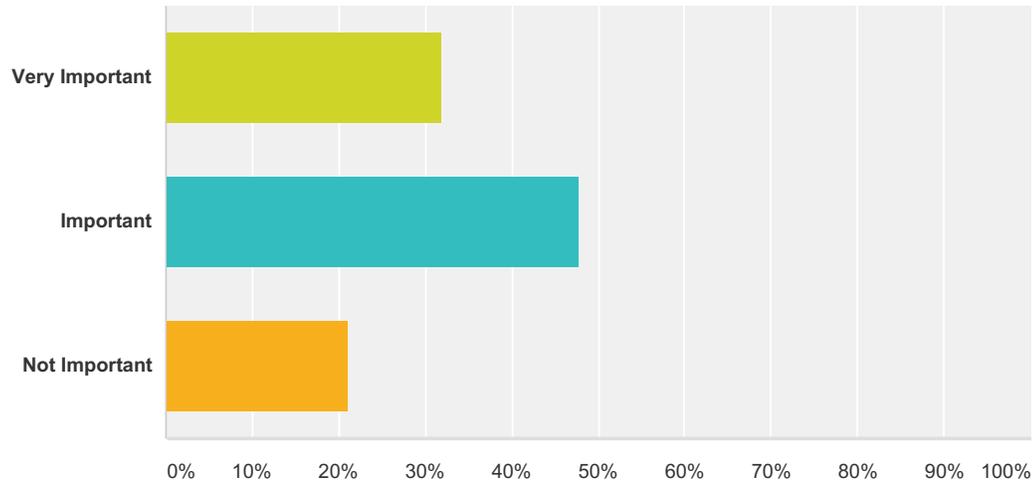
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Baseball and Softball fields	11.94%	43
Soccer fields	8.89%	32
Football fields	3.06%	11
Basketball Courts	10.28%	37
Tennis Courts	12.78%	46
Shuffleboard Courts	10.00%	36
Pickelball Courts	5.28%	19
Sand Volleyball	13.61%	49
Playgrounds	34.72%	125
Picnic Facilities	33.89%	122
Dog Walking Areas	36.67%	132
Natural areas/ open space	30.83%	111
Walking Trails	64.17%	231
Biking Trails	54.17%	195
Cross Country Skiing	16.11%	58

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Boating Access	17.22%	62
Canoe/Kayak Access	38.06%	137
Fishing Access	28.33%	102
Disc Golf Course	22.22%	80
Water Spray Parks	35.56%	128
Swimming	32.78%	118
Skateboard Park	12.22%	44
Workout Stations	21.11%	76
Horseshoe Pits	7.50%	27
Ice Skating	10.00%	36
Benches and Seating Areas	28.89%	104
Wi-Fi Connections in Parks	32.78%	118
Total Respondents: 360		

Q15 The Township is considering ways to implement sustainable/green initiatives in the Township Parks. How important do you consider this issue?

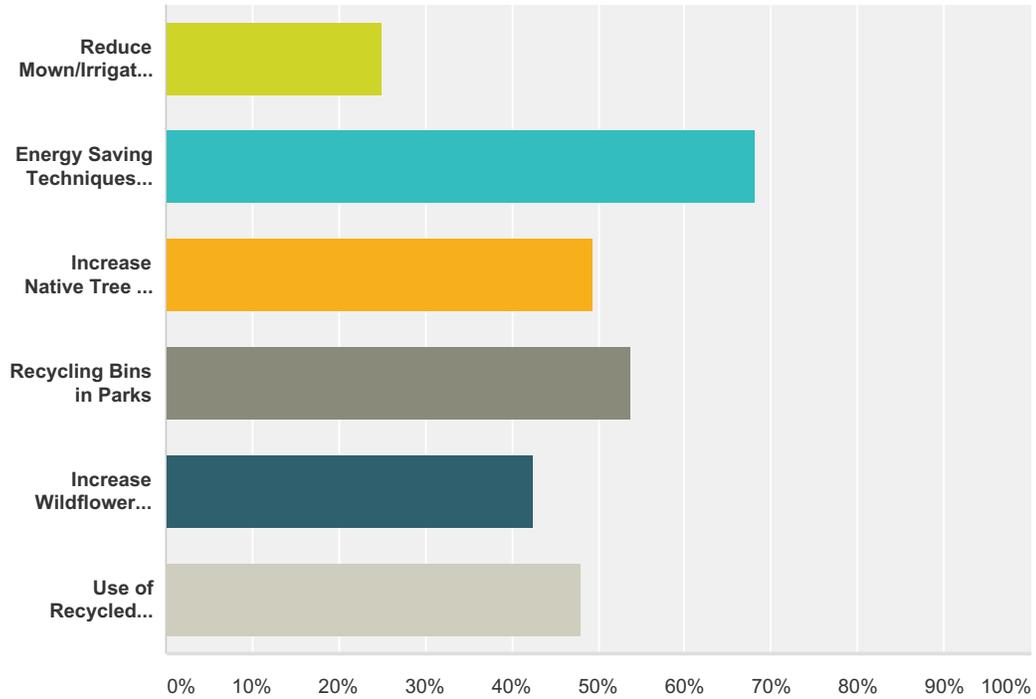
Answered: 364 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Important	31.87%	116
Important	47.80%	174
Not Important	21.15%	77
Total Respondents: 364		

Q16 Please indicate which green initiatives you think would be most effective in achieving this goal.

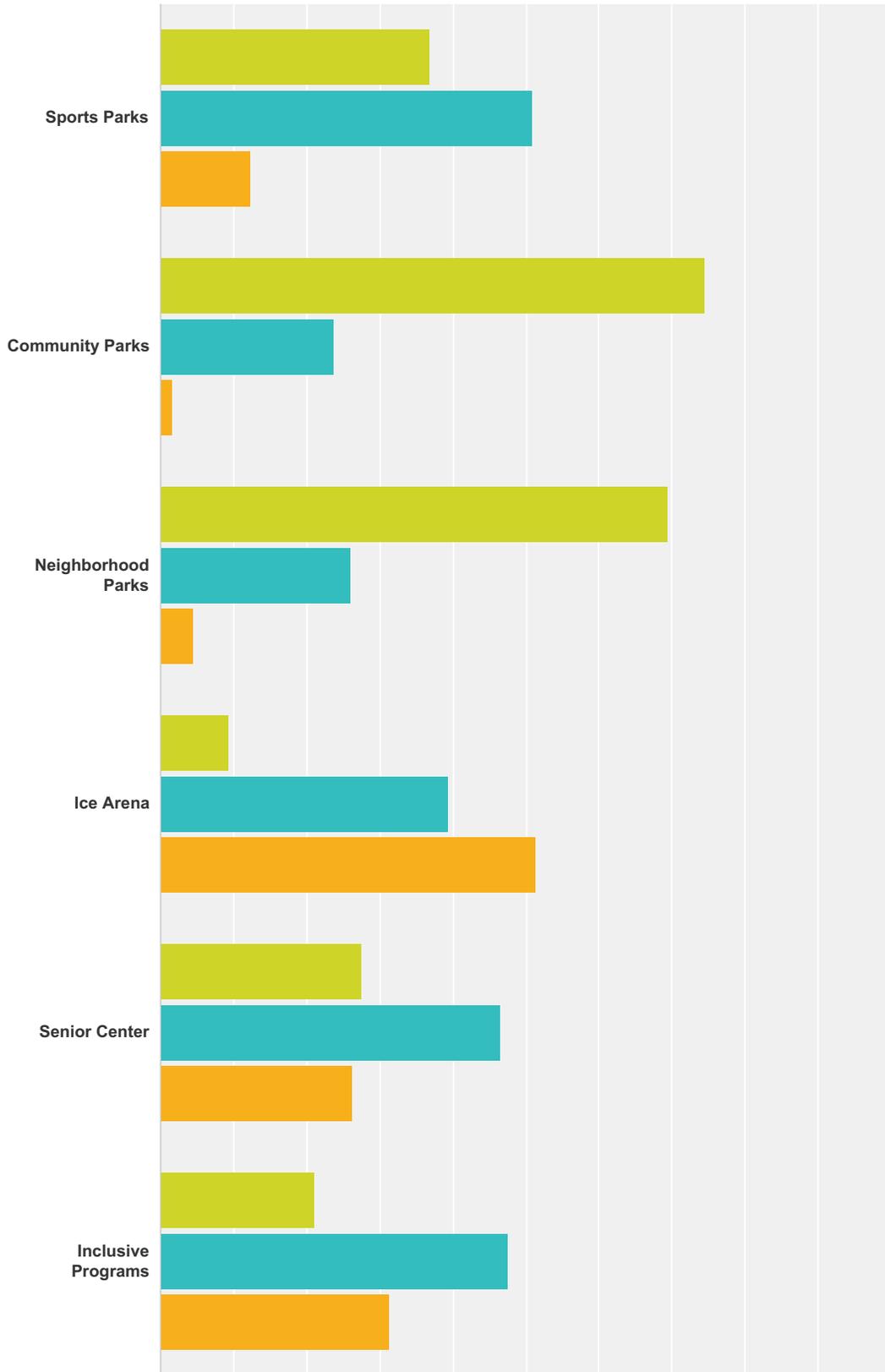
Answered: 331 Skipped: 44



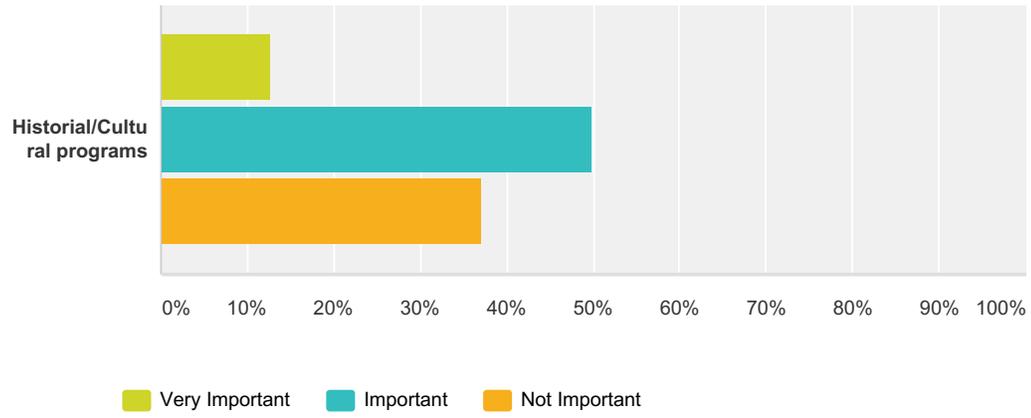
Answer Choices	Responses
Reduce Mown/Irrigated Lawn Areas	25.08% 83
Energy Saving Techniques (Solar Power, LED Lights, Timers, Etc.)	68.28% 226
Increase Native Tree and Shrub Planting	49.55% 164
Recycling Bins in Parks	53.78% 178
Increase Wildflower Areas	42.60% 141
Use of Recycled Products	48.04% 159
Total Respondents: 331	

Q17 How important is it to have the following in Georgetown Charter Township?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 14



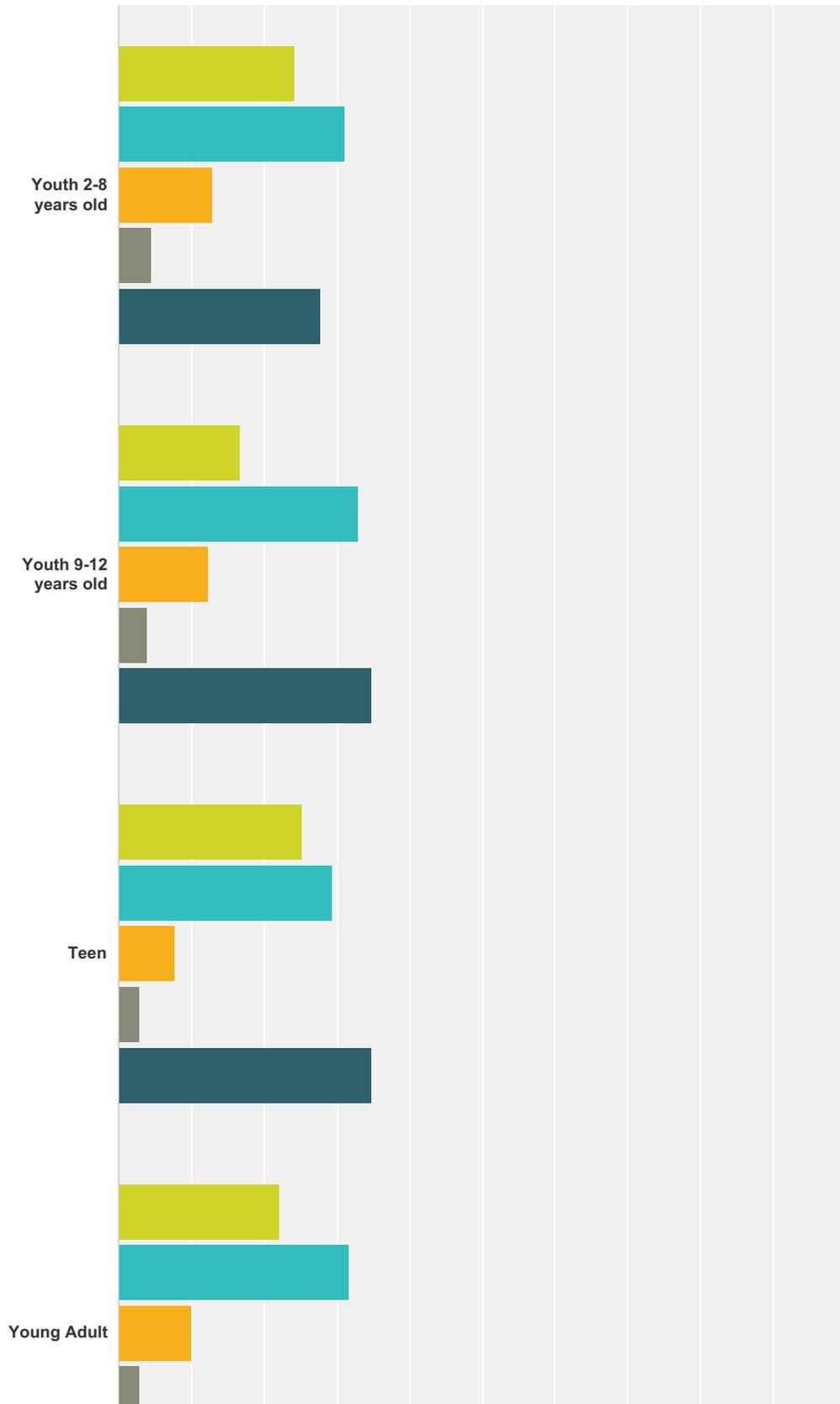
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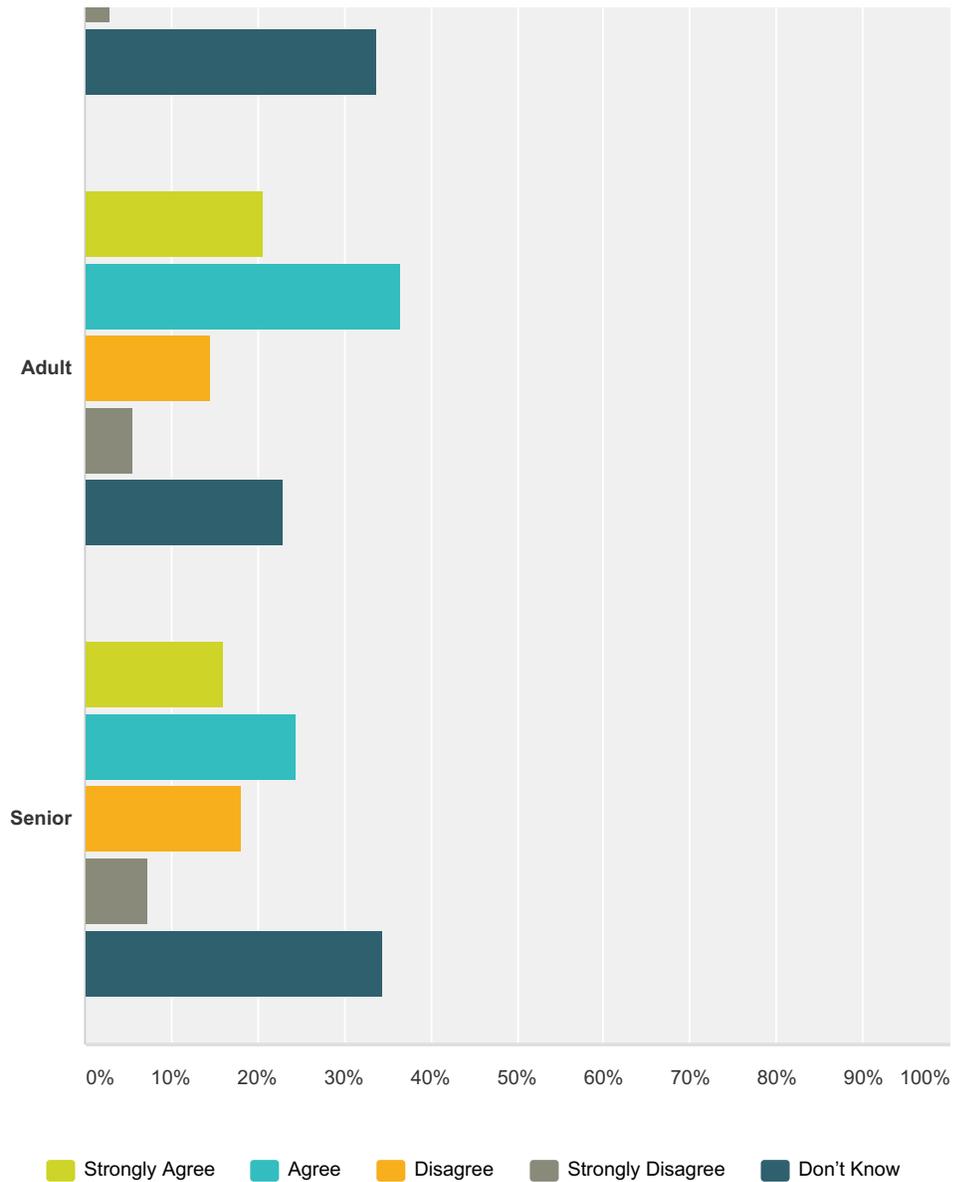
	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Total Respondents
Sports Parks	37.04% 120	50.93% 165	12.35% 40	324
Community Parks	74.50% 260	23.78% 83	1.72% 6	349
Neighborhood Parks	69.43% 243	26.00% 91	4.57% 16	350
Ice Arena	9.29% 29	39.42% 123	51.28% 160	312
Senior Center	27.61% 90	46.63% 152	26.38% 86	326
Inclusive Programs	21.12% 64	47.52% 144	31.35% 95	303
Historical/Cultural programs	12.82% 40	50.00% 156	37.18% 116	312

Q18 There is a need for more programs for the following ages:

Answered: 339 Skipped: 36



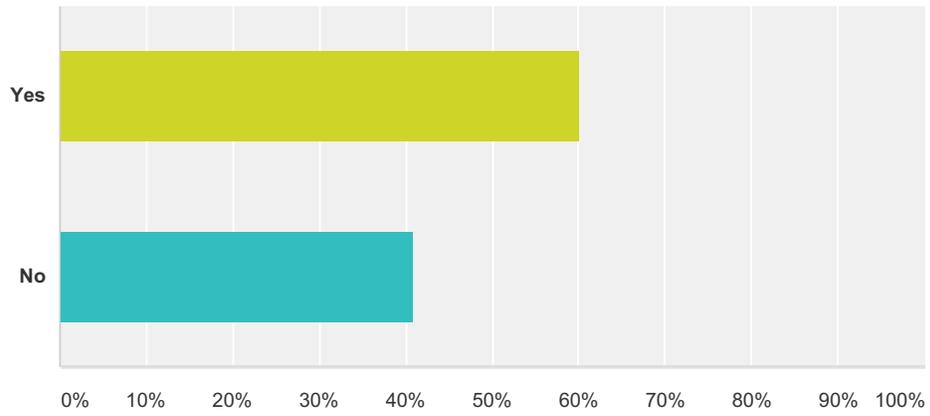
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Total Respondents
Youth 2-8 years old	24.27% 75	31.07% 96	12.94% 40	4.53% 14	27.83% 86	309
Youth 9-12 years old	16.61% 51	32.90% 101	12.38% 38	3.91% 12	34.85% 107	307
Teen	25.24% 78	29.45% 91	7.77% 24	2.91% 9	34.95% 108	309
Young Adult	22.07% 66	31.77% 95	10.03% 30	3.01% 9	33.78% 101	299
Adult	20.59% 63	36.60% 112	14.71% 45	5.56% 17	22.88% 70	306
Senior	16.12% 49	24.34% 74	18.09% 55	7.24% 22	34.54% 105	304

Q19 I am willing to pay reasonable user fees for recreation opportunities.

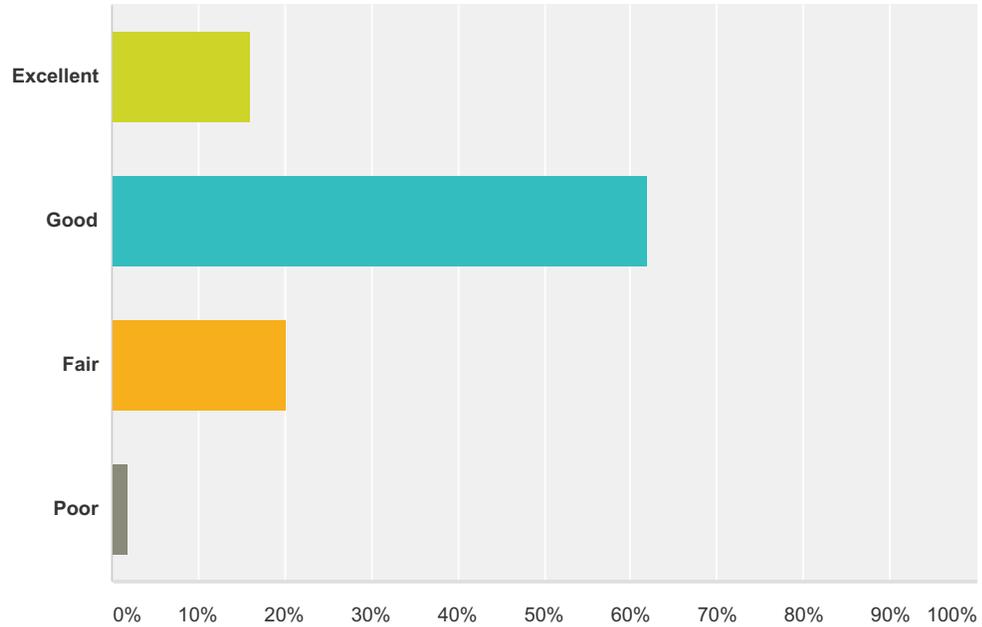
Answered: 357 Skipped: 18



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	60.22% 215
No	40.90% 146
Total Respondents: 357	

Q20 How would you rate the overall Parks and Recreation opportunities provided by Georgetown Charter Township.

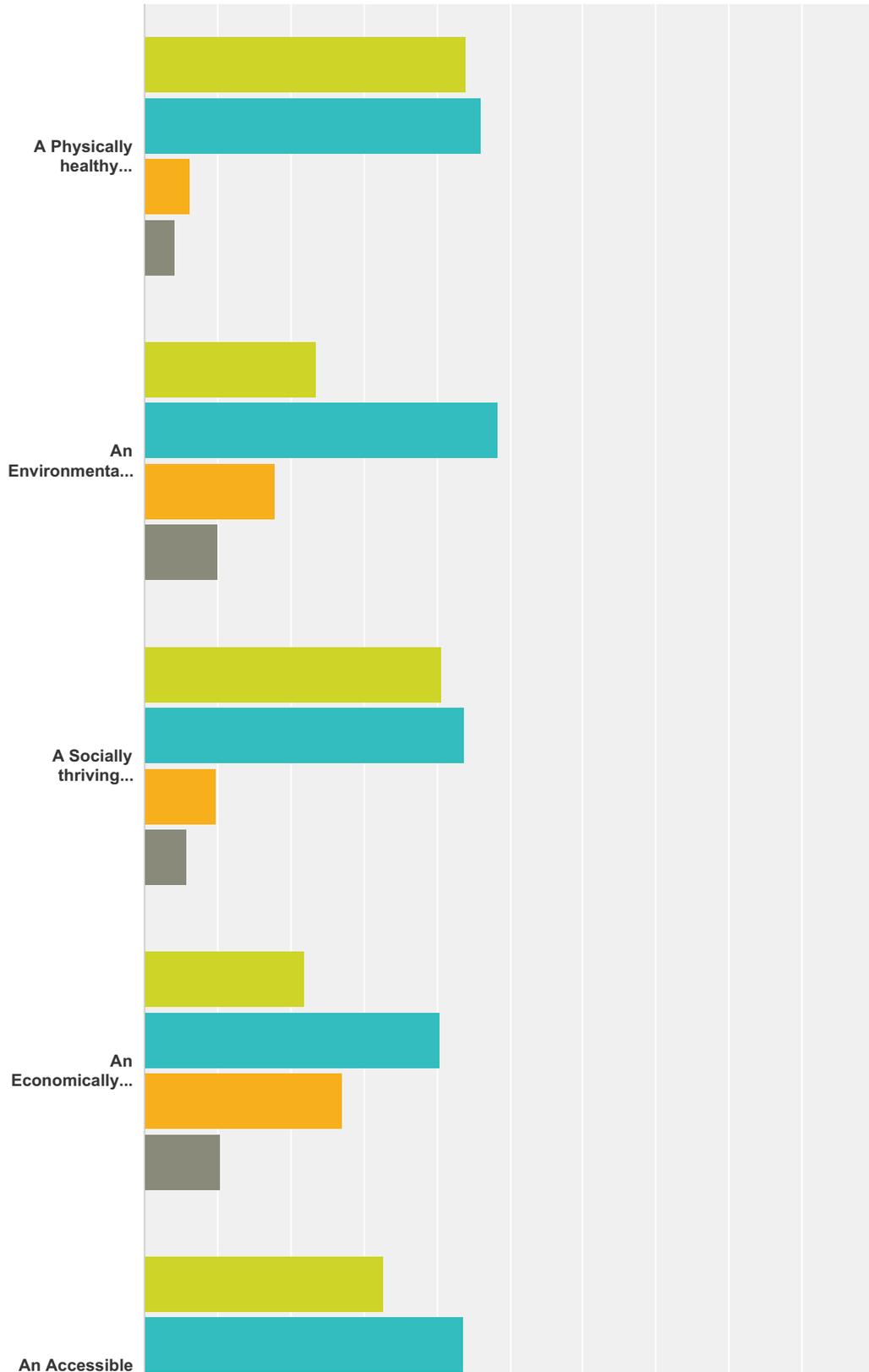
Answered: 361 Skipped: 14



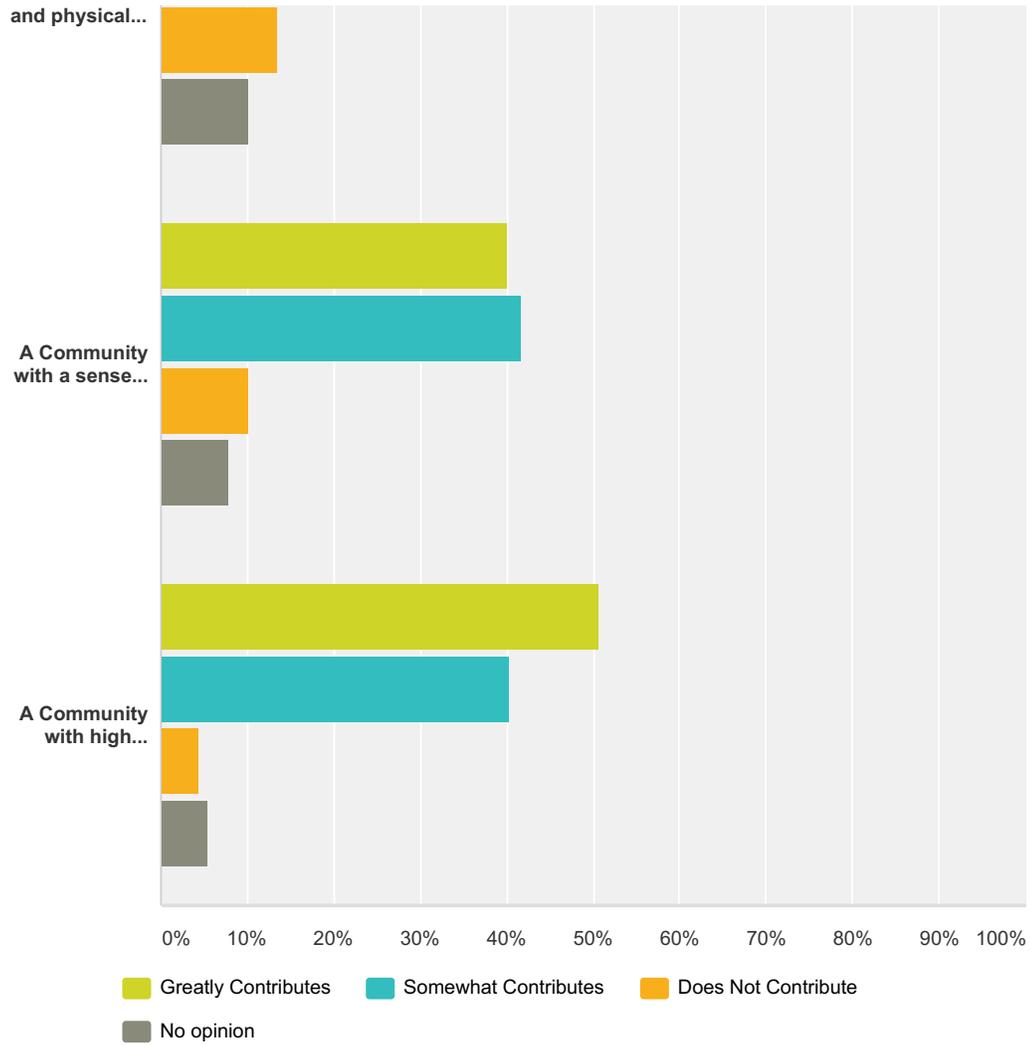
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	16.07% 58
Good	62.05% 224
Fair	20.22% 73
Poor	1.94% 7
Total Respondents: 361	

Q21 To what degree do you think Parks and Recreation contribute to Georgetown Charter Township being...

Answered: 344 Skipped: 31



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	Greatly Contributes	Somewhat Contributes	Does Not Contribute	No opinion	Total Respondents
A Physically healthy Community	44.12% 150	46.18% 157	6.18% 21	4.12% 14	340
An Environmentally sustainable Community	23.51% 79	48.51% 163	17.86% 60	10.12% 34	336
A Socially thriving Community	40.65% 137	43.92% 148	9.79% 33	5.93% 20	337
An Economically sustaining Community	21.95% 72	40.55% 133	27.13% 89	10.37% 34	328
An Accessible and physically connected Community	32.83% 109	43.67% 145	13.55% 45	10.24% 34	332
A Community with a sense of place	40.18% 133	41.69% 138	10.27% 34	7.85% 26	331
A Community with high quality of life	50.75% 170	40.30% 135	4.48% 15	5.37% 18	335

Q22 Thank you for your participation. If you have additional comments or suggestions please use the space below.

Answered: 82 Skipped: 293

6 Needs and Deficiencies



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

RECREATION STANDARDS

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



Beginning in 2008, the American Park and Recreation Society (APRS) branch of NRPA sought a means of updating the facility and area standards that had become guidelines in the 1980's. Park and Recreation Operating Ratio and Geographic Information System (PRORAGIS) is becoming a replacement for the NRPA standards that have guided land acquisition and development for the past 45 years. PRORAGIS is the first searchable online national park and recreation database. NRPA will rely on agencies to input their

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information into the database that will allow Park and Recreation Departments throughout the United States to compare information with similar sized agencies. NRPA has separated the database by Small Agency and Large Agency. Small Agency's are defined as those with a population of less than 35,000, staff with 25 or fewer full time employees and a budget of less than \$4 Million.

Large Agency's are defined as those with a population of greater than 35,000, staff with over 25 full time employees and a budget of greater than \$4 Million. The database will cover topics that include: Department Governance, Staffing, Budgeting, Programming, Maintenance, and Planning. It is expected that all agencies will submit GIS data for their profile to be considered complete. Each agency will be able to access the database and compare topic specific reports easily and quickly. The PRORAGIS database will assist Park and Recreation professionals in their day to day management of their operations, resources and facilities. The PRORAGIS database is fairly new and as it grows, NRPA will compile the information and make it available to the various agencies.



Typical recreation standards establish a certain number of activity-specific recreational facilities per 1,000 of population (e.g. 1 tennis court per 2,000 persons). Other standards establish a certain number of acres per 1,000 of population for different types of park facilities, such as neighborhood, community and regional parks. These standards are adapted to reflect the Township's character and compared with National Standards. While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for Space, Standards and Guidelines and 2012 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

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

Parks are generally classified by purpose and area per population served. The categories used for this plan will be as follows:

Mini Parks	Neighborhood Parks
Community Parks	Natural Resource Areas
Trails and Bike Paths	



RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACREAGE

MINI PARKS

Description - Mini-parks serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group, such as tots or senior citizens, as determined by the distance that can be easily traveled by the local user. The facilities that are provided in these types of parks are generally specialized, such as play equipment or greenspace with benches for passive activities.

Service Areas - The area served by a mini-park is generally considered to be less than one-quarter (1/4) mile radius in size. This may, in reality, vary slightly depending on ease or difficulty of access and character of the facility, but should be adhered to for planning purposes.

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Mini-Park Acreage Standards - Nationally accepted standards for mini-parks recommend 1/4 to 1/2 an acre per 1,000 of population with one (1) acre as a desirable size. It is recommended that the minimum of one (1) acre per 1,000 population projected ten (10) years hence be used as a guide for a selection.

Existing Mini-Park Recreation Acreage – Georgetown Township currently does not have a park that meets this criteria.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

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

Service Area - The area served by neighborhood parks is generally considered to be a maximum of one half (½) mile radius in size to serve a population up to 5,000. This may, in reality, vary slightly depending on ease or difficulty of access and character of the facility, but should be adhered to for planning purposes.



Neighborhood Park Acreage Standards - Nationally accepted standards for neighborhood parks recommend 1-2 acres per 1,000 of population, with 10-15 acres as a workable

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minimum size. It is recommended that the minimum of one and a half (1-1/2) acres per 1,000 population projected ten (10) years hence be used as a guide for site selection. It is also recommended that neighborhood facilities be combined with elementary schools. In such cases, the minimum site size should be seven (7) acres. Including neighborhood facilities within the scope of community parks should also be considered in certain situations.

Existing Neighborhood Recreation Acreage

Georgetown Township currently has three (3) park sites and several schools that are considered for neighborhood park status.

Needs and Deficiencies

The Township currently has adequate acreage of neighborhood parks for the population.

COMMUNITY PARKS

Description - Community parks provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting organized community participation programs that would not be appropriate in neighborhood parks because of size or traffic generated. Facilities should be centrally located, easily accessible, and diverse enough to accommodate all age groups for both active and passive experiences, and organized so compatible uses relate to one another by both type and intensity of use. Adequate parking and vehicular circulation is also an important consideration, since park users will generally arrive at these parks by vehicle. Lighted use areas significantly increase the recreational value of parks of this type and should be provided on athletic fields, court areas and special gathering areas whenever possible. Typical facilities



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recommended for community parks include ball fields, open use areas, tennis courts, horseshoe and shuffleboard courts, picnic areas, play equipment areas, restrooms, shelters and landscaping. Additional special facilities could include band shells, amphitheaters, swimming and splash parks, community meeting buildings, special interest exhibits, skating facilities, skate board parks, bicycle courses and nature study areas.

As with neighborhood parks, it is often desirable to combine community parks with school facilities. This arrangement assures the maximum level of use as well as the most practical expenditure of development monies.



Service Area - The area served by community parks varies significantly from one municipality to another because of the distribution of population and related factors. However, a recognized average service radius is approximately one to two miles, serving several neighborhoods.

Community Park Acreage Standards - The recommended size for community parks is over 25 acres, with a minimum size of 15 acres. It is recommended that 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 population be used as a standard basis for development.

Existing Community Recreation Acreage

Georgetown Township currently has three parks with over 117 acres of land that meet the Community Park status.

Needs and Deficiencies

Georgetown Township meets the required need for Community Park acreage. However, when the population increases there will be a need for more community park acreage in the future.

NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

Description - There are no recommended design standards established for natural resource areas as their location and size are largely governed by availability. Wetlands are perhaps the most important natural resource lands in the service area, providing an important wildlife habitat as well as providing flood and ground water protection in this developing area.

Existing Natural Resource Area Acreage – There are currently three sites that fit into this category in Georgetown Township. These include three properties along the Grand River: a 12.83 acre site owned by the Township and two properties totaling 256 acres owned by Ottawa County. All are minimally developed with the County sites providing gravel parking and natural trails.

Needs and Deficiencies - There are no recognized acreage standards for natural resource areas.

These sites all focus on the Grand River, the primary natural resource in the north of the Township. Increased access to these sites, while protecting the natural resources is desirable. A continuous greenway along the river is goal for Ottawa County Parks.



Needs and Deficiencies

There are no recognized acreage standards for natural resource areas. It is important to identify and protect natural resources under the control of Georgetown Township. It is also important to provide improved access and facilities, while maintaining integrity as a wildlife habitat.

TRAILS

Description – Connector Trails are defined as “multi-purpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the Community”. These trails are generally located within the road right-of-way and can be divided into two types. Type I has separate paths for different user types, such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Type II has mixed uses and is suited to lighter use patterns.

Service Area - There are no generally accepted standards for the service areas of these parks. These parks should have a sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum use.

Existing Facilities – 8th Avenue Community Park has the most developed in park trail system, providing a loop trail around the lake. The non-motorized trail along 44th Street from Chicago Drive to the east township boundary is an important link to the Kent Trail system. Sidewalks and paved shoulders also provide for non-motorized transportation within the Township.

Needs and Deficiencies - There have been no deficiencies determined for this category and needs vary depending on the community. Trail development, both within parks and as a mode of transportation was identified as a priority during the planning process. A number of opportunities exist,



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including Consumers Energy easements, watercourse corridors and road right of ways. Trail improvements should be integrated with other regional trail networks to create an interconnected trail system.



Special Use Facilities

Description - Special use parks are areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities. The specialized recreational activities may include boat launches, swimming beaches, plazas or squares, historic sites, stadiums, urban greenspaces, and nature centers. There are no generally accepted standards for the size or service areas of these parks.

Existing Facilities – Georgetown Township Ice Arena serve a unique niche providing opportunities for ice hockey and recreational skating.



RECREATION STANDARDS FOR ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES

A comparison of activity-specific recreational facilities within Georgetown Township to recreation standards indicates that the Township contains many of the recreational facilities desirable for the current population. However, deficiencies are identified the need for more picnic shelters in the Township.

The following table compares the recommended number of facilities per population for Georgetown Charter Township with the existing facilities

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available and illustrates any current or projected deficiencies.



However, this comparison also needs to take into account the popularity of a particular activity. For example, the number of participants in youth soccer programs means that the Township needs far more fields than the standards suggests and does not have sufficient space to meet demands. Conversely, the Township has found that tennis courts are not well used and has reduced the number of courts available in its parks in recent years. The apparent deficit is offset by multiple courts at Jenison High School.

Picnic shelters show the biggest need, with only half of the recommended number being provided within the Township. The majority of these are on school sites and are not generally available for widespread community use.



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

ANALYSIS OF PARK LAND ACREAGE				
Park Class	NRPA Guidelines Per 1,000*	Recommended for Georgetown Township	Provided	Analysis
Mini Parks	0.375	17.63	0	-17.63
Neighborhood Parks	1.75	82.25	32.77	-49.48
Community Parks	6.5	305.50	174.14	-131.36
Regional Parks	7.5	352.50	622	269.50
TOTAL ACREAGE		757.88	828.91	71.03

*Based upon a population of 47,000 (2010 Census).



**2015 RECREATION STANDARDS AND DEFICIENCIES
 GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
 2015 Population: 47,000**

FACILITY	STANDARD	RECOMMENDED FACILITIES	EXISTING* FACILITIES	FACILITY DEFICIENCIES
Softball*	1:5,000	9	23	OK
Baseball*	1:5,000	9	11	OK
Soccer*	1:10,000	5	27	OK
Basketball (outdoor)	1:5,000	9	12	OK
Football	1:20,000	2	3	OK
Tennis	1:2,000	24	27	OK
Playground Equipment**	1:3,000	16	25	OK
Volleyball	1:5,000	9	3	-6
Running Track	1:20,000	2	2	OK
Swimming Pool (Indoor)	1:20,000	2	1	-1
Picnic Shelters	1:2,000	24	16	-8
Boat Ramp	As available	--	1	OK
Ice Rink (Outdoor)	1:20,000	2	0	-2
Ice Rink (Indoor)	1:100,000	1	2	OK
Sledding Area	Provide as Available	--	1	OK
Swimming Beaches	As available	--	1	OK
Trails	1 system per region	--	2	OK

*Includes Port Sheldon Sports Complex and Georgetown Little League.

**Georgetown Charter Township has 7 Playgrounds while the schools and county have 18.

7 Goals and Objectives



Georgetown Charter Township has developed the following goals and objectives for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs. These goals and objectives are based upon the recreation inventory and needs assessment, the Community Survey and direct input from citizens, elected and appointed Township officials and Township staff.

The goals are long-range, broad in scope and flexible to accommodate future change. Objectives are the actions the Township intends to follow to achieve the stated goals. The objectives are specific and intended to direct program and development decisions to be made during the next five years. The goals and objectives are flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities as may present themselves. Time and attitude changes can impact specific options. It is therefore essential for the Township to be responsive to its citizens and evolving needs.



GOAL 1. PROVIDE A VARIETY OF FACILITIES WITHIN EACH PARK TO SERVICE ALL AGE GROUPS AND PROVIDE ACTIVITIES TO FULFILL DIVERSE RECREATIONAL NEEDS FOR PERSONS OF ALL ABILITIES

Objectives/Actions:

- Renovate and install new playgrounds in line with current safety standards, providing more diverse play opportunities.

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- Enhance existing facilities to meet or exceed barrier-free requirements.
- Provide a wider range of active and passive recreational facilities and strive to reduce known deficiencies
- Acquire new property to address geographical and specific facility deficiencies.



GOAL 2. PROVIDE A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED PARK SYSTEM TO ENSURE RECREATION FACILITIES ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ALL RESIDENTS AND TO KEEP PACE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Objectives/Actions:

- Target location specific acquisition of land to ensure a good geographical distribution of recreational facilities.
- Acquire a ±40 acre parcel in the Township to accommodate relocation of sports fields from Neighborhood Parks.
- Acquire land adjacent to the 8th Avenue Park as it becomes available to expand and provide more recreational opportunities.



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GOAL 3. IMPROVE AND DEVELOP ALL PARKS TO THE STANDARD OF QUALITY AND FACILITIES CONSISTENT WITH RECENT IMPROVEMENTS AT MAPLEWOOD PARK AND 8TH AVENUE PARK.

Objectives/Actions:

- Develop Master Plan to improve facilities at Rosewood Park.
- Develop Master Plans to improve facilities at Rosewood, Pioneer and Woodcrest Parks with cost projections and phasing programs.
- Implement additional improvements on a phased basis.



GOAL 4. CREATE A HIERARCHY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PARKS.

Objectives/Actions:

- Centralize the location of soccer fields at a single purpose built facility and remove from neighborhood parks.
- Ensure facilities are appropriate for the location and size of the property.
- Centralize maintenance facilities to make efficient use of resources and staff.

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GOAL 5. PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THAT WILL MEET THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Objectives/Actions:

- Expand and Enhance opportunities for winter recreation activities such as cross-country skiing and sledding.
- Light selected facilities to expand evening use.
- Expand opportunities for passive recreation and un-programmed activities such as picnic facilities, walking trails, fishing and wildlife viewing.

GOAL 6. UTILIZE CORRIDORS, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS, AND SERVICE AREAS FOR OPEN SPACE, RECREATIONAL AND TRAIL USES.

Objectives/Actions:

- Develop walking trail around lake on South side of Maplewood Park with water access and fishing locations.
- Continue to work with Ottawa County Drain Commission to use property adjacent to Rosewood Park for recreational uses.
- Acquire an easement from Consumers Energy



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to develop a linear trail from Rush Creek Park to Fillmore Street.

- Develop a trail connection along the creek to the North East of 8th Avenue Park, connecting to the Kent Trails.
- Use of the drain district land South of Rush Creek Park to develop a new, more direct park access.

GOAL 7. STRIVE TO CONNECT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO SCHOOLS, RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND TO EACH OTHER WITH NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEM.

Objectives/Actions:

- Continue to develop the Township's trail system, both on and off road.

GOAL 8. WORK WITH THE OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

Objectives/Actions:

- Complement the recreational opportunities provided at Hagar Park and Grand River Park and the Grand Ravines County Park.
- Support the County in the implementation of the Grand River Greenway plan.



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GOAL 9. PRESERVE IMPORTANT NATURAL FEATURES SUCH AS STREAMS, WETLANDS, WOODED AREAS, AND MAJOR WILDLIFE HABITAT.

Objectives/Actions:

- Implement “Best Management Practices” on Township owned property adjacent to wetlands and watercourses to improve the water quality.
- Develop management/maintenance strategies for natural areas owned the Township.
- Design parks to encourage appropriate use and minimum impact to important natural features.

GOAL 10. PRESERVE THE FLOODPLAIN AREAS OF THE GRAND RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARY CREEKS FROM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Objectives/Actions:

- Continue land use programs and policies which preserve and protect these areas.



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GOAL 11. ACQUIRE PROPERTY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THAT RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES KEEP PACE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Objectives/Actions:

- Acquire a 40 acre parcel in the Township to accommodate a new sports complex.
- Acquire land adjacent to 8th Avenue Park when it becomes available.



8 Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule

Action Program

The Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule for Georgetown Charter Township states the proposed course of acquisition and development action that will be taken over the next five-year period. The Goals and Objectives serve as the guidelines for the development of the Action Program. The Capital Improvement Schedule will focus on the needs identified in the Action Program and will project potential expenditures for the five year action period on a year-by-year basis, beginning in 2015 and extending through 2019.

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



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This action program looks at some of the potentials that might evolve in the next five years, but also looks beyond to future years. Some of the acquisitions listed may not be necessary for several years or more but should be accomplished as opportunities occur, to place the land necessary for future generations in the public trust. A degree of flexibility should be maintained to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves, which will revise and refine these actions based upon both funding opportunities and community opinion.

Capital Improvement Schedule

As stated in the Action Program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. Assistance will be solicited from all available sources and will include both physical and financial support. Local businesses, service organizations, land developers, governmental agencies and the school district will be solicited for monetary and material support. The Township will also seek funding assistance from all available sources such as trusts, charitable foundations, and all Federal and State funding programs.

The following schedule is a breakdown of the anticipated projects and projected funding for the next five years beginning in 2015. All projections are based upon year 2015 costs and will be refined as the program progresses and the scope of work is determined. Changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease, but it is anticipated that the changes would be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects. Proposed projects will be scaled back as necessary if funding goals are not met.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Other Funds*</u>	<u>Total ** Project Costs</u>
2015	<u>Rosewood Park Improvements</u> Play area expansion; picnic shelter; restrooms; parking improvements; splash pad, walk additions; landscaping.	\$875,000		\$875,000
2015	<u>Maplewood Park Trail Grant Application:</u> Trail around lake with boardwalk sections; lake viewing/fishing docks; and lake water protection drainage improvements with bio swales	\$6,000		\$6,000
2016	<u>Rush Creek Park Improvements and Access Trail:</u> Access trail from Port Sheldon in to park; new picnic shelters; 18 hole disc golf; play area improvements; parking and accessibility improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000
2016	<u>8th Avenue Park Expansion Grant Application:</u> Acquisition grant application for land with lakes adjacent to existing park.	\$10,000		\$10,000
2017	<u>Maplewood Park Trail Development:</u> Trail around Maplewood Park Lake with Boardwalk sections; fishing/viewing docks; and lake water protection with bio-swales	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
2017	<u>Acquire Property for 8th Avenue Park Expansion with Acquisition Grant.</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD

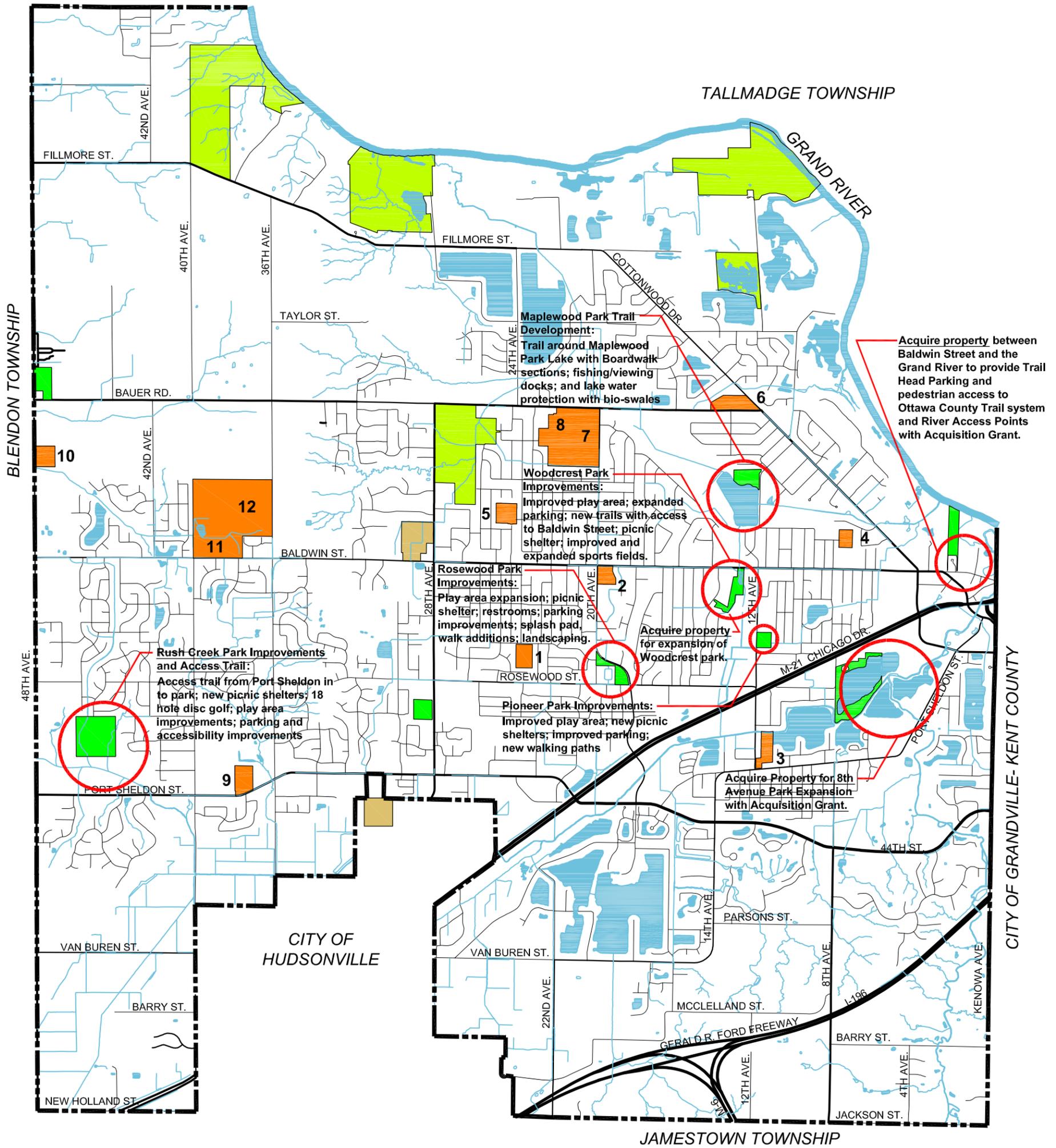
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Other Funds*</u>	<u>Total ** Project Costs</u>
2017	<u>Develop Paved Shoulder</u> for Bicycles on 36 th Street From Port Sheldon Street North to County Trail at Fillmore Street.	TBD		TBD
2017	<u>Prepare Master Plans</u> for Woodcrest and Pioneer Park Improvements.	\$10,000		\$10,000
2017-2020	<u>Ottawa County Trail System</u> Provide Ottawa County with Funding Assistance for Trail development within Georgetown Township.	\$900,000		\$900,000
2018	<u>Develop Paved Should Bicycle Trail Connections</u> on 8 th Avenue and Port Sheldon Connecting from Jackson Street to the Kent Trail.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2018	<u>Develop Paved Should Bicycle Trail Connection</u> , in cooperation with Jamestown Township, from Meijer Trail along Kenowa Avenue connecting to the Kent Trail.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2018	<u>Prepare comprehensive Master Plan</u> for 8 th Avenue Park Expansion.	\$14,000		\$14,000
2018	<u>Acquire property</u> for expansion of Woodcrest park.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2019	<u>Woodcrest Park Improvements:</u> Improved play area; expanded parking; new trails with access to Baldwin Street; picnic shelter; improved and expanded sports fields.	TBD	TBD	TBD

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Other Funds*</u>	<u>Total ** Project Costs</u>
2020	<u>Acquisition Grant Application:</u> For property between Baldwin Street and the Grand River to provide Trail Head Parking and pedestrian access to Ottawa County Trail system and River Access Points.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2020	<u>Pioneer Park Improvements:</u> Improved play area; new picnic shelters; improved parking; new walking paths	TBD		TBD
2020	<u>Phase One Trail Connections and Improvements</u> in 8 th Avenue Park Expansion.	TBD		TBD
2021	<u>Acquire Property</u> between Baldwin and the Grand River with Acquisition Grant for future river access facilities.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2022	<u>Phase Two of Park Development in 8th Avenue Park Expansion:</u> Paths, trails, lake access and fishing; pathway; picnic shelters; other recreation.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2022	<u>Trail Connection</u> between Maplewood Park and Woodcrest Park.	TBD	TBD	TBD

TBD – To Be Determined



Acquire property between Baldwin Street and the Grand River to provide Trail Head Parking and pedestrian access to Ottawa County Trail system and River Access Points with Acquisition Grant.

Rush Creek Park Improvements and Access Trail:
Access trail from Port Sheldon into park; new picnic shelters; 18 hole disc golf; play area improvements; parking and accessibility improvements

Rosewood Park Improvements:
Play area expansion; picnic shelter; restrooms; parking improvements; splash pad, walk additions; landscaping.

Pioneer Park Improvements:
Improved play area; new picnic shelters; improved parking; new walking paths

Woodcrest Park Improvements:
Improved play area; expanded parking; new trails with access to Baldwin Street; picnic shelter; improved and expanded sports fields.

Maplewood Park Trail Development:
Trail around Maplewood Park Lake with Boardwalk sections; fishing/viewing docks; and lake water protection with bio-swales

Acquire Property for 8th Avenue Park Expansion with Acquisition Grant.



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OTHER RECREATION FACILITY



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JENISON

- 1 ROSEWOOD ELEMENTARY
- 2 SANDY HILL ELEMENTARY
- 3 BURSLEY ELEMENTARY
- 4 MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY
- 5 PINWOOD ELEMENTARY
- 6 BAUERWOOD ELEMENTARY
- 7 JENISON JR. HIGH
- 8 JENISON SR. HIGH

HUDSONVILLE

- 9 ALWARD ELEMENTARY
- 10 BAUER ELEMENTARY
- 11 GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY
- 12 BALDWIN ST. MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND ACQUISITION PLAN

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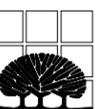
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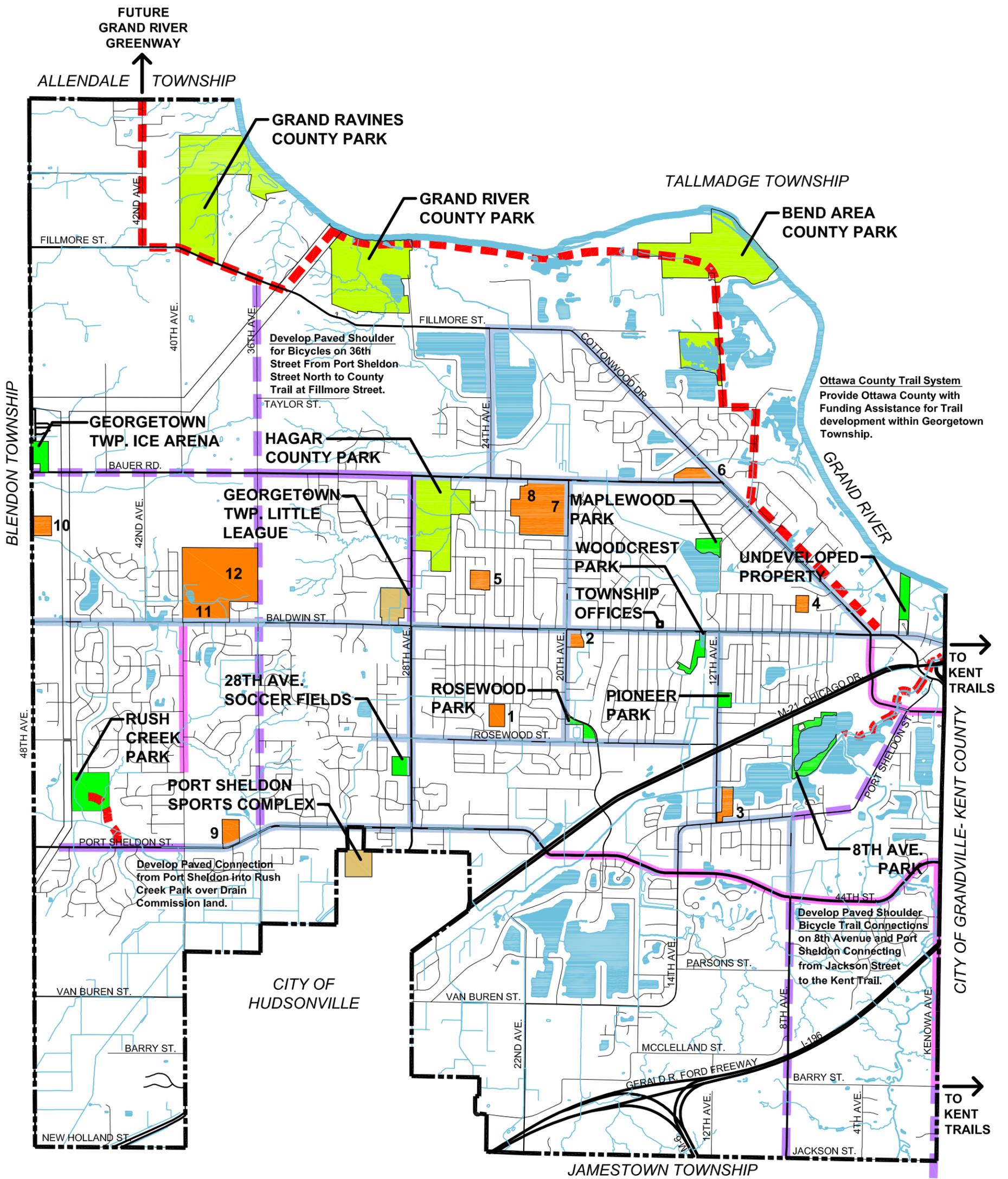
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SEE EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS MAP FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS



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- EXISTING TRAILS / BIKEWAYS
- EXISTING PAVED SHOULDERS FOR BICYCLES
- EXISTING SIDEWALKS
- PROPOSED PAVED SHOULDER FOR BICYCLES
- PROPOSED NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

- GEORGETOWN TWP. RECREATION FACILITY
 - OTTAWA COUNTY PARK
 - OTHER RECREATION FACILITY
 - PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Develop Paved Shoulder Bicycle Trail Connection, in cooperation with Jamestown Township, from Meijer Trail along Kenowa Avenue connecting to the Kent Trail.

EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS MAP

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OTTAWA COUNTY, MI





COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Georgetown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Georgetown Charter Township	Ottawa	January 2015

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
 - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
- Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
- Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**
 - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
 - Articles of Incorporation

3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice _____

Type of Notice _____

Plan Location _____

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) _____

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice _____

Name of Newspaper _____

Date of Meeting _____

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: _____

2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: _____

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: _____

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

_____ *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

Date

By:

Grants Management Date



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Georgetown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: CM99-068

PROJECT TYPE: Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Georgetown Community Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Park and trail improvements, parking improvements, park amenities.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Georgetown Charter Township, Dan Carlton, Township Manager, 1515 Baldwin, 616-457-2340, Jenison, MI 49428, dcarlton@georgetown-mi.gov

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [X]Yes []No

Park and trail improvements including construction of timber boardwalks, paved path looping the lake, viewing platforms, parking improvements and associated amenities.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [X]No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [X]Yes []No

Ballfield removed.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. []Yes [X]No

Beach area and picnic tables in open areas are not accessible.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Basketball court

Restroom and picnic shelter

Play area



POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

Vandalism repaired as it occurs. Security Cameras

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Staffed Daily during season.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

Non-residents are charged a fee for use to help cover the cost for security.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Sunrise to Sunset year round.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Dan Carlton

Please print

Daniel Z Carlton

Grantee Authorized Signature

October 1, 2014

Date

Carrie Klingel Smith

Please print

Carrie Klingel Smith

Witness Signature

October 1, 2014

Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925



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GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Georgetown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10-054

PROJECT TYPE: Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Maplewood Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Splash pad, playground improvements, picnic shelter, trail & viewing deck

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). [X] Yes [] No

Water spray area, playground improvements, picnic shelter, lakefront improvements,
fishing/overlook deck, walking trail, sports court improvements, amenities, lighting.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use
other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include
cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [X] Yes [] No

Cell Tower - Purchased additional land larger then the property needed for the cell
tower

Maplewood Park was formerly known as "Meidema Lake Park".

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe
the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Splash pad

Restroom and concessions building

Play area

Tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts

Paved walkways

Soccer field

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. Yes No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No

Vandalism repaired as it occurs.

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

Weekly grounds maintenance.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

Fee for renting pavilion on weekends and holidays.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Sunrise to Sunset year round. Some amenities only available from Memorial Day to Labor Day

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Dan Carlton
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Grantee Authorized Signature

October 1, 2014
Date

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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Georgetown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00929

PROJECT TYPE: Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Meidema Lake Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop 13 acres including beach, bathhouse, tennis courts, tot lot.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). [X]Yes []No

Develop 13 acres: bathhouse with utilities, 2 tennis courts, parking and entrance drive,
site improvement, IWCF sign, and beach development.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use
other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include
cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [X]Yes []No

Cell Tower, Purchased additional land larger then the property needed for the cell tower
Park was renamed to Maplewood Park.

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [X]Yes [X]No

The vast majority of the facilites were updated or replaced.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X]Yes []No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe
the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Basketball, volley ball, and tennis courts

Expanded play area with barrier free surfacing

Walking trail, fishing dock, and pavillion (all Barrier free)

Splash pad and bathhouse (barrier free)

Athletic field

Concessions stand

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. Yes No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No
Repair damage as it occurs. Security Cameras are installed.

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Daily maintenance. Seasonal Maintenance of Splash pad.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Fee charged to rent pavillion on weekends and holidays.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Sunrise to sunset year round. Some features only available Memorial day to Labor Day.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

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GRANTEE: Georgetown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00621

PROJECT TYPE: Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Pioneer Park

Site improvement including shelter, tot lot, and additional

PROJECT SCOPE: development.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). [X]Yes []No

Site improvement, landscaping, tot lot, wood chip path, parking, benches, lighting for
tennis courts, water line, shelter, picnic equipment, and LWCF sign.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use
other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include
cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [X]No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [X]Yes []No

The play ground equipment has been replaced.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. []Yes [X]No

No barrier-free parking spaces designated. Barrier free picnic tables and access to
grill are recommended.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe
the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Tennis Courts

Baseball Diamond

Soccer Field

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SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. Yes No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes No

Vandalism repaired as it occurs.

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

Weekly grounds maintenance.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Sunrise to Sunset year round.

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GRANTEE: Georgetown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01060 W3

PROJECT TYPE: Recreation

PROJECT TITLE: Woodcrest Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Park shelter building, utilities, lanscaping, fencing, LWCF sign.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). [X]Yes []No

Park shelter building, utilities, lanscaping, fencing, LWCF sign.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use
other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include
cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [X]No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [X]Yes []No

Tennis courts have been removed and there is no longer a shelter building. All of the
Obsolete items were removed and replace with a playground after public input

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. []Yes [X]No

No barrier-free parking spaces designated. Access path and small play area are not
accessible to the disabled.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe
the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Small Play area

Soccer Field

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POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.

Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

Vandalism repaired as it occurs.

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Weekly grounds maintenance.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Sunrise to Sunset year round.

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PARK



NO

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WATERCRAFT



MAPLEWOOD PARK





Revenue derived from oil, gas and mineral production from state-owned lands provided funding for this public recreation site.

Funding is made possible through a grant provided to the citizens of the State of Michigan by the:

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Georgetown Charter Township **5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update**

Time: 3:00 pm

Date: 7.21.2014

Location: Georgetown Charter Township Office
1515 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49429

Meeting Attendees:

Dan Carlton – Georgetown Charter Township – Township Manager
Georgetown Charter Township Committee Members

Mike Smith - M.C. Smith Associates

Tiffany Smith - M.C. Smith Associates

Carrie Klingelsmith - M.C. Smith Associates

Linda Bruno - M.C. Smith Associates

Agenda:

1. Review Planning Schedule
2. Plan Content Updated Sections
3. Community Survey
4. Brainstorming

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An open discussion was held throughout the meeting and a wide range of comments and suggestions were received. The following is a summary of the topics discussed:

Items of Discussion

1.) Review Planning Schedule

- The next progress review meeting is rescheduled for August 18th at 3pm.

2.) Plan Content Updated Sections

- **Recreation Inventory** –
 - The Park Accessibility Assessment and Facility Matrix have been updated and are available for review.
 - M.C. Smith Associates will contact Ottawa County regarding updated aerial photography.
 - Two county parks and the Georgetown Township Ice Arena need to be added to the inventory.
 - Disc Golf needs to be added to the Rosewood Park site inventory.
 - Fillmore at the Bend has had property added and needs to be shown on the Existing Recreation Facilities map.
 - Port Sheldon Sports Complex should be listed under “Other Recreation Facility” as it is not owned by the Township.
- **Public Input** – The Township has held public meetings to discuss the parks and has also sent literature home to residents. Dan Carlton will provide M.C. Smith Associates with copies of the flyers and literature to include in the plan.
- **Goals and Objectives** - M.C. Smith Associates will revise the Goals and Objectives for review at the next progress meeting.

3.) Community Survey

- The Township has a Survey Monkey account and the ability to advertise on Facebook.
- M.C. Smith Associates will provide a draft of the survey to the Township for review.
- The survey will be available from August thru September.



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4.) Brainstorming

- **Overall**
 - The Township would like to bring all parks up to the same standards as Maplewood Park and 8th Avenue Park.
 - The county recently added parkland to the northwest area of the township.
 - The southeast area of the township is in need of parkland.
 - It would help to have way finding signage to aid in locating parks.
- **8th Avenue Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail from the library to 8th Avenue Park along Rush Creek which would require the township to obtain easements.
 - Land to the east of the park has the potential to become an urban athletic area.
 - The land east of the park from Port Sheldon Street to Chicago Drive is owned by one landowner and has the potential to accommodate a six lake trail.
- **Maplewood Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail around the pond and the Township would like to apply for a MNRTF grant in March 2015 to complete the project.
 - The land around the pond is steep and it would be necessary to either obtain more land to level the area (Trillium Haven currently owns adjacent property) or build a boardwalk.
- **Pioneer Park**
 - This park is overwhelmed with sporting events and needs to be developed into a more neighborhood park.
 - The existing soccer fields need to be relocated.
- **Rosewood Park**
 - A master plan is needed for this park.
 - Suggested park improvements include a year-round restroom facility, winter warming shelter, multiple picnic shelters (30 people maximum), expanded play area, and expansion of the irrigated area.
- **Rush Creek Park**
 - Focus should be on low use.
 - The park is an ideal bicycle destination.
 - Vandalism is a consistent problem at this park.



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- There is the possibility of a trail to connect to Port Sheldon Street with a paved portion over the impoundment dam. Easements would need to be obtained by Georgetown Charter Township.
- Land to the west of the park is a Consumers Energy easement and the township would like to utilize this but there are currently leases on the land.
- **Woodcrest Park**
 - The entrance to the park is not clearly visible from Baldwin Street.
 - The suggestion was made to create a bituminous trail from Baldwin Street to the parking area and make the play area accessible.
 - The land south of the existing park is a potential location for sports facilities if it becomes available to acquire.
- **Undeveloped Property**
 - This is a future linear park which may contain a trailhead and kayak launching station with access to the river.
 - The township is working on acquiring additional land in this area.
- **Field at 14th Avenue and 44th Street**
 - Access to this park is currently from the church to the west.
 - No driveway or parking is available at this location.
 - Totally organized play at this location.

Next Meeting:

- Progress Review Meeting – Monday, August 18, 2014 at 3:00 pm



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Georgetown Charter Township **5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update**

Time: 3:00 pm

Date: 8.18.2014

Location: Georgetown Charter Township Office
1515 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49429

Meeting Attendees:

Dan Carlton – Georgetown Charter Township – Township Manager
Georgetown Charter Township Committee Members
Members of the Public

Mike Smith - M.C. Smith Associates
Carrie Klingelsmith - M.C. Smith Associates
Linda Bruno - M.C. Smith Associates

Agenda:

1. Community Survey
2. Review Parks and Recreation Plan Sections
 - Introduction
 - Community Description
 - Administrative Structure
3. Review Goals and Objectives
4. Discuss Capital Improvement Schedule
5. Schedule Next Meeting

An open discussion was held throughout the meeting and a wide range of comments and suggestions were received. The following is a summary of the topics discussed:



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Items of Discussion

1.) Community Survey

- The survey was reviewed as a group. Comments will be compiled by Dan Carlton and forwarded to Carrie Klingelsmith. Carrie will incorporate the comments and make the survey available on Survey Monkey.
- The request was made to add Grand River County Park to the list of parks in the survey and to verify that “dog walking area” is added to question #14.

2.) Review Parks and Recreation Plan Sections

- The Introduction, Community Description and Administrative Structure sections of the plan have been completed and provided to the Township for review.
- M.C. Smith Associates will include photos provided by the Township throughout the plan.
- The Township will provide M.C. Smith Associates with updated budget information.

3.) Review Goals and Objectives

- The Township will review the Goals and Objectives for discussion at the next progress review meeting.
- The emphasis was made that the Goals and Objectives are long range and flexible.
- The comment was made that Georgetown Charter Township has an aging population and there is a need to address passive recreation.

4.) Discuss Capital Improvement Schedule

- The Township will review the Capital Improvement Schedule for discussion at the next progress review meeting.
- A blank Capital Improvement Schedule has been provided for everyone to record and prioritize objectives for Park System enhancements and improvements for the next five years.



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- There is interest in providing a trail around Maplewood Lake with overlooks and decks. The lake has issues with E. Coli after heavy rainstorms so fishing should not be encouraged.
- The comment was made that acquiring land adjacent to 8th Avenue Park is a high priority as it becomes available. The most desirable swimming area in the township is located on private land east of 8th Avenue Park.
- The comment was made that Woodcrest Park is in need of a Master Plan. The park is underutilized, not accessible from Baldwin Street and the edge of the pond looks unkept.

5.) Schedule Next Meeting

- The next progress review meeting will be Monday, September 29, 2014 at 3:00 pm.



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Georgetown Charter Township **5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update**

Time: 3:00 pm

Date: 9.29.2014

Location: Georgetown Charter Township Office
1515 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428

Meeting Attendees:

Dan Carlton – Georgetown Charter Township – Township Manager
Georgetown Charter Township Committee Members

Mike Smith - M.C. Smith Associates

Carrie Klingelsmith - M.C. Smith Associates

Agenda:

1. Review Parks and Recreation Plan Sections
2. New Facility Matrix
3. New Park Aerial Photos
4. Discuss Capital Improvement Schedule
5. Schedule Next Meeting



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An open discussion was held throughout the meeting and a wide range of comments and suggestions were received. The following is a summary of the topics discussed:

Items of Discussion

1.) Plan Content Updated Sections

- **Recreation Inventory** –
 - The Park Accessibility Assessment and Facility Matrix have been updated and are available for review.
 - Add Dale E. Wagner Park and description to the Recreation inventory.
 - Update some of the photos.
 - Discussed the grant history. Georgetown Township will complete the Post Completion forms to submit them with the plan.
 - M. C. Smith Associates will add an aerial photo of the Undeveloped Property on the east side of the Township.
 - M. C. Smith Associates will correct the Grand Ravines Park name on the Existing Facilities map and add the Unity Christian School site to the map.
- **Public Input** – The Township survey was a big success with 373 respondents. A copy of the survey questions and results were added to the section. An analysis of the survey will be added to this section for review.
- **Needs and Deficiencies** - M.C. Smith Associates did an analysis of the park acreage and added a chart highlighting the number of acres in the Township. The Needs and Deficiencies table will be updated for the next meeting.

2.) Capital Improvement Schedule – The following are some of the ideas from the committee for the CIS.

- **Overall**
 - The Township would like to bring all parks up to the same standards as Maplewood Park and 8th Avenue Park.
 - The county recently added parkland to the northwest area of the township.
 - The southeast area of the township is in need of parkland.



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- **Consistent Signage** at all the parks.
- **Wayfinding Signs**
- **Trail Connections** to include:
 - 8th Avenue to Kenowa Ave
 - Connect to Fred Meijer Trail to Zeeland
 - Connect to Grand River Access
- **8th Avenue Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail from the library to 8th Avenue Park along Rush Creek which would require the township to obtain easements.
 - Land to the east of the park has the potential to become an urban athletic area.
 - The land east of the park from Port Sheldon Street to Chicago Drive is owned by one landowner and has the potential to accommodate a six lake trail.
- **Maplewood Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail around the pond and the Township would like to apply for a MNRTF grant in March 2015 to complete the project in 2016.
- **Pioneer Park**
 - This park is overwhelmed with sporting events and needs to be developed into a more neighborhood park.
 - The existing soccer fields need to be relocated.
- **Rosewood Park**
 - A master plan is needed for this park.
 - Suggested park improvements include a year-round restroom facility, winter warming shelter, picnic shelter (30 people maximum), expanded play area with small splash pad, and expansion of the irrigated area. A play element to be incorporated with the hill is desired. Reconfigure the existing parking area.



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- **Rush Creek Park**
 - Focus should be on low use.
 - The park is an ideal bicycle destination.
 - There is the possibility of a trail to connect to Port Sheldon Street with a paved portion over the impoundment dam. Easements would need to be obtained by Georgetown Charter Township.
 - Land to the west of the park is a Consumers Energy easement and the township would like to utilize this but there are currently leases on the land

- **Woodcrest Park**
 - The entrance to the park is not clearly visible from Baldwin Street.
 - The suggestion was made to create a bituminous trail from Baldwin Street to the parking area and make the play area accessible.
 - The land south of the existing park is a potential location for sports facilities if it becomes available to acquire.

- **Undeveloped Property**
 - This is a future linear park which may contain a trailhead and kayak launching station with access to the river.
 - The township is working on acquiring additional land in this area.

Next Meeting:

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Georgetown Charter Township **5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update**

Time: 9:00 am

Date: 10.8.2014

Location: Georgetown Charter Township Office
1515 Baldwin Street
Jenison, MI 49428

Meeting Attendees:

Dan Carlton – Georgetown Charter Township – Township Manager

Mike Smith - M. C. Smith Associates

Tiffany Smith – M. C. Smith Associates

Carrie Klingelsmith - M. C. Smith Associates

1. Trail Map will be updated with the following items:
 - a. Kenowa Trail extend to the South.
 - b. Add shoulder to the road on 8th Avenue.
 - c. Collaborate with Jamestown Township to connect to the Fred Meijer Trail.
 - d. Create a 3 lane road with a bike lane on Main Street between Chicago Drive and Baldwin.
 - e. Connect sidewalks that currently have gaps.

2.) Capital Improvement Schedule – The following are some of the ideas from the committee for the CIS.

- **Overall**

- The Township would like to bring all parks up to the same standards as Maplewood Park and 8th Avenue Park.
- The county recently added parkland to the northwest area of the township.
- The southeast area of the township is in need of parkland.



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- **Consistent Signage** at all the parks.
- **Wayfinding Signs**
- **Trail Connections** to include:
 - 8th Avenue to Kenowa Ave
 - Connect to Fred Meijer Trail to Zeeland
 - Connect to Grand River Access
- **8th Avenue Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail from the library to 8th Avenue Park along Rush Creek which would require the township to obtain easements.
 - Land to the east of the park has the potential to become an urban athletic area.
 - The land east of the park from Port Sheldon Street to Chicago Drive is owned by one landowner and has the potential to accommodate a six lake trail.
- **Maplewood Park**
 - There is a desire to construct a trail around the pond and the Township would like to apply for a MNRTF grant in March 2015 to complete the project in 2016.
- **Pioneer Park**
 - This park is overwhelmed with sporting events and needs to be developed into a more neighborhood park.
 - The existing soccer fields need to be relocated.
- **Rosewood Park**
 - A master plan is needed for this park.
 - Suggested park improvements include a year-round restroom facility, winter warming shelter, picnic shelter (30 people maximum), expanded play area with small splash pad, and expansion of the irrigated area. A play element to be incorporated with the hill is desired. Reconfigure the existing parking area.

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- **Rush Creek Park**
 - Focus should be on low use.
 - The park is an ideal bicycle destination.
 - There is the possibility of a trail to connect to Port Sheldon Street with a paved portion over the impoundment dam. Easements would need to be obtained by Georgetown Charter Township.
 - Land to the west of the park is a Consumers Energy easement and the township would like to utilize this but there are currently leases on the land

- **Woodcrest Park**
 - The entrance to the park is not clearly visible from Baldwin Street.
 - The suggestion was made to create a bituminous trail from Baldwin Street to the parking area and make the play area accessible.
 - The land south of the existing park is a potential location for sports facilities if it becomes available to acquire.

- **Undeveloped Property**
 - This is a future linear park which may contain a trailhead and kayak launching station with access to the river.
 - The township is working on acquiring additional land in this area.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Georgetown Township Board will hold special meeting at the Georgetown Township Offices at 1515 Baldwin Street, Jenison, Michigan, 616-457-2340, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of Public Forums to gather input regarding the possible development of 200 Baldwin St., along with possible improvements, expansion and/or redevelopment of the Georgetown Township Senior Center and Library.

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk
Georgetown Charter Township