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## City of Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2025-2029

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# 1. Introduction

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# Introduction

The City of Hazel Park prepared this Recreation Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans to:

- Create an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities in and around the City
- Gain community input on parks and recreation strengths and weaknesses
- Develop goals and objectives that will lead to future improvements
- Establish a framework for future park and recreation improvements
- Provide the planning basis for grants and other funding resources

This plan will address parks located within and under the jurisdiction of The City of Hazel Park. The previous Recreation Plan, completed in 2019, will be reviewed and updated to address input received and analysis conducted as part of this update.



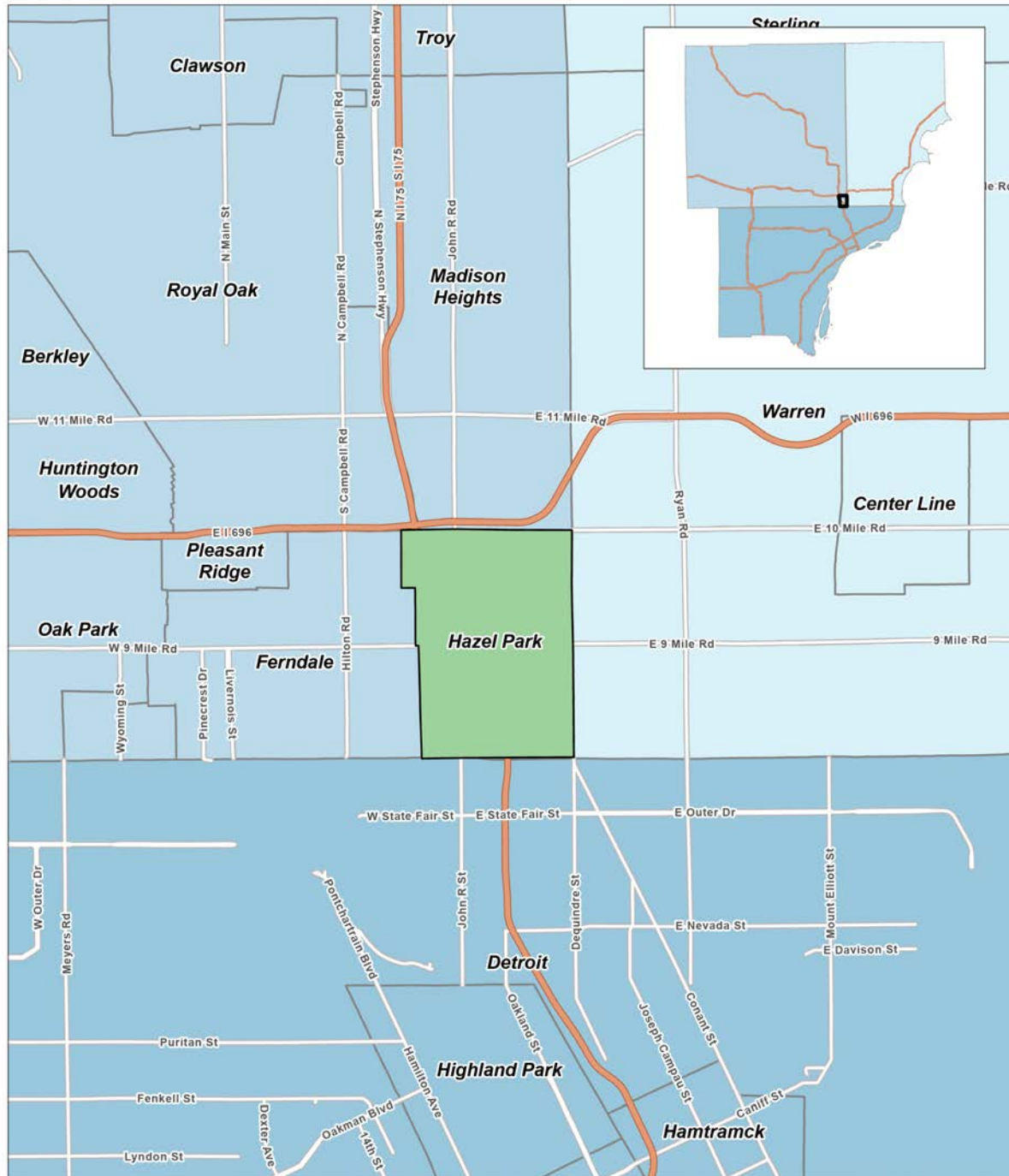


## Community Profile

### LOCATION

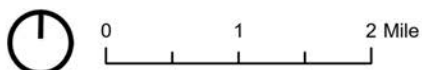
Hazel Park is located in the southeastern corner of Oakland County. The city lies 8 miles north of Downtown Detroit, which is the traditional center of the Southeast Michigan region. Access to and from Hazel Park is provided by M-102 (8 Mile Road), I-696, and I-75, which displaced many Hazel Park households when it was constructed in the 1960s. 9 Mile Road connects central Hazel Park directly to Ferndale. It is among the most densely populated cities in Michigan.

Map 1-1. Hazel Park Location



Sources: Boundaries, Roads: SEMCOG.

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**Regional Location**  
Hazel Park

## POPULATION

The estimated 2020 population for Hazel Park was 14,983, down 1,439 from the 2010 Census. SEMCOG projects a shift to stabilization or slight growth through 2050, when SEMCOG projects the city will reach a population of just over 15,000 residents. This projection has the potential to prove conservative if Hazel Park absorbs some of the energy around new and infill housing that have seen very high levels of new development and redevelopment in Ferndale and Royal Oak. The City could also fall short of this projection if this does not occur.

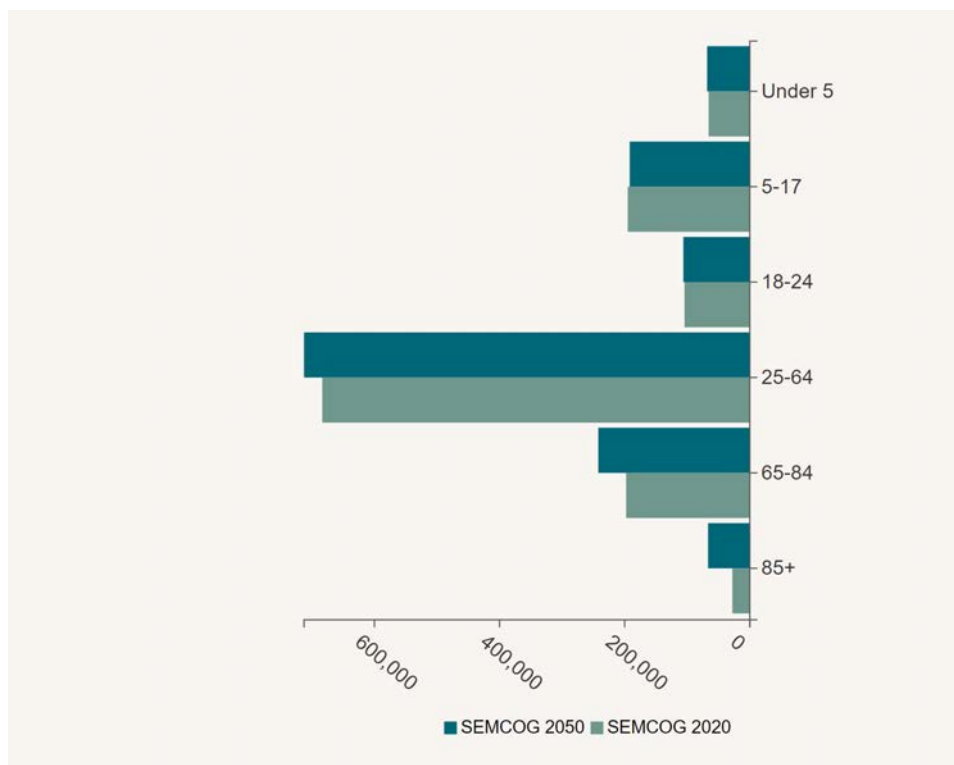
The number of households has also decreased since 2010, though the vacancy rate of housing units has decreased from 12.7% in 2010 to 6.3% in 2023. The largest factor in population decline over the last decade has been a sharp decline in average household size, from 2.47 people in 2010 to 2.03 people in 2023.

This decline in household size is closely related to other shifts in the City's population. The City experienced an unusual decline in households with seniors from 2010 to 2022 (down 5.6%) and in seniors living alone (down 8.5%), while those groups grew in most places. However, there was a 25.6% increase in people under 65 living alone, while households with children fell 30.1%.

In general, the implications of the City's population shifts for recreation planning are as follows:

- As the population of children continues to decline, with decreases in all segments under 19, recreation facilities and programming should be balanced toward serving all age groups.
- Senior programming will remain key to supporting this population, and could be a key component of facilitating aging in place.
- Recreation programming and facilities have the potential to help reduce social isolation in a community where a large portion of households (35.5% in 2022) are comprised of one individual living alone.

Fig 1-1. Oakland County projected population changes by age group 2015-2045



SOURCE: SEMCOG



## DISABILITY

In all parks and recreation planning, accommodations for the disabled are taken into account to ensure access to all future facilities. The US Census Bureau reports that more than 25% of Hazel Park's residents have a disability of some sort, with the most impacted populations being the 35-64 (12.5%) and 65 and older (7.1%) subgroups. Table 1-1 below shows the most prevalent disabilities by type within each of these age groups, with ambulatory, cognitive, and independent living difficulties being the most prevalent.

Ambulatory disabilities include serious difficulties walking or ascending/descending stairs, issues that limit physical activity and lead to poorer health. Cognitive disabilities are those involving limitations in mental functioning and skills such as communicating, self-care, and socialization. Disabilities associated with independent living extend beyond the ability to live alone and/or become employed to include difficulty with independent travel (e.g. using public transportation systems), managing a personal budget, dealing with insensitive and discriminatory behavior by peers, problem solving, making adjustments to change, using community services, making complex decisions, and/or pursuing complex activities.

Giving consideration to these difficulties in planning for parks and recreation activities could result in positive health outcomes for a population that already experiences great difficulty on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include upgrades to park equipment and furnishings, installation of ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, and installation of audible crosswalk signals.

Table 1-1: Resident Population with Disability, 2022

Disability Type	Under 18	Ages 65+	Total (all ages)
Hearing	0 (0%)	258 (15.3%)	610 (4.1%)
Vision	24 (1%)	138 (8.2%)	489 (3.3%)
Cognitive	126 (6.2%)	304 (18%)	1,382 (9.5%)
Ambulatory	46 (2.3%)	443 (26.3%)	1,438 (9.9%)
Self-Care	76 (3.8%)	196 (11.6%)	655 (4.5%)
Independent Living	N/A	305 (18.1%)	994 (8%)
Total	--	--	2,989 (19.9%)*
*Number is lower than the sum of the preceding rows, because there is overlap among categories.			

Source: US Census 2017-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## ECONOMICS

Hazel Park is generally less affluent than Oakland County at large. While this affects the City's budget and has historically limited the City's financing, the City is financially stable, and the relatively low cost of housing means that Hazel Park is an affordable place to buy a first home. The City is often cited as an up-and-coming community, primed to receive spill-over redevelopment as neighboring communities such as Ferndale and Royal Oak become more expensive and redevelopment opportunities become more scarce in those jurisdictions. This is partly reflected in home prices, which rose 7.8 percent from September, 2023, to September, 2024, when Rocket Homes reported the average sale price to be \$174,000, similar to prices in Madison Heights and Warren, though far below prices in Royal Oak and Ferndale.

A contributing factor to Hazel Park's relatively low affluence is the population's low educational attainment, though this has changed dramatically since 2010. In 2010, just 7 percent of residents had a bachelor's degree, and 2.3 percent had a graduate degree, while 23.7 percent of adults 25 and older had not finished high school. In 2022, the American Community Survey found that the rate of residents who had not graduated high school fell by almost half to 12.1 percent, while the portion of the population with bachelor's degrees more than doubled to 17.8 percent, and graduate degree holders are now 4.7 percent of the adult population. The portion of residents holding an associate's degree also doubled from 2010 to 2022, from 4.8 percent to 8.5 percent.

Median household income in Hazel Park in 2022 was \$59,576, up 27 percent from 2010. While this is still well below Oakland County's median of \$92,620, it is a major improvement. In 2010, Hazel Park's median household income was just 52.5 percent of the county's; in 2022, it was 64 percent of the county's number. Hazel Park has therefore made significant progress. Indeed, the percentage of residents living in poverty also fell from 25.8 percent in 2010 to 15.5 percent in 2022.

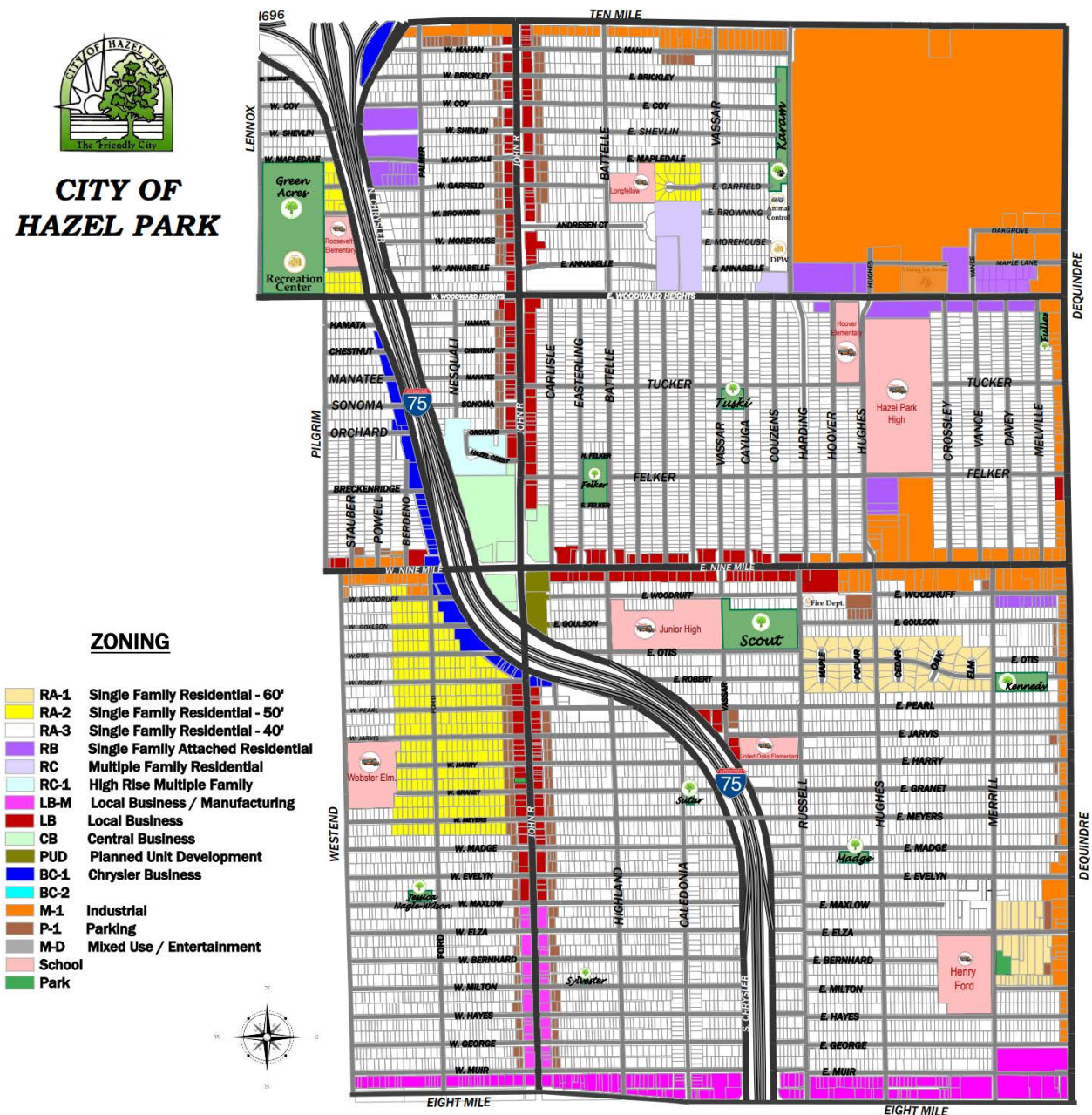
Still, the City must be cognizant of its residents' relative challenges as it plans, and parks and recreation facilities and programming can fill in major gaps in lower incomes residents' access to physical health and social opportunities.

Neighborhood associations have a very strong relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department which provides these groups with meeting space at the community center. Neighborhood associations also support the Parks and Recreation Department with planning annual events.

## Land Use & Zoning

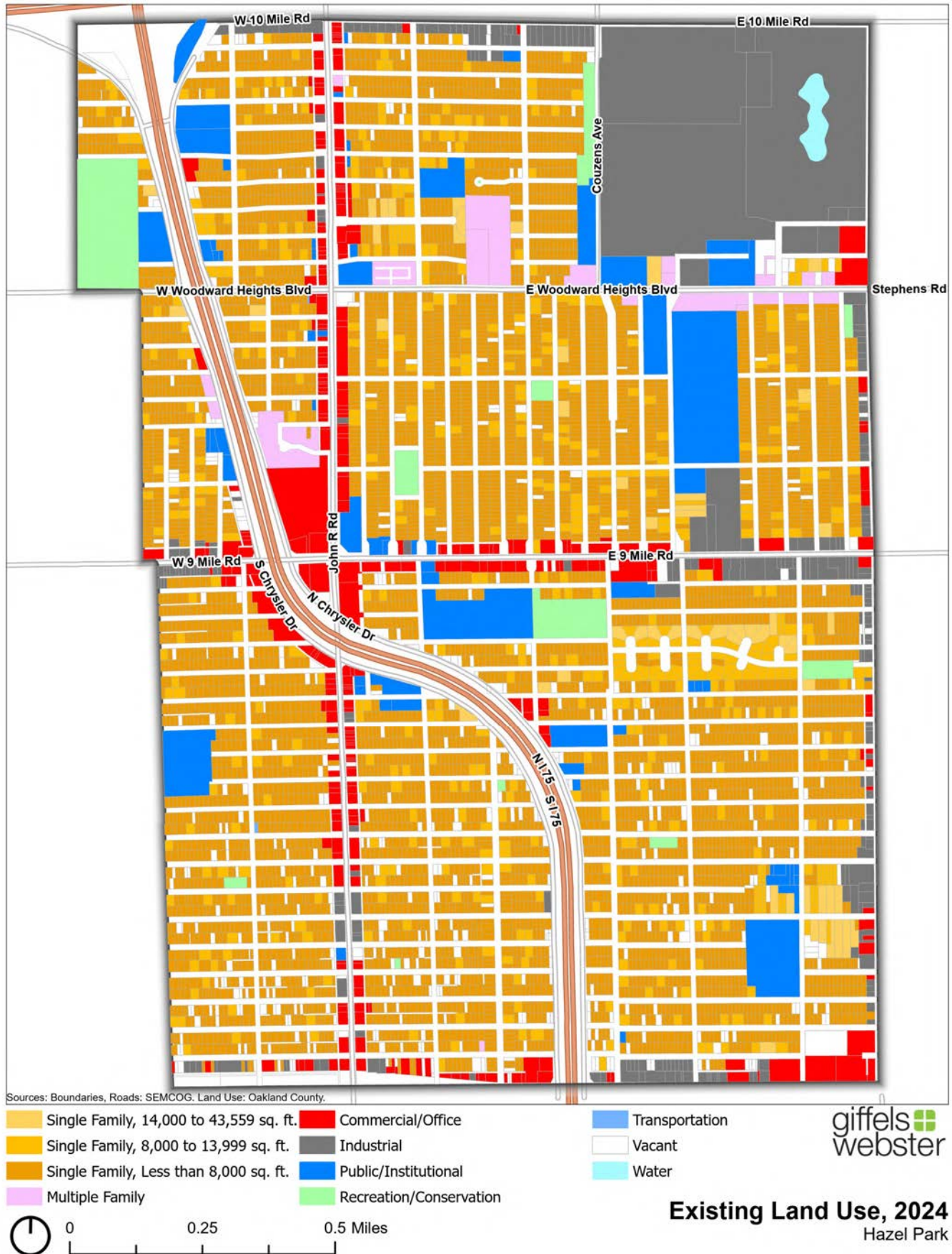
Hazel Park's population is spread evenly throughout the city except for the northeastern corner of the city, which is designated solely for industrial and has become a major warehousing and shipping hub in the years since the closure of the Hazel Park Raceway in 2018. Most of these are single family homes with some patches of single family attached and multi family homes along E. Woodward Heights, E. Woodruff, and Palmer. Industrial development is primarily located along Dequindre and Ten Mile, with a concentration along the eastern portion of Nine Mile. Commercial development is centered around the intersection of John R and Nine Mile with the remainder of that development stretching along those two roads as well as along Eight Mile. Just over 2% of the city's land is dedicated to parks & recreation.

Map 1-2. Hazel Park Zoning





Map 1-3. Hazel Park Existing Land Use 2024



## 2. Administrative Structure

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# Administrative Structure

The Hazel Park Parks and Recreation Department coordinates all parks and recreation services in the City. It is also responsible for the Senior Citizens Department. The Parks and Recreation Department works closely with the Department of Public Works, which is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of all parks and recreation facilities.

The Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible for all recreational programming and facilities. The Director is also the staff liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a body of up to seven members that advises the City Manager and City Council on recreation policy. Members are appointed by City Council to two-year terms.

## Parks and Recreation Budget

Funding for the Parks and Recreation Department is provided by City Council in its annual budget, and the Department seeks additional funding via grants.

### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board holds regular meetings to discuss recreation programming and facilities improvements. It is also the key board for the development of the 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan. Members of the Advisory Board attend its meetings, listen to the community, promote the participation of different community groups in recreation activities, and provide crucial input to the planning process.

The Advisory Board acts in a fact-finding, advisory capacity, and makes recommendations to the City Manager and City Council. It does not have any legislative or administrative authority. Its role in the recreation planning process includes consideration of community need for recreation facilities and programming, and recommending a program of likely capital expenditures as part of the plan.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established in 1962 by ordinance. Its structure and duties are set forth in Chapter 2.24 of the City Code of Ordinances. Under Ordinance 2.24, the Advisory Board may have up to 8 members, including the Director of Parks & Recreation, who is a non-voting, permanent member. The Board is currently comprised of five appointed members and the Director.

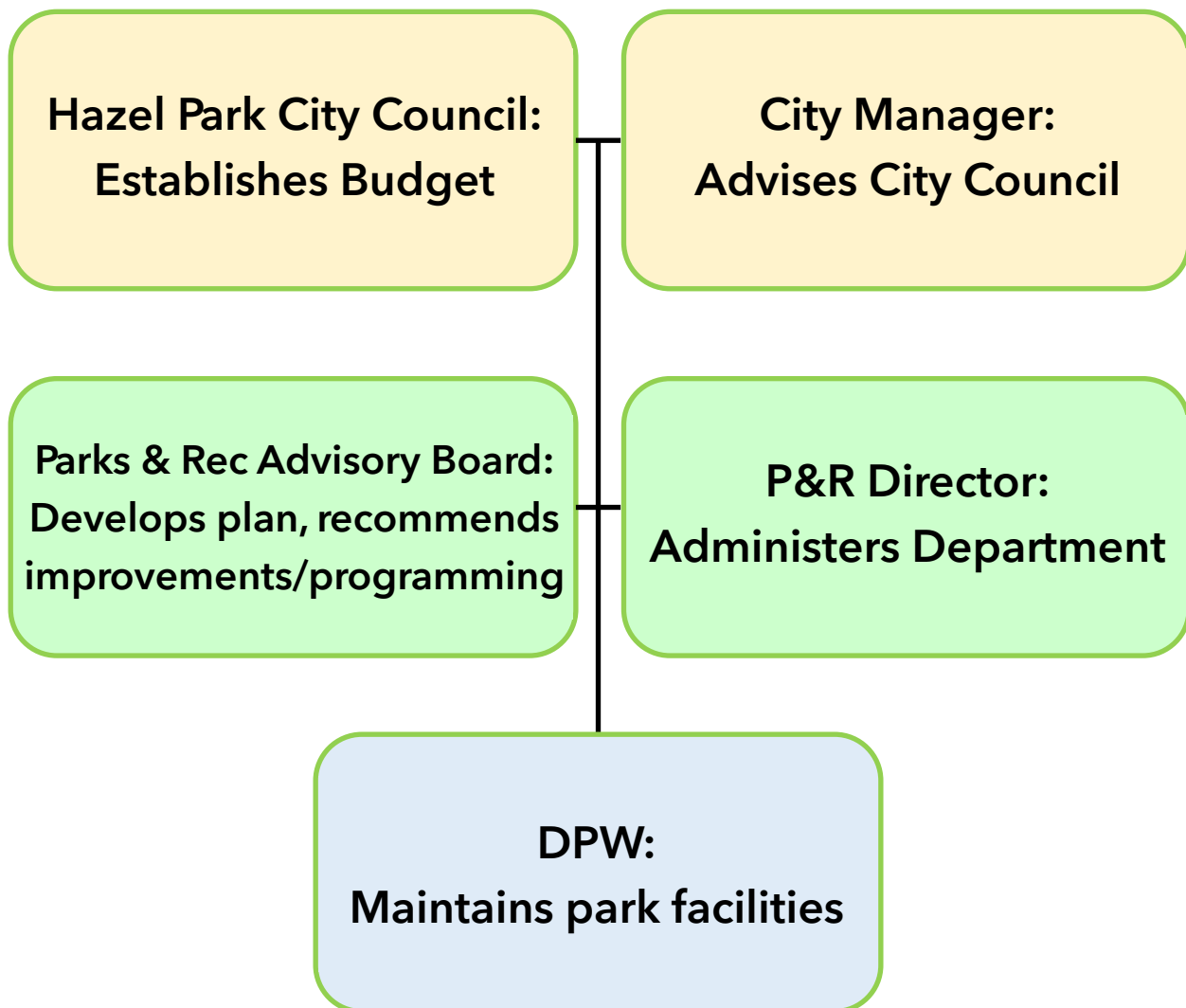




## Administrative Structure

The Hazel Park Parks & Recreation Advisory Board develops plans for the City's park system, which is administered by the Department of Parks & Recreation. The Department of Public Works maintains the City's park facilities; volunteers also contribute to park maintenance at certain facilities.

Figure 2-1. Hazel Park Parks & Recreation Department Administrative Structure



## Parks & Recreation Funding

The Parks & Recreation Department derives its primary funding from the City of Hazel Park's general fund. Donations from individuals and private organizations, registration fees, and other contributions (monetary or in-kind) from local businesses and individuals sometimes add to Parks & Recreation revenues, though this is not a consistent source of funding.

At the time of the last 5-year Parks & Recreation Plan, the City still owned the Viking Ice Arena. This facility has since been sold, and it no longer appears as a line item in the table.

Expenses of the Parks & Recreation Department and Senior Services Program include direct costs of maintaining facilities and programming, but also numerous behind-the-scenes costs, such as wages, insurance, supplies, fuel, utilities, and postage.

Table 2-2. Hazel Park Parks & Recreation Department Budget

	2024-2025 Budget	2023-24 Activity Thru 06/30/24	2022-23 Activity	2021-22 Activity	2020-21 Activity	2019-20 Activity
Senior Citizens Program	\$127,537	\$111,990	\$86,255	\$67,177	\$55,771	\$63,206
Recreation Department	\$382,103	\$371,980	\$302,902	\$228,510	\$271,228	\$223,488
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$509,640</b>	<b>\$483,970</b>	<b>\$389,157</b>	<b>\$295,687</b>	<b>\$326,999</b>	<b>\$286,694</b>

### 3. Parks & Recreation Inventory

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# Parks & Recreation Inventory

Hazel Park has various recreational amenities for residents and nonresidents to enjoy within its border. The City maintains fifteen parks, totaling over 36 acres of land. Hazel Park is about 2.8 square miles, and its parks occupy roughly 2.1 percent of its land area. The City also maintains a community center and extensive recreation programming.

Creating an inventory and evaluating the existing facilities, parks and land in Hazel Park is important in order to plan for the city's future open space and recreation.

## State Parks and Recreation Areas

Eighteen (18) State parks and recreation areas are located in the seven-county Southeast Michigan region. These parks have a combined area exceeding 75,000 acres and provide a wide range of day use facilities. Common recreation opportunities available at these sites include hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, camping, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, among others. No state parks or recreation facilities are located within Hazel Park or its neighboring communities, apart from Belle Isle in Detroit. Eight recreation facilities operated by the State of Michigan are located in Oakland County.

## Regional Facilities

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) operates more than one dozen regional recreation areas in Southeast Michigan. These parks provide facilities for a wide range of recreational opportunities, which include picnicking, playgrounds, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, golf, court games, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and sledding, among others. Three HCMA parks are located in Macomb County, and these area generally closer to Hazel Park than those located in Oakland County itself: Stony Creek Metropark in Washington Township; Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township; and Wolcott Mill in Ray Township.

## County Facilities

Oakland County owns and operates over a dozen parks and recreation facilities, and its properties include a farmers market and five golf courses. While the county has extensive facilities, Hazel Park's location in the older, more developed area at the meeting point between Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties means that most facilities are fairly distant. The nearest is Catalpa Oaks, which is approximately five miles away, off Greenfield Road, while the Red Oaks golf course is about two miles north in Madison Heights.

## City Facilities

The following pages provide more detail for each of the parks and recreation areas in Hazel Park, the City. Since the adoption of the last 5-year recreation plan, the City sold the Viking Ice Arena, and details of this facility are no longer included in the recreation inventory.

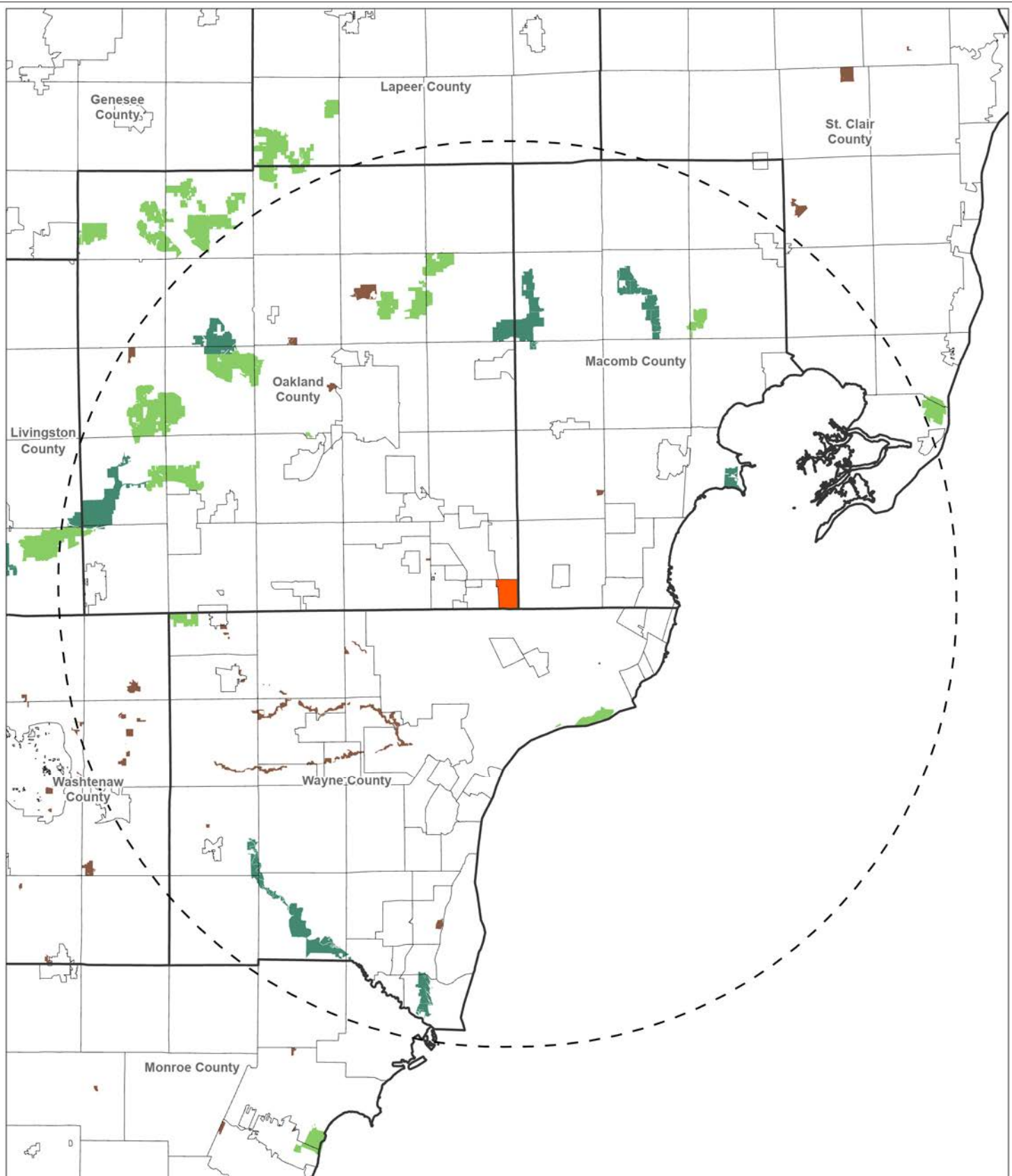
## School Facilities

Hazel Park City School District covers all of Hazel Park and portions of eastern Ferndale. Facilities located within Hazel Park are listed in detail in this chapter. Edison School, Jardon Vocational School, and Webb Elementary are located in Ferndale.

## Regional Planning Efforts

Nine Mile Road is one of the two major thoroughfares running through Hazel Park and provides a key connection to Ferndale and Warren. Hazel Park, Ferndale, Oak Park, Southfield, Farmington, and Farmington Hills are all participating in a Nine Mile Task Force whose aim is to improve the overall function of the corridor and provide better transportation options for all road users. Ferndale and Oak Park have already engaged in projects to change the street layout and improve non-motorized transportation options. As projects proceed through the corridor, Hazel Park should stay engaged and investigate how Nine Mile could play a key role in improving the City's walking and biking connections to its neighbors.

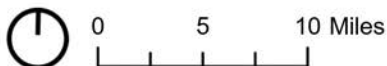
Map 3-1. Regional Park Facilities



Sources: Boundaries, Roads: SEMCOG. State Parks: MDNR.

- 30-Mile Buffer
- Michigan State Parks
- Huron-Clinton Metroparks
- County Parks

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**Regional Recreation Facilities**  
Hazel Park

## Albert Sylvester Park Mini Park, 0.2 acres

Albert Sylvester Park	Amenities
Albert Sylvester Park is located in the southern portion of the city on East Milton Avenue between John R. Road and Highland Avenue. There is minimal landscaping and no tree canopy. The park is most used by adolescents in the surrounding residential neighborhoods, though it is underutilized.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play structure w/ enclosed slide</li> <li>• Bench</li> <li>• Trash receptacle</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> </ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added one picnic table on concrete pad</li> </ul>





Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park

Mini Park, 0.2 Acres

Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park	Amenities
<p>Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park (also known as the “tot lot and previously Caledonia Park) is located on the corner of E Granet Avenue and Caledonia Avenue - directly west of I-75. There is a good amount of tree canopy, brick pavers, a corner entrance with landscaping, and small trees lining the inner ring of the park providing it with a greater sense of place. The park is moderately utilized by children and adolescents that live in the surrounding neighborhood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swing set</li><li>• Play structure</li><li>• Bench</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li><li>• Signage</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Short concrete pathway</li><li>• Mini-library</li></ul>
<p>Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan</p>	<p>This park was heavily upgraded; the play structure was replaced, new trees planted, a new picnic table was installed, and the landscape beds were redone. A little library, information board, and trash receptacle were also added.</p>





## Fuller Park

### Mini Park, 0.9 acres

Fuller Park	Amenities
<p>Fuller Park is located on Dequindre Road directly south of E. Woodward Heights Boulevard. This park contains an open grassy area and two large trees which provide a good amount of canopy on the site.</p> <p>Fuller Park borders an industrial district along Dequindre Road in the northeastern section of the city. In 2013, the northern half of the park was transformed into a Bicycle-Motor Cross (BMX) racing park with racing hills. The southern half is a tot lot with multiple play structures. The park is highly utilized by adolescents and families with young children. The number of users has dramatically increased since the addition of the BMX racing hills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dirt bike course</li> <li>• Swing sets</li> <li>• Climbing set</li> <li>• Monkey bars</li> <li>• Slide</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> <li>• Trash receptacle</li> <li>• Mural</li> <li>• Signage</li> </ul>





# K-9 Park/ Hazel Park Dog Park

## Mini Park, 0.4 acres

K-9 Park/ Hazel Park Dog Park	Amenities
K-9 Park/ Hazel Park Dog Park is located directly south of Karam Park. This park contains an area for small dogs and a larger area for big dogs, both surrounded by chain link fence with signage identifying their uses and park rules. There is also parking comprised of a gravel rock area located on site between the dog park and the city's public works facilities. Dog licensing and dog park access is administered by the clerk's office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Picnic tables</li><li>• Trash Receptacle</li><li>• Signage</li><li>• Dog runs (one for small dogs, one for large dogs)</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Additional trees planted





## Merrill Street Community Garden

### Mini Park, 0.5 acres

Merrill Street Community Garden	Amenities
<p>The Merrill Street Community Garden is located between East Elza Avenue Advantage Alternative School. This park contains a great deal of tree canopy.</p> <p>The garden provides community development opportunities and is demonstrative urban garden for residents to learn from, take part in, and enjoy. The primary goal of the garden is to promote urban agriculture, open space, and to encourage residents to gain access to healthy and locally grown foods. The users of the garden are mainly local residents and volunteers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cedar and metal planting boxes w/ vegetables and flowers</li> <li>• Rain barrels surrounded by chainlink fence</li> <li>• Shed for tool storage</li> <li>• Bee hives</li> </ul>





Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park

Mini Park, 0.6 acres

Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park	Amenities
<p>The Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park is located in the southwest corner of the city along West Maxlow Avenue between Ford Avenue and West End Street. This park contains several large trees which provide the site with lots of canopy.</p> <p>The park was renamed in 2013 in memory of Jessica Ann Nagle-Wilson, a Hazel Park police officer who was killed in the line of duty. This park is moderately used by families with young children and adolescents in the surrounding neighborhood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Play structures</li><li>• Climbing structure</li><li>• Free standing slide</li><li>• Swing set</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Bike rack</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li><li>• Signage</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Picnic table on concrete pad added; obsolete play equipment removed



Madge Park

Mini Park, 0.7 acres

Madge Park	Amenities
<p>Madge Park is located in the southern portion of the city along East Madge Avenue between Hughes Avenue and Russell Avenue in the center of a residential neighborhood. This park contains mature tree canopy and open space throughout.</p> <p>One picnic table was added to this park since the adoption of the last 5-year recreation plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Play structure</li><li>• Swing set</li><li>• Cross bar</li><li>• Bench</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li><li>• Signage</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Picnic table on concrete pad added





# Hazel Park Art Garden

## Mini Park, 0.15 acres

### Hazel Park Art Garden

The Hazel Park Art Garden is located at 21809 John R. Road. The Hazel Park Art Council is the steward of the land. The art garden contains several trees and manicured floral landscaping throughout.

The purpose of the Hazel Park Art Council is to promote the City’s cultural and artistic pursuits in order to create an aesthetically vibrant community. The Art Garden is utilized by users of all ages, but can only be accessed via the sidewalk from neighboring areas.

### Amenities

- Rotating art displays
- Chess table
- Concrete walkway
- Mini library
- Benches



### CHANGES OVER TIME

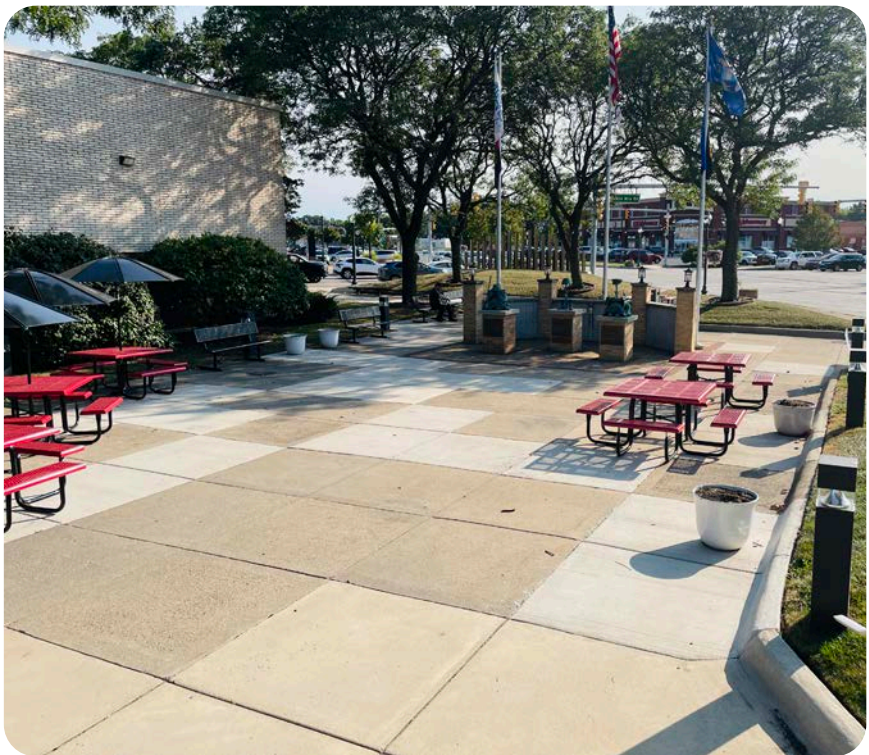
The art park is unique in that its artworks change over time, and it is meant to evolve. The image to the left shows the first central artwork, from 2013. the image above shows the central work today, with the art wall in the background.



Hazel Park Salute to Heroes (War Memorial)

Mini Park, 0.7 acres

Hazel Park Salute to Heroes (War Memorial)	Amenities
The Hazel Park War Memorial is adjacent to City Hall located on the corner of John R and 9 Mile Road. The memorial site features three marble plaques with accompanying statues and flags, honoring Hazel Park’s police, fire, and military veterans, respectively. The tribute seeks to commemorate the sacrifices made by those of Hazel Park both at home and abroad. This site is open to users of all ages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• War memorial</li><li>• Picnic tables</li><li>• Benches</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Picnic tables added, landscaping refreshed, new city identification sign



Felker Field

Mini Park, 2.4 acres

Felker Field	Amenities
<p>Felker Field is a rectangular park bordered by Eastling Avenue to the west, Battelle Avenue to the east, North Felker Avenue to the north, and South Felker Avenue to the south. This park contains a wide-open field with mature trees providing some canopy along the borders.</p> <p>Felker park is a focal point for the surrounding residential neighborhood. Users of the park include families with young children in the surrounding neighborhood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swing sets, one with a tire swing</li><li>• Climbing structures</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Bike racks</li><li>• Benches</li><li>• Baseball diamond w/ benches</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Additional trees planted





Tuski Memorial Park

Mini Park, 1 acre

Tuski Memorial Park	Amenities
<p>The Tuski Memorial Park is located along Tucker Avenue between Vassar Avenue and Cayuga Avenue at the center of a residential neighborhood. There is mature tree canopy throughout the park. Users of Tuski Park consist of all age groups.</p> <p>Community led groups have assisted in revitalizing the park by building signage, creating two patios, and modernizing playground equipment through fundraising and volunteer efforts. Improvements have been supported by the City through the general fund.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Play structures</li><li>• Climbing structure</li><li>• Swing set</li><li>• Free standing slide</li><li>• Bike rack</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li><li>• Mini library decorated with childrens art</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Play equipment upgraded



## Karam Park

### Neighborhood Park, 2.3 acres

Karam Park	Amenities
<p>Karam Park is located along Couzens Ave and connects six residential neighborhood blocks together between East Brickley Avenue and East Garfield Avenue, directly adjacent to Roeper School. This site contains several trees and a wide-open play area adjacent to the city's industrial district and directly north of the city's Public Works facility.</p> <p>Karam Park is also the site of the K-9 Park, the city's first dog park, created in 2013. Users consist of adolescents and families with young children in the surrounding area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ant-shaped climbing structure</li> <li>• Childrens swing set</li> <li>• Bench</li> <li>• Climbing set</li> <li>• Adult swing set</li> <li>• New play structure</li> <li>• Older play structure w/slide and monkey bars</li> <li>• Pavilion w/ picnic tables</li> <li>• Barbeque grills</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> </ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Additional trees planted





# Kennedy Memorial Park

## Neighborhood Park, 3.4 acres

Kennedy Memorial Park	Amenities
Kennedy Memorial Park is located on the city's east side along Merrill Avenue between East Otis Avenue and East Pearl Avenue. This park is also accessible from the east via East Roberts Avenue; the parking lot on the east side of the park is the distribution point for compost from municipal leaf collection. Kennedy park is located between residential and industrial uses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small planted flower garden</li><li>• Plastic memorial benches</li><li>• Children's swing set</li><li>• Regular sized swing set</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Slide</li><li>• Children's climbing structures</li><li>• Trash receptacle</li><li>• Community garden</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Additional trees planted





Scout Park

Neighborhood Park, 6.4 acres

Scout Park	Amenities
Scout Park is centrally located in Hazel Park along Russell Avenue south of East Woodruff Avenue and north of East Otis Avenue directly adjacent to the Hazel Park Junior High School. The park features restrooms and a pavillion available for rental through Hazel Park Recreation Department. Scout Park is utilized throughout the year by all age groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restroom</li><li>• Pavillion</li><li>• Picnic tables</li><li>• Open space</li><li>• Trash receptacles</li><li>• Benches</li><li>• Paved pathways</li><li>• Playground w/ diverse play equipment and special needs accessibility</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	This park received major investments and upgrades: new, community-built playscape, additional trees planted, sitting area with sun sails, metal roofs added to restroom building and pavilion



## Green Acres Park

### Community Park, 17.9 acres

Green Acres Park	Amenities
<p>Green Acres Park is located along Lenox Street between West Browning Avenue and West Woodward Heights Boulevard directly west of the Roosevelt Invest School and the Hazel Park Community Center/Recreation Department.</p> <p>Green Acres is the City's largest park. It borders the City of Ferndale and Roosevelt Elementary School. It serves as the central location of the Hazel Park Recreation Center and the Hazel Park Recreation Department Offices. Green Acres is enjoyed by users of all ages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball diamonds</li> <li>• Pavillions</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Slide and swing set</li> <li>• Walking path</li> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Barbecue grills</li> <li>• Sledding hill</li> <li>• Softball field</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Paved parking lot</li> <li>• Disc golf course</li> </ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	<p>This park has had numerous improvements: updated restrooms, rebuilt parking lot, new playground with improved accessibility, new playground with improved accessibility, fitness park, upgrade to ballfield score board, grant received for ballfield improvements, disc golf course, walking path</p>



## Hazel Park Community Center

### Community Park, 1.45 acres

Hazel Park Community Center	Amenities
The Hazel Park Community Center is a publicly owned recreation facility serving the City of Hazel Park and the surrounding communities. It is home to the Hazel Park Recreation Department and the Hazel Park Senior Citizens Department. The facility features activities for seniors, civic and volunteer groups, as well as after school programming for youth in the area. The community center is ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant, making it available for all to enjoy. The users of the community center include all age groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 public meeting rooms</li><li>• ADA compliant doors and restrooms</li><li>• Paved parking lot</li><li>• Picnic table</li><li>• Electronic marquee</li><li>• Kitchen</li><li>• Parks &amp; Recreation Department offices</li><li>• Mini library</li><li>• Voting precinct site</li></ul>
Since adoption of 2020-2024 Plan	Restrooms upgraded

## Oakland County Parks & Recreation

Oakland County Parks & Recreation plans to open a branch office in the Hazel Park Community Center within the next year, occupying an underutilized area of the building.



## Grant Assisted Facilities

The City has identified the following projects as having received grant money:

Table 2. MDNR Grant Assisted Facilities					
Park	Year	Number	Amount	Purpose	Status
Scout-Beecher Park	1975	26-00978	\$100,739.08	Develop: site adjustment, site grading, and seeding, fencing, soil stabilization wall, 4 tennis courts, 2 ball diamonds, ballfields drainage, play center, parking lot, and landscaping, and LWCF sign	Grant Closed
Scout-Beecher Park	1980	26-01108	\$59,250	Development of a new restroom/ storage area/concession stand and picnic shelter	Grant Closed
Green Acres Park	1981	26-01188	\$15,000	Develop: picnic shelter, with fireplace/ barbecue, electrical service, water service, and burial of overhead wires, and LWCF sign	Grant Closed
St. Mary Land Acquisition	1983	TF722	\$90,000	To acquire 10 acres in Hazel Park, which is the largest single piece of undeveloped land in this highly urbanized city.	Withdrawn
Green Acres Park	1989	BF89-330	\$80,850	Develop park shelter	Grant Closed
Orrin McPherson/Scout Park	1998	TF98-078	\$38,826	Construction of a lighted, barrierfree picnic/events pavilion at Orion McPherson/Scout Park to be used by the residents of Hazel Park and surrounding communities. The project will include accessible parking, barrier-free paths to connect park facilities, barbeque grills and trash receptacles	Grant Closed
Karam Tot Lot	2000	CM-00-273	\$204,730	The purpose of this project is to provide greater use of Karam Tot Lot by providing restrooms , off-street parking, a picnic pavilion and paths.	Withdrawn

# Barrier Free Analysis

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of visitors with physical and/or mental disabilities. Barrier-free access includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that adequate barrier-free parking spaces, sidewalks, trails, picnic tables, and playground equipment are provided for renovated or new recreational facilities. Standards from The Accessibility Checklist, a guidebook founded upon the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and the codes and standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), were used to verify barrier-free compliance.

The MDNR Guidelines require that a barrier-free ranking be given to each facility for assessing its accessibility to people with disabilities. The assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. The following system, provided by the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (01/27/06), was used to assess each park:

- Rank 1: None of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- Rank 2: Some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- Rank 3: Most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
- Rank 4: The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
- Rank 5: The entire park was developed / renovated using the principals of universal design.

## Accessibility

The U.S. Access Board is designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as the agency responsible for developing minimum accessibility guidelines to ensure that new construction and alteration of facilities covered by ADA are accessible and usable by people with disabilities. The Access Board has published the following guidelines that should be used by Access to Recreation applicants to determine the criteria they must exceed to achieve universal accessibility:

### **Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) 2002:**

[www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm](http://www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm)

### **Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas:**

[www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-rec-rpt.htm](http://www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-rec-rpt.htm)

**The National Center on Accessibility is a collaborative program of Indiana University and the National Park Service and also provides information on access for people with disabilities in recreation.**

[www.ncaonline.org](http://www.ncaonline.org)



## Accessibility: Barrier Free Analysis

### Albert Sylvester Park

Overall rating: 1 (see details on page 41)

### Felker Field

Overall rating: 3 (see details on page 41)

### Fuller Park

Overall rating: 1 (see details on page 41)

### Green Acres Park

Overall rating: 4 (see details on page 41)

### Hazel Park Art Garden

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 41)

### Hazel Park Community Center

Overall rating: 4 (see details on page 41)

### Merrill Street Community Garden

Overall rating: 1 (see details on page 41)

### Hazel Park Salute to Heroes (War Memorial)

Overall rating: 5 (see details on page 41)

### Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 42)

### K-9 Park/Hazel Park Dog Park

Overall rating: 1 (see details on page 42)

### Karam Park

Overall rating: 1 (see details on page 42)

### Kennedy Memorial Park

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 42)

### Madge Park

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 42)

### Scout Park

Overall rating: 4 (see details on page 42)

### Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 42)

### Tuski Memorial Park

Overall rating: 2 (see details on page 42)

## IMPROVEMENTS TO TARGET

In Hazel Park, there are general improvements that could be made to each park that would make them more accessible:

- Concrete pads adjacent to existing benches and tables and connections from walkways to benches will allow users in wheelchairs the ability to be seated next to a friend on a bench.
- Develop paved or stabilized pathways for all amenities within the parks; make all paths of sufficient width for two people to walk side-by-side or pass.
- Provide smooth transitions between trails, picnic areas and decks, etc.
- When making playground improvements, provide ramps and transfers, and use “poured-in-place” or rubber tiles under equipment, rather than loose fill material such as wood chips; as playground equipment requires replacement, provide ramps and transfers to all play components.
- Provide accessible seating spaces near sports courts.
- Note that in the detailed accessibility assessments that follow, parking is analyzed as a contributor to accessibility, but maybe of the City’s parks, being neighborhood parks primarily visited by people on foot, do not have dedicated parking areas. On-street parking is always available; accessibility can be improved by ensuring that ADA-compliant curb cuts are in place providing ramp access to the park.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board considers improvements to accessibility across the park system a high priority for the next five years.

Albert Sylvester	Felker	Fuller	Green Acres	Art Garden	Community Center	Community Garden	War Memorial	Detailed Accessibility Analysis
<b>Parking</b>								
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high
<b>Play Areas</b>								
N	N	N	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
N/A	N/A	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court
<b>Park Amenities</b>								
Y	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	Ramps are non-slip
N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom
<b>Trails and Sidewalks</b>								
N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts
Y	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths



Nagle-Wilson	Dog Park	Karam	Kennedy	Madge	Scout	Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer	Tuski	Detailed Accessibility Analysis
<b>Parking</b>								
N/A	N	N	N	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility
N/A	Y	N	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible
Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high
<b>Play Areas</b>								
N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16
N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components
Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)
Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court
<b>Park Amenities</b>								
Y	N/A	N	N/A	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground
N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Safety is promoted by good street lighting
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Ramps are non-slip
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom
<b>Trails and Sidewalks</b>								
Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	N/A	N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways
Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts
N	N/A	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	N/A	N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp
N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths

# Local Schools and Other Facilities

## Schools

### Webster Early Childhood Center

Webster Early Childhood Center is located at the corner of Jarvis and West End Street. South of (and behind) the school site is 1 acre of park and greenspace with two play structures.

### United Oaks Elementary School

United Oaks Elementary is located at the corner of Jarvis Ave and Russell Ave. The school maintains two play structures and an asphalt playground area adjacent to the school in addition to one acre of greenspace east of the school site..

### Hoover Elementary School

Hoover Elementary School is located directly across the street from Hazel Park High School and the GRBA Field site. The school maintains play structures and a single softball field on a 1.5-acre site directly north of the school building.

### Michigan Virtual Charter Academy/ Hazel Park Schools Administration Building

This school site is located at 1620 East Elza Ave and maintains play structures and a swing set on more than 2.5 acres of greenspace.

### Hazel Park Junior High

Hazel Park Junior High School is located directly west of the newly renovated Scout Park site. The school maintains two softball fields on the 2.5-acre greenspace between the school building and Scout Park.

### Hazel Park High School

Hazel Park High School is located at 23400 Hughes Ave. The school site is directly adjacent to the GRBA Field, a 9-acre site with a football field, baseball field, softball field, and soccer field just north of the school building. On the south side of the school site is a set of six tennis courts.

### Roosevelt Invest School (Alternative High School)

The INVEST Roosevelt school site is located directly east of Green Acres Park. The school maintains two play structures on over 2 acres of park and greenspace

## Other Local Facilities, Agencies, and Departments

### Viking Ice Arena

Viking Ice Arena was once owned by the City, but was sold and is now privately operated as an independent facility.

### Junior Vikings

The Parks & Recreation Department collaborates with the Hazel Park City School District for sports programming via Hazel Park Junior Vikings, which currently offers cheerleading, football, and wrestling, with plans to expand its programming.



### **Hazel Park Senior Citizens Department**

When the Ferndale Community Center became inactive, Hazel Park established an important partnership with the Ferndale/Hazel Park Seniors group, which uses the Hazel Park Community Center. Through its Senior Citizens Department, the City of Hazel Park offers programs and events for its senior population which includes:

- Programs & Activities: Offered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to Hazel Park residents ages 55 and over, and the physically handicapped.
- Transportation: Offered Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to Hazel Park residents ages 55 and over, and the physically handicapped in collaboration with SMART. Cost is \$1.50 per person for each one-way ride and \$3 round-trip. Individuals can call (248) 546-4093 to schedule transportation services.
- Chore Assistance Program: The Senior Citizens Department connects senior citizens and others needing assistance with home maintenance with Community Services of Oakland.

### **Intergovernmental Agreement with Oak Park**

The City of Hazel Park has an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Oak Park whereas both cities offer recreation programs at resident rates to residents of the other municipality, which are not currently available within the other municipality. The municipalities have mutually agreed to operate certain recreation programs on this cooperative basis in order to maximize the use of available public resources. Oak Park Recreation offers and provides Hazel Park residents with the following recreation programs at Oak Park resident rates at designated Oak Park locations:

- Use of municipal pool
- Rental of Community Center rooms, park shelters and ball fields
- Program registration
- Senior programs and dues; and
- Additional offerings at the discretion of the Oak Park Recreation Director

Hazel Park Recreation offers and provides Oak Park residents with the following recreation programs at Hazel Park resident rates at designated Hazel Park locations

- Program registration
- Room rentals
- Rental of park shelters and ball fields
- Use of Hazel Park school pool
- Senior dues and programs; and
- Additional offerings at the discretion of the Hazel Park Recreation Director

Hazel Park and Oak Park each agree to offer and provide the following programs jointly at resident rates at locations designated by the Recreation Directors for each Municipality.

- Aquatic program;
- Youth soccer;
- Dance program;
- Baseball;
- Basketball;
- Oakland County Parks collaborative events; and
- Additional offerings at the discretion of the respective Recreation Directors

This map of Hazel Park, Michigan, displays a grid of streets and various local amenities. Major thoroughfares include E Progress Dr (I-696) at the top, W 10 Mile Rd and E 10 Mile Rd at the top and right, W 9 Mile Rd and E 9 Mile Rd in the center, and W 8 Mile Rd at the bottom. A diagonal road, N 175 St, runs from the top left towards the bottom center. Other streets shown include W Mahan Ave, W Brickley Ave, W Coy Ave, W Shevlin Ave, W Mapledale Ave, W Garfield Ave, W Browning Ave, W Morehouse Ave, W Annabelle Ave, Hamata Ave, Manatee Ave, W Sonoma Ave, Orchard St, E Breckenridge St, W Woodruff Ave, W Goulson Ave, W Otis Ave, W Roberts Ave, W Pearl Ave, W Jarvis Ave, W Harry Ave, W Granet Ave, W Meyers Ave, W Madge Ave, W Evelyn Ave, W Maxlow Ave, W Elza Ave, W Bernhard Ave, W Milton Ave, W Hayes Ave, W George Ave, W Muir Ave, E Mahan Ave, E Brickley Ave, E Coy Ave, E Shevlin Ave, E Mapledale Ave, E Garfield Ave, E Browning Ave, E Woodward Heights Blvd, E Woodruff Ave, E Otis Ave, E Roberts Ave, E Pearl Ave, E Jarvis Ave, E Harry Ave, E Granet Ave, E Madge Ave, E Evelyn Ave, E Elza Ave, E Hayes Ave, E George Ave, E Muir Ave, E 8 Mile Rd, N 175 St, N Chrysler Dr, S Chrysler Dr, and Merrill Ave.

Key parks and landmarks are highlighted with green labels and icons: Green Acres City Park (top left, with a baseball field icon), Hazel Park Community Center (top left, with a person icon), Karam Park (top right, with a playground icon), Hazel Park Dog Park (top right, with a dog icon), Fuller Park (top right, with a soccer field icon), Tuski Memorial Park (center, with a playground icon), Felker Field (center, with a flag icon), Hazel Park War Memorial (center, with a flag icon), Scout Park (center, with a building icon), Kennedy Memorial Park (center, with a playground icon), Mayor Jan Parisi Art Garden (bottom left, with a building icon), Sutar-Sutarek-Meyer Park (bottom center, with a playground icon), Madge Park (bottom center, with a playground icon), Hazel Park Community Garden (bottom right, with a garden icon), Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park (bottom left, with a garden icon), and Albert Sylvester Park (bottom center, with a playground icon).



# Recreation Programming

Office hours for The Parks and Recreation Department are 9:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs for residents including:

## YOUTH SPORTS

- Baseball/Softball
- Basketball
- Ballet
- Karate
- Quad City Alliance with Oak Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

- Tai Chi, Karate
- Pilates and Yoga

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Bunny Brunch
- Daddy-Daughter Dance
- Mother-Son Dance
- Lunch with Santa
- Lighting Ceremony
- Memorial Weekend Festival

## SENIOR SERVICES

- SMART Transportation
- Ferndale/Hazel Park Senior Group meetings
- Various senior activities, including cards, senior programming

The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for oversight and maintenance of the City's 15 parks and the Hazel Park Community Center at 620 W. Woodward Heights Blvd. The Parks & Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works collaborate to keep Hazel Park's recreation facilities clean and in good working order. Regular maintenance, trash removal, and labor for events are coordinated between the two departments.

## 4. Recreation Needs Analysis

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# Recreation Needs Analysis

To analyze the recreational needs of Hazel Park residents and determine deficiencies within recreation programs, it is helpful to consider standards for recreation service areas, land needs based on future population, and the ultimate size and extent of recreation facilities and their location.

These recreation planning standards are a useful tool in making an assessment of future recreation needs. Standards may be used effectively only as a means for comparing present conditions to what is thought to be suitable or desirable, and as a general guide toward estimating future needs and demands.

The following organizations have developed guidelines for recreation, which are referenced in this analysis of Hazel Park's recreation facilities:

1. **Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service (HCRS)**

The HCRS recommends standards based on compiled data on standards used or recommended by various city, county, metropolitan, state, and federal park and recreation agencies.

2. **Urban Land Institute (ULI)**

The ULI, a private research organization concerned with planning and development of land, recommends standards for recreation areas for community and neighborhood development.

3. **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)**

The NRPA developed the following recommended standards and guidelines for recreation, parks and open space.

## Recommended Community Recreation Facilities

The major types of community recreation facilities recommended by the above organizations include:

1. **Playgrounds/Mini-Parks**

Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population, or specific groups such as small children or senior citizens. For example, suggested recreational amenities for an individual mini-park include a tot lot, two picnic tables and open space.

2. **Playfield or Athletic Fields/Neighborhood Park**

Neighborhood parks should offer a variety of activities to accommodate a range of ages, physical abilities, and recreational interests. Therefore, it is recommended that neighborhood parks should be comprised of approximately 50% active uses (fields, courts, playgrounds, skating, etc.) and 50% passive uses (trails, picnic areas, etc.). In an urbanized community such as Hazel Park, parking occurs on the street.

3. **Community Parks**

Community-wide parks include larger parks with diverse environmental quality. A variety of passive and active uses are provided, including athletic fields, sledding hills, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Typically, uses are separated by activity and age group to limit potential conflicts between different types of users. Other potential facilities include lighted spectator-type athletic fields and off-street parking.

4. **Connector Trails**

Connector trails would include a multi-use trail to give non-motorized access to parks and other uses throughout the City, and would also provide connections to regional bike lanes. Modes of travel include walking, biking, and in-line skating. These trails would by necessity be located within the road rights-of-way. There are no current standards for trails within/around a community.

## 5. NRPA Annual Agency Review

Each year, the NRPA surveys parks and recreation agencies across the US and shares this data to help communities benchmark their programs and facilities against similar-sized peers. The NRPA recognizes that applying standards and guidelines often prove challenging due to the variety of populations served and funding sources available. Table 4-1 on the following page shows current benchmarks for certain park facilities. The list illustrates the number of facilities that might be expected within Hazel Park, based on its current and future population.

# Parkland Analysis

Approximately 37.75 acres of parks and facilities exist within Hazel Park, owned by the City and managed by the Department of Public Services. The Hazel Park Public Schools own the remaining 20.5 acres.

## MINI/NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Mini/Neighborhood parks serve an area up to a one-half mile distance and are typically less than 10 acres in size. Hazel Park has eleven (11) mini-parks, three (3) neighborhood parks, and eight (8) school facilities that provide less than the recommended acreage for mini and neighborhood parks.

## COMMUNITY PARK

Community parks typically serve an area within one-half to three miles and are between 30 to 50 acres in size. However, since the City of Hazel Park is only 2.8 square miles many of the City's community parks are smaller than the guidelines, but serve a community-wide function. The City owns roughly 18 acres of community parkland, 65 acres less than the recommended acreage for community parks. In addition to the City-owned land, Hazel Park Public Schools contributes 17.5 acres of land since it is categorized as a community park. With public school parks included, Hazel Park's community parkland deficiency decreases to 47.5 acres.

## SCHOOL PARKS

School properties can fulfill the requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use. For the purposes of this inventory all childhood centers and elementary and middle school facilities were classified as neighborhood parks, and Hazel Park Advantage, Hazel Park High School, Hazel Park Junior High School, and Roosevelt Invest School were considered community parks.

## REGIONAL PARK

Regional facilities offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities which help in meeting the need for local parkland and help balance the deficiencies in facilities. Hazel Park does not have a regional park within its borders. However, it should be noted that a number of regional parks are within a short distance from the City despite not being within its borders.

According to the above guidelines, the City of Hazel Park exhibits a deficiency in the community park category when school properties are included. Overall, the City is providing an exceptional amount of parkland for its residents given the constraint of its municipal boundaries and relatively dense land use.

**Table 4-1**  
**Hazel Park Comparison to NRPA Recommended**  
**Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation**  
**Open Space and Trails**

Classification	Existing (acres)	Recommended (acres)	Comments
Mini-Park	7.75 acres	4.2-8.3 acres	Hazel Park is near the top end of this range
Neighborhood Park	16.60 acres	16.6-33.2 acres	Hazel Park is just within this range.
Community Park	33.9 acres	82.9-132.7 acres	With limited land to acquire, the focus should be on providing exceptional facilities on existing parkland



## State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

The DNR includes a Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional recreation Open Space and Trails (see Table 4) for the development of recreation plans. On the next page, these standards outline recommendations for developed recreation acreage and for the various types of recreation activities; however, it should be noted that these standards are guidelines and the City should consider other recreation opportunities within the area as well as the ability to maintain community facilities.

**Table 4-2**  
**Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional**  
**Recreation Open Space and Trails**

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population (Min)	Acres / 1,000 Population (Max)
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25	0.5
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1	2
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.		Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5	8
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.		Variable
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/ buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable
Regional   Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5	10
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.		Variable

## 5. The Planning Process

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# Planning Process

The recreation planning process in Hazel Park is intended to involve individuals who represent a broad cross-section of the community's population. The City Council is responsible for implementing the Recreation Plan, but the Advisory Board provides input, analysis and recommendations. The planning process began with an inventory of all Hazel Park parks facilities. A survey was then developed and posted online.

Using the inventory and survey findings, this Recreation Plan identifies opportunities to improve the City's park facilities, along with goals for the future. The draft plan and 5-year action program of priority projects will be reviewed by the Advisory Board. Following the recommendation of approval by the Advisory Board, the plan will be presented to the City Council. The draft plan will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the City Council. Notice of the public review period will be provided in the local newspaper. The plan will be presented at a public hearing held by the Advisory Board. Copies of the notices announcing the review period and public hearing are included in the Appendix.

## Public Input – Online survey

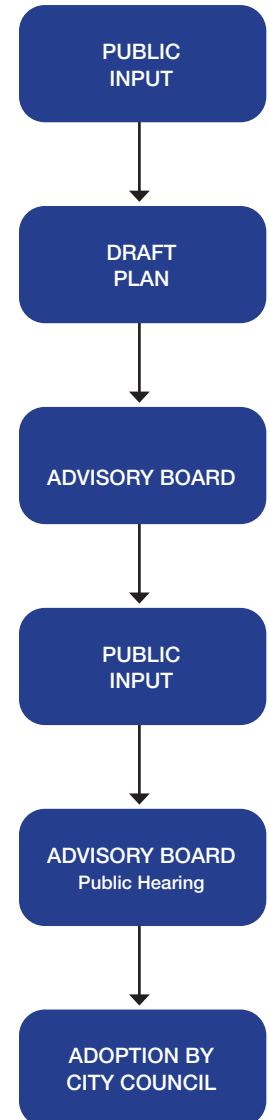
The online survey measured basic familiarity with the park system, preferred locations for increased walkability and a new recreation center, and level of satisfaction with existing facilities park. Questions asked how often they visit parks and why, what respondents felt is missing from the city parks, and what their priorities were for the system. Questions provided by Oakland County regarding inclusivity were also included. The online survey was open from late July through late August, 2024, and generated 307 responses; additionally, paper surveys and links to the online survey were sent to all City households in the mail with the water bill; roughly 100 paper surveys were completed and returned. The 2018 survey received only 56 responses.

## Common Themes from 2018

- Natural area stewardship
- Inclusivity—something for all users
- Health and fitness
- Connectivity—better ways to walk and bike to parks
- Customer Service
- Improved programming
- Better marketing/outreach – an informed public

## Common Themes in 2024

- Lack of awareness of available facilities
- Inclusivity
- Health and fitness
- Connectivity—better ways to walk and bike to parks
- Need for maintenance/upgrades



## Awareness and Usage

- Green Acres and Scout Park are by far the most used parks, with the most repeat users, with the Community Center in third
- Most other parks are visited by small numbers of people and are generally more neighborhood-oriented; most did not know their locations

## Most Requested Facilities

- Pathways for walking in more parks
- Shade (trees and/or sunshades)
- More adult recreation
- Need for more placemaking and community building city-wide, with parks as a component
- Security/lighting
- More all-weather fitness space
- Drinking fountains
- Wayfinding aides/area maps
- Benches/places to sit
- Restrooms (aside from Green Acres)
- Playground upgrades
- Pickleball & other court sports (basketball, etc)

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A public open house was held on October 3rd, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30pm, allowing members of the public to respond to conceptual plans that had been developed for the pocket parks in the southern part of the City, as well as the goals and objectives of the plan. Participants were enabled to provide open-ended feedback as well. About twenty people attended the open house and provided feedback.

The surrounding posters show plans for the future development of the city's three smallest parks, as well as a set of elements that could be repeated throughout the city's park system as it is improved in the future.

What do you like the most? What do think is the lowest priority? Tell us your thoughts on a post-it below, or use the dots on the elements boards to indicate your favorite elements and ideas.

**First**

- All forest paths
- More trees in park places
- Less laws
- Native plants
- Rather flat paths than gravel easier with a stroller
- Native plants
- Love Cornhole board games
- More seating options, native plants, etc.
- Pedic lanes for eating, stroller at art park!
- Art park force behavior it is not on way on road
- Safety lanes KEY to a way on road

**Second**

- Incorporate educational run gardens and pollinator gardens
- Less on entry arches, more on safety fences, barriers from way into
- Second
- Rain gardens
- More all natural elements
- More seating options, native plants, etc.
- Pedic lanes for eating, stroller at art park!
- Art park force behavior it is not on way on road
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**Third**

- Replace trees democracy - Bismarck
- Less focus on expensive play equipment more on growing trees
- Parents exercise while kids play safely
- Rain gardens
- More all natural elements
- More seating options, native plants, etc.
- Pedic lanes for eating, stroller at art park!
- Art park force behavior it is not on way on road
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**Hazel Park's Park System**

The map above shows all of the city's parks.

### Why Do We Do Park Planning?

A five-year recreation plan is a key part of ensuring the city meets the recreational needs of its residents. Not only does it set goals and identify needed improvements for the park system, it also ensures that the City will remain eligible for recreation grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

If you could add one thing to any park in the city, what would it be?

Use a post-it to tell us below. And feel free to tell us about more than one park!

- Add more plants! / w/ no maintenance
- Benches
- Pet drinking stations
- Gratepark
- Apple Tree Row
- Seasonal interpretation (w/ varying environmental topics)
- Social skills
- Quarterly community clean-up
- Yoga in park
- All-Park paths
- Middle school in the Grove middle school area
- Doggie station @ Kennedy
- Community gardens
- Outdoor games
- Story books on shelves
- Outdoor classroom activities
- Fruit baskets
- Pet waste stations
- Urban pocket forest
- Trees
- OF REES
- Crate Train walking @ Kennedy
- Seating
- Overhead seating + decorative lighting
- Kennedy
- Playground
- Handicap accessible
- Senior center
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What is the social or recreational program or service you'd most like to see offered by the city?

Use a post-it to tell us below.



## 6. Goals & Objectives

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# Goals & Objectives

This plan sets forth a set of goals objectives for the future of parks and recreation in Hazel Park. Goals and objectives offer guidelines and milestones for parks and recreation planning. The following carry forward or build on the previous recreation plan (2020-2024), as the Advisory Board found that they were still applicable.



## WHAT ARE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTION ITEMS?

- **Goals** are general guidelines that explain what the community wants to achieve. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as “foster a unique and inclusive community.” Goals define the “what” but not the “how.”
- **Objectives** identify the milestones that mark progress in achieving goals – more of the “how.” For example, the goal of “foster a unique and inclusive community” could be measured in terms of “establishing youth and teen programming for the summer months. Objectives are plan-specific and are included here.
- **Action items** are more specific and define the steps to accomplish objectives and attain the identified goals – these could be considered the “who” and “when.”

## **GOAL 1: Foster an inclusive and unique community.**

### **Goal 1 Objectives**

Seek partnerships with local organizations, clubs and institutions to provide a more expanded variety of organized activities and programs – particularly at underutilized park sites - within the community. This includes:

- Senior walking clubs.
- Theatrical programming that involves schools, library, and residents
- Seasonal, including winter activities.
- Art and cultural programs.
- Teen and youth programming during the summer
- Continue to celebrate the community by participation in festivals, community functions and events

## **GOAL 2: Provide parks and recreation facilities that are beautiful and high quality, that respect history, offer a variety of experiences, both passive and active, are well maintained and that are accessible to all residents of the community.**

### **Goal 2 Objectives**

- Analyze and improve universal accessibility.
- Incorporate art and murals into park design.
- Encourage central entry areas for sitting and gathering in park design.
- Maintain and update park equipment and facilities as needed, such as playground equipment, ball fields, open space areas including natural landscaping.
- Implement a standardized park design for all City of Hazel Park Parks including signage, installation of trees, tree transplanting, improved landscaping, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles.
- Support and encourage new developments to include areas for active and passive recreation



### **GOAL 3: Create a community of healthy residents by providing opportunities that promote and encourage active lifestyles and mobility.**

#### **Goal 3 Objectives**

- Increase non-motorized transportation connections between parks, historical sites, community facilities and shopping districts that allow residents to cycle, walk and run.
- Develop and promote programming that encourages active lifestyles for all ages.
- Develop a wayfinding program for the trail / greenway network that directs users of the non-motorized paths to City parks and other destinations.

### **GOAL 4: Provide recreation programming and facility opportunities that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.**

#### **Goal 4 Objectives**

- Create opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components, individual sporting pursuits, training/self-improvement courses.
- Provide additional environmental-oriented programs and use parks as outdoor classrooms and art theater.
- Coordinate with the Hazel Park Art Council regarding public art at parks. Coordinate location, lights to illuminate, sprinkler locations, etc.

### **GOAL 5: Coordinate and partner with other entities and residents to ensure the availability and opportunity for comprehensive, quality services and facilities.**

#### **Goal 5 Objectives**

- Recruit civic and business organizations for assistance with park improvement projects.
- Partner for grants & outside funding and increase opportunities for donation, sponsorships and fundraising efforts.
- Foster, promote and encourage cooperative relationship with public and private entities.
- Promote a system for people to approach the City with ideas to collaborate for park improvements.
- Provide volunteer opportunities in program delivery and improvement projects.
- Establish “Adopt-A-Park” program to encourage collaboration with residents and neighborhood groups with maintaining and increasing participation at underutilized City parks.
- Review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years to maintain a current assessment and ensure grant funding eligibility.

## **GOAL 6: Operate the parks and recreation department in an effective and efficient manner so as to maintain a high level of customer service.**

### **Goal 6 Objectives**

- Expand web-based marketing efforts to inform residents of programs and events.
- Update and maintain the city's website for improved access to the following information:
  - » All city-owned and operated parks and recreation facilities (with locations and programming).
  - » Recreation opportunities offered via the interlocal governmental agreement between Oak Park and Hazel Park.
- Continue to use existing community resources efficiently and demonstrate fiscal adaptability and responsibility.
- Review Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with Parks and Recreation Board.
- Continue to build upon the Department's relationship with Hazel Park Junior Vikings to offer additional youth programming.

## **GOAL 7: Improve the quality and number of services, activities, and programs to meet the social, educational, health, recreational, and social service needs of the city's age groups, including the senior population.**

### **Goal 7 Objectives**

- Expand parks and recreation programming and activities to encourage older adults to stay active, healthy, and involved with other active members of the community.
- Continue to grow partnership between City and Ferndale/Hazel Park Seniors group.
- Host a diverse set of senior activities and programs at the Hazel Park Community Center to increase participation in municipal recreation, fitness, and wellness programs among older adults.
- Increase the level of programming which provides helpful information, lifelong learning, and enables individuals to acquire new skills that contribute to their continued independence.
- Reprogram many of the city's underutilized park facilities for senior and adult use by providing opportunities for both independent and guided exercise, increased accessibility, and ease of use.
- Develop programming that provides social opportunities for the city's adult population.

## **GOAL 8: Restore native and natural habitats to create sustainable development in the areas of conservation, re-naturalization, and implementation of natural landscapes and greenspaces throughout the city.**

### **Goal 8 Objectives**

- Habitat Creation - Restore native and natural habitats for the 5 B's (bats, birds, bees, butterflies, and bugs) throughout the community and teach residents and businesses how to incorporate these ideas onto their property. Include native plants in planting and landscaping plans. Consider Otis Avenue courts as a location for canopy/habitat restoration and the creation of a Scout-Kennedy greenway.
- Land Management - Find land management solutions to minimize flooding and erosion utilizing plants and other landscaping.
- Education - Create educational opportunities for residents through nature themed events.
- Training – Train Code Enforcement and other City staff on recognizing and understanding well-maintained native gardens.
- Community - Increase community involvement to foster an appreciation of nature and encourage a stronger sense of personal connection.
- Engage in additional tree planting to restore canopy, mitigate stormwater absorption, and provide shade; consider collaboration with Red Oaks and Re-leaf
- Pursue alternative stormwater management techniques in the parks



## 7. Implementation

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# Action Plan

The action plan discussed in the following section includes a five-year capital improvement plan, conceptual plans for three pocket parks in the southern portion of the City, a strategy for approaching two other mini parks in that area, designs for a wayfinding system, and information about a pending renovation of the building next to the Community Center. The five-year capital improvement plan carries forward some elements of the last five-year plan and adds new elements to address the City's new priorities.

The action plan outlines Hazel Park's approach to implementing the goals and objectives identified in the previous chapter. These strategies are intended to provide guidance for planning and budgeting purposes for the next five years. They suggest priorities generally, but are not intended to be set in stone or limit additional creative approaches. Generally, parks and recreation action strategies should consider the following when outlining a strategy to implement goals and objectives:

1. Are there immediate health, environmental, and safety concerns that need to be addressed?
2. What are opportunities that exist to partner with other groups towards a common goal?
3. Is there a person or group who can champion specific goals/objectives?
4. Are there multiple goals that can be achieved by implementing a project?
5. What projects affect the greatest number of people in the community and/or address the greatest need?
6. How can projects be broken down into phases for a multi-year approach?
7. What funding opportunities exist for implementation of certain goals?

**PLANNING ACTIONS (P)** reflect strategies aimed at identifying an approach, including cost estimates, to achieving certain goals and objectives. These are activities that can be undertaken at a variety of levels, including the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Planning Commission and the City Council.

**MAINTENANCE ACTIONS (M)** address those issues identified in the plan as needing upgrades or attention to repair, safety or appearance. These activities will likely be addressed by the public works department, but may also include assistance by various community groups.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (A)** will pursue strategies that keep an inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events for the City. Strategies developed through planning actions will be implemented and/or coordinated through administrative efforts.

**FUNDING ACTIONS (F)** will actively pursue local, cooperative and grant funding approaches to implement the goals and objectives of the plan.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIONS (C)** will take place once a plan has been finalized, funding has been obtained, permits have been acquired and the project is 'shovel ready'.

## OPENNESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Though the action plan includes many specific items, it cannot anticipate every possible opportunity to improve Hazel Park's recreational facilities and programming. For instance, the plan does not specifically identify a location for a skate park, but the Advisory Board is aware of some local interest in such a facility. If a partner emerged that could shepherd such a project (or a similar facility), the City could work with that partner.

## Small Park Upgrades

This plan takes a special look at several smaller parks on the City's historically underserved south side. Conceptual designs were developed for the three smallest of these parks, which the City conceptualizes as "pocket parks," or small parks serving areas where no larger facilities exist: the Hazel Park Art Park (aka Mayor Jan Parisi Art Garden), Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park (aka Caledonia Park), and Albert Sylvester Park. It also offers strategies for the long-term development of Madge Park and Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park, which could be applied to other parks in the City.

### **Madge Park and Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park**

These two parks both have substantial area for small parks serving a highly local population. In both cases, the current recreation facilities are spread throughout the park, with no connecting pathways. Both have mature tree canopy and open lawn areas as well. As Hazel Park considers the redevelopment and upgrading of these parks in the future, thought should be given to grouping play equipment in one area of the park, with strong barrier-free pathway connections. Other areas of these parks could serve as small playing fields or picnic areas. Still others could be set aside for native plantings, additional tree canopy, and passive stormwater management systems such as bioswales and rain gardens. In other words, these parks can be split into zones with distinct purposes, each of which serves a different health or environmental function.

### **Art Park, Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer, and Albert Sylvester Parks**

The following pages present conceptual layouts for these three parks, designed to be implemented over time as funds become available. These are followed by a pattern book with cost estimates for elements that could be added to these parks, as well as others in the system.

### **Albert Sylvester Park**

This park is the sole recreational facility serving the neighborhood at the City's southern end between John R Road and I-75. It was created on a vacant lot, and a second vacant lot next door, which is also city-owned, provides the potential for the park to expand in the future. For the moment, the conceptual design leaves this lot open and recommends removing the sign prohibiting ball playing so that the open space can be used as neighboring residents see fit. Otherwise, the design emphasizes incremental improvements to accessibility, a gradual replacement of outdated equipment, and the gradual addition of more things to do.

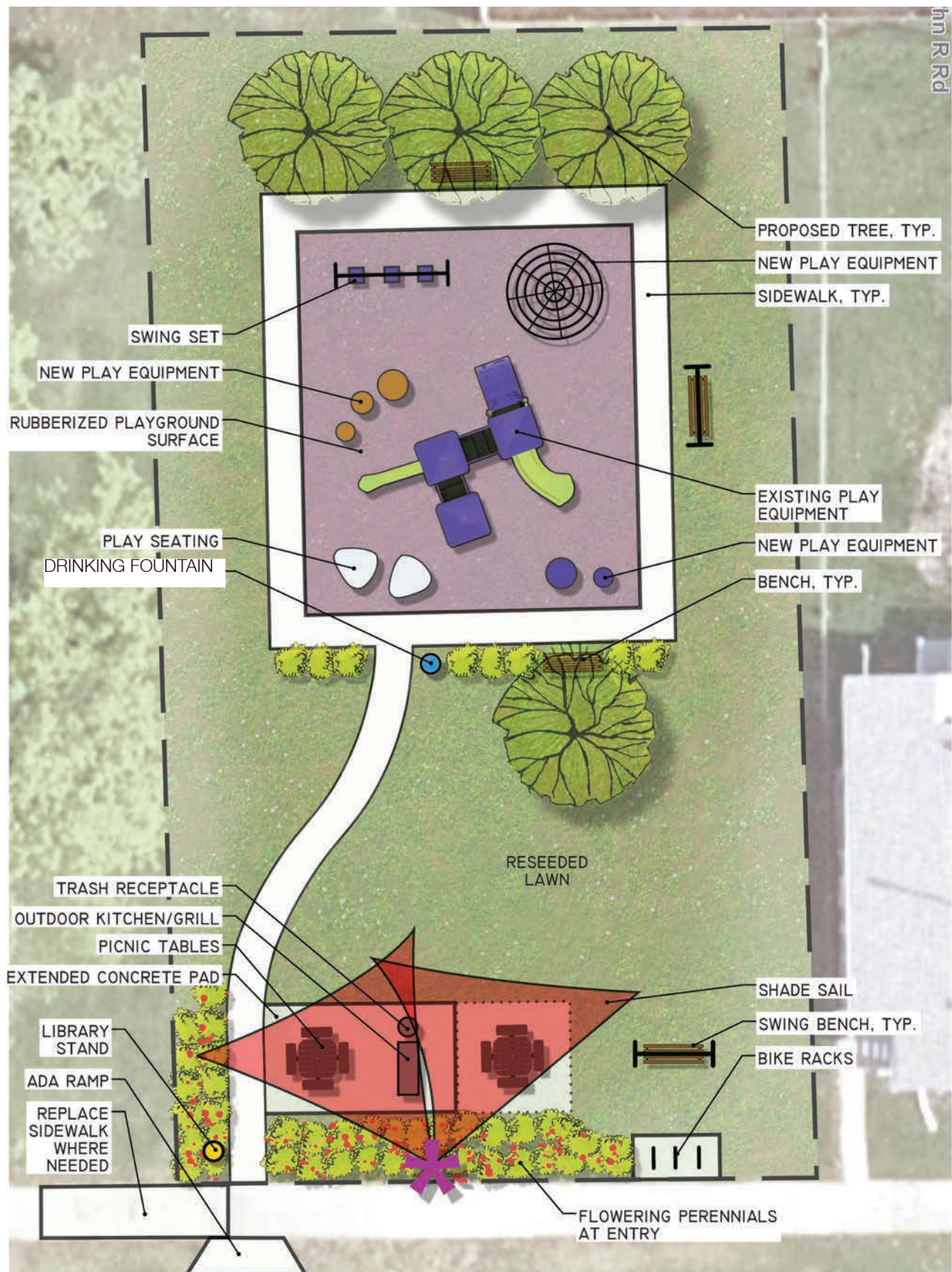
### **Art Park**

The Art Park is located along John R Road, and is accessed from the public sidewalk; it must be accessed on foot from somewhere nearby. The conceptual plan focuses on expanding the park's ability to showcase multiple artworks and drawing more users to it over time. Diverse seating options will increase the park's function as a place of contemplation in an otherwise busy area.

### **Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Park**

This park received substantial investment over the last five years, including new trees, landscaping, a picnic table, play equipment, public announcement board, and trash receptacle. The conceptual plan calls for continued progress, with an emphasis on additional places to gather and improved accessibility.





Sources: Boundaries, Roads: SEMCOG. Parks: Hazel Park. Pathways: Oakland County.



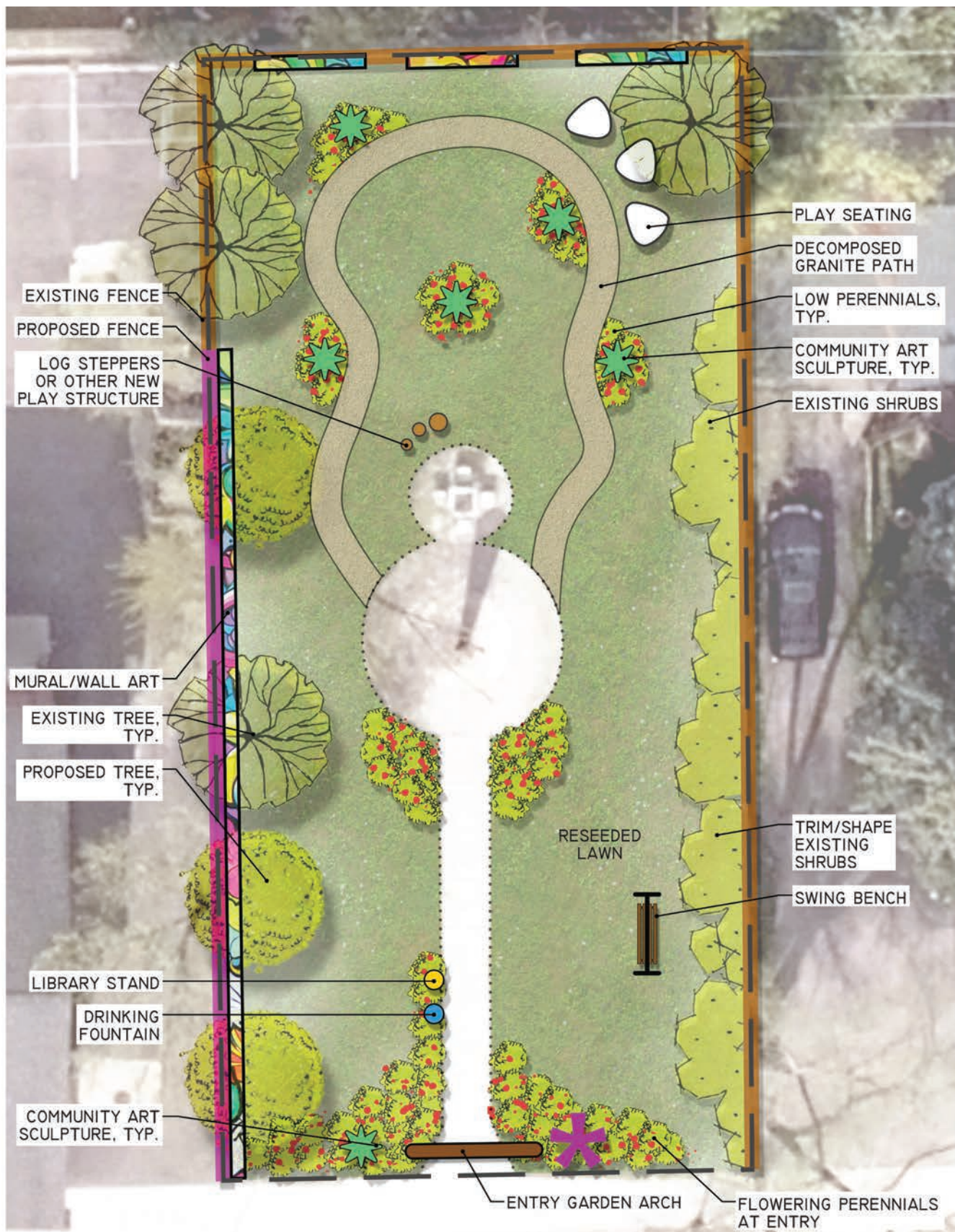
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- IMPROVED ENTRANCE SIGNAGE
- EXISTING EDGE
- PARK LIMITS

Albert Sylvester Park

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webster

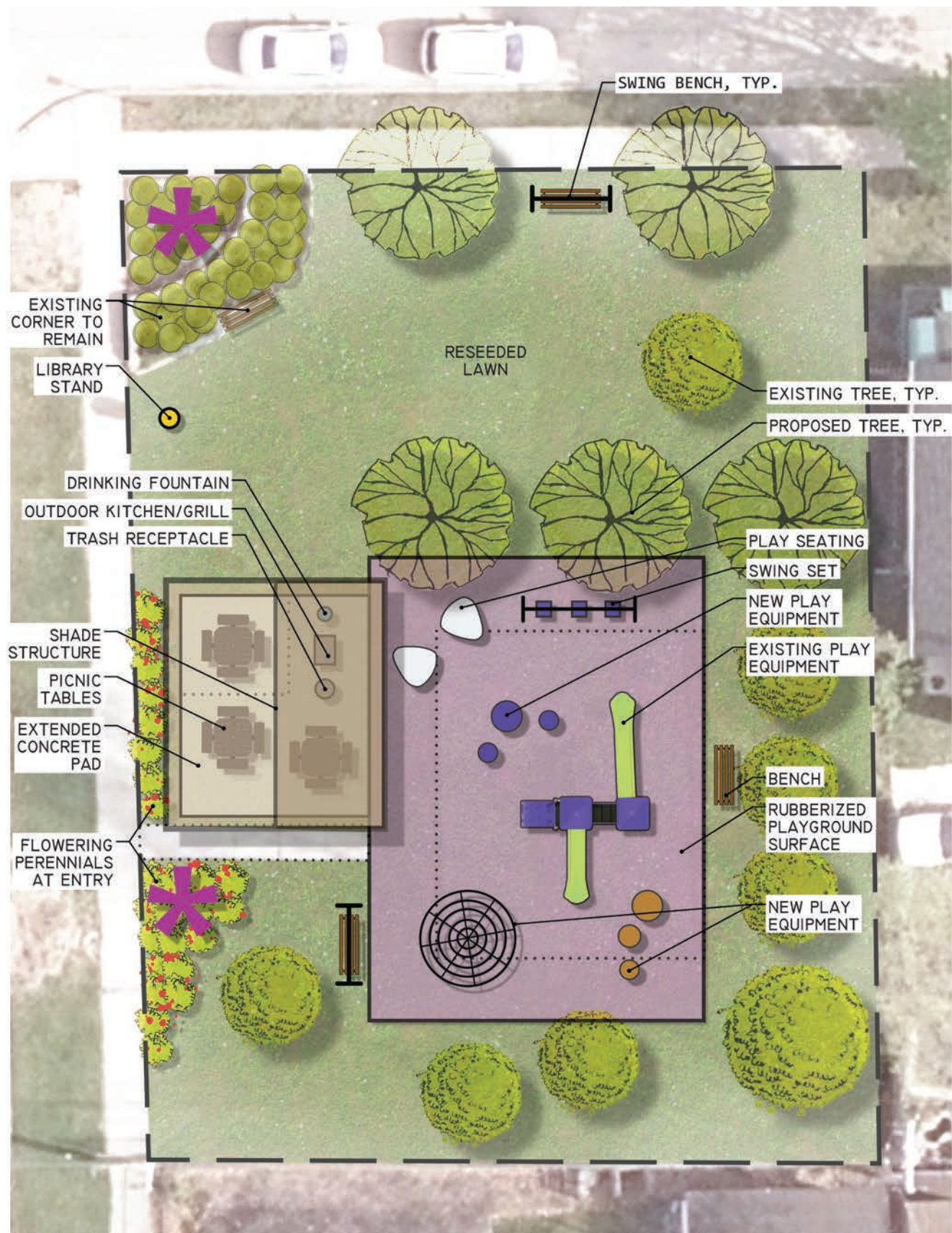




### Mayor Jan Parisi Art Garden

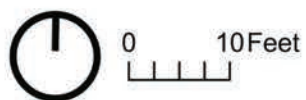
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Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Park



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ADDITIONAL



ADDITIONAL TABLES



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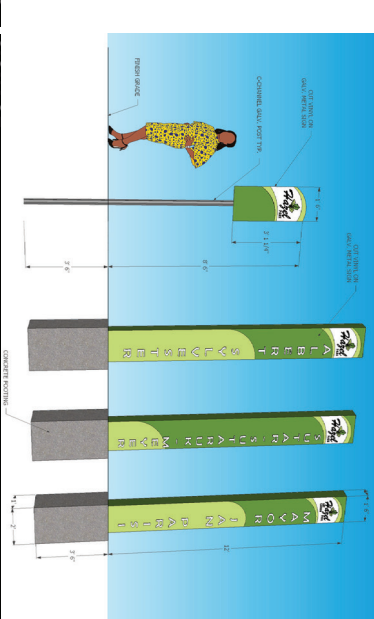
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ADDITIONAL



DRINKING FOUNTAINS



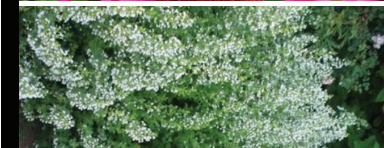
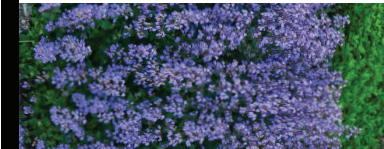
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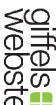
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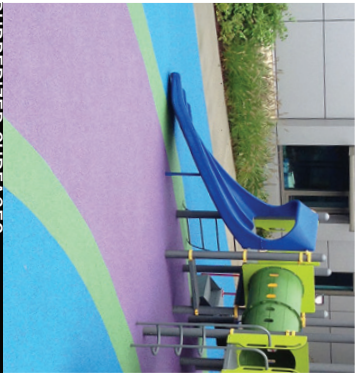
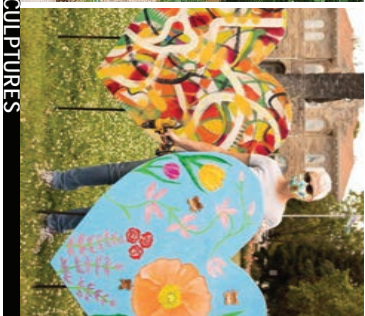
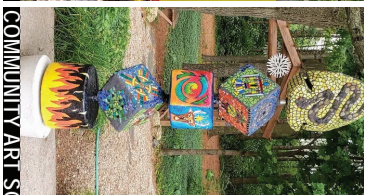
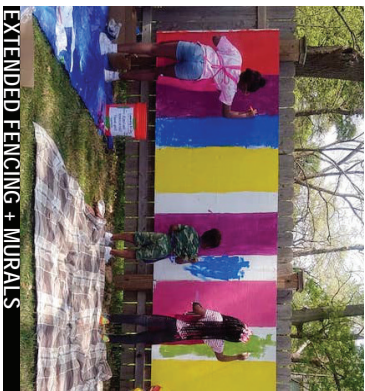
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PLAYGROUND

RUBBERIZED SURFACES

PLAY SEATING

PLAYGROUND

EXTENDED FENCING + MURALS

COMMUNITY ART SCULPTURES

INTERACTIVE ART SCULPTURES

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# Furniture Break Down

All prices are approximate and do not include labor or any other additional custom or shipping costs.



**SHADE SAIL**  
Recommended:  
3 Point Sail Shade Structure  
Company: Willy Goat

~\$16,000 EA



**SHADE SAIL**  
Alternative:  
Single Post Pyramid  
Cantilever Shade Structure  
Company: Willy Goat

~\$6,000 EA



**BENCH**  
Recommended:  
Arcata Bench  
Company: Landscape Forms

~\$2,500 EA



**BENCH**  
Alternative:  
Iron Valley Ductile Iron  
and Steel Bench, 5'  
Company: Kay Park

~\$1,900 EA



**SWING BENCH**  
Recommended:  
Thermoplastic Bench Swing  
Company: Kay Park

~\$2,600 EA



**PICNIC TABLE**  
Recommended:  
Square Portable Picnic Table,  
Treated Wood Top & Benches, 4SJ Series  
Company: Kay Park

~\$1,100 EA



**WATER FOUNTAIN**  
Recommended:  
Elkay Outdoor Drinking Fountain with  
Bottle Filling Station and Pet Fountain  
Company: PRO Drinking Fountains

~\$9,300 EA



**WATER FOUNTAIN**  
Recommended:  
Elkay Outdoor Drinking  
Fountain with Pet  
Fountain, Bi-Level  
Company: PRO Drinking  
Fountains

~\$4,100 EA





BIKE RACK  
Recommended:  
Ring Bike Rack  
Company: Landscape Forms  
  
~\$700 EA



BIKE RACK  
Alternative:  
Horseshoe Style  
Bike Rack  
Company: Kay Park  
  
~\$300 EA



GRILL ISLAND  
Recommended:  
Basic U-Cara Grill  
Company: Unilock  
  
~\$7,000-\$15,000 EA



GRILL  
Alternative:  
Outdoor Standard  
Park Grill  
Company: ULINE  
  
~\$380 EA



LIBRARY STAND  
Recommended:  
Two Story Shed Unfinished  
Company: Little Free Library  
  
~\$300 EA



COMMUNITY ART  
Recommended:  
Art created by Hazel  
Park community  
  
~\$0 - \$5,000 EA



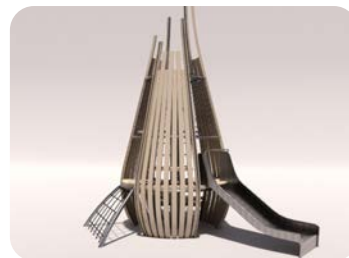
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Escofet Extasi Bench  
Company: Landscape Forms  
  
~\$1,300 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Songbird  
Company: Earthscape  
  
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PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Nature Themed Tree Stump  
Steppers, Set Of 3  
Company: Willy Goat  
  
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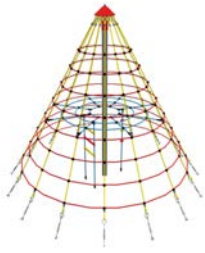
PLAY BENCH  
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Junior Forest Tower  
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PLAY STRUCTURE  
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Leaf Wobble Board  
Company: Earthscape  
  
~\$1,500 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Bird's Nest Mini Cradle  
Company: Willy Goat  
  
~\$2,600 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
The Great Pyramid  
Company: Willy Goat  
~\$7,000 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Concrete Cornhole,  
One Pair  
Company: Kay Park  
~\$1,400 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Pebble Path Pods Playground  
Section, 12 Pods  
Company: Willy Goat  
~\$1,400 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Connect Four Board  
Company: Picnic  
Furniture  
~\$5,700 EA



ARCHED TRELLIS  
Recommended:  
Rosewood Cedar Arbor  
Company: Gardener's Supply Company  
~\$400 EA



PLAY STRUCTURE  
Recommended:  
Garden Kaleidoscope  
Company: Artist Robert  
Anderson  
~\$4,000-\$8,000 EA



RUBBER PLAY SURFACE  
~\$18 per SF



DECOMPOSED GRANITE  
~\$9 per SF



CONCRETE, 6 FT  
~\$6 per SF





ENTRY GRASS  
Recommended:  
Karley Rose Fountain Grass

*Pennisetum orientale* 'Karley Rose'  
~\$12 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY PERENNIAL  
Recommended:  
Purrsian Blue Catmint

*Nepeta faassenii*  
'Purrsian Blue'  
~\$13 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY PERENNIAL  
Recommended:  
Patroit Plantain Lily

*Hosta* 'Patroit'  
~\$10 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY PERENNIAL  
Recommended:  
Delicious Candy Coneflower

*Echinacea*  
'Delicious Candy'  
~\$15 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY PERENNIAL  
Recommended:  
Montrose White Calamint

*Calamintha nepeta*  
'Montrose White'  
~\$13 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY PERENNIAL  
Recommended:  
Purple Sensation  
Ornamental Onion

*Allium* 'Purple Sensation'  
~\$15 EA, 1 GAL.



ENTRY TREE  
Recommended:  
Arnold Promise Witch Hazel

*Hamamelis* × *intermedia*  
'Arnold Promise'  
~\$200 EA, 4' BB



TREE  
Recommended:  
Bald Cypress

*Taxodium distichum*  
~\$260 EA, #15/5'



TREE  
Recommended:  
Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple

*Acer saccharum balista*  
'Fall Fiesta'  
~\$400 EA, 2"  
~\$490 EA, 2.5"



# Wayfinding

Hazel Park's recreation facilities are distributed throughout the City, and our survey results indicated that many residents are unaware the location of many of them. Some parks are meant for neighborhood use, but we can still improve their visibility, and connections to and from them by providing more direction. The wayfinding signage concept below provides two basic sign types: park entry signage to identify a given park, and a smaller informational sign. Cost estimates for these signs are included in the appendix.

## Entrance Identification Signs

Entrance identification signs are designed on a metal framework with a durable vinyl wrap. The frameworks and footings are the most significant capital cost, but the coverings are relatively inexpensive, and can be changed if the park system's branding changes in the future, or if damaged.

## Informational Signs

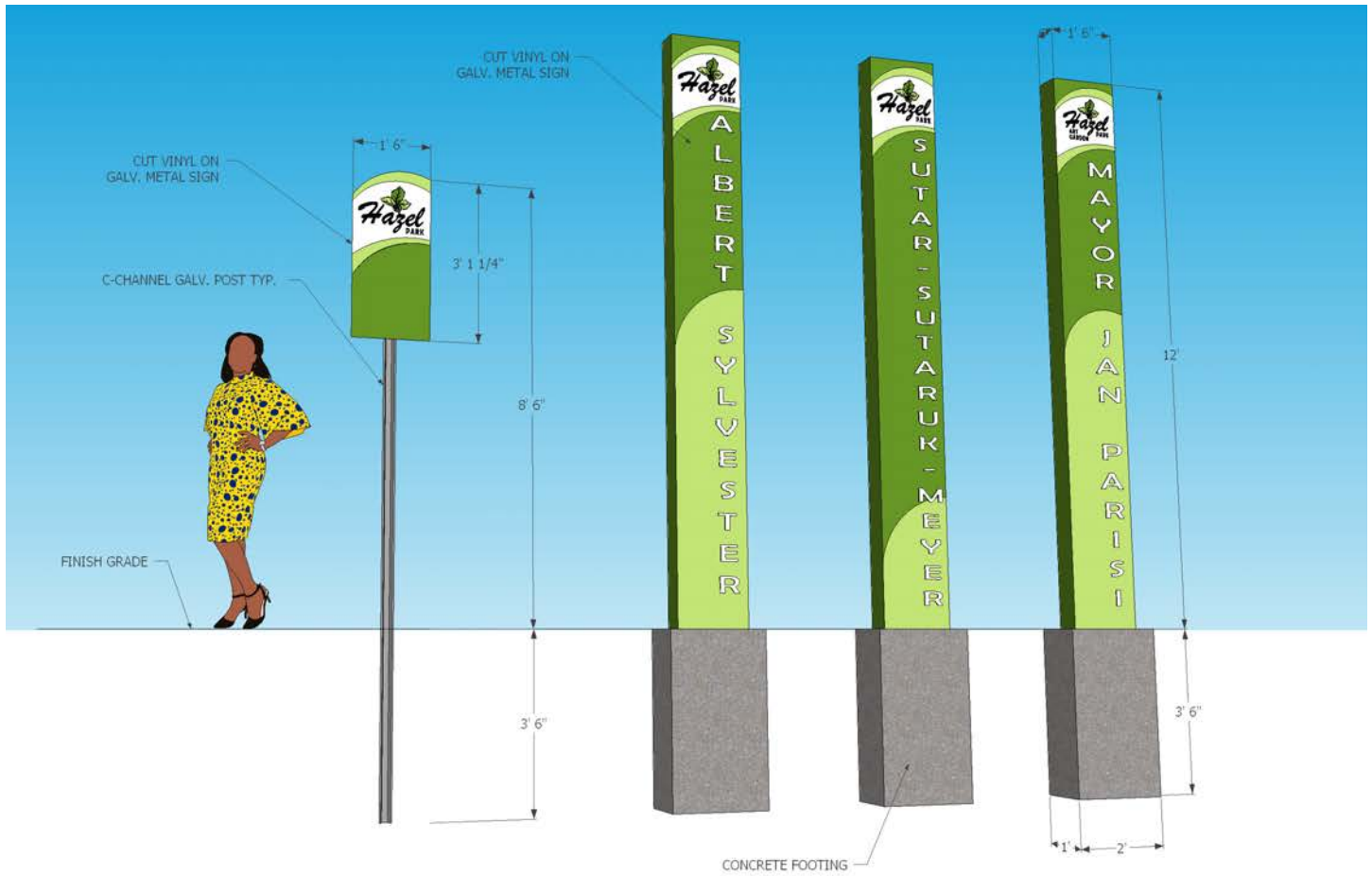
The smaller sign shown below can accommodate information, from a simple park name and arrow to be set out on a major road, to walking distances to major destinations set within the park itself. This low-cost option could offer a quick and relatively simple way to implement a wayfinding system while gathering funds for a more capital-intensive entryway sign system.

## Locating Wayfinding Signage

Entryway signage should be located at the most prominent point of entry to a given park. Informational Signage can be used in several ways:

- As park identification signage; if the cost of entryway signage delays its implementation, these signs can serve as a lower-cost interim measure
- Pointing park users to other nearby amenities, services, and facilities; signs in the parks can list nearby destinations, with travel times and/or distances
- Directing people to parks & recreation facilities, these directional signs could be placed along major routes of travel, increasing awareness of the City's parks and their locations. For instance, Kennedy Park has a parking lot accessed from Dequindre Road, but this is not a very visible access point. A small sign here identifying Kennedy Park would greatly increase awareness of the facility.

## Wayfinding Signage Concept Illustration



## Community Center - Pole Barn Renovation

Hazel Park's Community Center is located at 620 W. Woodward Heights Blvd and is a hub of recreational and social activity. It is adjacent to Green Acres Park. Next to the Community Center is a pole barn (pictured below) that has been underutilized for some time and is in need of improvement. To that end, the City has secured two grants to support the improvement of this structure so that it can be used as a venue for meetings and receptions, gallery space for local artists, and other community gathering needs. The space would also serve as a heating and cooling center for residents during power outages in times of extreme weather, supporting the City's climate resiliency goals. The City has secured \$505,000 in grant funding from HUD and \$575,000 from CMF/DNR Spark Grant CMF-G20243229 to bring the project to life. Plans are shown on the following three pages. The project narrative describes the project as follows:

"The plan for the renovation is an entire rehabilitation. The inside would be reconstructed from its current shell to provide room for a larger activity space, which would be facing the Woodward Heights Blvd, followed by smaller rooms that would be used as offices and or smaller activities rooms, facing the parking lot and ballfield area in the back. Taking the pole barn to a community meeting space by adding in walls, HVAC, heating, and cooling and more, we will be doing an entire reconstruction from the space that it once was to what it could be. We hope to add indoor bathrooms, as well as outdoor bathrooms for sports and special events use. Since a waterline connection already exists within this building, a hook-up should be no issue. These bathrooms will not only serve the guests that visit the public facility, but the residents that utilize the park features as well, such as the baseball field and our newly installed disc golf course. All areas of this new building will be fully compliant to ADA standards and take in any community ideas and recommendations for programming.

Further, our hope is to add garage-style doors in the front of the building to allow for natural light as needed and accessibility to the building. These doors can then be opened to allow for more air flow throughout the building, as well as better lighting. They can also be closed to allow for an aesthetically pleasing look to the building itself, enticing residents and visitors to the area to visit all the events going on. In front of the pole barn that faces Woodward Heights, our hope is to add a cement patio that would provide more seating space for residents during the warmer months, which would also provide an overflow area for meetings and events as well. Continuing with the project design, we would like to see a connecting hallway built between the Hazel Park Recreation Center and this new space. This would allow easier access between the two buildings without residents having to exit the buildings and walk outside in seasonal temperatures. Further, we will be adding in a kitchen area inside the building, both a mechanical and storage room, a coat area, and finally, a space for concessions."



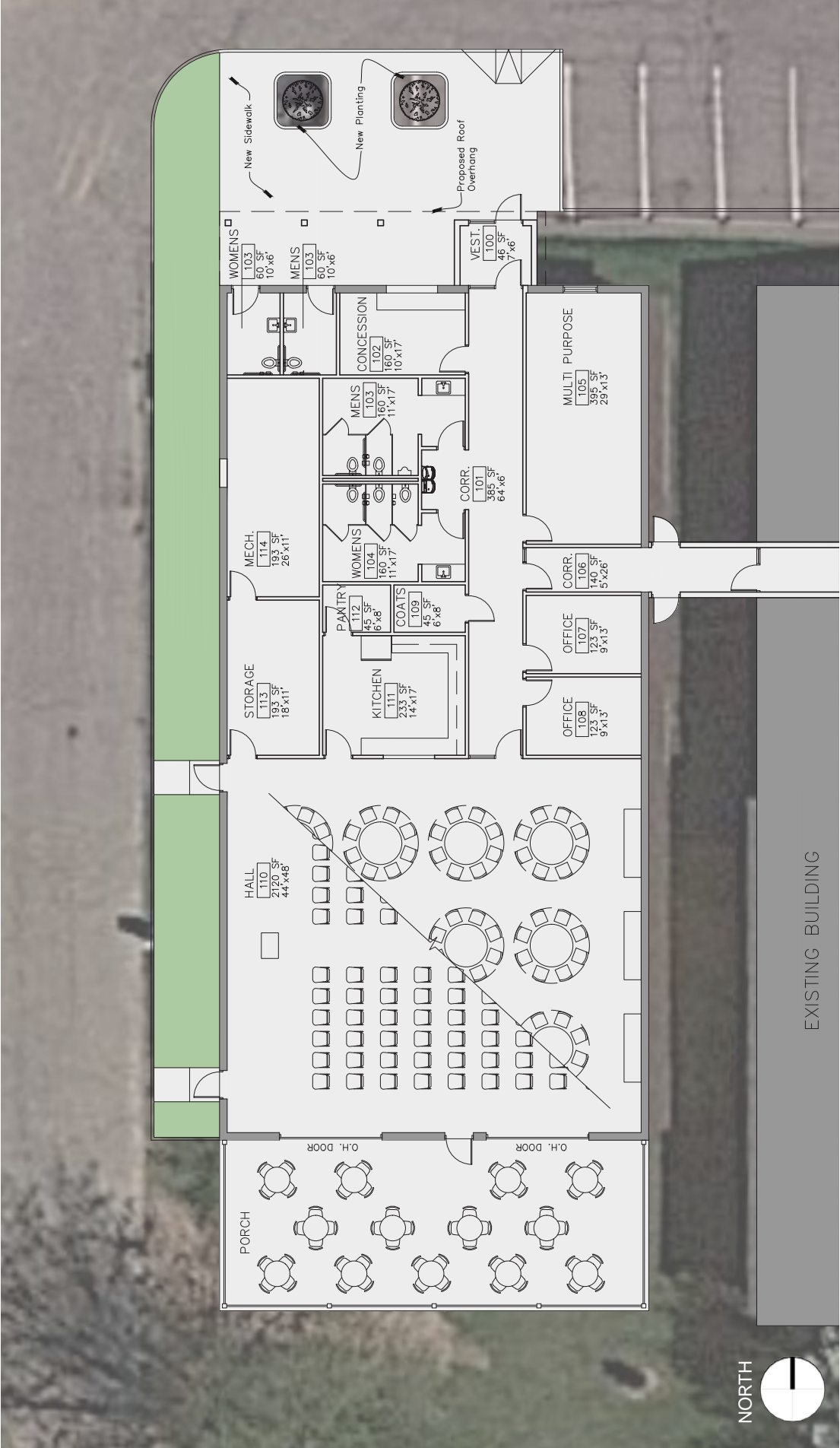




# HAZEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY HUB | APRIL 17, 2023





SUMMARY

- Addition of Fence around street side porch
- Creation of independent restrooms with direct access from the exterior.
- Additional Door on the Connector
- Insulate Exterior Walls
- New MEP System
- Seats for 108 Presentation Format
- Seats for 96 Banquet Format
- New Doors and Windows

HAZEL PARK  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
TRANSFORMED  
UPDATED PLAN  
3/32"=1'-0"

04.17.2023







# 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The following table sets forth specific capital improvement actions for the park system as a whole and for each individual park. Not all items will be achieved over the five-year timeframe of this plan, but this is a useful guide to making progress on the plan's goals and objectives, and it assists with decision-making as the City pursues future grant funding and general fund expenditures. Priorities may also change as items are completed, volunteers come forward, and budgets are determined.

**Table 7-1**  
**2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan**

Park	Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5)
ALL: Highest Priority	Improvements to accessibility; ADA-compliant ramps and surfaces, additional ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2025-9	1
	Continue tree planting program using variety of species	C	2025-9	1
	Develop a plan to create areas of native planting and pollinator support at each park	P	2025-9	1
ALL: Other Projects	Begin implementation of wayfinding signage	P/F/C	2026	2
	Landscape maintenance and upgrades	M	2025-9	1
	Installation of murals and other art	P/F/C	2026	2
	Monitor land acquisition opportunities and acquire property when able	P/A/F	2025-9	3
	Open space maintenance (i.e., seeding, drainage and grading at various parks)	M	2025-9	1
	Site furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, tables)	F/C	2025-9	3
	Design and implement non-motorized parks/ trails connections	P	2026-9	2
	Install drinking fountains	F/C	2027	4
	Installation of LED safety lighting	F/C	2025-9	3
	Provide outreach/education on native planting	A	2025-9	1
Albert Sylvester	Replace existing play equipment	F/C	2026	2
	Tree planting and native landscaping	F/C	2025	1
	ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2025	1
	Add complementary play equipment and seating	F/C	2026	2
Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer	ADA-compliant pathway connections	F/C	2026	2
	Second picnic table and sun sails	F/C	2027	3

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**Table 7-1**  
**2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan**

Park	Action	Action Type	Year	Priority
Fuller	Upgrade play structures and park equipment	F/C	2027	2
	BMX track maintenance	M	2025-9	1
	Improved fencing and/or landscaping buffer between the park and adjacent industrial businesses	F/C	2028-9	3
	Install additional murals	F/C	2028	4
	Extend walking paths	F/C	2026	1
K-9 Park/Hazel Park Dog Park	Improved tree cover	F/C	2025	1
	Expanded footprint	F/C	2029	5
	ADA-compliant pathway to parking lot; pathways within dog run areas	F/C	2026	2
	Drinking fountains with dog-accessible component	F/C	2027	3
Hazel Park Community Garden	Extended walking paths	F/C	2026	1
	Informational signage	F/C	2027	3
	Artwork on the chain link fence	F/C	2028	3
Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial	Identify active recreation, open space, and environmental zones of the park	P	2025	1
	Upgrade and relocate play structures to the active recreation zone	F/C	2026-8	2
	Extend ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2026	1
Tuski Memorial	Add small pavilion	F/C	2028	3
	Improve volleyball court	M/F/C	2026	2
Madge	Identify active recreation, open space, and environmental zones of the park	P	2025	1
	Upgrade and relocate play structures to the active recreation zone	F/C	2026-8	2
	Extend ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2026	1
Felker Field	Repair bleachers	M/F/C	2025	1
	Install new tables and seating	F/C	2026-8	3
	Baseball diamond improvements	M/F/C	2026	2
	ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2026	1
Art Garden	Pathway extensions and seating	F/C	2026	2
	Native plantings for color and pollinator support	F/C	2025	1

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**2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan**

Park	Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5)
Salute to Heroes War Memorial	Ongoing maintenance	M	2025-9	1
Karam	ADA-compliant pathways	P/F/C	2027	1
	Upgrade play equipment and structures	F/C	2025-9	3
	Open play field enhancements	M/C	2026	2
	Install drinking fountain	F/C	2028	3
	Improve tree cover and shade	F/C	2025-9	1
	Develop an area of native plantings	F/C	2025-9	2
Kennedy Memorial	Upgrade play equipment	F/C	2028	2
	Tree planting and native landscaping	F/C	2026	1
	ADA-compliant pathways	F/C	2025-7	1
	Improve park furnishings and seating	F/C	2029	3
Scout	Bathroom upgrades	F/C	2027	2
	Determine a new use for the footprint of the former basketball court/pavilion; consider a pollinator garden with seating areas and pathways	P	2027	3
	Rebuild parking area	F/C	2027	3
Green Acres	Improve dugouts at diamond #2	F/C	2027-9	3
	Remove old batting cages	M/C	2027	3
	Continued LED lighting installation	C	2025-6	2
Community Center	Ongoing maintenance	M	2025-9	1

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## Appendix

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## Advisory Board Motion to Adopt (Minutes for December 11, 2024)

### DRAFT MINUTES

## CITY OF HAZEL PARK RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting: Hazel Park City Hall

December 11th, 2024

**Call to order:** December 11th, 2024 at 5:15pm

**Roll Call:** Jared Gajos, Melissa Baldwin, Tom Jones, Tina Caudill, Amanda Klein, Sareen Papakhian, Amanda Taylor

#### Agenda:

1. Public hearing for 5-Years Parks & Recreation plan
2. Public comments
3. Board member comments
4. Adjournment

#### Public Hearing for Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan

- o Planner Joe Tangari of Giffels Webster presented a summary of the Draft Parks & Recreation Plan

#### Public Hearing

The Advisory Committee received comments from two citizens:

- Meghan Cleary stated that she liked the plan but would like to see a more explicit plan to develop a greenway along Otis Avenue.
- Charles Thomas spoke in favor of the plan and emphasized the importance of implementation.

**Motion to Approve the 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan for 2025-2029:** I move to recommend that the Hazel Park City Council adopt the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for 2025-2029, based on the following:

## Advisory Board Motion to Adopt (Minutes for December 11, 2024)

### DRAFT MINUTES

- The plan has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources,
- The City has provided multiple avenues for public input in advance of the public hearing and reflected said input in the text of the draft plan,
- The public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of more than 30 days
- The City has held the required public hearing to provide an opportunity for all residents to comment on the plan.

Motion by Gajos, second by Caudill.

Ayes: Gajos, Baldwin, Jones, Caudill, Klein

Nays: none

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comments

There were no additional public comments

### Board Member Comments

Board members expressed satisfaction with the new parks and recreation plan and eagerness to get started.

### Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:30pm by Jared Gajos, second by Amanda Klein. All in favor, motion carried unanimously

**Next Meeting Date:** February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Hazel Park Community Center, located at 620 W. Woodward Heights, Hazel Park, MI 48030

CONSENT AGENDA Le

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE HAZEL PARK 5-YEAR PARKS AND  
RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
01-001-25**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Hazel Park, Michigan, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The following preamble and motion were offered by member Londo, and supported by LeCureaux.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hazel Park has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2025 through 2029, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hazel Park began the process of developing a recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines adopted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the City of Hazel Park were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan update to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resources conservation plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

**WHEREAS**, a public notice was published in the October 30, 2024, edition of the Madison-Park News for a Public Hearing for a Draft Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Public Hearing was held on December 12, 2024, at Hazel Park City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of



## City Council Resolution of Adoption

the planning area to express opinions, make public comments, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the years of 2025 through 2029, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hazel Park has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Hazel Park, and

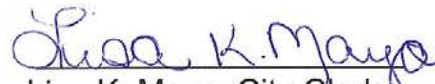
**WHEREAS**, after the public hearing, the Recreation Advisory Committee voted to recommend adoption of said recreation master plan update,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council of Hazel Park hereby adopts the Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the years 2025 through 2029.

AYES:

NAYS:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

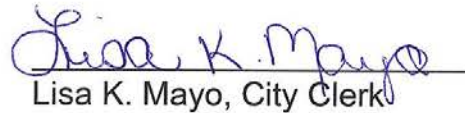
  
Lisa K. Mayo, City Clerk

### CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

I hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hazel Park,

## City Council Resolution of Adoption

Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 14, 2025 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

  
Lisa K. Mayo, City Clerk

## Notice of Public Hearing

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>City of Hazel Park</b> <b>PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT RECREATION PLAN</b></p> <p>The Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on December 11 at 5:15 p.m. at Hazel Park City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft 2025-2029 Recreation Plan prior to its consideration and adoption by the City Council.</p> <p>A complete draft of the 2025-2029 Hazel Park 5-Year Recreation Plan is available for public review and comment from November 11, 2024 – December 11, 2024. Copies of the draft can be viewed at the Hazel Park Community Center during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or online by following the link at <a href="#">Hazel Park Parks &amp; Recreation</a>.</p> <p>Written comments will be accepted at the Hazel Park Community Center, 620 W Woodward Heights Blvd, Hazel Park, MI, 48030, or at <a href="mailto:hprecreation@hazelpark.org">hprecreation@hazelpark.org</a>. Oral comments will be heard during the meeting. For additional information, contact the Parks &amp; Recreation Department at (248) 547-5535.</p> <p>Published: Madison-Park News 10/30/2024</p>	0312-2444
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## Notices of Draft Availability

### Hazel Park Website:

#### Homepage:

The draft of the City's 2025-2029 Recreation Plan is available for viewing here [link to document]. A public hearing on the plan will be held at 5:15pm at City Hall on December 11th.

#### Parks & Rec Page:

#### **2025-2029 Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan - DRAFT**

The draft of the 2025-2029 Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan is still open for comments! You may view the draft [here](#). The draft can also be viewed in-person at the Community Center and at City Hall (City Clerk's office) during regular business hours.

The Recreation Advisory Board approved the plan on December 11th, 2024; however, YOU can still comment on it before it goes to Hazel Park City Council for final approval. The comment period will go through Jan 14th, 2025.

If you would like to submit a comment by phone or by email- please contact the recreation department by calling (248) 547-5535 or email: [hprecreation@hazelpark.org](mailto:hprecreation@hazelpark.org).

#### Text:

The draft of the Township's 2025-2029 Recreation Plan is available for viewing here [https://www.hazelpark.org/i\\_want\\_to/parks\\_and\\_recreation\\_department.php](https://www.hazelpark.org/i_want_to/parks_and_recreation_department.php). Hard copies are available for review at the Community Center during regular hours. The Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on the plan at its regular meeting on December 11, at 5:15pm at Hazel Park City Hall.

#### Paste the following text into a post:

The draft of the 2025-2029 Hazel Park 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan is now available. Visit [https://www.hazelpark.org/i\\_want\\_to/parks\\_and\\_recreation\\_department.php](https://www.hazelpark.org/i_want_to/parks_and_recreation_department.php) to view the draft. The draft can also be viewed at the Community Center [other locations if any] during regular hours. The Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on the plan at its regular meeting on December 11, at 5:15pm at Hazel Park City Hall.



## DNR Parks &amp; Recreation Plan Checklist



## APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

### Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION 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 and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

#### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: <b>2025-2029 Hazel Park 5-Year Parks &amp; Recreation Master Plan</b>		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Hazel Park	Oakland	January, 2025

#### 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
- ☒ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

## DNR Parks &amp; Recreation Plan Checklist

☒ **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 10/30/2024

Type of Notice Local newspaper/online

Plan Location Hazel Park Website, Community Center, City Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 34 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 10/30/2024

Name of Newspaper Madison-Park News

Date of Meeting 12/11/2024

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☐ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**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: January 14, 2025

☐ 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: January 27, 2025

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 27, 2025

**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  
**Hazel Park**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Local Unit of Government) \_\_\_\_\_ includes the required content, as indicated  
above and as set forth by the DNR.

  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/29/25  
Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

Post-Completion Certification Reports



## Wayfinding Signage Cost Estimates

Proposal

Proposal

**Northern Sign Co Inc.**

2181 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

P: 248.333.7733 [www.northernsign.com](http://www.northernsign.com) F: 248.333.7684

Company Name: Giffels Webster		Contact Name: Mark Hansen	
Address: 1025 E Maple Rd		City: Birmingham	State: MI Zip Code: 48009
Job Name: Hazel Park ID Markers		Job Location: 720 E Granet Ave – 498 E Milton Rd – 21809 John R	
Office: 248.852.3100	Fax:	Cell:	
Email: <a href="mailto:mhansen@giffelswebster.com">mhansen@giffelswebster.com</a>		Date of Proposal: 9.05.24	
We propose hereby to furnish material and labor, in accordance with the specifications below, for the sum of:		Authorized Signature: <i>Paul Ferguson</i>	
<small>\$ Payment to be made as follows: 50% down with balance due upon completion. All materials will remain the property of Northern Sign Co Inc., and may be reclaimed if terms are not met. All materials are guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from specifications below involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above proposal. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance.</small>			

Item: ID Markers – Pylon Sign  
 Qty: (3) Three  
 Size: 12' tall x 1'6" wide x 6" deep  
 Material: Aluminum frame with aluminum skin  
 Paint: Custom – three colors  
 Graphics: Vinyl  
 Mount: Custom Steel Pole & Plate  
 Footing: 3'6" x 2' x 1' – into green area.  
 Cost for Material: \$33,000.00  
 Cost for Labor: \$8,250.00

Item: Custom Double Sided Sign  
 Qty: (1) one  
 Size: 37.25" tall x 18" wide  
 Material: Aluminum  
 Paint: Custom – three colors  
 Graphics: Vinyl  
 Mount: to pole with mechanical fasteners  
 Install: pole into green area.  
 Cost for Material: \$565.00  
 Cost for Labor: \$520.00

Engineered Drawings: \$500.00  
 Permit Procurement: \$250.00  
 Permits: Billed at Cost:  
 Tax: \$ 2043.90

**Total: \$45,128.90**

Sign permits & securing of permits are additional if not noted. Additional cost will be applied for Engineered Drawings, attendance of Plan Review/ZBA Meetings. Freight is additional if applicable. Cost in developing a concept is included in this proposal. Northern Sign's sketch cannot be duplicated. There is a sketch charge if proposal is not accepted. A rate of 1.50% will be charged every month after 30 days, consumer agrees to pay all costs of collection in the event of payment default, including reasonable attorney fees. Electric to sign shall be supplied by customer. Consumer is responsible for electrical contractor and costs to hook up sign if required.

Acceptance of Proposal: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date:

Name: Signature:

This proposal is valid for 30 days.  
 Northern Sign Co Inc. is a Licensed Sign Specialty Contractor.

## Public Input Survey

## HAZEL PARK PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

The Hazel Park Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is working on the 2025-2029 Recreation Plan and is seeking your input on how you and people in your household use local parks as well as improvements you'd like to see.

This survey should take between 5-10 minutes. Thank you for your time!

This survey can also be taken online.

Use the QR code to the right or visit

[bit.ly/HazelParkRec](https://bit.ly/HazelParkRec)

**BACKGROUND QUESTIONS:**

The following questions will help the Board better understand the opinions of City residents and other users of the park system.

**1. On a scale of 1 - 5, with five being the most important, in how important are the following to your household?**

Indoor recreation areas (courts, stage, walking path, party rooms, fitness center) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Baseball diamonds ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Basketball courts ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Soccer fields ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Pickleball courts ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Playgrounds ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Outdoor pavilions ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Green space that preserves natural areas and open areas ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

..... Arts & culture facilities such as theaters, historic sites, visual and performing arts ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

**2. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest, what is your level of satisfaction with the facilities that currently exist within the city? These may include local, regional and state parks. Feel free to provide comments to support your rating.**

Indoor recreation facilities ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Outdoor recreation facilities ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Pathways ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Sports fields ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

**3. How many times a year do you visit the following?**

	Never	1-10	11-20	20+
Albert Sylvester Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuller Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazel Park Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazel Park Community Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuski Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madge Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Felker Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazel Park Art Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazel Park Salute to Heroes War Memorial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karam Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kennedy Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scout Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Acres Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazel Park Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**4. How do you and/or your family use the local sidewalks and paths?**

- ☐ Walking to school
- ☐ Leisure
- ☐ Biking
- ☐ Running
- ☐ Running errands
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What amenities, if any, would you like to see at the parks you use?**

- ☐ Restrooms
- ☐ Water fountains
- ☐ Benches
- ☐ EV charging station
- ☐ Bike repair station
- ☐ Maps of the surrounding areas
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you know the location of the following parks?**

- | Yes                      | No                       |                                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Albert Sylvester Park               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fuller Park                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Madge Park                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hazel Park Art Garden               |

**7. What is your level of satisfaction with the parks, recreation and cultural activities in Hazel Park for the following age groups?**

- ☐ Children (0-5)
- ☐ Youth (6-12) ‘
- ☐ Teens (13-18)
- ☐ Adults (19-54)
- ☐ Seniors (55+)

**8. Please tell us whether you feel the City has adequate amounts of the following facilities:**

	Have enough	Need more	Need many more	Unsure
Parks & open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paved paths for cycling and walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Space for youth activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Space for senior activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball diamonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pickleball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pocket/neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other amenity or facility (note below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**9. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Parks and Recreation facilities and grounds should be a high priority for the City.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks & Recreation programming should be a high priority for the City.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**10. What keeps you from visiting the Hazel Park Community Center and/or other recreational facilities more often? Check all that apply.**

- ☐ Lack of parking
- ☐ Lack of transportation
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Lack of amenities
- ☐ Lack of programming
- ☐ Need more information
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. What amenities would you like to see in the Hazel Park community center and/or other recreational facilities?**

**12. Do you feel that the City of Hazel Park's recreational programming is inclusive?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

**13. Does the City of Hazel Park recreation department promote diversity?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

**14. What is your level of satisfaction with the parks, recreation and cultural activities in Hazel Park for the following age groups?**

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Unsure
Less than 5 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-12 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13-18 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19-35 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36-50 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51-65 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
over 65 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**15. How many people, by age, currently live in your household?**

- ☐ Less than 5 years old
- ☐ 5-12 years
- ☐ 13-18 years
- ☐ 19-35 years
- ☐ 36-50 years
- ☐ 51-65 years
- ☐ over 65 years

**16. Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding recreation facilities in Hazel Park:**

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## TIME TO WRAP THIS UP:

**19. Are you interested in learning more about the Hazel Park Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - or even volunteering? Please share your contact information:**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:



THE FRIENDLY CITY

THAT'S IT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME! Please refold this survey and tape the bottom prior to mailing, or drop the survey off at City Hall or the Community Center.

**Join us at the Community Center for a public open house to see maps and offer more input!**

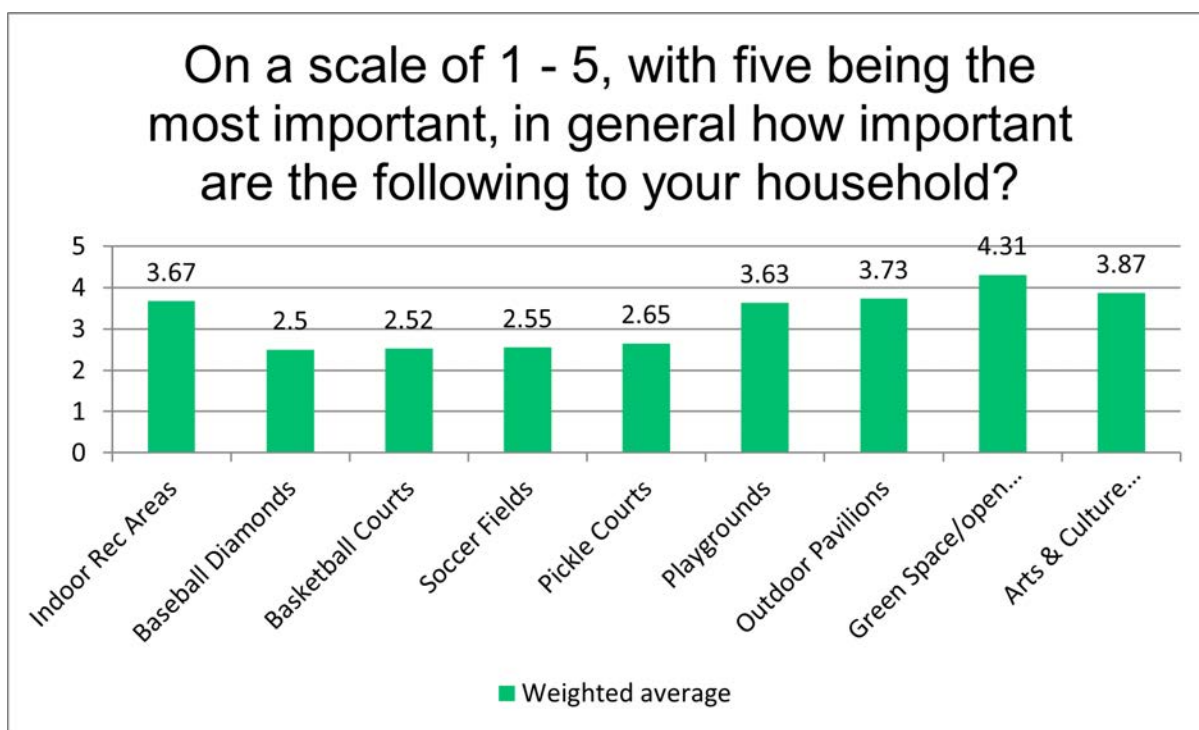
**Wednesday, September 18 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

PLEASE TAPE ME HERE!

## Survey Results

**QUESTION 1: ON A SCALE OF 1-5, WITH 5 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT, IN GENERAL HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD?**

	1		2		3		4		5		Total
Indoor recreation areas (courts, stage, walking path, party rooms, fitness center)	9.34%	37	9.85%	39	21.21%	84	23.48%	93	36.11%	143	396
Baseball diamonds	37.97%	150	15.44%	61	20.51%	81	10.89%	43	15.19%	60	395
Basketball courts	35.95%	142	17.22%	68	20.25%	80	11.90%	47	14.68%	58	395
Soccer fields	33.84%	133	17.05%	67	23.16%	91	12.47%	49	13.49%	53	393
Pickleball courts	33.68%	130	14.25%	55	22.02%	85	13.21%	51	16.84%	65	386
Playgrounds	14.91%	58	8.23%	32	19.02%	74	14.65%	57	43.19%	168	389
Outdoor pavilions	9.28%	36	7.22%	28	22.16%	86	24.23%	94	37.11%	144	388
Greenspace that preserves natural areas and open areas	6.38%	25	2.55%	10	8.93%	35	17.86%	70	64.29%	252	392
Arts & culture facilities such as theaters, historic sites, visual and performing arts	8.72%	34	7.18%	28	19.23%	75	18.46%	72	46.41%	181	390

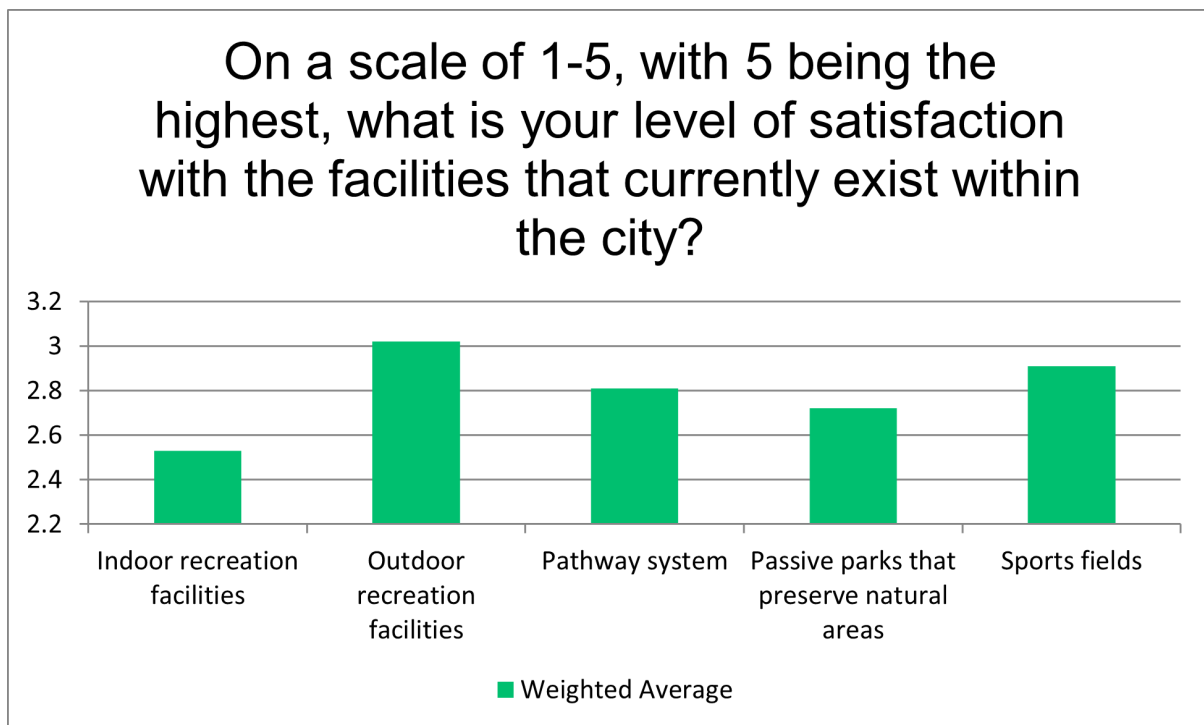




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**QUESTION 2: ON A SCALE OF 1-5, WITH 5 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT, WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE FACILITIES THAT CURRENTLY EXIST WITHIN THE CITY? THESE MAY INCLUDE LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE PARKS. FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO SUPPORT YOUR RATING.**

	1		2		3		4		5		Total
Indoor recreation facilities	24.62%	65	25.38%	67	31.06%	82	10.23%	27	8.71%	23	264
Outdoor recreation facilities	9.89%	26	16.73%	44	45.25%	119	17.87%	47	10.27%	27	263
Pathway system	19.32%	51	23.11%	61	28.41%	75	15.91%	42	13.26%	35	264
Passive parks that preserve natural areas	22.93%	61	23.68%	63	27.44%	73	10.53%	28	15.41%	41	266
Sports fields	13.23%	34	18.29%	47	43.58%	112	14.40%	37	10.51%	27	257



## Comments

### Indoor Recreation Facilities

- Not aware of any
- green meeting spaces
- Currently don't use any indoor facilities.
- Winter can be harsh
- Rec center is old and grimy. Reminds me of a nursing home.
- Run down rec center needs remodel modern
- Would love to see more restaurants, bars, shopping etc to make Hazel park a walkable place. I envy this about downtown Ferndale
- We need better facilities for our children
- Do any exist in Hazel Park? If so, need to promote them.
- Need more senior citizen activity.
- The community center needs to be renovated

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- I am pretty new to the area so I don't have enough experience to provide an accurate answer, so I chose 3.
- Are there even any?!
- Hockey arena indoor and outdoor
- I don't know of any
- need more open swim times
- Seems like most are far and cost money to do
- Recreation is an important piece of community
- Locally I am not happy with the indoor rec offerings. The ferndale center is non existence and Hazel park is small and old.
- I'm not sure what we have in Hazel park
- We don't really have indoor activities at the rec center except small things. Would be nice to promote fitness and sports to our families.
- Never use
- I would use a fitness center I have no need for what we have
- Indoor play area for children for winter
- Haven't visited
- An indoor track for walking/running would be great!
- The only one I know is the free swim
- Modernize
- Old, outdated, cheap looking
- Don't know if any in the are
- I don't know if any of these in the city of hazel park honestly
- Rec. center is outdated, unwelcoming and has no amenities.
- Rec center is outdated, unwelcoming, and has zero amenities.
- We're not really aware of any
- Love the open swim at the high school
- State parks are great. Wish there were bigger local parks closer to me
- There aren't enough spaces close enough in the city for the kids to walk to
- The city really has a lot of growing to do
- I don't know of any
- Don't really know anything about them
- The recreation center currently only caters to senior Citizens and children. I have yet to find a service that would work for a middle-aged male.
- Would love an indoor pool / community center!!
- I don't know of any except for the HS and I'm never sure if/when that's available.
- i don't know of any in the area
- Not aware of many, if there are some its not easy to find
- we have none
- No need. Kids play don't play like that anymore
- I've only been in the Rec center, it is a little old but seems functional
- There should be more
- Need more for the children
- Not enough offerings, would love to see a more robust recreation program similar to Madison heights
- They could do better keeping them cleaner
- We rented the hall and no plugs worked
- Outdated
- Would love to see a fitness center for residents

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- Need pool!!!
- Felker Park needs a whole NEW PARK
- There are no indoor facilities that I'm aware of
- Would love an indoor basketball court to have open gyms for locals or even rent out
- We utilize Royal Oak's indoor rec programs for youth sports
- The Rec center has nice rooms to use, but the bathrooms are gross.
- Don't see enough thing's offered for kids indoors
- I really like the hazel park highschool open swim days

### Outdoor Recreation Facilities

- Not aware of any
- I enjoy the new parks popping up but there seems to be no maintenance or cleaning of the parks compared to surrounding cities.
- Some of the outdated play structures have been getting upgraded or updated, but there is a long way to go.
- Need pickleball courts, walking paths, nature areas and basketball hoops! Let's bring people to are beautiful city
- Need more basketball courts. A tennis court besides the high school court a volleyball net at one of the parks
- Most our the parks are not maintained, have overgrown weeds, trash and are in disarray.
- I am pretty new to the area so I don't have enough experience to provide an accurate answer, so I chose 3.
- Green acres is great, but the only one with things to do there ( disc golf, workout equipment, sledding)
- Love new parks and updates
- Would love to see more trees interactive gardens places to sit and loook at gardens learn about native habitat
- Green acres has a lot of stuff , most small parks could use more swings.
- Nice pavilions
- Would love more options, and pickleball courts
- Out door exercise material would be great
- If you go to other communities, you really see what our parks and recreation center are lacking. Would be nice to have a skatepark also.
- Need more green spaces plants trees!!
- Household has not visited any
- Never use
- I would like to see a food truck park
- Parks lack maintenance, biodiveristy, shade, walking paths within the park, adequate number and maintenance of trash recepticles, or water fountains for humans and canines.
- Haven't visited
- A dedicated Pickle court would be amazing!
- Upgrade all play equipment; rubber pavement over mulch (wood equals staph infections if open cuts, etc...)
- You put a disc golf course in the middle of a playground and walking path. Every time I walk my dog I get cussed out for being in the way. Thoughtless plan. Nothing outdoors for our teens
- More patrolling from police- more dog clean up areas
- Jessica Nagle park very outdated & floods
- I don't know any of these in hazel park
- Hopefully will have Waterpark
- I'd like an indoor or outdoor pool in Hazel park
- I think we have some nicer parks, still room for improvement though.
- Does the high school rec space count as parts and rec? If so, it sends to be in good shape
- Our parks are unnatural and uninspiring. Only Scout and Green acres have received attention in recent years.
- Somewhat good parks with festivities



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- HP has no outdoor basketball areas available. We have to drive to different cities
- The parks that we have are in bad or dilapidated parts of town. The city needs to be clean and safe
- I don't know of any
- You can't even take care of the parks you have now.
- There are only parks with playgrounds for children. The high school has a tennis court, but I don't know if it's OK for me to use there's no water recreation anywhere in the city.
- The baseball fields are fenced and locked at Green Acres park, which is a majority of the green space there but it rarely gets used.
- upkeep could be better
- Hard to find correct information
- could use more workout equipment at more parks
- We have plenty that are not really being used
- LOVE scout park and green acres, would love an update to Kennedy, also would love outdoor exercise equipment at Scout
- Need more for the children
- Dog park is a miserable dangerous place
- Playgrounds are mostly outdated, many broken swings or unusable swings because they are too low to the ground
- Lots of great options for parks
- Walking path at Green Acres is nice
- Improvement to some parks would be great
- We tried to play baseball for my son's birthday recently and the field was all overgrown. No more dirt infield at Felker Park.
- There are a lot of choices, but many of the facilities are showing their age.
- Would love to see outdoor pickleball courts
- Need more emojis on outdoor sports
- splash pad
- I wish there was a field for field sports like soccer, football, rugby, ect

## Pathway System

- Not aware of any
- Love the new bike lanes. Excited for more to come and connect to other cities
- Does such thing even exist?
- I am pretty new to the area so I don't have enough experience to provide an accurate answer, so I chose 3.
- We have no place to walk in nature
- Definitely need more paths throughout the city and sidewalks repaired
- Where they at? Could use more
- Plant trees! Don't cut them!!!
- What pathway system
- Green Acres feels like I'm constantly in someone's way trying to walk the path thanks to the disc golf.
- Household has not visited any
- There IS no pathway system. And virtually all of the sidewalks in my neighborhood need to be replaced. I work in concrete removal and the sidewalks in my neighborhood are a shame and passed due for replacement, especially for ADA compliance. I watch disabled folks walk on the sidewalk on my street everyday and the sidewalk on only one side of the street is ADA compliant, and at some crosswalks, even that one side doesn't have ramps. It's very sad.
- Never use
- Disc golf course on path at Green Acres is not a good idea. Injuries can occur — even though it is only a plastic

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disc, they are quite heavy and cause injury.

- The city is walkable, but only residential areas are pleasant. Lack of water fountains, shade, native gardening, trash receptacles, and separation from main roads make all areas outside of homes unpleasant.
- Haven't visited
- Natural walking paths with more trees, plants, etc...resting benches.
- See above
- Sidewalks need to be maintained
- I would love more pathways and greenways locally
- Not all pathway are fix
- Could use more paths like scout and green acres
- Sidewalks are great but need more bike lanes and trees to provide shade for pedestrians.
- Need more bike paths and trees for shade on main thoroughfares for pedestrians.
- Not happy with losing road space for vehicles to bike lanes
- Seems like the walking paths and bike paths are improving
- The paths provided go no where that of a wanted destination. If you build it, they will come.
- Is there any?
- There are no paths. My husband and I walk our dog a lot and we drive to Riverbend. We drive to Warren. We drive to Holly because all of these locations have wonderful hiking trails. None of us exist in the city of Hazel Park. There's one small trail behind the recreation center. That's new.
- SW HP is empty of any
- The strip of sidewalk that divides Felker Field is tragic. Green Arces' is nice though; I wish that one was a wood chip path instead of cement.
- would like a dedicated walking trail with trees, not next to playground or frisbee park. Make it a good distance, not having to walk 3 or 4 times for a mile, very boring.
- i don't know of any in hazel park
- Very confusing when trying to find any. It's never enough/ correct information on websites
- What existing pathway system?
- some parks have very little paved walkways
- Nice to walk dogs.
- Love the walking path at Scout, love the pedestrian bridges, just wish there was a longer off-road path like in Ferndale how they made that path by the railtrack
- The pedestrian bridges over 75 are very helpful!
- Nowhere to safely walk away from cars and trucks
- Green acres has a nice path, not sure of any other paths at other parks in the city
- What system?
- Greenacres
- People love walking and so do i
- Walking path WAS wonderful until someone thought it would be a good idea to put Frisbee golf in the middle of the park. What could possibly go wrong???? I've already been hit on the back by some idiot throwing his disc as hard as he could. Good luck to any children who get hit with one.
- Green Acres pathway was great until the disc golf was added. I've been almost hit twice while at the park with my granddaughter. It's almost impossible to walk the pathway after 4:00 p.m. due to many disc golfers. The park is way too small for that many baskets. Both my sons have played disc golf for over 20 years and all over the country, they too agree this park is no place for it. It's just too small.
- Would love more paths to walk dog and be within nature
- Very good
- Needs more connections that don't force pedestrians through parking lots.

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- I like the new bike lane between 9 and 10mile on John R. It would be nice if the bike path on Woodward Heights in Ferndale continued into Hazel Park. It was be a lot nicer to have a way to cross 696 that was separated from Cars
- What pathway system?
- Pathway system? If that is code for those ridiculous and dangerous bike lanes... Hard no

### Passive Parks that Preserve Natural Areas

- Not aware of any
- yes
- Need more trees at the dog park
- Do these exist in HP?
- I am pretty new to the area so I don't have enough experience to provide an accurate answer, so I chose 3.
- The small park by my house had unsafe equipment removed and not replaced
- NEED TO REVITALIZE POCKET PARKS with natural habitat, pathways, native plants and greenspace
- Green acres is amazing but that's all we have
- We have zero. Pocket parks should be reimaged and revitalized. All funding seems to go to green acres which no one can access by walking from the lower southeast corner of HP. Landscape the pocket parks! Put benches! Little pathways! Gardens!!
- Compared to Madison Heights, we have very few if any. Are you counting empty lots? That's the only green natural space I see.
- Wish we had more trees and natural spaces.
- Need more green space, biggest ones
- Need more trees and plants!
- Household has not visited any
- Don't know we had any
- I moved closer to the city to not see trees
- There is no maintenance of passive parks. Neighbors and I spend money on adding plants and maintaining the garden at Granet and Caledonia
- Haven't visited
- We need more of them in the city, we should also allow citizens within the neighborhood to cultivate their lawns into green spaces without the threat of DEBILITATING ticket costs. BRING BACK LOW MOW MAY!!
- Same as above
- Seems like there's only community gardens do you wish that there was more specific hazel Park areas.
- I think we could really benefit from scenic, natural species of wildflowers and trees woven into current parks/paths. Most are just flat and grassy.
- I have to go to outside cities to explore better parks at nature such as Madison heights, ferndale, Detroit
- Do we have any?
- I have never seen one of these in HP.
- I have never seen one of these.
- ???? Where
- Can't take care of the parks we have now
- We have no parts that preserve any natural areas in our city. You've paved over everything.
- SW HP is nearly empty of any
- Somewhat related: HP should be more lenient about enforcing the unmowed lawn rules and instead help us figure out how to cultivate natural lawns.
- we need more of this after all the trees got cut down!!
- need more trees and shade in parks
- Need to preserve nature



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- I like how GreenAcres has the wooded area preserved, but otherwise idk of other places in Hazel Park that do this
- Undeveloped land is blocked behind inaccessible fencing and properties
- Need more native plant spaces/pollinator spaces, add trees back to parks
- Don't know of any
- Most important of all a peaceful beautiful environment
- Too much concrete and paved surfaces with little grass or trees in Hazel Park
- Good job
- We need more native refuge areas
- Most of the passive parts near me are just grass

## Sports Fields

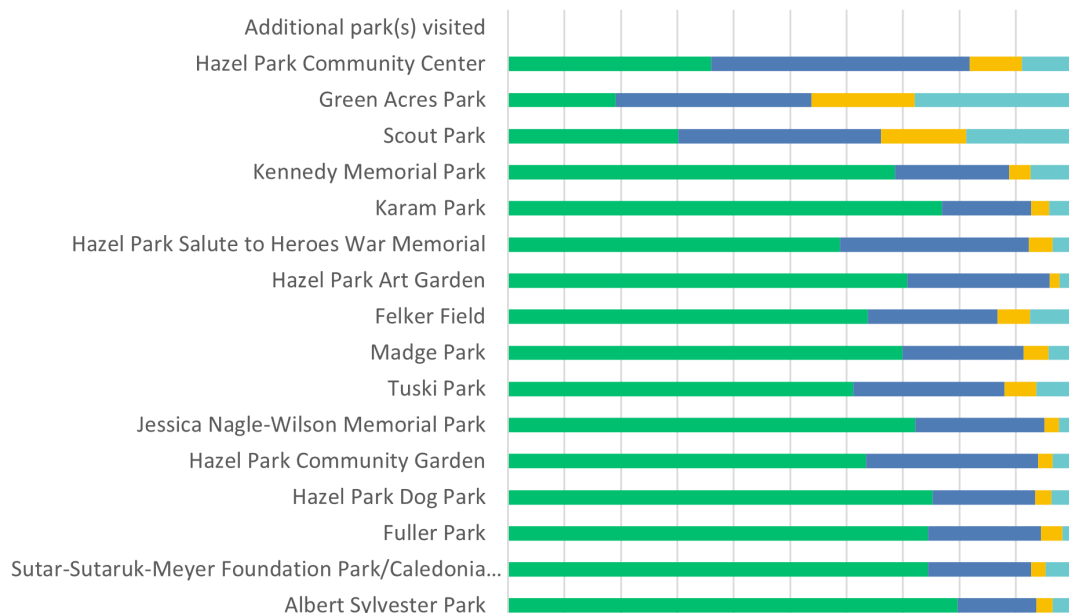
- Only know where 1 is and it's on the detour side
- I am pretty new to the area so I don't have enough experience to provide an accurate answer, so I chose 3.
- Very nice!!
- Household has not visited any
- Never use
- No adult leagues for any of the sport fields
- There is no maintenance of passive parks. I spend money on plants and maintenance of the small garden on Granet and Caledonia. Frankly, I'd rather the city does not get involved, because the individuals hired for landscaping have low IQs and weed wack hostas.
- Haven't visited
- Upgraded seating; shade options
- Wasted space now that our youth sports program has died
- Green acres seems to be the only one which is fine but I found out about that park after four years of living here from a local, thank goodness.
- Fields are poorly maintained. Weeds, rocks standing water after rain.
- The baseball fields and batting cages could use an upgrade
- The high school has some great outdoor space
- Old
- The fields by the community center on Woodward Heights are so outdated
- Sports fields aren't important to me. Adults aren't big players of sports their watches of sports. Children play sports.
- SW HP is empty of any
- The baseball fields at Green Acres are locked, so no one gets to enjoy / use them.
- have enough
- Very hit and miss on updated equipment or seating. A lot of the times things are broken or not maintained.
- they take up too much space
- We have plenty
- I don't use them, so seem cool to me!
- Need more outside of school grounds
- HP Rec baseball is so unorganized and coached by anybody that will do it
- Whats there is good, maybe improve it but leave location as is
- Not utilized by children's team sports
- besides baseball, I don't think there is a field

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### QUESTION 3: HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT THE FOLLOWING PARKS?

	Never		1-10 times a year		11-20 times a year		20+ times a year		Total
Albert Sylvester Park	79.7%	279	14.0%	49	2.9%	10	3.4%	12	350
Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park/Caledonia Park	74.4%	256	18.3%	63	2.6%	9	4.7%	16	344
Fuller Park	74.5%	257	20.0%	69	3.8%	13	1.7%	6	345
Hazel Park Dog Park	75.3%	265	18.2%	64	2.8%	10	3.7%	13	352
Hazel Park Community Garden	63.4%	222	30.6%	107	2.6%	9	3.4%	12	350
Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park	72.2%	252	22.9%	80	2.6%	9	2.3%	8	349
Tuski Park	61.1%	214	26.9%	94	5.7%	20	6.3%	22	350
Madge Park	69.9%	237	21.5%	73	4.4%	15	4.1%	14	339
Felker Field	63.8%	222	23.0%	80	5.7%	20	7.5%	26	348
Hazel Park Art Garden	70.7%	249	25.3%	89	1.7%	6	2.3%	8	352
Hazel Park Salute to Heroes War Memorial	58.9%	206	33.4%	117	4.3%	15	3.4%	12	350
Karam Park	76.9%	266	15.9%	55	3.2%	11	4.0%	14	346
Kennedy Memorial Park	68.6%	234	20.2%	69	3.8%	13	7.3%	25	341
Scout Park	30.2%	90	35.9%	107	15.1%	45	18.8%	56	298
Green Acres Park	19.1%	67	34.8%	122	18.2%	64	27.9%	98	351
Hazel Park Community Center	36.0%	129	45.8%	164	9.2%	33	8.9%	32	358

### How often do you visit the following parks?



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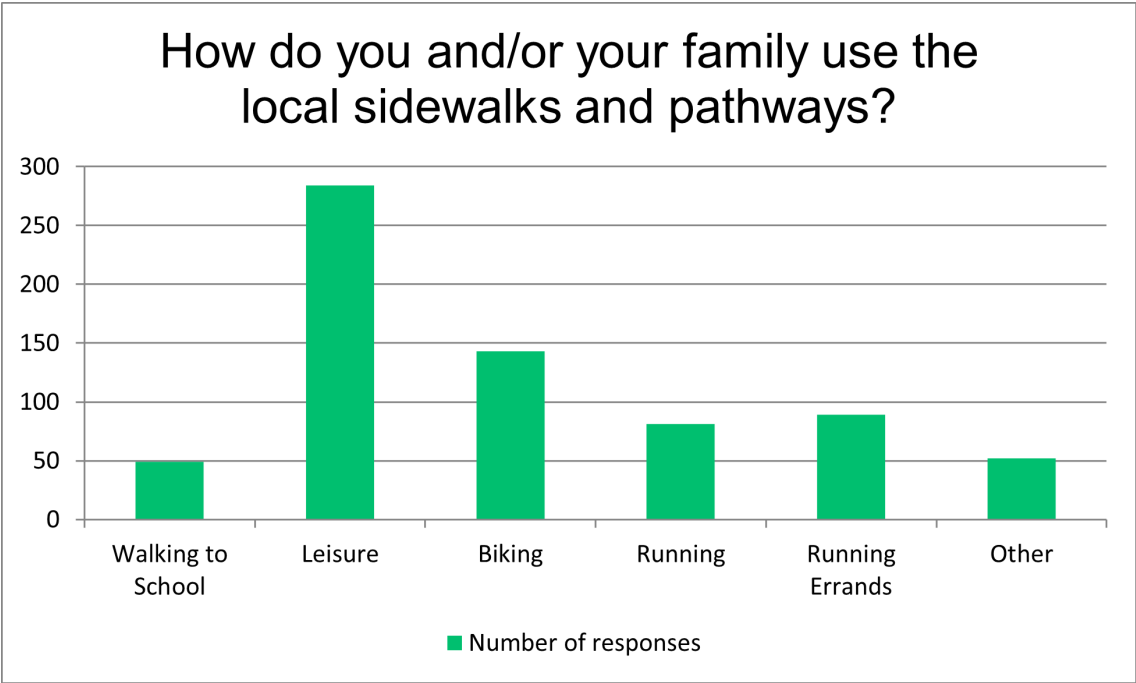
- I'm not sure where a lot of these locations are
- merrill garden
- Full transparency, I'm going to Ferndale and Royal Oak's parks more than 20 times a year
- Martin Road Park (kinda HP to us)
- No one goes to ALbert Sylvester except homeless . . .
- I don't know the names of the places I go, but I go on a lot of walks and I like to sit in the parks and read.
- Would be great if you made a park map and what is at each for residents. No one goes to Albert Sylvester except unhoused btw
- Longfellow elementary park
- Red Oaks Dog Park
- park next to hael park junior high school
- Belle Isle, Juarez Friendship Woods, Bald Mountain
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- Belle isle
- Kennedy Memorial Park is so depressing there's four dead trees. The little flower bed you have is so overgrown and the garden that is there looks like nobody touches it
- I don't know about most of these
- Most of these parks do not have any type of trail system. It was very difficult attempting to get a key for my dog to use the dog park. So I gave up on that.
- Halmich (Warren) Rosie (Madison Heights)
- I got to the parks in Madison Heights. Their nature center with walking is the best around
- I had to keep looking at Google Maps because I didn't know the names of some of the parks we've been to. The war memorial isn't on Google Maps, but I'm guessing it's the little plaza at 9&john r?
- We go to school parks more due to security cameras and they are usually cleaner
- I have only lived in Hazel Park for a year and three months, ill have to check out these other parks
- I liked to walk in this areas parks til you put those golf things in the park, you don't know where they're coming from and if the hit you its very dangerous. I know a mom that was hit there. They should be in a park where people aren't walkng.



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QUESTION 4: HOW DO YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY USE THE LOCAL SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS?

Answer Choices	Number of Responses
Walking to school	49
Leisure	284
Biking	143
Running	81
Running errands	89
Other (please specify)	52



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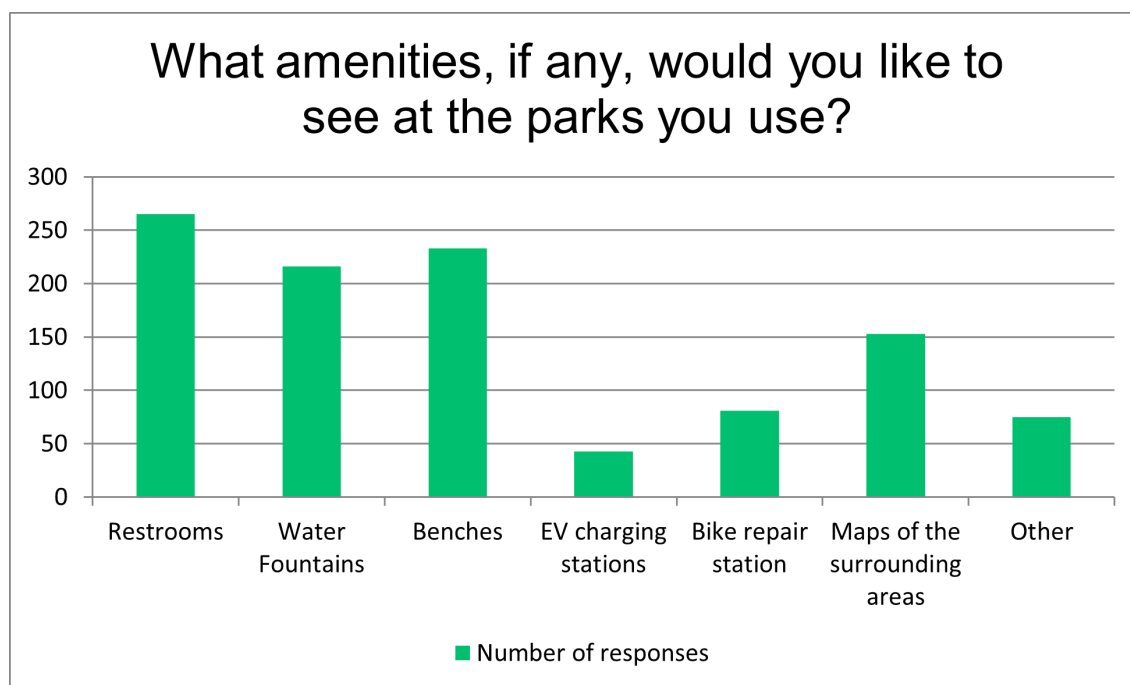
### Other

- Dog walking (27)
- Walking dog, visiting neighbors, roller blading, meeting other residents and chatting
- Walks in neighborhood (6)
- Dog walking. Walking to the store
- Rarely walk except to go to a park occasionally
- In line skating
- Walking to work
- Playing pokémon go
- I don't. Too many loose dogs for me to walk safely.
- Dog walking away from yard and cars
- Classes
- Taking night walks/leisurely walking (3)
- We are not Ferndale, hate the bike lanes
- I use Green Acres pathway walking for my health.
- walking, we use the pedestrian bridges extensively, as urban "hills" on our walks (3-5 miles per day)
- Never
- Sidewalk only. Bike lanes are dangerous
- Skateboarding
- Never
- Pickleball courts
- exercise
- Walking to work/store

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### QUESTION 5: WHAT AMENITIES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE PARKS YOU USE?

Answer Choices	Percent of Responses	Number of Responses
Restrooms	24.9%	265
Water fountains	20.3%	216
Benches	21.9%	233
EV charging station	4.0%	43
Bike repair station	7.6%	81
Maps of the surrounding areas	14.4%	153
Other:	7.0%	75



#### Other

- Better playgrounds
- Shade sails /Cafe lights
- Regular trash pick up and clean up
- Splash pad
- Picnic tables
- Kids water pad
- Activities for community students
- Dog park needs a water fountain. New tables and dog climbing items
- Outdoor exercise equipment, a city laid out on asphalt for children to use, similar to that at Garbutt Park in Fern-  
dale
- Artwork/sculptures/extensive landscaping especially along walking paths
- Trees, fruit trees, MORE decorative trash cans, dog walking stations w/ doggy bags, MORE trees, specifically Ken-  
nedy Park. More park clean-up. Better looking swing-sets, more native plants/gardens, more walking/biking paths  
in the gardens
- Native plants, greenspace, habitate, benches,
- LESS PARKING, MORE BIKE RACKS
- Gardens landscaping pathways native learning gardens



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- Swings. Tot park has 1 large 1 small and people wait in line to use.
- Water bottle refill stations would be amazing!! And bathrooms year round too. I can't tell you how often my kids and I would have been happy to have a toilet near by or an area to wash our hands!! We year round are out and about. Winter activists are a must for us.
- Shaded areas
- More flowers and trees
- Felker and Karam are in dire need of new playground equipment.
- Bags for pet cleanup
- Water bottle filling station, AEDs, Emergency phone
- Shaded areas, Washing facilities
- Basketball courts
- local musicians play together
- Trash cans at Kennedy and Scout parks
- Food truck park at karem , better dog park at any other park its a pain, movies in the park, small amphitheater, vending machines, and leasing out the concession stand at scout Park since its never open.
- For the love of God. No EV station. Retarded waste of money. You know what the mean income is in this area.
- Splash pad
- Shade, inclusive playgrounds, Environmental Initiatives, fitness stations
- Food/concession stands, trash/recycle bins, story book paths, walking paths
- Doggie waste resources! It would be great for me and I'm sure my neighbors who don't bring poop bags would hopefully use them as well (fingers crossed)
- Child's track for motorized vehicles (2-5mph)
- Bathrooms that are actually kept up and clean
- Disc golf
- Exercise or stretch area
- Dog waste stations, garbage/recycling stations (not blue barrels)
- Water available at the dog park
- Maps with routes to other parks
- It would be nice to see at least a few restrooms scattered around HP. They are extremely few and far between. Ferndale does a much better job.
- Better lighting system for the city. It's very dark. The existing lighting system is not functional at all
- Fitness Equipment
- More plant life, sustainable edible gardens
- None of the above because you'll overcharge us because it's coming out of our pocket not yours
- Poop bags
- How about a trail system that links through all of the parks that somebody could do and know how far they've traveled for each one of the parks they visited and maybe a total travel for the day. Goal systems something that allows individuals to see the progress they've made.
- Updated play equipment that isn't 50 years old
- Please install a new water fountain at Green Acres where the old one used to be. The existing utilities are already in place. The post/pole style fountain would be awesome. They have an open fountain on top, bottle filler in the middle, and dog water bowl at the bottom! PLEASE
- Get rid of the fencing around the baseball fields at Green Acres park. It would also be nice to have soccer goals available like Ferndale does at Martin Road Park. Lastly, it would be nice to have trees / bushes that grown fruit and veggies that is free for the public to pick.
- Fix Kennedy park
- dog waste stations, less trash

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- would love bike trail maps that show bike lanes and best routes to avoid traffic
- Restrooms/ porta-potty(Obviously it would be too expensive to supply every park with this) Map of area is awesome so while walking the paths you can find areas maybe didn't know had paths or just didn't know about. Playground parks having some small pavilion or shaded area for kids and parents to get out of the sun for a moment. Walking/ bike paths; 2 separate locations with this feature.
- Trash and dog poop eliminated, weeding under the bleachers and seating
- more shade
- Benches if anything.
- Exercise equipment at Scout Park please! Would help me be healthier since we got there all the time. If you could put it between the playground and Russell Road, then I could watch my kid while I work out.
- Bigger better splash pad
- shade
- Emergency alert systems like in college campuses, adequate lighting, dog poo bag clean up posts, wheelchair accessibility when able
- More!
- Volleyball net
- Water bottle refilling stations, more trash bins, recycling bins
- Dog waste stops
- Teen area
- Improved park structures
- Trees flowering shrubs flowers more surveillance/ cameras, police patrol at night
- Free little libraries
- Splash pad, Trees, upgraded playground equipment
- Rentable Pavilion, fence lines cleared of weeds and overgrowth, better lighting, parking that's not overwhelmed by mounds of top soil, new picnic benches
- Spaces for outdoor concerts, farmers markets, movie nights, amphitheater, more central community garden area
- More update playground equipment. Karam Park is extremely outdated and not close in comparison to the parks I take my nephews in Royal Oak. I love my neighborhood but this park is very sad.
- I don't use then so whatever doesn't cost me more
- Splash pad!!!!
- Shaded areas
- Greenspaces (trees, flowers), murals
- City geo stash
- Another trash bin, picnic tables
- Craft/Activity boxes with park lady
- Food garbage containers
- Updated park equipment for all ages
- A pool, splash pad
- Longer walking path

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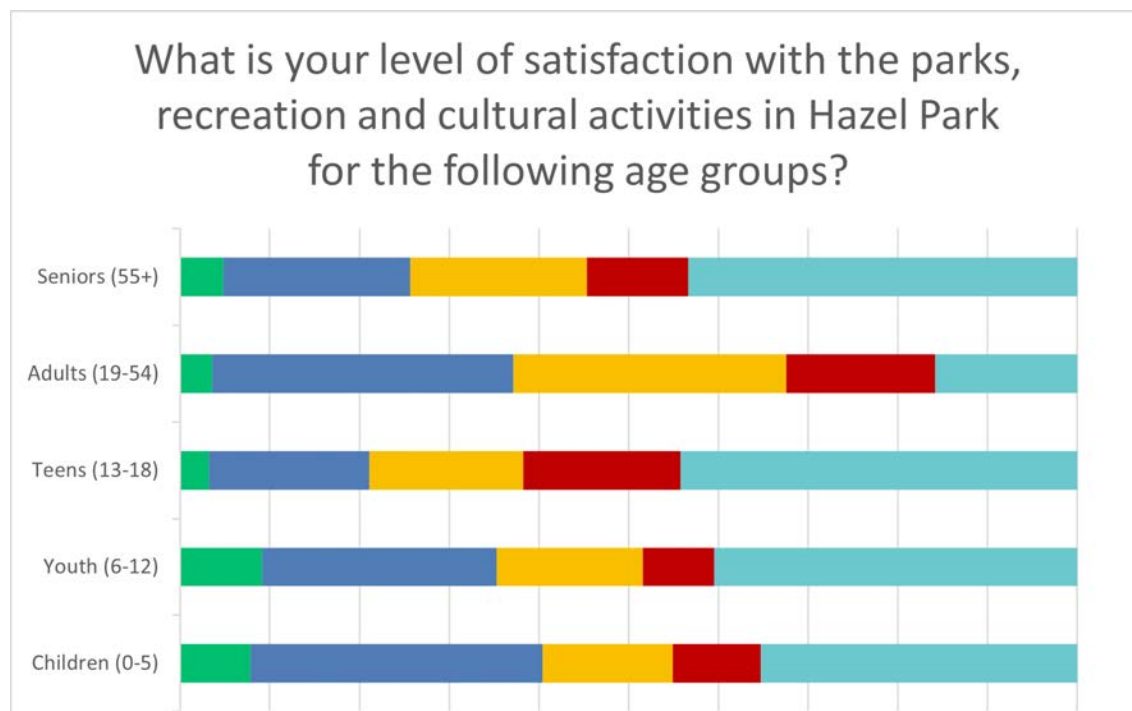
### QUESTION 6: DO YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE FOLLOWING PARKS?

	Yes %	Yes #	No %	No #	Total Responses
Albert Sylvester Park	26.5%	90	73.5%	250	340
Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation Park	28.8%	98	71.2%	242	340
Fuller Park	34.2%	116	65.8%	223	339
Jessica Nagle-Wilson Memorial Park	39.3%	133	60.7%	205	338
Madge Park	50.4%	173	49.6%	170	343
Hazel Park Art Garden	40.7%	138	59.3%	201	339

### QUESTION 7 (ONLINE): WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN HAZEL PARK FOR THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS?\*

	Very satisfied		Somewhat satisfied		Somewhat dissatisfied		Very dissatisfied		No Opinion		Total
Children (0-5)	7.84%	20	32.55%	83	14.51%	37	9.80%	25	35.29%	90	255
Youth (6-12)	9.13%	23	26.19%	66	16.27%	41	7.94%	20	40.48%	102	252
Teens (13-18)	3.19%	8	17.93%	45	17.13%	43	17.53%	44	44.22%	111	251
Adults (19-54)	3.56%	9	33.60%	85	30.43%	77	16.60%	42	15.81%	40	253
Seniors (55+)	4.82%	12	20.88%	52	19.68%	49	11.24%	28	43.37%	108	249

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#### What Is missing or could be improved?

- I don't think it was a good idea to take down so many established trees in HP. We've lost so much of the shade in the neighborhoods over the last few years. I think if the city is going to remove trees, they should be prepared to replace them.
- More teen spaces, cleaner parks for young kids to use.
- I'm unaware
- We need all our parks updated in general to appeal to all ages and bring our community together
- I feel that the parks and playgrounds are overrun by unruly, unsupervised kids who make it feel unsafe to visit the parks. I often drive my children to other cities' parks for a clean and safe outdoor experience.
- Water fountains. Benches. Pavilion at tuski park. Lights security lighting at the dog park and other parks security



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cameras at scout Park.

- I'm unaware of any type of cultural programming, there's limited opportunity for HP residents to connect and build community. No place making or community engagement efforts.
- I'm not a kid, but some of the parks look like their equipment needs to be refurbished or replaced.
- Budget for supervision at Scout Park. More waste receptacles for garbage with oversized signage. Waste bags/receptacles for dog walkers similar to those at Red Oaks.
- There are little to no running/walking tracking in most of the parks. Little to no planned recreational activities (except in main large parks), there are not enough trees that flower or fruit in many of the parks. There are not enough benches. The parks often have tons of weeds, not walking paths, and are poorly maintained.
- More green spaces to walk, possibly some disc golf to pull in young adults.
- Need green space, trees, natural native habitats . . . benches, places to just hang out . . . outdoor pavilions, tables, outdoor activities . . . movie nights . . .
- More green walking areas
- We need more programming for teens. Volunteer opportunities as well.
- Include southeast corner in planning. Stop cutting down trees. Plant new ones.
- Messaging is minimal. Could advertise more on a local level of what is provided. What events happen each year?
- Learning classes (language, cooking, etc)
- I'm new to the area and do not know the parks or what they offer
- Ideally (sounds difficult to do) a biggest park on the east side with 1 mile running path, and trees, bench.... a real park where we can feel nature...
- Definitely a fitness center and basketball courts, more summer programs like we had in the 90's for the kids.
- Trees!
- Biking Groups, Self Defense Classes, Art Classes, Women's & Coed Softball Leagues
- More shade areas, bathrooms, and water fountains.
- more local events (all the parks could have gatherings :-)
- More [better] benches and maybe some picnic tables.
- What do you do for people 18-35 or 35-55? There's nothing for us. It loses 100k every year it should be bringing in what it should at 2million worth of revenue while code enforcement is passing out \$270-\$500 tickets like candy.
- Use the corkboards in the parks. They are literally standing there doing nothing.
- Have no idea what is offered for senior citizens.
- We love the playgrounds and other amenities at Green Acres park and Scout park but the rest just feel miles behind. There's a lot of grass, old playground equipment and not much else. I know updating parks is costly. Maybe adding in more native plants or community gardens in the meantime? I was part of an allotment garden when I lived in Chicago. I'd love to see something like that here.
- More spaces for teens, more exercise equipment at more parks, walking paths at parks
- More recreation spaces for the southwest side of Hazel Park. An additional dog park off John R would be WELL utilized considering we experience an abundance of stray dogs and it's not safe to walk dogs in some areas because of that.
- Restrooms and water at all parks, more disc golf course or putting practice baskets of courses don't fit
- More options for elementary and middle school, summer and after school groups. Art and constructive learning groups like, board games, Legos, pop-up parties for age groups like 1-3, 4-7 and 8-12(random gatherings with music, snacks and drinks)
- We need less vacant buildings and more greenery. If the buildings along John r aren't going to be filled with cute cafes, restaurants, and shops, let's fill them with more outdoor rec activity and bike paths. Pickle ball courts. Things that WILL draw people to our city
- Continued programming, more information on city website
- We could add recycling containers for glass, plastic, paper, fabric, and food and books donation pantries.
- When you click on Departments/Parks and rec/classes & activities you get nothing. When you call the number provid-

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ed a person will direct you to the calendar on the main page that lists 0 classes and activities. How can anyone participate if they have no easy or logical access to information for any programs?

- More organized activities and communicated better. Spaces are available but If there are offerings for 13+, I'm not aware of them.
- Bring back the nativity scenes.
- Back away from promoting pride over all other cultures. IE what about the native culture and veterans. You have put those cultures to the side.
- We live west of I-75, so we mostly use Ferndale facilities (i.e. Martin Park) because they're more conveniently located and nicer
- I often don't know about activities. More marketing and signage would help.
- Basket ball courts, work out areas
- More community events in the parks.
- The cities garbage truck not driving through the parks, actually involving the community to make things better. Because none of you actually know what we want you just assume. Instead of cutting the dead trees down or pruning them to make them live longer. You just cut them completely down even the ones that aren't even sick.
- I'm not driving to utilize a park and anything south of Meyers is a forgotten area for anything from the city
- Cleaning up the parks appropriately, cutting the grass once a week. These things really make a difference for people enjoying themselves.
- Picnic tables where someone could sit down when they wanted to take a break
- Possibly fire pit somewhere at a park where people could community fire if they didn't have one at their home
- What about a weekly bonfire at a park sponsored by the city. You could bring individuals to sell items, you could bring nonprofits, you could have beverages you could have food trucks you could really do some interesting things that other cities are doing that we aren't taking advantage of at all.
- I see the city of Ferndale implementing a lot of wonderful features for the residence and we are lacking severely behind in that
- How about concerts in the parks?
- Local artisans showcasing their work
- How about a meet and greet for professionals that are having a hard time finding more work
- You could do a dog and cat vaccine service.
- You could sponsor a meet and greet for a local shelter, trying to adopt out animals
- I could think of at least 50 things that would be beneficial
- More programs for teens and kids at the parks.
- more recreation programs like dance, fitness, classes, crafts
- A farmer's market would really improve any of our larger parks and it would be nice to have lots of people around for something like that so everyone gets to use the park together. It would make us feel more like a community and a place that people would want to go and hang out at on a Saturday or Sunday morning.
- not much for teenagers- they tend to hang out at scout park and trash it
- I only see events posted for the library and it's for very particular interests. I never know when sports are signing up until it's almost over. I had no idea we had events/ activities for adults.
- I have been looking for a softball team that's not well out of my city and art events/ classes or opportunities, I've only seen on Facebook the Halloween event being posted about.
- I understand advertising is hard, I guess it's more word of mouth or trying to get posts pinned and reposted for events.
- need more adult focused parks with workout equipment and places to sit, places with shade, and walking paths
- The bmx bike park was a huge waste. Karam park is lame it needs a walking path. It also sucks that giant factory took all the sun from karam park. The exercise equipment at green acres was a waste. Green acres need a bigger parking lot. There's a car club that hangs out there and they are scary people. They just sit in their cars and stare and smoke weed openly. We need better lights too. I had no idea hp even had a community garden.

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- The library does such a great job with events, they have so many! I like that they create a list of events every month. Also I don't use social media, so I rely on the Community newsletter for events. I'd love to see a whole sections of that newsletter dedicated to library and also recreation. I would like it if you had a monthly calendar of the Parks & Rec events each newsletter
- More adult recreation, tennis/pickleball courts, walking paths
- CN be improved
- If there are activities, I'm unaware of them. How might we advertise these more broadly? Instagram?
- Would love more fitness classes, art classes, kids activities and classes
- Everything. Benches, shade, wildflowers, paved pathways
- Updated parks with a blend of young child to older child structures. More disc golf courses
- The play structures need updating. Places to sit for seniors would be great too
- More events for adults and seniors to join. Things that take place in the evenings or weekends would be great too. Our senior activities could use a boost.
- Organization maybe concessions at the games.
- More programs offered at some of the parks in the summer: activities for the children such as arts & crafts, games, activities. Swim lessons during the summer at the high school. Children's Day camp again at the Recreation Center. Other activities for seniors since Ferndale will be moving into their own facility one day after theirs is built.
- Adults and seniors really need pools
- Would like to see more community events being offered- like sports or groups for different ages
- Our local parks have nothing for the kids in our neighbourhoods. We go to Royal Oak or Ferndale for most things.
- Felker park is WAY outdated
- Sports are very unorganized my children no longer play for the rec center until something changes
- As I said before safety is a concern. Big kids bully and vandalize. My house backs to the park and shady people creep around at night. I would like more patrols by police and cameras in the park.
- Baseball courts, skateboarding areas. Just general sports areas for teens
- More senior activities and programs
- The majority of our parks have outdated equipment, little shade, no water feature, crumbling pathways, and infrequent trash pickup.
- If there are ongoing events, there needs to be a more effective way of communicating it. I'm relatively involved in the community, but rarely come across information beyond the Cork Board
- Looking for outdoor areas of adult community engagement with events. Amphitheater/farmers market/antique show/movie nights
- My sisters live in Royal Oak and Ferndale. Our parks are nowhere on the same level as those communities. Karam Park would greatly benefit from updated park equipment. We should be able to take our kids to nice parks.
- Parks with more updated playground equipment and overall more well maintained
- A harder push to get kids involved in team sports
- A place for the teenagers without the little kids
- I don't recall any drinking fountains shaded areas.
- Bring the farmers market back.
- Do residents even know they are available
- It's difficult to comment as there are virtually no activities. Even sports teams are unlikely to happen due to low enrollment. There's no city services for children. Only parks, which are poorly maintained. School playgrounds are the better option as they are safe and cared for



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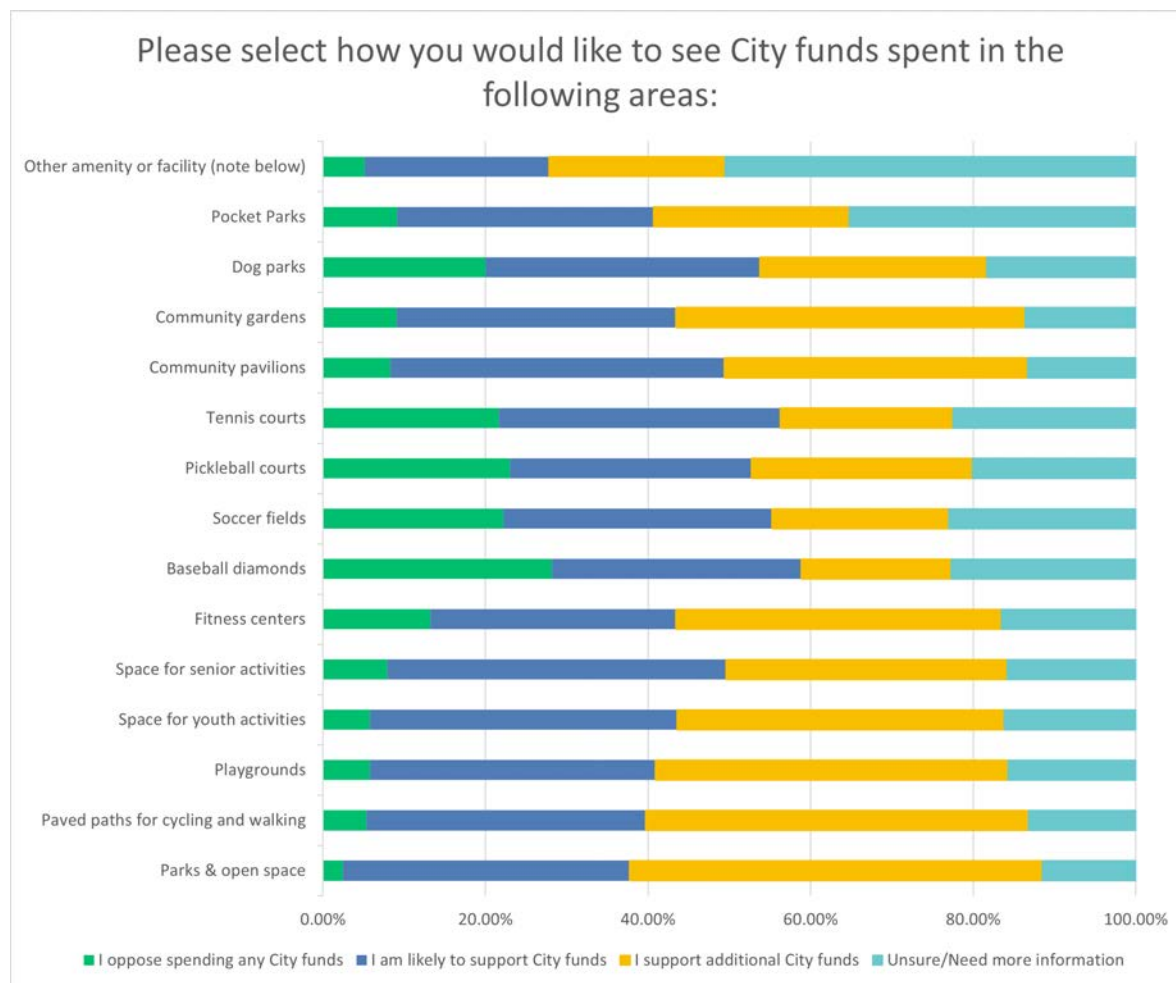
- Viable soccer programs for children. Monthly events (music/art/live entertainment). A small-scale monthly art fair. Embrace the dispensaries and marijuana industry, and have festivals. Events for all ages. Garden tours.
- We go to scout park most often but I do not like to go there because there are often older kids that disturb the younger kids
- All in all there needs to be updated equipment for children at the parks

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**QUESTION 8 (ONLINE): PLEASE SELECT HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CITY FUNDS SPENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:\***

	I oppose spending any City funds		I am likely to support City funds		I support additional City funds		Unsure/ Need more information		Total
Parks & open space	2.46%	6	35.25%	86	50.82%	124	11.48%	28	244
Paved paths for cycling and walking	5.37%	13	34.30%	83	47.11%	114	13.22%	32	242
Playgrounds	5.79%	14	35.12%	85	43.39%	105	15.70%	38	242
Space for youth activities	5.81%	14	37.76%	91	40.25%	97	16.18%	39	241
Space for senior activities	7.92%	19	41.67%	100	34.58%	83	15.83%	38	240
Fitness centers/equipment	13.22%	32	30.17%	73	40.08%	97	16.53%	40	242
Baseball diamonds	28.15%	67	30.67%	73	18.49%	44	22.69%	54	238
Soccer fields	22.18%	53	33.05%	79	21.76%	52	23.01%	55	239
Pickleball courts	23.01%	55	29.71%	71	27.20%	65	20.08%	48	239
Tennis courts	21.67%	52	34.58%	83	21.25%	51	22.50%	54	240
Community pavilions	8.30%	20	41.08%	99	37.34%	90	13.28%	32	241
Community gardens	9.09%	22	34.30%	83	42.98%	104	13.64%	33	242
Dog parks	20.00%	48	33.75%	81	27.92%	67	18.33%	44	240
Pocket Parks	9.13%	22	31.54%	76	24.07%	58	35.27%	85	241
Other amenity or facility (note below)	5.15%	10	22.68%	44	21.65%	42	50.52%	98	194

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### Additional Amenity/Facility

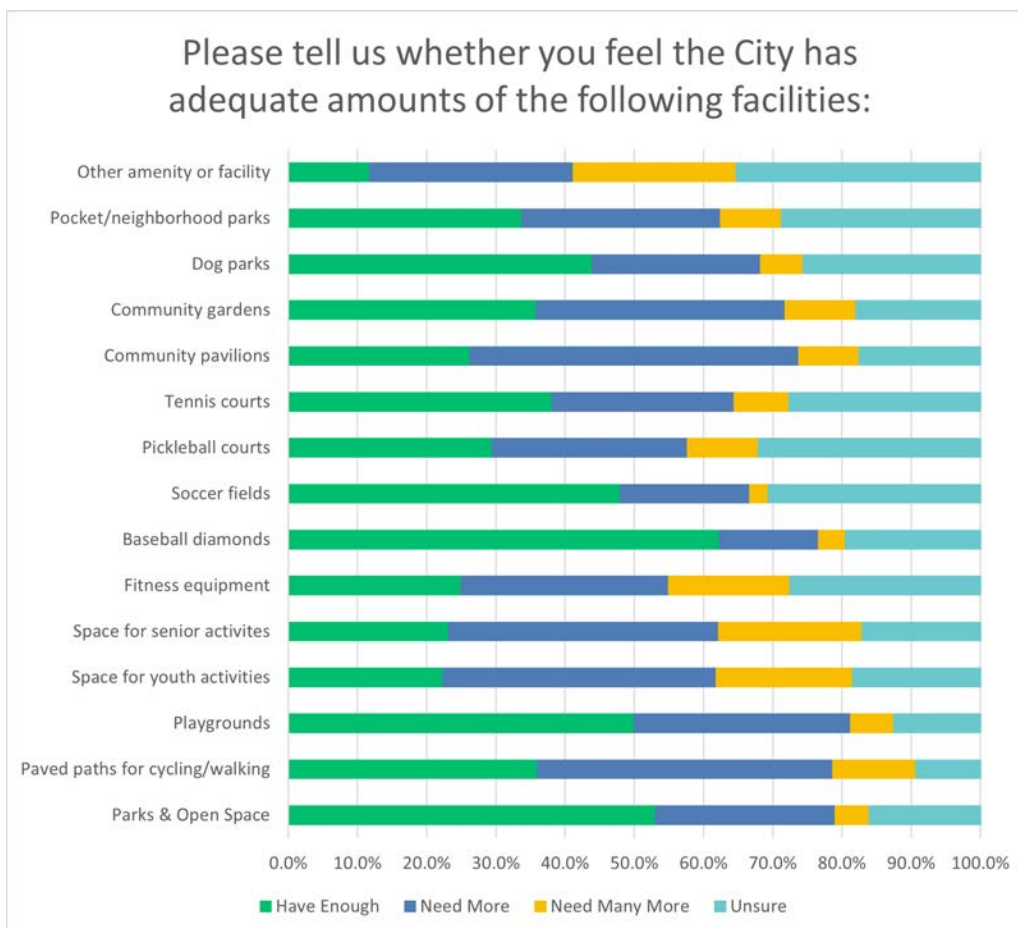
- create a live BeeHive display by historical Museum. to honor mator Mike.
- Trees, trees, trees
- Disc golf
- Tennis courts would be great.
- Pocket parks!!!!
- Community pool with extended hours. I know there's 1 already
- Skate Bmx park
- You have taken plenty of money it's time for you to do work. If the city spends money on it it better bring in some ----- money.
- Restrooms and water stations
- I fully support all parks and recreation millages
- Waterpark
- Pool
- Not happy about the dog park. Tried to use it years ago and found out you have to pay for it. If you're a resident it should be accessible.
- Not until you all start working five days a week at City Hall!
- How about an assistance program for elderly people who have a hard time with her technology to meet up with other individuals who are happy to help
- An area for a farmers' market
- Depending on what and where. If it's for somewhere silly that it's a waste due to location, we know some areas no one will honestly go to.
- Any and everything
- community pool
- Hazel Park Citywide Yard Sale was a hit this year, maybe you could send some funds to support that event so they can get more signs. That event gets people walking around the city and seeing parks they weren't aware of before.
- Small spaces for those of us who teach fitness, yoga, Pilates, meditation etc.. affordable rentals to teach in.
- Outside gym would be nice
- Swimming pool?
- Finding a better location for top soil drop off beyond the Kennedy park lot. It causes an incredible amount of trash that I end up picking up because it's so bad. Maybe move this to the old videoplex lot that's vacant and overgrown already instead of an active park?
- Amphitheater event space
- educational/functional greenspace and signage (rain gardens, pollinator gardens, food forests) to increase connection to nature within the city
- Splash pad or Skate park
- Taxes in this city are already ungodly compared to the amount of city services available. Outside of police and fire response this city offers limited to no offerings for residents even with astronomical taxes. While I'd support city funds, I would support a shift in spending only, not an increase.



## Survey Results

**QUESTION 8 (PAPER): PLEASE TELL US WHETHER YOU FEEL THAT THE CITY HAS ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:**

	Have enough		Need more		Need many More		Unsure		Total
Parks & open space	53.1%	43	25.9%	21	4.9%	4	16.0%	13	81
Paved paths for cycling and walking	36.0%	27	42.7%	32	12.0%	9	9.3%	7	75
Playgrounds	50.0%	40	31.3%	25	6.3%	5	12.5%	10	80
Space for youth activities	22.4%	17	39.5%	30	19.7%	15	18.4%	14	76
Space for senior activities	23.2%	19	39.0%	32	20.7%	17	17.1%	14	82
Fitness centers	25.0%	20	30.0%	24	17.5%	14	27.5%	22	80
Baseball diamonds	62.3%	48	14.3%	11	3.9%	3	19.5%	15	77
Soccer fields	48.0%	36	18.7%	14	2.7%	2	30.7%	23	75
Pickleball courts	29.5%	23	28.2%	22	10.3%	8	32.1%	25	78
Tennis courts	38.2%	29	26.3%	20	7.9%	6	27.6%	21	76
Community pavilions	26.3%	21	47.5%	38	8.8%	7	17.5%	14	80
Community gardens	35.9%	28	35.9%	28	10.3%	8	17.9%	14	78
Dog parks	43.9%	36	24.4%	20	6.1%	5	25.6%	21	82
Pocket Parks	33.8%	27	28.8%	23	8.8%	7	28.8%	23	80
Other amenity or facility (note below)	11.8%	4	29.4%	10	23.5%	8	35.3%	12	34



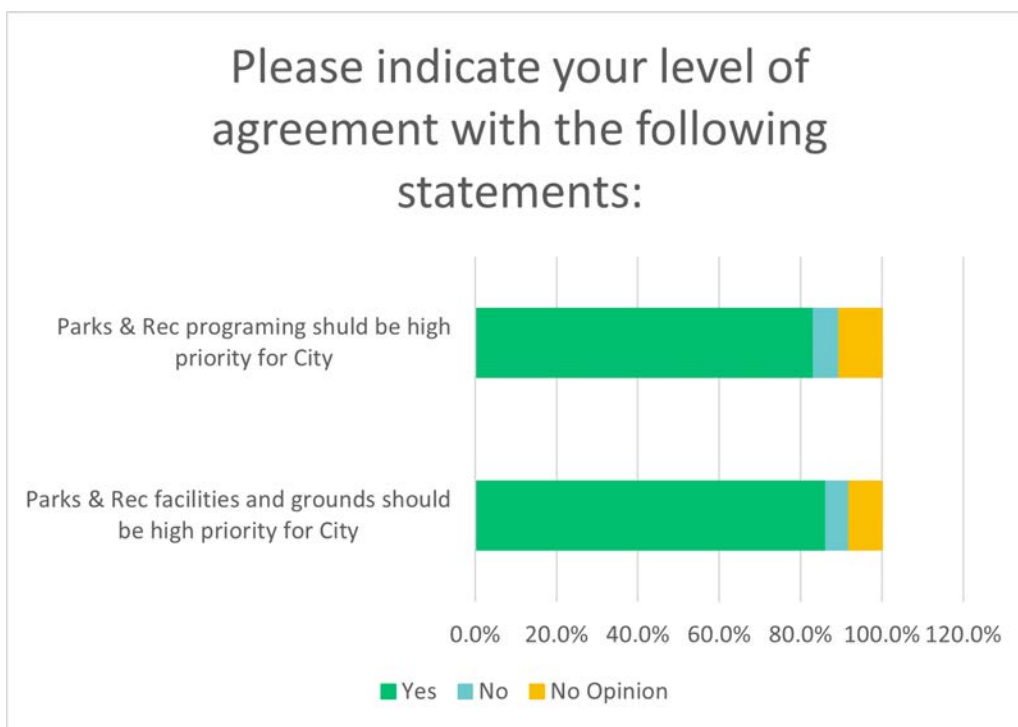
## Survey Results

### QUESTION 9: PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

	Agree		Disagree		No opinion		Total
Parks and Recreation facilities and grounds should be a high priority for the City.	87.97%	212	5.81%	14	6.22%	15	241
Parks & Recreation programming should be a high priority for the City.	84.65%	204	7.05%	17	8.30%	20	241

#### Comments

- If we want families to move here we have to have activities for families to do. A lot of the times we go to the school playground instead of the parks. We have good parks they just need a little update and life brought back to them
- Subject to not willing to pay more taxes for it
- Need to bring stuff back, like craft show, car, shows, all kinds of stuff and for older people need to know what's going on not just school age children



## Survey Results

### QUESTION 10: WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM VISITING THE HAZEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND/OR OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Answer Choices	Percent of Responses	Number of Responses
Lack of parking	4.29%	22
Lack of transportation	3.31%	17
Safety	6.63%	34
Lack of amenities	23.59%	121
Lack of programming	25.54%	131
Need more information	26.90%	138
Other	9.75%	50



#### Other

- I live closest to this area and visit frequently but the paths need to be fixed.
- Hours
- Unsupervised kids who cuss, threaten, and intimidate other park goers.
- Offerings do not appeal to me
- The communication from the City is terrible. Unless you go to the local library frequently or read about the event on Facebook, there's no real way of understanding what is happening in the city.
- I would love some advertising on social media about where the parks are and what they offer. Are they all listed somewhere & I have missed it?
- They are not pretty, not thought out, not designed for the people who want to use them - there are no PLANS or how the parks create green space for the community, they are just left there
- I go to Ferndale because honestly it's better
- Nothing that peaks my interest
- I work a lot

## Survey Results

- Offerings/Time
- need better communication
- Not near me can't walk there and not sure what's there
- Community center could have more activities. Sometimes the teens take over a park.
- Poor websites and ability to get information about programs makes it so I will not look towards to rec center
- I'm just busy working. If I had more time I think I'd spend time at a nice community area
- No need for them.
- Nothing to do no reason to go
- It looks like it's closed. Just not appealing.
- Cleanliness
- The community center simply doesn't support any of my interests and it seems to be closer to Ferndale then central to the citizens of Hazel Park.
- Staff
- Unhelpful website information, make this info easier to find!
- Gymnastics program years ago was unorganized and poor quality
- Honestly I don't know what goes on here so I'm not going to visit when I don't have the information
- Should send a bulletin out with water bill of available activities
- Just moved here, not sure what they have
- Nothing that was relevant for us
- The city's parks are laughable in comparison to surrounding cities.
- No time off from work to visit
- Nothing intrigues me or motivates me to go there
- No reason to drive yo them if offering nothing I'm interested in
- I have no idea what they offer. You have reached out to me in zero way to inform me of the services available. The city of Madison Heights does a wonderful senior community.
- We live on John R & 10 mile and walk most everywhere, getting across the freeway isn't very pedestrian friendly so we typically stay around the main John R area
- Parking but there are places to park and walk, it is cramped we can't deny that. If the weather was bad no one would want to park farther away and walk up.
- I don't use it
- lack of shade
- I don't know where it is and what it even offers
- We walked to the Memorial Fair this year and it was a lot of walking on major roads to get there. It'd be nice if there were more off-road/more barrier options for walking through the city. I'd be more likely to go to the Rec Center if there were a safer way to get to Doug's Delight for ice cream on the way haha
- We should make people aware of what is happening there. It would get used more often.
- No young kids at home to take.
- Would like to see wider variety of activities, such as art classes, dance, gymnastics, etc.
- I work during the day. not much going on in the evening.
- Accessibility
- No interest
- I don't know what's offered there.
- It feels like it's a part of Ferndale instead of Hazel Park. The location (across 75) seems bizarre to me. Would make more sense to move it closer to the city center.



## Survey Results

- Nothing there for me
- None
- It's just so outdated. We've had to go outside of our city for recreational sports for our children, and once that took place we stayed outside our city: soccer. The last time we had a child in soccer in HP was 6 or so years ago and the same me of the coaches smoked in the sidelines.
- Play cards every week
- Nothing keeps me from visiting!
- City program paper? Social media posts? Old building
- Time
- Don't like these
- Time
- Don't have time
- Need to have exercise card. Arts and crafts class/knit crochet class, more senior activities
- We need to get good vegetables, teh years ago
- Need more for kids (6-16)
- A business-not needed
- Too busy
- Didn't know it existed or where it was
- Lack of time and interest
- Geren acres, fast flying dangerous, frisbees
- Times they are open
- Not within walking distance
- Time
- Nothing to improve on city's part
- No time off from work to visit
- Work to much
- Nothing to offer seniors
- I'm too busy

## Survey Results

### QUESTION 11: WHAT AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE HAZEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND/OR OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES?

- Fitness center
- Dancing classes
- More youth Activities that are designed to challenge their growing brains.
- Not sure
- Movie nights, community music etc
- Workshops, music events, youth programs other than Christian holiday events,
- Unsure
- Leagues for sports for youth and adults
- Security or surveillance.
- Exercise equipment. Coffee and snack bar
- Community resources, programming, community building, unification, and collaboration.
- Water fountains, well-maintained bathrooms, safe places to lock bikes.
- Short term classes including artistic (pottery, painting, glasswork), diy skill building (woodworking/building), general repair instruction (plumbing, concrete, refinishing), home canning, storing, and freezing, culinary to include cooking, grilling, herb varieties to be grown and harvested and preserved...so many different ideas
- More events for teenagers. More events for seniors. The ability to have AMA's with local city officials outside of City Council.
- Things for seniors to do. Things for the kids and teens to do
- Would love an affordable gym space, swimming pool, sauna & hot tub.
- restrooms, outdoor pavillions, benches, native plants, walkways, paths,
- A gym, pool, bigger library. Bathrooms! Water fountains! The fact that green acres bathrooms are almost NEVER open is ridiculous.
- Crafts or creative things
- Creative Classes for adults and kids
- gym, programs for children
- Parks landscaping native gardens
- Swimming pool. More green spaces with natural plant growth like Madison Heights has at the nature center or Rosie's park.
- Pool
- Use of high school swimming pool for adult swim
- A decent gym for cardio/weights. Sauna, indoor basketball or pickleball courts. Maybe a pool. Community spaces for events
- Pickleball courts, water fountains, bathrooms
- A swimming pool!!! A olympic size swimming pool would attrack lots of people since it is almost impossible to find (only in Grosse Pointe). Building it next to the ice skating ring so that the heat extracted from the ring would heat up the swimming pool would save lots of energy (and money).
- Classes for adults, activities for parents and kids. Fitness Center and basketball courts. I'd love a pool too.
- Dog parks
- Pickleball/tennis courts
- Gym
- Self Defense Classes, Art Classes
- Community classes, community clubs, information about community center programming
- Basketball courts
- more inexpensive classes, how to use the web, how to play guitar, gardening stuff. should be contacted with the library, schools
- Do not use. No need for them.

## Survey Results

- Food truck park
- Amphitheater
- Leasing out the unused concession stands
- Bring in vending machines
- A recreational center with a fitness center
- Nature education center.
- Splash pad and pool
- Classes for new parents and parents of young children to connect. art classes for children, adults, and seniors. Maybe some programs for kids and seniors to interact together. programs for those with developmental disabilities. Adult exercise classes.
- Pottery Studio with Kiln, Dog obedience classes, Concerts supporting local artists, community pool, BETTER MARKETING!!
- Fitness equipment, fitness and other adult enrichment classes
- Pop-up age appropriate parties, after school social and creative group activities
- Bathrooms, more shaded areas.
- Art classes, concerts, knitting groups, book clubs, recipe clubs, tool rental, movie night, cooking classes, poker group, euchre night, game night, community building events!
- I've never been so I'm not sure
- Not sure
- Adult classes, and more information about programming, perhaps a catalogue of programs offered
- Waterpark
- Swimming pool
- I wish for indoor and outdoor swimming pool
- Fitness center/gym, pool. Dog waste stations at all parks (or more dog parks and enforcement on no dogs in parks where kids play)
- As noted previously, more bathroom facilities scattered around - even if just porta-potties for the warm months.
- Programs for different age groups. Years ago there was places for kids to go to keep them occupied and out of trouble. We need to go back to that. Stop pushing the pride narrative and push an everyone narrative. We're all people. Period. Also you need locking bathrooms to keep everyone safe.
- A fitness center and a pool would be a really nice addition
- Basketball courts, indoor spaces for more classes
- Fitness Equipment
- Weight exercise equipment
- "Better ads for what's going on
- I don't know what is happening at the rec center
- Community programs in support of starting business in Hazel Park
- Ev charging
- Karate Lessons
- Arcade Games
- Unsure, never been
- Some type of technological assistance for the seniors.
- A pool / splash pad, pretty public spaces to hang out outdoors. Would love 10 mile to be less industrial looking
- fitness center free for residents, classes for adults, updated bathrooms and facilities
- Gym and/or racket all courts. A pool would be great, but much lower priority.
- Not sure
- if there was a public pool, i'd go every day

## Survey Results

- I liked the haunted house that was done a few years ago. Seasonal events are welcoming and let's the community get together, so something kids and just general public can go to and enjoy event wise would be nice. Understanding what the center does have to offer there.
- A decent 'hall' or 'room' to rent for events, banquets or party.
- Some type of a area/ room for kids to interact? More like a social area not one type of hobby or interest focused."
- workout equipment, benches, shady areas, walking areas, water fountain, public art
- I'd like to see more trees and nature in parks. We also need some nice walking path like the red oaks nature center
- Open bathrooms, water fountain, bottle filling station
- I honestly see the library as more of the "community center" of the city. They have events, it's welcoming to walk in there, there's people hanging out there. The community center for me is just a place to walk in to for renting pavilions and that kind of thing, I don't hang there like I do in the library.
- I would love more difficult exercise classes or yoga classes in the early morning or evenings for people who work.
- Announcement of what is taking place there at any time. Royal Oak senior community center does an excellent job on that.
- They used to have an after school rec time where kids could hang out in the rec room & play pool & other activities. It'd be nice to see something like that come back there.
- Performing arts opportunities for youth and adults
- Classes and activities, guests speakers
- Fitness equipment, such as treadmills, etc. fitness classes, art classes.
- Classes for hobbies or exercise. Not always during "working hours". Adult ones, not only kids. My kids are older, but kids activities too, not just sports. All children are not into sports.
- Concessions and clean restrooms
- A summer camp for kids, more adult activities, maybe some craft classes, maybe a weekly/monthly concert or weekly/monthly movie in the park
- Noted above.
- Family movie nights, safe activities for children and young teens.
- A city pool
- Pool
- New gym!
- Basketball court
- Kids programs
- Protected bike lanes, new playground equipment, more trees, upgraded pavilions, repaired pathways, seasonal outdoor splash pad, more dog parks, and beautification.
- Better use of green acres park. Too many baseball fields. Outdoor amphitheater space, well manicured gardens, more and continues beautification efforts along main street, more accessible and centrally located community garden
- A basketball court
- Meet up groups for shared interests. Cards, board games, book club, etc.
- Emergency phones, running water, bathrooms, drinking fountains
- Pickleball for sure
- Changing tables in the bathrooms. I had to change my infant on an office floor that a staff member offered when I was searching for a clean place to change him at an event and then the staff member tried to stand there and watch. It was very uncomfortable.
- Splash pad, skate park, tennis courts, community pool
- Pickleball court
- Classes for children and adults, maybe a fitness center with staff and instructor
- Adult sports leagues
- Nicer restrooms
- Picnic tables.water features. Shade.walking path with things like a butterfly garden.bathrooms



## Survey Results

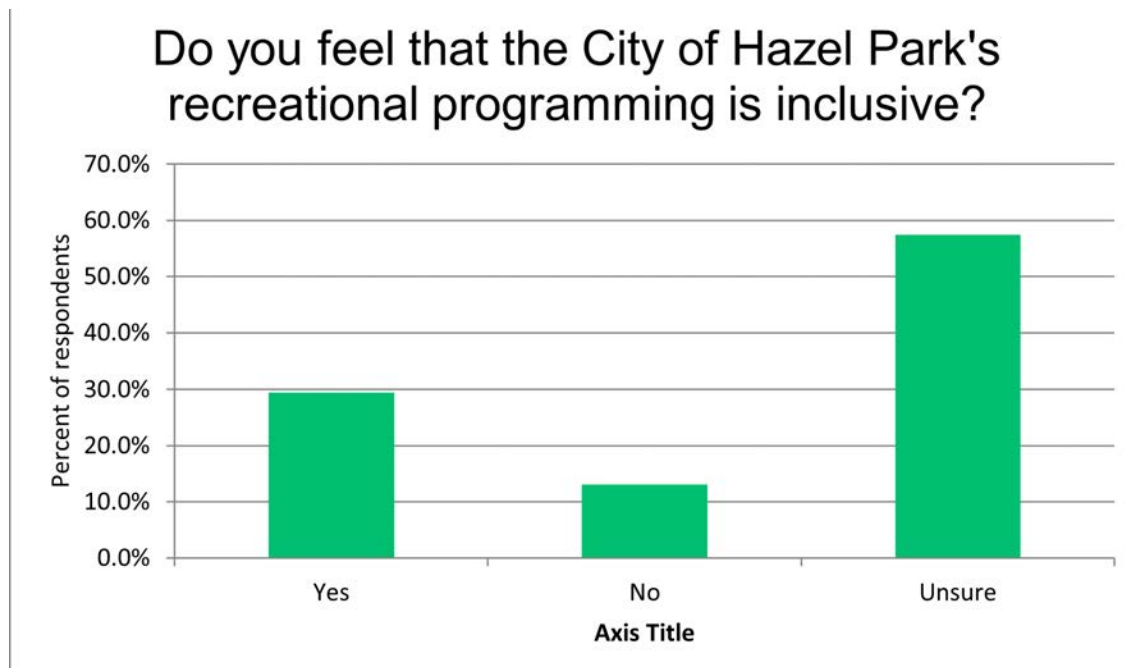
- Water filling stations
- Dedicated fitness center
- Pickleball courts
- Indoor play area
- I would like to see events. Literally any kind of event that generated buzz in our city and brings people together. If it is a retail type event (Art Fair), always have beer, food, and music so customers spend more money and are entertained and persuaded to stay a while.
- Group fitness
- Senior center update with pool, gym equipment, activities, tech support
- Small fitness gym, available court spaces and times (Basketball, volleyball, etc.), programming information, movie nights at Green Acres?
- Live music
- More covered picnic areas
- Bathrooms that aren't locked. Whats the sense of having restrooms if they are locked
- Non-binary restroom
- Good water sources
- Not sure
- Not sure - haven't attended anything
- Better lights, restroom
- It would be nice to have open areas open at night for telescope usage. Warren, the city, has a group, but the distances are too great
- A bigger more modern community center
- I'd like to see more things for older people
- Pool, good weight room, basketball courts
- Arts and crafts - pottery?, knit/crochet classes, yoga or exercise classes, painting class, more senior activities, maybe travel groups to local or short destinations, swimming
- Royal Oak senior center 13 mi has 5:00 dinner and they are home made! They are great! Our daughter gets them often. Can Hazel Park get this in motion?
- More trash bins, games net, more picnic tables, benches
- Painting class
- We need more programs for children 6-16 our pre-teens and teens need to keep busy
- Amenities would be pathways, playground equipment, skating rinks, water
- Rec room for sports - bball, vball, wball
- Lower taxes
- More activities for the seniors
- I'm unsure what's already there, so can't say
- Less bike paths, causing traffic congestion
- More things for us old people
- No frisbees mixed with kids people children on ball fields
- Evening exercise/fitness classes
- More programs
- At my age of 76, all seems okay
- Open hours of after school/evening hours for teens. Pool table pins table etc.
- Getting more info about what is going on at the community center programs, what they offer at any age
- Less of anything in place nothing additional
- A community pool would be great. The high school needs more for the working people after 5:00
- Pickleball courts, water fountains, bathrooms

## Survey Results

- Pickle courts, basketball courts, pool
- All senior
- A watercolor class - similar to Royal Oak community center that I am currently attending
- Restrooms where needed

### QUESTION 12: DO YOU FEEL THAT THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK'S RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING IS INCLUSIVE?

Answer Choices	Responses %	Percent of Responses
Yes	97	29.5%
No	43	13.1%
Unsure	189	57.4%



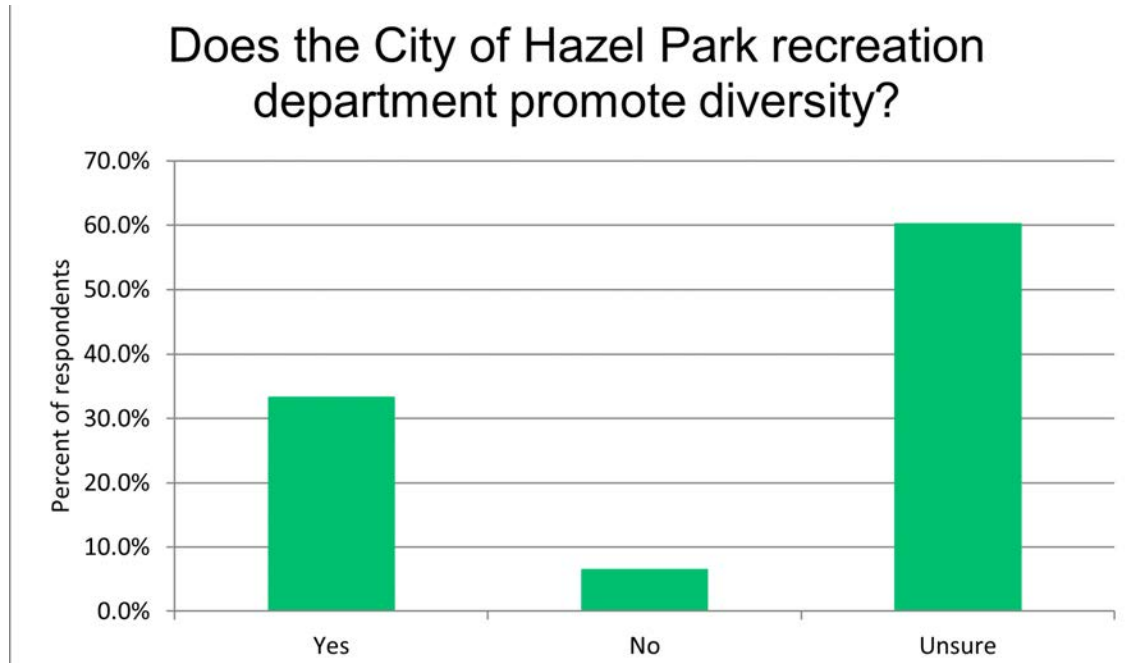
### COMMENTS:

- This is a poor community which should get lower prices for building rental

## Survey Results

### QUESTION 13: DOES THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROMOTE DIVERSITY?

Answer Choices	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Yes	108	33.3%
No	21	6.5%
Unsure	195	60.2%



### QUESTION 14: HOW MANY PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

#### ONLINE SURVEY:

1	35
2	93
3	38
4	33
5	7
6+	8

Total: 221

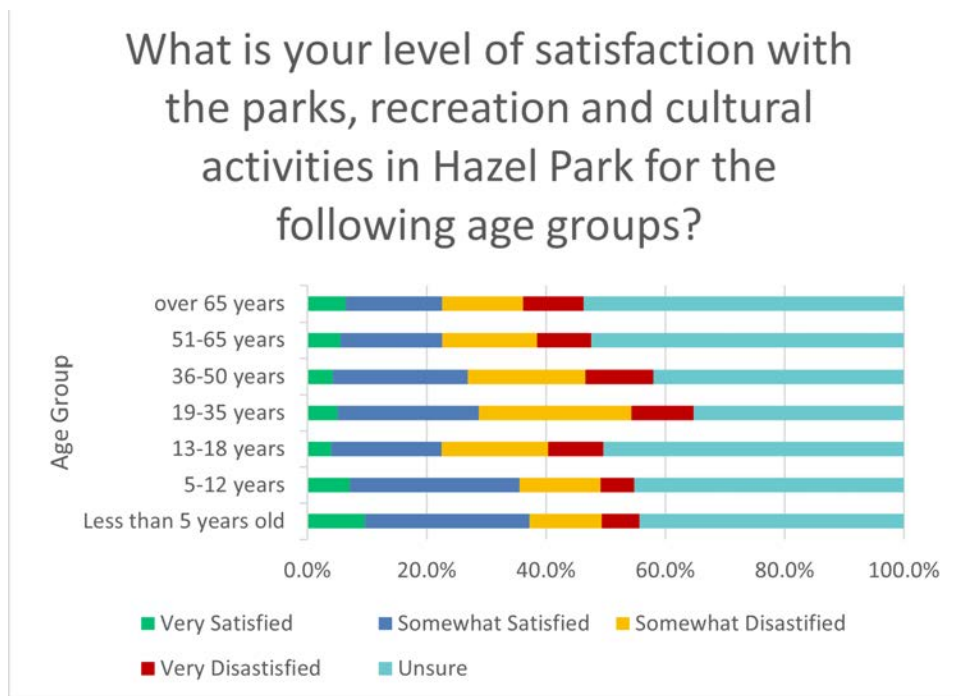
#### PAPER SURVEY (QUESTION 15):

Responding households w/ children under 5:	5
Responding households w/ children 5-12:	6
Responding households w/ children 13-18:	6
Responding households w/ residents 19-35:	30
Responding households w/ residents 36-50:	17
Responding households w/ residents 51-65:	41
Responding households w/ residents over 65:	9

## Survey Results

### QUESTION 15: WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN HAZEL PARK FOR THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS?

Age	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Disas- tified	Very Disastisfied	Unsure
Less than 5 years	27	78	34	18	125
5-12 years	20	80	38	16	127
13-18 years	11	52	50	26	141
19-35 years	14	66	71	29	98
36-50 years	12	63	55	32	117
51-65 years	16	49	46	26	151
over 65 years	19	48	40	30	159





## Survey Result

### QUESTION 17: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING RECREATION FACILITIES IN HAZEL PARK:

- We just moved here last year and have not really had to see what is available to us. I signed up for the city email but I'm not completely aware of what programs or offerings are available
- more group youth activities. Life Training- outward bound type workshops
- Our recreation department is really lacking programming. Every community around us puts a lot more effort into programming. Ours is embarrassing.
- With a potential recession coming, the city should be careful about investing in facilities that require a lot of ongoing maintenance and repair or that may need to be revamped or rebuilt in just a few years. Outdoor spaces that are simple to maintain are probably a better investment.
- Well-maintained parks with great curb appeal (no weeds, dog poop, newer equipment, and higher-end attractions; read tennis, pickle ball. Better trees that flower and or fruit.
- I feel like we have cool things in HP that a lot of residents aren't aware of. But having more spaces and a walking path would be amazing. Ans having an affordable workout center would also be great
- Why is everything at Green acres? the southeast corner of HP is basically abandoned . . . why not revitalize the pocket parks? do not need fancy expensive playground equipment but you need a PLAN. Where is the overall plan?
- Jessica Nagel has had a giant hole in the ground with orange barrels around it for years! I am about to go over there and fill it and remove the barrels myself soon. The fact that there is no parking allowed in front of parks is ridiculous , it should not be where people attending parks are forced to take up street parking in front of residents homes when most already only have a driveway big enough for 1 car. The bathrooms at green acres are RARELY open and I believe that is the only park with bathrooms. Nit having restrooms or water available makes it impossible to spend time at our parks ESPECIALLY with children.
- The Memorial Day Fair is the most important thing to us in Green Acres park. The fact they now put up a huge fence makes it less fun for the community. The cost also is very high for less rides. We saw police giving a mom a hard time for having so many kids yet let the white people in no problem. I've seen many racist actions by police at the entrance. Making the fair like a prison is not fun for the community and makes the city look bad when other cities have no gates for their fairs and festivals.
- More trees green spaces native gardens revolution pocket parks
- More please. Open bathrooms in green acres on weekends.
- Learning classes would be welcome (language, tax prep, garden care)
- I support more investment in public projects. Including making the streets nicer with trees/plants, art, etc
- Please build up a community swimming pool
- "See more flyers on events/activities going on
- More art/cultural festivals "
- I think the recreation dept does a GREAT job, but there is always room for improvement I think adding some classes they have to be inexpensive to pull move participants in would be a great move
- I have never used nor do I have any current need for recreational facilities or programs.
- You need to bring the recreation to parka and recreation
- Programs and/or activities don't appear to be very well promoted to residents.
- There needs to be recycle containers at Green Acres and Scout Park. ( Like Starr Jaycee Park in Royal oak)
- I have my grandchildren, youngest, often. Need more info on options for them.
- I've been a resident for 3 years, and I haven't heard of any local events. Needs to be advertised! Let people know about local programming, plan events people want to attend, not just for kids. More emphasis on community building and having pride in our area. Local cleanups and beautification projects, garden classes, plant swaps, etc would be helpful too
- Rec facilities are outdated and could use improvements.
- The baby swings need to be fixed.
- There is a lot of opportunity for improvement here. We have good bones. Professional native landscaping would go a long way to improve the tired look of what already exists.

## Survey Results

- We use the dog park often. Upgrades to the dog park would be nice. More parks with trails/walking pavement. More parks with things to do other than a playground.
- Lots of open green spaces, which I love. Just need more programming/organized activities and communication about same.
- Programs for different age groups. Years ago there was places for kids to go to keep them occupied and out of trouble. We need more options for everyone in the line of activities. We need to go back to that. Stop pushing the pride narrative and push an everyone narrative. We're all people. Period. Also you need locking bathrooms to keep everyone safe.
- What I'm realizing, we already have all these things. All you have to do is update them and spend a little bit of money not millions of dollars. Or raise our taxes Did the butter those are disgusting they stink
- Need more playgrounds that are 2 and under friendly!
- Try notifying citizens of opportunities and programs with flyers in with the water bill or something. If not in actively looking for the info myself I'd have no idea what is offered or available
- "I think there's a great opportunity here to do some wonderful things. You need to think outside of the box. You need to do better than Ferndale and Madison Heights. You need to make an honest effort, other than having swing sets for children. All members of the community would like to Experience and enjoy the parks. Currently, they are only geared towards small children. There are no pathways for people to walk and know how far they've walked. There are no resting areas in the shade while people are walking. The only park that remotely comes close is behind the recreation center, and that's way too far for me to walk to. I don't feel like driving to a park to walk. I live right by the high school, so there are quite a few parks within walking distance that provide none of those amenities. How about restrooms? What do I do when I'm out there with the dog and I need to go to the bathroom? I have to go back home? Or risk getting a ticket that's not acceptable. We are all human beings. We shouldn't be deprived of a place to use the restroom.
- You make the dog park way too difficult to access. Residence of the city should be able to go in the dog park without needing a key. I think that's kind of ludicrous that you require a key.
- Send some of your employees out to explore and study the other parks available and get inspiration for ideas that can be implemented in the city of Hazel Park"
- Most of the parks need new play equipment. The only ones that are decent are Green acres and Scout.
- Thank you for your work in moving this city forward!!
- Not aware what community ctr is for except baseball and soccer. Not aware of any programs for seniors. Would like more programs for gardens/beautification of parks. Would like more community events for all, not just kids ie fall festival/ local businesses could decorate with scarecrows, or Christmas festival, things to bring community together. Good job on the trunk or treating at scout park.
- "If we have events we don't know about them. Communication or advertising is lacking.
- I don't know where some parks are, I've lived in HP my whole life, i might know a couple of the whole in the fence parks but I don't know the names and really what they offer anymore. I've gone past 2 lately and they looked wrecked."
- i believe the park should be a welcoming space with plenty of areas for people to enjoy nature. we need more natural areas and less open grass spaces, so we can attract pollinators and benefit our local environment as well as enhance the beauty of the neighborhoods. playground equipment should also include things adults can use to better their health such as workout equipment. i would also like to see more trees planted to increase shade
- We don't need pickleball courts or tennis courts
- Thank you for maintaining the parks! We LOVE scout, there at least once a week throughout the year, not just summer. Thank you!
- This place should be busy all the time if it were a viable place. It can be busy all the time, however it should be less expensive than what it is now. I can go to a restaurant that have separate rooms less expensive than the rec CENTER. We do pay taxes for that building.
- I don't think we are doing anything terrible, but we could be doing more. I never hear of events at the rec center. If they are advertising them, where?
- I think that questions 12 and 13 should be removed from this survey. I don't think that they belong on this survey. I would like to see some sort of placards or tributes explaining how the park came to be and why they are named as they are.

## Survey Results

I would also like to see more programs for kids teach them about our veterans, not to get them to sign up but to learn about their sacrifices for our country. Maybe like sending vets a Christmas card or a simple thank you card.

- When I was growing up, they had a green box on different playgrounds, parks and a summer counselor (usually a high school graduate, college student running the program at each park with activities: arts & crafts, games. they went on field trips to local businesses like ice cream, library, fire station, etc. They used to have a senior program that met more than twice a month and had lunch, they did have to pay. Other speakers come in, weekly/monthly concert or movie in the park.
- Overall, the many options for parks are great.
- Would like to see long range plans for alternate walkways and beautification of the residential and down town areas”
- Get grants
- We both have mobility issues so we need some thing that is low/no impact to use like a pool.
- I enjoy walking and biking but often leave the city I live in to enjoy my time more. I feel like our parks are not well maintained or well lit, the play structures seems old and the fields looks unused. All the parks I have been to feel old and outdated and forgotten about.
- I would like to see an outside gym like they have in royal and Ferndale
- And more bike lanes
- It's lacking. Our kids play sports outside of the city. We were not satisfied with the sports and rec programs.
- I have people of all ages that visit me and use the park.
- Parking lots in parks are really in need of repair. Also our household is older adults but I have done many things in the city with my grandchildren. They love the parks here.
- I have two pocket parks very close to my house, one has been nicely upgraded while the other is crumbling apart. The only thing the city has done is cut down all the trees in that park, which made it even worse.
- More programming for seniors, youth, residents. More promotion of those programs.
- I would like to see more activities offered. Surrounding cities have hundreds of things to sign up for and it seems as though we have just a handful. Partnering with the high school to use the pool for swimming lessons would be great!
- I'd love to see more activities available for young and school aged children. We have a lot of low income children getting into trouble because they don't have appropriate supervised activities available to them that their parents can afford. I know this isn't a problem the city alone can solve, but it would help.
- Please look at making Karam Park a nicer park.
- There use to paper mail telling us about the activities at the rec dept. Some people might not have a computer or knowledge to get to the sight or have any media.
- The taxes in Hazel Park are already ridiculous. It seems that all these additions would include a tax increase which will drive people out of the city
- Please get rid of the Memorial Day fair
- Making parks accessible for people with disabilities, making events and areas more dog friendly, and having more trees and native garden spaces would be amazing.
- I forgot about the Pride Festival's existence.
- There should be monthly events, and consistent recreational sports (not just football and dance) for children of all ages.
- Remove those dangerous traffic jam causing bike lane that no one uses.
- That Warren center is very nice
- Why are the dugouts and pressbox not used at Green Acres? The rain drainage at Green Acres is lacking in areas, LOVE the new play structure at Green Acres
- We need a better play structure at Madge Park
- I think they should put some exercise machines in the empty room at the rec center
- Thanks for providing room for Ferndale seniors meetings, etc.
- Tell me that now I am a “Hazeltuckian” which is hilarious to me because I'm originally from Kentucky. My husband and I live here in Hazel Park
- City does well too ok
- The rec center has plans to combine the 2 buildings which needs a grant. Why wait? Get the community involved and

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raise the funds

- A splash pad is needed
- I am 76 years old and don't use most parks, we have a family reunion once a year at the park. I used the parks years ago & Tuski park - used the book drop I am 76 years old and don't use most parks, we have a family reunion once a year at the park. I used the parks years ago & Tuski park - used the book drop  
\* and believe the parks are necessary for family use & sports!
- I really hope you'll move the golf things out of green acres park so I can walk their again. It's very dangerous, people throwing these discs have no idea where they're going. People would yell at me to get off the path because a disc is coming behind me, that game does not belong in a park where people are walking"
- "From what I read on Social Media, a lot of the playgrounds have a lot of teenagers hanging out, destroying property, a lot of bad language, disrespecting the parents, maybe the parks can be patrolled more often so the children can actually enjoy them & so the parents don't feel they have to rush their children out of there."
- I so wish they would bring back the park ladies that would have the permanent box that had crafts to do everyday for the kids, I think this might've ended in the late 70's - early 80's. This was a neighborhood staple & provided so much much learning & joy. The box stayed & was always locked, until the park lady showed up to open it.
- Everything too tight, cut the residential trees down, clean the streets, houses too close, too much parking on streets, too many motors all the time, "pot" choking people, fire pits choking people, fire crackers should be banned at all times, city tree choppers leave a mess - don't sweep or blow, garbage all over, grass cuttings in the street, city services closed too much, terrible city to live in - charges such as sidewalks - not necessary - Rip off
- We need clean restrooms, and safe ones. For all people.
- "I used the facilities when I was younger but I have gotten involved with my church and other craft things at home. My grand children go (especially the youngest) to the parks and does biking. I do think the parks and facilities are great. Lots of new things, thank you, I am impressed!
- "Need program targeting youth trauma! Sorry, foster parent also parent & grandparent
- "Like I stated under #9 we have good parks, it will come down to updating them with things people want to do these days. Very excited you all are doing a survey. Thank you!
- More activites for the seniors to attend and provide transportation
- The use of DEI throughout Hazel Parks program in the schools, the library with drag queens stay down with the highschool having days for helping children to feel good about being lgbtq+ is disgusting, all of the art shows & promotion of a lifestyle that is harmful to children, teen & adults too, are now dissapointing to a city I used to be proud of
- My kids are grown, so I haven't used any of the kids programs in 10+ years. However, I live across the street from green acres, and they seem to be putting all the new stuff in the parking lot, leading people to park on the street, which does not allow us, as homeowners to park in front of our own homes.
- Frisbees, flying fast, is dangerous in any walking, riding, pedestrian areas. People have been hurt. Frisbee and mean children, seniors is not friendly.
- I have no kids living with me as they are grown. Though... I often have my grandkids and we utilize the city offerings. We love the library and all it has to offer. We love the parks especially Scout Park. I value what is offered for all the kids in the city.
- I haven't visited all the parks but maintenance of them and restrooms is important
- More things for older kids to do and more things that benefit the people of the city, not just city people.
- No more tax money for recreation amenities
- More continual walking trails with nature. Martin Rd. Park is nice, but it has broken trails leading to nothing. I also feel that dog owners should be required to have safer gate closures, so their dogs don't bust through the gates of driveways. I don't even walk the neighborhood I don't even walk the neighborhood because many dogs got out of yard.
- Need more pickleball courts
- Hazel Park got out the horses and put in the dope going to get rid of parks and recreation now
- I currently take advantage of the many programs for the RO community center for seniors.



## Open House Responses

The surrounding posters show plans for the future development of the city's three smallest parks, as well as a set of elements that could be repeated throughout the city's park system as it is improved in the future. What do you like most? What do you think is the lowest priority? Tell us your thoughts on a post it below, or use the dots on the elements boards to indicate your favorite elements and ideas.

- **"All Pocket Parks, rental room"**
- **"Native Plants, little to no maintenance"**
- **"More pocket parks please!"**
- **"Hazel Park is 51 out of 52 in Tree Canopy, REPLANT TREES"**
- **"Less focus on expensive play equipment, more on greening the city"**
- **"Replant trees across the city/ Restore Tree Canopy"**
- **"Incorporate educational rain gardens and pollinator gardens"**
- **"Less on entry arches, more on safety fences, barriers from busy roads"**
- **"Parents exercise while kids play safely away/ guarded from road"**
- **"Less lawns, more native plants. Lawns need much maintenance"**
- **"Pavilion seems longer lasting and more sustainable than sun sails"**
- **"More all natural elements, less metal & plastic"**
- **"Rain gardens and native gardens"**
- **"Rather have flat paths than gravel, much easier for stroller"**
- **"NATIVE PLANTS"**
- **"Love corn hole, yard games"**
- **"More seating options, more public art"**
- **"Picnic tables for eating"**
- **"At art park fence because it is right on busy road"**
- **"Safety fences key if by busy road"**

If you could add one thing to any park in the city, what would it be?

- **Native plants that are low/no maintenance**
- **Paths**
- **Benches**
- **Apple Tree Row**
- **Skatepark**
- **Educational Incorporation (HP History, environmental topics)**
- **Safety Bike Town**
- **Exercise Equipment @ Scout Park**
- **Covered Seating & Decorative Lighting**
- **Pet Drinking Station**
- **Stony Paths from library**
- **Lots of Trees**
- **Circle trail walking @ Kennedy**
- **Trees**
- **Urban pocket forests less than \$5k & grow rapidly**

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What is the social or recreational program or service you'd most like to see offered by the city?

- **Yoga in the park**
- **All pocket parks**
- **Native plant tutorials**
- **Environmental education**
- **Quarterly community clean**
- **Gardening Classes**
- **Outdoor Gyms**
- **Outdoor classes activities**
- **Doggie station @ Kennedy (bags, trash)**
- **Bike repair stations**
- **Programming for Yoga, movie nights, markets**
- **Community Gardens**

