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**PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**

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I. INTRODUCTION & COMMUNITY PROFILE

A. INTRODUCTION

Parks and recreation services enhance a community's quality of life. With the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation, residents enjoy all the benefits of an excellent local park system coupled with diverse recreational programming. County, State, and regional parks add to the parks and recreation choices available to residents.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to guide decision makers with the future development and improvement of the community's parks, recreation facilities, and programs. The previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2014. This update includes an evaluation of parks, facilities and, programming to determine where improvements can be made, in accordance with the State of Michigan's five-year cycle for recreation planning.

The plan is divided into separate sections that represent the planning process used in its development:

- **Inventory.** Describes the specific parks, facilities and, programs provided in and around the Lapeer community.
- **Planning and Administration.** Identifies the planning process and the entities responsible for administration of the park and recreation programs and facilities and includes an analysis of the budget.
- **Analysis.** Analyzes the programming and facility needs for Lapeer.
- **Action Program.** Identifies the plan's goals, objectives, recommendations and a five-year plan for investment.
- **Appendices.** Five appendices are included to supplement the plan including:
 - ▶ **History of Capital Improvement Projects.** An overview of the many capital improvements that have been completed by the City of Lapeer.
 - ▶ **Public Involvement.** A summary of comments heard at the public meeting and documentation of the public meeting, review period, and public hearing.
 - ▶ **Condition of Existing Facilities.** Details facilities in each City of Lapeer park, their condition, and recommended actions.
 - ▶ **Funding Sources.** A summary of potential funding options to pursue implementation of the Action Plan.
 - ▶ **Adoption and Transmittal Information.** Documentation of the plan's adoption and submission to required agencies.

This document creates a solid foundation for future park and recreation improvements, investments, and policies that support a healthy, desirable quality of life for Lapeer residents.

The following is a snapshot of the City of Lapeer today. This serves as a starting point for understanding the City and aptly determining goals and recommendations. Included are key findings of the City's various socioeconomic characteristics, as well as an overview of the community's history, location, land use, and natural features. It is important to understand the City's existing conditions in establishing realistic park and recreation goals and objectives.

B. REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Lapeer, the County seat for Lapeer County, is located 20 miles west of Flint and 50 miles east of Port Huron, just off of Interstate 69. Lapeer County is located in southeast Michigan and is bordered by Tuscola and Sanilac Counties to the north, St. Clair County to the east, Oakland and Macomb Counties to the south, and Genesee County to the west. Geographically, the City is also located in the center of the Lapeer Community School District.

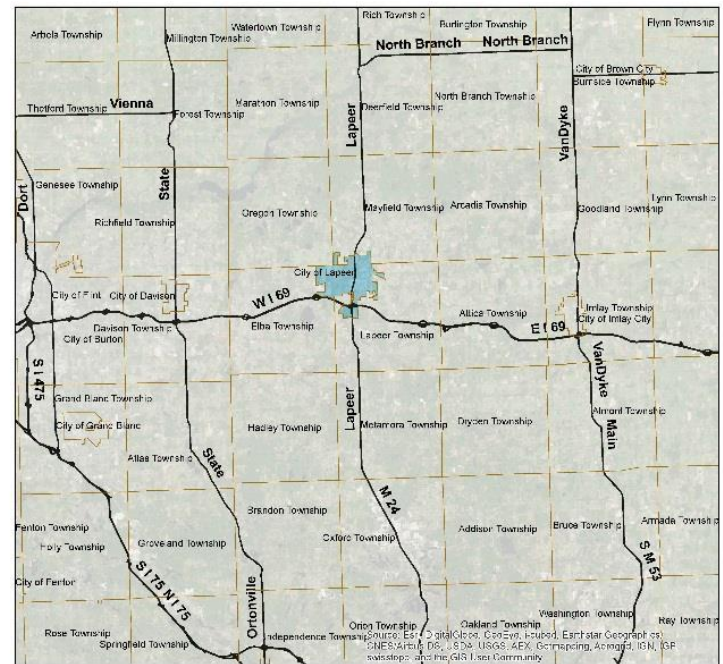
The City is over 7 square miles in size (7.38 sq. mi.) and is open to expanding or entering into joint agreements with neighboring Townships including Oregon, Mayfield, Elba, and Lapeer Townships.

C. HISTORICAL SETTING

The first settler in Lapeer was Alvin N. Hart, who was born in Cornwall, Connecticut. He came to Lapeer in 1831 and platted the Village of Lapeer in 1833. The plat was registered four years before Michigan became a state and Lapeer became a county.

Lapeer was incorporated as a village in 1857 and as a city in 1869. Lapeer became the Lapeer County seat after the purchase of the Historic Courthouse by County Commissioners in 1858. The Lapeer County Courthouse is one of the ten oldest courthouses in the United States.

Lapeer has enjoyed success with lumbering, dairy industries, and more recently with industrial development. Lumbering was the sole industry in the early days of Lapeer. The growing lumber industry attracted the New York Central Railroad and Grand Trunk Railroad. Lapeer later became the intersection of M-21 and M-24. Adequate supplies of water, fuel and electricity, and many various forms of recreational facilities, provided the foundation for the growing community.



Lapeer - Regional Context

Draft: July 2014
City of Lapeer

D. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Population Trends

General population growth for the City of Lapeer has been modest since the 1950s, while the surrounding Townships and County have nearly tripled in population in the same timeframe. Table 1 Population Trends shows historical population figures for the City as well as the four surrounding Townships and County overall.

Between 1950 to 2000, the City's population continued to grow. From 2000 to 2019, the population has decreased and is anticipated to stabilize. It is anticipated a diversity of recreational facilities and programs will be needed to maintain interest and meet new needs of those who come into the area.

Table 1 Population Trends			
Year	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships ¹	Lapeer County
2019	8,676	23,938	87,607
2010	8,841	24,047	88,319
2000	9,072	24,365	87,904
1990	7,759	22,101	74,768
1980	6,198	21,615	70,047
1970	6,314	14,370	52,361
1960	6,160	10,763	41,656
1950	6,143	8,858	35,794
¹ Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships			
Source: 2010 US Census Bureau and 2019 American Community			

Age Distribution

An understanding of the age distribution in Lapeer is essential in planning for future park and recreation needs. As we pass through the various stages of life, our recreational requirements change, resulting in different facility and programming requirements. Table 2 Age Distribution shows the age distribution of the City of Lapeer, surrounding Townships, and Lapeer County's population for five time periods. Middle-aged adults (ages 35-64) continue to make up the largest portion of the population, followed by youngsters and young adults (ages 5-19).

Table 2 Age Distribution			
Age Group	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships ¹	Lapeer County
Age 0-4	4.1%	5.6%	4.7%
Age 5-19	21.9%	20.4%	21.8%
Age 20-34	20.5%	13.5%	14.6%
Age 35-64	37.9%	46.9%	45.1%
Age 65+	15.5%	15.1%	18.9%
¹ Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships			
Source: 2010 US Census Bureau			

Comparisons between the City and surrounding Townships show that residents in the region likely use facilities in the City, as the largest age group (almost 47%) include those with growing families and those nearing retirement. A diverse array of parks and facilities are needed to serve this continuing shift in age distribution.

Racial Distribution

The racial composition of the City helps determine the recreational and programming needs of the community. The racial composition in Lapeer, shown in Table 3 Racial Distribution, shows a population that includes a variety of ethnic groups, with a large majority of the population, nearly 90 percent, being 'White'. There is more racial diversity in the City of Lapeer than the surrounding Townships and the County overall.

Table 3 Racial Distribution			
Race	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships	Lapeer County
White	84.9.1%	96.9%	96.1%
Black	10.7%	0.2%	1.2%
Native American	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%
Asian	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
Pacific Islander	0.1%	-	-
Other Race	3.1%	1.6%	2.3%
¹ Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships			
Source: 2010 US Census Bureau			

E. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of the City of Lapeer, including natural features and the transportation network. This information is important in understanding the potential for the type, location, and extent of future park and recreation improvements.

Natural Features

Natural Features within the City of Lapeer include wetlands, woodlands, and water bodies. These natural features provide substantial park and recreational opportunities. Branches of the Flint River, Hunter's Creek, and Farmer's Creek as well as woodland and wetland areas are found in several City parks. Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale is the City's first natural habitat park located along the Farmer's Creek corridor.

The topography of the City is relatively flat, with some hills and rolling plains. Many parks in the City are located within a floodplain, which is of particular concern with respect to parks and recreation planning. From one perspective, since these areas are often unsuitable for building, they may be appropriate for resource protection and/or recreation. However, the same characteristics that make these areas unsuitable for building also create severe limitations with respect to development for active recreation. Well-drained land is needed for sports fields, playgrounds, golf courses, and other active use areas.

Wildlife indigenous to the City of Lapeer includes opossum, white-tailed deer, skunk, and rabbit. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory has recorded two documented sightings of the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake and one of the Cerulean Warbler in the City of Lapeer. Both species are endangered.

Transportation

Lapeer's transportation system affects the accessibility of parks and recreational facilities. The transportation network in Lapeer is primarily oriented toward the automobile. The City is located on Lapeer Road (M-24), a State trunkline and I-69. M-24 provides one of the few north-south routes of

travel in Lapeer County connecting to Pontiac and I-75. The I-69 freeway cuts across the south end of the City, providing a direct connection to Flint, Lansing, and Port Huron.

Alternative methods of travel are available for Lapeer residents. Public transportation is provided by the Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority. The City of Lapeer has one of the few working train depots in the State of Michigan providing transportation through Amtrak. With an established street system and use of the abandoned railroad property, non-motorized travel has become popular in Lapeer. Future plans must continue to focus on safe pedestrian access; at the same time, attention must be focused on barrier-free access.

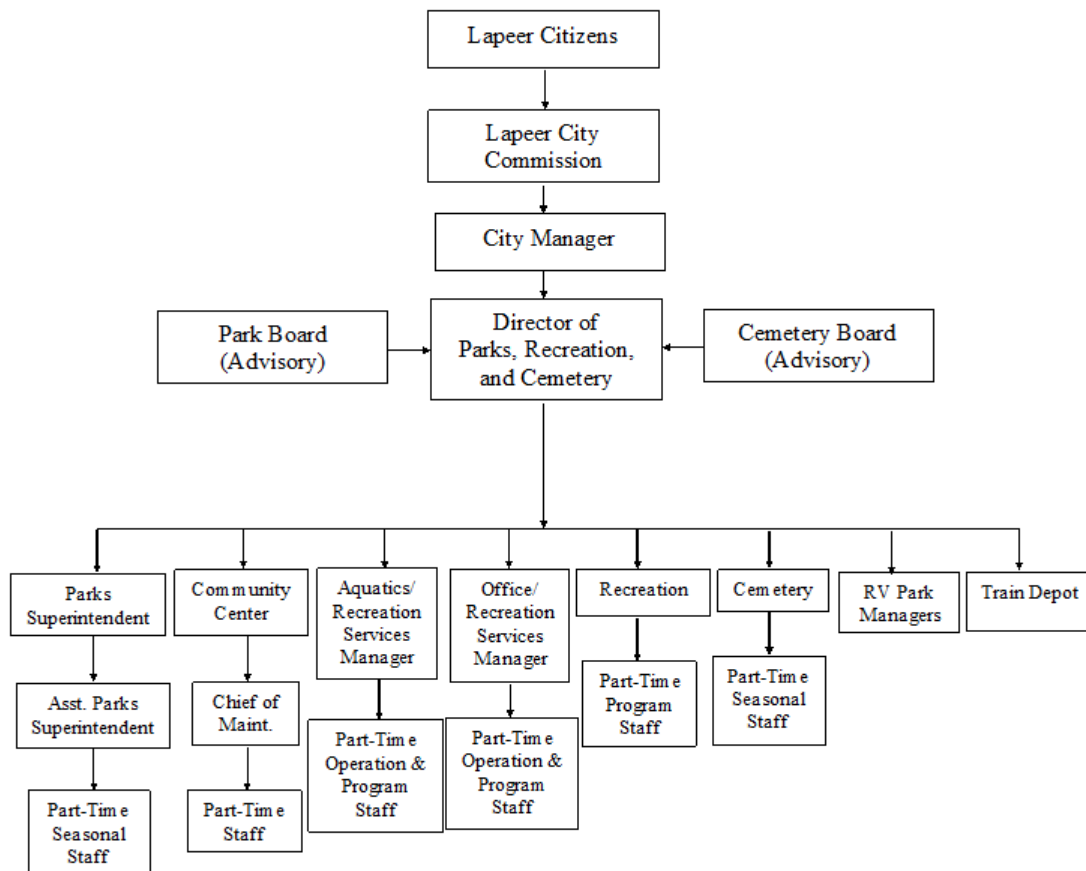
II. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

A. ADMINISTRATION

The City of Lapeer Charter, incorporated in 1869, most recently amended in 2013, establishes governance for all City business. The Charter extends authority to an elected City Commission to establish policy, enter into agreements, accept grants, commit funds, and purchase property. The Parks and Recreation Department plans and programs parks and recreation for the City. The Director oversees full time, part time, and seasonal employees as well as program instructors and volunteers. This department, similar to all other City departments, reports to the City Manager, who relays information and reports to the City Commission.

The Director also coordinates with the Park Board, established under PA 156 of 1917, and the Cemetery Board. The Boards serve in an advisory capacity on the recreation and cemetery needs of the City and assist in the planning and implementation of park services and capital improvements for Lapeer residents.

Table 4 Administrative Structure



In addition to the Parks and Recreation Department, Park Board, and Cemetery Board, a number of other City departments and groups cooperate to aid in the delivery of activities and management of the parks and programming. Groups that coordinate to provide recreation in Lapeer include:

- Lapeer School District. The Lapeer School District also has facilities that are used for recreation and the City and the school share many of their facilities for use by students and the general public including gymnasiums, classrooms, athletic fields, and the pool.
- Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is involved in new development within the City and assists in recreation planning and development. The Commission is the avenue for the City to rezone property for recreation purposes, and the Planning Commission reviews site plans for new recreation facilities or significant improvements to existing facilities. It is also the Planning Commission that can require recreation facilities as part of new development.
- Department of Public Works (DPW). The DPW assists the Parks and Recreation Department in maintaining building and grounds, public parks, and sidewalks, including street sweeping, roadside/park/cemetery mowing, snow removal, and ice control.
- Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Agency (DDA). The Lapeer Chamber of Commerce and DDA are very active in scheduling special events and festivals for community residents. They host the annual holiday parade and the Lapeer Days festival.
- Local Service Groups. A variety of informal athletic and social programs are offered in Lapeer through local groups including American Legion, Kiwanis, Eagles, Elks, Optimist Club, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Rotary and Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), which offer special events and social programs for members and their families. Senior meals, card groups, and bingo are offered at various halls throughout the year. In addition, a number of special events are organized annually by these groups.
- Volunteers. Extensive use of volunteers and partnerships assist with programs and services. Individuals and groups participate on boards/committees, deliver programs, volunteer coach, and develop and maintain parks/natural resources.

B. BUDGET AND FUNDING

Table 8 Parks and Recreation Budget summarizes the Parks and Recreation Department expenditures for the past three fiscal years. Expenditures are limited to operational items such as salaries and benefits, office materials and supplies, utilities, facility, and equipment maintenance. Revenues come from program fees and charges, facility rental fees, grants, donations, tax subsidies, and the general fund assist in compensating costs. The operating budget for the Parks and Recreation Department is adopted annually by the City Commission for the fiscal year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th. Capital improvements are introduced each year into the Operation Budget from the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Table 5 Fiscal Year 21/22 Parks and Recreation Budget			
Park Revenues		Park Expenses	
Charges For Services	\$500	Wages (FT / PT)	\$169,663
Pavilion Rentals	\$5,000	Fringe Benefits/Utilities	\$127,899
Other Revenues	\$1,500	Operations	\$197,091
CMAQ GRANT	\$353,000	CIP Projects	\$567,503
Total Revenues	\$360,000	Total Expenses	\$1,062,156
Recreation Revenues		Recreation Expenses	
Sport Programs	\$68,500	Wages (FT / PT)	\$114,083
Summer Day Camp	\$40,000	Fringe Benefits/Utilities	\$56,235
Class/Instruct - Other	\$14,000	Operations	\$71,556
		CIP Projects	-
Total Revenues	\$130,500	Total Expenses	\$241,874
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	Parks \$ (702,156)	Recreation \$ (111,374)	
Capital Improvement Projects		Funding Sources	
M-24 Connections Prelim Design & Grant Application	\$10,878	TIFA 2 & TIFA 3 (50/50 split)	
M-24 Connection Design & Engineering	\$60,000	TIFA 2 & TIFA 3 (50/50 split)	
Chatfield/Mott Trailhead Improvements	\$35,000	TIFA 3	
Genesee St. Trail Extension	\$345,625	TIFA 3 & CMAQ	
Outdoor Ice Rink	\$116,000	Park Fund	

III. INVENTORY

A. INTRODUCTION

A variety of recreation facilities and programs exist in and around the City of Lapeer. Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to Lapeer residents will assist decision-making in the future. The inventory covers the following listed components:

- City of Lapeer Parks and Facilities
- Lapeer School District Parks and Facilities
- Regional Parks and Facilities
- Private Parks and Facilities
- Recreation Programs
- Volunteer Organizations and Service Clubs
- Pathways
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Grant Inventory

Table 6

Service Area Populations

Service Area	Population
City of Lapeer	8,841
Lapeer Township	5,078
Elba Township	5,462
Mayfield Township	7,659
Oregon Township	6,166
Metamora Township	3,216
Hadley Township	3,511
Attica Township	3,646
Arcadia Township	2,397
Deerfield Township	4,148

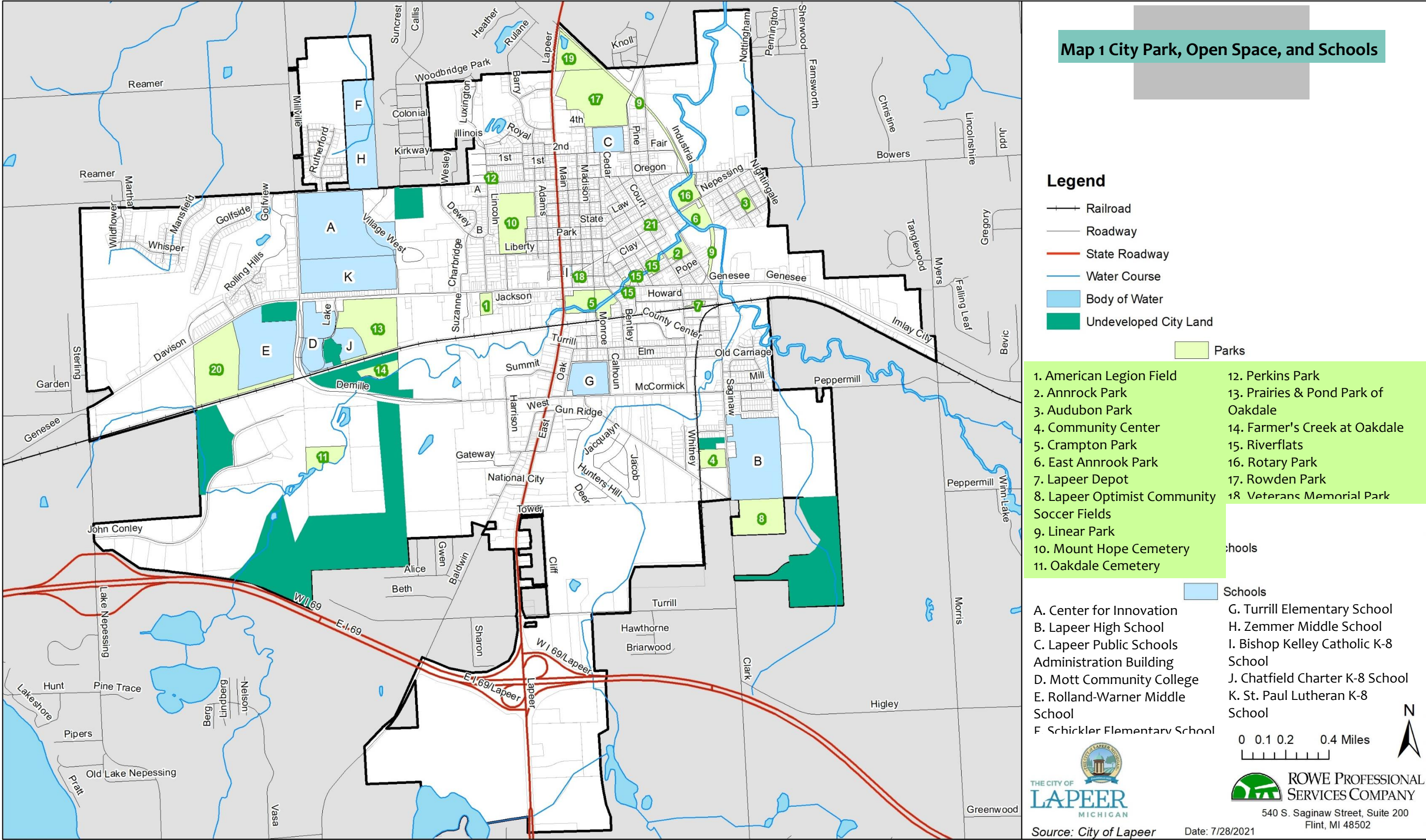
Source: 2010 U.S. Census

B. SERVICE AREA

The 2010 US Census reports the population of the City of Lapeer at 8,841. However, the actual service area, which generally encompasses the Lapeer Area School District, includes approximately 40,000 people residing in the City of Lapeer and all or part of the Townships listed in Table 6. Individual Townships within the region provide few parks and recreation facilities and programs. As a result, many area residents rely on the parks and facilities provided by the City of Lapeer. There are no formal agreements or regional authority established to this effect, but in reality, the City is providing services to an area much larger than its own population (see Table 6). Over half of the City recreation program users are non-residents. The City provides recreational program for these surrounding areas. This provides a benefit to Lapeer residents allowing programs and services to occur because they are supported by more people and user fees. It also presents a challenge to provide facilities at a reasonable cost to all, considering also that the bulk of capital costs have traditionally been assumed by the City. However, the larger service area can be beneficial to the City when it comes to obtaining grants and donations.

C. CITY OF LAPEER PARKS AND FACILITIES

The City of Lapeer contains a wide variety of well-maintained public parks and recreation facilities. Nineteen (19) public facilities, encompassing roughly 240 acres, are available for use by residents of the Lapeer area. An inventory of public parks and facilities is described on the following pages and depicted in Map 1 City Park, Open Space, and Schools and Table 7 City of Lapeer Public Parks and Facilities Inventory. In addition, a more detailed inventory of the condition of existing facilities located in City parks is located in Appendix A Condition of Existing Facilities. Inventory and analysis done by City Staff.



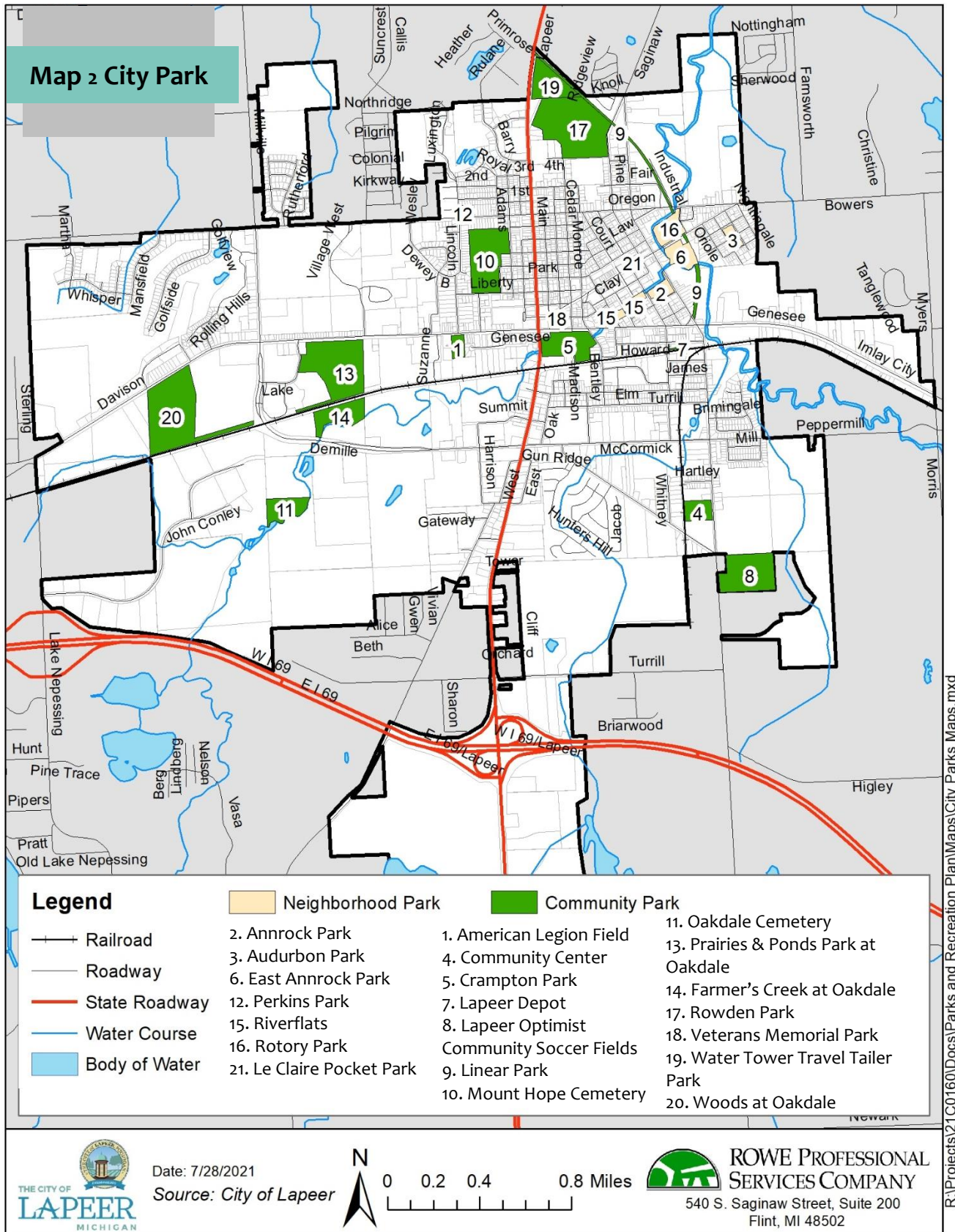


Table 7
City of Lapeer Public Parks and Facilities Inventory

	Acres	Barrier Free Accessibility		Ball Fields	Soccer Fields	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Playground	Fitness	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Paths and Trails	Parking	Permanent Restrooms	Portable Toilets	Open Space	Shuffleboard	Horseshoes	Sledding Hill	Swimming Pool (Indoor)	Gym (Indoor)	Track	Bridge	Drinking Fountain	Benches	Bleachers
American Legion Field	9.0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annrook Park	4.6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	17	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Audubon Park	3.2	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	10	Y	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
Community Center	6.9	3	-	-	2	-	2	-	Y	-	-	8	-	Y	5	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-	4	2	2
Cramton Park	15.0	2	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	50	-	Y	1	Y	Y	-	16	Y	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	
East Anrook Park	8.3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farmer’s Creek at Oakdale	6.5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapeer Depot	0.9	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields	22.0	3	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	12	Y	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	10
Linear Park Pathway	18.0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	Y	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-
Mount Hope Cemetery	24.6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oakdale Cemetery	3.0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-
Perkins Park	0.8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale	37.5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	-
Riverflats	5.8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rotary Park	7.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	14	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Rowden Park and Water Tower	65.0	4	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	21	Y	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
Veterans Memorial Park	0.3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Woods at Oakdale	37.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Ed LaClair Pocket Park	.11	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-

Barrier-Free Inventory

The following summaries address existing conditions and the accessibility of the park properties regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). In general, all construction since 1991 was required to comply with these guidelines. A general ranking for each park was conducted by ROWE Professional Services Company. Each park and site were reviewed according to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Table 7 also lists the rankings.

These rankings are:

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

American Legion Field

- Location. South of Genesee Street, west of M-24.
- Size. 9 acres.
- Natural Features. Wooded area at southwest portion of the site.
- Facilities. Softball/youth baseball diamond and picnic area. Portable toilets are used seasonally. The ball diamond has traditionally been used for baseball/softball during the spring and summer months. The picnic area is managed and used by the American Legion.
- Use. American Legion Field is available to the City under a unique land arrangement. The west section of this property is currently held by the American Legion and a provision in the deed reverts the property to the City should the American Legion organization cease to exist. The east section is owned by the City. A formal agreement between the City and American Legion is in place to cover use, parking, and maintenance.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 1) Site does not have adequate facilities to accommodate residents. No barrier-free parking; site is a community park but does not have accessible connecting routes around the park.



Annrook Park

- Location. Off Saginaw and Court Streets immediately south of Downtown Lapeer. Annrook is the southernmost destination park along the Linear Park pathway system; however, it is not accessed by the paved pathway, but a sidewalk connection exists along Saginaw and Nepessing Streets.



- Size. 4.6 acres.
- Natural Features. Farmer's Creek borders the park to the north. The park is generally open space surrounded by neighborhood streets and downtown. Most of the park is located in the 100-year floodplain, however, its elevation is sufficient to rarely allow flooding.
- Facilities. Two youth baseball/softball fields, a pavilion, playground area with safety surfacing, pedestrian bridge, and asphalt pathway along Farmer's Creek. Portable toilets are used seasonally.
- Use. Use of the park is heavy during spring and summer for baseball/softball. Special events held in Downtown Lapeer often include use of the park as well. Neighborhood residents and downtown workers are primary users of the park.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) There is ADA parking available on-site, but routes from the parking lot can be improved to make for easier transition from parking lot to park amenities (i.e. playground equipment, pavilion, and trail).



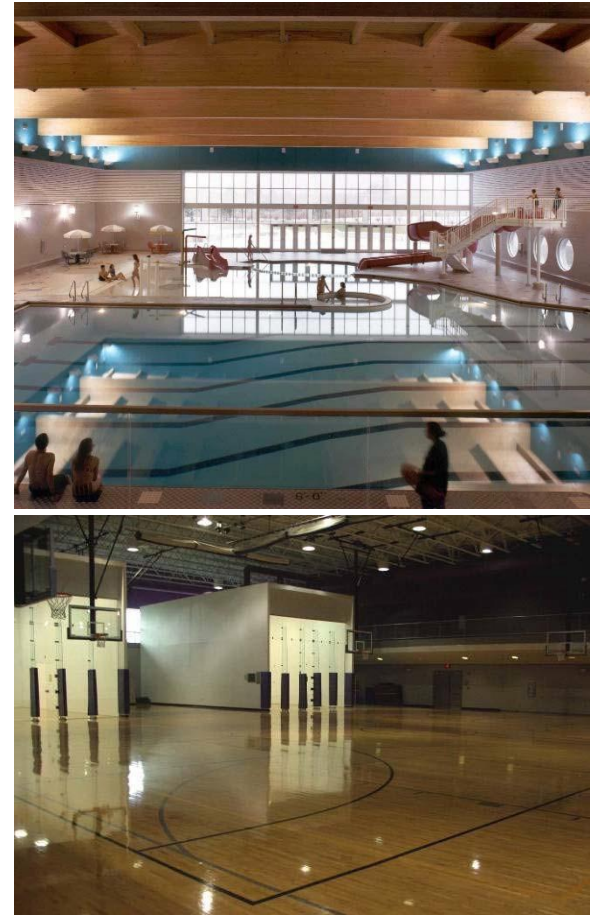
Audubon Park

- Location. In the eastern portion of the City, just south of Nepessing Street, in the center of a residential neighborhood.
- Size. 3.2 acres.
- Natural Features. Open Space.
- Facilities. A youth baseball/softball diamond, open space grass area, playground area with safety surfacing, picnic pavilion, perimeter asphalt path, and an outdoor basketball court. There is no formal parking lot, and street side parking is very busy during scheduled youth activities. Portable toilets are used seasonally.
- Use. Use of the park is mixed between programmed youth sports such as baseball/softball and soccer, and neighborhood use of the open space and existing facilities.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 3) Off-street parking is not available, but park is listed as a neighborhood park. Accessible connecting paths are available on-site to amenities and to site features. Pavilion and tables are accessible, but softball/baseball field are not accessible from the walking trail.



Community Center

- Location. Adjacent to Saginaw Street.
- Size. 6.9 acres.
- Natural Features. Open Space.
- Facilities. Indoor competition/leisure swimming pool, gymnasium, weight/fitness equipment, dance floors, meeting rooms, track, racquetball courts, child care area, wellness center, spinning room, locker facilities, and administrative offices. Outdoor facilities include a spray park in the courtyard outside the pool, two sand volleyball courts, two basketball courts, and a 175 car parking lot.
- Use. The City of Lapeer Community Center is a 55,000-square-foot facility constructed to enhance the recreational quality of life of the community. Opened in 1995, this facility fulfilled a long-time wish of the City and has provided a variety of health, wellness, and recreation facilities and programs. The Administrative Offices of the Park and Recreation Department operate out of the Community Center. Use is available to the entire community and visitors, as City of Lapeer residency is not required. Annual passes, daily visits, classes and programs, and rentals provide opportunities for facility use. Facilities and programs are available for all ages. The center is open seven days a week.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 3) Community Center has most of the accessibility guidelines in place. The City is also currently working on upgrades to the parking lot area and increasing the number of ADA-parking spaces. Both indoor and outdoor amenities are universally accessible; some may need to be updated (i.e. indoor restroom facilities).



Cramton Park

- Location. Intersection of Genesee Street and M-24.
- Size. 15 acres.
- Natural Features. Farmer's Creek winds its way through this scenic low land area. Both mature trees and open space are present. Much of this park is located in the 100 year floodplain, however, the park elevations rarely allow flooding.
- Facilities. Three lighted tennis courts, two tennis rebound walls, three pavilions, sixteen lighted horseshoe pits, four playground areas with safety surfacing, four parking lots, two pedestrian bridges, and seasonal restrooms. Additionally, an asphalt pathway runs from the main parking lot to the restrooms, west pavilion, east pavilion, tennis courts, and playground area to provide accessibility. Facilities are generally in good condition.
- Use. Cramton Park has traditionally been the most popular day-use park located in the City of Lapeer. Use of the park is both active and passive because of the availability of open space and developed facilities. A horseshoe club hosts evening leagues and occasional tournaments.

Cramton Park is visited by neighborhood and area-wide residents. It is also a popular stop for visitors to the Lapeer area. Many of the community special events are hosted there.

- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Some park amenities are ADA-accessible, but there are still deficiencies with connectivity and access to some site features. As addressed in the facility analysis above, there is safety surface that has been installed previously.

East Annrook Park

- Location. Nepessing Street immediately south of Rotary Park, adjacent to downtown.
- Size. 8.3 acres.
- Natural Features. Branch of the Flint River flows south and west of the park. Farmer's Creek also joins the Flint River at this location. City-owned abandoned railroad property borders the east side. The park is located in the 100-year floodplain and is often flooded during wet seasons because of its low elevation. Flat, open space best describes the area.
- Facilities. There are no existing facilities in the park; however, there is an extension of the Linear Path 1/2 mile from Nepessing to Saginaw Street. The path includes a bridge crossing the Flint River and a connecting trail to the Audubon Park Neighborhood and the existing Linear Path.
- Use. This park has limited use due to its low elevation and being wet a majority of the year; however in the warmer, dryer months, some special events take place.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Currently the only amenity that exists at the park is the Linear Path, which is a universal designed route.



Farmer's Creek at Oakdale

- Location. South of Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale, south of the railroad.
- Size. 6.5 acres.
- Natural Features. Farmer's Creek runs through the area which is generally located in the floodplain, open space, and mature trees which provide scenic beauty.
- Facilities. Farmer's Creek provides paved and limestone trails, observation areas, canoe access, and a teaching station. A newly-developed natural surface single track trails run throughout the property. Parking is provided at the Chatfield School parking lot.
- Use. Use of Farmer's Creek is by both local schools and area visitors. Its proximity adjacent to Chatfield Charter School allows shared use of facilities and program opportunities. The park offers educational and passive recreation opportunities. Due to the newly developed Oakdale Trails, this property attracts many local visitors to hike, bike, and run through scenic countryside within City-owned property.



- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 4) Site provides accessible parking and has access to most of the amenities within the site. Canoe access needs to be revised to provide for universal design. Trail access along Genesee has been improved and widened recently to provide additional routes to the site.

Lapeer Depot

- Location. West of Saginaw and South of Genesee, off of Howard Street.
- Size. Nearly 1 acre.
- Natural Features. Open Space.
- Facilities. The historic train depot originally opened in 1900.
- Use. Lapeer Depot is an active Amtrak station that provides service from Port Huron to Chicago. The Depot was refurbished using an MDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant. The depot is used for some programming and meetings.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 4) Active train depot has been renovated per the current standards for ADA compliance with ample ADA-accessible parking and paths to the depot.



Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields

- Location. Saginaw Street, just south of Lapeer East High School.
- Size. 22 acres.
- Natural Features. Open Space.
- Facilities. Ten soccer fields, including one that is lighted, restroom/concession, playground, pavilion, accessible pathways/seating, irrigation, and a maintenance building. City water and sewer is provided by the schools to the restroom/concession building. A City well provides irrigation.
- Use. A unique City-school Use Agreement allows shared facility use. The Lapeer Community Schools provide parking and access to utilities, while the City provides the fields and support facilities. The Use Agreement details primary and secondary use of fields, maintenance, and utility arrangements. Use of the fields is shared by Park and Recreation teams, physical education classes, interscholastic school teams, and club soccer teams.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 3) While most of the fields around the park have accessible paths, there is a lack of parking on site that would promote universal access. The pavilion, restroom areas, and playground equipment have paths that are accessible.



Mount Hope Cemetery

- Location. North of Genesee Street and west of M-24, accessed off of Adams Street.
- Size. 24.6 acres.
- Natural Features. Ample open space and some mature trees.
- Facilities. Grave sites, benches, and maintenance garage.
- Use. Established in 1847, Mt. Hope Cemetery is an active cemetery with space for additional grave sites.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Cemetery is a part of the park property of Lapeer. However, site does not have accessible routes and only has roads around grave sites.



Oakdale Cemetery

- Location - South of DeMille Street, west of Baldwin Street.
- Size - 3 acres.
- Natural Features - Ample open space and some mature trees.
- Facilities - Grave sites and benches.
- Use - Oakdale Cemetery is not an active cemetery and is available for visitation of existing grave sites only.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 1) Site is not in good condition and does not have any components of universal design available. Access to site is off of DeMille Road. The site is rustic with natural features.

Perkins Park

- Location. Northwest quadrant of the City off Oregon Street.
- Size. Almost 1 acre.
- Natural Features. Primarily open space with some mature trees.
- Facilities. Playground equipment with safety surfacing; a pavilion is also on the site.
- Use. Use of the park is generally by local neighborhood residents. Portable toilets and street side parking are used.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 3) Park has pathways that connect the existing sidewalk to the playground equipment. The pavilion east of Lincoln Street does not have good access to ensure universal design. Site does not have on-street parking; design for the park is more for a neighborhood park.

Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale

- Location. Off Genesee Street, 1 mile west of M-24.
- Size. 37.5 acres.
- Natural Features. Wetland areas, the introduction of a native Michigan prairie, and small woodland areas. It serves as a flyway for migrating waterfowl and habitat for small animals.
- Facilities. Limestone trails, floating dock, bridges, boardwalks, pavilion, observation areas, and interpretive signage. Parking is provided at the Chatfield School parking lot. An asphalt trail will also be added to the southern trail for better accessibility to the prairie, pond, and woodland habitat. There is an asphalt trail starting at DeMille that allows for better accessibility to the prairie, pond, and woodland habitat.
- Use. The site has been set aside as a “natural habitat” including management of its wetlands, woodlands, and upland areas. Its proximity adjacent to Chatfield Charter School allows shared use of facilities and program opportunities. Use of Prairies and Ponds is by local schools and area visitors. The park offers educational and passive recreation opportunities. The park also serves as an access point to get to the newly-developed Oakdale Trails.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Park used mostly as a wetland habitat. Connecting paths around the site are accessible; ADA-accessible parking options are available near the Chatfield School. Very limited amenities are on-site besides the walking trail and pavilion.



Riverflats

- Location. Runs primarily along Farmer’s Creek, just south of Downtown Lapeer.
- Size. Approximately 6 acres.
- Natural Features. Farmer’s Creek runs through the area which is generally located in the floodplain. Open space and mature trees provide scenic beauty.
- Facilities. There are no existing facilities.
- Use. Use is minimal. Accessibility is difficult because of steep elevation changes at most road crossings; however, this area provides opportunities for a connection to downtown.
- Accessibility - (Accessibility Ranking – 1) Currently there are no amenities on the site. Future developments have been discussed, but any future developments should include accessible access to the creek.



Rotary Park

- **Location.** East border of downtown off Nepessing Street.
- **Size.** 7 acres.
- **Natural Features.** A branch of the Flint River circles the park to the west and north. All but the eastern-most end of the park is located in the 100-year floodplain, and lower elevations of the park often hold water during wet seasons.
- **Facilities.** A pavilion, a canoe/kayak launch, a dog park, a playground area with safety surfacing, an asphalt pathway along the river and on the abandoned railroad property, two pedestrian bridges, a pedestrian stairway, and paved parking lot. Portable toilets are used year-round.
- **Use.** Use of the park is primarily passive in nature. Neighborhood residents and senior citizens residing in a housing development adjacent to the park use the facilities. In addition, County residents visit the dog park for some off leash fun with their dogs. Some downtown special events are also held in the park. Additionally, Rotary Park serves as a destination site along the Linear Park Pathway.
- **Accessibility.** (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Some parts of the park provide accessible paths; however additional renovations need to be made to connect the playground equipment and access points along the Flint River.



Rowden Park

- **Location.** Off north Lapeer Road (M-24).
- **Size.** 65 acres, the City's largest park.
- **Natural Features.** Large wetland, woodland, and open space areas. Mature trees border this park. The area is host to a variety of plant and animal species typical of natural habitats.
- **Facilities.** One mile of continuous asphalt pathway, two boardwalks over the wetland areas, two pedestrian bridges, two pavilions, three lighted tennis courts, a ball field, a playground with safety surfacing, a sledding hill, two parking lots, and year-round restrooms. All of the facilities are accessible with the exception of the ball field.
- **Use.** Use of Rowden Park is both active and passive because of the available facilities. Rowden Park is visited by neighborhood residents located to the south and area-wide residents visiting the park and using the Linear Park pathway. Rowden Park also serves as the northern anchor for the "rails to trails" development which connects to several downtown parks by way of the Linear Park Pathway. Rowden Park also serves campers at the adjacent Water Tower Travel Trailer Park.



- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 4) The park meets most of the ADA-accessible guidelines; however renovated routes to the ball fields and other park features can be improved (i.e. playground equipment). The pedestrian bridge and boardwalks are in good condition and are universally accessible. Additional trails, companion seating, and restroom facilities would also promote universal access.

Veterans Memorial Park

- Location. Just east of M-24 off Nepessing Street.
- Size. Roughly 1/4 acre.
- Natural Features. Open space with some mature trees.
- Facilities. WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and War on Terror monuments, and a flagpole to honor veterans.
- Use. Passive enjoyment and some special events to honor veterans.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 1) Roadside park off Nepessing Street. There is currently only a sidewalk around the park. No other amenities exist on-site that would need barrier-free access.



Water Tower Travel Trailer Park

- Location. Off north M-24, immediately adjacent to Rowden Park.
- Size. 3.5 acres.
- Natural Features. Some trees and a pond. The park shares the natural wetland and woodland features of Rowden Park. A steep bank helps separate the park from the adjacent highway.
- Facilities. A gravel/stone lot with 24 camp sites each containing electric and water/sewer utilities. Restrooms/showers and a dump station are also available. Managers reside on-site to operate the park.
- Use. Use of the park occurs by visiting campers from May through October each year. Moderate use in the spring steadily increases to its peak in the summer months and declines again in the fall. Single night, weekly, and monthly guests stay at the park.
- Accessibility. (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Parking for the site is limited to gravel. To better provide universal design/barrier-free access, improvements to the parking lot should be made to include enough ADA-accessible parking spaces for patrons to use. Also, connecting paths around the site and improvements to comfort stations (i.e. restroom/shower facilities). Currently, there is no accessible route from the trailer parking to the restroom/shower building.



Woods at Oakdale

- **Location.** Off of Davison Road, directly west of Rolland-Warner M.S. adjacent to Davison Road. The southern-most end of the property stops at the railroad corridor.
- **Size.** 37 acres.
- **Natural Features.** 100 percent woodland.
- **Facilities.** Two bridges give access over an old drainage ditch. One connects the northern/southern portion of the property and the other in the southwest corner serves as another connection to the entire property. Newly-developed Oakdale Trails are a natural surface, single track that run throughout the property.
- **Use.** This property serves as an active recreation area used mainly for hiking, running, and biking in the warmer months and snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, and fat-tire biking in the winter/cooler months.
- **Accessibility.** (Accessibility Ranking – 2) Site has some accessible amenities but is mostly a rustic setting for outdoor recreational activities.



Ed LaClair Pocket Park

- **Location.** Downtown Lapeer on Nepessing Street next to the PIX Theatre.
- **Size.** Approximately 40 feet across by 120 feet deep.
- **Natural Features.** N/A
- **Facilities.** Several custom benches and tables, an entertainment stage with electricity, and a public art display.
- **Use.** This is a generally passive recreation space.
- **Accessibility.** (Accessible Ranking – 5) Pocket park provides seating that is accessible and paths through the site that promote universal access. Site is one of the newest park properties within the City.



City of Lapeer Open Space

In addition to the many developed parks within the City, Lapeer owns a number of undeveloped properties, totaling over 538 acres. These sites have the potential to be developed for recreation, government functions, sold for development, or left in their natural state to contribute to the natural open space that adds to Lapeer's appeal. Map Three: Undeveloped City-Owned Land depicts these publicly-owned properties.

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D. LAPEER SCHOOL DISTRICT PARKS AND FACILITIES

Various public and private schools are located in the City of Lapeer as well as in the surrounding Townships. Ten school facilities exist within or adjacent to City limits, including Lapeer High School, one alternative high school, two middle schools, two elementary schools, one charter school, administrative buildings, and multiple private K-8 schools totaling roughly 280 acres. Two additional public schools located in surrounding Townships are also available for programming as needed including Murphy and Lynch Elementary Schools. The Parks and Recreation Department makes use of athletic fields, gymnasiums, and playgrounds at these Lapeer School District facilities. Also, Mott Community College and Baker College operate satellite classrooms out of the Mott Building on the City-owned Oakdale site.

Lapeer Community Schools went from two high schools to one united high school back in the 2014-15 school year. The former Lapeer East building became Lapeer High School and houses the student body and indoor athletic events. The Lapeer West facilities became the Center for Innovation and grounds are home for many outdoor athletic events, with the exception of soccer which is still played at the Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields.

Traditionally, a spirit of cooperation has existed between the schools and City Park and Recreation Department and facilities are shared whenever possible. City facilities, such as the swimming pool, soccer fields, ball fields, and tennis courts are shared for use by school teams. City recreation programs continue to receive secondary use of school facilities for community recreation and adult enrichment. Programs such as baseball, softball, tennis, soccer, basketball, and volleyball all benefit from this shared use. School open space, athletic fields, and playgrounds also serve local recreation needs. A current inventory of school facilities located within the City is included in Table 8 Lapeer Area Schools Public and Private Parks and Facilities Inventory and Map 4 School Map and is summarized below.

Public School Facilities

The eight public school and administrative sites within or abutting the City of Lapeer offer significant recreation facilities that are typical of schools, such as playgrounds, athletic fields, and indoor gymnasiums.

Private School Facilities

The three private and charter schools that serve grades K-8 provide traditional recreational facilities similar to the public schools including gymnasiums, playgrounds, and classrooms. The Chatfield Charter School is located next to the nature center, which also provides learning opportunities for students. In addition, St. Paul Lutheran provides three soccer fields for use by the community teams.

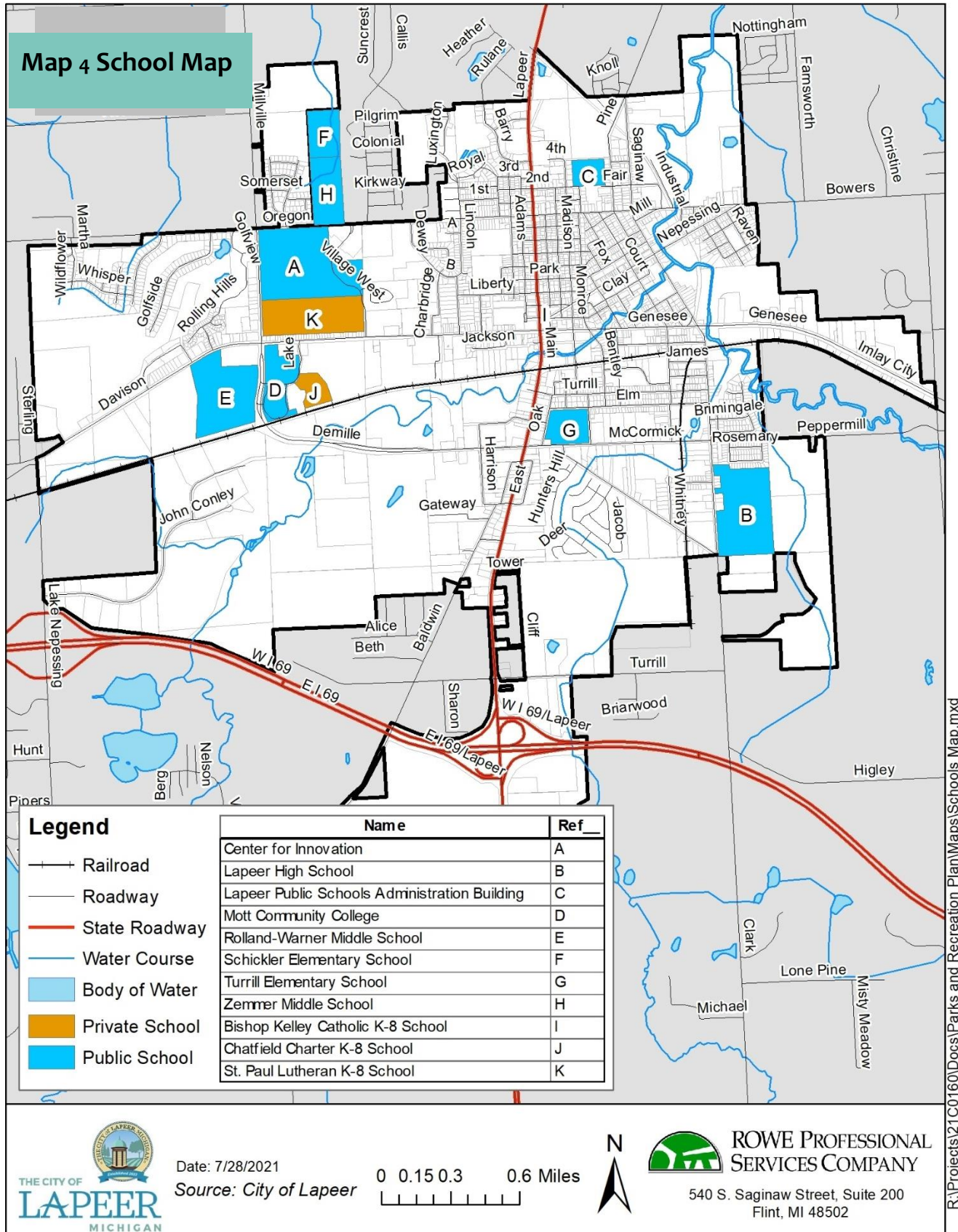


Table 8

Lapeer Area Schools Public and Private Parks and Facilities Inventory

	Acres	Ballfields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Basketball	Multi-Purpose	Tennis Courts	Playground	Fitness	Open Space	Indoor Gym	Track	Nature Center
School Administrative Building	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-
Lapeer High School	54	4	1	1	-	Y	-	-	Y	Y	1	1	-
Center for Innovation	73	4	1	1	-	Y	8	-	Y	Y	2	1	-
Schickler Elementary School ²	25	-	-	-	-	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
Turrill Elementary School	17	-	-	-	1	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
Rolland-Warner Middle School	54	-	-	-	-	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
Zemmer Middle School ²	25	2	-	1	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	1	-	-
Bishop Kelley Catholic K-8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
St. Paul Lutheran K-8	5	-	-	3	-	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
Chatfield Charter K-8	9	-	-	1	-	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	1
Total	273	10	2	7	1	8	8	6	2	9	10	2	1

E. REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department, they provide active and passive recreational opportunities to Lapeer residents.

There are several regional recreation opportunities located within close proximity. Regional facilities are provided by Lapeer County and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The regional parks are depicted on Map Five Regional Parks.

Lapeer County Parks

The County operates several developed parks, all conveniently situated within a short drive of Lapeer.

- Flint River Canoe Access. Lapeer County maintains three access sites for canoeing/kayaking/fishing on the Flint River. They also partner with the Lapeer Committee of the Flint River Watershed Coalition and the MDNR to attempt to maintain a clear path on the river.
- General Squier Park. Located 1 mile south of Dryden Village on South Mill Road. Contains historic Forest Hall, covered pavilions and picnic areas, lighted sledding hill with group fire ring and wood, lighted ice skating rink, nature trails through a 60-acre woodlot, play equipment, horseshoes, sand volleyball, and water park which includes two water slides and a family water play area with frog slide, lily pad, floating log, mushroom fountain, and water cannons.
- Polly Ann Trail. Owned by the State of Michigan and managed by Lapeer County Parks with help from the Friends of the Polly Ann Trail.
- Torzewski County Park. Located approximately 5 miles west of Lapeer on Pero Lake Road. Contains an amphitheater, covered pavilions and picnic areas, shore fishing on Pero Lake, pontoon boat rental, nature trails, play equipment, horseshoes, sand volleyball, and water park which includes two water slides and a family water play area with pirate ship, frog slide, lily pad, mushroom fountain, and water cannons.



Oakland County Parks

Since 1966, over 6,000 acres of land have been acquired by the Oakland County Park System with assistance from the State and Federal government. To date, there are 11 County parks which range in size from 125 acres to 1,141 acres. Lapeer is conveniently situated within a short drive of the facilities located in northern Oakland County, providing a variety of recreation opportunities including:

- Addison Oaks. This 794-acre park in Addison Township offers campsites, an 18-hole championship disc golf course, hiking trails, natural beach, picnic areas, and boat rental.
- Groveland Oaks. Located between the Villages of Holly and Ortonville, this park has nearly 500 campsites, beach and swimming area, 63-foot water slide ride, and picnic areas.
- Independence Oaks. Lewis E. Winter Nature Center with exhibits and educational programs, Rubach Sensory Herb Garden, Cohn Amphitheater. Other activities include picnicking, camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, and boat rentals.
- Orion Oaks. Located west of Lake Orion, this park preserves more than 927 acres of environmentally-sensitive green space and features a dog park, fishing on 90-acre Lake Sixteen, 10 miles of hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing trails, and an award-winning wheelchair-accessible fishing dock.

Genesee County Parks

- The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing all the residents of Genesee County with affordable, quality, recreational, and educational facilities.
- Buell Lake Park. 21-acre park located in Clio that features ball diamonds, pavilions, picnic areas, playground, fishing site, radio-controlled model airplane field, and a snowmobile area.
- Genesee Recreation Area. Over 4,540 acres, including Richfield Park and 600-acre Mott Lake, that offers beaches, splash pad, disc golf, bicycle and walking paths, and boat launch.
- Holloway Reservoir Regional Park. Consisting of 5,500 acres, including 1,975-acre Holloway Reservoir, the park features beach, boat and canoe launching sites, equestrian complex, fishing sites, snowmobile area, and toboggan hill.

St. Clair County Parks

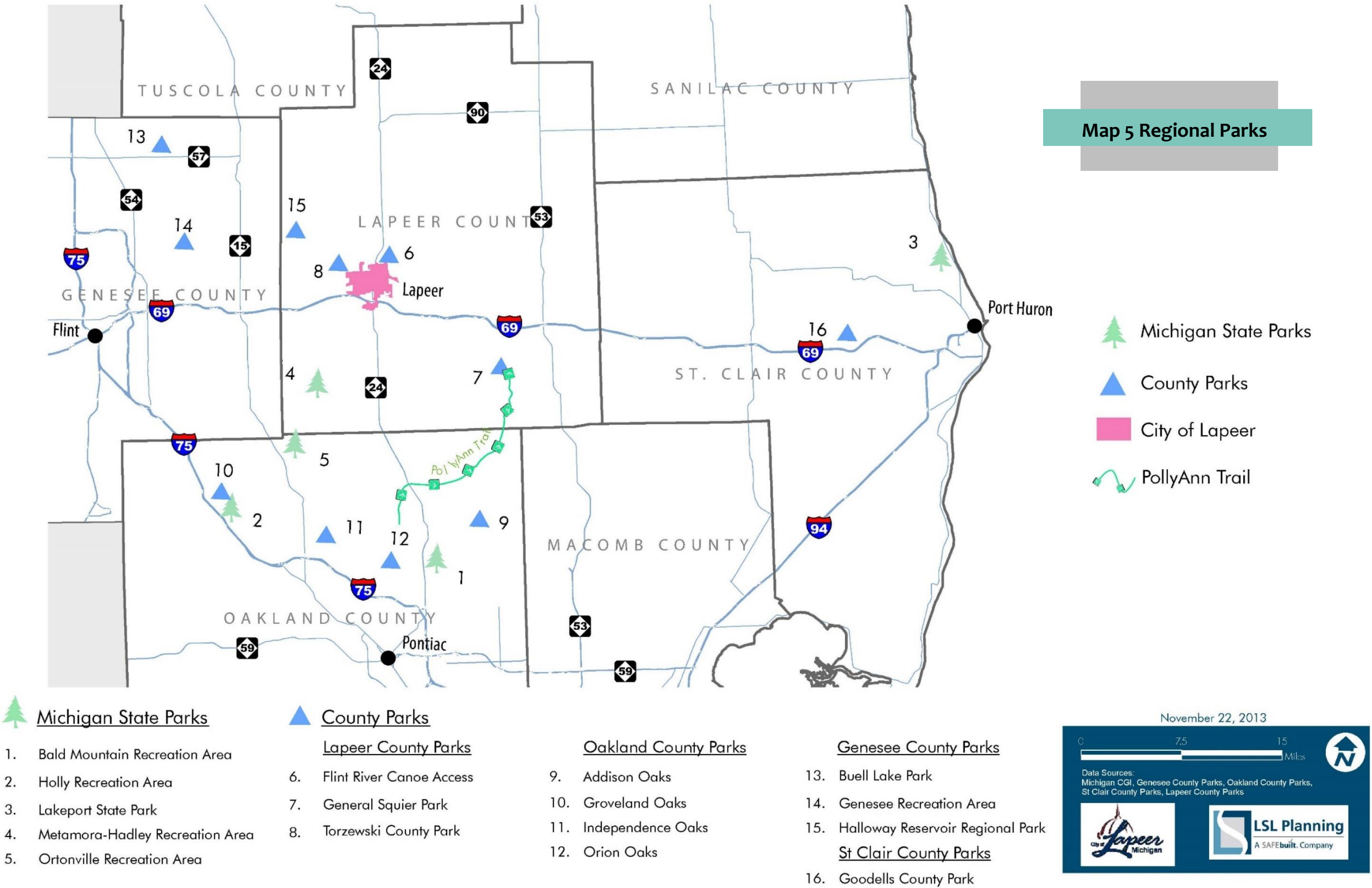
St. Clair County currently owns five properties devoted to parks and recreation activities that total 585 acres. Goodells Park is frequently used by Lapeer area residents. Located at the center of St. Clair County, close to I-69 and Lapeer Road (Old M-21), the park provides a variety of amenities that support year-round activities including the Historical Village, butterfly garden, open-air pavilions, playgrounds, and splash pad.



Michigan State Facilities

There are a number of Michigan State Parks that provide recreational opportunities to residents of Lapeer and the region. These State facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

- Bald Mountain Recreation Area (Lake Orion)
- Holly Recreation Area (Holly)
- Lakeport State Park (Lakeport)
- Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area (Metamora)
- Ortonville Recreation Area (Ortonville)



F. PRIVATE PARKS AND FACILITIES

Non-public recreation facilities located in or near Lapeer also have been included in this inventory due to their important role in fulfilling niches in recreation programming. These facilities are owned by a variety of entities including subdivision associations, apartment complexes, private social organizations, and businesses. A summary of these facilities follows:

Private Businesses

Several privately-owned recreation facilities located within or near Lapeer provide recreational opportunities that complement those provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Although these facilities are privately operated and may charge a user fee or require membership, they are considered in the plan analysis because they meet specific recreation needs. Private facilities that serve area residents include:

Bowling Alleys

- Rollaway Lanes & Lounge (Davison)
- Gerlach's Bowling Center (Lapeer)
- Cedar Lanes (Imlay City)
- Brown City Lanes & Lounge (Brown City)
- Almont's Hideaway Lanes (Almont)

Camps

- Metamora Girl Scout Camp (Metamora)
- Hilltop Campground (Lapeer)
- Woodland Waters Campground (Almont)
- Otter Lake Campground (Otter Lake)
- Sutter's Campground (North Branch)
- Lions Bear Lake Camp (Lapeer)
- Holaka Boy Scout Reservation (Lapeer)
- Kings Landing (Columbiaville)
- Evergreen Campground (Lapeer)

Dance Studios

- Amber's Dance Academy (Almont)
- On Point School of Dance (Metamora)
- The Dance Station (Lapeer)
- Elite Dance Project (Lapeer)
- Hadley/Metamora State Park (Metamora)
- Extreme Cheer & Dance (Imlay City)
- Dynamic Dance (North Branch)
- Michigan Dance Company (Lapeer)

Fitness Facilities

- Hurley Health & Fitness Center (Flint)
- Davison Athletic Club (Davison)
- Powerhouse Gym (Oxford)
- Curves and Contours (Multiple locations)
- CrossFit (Lapeer)
- Anytime Fitness (Lapeer)
- Planet Fitness (Lapeer)
- Tank Fitness (Lapeer)
- Eighty Twenty Club (Lapeer)
- Foundry Barbell Social (Lapeer)
- In2 Yoga (Lapeer)

Golf Facilities

- Rolling Hills Golf Course (Lapeer)
- Arcadia Hills Golf Course (Attica)
- Castle Creek Golf Club (Attica)
- Maple Springs Golf Range (Lapeer)
- Lake Nepessing Golfland (Lapeer)
- Lapeer Country Club (Lapeer)
- Metamora Golf & Country Club (Metamora)
- Washakie Golf & RV Resort (North Branch)
- Hadley Acres Golf & Country Club (Metamora)
- Heather Hills Golf Course (Almont)
- Greenbriar Golf Course (Mayville)
- Davison Country Club (Davison)
- Copper Ridge Golf Club (Davison)
- Sugarbush Golf Club (Davison)
- Devils Ridge Golf Course (Oxford)
- Boulder Point Golf Course (Oxford)

Miscellaneous Facilities

- L.A.S.E.R. Skating Center (Lapeer)
- Korean Martial Arts Institute (Lapeer)
- Past Tense Country Store & Cider Mill (Lapeer)
- Lapeer Skate Center (Lapeer)
- Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center (Burton)
- Dragon Karate School (Lapeer)
- Metamora Hunt Club (Metamora)
- Hunters Den (Lapeer)
- NCG Cinema (Lapeer)

G. RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department offers a large variety of recreational programs and activities for residents. An understanding of the types of programs and activities currently offered aids in identifying unmet programming needs. The Parks and Recreation year is divided into four sessions: fall, winter, spring, and summer. Non-residents may participate in programs and events but may be subject to an additional non-resident fee. The following is a list of programs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department. A more detailed listing of program offerings can be found in the department's activity brochures, printed each season.

Wellness and Fitness

- Therapeutic Massage
- Lifeguard Training
- Water Safety Instructor Course
- CPR/First Aid Training
- Stress Eating & Weight Loss Analyst

Community Culture

- Gallery 194
- PIX Theater
- Center for the Arts

Community Center

- Drop-in Open Gym including Gym, Track, Racquetball, Pickleball, Fitness Center & Swimming Pool
- Weight Training
- Nutrition Counseling
- Personal Training

Group Fitness

- Yoga/Yogalates
- Half & Half
- Cardio Sculpt
- Pilates on the Ball
- Core Strength
- Pure & Simple Stretch
- Mix it Up
- Aquacise
- Deep Water Aerobics
- Water Walking
- Zumba
- Aqua Zumba
- Spinning
- Tabata

Senior Citizen Activities

- Senior Adapted Aquacise
- SilverSneakers Classes
- Drop-in use of Community Center

Youth Sports and Activities

- Pre-school
- Gym & Swim
- Little Kickers Soccer
- Swim Lessons
- Dance Classes
- Swim Club
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics
- Summer Day Camp
- Soccer League
- Basketball League
- Baseball/Softball/Tee-Ball League
- Tennis Lessons
- Volleyball League
- H.S. Intramural Sports
- Drop-in Basketball
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Adult Sports and Activities

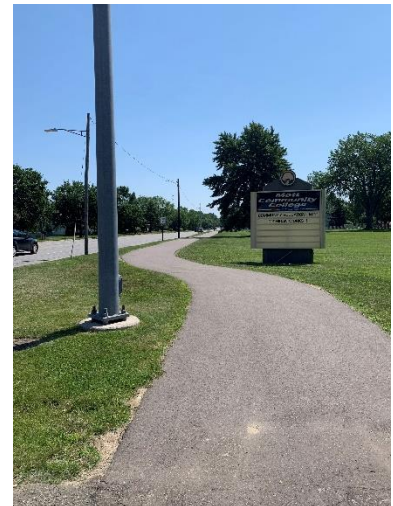
- Men's Basketball League
- Coed Volleyball League
- Tennis Lessons
- Tennis League
- Racquetball League
- Drop-in Volleyball
- Drop-in Basketball

Special Events

- Kids Night Out
- Invitational Swim Meet Swim with Santa
- Spring Fling
- Lil Prince & Princess Ball

In addition to the City of Lapeer, area recreational and leisure service programs, both private and public, are provided by a variety of sources to enhance recreation opportunities for area residents including:

- Church Organizations. Provide a variety of spiritual, social, and recreational opportunities to members. Church League basketball and softball are prime examples of such recreational activities.
- Lapeer Community Schools. Provide a variety of educational, extra-curricular and leisure programming including interscholastic and intramural athletics, band, clubs, dances, community education and leisure activity classes, counseling, and other social and educational related activities.
- Lapeer County Cooperative Extension (4-H). Coordinates a number of area youth clubs offering a variety of different learning projects such as animal care, crafts, food, sewing, mechanics and special interest workshops and classes.
- Lapeer District Library (Marguerite deAngeli Branch). Provides books, reading materials, videos, and computers for public use. Offers summer reading programs, craft times, story times, author programs, specialized workshops, storytelling, and public performances by professional entertainers.
- Lapeer County Intermediate School District. Provides a wide range of vocational-technical training including co-op, business and social clubs, and job placement. The Intermediate School District also coordinates educational, social, and artistic special events.
- Lapeer County Parks and Recreation. Provides several recreational park facilities and associated activities including picnic and play areas, sledding, skating, boating, waterslide, swimming pool, etc. Also organizes “Wild Lapeer”, natural and interpretive programming, and other special events.
- Gerlach’s Bowling. Offers open bowling for all ages and leagues for youth through adults.
- Lake Nepessing Golfland. Offers miniature golf, go-carts, driving range, and golf lessons for all ages.
- L.A.S.E.R. Skating Center. Offers open roller blading/skating sessions for all ages.
- PIX Theatre. Offers cultural, musical, and theatrical performances and programs for all ages. Also, PIX coordinates theatre camps and classes.



H. VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE CLUBS

In addition to the above listed recreation programs, many other clubs and groups offer social, competitive, and child-oriented recreation activities. Many of these groups are volunteer organizations requiring payment of annual or monthly dues to support activities. These groups serve an integral role in recreation planning because they offer programs for residents that may not be offered by Lapeer. Examples of volunteer organizations and service clubs in Lapeer include:

- 4-H Youth Program
- American Legion – Post 16
- Area XIII Michigan Special Olympics
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters

- Blue Water Center for Independent Living
- Boy Scouts – Blue Heron District
- Christian Family Services
- Cub Scout Pack 126
- Economic Club of Lapeer County
- Family Literacy
- First Call for Help
- Fraternal Order of Eagles 2427
- Great Lakes Bioregional Land
- Growth and Opportunity
- Hispanic Service Center
- Human Development Commission
- Kiwanis Club of Lapeer
- Knights of Columbus
- LACADA
- Lapeer Area Elks 2567
- Lapeer Art Association
- Lapeer Camera Club
- Lapeer Community Theatre
- Lapeer County Community Foundation
- Lapeer County Democratic Party
- Lapeer Development Corporation
- Lapeer Optimist Club
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- Lapeer Pregnancy and Family Care
- Lapeer Junior Lightning Athletics Lapeer Toast Masters
- Lapeer Transportation
- Loyal Order of Moose
- LUTAR – Realtors Association
- Metamora Historical Society
- North Branch Masonic Temple
- Operation Care Package MI, Inc.
- PIX Arts Council for Greater Lapeer, Inc.
- Republican Party of Lapeer
- Say YES to Libraries
- Senior Coalition
- Tasters Guild
- Team Work Inc.
- United Way of Lapeer County
- Vietnam Veterans 287
- Web Designers for Non-Profits



I. PATHWAYS / TRAILS

A comprehensive pathway/trail system adds to the overall quality of life for residents by providing access to various community facilities and parks and by offering a source of recreation for residents that bike, jog, walk, and exercise. Map Six City Pathways and Trails depicts the type and location of pathways/trails that currently exist or are proposed to be provided in the future.

Lapeer has been active in developing pathways and most recently multi-use natural, single track trails within its parks, roadways, and along the City-owned abandoned railroad corridor. The pathways/trails system is widely used by residents and has consistently been included amongst residents' top desires and pathways/trails were identified as a priority in the City's goals and objective statement established by the City Commission. To encourage the expansion of the system, sidewalks are required along main roadways for new development and redevelopment projects. Residential development projects are also required to provide sidewalks in the development to enable residents better access to main roadways and key destinations, including schools and parks. The development of a City-wide pathways/trails plan is recommended to further clarify the types, locations, priorities, and design details of a comprehensive pathway/trail system. The pathway/trail system attracts many out of town visitors to the City of Lapeer.

Linear Park Pathway

- **Location.** Abandoned railroad property in and between Rowden, Rotary, Annrook, East Annrook, and Audubon Parks. A 1/2 mile extension of the pathway has been added from Nepessing to Saginaw Street, with a connecting trail to the Audubon Park Neighborhood.
- **Size.** Nearly 3 miles, or roughly 18 acres.
- **Natural Features.** Wetlands and woodlands in Rowden Park. A branch of the Flint River and Farmer's Creek flows along Rotary, East Annrook, and Annrook Parks. A variety of open space and natural habitat exist along the pathway.
- **Facilities.** Boardwalks, bridges, paved pathways, and facilities located in Rowden, Rotary, East Annrook, and Audubon Parks.
- **Use.** This "rails to trails" connection contains 8-foot-wide asphalt pathways within each park and 10-foot-wide paths along the railroad corridor. An alternate route using sidewalks currently connects Rotary and Annrook. Use of the Linear Park Pathway is very popular among walkers, joggers, rollerbladers, and cyclists. The pathway is used by local neighborhood residents and area-wide citizens interested in this unique facility.



DeMille Pathway

- **Location.** Beginning at Rolland-Warner Middle School and ending on DeMille at Meijer.
- **Size.** Nearly 1.5 miles in length.
- **Natural Features.** Ponds, open space, and part of Farmer's Creek runs along the pathway.
- **Facilities.** Bridges, pavilion/deck, teaching station, tunnel, Oakdale Trails, and interpretive signage.
- **Use.** Area-wide citizens use this 10-foot-wide pathway for recreational uses, school use, and for travel to shopping areas.



DeMille Pathway Extension

- **Location.** Beginning in front of the old Polar Palace facility running east in front of the Woods at Oakdale property and stopping on the west side of the Rolland-Warner M.S. Davison Road entrance. The pathway picks up on the east side of the DeMille Road crosswalk and continues east along Davison Road until Lake Drive. The pathway continues east on the other side of Lake Drive until it meets up with the existing Village West Pathway.
- **Size.** .9 miles in length.
- **Natural Features.** Open space, and it links up three times to existing pathway.
- **Facilities.** Oakdale Trails, and interpretive signage.
- **Use.** It is the newest pathway in the City and is used by area-wide citizens for recreational uses, school use, and for travel to shopping areas.



Village West Pathway

- **Location.** Starting at Oregon Road and ending at Prairies and Ponds, this pathway runs behind Lapeer West High School and St. Paul School.
- **Size.** Nearly 1 mile in length.
- **Natural Features.** Woodlands, open space, and a crop field.
- **Facilities.** A bridge, crossing signal lights, traffic signage, paved pathways, and benches.
- **Use.** It is used by neighborhood residents for leisure purposes including walking, jogging, and biking. It is also used by students getting to and from school.

Oakdale Trails

- **Location.** Located throughout the Woods at Oakdale, railroad corridor, under the DeMille Boulevard bridge, Farmer's Creek at Oakdale, and Oakdale Cemetery properties. Parts of the trails are located adjacent to Farmer's Creek. The south trails are adjacent to Farmer's Creek and travel near the Oakdale Cemetery and Farmer's Creek at Oakdale. The north trails are in a mature forest adjacent to Rolland-Warner M.S. and Davison Road.
- **Size.** 9.5 miles in total (north & south loops).
- **Natural Features.** Woodlands, open space, ponds, various wild vegetation, and Farmer's Creek.
- **Facilities.** Multiple bridges, technical trail features, trail signage, paved pathways, and benches.
- **Use.** These multi-use, natural, single-track trails cater to hikers, runners, and cyclists for most of the year and snowshoers, skiers, and fatbikers in the winter. There are two distinct trail sections all reachable without any road crossings thanks to a railroad track's tunnel and two underpass routes beneath the DeMille Boulevard bridge.



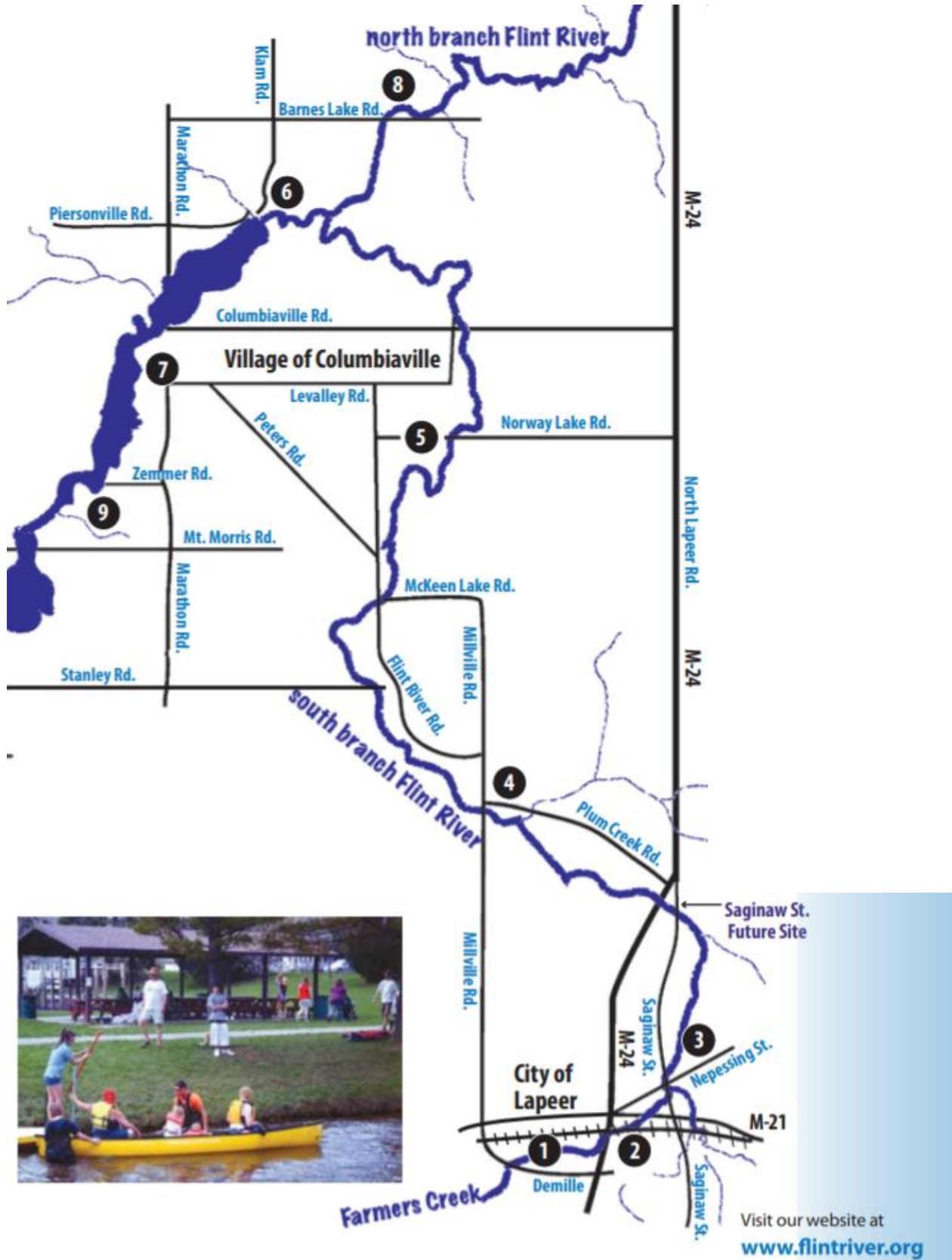
Flint River Water Trail

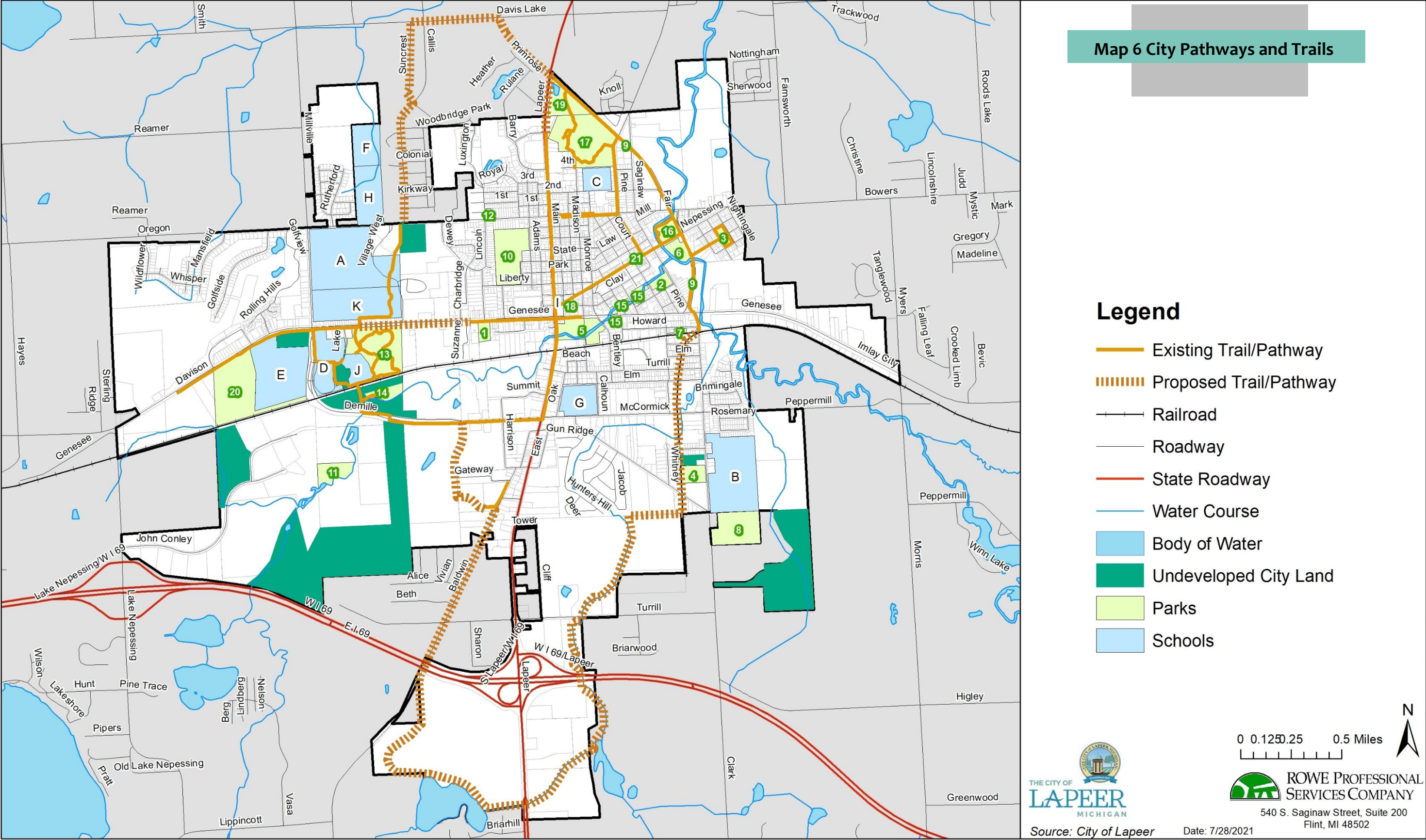
Location. The water trail is a regional system. One of the nearby potential starting points is in the Lapeer State Game Park to the north where the trail goes to the south towards the City of Lapeer, near the downtown area, and ends in Prairies and Ponds.

Natural Features. The Flint River with neighboring greenspace.

Facilities. A floating dock at Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale.

Use. This allows for multiple personal watercraft to easily navigate out waterway.





J. Grant History

The City has continued to utilize available funding sources to improve the recreational amenities available to the Lapeer Greater Area. Below is a brief summary of the City of Lapeer's grant history with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. For select physical improvements, the according Post-Completion Self Certification Report is included in the Appendix B for these parks.

Rowden Park

There have been a series of grants for Rowden Park. The first grant was done in 1980 for a total of \$21,259.03 for construction of trail signs, shelter building, bandshell, and playground equipment. The second grant was in 1986 for \$46,498 for three lighted tennis courts, landscaping screening and entrance, and walkway. The third grant was in 1990 for \$157,400 to fund three boardwalks over wetland areas, entrance sign and landscaping, new paved parking lot area, picnic tables and grills, shelter, and tot lot.

Lapeer Downtown Parks

In 1986, a grant for \$63,350 was for various improvements in the downtown area. This work included adding a new playground, new fencing for ballfield, new infields for ballfields, and entry signs.

Lapeer Legion Field

In 1986, a total of \$57,300 in grant funding was provided to acquire approximately 21 acres of land near the Legion Field Park.

Linear Park

In 1990, a total of \$19,050 was provided to acquire 2,350 feet (2.7 acres) of the abandoned Penn Central railroad property to develop a pathway to link several major City parks. This is now known as the Linear Park Pathway. The second grant for this park was in 1993 for \$180,000 to install benches, signage, paved pathway, paved parking (in Rowden), restroom buildings (Rotary), and landscaping with stairway (Rotary). These grants were part of the rails to trails program.

Water Tower / Rowden Park

In 2000, the City was granted \$120,800 to renovate campground a restroom/shower building, add an access ramp, add stairs, additional paved trailways for the Linear Park Trail, add a playground structure, add signage, and landscaping.

Optimist Community Soccer Field

In 2002, a total of \$406,500 was granted to the City to develop five soccer fields, restroom/concession building, add a pavilion, add a playground, accessible pathway, add a maintenance building, add bleachers, add goal posts, and other amenities to new and existing soccer fields.

M-24 Pedestrian Tunnel Connection

The most recent grant was in 2017 for \$145,200 to acquire 0.44 acres along Famers Creek to construct an ADA-accessible pathway connection between Crampton Park and the non-motorized system. As part of the project, a pedestrian tunnel will be constructed.

IV. PLANNING PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

The ability to plan and accommodate parks and recreation in the City of Lapeer involves different aspects. First, the City emphasizes a consistent planning process in order to solicit ideas and public comments. This process was followed in preparing this plan, previous plans, and is used on a regular basis in order to monitor programs and facility needs. The City also has an administrative structure that establishes the roles of staff and the City's appointed and elected bodies to ensure an organized hierarchy is utilized during planning and implementation. Finally, Lapeer has a separate budget for parks and recreation to allocate money from the general fund to manage parks and recreation spending.

B. PLANNING PROCESS, PUBLIC INPUT AND ADOPTION

Task One: Community Profile. The first task was to obtain a description of Lapeer's physical and social features. These features include location, land use, natural features, and a description of the area's transportation network as well as demographic features including the age/sex distribution, people with physical disabilities, types of households, employment and income.

Task Two: Recreation Inventory. The recreation inventory included site visits and written descriptions of recreation facilities in the City of Lapeer including public parks, schools, and private facilities. The information included acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of equipment and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's recreation facilities. A list of State Parks, Lapeer County Parks, and other regional parks within a short distance of Lapeer is also included. Public and private recreation programs and services were also identified.

Task Three: Input and Public Participation. The first public participation was on August 4, 2021 which also served as the kick-off meeting to update the parks and recreation plan. The meeting was advertised to the public through a flyer and ad in the paper. A total of 15 members of the public participated in the meeting. Together we went over the parks inventory and then listed in an open discussion the prouds and sorries of our recreation system. After this open discussion, each member was given two stickers to vote which prouds the City should continue to support and/or sorries that should be prioritized. Results from the public input are listed in most popular to least:



Prouds

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mountain Bike Trails – 8 ▪ Community Center – 4 ▪ Strong Collaboration between Community Organizations (Schools, City, DDA, Chamber, etc.) – 3 ▪ Level of Walkability/Connectivity in City – 3 ▪ Variety of Free Activities and Facilities ▪ Three Existing Tennis Courts ▪ Easy Public Access to Tennis Courts ▪ Put up Tennis Nets Early in Season ▪ Variety of Pathway Materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintaining of Some Trails During Winter Months ▪ Navigational Waterways ▪ City has a boat launch ▪ Upgraded and Newer Playground Equipment ▪ Pavilions Located in Various Parks ▪ Year-Round Bathroom Availability Rather than Porta Potties ▪ Pocket Park in Downtown ▪ Dog Waste Dog Dispensers throughout City |
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Sorries

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No Indoor Tennis Courts – 9 ■ Maintenance of Tennis Courts – 6 ■ Add New Tennis Courts – 2 ■ More bike trail parking for vehicles – 2 ■ No skate park – 1 ■ Year-Round changing area near bike trails ■ No Pickle Ball Courts ■ Improve Lighting for Tennis Courts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improve awareness of Trail Maintenance ■ Long-term Maintenance of Trails ■ No Boat Rental ■ Central Location for Recreation information include on Social Media ■ No WIFI in parks ■ No Safety Stations on Trails (Especially Bike Trails) |
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Task Four: Analysis. Based on the data collected from tasks 1 through 3, information was analyzed in accordance with National and State standards and guidelines, local needs, the experience of staff and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.

Task Five: Action Program. Upon completion of the analysis, goals and objectives were determined to provide the framework for the Action Program. This created the five-year plan and offers a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, and potential funding sources.

Task Six: Public Review Period and Adoption. Once consensus was reached amongst City Officials, staff, and public input, a ‘final draft’ plan was prepared. A Public Notice invited area residents the opportunity to review the plan during a 30 day review period beginning September 21, 2021. Public comments during the review period were accepted and a resolution by the Park Board recommended final adoption of the plan to the Lapeer Parks and Recreation Committee on November 3, 2021. A final public hearing was held and a resolution to adopt the guidelines of the plan was approved by the Lapeer City Commission on January 4, 2022. See Appendix B: Post-Completion Self Certification Report.

V. ACTION PROGRAM

A. INTRODUCTION

Planning for the City of Lapeer's parks and recreation facilities requires a thorough process at the onset of plan development and throughout the planning cycle. This portion of the plan is the culmination of a comprehensive effort that began with public involvement, a parks inventory, and the analysis of existing community conditions. Then, an assessment of need was developed taking into consideration the City's physical, social and administrative characteristics.

The result of the review process is the Action Program found in this chapter. It begins with the goals and objectives that serve as the foundation for specific recommendations. These statements assist in prioritizing action strategies for the City.

The Five-Year Action Program follows the goals and objectives. This plan itemizes strategies each year for the City to follow in order to fulfill the vision of the City regarding parks and recreation. This plan functions as an annual checklist that should be reviewed at the beginning and end of each year in order to track implementation progress.

B. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals are defined as general purpose statements of what the City should be. Objectives are specific items that help the City to implement that goal. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide a framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for the City of Lapeer. These goals and objectives should be reviewed annually and modified as necessary.

Goal: The City of Lapeer will offer parks and recreation facilities that meet the diverse needs and interests of the community.

- Evaluate potential new park development opportunities for needed and desired active and passive recreation facilities such as athletic fields, pickleball court, indoor tennis court skate parks, amphitheater, seating areas, pump track for BMX bikes, and frisbee golf.
- Establish standards in the zoning ordinance that require new residential projects to include and develop minimum areas for active and passive recreation to serve future populations.
- Study the need for expansion of existing or the addition of new facilities at the community center.
- Continue to explore new activities especially during the winter months.
- Monitor the use of athletic fields and facilities to determine additional needs.
- Create recreation opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components, individual sporting pursuits, and training/self-improvement courses.
- Maintain open communication with other recreation providers for opportunities to joint venture on larger improvement projects and regional recreation demands.
- Explore options to improve communication from one central location regarding parks and recreational activities, programs, and maintenance.
- Identify and preserve areas with key natural features and wildlife habitats.
- Continue to partner with Lapeer Community Schools and other organizations to provide a wide range of services to the greater Lapeer Area.

Goal: The City of Lapeer will offer high quality parks, recreation facilities and open space areas that are well-maintained and ensure a pleasant experience for users.

- Improve barrier-free accessibility of the City's parks and recreational facilities through accessible pathways and upgrading equipment to meet accessibility standards.
- Pursue the paving of parking lots to improve accessibility.
- Develop a program of consistent signage, lighting, benches, and waste receptacles at all City parks, compatible with other City facilities.
- Maintain and update park equipment and facilities as needed, including playground equipment, hard pavement surfaces, and landscaping.
- Provide additional seating areas at City parks.
- Continue to partner with local sports organization that help to maintain park facilities.
- Evaluate off-street parking needs in all parks and make improvements where necessary.

Goal: The City of Lapeer will offer a variety of recreation programs and events that promote a high quality of life for residents and encourage interaction of its residents.

- Coordinate with other recreation providers to prevent duplication of services and avoid unnecessary competition.
- Monitor recreation programs to ensure they meet the desires of residents and accommodate enrollment figures.
- Evaluate programming fees to create a balance between covering costs while maintaining affordability for area residents.
- Keep abreast of the latest trends and preferences in recreation as well as local desires.
- Expand programming for environmental and natural features education utilizing local parks such as Rowden Park, Prairies and Ponds, Woods at Oakdale, and Farmer's Creek.
- Continue to expand senior programs to meet their unique social and recreation interests.
- Continue to partner with PIX Theater, Gallery 194 and other organizations to provide a wide range of services to the greater Lapeer Area.

Goal: The City of Lapeer will develop an interconnected park system that increases accessibility to key destinations in the City and provides a comprehensive pathway system.

- Link park facilities and key points of interest, such as downtown, schools, and neighborhoods to create a linear park system throughout the City.
- Develop pathways for multiple users including walkers, joggers, runners, rollerbladers, and bicyclists.
- Encourage walking and bicycling as alternative transportation options to help reduce emissions and improve the environment.
- Increase accessibility within City parks by creating internal pathways at applicable parks.
- Utilize road, utility, and railroad corridors to provide off-road pathways.
- Consider opportunities to incorporate the City pathway system into a regional network.
- Partner with the Planning Commission to ensure sidewalks are required in areas to improve connectivity within the City.
- Update and implement the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
- Continue to make improvements and add amenities to the trailways like bathrooms, safety stations, etc.
- Maintain coordination with the Flint River Watershed as a stakeholder member of the Flint River Water Trail (State of Michigan and National Water Trail Designation).

Goal: The City of Lapeer will effectively and efficiently implement the recommendations of this plan.

- Coordinate the Five-Year Action Program with the City's capital improvement program.
- Work with the Planning Commission and City Commission to consider parks and recreation in development proposals and City plans.
- Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with the Park Board.
- Continue to aggressively explore grants and alternative funding opportunities for improvement projects.

C. SYSTEM-WIDE INITIATIVES

Upgrades and improvements to current parks and recreation facilities and services are high priorities to ensure their long-term viability and to meet the goals and guidelines of this Plan. The following items describe system-wide suggestions that should be coordinated each year.

- **Barrier-Free Accessibility.** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) established guidelines to provide barrier-free accessibility at public facilities. It is important to provide access to the Lapeer facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents can enjoy the facilities. As parks and facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier-free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access. Outside consultants may be valuable in assessing barriers.
- **Pathways.** Lapeer is committed to the development of pathways to connect parks and other key features and areas, as well as internal to individual parks. The Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the City Commission, Lapeer County, and the Lapeer School District and several other supporting agencies, should continue to seek opportunities for planning, access easements, and trail development to assist this effort within the City.
- **New Parkland.** Development of existing vacant properties and acquired land should set aside land for active and passive recreation, and neighborhood parks to ensure that new residents will be adequately served in the future. The Parks and Recreation Department should work with the Planning Commission through policies and recommendations so developers are encouraged to include suitable recreation facilities, parks, pathways, and scenic easements for residents.
- **Park Design Improvements.** As the park system evolves and each park undergoes its own degree of improvements, it is important to clearly mark park entrances and visually unify the parks so residents are aware facilities they use are part of Lapeer's park system. This can be accomplished with a set of uniform design themes that symbolize Lapeer parks that are used in the design of lighting, benches, signs, waste receptacles, bike racks, and other amenities.
- **Natural Feature Preservation.** In conjunction with the Planning Department, the Parks and Recreation Department should identify areas with key natural features and wildlife habitats and develop regulations and policies to ensure their preservation.
- **Recreation Programming.** The Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department is only one of several sources of recreation programming for community residents. State, County and school programs, volunteer youth sports organizations, private businesses, and other groups offer

leagues, services and programs. To complement these other resources, the Parks and Recreation Department should partner with these programs when appropriate.

- **Staffing.** The Parks and Recreation Department needs to annually monitor staffing levels and office facility needs for efficient administration, operation, programming, and maintenance of the parks and recreation system.
- **Park Promotion.** The Parks and Recreation Department should use creative promotional approaches to increase awareness of the features available at the various parks. Promotional ideas could include park maps and park events. Increased awareness of the parks will increase appreciation and support for the park system and could also generate a spirit of volunteerism with maintenance and development projects. Promotions of services providing year-round maintenance of trails (snow removal, access to bathrooms) could increase usage of facilities year-round and increase appreciation of these services.
- **Community Involvement/Fund Raising.** Community involvement is a critical component of recreation planning, including continued neighborhood support through adopt-a-park beautification programs and neighborhood watch associations to facilitate a feeling of ownership by adjacent residents. Outreach to the business community and service organizations is also encouraged for park sponsorships and assistance.

D. TRAIL CONNECTIONS

At the commencement of this Plan update, the City had made considerable progress toward accomplishing many of the previous plan projects. This new update places more emphasis on maintaining existing facilities and parks, with an additional focus on trail development. Initiatives at the State and Federal level are encouraging more walking, biking and non-motorized activity. In addition, it has been found that presence of trails and pedestrian connectors is a key contributor to quality of life. As evidenced by the solid residential base and family-oriented nature of Lapeer, it is clear the system of parks and trails have served this purpose well. To further the momentum established, the Park Board chose to study key trail connections that may be needed to link the City's network of parks, but also to implement goals established in the recent Lapeer Non-Motorized Plan. Many of the same sentiments – getting people out of their cars and more active – are enumerated in that plan. Additional discussion on non-motorized priorities can be found in that document, which is published separately from this Plan. While the Non-Motorized Plan does serve a recreational purpose, the primary goal of the plan is to facilitate non-motorized travel throughout the City. This Parks and Recreation Plan, on the other hand, looks more carefully at recreational needs. A key desire of the City is to provide more complete east-west trail connections. Some alternatives were explored, but dismissed due to environmental, cost-benefit, or other practical reasons. The following describes two trail/path connections that the Park Board felt should be the next priority. These were chosen because of their practicality and ability to achieve the desired goal of improving east-west non-motorized connections within the City.

- **Cramton Park.** Cramton Park provides access to Farmer's Creek. An old pedestrian bridge provided access from north to south across the Creek, but that bridge was recently washed away during a flood. A pedestrian underpass is planned to be constructed as part of a larger Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reconstruction of M-24. These two projects have the potential to enhance east-west recreational travel through the City. To achieve this, specific suggestions for Cramton Park include:

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- A. A 10-foot-wide pathway on the south side of Davison Road, between Rolland-Warner Middle School, passing the north side of the Woods at Oakdale property and up to the old Louie's Sports Tavern has been constructed as part of implementing the plan.
- B. This segment of the project has been completed.
- C. Construct a 10' wide pathway on the south side of Genesee Street between DeMille Road and Lake Drive.
- D. Construct a 10-foot-wide pathway extension on the south side of Genesee Street extending from the existing sidewalk at Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale Park to the Michigan Spinal Rehab Clinic on Genesee Street. Two areas along this segment contain wetlands and will likely require construction of a 14-foot-wide elevated boardwalk.
- E. Construct a 5-foot-wide sidewalk from the Michigan Spinal Rehab Clinic to the existing sidewalk at Suzanne Drive.
- F. Encourage a road diet and re-striping of Genesee Street to include an east-west bicycle lane. This is also a recommendation in the City Non-Motorized Plan.



E. ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program for the City of Lapeer provides an implementation checklist for the Parks and Recreation Department, the Park Board, and all others involved in park and recreation planning. While the purpose of the Action Program is to provide guidance for the next five years, this Plan includes all actions the City has in mind to achieve the goals stated earlier. Some may be completed within the next five years, but others may not. Funding and resources will largely determine the timing of implementation. Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to funding opportunities. The Action Program has intentionally been set up without prescribing which recommendations to complete in each year, as the City of Lapeer would like to remain flexible and respond to changing conditions and respond to opportunities as they arise.

Table 12 Five-Year Action Program on the following pages identifies a number of action items for the future. Some actions are on-going strategies that should be considered on an annual basis to help ensure consistent, quality service of recreation facilities and programs. The key improvement recommendations are centered on the following important components of the park system:

- Maintain existing park facilities
- Increase the variety of recreational facilities
- Expand the City's pathway system
- Make improvements or expansions to the Community Center

Through this planning process, the City identified these elements as the most important priorities because of their ability to address all of the established goals and objectives. In summary, completion of these projects:

- Expand the diversity of recreation facilities offered in the City
- Expand programming opportunities for residents
- Increase access to parks and recreation for all residents
- Ensure high-quality park and recreation services and facilities for the residents

Table 9
Five-Year Action Program

Park	Actions
ANNROOK PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add a paved pathway to the pavilion and playground for accessibility 2. Provide significant, long-term upgrades to improve its presence in downtown and serve as an event and gathering area as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Add a formal pedestrian link from Nepessing Street, down Pine Street, through the parking lot to the Annrook Park bridge crossing ■ Replace bridge over Farmer's Creek with a wider, grander pedestrian bridge ■ Improve the greenbelt along the banks of the Farmer's Creek, including decorative bank stabilization ■ Consider for use as a location for special events ■ Consider acquisition of the two houses located along Court Street.
AUDUBON PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain Park
COMMUNITY CENTER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete a comprehensive update to the community center including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consider indoor spaces for a senior area, teen area, game room, indoor playground, massage, group fitness, dance studio, vending, and maintenance ■ Add a larger family locker room, and use the existing family locker room to provide additional private showers and private changing rooms to the women's locker room ■ Increase storage adjacent to the lower lobby ■ Add a new weight/fitness area for additional equipment and consider 24-hour access ■ Replace the flooring in the childcare room ■ Remove the carpet from walls around the track ■ Paint the purple above the track to a new neutral color ■ Add dedicated group fitness and dance studios ■ Change Multipurpose Rooms #2 and #3 to tile floors and continue to use for meeting/party rooms 2. Install an outdoor pavilion
CRAMTON PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install MDOT underpass as part of M-24 reconstruction project – In progress; the tunnel is in. 2. Pave existing south side parking lot 3. Pave an 8' wide pathway from the south parking lot to the Kiwanis pedestrian bridge 4. Pave a 10' wide pathway from the pedestrian bridge to the new M-24 underpass

	6. Pave a 10' wide pathway extension from the existing pathway on the north side of the park to connect to the new underpass 7. Add portable toilet/shelter 8. Address tennis courts, determine potential location for pickleball courts, and upgrade lighting
EAST ANNROOK	1. Maintain Park
FARMER'S CREEK AT OAKDALE	1. Pathway lighting from DeMille to Mott campus 2. Pursue opportunities for canoeing and/or kayaking facilities along Farmers Creek and the Flint River
LAPEER OPTIMIST COMMUNITY SOCCER FIELDS	1. Consider acquisition of additional property around existing fields for future/long-term multi-purpose use
LINEAR PARK PATHWAY	1. Maintain pathway, bridges/boardwalks, signage, etc. along City-owned abandoned railroad corridor and within City parks 2. Implement the recommendations of the City-wide Pathways Plan, to develop a comprehensive pathway network linking parks, schools, neighborhoods and other key destinations 3. East/west connection from East Annrook to Mott campus 4. Suncrest connector to Davis Lake Road to link to Rowden Park 5. Study need and cost to install lighting in strategic locations 6. Re-asphalt sections of the older pathways
OAKDALE TRAILS	1. Continue to maintain and support collaborative efforts
PERKINS PARK	1. Repair the existing pavilion with a new roof and concrete slab 2. Install improved signage and landscaping 3. Replace playground
PRAIRIES AND PONDS AT OAKDALE	1. Acquire the vacant land surrounding the ponds to protect the environment 2. Acquire and remove the billboard east of the park 3. Pathway connection to Big Lots – in progress
RIVERFLAT PROPERTY	1. Study the development of a riverside pathway system connecting Annrook and Cramton Parks including a linkage to downtown 2. Install seating areas along the river
ROTARY PARK	1. Extend a paved pathway to the existing facilities to improve accessibility 2. Add a permanent restroom similar to Rowden & Cramton Park
ROWDEN PARK	1. Address tennis courts, determine appropriate pickle ball court location, upgrade lighting and fencing 2. Improve the ball diamond including infield, dugouts, and backstop 3. Plant additional trees around the parking lot 4. Remove old, decommissioned light poles 5. Upgrade tennis court lighting
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	1. Consider additional benches
WATER TOWER TRAVEL TRAILER PARK	1. Upgrade electrical 2. Add cable connections at each site 3. Improve Wi-Fi capabilities 4. Reconfigure park to accommodate larger rigs and more spaces 5. Consider conducting a study to evaluate the development and design of the campground to improve the area.
MISCELLANEOUS	1. Continue to monitor community interest in development of additional facilities such as skateboard/rollerblade park, frisbee, golf, etc.

	2. Continue to follow policy standards for parks and open space for new developments
	3. Preserve the woodlands on Genesee Street just west of Woodside School for a natural learning habitat with potential interpretive trails
	4. Consider acquisition of property in the I-69/M-24 annexed area such as Pose Lake, adjacent soccer field, Farmer's Creek corridor, Prairies and Ponds, non-motorized easement, etc.
	5. Identify and preserve areas with key natural features, particularly on the City-owned Oakdale property south of DeMille Road
	6. Encourage non-motorized facilities as part of future road improvement projects, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy
	7. Complete south side Genesee Street/Davison Road east-west pedestrian and bicycle connection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genesee pathway extension (including two 14' wide elevated boardwalks) from Prairies and Ponds to The Pier of Lapeer ▪ Genesee sidewalk connection from The Pier of Lapeer to the existing sidewalk at Suzanne Drive
	8. Encourage a road diet and re-striping of Genesee Street to include an east-west bicycle lane
	9. Maintain existing kayak launches and coordinate with the Flint River Watertrail on future access points, signage, and other improvements.
Source: City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation	

Appendix List

Appendix A: Condition of Existing Facilities

Appendix B: Post-Completion Self Certification Report

APPENDIX L:

POST COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

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one)

☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE

☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

☐ RECREATION PASSPORT

☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY OF LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01104 F2

PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: POWDER PARK

PROJECT SCOPE: CONST. OF TRAIL SIGNS, SHELTER Bldg, bandshell, playground E&P.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>CITY OF LAPEER</u>	Contact Person <u>RODNEY CHURCH</u>	Title <u>DIRECTOR</u>
Address <u>8805 SAGINAW ST.</u>	Telephone <u>(810) 664-4431</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>LAPEER, MI 48446</u>	Email <u>rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☒ Yes

THE BANDSHELL (PRE-EXISTING) WAS REMOVED DUE TO
AGE & CONDITION.

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

DAILY CHECKS; ROUTINE MOWING/TRIMMING, CLEANING;
SWEEPING SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

GENERAL

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

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

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

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

SUNRISE - 10:30 PM YEAR ROUND

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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

RODNEY CURCH

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

8/19/21

PATRICE PALLAN

Please print

Witness Signature

Date

8/19/2021

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☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY of LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01428 PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: ROWDEN PARK DEVELOPMENT - PHASE 1

PROJECT SCOPE: LIGHTED TENNIS COURTS (3), LANDSCAPE SCREENING

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) CITY of LAPEER	Contact Person RODNEY CHURCH	Title DIRECTOR
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City, State, ZIP LAPEER, MI 48446	Email rchurch@ci.lapeer.mi.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
THE TENNIS COURTS ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO SURFACE ISSUES. THEY ARE UNSAFE TO PLAY ON.

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☒ No
GENERAL MAINT. OF SURROUNDING SITE CONTINUES TO TAKE PLACE BUT THE COURTS ARE BEYOND MAINTAINABLE WHICH IS WHY THEY ARE CLOSED FOR USE.

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

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

DAILY PARK CLOSURES, ROUTINE MOWING, TRIMMING,
SAFETY MEASURES/INSPECTIONS

GENERAL

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

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

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

SUNRISE - 10:30 P.M. YEAR ROUND

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CERTIFICATION

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ROBERT CURTIS

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

8/19/21

PATRICE HALLAND

Please print

Witness Signature

Date

8/19/2021

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☐ RECREATION PASSPORT

☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE:

CITY of LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER:

26-01619

PROJECT TYPE:

DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE:

OPTIMIST SOCCER FIELD EXPANSION

PROJECT SCOPE:

SOCCER FIELDS; PATHWAYS; RESTROOM/CONCESSION Bldg; PAVILION;
PLAYGROUND; MAINT. BARN; IRRIGATION; SITE AMMENITIES; FENCING

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

DAILY CHECKS; CLEANUPS; MOWING, TRIMMING, LINING FIELDS,
FERTILIZE/SEED FIELDS. HERBICIDE FIELDS. SAFETY CHECKS.

GENERAL

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

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

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

YES TO OUTSIDE GROUPS. WE CHARGE A GROUP A \$14 FEE PER
PERSON FOR EACH SEASON.

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

SUNRISE - 10:30 p.m. MARCH - NOVEMBER

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

PROJECT SCOPE CONT... SIGNAGE; SITE RESTORATION.

CERTIFICATION

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RODNEY CAURCH
Please print

[Signature]
Grantee Authorized Signature

8/19/21
Date

PATRICE PULLANO
Please print

[Signature]
Witness Signature

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☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY of LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER: BF93-076

PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: LINEAR PARK DEVELOPMENT - PH. 1

PROJECT SCOPE: PAVED PATHWAYS; COVERED BRIDGE; LOTARY; RESTROOM BUILDING; LOTARY;
STAIRWAY/LANDSCAPING - ROUNDER; ALL AREA SPEC. ENTRY; ALL AREA BENCHES

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

COVERED BRIDGE & RESTROOM FACILITY WAS TAKEN
OUT OF PROJECT DUE TO COST.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SEE ABOVE

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

DAILY PARK CHECKS; ROUTINE MOWING, TRIMMING &
SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

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

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

DAILY INSPECTIONS; ROUTINE CLEANING, MOWING, TRIMMING,
& SAFETY INSPECTIONS.

GENERAL

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

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

SUNRISE - 10:30 PM YEAR ROUND

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

PROJECT SCOPE CONT... ALL AREA SIGNAGE.

CERTIFICATION

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Please print

Patrice Palumbo

Please print

Looney Corbett

Grantee Authorized Signature

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Witness Signature

Date

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☐ RECREATION PASSPORT

☒ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY of LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-174

PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: WATER TOWER / POWDEN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT SCOPE: RENOVATE RESTROOM / SHOWER BUILDING; ACCESSIBLE RAMP; STAIRS;
8' WIDE PAVED TRAIL; PLAY STRUCTURE; LANDSCAPING

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

DAILY CLEANING OF SHOWER & RESTROOM FACILITY AND AS NEEDED.
REGULAR MOWING & GROUND MAINT.

GENERAL

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FEE TO USE CAMPGROUND; DAILY RATE - \$28; WEEKLY RATE - \$150;
MONTHLY RATE - \$425; NIGHTLY TENTING - \$17; DUMP/WATER - \$10/EA.

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

CAMPGROUND IS SEASONAL - MAY 1 - OCT 31 (24 Hour Office)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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RODNEY CHURCH

Please print

PATRICE PULLARD

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

Witness Signature

Date

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☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: CITY of LAPEER

PROJECT NUMBER: TF90-252

PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: POWDER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT SCOPE: NORTH BOARDWALK 250'; SOUTH BOARDWALK 200'; PUMP
BOARDWALK/OVERLOOK; SHEETER; TOT LOT; GRADE & SEED; NEW PAVED PARKING

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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

DAILY CHECKS; ROUTINE CLEANING, MOWING, TRIMMING, SWEEPING.

GENERAL

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

SUNRISE - 10:30 PM YEAR ROUND

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

SCOPE CONTAINS PAVE MAIN PARKING; LANDSCAPING; ENTRY SIGN; LANDSCAPING; PICNIC TABLES; GRILLS

CERTIFICATION

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

ROONEY CHURCH

Please print

Patrice Pullano

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

Patrice Pullano

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Appendix A: Photos of Plaque

26-01104F2 Rowden Park



CM00-174 Water Tower



26-01428 Rowden Park Tennis Courts



TF90 252 Rowden Park Improvements



26-01619 Optimist Soccer Complex



APPENDIX B

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY

PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

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

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR 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 March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

City of Lapeer, Michigan Parks and Recreation 2022 - 2027

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

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

☒ **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 9-21-2021

Type of Notice Newspaper, website, posted onsite

Plan Location City hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 50 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 9-21-2021

Name of Newspaper County Press

Date of Meeting November 3, 2021

☒ 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: 1-4-2022
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the City Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 1-4-2022
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 1-19-2022
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 1-19-2022

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

CITY OF LAPEER PARKS & RECREATION

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

[Signature]
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/20/22
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

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9/19/21 ES

KASEY E TYSICK
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Lapeer
My Commission Expires 08-27-2027
Acting in the County of Lapeer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th
day of September, 20 21

Kasey E Tysick
Notary Public, _____ County, Michigan

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CITY MANAGER
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NOTICE



THE CITY OF
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF LAPEER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

The City of Lapeer Park Board shall hold a public hearing on the draft City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan at their November 3, 2021 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446

Copies of the draft plan are available for inspection at City Hall at 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446, City of Lapeer Community Center at 880 S. Saginaw Street or on the City's website: https://www.ci.lapeer.mi.us/parks_and_recreation/index.php

The City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Community Center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Anyone wishing to comment on the plan but are unable to attend the public hearing should send any comments to the address below prior to November 3, 2021.

City of Lapeer Planning Department
Parks & Recreation Plan Comments
576 Liberty Park
Lapeer, MI 48446

**City of Lapeer
Park Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Lapeer City Park Board was held at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Dianne Nordberg, Debbie Marquardt, Marge Alexander, Marty Johnson, Tony Stroh, and Ashley Fanson.

Members Absent: Tim Herbet

City Staff present: Rodney Church, Ryan Edwards, Matt Bierlein, Caitlyn Habben (ROWE).

The meeting was opened the meeting for public comment.

- Will Argones – Thanked Rodney Church for all his hard work.
- Bob MacRae – Discussed tennis topics.
- Josh Atwood – Discussed eco-tourism and the need to offer teen programming.

Debbie Marquardt moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 4, 2020. Seconded by Marge Alexander. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Park and Recreation Department Operation Report: November 2020 through October 2021.

The Board reviewed the Parks & Recreation 208 Fund – Fiscal Year End 2020/21.

- Noted that the Fund Balance used is not accurate. The current fund balance is somewhere in the low \$40,000 not \$8,000 as mentioned in the report.

The Board reviewed the Parks & Recreation 208 Fund – Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Community Center Financial History Report was discussed.

208 Fund Capital Improvement projects were discussed for current 21/22 budget.

Business was discussed:

- Dog Park update.
- M-24 Pedestrian Tunnel Trail Connection update.
- Future Capital Improvements were discussed.
 - Genesee St. Trail extension, Depot repairs/painting, Trailhead improvements.
- Master Plan update – Public Hearing
 - Opened at 7:36 p.m.
 - Caitlyn Habben from ROWE presented the current changes we've made to the master plan.
 - Public hearing was open for public comments.

- Chris Hall – Significant tennis discussion surrounding the need for tennis court improvements in the city both indoor and outdoor. He wondered where in the plan this was. We mention it in the plan under action plan.
- Bob MacRae – Further tennis discussion. Talked about collaborating tennis activities with other organizations around town (example used was robotics).
- Josh Atwood – Mentioned the local waterways and again the need to increase our teen programming.
- Tony Stroh made a motion to recommend the adoption of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan as revised. Seconded by Marge Alexander. Motion passed unanimously.
- Closed public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

New Business

- Kiwanis is still interested in their “Legacy Project” of building an all-inclusive assessable playground in the City of Lapeer. Discussion will continue to move forward as we try to find a solid location for this playground.
- Discussed adding the idea of building a pump track at the Oakdale site to the master plan.

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



RESOLUTION # 2022-01

CITY OF LAPEER CITY COMMISSION LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN

2022 - 2027 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Marquardt. Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
Absent: None.

Moved by: Commissioner Stroh Seconded by: Commissioner Swindell

WHEREAS, the Park Board is made up of representatives from the City of Lapeer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer began the process of developing a plan amendment in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Lapeer were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021, at Lapeer City Hall 576 Liberty Park Street to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lapeer has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Lapeer; and

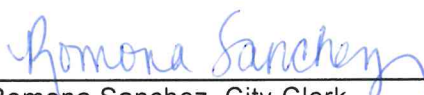
WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Park Board voted to adopt said City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lapeer City Commission hereby adopts the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Plan.

AYES: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lapeer City Commission, County of Lapeer, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 4, 2022, in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Act of 1976.




Romona Sanchez, City Clerk

ITEM A-1-1

LAPEER CITY COMMISSION MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 4, 2022

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held January 4, 2022, at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

01 2022 01-04 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for January 4, 2022, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

02 2022 01-04 MINUTES

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2021, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Burkhart, 865 N. Wilder, gave an invocation.

03 2022 01-04 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

Approve the consent agenda for January 4, 2022:

1. Fixed Asset Disposal: 1991 Dynapac 2100 E Roller.

2. 2022 Farmland Lease Agreement – Terry Jostock, 53 Acres & 20 Acres

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

04 2022 01-04 BILL LISTING

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for January 4, 2022, in the amount of \$824,366.36.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

05 2022 01-04 2022 TRAINING POLICY (RRC)

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the 2022 Training Policy.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**06 2022 01-04 CITY OF LAPEER PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER
PLAN - 2022-2027**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Swindell.

Adopt the amended City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan and sign the resolution.

RESOLUTION # 2022-01
CITY OF LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN
2022 - 2027 FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kerbyson stated the grand unveiling of our rebranding signs was today and asked for Commissioner comments on it; he thought the signs turned out fantastic. Mayor Marquart thought the signs looked very nice and was amazed at the color. Commissioner Stroh always liked the design, liked the agriculture component of our City; it speaks of who we are as a community; solid design and glad we have implemented it. Commissioner Cattane likes the history of the city in the design, it is nice. Nothing wrong with the old brand; there was a lot of work and effort put into this new design and the story behind it does reflect the community. Commissioner Pattison stated the signs are attractive and really stand out; really pop.

City Manager Kerbyson also stated the cupolas are beginning to deteriorate and he has a refurbishing plan in the next CIP Budget for all of them throughout the city.

City Manager Kerbyson requested a closed session for his personnel evaluation if he could be provided a copy of the verbatim minutes.

07 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

To enter a closed session after the completion of the regular meeting for the purpose of Personnel Evaluation which is exempt from disclosure as provided for under Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act and provide City Manager Kerbyson with a verbatim copy of the minutes.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Atwood, Stroh, Swindell, Cattane, Pattison.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nolan requested a closed session to discuss pending litigation:

FB Lapeer PRV LLV and 1333 Imlay City Road LLC v city of Lapeer,
New Case No. 21-054764-CZ; prior Case No. 18-051919-CA(H).

08 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

To enter a closed session after the completion of the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Cattane, Pattison, Atwood, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Timothy Galbraith, 234 Law St. Apt B, was recently hired by United Way to spearhead a homeless outreach program; United Way Lapeer may be the hub for 5 counties. If anyone has any guidance or suggestions, he will welcome them.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cattane: Happy New Year everyone. Read a statement about the history of how the new brand came about. 2020 and 2021 seemed like the same year, hopes 2022 is more positive.

Commissioner Atwood: Remembers doing a presentation in Lansing to move to the next level in Mainstreet; cool to see it come to pass with the new brand. Like Commissioner Cattane said, there was not anything wrong with the former sign, but the new one stands out with the colors and the look of it. There is a lot involved in the sign, symbolically; well thought out design; something everyone can be proud of. Good kick off for the new year.

Commissioner Stroh: Happy New Year. Thrilled that we launched the new brand at the beginning of 2022. Pleasure to sit through the process of becoming a Mainstreet community and watching that growth and it is wonderful to be back on the DDA board to see the positive impact and changes that they have accomplished. Can only imagine where it can go from here; every year there are bigger and better opportunities; we can rise to the occasion. Glad to see we are expecting more from our city, our council, and our community.

Commissioner Swindell: Happy New Year; excited it is 2022; loves watching the things that have been in the works for years come to fruition. Sitting on this side of the table, able to see how the process works a lot more, even if she must ask a lot of questions.

Commissioner Pattison: Happy New Year. We have heard a lot over the last few years about our hometown heroes; those at the front lines. Time to step back and support them; time to get your vaccine. If not for you, do it for them.

Mayor Marquardt: Happy New Year. Three years ago, we went through the process of the design, and we chose this one. Announced local events.

09 2022 01-04 CLOSED SESSION

The Commission convened to a closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel evaluation at 7:08 p.m. and returned to its regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

10 2022 01-04 RE-EVALUATION

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Cattane.

To come back in three (3) months to review the status of our communication, our business, and the operating of our city business through the City Manager's office; including a City Manager assist or a PR Marketing person assist or a plan firmly in place; and the review shall take place on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Commissioner Swindell asked what this looks like; another full review in three months.

Commissioner Stroh stated the evaluation would be over the organizational management of the city and what places or plan is in place to expedite either a second in command and/or a PR Marketing campaign to help with the image of our city.

Commissioner Atwood asked if there has been significant growth income to the city to be fiscally responsible to add employees. Keeping in mind, health care. We are fiscally responsible not only for tomorrow, but for the future as well. We must keep this in mind.

Commissioner Pattison stated that is why we have a City Manager to prepare budget proposals to show us if it is fiscally possible.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: Atwood.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

11 2022 01-04 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
CONDENSED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2022**

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ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.

City Attorney: Michael Nolan, present.

The City Commission Approved the following:

- Approve the Agenda for January 4, 2022, as presented.
- Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2021, as presented.
- Consent Agenda for January 4, 2022:
 - 1. Fixed Asset Disposal: 1991 Dynapac 2100 E Roller.
 - 2. 2022 Farmland Lease Agreement
- Approve the Bill Listing for January 4, 2022, as presented.
- Adopt the 2022 Training Policy.
- Adopt the amended City of Lapeer Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- City Manager Evaluation.
- Conduct a review of communications, business, and operations in three months.
- Adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor
Romona Sanchez, City Clerk



January 19, 2022

Attn. Quentin Bishop, County of Lapeer Administrator/Controller
255 Clay Street
Lapeer MI 48446

RE: City of Lapeer – 2022-2027 Parks & Recreation Plan Update

Dear Mr. Bishop,

On behalf of City of Lapeer, we are forwarding to you a copy of their recently adopted Parks & Recreation Plan. The plan is also being submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at chabben@roweps.com or 810-341-7500.

Sincerely,
ROWE Professional Services Company

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Caitlyn Habben, AICP
Planner

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January 19, 2022

Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Room 111
1101 Beach St.
Flint, MI 48502

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