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II. 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 2008. 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 5 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.

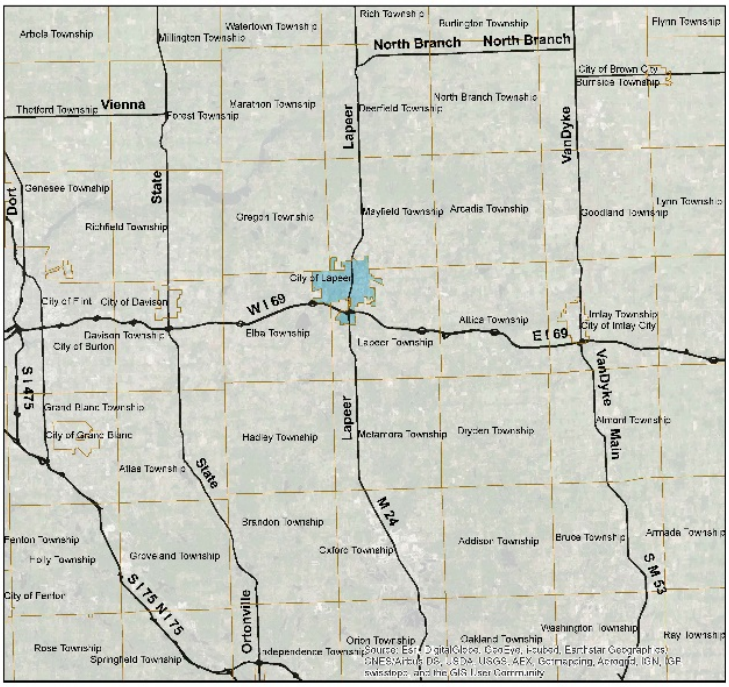
This document creates a solid foundation for future park and recreation improvements, investments, and policies that support a healthy, desirable quality of life for Lapeer residents.

The following is a snap shot 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 seven 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.



Lapeer - Regional Context
Draft: July 2014
City of Lapeer

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.

D. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Population Trends

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

Table 1
Population Trends

Year	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships[1]	Lapeer County
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

Modest population growth is expected as the City continues to develop and acquire land from the surrounding Townships. The expected growth in Lapeer will increase the need for recreational facilities and programs, so this plan considers the City's regional significance and has analyzed how well its facilities can serve surrounding residents as well.

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	6.2%	4.6%	5.2%
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+	13.5%	14.6%	13.3%

[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%, 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[1]	Lapeer County
White	89.9%	97.4%	96.2%
Black	6.0%	0.3%	0.8%
Native American	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Asian	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%
Pacific Islander	-	-	-
Other Race	3.1%	1.6%	2.3%

[1]Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships

Source: 2010 US Census Bureau

Persons with Disabilities

The proportion of the population with some type of disability should be considered when planning parks and recreational facilities and programs. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 mandates that all public services, including park facilities, be barrier-free. As the population ages, the proportion with one or more disability generally increases, and this trend is consistent for Lapeer. Disabilities include sensory, physical, mental, self-care, go-outside-home, and employment disabilities. Table 4 Non-Institutionalized Persons with a Disability shows, for various age categories, the proportion of the non-institutionalized population older than 5 years with one or more disability.

Table 4
Non-Institutionalized Persons 5 Years and Older with a Disability

	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships[1]	Lapeer County
Age 5-20	152 -8.40%	421 -7.00%	1,581 -7.20%
Age 21-64	864 -19.70%	2,357 -16.30%	8,767 -17.40%
Age 65+	499 -49.80%	807 -38.40%	3,341 -41.00%

Source: 2000 US Census Bureau

While the overall proportion of the population with a disability in Lapeer is comparable to the surrounding Townships and that of Lapeer County as a whole, Lapeer has a slightly higher proportion of residents in all of the age groups. Parks and recreations facilities and programs must be sure to accommodate the needs of Lapeer's disabled population.

E. ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Household Trends

The number of new households in Lapeer has fluctuated with market demands and local and regional economic strength. Table 5 Household Characteristics illustrates the number of households in the City, surrounding Townships, and County from 1990 to 2010. New parks and recreation facilities must be located appropriately to serve the new developments, especially as the City acquires new land.

Table 5
Household Characteristics

	Number of Households 1990	Number of Households 2000	Number of Households 2010	Percent Increase 2000 - 2010	Percent Increase 1990 - 2010	Average Household Size 2010
City of Lapeer	2,844	3,443	3,446	0%	21%	2.22
Surrounding Townships[1]	7,135	8,476	9,025	6%	26%	2.63
Lapeer County	24,659	30,729	32,776	7%	33%	2.64

[1]Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships

Source: US Census Bureau

The average size of households in a community can be an important factor in determining how parks and recreation facilities and programming are provided. In an environment where residential densities remain constant, a changing household size will affect the population density and thus the necessary distribution of parks. The average size of the City of Lapeer households has steadily decreased over the past, which is consistent with both local and national trends as people are having fewer children and living longer, but is lower than surrounding Townships and the County overall which indicates more traditional family arrangements compared to the City.

Income

A successful parks and recreation program requires providing affordable recreational opportunities to the community. As incomes vary within a community and a region, so too does the notion of affordability and availability of disposable income for recreation. Table 6 Median Household Income shows that residents of the City of Lapeer earn less than surrounding Townships and County residents overall. The median household income in the City is less than the County's median household income and that of surrounding townships. There are several factors that can influence this including a higher level of rental units in the city, a higher level of senior citizens in the city and a high percentage of youth within the city as well as other factors. Household income in Lapeer decreased 6% from 2000 to 2010, likely as a result of recent economic downturns in the Michigan economy. Income levels are expected to rebound and continue to rise in the future.

Table 6
Median Household Income

	City of Lapeer	Surrounding Townships[1]	Lapeer County
Median Income	$33,316	$57,894	$55,005

[1]Surrounding Townships include Elba, Lapeer, Mayfield and Oregon Townships

Source: 2010 US Census Bureau

Employment

Residents of Lapeer are employed in a range of employment categories. The largest categories include production, transportation and material moving occupations; management, professional and related occupations; sales and office occupations; and service occupations. The relative strength of the employment picture in Lapeer suggests that the local economy is stable and that residents should be able to continue to fund the parks and recreation budget.

F. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of the City of Lapeer, including land use, 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.

Land Use. The land use distribution and development pattern of a community is important when considering the geographic distribution of parks and recreational facilities because they should be placed where there are concentrations of residents and the related places of public gathering.

The City offers a mix of commercial, residential, office, parks, institutional and industrial land uses, although single-family residential is the primary use in the City of Lapeer, with neighborhoods encircling a traditional downtown. Commercial development has occurred on Nepessing Street downtown, along major roadways such as M-24, Genesee Street, and DeMille Road, while industrial uses are located along McCormick Street and DeMille Road, east of M-24, along South Saginaw Street, and in the City's two industrial parks off DeMille Road near South Saginaw Street and off Lake Nepessing Road north of the I-69 interchange. The potential exists for future land transfers into the City through 425 Agreements and/or Transfer of Development Rights programs from surrounding Townships.

The major issues related to land use consist of enhancing the downtown, continued economic development, preserving the small town residential character, continuing to improve the compatibility of land use transitions, and planning for newly acquired lands while meeting the recreation needs of its citizens.

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 for 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.

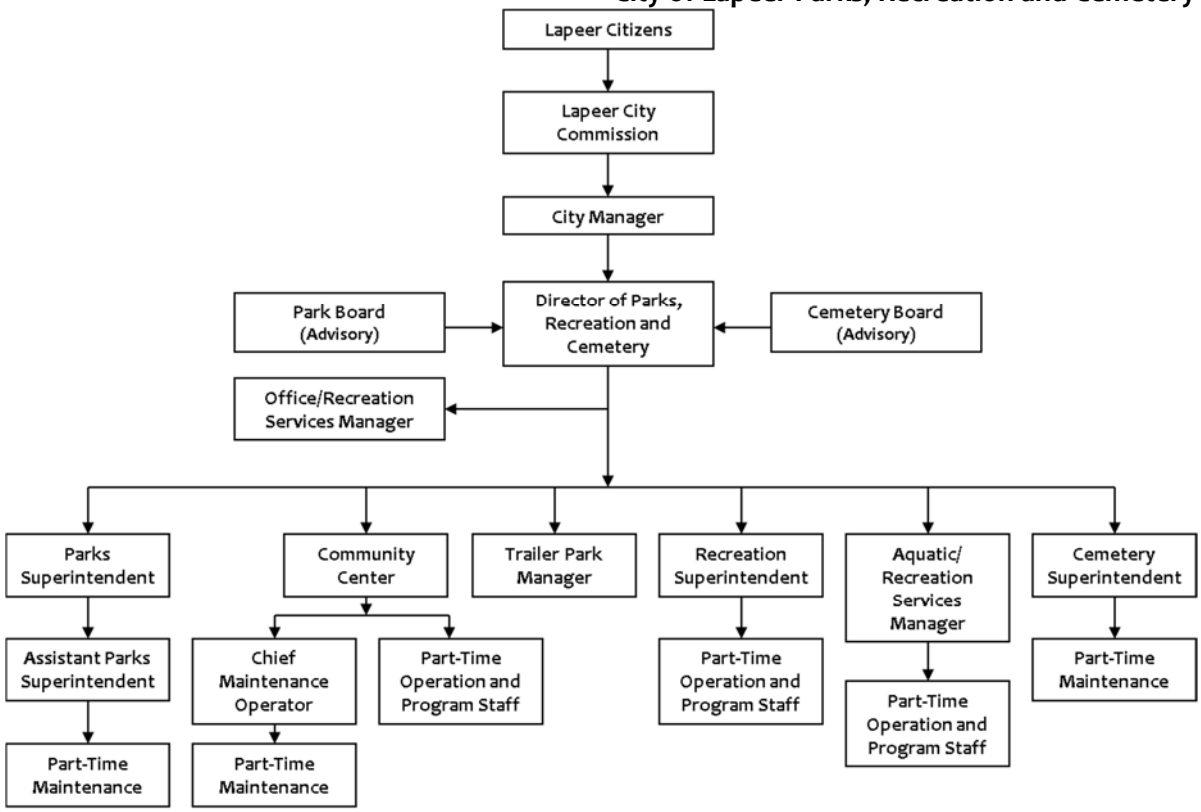
III. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

A. ADMINISTRATION

The City of Lapeer Charter, Incorporated in 1869, most recent Amendment 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 assists in the planning and implementation of park services and capital improvements for Lapeer residents.

Figure 7
Administrative Structure
City of Lapeer Parks, Recreation and Cemetery



Source: City of Lapeer
November 2013

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 to 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 6 year Capital Improvement Program.

Table 8
Parks and Recreation Budget

	2013 Actual	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
Revenues			
Charges For Services	$1,066,071.62	$1,122,050.41	$1,156,931.13
Interest And Rent	$40,786.73	$43,767.43	$46,115.98
Other Revenues	$16,956.17	$14,400.78	$94,777.29
Intergovernmental – Federal	0	0	$24,280.00
Intergovernmental – State	0	$166,993.75	$10,578.00
Total Revenues	$1,123,814.52	$1,347,212.37	$1,332,682.40
Expenditures			
Culture and Recreation	$1,703,313.65	$2,059,147.97	$1,971,198.64
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	$ (579,499.13)	$ (711,935.60)	$ (638,516.24)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	$482,948.89	$645,290.26	$688,790.51
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	$482,948.89	$645,290.26	$688,790.51
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	$ (96,550.24)	$ (66,645.34)	$50,274.27
Fund Balance, July 1	$300,447.17	$367,092.51	$316,818.24
Fund Balance, June 30	**$203,896.93**	**$300,447.17**	**$367,092.51**

Source: Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department

IV. 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
- Grant Inventory

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/part of the Townships listed in Table 9. 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 9). Roughly 75% of the City recreation program users are non-residents. 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.

Table 9
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

C. CITY OF LAPEER PARKS AND FACILITIES

The City of Lapeer contains a wide variety of well-maintained public parks and recreation facilities. Nineteen 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 Two: City of Lapeer Parks and Table 10 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 B Condition of Existing Facilities. Inventory and analysis done by City Staff and LSL Planning.

Map One

Public Parks, Open Space, and Schools

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI

City of Lapeer Parks

1. American Legion Field
2. Annrook Park
3. Audubon Park
4. Community Center
5. Cramton Park
6. East Annrook Park
7. Lapeer Depot
8. Lapeer Optimist Communtiy Soccer Fields
9. Linear Park
10. Mount Hope Cemetery
11. Oakdale Cemetery
12. Perkins Park
13. Prairies and Ponds Park at Oakdale
14. Farmer's Creek at Oakdale
15. Riverflats
16. Rotary Park
17. Rowden Park
18. Veterans Memorial Park
19. Water Tower Travel Trailer Park

Schools

A. Lapeer Schools Administrative Building
B. Lapeer High School
C. Center for Innovation
D. Schickler Elementary School*
E. Turrill Elementary School
F. White Building - CLOSED
G. Zemmer Middle School*
H. Rolland-Warner Middle School
I. Bishop Kelley Catholic K-8 School
J. St. Paul Lutheran K-8 School
K. Chatfield Charter K-8 School
L. Mott Community College

** Schools located adjacent to the city limits in Lapeer Township*

Open Space/Undeveloped City-Owned Land

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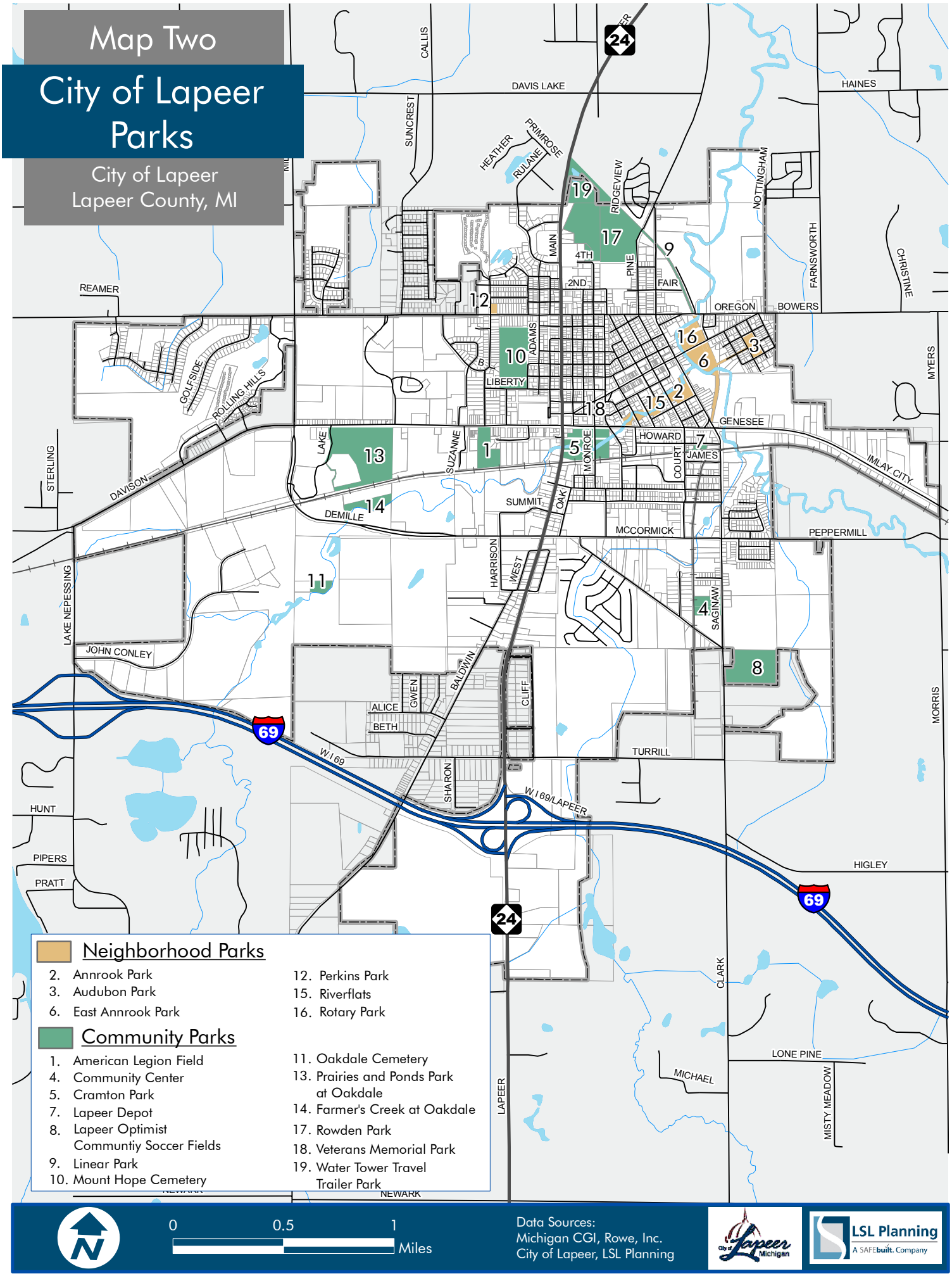

Map Two
City of Lapeer Parks
City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI
Neighborhood Parks
2. Annrook Park
3. Audubon Park
6. East Annrook Park
12. Perkins Park
15. Riverflats
16. Rotary Park
Community Parks
1. American Legion Field
4. Community Center
5. Cramton Park
7. Lapeer Depot
8. Lapeer Optimist Communtiy Soccer Fields
9. Linear Park
10. Mount Hope Cemetery
11. Oakdale Cemetery
13. Prairies and Ponds Park at Oakdale
14. Farmer's Creek at Oakdale
17. Rowden Park
18. Veterans Memorial Park
19. Water Tower Travel Trailer Park
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HARRISON
WEST
SAGINAW
BALDWIN
CLIFF
GWEN
ALICE
BETH
SHARON
LAPEER
CLARK
MORRIS
MYERS
FARNSWORTH
CHRISTINE
NOTTINGHAM
RIDGEVIEW
HEATHER
PRIMROSE
RULANE
SUNCREST
CALLIS
GOLFSIDE
ROLLING HILLS
69
24

Table 10
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	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annrook Park	4.6	3	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	4	-	-	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 Annrook Park	8.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farmer's Creek at Oakdale	6.5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lapeer Depot	0.9	4	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields	22.0	4	-	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	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale	37.5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	65.0	3	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	21	Y	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
Veterans Memorial Park	0.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Water Tower Travel Trailer Park	3.5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	Y	Y	1	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Total	241.9	N/A	5	12	3	6	2	9	1	12	172	9	13	17	6	19	2	18	2	1	1	1	10	12	39	18

Source: City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation

American Legion Field

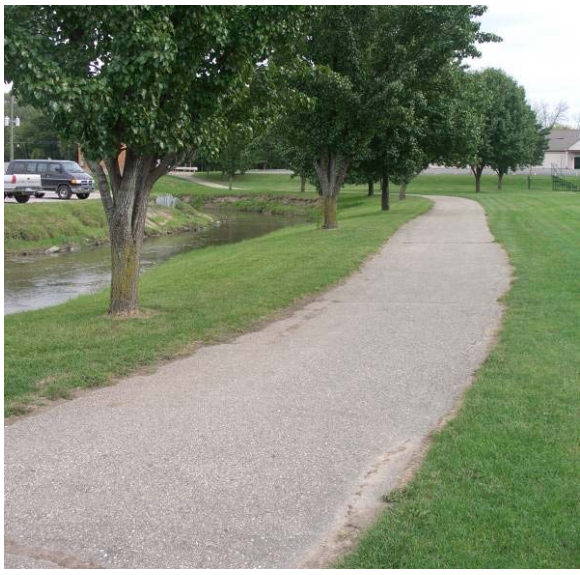


- Location. South of Genesee Street, west of M-24.
- Size. 9 acres.
- Natural Features. Wooded area at southwest portion of the site.
- Facilities. Softball/youth baseball diamond and picnic area. Portable toilets are used seasonally. The ball diamond has traditionally been used for baseball/softball 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.

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, and flag football activities in the fall. 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.

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, two youth soccer fields, 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.



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.





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, three playground areas with safety surfacing, four parking lots, two pedestrian bridges, and seasonal restrooms. Additionally, an asphalt pathway has been installed 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 with some upgrades needed.
- 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.

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 one-half 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 is open space, with no use specified.

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 provide scenic beauty.
- Facilities. Farmer's Creek provides paved and limestone trials, observation areas, canoe access, and a teaching station. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, and 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.

Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale



- Location. Off Genesee Street, one 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.

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.

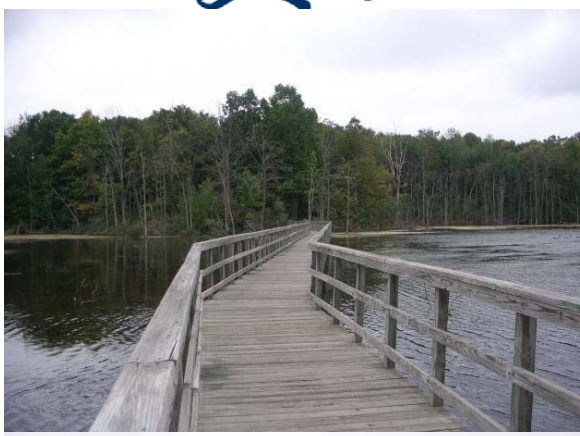
Rotary Park



- 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, two horseshoe courts, 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 primarily use the facilities. Some downtown Special Events are also held in the park. Additionally, Rotary Park serves as a destination site along the Linear Park Pathway.

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, 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.





Veterans Memorial Park

- Location. Just east of M-24 off Nepessing Street.
- Size. Roughly a quarter acre.
- Natural Features. Open space with some mature trees.
- Facilities. WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam monuments and a flagpole to honor veterans.
- Use. Passive enjoyment and some special events to honor veterans.



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 28 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.

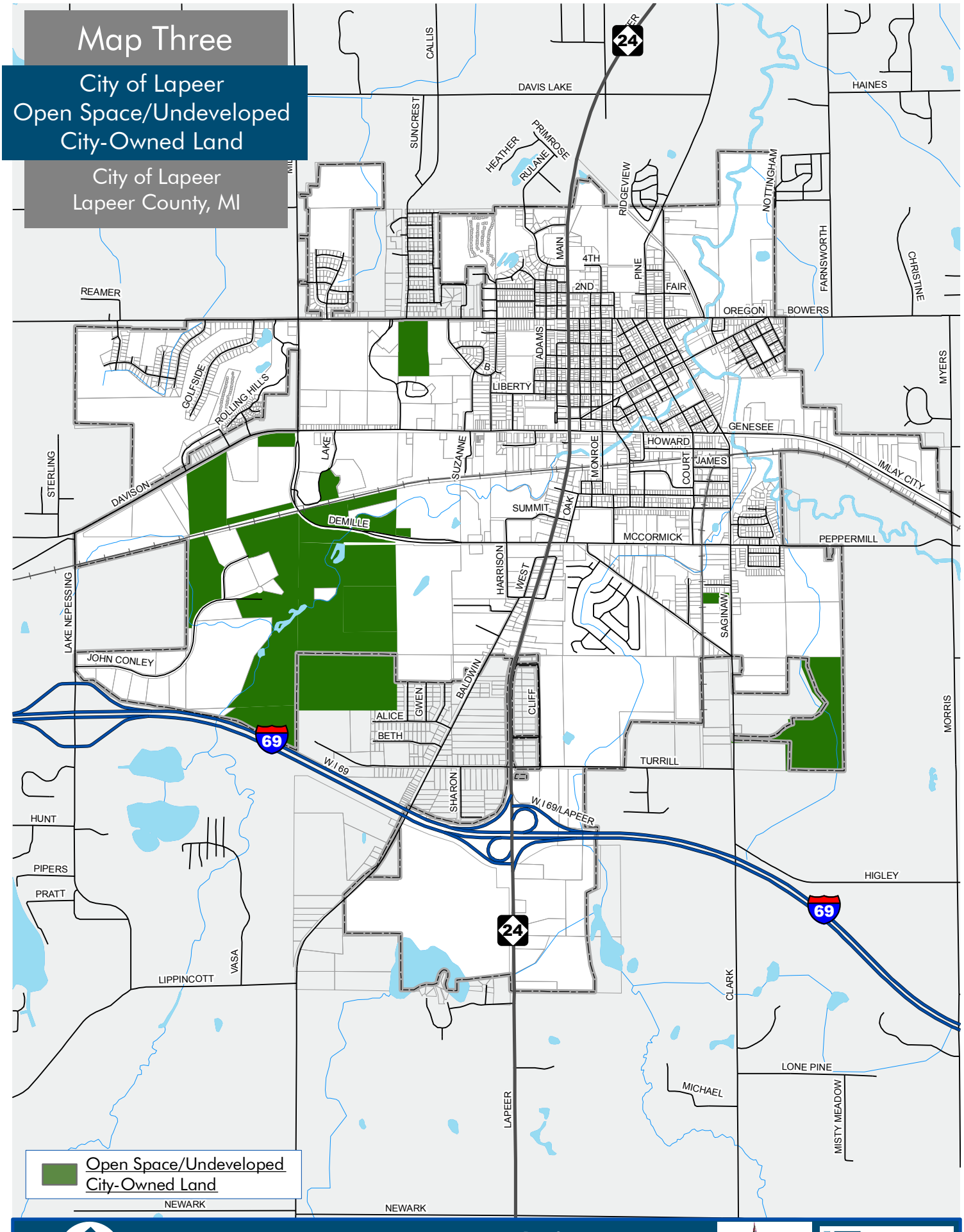
City of Lapeer Open Space

In addition to the many developed parks within the City, Lapeer owns a number of undeveloped properties, totaling over 575 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: City of Lapeer Open Space/Undeveloped City-Owned Land depicts these publicly-owned properties.

Map Three

City of Lapeer Open Space/Undeveloped City-Owned Land

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI



Data Sources:
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City of Lapeer, LSL Planning

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Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) required all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. All playground equipment and facility improvements in recent years have been designed and installed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Justice ADA standards. An evaluation of Lapeer Parks and Recreation facilities has been conducted as a part of this inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- has limited sight or is blind
- uses a wheelchair
- has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- uses a walking aid
- has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in Table 10 Page 17 City of Lapeer Public Parks and Facilities Inventory.

- Level 1. The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- Level 2. The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- Level 3. The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.
- Level 4. The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.
- Level 5. The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

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. Three additional public schools located in surrounding Townships are also available for programming as needed including Mayfield, 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.

Starting the 2014-2015 school year, Lapeer Community Schools will go from two high schools to one united high school. The Lapeer East building will become Lapeer High School and house the student body, and indoor athletic events. The Lapeer West facilities will become the Center for Innovation and grounds will be home for many outdoor athletic events, with the exception of soccer which will still be 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 11 Lapeer Area Schools Public and Private Parks and Facilities Inventory and Map Four: City of Lapeer Schools and is summarized below.

Public School Facilities

The eleven 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.

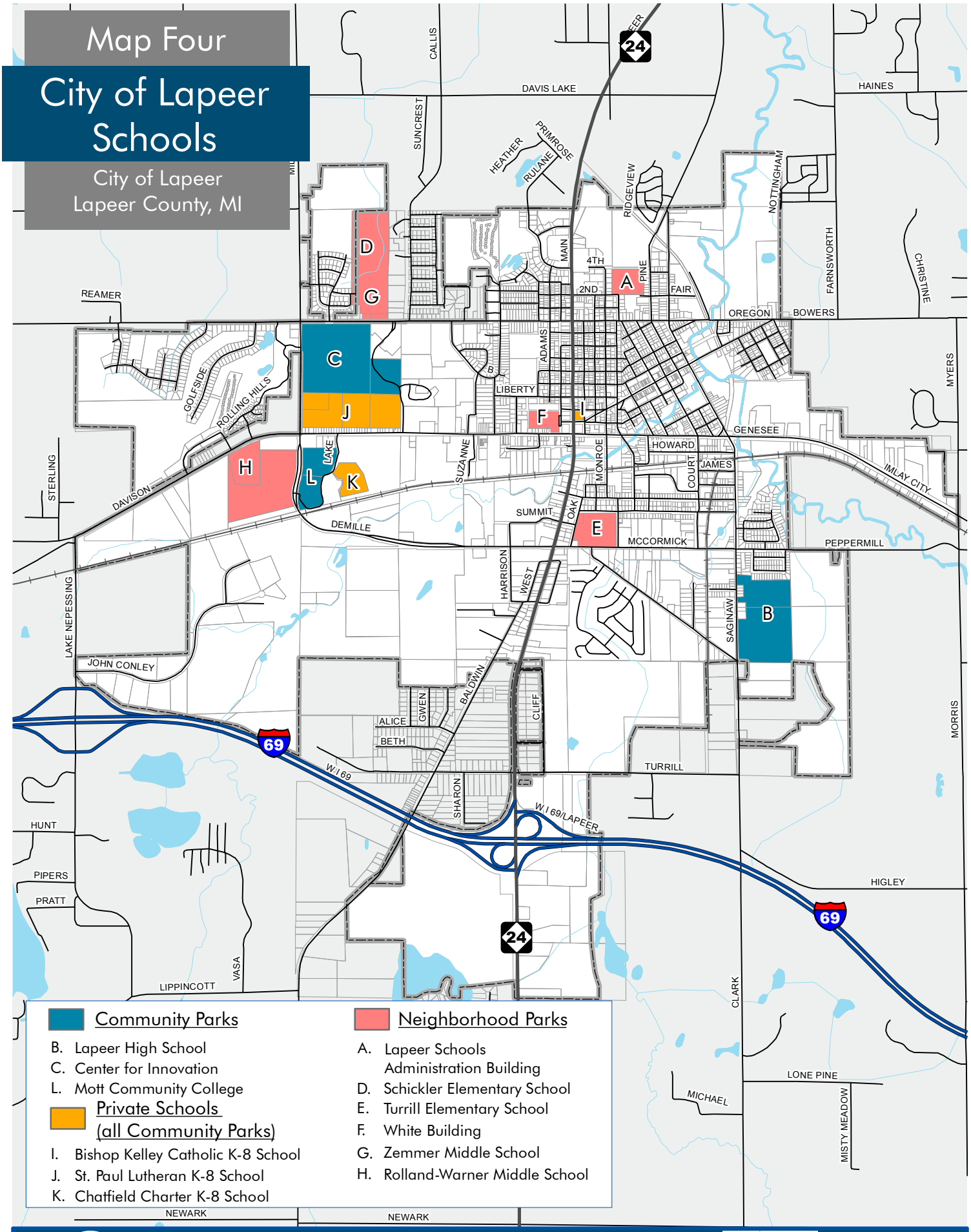
Private School Facilities

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.

Map Four

City of Lapeer Schools

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI



Community Parks

- B. Lapeer High School
- C. Center for Innovation
- L. Mott Community College

Private Schools (all Community Parks)

- I. Bishop Kelley Catholic K-8 School
- J. St. Paul Lutheran K-8 School
- K. Chatfield Charter K-8 School

Neighborhood Parks

- A. Lapeer Schools Administration Building
- D. Schickler Elementary School
- E. Turrill Elementary School
- F. White Building
- G. Zemmer Middle School
- H. Rolland-Warner Middle School

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Table 11
Lapeer Area Schools Public and Private Parks and Facilities Inventory

	Acres	Ball Fields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Basketball Courts	Multi-Purpose Fields	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	2	1	-
Center for Innovation	73	4	1	1	-	Y	8	-	Y	Y	1	1	-
Schickler Elementary School[2]	25	-	-	-	-	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
Turrill Elementary School	17	-	-	-	1	Y	-	1	-	Y	1	-	-
White Building - Closed	7	1	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	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	**280**	**11**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**9**	**8**	**6**	**2**	**10**	**11**	**2**	**1**

Three other schools within the Lapeer School District, that are not located in or adjacent to the City of Lapeer, are used for programming including: Mayfield, Murphy, and Lynch Elementary Schools
[2] Schickler Elementary and Zemmer Middle School are located adjacent to the City of Lapeer in Mayfield Township
Source: City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department

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 one 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 five 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 eleven 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. Wint 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, ten 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. 213 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.
- Halloway 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

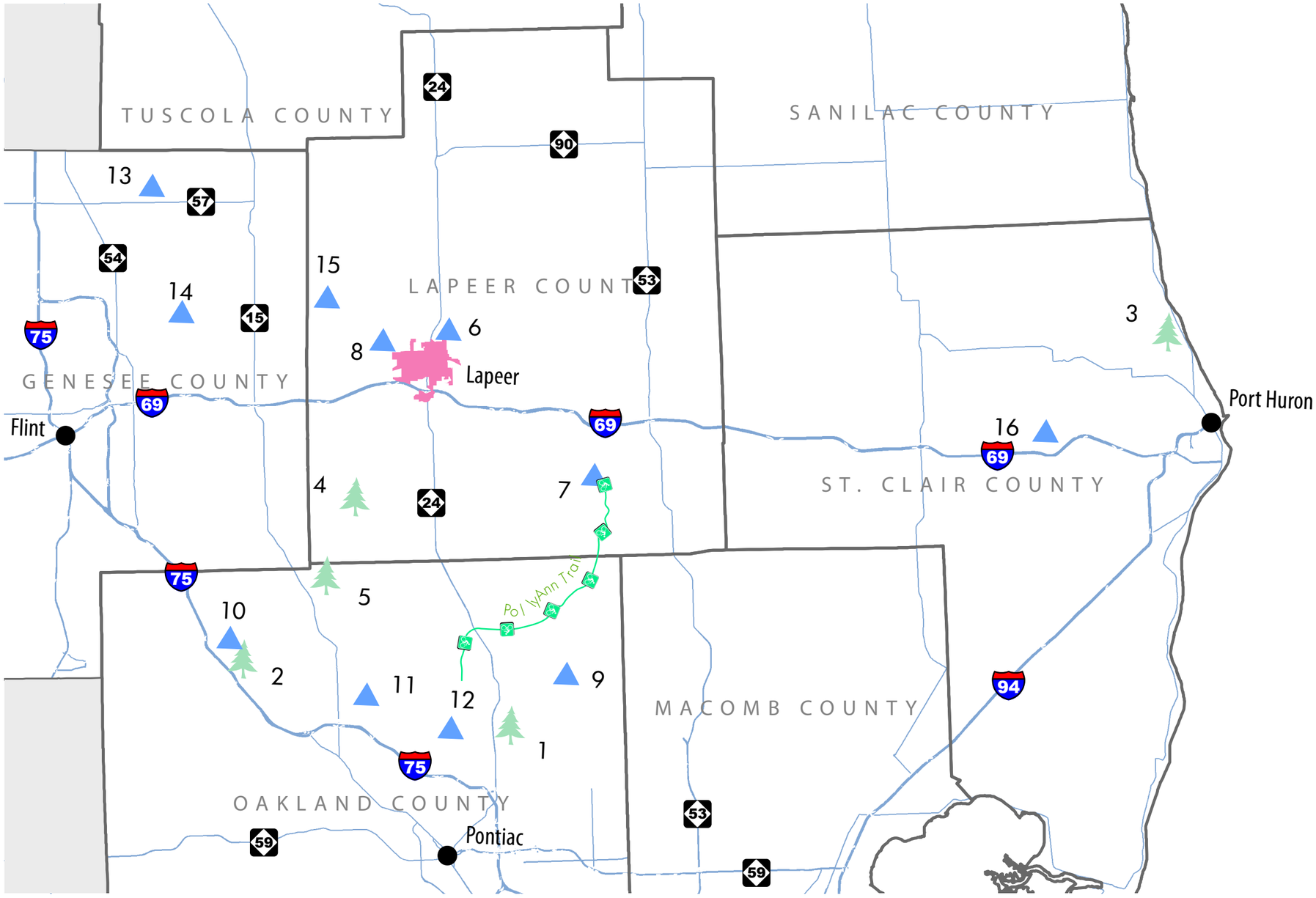
There are a number of Michigan State Parks that provide recreational opportunities to residents of Lapeer and the region. These state facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and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

Map Five

Regional Parks

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI



Michigan State Parks
County Parks
City of Lapeer
PollyAnn Trail

Michigan State Parks

1. Bald Mountain Recreation Area
2. Holly Recreation Area
3. Lakeport State Park
4. Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area
5. Ortonville Recreation Area

County Parks

Lapeer County Parks

6. Flint River Canoe Access
7. General Squier Park
8. Torzewski County Park

Oakland County Parks

9. Addison Oaks
10. Groveland Oaks
11. Independence Oaks
12. Orion Oaks

Genesee County Parks

13. Buell Lake Park
14. Genesee Recreation Area
15. Halloway Reservoir Regional Park

St Clair County Parks

16. Goodells County Park

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Data Sources:
Michigan CGI, Genesee County Parks, Oakland County Parks, St Clair County Parks, Lapeer County Parks

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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)
- Otter Lake Campground (Otter Lake)
- Holaka Boy Scout Reservation (Lapeer)
- Kings Landing (Columbiaville)
- Evergreen Campground (Lapeer)
- Woodland Waters Campground (Almont)
- Hadley/Metamora State Park (Metamora)
- Sutter's Campground (North Branch)
- Lions Bear Lake Camp (Lapeer)
- Camp Lael (Lapeer)

Dance Studios

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

Fitness Facilities

- Hurley Health & Fitness Center (Flint)
- Genesee Valley Tennis Club (Flint)
- Davison Athletic Club (Davison)
- Powerhouse Gym (Oxford)
- Curves and Contours (Multiple locations)
- Crossfit (Lapeer)
- Anytime Fitness (Lapeer)
- Xtreme Results (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

- Korean Martial Arts Institute (Lapeer)
- Past Tense Country Store & Cider Mill (Lapeer)
- Lapeer Skate Center (Lapeer)
- Polar Palace Ice Rink (Lapeer)
- Perani's Ice Arena (Burton)
- Dragon Karate School (Lapeer)
- Metamora Hunt Club (Metamora)
- Hunters Den (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 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
- Drop in use of Community Center

Youth Sports and Activities

- Pre-school
- Gym & Swim
- Little Kickers Soccer Clinic
- Swim Lessons
- Horse Back Riding
- Dance Classes
- Swim Club
- Swim Lessons
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics
- Summer Day Camp
- All Sports Day Camp
- Soccer League
- Basketball Camp
- Basketball League
- Baseball League / Softball League
- Tennis Lessons
- Volleyball League
- Volleyball Camp
- Track and Field Program
- T-Ball League
- Junior Racquetball
- Drop-in Basketball
- Flag Football League

Adult Sports and Activities

- Men's Basketball
- Coed Volleyball
- Tennis Lessons
- Racquetball League
- Masters Swim Club
- Soccer
- Knitting
- Dance Classes
- Drop-in Volleyball
- Drop-in Basketball
- Flag Football League

Special Events

- Kids Night Out
- Hershey Track & Field Meet
- Invitational Youth Swim Meet

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 County 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.
- PIX Theatre. Offers cultural, musical and theatrical performances and programs for all ages. Also, PIX coordinates theatre camps and classes.
- Polar Palace. Offers open skates for all ages, hockey leagues, figure skating, broomball, and many special events including teen dances.

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, 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
- Lapeer Pregnancy and Family Care
- Lapeer Soccer Club
- Lapeer Steelers
- Lapeer Toast Masters
- Lapeer Transportation
- Lapeer West/Zemmer Cheerleading
- 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
- Westside Soccer Club
- WMPC
- Zonta Club of Lapeer Area

I. PATHWAYS

A comprehensive pathway 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 Pathway System depicts the type and location of pathways that currently exist or are proposed to be provided in the future.



Lapeer has been active in developing pathways within its parks, roadways and along the City-owned abandoned railroad corridor. The pathways system is widely used by residents and has consistently been included amongst residents' top desires and pathways 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 City-wide pathways plan is recommended to further clarify the types, locations, priorities and design details of a comprehensive pathway system.

Linear Park Pathway

- Location. Abandoned railroad property in and between Rowden, Rotary, Annrook, East Annrook and Audubon Parks. A one-half 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 eight foot wide asphalt pathways within each park and ten 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 Farmers creek runs along the pathway.
- Facilities. Bridges, Pavilion/deck, teaching station, tunnel, and interpretive signage.
- Use. Area-wide citizens use this ten foot wide pathway 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 the newest pathway in the City and is used by neighborhood residents for leisure purposes including walking, jogging, and biking. It is also used by students getting to and from school.

Map Six

Pathway System

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI

Pathways

- Existing Pathway
- Proposed Pathway (Conceptual)

Recreation Facilities

- City Parks
- Schools
- Open Space

Parks containing internal pathways:

2. Annrook Park
3. Audubon Park
13. Prairies and Ponds Park at Oakdale
14. Farmer's Creek at Oakdale
16. Rotary Park
17. Rowden Park

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Data Sources: Michigan CGI, Rowe, Inc., City of Lapeer, LSL Planning

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V. 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. Several Park Board and City Commission meetings focusing on the Park Master Plan were held with Public Notices inviting area residents to participate and offer comments in person or by written submission. In addition, a public meeting of the Lapeer City Commission/Park Board was held to review and discuss a 'draft' plan. Over 100 members of the City's various Boards and Commissions were also invited to attend the workshop for input. See Appendix D: Public Involvement for additional details.

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 April 7, 2014. Public comments during the review period were accepted and a resolution by the Park Board recommended final adoption of the Plan to the Lapeer City Commission on May 21, 2014. A final public hearing was held and a resolution to adopt the guidelines of the Plan was approved by the Lapeer City Commission on August 4, 2014. See Appendix D: Public Involvement and Appendix E: Adoption for additional details.

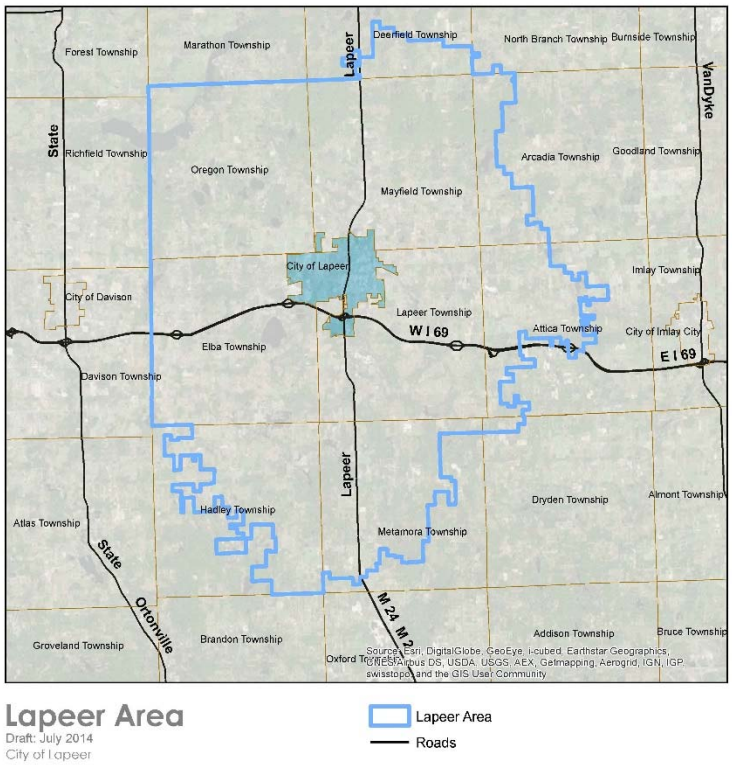
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VI. ANALYSIS

A. INTRODUCTION

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community. The needs serve as a basis for the development of the Action Program. This task is accomplished using a compilation of several methods, including comparing the community to established national recreation standards for the size of the community, input received from the public, Parks and Recreation staff, City leaders and officials, and by reviewing program participation trends and projections.

It is important to note that the City of Lapeer plays a regional role in providing recreation to roughly 40,000 residents within the greater Lapeer Area. Because of limited services offered by surrounding Townships, area residents take advantage of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. As a result, the following analysis evaluates the need for parks and facilities for both the City of Lapeer and also the Lapeer area, which includes the City of Lapeer, Lapeer Township, Elba Township, Mayfield Township, and Oregon Township, in addition to the portions of Metamora, Hadley, Attica, Arcadia, Dryden and Deerfield Townships that are located within the Lapeer School District.



B. PARKLAND AND SERVICE AREA ANALYSIS

As required by the MDNR, the Lapeer parkland and recreation facilities were compared to the minimum guidelines set by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983). Although the NRPA's guidelines were set over twenty years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities. Caution must be exercised in the interpretation of these results as these guidelines are dated and may not represent current popular activities and trends. Area-to-population requirements tend to oversimplify the purpose of recreation planning. Each community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences/demands, is encouraged to establish its needs and requirements so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. Recreation needs are further documented through discussions with the public, staff, and officials rather than relying solely on the national guidelines.

Amount of Parkland

The City of Lapeer's park facilities include a total of 241.9 acres (See Table 10: Parks and Facilities Inventory on page 17), with a variety of active and passive

opportunities. The Lapeer Community Schools contribute an additional 280 acres to the recreation system. While school parkland plays a significant role in the City's recreation system, it is important to understand that the City does not control use of this land and cannot ensure its continued existence. Table 12 Parkland Acreage Analysis and the following discussion compares the amount of parkland as it relates to the conditions of the community and the MDNR standards based on the 2010 US Census.

Table 12
City of Lapeer Public Parkland Acreage Analysis

Park Type	NRPA Guideline[1, 2]	Existing Park Acreage		Standard for Lapeer[3]	
		City Parks	Service Area	City	Service Area
Neighborhood Parks	1.75 ac. per1000 residents	29.7	153.0	15.5	58.1
Community Parks	6.5 ac. per 1000 residents	212.2	127.0	57.5	215.7
Total		**241.9**	**280.0**	**72.9**	**273.8**

[1] Source of Standard: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
[2] Based on City of Lapeer 2010 US Census population of 8,841 people
[3] Based on Service Area population of 40,000 people

Park classifications used by the MDNR are defined as follows:

- Neighborhood Park. Neighborhood parks serve an area up to ½ mile in distance and are typically less than 10 acres in size. Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities.
- Community Park. Community parks are typically between 30 to 50 acres in size and serve a distance of ½ to 3 miles. Community parks contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents and may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in neighborhood parks. Many of these parks serve the immediate neighborhoods around them, serving as both a neighborhood park in addition to a community-wide park.

Lapeer's parks and school facilities provide more than the recommended acreage of neighborhood and community parks, for both the City of Lapeer and the Lapeer area, and for both City parks and schools based on population alone. However, much of this land is located within floodplains and has limited use, other than for limited recreation, with little to no development potential. In addition, these figures also include land that is used for institutional uses such as cemeteries and schools. Considering these factors, along with the regional population the parks serve, the amount of parkland within the City is

adequate to meet resident needs. This is representative of the City's ongoing efforts and support over many years to set aside land for natural resource preservation and contribute to a high-quality parks and recreation system. The numerous private facilities and subdivision private open spaces only add to the amount and type of parkland available for Lapeer residents.

Service Areas

Although the overall amount of parkland in Lapeer is sufficient by national guidelines, it is important to consider the type of parks, their location, and their disbursement around the City. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to specifically consider where the residents of the community live. The MDNR establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine which areas in Lapeer are lacking easy access to parkland. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

Table 13
Park Service Areas

Park Type	Service Area
Neighborhood Parks	0.25-0.5 miles
Community Parks	0.5 to 3.0 miles

The parks and recreation service areas are shown on Map Seven Park Service Areas *(see next page)*. For the purposes of determining service area size, the mean (or half-way point) of the suggested range was used. For example, Neighborhood Parks serve between a 0.25 and 0.5 mile radius, the mean of which is 0.33, with 1.5 miles for Community Parks. It should be noted that the parks are generally well dispersed throughout the community for convenient access by all residents and the majority of the City is serviced by at least one type of park, with the exception of the newly annexed land south of I-69. Future development of the Oakdale property south of DeMille Road, the area surrounding the M-24 and I-69 interchange, and recently annexed Township properties should set aside land for neighborhood parks to ensure that these areas will be adequately served in the future.

COMMUNITY PARKS:

City Parks
- American Legion Field
- Community Center
- Cramton Park
- Lapeer Depot
- Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields
- Linear Park Pathway
- Mount Hope Cemetery
- Oakdale Cemetery
- Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale
- Farmer's Creek at Oakdale
- Rowden Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Water Tower Travel Trailer Park

Schools
- Lapeer High School
- Center for Innovation

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:

City Parks
- Annrook Park
- Audubon Park
- East Annrook Park
- Perkins Park
- Riverflats
- Rotary Park

Schools
- Lapeer Schools Administrative Building
- Schickler Elementary
- Turrill Elementary
- White Building (closed)
- Rolland-Warner Middle School
- Zemmer Jr. High
- Bishop Kelley Catholic K-8
- St. Paul Lutheran K-8
- Chatfield Charter K-8

Map Seven

Park Service Areas

City of Lapeer
Lapeer County, MI

City of Lapeer Parks

1. American Legion Field
2. Annrook Park
3. Audubon Park
4. Community Center
5. Cramton Park
6. East Annrook Park
7. Lapeer Depot
8. Lapeer Optimist Communtiy Soccer Fields
9. Linear Park
10. Mount Hope Cemetery
11. Oakdale Cemetery
12. Perkins Park
13. Prairies and Ponds Park at Oakdale
14. Farmer's Creek at Oakdale
15. Riverflats
16. Rotary Park
17. Rowden Park
18. Veterans Memorial Park
19. Water Tower Travel Trailer Park

Schools

A. Lapeer Schools Administrative Building
B. Lapeer High School
C. Lapeer West High School
D. Schickler Elementary School*
E. Turrill Elementary School
F. White Building - CLOSED
G. Zemmer Middle School*
H. Rolland-Warner Middle School
I. Bishop Kelley Catholic K-8 School
J. St. Paul Lutheran K-8 School
K. Chatfield Charter K-8 School
L. Mott Community College

** Schools located adjacent to the city limits in Lapeer Township*

Open Space/Undeveloped City-Owned Land

Neighborhood Parks (1/3 Mile)
- City Parks
- Schools

Community Parks (1.5 Miles)
- City Parks
- Schools

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Data Sources: Michigan CGI, Rowe, Inc., City of Lapeer, LSL Planning

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C. FACILITIES ANALYSIS

In addition to parkland, facilities were analyzed to determine if the current facilities are adequate to meet the needs of residents based on national averages. The analysis takes into account a variety of factors including specific needs and existing conditions within Lapeer, information obtained from the public, staff and officials, programming needs, site conditions, as well as national averages. Potential surpluses and deficiencies are shown in Table 14: Public Park Facility Analysis: City and School Facilities. The following comments were prepared to provide further perspective and assist in identifying key issues. The table does not include national standards for more recently popular recreation activities such as skateboard parks, dog parks and roller hockey. These other desirable recreation facilities are also discussed below.

Table 14
Public Park Facility Analysis: City Facilities

Facility Type	NRPA Guideline[1]	Existing City Facilities	Existing School Facilities	Total Facilities	Standard	
					City[2]	Service Area[3]
Tennis	1/2,000	6	8	14	4	17
Playground	1/3,000	9	6	15	3	11
Baseball/ Softball	1/5,000	5	11	16	2	8
Basketball (Outdoor)	1/5,000	3	1	4	2	8
Volleyball (Outdoor)	1/5,000	2	0	2	2	8
Soccer	1/10,000	12	7	19	1	4
Running Track	1/20,000	1	2	3	0	2
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	1	0	1	0	2

[1] Source of Standard: Lancaster, Roger A., Ed. 1983. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA:NRPA
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Athletic Fields

The number of athletic fields (baseball/softball, soccer, football, running tracks) in Lapeer reflects a surplus in each of the categories based on national guidelines for both the City of Lapeer and surrounding area. The different types of athletic fields are specifically discussed below.

- Baseball/Softball Fields. The analysis of ball fields within Lapeer resulted in a large surplus in facilities. The City may want to evaluate improvements to existing ball fields, such as seating and lighting or the removal of underused fields that could be better used for other purposes.
- Soccer Fields. According to the national guidelines, there is a surplus of soccer fields in Lapeer. Unlike the national guidelines, the popularity of soccer in the region has resulted in above average demands for soccer fields for all ages. Due to the increasing popularity of the sport and expanding programs, the number of fields is acceptable.

- Football Fields. The need for football fields is met by the Lapeer School District.
- Running Tracks. Running tracks are provided at the two high schools and at the Community Center, which has an indoor track for year round use, which meet the need for running tracks.

Court Sports

The need for court sports (basketball, tennis, volleyball) is generally met within the City of Lapeer, however when the Lapeer area is considered, a shortage is noted in all three sports. Court sports are generally low cost improvements, do not occupy much land, do not require organized team participation, and promote convenient and active recreation. Those parks that do offer court sports should be maintained to continue long term use. The three different types of court facilities are briefly discussed below.

- Tennis Courts. The City provides three lighted tennis courts Cramton Park and another three lighted tennis courts at Rowden Park to meet the tennis demand for the City of Lapeer. An additional eight courts, named the Optimist Community Tennis Courts in recognition of their generous donation for court repairs, are provided at the Center for Innovation.
- Basketball Facilities. The City has three outdoor basketballs courts, one at Audubon Park and two at the Community Center. In addition, there are indoor gymnasiums at many of the schools and within the Community Center and at many of the schools. Based upon demand, additional outdoor courts are not needed at this time.
- Volleyball Courts. Two outdoor courts at the Community Center meet the apparent needs for outdoor volleyball courts. The City should investigate additional courts if the need arises at larger scale parks that serve a greater portion of the community; however there are indoor courts available at many of the schools.

Ice Rinks

The national guidelines indicate there is not a large enough population to support a City-owned indoor ice rink. The City should continue to rely on regional ice rink facilities such as the privately-operated Polar Palace for this need. An indoor ice rink is an expensive venture that requires high regional demand and strong management in order to be successful.

Playgrounds

The amount of playground facilities in the community exceeds the population's needs, for both the Lapeer City and area, according to the guidelines; however, residents in surrounding Townships generally have to drive to the City or to school properties to access these facilities. Additional ADA accessible play structures, serving children under 5, and separate structures for older children, aged 6-12, are recommended as new play equipment is installed. As new land is acquired and more families move to the area, additional playgrounds will be needed to meet the needs of new residents.

Golf Courses

There are no municipally run golf courses in Lapeer. The analysis reveals that there is a deficiency of a public 9-hole for the Lapeer area. Due to the numerous privately owned courses in the area, there is not a need for the City to further accommodate golf course development. It should be noted that many private courses are being converted into residential developments thereby eliminating these golfing opportunities. The City should watch golf trends to ensure that public opportunities remain for the future, whether private or public.

Swimming Pools

Based on the NRPA guidelines, Lapeer has more than enough swimming pools for the City; however is short by one when considering the regional need of the Lapeer area. Based on current demand and usage a second pool does not seem necessary, unless it was part of a school development.

Community Center

The Lapeer community is served by a state of the art Community Center. The current debt on the property is retired. The City should take this opportunity to reevaluate potential expansion needs for the center including expansion of high demand uses; such as family locker rooms, fitness center, meeting space, group fitness, and dance studios; and the introduction of new services including social areas, dedicated senior and teen areas, indoor playground, and specialty spaces for therapeutic recreation. Furthermore, additional property has recently been obtained on Saginaw Street and property north of the Community Center may become available for additional recreation opportunities and expansions.

Sledding Hill

Although the NRPA standard indicates the population does not warrant a sledding hill, this is a popular winter sport for Lapeer residents that should be maintained. Currently there is a sledding hill at Rowden Park.

Rollerblading and Skateboarding

There are no national standards for rollerblading and skateboarding, however these are popular summer activities for residents of all ages. Audubon Park and Linear Park provide both rollerblading and skateboarding opportunities. In addition, a privately owned business located in the City offers indoor skateboarding. The City should investigate the desirability of developing a municipally run skate park. Careful consideration must be given in selecting a location for a skate park including maximizing use for all ages, proximity to other key destinations, safety, and impact to neighbors.

Dog Parks

Currently all parks allow dogs, but they have to be on-leash. There has been increasing demand throughout the country for areas for dogs to exercise and play off-leash. The City may want to consider designating a fenced off area, that is large enough in size to allow dogs to run freely, at one of the underutilized parks such as Rotary or Rowden Parks.

Passive Recreation/Natural Feature Preservation

In addition to these active recreation facilities, it is important for Lapeer to provide ample opportunities for passive recreation and for the protection of key natural resources such as woodland, wetlands, and natural habitats. These natural areas provide opportunities for un-programmed activities, such as walking, jogging, picnicking, nature observation or just sitting in the park reading a book. When developing and improving parks it is important to set aside land that contains significant natural features and incorporate walking paths, picnic areas, benches, or other amenities that further enhance passive recreation opportunities. In particular land along the Farmers Creek should be preserved, specifically on the Oakdale property south of DeMille Road.

D. PROGRAMMING ANALYSIS

The City of Lapeer recreation programs are very popular. The great number of programs offered and residents' participation in these programs are indicators that speak very highly on how important the recreation programming is to the community. Lapeer should continue to monitor all existing programs offered and associated fees to decide which should be expanded and which should be reduced or eliminated. Further, the programs offered to residents should be analyzed to make sure that programming keeps pace with trends, technology, changing demographics including an aging population, the economy, and the physical conditions and resources in the City.

The City is just one of many sources of programming for community residents. Because of the number of recreation providers, the City should continue to coordinate with each of the groups to ensure that the needs of the residents are met. By consolidating programs, the City and other providers can decrease costs and the amount of scheduling conflicts between the different programs. The City should continue to encourage the private role in providing diverse recreation opportunities and should support existing and future businesses.

E. PATHWAYS ANALYSIS

A pathway system adds to the overall quality of life for residents by providing access to various community facilities and parks, by offering a source of recreation for residents that bike, jog, and walk, and by offering other opportunities for recreation and exercise.

Lapeer should actively pursue the development of pathways as depicted in Map Six Pathway System. Key elements to consider are:

- Expansion of the existing Linear Park pathway system
- Connections to downtown, schools, parks and regional trail systems
- Links between existing neighborhoods

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VII. 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

The following goals and objectives are intended to provide a framework for future decisions related to provision of parks and recreation for the City of Lapeer. These goals and objectives should be reviewed annually and modified as necessary.

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, dog parks, skate parks, amphitheater, canoe and kayak access to waterways, and seating areas.
- Establish standards 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.
- 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.
- Identify and preserve areas with key natural features and wildlife habitats.

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 park and recreation 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.

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, and Farmer's Creek.
- Expand senior programs to meet their unique social and recreation interests.

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.

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 Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with 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 resident recreation facilities, parks, pathways and scenic easements.

- **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 by a set of uniform design themes that symbolize Lapeer parks and 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.

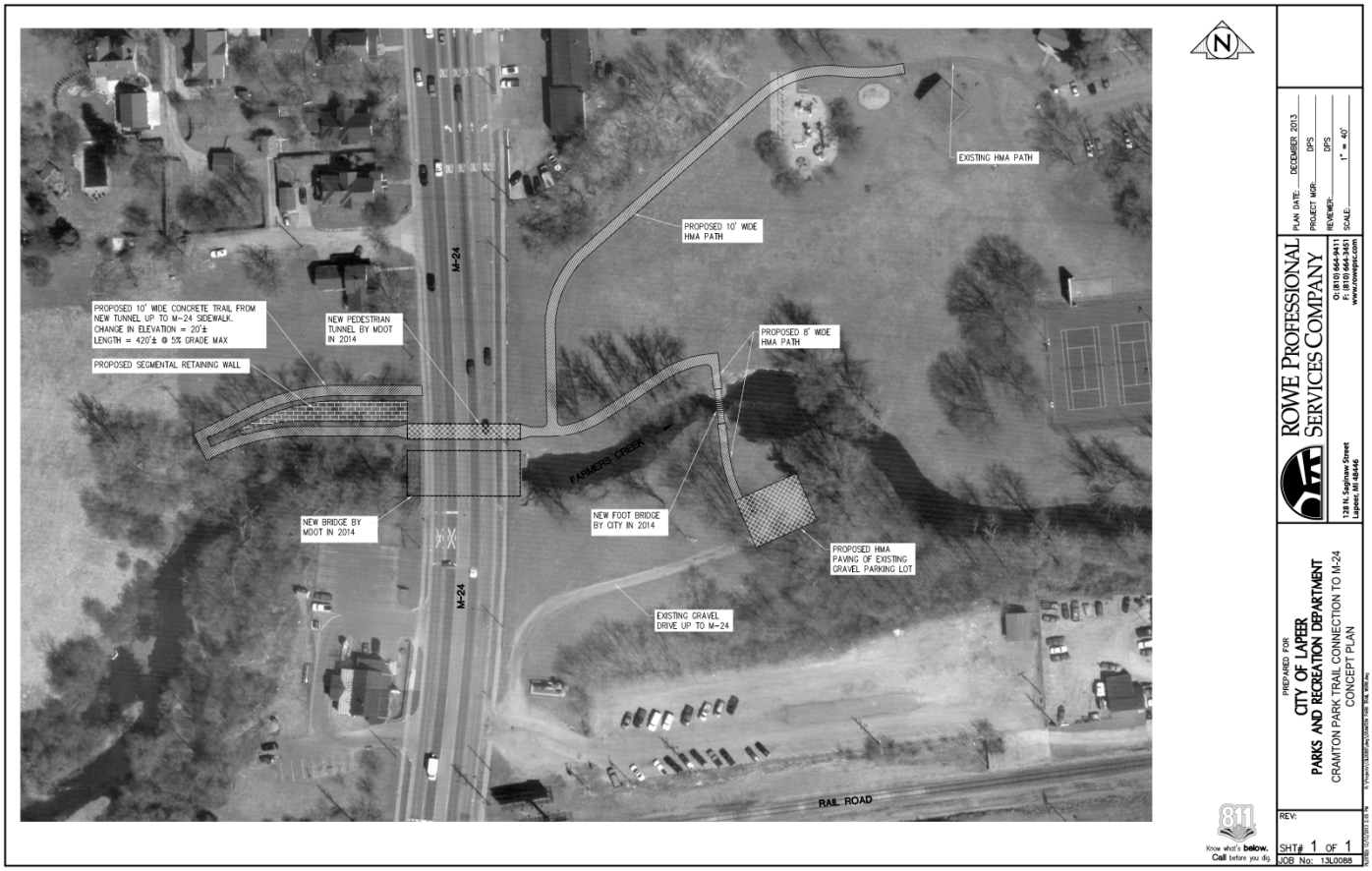
- **Community Involvement/Fund Raising.** Community involvement is a critical component of recreation planning, including continued neighborhood support through adopt-a-park beautification programs and neighborhood watch associations to facilitate a feeling of ownership by adjacent residents. Outreach 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 three 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 project have the potential to enhance east-west recreational travel through the City. To achieve this, specific suggestions for Cramton Park include:

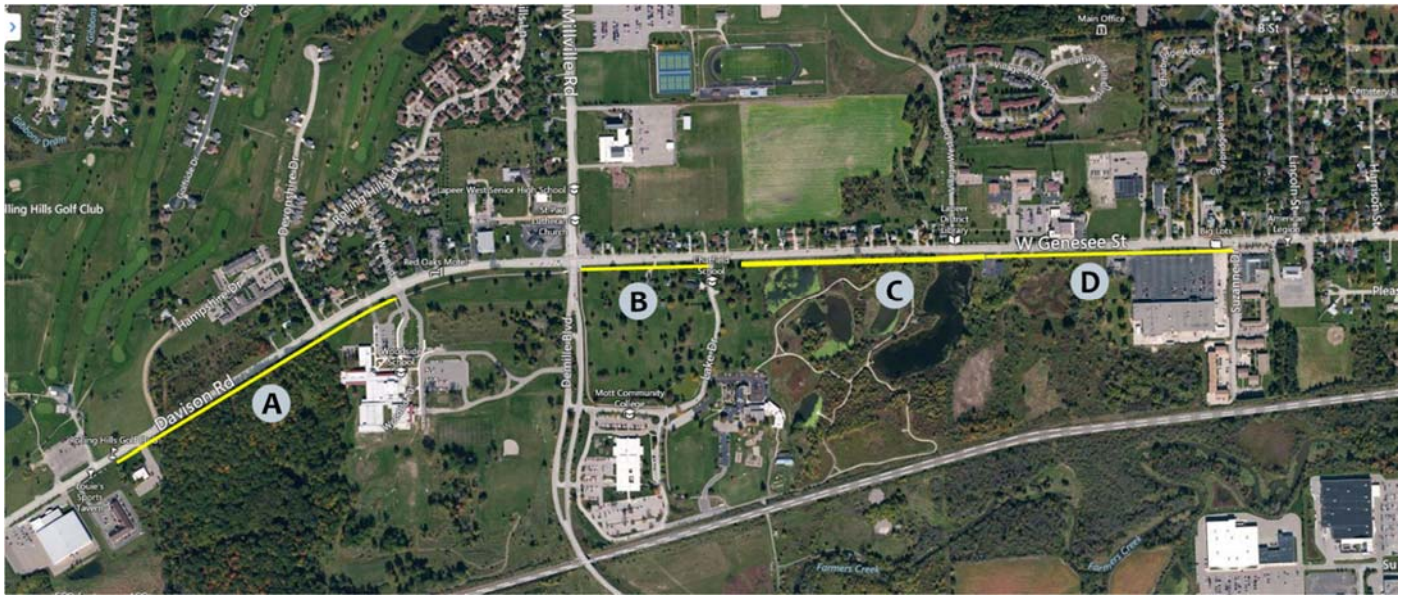
  A. Replace existing pedestrian bridge with a removable bridge, roughly in the same location. This project will be completed in Spring 2014.
  B. Pave the smaller existing ("south side") gravel parking lot.
  C. Pave an 8' wide pathway from the parking lot to the pedestrian bridge. Pave a 10' wide pathway from the pedestrian bridge to the M-24 underpass.
  D. Pave a 10' wide pathway extension from the existing pathway on the north side of the park to connect to the underpass.
  E. Develop a pathway on the west side of M-24, extending approximately 200' from the underpass, then switching back to connect to existing sidewalks on the west side of M-24. The switch back design is needed to maintain ADA compliant slopes on the pathway. Additional retention and amenities may be needed as part of this project.



- **Genesee Street and Davison Road.** Not all recreational travel must occur on trails or separated pathways. In some cases, use of road rights-of-way is needed to make important connections. The Davison Road/Genesee Street (M-21) corridor provides a key east-west route through the City. Due to practical reasons, off-street trails are not feasible as a way to connect residents on the east side of M-24 to Prairies and Ponds or Farmer's Creek at Oakdale Parks, or to connect residents on the west side to the numerous parks located east of M-24. By completing the system of sidewalks on this corridor, the City can improve this east-west mobility, but also provide connections to Prairies and Ponds at Oakdale and Farmer's Creek at Oakdale. The following specific sidewalk extensions are planned:

  A. Construct a 5' wide sidewalk on the south side of Davison Road, between Rolland-Warner Middle School and Louie's Sports Tavern.
  B. Construct a 5' wide sidewalk on the south side of Genesee Street between DeMille Road and Lake Drive.
  C. Construct a 10' 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' wide elevated boardwalk.

D. Construct a 5' wide sidewalk from the Michigan Spinal Rehab Clinic to the existing sidewalk at Suzanne Drive.
E. 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 15 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 15
Five-Year Action Program

Park	Actions
AMERICAN LEGION PARK	1. Level ball diamond infield for drainage
	2. Remove old light poles
ANNROOK PARK	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: ▪ 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 St.
AUDUBON PARK	1. Maintain Park
COMMUNITY CENTER	1. Complete a comprehensive update to the community center including: ▪ 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 permanent and portable glass walls/partitions to separate and secure the weight-fitness area and reduce noise levels or consider a different use for this space if weight fitness can be moved ▪ Add a new weight/fitness area for additional equipment and consider 24 hour access ▪ Move child care to a new location near indoor playground to allow administrative office, wellness office, conference room, and storage in the front area ▪ Convert the wellness office back to a second restroom for separate male/female accommodations when wellness offices are added ▪ 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
	3. Maintenance items including the repair of the parking lot
CRAMTON PARK	1. Install MDOT underpass as part of M-24 reconstruction project
	2. Install new Kiwanis removable pedestrian bridge over Farmer's Creek to replace the old bridge
	3. Pave existing south side parking lot
	4. Pave an 8' wide pathway from the south parking lot to the Kiwanis pedestrian bridge
	5. 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
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. Coordinate with the school district to include improvements to field 10 including benches, ballstops, and paved pedestrian pathways
	2. 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
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. Continue to till and re-seed the back prairie area which has not established well.
	2. Acquire the vacant land surrounding the ponds to protect the environment.
	3. Acquire and remove the billboard east of the park
	4. Pathway connection to Big Lots
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 restroom shelter or pit toilet to service the park and Linear Path
	3. Bulldoze ridge areas and remove old concrete slabs in the park – re-seed
	4. Consider the development of a dog park at this location
ROWDEN PARK	1. Repair tennis court surface
	2. Improve the ball diamond including infield, dugouts, and backstop / fencing
	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. Ensure screening from M-24 when MDOT reconstructs the highway
	2. Upgrade electric to 50 amp service
MISCELLANEOUS	1. Continue to monitor community interest in development of additional facilities such as skateboard/rollerblade park, dog 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 Rd.
	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 St. / Davison Rd. east-west pedestrian and bicycle connection ▪ Davison Rd. sidewalk connection from Rolland-Warner Middle School to Louie's Tavern ▪ Genesee St. sidewalk connection between DeMille Rd. and Lake Dr. ▪ Genesee pathway extension (including two 14' wide elevated boardwalks) from Prairies and Ponds to the Michigan Spinal Rehab Clinic ▪ Genesee sidewalk connection from the Michigan Spinal Rehab Clinic to the existing sidewalk at Suzanne Dr.
	8. Encourage a road diet and re-striping of Genesee St. to include an east/west bicycle lane
Source: City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation, LSL Planning	

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APPENDIX A: HISTORY OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Lapeer has received a number of grants and monetary contributions from foundations and donations. These funding sources supplement local capital project expenditures and in many cases cover most if not all of the costs, resulting in little expense to the tax payers of the City. Table A-1: History of Capital Improvements on the following pages summarizes the capital improvement projects since 1981, including the funding source and results, and serves as the required Grant Inventory for the MDNR.

Table A-1
History of Capital Improvements

Project Name	Year	Funding Source(s)	Total Project Cost	Results
Rowden Park Bandshell/Restrooms	1981	Dorothy Davis Estate	$125,000	Bandshell, Restrooms, Parking
Downtown Parks Improvement	1985	Land & Water Conservation Fund $63,350 Park Fund $53,350 Rotary Club $10,000	$126,700	2 Playgrounds, 2 Pavilions, Pathways, Paved Parking, Signage, Horse Shoe, Shuffle Board
Cramton Playground	1985	Lapeer Kiwanis Club	$15,000	Playground
Rowden Park Tennis Courts	1986	Land & Water Park Fund $45,000 Conservation Fund $45,000	$90,000	3 Lighted Tennis Courts
Optimist Community Soccer Fields	1989	Lapeer Optimist Club $110,000 Lapeer Community Schools 10 acres and parking lot City $10,000	$120,000	5 Soccer Fields
Lapeer Depot Renovations	1990	MDOT Urban and Public Transportation Fund UPTRAN $110,000 AMTRAK $20,000	$130,000	Depot Building & Platform Renovations
Cramton Park Restrooms	1990	Park Fund	$75,000	Restrooms Accessibility, Pathways
Depot Landscaping	1990	TIFA 2	$35,000	Landscape Depot Property
Rowden Park Improvements	1991	DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund $157,350 TIFA 4 $52,450	$209,800	Pathways, Boardwalks, Pavilion, Paved Parking, Landscape/Signage
Rails to Trails Acquisition	1992	DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund $19,050 Park Fund $6,350	$25,400	Purchase of Abandoned Railroad Property
Cramton Park Playground	1993	Lapeer Optimist Club	$45,000	Playground and Pathway
Linear Path Development	1994	DNR Recreation Bond Initiative $180,000 Lapeer Optimist Club $60,000 Park Fund $19,600	$259,600	Pathways, Bridges, Boardwalks, connecting Rowden, Rotary & Annrook Parks

City of Lapeer Community Center	1995	TIFA 1	$7,000,000 *final payment made January 2012	Community Center, Pool, Track, Gym, Weight Fitness, Racquetball, Child Care, Meeting Rooms, Group Fitness, Admin. Offices
City of Lapeer Community Center	1996	Lapeer Rotary Club	$12,000	Two Sand Volleyball Courts
Perkins Park Playground	1999	Lapeer Optimist Club	$20,000	Playground Equipment
Water Tower Travel Trailer Park Improvements/ Rowden Playground	2002	DNR Recreation Bond Initiative $125,160 TIFA 4 $53,640	$178,800	Campground Renovations and New Playground
Audubon Park Playground	2003	Rotary Club $20,000	$20,000	Playground
Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Field Expansion	2004	DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund $406,500 Lapeer Optimist $315,000 SBA Tree Grant $3,000 Private $22,050 City Land Acquisition Fund $171,500 Park Fund $11,950 Schools provide parking/utilities	$930,000	Acquisition of 23 acres (10 school and 13 private) New Soccer Fields, Restrooms/Concession, Pathways, Accessibility, Maintenance Garage, Site Amenities
Prairies & Ponds at Oakdale	2004	Lapeer Community Foundation/Private $100,000 Saginaw Bay Watershed $20,000 Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever pond restoration	$120,000	Limestone Trails, Prairies, Ponds, Pavilion, Boardwalks
Depot Historic Restoration	2004	MDOT Transportation Enhancement $144,000 TIFA 2 $78,700	$222,700	Historic Restoration of Depot Building
Audubon Park Improvements	2005	MHSDA Housing $86,230 Rotary Club $20,000	$106,230	Pavilion, Pathway, Basketball Courts, Fencing, Landscape
Linear Park Extension	2006	MDOT Transportation Enhancement $150,000 Wal-Mart $75,000	$225,000	Pathway Extension, Bridge, Trail Link to Audubon, Landscape
City of Lapeer Community Center Spray Park	2006	TIFA 1	$300,000	Spray Park
Farmer's Creek at Oakdale	2007	W.K. Kellogg Foundation Access to Recreation and Lapeer Community Foundation	$214,500	Accessible Pathways to Prairies & Ponds and a new River Bed Pavilion & Deck
Mt. Hope Cemetery Iron Fence	2007	Perpetual Care Fund	$65,000	Restoration of historic iron fence and added new fence
DeMille Pathway	2009	CMAQ-Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality CMAQ $193,016 TIFA 3 $64,753	$257,769	Pathway from DeMille tunnel to Genesee Stand Rolland Warner School

Mott Access Drive and Parking Lot	2009	TIFA 3	$144,824	700 feet curb/gutter road and 23 parking spaces for Farmer's Creek at Oakdale Park
Cramton Park	2009	TIFA 2	$140,700	Tennis Court repair, new parking (southwest), repair 2 pavilions, added 1 new pavilion, (northwest), accessible pathways, horse shoe & tennis court fencing, playground safety surfacing, drainage, remove hazard trees, restroom partitions/tile.
Community Center Energy Management 2009 Upgrades.	2009	City of Lapeer Energy Management Capital Improvement Fund	1.2 M	Upgrades included energy management to pool heater, UV light, dehumidifiers, light fixtures and bulbs, VFD for motors/pumps, water conservation, motion sensors etc.
Property Acquisition	2010	City Land Acquisition Fund		Acquired 7 acres vacant property adjacent to Community Center.
Community Center Chiller Replacement	2010	TIFA 1	$117,000	Replaced two 75 ton compressors with four 25 ton compressors and air conditioning upgrades.
Annrook and Rotary Park Improvements	2010	Lapeer Kiwanis Club $30,000 Walmart $43,000	$73,000	Kiwanis funded Annrook playground. Other improvements included Rotary Playground, new ball diamond fencing, and laser level ballfields.
Community Center Gym Floor Replacement	2011	Trident Insurance Company	$135,000	Replaced entire wood floor in gymnasium and racquetball courts because of a water damage incident.
Optimist Soccer Field Improvements	2011	Lapeer Soccer Club and Lapeer Community Schools $32,000	$32,000	Scoreboard, 2 sets Bleachers, Film Tower & Storage Building.
Non-Motorized Master Plan	2012	Michigan Municipal League	$24,000	Pedestrian, Bicycle, Small Wheel, Transportation Plans
Rowden Park Tunnel	2012	MDOT		MOOT reconstruction of M-24 placed a tunnel under the State Highway for Rowden Park future trail access.
Carp River Property Donation	2012	Carp River, Inc.		Acquired 6 acre private property donation along Farmer's Creek west of M-24 for future trail development.
Spin Room	2012	Park Fund	$2,000	Added a 15 bike spin room at the Community Center.

Water Tower Travel Trailer Park Office and Landscape	2012	Park Fund	$14,000	Added a 3 season room to manager's campground residence to serve as Campground Office. Landscaped office and bath house areas.
Community Center Weight Fitness Replacement Strength purchase	2013	TIFA 1 Cardio Lease/Buy $83,503 Strength Purchase $63,981	$147,484	All new fitness equipment. Cardio-3 year lease/option to buy.
Lapeer Depot Improvements	2013	TIFA2 Parking Lot/Fence $170,000 Painting $6,300 Platform $8,000	$184,300	Renovated and increased parking from 18 to 47 spaces, decorative fencing, painted Depot, replaced tactile edge platform, engineering.
Village West Pathway	2013	CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant $ CMAQ $332,095 TIFA 3 126,000	$458,095	Asphalt trail approx. 1 mile from Oregon Rd south past Genesee St into Prairies and Ponds. Includes 10 foot path, boardwalk, traffic signals, landscape, and signage.

Source: Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department

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APPENDIX B: CONDITION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

The following table details facilities in each City of Lapeer park, their condition, and recommended actions from the point of view of the Administration.

Table C-1
Condition of Existing City Park Facilities

Item	Condition	Action
American Legion Field		
Ballfield	Fair	Level, Improve Drainage
Fencing	Fair	Maintain
Parking Lot (paved)	Good	Legion
Picnic Area	Fair	Maintain
Annrook Park		
Bleachers (2) wood	Fair	Maintain
Ballfields (2) youth	Good	Level, Improve Drainage
Backstops/Fencing (2)	Good	Replace
Drinking Fountain	Good	Maintain
Footbridge	Good	Maintain
Parking (Horton Street) paved	Good	Maintain
Parking (Downtown) paved	Good	Maintain
Wood Rail	Good	Maintain
Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Playground w/ Safety Surface	Good	Maintain
Asphalt Pathway	Good	Maintain
Open Space	Good	Maintain
Audubon Park		
Benches	Good	Maintain
Bleachers (2) Aluminium	Good	Maintain
Ball Diamond	Fair	Level, Improve Drainage
Basketball Court	Good	Maintain
Soccer Fields (2) youth	Good	Maintain
Fencing	Good	Maintain
Playground w/safety surfacing	Good	Maintain
Drinking Fountain	Good	Maintain
Parking (street side)	Good	DPW
1/3 mile Path	Good	Maintain
Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Portable toilet enclosure	Good	Maintain
Community Center		
Running/Walking Track	Good	Maintain
Weight Fitness Equipment	Good	Maintain
Gym	Good	Maintain
Racquetball Courts (2)	Good	Maintain
Multi Purpose Rooms (2)	Good	Maintain
Locker Rooms (3)	Good	Maintain
Pool	Good	Maintain
Child Care Room	Good	Maintain
Administration Area	Good	Maintain
Bathrooms (3)	Good	Maintain
Outdoor Basketball Courts (2)	Good	Maintain

Table C-1
Condition of Existing City Park Facilities

Item	Condition	Action
Bleachers (2) aluminium	Good	Maintain
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	Good	Maintain
Parking Lot (paved)	Fair	Maintain
Splash Pad	Good	Maintain
Cramton Park (Main Section)		
Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Restroom	Good	Maintain
Tennis Courts (3) w/lights	Fair	Repair Playing Surface & Upgrade Lights
Tennis Court Light Poles (6)	Fair	Maintain
Tennis Rebound Wall/Courts (2)	Good	Maintain
Parking Lot (paved)	Good	Maintain
Playground w/Safety Surface	Good	Maintain
Walk Bridge	Good	Maintain
Cramton Park (Northeast Section)		
Horseshoe Courts (16) w/lights	Good	Maintain Courts & Upgrade Lights
Parking Lot (paved)	Good	Maintain
Parking Posts	Fair	Replace/Maintain
Footbridge	Good	Maintain
Drinking Fountain (1)	Good	Maintain
Playground w/Safety Surface	Good	Maintain
New Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Cramton Park (Southeast Section)		
Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Parking Lot (gravel)	Good	Maintain
Wood Rail	Good	Maintain
Path Bridge	Good	Maintain
East Annrook Park		
Open Space	Good	Maintain
Parking (abandoned railroad)	Fair	Grade Regularly
Farmer's Creek at Oakdale		
Tunnel South of Railroad	Good	Maintain
Pavilion/Teaching Station	Good	Maintain
Walking Paths	Good	Maintain
Interpretative Signage	Good	Maintain
Lapeer Depot		
Restrooms (2)	Good	Maintain
Meeting Room	Good	Maintain
Lobby	Good	Maintain
Landscaping	Good	Maintain
Platform	Good	Maintain
Parking	Good	Maintain
Lapeer Optimist Community Soccer Fields		
Bleachers (10) Aluminium	Good	Maintain
Soccer Fields (10)	Good	Maintain
Fencing	Good	Maintain

Table C-1
Condition of Existing City Park Facilities

Item	Condition	Action
Drinking Fountains (1)	Good	Maintain
Irrigation System	Good	Maintain
Parking Lot (East H.S.)	Good	School
Benches (12)	Good	Maintain
Restrooms (2)	Good	Maintain
Concession (1)	Good	Maintain
Maintenance Building	Good	Maintain
Paths	Good	Maintain
Lights Field #10	Good	Maintain
Perkins Park		
Pavilion	Fair	Maintain Roof & Slab
Playground w/Safety Surface	Fair	Consider Replacement
Fencing	Fair	Maintain
Parking (street side)	Good	DPW
Prairies And Ponds at Oakdale		
35 Acres	Good	Maintain
Limestone Paths	Good	Maintain
Pavilion – no electricity	Good	Maintain
Bridges (3)	Good	Maintain
2 Prairies	Good	Maintain
Teaching Station (1)	Good	Maintain
Portable Toilet	Good	Maintain
Rotary Park		
Parking (paved)	Good	Maintain
Footbridge	Good	Maintain
Pedestrian Railroad Bridge	Good	Maintain
Pavilion	Good	Maintain
Playground w/safety surfacing	Good	Maintain
Horseshoe (2)	Good	Maintain
Asphalt Pathway	Good	Maintain
Stairway	Good	Maintain
Brick Platform	Good	Maintain
Shuffle Board (2)	Fair	Consider Removing
Drinking Fountain	Good	Maintain
Rowden Park		
Pavilion (Main Park)	Good	Maintain
Pavilion (Pine Street)	Fair	Maintain Roof
Playground w/Safety Surface	Good	Maintain
Ball Diamond	Good	Level, Improve Drainage
Ball Diamond Lights	N/A	Remove
Main Parking Lot	Good	Maintain
Restrooms	Good	Maintain
Asphalt Pathway (1 mile)	Fair	Top Coat Areas as Needed
Sledding Hill	Good	Maintain Safe Conditions
Pond	Fair	Control Vegetation on Bank Areas
Open Field	Good	Monitor Prairie Plantings

Table C-1
Condition of Existing City Park Facilities

Item	Condition	Action
Pine Street Parking Lot (gravel)	Good	Maintain
Tennis Court (3) w/light	Fair	Repair Playing Surface & Upgrade Lights
Tennis Court Rebound Wall (1)	Good	Maintain
Landscaping	Good	Maintain
Veterans Memorial Park		
Landscaping	Good	Maintain
Flagpole	Good	Maintain
Monuments	Good	Maintain
Parking (street side)	Good	DPW
Water Tower Travel Trailer Park		
Camp Sites (30)	Good	Grade Regularly
Restrooms	Good	Maintain
Pond	Fair	Maintain
Pathways	Good	Maintain
Electrical	Good	Maintain
Dump Station	Good	Maintain
Sewer	Good	Maintain
Village West Trail		
Benches (2)	Good	Maintain
Bridge	Good	Maintain
Signage	Good	Maintain
Landscape Trees	Good	Maintain
Miscellaneous		
Park and Maintenance Buildings	Good	Maintain

Source: City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation

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APPENDIX C: FUNDING

The scope of recreation improvements proposed for the Five Year Action Program can be financed through a combination of resources. Aside from the general fund, these potential sources are described below.

A. USER FEES

Lapeer must continue to charge reasonable fees to participants of recreation programs. Lapeer should evaluate the fees yearly to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount of funding to allow the programs to continue.

B. RECREATION BOND

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects, such as park improvements, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue Bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

C. MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND (MNRTF)

MNRTF provides funding assistance for the purchase of land (or interests in land) for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, and the development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. The improvement grants are between $15,000 and $500,000 with a required minimum local match of 25%. Acquisition grants vary depending upon the value of property and local match amount; therefore there is not a minimum or maximum amount. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans. Applications are due in April and September of each year for acquisition projects and April of each year for development projects.

D. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)

LWCF provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. The minimum award is $15,000 and the maximum of $500,000 with a 50% local match. The eligibility criterion emphasizes preservation of natural resources such as waterways. This grant is ideal for implementing community park plans. Applications are due in April.

E. THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT (TEA-21)

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) provides funding for numerous types of projects that support the enhancement of transportation facilities and promote safe and efficient multi-modal transportation methods. This is a reimbursement program that originally

comes from the federal level and is administered by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Under this program, Lapeer is eligible to apply for funding to implement non-motorized pathway priorities and some enhancement projects related to transportation. A minimum 20% local match is required for proposed projects. The City has obtained funding through this program to finance pathway installation projects.

F. MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TREE PLANTING GRANTS

Through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, there are three tree planting grant programs that will assist in funding landscape enhancements at the parks and re-foresting projects. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.

Cooperative Resources Management Initiative

This program supports tree planting programs that improve tree species diversity, age/class diversity, reduce current and long-term maintenance costs, increase awareness, education and technical knowledge of trees and natural resources, provide wildlife habitat, improve aesthetics, encourage community/volunteer participation, increase water and air quality, and expand/improve tree cover throughout communities. Eligible projects are separated into three types: Community tree planting projects ($10,000 maximum), projects organized by a non-profit or non-governmental agency on public land ($5,000 maximum), and outdoor classroom/education sites ($5,000 maximum). Applications are due in November of each year (with a possible second round in March).

Urban Community Forestry Program- Arbor Day Mini-Grants

This mini-grant program is designed to provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities related to Arbor Day. Applications are due in July with maximum grant requests of $20,000.

Urban Community Forestry Program

This program provides the same services as above plus management plans, inventories and maintenance activities. These activities do not have to be related to Arbor Day. Applications are due in July with maximum grant requests of $20,000.

G. ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Becoming a member of the Arbor Day Foundation will provide Lapeer with additional resources related to tree planting and maintenance. Lapeer should investigate becoming a designated Tree-City USA, which provides additional advantages towards park enhancement projects.

H. DETROIT EDISON TREE PLANTING

The Detroit Edison Tree Planting program is conducted in partnership with the MDNR to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to $4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50- 50 local match. Applications are due in February.

I. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

A conservation easement is a method of preserving open space that is guaranteed through formal documentation. This technique can also be used to preserve open space if it is not feasible or practical for Lapeer to acquire the land. Rather than obtaining fee simple, or complete ownership, an organization or community can purchase or acquire by gift an 'easement' to the property.

J. PUBLIC-PRIVATE OR PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

Reduced funding at the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities as well as between two or more public entities to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands.

K. DONATIONS

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

L. FOUNDATIONS

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan.

M.SPECIAL MILLAGE

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as park development, pathway improvements and facility upgrades. A millage is an effective method to divide costs over time amongst

all the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects out-right. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is used than a bond.

N. LEASE OR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

The City may increase the availability of recreation facilities to its residents by leasing sites, facilities and services from other sources in order to meet demands.

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APPENDIX D: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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CITY OF LAPEER
PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that a special meeting of the City of Lapeer Park Board will be held December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan, 48446. The purpose of the special meeting will be to review draft concepts and recommendations for updating the Park and Recreation Master Plan and afford citizens the opportunity to provide comments. Written comments will also be received prior to the meeting and can be directed to Ray Turczyn, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, 880 S. Saginaw Street, Lapeer, MI 48446.

The City of Lapeer will provide necessary reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities and/or persons who require language translation assistance upon five (5) days notice by writing or calling the City Manager's Office, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446, (810)664-5231 or TDD (810) 245-4216 for mobility, visually, hearing, language translation, or other assistance. La ciudad de Lapeer será necesario alojamiento razonable para las personas con discapacidad y/o personas que requieren asistencia de traducción lingüística de cinco (5) días de la notificación por escrito o llamando a la Oficina del Administrador de la ciudad, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446, (810) 664-5231 o TDD (810)245 -4216 para la movilidad, visualmente, audiencia, traducción de idiomas o cualquier otro tipo de ayuda.

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CITY CLERK, CITY OF LAPEER

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LAPEER
CITY COMMISSION AND PARK BOARD WORKSHOP
PARK & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

A joint workshop of the City Commission and Park Board has been scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lapeer City Hall Commission Chambers, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446. The purpose of the workshop will be to review draft concepts and recommendations for updating the Park & Recreation Master Plan. Comments will also be considered during the workshop by members of all other city boards and commissions and the public will be invited. Public input is welcome in person, or by contacting Ray Turczyn, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, 880 S. Saginaw Street, Lapeer, MI 48446, phone 810/664-4431, fax 810/667-7153, or email, rturczyn@ci.lapeer.mi.us.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LAPEER
PARK AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN 2014-19
30 DAY PLAN REVIEW PERIOD

A 30 day Public Review period of the City of Lapeer Park and Recreation Master Plan final draft is available beginning Monday, April 7, 2014. Written copies of the plan will be located at the City of Lapeer Clerk's Office, City Hall-2nd Floor, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, MI 48446, Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm, and the City of Lapeer Community Center, 880 S. Saginaw St, Lapeer, MI 48446, Monday through Friday 7am to 9pm, Saturdays 8am to 6pm, Sundays 9am to 6pm. An electronic version is available at lapeercommunitycenter.com. The Park and Recreation Master Plan includes a community description, inventory, analysis of existing recreation facilities and recommended programs, services and facility improvements. Public input is welcome by contacting Ray Turczyn, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, 880 S. Saginaw St, Lapeer, MI 48446, phone (810)664-4431, fax (810) 667-7153, or email rturczyn@ci.lapeer.mi.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW
AND PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF LAPEER
PROPOSED PARKS AND
RECREATION
MASTER PLAN 2014-2019

Notice is hereby given that the Lapeer City Commission will hold a Public Hearing during a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The public is invited to attend and offer comments. Comments may also be submitted in writing and directed to Ray Turczyn, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery at the same address.

Copies of the proposed City of Lapeer Park and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019 will be available for public view at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, the City of Lapeer Community Center, 880 S. Saginaw Street, and the City of Lapeer website at ci.lapeer.mi.us/parksreccom.htm. The Master Plan assists the City in identifying park and recreation needs within the community. The Master Plan includes a community description, inventory, analysis of existing recreation facilities, and recommended projects to be considered for the next five years.

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APPENDIX E: ADOPTION AND TRANSMITTAL

A. RESOLUTIONS

The following pages include copies of the official Resolutions of Adoption by:

- Lapeer City Park Board May 21, 2014
- Lapeer City Commission August 4, 2014

City of Lapeer
Park Board

Resolution of Endorsement
for the
Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan

May 21, 2014

WHEREAS, development of adequate parks and recreation facilities requires a pro-active plan based on a combination of community input, analysis of existing conditions, analysis of the basic needs for current and future residents, parks and recreation planning expertise, as well as a prioritized improvements programs and potential funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific Action Program for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a list of capital improvements for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer Park Board, Planning Commission, City Commission and Parks and Recreation Department staff along with the assistance of LSL Planning Inc., has prepared the Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan which includes all the above elements; and

WHEREAS, said plan meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making Lapeer eligible for State and Federal grant administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Lapeer followed a planning process that contained public involvement, including public meetings for the purpose of soliciting community input on said plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer City Park Board hereby endorses and recommends to the City Commission adoption of the Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

AYES:	**4**	**Nordberg, Marquardt, Alexander, Herbert**
NAYS:	**0**	
ABSENT:	**3**	**McCallum, Rowden, Pizzala**
ABSTAIN:		

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lapeer City Park Board, at a meeting held on May 21, 2014, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Raymond M. Turczyn

Raymond M Turczyn, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery

City of Lapeer
City Commission

Resolution of Adoption
Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019
August 4, 2014

WHEREAS, development of adequate parks and recreation facilities requires a pro-active plan based on a combination of community input, analysis of existing conditions, analysis of the basic needs for current and future residents, parks and recreation planning expertise, as well as a prioritized improvements programs and potential funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific Action Program for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with a list of capital improvements for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer Park Board, Planning Commission, City Commission, and Parks and Recreation Department staff along with the assistance of LSL Planning, Inc., has prepared the Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan which includes all the above elements; and Rowe Professional Services Company; and

WHEREAS, said plan meets the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making Lapeer eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Lapeer followed a planning process that contained public involvement, including public meetings for the purpose of soliciting community input on said plan; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board adopted a resolution to endorse and recommend adoption of said plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City Commission on August 4, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lapeer City Commission hereby adopts the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Lapeer.

AYES: Commissioners Robinet, Lyons, Bennett, Gates, Bostick-Tullius.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Donna L. Cronce, MMC
City Clerk, City of Lapeer

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Lapeer, County of Lapeer, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on August 4, 2014 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full conformity with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

Donna L. Cronce, MMC
City Clerk, City of Lapeer

B. TRANSMITTAL LETTERS

The following pages include copies of the letters sent to the appropriate County, Regional and State agencies as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, including:

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Lapeer County Buildings, Grounds and Parks
- Great Lakes Region V Planning and Development Commission

October 1, 2014

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
530 W. Allegan Street
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Subject: Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the City of Lapeer Parks and Recreation Department, we are pleased to submit for your records the locally adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan was endorsed by the Park Board and adopted by the City Commission on August 4, 2014.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact Ray Turczyn, Recreation Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, 880 S. Saginaw Street, Lapeer, MI, 48446, (810) 664-4431.

Sincerely,

LSL PLANNING, A SAFEBUILT COMPANY

Sherrin S. Hood, AICP
Senior Planner

Enclosure

cc: Ray Turczyn

October 1, 2014

Lapeer County Buildings, Grounds and Parks
255 Clay Street
Lapeer, MI 48446

Subject: Lapeer Parks and Recreation Master Plan

To whom it may concern,

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