City of Hastings

5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

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Introduction

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space are important elements of all communities and provide many recreational, social, and environmental benefits that contribute to a high quality of life. The City of Hastings has recognized the importance of proper recreation planning and has chosen to take an active role in the delivery of recreational opportunities by updating the Parks and Recreation Plan. Recreation planning is an exercise engaged by local governments to anticipate change, and to promote the development and expansion of recreational facilities and services for the benefit of its community. Parks and recreation facilities provide many benefits to the community and the natural environment. Parks provide people with a place to gather, be active, socialize, and connect with the environment and community. Green infrastructure also enhances the livability

of a community by increasing property values and connecting the community. Having the ability to recreate has also been shown to improve the quality of life by contributing to overall mental and physical health and reducing obesity brought on by inactivity. As the community continues to grow and change over time, the City continues to dedicate themselves to improving recreational offerings for its citizens. This plan represents the culmination of the planning efforts of the community and local officials; and reflects the City's desire to blend the available recreational resources and activities with the environmental and cultural elements of the community.

PLAN PURPOSE

The 2019-2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a guide for the future development of recreation facilities in the City. It provides short and midrange recommendations for park facilities,

programs, and services; maintenance operations; administration and management; and capital improvements. The City recognizes the significant role that recreation plays in providing a high quality of life and improved physical health of its citizens. This appreciation has been manifested in this effort to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan with the hopes of improving local park systems and public trails, promoting the preservation of natural areas, and establishing a strong commitment to strengthening a sense of community. This plan provides the data and direction to ensure that parks and recreation offerings are aligned with the community needs and values. The plan addresses current recreation issues and identifies and prioritizes future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the upcoming five-year period.



PLAN SCOPE

The scope of this plan includes suggestions for the management, improvement, and expansion of the recreation system within the City of Hastings. The plan also considers recreational facilities within the county, neighboring townships, and school district that are available to citizens of the Hastings community. Key planning issues are identified, a clear set of goals and objectives are outlined, and specific implementation strategies are delineated. The scope will include all of the City's recreation facilities, undeveloped open space, trail systems, and recreational programming.

The scope of the planning effort is limited to the City boundaries. However, consideration is also made of regional facilities that influence use patterns. The use of City facilities by residents living in the surrounding communities, which may have limited recreation facilities of their own, is also a consideration of the planning process. In terms of an implementation time line, the Action Program section of this document covers development over the next five years.



The City's recreation plan was previously updated in 2008 and in 2014. The previous plans documented conditions and trends at the time and contained many ideas for improvements; some of which have been realized. This updated plan builds on the recommendations of the previous plans and has been developed to reflect the changing needs and goals of the Hastings Community. This plan also meets the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for qualifying for Federal and State funding assistance. These funds are available for land acquisition, facility development and improvements to new and existing park lands.



Community Description

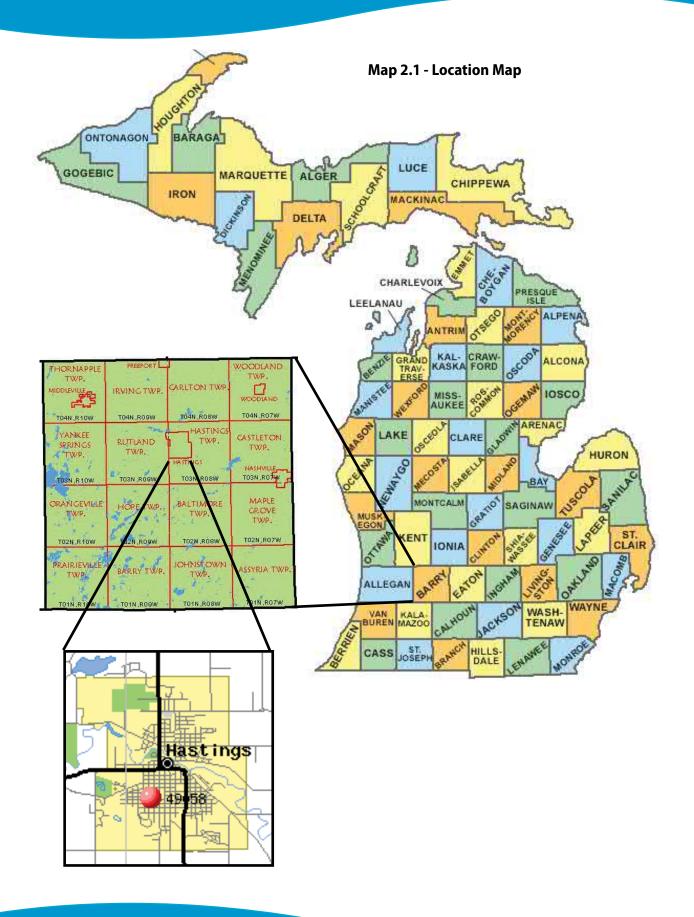
PLAN JURISDICTION

This section is intended to describe the jurisdiction and focus of the plan, provide a brief overview of the community, and identify important community based factors that should be considered in parks and recreational planning. This Recreation Master Plan has been prepared to serve the City of Hastings and is planned to focus on all aspects of the City's parks and recreation facilities and programs. Recreational facilities and programs that serve adjacent communities have also been considered and incorporated into this planning document. The plan is intended to contribute to the quality of life for the residents and visitors of the Hastings community, but also provide recreational experiences to the residents in adjacent communities within the county.

REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Hastings is located in the center north of Barry County in the southwestern lower peninsula of Michigan, centrally positioned between the metropolitan areas of Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Lansing. The City of Hastings is the only City and the most urbanized area of Barry County and serves as the County Seat. The City is bordered by Hastings Township to the north, east and south, and by Rutland Charter Township to the west. Map 2.1 - Location Map shows the relationship of the City of Hastings to neighboring communities.

The City of Hastings includes a hilly, wooded countrysidedotted with spring-fed lakes and covers approximately 5.28 square miles in area. The City of Hastings is served by two major highways, M-43 running from Lansing (northeast) to Kalamazoo



(southwest) and M-37 running from Grand Rapids (northwest) to Battle Creek (southeast). M-79 runs due east from the City, linking to M-66 and I-69 and M-179 links to US 131 to the west. The distance from major highways has helped the City maintain its rural small town identity, but transportation links are sufficient to encourage continuing commercial and residential development.

The history of Hastings dates back to 1836 when three entrepreneurs purchased the 480 acres along the Thornapple River from Eurotas P. Hastings. They platted the land into lots and streets and soon a small community arose. In 1843, the State legislature designated Hastings as the County Seat of Barry County, ensuring the City's future importance. The historic Barry County Courthouse, which dominates the downtown, was built in 1893.

The City grew through the 1800s with a wooden school house built in 1841, a stagecoach service linking the City to Grand Rapids and Battle Creek in 1848 and the first railroad service in 1861. Hastings was incorporated as a village in 1855 and officially became a City in 1871.



The City's downtown area exhibits many 19th Century buildings, while more modern commercial development continues along West State Street, extending into the neighboring Rutland Charter Township.

Physical Characteristics

The topography of the City ranges from

undulating in the northwest and southwest to relatively flat in the central area, ranging between 750-800 feet above sea level. The surrounding land is characterized by rolling topography with numerous lakes, streams, wooded areas, and wetlands.

Climatology

Lake Michigan, which is about 110 miles west of Hastings, has a significant influence on the climate of the study area. The lake temperature, together with the prevailing westerly winds, moderates seasonal temperature extremes. Hastings gets some kind of precipitation, on average, 79 days per year and gets 37 inches of rain, on average, per year. Hastings is considered to have a warm summer continental climate based on its seasonal precipitation and temperature patterns.

Soils

The characteristics of the majority of soils within Hastings impose minor constraints on development. In general, loam, sandy loam, and loamy sand soils are most common. Loamy soils are found primarily in the southern half of the City, sandy loam in the northwest and west quadrant, and loamy sand soils in the northeast areas of the City. These soils for the most part are well drained. Physical limitations to their development, when they do occur, exist because of excessive slopes.

Organic soils offer the greatest physical constraint to development with the City of Hastings. These soils are generally poor drained, occurring in depression areas. Most often these soils coincide with the wetland and floodplain areas of the City. Limitations are attached to development on organic soils due to problems with drainage, frost action, and low bearing capacity.

Water Resources

Although there are no significant lakes located within the City limits, there are a number of lakes in the surrounding Townships that are considered

valuable resources in the area. These include Algonquin, Carter, Lily, Leach, Laubaugh, Middle, Lower, Bear Hole, and Thornapple Lakes. Hastings is also characterized by the Thornapple River which meanders through the City and provides a valuable resource to the community. Many wetland and flood prone areas exist adjacent to the river. Wetlands are a critical natural feature that help collect and store precipitation and run-off, regulate the movement of water within watersheds, and serve as filters for sediments and organic matter. Lakes, rivers, and wetlands have proven to be valuable resources for the community and it is essential to protect these natural resources.

Thornapple River

The Thornapple River is a dominant waterway that cuts through the north part of the City and meanders from the east to the west and north. It is a tributary of the Grand River and its watershed covers approximately 857 square miles covering portions of Barry, Eaton, Ionia, and Kent Counties. The Thornapple River also includes approximately 324 miles of streams and rivers that flow into it. The river is a prized natural feature in the community and a major source of recreation that sees significant use for rafting, kayaking, tubing, canoeing, and fishing. The river includes many points of access including canoe liveries, overlook decks, and fishing areas. The river is also home to a large variety of wildlife including many species of birds and fish including duck, heron, osprey, eagle, bluegill, northern pike, trout, bass, and perch.

Sweezy's Pond

The pond, originally known as Bates' Pond, was once dammed and served as a feeder for the former fish hatchery at the corner of Green Street and Cook Road (that later became Fish Hatchery Park). After the dam was damaged in 2014, the pond was allowed to return to its natural state. Currently the pond is surrounded by woodland and wetland areas, and provides home to many species of wildlife.

Non-Motorized Transportation

The City, with the help of a planning consultant, has developed a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The goal of the plan is to develop a framework for creating a comprehensive network of sidewalks, shared-use pathways, bike lanes, crosswalks, and other non-motorized facilities in the City. The plan includes maps of existing and proposed routes, guidelines, policies, objectives, strategies, and actions for implementation of the plan. The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Route Map is included in the Recreation Inventory.



SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The review of trends in population growth is helpful in developing an understanding of the City's recreational needs. Also reviewing other demographic indicators such as age, education, income, and employment trends can assist in determining the type of recreational facilities that may be needed or desired and will allow facilities and programs to keep pace with demand.

Population Trends

Demographic information was gathered from the 2010 US Census. As of 2010, the City of Hastings has a population of 7,350 which represents a 3.6% increase from the 2000 Census. The 2017 population estimate for the City of Hastings is 7,313 which represents a 3% increase from the 2000 Census, however it is a slight decrease from the 2010 census . The City has experienced an overall modest increase in population in the last 20 years however it is estimated that there may be a slight decrease in population in the last 10 years. Table 2.1 delineates population growth in the City over the last 30 years. To put this rate of growth into perspective, it is important to compare growth comparisons with other adjacent communities. This is useful in attempting to forecast areas of future growth in the area as well as future demands on the City's park system. Table 2.2 illustrates population growth comparisons with adjacent communities as well as the County and State. The table shows the growth rate in the City has been slower than the westerly Townships of Rutland and Irving, stronger than the adjacent Hastings Township, and similar to the County.

Table 2.1: Population Growth - Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau					
Year	Population # Change % Chang				
1990	6,549		-		
2000	7,095	546	8.3%		
2010	7,350	255	3.6%		
Est. 2017	7,313	-37	-0.5%		

Table 2.2: Population Comparison- Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau						
Community	1990	2000	2010	% Change	2017	
	Population	Population	Population	2000-2010	Estimate	
Hastings Twp	2,826	2,930	2,948	0.6%	2,961	
Rutland Twp	2,801	3,646	3,987	9.4%	3,970	
Irving Twp	1,903	2,682	3,250	21%	3,262	
Carlton Twp	2,069	2,331	2,391	2.6%	2,311	
Barry County	50,057	56,755	59,173	4.2%	60,586	
State of Michigan	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	-0.5%	9,962,311	

Age

The median age of the City of Hastings is 37, which is 15% younger than the County as a whole (42.6) and 8% younger than the State of Michigan (40). The median age represents the mid-point in the range of all ages within the City. Understanding the age demographics is useful in identifying the type of recreational facilities that may be needed, desired, or over provided. For example, a younger population may desire more active types of facilities while an aging population may desire more passive types of facilities. Table 2.3 illustrates the breakdown of population based on age (based on 2010 census).

Table 2.3 Population by Age - Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau							
Age	Number			Percentage			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Total Population	3,445	3,905	7,350	46.9	53.1	100	
18 and over	2,455	2,942	5,397	33.4	40	73.4	
18 and under	1,054	1,004	2,058	14.3	13.7	28	
5-24 (Gen Z)	1,015	1,038	2,053	13.8	14.1	27.9	
25-39 (Millennials)	692	686	1,378	9.4	9.3	18.7	
40-54 (Gen X)	689	765	1,454	9.4	10.4	19.8	
55-74 (baby boomer)	568	697	1,265	7.7	9.5	17.2	
75 and over	190	445	635	2.6	6.1	8.7	

The City's age distribution appears to be mostly balanced as there is not a particular age group that dominates the rest. About 28% of the population falls in the 5-24 range suggesting there may be a need for youth-oriented facilities. About 38.5 % of the population falls in the 25-54 age group suggesting there could be a need for family-oriented recreation as this age group is most likely to have families. About 17.2% of the population includes the baby boomers which suggests the need for passive, senior-oriented facilities. These results reflect a need for a well-balanced park and recreation system that provides facilities for young, active families, as well as accessible facilities for the aging population.

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 disabilities generally increases, and this trend is consistent for the City. Disabilities include vision, cognitive, auditory, ambulatory, self care, and living independently difficulties. According to the U.S. Census data, it is estimated that in 2016 approximately 18.9% of City residents live with a disability, with approximately 83.3% of those individuals being 35 years and older. These figures indicate that, while the City population is modest, there still exists an important contingent of residents who rely on more accessible places to recreate.

Income

A successful parks and recreation system includes providing affordable recreational opportunities to the community. It is important to understand the availability of disposable income for recreation within

the community as household incomes vary within the region. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the estimated median household income level for 2016 is \$47,672 for the City. Table 2.4 illustrates the median household income of the City, compared to other nearby communities. The median income level in the City is about 19% lower than that of the county (\$56,883) and about 6.6% lower than the State of Michigan. (\$50,803). As shown in the table, income is lower in the City compared to the adjacent Townships. This level of income in the City could make it possible to secure certain types of grants, but may not support the concept of a park millage.

Table 2.4 Median Household Income - Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau				
City of Hastings	\$47,672			
Hastings Township	\$54,087			
Rutland Township	\$62,883			
Irving Township	\$63,575			
Carlton Township	\$64,779			
Barry County	\$56,883			

Employment

Residents of the City are employed in a range of employment categories including manufacturing, retail, services, and health care. Major employers in the City include Pennock Hospital, Hastings Manufacturing Company, Flex-Fab, Hastings Mutual Insurance, Viking and Barry County government. Approximately 66% of residents work within Barry County and 34% of residents commute (U.S. Census) to Grand Rapids, Lansing, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo for employment. Given that approximately 92% of residents drive automobiles to work (U.S. Census), expanding the current network of trails, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle lanes may encourage residents to use alternative modes of transportation which in turn promotes a healthier lifestyle and high quality of life. According to the U.S. Census, the estimated rate of unemployment in the City is 6.6%. The

relative strength of the employment picture in the City suggests that the local economy is stable and that residents should be able to continue to fund the parks and recreation budget.

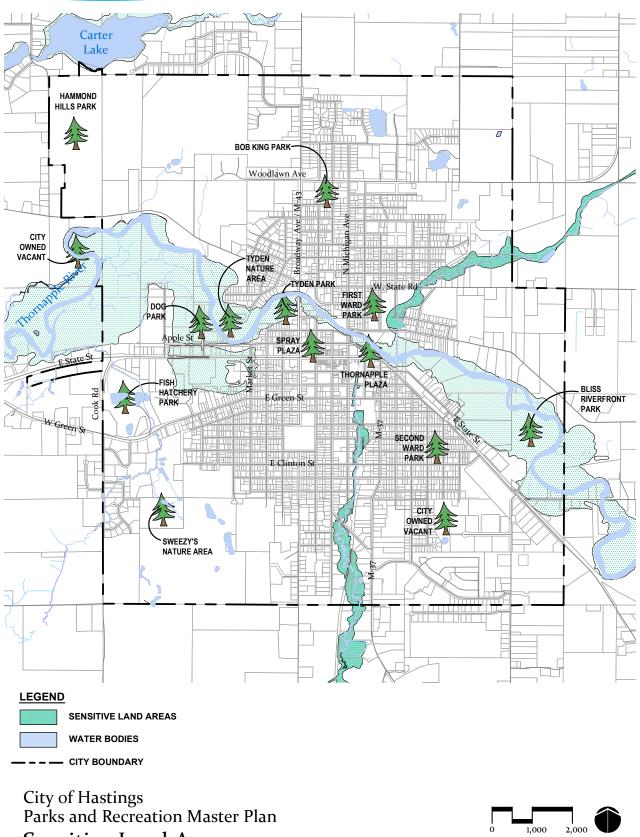
Land Use

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 of Hastings provides a variety of different housing opportunities based on both age and density. According to the U.S. Census data (2016 Estimate), there are a total of 3,244 housing units in the City of which 3,038 are occupied. Older single family, medium density residential neighborhoods surround the Downtown area. Rural and suburban residential areas are located on the west edge of the City, while multi-family units and apartments are concentrated north of Woodlawn Avenue. A mobile home park is located in the southeast of the City. The Central Business District includes land north and south of East State Street with mixed commercial, office and residential areas adjacent to it. A second Commercial District is located along West State Street to the City limits, and an industrial park is located on the southeast side of the City. A large portion of the land along the river is designated floodplain.

The City is currently in the process of developing a Land Use Master Plan that will act as a guide for future growth and development and allow the City to prepare for the future needs of the community.

Map 2.2 - Sensitive Land Areas



Sensitive Land Areas



Administrative Structure

The City of Hastings operates under the Council/Manager form of government. The Council/Manager Plan is a system of local government that combines the political leadership of an elected City Council with the professional managerial experience of the City Manager. In order to understand how park and recreation functions are administered in the City, we must look at the administrative structure of the City.

Hastings City Council

The Hastings City Council consists of a Mayor, and two elected officials from each of the City's four wards, one of which serves as Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor serves a term of four years, while members of the Council also serve four year terms that are staggered. The Council is the legislative and policy making body of the City and is responsible for the performance of all obligations and duties imposed on the City by the State of Michigan.

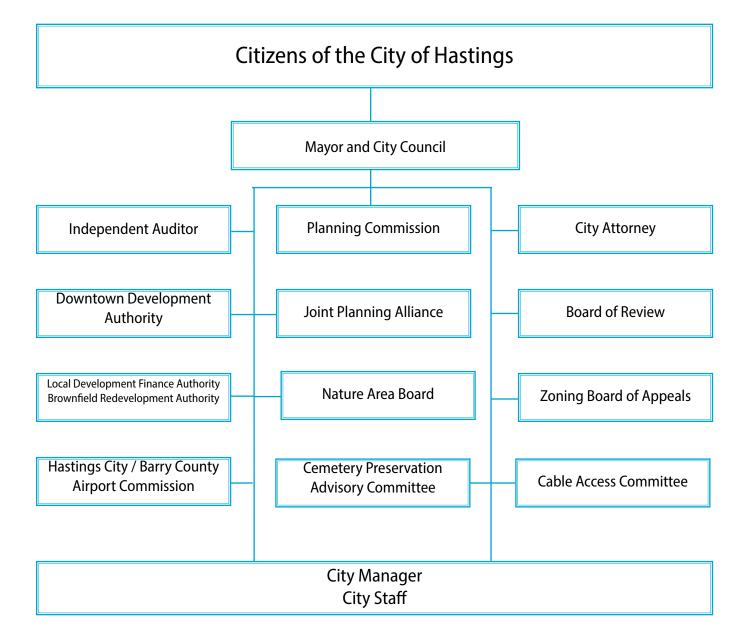
Hastings City Manager

The City Manager serves as the chief administrative officer and is responsible to the City Council for all administrative functions and business of the City. City employees are hired and discharged by the City Manager and are responsible to the City Manager in all aspects of job performance. The City Manager prepares and submits the annual budget proposal of the City. The City Manager acts as the chief purchasing agent of the City, seeks federal funds and represents the City in all contract and labor

negotiations. The City Council appoints the City Manager who is responsible for advising the Council on various matters facing the City and implementing the policies of the Council. The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of all City services and programs. Refer to Figure 3.1 for the City Organization Chart.

Figure 3.1 - City Organizational Chart

Commissions and Boards



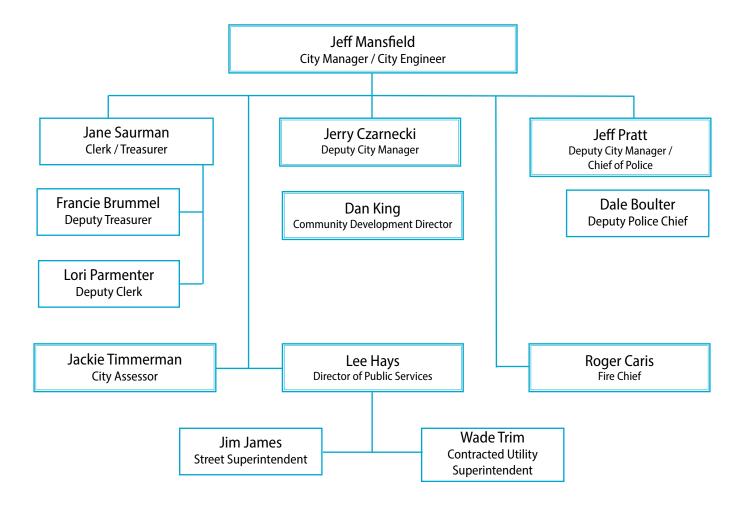
Departmental Organizational Structure

Under the direction of the City Manager, three (3) municipal departments are actively involved in the administration, planning, and maintenance of the City's parks, recreation, programs, and services.

- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Public Services
- Department of Community Development

Figure 3.2 - Administrative Organization

Departments



Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for all matters relating to the construction, management, maintenance, and operation of the physical properties and services of the parks and recreation facilities owned, leased or operated by the City of Hastings. The Parks Department is administered by the Director of Public Services.

The Department is responsible for general operational oversight of the parks and related facilities, including administration of the ordinances related to park operation. The Department works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other State and Federal agencies to obtain funding for improvements to the parks and recreation system.

The Department works with and provides funds for the Barry County YMCA to provide recreation services for local residents. Recreation facilities within the parks are utilized by numerous public and private groups. The Parks and Recreation Department is administered by the Department of Public Services. The Director of Public Services is charged with direct oversight of the Department. In turn, the Director of Public Services is accountable to the City Manager who is ultimately accountable to the City Council. Personnel and equipment from the Department of Public Services are utilized for maintenance and other operations within the park facilities.



Goals and Objectives of the Department

Goal 1: Maintain the Parks and Recreation Facilities of the City of Hastings in the finest possible condition.

Objectives:

- 1. To monitor and maintain the park grounds and facilities as required.
- 2. To repair or replace damaged park equipment.
- 3. To strive to improve the quality of park and recreation lands, facilities and services.
- 4. To maximize the quantity, quality, and efficiency of effort spent in obtaining these objectives.

Goal 2: Provide the parks and recreation facilities most needed by the citizens of Hastings and maximize the use of these facilities.

Objectives:

- 1. To maintain the City of Hastings Parks and Recreation Master Plan in current status and to update the plan as necessary.
- 2. To review the Master Plan to determine community needs and desires and to strive to provide facilities in accordance with these needs and desires.
- 3. To work closely with the Barry County YMCA to provide programming and recreational opportunities for Hastings citizens.
- 4. To work with outside groups and agencies to maximize the use of park facilities through schedule optimization.
- 5. To actively promote the parks and recreation facilities available in the City of Hastings.



Goal 3: Construct, monitor, and maintain the park grounds and facilities in a manner which maximizes the safety of those using, maintaining or passing near the parks.

Objectives:

- 1. To allow only high quality materials and construction methods to be used for construction or maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.
- 2.To hire, promote, and train individuals committed to excellence in service, and to provide adequate incentives to ensure that they will continue to strive to maintain quality performance.
- 3. To train, retrain, and monitor park maintenance personnel to ensure safe operation of equipment and interaction with the public.
- 4. To inspect the parks and recreation facilities and schedule and perform necessary maintenance or replacement of facilities as required ensuring all facilities are as safe as possible.
- 5. To monitor legislation and regulatory requirements for provision of facilities and services to ensure all facilities are kept up to modern standards.
- 6. To seek supplemental funding sources to allow continuous improvement to the park system
- 7. To constantly strive for improvement in the services we provide.
- 8. To seek adequate funding, manpower, and other resources necessary to ensure proper oversight and maintenance of the park system and related improvements.

Goal 4: To broaden the number and scope of recreational opportunities available to those utilizing the park system and recreational facilities within the City.

Objectives:

- 1. To provide documentation and information regarding grant opportunities and other funding sources for park improvement.
- 2. To complete improvements to the Riverwalk and recreational trails with local forces. Use this

work as a match in securing grants from the MDEQ, MDNR, CMI, MDOT, and other sources.

- 3. To strive to accomplish the goals contained within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and to facilitate the projects contained within the plan.
- 4. To monitor potential opportunities for expansion of recreational opportunities and to provide feedback to those able to capitalize on these opportunities.
- 5. To work with agencies advocating community wide recreational programs and to promote the Hastings area as a whole.
- 6. To work closely with the Barry County YMCA as the City's recreation services provider

Financial Commitment

Sources of funding for the department are (in order of magnitude): municipal taxes (see General Fund Budget - Appendix); user fees and charges; and state and federal grants (see Table 3.1 – Park Development Grant Summary). Additional resources are derived from community contributions and donations, including volunteer support. The department strives to offer services in the most cost effective manner, minimizing the impact on the tax rate and seeking alternative sources of revenue enhancement. The Parks and Recreation Department annually prepares budget requests for City Manager review and recommendation to the City Council for adoption. Included in the Appendix are proposed priorities for capital improvements for improvement projects.

Recreational Programming

The City contracts with the Barry County YMCA to provide recreation programs for residents of the City of Hastings. These programs are open to all participants, but at a reduced rate for City residents. A portion of the parks and recreation budget is dedicated to the YMCA for this purpose. The YMCA has its own Board which advises on the policies and procedures of the YMCA.



City of Hastings 2018 Events

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 17th 4pm For more information contact WBCH at 269-945-3414

BARRY ROUBAIX- KILLER GRAVEL ROAD RACE April 21st

JAZZ FESTIVAL

April 26th- 28th throughout downtown
For more information, contact the Thornapple Arts Council
at 269-945-2002

FARMER'S MARKET

Saturdays 9am-1pm Wednesdays 1pm-6pm May-October Courthouse lawn

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

May 3rd Enjoy a girl's night out in downtown Hastings from 5-8pm

HASTINGS CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

May 11th- 13th

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 28th 9:30am

TROLLEY AROUND TOWN

Fridays June 8th-August 31th 6-9pm.

CITY BAND

Wednesdays June 6th- July 4th at 7:30 on the Thornapple Plaza

PLAYING AT THE SPRAY PLAZA

Children's Entertainment Series Thursdays June 14th- August 9th at 11am

FRIDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN

June 15th- July 27th at noon Courthouse Lawn in downtown Hastings

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Programs provided include:

- Swim lessons
- Baseball clinic for boys and girls K-2
- Youth volleyball clinic: grades 3rd thru 6th.
- Kid's night out
- Elementary all-nighters at camp
- Spring break day camp: ages 6 12
- T-ball / baseball / softball
- Karate: in association with the Hastings karate club for children ages 5-10
- Self-defense class for men and women ages
 12 and up
- Summer playground
- Tennis lessons
- Golf lessons
- Middle school golf league
- Adult co-ed kickball
- Adult slow pitch softball: men's and co-ed
- Adult fitness programs
- Adult volleyball league: women's and co-ed

The City also partners with other various public and private organizations to provide a number of special programs and events. These programs and events are typically planned and organized by other organizations but the City provides promotional support, facilities, and in some cases financial and staff support.

- Concert series
- Parades
- Barry Roubaix
- Festivals
- Farmer's Market
- Girls' Night Out
- Fridays at the Fountain
- Playing at the Spray Plaza
- Gus Macker
- Summerfest
- Founder's Fall Fondo
- Arts and Eats Tour
- Jingle Mingle
- New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Maintenance

The Department of Public Services, with review and approval by the City Manager, prepares maintenance and development schedules for the fiscal year in accordance with the development of the City budget and Capital Improvement Program. Maintenance operations are completed under the supervision of the Director of Public Services. These operations include routine repairs, minor construction projects, and supervision of contractual /maintenance work. The intent of these operations is to maintain high-quality standards in all City parks, recreation facilities, cemeteries and public ground areas.

Community Development

Community Development provides service delivery in support of total community development and revitalization. The Department manages federal, state and local funds supporting programs and services that benefit residents, commercial corridors, business and industry, and the downtown district, among other targeted areas and sites in the City. These programs address housing needs, job creation and retention, brownfield redevelopment, riverfront revitalization, and community reinvestment through established partnerships in the community.

Community Development is also responsible for direct community promotion efforts and actively participates in community and regional planning. The department staff assists the Zoning Administrator and Planning Consultant with the Planning responsibilities for the City

Role of Commissions and Advisory Boards

In addition to the various departments involved in parks and recreation in the City of Hastings, there are a number of Boards and Commissions that make recommendations or coordinate with the City Council regarding parks, recreation, and cultural matters. These include the following:

- Planning Commission
- Downtown Development Authority
- Cemetery Preservation Advisory Committee
- Nature Area Board
- YMCA Board
- Library Board

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Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is authorized by Michigan statute and consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of the City Council. The Commission has as primary responsibilities the preparation and adoption of a Comprehensive Plan that guides decision-making related to future land use, community development and capital investments, and making recommendations and advising City Council on land use, zoning and related development matters of importance in the community.

Downtown Development Authority

The Hastings Downtown Development Authority was implemented under the provisions of Act 187 of the Public Acts of 1975. The Act was developed to assist units of Government in their encouragement of historic preservation, in the correction, elimination, and prevention of blight and deterioration in the

business district, and to encourage and promote economic development. The Act seeks to promote growth and revitalization through the use of tax increment financing to fund the activities of a development plan. The Act seeks to improve the quality of urban life by attacking problems of urban decline where they are most apparent, in the downtown districts of urban communities. The Act seeks to accomplish its goals by providing municipalities with the necessary legal, monetary, and organizational tools to revitalize downtown districts through publicly initiated projects undertaken cooperatively with privately initiated projects. The City of Hastings Downtown Development and Financing Plan has been prepared within the purposes of the Act addressing the problems and priorities as perceived by the Hastings Downtown Development Authority and approved by the Hastings City Council.

Cemetery Preservation Advisory Committee

The Cemetery Operating Fund was created as the City assumed ownership and operation of Riverside Cemetery. The funding comes from a City millage (3/4 mill) and is used to account for all matters relating to the management, maintenance, operation, and improvement of the cemetery's physical properties and services to current and future holders of burial rights. The maintenance and operation of the Cemetery's physical property are administered by the Director of Public Services. Personnel and equipment from the Department of Public Services, including the Equipment Fund, are utilized for maintenance and other operations within the Cemetery. Contract service providers are also utilized to perform selected maintenance activities.

Hastings Outdoor Nature Area

The appointed board is made up of seven members, two of which are nominated by the Hastings Schools' Board of Education, four are nominated by the Mayor, and one member is a member of the City Council. The purpose of the Hastings Outdoor

Nature Area include: Preserve and protect existing natural resources in the area; develop programs in natural history and conservation; provide leadership so individuals and family, community and school groups may visit, learn, and enjoy the area; increase knowledge, appreciation and understanding of the natural world; develop awareness, appreciation and affection for nature; develop a desire and will, based on understanding,







to use natural resources wisely; stimulate a use of outdoors for leisure time activities; teach good outdoor manners and conduct in order to promote a better citizenship by stressing individual responsibility; and develop rules and regulations for the use of the area.

YMCA Board

The YMCA of Barry County has been an integral part of the community since 1916. The YMCA develops programs that strengthen kids, families and the community. The YMCA serves the Hastings community through its many programs which include summer camps, youth and adult sports, community outreach, mentoring and more. The YMCA board does not report to the City, however the City currently partners with the YMCA for recreational programs. The YMCA board has nine members which includes City representatives such as the City Manager and the Director of Public Services.

Library Board

A nine member Library Board is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council (5 members), and by the Boards of Hastings (2 members) and Rutland (2 members) Charter Townships. Meeting monthly, the Board is responsible for managing funds for operations and for determining policy.

Budgeting and Funding

Budgets for parks, programs, services and maintenance are located in the Appendix of this document. The budget includes Operation and Maintenance, Capital Improvements, and Programs and Services. The basic sources for funding to support the operating and capital improvements budgets of the Parks and Recreation department are the following: taxes, fees and charges, government grants and gifts or bequests.

Taxes – Consisting of local real estate or property taxes; they are derived by assessing industrial or residential property within the borders of the municipality at a given rate.



Grants – Park development has benefited from a variety of grants as shown on the Park Development Grant Summary (Table 3.1).

Fees & Charges – Consisting of monies collected for program participation and facility rentals. Fees and charges are reviewed annually to assure an equitable system to offset departmental operating costs and provide value to program participants and facility users.

Gifts & Bequests – Included are gifts that come from private sources such as foundations, business firms or individuals. These are solicited when accompanying stipulations are such that the gift would be determined beneficial to City responsibilities for the provision of park and recreational services.

Grant Inventory

The City of Hastings has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The following table delineates the City's grant history.

Table 3	Table 3.1 : City of Hastings Park Development Grant Summary 1976-2018					
Year	Project Number	Project Name	Description	Grant Amount	Funding Source	
1976	26-00837	Fish Hatchery Park	Lighted ballfield, fencing, bleachers, players benches, sign	\$29,536	LWCF	
1985	26-01424	Fish Hatchery Park	Parking, drives, tennis, soccer, playground, basketball, horseshoe pits, picnic shelter, re- stroom, concessions, utilities, trails, walkways	\$155,627	LWCF	
1992	BF92-298	Tyden Park	Tennis Courts, basketball courts, picnic shelter, sand volleyball	\$75,000	Bond Fund	
1999	TF99-283	Hastings Riverwalk Development	5,060 ft of paved trail along Thornapple River, boardwalk, pedestrian bridge, fishing/viewing decks, BF restroom, crushed stone trail	\$284,000	Trust Fund	
2009	TF09-111	Hasting Riverwalk Development	1.6 mile paved trail from Tyden Park to Riverwalk Park along Thornapple River Corridor, overlook decks, pocket park	\$370,000	Trust Fund	
2011	TF11-080	Tyden Park Riverwalk Trail Extension	Concrete overlook deck, .6 mi paved trail, restoration, sign, streambank restoration, trees, site furnishings	\$244,900	Trust Fund	



Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas & Recreation Facilities

In order to understand the recreational needs of the City, an inventory and analysis of the existing facilities was completed. The intent of the analysis is to provide a comprehensive perspective of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the City has to offer its citizens. The inventory is based on information provided by City leadership, site inspections carried out by VIRIDIS Design Group, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Standards, and the 2014 Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Park Classifications

The NRPA has established generally recognized standards for classifying types of parkland based on size and function which provide a means for determining the primary purpose or use of existing facilities in a community. These designations have been adopted by the MDNR; and provide one method of defining the purpose and use of facilities. Figure 4.1 delineates the NRPA park categories that apply to parks in the City of Hastings.

Figure 4.1: Park Class	ifications			
Park Type	General Description	Service Acres/1,000 Typic Area Population Size		Typical Size
Mini	Small specialized parks that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood.	< 1/4 mile	< 1/4 mile	
Neighborhood	 Basic unit of park system that serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Provides both informal active and passive recreation. 	1/4 to 1/2 1.0 to 2.0 Ac 5-10 acre		5-10 acres
Community	Meets community-based recreational needs.Preserves unique landscapes and open spaces.	1/2 mile to 3 miles	5.0 to 8.0 Ac	30-50 acres
School Park	 Facilities located on public school property. Generally used for school athletic programs but are also open to the public. 	Determined by location of School District property		
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation for significant natural resources, remnant landscapes or aesthetics.	Determined by resource availability and opportunity		
Greenways	Linear parks generally measured in feet/miles.Can link parks together to create a continuous park.	Determined by available resources and location		
Special Use	Broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward a single-purpose use.	Variable - dependent on use		
Connector Trails	Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pe- destrians to and from parks and around the communi- ty. Focus is on both transportation and recreation	Variable Type 1 - Located outside road ROW Type 2 - Located within road ROW		
On-Street Bikeways	Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic.	Variable Bike Route - designated portions of the road for exclusive use of bicyclists Bike Lane - Shared portions of roadway that provide separation between vehicles and bicyclists		

Mini Parks

Mini-parks are specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population of specific group such as tots or senior citizens. The service area of a mini-park is less than ¼ mile radius and the park size is typically 1 acre or less. There are no City parks classified within this category.

Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park is the basic unit of the park system and typically serves a residential area of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park but can be up to 25 acres. The focus is typically on informal active and passive recreational activities. Hastings has three parks classified within this category.

Community Parks

Community-wide parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas typically range between 30-50-acres in size and $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 mile service radius. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers and lighted ball diamonds. Community Parks should be serviced by arterial or connector streets and should be easily

accessible from throughout their service area by interconnecting trails. Hastings has three parks classified within this category.

Natural Resource Parks

Natural resource areas are lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, landscapes and open space. These sites may be unsuitable for development but offer natural resource potential and can support recreational activities at a level that preserves the integrity of the natural resource. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability. Hastings has three parks classified within this category.

Special Use Parks

Special use parks are areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities. The specialized recreational activities may include boat launches, swimming beaches, plazas or squares, historic sites, stadiums, urban green-spaces, and nature centers. There are no generally accepted standards for the size or service areas of these parks. Location and size criteria are variable and depend on the specific use of the site.

Trails and Greenways

Greenways tie park systems together and form a continuous park environment. The location and size of these parks are largely governed by availability. Trails may be located within parks, on an independent right-of-way, or within the road right- of way. There are a number of different types of trails that can provide both transportation and recreation opportunities. Connector trails are defined as "multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the Community" (J.D. Mertes and J.R. Hall, Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, 1995). These trails are generally located within the road right-of-way and can be divided into two types. Type I has separate paths for different user types, such as pedestrians and

bicyclists. Type II has mixed uses and is suited to lighter use patterns. The Riverwalk is a greenway and the main off-road trail facility managed by the City. Other parks such as Tyden, Fish Hatchery, and Bliss have internal paved and nature trails. The Tyden Nature Area also contains a network of crushed gravel nature trails and boardwalk paths.

Barrier Free Accessibility

Federal and State laws require all areas of public service to be accessible to all persons including those with limited sight, hearing, mobility, and comprehension. Developed park facilities must comply with barrier-free design standards. Park facilities in the City of Hastings have been reviewed to understand the need for improvements relating to barrier-free accessibility. In addition, as park development is considered in the future, barrier-free accessibility is a significant priority item to help ensure that recreation can be enjoyed by all residents and visitors of the City. Following is a ranking system in accordance with MDNR standards:

- 0 = Completely undeveloped, no paved surface, left in a natural state.
- 1 = None of the facilities in the park meet accessibility guidelines.
- 2 = Some of the facilities meet accessibility quidelines.
- 3 = Most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 4 = All of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 5 = Universal design guidelines were used to design the entire park.

City of Hastings Facilities

Hastings has a variety of park spaces and other public recreational trails and facilities. Numerous county, private and non-profit facilities are also found within the community and county and are briefly highlighted as part of the inventory. The City of Hastings park system includes 12 sites with a variety of facilities. The City properties can be classified as follows: three (3) neighborhood parks, three (3) community parks, three (3) natural resource areas and three (3) special use parks. There are also three (3) vacant park properties in the City's ownership. The Hastings School District, although not controlled by the City, also provides recreational facilities to the community.

The Existing Recreation Facilities Map (Map 4.1) illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the City, the Existing Recreation Facilities Inventory (Table 4.1) provides a summary of the facilities provided at each site, and the School Recreation Facilities Inventory (Table 4.2) provides a summary of the facilities provided by the schools.

Vacant Land

The City also owns three (3) parcels of vacant land earmarked for recreation: approximately 13 acres in the southeast area of the City, south of a residential neighborhood and adjoining the City's industrial park, approximately 28.8 acres between Apple St and the Thornapple River, and approximately 17.1 acres between Apple St and the Dog Park, adjacent to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The 28.8 acre site is earmarked for development that may include: trail head, trails, boat access, restrooms, nature trails, and athletic fields.



Bliss Riverfront Park

Location: 1035 E State St

Size: 35 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 3 Park Type: Community

Description

Bliss Riverfront Park is located in the southeast corner of the City adjacent to manufacturing facilities and the Thornapple River. The site features an upper level gravel parking lot, small pavilion, and trail signage. The lower level of the park includes a canoe/kayak launch, crushed stone trails, paved trails, boardwalks and overlook decks along the river, mowed grass trails, open lawn areas, and a picnic shelter with grills and picnic tables. This park is at the eastern most end of the Hastings Riverwalk, which links to the trail along State Street. A large portion of the site is in the river floodplain and remains mostly undeveloped and in a natural state. The park provides opportunities for observation of flora and fauna.

Accessibility Assessment

- Parking lot is gravel with many uneven areas, and there are no barrier free parking spaces delineated.
- There are no barrier free paths to the picnic shelters.
- There is a steep drive and a series of steps between the upper level parking area and the lower level facilities which is not conducive to barrier free access.
- The Riverwalk sections are paved and accessible as well as most of the gravel trails located in the lower level of the park.
- The grills and picnic tables do not have paths to them nor are they designed to accommodate a wheel chair.
- Many of the gravel paths are getting taken over by grass which diminishes access.
- The portable toilet is not barrier free.





- Many of the gravel paths are either turning to lawn or becoming uneven due to settlement. Consider either paving the paths or renovating them to remove the grass and provide a firm level surface.
- Consider adding restroom facilities or changing to a barrier free portable toilet.
- The parking lot is undersized and the surface is uneven. Expanding the parking lot and either paving it or addressing the uneven areas would improve the look, provide barrier free access, and provide additional capacity.
- Consider marking barrier free parking spaces.
- The canoe launch and area around it has erosion issues. Consider stabilizing the area with rip rap and native vegetation.
- Consider adding playground facilities which would be a compatible use.
- Addition of barrier free grills and picnic tables would allow all users to enjoy the site.

Bob King Park (AKA Tangle Town)

Location: 298 W. Woodlawn Ave

Size: 3.25 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 2 Park Type: Neighborhood

Description

Bob King Park includes a barrier-free wood playground structure built in 1997 through the efforts of The Circle of Friends known as Tangle Town. There is a stone monument with plagues dedicated to the project. There is also a concrete ribbon with children's hand prints leading to the playground. Other facilities include two tennis courts and two basketball courts on a shared surface, a combined shelter and restroom building, a fenced tot-lot play area with older equipment set in sand with a second small shade structure, and a multi-purpose ball field with bleachers. A concrete sidewalk links the park to the residential neighborhood to the south. The parking lot is continuous with the lot for the adjacent Elk Lodge and provides for 37 cars.

Accessibility Assessment

- Parking lot has barrier free spaces marked with signage.
- There is a paved path between the parking lot and the restroom pavilion and the Tangle Town play structure.
- There is no accessible route to the basketball/ tennis courts, or to the baseball field bleachers/player benches.
- Fenced tot lot playground is not connected by a paved path to it and most of the equipment is not accessible.
- Grills and picnic tables are not accessible.
 Consider the addition of picnic tables and grills that can accommodate all users.
- Restroom facilities are accessible.
- The baseball field does not have a viewing area near the bleachers for wheelchairs.





- Parking lot and tennis/basketball courts are in good condition. The fence around the courts is in need of replacement.
- The tot lot equipment and surfacing on the east side of the park does not meet current codes and should be replaced.
- Barrier free pathways should be added to access the basketball/tennis courts, tot lot, and baseball field; including the bleachers and player benches.
- The existing pavilion/restroom structure is in good condition and well maintained.
- The Tangle Town play structure is aging and can use some repairs and additional mulch surfacing.
- Bleachers at the baseball field are weathered and not barrier free. Consider replacing with aluminum bleachers and provide viewing space for those in wheel chairs.

Inventory of Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

Dog Park

Location: 255 N Cass St

Size: 13 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 1 Park Type: Special Use

Description

The Dog Park is an off-leash park with separate fenced areas for large and small dogs. Dog lovers can come together at the park and talk while their pets run, play, and socialize. The City park is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk. The park also contains a gravel parking lot, mature canopy trees, benches, trash receptacles, waste removal tools, signage, water service, and landscape beds. This park has the potential for future expansion into a regional park with the adjacent 17 acres of City owned vacant property adjacent to and around the river and dog park.





Accessibility Assessment

- The parking lot is gravel and has uneven areas that would create challenges for those with impairments.
- Parking lot does not have barrier free parking delineated.
- There are no accessible paths between the parking lot and the entry points to the fenced dog run areas.
- There are many benches within the fenced dog run areas but no accessible paths to the benches and no hard surface areas for a wheelchair to park.
- The existing pavilion steps up from the ground and not accessible to wheelchairs.

- Either paving the parking lot or adding gravel to level off the uneven areas would improve the look of the site and provide BF access.
- Designate a barrier free parking space.
- Provide a hard surface path between the parking lot and the entrances to the fenced dog run areas to provide a defined route to the park, and provide barrier free access.
- Provide hard surface path to some bench areas and provide seating area for those in wheelchairs.
- Additional benches and picnic tables would provide users additional facilities to enjoy the site.
- Add a ramp to the pavilion to make it accessible.

First Ward Park

Location: Intersection of Hanover and Thorn

Size: 2 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 2 Park Type: Neighborhood

Description

First Ward Park is located north of downtown and adjacent to the Hastings Manufacturing plant, in what is now the Third Ward. This two (2) acre park serves an older residential neighborhood south of State Road and east of N. Michigan. The park features some older play equipment that is scattered around the park, a playground area within a mulched area, a sand volleyball court, a popular skate park, a small shade shelter, mature shade trees, open lawn areas, a sidewalk that criss-crosses the site in an "x", a drinking fountain, portable toilet, and picnic tables. The skate park is popular with the area youth and heavily used. On-street parking exists on three sides of the park adjacent to the roadways.

Accessibility Assessment

- The playground equipment and playground areas are not accessible with a paved path, and the equipment does not have barrier free access.
- Parking areas do not have designated barrier free spaces and there are no curb ramps or sidewalks from the parking to anywhere in the park.
- There is no accessible path to the sand volleyball court.
- There is an ADA accessible picnic table but there is no accessible path to it.
- Existing drinking fountain height is not accessible to those in wheelchairs.
- Existing grills do not have paths to them nor are they ADA accessible.
- Portable toilet is not ADA accessible.





- Replace all playground equipment and surfacing and provide hard surface path to playground areas.
- Designate / sign barrier free parking spaces and add accessible curb ramps and paths to access the park.
- Provide accessible routes to all park facilities.
- Existing sidewalks that cross the site have sections that are in bad shape and need to be replaced.
- Consider adding restroom facilities or change the portable toilet to an accessible one.
- The skate park structures are in good shape as well as the sand volleyball court. Consider adding seating areas or benches for viewing.
- Park would benefit from the addition of a second pavilion near the playground areas.
- Replace drinking fountain with an ADA accessible one.
- Consider adding benches within the park.

Inventory of Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

Fish Hatchery Park

Location: 11011 W. Green St

Size: 40 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 3 Park Type: Community

Description

Fish Hatchery Park is a multi-purpose park with a range of facilities including a paved parking area for over 150 cars, two picnic shelters, two restroom facilities, a lighted softball field with bleachers, soccer field with bleachers, tennis courts, basketball court, trails, and a playground with older equipment set in sand surfacing. The site features a series of four ponds and a creek which flows through the site from south to north. A floating fishing dock is provided for youth fishing. The park is adjacent to Pennock Hospital and is used for wellness programs and exercise. The park also includes game tables, picnic tables, fountains, and a flag pole. An early 1900's building exists on site and is used for events and meetings. The park also has a trolley stop

Accessibility Assessment

- The parking lot does not have barrier free spaces marked.
- The playground equipment is not accessible and the play surfacing (sand) is not considered a barrier free surface.
- Restrooms are accessible.
- There is an accessible path that traverses the site and connects most facilities, however there are a few facilities such as the baseball field that do not have an accessible route.
- Grills, picnic tables, and benches do not accommodate those in wheelchairs.
- Bleacher areas do not accommodate space for wheelchairs.
- There is a special swing designed for a person who uses a wheelchair, but there is no paved path to it.





- Sections of the asphalt trail are in bad shape and need repair.
- The parking lot pavement is failing and in need of resurfacing or reconstruction.
- The pavilion nearest to the ball field is in poor condition, has a hole in the roof, and has many areas of the structure falling apart.
- Playground equipment and surface needs to be replaced.
- The east side of the park, where the historic building and trolley stop are need lighting.
- Light poles and signs at the baseball field are aging and need replaced or renovated.
- The tennis courts are in poor condition and given the extent of the pavement failure may need to be fully reconstructed.
- This is a mature park and is in need of general maintenance and upgrades to the pavements, structures, and lawn areas.

Inventory of Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

Hammond Hills Park

Location: 889 Hammond Rd

Size: 76 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 1 Park Type: Natural Resource

Description

Hammond Hills Park is the City's largest recreational site covering 76 acres in the northwest corner of the City. Only a small portion of the site is currently developed with a disc golf course, a mountain bike trail, and a nature trail network, known as Zhigaawin Hiking Trail, leading through rolling woodland to Carter Lake. The remainder of the site is mixed pasture and woodland. The site provides wonderful opportunities to explore nature, view wildlife, and hike through and observe the flora of the site. The site includes a gravel parking lot and site signage.





Accessibility Assessment

- Other than a gravel parking lot, this park does not have accessible facilities.
- The parking lot surface is accessible but does not have barrier free parking spaces marked.
- There are no paved paths on the site.
- Existing picnic tables do not support wheelchair access. Consider adding ADA compliant picnic tables.
- The site includes a portable toilet which is not barrier free. Consider switching to an ADA compliant portable toilet.

- Consider marking barrier free spaces.
- Providing paved pathways from the parking lot and around the park would provide barrier free access for all to enjoy the site.
- The addition of a restroom building and trail head would enhance the site.
- Many areas around the disc golf course are in need of maintenance to restore the turf areas that are worn and eroded from use.
- The addition of a pavilion, picnic tables, and grills would provide opportunities for family gatherings and potential rental income.
- The site does not have any benches; adding benches would provide a place to rest for those that need while hiking.
- Existing picnic tables are worn and should be replaced.
- Opportunity for interpretive signage.

Hastings Riverwalk and Pocket Park

Accessibility Assessment: 4 Park Type: Greenway

Description

The Hastings Riverwalk provides a green corridor from the east side of the City at Bliss Riverfront Park to the west side of the City at Apple St / Industrial Park Drive for a distance of approx 2.2 miles. The linear park connects Bliss Park, Thornapple Plaza, downtown, and Tyden Park and provides a 10' paved trail, river access, overlook decks, seating areas, lighting, and trail signage. The Riverwalk is also part of the regional Paul Henry Trail system that goes from Grand Rapids to Vermontville. The pocket park sits along the Thornapple River and Apple St north of Thornapple Plaza and the Library. The park includes a loop trail, seating areas, picnic tables, and a overlook deck.

Accessibility Assessment

- The overall trail is considered barrier free with paved surfaces for the length of the trail.
- Site furnishings and overlook decks are barrier free and connected to the trail.
- Road crossings are at signalized intersections with curb ramps.

Needs and Opportunities

- Additional benches, trail signs, and bike racks would enhance the trail.
- A tunnel connection under Broadway (M43) would make the trail safer at this crossing.
- Explore opportunities to extend the trail to the east on City owned property.
- Consider the development of a formal trailhead and parking area on the west side of the City.
- Consider adding bike repair / tire filling stations along the path.









Second Ward Park

Location: Intersection of Montgomery and Bond

Size: 0.6 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 1 Park Type: Neighborhood

Description

Second Ward Park is a small 0.6 acre neighborhood park in a residential neighborhood in the southeast area of the City. The park is surrounded by single family homes and facilities include a mix of play equipment, some of which is very old, a small basketball court, sand play area, portable toilet, light pole, picnic tables, and limited grass space. There is a more modern modular play piece as well as a merry-go-round in a wood surfaced play area, with other older stand-alone play equipment and swings scattered across the site. The park is mostly open and contains a few large mature canopy trees. There is no parking lot, users either park along the street or walk to the park.

Accessibility Assessment

- There are no accessible paths in the park.
- The modular playground includes a ADA transfer station but the structure has no ramps, and there is no ramp transition into the play area in general.
- There are no paths to the basketball court or other play pieces in the park.
- Most of the playground equipment is not accessible.
- The portable toilet is not accessible.
- Picnic tables do not accommodate a wheel chair.





Needs and Opportunities

- Replace old playground equipment.
- Provide sidewalks along the park edges at the road, and provide accessible routes within the park to all facilities.
- The play surface for the modular playground needs a transition ramp and renovation to level and remove organic material.
- Some areas of the basketball court pavement have large cracks with grass growing through, consider mill and resurface.
- Provide a restroom structure or switch the portable toilet for an accessible one.
- Consider adding benches and a drinking fountain.

Spray Plaza

Location: Corner of State and Church

Size: 0.08 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 4 Park Type: Special Use

Description

The Spray Plaza is a small pocket park adjacent to the GQT Hastings Cinema. This park includes a restroom structure that doubles as a stage area, amphitheater seating, water spray jets for water play, seating areas, landscaping, decorative paving and walls, seatwalls, ADA drinking fountain with dog bowl, lighting, and art display. On-street parking is available along State St, Church Street, or in City lots 4 and 5 behind the park. This park is very popular in the summer with water spray use, *Hastings Live* events, and other City festivals and gatherings.

Needs and Opportunities

 The only need is for continuous maintenance of the paved surfaces, landscaping, and plumbing equipment for the water spray jets.



Accessibility Assessment

- This is a newer park that meets barrier free standards.
- Facilities are accessible including the restrooms and the switch for the water jets.
- Adjacent road crossings have pedestrian signals, crosswalks, and curb ramps.
- There are sidewalks that connect to the existing parking areas.



Sweezy's Nature Area

Location: Ridgewood Dr / South of HS fields

Size: 19.15 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 1 Park Type: Natural Resource

Description

Sweezy's Nature Area features winding rustic footpaths and hiking trails through the hills, woods and wetlands surrounding the pond that gives the park it's name. The park's trails offer a pleasant hike for all ages. Its woods and wetlands host a variety of birds and other wildlife for both the seasoned and budding naturalist to enjoy. An entrance to the park can be found south of the Hastings High School football practice field located near the intersection of Clinton and Cass streets. Another entrance is located at the end of Ridgewood Drive, which is in residential neighborhood off of Cook Road. There is one wooden bench within the site. There is no sign which makes the park hard to find. The school district also uses the site as an outdoor classroom for instruction and to study the flora and fauna.

Accessibility Assessment

- There are no paved trails in the park as it is all dirt path trails.
- There is no designated parking area for the site and therefore no barrier free parking.
- Other than the one older wooden bench, there is no place to stop, rest and sit. This would be helpful to older individuals, families with kids, and those with difficulty walking.





Needs and Opportunities

- Consider adding a paved trail section for barrier free access to the pond.
- Consider boardwalk and overlook decks around the pond to increase water access.
- Some of the dirt paths are eroding and are in need of grooming.
- Consider adding a pavilion for outdoor classroom or for special event rentals.
- Opportunity for interpretative signage to tell the story of the history of the site as well as the existing flora and fauna.
- Provide a site identification sign to increase awareness.
- Consider benches and picnic tables to allow for seating areas.

Thornapple Plaza

Location: 301 E State St

Size: 1 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 4 Park Type: Special Use

Description

Thornapple plaza is a very popular site for the community to gather and recreate. The site features a full band shell/stage with sound, lighting, and storage, concession stand, public restrooms, amphitheater seating, walking paths, landscaping, connection to the Riverwalk, pedestrian lighting, parking, and art display. The seating area can hold up to 1,000 spectators. The site is home to *Hastings Live* community performances put on by the Thornapple Arts Council and is free to the public, as well as the popular Summerfest Concert Series. The performances run all summer between June and August. The project was made possible by a generous donation from a local philanthropist.

Accessibility Assessment

 The site was recently constructed in 2016 and meets barrier free standards.



Needs and Opportunities

 Consider removing barrel style trash cans and replace with decorative bins to match Riverwalk and downtown style.



Tyden Nature Area

Location: North side of Thornapple River

Size: 17 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 3 Park Type: Natural Resource

Description

Tyden Nature Area is the western extension of the more traditional Tyden Park. The site features crushed stone and boardwalk trails through the wooded wetlands along the banks of the Thornapple River and two fishing/overlook decks. The paths connect to the pedestrian bridge in Tyden Park. There are also some mowed grass paths through the area. The site offers opportunities to enjoy nature and observe flora and fauna as the vegetation is thick in some areas. Users are also able to get to the waters edge to fish or even dip their feet in the water. It is not uncommon to observe people floating down the river in kayaks or inner tubes during the summer as the canoe livery is across the river and viewable from the area.

Accessibility Assessment

- Most of the trails have a barrier free surface.
- One of the overlook decks is not accessible as there is a step up into the deck, which is likely due to settling or heaving of the deck or path.
- There are few opportunities for seating to stop and rest.
- There is no dedicated parking for this area, most either walk to the site from their homes or use the parking in Tyden Park, which is a bit of a walk which might be difficult for some.





Needs and Opportunities

- On-going maintenance and grooming of the trails.
- Consider providing a ramp for the overlook deck that now requires a step up to access.
- Consider adding benches for seating and rest stops along the paths.
- Consider adding lighting for security.
- Interpretive signs would make a nice addition to the trail experience.
- Trail signage for distance and location would be beneficial to help navigate the paths within the wooded areas.

Tyden Park

Location: 404 N Broadway

Size: 11 Ac

Accessibility Assessment: 3 Park Type: Community

Description

Tyden Park is located along the Thornapple River and includes a looped driveway with parking, paved multi-purpose trail loops, overlook/ fishing deck, two group picnic shelters, a canoe launch, sand volleyball court, soccer field, limited older play equipment, modern restroom building, picnic tables, maintenance building, two basketball courts, and two tennis courts. A pedestrian bridge leads across the river to the Tyden Natural Area, with a paved link to the adjacent residential neighborhood. The park also features a veteran's monument. The park includes many mature shade trees, access to the river, and a connection to the Riverwalk. The park also has decorative park themed swing gates.

Accessibility Assessment

- The parking lot has dedicated barrier free spaces.
- There are internal trails within the park, however there are no paths from the parking lot to any facility within the park.
- There are no accessible routes connecting the west pavilion, playground equipment, or volleyball court.
- Tennis and basketball courts sit on high ground and are only accessible from the east side of the park.
- Picnic tables and grills are not accessible.
- Playground equipment is not accessible.
- Restrooms are accessible and barrier free.
- Drinking fountain is accessible and barrier free.





Needs and Opportunities

- Replace all playground equipment.
- Provide accessible route from the parking lot areas to all facilities.
- Provide accessible routes to the picnic pavilions and sand volleyball court.
- Provide accessible and barrier free grills and picnic tables.
- Provide hard surface viewing areas for wheelchairs at the soccer field and sand volleyball.
- Soccer field needs to be regraded and leveled for play. Soccer goals need nets.
- Tennis courts have large cracks, consider mill and resurface or replacement.
- Parking lot is mostly in good shape but could benefit from being milled and resurfaced.
- Boat access area is eroding and needs to be stabilized with rip rap and vegetation.
- The west-most pavilion is very old and should be replaced.
- Consider adding lighting to improve safety.

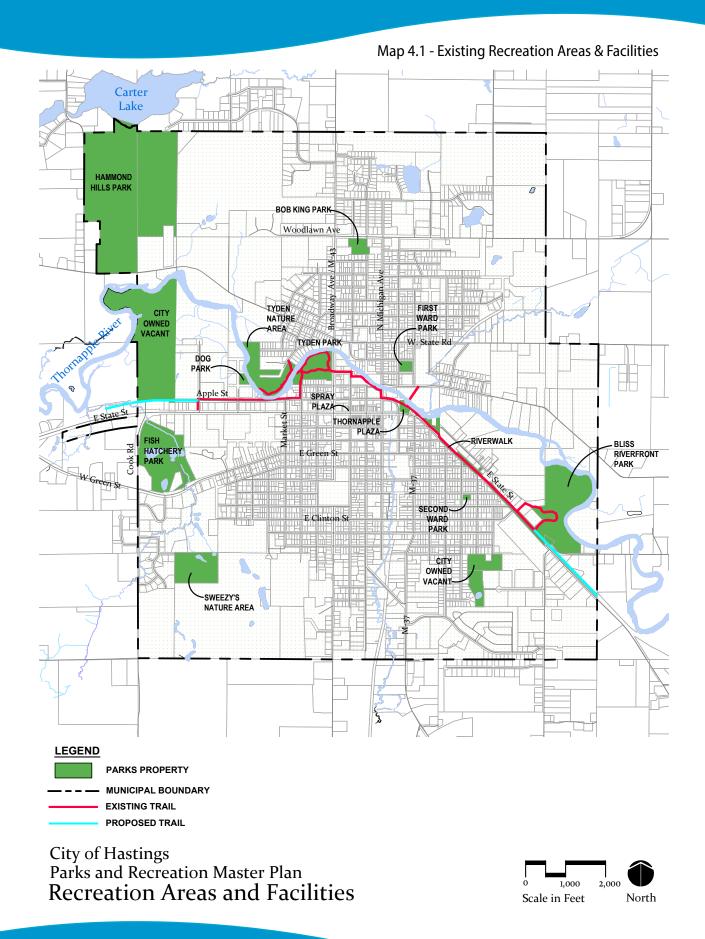
Inventory Summary Table

Chapter Five to assess whether there are adequate amounts of parkland available to area residents. The table shows the type of park, the Table 4.1 summarizes the inventory of public-owned parks located within the City boundaries. These parks will be input into the analysis in number of acres, and the facilities provided. The table also provides a barrier-free assessment ranking for each park.

	Special Features	Riverwalk, bike racks, boardwalk, trail signs	Tangle Town			Ponds, historic bld, trolly stop	Mountain bike trail	Bike racks, trail signs		Spray jets, art		Concessions, art	Riverwalk, boardwalk	Riverwalk, Veteran's Memorial, Pedestrian bridge	
	Disc Golf						×								
	Overlook Deck	2				1		3					2	1	6
	Watercraft Launch	1												1	2
	Piishing	X				X		Χ			Χ		Χ	×	
	Lighting				×	×		×	Χ	Χ		X		×	
	Drinking Fountain		X		X	×				Χ		X		×	
	Benches	×		×	×	×		×		×	X			×	
	Grills	×	×		×	×								×	
	Picnic Tables	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×					×	
	Restroom Building		1			2				1		1		1	9
	Amphitheater / Stage									1		1			2
	Picnic Shelter	2	1	1	1	2								2	6
	Skate Park				×										
	Playground Equipment		X		×	×			X					×	
	Soccer Field					1								1	2
	Sand Volleyball				1									1	2
	Tuo Sinn 9T		2			2								3	7
>	Basketball Court		7			1			1					2	9
Inventory	bnomeiQ lle8		1			1*									2
wer	Nature Trails (un-paved)	×				×	×	X			X		×		
	Non-Motorized Trail	×				×		X				X		×	
	Parking	×	X	X	×	×	×	X				X		×	
n Fa	Accessibility Rating	3	7	1	7	3	1	4	1	4	1	4	3	3	
atio	Park Type)	Ν	SP	z	C	NR	9	Z	SP	NR	SP	NR)	
Recrea	Size (Acres)	35	3.25	13	7	40	9/	na	9.0	0.08	19.15	1	17	11	218.08
Table 4.1 Existing Recreation Facility	Park Name	Bliss Riverfront Park	Bob King Park	Dog Park	First Ward Park	Fish Hatchery Park	Hammond Hills Park	Riverwalk/Pocket Park	Second Ward Park	Spray Plaza	Sweezy's Nature Area	Thornapple Plaza	Tyden Nature Area	Tyden Park	TOTAL

* = Field is lighted

N = Neighborhood Park, C = Community Park, NR = Nature Resource Area, SP= Special Use Park, G = Greenway



School Facilities

Public school facilities, including playgrounds and sports fields and courts, can add tremendous recreational value to a community. Elementary school sites constitute a portion of the neighborhood parks and playgrounds in the City. Since these areas are beyond the jurisdiction of the City of Hastings, a detailed account of each site is not available, however the types of facilities at each school are listed below and documented in figure 4.2. There are five (5) public school sites located within the City of Hastings, and one (1) public school site located outside the City limits providing additional recreation opportunities for community residents.

Hastings High School is located on a 54 acre site in the southwest of the City. Facilities include ball fields, football (including an artificial turf field), soccer, tennis courts, track, gymnasium and auditorium. The High School campus is also home to the Community Education & Recreation Center, which features a community swimming pool with scheduled lap and open swim times s well as swim classes, a gym and Cardio Exercise Room, game room and a number of programs including yoga, fitness classes, camps and aquatics.

Hastings Middle School is centrally located, just north of the downtown area. The site includes play equipment, hard surfaced play area and a grass recreation area with a number of backstops. These fields are generally in poor condition and not used for ball games on a regular basis. A large Auditorium is available for school and community events.

Central Elementary School is contiguous with the Middle School site. Outdoor facilities include play equipment and hard-surfaced play area.

Northeastern Elementary School occupies 8.4 acres of land in a traditional residential neighborhood. Facilities include two soccer fields, which are heavily programmed for YMCA Soccer games and practices, two ball fields which are again heavily used by the YMCA youth sports programs, basketball, volleyball and play equipment. The site is also informally used by residents in the winter months for sledding.

Southeastern Elementary School is located at 1300 S East St and has 2 soccer fields, a ball diamond, basketball, and play equipment on 14 acres of land.

Star Elementary is a 27.5 acre site located outside of the City limits but is within the Hastings School District. It is located at 1900 Star School Rd, and facilities include a soccer field, baseball field, playground equipment, and a gaga pit.

Cemeteries

There are two (2) cemeteries located in the City. One cemetery is a privately owned Catholic Cemetery located at the intersection of Green St. and Cook Rd and adjacent to the west side of Fish Hatchery Park. The second cemetery is the City owned Riverside Cemetery which is bisected by West State Road in the northwest area of the City with the southern portion of it adjacent to the Thornapple River and the northern portion adjacent to the Hastings Country Club. The City has developed a master plan for the cemetery which includes recreational facilities such as walking paths, overlook decks, and seating areas.

Inventory Summary Table

Table 4.2 below summarizes the inventory of public school-owned parks located within the City boundaries. These facilities will be input into the analysis in Chapter Five to assess how the school facilities contribute to the overall park and recreation system in the City.

Table 4.2 School Recreation Facility Inventory																
School Name	Size (Acres)	Parking	Baseball Diamond	Softball Diamond	Basketball Court	Volleyball Courts	Tennis Court	Soccer Field	Football field	Running track	Picnic Shelter	Gym	Playground Equipment	Indoor pool	Weight room	Fitness Class Space
Hastings High School	30.00	Χ	2	2			8	1	1	1		1				
Hastings Middle School	6	Χ	2						1			2	Χ			
Central Elementary	1.5	Χ			Χ						Χ	1	Χ			
Northeastern Elementary	8.4	Χ	1		Χ	Χ		3				1	Χ			
Southeastern Elementary	14	Χ	1		Χ			2				1	Χ			
Star Elementary	20	Χ	1					1					Χ			
Community Recreation Center	na	Χ												1	Χ	Χ
TOTAL 79.90 7 2 8 7 2 1 6 1																
Note the Community Recreation Center is on the High School Property																



Semi-Public / Private Recreational Facilities Within in the City

Commission on Aging is located on West Woodlawn and promotes "independence, dignity and quality of life to the aging population and their families". Services provided include Meals on Wheels, adult day care, medical transportation assistance and a full range of activities such as music, dance, crafts, exercise and games.

Pennock Health & Wellness Center on West Green Street, is a membership-based indoor recreation facility offering gym, pool and fitness services open seven days a week. Programming includes aquatic fitness, spinning, conditioning, yoga, Pilates and special children's and seniors' programs

The Legacy at Hastings is a 18-hole golf course open to both members and guests located at 1550 North Broadway in the northeast of the City, adjoining the City owned Hammond Road Recreation Area.

Private Recreational Facilities in the City:

Barry Community Enrichment Center Hastings Bowl Inc.
Curves KN Soccer Fields

Elks Club Legacy at Hastings Golf Course

Expressions Dance Center Snap Fitness

GQT Hastings 4 Cinema U-Rent-Em Canoe Livery

Regional Facilities

There are a wide range of regional recreational facilities available to City of Hastings residents within close proximity. Barry County is characterized by numerous inland lakes, rivers, and rolling terrain mixed with upland forests. Over 250 lakes are located in the county, offering recreational and wildlife opportunities. The following describes available regional facilities.

Barry State Game Area (State of Michigan) covers 13,000 acres adjacent to the State Park. Both the State Game Area and part of the Recreation Area are open for hunting waterfowl, small game, and white-tailed deer. Deer and small game hunting attracts local residents as well as in and out of state visitors.

Yankee Springs Recreation Area (State of Michigan) is a 5,200 acre facility located on the central western edge of Barry County, providing diverse recreation opportunities. A modern campground is located on the shores of Gun Lake while rustic camping is available at Deep Lake. An equestrian campground and a youth organization campground are also available. Nine lakes are located within the park boundaries providing excellent fishing and water sports of all kinds. Facilities include 30 miles of hiking trails (including a portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail), 12 miles of challenging mountain bike trails, 9 miles of horseback trails, as well as two public beaches, picnic shelters, and two accessible fishing piers one at Gun Lake and one at Deep Lake. Special features include the Devil's Soup Bowl, Graves Hill Overlook and The Pines. Winter sports facilities include 10 miles of cross-country ski trails, snowmobile trails and lake access for ice fishing.

Middleville State Game Area (State of Michigan), located in Barry County's north-west quadrant, provides an additional 4,000 acres of hunting, picnicking and wildlife viewing area.

Historic Charlton Park Village and Recreation Area (Barry County) is located on Thornapple Lake approximately 5 miles southeast of the City, just north of Highway M-79. Approximately 20 acres of the 322 acre park is devoted to the Historic Village. The Village contains a museum and 22 restored buildings, all originally from Barry County. Approximately 80 acres of the Park are devoted to active and passive recreation. Facilities include a boat launch, swimming beach, two volleyball courts, a pavilion, two picnic shelters, several picnic oases, a softball diamond, two playground areas, and a ski and Jet Ski beach. The remaining 200 acres are primarily wooded, grassed or wetland with approximately 2 miles of marginally improved trails. The Historic Village and surrounding grounds are also the staging for approximately 20 special events throughout the year, attracting visitors from throughout the region.

McKeown Bridge Park (Barry County), located 2 miles southeast of Hastings on the Thornapple River is a 2 acre special use park centered on a refurbished historic bridge utilized for walking and fishing, a canoe launch and picnic facilities. Planned improvements and expansion into an adjoining 23 acre riverside parcel were completed in 2009-2010.

The North Country National Scenic Trail is a multi-state hiking trail that stretches 4,500 miles from North Dakota to the New York/Vermont border. The trail enters Barry County north of Irving and travels south using portions of the Paul Henry Trail, then crosses through the Yankee Springs Recreation Area and Barry State Game Area.

The Paul Henry Thornapple Trail follows the scenic Thornapple River from 44th Street and Kalamazoo Avenue in Grand Rapids to Middleville, Hastings, Nashville, and Vermontville with large gaps to be acquired for a total of around 43 miles. The Village of Middleville has 3.85 miles of paved trail and 1.25 miles of unpaved trail. Other unimproved portions of the trail are owned by Barry County and the City of Hastings (including trail right of way west of the City limits) some of which is open for public use.

Semi-Public / Private Recreational Facilities Outside the City

Barry Expo Center, 1350 N. M-37, Hastings. Owned and operated by the Barry County Agricultural Society, this complex includes several barns for 4-H and County Fair use as well as a ¼ mile dirt oval track for horse, motor-cross and car racing and an expo hall available for rent. Besides the annual County Fair, the complex also hosts a variety of events and shows throughout the year.

YMCA of Barry County and Camp Algonquin, 2055 Iroquois Trail, Hastings. Located on the shores of Algonquin Lake, 2 miles northwest of the City, the YMCA provides youth and adult sports programs, summer playground programs and youth social programs sponsored by the City of Hastings. Camp Algonquin provides summer resident and day camps and a facility for community use.

Circle Pines Center, Mullen Road, Delton. Circle Pines Center is a member-owned and run non-profit cooperative organization featuring a children's summer camp and year round retreat and conference center with programs for families, children and adults.

Long Lake and Chief Noonday Outdoor Centers.

Each facility occupies 100 acres in the Yankee Springs Recreation Area and is administered by the Michigan DNR and Yankee Springs Outdoor Centers, LLC, a private concessionaire. Both centers have rustic cabins that are open year round serving organized groups as well as individuals.

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, 701 W. Cloverdale Rd., Hastings. Set on more than 660 acres, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, an ecological education center, provides visitors with a unique exposure to a rare blend of diverse habitats including wetlands, forests, marshes, streams, lakes and prairies. Visitors can explore over five miles of nature trails, participate in programs and classes or stop by the Visitor Center.

Gun Lake Tract, Marsh Road, Orangeville Township. This 360 Acre conservation area featuring upland and lowland woodlands, peat bog, emergent wetlands and grasslands, is owned and managed by the Ruffed Grouse Society. It is open daily, free of charge, for hiking, bird watching, tree and wildlife identification. Guided group tours and educational programming are available through the Barry Conservation District. Hunting rights belong to the Ruffed Grouse Society.

Michigan Audubon Otis Sanctuary. This 120 acre wildlife sanctuary borders Glass Creek and has a canoe access.

Michigan Audubon Warner Sanctuary. This heavily wooded, 100 acre wildlife sanctuary located 5 miles S.W. Of Hastings, hosts one of the County's last remaining stands of old growth forest.

Maher Sanctuary. Owned by Grand Rapids Audubon, this 76.8 acre sanctuary is located at the intersection of 108th St and Wood School Road. It has a mix of habitats, including frontage on Crane Creek, with a parking area and hiking trail.

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Carter Lake Preserve. This 60 acre preserve located on the northern shore of Carter Lake, is just outside the City of Hastings. The site features 1.5 miles of trails through a variety of habitats; including marsh, fen, oak woodland, and savanna.

Barry Conservation Club, W. Green St., Hastings. Features a clubhouse, horseshoe pits and shooting ranges just west of the City limits.

Flying Horseshoe Ranch, S. Yankee Springs Road, Middleville. Offers Horseback riding in the Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

Private Recreational Facilities Outside the City

Boat Launches

Baker Lake Public Access
DNR Public Launch - Thornapple
Gun Lake
Historic Charlton Park
Jordan Lake Boat Access Site
Long Lake
Thornapple Lake
Thornapple River - Irving Road

Camps

Camp Thornapple
Camp Michawana
Deep Lake Campground
Indian Valley Campground
Jones Lake Campground
Rivergate Family Campground
Parkside Park
Sharp Park Campground
Walden Woods Campground
Welcome Woods Campground
Winding Creek Campground
Whispering Waters Campground

Clubs

American Legion Post 45 American Legion Post 484 Caledonia Sportsmen Club Delton Lions Club VFW Post 422 VFW Post 8260

Entertainment

Buddy's on the Beach Civic Center Theater Franke Center Hastings Roll-a-Rama

Golf Courses

Centennial Acres
Gun Ridge Golf Course
Mullenhurst Golf Course
Saskatoon Golf Club
Tyler Creek Golf Course
Yankee Springs Golf Course

Gymnastics and Dance

Center Stage Dance Academy Gymnastics in Motion Step in Time Dance Studio

Health Clubs

Barbells & Booty Fitness Gun Lake Fitness Hastings Self Defense Academy Middleville Fit Body Boot Camp Total Health Center TTS Fitness

Museums

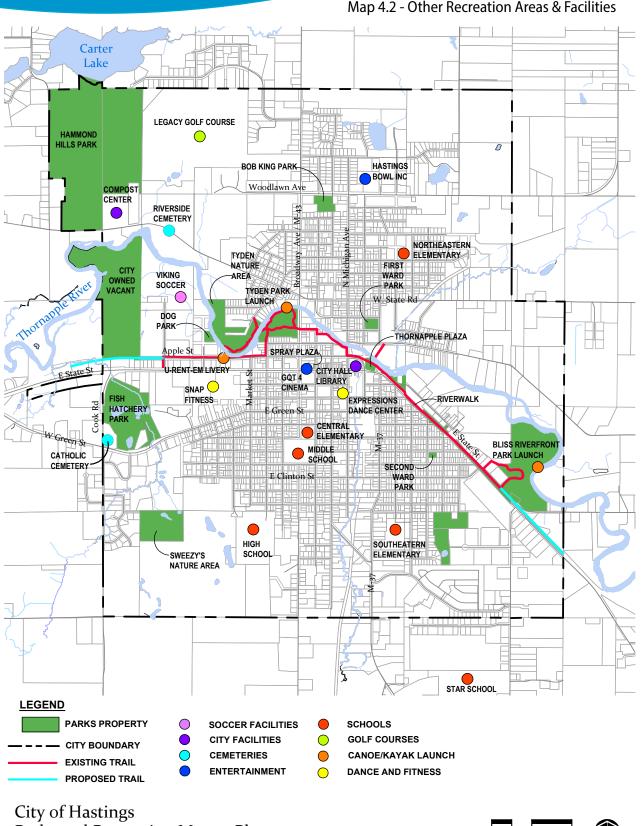
Benard Historical Museum Freeport Historical Society Museum Gilmore Car Museum Midwest Miniatures Museum

Nature Areas

Carter Lake Preserve Dolan Nature Sanctuary Gertrude McPharlin Bauer Nature Sanctuary Hidden Pond Preserve Lux Arbor Reserve Thornapple Lake Nature Sanctuary

Skiing

Bittersweet Ski Resort Timber Ridge Ski Resort



Map 4.2 - Other Recreation Areas & Facilities

City of Hastings Parks and Recreation Master Plan Other Recreation Areas and Facilities



During the early phase of the planning process background data was gathered from site investigations and available reports in order to develop a current snapshot of the City and a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the community. This chapter looks to access community need for parks and recreation facilities against facility availability and program offerings. There are a variety of methods for accessing community need for recreation services. This Plan uses the combination of the following methods to identify the recreational needs of the City:

- 1. Comparison to accepted recreation standards
- 2.Public / Stakeholder input
- 3. Analysis of demographic trends

Comparison to Accepted Recreation Standards

Recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of the City's recreation system. The National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) has established recognized standards for classifying types of parkland based on size and function. These designations

have been adopted by the MDNR and provide one method of defining the purpose and use of facilities. This Plan has used as a guide, the 1996 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association.

The NRPA guidelines offer park and recreation standards that are applicable for recreation planning, land acquisition, and development of park, recreation and open space property at the local level. By comparing the City's available facilities against the defined standards, minimum acceptable park and recreation facilities are identified and a program for achieving equal distribution of parks and open space throughout the community can be defined. This plan will evaluate community need using park service area standards and unit per population standards. It should be noted that these standards are to be used as a guide and should be interpreted according to local needs, trends, and current situations. The purpose of recreation planning is to address the specific needs of the community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences/demands so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation.

Service Area Analysis

NRPA guidelines classify parks, open space, and greenways in accordance with their size and the role they play in the overall park system. They also include associated service areas for each park type that indicate a minimum standard for geographic balance and availability of each park type in the community. Classifying parks in the system ensures the entire community is served by a wide range of park and recreational facilities. Map 5.1 delineates the service area for each park in the City of Hastings park system. Service areas for the parks types include:

Mini Parks 1/4 miles or less
 Neighborhood Parks 1/4 to 1/2 miles
 Community Parks 1/2 to 3 miles

Evaluation

Analysis of the geographic distribution of park facilities throughout the City delineate the following:

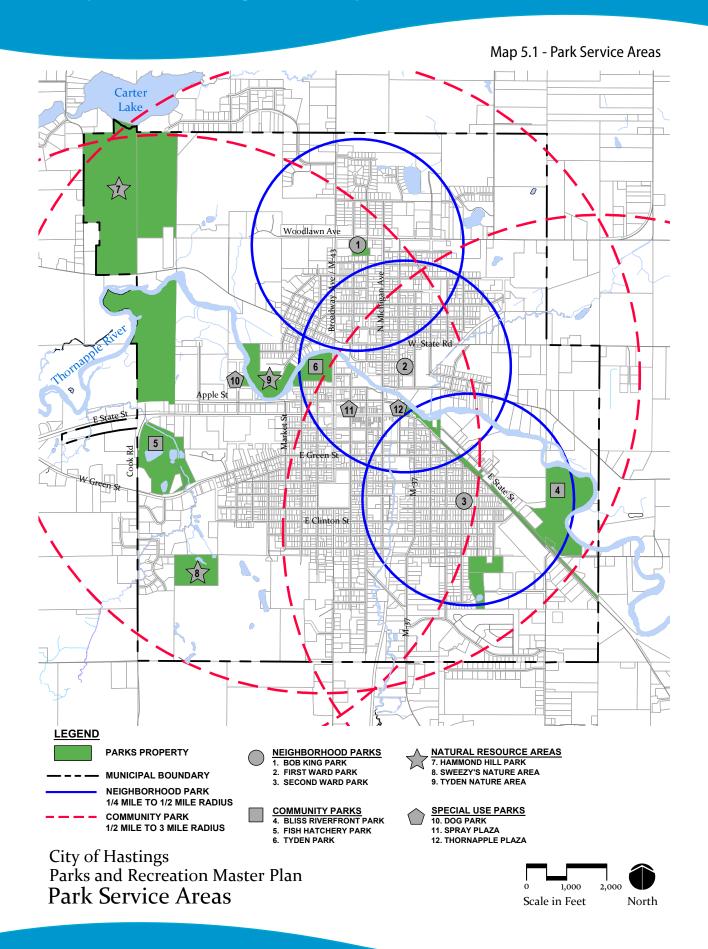
- Overall coverage is good and all residents have access to some type of park
- All neighborhoods in the City have access to Community Parks
- Natural resource area parks are mostly in the west side of the City.
- The north side of the City has access to neighborhood parks
- Several special use parks are located in the core of the City.
- The City does not have any mini parks.
- There are no neighborhood parks in the southwest area of the City.

Needs

- Addition of mini parks in the higher dense neighborhoods.
- Addition of neighborhood parks in the southwest neighborhood.
- Look for opportunities to expand natural resource parks along the Thornapple River to the east.

Units Per Population Analysis

In addition to service areas, the NRPA guidelines also recommends a certain number of park acres per



units of population for different types of park facilities, such as mini, neighborhood, and community parks. This would represent the minimum amount of ground space or number of activities needed to meet the recreational demands of the community. These standards are adapted to reflect the City's character and compared with the City's existing and projected population, as the demand may be greater or less than the national standard.

Passive recreation and active recreation are the primary types of recreational uses. Passive recreation includes less intense activities that are more quiet and non-exertive for a limited numbers of users. Active recreation requires space and facilities capable of accommodating exertive activities. Examples include: sports fields, play apparatus areas, open areas, special facilities, such as pools and court areas, and areas for organized activities. Recreation areas must provide for both types of use and preferably include a variety of opportunities for each to respond adequately to a wide range of interests and age groups.

Figure 5.1 evaluates the City of Hastings park system against this service standard, and against the population service standards for each park classification as well. The 2010 Census figures were used for the purposes of this analysis. Parks located outside of the City but may have a service area that overlaps the City (such as County parks) were not included.

Figure 5.1: Population Service Standard by Park Type						
NRPA Guideline (1)	Acreage Provided	Surplus (Deficit)				
1.83	0	(1.83)				
7.35	5.85	(1.5)				
36.75	86	49.25				
45.93	91.85	45.92				
	NRPA Guideline (1) 1.83 7.35 36.75	NRPA Acreage Guideline (1) Provided 1.83 0 7.35 5.85 36.75 86				

- (1) Minimum standard used from ranges
- (2) A population of 7,350 was used per the 2010 Census data used

General population service standards recommend 10 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. For the City of Hastings that would equate to approximately 73.5 acres of park land required per the NRPA guidelines. Currently the City provides 91.85 acres of park land which would show almost a 46 acre surplus. When you combine the 112 acres of natural resource area parks within the City, the overall amount of park land available to the City residents is more than sufficient. The analysis does show there is a need for Mini and Neighborhood parks, therefore the City may consider the addition of smaller parks to serve the residents' daily needs.

Facilities Analysis

In addition to parkland, facilities were analyzed to determine if the current facilities are adequate to meet the needs of residents. This analysis includes facilities recommendations based on national averages, but also considers the public input provided during this process, as well as recent trends in recreation that could not be anticipated when the national standards were developed in the 1980's.

The NRPA standards are commonly used to evaluate the adequacy of parkland and facilities when compared to local populations. They were developed a number of years ago, so they do not consider modern desires like dog parks, skate parks, splash parks or large recreational complexes that have become more common in recent years. The standards establish a certain number of activity-specific recreational facilities per population (e.g. 1 basketball court per 5,000 persons). Figure 5.2 below evaluates the Hastings park system facilities in relation to the population service standards. The table includes City-owned parks, but does not include school facilities.

Figure 5.2: Population Serv	Figure 5.2: Population Service Standard by Recreation Activity						
	NRPA	NRPA	Facilities	Surplus			
Facility	Guideline	Recommendation	Provided	(Deficit)			
Tennis	1:2,000	4	7	3			
Playground	1:3,000	2	5	3			
Baseball	1:5,000	1	1	0			
Softball	1:5,000	1	1	0			
Basketball (outdoor)	1:5,000	1	6	5			
Volleyball	1:5,000	1	2	1			
Soccer	1:10,000	1	2	1			
Picnic Shelters	1:2,000	4	9	5			
Football	1:20,000	0	0	0			
Running Track	1:20,000	0	0	0			
Swimming Pool	1:20,000	0	0	0			
Gymnasium	1:5,000	1	0	(1)			
Bicycle Route	1 System	1	1	0			
Ice Rink (outdoor)	1:20,000	0	0	0			
Auditorium	1:20,000	0	0	0			
Community Center	1:20,000	0	1	0			

Based on the comparisons in Figure 5.2, The City meets or exceeds the suggested number of facilities. While standards for comparison address the quantity of facilities desirable for a particular number of persons, they do not address quality or location concerns. Consequently, any community that has the appropriate numbers of facilities may not have facilities of a useful or desirable quality, or may not have facilities located where they would be most accessible to residents. This is true of some of the facilities in the City. Many of the tennis courts are in poor condition and in need of repair in order to be usable. The soccer field in Tyden Park is not regulation size and is prone to flooding which affects the condition of the turf. Other facilities in the City such as basketball courts, playgrounds, and baseball fields are either in poor condition, do not meet current standards, or both, which affects usability. The City may consider upgrading these facilities in order to provide high quality recreational facilities that are accessible and usable by all.

The Hastings School District, although not owned by the City, also provides recreational facilities to

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the community, as outdoor facilities are typically open to the public when they are not beings used for school events. This provides additional facilities such as playgrounds, soccer fields, tennis courts, ball fields, running track, gymnasium, a pool that are available to the residents of Hastings and count towards the overall parks and recreation system.

Public Input

The City of Hastings encourages its residents to take an active role in planning for their community's recreational opportunities. The City appreciates the fact that recreation planning plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in a community and therefore tries to be responsive to citizen needs and desires for parks and recreation. Community outreach is one way of obtaining a perspective on the needs and desires of the community and engaging in a process that includes; developing realistic alternatives; formulating goals, policies, and recommendations for public and private decisions; developing criteria to measure change; and involving people in the planning, design and decision processes.

In order to ensure that the City's parks and recreation offerings are aligned with the needs of the community, and to understand the community perception of the level of service being provided, the City engaged in a public input process.

Community Outreach

The community outreach process included the following: an on-line survey, a public input workshop, a 30-day public review period, and open City Council meetings. The input and opinions received at these meetings helped the administration and facilitator provide the basis for revising the goals and objectives from the previous plan.

On-Line Survey

In October of 2018 the City developed an on-line survey to solicit input and ideas from its residents regarding current use and future needs of the City's parks, recreation and programs, services, maintenance, and facilities. The survey was conducted over a 60-day period using an on-line survey tool (Survey Monkey).

The survey was promoted to the community using a number of methods including: publication in the City monthly newsletter, posting at City Hall, posting at the local YMCA, standard press release notification, and through social media platforms including the City website and Facebook page. One-hundred and six (106) individuals elected to fully complete the survey. Respondents were 73% female and 27% male. Thirty-nine (39) percent of the respondents were City residents. About 65% of the respondents were in the 25-44 age group, and 21% were in the 45-64 age group which indicates the results may focus on family and senior recreation. See Figures 5.3 through 5.5 for more detailed results of selected categories. The Appendix contains the full survey results.

Figure 5.3: Demographics of Survey Respondents

Gender	Survey Respondents
Male	27%
Female	73%

Live in the City Limits	Survey Respondents
Yes	39%
No	61%

Age	Survey Respondents
0-17	0%
18-24	0.94%
25-44	65.09%
45-64	21.70%
65-84	12.26%
85+	0%

Figure 5.4: Patterns of Park Use

Top Facilities with Most Importance	Survey Respondents
Playground	65%
Nature Trail	52%
Walking/Jogging	48%
Biking	34%
Sledding	34%

Top Ranked Needed Facilities	Survey Respondents
Walking/Nature Trails	69%
Playgrounds	61%
Bike Path/Trails	54%
Restrooms	50%
Farmer's Market	40%

Highest Program Participation	Survey Respondents
Parades	86%
Farmer's Market	77%
Holiday Events	73%
Festivals	72%
YMCA Youth	58%

Top Ranked Needed Programs	Survey Respondents
Fitness Classes	43%
Winter Sports	43%
Nature Based	42%
Summer Camps	38%
Arts / Dance	35%

Park Visits	Survey Respondents
Daily	5.7%
Weekly	23.8%
Monthly	42.9%
Every 6 Months	14.3%
< Every 6 Months	13.3%

Reason Preventing Park Use	Survey Respondents
Maintenance / Clean- liness	34%
Too busy	34%
No amenities of interest	32%
Visual Attractiveness	27%
Lack awareness	21%

Figure 5.5: Satisfaction Levels

Benefits of parks	Survey Respondents
Quality of Life	68%
Improve Health	63%
Reduce Stress	44%
Improve Social Skills	44%
Preserve Open Space	42%

What to focus on for next 5-years	Survey Respondents
Youth Programs	42%
Cleanliness	38%
Safety	29%
Innovative Facilities	27%
Non-Motorized Trails	25%

Top Maintenance issues	Survey Respondents
Clean Restrooms	55%
Lighting	38%
Broken Equipment	36%
Unsafe Equipment	32%
Park Safety	30%

Overall Appearance of Parks	Survey Respondents
Excellent	10%
Good	51%
Fair	24%
Poor	7%
Unsure	4%

Public Input Workshop

The City understands the importance of meaningful citizen input and is committed to using this input to assist in evaluating trends and forming goals and actions. Prior to development of the plan, the City solicited input and participation from the residents of the City through a public input workshop. The workshop was intended to develop a general consensus among the participants as to the current issues, needs, desires, and deficiencies regarding parks and recreation in the City.

VIRIDIS Design Group led the workshop and facilitated the discussions. The workshop took place on October 25th at 6:00 pm at Fish Hatchery Park, with 25 people in attendance. The meeting followed a typical format to ensure a productive outcome, but encouraged an open and informal atmosphere. Attendees were encouraged to engage in the process to provide perspective and to think about the big picture, in other words the attendees were asked to dream big.

The public workshop started with VIRIDIS providing a brief presentation that included: a description of the purpose of the Parks and Recreation

Master Plan, the contents of the plan, preliminary results of the on-line survey, and the process in place to develop the plan. Following this presentation, a workshop session took place designed to solicit input from the meeting attendees. The audience was broken into five groups, and a series of questions were presented to each group. Each group was asked to think about and discuss their ideas for the questions and record their answers (the questions were also part of the on-line survey).

After the groups were allotted time to develop, discuss, and record their ideas, each group was asked to share and discuss all of their ideas and priorities with the overall group, as the meeting facilitator recorded the responses. Lastly, each meeting attendee was provided with five voting dots, and were asked to vote for their top priorities for each question. The top five priorities for each question are listed in Figure 5.6 (Appendix contains the workshop agenda, notes, and overall results summary).

Figure 5.6: Public Input Workshop Summary

What are three ways the City can improve the parks and recreation system?
Trail connections between parks
Camping for bicyclists and campers
Awareness Campaign
Playgrounds
Way-finding signage including on river

What cultural / historical based recreational amenities would interest you?
Interpretive signs to tell history
Campground
Native American center
Programs on Thornapple River
Additional support for Charlton Park

What new / innovative park amenities should the City consider adding to the park system?
Restrooms at parks
Lighting
Adopt a sign by local businesses
Universally accessible / new playgrounds
Food forest / community gardens

What are three long term goals the City should
focus on related to parks and recreation?
Sports Complex
Security (lighting, cameras)
Smart phone app
Universal design / design for sensory needs
Looping in parks for recognition

30-Day Public Review

Once the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was complete, citizens were provided with a 30-day period to review and comment on the plan. A copy of the plan was made available at Hastings City Hall and the Hastings Library for review by the public on December 13, 2018. The plan was also published on the City's website. To notify the residents that a draft of the plan was available for review, a notice was published on the City website, posted at the City Hall, and noticed in the local newspaper, describing the purpose of the 30-day review period. A copy of the notice that was published/posted is included in the Appendix.

Public Hearings and Meetings

On January 14, 2019, the Hastings City Council reviewed and discussed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting. On January 28, 2019 the Hastings City Council held a public hearing to review the plan and accepted input at its regularly scheduled meeting prior to adoption. Both of these meetings were open to the public and presented the opportunity for the public to review and comment on the Plan and make recommendations. Meeting minutes, meeting notices, and recommendations can be found in the Appendix.

Trends Analysis

A number of recent reports and surveys exist regarding parks and recreation participation patterns within the United States. Inferences can be made about the City parks and recreation program and service needs by cross referencing the research data with Hastings population demographics.

According to the *Outdoor Participation Topline Report 2018*, by the Outdoor Foundation, 49% of the U.S. population, ages 6 and over, participated in outdoor recreation in 2017, which in Hastings would

equate to 3,675 people. In addition, the report states that the Midwestern region of the US, which includes Michigan, has the second highest rate of outdoor participation in the Country. Of those who participate in outdoor recreation nationally it is split 54% males and 46% female (Hastings is 47% male and 53% female). This report also found the following trends:

- The most popular outdoor activities by participation rate for youths (6- 25) include bicycling (road, BMX, Mountain), fishing, running/jogging, camping, and hiking.
- The most popular outdoor activities by participant rate for adults (over 25) include running/jogging, fishing, bicycling (road, BMX, Mountain), hiking, and camping.
- Of those who participate in outdoor recreation,
 53% indicate their favorite activity includes hiking, walking, and biking.
- The most popular team sports include basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, and football.
- The number 1 reason for participating in outdoor recreation was to get exercise.

According to the 2017 Participation Report by the Physical Activity Council, 72% of the U.S. population ages 6 and over are active on some level which in Hastings would equate to 5,292 active people. The Participation Report also found:

Interest in outdoor recreation is on the rise



- due to people wanting to experience nature, join fitness classes, and participate in team sports.
- Fitness sports (63%), outdoor sports (49%), individual sports (33.7%), and team sports (23%) show the highest participation rates.
- Racket sports (13.6%), water sports (13.4%), and winter sports (7.7%) show lower participation rates.
- Participation in fitness sports and outdoor sports are on the rise over the last 5 years.
- Participation in individual sports, team sports, and water sports are seeing declining rates over the last 5 years.

According to the 2018 NRPA Americans' Engagement with Parks Report 1 in 5 Americans ride bikes to parks. Gen Xers are more likely to walk to a park while Millennials are more likely to ride a bike to parks. These age groups make up approx. 40% of Hastings population. The report also indicates that 62% of respondents visit parks to be with family and friends while 54% visited parks for exercise.

Taking these use patterns and transferring them to Hastings, the following activities would capitalize on trends as they relate to outdoor recreation and population in Hastings:

- Look for non-motorized/walking trail opportunities to connect parks. This aligns with desires noted in the on-line survey.
- Continue/expand partnership with the YMCA to provide fitness sports. Also consider adding fitness equipment in parks.
- Consider expanding team sport activities.
- Consider providing camping and fishing activities.
- Consider developing adventure sports such as BMX biking and cross-country skiing.

Age also plays an important role in recreation as it relates to activity and participation. According

to the 2017 Participation Report by the Physical Activity Council, Gen Z is the most active group (82%), followed by Millennials (76%), Gen X (72%), and Baby Boomers (67%). The report also found the following:

- Outdoor sports and team sports have the highest participation rates for Gen Z
- Fitness sports and outdoor sports have the highest participation rates for Millennials and Gen Xers, however Millennials are more likely to participate in water sports.
- Baby boomers prefer fitness activities, particularly low impact activities such as walking, cycling, or aquatics.

The largest population group in the City is the 5-24 group, known as Generation Z (27.9%). The second largest group is the 40-54 group known as Generation X (19.8%), and the third largest group is the 25-39 group known as Millennials (18.7%). These three groups make up approximately two-thirds of the population.

The Gen Z group, and to some degree Millennials are growing up in the age of technology. Nationally, the use of technology while engaging in outdoor recreation is high in this age group. Recreation participants in this group are more likely to use smart phones and other devices to engage in outdoor recreation.



Given that a large percentage of the Gen Z group is under the age of 18, it is likely in many cases that they are visiting parks with parents/families, and relying on family to get to park facilities. The top three factors that motivate youth/families to participate in outdoor activities and visit recreational facilities are to be with family and friends (61%), participate in organized team sports (59%), and to experience excitement/adventure (46%). The top three factors that hamper youth/families from participating in outdoor recreation are lack of time (38%), lack of interest in available activities (20%), and safety concerns (17%).

The second largest population group, Gen X, are more likely to visit parks to be closer to nature and for fitness exercises. Millennials, the third largest group, are more likely to visit parks to experience excitement and adventure. Family oriented recreational facilities will also be important to these groups.

The following activities would capitalize on trends as they relate to these age groups:

- Develop programs and facilities that support adventure recreation.
- Continue to develop youth sports programs.
- Offer technology focused activities as an integral component to recreation programs and facilities.
- Offer family oriented programming and park amenities including team sports.
- Provide opportunities to experience and enjoy nature by providing nature trails, interpretive signage, boardwalks, and other passive based recreation.

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Goals and Objectives

As a result of the recreation inventory, public input, survey results, and trends, the City of Hastings has developed the following goals and objectives in order to guide the management and development of recreation opportunities for the next 5 years. Goals and objectives are meant to guide the intent of the actions to be taken, but flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities. A degree of flexibility is essential for the City to be responsive to its citizens. The goals are long-range in nature and intended to be broad in scope to accommodate future change. The objectives are short-range in nature and intended to direct specific program and development decisions to be made in the next five years. The goals are listed in no particular order.

- 1. Enhance existing recreation facilities to provide a high quality, accessible, and safe recreational experience at all City parks and facilities.
 - Provide access to all users by meeting or exceeding barrier-free standards.
 - Update/replace existing playgrounds to meet current safety and ADA guidelines.
 - Strive for universal accessibility in all parks including the development of a miracle field.
 - Evaluate security measures such as emergency call boxes, security systems, lighting, and park visibility.
 - Work with enforcement agencies and community organizations to provide a safe environment for park users.

- Maintain park facilities by providing adequate staff, equipment, and response systems.
- Incorporate low maintenance products and equipment that save energy, reduce wear, reduce environmental impact, and reduce demands on staff.
- 2. Preserve, protect, and improve historic, natural, scenic, and environmentally sensitive areas for appropriate public use and enjoyment and habitat protection.
 - Develop management / maintenance strategies for natural areas including eradication of invasive species, stabilization of the riverbank, and protect water quality.
 - Identify land acquisition opportunities to preserve environmentally sensitive areas including land along the Thornapple River.
 - Provide programs and facilities that educate the public about the environment.
 - Provide programs and facilities that support the conservation, protection, and preservation of the natural environment.
- 3. Expand the diversity of recreation facilities available at new or existing recreation facilities to offer year-round opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities in order to meet current and future demands.
 - Identify new innovative equipment and/or facilities.
 - Provide playground equipment for toddlers.
 - Provide wide range of active and passive recreation facilities and programs with four season activities for all ages.
 - Develop an athletic complex to provide sport field opportunities.
 - Develop a regional park on the City owned land along the riverfront.
- 4. Encourage community partnerships and joint ventures with groups and organizations that have a supportive relationship.
 - Continue to support and enhance relationship with the YMCA.
 - Identify organizations with similar goals that can be collaborative and share costs for activities and events.
 - Collaborate with local agencies, adjacent municipalities, and other public organizations
 - Coordinate with Hastings School District and non-profit organizations to identify synergistic programs and activities.
 - Explore opportunities to partner with private organizations to encourage philanthropic investment in City park and recreation facilities.



- Facilitate partnerships that support venues for cultural, sports, and recreational activities.
- 5. Provide non-motorized and way finding connections between parks, neighborhoods and community facilities, and municipalities.
 - Implement recommendations described in the City's Non-Motorized Trail Master Plan.
 - Identify potential opportunities for regional non-motorized trail connections to adjacent communities.
 - Provide non-motorized connections to connect users with facilities throughout the community.
 - Develop a way finding system to assist users locate facilities more easily and locate their proximity within the park system.
 - Explore opportunities for easement acquisition for future trail connections.
 - Explore opportunities to connect trail systems to local businesses.
 - Develop a funding mechanism for long term trail maintenance.
- 6. Acquire property as it becomes available to ensure recreational opportunities keep pace with the needs of the community.
 - Plan for long-range needs to develop existing City owned land, expansion of existing park facilities, and acquire new park property.
 - Provide a geographically balanced park system throughout the City.
- 7. Increase community awareness of available park facilities and programs through communication, promotion, and branding.
 - Promote volunteer opportunities and other methods of citizen support for programs and parks.
 - Encourage public engagement in park facility development and programs through community out reach projects, stewardship programs, and interpretive programs.
 - Continue to publicize park events, facilities and programs through social media, newsletters, press releases, web site, promotional events, and other media outlets.
 - Increase resident awareness of the City's park goals, events, and accomplishments to get the community involved in programs and increase use of park facilities.
- 8. Promote healthy and active lifestyles through park and recreation facilities and programs.
 - Promote awareness of fitness programs that support healthy lifestyles.
 - Provide four season recreation opportunities.
 - Provide recreation facilities that encourage healthy habits.
 - Target programs for specific age groups based on current trends.
- 9. Explore sustainable funding opportunities for future park development and maintenance.
 - Explore partnerships with local corporations.
 - Develop a fundraising arm or friends group for trail maintenance.
 - Continue to seek funding opportunities from grants, foundations, millages, and donations.
- 10. Identify opportunities for place making and public space development
 - Integrate technology into parks and public spaces.

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- Provide space for public art display.
- Provide for the display/use of sustainable technologies in public spaces.
- Use public space to promote the branding and identity of the park system.



Action Plan

The Action Plan and Capital Improvement Plan of the Hastings Parks and Recreation Master Plan states the proposed course of development or improvement that will be taken over the next five years. The Goals and Objectives, from the previous section, serve as guidelines for the development of the Action Program. The Capital Improvement Plan which follows will focus on the needs identified in the Action Program and will project potential expenditures for the five-year action period on a park by park and project by project basis. The five-year period will begin in 2019 and extend through 2023. This time period will not be sufficient to accomplish all of the goals and objectives, but begins to prioritize those projects that may be achievable within the initial five years.

The Action Plan focuses on reduction of deficiencies, and expansion and improvements of facilities in a manner that not only meets current needs, but also diversifies the type and quality of recreational opportunities within the Township. These needs were identified during the public input process and were identified during the review and comparison of park standards and demographic/population trends. The Action Plan describes specific priorities to be taken to address these needs; and the Capital Improvement Plan specifically itemizes those projects which will be most feasible during the next five years. The proposed schedule will allow for flexibility as funds become available and as opportunities are presented.

The priorities and action plan items for the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan are as follows (not listed in particular order):

Action A: Expansion of Non-Motorized trails

Projects that include non-motorized transportation/recreation trail planning and development are a priority including projects that enhance greenway corridors, connect parks and lakes, support existing trail extensions, eliminate barriers, and enhance the overall trail system. The City has developed a Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan that identifies specific non-motorized priorities.

Non-Motorized Transportation / Walkability

The development of non-motorized facilities including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and off -road walking paths were strongly supported by the results of the community outreach process. The City has completed a Non-Motorized Trailway Master Plan and should work towards implementation of that plan to connect parks, schools, residential areas, and commercial hubs to each other and to neighboring communities. In addition, the City should encourage the development of pathways within existing parks to facilitate universal accessibility and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Riverwalk

Extension of the river walk to the east from Industrial Park Dr to Heath Road.

Action B: Improvements to existing facilities

The most efficient use of City resources is to focus on projects that improve existing facilities and maximize the potential of City owned property. Projects that renovate or re-use existing facilities are considered a high priority. This may include improvements that eliminate barriers to increase accessibility for all users, renovations and upgrades to existing equipment and features to ensure modern and clean facilities, and redevelopment or expansion of existing parks to eliminate redundancy and maximize the potential of the site.

Bliss Riverfront Park

Improvements for this park include adding restroom facilities, playground equipment, and fields. Accessible routes are needed to most facilities in the park including along the riverfront which would provide additional fishing and river access opportunities. An additional group picnic shelter, accessible picnic tables and grills would benefit the park. Site entrance improvements should include paving and expanding the parking area, signage and clearer delineation from the surrounding land uses.

Bob King Park

Barrier free improvements should include providing accessible routes to the baseball field and the tennis/basketball courts. Also the tot lot playground should be replaced with updated and accessible equipment. Resurfacing of the parking lot and tennis courts may be needed in the near future.

Dog Park

Enhancements should include providing an accessible route from the parking lot to the dog run entry areas as well as providing accessible benches and picnic tables.

First Ward Park

Accessibility improvements should be made to make connecting walkways to the parks facilities. The outdated playground equipment needs to be replaced as well as the existing sidewalks. Potential additions to the park include a restroom, pavilion, and a basketball court.

Fish Hatchery Park

This is one of the City's oldest and most visited parks, which is in need of some updates and additions to better meet the community's needs. The following renovations are recommended based on public feedback, and general park standards:

- A high priority is to bring the existing facilities in line with ADA requirements; including designated barrier-free parking, walkway links to the ball field, access improvements to the tennis courts, and playground renovation.
- The provision of exercise equipment around the trail for active older adults, replacing the outdated and worn out equipment, is also considered an important addition.
- The provision of pedestrian lighting will also improve safety and expand park use.
- An additional group picnic shelter is also needed to meet demand.
- Netting at the south end of the soccer field to prevent balls going into the adjacent pond.
- Consider dredging the ponds and restocking with fish.
- Further improvements to the old arts building to increase usability.
- Resurface the parking lot
- Renovate or replace existing pavilion/restrooms
- Reconstruct or replace the tennis courts. Consider repurposing them for pickle ball.
- Consider redeveloping the site into a sports complex (see Map 5.2).

Hammond Hills

Parking and trail improvements, including an on-site trail map, should be considered to increase accessibility, while maintaining the natural appeal of this site. The addition of a picnic shelter and pit toilets would also benefit the park.

Second Ward Park

This is a small, older neighborhood park that needs upgrades specifically to address ADA requirements. The play area and basketball court should be linked to the sidewalks with hard surfaced walks to meet ADA requirements. Existing playground equipment needs to be replaced and barrier-free surfacing added. The addition of restroom facilities would also benefit the park.

Sweezey's Nature Area

Future improvements should include the construction of a paved multi-purpose trail through site, linking residential areas to the high school, the development of a nature trail with interpretive signs, and controlled, barrier-free access to ponds. Providing boardwalks and decks would provide a means to access the pond.

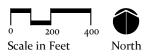
Tyden Park

Tyden Park is another highly used community park in need of improvements to meet ADA requirements and expand use. The following renovations are recommended based on public feedback, and general



Map 5.2 - Fish Hatchery Park Concept

City of Hastings Parks and Recreation Master Plan Fish Hatchery Park Athletic Complex Concept



park standards:

- Accessibility improvements are needed to better link the parking areas to the trail, to provide access
 to the west picnic shelter and to provide barrier-free amenities such as drinking fountains, picnic
 tables and grills.
- The addition of a covered event shelter with electricity would better accommodate the many functions this park supports.
- New playground equipment with barrier free surfacing is needed to replace the outdated equipment in this park.
- The soccer field does not currently meet regulation size requirements and changes should be considered to accommodate a full size field, along with regrading and turf improvements.
- Replacement of the older west pavilion should be considered.
- Resurface the tennis and basketball courts and add lighting.
- Restoration of the riverbank to its natural state with controlled access points should be implemented in accordance with the River Protection Zone Ordinance.
- Additional access points along the Thornapple to expand river use.
- Kayak/ canoe launch should be improved with better signage and paved access from the parking area.
- Provide a trail connection under Broadway.
- Consider adding winter themed activities

Action C: Reduce or minimize operating costs

With budgets getting tighter and grants becoming more competitive, projects that can help reduce operating costs are a priority. Examples include: projects that increase efficiency in operations and reduce maintenance, removal or replacement of equipment or features that are costly or inefficient to maintain, projects that consider the use of alternative energy sources and use of recycled materials, and projects that could generate revenue.

Action D: Conserve, preserve, and enhance natural features and environmentally sensitive areas.

During the community outreach process, the community expressed a strong desire to further utilize and protect the City's extensive natural areas and features, and to implement environmentally sustainable maintenance practices. This includes invasive species management, nature programming, additional trails including soft trails, use of native species, interpretive signage, using recycled materials and alternative sources of energy, and employing environmentally sustainable design and maintenance practices.

Action E: Planning for future parks and recreational needs

As the community continues to grow and change over time, the City continues to dedicate themselves to improving recreational offerings for the community. The City understands that in order to continue to ensure that park and recreation offerings adapt to and meet the needs of the growing community, they must be willing to continually invest in and look for new opportunities in parks and recreation programs, facilities, and services. This makes planning for future parks and recreation facilities a high priority. This is reflected in projects that spark or are a part of economic development, projects that seek opportunities for land acquisition, and the pursuit of additional funding mechanisms. The following are

examples of projects the City is considering to meet this focus:

New Regional Park

This City owned property is located on the west side of the City along the Thornapple River and much of the property is within the floodplain. A master plan should be developed for this site in order to identify potential uses and associated costs. Preliminary ideas for the future park include the development of a trail head for the Riverwalk, add a boat launch area along the river, the addition of nature trails, and a potential athletic complex.

Land Acquisition

The City will look for opportunities to purchase additional land for recreational or preservation purposes as it becomes available within the or adjacent to the City limits. This could include land for new sports field development, a new ice rink complex, new park, trail easements, and acreage available for parks in residential areas.

Farmers Market

According to the on-line community survey, the farmers market was the second highest used program in the City and the fifth ranked need for new facilities. Development of a dedicated market would include a dynamic space for food vendors, food trucks, and farmers with farm vehicle access to stalls. The market would include space for entertainment, dining, and outdoor cooking classes. The market would include a section that can be enclosed in the colder months for small retail venues for more permanent market vendors. On off days when not used for the farmer's market the area could be used as a festival site.

Winter Recreation

The on-line survey indicated that winter recreation is the second highest priority for programs to add to the City park system. Such activities include cross-country skiing, sledding, ice skating, and snowmobiling. The City is currently is developing plans for a new community ice rink.

Athletic Complex

It was conveyed during the public engagement process that there is a need for developing an athletic complex in order to provide additional fields for the residents of the City.

Action F: Develop diverse, balanced, and innovative park facilities

Given that the City's park system is a mature system, developing diverse park facilities and incorporating exciting new park features is a high priority for the City. This is also important given the City's highest population group is those under 18. The following are examples of projects the City is considering in response to resident needs:

Kayak Livery / Boat Launch Sites

Tyden Park and Bliss Riverfront Park provide many opportunities to access the Thornapple River. as well as other City owned and adjacent to the river. Developing new and improving existing access points to the river to develop liveries and/or boat launch sites will provide opportunities to enjoy the scenic beauty of the river. In addition, the development of a visitor information station and a kayak and fishing equipment rental facility could provide valuable services to the users.

Edible Trail

Creating edible forest landscapes of fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, and more along the trail to encourage stops along the route to pause and enjoy nature, while enjoying some of what nature provides. The Edible Trail project could provide learning opportunities on nurturing the ecosystem while increasing access to local, sustainable food.

Outdoor Gym

An Outdoor Gym could be developed in parks including fitness equipment available all year for adult, children and the physically challenged. This fitness area may be set with a forested area and encourage stretching and strength exercises to accompany walking and biking experiences.

Camp Grounds

Camping is currently one of the most participated in outdoor recreation activities in 2017 according to the 2018 Outdoor Participation Topline report. It was also conveyed during the public engagement process that there is a need for camping in the City, particularly along the Thornapple River, to accommodate various festivals and events that currently take place in the City. Camping also aligns with the many activities found in the park system including biking, fishing and trail walking/hiking.

Native American Interpretive Area

Future park expansions could include Native American cultural education interpretation, events, exhibitions and other activities. The interpretation is planned in collaboration with the local tribe.

Other Miscellaneous Items

The following items were discussed as being desirable concepts worth further exploration during the public engagement process:

- Providing WI-Fi services at park sites
- Development of a miracle/challenger field
- Increase park marketing and awareness efforts
- Way-finding signs on the river
- Interpretive signs to tell the history of the City parks as well a flora and fauna
- Programs centered around the Thornapple River

Action G: Continue to provide a diverse slate of programs for all ages and seasons

In addition to providing cutting edge park facilities, it is equally important to provide exciting programs and activities. This need was discussed during the community outreach process and the City recognizes the need for diverse programs that cover all ages and seasons.

Capital Improvement Plan

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

sources such as trusts, charitable foundations, and all Federal and State funding programs. The Capital Improvement Plan shows a breakdown of the anticipated projects, priorities, estimated costs, and projected funding sources for the next five to 10 years. All projections are based upon year 2018 costs and will be refined as the program progresses. It should be noted that changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease, but it is anticipated that the changes would be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects. Refer to the Appendix for the Capital Improvement Plan.

Potential Funding Sources / Resource Partners

A variety of funding sources and resource partners may exist to assist with the implementation of proposed recreation projects. A summary of the primary sources are listed below:

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

The MNRTF can provide assistance for the City's outdoor recreation projects, including land acquisition and physical development of park facilities. This assistance is intended to bolster existing facilities, protect critical natural resources and establish new parkland. Development project grants may range between \$15,000 and \$300,000; there is no limit to acquisition requests. The minimum required local match is 25%.

Michigan Natural Resources Passport Grant

The Passport grant fund program is primarily focused on renovating and improving existing parks, however the development of new parks is considered eligible. The Minimum grant request is \$7,500 and the maximum grant request is \$150,000. The minimum required local match is 25%.

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The LWCF is similar to the Trust Fund grant described above, in that it is meant to help fund land acquisition and park development. The minimum grant request amount is \$30,000 and the maximum grant request amount is \$300,000. The minimum required local match is 50%. Natural feature preservation has historically been the primary award criteria; and as such, this opportunity should especially be taken into account when planning for new passive recreation facilities. In addition, the LWCF now places emphasis on trails, "green" technology in outdoor recreation, universal design and coordination among recreation providers.

MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The TAP fund is a grant program that funds non-motorized paths and streetscapes that enhance the community's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. The program uses federal funds to promote walkability, alternative transportation options, and place based economic development to improve the quality of life for communities. The minimum required local match is 20%.

City Funds

The general fund, a special millage, the parks budget, bonds, and the parks capital improvement account are possibilities to help fund new and improved facilities in the Township.

Park Millage

A special millage can help the City generate funds for development, acquire park land, or to use as leverage for grant applications.

Donations & Foundations

Residents, property owners, businesses, and organizations will frequently contribute to causes that improve local quality of life. While these contributions are often pecuniary, they may also include land donations, volunteer services, or the gift of equipment or other facilities.

Clean Michigan Initiative Local Recreation Grants

The program provides funding for the development and renovation of indoor or outdoor public recreation facilities and infrastructure. The goal of the program is to enhance or develop recreational opportunities by improving or replacing an existing public facility, by meeting the recreational needs of the local residents, or by attracting tourists. Grants are awarded for non-acquisition projects in amounts between \$15,000 to \$750,000, based on the need for the project, capability of the local community to operate and maintain the improvement, and quality of the site and project design.

Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants

Through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), there are two tree planting grant programs that will assist in funding park landscape enhancements and reforestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.

- 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 request 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.

Wetland Program Development

The goals of the Environmental Protection Agency's wetland program and the Clean Water Action Plan are to increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conservation and increasing wetland acreage, and improving wetland health. State, tribal, and local governmental agencies, interstate, intertribal, and local government associations are eligible to receive grant funds. Applications are due in the fall with a required 25% minimum local match. For more information, visit their website at: www. epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grant quidelines.

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Appendix

Capital Improvement Plan

Parks Capital Improvements - 10 Year Forecast By Priority (for prioritization purposes only and not to be considered an approved budget)

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Yearly Operating Budget:

For the 2017/2018 fiscal year, the council approved budget for Parks and Recreation (101.751) is as follows:

		AUDITED	AUDITED	AUDITED	REVISED	YTD	DEPT HEAD	CITY MGR	COUNCIL		FORECAST	
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REQUEST	RECOMM	ADPT BGT	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
		6/30/2014	6/30/2015	6/30/2016	2016/2017	12/31/2016	2017/2018	2017/2018		2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/202
751	PARKS AND RECREATION											
702,000	SALARIES SUPERVISION	\$3,405.92	\$3,793.11	\$3,863.00	\$3,863.00	\$3,123.74	\$4,585		\$3,881	\$4,654	\$4,724	\$4,794
706.000	LABOR FULL TIME DPS	\$16,930.99	\$22,850.82	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$21,121.39	\$28,195		\$25,000	\$28,618	\$29,047	\$29,483
706.010	LABOR FULL TIME DPS REGULAR OVERTIME	\$2,350.19	\$2,597.19	\$4,197.00	\$4,197.00	\$2,540.82	\$4,561		\$4,197	\$4,629	\$4,699	\$4,769
706.020	LABOR FULL TIME DPS DOUBLE OVERTIME	\$92.60	\$301.07	\$305.00	\$305.00	\$68.60	\$304		\$305	\$309	\$313	\$318
714.000	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$14,773.34	\$17,720.67	\$24,188.00	\$24,188.00	\$23,884.21	\$21,374		\$25,728	\$21,694	\$22,020	\$22,350
739.000	FURNISHINGS / EQUIPMENT	\$315.88	\$0.00	\$939.00	\$939.00	\$3,625.00	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$3,045	\$3,091	\$3,137
740.020	SUPPLIES (Repair & Maintenance)	\$7,495.41	\$10,467.01	\$8,321.00	\$8,321.00	\$1,473.18	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,120	\$8,242	\$8,368
740.050	SUPPLIES (Art Park)	\$0.00	\$62.50	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$25		\$25	\$25	\$26	\$26
740.093	SUPPLIES (Restroom Facilities)	\$895.01	\$1,311.81	\$1,402.00	\$1,402.00	\$615.90	\$1,450		\$1,450	\$1,472	\$1,494	\$1,516
740.099	SUPPLIES (Other)	\$621.20	\$1,131.78	\$1,251.00	\$1,251.00	\$1,545.49	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$1,523	\$1,545	\$1,569
757.000	WEARING APPAREL	\$360,14	\$487.18	\$416.00	\$416.00	\$270.13	\$500		\$500	\$508	\$515	\$523
759.000	CHEMICALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$333.00	\$0.00	\$3,500		\$3,500	\$3,553	\$3,606	\$3,660
801.030	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Plan Update)	\$4,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,933.00	\$1,933.00	\$0.00	\$0		\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$41,411.00	\$33,899.00	\$39,103.00	\$39,103.00	\$33,550.45	\$60,968		\$60,968	\$61,883	\$62,811	\$64,695
831.000	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$13,643.87	\$19,766.11	\$20,108.00	\$20,108.00	\$17,204.70	\$21,834		\$18,086	\$22,162	\$22,494	\$23,169
835.000	HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$146.83	\$127.82	\$172.00	\$172.00	\$93.17	\$200		\$200	\$203	\$206	\$210
873.000	CONFERENCE WORKSHOP TRAINING	\$28.30	\$46.12	\$91.00	\$91.00	\$164.44	\$200		\$200	\$203	\$206	\$212
920.000	PUBLIC UTILITIES ELECTRIC AND GAS	\$5,696.12	\$7,125.26	\$7,067.00	\$7,067.00	\$12,471.77	\$7,250		\$20,321	\$7,359	\$7,469	\$7,768
933.010	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE (Building & Grounds)	\$3,112.45	\$2,586.49	\$4,566.00	\$4,566.00	\$611.00	\$4,500		\$4,500	\$4,568	\$4,636	\$4,775
933.020	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE (Building Equipment)	\$357.25	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$286.00	\$770.00	\$500		\$500	\$508	\$515	\$531
933.052	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE (Recreation Equipment)	\$0.00	\$722.50	\$574.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$500		\$500	\$508	\$515	\$531
943.000	EQUIPMENT FUND RENTAL SERVICES	\$13,132.20	\$19,163.86	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$12,628.43	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,300	\$20,605	\$21,223
963.000	INSURANCE & BONDS	\$769.00	\$1,219.00	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00	\$1,137.00	\$1,200		\$2,365	\$1,218	\$1,236	\$1,273
969.010	CONTRIBUTIONS (YMCA)	\$22,266.00	\$28,000.00	\$26,089.00	\$26,089.00	\$13,044.50	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,600	\$31,212
970.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY (East End Performance Venue)	\$0.00	\$12,949.45	\$0.00	\$966,105.00	\$966,258.91	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
970.050	CAPITAL OUTLAY (8 Michigan Pocket Park)	\$0.00	\$242.50	\$16,800.00	\$0.00	\$221.03	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	80
971.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Land Improvements)	\$972.96	\$9,451.76	\$0.00	\$16,800.00	\$12,622.91	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$45,000	\$25,000	\$48,000
971.080	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Land Improvements)				\$52,900.00	\$0.00	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
971.090	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Skate Park Improvements)			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$0		\$0	SO	\$0	SC
971.810	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Mountain Bike Trail)			\$0.00	\$91,000.00	\$0.00	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
972.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Building Improvements)	\$0.00	\$2,535.00	\$60,000.00	\$50,800.00	\$1,775.89	\$60,000		\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$0
973.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Machinery & Equipment)	\$0.00	\$2,128.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,049.00	\$6,250		\$6,250	\$0	\$6,250	S
979.000	CAPITAL OUTLAY (Recreation Equipment)	\$4,434_17	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$158,010.83	\$201,686.12	\$276,106.00	\$1,384,911.00	\$1,136,071.66	\$323,396	\$0	\$283,976	\$305,058	\$289,864	\$292,110

Breaking down the budgetary costs, the yearly operating and capital expenses are as follows:

Operating/Maintenance:

DPS Labor and Supplies: \$134,758
Contracted Maintenance: \$69,968
YMCA Contribution: \$30,000

\$234,726 Total

Capital Improvement Expenses:

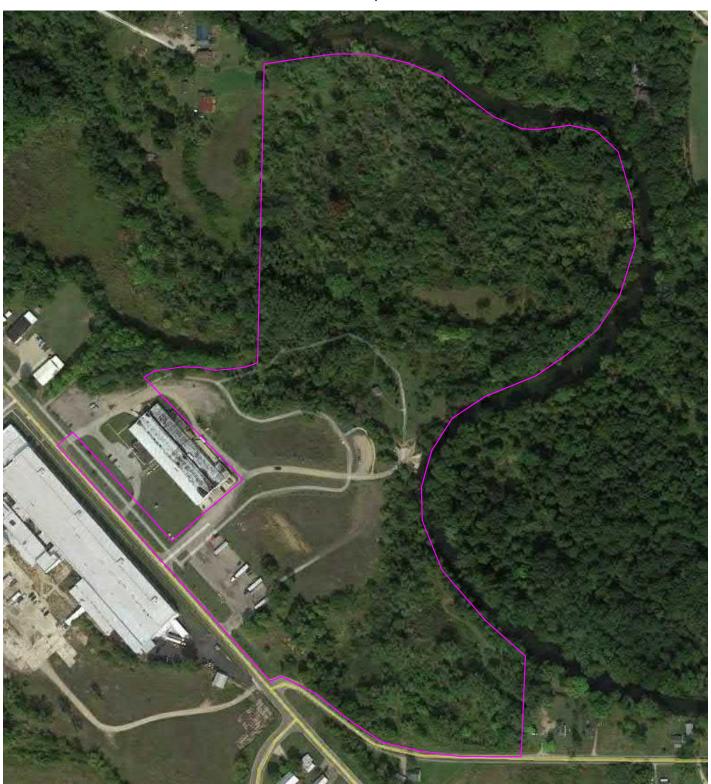
Land Improvements: \$25,000

Building Improvements: \$10,000

Machinery and Equipment: \$14,250

\$49,250 Total

This equates to a yearly operating budget of \$283,976 for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, with \$234,726 allocated to the operation and maintenance of the parks, and \$49,250 allocated to capital improvements.



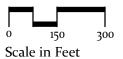
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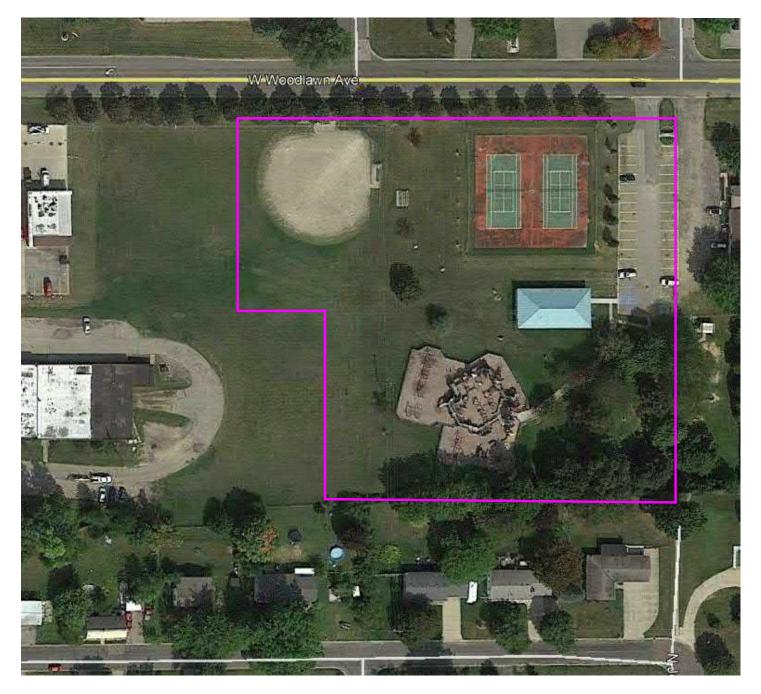
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Bliss Nature area

Site Inventory



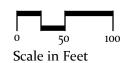




FACILITIES INCLUDE:

PARKING
BASKETBALL
TENNIS
BASEBALL FIELD
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
PICNIC SHELTER
RESTROOMS
PICNIC TABLES
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DRINKING FOUNTAIN

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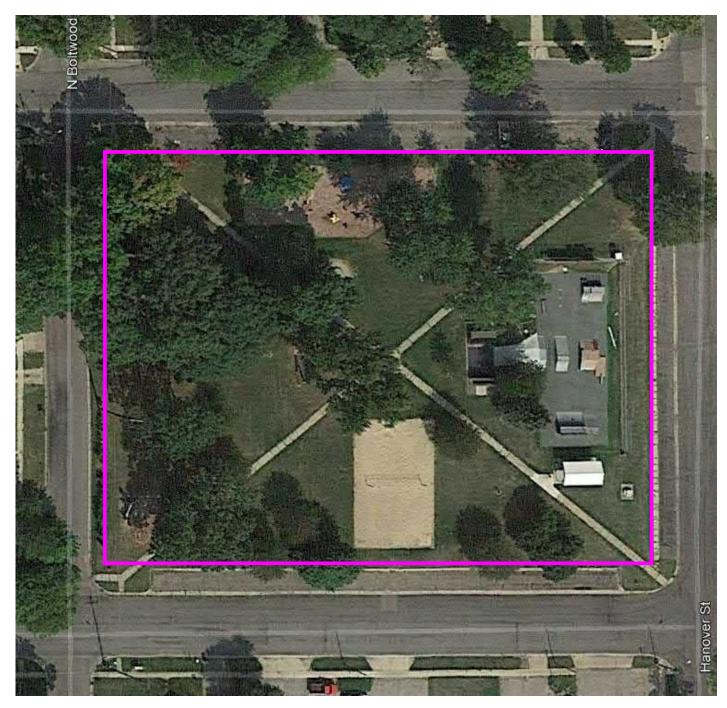


FACILITIES INCLUDE:
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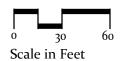




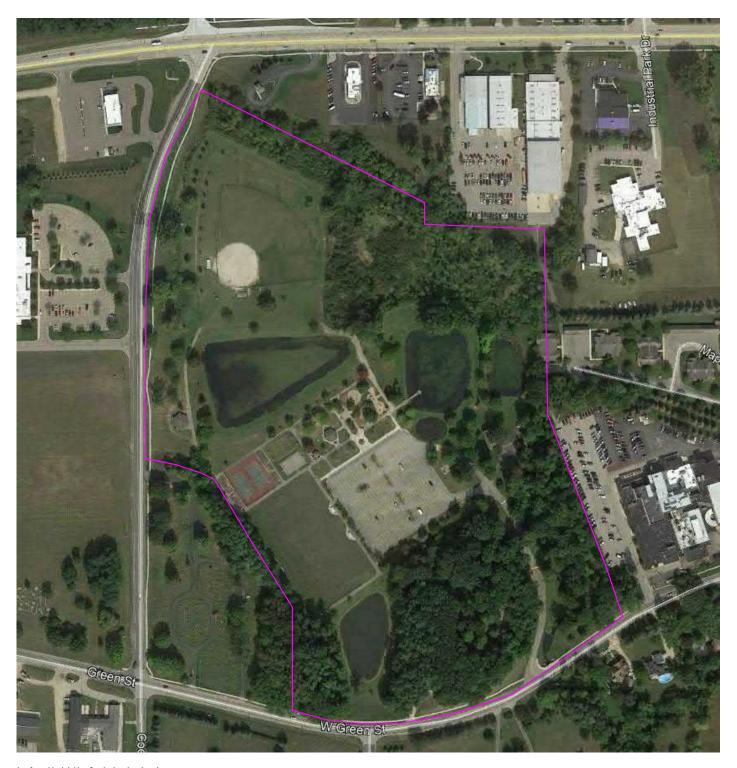


FACILITIES INCLUDE:
PARKING
SAND VOLLEYBALL
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
PICNIC SHELTER
SKATE PARK
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LIGHTING

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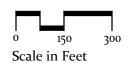
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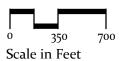




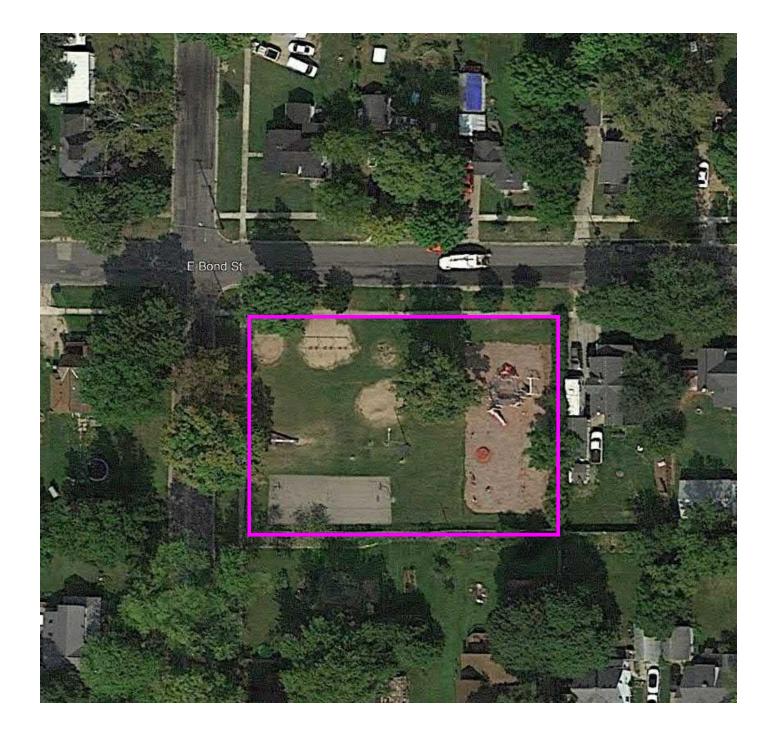


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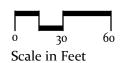






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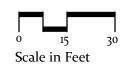




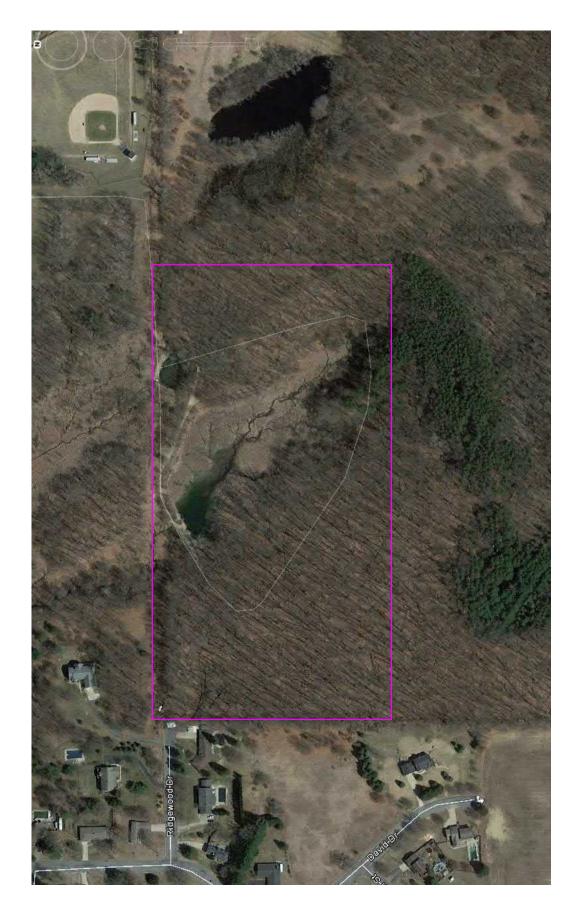
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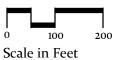


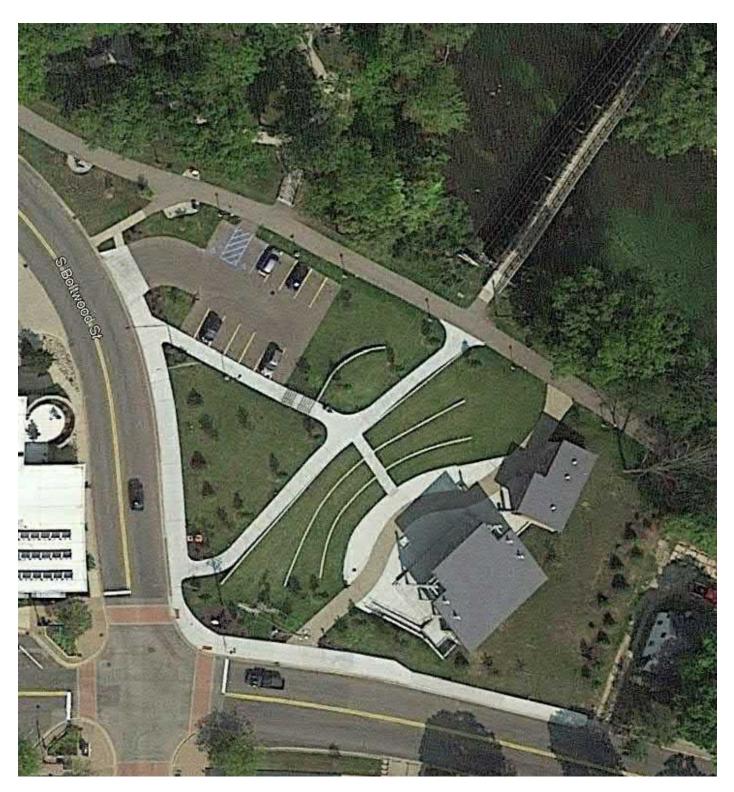




FACILITIES INCLUDE: NATURE TRAILS PONDS

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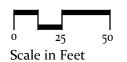




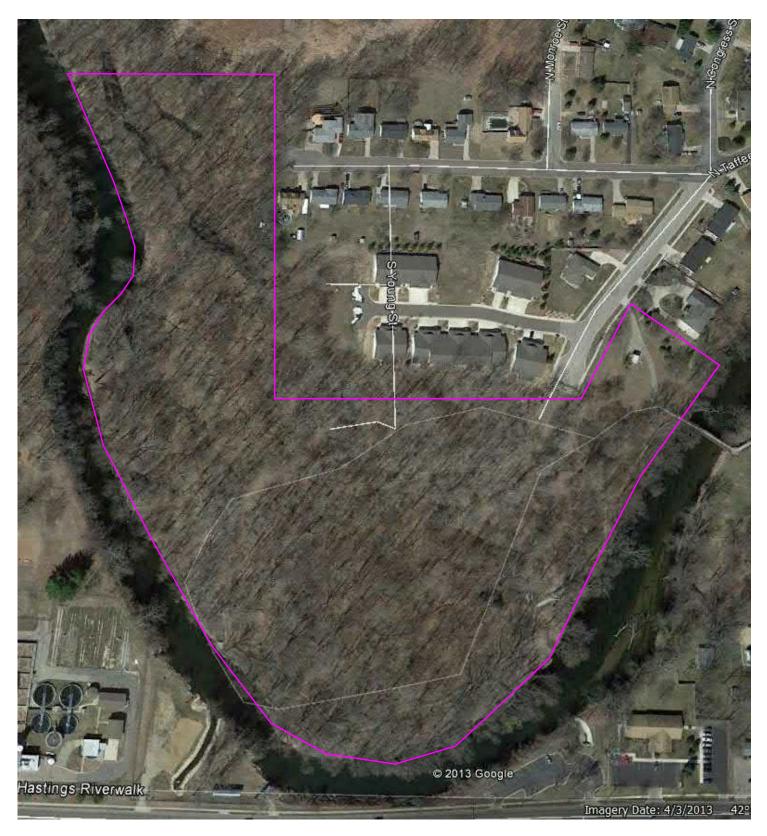
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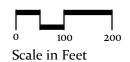




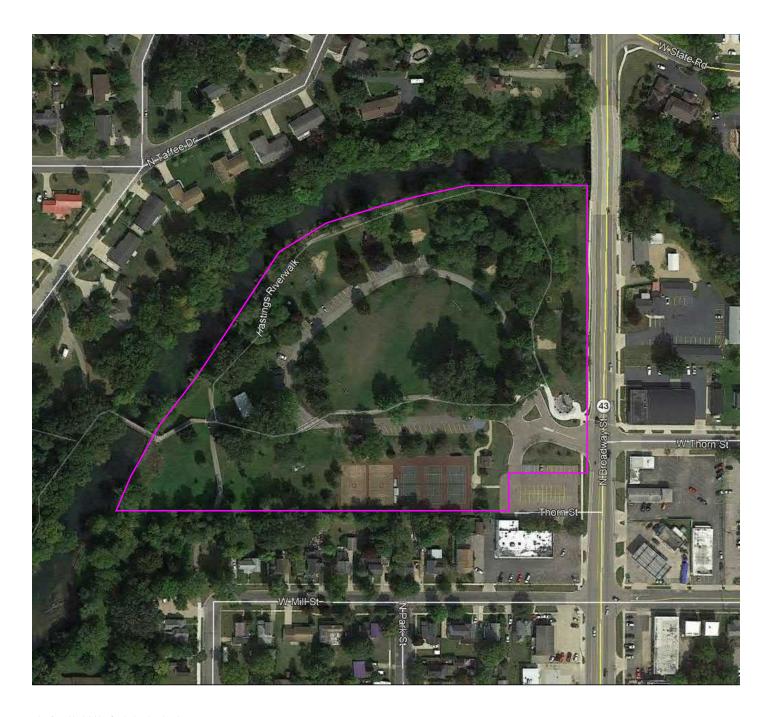


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BOARDWALK

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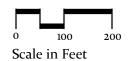


FACILITIES INCLUDE:

PARKING
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL
RIVERWALK
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
BASKETBALL
TENNIS
SANDVOLLEYBALL
SOCCER FIELD

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PICNIC SHELTERS RESTROOM FACILITIES PICNIC TABLES GRILLS DRINKING FOUNTAIN LIGHTING OVERLOOK DECK VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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Site Inventory





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING For Public Input/Comment

2019 Parks and Recreation Plan Update

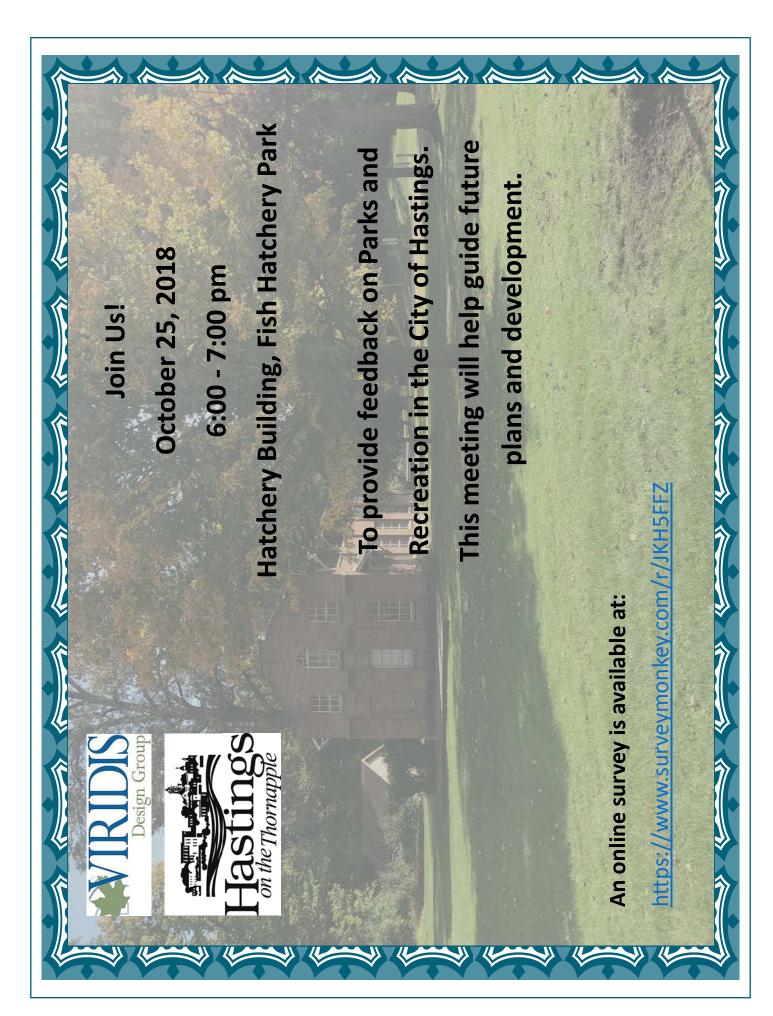
The City of Hastings will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hatchery Building within Fish Hatchery Park in Hastings (1011 W Green Street in Hastings).

The purpose of the public meeting is to gather input on current and future goals for parks, recreation, and trails within the City of Hastings. The comments and ideas received from this meeting will be used to help develop the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Further information is available by contacting Hastings City Hall at 269-945-2468, or LHays@hastingsmi.org. Comments may be submitted in writing or made in person at the public input meeting. A short survey is also available online at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JKH5FFZ

Lee Hays Director of Public Services

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MINUTES OF MEETING

October 30, 2018

PROJECT: City of Hastings 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2018

VIRIDIS PROJECT #: 1844

Administered by: John McCann, VIRIDIS Design Group

PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Public Input Meeting

- 1. VIRIDIS gave a brief presentation which included a description of the following: the purpose of the plan, the contents of the plan, the planning process, current park map and acreage, and preliminary survey results from the on-line survey.
- 2. The meeting attendees were organized into five small working groups. VIRIDIS provided instructions for the group work which included nominating a scribe/spokesperson, providing and recording ideas discussed for each provided question, and identifying the top idea choices for each question.
- **3.** Group work
 - a. Each group was provided a series of 4 questions and asked to provide ideas for each. Each group was given 10 minutes to discuss each question. VIRIDIS sat in each group to facilitate the discussions.
 - b. When each group completed all the questions on their own, all the groups reconvened as one group and shared the ideas that were discussed. VIRIDIS recorded all of the comments on a large pad for all to see.
- 4. Group work results
 - a. Question #1 What are three ways the City can improve the parks and recreation system (listed in order of most voted)?
 - i. Trail connections between parks
 - ii. Camping for bicyclists and campers
 - iii. Awareness campaign
 - iv. Playgrounds
 - v. Way-finding signage including on water
 - vi. Sports complex
 - vii. Accessible play equipment
 - viii. Year-round facilities
 - ix. Parks in NE part of City
 - x. Promote parks on social media
 - xi. Programs in parks

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- xii. Game tables (chess/checkers)
- xiii. Adult soccer leagues
- xiv. Rollerskating
- xv. Increase river access
- xvi. Increase spending on parks
- xvii. Explore fundraising / partnership opportunities
- xviii. Long term development vision
 - xix. Exercise classes
- b. Question #2 What type of new and innovative park amenities should the City consider adding to the park system (listed in order of most voted)?
 - i. Restrooms at all parks
 - ii. Lighting
 - iii. Adopt a sign by local businesses
 - iv. Universally accessible playground equipment
 - v. New playground equipment
 - vi. Food forest / community gardens
 - vii. Security and lighting
 - viii. Keep parks open at night and add lighting
 - ix. Fitness trails with exercise stations
 - x. Low maintenance restrooms
 - xi. Sports Complex
 - xii. Boat access areas in parks
 - xiii. Themes for parks
 - xiv. Endowment for trails/parks
 - xv. Variety in play structures
 - xvi. Bike repair stations
 - xvii. Expand trails
 - xviii. Interpretive signs with themes
 - xix. Partnerships to pay for maintenance
 - xx. Biodiversity
 - xxi. Community service events for youth
- c. Question #3 What cultural / historical based recreational amenities would interest you (listed in order of most voted)?
 - i. Interpretive signs to tell history of parks
 - ii. Campground
 - iii. Native American center
 - iv. More activities at Thornapple Park
 - v. Additional support for Charleton Park
 - vi. Shuffleboard
 - vii. Cross country skiing
 - viii. Climbing wall
 - ix. Food market
 - x. Programming on trails (trick or treat/adult events)
 - xi. Downtown window displays
 - xii. Block party

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- xiii. Encourage trade school partnerships
- d. Question #4 What are three long term goals the City should focus on related to parks and recreation (listed in order of most voted)?
 - i. Sports Complex
 - ii. Security (lighting, cameras)
 - iii. Smart phone app
 - iv. Design for sensory needs
 - v. Looping in parks for recognition
 - vi. Be the center point on a regional trail
 - vii. Collaborations with businesses / special interest groups
 - viii. Enhance Sweezy's pond
 - ix. Regional trails
 - x. Park awareness maps
 - xi. Restroom facilities along river
 - xii. Signage for river, for users to know where they are
 - xiii. Preserve green space
 - xiv. Attract / maintain residents
 - xv. Fundraising
 - xvi. Community scout team to visit other parks for ideas
 - xvii. Increase trail system
 - xviii. Update playground equipment
 - xix. Cleaner facilities
 - xx. Maintenance plan
 - xxi. Brochures, maps, apps for parks
 - xxii. Ingress/egress signs for river
 - xxiii. Distance signs on trails and river
 - xxiv. Information kiosks

5. Final voting

- a. After all the ideas were shared and recorded, each meeting attendee was provided with 5 colored dots. Attendees were asked to place dots next to the ideas that they thought were most important. The only rule was that only three dots could be placed on any one item. The bold items listed above indicate the top five most voted for ideas for each question.
- b. After voting the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes are VIRIDIS Design Group's interpretation of discussions and conclusions from the referenced meeting. Please contact our office within 5 business days if corrections need to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRIDIS Design Group

October 25, 2018 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Meeting

John McCann, LLA, ASLA, LEED AP Senior Landscape Architect

John W MC

CC: Lee Hays, City of Hastings Jeff Mansfield, City of Hastings

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October 25, 2018

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City of Hastings – 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Notice of Plan Availability for Public Review and Comment

A draft of the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update for the City of Hastings will be available for public review and comment for 30 days starting on December 13th at 12 noon. Anyone interested may review the plan and forward comments.

Written comments may be sent to The City of Hastings, 201 E. State St, Hastings MI 49058 c/o Lee Hays.

Email comments may be sent to lhays@hastingsmi.org

Copies of the plan are on file at the following locations: Hastings City Hall, 201 E. State St. Hastings Public Library, 227 E. State St.

The plan is also available for viewing on line at: https://hastingsmi.org/

For more information contact: Lee Hays, Director of Public Services 269-945-2468

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Parks and Recreation Plan Update

The City of Hastings will conduct a public hearing during the Hastings City Council meeting on January 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the second floor Conference Room at Hastings City Hall, 201 East State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the City Council to hear comments and make a determination to accept the Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Hastings.

Written comments will be received on the above matter at Hastings City Hall, 201 East State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058. Requests for information and/or minutes of said hearing should be directed to the Hastings City Clerk at the same address.

The City will provide necessary reasonable aids and services upon five days notice to Hastings City Clerk (telephone number 269-945-2468) or TDD call relay services 1-800-649-3777.

Jerry L. Czarnecki City Clerk/Treasurer

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COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

City Council Minutes January 28, 2019

- 1. Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tossava in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- 2. Present at roll call were Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and Tossava.
 - City Staff and Appointees Present: Mansfield, Czarnecki, Pratt, Caris, Hays, King, and Hemerling.
- 3. Pledge to the flag.
 - Clerk Saurman to administer the oath of office to Don Smith.
 - Postponed until next meeting.
- 4. Approval of the agenda.
 - Tossava requested that item 9.A. be pulled from agenda and moved to the February 11, 2019 meeting.
 - Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Smith, to approve the agenda as amended.
 - All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2019.
 - Motion by Jarvis, with support by Redman, to approve minutes as presented and place on file.
 - All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6. Open public discussion regarding matters not on the agenda.
 - Hoot Gibson gave report on Commissions & Boards that he is a representative.
- 7. Proclamations: (None).

8. Public Hearings:

To hear comment on the Draft 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

https://hastingsmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Hastings-Rec-Plan-Draft-1-24-19.pdf

Consider **Resolution 2019-03** to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Motion by Redman, with support by Smith, to approve Resolution 2019-03 and fix typing and formatting errors in plan.

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, Redman, Resseguie, Smith and Tossava

Nays: McNabb-Stange.

Motion passed.

- 9. Formal presentations and requests:
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors, Tom Thompson, to present 2018 Building Report.

Moved to February 11, 2019 agenda.

B. Consider request from Gina McMahon, YMCA Recreation and Program Director, to reserve fields at Bob King and Fish Hatchery Parks for Spring/Summer 2019.

Motion by Redman, with support by Smith, to approve request to reserve fields at Bob King and Fish Hatchery Parks for Spring/Summer 2019.

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie,

Smith and Tossava

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

C. Consider request from Shannon Everette, Barry ISD, to hold the Very Barry Event at the Large Pavilion in Tyden Park on June 8, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (which includes set up and clean up).

Motion by Mcnabb-Stange, with support by Maupin-Moore, to approve request to hold the Very Barry Event at the Large Pavilion in Tyden Park on June 8, 2019 under

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie,

Smith and Tossava

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

D. Consider concession proposal and authorize Clerk/Treasurer to sign from Hastings Rotary and Hastings Kiwanis Clubs for the Thornapple Plaza for the 2019 season.

Motion by Smith, with support by Resseguie, to accept proposal and authorize Clerk/Treasurer to sign from Hastings rotary and Hastings Kiwanis Clubs for the Thornapple Plaza for the 2019 season under direction of staff.

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, Redman, Resseguie, Smith and

Tossava

Nays: McNabb-Stange.

Motion passed.

E. Consider request from Hastings Rotary and Hastings Kiwanis Clubs to sell beer and wine during the Thornapple Plaza 2019 season.

Motion by Jarvis, with support by Resseguie, to approve request from Hastings Rotary and Hastings Kiwanis Clubs to sell beer and wine during the Thornapple Plaza 2019 season.

After discussion, motion was rescinded. Request will be brought back after working with City staff.

- 10. Recommendations from other Boards: (None).
- 11. Ordinances:
 - A. First reading **Ordinance No. 563** Cemetery Ordinance.
- 12. Resolutions: (None).
- 13. Appointments: (None).
- 14. Bids, Contracts, Agreements, and Sales: (None).
- 15. City Manager's report:
 - A. Police Chief Pratt monthly and annual reports.
 - B. Clerk/Treasurer Saurman monthly and annual reports.
 - B.1. Consider election worker hourly rate increase.

Motion by Mcnabb-Stange, with support by Redman, to approve election worker hourly rate increase.

Ayes: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, McNabb-Stange, Redman, Resseguie,

Smith and Tossava

Nays: None.

Motion passed.

C. Community Development Director King monthly and annual reports.

D. Consider setting follow-up budget workshop for February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by McNabb-Stange, with support by Maupin-Moore, to set follow-up budget workshop for February 11, 2019.

All ayes. Motion carried.

- E. Save the Date! JPC Joint Workshop, February 20, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rutland Charter Township Hall
- 16. Consent items without individual discussion:
 - A. Invoices:

Green Gables Haven \$5,000 (2019 Contract Services Agreement). Wickham Cemetery Care \$7,137.50 (Sexton Services). YMCA \$15,000 (Contracted Recreation Agreement. Integrated Controls \$35,951.17 (Bob King Booster Station Upgrade and Generator ATS prep work).

- B. Draft Minutes Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole January 15, 2019.
- C. Draft Minutes Joint Planning Alliance January 21, 2019.
- D. Draft Minutes Hastings City / Barry County Airport Commission January 23, 2019.
- E. Draft Minutes Barry County Board of Commissioners January 22, 2019.
- F. Event Calendars January and February 2019.
- G. Draft Minutes LDFA January 24, 2019.

Motion by Redman, with support by Smith, to receive and place on file Items #16.A. through Items 16.G. inclusive.

All ayes. Motion carried.

21. City Attorney's Report:

No Report.

- 22. Legislative Director's Report:
 - -Passing of Jim Buck on January 15th, former Mayor of Grandville, chair of GVMC
 - -Reception 1/29 from 6-8pm to recognize retiring City Manager of East Grand Rapids
 - -Metro Act DAS Small Cell will have to see how new rules effect City's current ordinances
- 23. Open Public Discussion from the Floor:

None.

24. Mayor and Council comment:

Redman – Cable Access working on microphone upgrades

Resseguie – Hastings Schools will be closed tomorrow.

Bowers – Attending Lansing training tomorrow.

McNabb-Stange – requested having annual reports from departments that do not give a regular monthly report.

Cary – Thanks to the City crews and the work they are doing.

Tossava – Thank you to all that helped at the Barry Home Show.

25. Adjourn.

Motion by Bowers, with support by Redman, to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Read and Approved:	

David J. Tossava, Mayor

Jane M. Saurman, City Clerk

City Of Hastings

COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Resolution 2019-03

TO ADOPT THE 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings has undertaken the development of a five (5) year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public input meeting was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Fish Hatchery Park to provide opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was available for public review and comment at City Hall and the Hastings City Library for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on December 13th, 2018 and ending on January 11th, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and desires to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to take further public comment; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hastings City Council hereby adopts the City of Hastings 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution being offered by Member Redman, with support by Member Smith:

YEAS: Bowers, Cary, Jarvis, Maupin-Moore, Redman, Resseguie, Smith, and

Tossava.

NAYS: McNabb-Stange.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a duly held and attended regular meeting the 28th day of January 2019, by the City Council of the City of Hastings, by a vote of eight members voting in favor thereof and one member voting against.

Jane M. Saurman City Clerk / Treasurer



313 North Burdick Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

February 1, 2019

Lee Adams Southcentral Michigan Planning Council 300 South Westnedge Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the updated City of Hastings 2019 Park and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the City Council on January 28, 2019. The plan has been recently updated and we would appreciate your review and any comments you have concerning the Plan's contents. We are submitting this plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' guidelines for preparing a community recreation plan.

If you need additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

John W MC

John McCann, LLA, LEED AP, ASLA

Principal Landscape Architect

Cc: Lee Hays, Director of Public Services



313 North Burdick Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

February 1, 2019

James McManus, Director **Barry County Planning and Zoning** Barry County Court House - Ground Floor 220 W. State St Hastings, MI 49058

Dear Mr. McManus:

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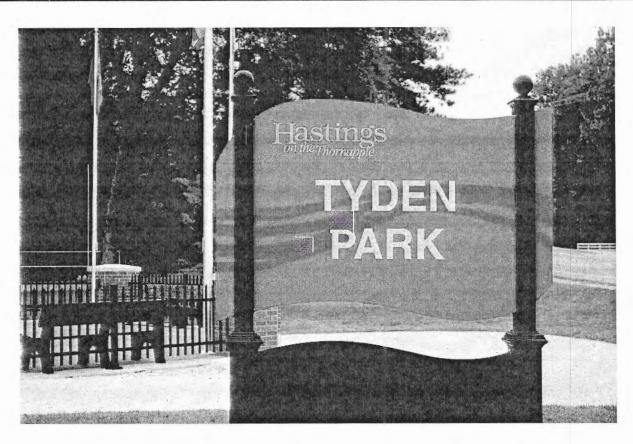
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GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR (Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			/E ⊠ BOND FUND
GRANTEE: City of Hastings			
PROJECT NUMBER: BF92-298 P	ROJECT TYPE: Development		
PROJECT TITLE: Tyden Park Rennovations		ye 10 mm a market a	
PROJECT SCOPE: Reconstruct basketball/tenni	s courts, new shelter,	sand v	olleyball
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANAMENT AGENCY)	The state of the s	Title	APPENDED TO STATE OF THE STATE
City of Hastings	Lee Hays		Public Works
Address 201 E State St	Telephone 269 - 945 - 2468		
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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation as If yes, please describe change(s). Trails, restroom building, overlook decks, p			⊠Yes □No
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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include buildings.)			Yes 🖾 No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.			☐ Yes ⊠ No
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Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	□Yes □No ⊠N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Open dawn to dusk	

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I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the	or authorized by the Grantee named above e best of my personal knowledge, information	and that the information on and belief.
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GRANTEE: City of Hastings			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-080	PROJECT TYPE: Developm	nent	
PROJECT TITLE: Tyden Park Riverwalk	Trail Extension		
PROJECT SCOPE: Bituminous trail, ove	erlook deck, trees, stream	ubank restora	tion
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGE Name of Agency (Grantee)	NCY (GRANTEE) Contact Person	Title	1306 - 15
City of Hastings	Lee Hays		Public Works
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Open year-round	

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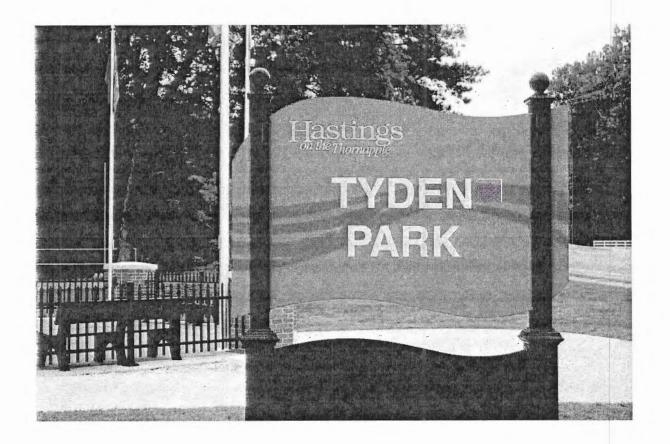
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GRANT TYPE:			E BOND FUND
GRANTEE: City of Hastings			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF09-111 F	ROJECT TYPE: Development		
PROJECT TITLE: Hastings Riverwalk Development	ent		
PROJECT SCOPE: Bituminous trail, overlook	decks, landscape, pocke	t park,	site furnish
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City of Hastings	J	Director I	Public Works
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained?	f no, please explain.		⊠ Yes □ No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measure	s being taken to prevent or minimize	e vandalism.	☐ Yes ⊠ No

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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
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GRANTEE: City of Hastings			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF99-283	ROJECT TYPE: Development		
PROJECT TITLE: Hastings Riverwalk Development	ent		
PROJECT SCOPE: Bituminous trail, limestone	path, ped bridge, res	trooms, v	iew deck
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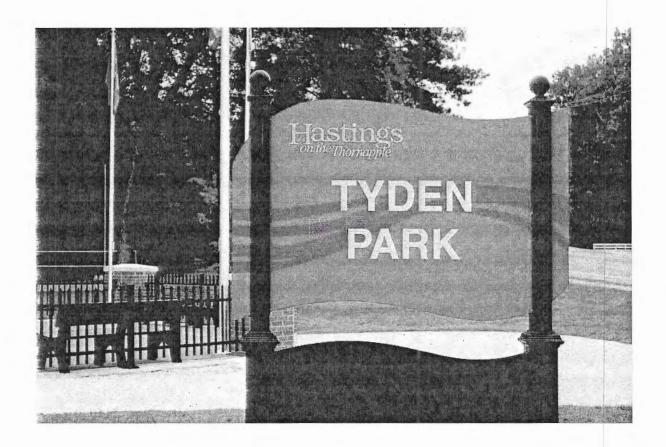
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GRANTEE: City of Hastings			AND E	
PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01424	PROJECT TYPE: Developme	ent		
PROJECT TITLE: Fish Hatchery Park				
PROJECT SCOPE: parking, courts, soccer, pl	ay area, restoom/she	lter/concess	s. trail	ls
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measure	s being taken to prevent or min	mize vandalism.	Yes	No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Bi-weekly mowing, restroom cleaning, trash pick up.	⊠ Yes □ No
Periodic inspection by maintenance crew.	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	☐ Yes ⊠ No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Open dawn to dusk COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	
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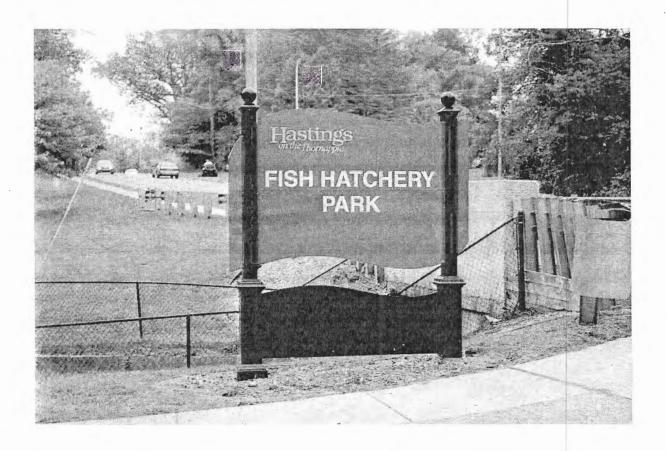
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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

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

GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR (Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: City of Hastings		
PROJECT NUMBER: <u>26-00837</u> P	ROJECT TYPE: Development	
PROJECT TITLE: Fish Hatchery Park		
PROJECT SCOPE: Lighted ball field, fence, b	oleachers, sign, player	rs bench
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	BANKET YEN HAVE AND
Name of Agency (Grantee)		Title
City of Hastings		Director Public Works
Address 201 E State St	Telephone 269 - 945 - 2468	
City, State, ZIP Hastings, MI 49058	Email 1hays@hastingsmi.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT	the late of the second second second	a don't
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation as If yes, please describe change(s).	ctivities provided?	⊠Yes □No
Addition of tennis, soccer, basketball, hors	se shoe pits, picnic shel	lter, restrooms
concession, utilities, trails, walkways, pla	yground, parking, passiv	ve play
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include buildings.)		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠ Yes □ No
Horseshoe pits removed due to nonuse		
SITE QUALITY	**************************************	
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or faci If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please	lity as a public recreation area? explain.	⊠ Yes □ No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If	no, please explain.	⊠ Yes □ No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures	being taken to prevent or minimize	e vandalism.
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Bi-Weekly mowing and field maintenance, cleaning of restrooms, and tras	⊠Yes □ No h removal.
Periodic inspection by maintenance crew.	
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
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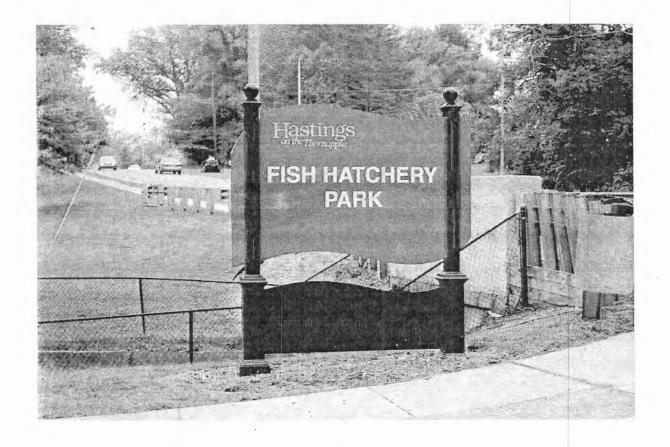
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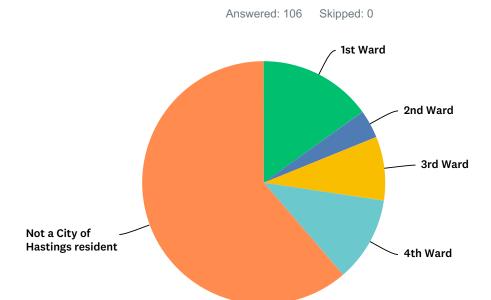
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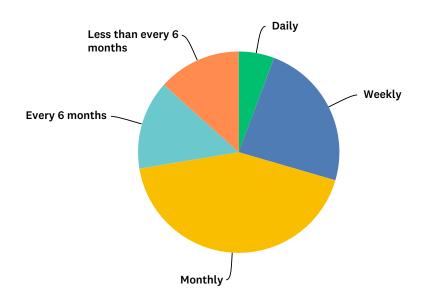
Q1 Which Ward of the City of Hastings do you reside?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1st Ward	15.09%	16
2nd Ward	3.77%	4
3rd Ward	8.49%	9
4th Ward	11.32%	12
Not a City of Hastings resident	61.32%	65
TOTAL		106

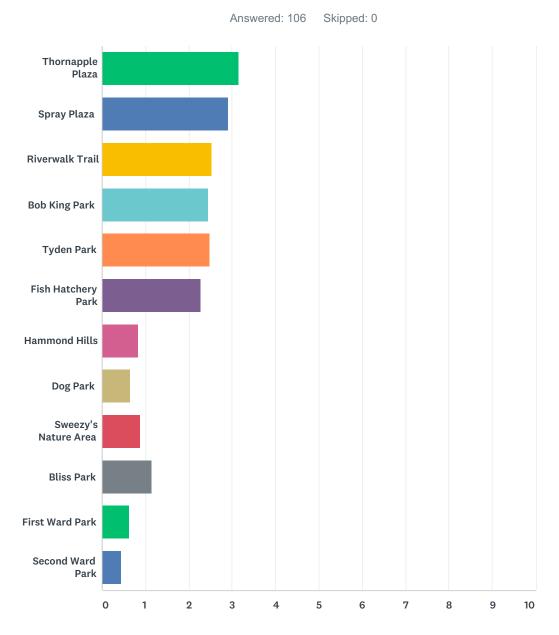
Q2 How often do you or your family members visit a park in the City of Hastings?





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	5.71%	6
Weekly	23.81%	25
Monthly	42.86%	45
Every 6 months	14.29%	15
Less than every 6 months	13.33%	14
TOTAL		105

Q3 How would you rate the overall quality of existing park facilities in terms of amenities provided?



	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	HAVE NOT VISITED THIS PARK	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Thornapple Plaza	60.95% 64	22.86% 24	1.90%	0.00%	14.29% 15	105	3.16
Spray Plaza	49.06% 52	28.30% 30	3.77% 4	1.89% 2	16.98% 18	106	2.91
Riverwalk Trail	28.85% 30	43.27% 45	3.85% 4	0.00%	24.04% 25	104	2.53
Bob King Park	16.35% 17	45.19% 47	20.19% 21	2.88%	15.38% 16	104	2.44
Tyden Park	14.15% 15	39.62% 42	32.08% 34	8.49% 9	5.66% 6	106	2.48

Fish Hatchery Park	9.52%	38.10%	26.67%	20.95%	4.76%		
	10	40	28	22	5	105	2.27
Hammond Hills	6.73%	15.38%	4.81%	0.96%	72.12%		
	7	16	5	1	75	104	0.84
Dog Park	4.81%	9.62%	7.69%	1.92%	75.96%		
	5	10	8	2	79	104	0.65
Sweezy's Nature	3.81%	19.05%	6.67%	1.90%	68.57%		
Area	4	20	7	2	72	105	0.88
Bliss Park	2.86%	18.10%	22.86%	4.76%	51.43%		
	3	19	24	5	54	105	1.16
First Ward Park	2.88%	6.73%	13.46%	3.85%	73.08%		
	3	7	14	4	76	104	0.63
Second Ward Park	0.96%	4.81%	11.54%	2.88%	79.81%		
	1	5	12	3	83	104	0.44

#	COMMENTS (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	During a Blue Zone site visit, we saw kayaks that were free to use. They were on a rack and with the use of an app you could check it out, use on the lake then return to the station (check it in). They were free to use similar to the bikes some communities have. This might be a nice addition to Carter lake from the Hammond Hill trail in the future. Allison Wiswell took pictures.	10/31/2018 11:34 AM
2	The parks in the City have been neglected too long. The parks that are in good shape are the ones where private funds or grants have been used.	10/22/2018 1:26 PM
3	Items need new paint, stain, etc. Also, boards are in bad shape, and the walking paths need repaved in certain areas. Tripping hazard for runners and walkers rollerblades etc.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
4	Tyson park needs to be used only from 8am to 6pm. Residents living near the park deserve respect of night quiet.	10/16/2018 11:07 AM
5	The playground equipment needs to be maintained. A lot of the nails are starting to come up and could be dangerous for the kids.	10/16/2018 7:56 AM
6	Fish Hatchery Park is a terrible waste. The playground is atrocious and the bathrooms and other facilities are in major disrepair. Tyden Park also seems like a waste of a great piece of property except for the nature trails west of the river.	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
7	Playground equipment is often old and unsafe. Spray plaza needs shade structures over benches for families sitting in the sun while kids play.	10/15/2018 12:40 AM
8	i don'even know where all the parks are	10/14/2018 8:57 AM
9	The parks in the city need some major attention. Trails are falling apart in Tyson. Fish hatchery hasn't seen any improvements in years. It seems money only gets spent in the DDA	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
10	I wish that hastings had an inclusive park for children with disabilities (physical handicaps, autism, other mental handicaps, ect). I feel this would be a great benefit to our town and bring others to our town as well.	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
11	Need updated play structure and other play equipment in Tyden park!	10/12/2018 7:55 PM
12	Parks are in general clean from trash and debris, ball fields are not maintained at all, and are becoming over grown and could use regular maintainence in order to keep safe for play.	10/12/2018 1:16 PM
13	tyden could use new playground equipment	10/12/2018 12:42 PM
14	Playground equipment at Fish Hatchery is outdated. Tennis courts are unsafe at multiple locations. Restroom facilities at Fish Hatchery could be updated.	10/12/2018 8:43 AM
15	I would like to see more updated basketball courts, soccer fields, tennis courts and playground equipment.	10/8/2018 7:21 PM

Q4 How would you rate the overall appearance of existing park facilities in terms of maintenance?

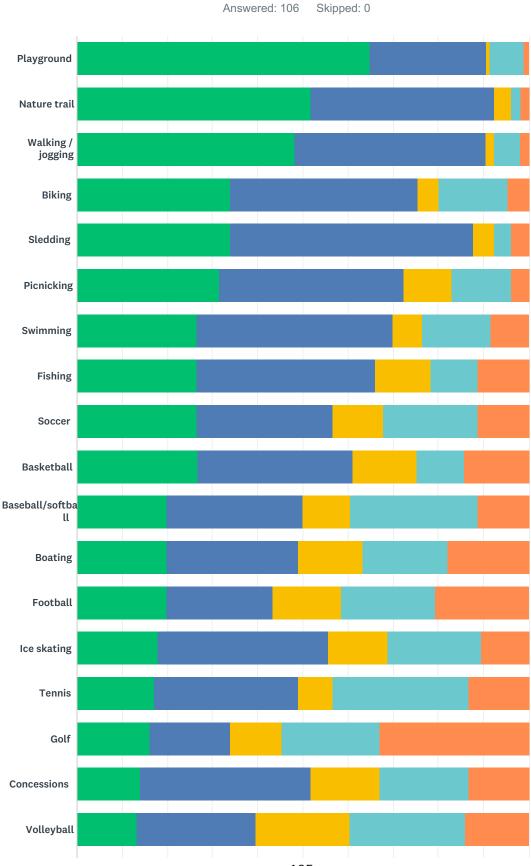


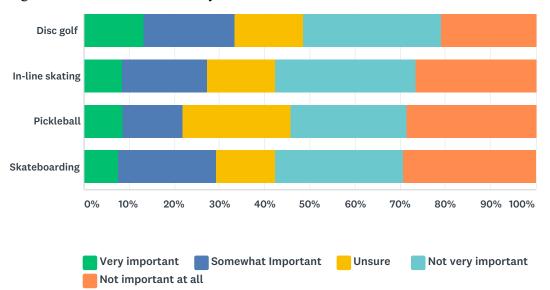


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	10.48%	11
Good	50.48%	53
Fair	23.81%	25
Poor	6.67%	7
Unsure	4.76%	5
Comments (please specify)	3.81%	4
TOTAL		105

#	COMMENTS (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The city seems to be maintaining what they have just fine, but really what the parks need is updating with new facilities and playground equipment. Then the city will have something new to maintain and they will do just as great of a job as they do now. If we could some how stop vandalism that would be great! If every time someone vandalized city property they were prosecuted to the fullest extent and we made it public then maybe people would stop doing it.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
2	Lack of maintenance of chips and fines trails at Bliss and riverside area by the plaza.	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
3	It's a mixed bag really. Tangle Town is kept up really nice, it's nice to see new equipment there as well. The state of Fish Hatchery makes me sad, I had a lot of great memories playing there as a child. The walking trails are great and well maintained. All of the tennis/basketball courts are in serious disrepair and dangerous to play on with all the massive cracks. Sweezy's is a hidden gem, no signage around to point people there.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
4	Some parks are in need of some major maintenance. Fish hatchery would be lovely if new playground equipment was installed. What is there is unsafe.	10/12/2018 10:03 AM

Q5 How important are each of the following recreational facilities to you or members of your household?





	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	UNSURE	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	TOTAL
Playground	64.76%	25.71%	0.95%	7.62%	0.95%	
	68	27	1	8	1	105
Nature trail	51.89%	40.57%	3.77%	1.89%	1.89%	
	55	43	4	2	2	106
Walking /	48.11%	42.45%	1.89%	5.66%	1.89%	
jogging	51	45	2	6	2	106
Biking	33.96%	41.51%	4.72%	15.09%	4.72%	
	36	44	5	16	5	106
Sledding	33.96%	53.77%	4.72%	3.77%	3.77%	
	36	57	5	4	4	106
Picnicking	31.43%	40.95%	10.48%	13.33%	3.81%	
	33	43	11	14	4	105
Swimming	26.42%	43.40%	6.60%	15.09%	8.49%	
	28	46	7	16	9	106
Fishing	26.42%	39.62%	12.26%	10.38%	11.32%	
	28	42	13	11	12	106
Soccer	26.42%	30.19%	11.32%	20.75%	11.32%	
	28	32	12	22	12	106
Basketball	26.67%	34.29%	14.29%	10.48%	14.29%	
	28	36	15	11	15	105
Baseball/softball	19.81%	30.19%	10.38%	28.30%	11.32%	
	21	32	11	30	12	106
Boating	19.81%	29.25%	14.15%	18.87%	17.92%	
	21	31	15	20	19	106
Football	19.81%	23.58%	15.09%	20.75%	20.75%	
	21	25	16	22	22	106
Ice skating	17.92%	37.74%	13.21%	20.75%	10.38%	
	19	40	14	22	11	106
Tennis	16.98%	32.08%	7.55%	30.19%	13.21%	
	18	34	8	32	14	106
Golf	16.04%	17.92%	11.32%	21.70%	33.02%	
	17	19	12	23	35	106

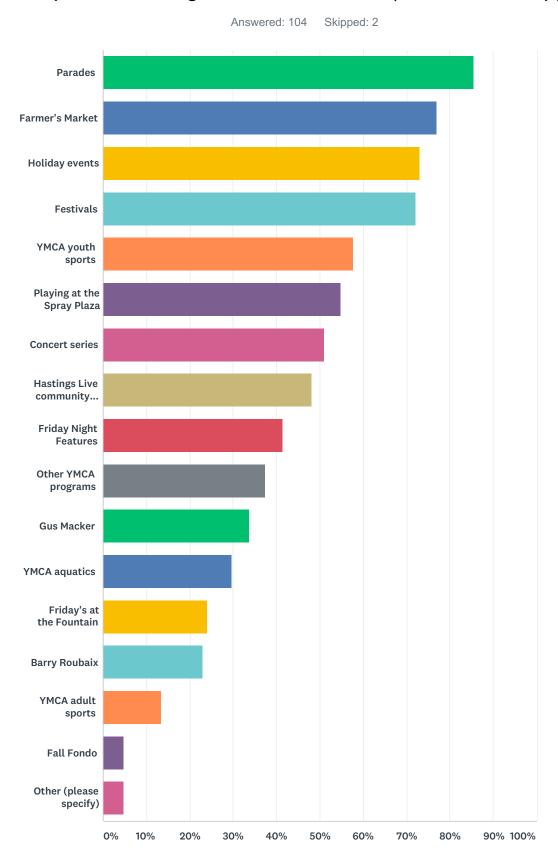
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Concessions	14.15%	37.74%	15.09%	19.81%	13.21%	
	15	40	16	21	14	106
Volleyball	13.21%	26.42%	20.75%	25.47%	14.15%	
	14	28	22	27	15	106
Disc golf	13.33%	20.00%	15.24%	30.48%	20.95%	
	14	21	16	32	22	105
In-line skating	8.49%	18.87%	15.09%	31.13%	26.42%	
	9	20	16	33	28	106
Pickleball	8.57%	13.33%	23.81%	25.71%	28.57%	
	9	14	25	27	30	105
Skateboarding	7.55%	21.70%	13.21%	28.30%	29.25%	
	8	23	14	30	31	106

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It would be very beneficial to have an indoor wrestling facility that is NOT school based or ran	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
2	Indoor facilities for winter sports (basketball, volleyball, wrestling, early/late season sports training, inclement weather sports training is important, too.	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
3	The bathrooms are SO important both as a public health/safety concern and as an indicator of quality	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
4	Not just for personal but also for work reasons. Other families need better facilities.	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
5	A place for youth sports would be a great addition. Also a pickleball court would be great too.	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
6	Community garden	10/12/2018 8:39 PM
7	It would be great to see a maintained cross country skiing trail somewhere in our community.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM

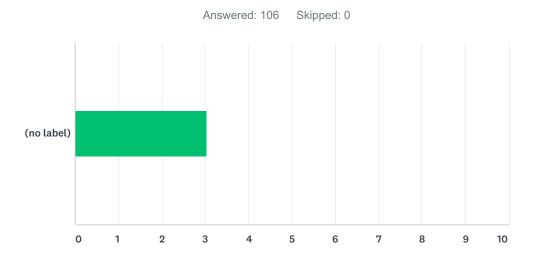
Q6 Which recreation programs have you or members of your household participated in during the last 12 months (select all that apply)?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parades	85.58%	89
Farmer's Market	76.92%	80
Holiday events	73.08%	76
Festivals	72.12%	75
YMCA youth sports	57.69%	60
Playing at the Spray Plaza	54.81%	57
Concert series	50.96%	53
Hastings Live community performances	48.08%	50
Friday Night Features	41.35%	43
Other YMCA programs	37.50%	39
Gus Macker	33.65%	35
YMCA aquatics	29.81%	31
Friday's at the Fountain	24.04%	25
Barry Roubaix	23.08%	24
YMCA adult sports	13.46%	14
Fall Fondo	4.81%	5
Other (please specify)	4.81%	5
Total Respondents: 104		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	HYAA, Hastings Baseball Club, Barry County Grapplers	11/2/2018 5:16 PM
2	Hastings Baseball Club, HYAA, Barry County Grapplers Association, 4H	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
3	Summer Playground is a great thing to have in our community for young families.	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
4	sr. workout at the cerc	10/14/2018 8:57 AM
5	Cycle Cross	10/12/2018 7:58 AM

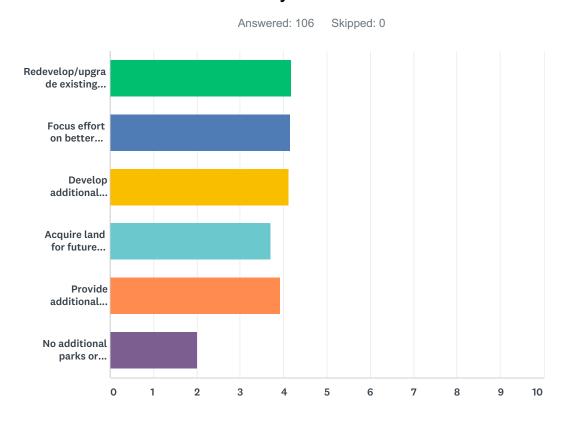
Q7 How would you rate the overall quality of the Recreation Programs in which your household participated in?



	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DID NOT PARTICIPATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	26.42%	57.55%	11.32%	2.83%	1.89%		
	28	61	12	3	2	106	3.04

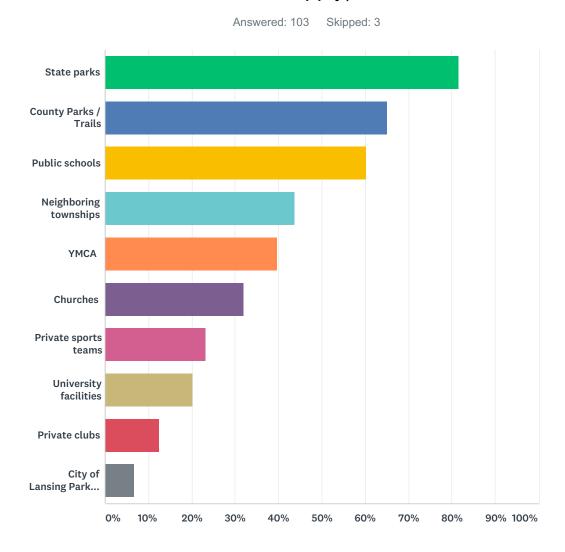
#	PLEASE DESCRIBE REASON IF POOR RATING PROVIDED	DATE
1	Vast difference from program to program covering spectrum of ratings.	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
2	Some coaches that coach the Y programs have no idea how to play. I pay money for my children to have fun but to also learn new things.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
3	Most programs are wonderful! The tiny tots program was advertised without coaches already in place. I would say for that program in particular to locate coaches before advertising the availability. I don't know anything about how to manage a group of young kids, and my knowledge of the sports is limited, hence why I signed him up for the program.	10/16/2018 7:56 AM
4	The YMCA offers a variety of programs and the staff is wonderful	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
5	If you had a "GOOD plus" I would have used that designation	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
6	No problem with the local events. The youth sports programs in our community are very poor. Facilities are poor compared to other communities and programs for the most part are unorganized. A lot of familys are being forced to take there children to other towns for a more competative and well run youth sports program.	10/12/2018 1:16 PM
7	I love the concerts.	10/12/2018 12:42 PM

Q8 Indicate your opinion with the following to improve the Hastings park system.



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NO OPINION	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Redevelop/upgrade existing parks to support a broader range of activities	42.45% 45	36.79% 39	16.98% 18	3.77% 4	0.00%	106	4.18
Focus effort on better maintenance of existing facilities	39.62% 42	41.51% 44	16.04% 17	0.94% 1	1.89% 2	106	4.16
Develop additional non-motorized trails	39.62% 42	36.79% 39	20.75% 22	2.83% 3	0.00%	106	4.13
Acquire land for future parks and open space	30.19% 32	28.30% 30	25.47% 27	13.21% 14	2.83% 3	106	3.70
Provide additional recreational programs and activities	24.53% 26	49.06% 52	23.58% 25	1.89% 2	0.94% 1	106	3.94
No additional parks or changes to current facilities	2.91% 3	5.83% 6	21.36% 22	29.13% 30	40.78% 42	103	2.01

Q9 What public/private recreational facilities outside of Hastings have you or members of your household used during the last 12 months? (mark all that apply)

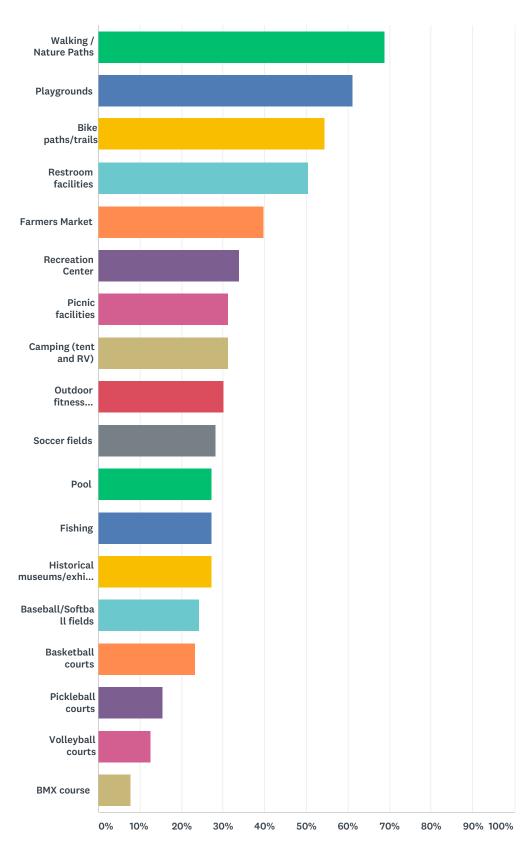


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
State parks	81.55%	84
County Parks / Trails	65.05%	67
Public schools	60.19%	62
Neighboring townships	43.69%	45
YMCA	39.81%	41
Churches	32.04%	33
Private sports teams	23.30%	24
University facilities	20.39%	21
Private clubs	12.62%	13
City of Lansing Parks and Recreation	6.80%	7

Total Respondents: 103

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Youth wrestling club	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
2	Allegan Sports Complex - check it out!	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
3	Kent county Parks	10/12/2018 4:46 PM
4	Zoo	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
5	Kent County Parks	10/12/2018 7:58 AM

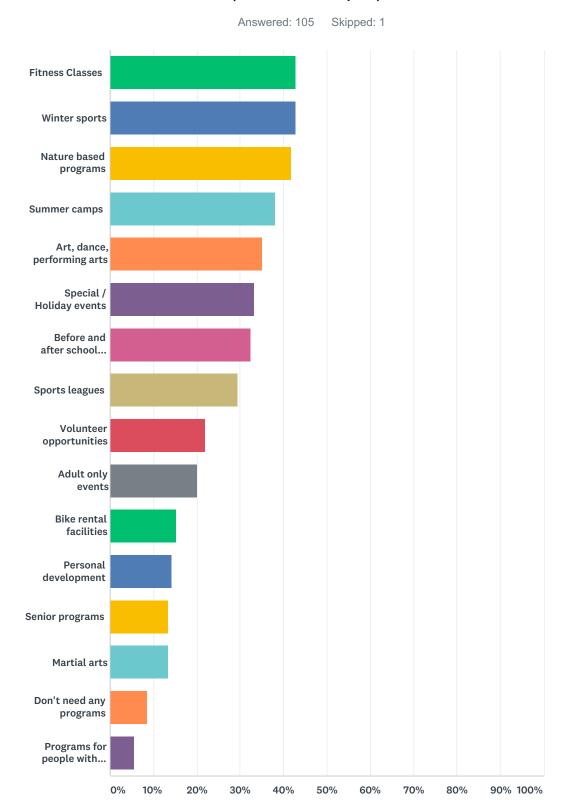
Q10 What are recreation facilities you would MOST LIKE TO SEE added in Hastings to meet the needs of the members of your household? (select multiple)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking / Nature Paths Playgrounds	68.93% 61.17%	71 63
Bike paths/trails	54.37%	56
Restroom facilities	50.49%	52
Farmers Market	39.81%	41
Recreation Center	33.98%	35
Picnic facilities	31.07%	32
Camping (tent and RV)	31.07%	32
Outdoor fitness facilities	30.10%	31
Soccer fields	28.16%	29
Pool	27.18%	28
Fishing	27.18%	28
Historical museums/exhibits	27.18%	28
Baseball/Softball fields	24.27%	25
Basketball courts	23.30%	24
Pickleball courts	15.53%	16
Volleyball courts	12.62%	13
BMX course	7.77%	8
Total Respondents: 103		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sports Complex	11/2/2018 5:16 PM
2	Hastings needs a sports complex!	10/31/2018 5:34 AM
3	Building specifically for wrestling not school based or ran	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
4	Nice running paths, that have lines for traffice both ways.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
5	Many locations have some of the items listed, but since they have been there for so long they need updating. Also it seems they were not maintained when they were FIRST installed or shortly there after. We can't 'maintain' a facility into something new or better. Maintenance will not resolve the current issues.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
6	Extend River Greenway Path with paved trail	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
7	winter hockey rink even during thaws	10/14/2018 8:57 AM
8	Ice skating rink	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
9	Connect thornapple trail to Middleville bike/ walking trail and pave.	10/12/2018 7:55 PM
10	Disc golf	10/12/2018 12:57 PM
11	Not Ice Rink. That has such a small window for the investment and up keep costs going forward it just doesn't make sense.	10/12/2018 9:31 AM

Q11 What recreation programs does your household have a NEED for? (select multiple)



ANSWER CHOICES RESPONSES

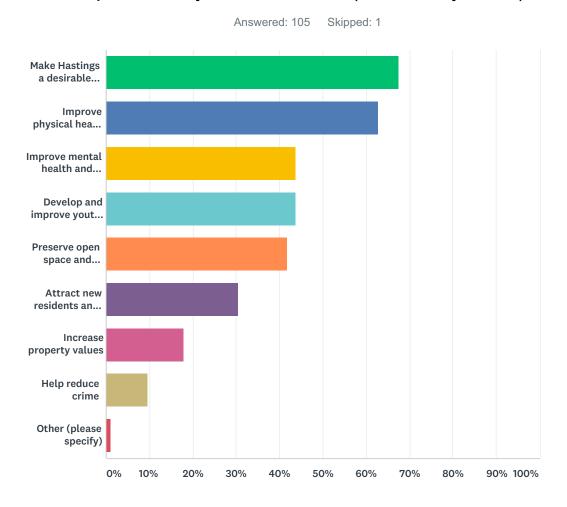
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Fitness Classes	42.86%	45
Winter sports	42.86%	45
Nature based programs	41.90%	44
Summer camps	38.10%	40
Art, dance, performing arts	35.24%	37
Special / Holiday events	33.33%	35
Before and after school programs	32.38%	34
Sports leagues	29.52%	31
Volunteer opportunities	21.90%	23
Adult only events	20.00%	21
Bike rental facilities	15.24%	16
Personal development	14.29%	15
Senior programs	13.33%	14
Martial arts	13.33%	14
Don't need any programs	8.57%	9
Programs for people with disabilities	5.71%	6
Total Respondents: 105		

Competitive Youth Softball Wrestling	11/2/2018 5:16 PM 10/24/2018 5:26 PM
	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
More family friendly GYM that is affordable!	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
Evening programs for babies/toddlers	10/18/2018 2:13 PM
Our children are nearly out of age to attend YMCA camp for a week. They may be a CIT, but that is not the same as truly enjoying themselves for a week. Also, there would need to be programming added to the YMCA for older children to be excited to attend. A bike rental facility (see B-Cycle in Battle Creek for Example) or Byrd powered scooters to rent (see Ann Arbor).	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
affordable	10/15/2018 7:26 AM
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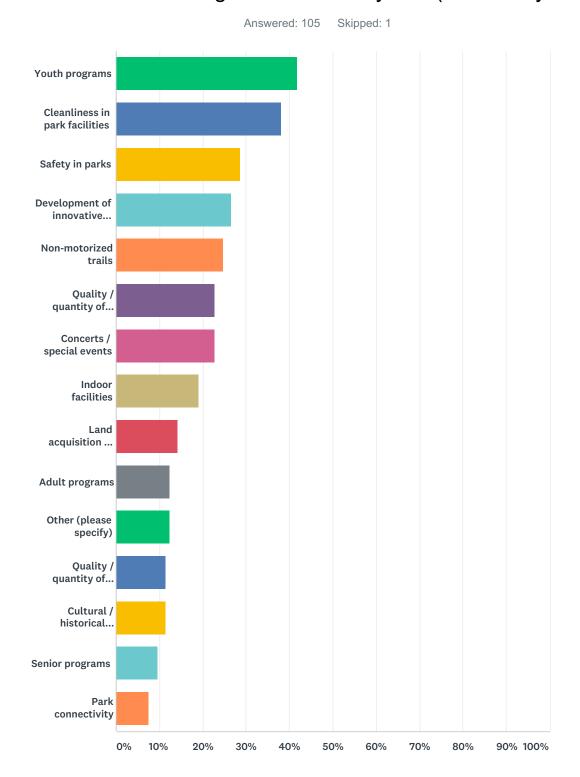
Q12 Choose the top three benefits of parks, trails, and programs that are important to your household (select only three).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Make Hastings a desirable place to live	67.62%	71
Improve physical health and fitness	62.86%	66
Improve mental health and reduce stress	43.81%	46
Develop and improve youth social skills and self-image	43.81%	46
Preserve open space and environmental features	41.90%	44
Attract new residents and businesses	30.48%	32
Increase property values	18.10%	19
Help reduce crime	9.52%	10
Other (please specify)	0.95%	1
Total Respondents: 105		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Getting youth outside.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM

Q13 Choose the top three items below in which you believe the City should invest in during the next five 5 years (select only three).



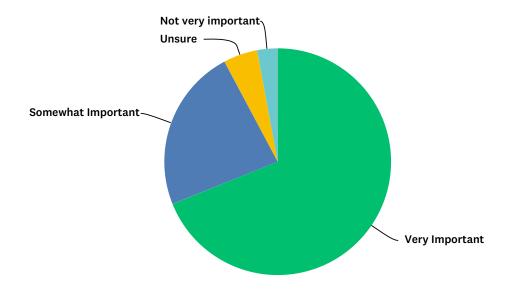
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth programs	41.90%	44
Cleanliness in park facilities	38.10%	40

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Park connectivity 7.62% 8	Cultural / historical facilities	11.43%	12
Fair Connectivity	Senior programs	9.52%	10
Total Respondents: 105	Park connectivity	7.62%	8
	Total Respondents: 105		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	I am uncertain what land would be an option, but acquisition if needed. We have discussed that camping at Hammond Hill would be a nice option even if semi rustic.	10/31/2018 11:34 AM
2	Wrestling building that is not school based or ran	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
3	Restrooms	10/17/2018 12:02 PM
4	Need more baseball/softball fields. Or tell ymca to get there own fields!	10/17/2018 11:17 AM
5	Our parks are as clean as they can be. It would take citizens having pride in the facilities to make them any cleaner. We need updated courts (tennis & basketball), additional fields (soccer & football) that are not covered in geese feces & are lined and usable. New playground equipment that has been researched to help children develop large motor skills & is made with long lasting materials. Finally security cameras everywhere to keep children safe and to continue to prosecute those that ruin the beautiful improvements we will and have made in this city.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
6	Extend River Greenway with restrooms that are open	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
7	Tangletown is the only decent playground. The rest are a mess!	10/14/2018 10:38 PM
8	Look after what you have. Redevelop Fish Hatchery	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
9	Ice skating rink	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
10	Please visit (actually or virtually) the Smale park in Cincinnati, Ohio. This exact idea would address all generations of residents	10/12/2018 8:39 PM
11	Upgrade playground equipment	10/12/2018 7:55 PM
12	Improving and maintaining the parks we currently have.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
13	Pool	10/12/2018 12:10 PM

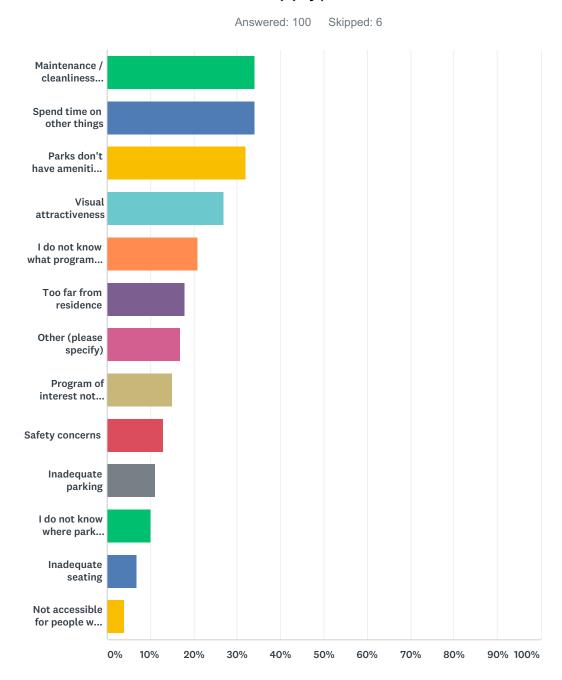
Q14 How important is to you that the City provide quality recreation programs, events and services to citizens?





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Important	68.93%	71
Somewhat Important	23.30%	24
Unsure	4.85%	5
Not very important	2.91%	3
Not important at all	0.00%	0
TOTAL		103

Q15 What are reasons preventing you or members of your household from using parks, recreational facilities, or programs (select all that apply)?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintenance / cleanliness concerns	34.00%	34
Spend time on other things	34.00%	34
Parks don't have amenities of interest	32.00%	32
Visual attractiveness	27.00%	27

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I do not know what programs are offered	21.00%	21
Too far from residence	18.00%	18
Other (please specify)	17.00%	17
Program of interest not offered	15.00%	15
Safety concerns	13.00%	13
Inadequate parking	11.00%	11
I do not know where park facilities are located	10.00%	10
Inadequate seating	7.00%	7
Not accessible for people with disabilities	4.00%	4
Total Respondents: 100		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We no longer have small kids, but anytime biking or running trails connect they are great options.	10/31/2018 11:34 AM
2	No wrestling building. Pool is school based NOT community based	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
3	Sidewalks and trails are not smooth surfaces, Certain parks do not have a variety of things to do for different ages.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
4	Kids are at HMS & HHS so busy with school sports. When they were younger we were at parks almost 4x/week	10/15/2018 9:13 AM
5	Playgrounds need major work!	10/14/2018 10:38 PM
6	I work alot but I do use the River Walk a lot	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
7	Safe connection to Hammond Hill trails from Indian Hills neighborhood	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
8	Time is limited sometimes	10/13/2018 7:36 AM
9	Update playground equipment at existing parks	10/12/2018 7:55 PM
10	making time	10/12/2018 3:30 PM
11	Children's play equipment needs updating.	10/12/2018 12:47 PM
12	I visit parks regularly and don't find any barriers to doing so.	10/12/2018 12:42 PM
13	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
14	None. We use them a lot.	10/12/2018 9:53 AM
15	Many of the activities we enjoy are right at our home	10/12/2018 9:42 AM
16	n/a	10/12/2018 9:31 AM
17	Non Of The Above	10/12/2018 7:58 AM

Q16 If you believe that park facilities within the City have maintenance issues, please provide feedback regarding the following:

Answered: 47 Skipped: 59

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Restrooms appearance/cleanliness	55.32%	26
Lighting	38.30%	18
Broken/missing equipment	36.17%	17
Unsafe equipment	31.91%	15
Safety	29.79%	14
Quality of landscaping	23.40%	11
Graffiti	21.28%	10
Barrier free accessibility (parking/paths)	17.02%	8
Cleanliness of facilities	17.02%	8
Quality of lawn areas and green space	12.77%	6
Tree maintenance	12.77%	6
Fence maintenance	8.51%	4

#	UNSAFE EQUIPMENT	DATE
1	Many of the playground equipment seems a bit outdated	10/16/2018 7:02 AM
2	Broken/missing playground equipment	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
3	Not Maintenance - update! Fish Hatchery, Bob King, Tyden	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	Old and out dated playground equipment	10/15/2018 7:54 AM
5	Hatchery Park playground and courts	10/15/2018 12:40 AM
6	Most of the play equipment at Fish Hatchery and Tyson does not meet safety requiremts	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
7	None noticed	10/12/2018 9:03 PM
8	Fish Hathchery playground	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
9	Update	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
10	Tangle town, Tyden and fish hatchery have poor equipment for kids	10/12/2018 12:47 PM
11	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
12	Fish Hatchery	10/12/2018 10:03 AM
13	Weird fountain at Fish doesn't really serve a purpose. Small round rusty dish playground thing next to monly bars? What is that thing?	10/12/2018 8:43 AM
14	old equipment need to be updated	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
15	Playground equipment old and needs to be replaced	10/6/2018 10:07 AM
#	TREE MAINTENANCE	DATE
1	All look great!	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
2	Many trees in area have dead limbs hanging	10/12/2018 9:03 PM

3	Poorb	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
4	Excellently maintained.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
5	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
6	good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	SAFETY	DATE
1	Tyden Park always feels uneasy	11/14/2018 10:16 AM
2	Doors on women's bathroom at Fish are needed	11/2/2018 5:16 PM
3	Not Maintenance - update! All facilities without surveilance	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	City owned sidewalks are usually the worst ones in winter	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
5	No issue	10/12/2018 9:03 PM
6	Need a light behind old water treatment plant	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
7	Ball fields need to be regularly maintained in order to ensure safety	10/12/2018 1:16 PM
8	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
9	Fish Hatchery play equipment is unsafe.	10/12/2018 10:03 AM
10	Bliss should be monitored for drug activity.	10/12/2018 9:53 AM
11	Line of sight at Fish Hatchery park (parents watching field games can't readily locate other kids)	10/12/2018 8:43 AM
12	Tyden	10/12/2018 7:58 AM
13	more lightening will help with safety	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
14	More lighting	10/6/2018 10:07 AM
#	RESTROOMS APPEARANCE/CLEANLINESS	DATE
1	many times are locked-unaccessible	11/14/2018 10:16 AM
2	No door, light, or soap at Fish.	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
3	The ward parks don't have bathrooms, Fish hatchery park bathrooms are nasty and outdated.	10/22/2018 1:26 PM
4	Doing better	10/16/2018 11:07 AM
5	No soap/hand sanitizer, broken and dirty facilities	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
6	None at the 2nd ward park	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
7	These are not maintenance issues! They need updating! Fish Hatchery!	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
8	Cleanliness	10/15/2018 9:36 AM
9	Have tried to use Thornapple Plaza Restrooms and were locked.	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
10	Bob King Park bathrooms are often dirty - used more by kids	10/15/2018 12:40 AM
11	There should be a public bathroom open all year.	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
12	Bob king park bathrooms are often filthy	10/14/2018 2:17 PM
13	Fish hatchery park poor looking	10/14/2018 6:36 AM
14	All parks restrooms need updating	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
15	Great job and keeping cleanjust wish people who use them were respectful of the facilities.	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
16	They need to be cleaned durning high use	10/12/2018 9:03 PM
17	Fish Hatchery	10/12/2018 7:34 PM
18	fish hatcherg is bad	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
19	Update	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
20	The bathrooms at FH are in much need of attention. Rarely is there soap or towels there.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
21	Could be cleaner	10/12/2018 12:25 PM

22	In need of maintenance and cleaning in every park.	10/12/2018 12:10 PM
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23	Cleanliness	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
24	Bathrooms are good to have, but are not always the cleanest and some facilities seem very old/worn down.	10/12/2018 10:28 AM
25	Fish Hatchery Park, needs updates (floor/paint)	10/12/2018 8:43 AM
26	Updated or additional restrooms	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	QUALITY OF LAWN AREAS AND GREEN SPACE	DATE
1	All look great!	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
2	Green areas are great assets but they aren't maintained very well	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
3	Poor	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
4	Lawns are always nicely mowed.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
5	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
6	good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	QUALITY OF LANDSCAPING	DATE
1	Baseball/ softball fields are in terrible shape	11/2/2018 5:16 PM
2	Fish softball field in bad shape.	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
3	Where we do have landscaping it is cared for - the sandy area of Fish Hatchery could use some new sand or other surface.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	What landscaping?	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
5	Get off the lawn mowers and weed the beds!	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
6	Update	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
7	Landscaping in the parks needs some work.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
8	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
9	Fish Hatchery	10/12/2018 10:03 AM
10	good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
11	Could be improved	10/6/2018 10:07 AM
#	LIGHTING	DATE
1	Not enough lighting at Tyden Park to walk the trail in the evenings.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
2	Bliss and Tyden as well as some areas of the river walk could be better lit.	10/15/2018 1:49 PM
3	Not Maintenance - update! Fish Hatchery	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	Dim	10/15/2018 9:36 AM
5	Dark areas on River Greenway behind Water Plant	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
6	Tyden Park Bathroom is dark. Fish Hatchery same	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
7	tree leafs keeps sidewalks dark	10/14/2018 8:57 AM
8	Parks that are open at night could install lighting	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
9	Parks are well lit but usually not there after dark	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
10	Lights for safety, but Not wash out stars	10/12/2018 9:03 PM
11	Need a street light on Cook near ballfields	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
12	Update	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
13	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
	There isn't a lot of extra lighting at many of the parks in town. The softball field at Fish Hatchery	10/12/2018 10:28 AM

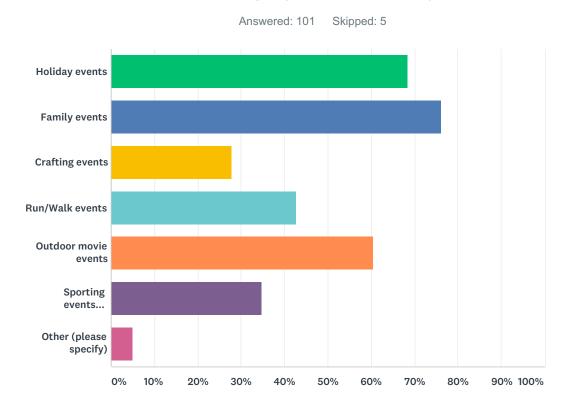
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15	Fish hatchery ball field only works part of the time by first base	10/12/2018 9:45 AM
16	Tyden	10/12/2018 7:58 AM
17	more lightening	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
18	More lighting - Open in the evenings / Safety	10/6/2018 10:07 AM
#	GRAFFITI	DATE
1	Everywhere- having more outlets and programs for teens	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
2	2nf Ward park usually has graffitti and othere issues	10/15/2018 10:11 AM
3	Again, no one can monitor 24/7 the kids/young adults running around spraying graffiti.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	Constant issue with Mayor's bridge	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
5	Everywhere	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
6	Haven't noticed any.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
7	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
8	Graffiti is an issue at all parks and on the trails	10/12/2018 10:28 AM
9	Bliss Park	10/12/2018 7:58 AM
10	okay	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	FENCE MAINTENANCE	DATE
1	Poor	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
2	Seem fine.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
3	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
4	good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	CLEANLINESS OF FACILITIES	DATE
1	Cigarette butts all over Fish football field	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
2	Bathrooms do not get regular check up	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
3	What we do have is as clean as it can be. Someone cannot be there 24/7 to be sure no one has done something terribly wrong and disgusting at the facility.	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
4	Tiden Park restrooms need more frequent attention	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
5	Thornapple Plaza has the best bathroom in the city	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
6	Pood	10/12/2018 2:41 PM
7	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
8	good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
¥	BROKEN/MISSING EQUIPMENT	DATE
1	No soap in the bathroom bob king park	10/31/2018 5:34 AM
2	Bob King Park missing pieces	10/16/2018 7:02 AM
3	Particularly Fish Hatchery Park	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
4	At times	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
5	Not Maintenance - update! Fish Hatchery, Bob King	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
6	Tyden Park - all playground equipment is broken or outdated	10/14/2018 9:58 PM
	Discovered accompany is ald hydron at Today	10/12/2018 4:46 PM
7	Playground equipment is old, broken at Tyden	
	1st ward is missing lots of playground parts	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
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11	Fish hatchery park restroom usually dark, no soap, no dryer/towels	10/12/2018 11:53 AM
12	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
13	Usually, if there is an issue with equipment, it is the swings (busted seats or broken chains)	10/12/2018 10:28 AM
14	Fish Hatchery	10/12/2018 10:03 AM
15	Some broken playground equipment	10/12/2018 9:36 AM
16	Tyden Park- outdated playground items, no central playground area, tennis courts in rough shape	10/12/2018 8:43 AM
17	need update equipment	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
#	BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY (PARKING/PATHS)	DATE
1	Paths need upkept better	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
2	Not Maintenance - update!	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
3	Maintain chips and fines walks	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
4	Wish there were parks for people with disabilities	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
5	River Trail need to be repaved in tyden	10/12/2018 4:23 PM
6	Na	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
7	feel like this is good	10/8/2018 7:21 PM
8	Parking lot at Fish Hatchery Park needs resurfacing	10/6/2018 10:07 AM

Q17 What community events and festivals would you like to see in Hastings (select multiple)?

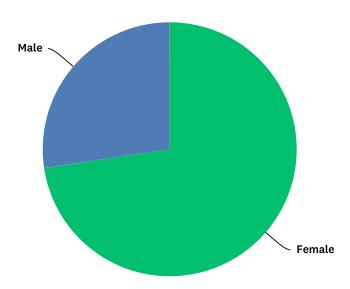


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Holiday events	68.32%	69
Family events	76.24%	77
Crafting events	27.72%	28
Run/Walk events	42.57%	43
Outdoor movie events	60.40%	61
Sporting events (tournaments)	34.65%	35
Other (please specify)	4.95%	5
Total Respondents: 101		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Wrestling	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
2	Have summerfest expanded to include rides for the children. Have it focus more on the children.	10/17/2018 9:32 AM
3	Build soccer fields so we can offer soccer tournaments and more people can come into town and spend money	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
4	Spread Christmas holiday event over more weekends	10/15/2018 9:24 AM
5	How to attract more people to the Thornapple Plaza is the question	10/14/2018 7:21 PM

Q18 What is your gender?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0

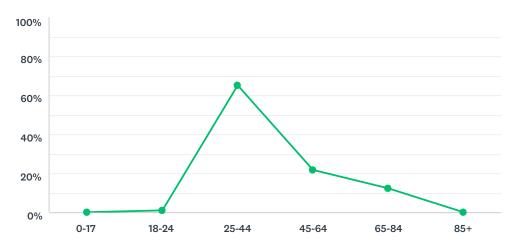


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	72.64%	77
Male	27.36%	29
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
TOTAL		106

#	PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q19 What is your age?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-17	0.00%	0
18-24	0.94%	1
25-44	65.09%	69
45-64	21.70%	23
65-84	12.26%	13
85+	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 106		

Q20 Please add any additional comments below.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 75

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This community needs a sports complex to better serve the youth program.	11/2/2018 5:16 PM
2	We have great parks. I would love to see more Built Environment additions and connectivity with trails. We love to bike and I love to run, but we hate going on the road.	10/31/2018 11:34 AM
3	It would be nice to have a NONE SCHOOL BASED or RAN youth sports center, indoor and outdoor. A youth wrestling building is a must	10/24/2018 5:26 PM
4	Creating a space similar to the Allegan Sports Complex including and indoor facility would be an amazing enhancement to our community.	10/24/2018 2:36 PM
5	The City of Hastings has always had good parks but over the years a lack of maintenance has taken it's toll. Because of the condition of the big parks , people don't use these parks like they used to.	10/22/2018 1:26 PM
6	Please work to make more families want to come to Hastings and live. Not much as changed from when I graduated from here, and moved away and moved back. We need to invest into promoting healthier lifestyles for families. Our county does little to promote nature compared to others.	10/18/2018 6:49 PM
7	Our parks are well cared for for what they are but most could use a face lift freshen up change it up alittle to make them appealing and get people back outdoors.	10/17/2018 12:02 PM
8	Need to add more baseball/softball fields in Town. Tired of trying to fight with the ymca on field usage.	10/17/2018 11:17 AM
9	I am very proud to live in Hastings. We have so many things that are postive about our town. One of the areas that I strongly feel that we need to focus on is our youth. We do not have anywhere for our middle schoolers and high schoolers to go to. It would be wonderful if they could be part of this process so that they could shine some light on the areas where we need some help.	10/17/2018 9:32 AM
10	The City does a great job with what I imagine is a tight budget, but there is always room for improvement!	10/15/2018 5:20 PM
11	Finish Paul Henry trail to Middleville	10/15/2018 11:04 AM
12	I thank you for what is provided in Hastings and for asking our opinions on these matters. While I do not participate in every activity, I love that we have them available for others. Hastings is a wonderful place to live. Thank you!	10/15/2018 10:11 AM
13	Please consider that some of the problems the facilities in Hastings have come from deferred maintenance (years ago) and penny pinching that has led to very very little updating in recent years. As a child Fish Hatchery was a great park to attend, but I do not recall being concerned if I was going to role into goose feces while having a picnic with my family. I also don't recall playground equipment being broken or just taken down because it cannot be fixed. I remember when Tangle Town was built and how beautiful it was, but the citizens of this town need to parent their children to not ruin and vandalize property, but to take ownership of this town and love it. Some of the problem is a needed culture shift, but also we haven't given them much at most of our parks to be proud of for many years (probably since Tangle Town went in).	10/15/2018 9:53 AM
14	Always room for improvement in all areas.	10/15/2018 9:36 AM
15	Overall the city is doing an amazing job and I'm proud to bring visitors to parks and events. I appreciate the expansions of both venues and program offerings, but am conscience of not adding more programs or events than city staff can handle, or that the community can support (don't want over-saturation). Some out-of-state visitors in the summer have commented that we don't have an outdoor pool like their communities do. I point them to the numerous lakes in Barry County, but getting out to lakes could be an issue for some residents.	10/15/2018 9:13 AM
		10/15/2018 7:54 AM

17	I LOVE Hastings moves here as an adult (had never heard of the city before)! I truly believe investing in our youth, and schools is the way to turn Hastings into a safe, and wonderful home for families to come!	10/14/2018 9:08 PM
18	When Hastings can finally compete with the TK schools,we will attract more people and more activities will come with more support. That is a huge Battle.	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
19	Hammond Hill trails are great but there is no good way to get there without driving. There is a very small amount of private land seperating city land from Indian Hills Drive. Purchase, acquire easement or look at permissive path options to link residents to trails without having to go on state road. Also, there are enough trails there. Anymore will ruin it. Thanks!	10/14/2018 8:21 AM
20	I do visit several parks in Hastings and have not been disappointed with the cleanliness, offerings, or safety. Things looked great.	10/13/2018 9:16 AM
21	We have a lot of great parks in our town. I feel that if they or some parks can be rejuvenated with new playground equipment to be inclusive for all and change the layout of some spaces to include youth sized sports fields, Hastings can become a more desirable area for families. Also promoting these types of facilities would be beneficial as wellnew welcome to Hastings commercial/ad. Show off the great things we offer in Hastings: festivals, bike events, holiday events, concerts, etc I would also like to see maybe fewer concerts but bigger names and sell tickets (temp. Fencing around the plaza for these events). Thinking like meijer gardens.	10/13/2018 7:18 AM
22	Thank you for the survey.	10/12/2018 9:03 PM
23	Hastings does a great job with their parks overall. I appreciate that our community has so many parks. I would love to see more Food Forest locations more centrally located in the city. Or, perhaps more fruit trees planted in the public right-of-way for residents/ students to gather fruit in the fall.	10/12/2018 8:39 PM
24	Maintenance crew do a good job with Tyden park! Thank you for their efforts.	10/12/2018 7:55 PM
25	We love living in Hastings and love being out doorsit would be GREAT to see better facilities at Bliss. Even just a water fountain would be great.	10/12/2018 5:06 PM
26	Hastings is doing a great job with building and using new facilities, but a lot of work and resources need to be put into our older parks to bring them up to snuff.	10/12/2018 1:50 PM
27	I would be a great asset to our town to have a multi field baseball, softball complex.	10/12/2018 1:16 PM
28	A robust park system improves property values in our city as well as providing interesting activities.	10/12/2018 12:42 PM
29	None	10/12/2018 10:37 AM
30	We appreciate the services offered to the community. Thank you for providing quality events in our local community.	10/12/2018 9:53 AM
	Overall the parks are well maintained. Need repairs in a number of areas as funding becomes	10/6/2018 10:07 AM



COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants <u>with</u> a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION					
Name of Plan:					
City of Hastings 5-Year Parks and Recreation Ma	aster Plan Update	2019-2023			
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body			
Hastings City Council	Barry	January 2019			
PLAN CO	ONTENT				
INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed i	nformation is included ir	n the <u>final</u> plan.			
□ 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION					
□ 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE					
□ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)					
□ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description an	d Organizational Chart				
 Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Ma Programming 	aintenance, Capital Impr	ovements and Recreation			
□ Current Funding Sources					
□ Role of Volunteers					
□ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public	Agencies or Private Or	ganizations			
Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissio	ns Only:				
 Description of the Relationship between the Au Participating Communities 	☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of				
☐ Articles of Incorporation					
□ 3. RECREATION INVENTORY					
□ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inve	ntory				
	creation Facilities				
	nded but not required)				
	ecreation Facilities				
☐ 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)					
☑ 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS					

	☑ 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS
	Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
	oxtimes Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
	Date of the Notice 12/11/18
	Type of Notice Newspaper / website
	Plan Location City Hall, Website, Library
	Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 12/13/18 - 01/11/19
	Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies) Date of Notice Name of Newspaper Date of Meeting Hastings Banner 1/28/19
	□ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting
	☑ 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
	⋈ 8. ACTION PROGRAM
	☑ 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)
ľ	PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION
	APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.
	□ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 01/28/19
	☐ 2. Official resolution of the Commission or Board,
	recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, <u>dated</u> :
	□ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 02/01/19
	 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency <u>dated</u>: 02/01/19
	OVERALL CERTIFICATION
	NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.
	I hereby certify that the recreation plan for
	CITY OF HASTINGS includes the required content, as indicated
	(Local Unit of Government) above and as set forth by the DNR. Jane M. Saurman Digitally signed by Jane M. Saurman Dic. cn=Jane M. Saurman, o=City of Hastings, our-Ciert, email=jsaurmanethastingsmi.org, c=US Date: 2019.01.31 10:38:04-05'00' January 31, 2019
	Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

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