



2013-2018 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

City of Royal Oak, MI

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Section I
Community Description

Mission Statement

To provide residents a variety of year-round recreation opportunities that are responsive to their needs, are enjoyable to their families and contribute to their physical and mental well-being while maintaining and improving the aesthetic and functional value of all parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and open spaces.

Statement of Purpose

This Master Plan has been developed by the City of Royal Oak in conjunction with the Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with strong citizen participation. The jurisdiction of this plan is the City of Royal Oak, and focuses on all aspects of parks, facilities, open spaces, recreation, and programming as overseen by the City of Royal Oak Department of Recreation and Public Service. This plan is intended to not only to maintain the high quality of Parks and Recreation services and facilities but to be constantly improving them as well. The 2013 Master Plan will qualify the City to apply for grant funding from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources over the next five years. Grant money will help the City carry out new projects identified in this plan.

While a large portion of this Master Plan is dedicated to taking inventory of strengths and needs within the Department it is also meant to set a course to deal with future obstacles efficiently. Such obstacles include ever-changing demographics and population, funding challenges, environmental protection and the changing needs of our City. This plan sets forth a set of goals and objectives designed to address current and future needs within the Parks and Recreation system in Royal Oak.

Based on the information gathered, an analysis determined where the community is deficient or is providing a surplus of various recreation facilities and programs in comparison to national standards and community needs. The final 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan reflects which new facilities and improvements to existing facilities will best address the needs and desires of Royal Oak residents and visitors.

The Royal Oak Community

Royal Oak is located approximately 2 miles north of Detroit in southeastern Oakland County. Positioned along historic Woodward Avenue and bordered by I-696 to the south and I-75 to the East, Royal Oak enjoys easy access to Michigan's highway system. It is 11.79 square miles with a population of 57,236, according to 2010 U.S. Census data.

As one of the first developments on the periphery of Detroit to experience increased growth, Royal Oak is characteristically more dense than its neighboring communities. While the vast majority of suburban communities exhibit similar characteristics (predominantly residential with strip commercial development and no central focus) Royal Oak is unique because of its established and thriving downtown surrounded by distinct neighborhoods.

It is a goal of the City of Royal Oak to be recognized as a destination for entertainment, recreation and culture. Downtown Royal Oak is a focal point for culture in Southeastern Michigan. In spite of the recent economic downturn, Royal Oak has seen continued investment and redevelopment. With a unique blend of restaurants, retail storefronts, theatres and galleries, people of all ages visit our community year round.

Located in the heart of downtown, the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, considered among the best in the State, is a point of pride for residents. The Farmers Market operates May through Christmas every Friday and year round every Saturday and Sunday. The Farmers Market is an excellent venue, hosting events throughout the year.

Downtown Royal Oak is also home to numerous events throughout the year. In 2012, Arts, Beats and Eats was hosted by the City for the third consecutive year. This event draws 400,000 people to downtown Royal Oak over the Labor Day Weekend. Other events are held within the City's many parks. Memorial Park is home to the Outdoor Art Festival and part of the Woodward Dream Cruise. See Appendix A for a full list of community programs and events listed in this plan.

Royal Oak's K-12 school system features ten public schools and six parochial schools. Oakland Community College has a campus in Royal Oak as well. Universities like Wayne State University in Detroit, Oakland University in Rochester, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti are also within driving distance.

The community also has access to world renowned health care. The William Beaumont Hospital Campus is located on 13 mile, just west of Woodward. The entire campus is over 100 acres in size. Royal Oak residents also enjoy easy access to the Detroit Medical Center and the Beaumont-Troy Campus.

Detroit's SMART bus system also offers residents transportation along Woodward and other main thoroughfares in the City. The AMTRAK station in town offers residents an opportunity to travel by train to other metropolitan centers including Toledo, Chicago and Cleveland.

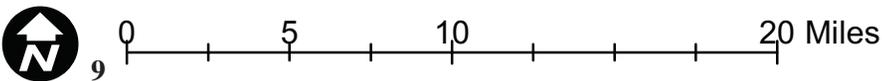
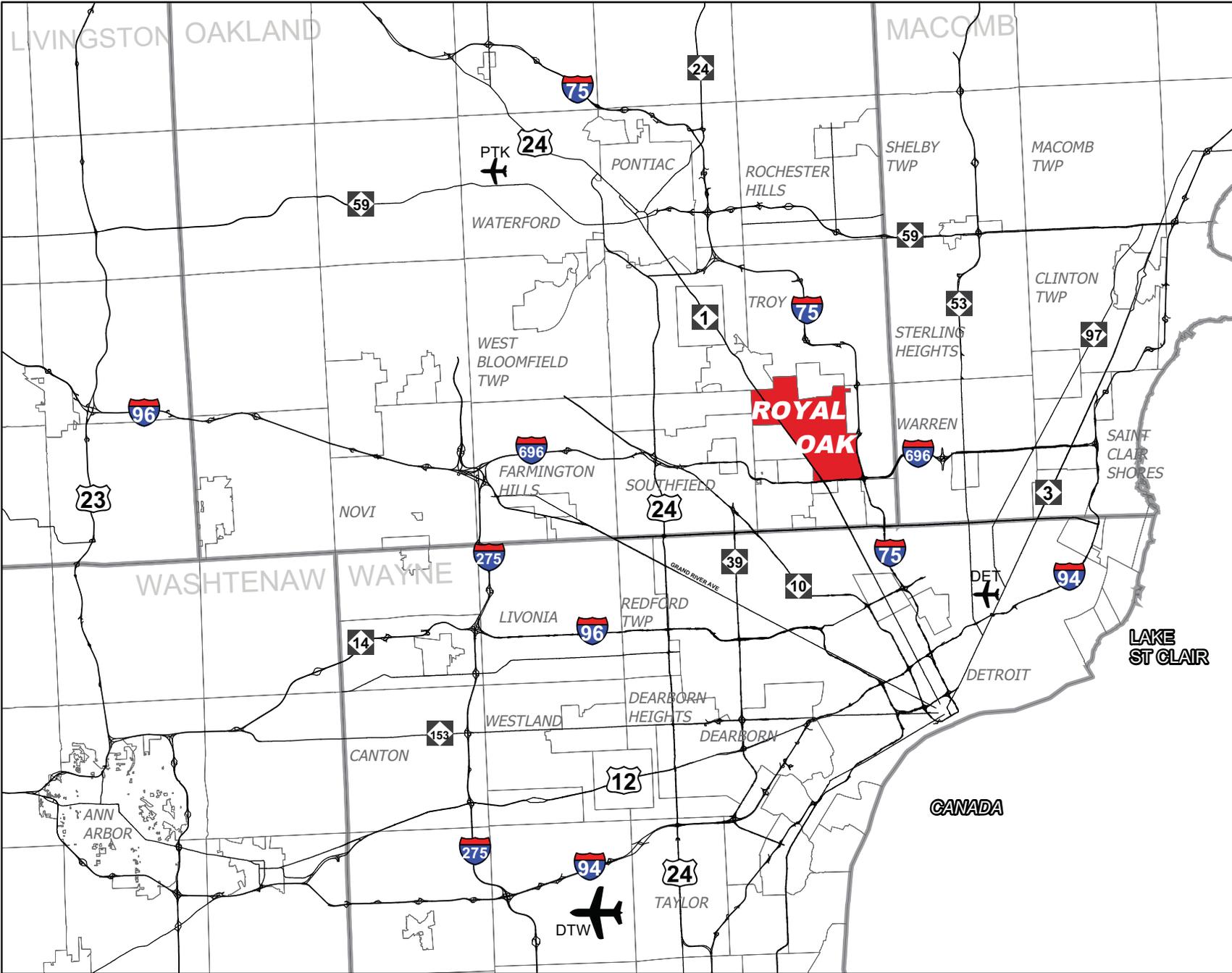
Royal Oak is committed to non-motorized transportation. The City will be in the process over the next five years of implementing a comprehensive non-motorized plan. The Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) seeks to make the City more pedestrian friendly. The NMTP, incorporated into the City of Royal Oak Master Plan, seeks to improve the mobility, health and environment for Royal Oak citizens while creating more ways for residents of Royal Oak to walk or bike downtown to shop rather than driving to other areas. The NMTP sets forth a plan to help Royal Oak citizens choose to walk, ride their bikes or use public transit instead of driving themselves. The Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan is designed to work in conjunction with the goals and objective of the NMTP.

Royal Oak is completely surrounded by developed communities, limiting the amount of land available for park and open space expansion. While Royal Oak was being developed, timbering took place to make way for progress however a concerted effort was put forth to preserve the natural beauty of the City's trees and to replant lost trees across the City. Currently the City contains over 23,000 trees. It is a specific goal of the Royal Oak Parks and Forestry Division to maintain the "urban forest". Although the term "urban forest" seems oxymoronic, one only needs to walk through a Royal Oak neighborhood to understand the term. Trees line the streets throughout Royal Oak, creating a canopy over the roadways and sidewalks. Before being settled, Royal Oak was a densely forested area. This spirit remains throughout Royal Oak. While the City is undoubtedly a densely populated suburban area it remains a place of natural beauty. This dedicated effort by the City to preserve Royal Oak's legacy of a naturally forested area earned Royal Oak the title of "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation every year since 1976.

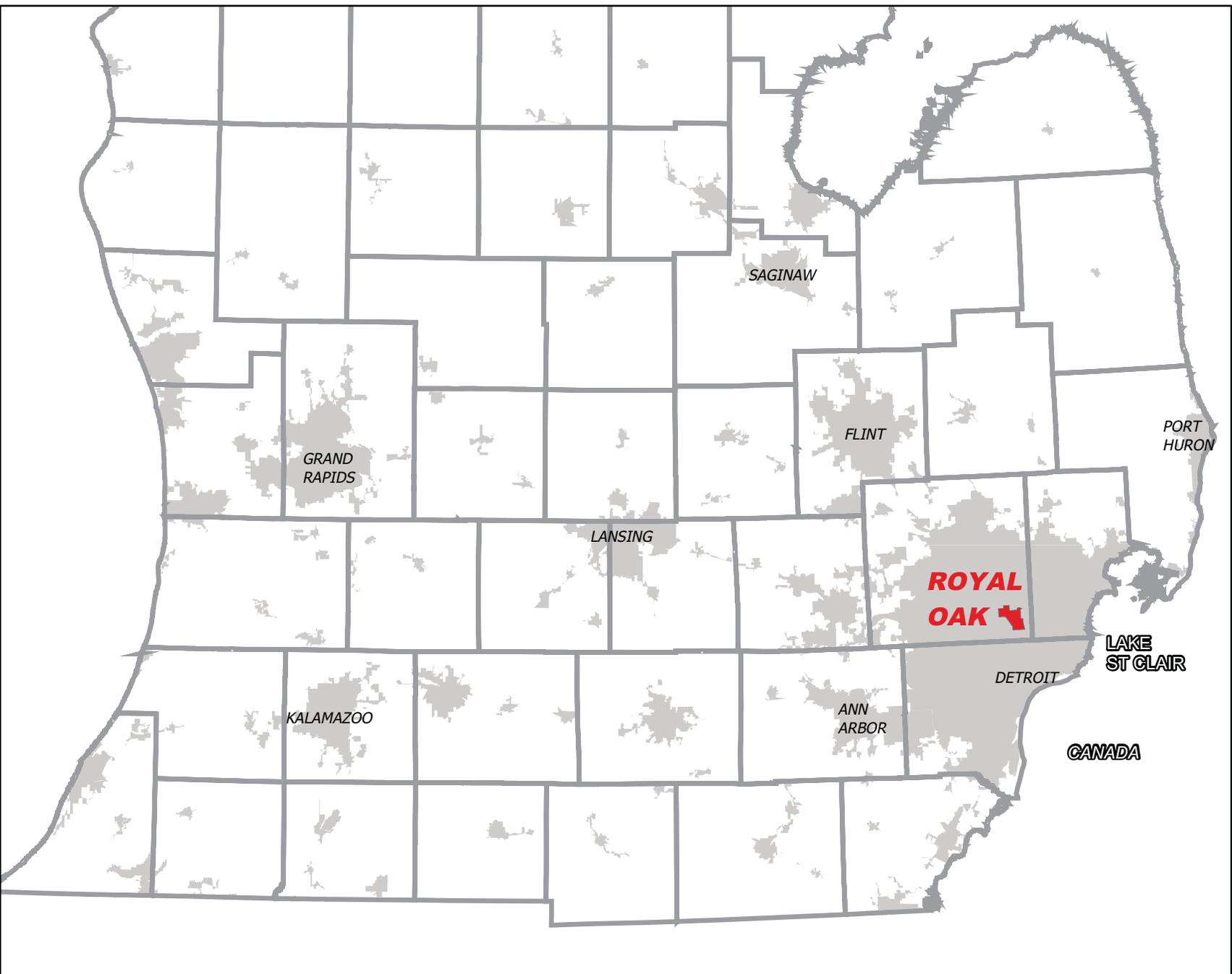
All of these characteristics combine to make Royal Oak a dynamic place to live and work. With a central location, many amenities, continued investment in the community and a rich cultural and commercial tradition Royal Oak continues to be a premier community in Southeastern Michigan. The unique identity of Royal Oak requires Parks and Recreation services tailor-made to meet its specific needs. This Master Plan sets forth a blueprint committed to not only continuing the excellent tradition of Park & Recreation services in Royal Oak but to continually improve and adapt to meet the needs and wants of the community.

See Appendix A for links to more information about the community programs and organizations described in this section.

Map 1 - Regional Map



Map 2 - City in Relation to State



Section II
Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure

The City of Royal Oak is able to provide the high quality Parks and Recreation services and facilities it does because of the high level of coordination between various city departments, the City Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, private sector businesses and organizations, and various citizen and service groups.

City of Royal Oak Structure

The City of Royal Oak has operated under the "Council Manager" form of government since its incorporation on November 8, 1921. This form of government provides that the City Commission act as the legislative or policy making body. The City Commission is composed of six Commissioners and a Mayor elected by the city-at-large on a nonpartisan ballot. Three Commissioners are elected to four-year terms every two years to ensure experienced legislators at all times. The Mayor is elected for a two-year term.

The City Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and regulations governing the City. City Council also appoints members of various statutory and advisory boards and commissions, and the City Manager.

The City Manager is the City's chief administrative officer and, as such, is held accountable for planning, coordinating, directing and executing all of the City's operations in a manner prescribed by law and conforming to the general policies and specific directives of the Commission. The City Manager also appoints and supervises the heads of departments of the City.

Parks and Recreation Services

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board advises the Commission on policies affecting the operation of the Recreation and Parks & Forestry Services, and advises the Commission, City Manager, Director of Recreation and Public Service and Superintendent of Recreation on all other matters pertaining to Recreation programming and Parks & Forestry Services. The Board is comprised of nine residents appointed by the Commission to three-year terms. The Board meets the first Thursday of the month September through May and June, July and August as required. The Director of Recreation and Public Service and the Superintendent of Recreation are ex-officio members of the Advisory Board. The enabling act for Parks and Recreation Services can be found in Chapter 142 of the City of Royal Oak City Charter. The enabling State of Michigan legislation is Public Act 156 of 1917.

The day-to-day service and maintenance of facilities is provided by the Department of Public Service. The Director of Recreation and Public Service has direct authority from the City Manager. The Director manages the City's auto parking, building maintenance, fleet maintenance, highways, parks and forestry, solid waste, street maintenance, and water/sewer/electrical. The Director performs administrative duties in addition to meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The Superintendent of Recreation is responsible for planning, developing and evaluating community recreation activities and programs. In addition, the Superintendent oversees both Senior Centers, including 13 part-time employees, and the lease contracts of municipally owned facilities including the Lindell Ice Arena, driving range, golf courses and Total Soccer.

Community Partnerships

Royal Oak has a tremendous amount of avenues and opportunities for volunteerism. There are over twenty community groups that direct their time and energy to parks and recreation.

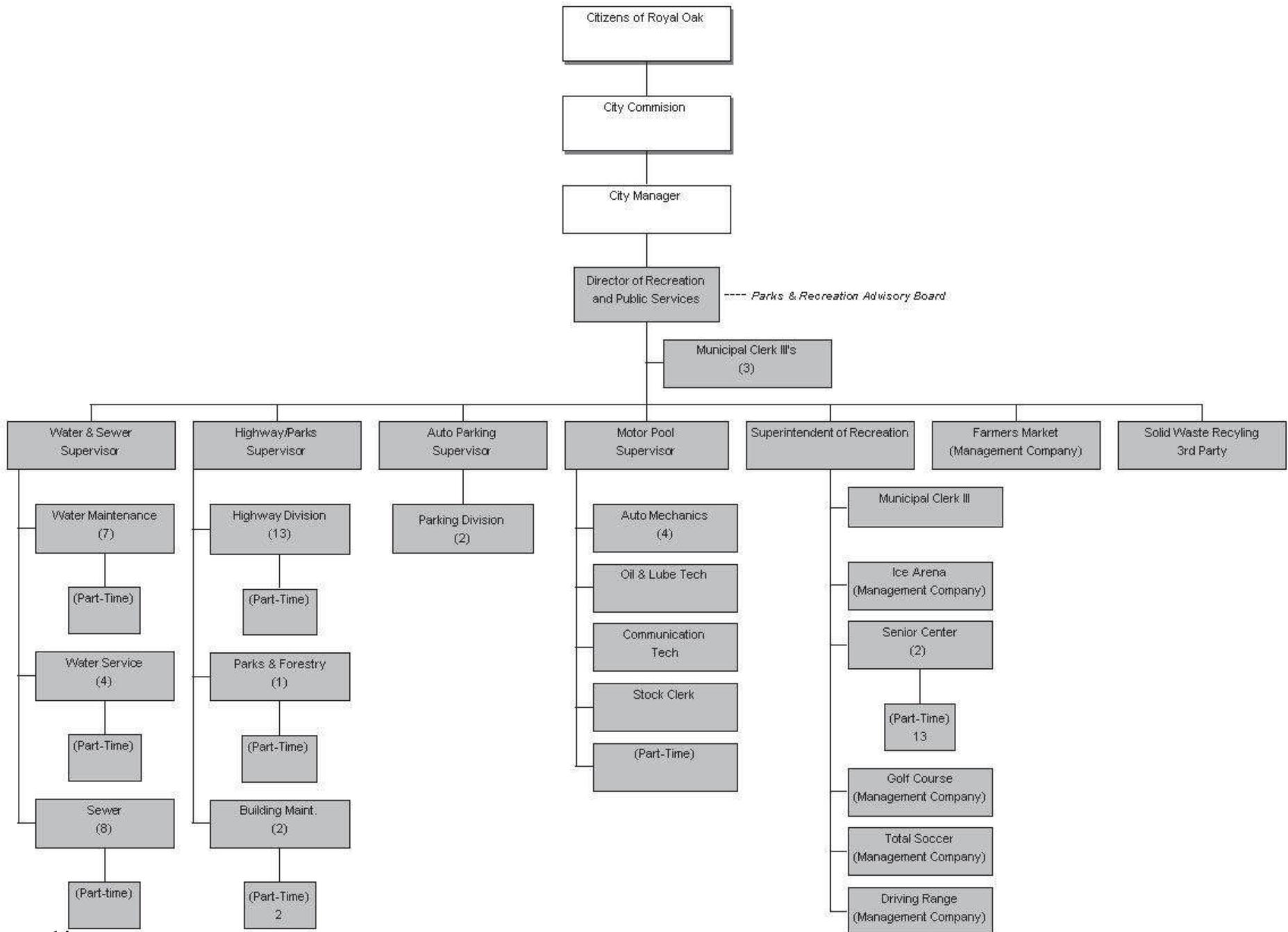
The Royal Oak Nature Society (RONS) is a group formed exclusively to improve and maintain Royal Oak's two nature parks, Tanhove Woods and Cummington Park, and the Arboretum at Worden Park East. The City of Royal Oak is committed to assisting RONS in achieving its' goals (see Appendix B). There is a public demand for more nature-centered opportunities within the Parks and Recreation Department and RONS will play a major role in achieving that goal.

The City is looking to develop an Adopt-A-Park Program in which citizens donate their time and resources to improve and maintain their neighborhood parks. The Adopt-A-Park Program would not only encourage volunteerism but also seek out sponsorships from residents and businesses for park maintenance and specific projects. This program is in the early planning stages but is considered a viable option to lower costs while increasing community ownership and the quality of local parks.

The City also plans on using other avenues to encourage volunteerism and donations to Parks and Recreation in Royal Oak. The ROOTS (Royal Oak Opportunity to Serve) Committee was set up by the City of Royal Oak (Chapter 26 of the City Code) to organize the charitable contributions and volunteer opportunities within the City.

Over the course of the next five years the Parks and Recreation Department has made it a primary goal to strengthen and extend volunteer efforts. The organizations listed above are just a few of the resources the City plans to utilize to assist in Park and Recreation services.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE



Budget

Revenues and Expenditures for Parks and Recreation services in Royal Oak are accounted for in several different funds. Budget summaries are provided in Table 1 including past, current, and projected budgets for each fund. A link to the entire FY 2012-2013 budget can be found in Appendix A.

The Parks and Forestry division is funded from a general fund allocation. These funds are directed for the maintenance of all parks and cemeteries including playgrounds; baseball, volleyball, football and soccer venues; basketball and tennis courts; picnic areas; and walking trails, signs, lighting and parking. This division is also responsible for general duties outside of direct park maintenance including preservation of the urban forest, snow and ice removal and leaf pick-up.

The Recreation Department relies on revenue from programming to sustain its activities. These revenues are used for the marketing, registration, equipment, supplies, facilities, budgeting and evaluation of recreation programming. The Department also oversees Senior Services, and all contracts with leased recreation properties in the City of Royal Oak including the Lindell Ice Arena. The Recreation Department is not responsible for operating costs at the Salter Center, which have been transferred to the Boys and Girls Clubs, although recreation programming is still run there.

Senior Citizens Services are funded through grants, licenses, charges, and contributions as well as money from the general fund. These funds are used for programming for seniors and the operational costs for the Mahany/Meininger Senior Center.

These funds also work in conjunction with other departments and community and volunteer organizations to provide Parks and Recreation services for the City of Royal Oak. Budget information for other entities that assist in Parks and Recreation services are not listed in this Master Plan. Links to other organization websites can be found in Appendix A.

Table 1 - Budget Summary**Parks & Forestry Expenditures**

101.266 PARKS & FORESTRY	Personnel Services	Suppliers	Capital	Other	Debt	Total
2008-2009 Actual	550,830	80,010	15,990	194,770		841,600
2009-2010 Actual	570,720	66,210		203,150		840,080
2010-2011 Actual	213,220	32,350		192,380		437,950
2011-2012 Original Budget	271,220	65,970		248,610		585,800
2011-2012 Adjusted Budget (Dec)	271,220	65,970		248,610		585,800
2011-2012 Estimated Year End	206,640	62,100		256,560		525,300
2012-2013 Dept Request	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2012-2013 Manager's Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2012-2013 Adopted Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2013-2014 Projected Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2014-2015 Projected Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2015-2016 Projected Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640
2016-2017 Projected Budget	251,080	61,950		282,610		595,640

Recreation Fund

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets	72,155	121,505	102,835	84,165	64,495	46,825
Revenues and transfers from other funds	614,000	621,500	621,500	621,500	621,500	621,500
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	654,650	640,170	640,170	640,170	640,170	640,170
Net Change in Net Assets	(40,650)	(18,670)	(18,670)	(18,670)	(18,670)	(18,670)
Ending Unrestricted Net Assets	121,505	102,835	84,165	65,495	46,825	28,155

Table 1 - Budget Summary (cont.)

Senior Citizen Services						
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Beginning Fund Balance	749,447	587,877	587,877	587,877	587,877	587,877
Revenues and transfers from other funds	397,450	647,450	647,450	647,450	647,450	647,450
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	559,020	647,450	647,450	647,450	647,450	647,450
Net Change in Fund Balance	(161,570)	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	587,877	587,877	587,877	587,877	587,877	587,877
Ice Arena Fund						
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets	(291,791)	(193,363)	13,887	26,137	38,387	50,367
Revenues and transfers from other funds	1,065,209	1,329,050	1,134,050	1,134,050	1,134,050	1,134,050
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	1,107,683	1,121,800	1,121,800	1,121,800	1,121,800	1,121,800
Net Change in Net Assets	(42,474)	207,250	12,250	12,250	12,250	12,250
Ending Unrestricted Net Assets	(193,363)	13,887	26,137	38,387	50,637	62,887

Section III
Inventory

Description of Facilities

An inventory of existing local and regional facilities was conducted by The City of Royal Oak in September of 2012. The inventory of local facilities consisted of site inspections of City Parks and Recreation sites as well as consultation with officials within the department about strengths and deficiencies within the Parks. This inventory of facilities includes the following attributes; name, location, acreage, equipment, quantity, quality, accessibility and condition. Regional, school and private facilities inventories each consisted of a review of parks, recreation and wellness facilities throughout the region using brochures, internet resources and phone interviews.

Municipal Facilities

Currently there are a total of 51 parks in the City of Royal Oak consisting of 17 mini-parks, 23 neighborhood parks, 9 community parks, one community center, one senior center, and 2 golf courses. The City also features an urban plaza, located adjacent to City Hall, which is used for numerous special events, and two nature parks at Quickstad and Cummingston Parks.

Table 2 outlines the existing inventory of facilities within Royal Oak's Park System. Play areas include various fields for organized sports (baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc.). Hard court areas include tennis and basketball courts along with eight new Pickleball courts located at Whittier Park. Play structures include modular and timber equipment while playground equipment includes swing sets, slides, and jungle gyms. Most of Royal Oak's Parks offer some type of play equipment.

Table 3 is an outline of the needs of the Parks System. Each park is listed with specific items which could be improved upon or require maintenance. The needs assessment is designed to provide specific objectives for improving and maintaining each park. The needs assessment was compiled through site inspections, interviews and public input.

School Facilities

Within the Royal Oak Neighborhood School District there are 6 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 high school, 1 community education center and 1 early childhood development center. The City of Royal Oak Recreation Department maintains a close working relationship with the School District. As a result, the Recreation Department is able to use school facilities when they are available.

There was no official inventory done of all facilities within each school. It was observed that each elementary school has its own play equipment available outside for the children's use while the middle school and high school offer outdoor ball fields and hard court areas as well as indoor gymnasiums, cafeterias and auditoriums.

While the Recreation department can coordinate with schools for use of their facilities, the schools are designed to serve the children who attend them and therefore are not

widely used by the department for general public use. Under certain conditions, they are used by the general population. Just as with parks, the schools tend to serve the areas that surround them. Elementary schools tend to serve the neighborhoods where they are located. The High School and Middle School are used to serve a larger population.

Private Recreation Facilities

The residents of Royal Oak benefit exponentially from the amount of private recreational facilities throughout the City that address their needs. Within the City of Royal Oak there are over 20 health and wellness centers ran independently of the City; ranging from yoga and dance studios to general health clubs like the YMCA. There are private gyms within apartment complexes and condominiums throughout the City; however these are generally limited to residents of each complex. Royal Oak also enjoys the benefit of the private Red Run Golf Course. There are also numerous groups which provide youth programming such as the Judson Center and the Salvation Army, among others.

Public-Private Partner Facilities

The City leases facilities to private entities to run and maintain. These include Total Soccer, Grand Slam Baseball, Royal Oak Golf Driving Range, and Adventure Golf. The City also utilizes private contractors to operate the Royal Oak Golf Course, Normandy Oaks Golf Course, and John Lindell Ice Arena. Proceeds are directed to the general fund, with the exception of revenue from Normandy and Royal Oak Golf Courses which is directed to the Recreation Department. These facilities have proven useful for providing revenue while not requiring City personnel to operate and maintain them. The Recreation Department oversees contracts with these facilities.

The Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) has taken responsibility for the operating budget for the Salter Community Center. The BGCA is responsible for costs pertaining to the building including utilities, staffing, and minor repairs. Both the Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club run programming out of the building, although both programs are run independently of one and other. This has proven to be a valuable program not only for the City's budget but for young men and women throughout the city.

Regional Recreation Resources

Residents of Royal Oak are fortunate enough to enjoy the benefits of numerous regional recreation resources. Regional recreation areas are large facilities that serve a broad geographic area. Located in the Southeast corner of Oakland County, Royal Oak finds itself surrounded by one of the most prolific county parks systems in the state. According to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPRC) website, there are 13 county parks containing a total of 65 miles of nature trails within them.

Oakland County also offers an array of recreational activities such as swimming, kayaking, camping, fishing and BMX racing plus many more. The OCPRC acts as a perfect compliment to the Parks and Recreation program in Royal Oak.

Part of the Detroit Zoo, including the main entrance, is located in Royal Oak. The Zoo offers residents the opportunity to see wildlife from around the world literally right in their backyard. Although the City of Royal Oak does not assume responsibility for funding the Zoo, it is a publicly funded entity which aims to provide affordable recreation for residents.

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

Currently there are no DNR grant-assisted projects within the Parks & Recreation Department in Royal Oak. Below is a list of grant funded projects with a brief explanation. A full Grant History and completed Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports for each grant assisted facility can be found in Appendix C.

Ruth E Wagner Park Addition. In 1970 Royal Oak attained a grant from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to purchase 1.5 acres of land adjacent to Wagner Park.

Worden Park. In 1977 a grant from the LWCF funded five baseball diamonds, lighting for two diamonds, a play apparatus and a parking lot at Worden Park.

Meininger & Lockman Park Development. In 1978 improvements to Meininger and Lockman Parks were funded by a grant from the LWCF. Improvements included the burial of overhead wires at both parks, installation of play equipment and improvement of existing recreational facilities.

Starr/Jaycee Park. In 1980 the LWCF provided a grant for the installation of a shelter, new recreation facilities and parking at Starr/Jaycee Park.

Dickinson Park Acquisition. In 1985 the land for Dickinson Park was acquired using a grant from the LWCF.

Senior/Community Center Addition. In 1989 the Recreation Bond Program (RBP) provided a grant for an addition to the Salter Center to include additional rooms for pre-school and arts & crafts.

Sullivan Park Development. In 1989 the RBP provided grant funding to install a play structure and a soccer field at Sullivan Park.

Park System Accessibility Improvements. In 1993 the LWCF provided funding for accessibility improvements to pathways and play structures in Worden, Meininger and Lockman Parks.

Dickinson Park Developments. In 1994 improvements to Dickinson Park including improved drainage, new recreational facilities and accessibility improvements were funded by the LWCF.

Community Center at VFW Park. In 2000 the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Fund (CMIRBF) provided grant funding for improvements and expansion of the Salter Center.

Needs Assessment

Through an inventory and needs assessment the City has determined there are several deficiencies within the Royal Oaks Parks and Recreation System. Among them are the absence of an aquatic facility, a need for public gathering places in public parks, and a lack of esthetic qualities such as flower beds public art and signs. General maintenance was also a concern. These needs are addressed in the Goals and Objectives, Capital Improvement and Action Plan Sections of this Master Plan. It should be mentioned that none of these needs result in a threat to public health or well-being.

When comparing current facilities to the Suggested Facilities Development Standards provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the City of Royal Oak is proficient in most facilities it provides. These include facilities for the following activities: ice hockey, tennis, volleyball, baseball/softball, football, soccer, golf courses/driving ranges and two separate trail systems. The only exception would be basketball courts; the City does not have the recommended number of courts for a population our size. However, through the public input process it was determined that the community does not see this as a deficiency that needs to be addressed.

Looking at the service areas of parks within the City, there are several gaps in the southwest corner of the City. The City does not plan on exploring the possibility of purchasing land for parks in this area for several reasons. The public expressed little desire in either the public meetings or in the public survey for the City to purchase any additional park lands (42% of those surveyed ranked “developing new neighborhood parks” as “not important”). The emphasis was placed instead on maintenance of current parks. Second, The Detroit Zoo is located in the southwest corner of the City, providing a regional open space and recreation destination for residents in that area. Royal Oak also has two Community Centers and multiple Community Parks which serve the entire community. These factors along with budget and staffing constraints make it improbable that the City will pursue purchasing further land for open space purposes.

Accessibility

The City of Royal Oak conducted site inspections of all facilities owned and operated by the City. The inspections were conducted by certified inspectors within the Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Service. Each facility was rated on the 1-5 standard required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The ratings are displayed in Table 3. The City found that several facilities have accessibility issues; as a result,

upgrading facility accessibility has become a priority in the Action Plan for the City over the next five years.

Table 2 - Parks and Recreation General Inventory

Facility Name		Barton N	Barton S	Bassett	Beechwood	Clawson	Cody	MM Community Center	Salter Community Center	Cummingston	Dickinson Park	Dondero	Elks	Exchange	Fernwood	Fries	Franklin	Fulton	Grant	Gunn/Dyer	Huntington Woods	Hudson/Mil Hey	Kenwood	Lawson	Lockman	Maddock	Marais
General Characteristics	Type	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	MP	SU	SU	CP	NP	NP	NP	CP	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	NP	MP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
	Parking Spaces												28	1													
	Number of Students																										
	Acres	0.52	0.50	1.14	0.29	2.36	0.14		0.22	25.29	4.07	3.39	4.67	14.50	0.83	0.50	4.26	0.41	4.25	2.36	0.41	1.88	8.89	4.25	9.33	2.44	2.54
	Lighting																										
Play Areas	Ballfields/Backstops					1					1	1	1	2					1	1			2	1			1
	Softball/Skinned Fields																										
	Soccer										1		1	2					1				2				
	Football																										
	Volleyball																							1	1		
	Multi-Purpose Field			1		1	1			1		1			1				1	1		1	1	1			1
	Archery Range																										
	Golf/ Driving Range																										
Ice Skating Outdoor										1		1						1	1								
Hard Court Area	Pickleball Courts																										
	Asphalt Play			1																							
	Tennis										2	2	2	2			2						2		2		
	Track & Field																										
	Basketball Courts										1	1	1	1	1									1			
	Basketball Backboards											4		2								1			2		
Play Structures	Play Structures	1		1		1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Number of Playgrounds																										
	Tot Lot/ Tyke Track	1																									
	Modular Play Equipment						1				2				1				1					1		1	
	Timber Play Structures	1				1	1			1		1	1	1				1		1	1	1			2		
	Metal Play Structures			1		1							1										1		1		
	Tire Climbers/ Tire Swings											1											1		1		
	Resilient Surfacing	S		S		S	Fi,S			S	Fi	S	S	S	S			S	Fi,S	S	S	S,Fi	S	Fi	S	Fi	
	Sandbox										1				1											1	
Playground Equipment	Tetherball																										
	Swing Sets	1		1			1				2	2	1	2	3			1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
	Slides (Metal), freestanding											1		1			1			1							
	Jungle Jims/Climbers			1			1					1		1	1			1		1			1	1			

Table 2 - Parks and Recreation General Inventory (Cont.)

Facility Name		Barton N	Barton S	Bassett	Beechwood	Clawson	Cody	MM Community Center	Salter Community Center	Cummingston	Dickinson Park	Dondero	Elks	Exchange	Fernwood	Fries	Franklin	Fulton	Grant	Gunn/Dyer	Huntington Woods	Hudson/Mil Hey	Kenwood	Lawson	Lockman	Maddock	Marais
Playground Equipment (Cont.)	Spring Riders	SU									1						1										
	Merry-Go-Rounds					1									1												
	Drop Shot																										
	See Saw																										
Fitness	Fitness Areas													1											1		
	Fitness Stations													1											1		
	Monkey Bars																										
	Chin Up Bars																										
	Rings																										
	Parallel Bars																										
	Balance Beams																										
Vita Course																											
Grounds	Passive Areas	1	1		1							1				1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1
	Picnic Areas	1	1				1			1	1	1	1	1					1			1		1	1	1	
	Nature/Hiking Trail/Foot Path									1																	
	Pavilion/Deck/Gazebo Reserve																									1	
	Pond/Lake/Fishing																										
	Boat Launch/Pier																										
	Historical Monument/Memorial																										
	Beach/ Swimming																										
	Dog Park																										
Dog Run										1																	
Indoor	Gymnasium								2																		
	Conference Rooms								1																		
	Multi-Purpose Rooms							9	2																		
	Auditorium																										
	Kitchen							1																			
	Art Room								1																		
	Teen Room								1																		
	Auditorium																										
Game Room								1																			

Legend

CP-Community Park	Fi-Fibar
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Table 2 - Parks and Recreation General Inventory (Cont.)

Facility Name		Mark Twain	Marks	Maudlin	Meininger	Memorial	Miller	Pioneer	Quickstad	Realtor	Red Run	Rotary	Starr/JC	Sullivan	Fred Piper Optimist	13 Mile/Main	Upton	V.F.W.	Wagner	Waterworks	Wendland	Westwood	Whittier	Woodsboro	Worden	Worden East	TOTALS
General Characteristics	Type	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	NP	NP	CP	NP	CP	MP	CP	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	CP	NP	MP	MP	NP	MP	CP	MP	
	Parking Spaces	1				18							1												1		50
	Number of Students																										0
	Acres	7.00	1.27	1.79	8.45	24.19	1.52	2.34	31.50	2.54	19.32	0.83	28.00	3.37	3.08	0.10	3.86	7.96	13.66	4.96	0.79	1.03	6.87	1.10	30.81	4.25	310.03
	Lighting				1	1	1																		1		4
Play Areas	Ballfields/Backstops		1			3				2		3		1				1		1					4		28
	Softball/Skinned Fields																										0
	Soccer								3	1										1			2		3		17
	Football					1						4															5
	Volleyball	2								1		5		1													11
	Multi-Purpose Field		1	1						1		2	1	1		1	1			1		1	1				24
	Archery Range																										0
	Golf/ Driving Range																										0
Hard Court Area	Ice Skating Outdoor				1																				1		6
	Pickleball Courts																						8				8
	Asphalt Play	1																1									3
	Tennis				2					2							2			2					5		27
	Track & Field																										0
	Basketball Courts																										6
Play Structures	Basketball Backboards				1					1								1									12
	Play Structures		1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41
	Number of Playgrounds					2																					2
	Tot Lot/ Tyke Track																		1								2
	Modular Play Equipment	1	1	1	1	1	2					1										1	1	1	1	1	19
	Timber Play Structures		1			1		1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1				1	28
	Metal Play Structures												1						1	1							8
	Tire Climbers/ Tire Swings		1															1		1							6
	Resilient Surfacing		Fi,S	Fi	Fi	Fi,S	Fi	S		S	S		Fi,S	S	S			S	S	S	S	Fi,S		Fi,S		Fi,S	
Playground Equipment	Sandbox				1		1																		1		6
	Tetherball	2																									2
	Swing Sets	1	2	2	2	1	2	2		4	2		1	2	1		2	2	2		2	2	2	1		2	65
	Slides (Metal), freestanding					1		1		1			1	2			1	1	2	1							15
Jungle Jims/Climbers	1						1		1	1		1				1	1		1	1						18	

Table 2 - Parks and Recreation General Inventory (Cont.)

Facility Name		Mark Twain	Marks	Maudlin	Meininger	Memorial	Miller	Pioneer	Quickstad	Realtor	Red Run	Rotary	Starr/JC	Sullivan	Fred Piper Optimist	13 Mile/Main	Upton	V.F.W.	Wagner	Waterworks	Wendland	Westwood	Whittier	Woodsboro	Worden	Worden East	TOTALS
Playground Equipment (Cont.)	Spring Riders		1	1		1	1			4			6					1	1			1	1	1		1	22
	Merry-Go-Rounds																										2
	Drop Shot	1																									1
	See Saw							1																			1
Fitness	Fitness Areas				1								1														4
	Fitness Stations				1								1														4
	Monkey Bars	1																		1							2
	Chin Up Bars	1																		1							2
	Rings																										0
	Parallel Bars	1																									1
	Balance Beams																										0
Vita Course				1								1				1										3	
Grounds	Passive Areas	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		1	32
	Picnic Areas		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	34
	Nature/Hiking Trail/Foot Path	1							1																		3
	Pavilion/Deck/Gazebo Reserve												3					1									5
	Pond/Lake/Fishing																										0
	Boat Launch/Pier																										0
	Historical Monument/Memorial																										0
	Beach/ Swimming																										0
	Dog Park	1																									1
Dog Run				1														1								3	
Indoor	Gymnasium																										2
	Conference Rooms																										1
	Multi-Purpose Rooms																										11
	Auditorium																										0
	Kitchen																										1
	Art Room																										1
	Teen Room																										1
	Auditorium																										0
Game Room																										1	

Legend

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Table 3 - Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

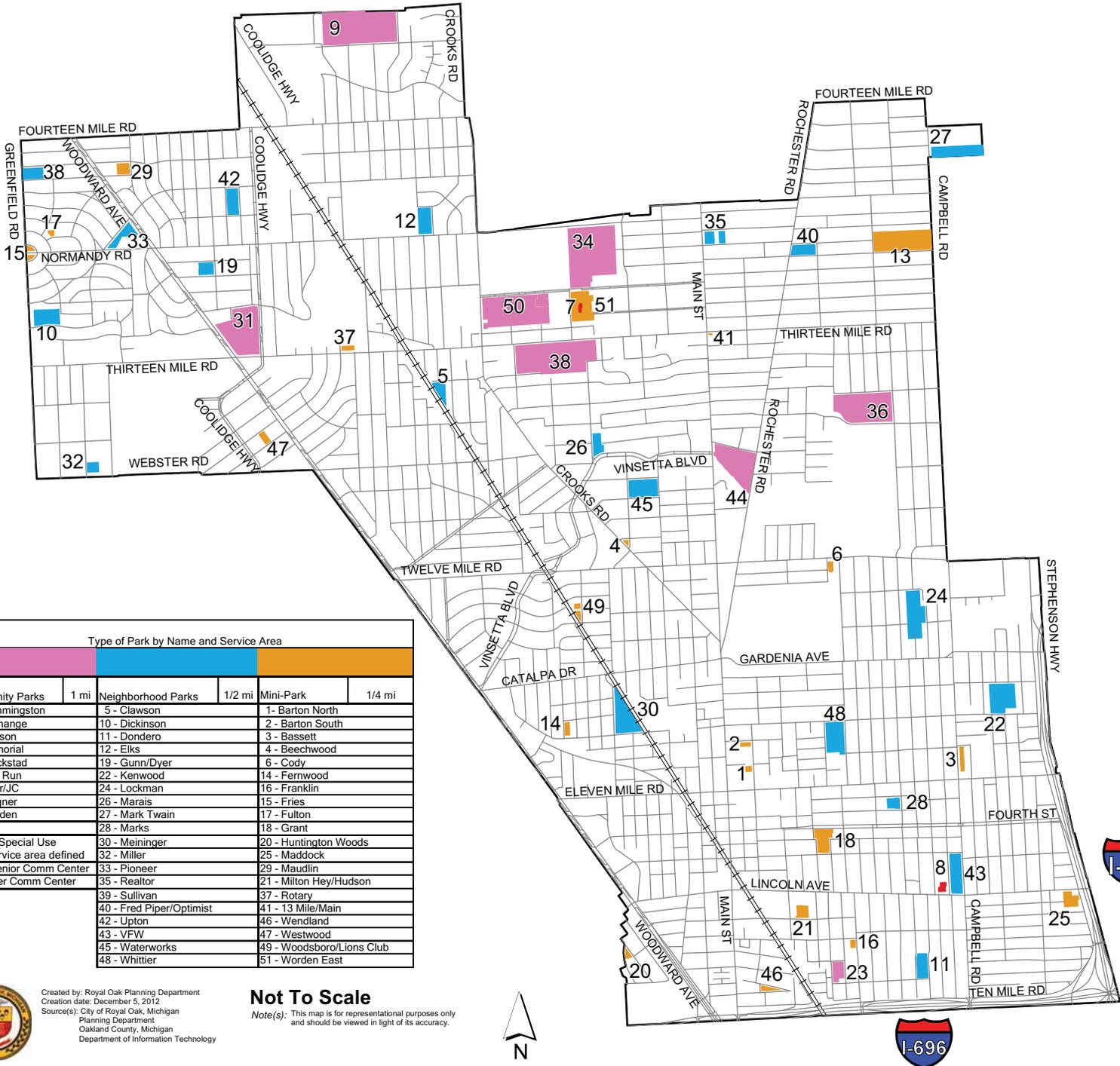
Facility Name		Barton N	Barton S	Bassett	Beechwood	Clawson	Cody	MM Community Center	Salter Community Center	Cummingston	Dickinson Park	Dondero	Elks	Exchange	Fernwood	Fries	Franklin	Fulton	Grant	Gunn/Dyer	Huntington Woods	Hudson/Mil Hey	Kenwood	Lawson	Lockman	Maddock	Marais	Mark Twain Dog Park	Marks	Maudlin	Meininger	Memorial	Miller	
Location	Type	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	MP	SU	SU	CP	NP	NP	NP	CP	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	NP	MP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	NP	
General Improvements	New/update play equipment			x		x												x		x	x		x											
	Pavillions													x									x									x		
	Fence needed			x	x																					x								
	Safety surface improvements needed			x		x														x	x	x	x											
	Turf improvments needed										x			x																				
	Court maintenance											x	x				x								x						x			
	Flower beds	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fybar	x		x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Routine maintenance on playing surfaces/equip	x		x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Restrooms needed														x																	x		
	Drinking fountain needed																															x		
	Parking Improvements														x									x					x				x	
Signage update		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Accessibility Improvements	Repairs to accesible walkways required	x								x																								
	Requires more accessible walkways			x	x		x				x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x		x			x		x	x	x		x	x	
	Accessible parking needed														x								x											
	Limited Accessibility															x							x				x	x						
	Provide more accessible picnic opportunities		x																				x											
	Access to playing fields needs to be addressed																																	
	Accessibility Rating (1-5)	4	4	2	4	2	2	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	

Table 3 - Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Cont.)

Facility Name		Pioneer	Quickstad	Realtor	Red Run	Rotary	Starr/JC	Sullivan	Fred Piper Optimist	13 Mile/Main	Upton	V.F.W.	Wagner	Waterworks	Wendland	Westwood	Whittier	Woodsboro (Lions Club)	Worden	Worden East	
Location	Type	NP	CP	NP	CP	MP	CP	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	CP	NP	MP	MP	NP	MP	CP	MP	
General Improvements	New/update play equipment						x		x				x		x	x					
	Pavillions				x																
	Fence needed															x					
	Safety surface improvements needed								x												
	Turf improvments needed		x									x	x					x		x	
	Court maintenance				x									x						x	
	Flower beds	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Fybar	x		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
	Routine maintenance on playing surfaces/equip	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Bathrroms needed																				
	Drinking fountain needed																				
	Parking Improvements																				x
Signage update	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Accessibility Improvements	Repairs to accesible walkways required																				
	Requires more accessible walkways	x	x		x		x	x			x		x				x				
	Accessible parking needed																				
	Limited Accessibility			x		x			x												
	Provide more accessible picnice pooprunities																				
	Access to playing fields needs to be addressed																				x
	Accessibility Rating (1-5)	3	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3

Map 3 - Park Classification

City of Royal Oak, Michigan



Type of Park by Name and Service Area				
Community Parks		Neighborhood Parks		Mini-Park
1 mi	1/2 mi	1/2 mi	1/4 mi	1/4 mi
9 - Cummingston	5 - Clawson			1 - Barton North
13 - Exchange	10 - Dickinson			2 - Barton South
23 - Lawson	11 - Dondero			3 - Bassett
31 - Memorial	12 - Elks			4 - Beechwood
34 - Quickstad	19 - Gunn/Dyer			6 - Cody
36 - Red Run	22 - Kenwood			14 - Fernwood
38 - Starr/JC	24 - Lockman			16 - Franklin
44 - Wagner	26 - Marais			15 - Fries
50 - Worden	27 - Mark Twain			17 - Fulton
	28 - Marks			18 - Grant
	30 - Meininger			20 - Huntington Woods
Special Use	32 - Miller			25 - Maddock
No service area defined	33 - Pioneer			29 - Maudlin
M/M Senior Comm Center	35 - Realtor			21 - Milton Hey/Hudson
Salter Comm Center	39 - Sullivan			37 - Rotary
	40 - Fred Piper/Optimist			41 - 13 Mile/Main
	42 - Upton			46 - Wendland
	43 - VFW			47 - Westwood
	45 - Waterworks			49 - Woodsboro/Lions Club
	48 - Whittier			51 - Worden East

Not To Scale

Note(s): This map is for representational purposes only and should be viewed in light of its accuracy.



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Inventory of Programming

Cultural Arts

- Annual Outdoor Art Fair
 - 115 artists

Adult Sports

- Men's Basketball
 - Winter season
 - 9 teams
- Men's and Coed Softball, Spring and Fall seasons, 100 teams.
- Women's Volleyball
 - A and B Leagues
 - 2 full seasons, Fall and Winter
 - 36 teams
- Womens Soccer
 - Summer season
 - 9 teams
- Pickleball
 - Outdoor and Indoor
 - Year round
- Tennis
 - Coed Doubles Tennis League
 - 7 USTA tennis teams

Adult Enrichment

- Ballroom Dance
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Authentic Bellydance
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Art Classes:
 - Watercolor Painting, Oil & Acrylic Painting, Drawing Basics
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer
- Line Dance
 - Beginner and Intermediate
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Handbell Choir.

Adult Fitness

- Tai Chi
 - 9 classes per semester
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Hatha Yoga
 - 4 classes per semester,

- Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Water Aerobics,
 - classes per semester
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Fitness Factory
 - 17 classes per semester
 - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Tennis Lessons
 - Spring and Summer seasons.
- Running Program
 - Spring, Summer and Fall.
- Adult Golf Lessons.

Day Camp

- Nine weeks – 450 participants, ages 5 – 12.
- Teen Volunteer for Day Camp, ages 13+.

Preschool Program

- Four Seasons Preschool
 - Licensed through the State of Michigan
 - 33 week school year program
 - Ages 3-5, 3 classes of 18-20 students.
 - Summer program.

Youth Activities

- Youth Dance Recital Program
 - Pre-school through high school
 - 21 classes over 4 nights
 - Fall-Spring
 - 300+ participants
- Youth Karate program
 - Ages 4 – 12.
- Preschool Sports Starter and Kiddie Sports
 - Ages 3 – 6.
- Youth Basketball clinic
 - Ages 7 – 11.
- Tennis Lessons
 - Spring and Summer seasons
 - Ages 4 through high school.
- Kid Kicks summer parent and child program.
- Musical Theatre Dance Camp
 - Summer program.
- Preschool Summer Sports Camps.
- Summer Dance program

- Age 3 – 3rd grade.
- Summer Computer Camp.
- Junior Golf Lessons.

Facility Rentals

- Gymnasiums rentals
- Athletic field rentals
- Picnic pavilion rentals
 - Starr JC Park, 2 small with 4 tables, 1 large with 10 tables.
 - VFW Park, 1 large with 10 tables.

City Sponsored Youth Athletic Groups

- Royal Oak Sandlot League
 - ages 5 – 17.
- Royal Oak Hockey Association
- Royal Oak Youth Football
 - Flag Football
 - Tackle Football
 - Cheerleading
 - Ages 6 – 13.
- Royal Oak Youth Soccer Association
 - Ages 4 through high school.

Royal Oak Nature Society

- Two nature preserves
 - Cummington Park and Tenhave Woods.
- Speaker programs.
- Nature walk programs.

Section IV
Action Plan

Goals & Objectives Overview

The City of Royal Oak used previous goals and objectives, public meetings, public surveys, advice from the Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, interviews with staff, and input from the City Commission to determine which goals and objectives should be included in this Master Plan.

The Director of Recreation and Public Service, Superintendent of Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in conjunction with the City Manager's Office determined which goals and objectives from the 2006 Park and Recreation Master Plan were still relevant for this plan and which goals and objectives needed to be added to the plan. The goals and objectives were then presented at two public workshops designed to gain public input. There were input sheets and surveys available to citizens at each public meeting. Specific needs and wants of citizens at the meetings were then integrated into the goals and objectives.

For the first time the City also issued a scientific public opinion survey over the summer of 2012 which included a section regarding Parks and recreation services in the City of Royal Oak. The survey was conducted in conjunction with Oakland University. The same survey was also posted on the City of Royal Oak website in November 2012 in pursuit of further citizen input. This information was used to determine which goals and objectives needed to be included. See Section V for an explanation of the public input process and Appendix E for documentation of the public input process.

When considering what types of goals and objectives to include there were many factors at play. Expanding existing facilities or building new facilities is very difficult in Royal Oak because of limited space and resources. In most areas there is little or no space for new parks because Royal Oak is a fully developed community. Public opinion is not in favor of building new parks either. 42% of those surveyed ranked developing new parks as "not important." The focus, therefore, with most of the goals and objectives was placed on maintenance and improvement of existing facilities, services and programs.

While this plan is not focused on expansion, it emphasized constant advancement of services and facilities. Emphasis was placed on continuing to evolve to meet new challenges and demands. New goals and objectives focused on taking advantage of new technologies to streamline and simplify services. For instance, the department would like to partner with the Information Systems Department explore the possibility of installing Wi-Fi in selected parks. Development of new volunteer-based partnerships and programs was discussed to reduce costs for the department while increasing the level of community involvement and resident ownership of community spaces.

The goals and objectives process also served to reaffirm several commitments the Parks and Recreation Department has maintained for years; such commitments include continued maintenance and improvement of parks, facilities and the urban forest. The City will also continue to develop new programs to engage citizens and update facilities accordingly; like was done with the development of Pickleball courts at Whittier Park in

2010. Public input displayed a strong demand for nature-based activities. The City lists specific objectives in this plan to help foster nature areas and nature education in Royal Oak.

The goals and objectives process served as a great way to engage different groups within the community on what exactly needs to be accomplished over the next five years. As a result of the successful community outreach and multi-departmental City involvement, this Master Plan contains a comprehensive list of goals and objectives that can be used to serve the community over the next five years.

City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives

Programming

- 1) Continue evaluation of all programs and adjust the type and form of programs to suit community needs.
- 2) Improvement of existing programs.
 - a. *Maintain affordable rates for program participation.*
 - b. *Continue good public relations for special events.*
 - c. *Continually update program selection with respect to new ideas and interests especially in regard to hobbies and exercise.*
- 3) Create new programs.
 - a. *Provide programming for teens based on input from teen focus groups.*
 - b. *Institute mechanisms to fully integrate all programs for children/persons with disabilities.*
 - c. *Create programs that provide inter-generational interaction between seniors and youth/preschoolers.*
 - d. *Create new physical fitness and enrichment programs*
 - e. *Explore possibility of creating music-based programming.*
- 4) Provide the community with municipal recreation, leisure, and cultural programs that are accessible and affordable to all citizens.
 - a. *Continue leadership efforts in establishing collaborative programming, workshops, training, and networking opportunities for youth-serving community agencies which would result in enhanced services to area youth.*
 - b. *Work with community organizations and colleges in facilitating a continuum of recreation and leisure programs for the community with an emphasis in neighborhoods with greater youth need.*
 - c. *Solicit and apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.*
 - d. *Recruit and train a pool of volunteers and mentors to assist in implementation of various programs.*

Administration and Organization

- 1) Investigate traditional and innovative ways to fund and reduce the costs of programming.
 - a. *Seek alternative funding for services in order to increase revenue and decrease general fund contribution through requests to service clubs, private sector and professional organizations for sponsorship of various program and facility improvements.*
 - b. *Generate advertising revenue for INSIGHT to offset the expense of production and distribution.*
 - c. *Investigate traditional means to increase revenue.*
- 2) Provide staffing at levels commensurate to needs.
- 3) Create mechanisms to maintain positive public relations.
 - a. *Continue to provide regular opportunities for public input.*
 - b. *Continue working with neighborhoods to build partnerships and create ownership at neighborhood parks.*
 - c. *Develop an Adopt-A-Park Program.*
 - d. *Utilize technological and social networking tools.*
- 4) Investigate opportunities to partner with other recreation departments to maximize opportunities.
- 5) Continue and improve coordination with schools.
- 6) Integrate technology with operations to increase access and efficiency of services.
 - a. *Create online option for payment, programming sign-up and other services.*
 - b. *Ensure all facilities accept up-to-date forms of payment.*

Facilities

- 1) Provide facilities that meet the community wide recreation needs of Royal Oak residents.
 - a. *Provide high quality ball diamonds, soccer/football fields, tennis courts, and ancillary facilities at community parks.*
 - b. *Provide a focus on park and facility maintenance with emphasis on turf improvements, bleachers, additional trees, court resurfacing, playground upgrades, and other improvements identified in this plan.*
 - c. *Explore the possibility of creating and preserving a dedicated public performance space for the Arts.*
 - d. *Increase the number of permanent community gathering spaces in parks.*
 - e. *Install an aquatic facility for community use.*

- f. *Assist in facilitating the objectives and strategies of the City of Royal Oak Non-Motorized Plan (see Appendix A) and expand walking and biking trails throughout the City.*
 - g. *Improve availability of parking adjacent to neighborhood parks.*
 - h. *Explore the possibility of constructing a new facility or expanding a current facility to include an aquatic facility, walking track, and fitness center.*
 - i. *Investigate opportunities to install Wi-Fi connections in select parks.*
- 2) Maintain a balanced system of parks and open spaces by having well operated and maintained facilities.
- a. *Continue to coordinate and assist in planned events in public spaces and parks.*
 - b. *Continue collaboration between City departments and community organizations to provide a high level of service to the community.*
 - c. *Continue to remove existing physical barriers that limit use of parks and facilities by portions of the community.*
 - d. *Selectively prune, trim, and remove overgrown vegetation to open up views and provide natural surveillance of public gathering places.*
- 3) Continue to improve the aesthetic value of parks and facilities in accordance with the City brand.
- a. *Improve the branding campaign for City Parks in part by updating and maintaining signage and other visual elements in accordance with the City brand.*
 - b. *Establish permanent and temporary public art in Parks and Facilities.*

Recreational Land

- 1) Provide recreation land in the form of community parks, neighborhood parks, and mini-parks which is convenient and accessible to all residents.
- a. *Explore the possibility of developing a Downtown Central Park*

Nature Parks

- 1) Explore the potential for a nature center in Royal Oak.
- 2) Increase awareness of Nature Parks.
- 3) Assist nature society in providing necessary improvements to the Nature Parks.
 - a. *Improve nature trails at Cummingston Park.*
- 4) Increase diversity in the urban forest.
- 5) Provide necessary support for Royal Oak Nature Society projects (See Appendix A)

Access to Facilities

- 1) Eliminate existing barriers to recreation facilities and programs by creating barrier-free facilities and adopting a policy of “inclusive recreation”.
 - a. *Examine existing programs to ensure that they provide recreation and leisure opportunities to all residents regardless of their social, economic, or physical status.*
 - b. *Ensure that each play setting and activity area is accessible, that accessible play components are placed throughout each activity area, and that similar play opportunities are provided to children with disabilities.*
 - c. *Install accessible routes of travel, connecting parking areas, drop off points, all activity areas and accessible activities.*
 - d. *Provide an accessible surface and pathway that is firm, stable, slip resistant, and resilient at all public recreational facilities.*
 - e. *Provide a means of getting on, through (experience), and off the equipment for children with a grange of mobility impairments.*
 - f. *Ensure that landscape areas, gardens, picnic areas, and significant natural features are accessible.*
 - g. *Provide more accessible parking.*

Summary of Actions and Capital Improvement Plan

The object of this section is to set forth a series of actions and projects to remedy the needs of the department. These actions and projects are designed to satisfy community needs while achieving goals and objectives discussed earlier in this section. The Summary of Actions (Table 4) lays out broad categories of concern, specific observations and recommended actions to remedy the need. These broad areas of concern represent recurring trends that need to be addressed. The Capital Improvement Plan (Table 5) puts forth a list of projects that are meant to supplement the suggestions in the Summary of Actions. The Summary of Actions and Capital Improvement Plan set forth a road map to address major problems. Necessary actions and projects by the City may change as time goes on and needs change. Additional projects and actions may become necessary. Below is a brief explanation of each category, suggested action and capital improvements.

Existing Athletic Facilities

Through site inspections, public input and interviews with government officials maintenance issues with existing sporting facilities emerged as a trend that needs to be addressed. The playing surfaces at several facilities need to be upgraded. In both public workshops tennis courts were a focal point of concern. Upgrades for Meininger and Worden Parks are planned for 2014; upgrades for Franklin, Lockman and Dickinson are planned for 2016; and upgrades to Waterworks Park are planned for 2017. While no upgrades are needed to basketball playing surfaces, there are upgrades planned for the hoops and nets at Whittier, Lockman and Fernwood Parks in 2015. Several turf surfaces and drainage systems fields are in need of maintenance. Playing fields at Memorial and Worden Parks have had drainage problems; which are to be addressed in 2013. Turf improvements are scheduled for 2015 to the playing fields at Whittier, Dickinson, Exchange and Red Run Parks. Capital improvements will provide large scale upgrades to facilities, however the continued regularly scheduled maintenance will also be key to maintaining the high quality of facilities in Royal Oak.

Administration

The Department always needs to be searching for new ways to provide and fund services. By becoming more creative and efficient with service delivery the Department can provide more and better services to residents. Several ideas were presented as a means to achieve this goal. Volunteerism has always been a big part of Park and Recreation services in Royal Oak. Efforts to create an Adopt-A-Park program aim to provide specific and productive purposes for volunteers and contributors. Partnership with the ROOTS organization will provide the City with more volunteers in Park and Recreation. The City also plans to explore more options for funding. The Adopt-A-Park program will bring in revenue from contributors for specific parks. Traditional means of revenue production are also being explored to fund expansion projects like a splash pad, a public pool or a public fitness center. Research for grants from the State of Michigan and Federal government is always being carried out as well.

Nature/Ecological Programming and Facilities

Public input, specifically the city-wide survey, called for more nature-based programming and facilities in Royal Oak. The City plans to partner with the Royal Oak Nature Society (RONS) to satisfy this need. Programming is already provided by the RONS but could be better publicized and expanded with the assistance of the City. Potential capital improvements include development and maintenance of trails at Cummington Park and better signage inside all nature parks. There were also some requests for a nature center to be built. This is not included in the CIP as of now due to lack of research. More investigation is needed to establish specific project costs and dates.

General Facility Deficiencies

Public input, inspections and interviews with public officials pointed to some general deficiencies in our parks system. Playground equipment at multiple parks is in need of maintenance or replacement. The equipment in question poses no threat to the health and well-being of residents but is out of date. There is also a need for more public gathering places in the parks; including pavilions and bleachers for playing fields. There is a high demand for pavilion rental in parks. New pavilion construction is planned at Memorial, Exchange, Red Run and Kenwood Parks in 2013 and new bleachers are planned to be installed at athletic fields in 2014. Investigation into building an outdoor amphitheatre is planned for 2016 as well. Public input also uncovered a need for more restrooms in parks; something that is being attached to the pavilion construction in 2013. The need was also expressed for new soccer fields which are to be installed in 2015 at Upton Park. Play structures in several parks across the city are out of date. Replacements are scheduled for the parks in question annually through 2018 (see Table 5).

Non-Motorized Transportation

The City of Royal Oak plans to expand non-motorized transportation throughout the City. The Parks Department can assist in this in several ways. The first is to assist in the implementation of the Non-Motorized Plan, explained in the 2012 City of Royal Oak Master Plan. The plan calls for expansion of bike lanes and trails throughout the City. The Parks and Recreation department can also constantly research tracks of land to develop its own trails and paths throughout the city.

Accessibility

The City is continuing its efforts to ensure that all parks are handicap accessible. Capital improvement projects to increase accessibility include the Memorial Park upgrades scheduled for 2013 and improvements to parking at Exchange, Mark Twain, Memorial and Whittier Parks between 2016 and 2018. Development of new paths, discussed in the previous category, and upgrading playground equipment, discussed in the “General Facility Deficiencies” category will also improve accessibility.

New Facilities

While most feedback reflected that residents in Royal Oak were not in favor of more parks, there were several new facilities that were requested. The first is a fitness center, swimming pool and/or splash pad; requested in the public workshops and in the survey. The City plans to investigate either expanding an existing community center or building a new facility to address these needs. The splash pad is listed in the CIP in 2013 and the pool is listed in 2015. Further investigation is necessary before these projects can be undertaken. There were also suggestions for a central park in downtown. The cost, location and timeline have yet to be determined so this is not yet listed in the capital improvement plan. However, the City does plan on conducting an investigation into the costs and labor of buying land and building the park.

Visual Aesthetics

Public input, sit inspections and interviews with public officials established the need to improve the aesthetic quality of our parks. Basic maintenance throughout the year provides some help to satisfy this need but further action is needed as well. The City is planning a new branding campaign and the Parks could use that campaign as a basis for new signage in the parks. Another idea is to bring art into the parks. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is committed to establishing a place for public art within the parks system. The Commission for the Arts will play a role in this as well (see Appendix D). The City also plans to install more trees at Starr/JC Park in 2014. The flower beds in parks across the city are due to be replaced in 2014 and the fibar used at play structures is due to be replaced in 2013.

Table 4 - Summary of Actions

Existing Sporting Facilities	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
Drainage issues on some fields	Upgrade existing field surfaces where necessary
	Upgrade drainage systems at necessary fields
Some hard surface courts in need of maintenance	Upgrade tennis courts and nets at necessary parks

Administration	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
There may be a need for additional revenue sources	Research grants with the State and Federal governments
	Investigate use of user fees and TIF districts for CIP projects
	Acquire additional contributions from private firms and residents through Adopt-A-Park program
Increase volunteerism	Develop Adopt-A-Park program
	Partner with the ROOTS organization

Nature/Ecological Programming and Facilities	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
There is a need for more nature-based programming	Expand existing programming through RONS
	Support RONS in advertising programming
	Partner with schools to develop programming
Maintenance and upgrades at nature parks	Improve and expand trail system at Cummingston Park
	Improve informational signage at all nature parks
Capital improvements	Research the development of a nature center

General Facility Deficiencies	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
Recreation equipment needs to be updated	Identify equipment in need of being replaced
	Replace playground equipment in need
There is a need for more public gathering places within parks	Build more pavilions
	Build or purchase more seating at athletic fields
	Establish more rental facilities in parks for parties, etc.
Lack of restrooms in parks	Explore the possibility of building an outdoor performance facility in a park
	Build additional restrooms as part of pavilions where necessary

Table 4 - Summary of Actions (Cont.)

Non-Motorized Transportation	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
Need for additional paths throughout City	Explore purchasing tracks of land for trails and paths throughout the City
	Build more paths in current parks system
Implementation of the City of Royal Oak Non-Motorized Plan	Investigate opportunities for bike paths in the parks.
	Expand bike lanes throughout the City
	Assist in the implementation of the NMP wherever necessary and possible

Accessibility	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
Accessibility improvements needed in some parks	Upgrade facilities to meet standards, as needed
	While upgrading and expanding parks, do so in a way that is in compliance with ADA standards
	Provide additional parking and resurface existing parking, where needed

New Facilities	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
New fitness/pool facility requested	Investigate feasibility of expansion of current community centers to include fitness center, pool and/or splash pad or building a new facility
	Explore possible funding sources
Central park in downtown area request	Explore City owned property for development of downtown park
	Seek out contributions from private companies and individuals

Visual Aesthetics	
Finding/Observation	Recommendation/Comments
Parks in need of more aesthetic value	Install public art in parks
	Incorporate City-wide branding campaign into parks
	Install new signs with new City brand in parks
	Continuously seek out ways to improve aesthetics in parks
	Install additional trees in parks, where needed
Improvements needed to existing aesthetic features	Upgrade and maintain flower beds and fiber in parks
	Continue regular maintenance of parks

Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2013	Memorial, Exchange, Red Run, Kenwood Parks	Construct new pavilions with restrooms.	\$300,000	GF, LWCF
2013	Memorial and Sullivan Parks	Provide ADA improvements.	\$35,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2013	Memorial and Worden Park	Install irrigation system for playing fields.	\$92,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2013	Grant Park	Splash pad	\$484,000	CDBG, GF
2013	City-wide	Replace Fibar at necessary locations	\$40,000	GF, Prvt.
2014	Memorial and Worden Park	Install lighting system for playing fields.	\$250,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2014	Huntington Woods and Westland Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$70,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2014	Meininger and Worden Park	Repair/resurface tennis courts	\$20,000	GF, RP, Prvt.
2014	Specific parks with athletic fields	Purchase portable bleachers (4).	\$10,000	GF
2014	Starr and JC Park	Install trees.	\$6,000	GF, Prvt., CDBG
2014	City-wide	Install/improve flower beds	\$57,600	GF, Prvt.
2014	Whittier, Dickinson, Exchange, and Red Run Park	Turf improvements.	\$230,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2015	Memorial and Gunn Dyer Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$70,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.

Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan (Cont.)

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2015	City-wide	Upgrade signage	\$357,000	GF, Prvt.
2015	Senior Center	Outdoor Renovations/Improve Recreational Use	\$43,500	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2015	Lockman, Whittier, and Fernwood Park	Upgrade basketball equipment.	\$4,500	GF
2015	Memorial Park	Expansion to skate park.	\$45,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2015	Upton Park	Construct new soccer field	\$12,500	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2016	Exchange Park	Parking improvements	\$60,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2016	Fulton, Kenwood and Starr/JC	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$115,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2016	Bike Lanes	Investigate/Plan for bike lanes along the roads	\$9,000	TEA, GF
2016	Outdoor Amphitheater	Investigate/Plan for outdoor amphitheater. Size and location to be determined by study.	\$8,000	GF,CDBG
2016	Memorial Park	Install public announcing booth system.	\$45,000	GF
2016	Franklin, Lockman, and Dickinson Parks	Repair/resurface tennis courts	\$30,000	GF, RP, Prvt.
2017	Memorial and Mark Twain Parks	Parking improvements	\$125,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP

Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan (Cont.)

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2017	Waterworks Park	Repair/resurface tennis courts	\$10,000	GF, RP, Prvt.
2017	Wagner and Optimist Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$75,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2018	Whittier Parks	Parking improvements	\$75,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2018	Westwood and Worden East Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$70,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2018	Swimming pool	Install swimming pool; location not determined	\$4,000,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.

Key

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant Funds
TEA – Transportation Enhancement Activity Fund
MNRTF - MI Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund
Prvt. – Private Donations/Fundraising
GF – General Funds
LWCF- Land & Water Conservation Fund
RP- Recreational Passport Grant

Section V
Public Input

Public Input Process

The City of Royal Oak put forth a concerted effort to reach out to the public for input while putting together this Master Plan. Public input allows public officials to not only gauge community satisfaction with current services but also to garner new ideas for the department. The public input process conducted by the City of Royal Oak was in compliance with the guidelines put forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the development of Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plans.

Scientific Survey

The first step undertaken by the City was a City-wide scientific public survey sent out over the summer of 2012. The survey, conducted in conjunction with Oakland University, contained questions about numerous City departments, including six general questions regarding Parks and Recreation Services. The Parks and Recreation portion of the survey yielded over 230 responses from City residents. Results from the survey were integrated into the Master Plan when they were received in late October.

After compiling possible goals and objectives from past Master Plans, with the inclusion of survey responses, City Officials met with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their regularly scheduled October meeting to discuss which goals and objectives should continue to be considered for the 2012 Master Plan. Feedback was gathered from general discussion with board members and written feedback was collected from all in attendance.

Public Workshops

The City also hosted two well-publicized public workshops. A press release was issued in advance of both meeting to local newspapers and online news providers. Informational flyers were posted at City Hall and at both Community Centers and distributed to Parks and Recreation participants and leaders in the community. The first meeting was attended by 27 members of the public. The second meeting was attended by 18 members of the public. The meetings both followed the same format; posters were created with the full inventory, needs assessment, potential goals and objectives, summary of actions and capital improvement plan printed on them. In front of every poster was a feedback sheet designed to give everyone the opportunity to provide written feedback. The City also provided the Parks and Recreation portion of the survey, discussed in the second paragraph, for attendees to fill out. There was also a general discussion portion of the meeting designed to allow time for question and concerns to be addressed by public officials. Both meetings were considered a success.

Draft Display

A final draft of the Master Plan was put on display from January 3rd, 2013 to February 3rd, 2013 at the Royal Oak Library, Salter Center, and Senior Center. Forty-one people responded with comments for the final Plan. Most of the comments that were received

were in support of a specific part of the plan, or offered suggestions for details on specific proposals including location of new projects and specific maintenance needs. Many of these types of comments will be valuable once projects are in later planning and design stages, but they did not alter the general goals, objectives and project initiatives identified in the plan.

However, several changes were made to the final plan following draft display. They include the addition of outdoor renovations to the Senior Center, ADA improvements at Sullivan Park, tennis court repair at Dickinson Park, and revision of the program inventory to include the Mixed Doubles Tennis League and 7 USTA tennis teams.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation

Once changes from the draft display comments were made, the final plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their regular meeting on February 7, 2013. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval of the 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Plan to the City Commission with no changes.

Public Hearing and City Commission Adoption

A Public Hearing was held to give residents the opportunity to comment on the final Parks and Recreation Plan at the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, February 18, 2013. We received one comment addressing the plan at the hearing that indicated the need for repair of most of the City's tennis courts.

After the public hearing, at the same meeting, the City Commission unanimously voted to adopt the 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Royal Oak.

Please refer to appendix E for further documentation of the public input process. Refer to appendix G for the Parks and Recreation portion of the city-wide survey.

Appendix A
Community Links

City of Royal Oak links

- The City of Royal Oak Master Plan (Including NMTP)
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/departments/planning/master-plan>
- The City of Royal Oak 2012-2013 Adopted Budget
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/departments/finance/budget-documents>
- The City of Royal Oak Recreation Department Website
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/departments/recreation>

Community Organizations

- Tree City USA Program
 - <http://www.arboday.org>
- Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools
 - <http://www.royaloakschools.com/portal/>
- Farmers Market
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/farmers-market>
- Royal Oak Opportunities to Serve (ROOTS)
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/roots>
- Oakland County Parks
 - <http://www.destinationoakland.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- Detroit Zoo
 - <http://www.detroitzoo.org/>
- Boys & Girls Clubs of South Oakland County
 - <http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.us/>
- Salvation Army- Royal Oak
 - http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_royaloak.nsf
- The Judson Center
 - <http://www.judsoncenter.org/>
- Royal Oak Nature Society
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/nature-society>
- Woodward 5
 - <http://www.woodward5.com/>

Events

- Arts, Beats & Eats
 - <http://www.artsbeatseats.com/>
- Woodward Dream Cruise
 - <http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/>

Public-Private Partner Facilities

- Normandy/Royal oak Golf Course
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/golf-clubs>
- John Lindell Ice Arena
 - <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/ice-arena>

- Total Soccer
 - <http://www.totalsoccerinc.com/royaloak.htm>
- Royal Oak Driving Range and Adventure Golf
 - <http://royaloakgolfcenter.com/>

Appendix B
Royal Oak Nature Society

**The Royal Oak Nature Society Master Plans for
Cunnington Park, Tenhave Woods
and The Arboretum at Worden Park East
Version 3
*December 2, 2009***

*Questions or comments may be submitted
to the Royal Oak Nature Society via the web at
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Preface

Tenhave Woods and Cummington Park are the jewels of the Royal Oak park system. The development that started almost 200 years ago with the first settlers, has taken this land from a wilderness to an urban environment. The amount of tree, shrub and wild flower species found in the two parks is amazing. I have been a Scout leader for over 40 years and have taught natural history in literally hundreds of forest campsites. Yet in the middle of Royal Oak, our two nature parks put all those forest campsites to shame. Our parks currently allow just a short walk to teach about Oak-Hickory, Beech-Maple and Southern Swamp communities. Aside from their value for teaching natural history both parks have a link to human history as they are remnant wood lots from the first farms within our city.

With this said, both parks have suffered due to the urban development that has occurred over half a century, however, it is not too late. With the commitment of the City and its residents, the Royal Oak Nature Society has made considerable effort to protect and restore the biospheres of the parks. We have at the same time made the parks much more available to the public and started development to turn them into world class educational facilities. It is important to make sure that the quality of these fragile parks is maintained for future generations. The parks are not only natural history classrooms, but windows through which to view what Royal Oak was like before its development.

*Robert Muller
Royal Oak Nature Society Naturalist*

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Introduction

In 2002, the Royal Oak Nature Society's completed its' first Master Plan. Because goals over the years are completed, changed or new ones added, the Nature Society in 2008 began revising the 2002 plan. Please review the new Master Plan (version 3.0) to find out what our goals are for these three Royal Oak natural areas: Cummingston Park, Tenhave Woods and the Arboretum in Worden Park East. Please feel free to make comments. Your input is important and will be taken into consideration as we continue to plan the future of these areas.

Continue Support of the "1999 Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Master Plan"

The Royal Oak Nature Society Master Plan for the Cummingston Park and Tenhave Woods directly supports goals and objectives listed in the 1999 Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Master Plan as excerpted below:

-Page 57: Analysis of Existing Facilities of Special Use/Conservancy Parks

"Interpretive signage and kiosks, accessible parking and pathways, and annual programs should be provided at each of these facilities. Nature and conservancy groups should be brought together to develop a program and master plan for proper development and enhancement of these facilities".

- Page 60: Recreation Deficiencies

"Safety and the perception of safety are important to increasing the use of existing parks." The Royal Oak Nature Society will utilize the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts outlined to help address safety issues.

- Page 61 and 62: Program Goals and Objectives for Programming

"Seek alternative funding for services in order to increase revenue, and decrease general fund contribution through requests to service clubs, private sector and professional organizations for sponsorships of various programs".

- Page 63: Program Goals and Objectives for Facilities

"Improve and enhance the educational opportunities at Quickstad and Cummingston Park".

- Page 66: Summary of Action Items for Nature/Ecological Facilities and Programs

The need most requested in the survey was the development of a Nature Center both as an indoor facility and a new program. Recommendations were to add educational signage in parks, coordinate with school district to expand existing programs, create advisory/feasibility committee based on high amount of interest."

Increase Community Use of Tenhave Woods, Cummingston Park & Worden Park East Arboretum

Many Royal Oak residents still do not realize these nature preserves exist. It is the goal of the Nature Society to improve the natural management of these park lands so they continue to be vibrant spaces in the community and continue to be utilized for both nature education and recreation.

Educational programs are managed by the Program and Education Committees.

The **Program Committee** focuses on environmental education for the general public. It has been providing services, free of charge, since the spring of 2001. Their current services are listed below.

- **Nature Walks:** The Nature Society currently runs a series of free nature walks for the public year round in each park. There is no operating cost for this program. Walks are lead by Royal Oak Nature Society Naturalist volunteers. We plan to establish a naturalist training program.
- **Speaker Series:** Nature Society currently provides monthly speaker series (September to June) on nature based topics. These programs are held at the Royal Oak Middle School and are generally designed for people 10 years and older. The first several minutes before the beginning of the speaker program is considered the General Meeting for the Royal Oak Nature Society. Currently, there is no cost associated with these programs. Normally, 25 to 60 people attend each monthly program. The purpose of these programs is not only to educate the community about nature but to make them aware of Royal Oak's natural areas.
- **Programming for Outside Organizations:** The Nature Society provides help in creating programs utilizing the natural areas to meet the needs of outside organizations (Garden Clubs, Scout groups).

The **Education Committee** focuses on outreach to the local schools. The committee conducted a survey of grade school teachers in the Royal Oak School District. The purpose of the survey was to determine what type of environmental education outreach programs our organization could provide for teachers. The results determined three areas that the Education Committee will work with schools to provide:

- **Guest Speakers** (naturalists) to present programs to students in the classroom
- **Naturalist**-guided field trip in the parks
- **Nature Night** programs that teach environmental education to children and their families through the use of nature based displays and activities.

We also want to increase the positive usage of these three parks on a daily-basis. This will be done through creating a safe environment. New access points and trail systems at each park that encourage traffic through the parks, signage, and ongoing community events help achieve this goal.

What Will the Park Improvements Cost?

The overall costs for the improvements may be low because labor will be completed by volunteers, unless it is a technical or dangerous job. In addition, we will use natural materials to build the trail system. The following are estimates of the cost of action items:

Fund to Pay for Speakers	\$600/year
Fund to Cover Printing/Mail	\$300/year
Fund for Education Projects	\$250/year
Fund for Excavation Equipment	\$500/year

Cummingston Park - Master Plan

The following table breaks down the areas of work to be accomplished with specific action items: a timeframe for completing the task

- Immediate =Within One Year
- Short= 1 to 5 Years (before December 31, 2014)
- Long = Beyond 5 Years (2015 & beyond)

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments
Drainage	The west side of the park still has flooding and needs drainage corrections.	Immediate	\$12,000 equip. rental
General Layout	Develop a prairie restoration replacing the grassy area at the southeast corner of the park.	Long	
General Layout	Hard dirt trails should be 4' to 8' wide with brush cleared 8' high overhead.	Ongoing	
General Layout	Continue to try to bring the nature trails into ADA compliance.	Ongoing	
General Layout	Research the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and try to meet them.	Ongoing	Also applies to Tenhave Woods
Enhancements	Add signs on 14 Mile near Leafdale and Torquay directing visitors to the park.	Short	City to add signs
Enhancements	Maintain bird feeder system in the park.	Short	\$300/yr
Enhancements	Map park with GPS (includes trails, trees & plants) & make available to the public at entrance, on our website, etc.)	Short	
Enhancements	Purchase Plexiglas enclosed display case with trail maps, tree & plant location maps, nature walk & speaker program schedule & list of service organizations etc. that are maintaining the trail system.	Long-	
Enhancements	Investigate augmenting and restoring the native plant community, and decide on a policy.	Short	Also applies to Tenhave Woods
Fencing	Repair fencing around the south, west and north side of the park. Install fence on east end of park.	Long	
Fencing	Remove the middle fence that runs north/south.	Long	
Fencing	Add a gate to the fence on Meijer Drive at the Crawfish Pond.	Short	
Maintenance	Continue to update the flora and fauna survey of the park.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Identify and remove invasive plants. We need to ramp-up efforts on invasive plant control.	Ongoing	This is a serious problem & should be a top priority.
Maintenance	Maintain trail system.	Ongoing	

Tenhave Woods in Quickstad Park - Master Plan

- Immediate =Within One Year
- Short= 1 to 5 Years (before December 31, 2014)
- Long = Beyond 5 Years (2015 & beyond)

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments
General Layout	Continue to try to bring the nature trails into ADA Compliance	Ongoing	
General Layout	Hard dirt trails should be 4' to 8' wide with brush cleared 8' high overhead.	Ongoing	
General Layout	Remove trees and shrubs along the along the west fence line to allow more sunlight on the pond.	Ongoing	
Enhancements	Signage: Add numbered identification posts, elevate identification & directional signs and maps for people using the nature trails to help them identify trees, shrubs and flowers.	Ongoing	\$1,000
Enhancements	Move bird feeder close to the pond.	Immediate	
Enhancements	Maintain bird feeder system in the park.	Ongoing	\$300/yr
Enhancements	Build a sidewalk from the main sidewalk up to the Normandy entrance turnstile	Short	\$\$\$\$
Enhancements	Make a wooden sign with park rules at Normandy entrance	Immediate	\$\$\$ (identical to the one at the Lexington entrance)
Enhancements	Map the park with GPS (include trails, trees & plants) and make the map available to the public at the park entrance and on our website.	Immediate	To research & purchase a GPS unit \$\$\$
Enhancements	Purchase a Plexiglas enclosed-display case with plant location maps, nature walks and speaker programs, schedule and list of service organizations that are maintaining the trail system.	Short	\$\$\$\$
Fencing	Make repairs to existing fences, especially at the bottom where domestic animals can enter the park.	Short	
Fencing	If necessary, increase height of fences adjacent to residences to 8 feet to keep deer out of park.	Long	
Maintenance	Update the flora and fauna survey of the park.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Fill in unauthorized man-made holes.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Maintain trail system.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Identify and remove invasive plants. We need to ramp-up efforts on invasive plant control.	Ongoing	This is a serious problem & should be a top priority.

Arboretum at Worden Park East - Master Plan

- Immediate = Within One Year
- Short= 1 to 5 Years (before December 31, 2014)
- Long = Beyond 5 Years (2015 & beyond)

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments
General Layout	Describe plans for completion of trail system. Develop a landscape plan.	Immediate	
General Layout	Work with other groups to achieve the goals of creating and maintaining the Arboretum.	Ongoing	
Enhancements	Map park with GPS (includes trails, trees & plants) and make maps available to the public at the park entrance, and on our website.	Immediate	
Enhancements	Purchase Plexiglas-enclosed-display case with information about the Arboretum.	Long	
Enhancements	Install a storage unit adjacent to the Senior Center to store supplies in.	Immediate	\$\$\$
Enhancements	Plant appropriate woody and herbaceous plants. Adopt an Arboretum Collections Policy.	Ongoing	Refer to website: http://www.aza.org/RC/PlantCollPolicy/
Enhancements	Signage: Add numbered identification posts, elevated identification & directional signs and maps for people using the nature trails to help them identify trees, shrubs and flowers	Ongoing	
Irrigation	Install water spigot stations at a number of locations to enable easy watering of plants.	Immediate	City will do it
Maintenance	Continue to update the flora and fauna survey of the park.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Identify and remove invasive and aggressive plants, including poison ivy.	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Remove hazardous dead trees and woody debris	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Partner with other organizations to provide ongoing maintenance (gardening).	Ongoing	

Nature Center Master Plan

Our long term goal is to build an Environmental Education Center. This Project needs discussion and planning, with identification of location, milestones, a time line and funding.

Revision Notes

Version	Date	Content Changes
1.0	December 4, 2001	
2.0	March 4, 2002	-Added <i>What Will Park Improvements Cost?</i> ; -Added specific costs to park description tables; -Updated the Organization of the Royal Oak Nature Society to reflect election of Board; -Grammar and format changes
3.0	December 2009	Complete revision of version 2.0

Appendix C

Grant History

Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Royal Oak

Project No. 26-00198

Project Year: 1970

Project Title: Ruth E. Wagner Park Addition

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$18,500.00

Project Description: City will acquire 1.5 acres of land located adjacent to Ruth E. Waygner Park in the City of Royal Oak.

Project No. 26-01023 R

Project Year: 1977

Project Title: Worden Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$75,000.00

Element

- Ball diamonds (5)
- Lighting for ball diamonds (2)
- Parking lot
- Play apparatus

Project Description: 5 ball diamonds, lighting for 2 diamonds, parking lot, play apparatus, LWCF sign.

Project No. 26-01060 E2

Project Year: 1978

Project Title: Meininger & Lockman Park Development

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$68,703.82

Element

- Tennis courts (2)—Meininger Park
- Timber playpiece—Meininger Park
- Physical fitness course—Meininger Park
- Shelter—Meininger Park
- Council ring and fire circle—Meininger Park
- Drinking fountain—Meininger Park

Element

- Burial of overhead wires—Meininger Park
- Walkways—Lockman Park
- Timber playpiece—Lockman Park
- Tot lot—Lockman Park
- passive play area—Lockman Park
- Color coat tennis courts—Lockman Park
- Burial of overhead wires—Lockman Park
- Landscaping & sitework—Lockman Park
- Drinking fountain—Lockman Park

Project Description:



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Royal Oak

Project No. 26-01106

Project Year: 1980

Project Title: Starr/Jaycee Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$90,249.86

Element

Shelter/comfort station

Parking

Playscape

Physical fitness course

Disc golf course

Tot lot

Project Description: Picnic area, sports and playfields, trails, 9-hole disc golf course

Project No. 26-01350

Project Year: 1985

Project Title: Dickinson Park Acquisition

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$17,500.00

Project Description: Acquire .8 acres of land in fee simple, for public outdoor recreation

Project No. BF89-429

Project Year: 1989

Project Title: Senior/Community Center Addition

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$225,000.00

Element

Senior/community center addition

Tot lot

Project Description: Construct a 3,000 square foot addition on the 12,000 square foot senior/community center to provide pre-school and arts and crafts rooms.



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Royal Oak

Project No. BF89-427

Project Year: 1989

Project Title: Sullivan Park Development

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$15,000.00

Element

- Install play structure
- Relocate existing play equipment
- Landscaping
- Soccer field

Project Description: Install play structure and relocate existing play apparatus, landscape and install under 8 soccer fields.

Project No. 26-01527

Project Year: 1993

Project Title: Park System Accessibility Improvements

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$47,000.00

Element

- Paved walkways—Worden Park
- Play Equipment—Worden Park
- Paved walkways—Meininger Park
- Play Equipment—Meininger Park
- Paved exercise trail—Lockman Park

Project Description: Construct paved walkways, handicap play equipment at 10 parks.

Project No. 26-01553

Project Year: 1994

Project Title: Dickinson Park Developments

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$62,500.00

Element

- Relocate Baseball Diamond
- Soccer Field
- Drainage Improvements
- Play Structure
- Renovate Tot Lot
- Tennis Court fencing

Element

- Renovate Basketball Courts
- Landscaping

Project Description: Relandscape park to improve drainage, relocate baseball diamond, establish soccer field, basketball courts and install play equipment and make accessible.



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Royal Oak

Project No. CM00-030

Project Year: 2000

Project Title: Community Center at VFW Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$750,000.00

Element

Renovate facility

New Gymnasium

Gymnasium replacement/expansion

Project Description: Renovation of an existing facility at VFW Park to create a community center and to provide expanded space for Senior Citizen activities; renovate one gymnasium and construct one new gymnasium.



**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00198

PROJECT TITLE: Wagner Park addition

PROJECT SCOPE: 1.5 acre land purchase

PROJECT TYPE: acquisition

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Russel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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

NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

Disc Golf

2 play structures

picnic tables

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?
combined aspart fo budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph. Yes No

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
no

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

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:
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no

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint? Yes No

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US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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

GREG RASSEL Please print [Signature] Grantee Authorized Signature 12/14/12 Date

TEO GOZETTI Please print [Signature] Witness Signature 12/14/12 Date

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**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01023

PROJECT TITLE: Worden Park

PROJECT SCOPE: improve ballfield parking, playstructure & parking lot improvements

PROJECT TYPE: Renovation

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City Royal Oak</u>	Contact Person <u>Greg Rassel</u>
Address <u>211 Williams Street</u>	Title <u>Director Recreation and Public Service</u>
City, State, ZIP <u>Royal Oak MI 48067</u>	Telephone <u>248 246 3300</u>

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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

NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

Disc Golf

2 play structures

picnic tables

parking lot

4 ball diamonds two fo which are lighted

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined aspart fo budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

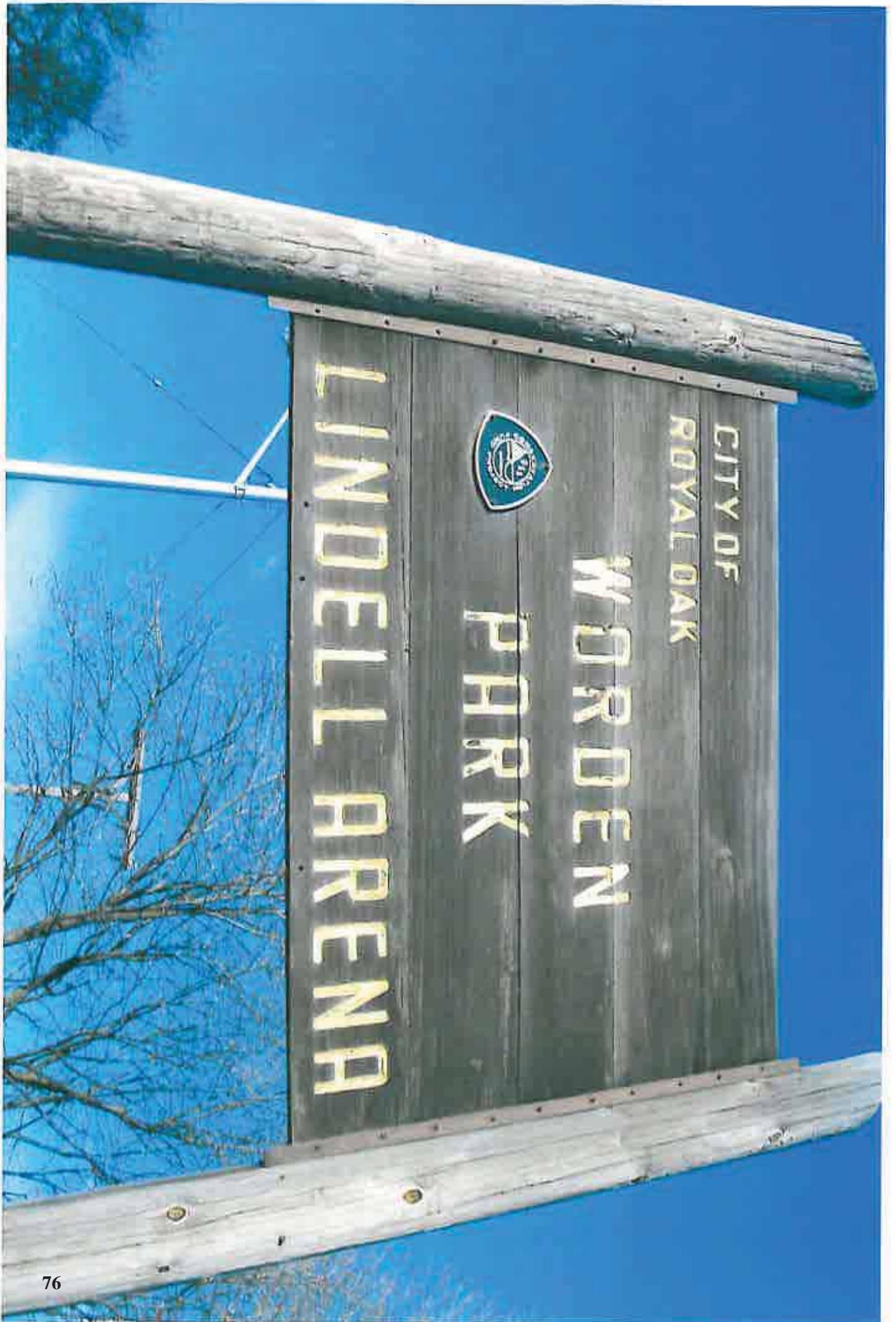
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

year round

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no





LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01060 E2

PROJECT TITLE: Meininger & Lockman Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Development and addition of accessibility to parks.

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Rassel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

YES Physical fitness course removed due to deterioration

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

NO

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

YES Physical fitness course removed due to deterioration

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

Meininger- Wire burial

2 tennis courts

picnic tables

2 play structures

drinking fountain

Lockman- walkways, 2 playstructures, color coat tennis courts, line burial, landscaping

drinking fountain

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined aspart of budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

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

year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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no

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

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LOCKMAN PARK



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ROYAL OAK

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01106

PROJECT TITLE: Starr/Jaycee Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Development

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Rassel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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

NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

3 balldiamonds

3 picnic table areas with shelter

2 play structures

drinking fountain

Disc golf

physical fitness course

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined as part of budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

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

year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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no

CITY OF
ROYAL OAK

STARR-JAYCEE PARK



HOME OF TOM FARLEY FIELD



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01350

PROJECT TITLE: Dickinson Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Rassel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

Purchase fo .8 acre for outdoor recreation incorporated into larger park

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined as part of budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

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

year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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Yes No

no

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

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GREG RASSEL
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Greg Rassel
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Date

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John McArthur
Witness Signature

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RECREATION BOND PROGRAM
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 715 of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT TITLE: Senior/Community center addition

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-429

PROJECT SCOPE: 3000 sq ft addition

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with contact information for the grantee agency, including Name of Agency, Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, and Email.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. [] Yes [X] No

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

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

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a picture of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being property maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

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

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

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

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

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

Maintenance is accordance with equipment scheduels provided by manufacturer

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? Yes No

\$84,500.00

GENERAL

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

Classes Range from FREE to \$8 per class. Rentals range fro \$10 - \$70 per hr.

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

Year round facility, 9:00am - 10:00pm

CERTIFICATION

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

GREG RASSEL
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Grantee Authorized Signature

12/13/12
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Date

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**SENIOR
COMMUNITY CENTER**
City of Royal Oak



RECREATION BOND PROGRAM
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 715 of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT TITLE: Sullivan park

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-427

PROJECT SCOPE: playground upgrade & soccerfield

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with contact information for the grantee, including Name of Agency (City of Royal Oak), Contact Person (Greg Russel), Title (Director), Address (211 Williams St), Telephone (248 246 3300), City, State, ZIP (Royal oak MI 48067), and Email (gregr@ci.royal-oak.mi.us).

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. [] Yes [X] No

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

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

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a picture of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being property maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

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

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

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

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

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

Yearly equipment inspection grass cut on city wide schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? Yes No

Combined with money for 49 other parks. Yearly Budget \$600,000

GENERAL

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?

Year round, dawn to dusk.

CERTIFICATION

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

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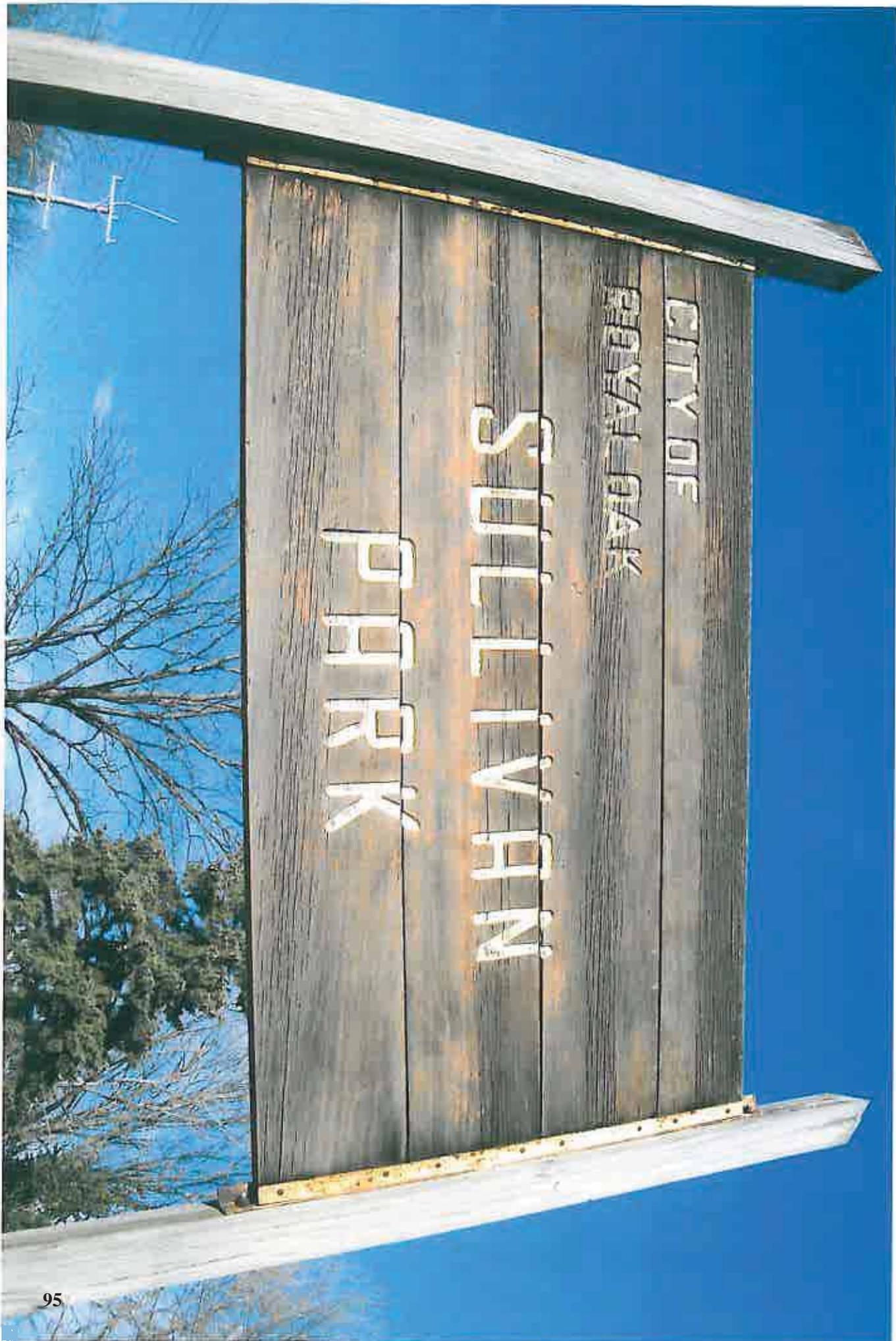
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**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01527

PROJECT TITLE: Park system accessibility

PROJECT SCOPE: accessibility

PROJECT TYPE: accessibility multiple parks

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Russel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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

NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

Added accessible play equipment and walkways at Worden, Lockman, Meininger

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined as part of budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

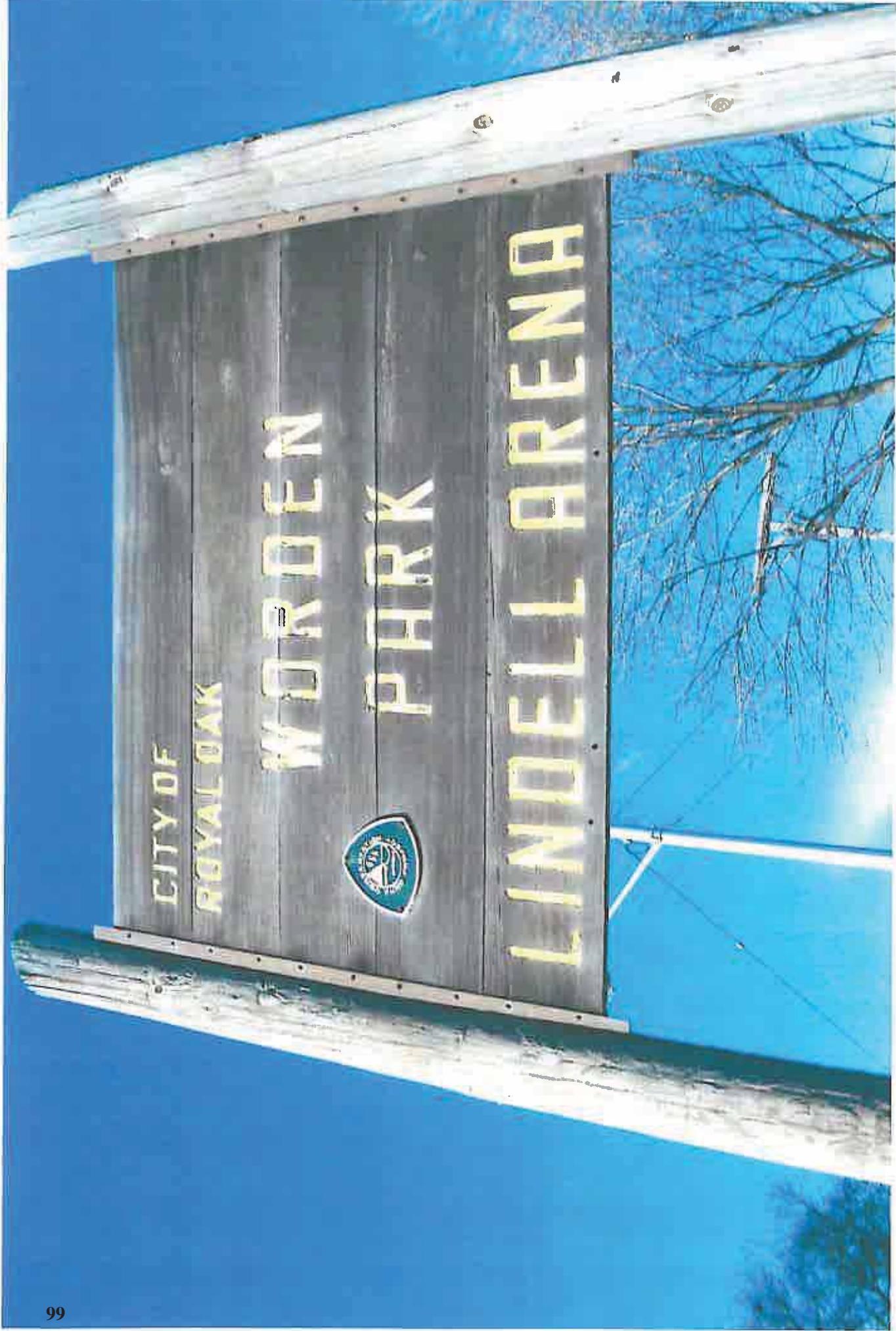
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement: "This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same. Yes No

no

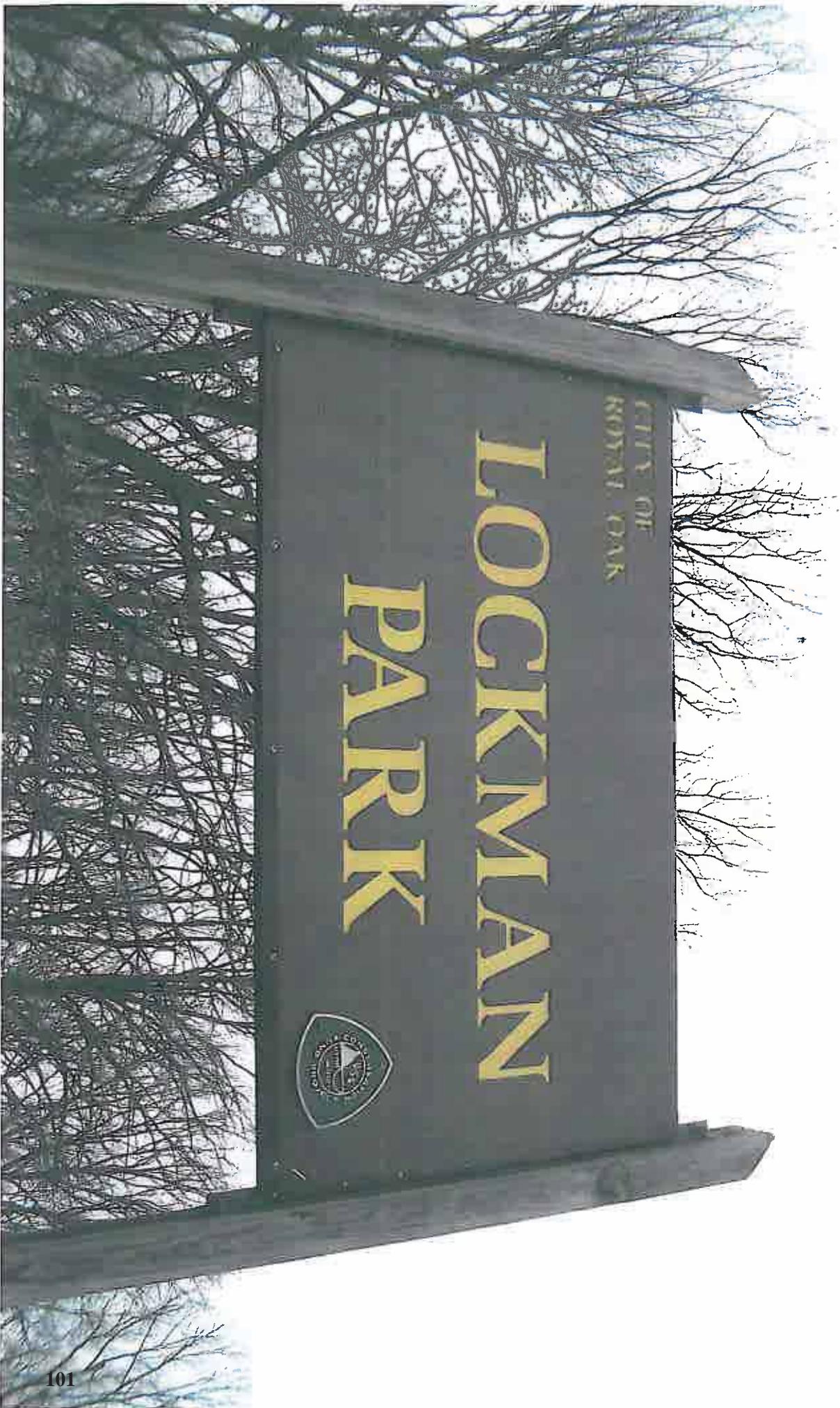


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**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01553

PROJECT TITLE: Dickinson Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Development

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) City Royal Oak	Contact Person Greg Rassel
Address 211 Williams Street	Title Director Recreation and Public Service
City, State, ZIP Royal Oak MI 48067	Telephone 248 246 3300

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

NO

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

NO

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

NO

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. Yes No

YES

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

relocate ball diamond to add soccer field and improve access for 2 play structures

improve park drainage

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

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
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Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

yes

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

no

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

Yes No

yes annual inspection grass cut on park system schedule

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

combined as part of budget for 50 parks

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

Yes No

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

no

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

Yes No

no

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

year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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no

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint? Yes No

**DIRECTOR - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PO BOX 37127
WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127**

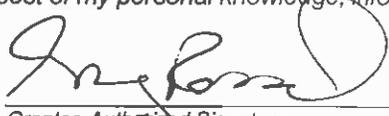
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Multiple horizontal lines for entering comments.

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Grantee Authorized Signature

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Date

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PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

DICKINSON PARK



STREET



RECREATION BOND PROGRAM
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 715 of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: Royal Oak

PROJECT TITLE: Community center @ VFW park

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-030

PROJECT SCOPE: Renovation of facility

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Royal Oak, Greg Rassel, Director, 211 Williams St, 248 246 3300, Royal oak MI 48067, gregr@ci.royal-oak.mi.us

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. [] Yes [X] No

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

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

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a picture of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

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

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

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

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

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

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

Routine cleaning and IAW equipment guidelines

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? Yes No

Combined with money for 49 other parks, \$600.000 annual budget.

GENERAL

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

Class fees ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per class based on the class. Rentals ranging from \$25.00 per hour - \$60.00 per hour.

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

Year round; 8:30am - 11:00pm.

CERTIFICATION

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

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Greg Rassel
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Appendix D

Commission for the Arts Goals and Objectives

ROYAL OAK COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS
Goals and Objectives - 2013

- 1) *Establish permanent and temporary installed public art in the City of Royal Oak*
 - a. Identify areas of the City where public art is appropriate
 - b. Hold an open call for artists to submit applications for public art, and encourage artists to apply
 - c. Create application packet for artists wishing to participate in creating public art, and post it online
 - d. Explore initiatives and policies to incorporate public art in capital improvement projects

- 2) *Promote live public performance art in the City of Royal Oak*
 - a. Establish a summer performance art concert series
 - b. Explore the creation and preservation of a dedicated permanent public performance space for the arts
 - c. Establish a policy to encourage street performers and provide public safety guidelines

- 3) *Promote public awareness of arts and culture, and create regional awareness of the City of Royal Oak as a destination for arts and culture*
 - a. Introduce Royal Oak Commission for the Arts to the local and regional community
 - b. Establish and maintain an active source of information for residents and visitors about Royal Oak's arts and culture community and organizations
 - i. Create a map of important arts installations, destinations, and events, etc.
 - ii. Establish Commission for the Arts web presence
 - iii. Create comprehensive arts and culture community calendar
 - iv. Explore the possibility of disseminating Royal Oak arts and culture brochures
 - c. Explore sponsorship and participation in educational events for the arts
 - d. Establish and maintain partnerships with local educational institutions

- 4) *Encourage local participation in arts and culture events and initiatives*
 - a. Create a program or initiative to encourage residents to display public art
 - b. Explore initiatives and policies to encourage local arts organizations, non-profits, and businesses to display permanent and temporary installed public art
 - i. Create program for beautification of empty store/office fronts with temporary art installations

- 5) *Encourage artists and support local arts organizations, arts non-profits, and arts businesses*
 - a. Explore the creation of procedures and programs to become a repository of funds for public art and artists
 - b. Establish awards program for the arts in the City of Royal Oak
 - c. Identify all local arts groups including contact information
 - d. Explore opportunities to participate in local arts events

- 6) *Secure funding for projects through various fundraising mechanisms*
 - a. Raise \$25,000 by December 2013
 - b. Seek and secure a variety of funding partnerships
 - c. Explore the need for a Commission for the Arts related non-profit designation (501(c)3)

Appendix E
Public Input Process

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, October 4, 2012
Mahany/Meininger Senior Center
3500 Marias Royal Oak MI 48073

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Schaffer, Mike Ripinski, Todd Menig, Rob Winter, Alexander Fike, Vince Cassisa and Commissioner Fournier

ALSO PRESENT: Tod Gazetti-Superintendent of Recreation, Greg Rassel-Director of Public Service, Stewart Meek-Assistant to the City Manager, John McCarter-Intern

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Staubach, Mark Ryan

Chairperson Menig called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schaffer, seconded by Winter to approve the September minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

City Commission Comments: Commissioner Fournier updated the Board on the upcoming millage on the November ballot.

Public Comments: None

Business:

- a. Golf Course/Water - Jim Albright and Joe Spadafore from Royal Oak Golf LLC. came before the Board to express their concerns over the high cost of watering the golf courses in Royal Oak, and to inform the Board they are looking for relief from the sewage portion of their bill. No action was taken.
- b. Adopt a Park Update – Alex Fike, Mike Ripinski, Commissioner Fournier and Tod Gazetti have been meeting monthly to investigate and compile information from other cities across the country for the purpose of implementing an official Adopt a Park program, they will update the Board monthly with the goal of having a plan in place for the spring.
- c. Master Plan – John McCarter and Stewart Meek presented the Board a packet of goals and objectives from the previous master plan. The Board reviewed the information, offered changes and suggestions. They will incorporate the changes for the new master plan. There will be a public input meeting at the next Advisory Board meeting on November 1, 2012 at the Mahany/Meininger Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

Informational Items: None

Items not on the Agenda: None

Upcoming Events:

Tree Lighting is November 29th

Next Meeting – November 1st @ 7:00 p.m. at M & M Senior Center

Motion by Schaffer and seconded by Winter to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation

Approved,

Rob Winter, Secretary

CITY OF ROYAL OAK
Office of the City Manager

For Immediate Release

October 18, 2012

Contact: Donald Johnson, City Manager (248) 246-3200

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Workshops

Royal Oak, MI – The City of Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting two community workshops on November 1, 2012 and December 6, 2012 at 7 PM at the Mahany-Meininger Senior Center in room three.

The workshops will be open to all City of Royal Oak residents who wish to share their ideas for the 2013 Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan. Citizens will have the opportunity provide thier suggestions about Parks & Recreation facilities, services and programming. Recreation Director Tod Gazetti knows the importance of resident input, “I hear good ideas from residents and visitors year round and we always value those suggestions. This is a chance for them to formally participate in the creation of a strategic document we use to guide decision making.”

The Master Plan will serve as a guiding force for decision making over the next five years for the City of Royal Oak. It will be put on file with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and the Oakland County Parks System. This new Master Plan will also be used to qualify the City of Royal Oak for DNR Grants over the next five years.

Residents do not need to register in advance for these workshops. All residents are encouraged to attend. The Mahany-Meininger Senior Center is located at 3500 Marias, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Residents seeking further information are encouraged to contact the City Manager’s office at (248) 246-3200.

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Parks & Recreation

Master Plan Community Workshop

When?

**Thursday, November 1
&
Thursday, December 6**

7:00 PM

Where?

**Mahany-Meiningger
Senior Center
Room 3
3500 Marias
Royal Oak, MI 48073**



**THE CITY OF
ROYAL OAK**

Phone: 248-246-3200
211 S Williams St
Royal Oak MI, 48067



Tenhave Woods, Royal Oak, MI

The City of Royal Oak needs your help crafting its **Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan**. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting two community workshops to encourage citizen input for the 2013 Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan. Citizens will have the opportunity to provide input on Parks & Recreation facilities, services and programming. All City of Royal Oak residents are encouraged to attend. The events are free and do not require any registration. Residents who have questions are encouraged to contact the City Manager's office at (248) 246-3200.

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, November 1, 2012
Mahany Meininger Senior Center
3500 Marias Royal Oak MI 48073

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Schaffer, Todd Menig, Alexander Fike, Vince Cassisa, Mark Ryan and Bill Staubach

ALSO PRESENT: Tod Gazetti-Superintendent of Recreation, Greg Rassel-Director of Public Service, Stewart Meek-Assistant to the City Manager

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Ripinski, Rob Winter, and Commissioner Fournier

Chairperson Menig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schaffer, seconded by Fike to approve the September minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

City Commission Comments: Tabled

Public Comments: None

Business: Public Comment for the 2013 Master Plan

Twenty seven people attended the first public input meeting for the 2013 Master Plan. This was the opportunity to express their wish list regarding recreational assets in the cities parks and facilities.

Comment included: Downtown park with stage and chess board, re-surface tennis courts at Meininger, Lockman, Waterworks, improve maintenance on athletic fields, picnic shelters, urban bike paths. The next public input meeting will be December 6th.

Informational Items: Ice Arena Update – Gazetti passed out a summary regarding the ice arena. As of September 18th overall contracted hours have increased by 159 hours over last year, the final phase of the door replacement project has been completed and the new rental skates should be delivered by the holidays.

Items not on the Agenda: None

Upcoming Events:
Tree Lighting is November 29th

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Next Meeting – December 6th @ 7:00 p.m. at M & M Senior Center

Motion by Schaffer and seconded by Ryan to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation

Approved,

Rob Winter, Secretary

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, December 6, 2012
Mahany/Meininger Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Schaffer, Mike Ripinski, Todd Menig, Rob Winter, and City Commissioner Fournier

ALSO PRESENT: Tod Gazetti, Greg Rassel, Don Johnson and Stewart Meek.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mark Ryan, Vince Cassisa, Alex Fike, and Bill Staubach

Chairperson Menig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Schaffer to approve the November 1, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

City Commission Comments: Commissioner Fournier informed the Board the city will be holding their Strategic Planning session on January 12, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. @ Beaumont Hospital.

Business/Public Comments:

Michigan Honor Flight Update – The Michigan Honor Flight passed out an artist rendering of the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial at Memorial Park.

Master Plan Input – Eighteen (18) residents showed up to offer comments for improvements to our parks. Comments varied from a lighted soccer field at Quickstad, a central park, biking and hiking trails to a splash park. The Board will vote on the final version of the Master Plan in February.

Citizens Survey Results – The Board was given the Citizens Survey results, the Department of Public Service scored consistently in the high eighty to ninety percentile in customer service as did the Department of Recreation with the department getting the only 100% score of all the city departments.

Informational Items:

- a. Nature Society Report - The Board was given a written report of all the programs and improvements that have been completed at Quickstad and Cummington Nature Preserve. Mr. Muller and all the volunteers are to be commended for their tireless volunteerism and passion promoting and educating our residents about nature.

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Items Not on the Agenda: None

Upcoming Events: None

Next Meeting – January 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Mahany/Meininger Senior Center

Motion by Schaffer and seconded by Winter to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation

Rob Winter, Secretary

CITY OF ROYAL OAK
Office of the City Manager

For Immediate Release
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January 3, 2013

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Draft on Display

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The draft of the 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be found on the website at: <http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/departments/recreation/master-plan> Please send your comments and suggested changes to Stewart Meek, Assistant to the City Manager at 211 S Williams Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or email them to StewartM@ci.royal-oak.mi.us.

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Submitted by [scotttn \(/portal/users/scotttn\)](#) on Thu, 01/03/2013 - 1:23pm

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Public Input Wanted on Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Do you wish Royal Oak had a splash pad or a family pool? Royal Oak's recreation supervisor encourages residents to provide feedback.

January 10, 2013

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The 2013 City of Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be on display for public comment from through Feb. 3 at the [Salter Community Center](#), [Mahany-Meininger Senior Center](#), and [Royal Oak Library](#).

"The City of Royal Oak needs residents' help crafting its Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan. This is the first time residents are able to see the draft in its entirety. We encourage all Royal Oak residents to stop by to read the draft and provide feedback," said Recreation Supervisor Tod Gazetti. "If you have ideas about recreation, or see a need at your local park, now is the time to read our plan and let us know if you think something is missing or should be changed."

The Master Plan is intended to serve as a guiding force for decision making over the next five years for the City of Royal Oak. It will be put on file with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and the Oakland County Parks System. This new plan will also be used to qualify the City of Royal Oak for DNR Grants over the next five years.

Share your ideas

Please send your comments and suggested changes to Stewart Meek, Assistant to the City Manager at 211 S Williams Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or email them to StewartM@ci.royal-oak.mi.us.

Residents seeking further information are encouraged to contact the City Manager's office at 248-246-3200.

The draft of the 2013-2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan can be found attached to this article.

Information provided by the City of Royal Oak.

Do you have ideas about recreation or see a need at your local park? Tell us in the comments.

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Appendix F
Public Adoption Documentation

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, February 7, 2013
Mahany/Meininger Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Schaffer, Mike Ripinski, Todd Menig, Rob Winter, William Staubach, Mark Ryan, Alexander Fike and City Commissioner Fournier

ALSO PRESENT: Tod Gazetti, Greg Rassel, and Stewart Meek.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vince Cassisa

Chairperson Menig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fike, seconded by Ripinski to approve the December 6, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

City Commission Comments: Commissioner Fournier informed the Board the Royal Oak Optimist Club is the first organization to step up with a check for \$2510 for park improvements at Optimist Park.

Business/Public Comments:

Bob Muller from the Nature Society informed the Board that the 9 foot deer fence was completed in Quickstad Park and 120 volunteers walked the park to ensure all the deer had left the park. Bob invited the Board to an April tour of the park.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

Motion by Ripinski and seconded by Winter to approve the 2013 Parks and Recreation five year Master Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt-A-Park: Motion by Fike, seconded by Ripinski to approve the Adopt-A-Park program. Motion passed unanimously.

Items not on the Agenda: None

Upcoming Events: None

Next Meeting – March 7, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Mahany/Meininger Senior Center

Motion by Schaffer and seconded by Winter to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation

Approved,

Rob Winter, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE
 PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Royal Oak City Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, February 18, 2013 at City Hall, 211 S Williams at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

For more information please contact the City Manager's Office at 248-248-3200. Persons with disabilities in need of special services should contact the City Clerk's office at 248-248-3050 at least two business days in advance to make arrangements.

Melanie Hals, City Clerk
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SYNOPSIS - ROYAL OAK CITY COMMISSION - February 18, 2013

**6:00 PM - Special Meeting
Brand Development**

7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

1. Call to order – 7:30 pm – Mayor Pro Tem Capello absent.
2. Invocation by Mayor Ellison
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of the Agenda – Rasor/Founier – adopted unanimously
6. Consent Agenda – Goodwin/Rasor – adopted unanimously
 - A. City Commission Meeting Minutes January 28 and February 4, 2013 Meetings
 - B. Claims February 8 and 19, 2013
 - C. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - D. Approval of Contract SW1302 2013 Sidewalk Improvement Program
 - E. Change Order #9 to Contract W1003 2010 Water Main Improvements (Eleven Mile Road Sewer Repair)
 - F. Approval of Contract W1301 2013 Water Main Improvements
 - G. Approval of Grant Park Lease Agreement Renewal
7. Public Hearing 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
8. Approval of 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Fournier/Goodwin – adopted unanimously
9. Public Hearing of Necessity Special Assessment 2013 Sidewalk Improvement Program and Set Date for Public Hearing of Assessment 2013 Sidewalk Improvement Program (Standard Resolutions 3 and 4) – Rasor/Goodwin – to hold the Public Hearing of Necessity over to March 4, 2013 – adopted unanimously.
Rasor/Goodwin – to approve the Special Hearing of Assessment for March 18, 2013 – adopted unanimously
10. Special Event Permit Shakespeare in the Park July 21 to August 11, 2013 – Rasor/Poulton – to approve staff resolution on Commission Letter - adopted unanimously
11. Request to Postpone Staff Recommendation Regarding Dog Ordinance Amendment – Goodwin/DuBuc – adopted unanimously
12. Major Fund and ABE Enterprise Fund Financial Updates

Rasor/DuBuc - Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

Non-Action Items:

SOCWA and SOCRRA Quarterly Reports

Update on BetterBuildings Program

December 2012 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, February 18, 2013, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Royal Oak has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2013 through 2018, and

WHEREAS, the City of Royal Oak began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources, and

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

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

WHEREAS, a final public hearing was held on February 18, 2013 at the City of Royal Oak Commission Chambers to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource plan prior to adoption, and

WHEREAS, the City of Royal Oak has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing the natural resources for the City of Royal Oak, and

WHEREAS, the Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends adoption of said plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Royal Oak City Commission hereby adopts the 2013-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on February 18, 2013.

Melanie Halas
City Clerk

Appendix G
Royal Oak Citizen Survey Results
Parks and Recreation Section

Results

City of Royal Oak Public Opinion Survey

November 2012

Abstract

This final report presents the findings of an omnibus public opinion survey of Royal Oak registered voters, conducted during the late summer and early fall of 2012. Its stated purpose was to assist city officials in understanding resident priorities, in improving existing services and programs, and in planning for the future.

Like all municipalities, the City of Royal Oak has suffered significant declines in tax revenues downstream of the 2008 recession, even as legacy costs have increased. The more general aim of this project was thus to understand citizen priorities, toward budget reformulation and retrenchment.

The survey results are reported as follows:

- **Section 1** presents the findings for the entire sample.
- **Section 2** contains relevant cross-tabulations by sex, age, years of residence, and income.
- Comments offered by respondents appear as **Appendix A**.
- A copy of the survey instrument employed appears as **Appendix B**.

Background

The city manager’s office spearheaded this effort. We met with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Meek, and a couple of interns to get to the roster of relevant issues and concepts to be represented in the survey. As is typically the case, it took about six weeks and several drafts to get to a final instrument. Department heads and city commissioners participated along the way as well.

Consistent with PARL’s educational mission, OU students participated in various stages of the process, particularly in coding, cleaning, and analyzing the incoming data.

Methodology

For a variety of reasons PARL uses mail surveys most of the time, as we did in this instance. Given a 2011 Census figure of 57,364, we required a sample of 382 persons to achieve a 95% level of confidence and a $\pm 5\%$ margin of error. Given nonresponse, our current practice is to oversample by a factor of two and/or to augment that number by 10-15% for bad addresses. In this case we merely multiplied our target by 210% and rounded: 800 residents were contacted.

As a cost saving measure, we asked the city’s IT staff to pull the sample for us from voter registration rolls. A random number generator was used to select the universe of residents to be contacted.

We created three sets of mailing labels, one for each wave of our survey, i.e., an initial mailing and two follow-ups. Each label contained an ID label allowing us to track returns. Our copy of the master list was deleted once the labels were created. The implication is that while the link between respondent and completed survey is *confidential* during data collection, the data become *anonymous* once the final set of labels go out in the last wave (i.e., the link between the two is broken). Note also that a new/clean questionnaire was included in each mailing.

Diagnostics:

<u>Surveys Mailed</u>	<u>Undeliverable/ refused (rate)</u>	<u>Surveys Returned</u>	<u>Response Rate</u>
800	76 (10%)	243	34%

Despite using our standard protocol, this response was lower than our target, and indeed, the lowest rate we have obtained across our 2+ decades of experience administering surveys across the metro area. We did anticipate that doing the initial mailing in late-August would hurt us, but hoped to recoup that after school was underway in September. That did not happen, unfortunately. We also suspect that a

long and heated campaign season in a presidential election year had an impact; many folks just wanted to be left alone.

Said response rate is by no means fatal to this project, however. The statistical implication is an uptick in the margin of error, to $\pm 6\%$. It is also notable that the timing of this survey allowed us a most welcome reality check. Our data predicted that the city's public safety millage would pass by a 71-29% margin; the actual result was 67-33%, i.e., within expected parameters.

Respondent demographics appear on the next page.

Acknowledgements

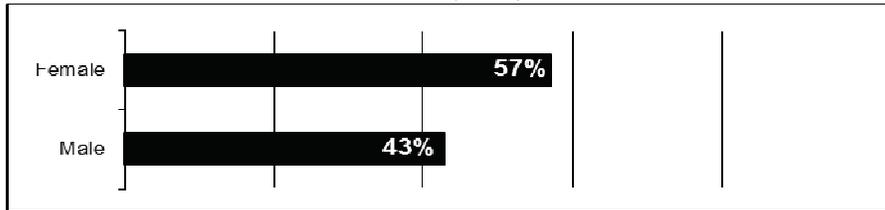
Emily Locke & Marie Talarico handled the mail prep.

Alyssa Clark and Jackson Gilbert handled the data coding and cleaning.

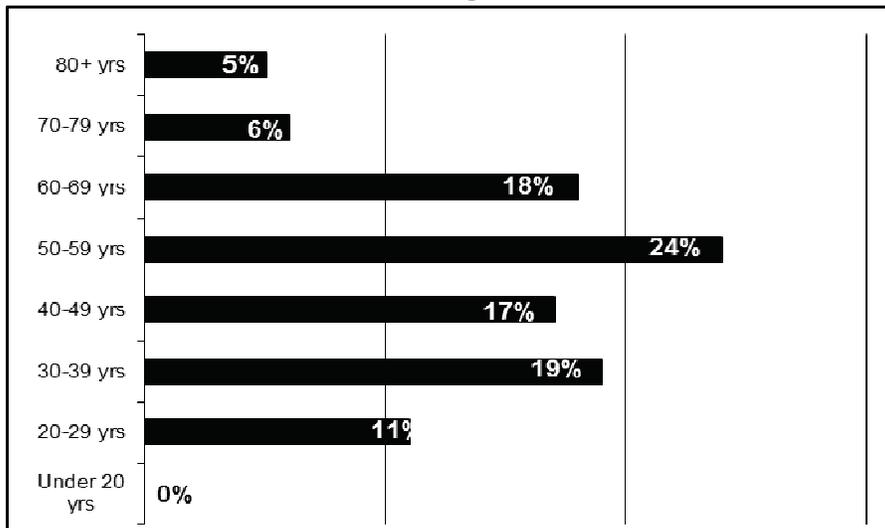
J.P. Piskulich, PARL Director, managed the process and compiled this report.

Demographics

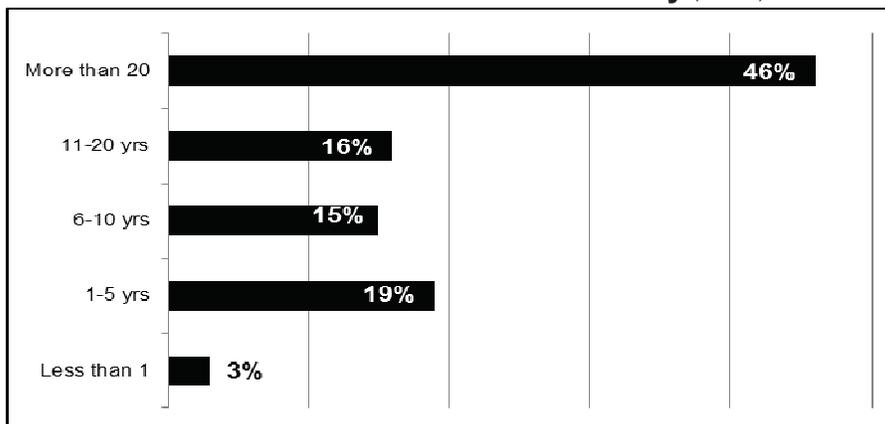
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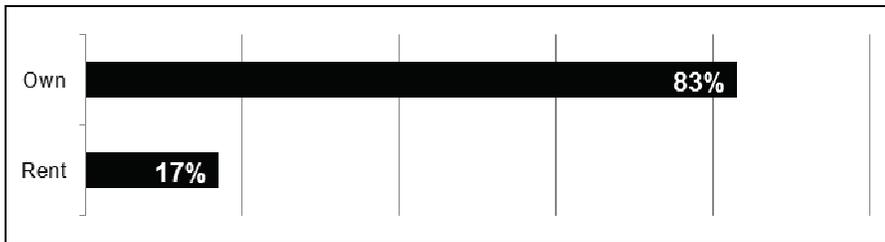
Age (n=236)



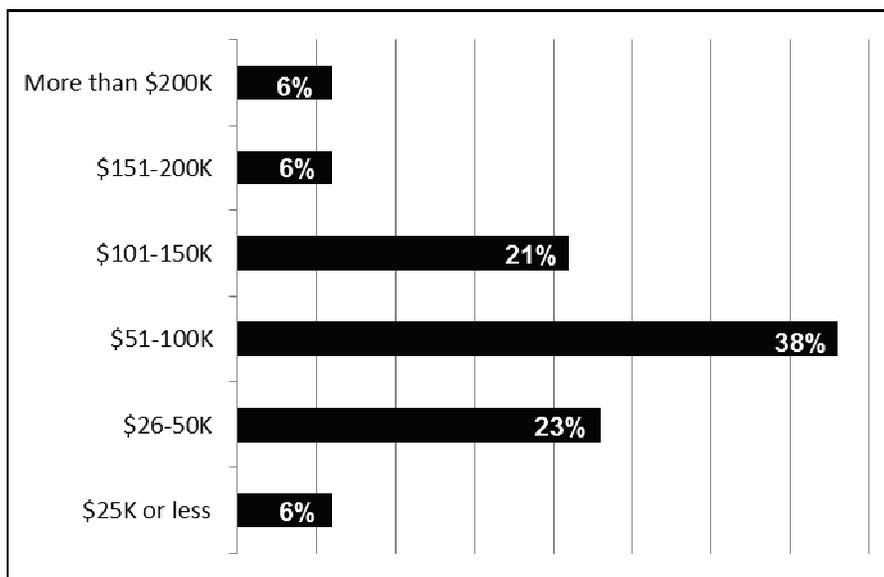
Years of residence in the City (n=234)



Own or Rent? (n=235)



Household income (n=212)



Note: Throughout this report, percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Not all tables contain the same number of cases (n) because some respondents do not answer every question.

Part 3: Parks & Recreation

Nearly three-quarters of respondents indicate having used a City park or recreational facility during the past 12 months. Only about one in six residents (16%) report having participated in a recreational program. A majority (53%) has attended a City-sponsored community event.

There is very little in the way of dissatisfaction with recreation services and facilities available to City residents. Parks and community events are most highly rated. There is substantial uncertainty exhibited about opportunities for persons with disabilities (68%) and about opportunities for teens (57%).

A swimming pool, a fitness center, and a walking/running track are cited as the top three indoor recreation facilities most needed in the City. Bicycle paths, a jogging/exercise trail, and a swimming pool are the top three items on the outdoor wish list. In terms of recreation programs, nature/conservation, music, and swimming top the list.

Improving the maintenance of existing parks is the top priority among our respondents – a simple majority rates it “very important.”

10. During the past 12 months, have you...

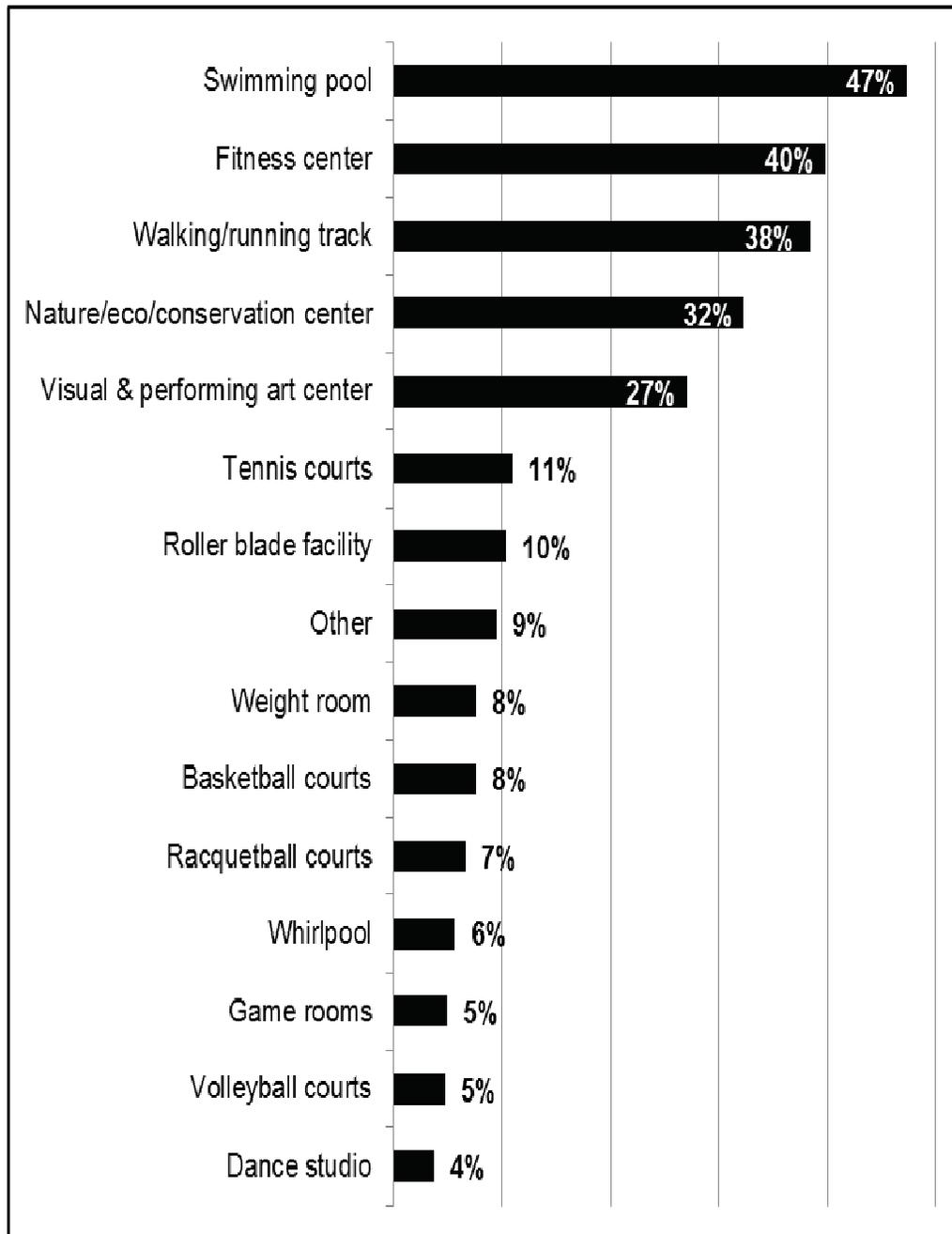
	<u>Yes</u>
...used a City park or recreational <u>facility</u> ?	73%
...participated in a City recreational <u>program</u> ?	16%
...attended a City-sponsored <u>community event</u> ?	53%

(n=237)

11. How would you rate the following recreation services & facilities available to City residents? *(n=233)*

	Poor	Adequate	Excellent	Uncertain
Parks, in general	3%	51%	40%	6%
Recreation facilities, in general	2%	55%	25%	18%
Recreation programs, in general	-	47%	21%	31%
Community events, in general	1%	44%	37%	18%
Opportunities for children	1%	35%	24%	40%
Opportunities for teens	6%	24%	13%	57%
Opportunities for adults	2%	46%	28%	24%
Opportunities for seniors	2%	31%	27%	40%
Opportunities for persons with disabilities	2%	20%	10%	68%

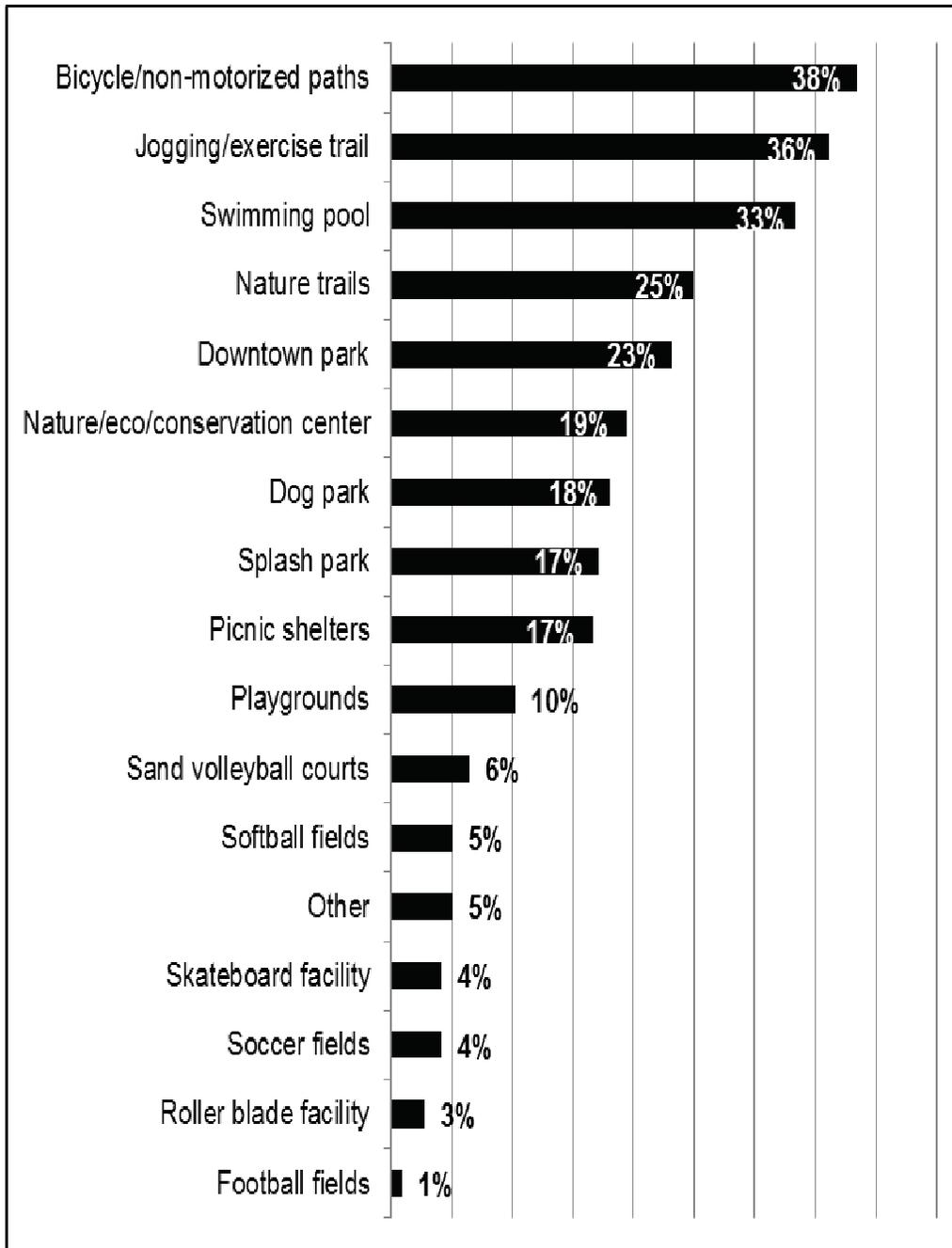
12. Which...are the three additional indoor recreation facilities most needed in the city? (n=211)



12. Other additional indoor recreation facilities suggested:

- None/nothing else needed = 11
- Pickleball courts = 2
- Hockey
- Large multi-purpose facility, similar to the Y (or perhaps an expanded Churchill) or other communities a la Wayne (City of)
- Better community center with Lazy River
- Climbing walls
- Dog park
- Golf course
- Splash park, slides, Lazy River. Also we could use an Art museum – in same area maybe west of zoo on service drive bounded by Main & Washington
- Take the eyesore Fresard lot, or the lot @696, & turn it into a real rec center. These have improved property values in H. Woods, Dearborn, & Pleasant Ridge – our city SHOULD have one too!
- Use existing school facilities for adults
- Children’s Theater. Royal Oak could benefit from having more for children – it has become too much of an adult nightlife area. I have been to Seattle several times and they have a fantastic theater that children can attend with plays/music & puppet shows. I think one should be located in RO. Another possibility is a “hands on” type children’s museum.
- Soccer dome

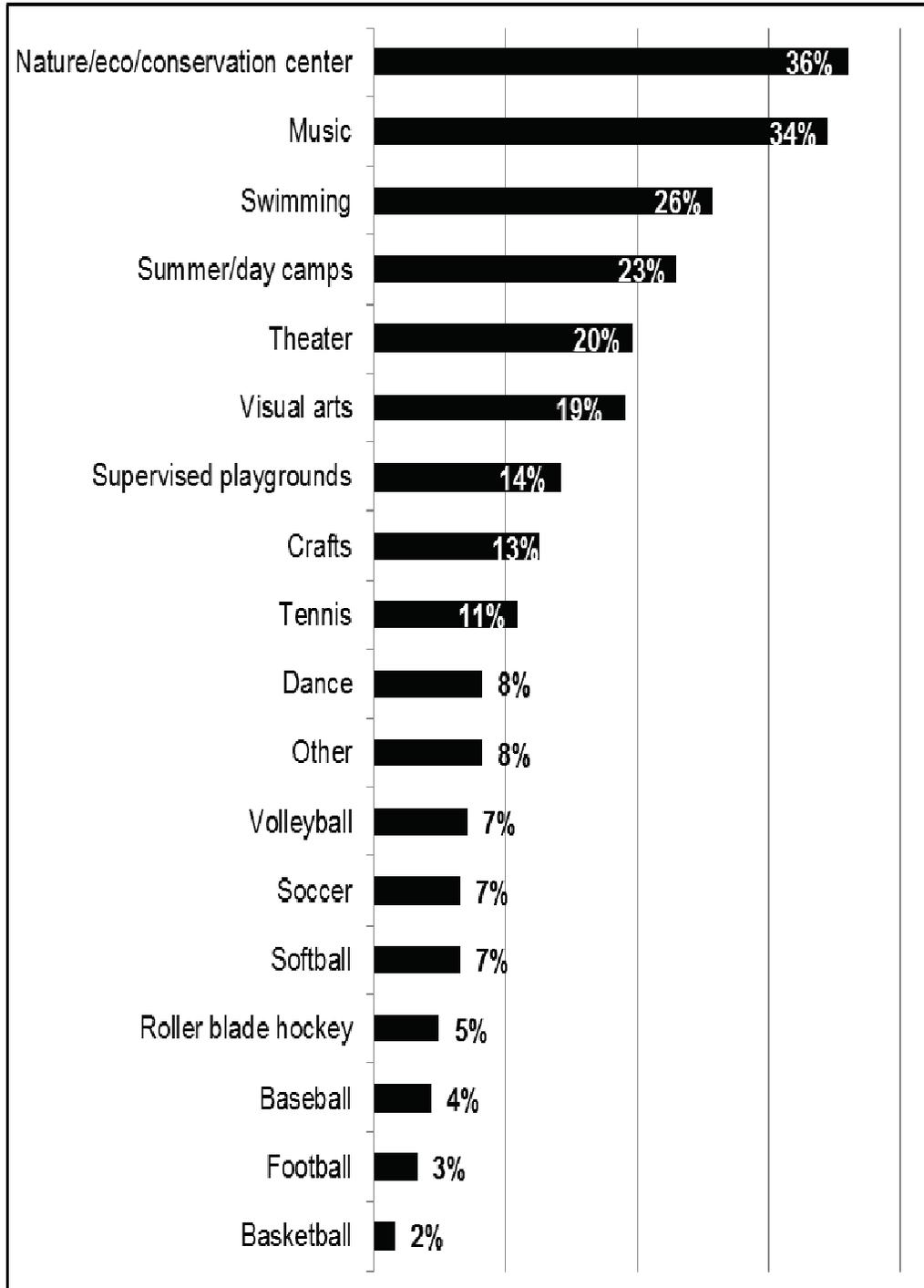
13. Which...are the three additional outdoor recreation facilities most needed in the city? (n=216)



13. Other additional outdoor recreation facilities suggested:

- None/nothing else needed = 6
- Walking track
- Park and city clock @ Second & Main Street. Close 2nd Street between Main & Parking Lot. Fountain, clock, benches.
- Build Rec Center
- Pickleball
- Use existing school facilities for adults
- The VFW park should become an outdoor pool & splash park. It is next door to the boys & girls club. And senior center.
- Useable tennis courts/maintain them

14. Which...are the three additional recreation programs most needed in the city? (n=183)



14. Other additional recreation programs suggested:

- None/nothing else needed = 10
- Get with private groups and rent out current facilities
- Pilates = 2
- Kickball = 2
- Yoga = 2
- Historical tours
- Community pool
- Ice hockey league
- Teen
- Build Rec Center
- Pickleball

15. How important are the following to you? *(n=231)*

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
Improving maintenance of existing parks	7%	42%	51%
Improving accessibility to the parks	32%	46%	22%
Developing new neighborhood parks	42%	35%	23%
Developing new recreation facilities	25%	39%	36%
Developing new recreation programs	25%	45%	30%

Section 2: Cross-tabulations

10. During the past 12 months, have you...

	Sex		Years of Residence				
	Male	Female	Less than 1	1-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	More than 20
...used a City park or rec facility?	72%	74%	50%	79%	79%	86%	66%
...participated in a City rec program?	10%	22%	-	16%	18%	35%	12%
...attended a City-sponsored community event?	49%	57%	50%	61%	48%	59%	50%

	Own or Rent?		Household Income					
	Own	Rent	\$25K or less	\$26-50K	\$51-100K	\$101-150K	\$151-200K	More than \$200K
...used a City park or rec facility?	74%	68%	75%	61%	74%	84%	92%	77%
...participated in a City rec program?	19%	8%	17%	15%	15%	20%	23%	23%
...attended a City-sponsored community event?	54%	49%	58%	48%	49%	71%	61%	61%

	Age							
	Under 20 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80+ yrs
...used a City park or rec facility?	100%	85%	91%	85%	79%	61%	29%	18%
...participated in a City rec program?	100%	8%	21%	31%	14%	15%	-	9%
...attended a City-sponsored community event?	100%	69%	63%	59%	54%	46%	36%	9%

15. How important are the following to you?

(% saying "Very Important")

	Sex		Years of Residence				
	Male	Female	Less than 1	1-5 years	6-10 years	11-20 years	More than 20
	Improving maintenance of existing parks	43%	59%	71%	72%	50%	50%
Improving accessibility to the parks	19%	26%	29%	35%	22%	22%	17%
Developing new neighborhood parks	17%	29%	43%	36%	24%	22%	16%
Developing new recreation facilities	29%	42%	29%	51%	31%	39%	30%
Developing new recreation programs	22%	36%	29%	37%	42%	30%	24%

	Own or Rent?		Household Income					
	Own	Rent	\$25K or less	\$26-50K	\$51-100K	\$101-150K	\$151-200K	More than \$200K
	Improving maintenance of existing parks	50%	60%	42%	44%	49%	64%	77%
Improving accessibility to the parks	21%	32%	17%	31%	17%	24%	38%	23%
Developing new neighborhood parks	19%	44%	33%	26%	20%	27%	38%	15%
Developing new recreation facilities	34%	44%	33%	28%	35%	42%	46%	50%
Developing new recreation programs	27%	43%	42%	35%	25%	31%	42%	31%