

COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2023–2027



**HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS
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1 | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The *2023-2027 Huron-Clinton Metroparks Recreation Plan* was approved by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) Board of Commissioners by resolution on January 12, 2023. The purpose of the recreation planning process is to develop recreation and resource conservation goals and objectives, and to establish recreation grant eligibility through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The following is a summary of the plan contents.

Community Description

The Metroparks serve the residents of Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Wayne, and Washtenaw counties in Southeast Michigan. Since the creation of the Authority through Public Act 147, the system has developed into 13 Metroparks containing approximately 25,000 acres of land for public use. Detailed information is presented on each of the five counties within the HCMA service area, including economic trends that are relevant to the planning process.

Administrative Structure

This section includes details on the HCMA Board of Commissioners and staff, including organizational charts. The 2022 HCMA budget follows, identifying anticipated revenues and expenditures. Major redevelopment projects are highlighted, and the Capital Improvements, Major Maintenance, and Capital Equipment budget categories are described.

The Metroparks Volunteer Program in 2022 adjusted to in-person activities and programs supporting the needs of the Metroparks following a global pandemic in 2020, and several partner organizations help HCMA provide the region with high-quality and innovative recreation.

Recreation Inventory

This section of the plan features an inventory of the recreation assets available at each of the 13 Metroparks. The inventory includes information on the general location, function, and history of the park, statistics, a park map, a biodiversity map outlining the location of critical natural resources, a list of grants received and map of corresponding encumbered land, and the findings of staff's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) evaluation for facilities at each park. In addition, an inventory of boating facilities was performed including location, purpose, size, accessibility, and site development, programs/events, and maintenance schedules.

The inventory then identifies all Metro, state, and county

parks in the five HCMA counties and enumerates the recreational facilities available in each.

Planning Process

The five-year update to the individual park master plans were utilized for the planning process, staff input meetings from the individual park master plans is summarized here to provide context. This section then describes the planning timeline and the various factors that informed the plan.

The *2023-2027 Huron-Clinton Metroparks Recreation Plan* utilized several strategies to solicit public input. A stakeholder meeting was held in each HCMA district (Western, Eastern, and Southern) to gather input from important partners. A representative survey of the five-county region was conducted by a contractor to determine recreational needs and interests. The results of this survey are summarized below. Finally, a public review period for 32 days followed by a public hearing was held at the January 2023 board meeting.

2022 HCMA Community Needs Assessment Survey

- Over 80% of households have visited Metroparks in the past year
- Over 80% of households support facility renovations
- The 5 highest priorities for system-wide facilities include:
 - Trails— paved, multi-use (walking, biking)
 - Beaches
 - Natural areas
 - Trails— unpaved, nature trails
 - Trails— unpaved, hiking
- The 5 highest priorities for system-wide recreation programs include:
 - Concerts
 - Bird/wildlife watching
 - Pet-friendly programs
 - Walking clubs/programs
 - Camping

Goals and Objectives

This section begins with an overview of demographic and economic trends in the region at large and each HCMA district, as well as access to recreational resources. The regional plans referenced in developing goals and objectives are listed, followed by an analysis of the HCMA fiscal outlook for the next five years. Regulatory issues taken into account for planning purposes are also described. The following goals were identified for the *2023-2027 Huron-Clinton Metroparks Recreation Plan*:

1. INNOVATION | Modernize the Metroparks and develop new revenue streams.

2. MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE | Repair, maintain, and improve core park infrastructure.

3. EDUCATION & AWARENESS | Develop and enhance programming, communication, and outreach efforts.

4. STEWARDSHIP | Protect and restore natural biodiversity while balancing resource management with recreational activities.

5. SUSTAINABILITY | Prioritize employee development, environmental health improvements, and financial stability.

Action Plan

In light of the public input and priorities identified by staff, this last section turns the goals and objectives listed previously into specific action items for the next five-years, both system-wide and park-specific. Each item includes a summary and cost estimate and references the goal and objective it supports.





2 | INTRODUCTION

THE METROPARKS SYSTEM

History

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority was sanctioned by the Michigan State Legislature in Act No. 147 of the Public Acts of 1939. Named after the two longest rivers within its boundaries, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is a regional park agency consisting of 13 Metroparks encompassing approximately 25,000 acres of land within a five county area in Southeast Michigan.

Much credit can be given to Henry S. Curtis and Harlow O. Whittemore for making the Metroparks a reality. Their 1937 vision proposed a series of parks connected by a long parkway extending from Lake St. Clair, along the Clinton and Huron rivers to Lake Erie, below the mouth of the Detroit River.

The first acquisition took place in 1944, when a 385-acre parcel of land formed the beginning of Lake St. Clair Metropark. In 1945, 2,600 acres were acquired to form Kensington Metropark. The land for Lower Huron was secured with the help of a \$1,000,000 grant from the State Legislature in 1946. Only eight years after the Authority was established, land acquisition reached 6,300 acres.

Funding of the parks began in 1942 with a property tax levy, limited to one-quarter of one mill. The rate today has been adjusted to 0.2070 mills.



Land

Over their history the Metroparks have received several grants from the DNR for land acquisition and development of recreational facilities.¹ The land specified as the project area of those grants was encumbered in perpetuity, meaning it may never be converted into a private or non-recreational use. The grants from the DNR and other sources have allowed the Metroparks to develop high-quality recreational facilities.

Trails

Trails have become increasingly popular and contribute to the character of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. The extent and diversity of trails mean that residents have numerous opportunities to get out and enjoy the natural areas of the Metroparks.

Infrastructure

The Metroparks contain a number of buildings, surfaces, and utilities. Many of these were constructed years or decades ago, and require maintenance to serve the recreational needs of park visitors.

Facilities	
Golf Courses	8
Disc Golf Courses	5
Playgrounds	78
Picnic Shelters	86
Picnic Areas	87
Tennis Courts	4
Pickleball Courts	3
Basketball Courts	15
Sand Volleyball Courts	35
Baseball Fields	21



¹ Grants received are listed for each park in Chapter 7 | Recreation Inventory



Facilities and Centers

The Metroparks feature a number of facilities that define their character and enhance the recreational experience of visitors. Some of these either require an admission fee, are available for rentals, or sell concessions, supplementing park revenue. As with all park infrastructure, it is a priority to keep the facilities well-maintained and replace them when no longer functional.

Seasonal Activities

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks offer a variety of recreational activities available year-round. During the warmer months, aquatic facilities such as pools are open to the public. Visitors can also take advantage of lakes through boat rentals, boat fishing, and swimming.

During the colder months, visitors can enjoy winter recreation activities. Sledding and cross-county skiing are popular, and some parks also offer ice fishing, snowboarding hills, and ice skating rinks.

Water Features

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks were established along two major waterways in Southeast Michigan: the Clinton River and the Huron River. The park system also features 14 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and 3,634 acres of inland lakes.



Land	
All land (acres)	~25,000
Encumbered for recreation	14,761
Leased for farming	491
Leased for recreation	450
Leased for utilities	24

Trails	
Nature/hiking	59
Paved/shared use	91
Equestrian	36
Snowshoeing	1
Cross country ski (traditional/skate)	85
Mountain biking	22
Maintenance path	81
Total (miles)	375

Aquatic Facilities	
Pools	4
Beaches	5
Spray pads	2
Boat launches	50
Canoe/Kayak launches	27
Boat rental facilities	7
Fishing platforms	18

Winter Facilities	
Ice skating areas	4
Sledding areas	8
Cross country skiing	10
Snowboarding	2

Infrastructure	
Buildings	475
Roads (miles)	68
Parking Spaces	19,332



MISSION

To bring the benefits of the parks and recreation to the people of southeast Michigan. All the people. All their lives.

VISION

To be a unifying force— and indispensable resource— in southeast Michigan: One Region. One Metroparks. Endless Experiences.

CORE VALUES

- **Access:** Make the Metroparks available to all in the region, regardless of race, age, income, gender, or ability.
- **Commitment:** Treat all employees, constituents, and stakeholders as partners in our shared mission and to enhance the health and well-being of all residents in southeast Michigan.
- **Diversity:** Embrace and reflect the region's richness— both its natural environment and the communities within it.
- **Equity:** Create a system that more fairly serves all individual, families, and communities across the region.





3 | COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

REGIONAL SERVICE AREA

The Metroparks are geared towards visitors from across the region enjoying a day trip, usually arriving in a vehicle. For this reason, the service area of the parks is considered to be a 30-mile radius (approximately 45-minute drive). As shown in the figure below, this encompasses all five HCMA counties as well as segments of several others.

This plan focuses on all aspects of recreation provided by the 13 Metroparks to the citizens of this five-county area, as well as current and future recreational needs that have not been met and that the Metroparks may consider addressing.

For some local residents, the Metroparks act as an everyday source of recreation, especially if few community parks exist nearby. A quarter-mile is the distance residents are likely to walk to each park, however, pedestrian access is generally limited to designated points on the park boundaries.

As trail connections in Southeast Michigan grow, an increasing number of visitors will arrive at the parks by bicycle. The service area of the parks for attracting different types of cyclists may be studied in the future.



Figure 3.1 | 30-mile service area | Sources: MIGDL, HCMA

COUNTIES

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority serves the residents of Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties in Southeast Michigan. This five-county region includes the City of Detroit and its suburbs, as well as other cities such as Ann Arbor, Pontiac, and Mt. Clemens. The area hosts a high concentration of the state's businesses and industries and is home to over half the state's population.

Livingston County

Livingston County is located halfway between Detroit and the state's capitol of Lansing, in the western part of Southeast Michigan. It encompasses 574 square miles and contains 20 municipalities. As of 2020, the county population is 193,866, an increase of 7.1% from 2010. A large portion of the population, 55.5%, works outside the county. The current leading job industry is *Information and Financial Activities*, which is projected to continue to grow through 2045, followed by *Retail Trade*.¹ Livingston County contains Huron Meadows Metropark in Green Oak Township and a portion of Kensington Metropark in Brighton Township.

Macomb County

Macomb County is the ninth-smallest of Michigan's 83 counties at 482 square miles, yet it ranks third in population, with 881,217 residents in 2020. Of the county's 27 municipalities three are among the ten largest communities in Michigan: Warren (3rd), Sterling Heights (4th), and Clinton Township (8th). Manufacturing is the leading industry, however it is forecasted to decline through 2045. Currently the fastest growing industry is *Healthcare Services*, which is projected to continue to increase through 2045. Located within Macomb County are three Metroparks: Wolcott Mill Metropark in Ray Township, Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township, and part of Stony Creek Metropark, most of which is located within Washington Township.

Wayne County

Wayne County is the nation's eighth-largest county and the most populous in the state with 1,844,886 residents. Its 43 local communities include smaller cities like Plymouth and Northville, as well as the City of Detroit. The auto industry was replaced in 2010 by *Knowledge-Based Services* as the leading work industry. After 2020, *Healthcare Services* is projected to transition into the leading industry through 2045. Wayne County contains four Metroparks. Lower Huron, Willow, and Oakwoods Metroparks are all connected via parkland and trails within Van Buren Township and Huron Township. Lake Erie Metropark connected to Oakwoods Metropark by the Iron Belle Trail is located further south in Brownstown Township, near the border with Monroe County.



¹ SEMCOG 2045 Forecast, <http://semcog.org/plans-for-the-region/regional-forecast>

Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County contains 33 municipalities, including Ypsilanti, Chelsea, and Ann Arbor. Covering 706 square miles, Washtenaw County is home to three Metroparks: Hudson Mills Metropark in Webster and Dexter Townships, and Dexter-Huron and Delhi Metroparks in Scio Township. The county’s population is projected to increase throughout 2045, from 372,258 in 2020. Growing job industries include *Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ* and *Healthcare Services*.

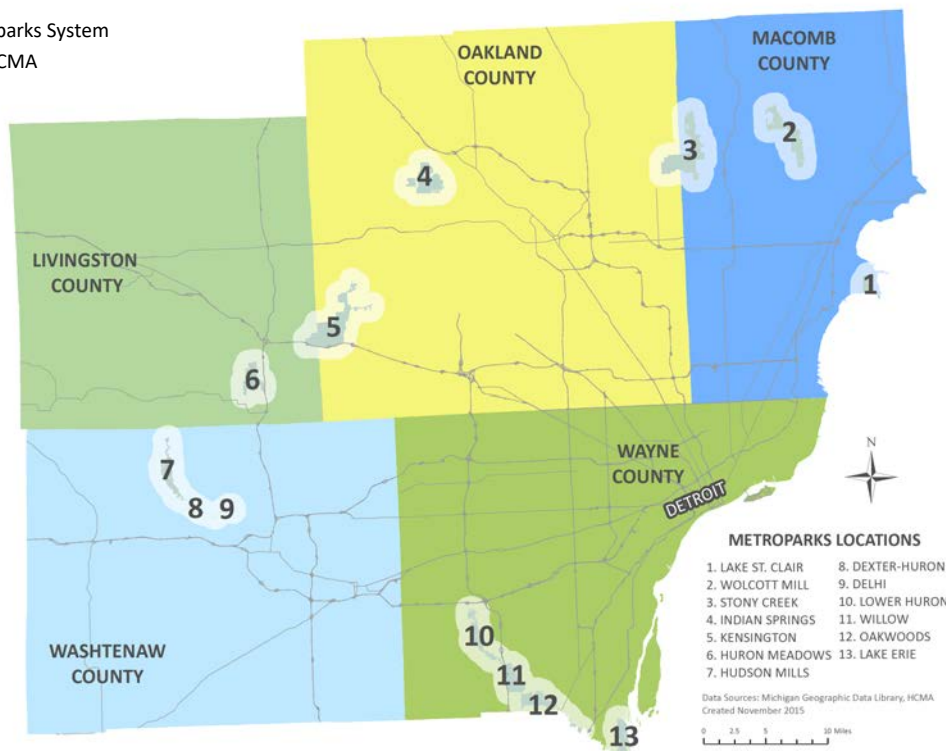
Oakland County

Oakland County covers 907 square miles and contains 61 municipalities, making it the largest by size of the five HCMA counties. Nearly 70% of residents work within the county and 14.2% of all people employed in Michigan work in Oakland County. Oakland County had a population of 1,274,395 based on Census 2020, which is projected to increase through 2045. During this period, Oakland County will begin to see a decline in *Retail Trade and Manufacturing*, and growth in *Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ*. The county contains Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield and White Lake townships, part of Stony Creek Metropark in Oakland Township, and a portion of Kensington Metropark in Milford and Lyon townships.

Municipality Type	Wayne	Oakland	Macomb	Washtenaw	Livingston
Cities	34	30	13	6	2
Villages	0	10	3	2	2
Charter Townships	7	15	5	6	3
General law Townships	2	6	6	19	13
Unincorporated Communities	0	45	25	11	28
Total	43	106	52	44	48



Figure 3.2 | Metroparks System
Sources: MiGDL, HCMA





4 | ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

LEADERSHIP

A seven-member Board of Commissioners governs the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. The Board of Commissioners meets the second Thursday of each month, where they make policy decisions for the Authority, including approving expenditures, acquiring land, planning of new parks and facilities, approving fees and charges, awarding contracts through competitive bidding, and other matters necessary to provide regional recreation. The Board appoints staff officers for the Metroparks.

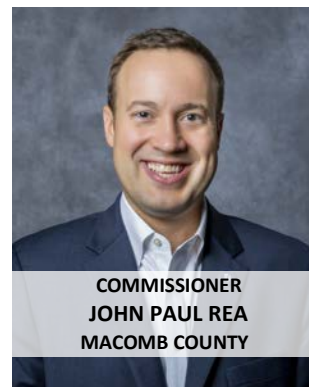
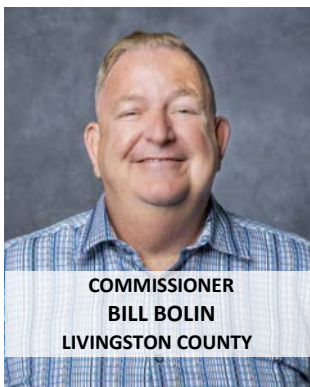
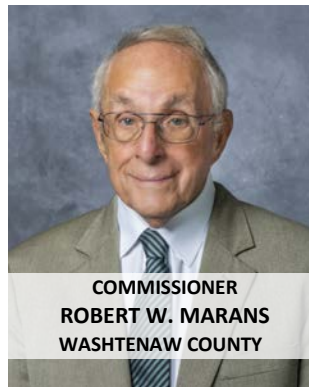
Two commissioners, appointed by the Governor of Michigan for a term of four years, serve as representatives at large. Five commissioners, one each to represent the counties of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, and Washtenaw, are appointed for a term of six years by the board of commissioners of the above-named counties.

Director is the Chief Executive Office of the Metroparks, provides leadership and executive oversight of all administrative and operational activities.

Administrative Departments provide administrative support to operations, and guide the organization towards its mission.

Operational Departments facilitate the day-to-day operations of the parks, making sure patrons have enjoyable and educational visits. They include Maintenance and Interpretive Services.

The **Metroparks Police** is an Operational Department tasked with ensuring that everyone can enjoy the parks in a safe and secure environment.

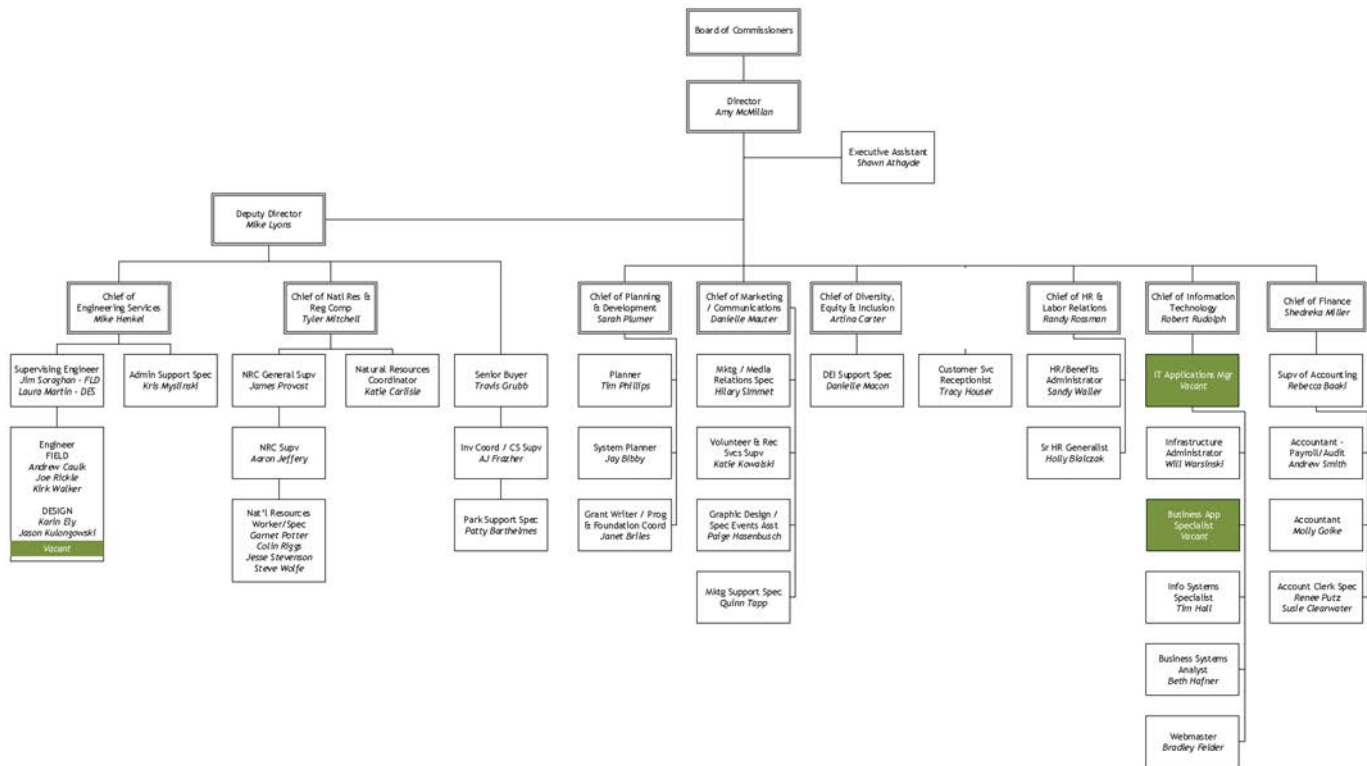


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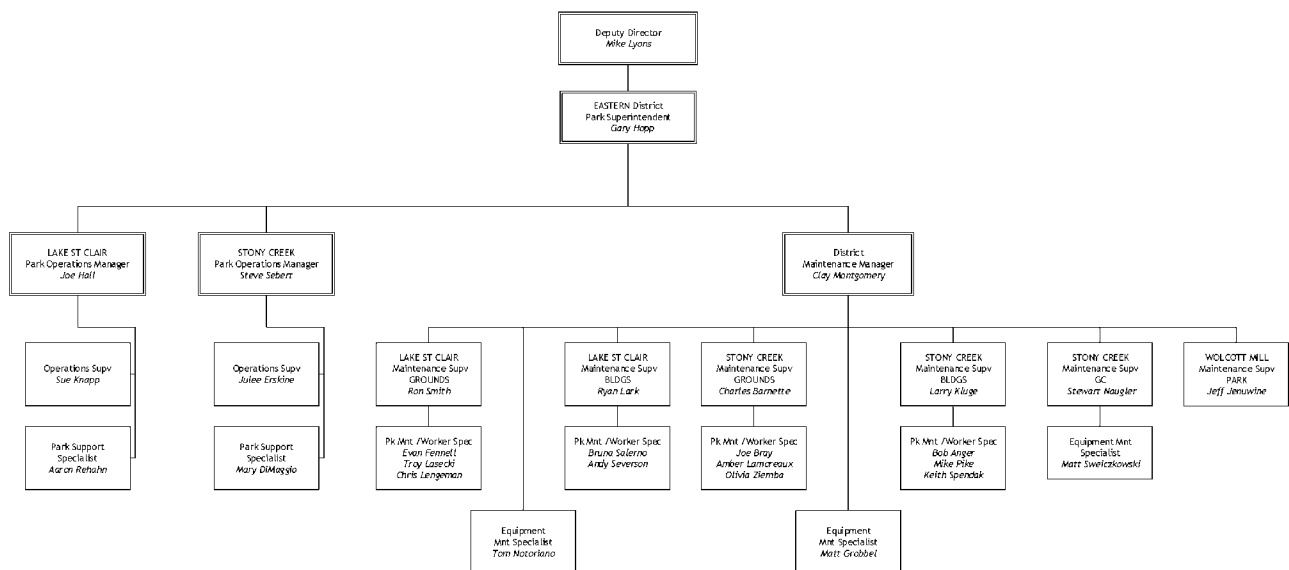


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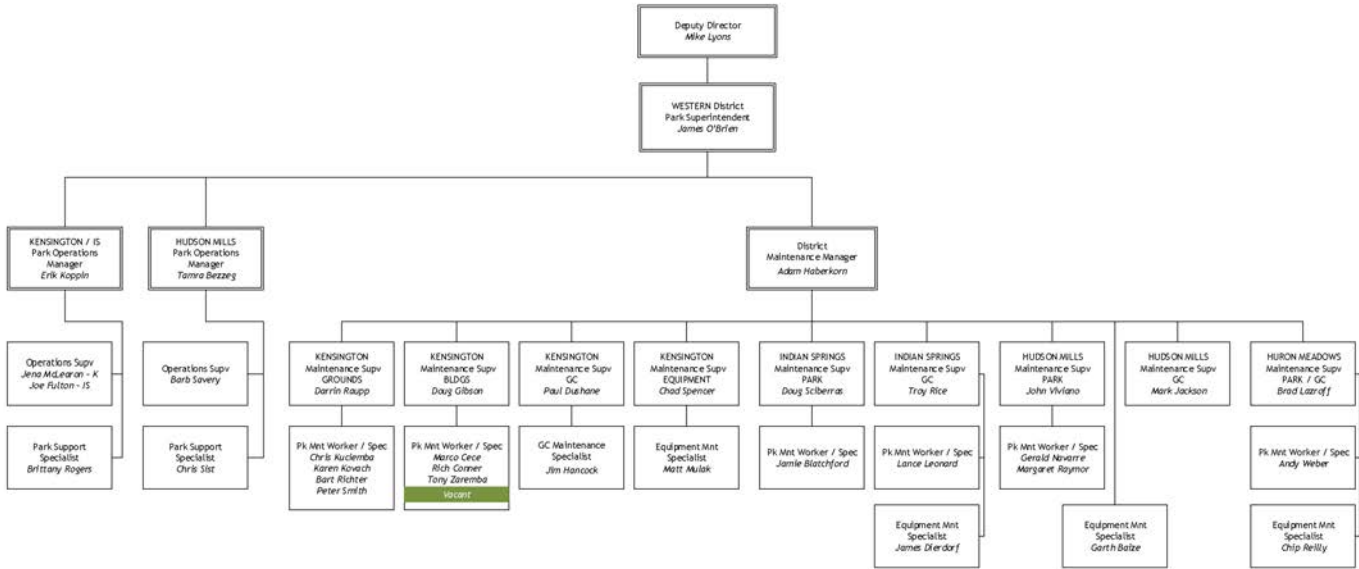
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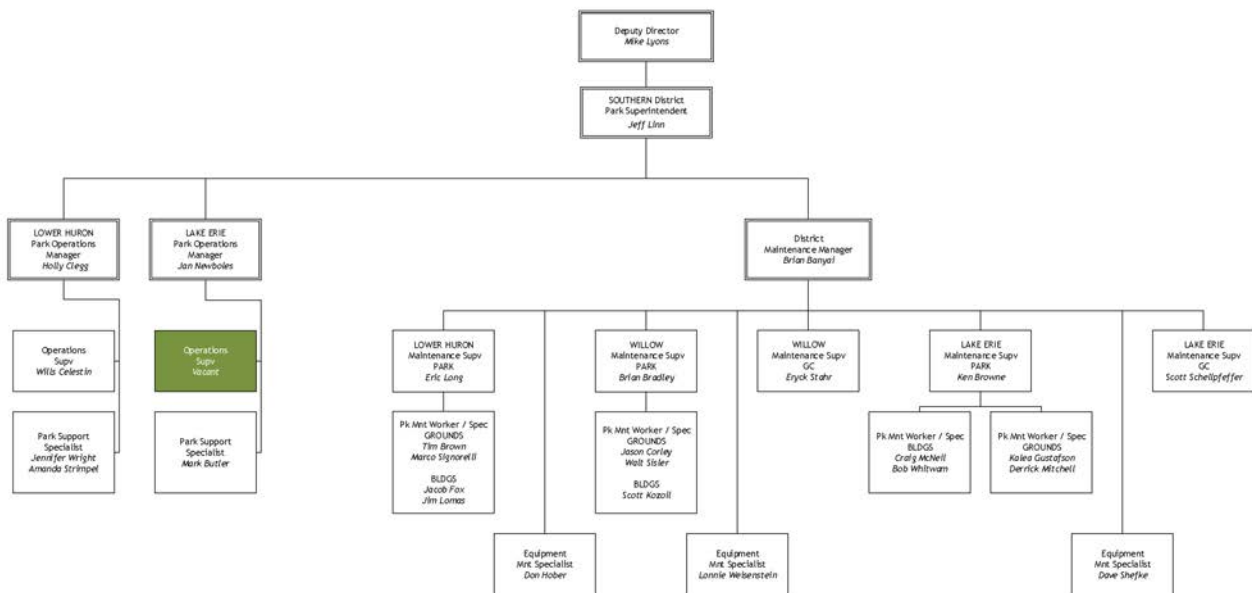
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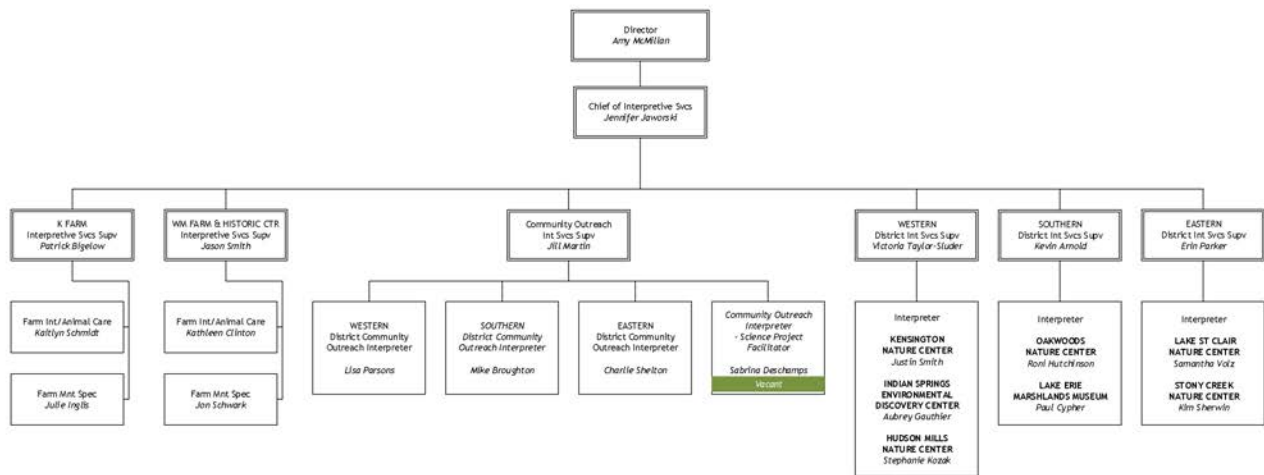
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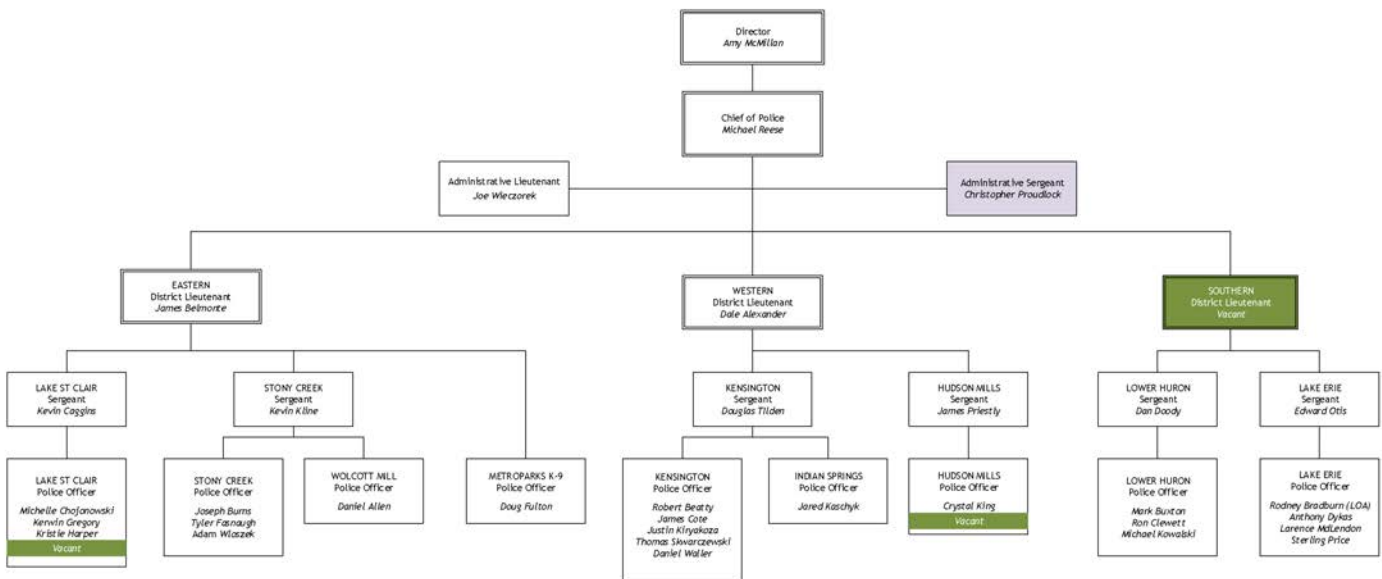
Huron-Clinton Metroparks Southern District



Huron-Clinton Metroparks Interpretive Services & Community Outreach



Huron-Clinton Metroparks Police Department



FUNDING

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks receive revenue from seven main sources, listed below from greatest to least.

Property Taxes

The single largest source of revenue for the Authority is derived from the ad valorem property tax levy within the five-county park district. The Board of Commissioners approved the 2022 tax rate of .2070 mills (reduced by Headlee override) upon each dollar of state taxable valuation. The authority will not recover (increase) from this millage rate due to Proposal A, which caps future taxable growth to the lower of the rate of inflation or 5%. The inflation factor for 2022 taxable values was 1.033%.

County	2022 Estimated Tax Levy
Livingston	\$2,220,172
Macomb	\$6,760,726
Oakland	\$14,027,955
Washtenaw	\$4,136,341
Wayne	\$9,363,588
Total Service Area	\$36,508,782

Park Operations

Examples of park activities that generate revenue are golf, tolling, aquatics, interpretive programs, boat rental, and many others.

Grants

This revenue category includes money the Authority will be receiving from an outside agency to help fund specific projects within the parks.

Donations/Foundation Support

The three major categories set up by the foundation are Annual Campaign, Grant Funding, and Major Gifts. The Annual Campaign includes memberships and general donations from patrons. Grant Funding includes grants applied for and given to the Foundation, and Major Gifts include large amounts of money presented to the Foundation for a restricted use within the Metroparks.

Interest

This category includes interest income derived from investments in Certificates of Deposit and U.S. Agency issues.

Sale of Capital Assets

The Authority has an annual auction in an effort to liquidate obsolete or unneeded equipment.

Other

This revenue source represents one-time or unusual payments. Past examples include insurance settlements, rate

Revenue Source	2023 Budget
Property Taxes	\$36,508,782
Park Operations	\$23,370,335
Grants	\$45,000
Foundation Support	\$45,250
Interest	\$100,000
State Sources	639,000
Sale of Capital Assets	\$125,000
Other	\$153,885
Total	\$60,987,252

stabilization payments, and other minor items.



2023 EXPENDITURES

Capital Improvement Projects

This covers construction projects that exceed the Authority’s \$10,000 capitalization limit and enhance the recreational facilities such as park roads, trails, buildings, utilities, and other improvements.

Capital Equipment

This category includes any equipment having an individual value over \$5,000, such as staff vehicles, tractors, mowers, and other machinery necessary for staff to maintain and operate the parks.

Major Maintenance

The Authority classifies all non-recurring repair/maintenance projects that exceed \$10,000 as Major Maintenance expenses. These projects do not substantially improve or alter an existing facility, and therefore are not capitalized.

Operations

Expenditures within park operations can be classified as either personnel services or contractual services. Personnel services include wages and other related fringe benefits. Contractual services include all other types of expenditures.

Administrative

General administration expenses reflect the cost of running the Authority’s centralized Administrative Office (AO), which covers full and part time employees, retirement group benefit participants, materials, supplies, and outside consultants utilized in managing the entire Metroparks system.

Expenditure Category	2023 Budget
Transfer out to Capital Project Fund	\$5,764,288
Capital Equipment	\$1,176,500
Major Maintenance	\$4,248,952
Operations	\$39,944,452
Administrative	\$17,200,107
Total	\$68,334,299

The Metroparks 2023 General Fund Budget¹ includes the strategic use of over \$7 million (12%) of Fund Balance to counteract many years of deferral of investment in and maintenance of aging facilities, infrastructure, and equipment. Metroparks staff have prepared the 2023 Budget with the following points in mind:

- 1) Address a backlog of deferred capital equipment replacements
- 2) Improve the image/quality of Metroparks facilities to a standard of excellence
- 3) Provide for a consistent level of support for natural areas throughout the Metroparks
- 4) Develop additional revenue through new and existing programs and fee structures.

The Metroparks Board of Commissioners and staff face the challenge of diversifying sources of revenue to a sufficient extent to cover not just operating costs, but also the needed capital maintenance and development. The use of fund balance in 2023 enables the Metroparks to “catch up,” and buy time to develop a more fiscally sustainable model.



¹The Metroparks 2023 General Fund Budget can be found at <https://www.metroparks.com/financial-information/2023-Budget-Document.pdf>

VOLUNTEERS

The Metroparks Volunteer Program supports the park system's mission, vision and Strategic Plan by engaging individual and group volunteers in meaningful activities and projects. Volunteers support the Metroparks in a variety of activities ranging from protecting natural resources to creating a more welcoming environment in recreational areas. Some of the activities involving volunteers include park and river clean-ups, removal of invasive species, garden and trail maintenance around nature centers, and animal helpers at the farm centers.

As 2020 was an unprecedented year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping people safe and healthy was the top priority for the Metroparks. The Metroparks Volunteer program adjusted to do so by creating a responsive volunteer services program plan and continued to be a very popular destination with 538 extraordinary volunteers who put in 9,865 hours of work during a global pandemic. When valued at an entry level wage, this volunteer work represented \$93,224 worth of labor benefit. When valued at independent sector wages, this work provided a \$268,328 labor benefit to HCMA.

As 2022 brought the hopes of a post-pandemic world and adjusted to in-person activities and programs at the park, volunteers also returned to help support the needs of the Metroparks. Volunteers were able to lend a hand throughout the Metroparks, such as on the golf courses, with land management by removing invasive species with the



Natural Resources team. The Interpretive Centers provided the opportunity for Eagle Scout and collaborative projects throughout the parks. The Metroparks continued remote volunteer programs, and recreation focused events that added additional volunteer partnerships.

In 2022, the Metroparks engaged 1,748 volunteers who put in 12,916 hours of work. When valued at entry level wage, volunteer work represented \$149,180 worth of labor benefits (\$11.55/hour). When valued at independent sector wages, this work provides a \$386,834 labor benefit (\$29.95/hour). Metropark volunteers support a wide variety of programs and activities throughout the year. Individuals, groups, one-time and regular volunteers support staff in a variety of capacities. Some examples from 2022 include:

- Earth Day Park Clean Ups
- Prairie Restoration and Native Seed Balls Activity
- Raised Garden Beds
- Girl Scouts Bike Patch Program
- SportAbility Adaptive Recreation Clinics
- Summer Solstice Disc Golf Clinic and Jr. Tournament
- Shelden Mountain Bike Fest

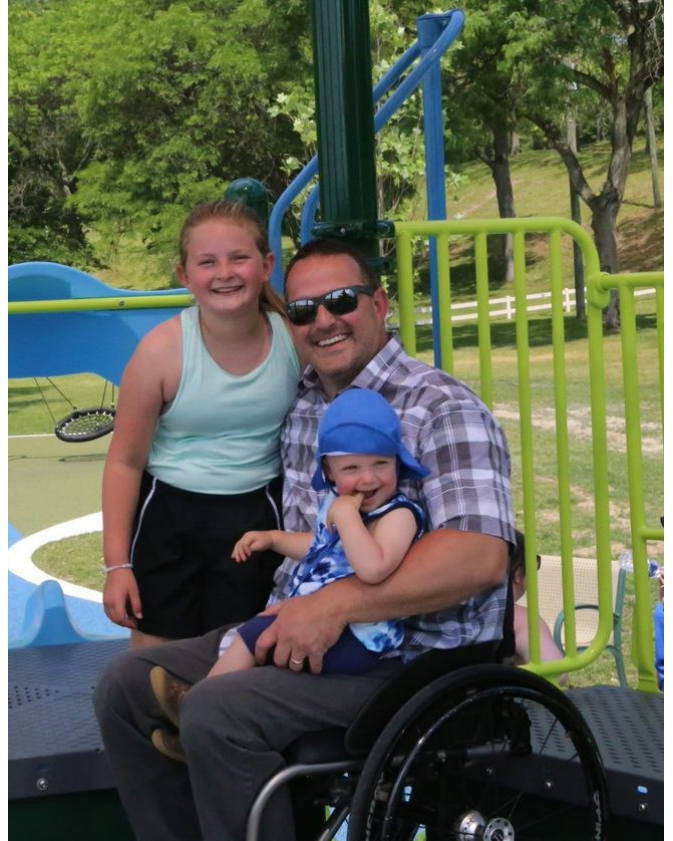
Community partnerships also assist the Metroparks in being a distinguished regional park system with dedicated volunteer support from the FAIR Play Coalition, RIM Foundation, Disability Network of Macomb County, Ford Motor Company Volunteer Corps, and New Horizon Rehabilitation Services and Work Skills Corporation.



**STATE/COUNTY/MUNICIPAL/OTHER
RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENTS**

The Metroparks are part of a broader system of recreation and green space that includes local, county, and state parks, greenways, and blueways. Integrating planning and development efforts with the local community is encouraged for enhancing connections between communities and their recreational assets to strengthen the regional identity. Besides recreational opportunities, the Metroparks play an important role in the region for economic development, natural resources protection, and education.

In order to best serve the residents of southeast Michigan and use resources wisely, the goal for future development in any particular Metropark is to offer unique facilities that fill recreation voids in the geographic area where the park is located. This is achieved by maintaining positive working relationships with the surrounding communities. Examples of such efforts include leasing Metroparks owned land for local recreation, partnering with both the Huron River Watershed Council and Clinton River Watershed Council, offering opportunities for review and comment on Master Plan updates, local site plan review and permitting of eligible projects implemented throughout the park system, and coordination of trail development and maintenance.



PARTNERSHIPS*Regional*

- Consumers Energy Foundation
- Central Michigan University
- Clinton River Watershed Council
- Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation
- Ducks Unlimited
- Ford Motor Company
- Four County Community Foundation
- General Motors
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- Honda
- Huron River Watershed Council
- Metro/University Region Nonmotorized Advisory Committee
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
- Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MParks)
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services
- Michigan State University Extension
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- National Environmental Education Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI)
- Semi Wild
- Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
- Stewardship Network
- The Nature Conservancy
- Toyota
- Trail Life USA
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- University of Michigan Dearborn

Macomb County

- American Sailing Institute (ASI)
- Armada National Honor Society
- Clinton River Mountain Biking Association, a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (CRAMBA-IMBA)

- HEART Lab
- Leadership Macomb
- Macomb Audubon Society
- Macomb Community College
- Macomb County 4-H
- Macomb County Blue Economy Initiative
- Macomb County Great Head Start
- Macomb County Health Department – Healthy Kids
- Harrison Township Parks and Recreation
- Harrison Township Library
- Healthy Futures Coalition
- Macomb County Trailways
- Macomb County Water Resources Advisory Council
- Macomb Master Gardner
- Macomb Orchard Trail Commission
- Macomb Parks and Recreation
- Michigan ISD
- Motor City Chain Gang
- Simple Adventures Paddlesport Rental and Delivery
- Creekfleet Sailing
- SMART
- Stony Creek Disc Golf League
- UHY Advisors Inc.
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Wolcott Mill Trail Riders Association

Oakland County

- American Sailing Institute (ASI)
- Chief Pontiac Programs
- Heavener Canoe Rental
- Huron Valley Audubon Society
- Huron Valley Trail Council
- Kensington Trail Riders Association
- Lake Orion High School
- Michigan Nature Association
- Oakland Audubon Society
- Oakland County Parks and Recreation
- Oakland County Trail, Water & Land Alliance (TWLA)
- Oakland University
- Western Oakland County Trailway Management Council

Livingston County

- Southeastern Livingston County Recreation Authority
- Livingston Outdoor Network

Washtenaw County

- Skip's Canoe Rental
- University of Michigan
- Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS)
- Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

Wayne County

- Detroit Audubon Society
- Detroit River Western Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)
- Downriver Linked Greenways
- Detroit Public Schools
- Detroit Outdoors
- Detroit Parks Coalition
- Huron River Fishing Association
- International Wildlife Refuge
- Wayne County Parks and Recreation
- Wyandot of Anderdon Nation
- Wayne State University



HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY**Act 147 of 1939**

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; to permit the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, and Macomb, or certain of such counties, to join in a metropolitan district for planning or promoting or for acquiring, constructing, owning, developing, maintaining and operating, either within or without their limits, parks, connecting drives, or limited access highways, or any combination of these activities; to provide for the assessment, levy, collection and return of taxes therefor; to provide for the issuance of revenue bonds; to authorize condemnation proceedings; to provide a referendum thereon; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- Am. 1998, Act 170, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999

119.51 Huron-Clinton metropolitan authority; incorporation, counties.

Sec. 1. As may hereinafter be provided in this act, the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, and Macomb, or certain of such counties, may by vote of the electorate thereof, join to form a metropolitan district as a body corporate, to be known as the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, for the purpose of planning, promoting, and/or for acquiring, constructing, owning, developing, maintaining and operating, either within or without their limits, parks and/or limited access highways, as well as such connecting drives as may be deemed necessary or convenient to provide access to and between the same.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.51
Compiler's Notes: This act has been adopted by the counties enumerated in this section.

119.52 Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority; definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act, parks shall be defined as areas of land, with or without water, developed and used for public recreational purposes, including landscaped tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, camps, foot, bicycle and bridle paths, motor vehicle drives, wildlife sanctuaries, museums, zoological and botanical gardens, facilities for bathing, boating, hunting and fishing, as well as other recreational facilities for the use and benefit of the public.

Limited access highways shall be defined as highways especially designed for through traffic, over which owners or occupants of abutting land have no easement or right of light, air or access by reason of the fact that their property abuts on the highway. Such highways may be parkways, with or without landscaped roadsides, from which trucks, busses and other commercial vehicles are excluded, or they may be freeways open to use by all common forms of highway traffic.

Connecting drives shall be defined as boulevards, or free access roads, with or without parklike features, leading to or connecting parks and/or limited access highways.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.52
119.53 Powers; co-operation; charges; succession to rights; vote.

Sec. 3. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, either acting alone or in cooperation with the department of conservation, the state highway department, any board of county road commissioners, or any federal or other state or local body having authority to construct and maintain parks or highways, shall have the power to make plans for and promote, and/or to acquire, construct, own, operate and maintain, within or without the limits of the metropolitan district, parks, connecting drives, and/or limited access highways. Said authority may fix and collect fees and charges for use of facilities under its control, and, for its uses, may sell or purchase lands and may acquire and succeed to any or all the rights, obligations, and property pertaining to parks or highways of the state or of any county, city, village, or township comprising territory within the limits of the said metropolitan district: Provided, That no county, city, village, or township shall surrender any such rights, obligations, or property without the approval thereof by a majority vote of the electors of any such county, city, village or township, voting on such proposition.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.53
119.54 Board of commissioners; election and appointment, term.

Sec. 4. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority shall be directed and governed by a board of commissioners, 1 to be elected from each county of the metropolitan district by the boards of supervisors of the respective counties, and 2 to be appointed by the governor of Michigan. The elected commissioners shall be electors of their respective counties, and the appointed commissioners shall be electors of the

metropolitan district. The appointed commissioners shall serve for 4 year terms or until their successors are appointed, except that for the first board 1 shall be appointed for a 2 year term. The terms of the elected commissioners shall be staggered so that not more than 1 term shall expire in any 1 year, and after the first board no terms shall be less than 6 years. For the first board the terms of the elected commissioners shall be in the order of the populations of the several counties, the commissioner from the most populous county having the longest term.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.54

119.55 Board of commissioners; meetings; organization; employees.

Sec. 5. The commissioners shall hold a meeting within 1 month after their selection, on the call of the chairman of the board of supervisors of the most populous county of the metropolitan district, at such time and place as he may designate. Such meeting shall elect a chairman, who must be a member of the board of commissioners, and a secretary and a treasurer, who need not be members. The board shall also, from time to time, select and employ such other officers and employees and engage such services as shall be deemed necessary to effectuate its purposes.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.55

119.56 Board of commissioners; records; accounts; treasurer's bond.

Sec. 6. The commissioners shall cause to be kept a written or printed record of every session of the board, which record shall be public. They shall also provide for a system of accounts to conform to any uniform system required by law, and for the auditing at least once yearly of the accounts of the treasurer by a competent certified public accountant or by the auditor general of the state. The board shall require of the treasurer a suitable bond by a responsible bonding company, such bond to be paid for by the board.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.56

119.57 Board of commissioners; levy of tax, procedure.

Sec. 7. The commissioners may levy for the purposes of the authority a tax of not more than 1/4 mill upon each dollar of the assessed value of the property of the district. The board shall ascertain the total taxes or appropriation required for any year and shall thereupon certify to the board of

supervisors of each county comprising the district the necessary tax rate to raise such amount, which shall be uniform in the district, and shall take into consideration the ratio that the total assessed valuation of each respective county bears to the total assessed value of all property, real and personal in said entire district according to the last assessment in each of said respective counties. All taxes shall be assessed, levied, collected and returned as county taxes under the general property tax law. All moneys collected by any tax collecting officer from the tax levied under the provisions of this section shall be transmitted to the authority to be disbursed as provided in this act.

The subjects of taxation for the district purposes shall be the same as for state, county, and school purposes under the general law.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.57

119.58 Revenue bonds; issuance; lien.

Sec. 8. For the purposes of acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, or repairing any revenue-producing recreational facilities, the commissioners may issue self-liquidating bonds in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 94 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended. Such bonds shall not impose any liability upon the district but shall be secured only by the property and revenues of the facilities for the purchase and construction of which they were issued. Such bonds shall not be sold for less than par, and shall bear interest at a rate not in excess of 6 per cent. The commissioners shall have power to create a lien on such facilities as security for the payment of the bonds.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.58

Compiler's Notes: For provisions of Act 94 of 1933, referred to in this section, see MCL 141.101 et seq.

119.59 Property, purchase, gift or devise; condemnation, procedure.

Sec. 9. For the purposes of the authority as herein defined, the commissioners may purchase, accept by gift or devise or condemn private property. If by condemnation, the provisions of Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended, being sections 3763 to 3783, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1929, or such other appropriate provisions therefor as exist or shall be made by law, may

be adopted and used for the purpose of instituting and prosecuting such condemnation proceedings.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.59
 Compiler's Notes: For provisions of Act 149 of 1911, referred to in this section, see MCL 213.21 et seq.

119.60 Referendum.

Sec. 10. The foregoing local act shall be submitted to the electors of the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, and Macomb at the regular election in November, 1940. The secretary of state is hereby required to certify the said local act to the various clerks of the several counties named in the manner required by law. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of each county above named to prepare ballots for the use of electors in all precincts in the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, and Macomb, in the manner required by law, which ballots, after setting forth the foregoing local act in full, shall be in substantially the following form:

"Vote on local act incorporating into the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority the metropolitan district including the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland, and Macomb.

"Shall the above local act be approved and adopted?

"Yes ()

"No ()."

It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners in each above named county to deliver the ballots so prepared to the inspectors under the general election law. All votes cast upon said local act shall be counted, canvassed, and returned in the same manner as is provided by law for counting, canvassing, and returning votes cast for state officers.

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.60

119.61 Referendum; approval by two or more counties; resubmission; governing body.

Sec. 11. If a majority of the electors voting thereon at any election in 2 or more of the above named counties, which are contiguous, shall vote "yes" on the proposal, then all the counties so approving shall constitute a metropolitan district, and the Huron-Clinton metropolitan authority shall be a corporation having all the powers, duties and obligations provided for in this act.

The governing board shall consist of the 2 commissioners appointed by the governor and of the elected commissioners from the counties so approving.

If a majority of the electors in any county should vote "no" on the approval of a Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the project may again be submitted to the electors in such county or counties, by their respective boards of supervisors or by petitions signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors therein. Such county or counties shall become part of the metropolitan district whenever at a later election a majority of the electors in such county or counties shall vote "yes".

History: 1939, Act 147, Eff. Jan. 10, 1942 ;-- CL 1948, 119.61
 Compiler's Notes: This act has been adopted by the counties enumerated in MCL 119.60.

119.62 Violation of MCL 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.

Sec. 12. A petition under section 11, including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

History: Add. 1998, Act 170, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999





5 | RECREATION INVENTORY

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This chapter includes a recreation inventory for each of the 13 individual parks comprising the Metroparks system. In order to complete the inventory of park infrastructure, natural areas, facilities, programs, and cultural histories, the Planning and Development Department collaborated with staff in the Operations, Interpretive Services, Natural Resources, and Engineering departments. Working with staff at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the Planning and Development Department recently reviewed and confirmed the boundaries of encumbered land within each park. Accessibility evaluations for park facilities were conducted by Planning and Development staff through field work based on the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards checklist from the ADA New England Center.

The following items are provided for each Metropark:

- Park information page explaining the general location, classification, size, function, and history of the park, along with tables detailing trail miles, facility counts, and neighboring municipality master plans.
- Park map showing the land, water resources, and major facilities in the park.
- Biodiversity map outlining the location of critical natural resources, explained on the following page.
- Map of land encumbered by various grants, including the Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Table showing grant details and current conditions.
- Broad findings of staff's ADA evaluation for facilities at each park (detailed assessments are provided in the ADA Transition Plan).

The recreation inventory also includes a section on existing



recreational boating facilities including improved and unimproved locations where residents can access water. The inventory includes:

- Name and location of facility
- General purpose of the facility
- Size of facility
- ADA accessibility
- Site development plan
- Marketing, events and partnerships
- Current dredging needs, dredging cycle, approximate volume of dredge material and disposal location
- Annual maintenance schedule
- Minor or small scale infrastructure replacement schedule
- Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.)

Finally, the Planning and Development Department conducted an analysis of state and county parks and recreation facilities. A location map and chart identifying specific facilities and activities within each park is included for each of the five counties within the Metroparks service area. The location map also highlights other selected private and public recreational facilities in context of the state, county, and Metroparks resources.



BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity refers to the variety of life present in a given area, often measured by number and distribution of species. It is important to preserve because it provides humans with ecological services such as clean water and oxygen, leads to greater resistance and resilience during natural and human-caused disturbances, and reduces the risk of disease.

Identifying biodiversity areas can help inform the development of current and future park amenities, allowing the Metroparks to fulfill its mandate and mission statement of embracing and reflect the region’s richness-both its natural environment and the communities within it. Development within biodiversity areas is carefully reviewed to minimize unnecessary disruption.

The following criteria for determining biodiversity areas were adapted from a matrix that the Natural Resources Department uses to determine work priorities throughout the park system.



Metric	What	Why	Metric	What	Why
Elemental Occurrence	the presence of a species under legal protection, or of a complete system recognized as in condition similar to pre-settlement	statutory, occurrences protected by law from intentional take	Percent Invasive Species Cover	percentage of total acreage with invasive plant coverage	areas with few invasive species require less work, have greater return on investment
FQA (Floristic Quality Assessment)	presence of plant species likely to occur in conditions similar to pre-settlement	determines the ecological value of a system based on its floral assemblage	Community Ranking	rank assigned by the state due to natural community rarity or rate of decline	assesses the vulnerability of each natural community within the state
FQI Connectivity	the presence of a quality habitat (greater than 35 FQI) within 100 feet of another	connected habitats provide diverse resources and facilitate migration, increase species fitness	Wetlands	the presence of wetlands	wetlands tend to have greatest diversity, and are also critical to promote healthy water resources
Size	acreage of the habitat in question	large habitats provide more diverse resources and facilitate migration, increase species fitness, resilience	Habitat Connectivity	the presence of a complementary habitat within 100 feet of another	connected wetlands promote genetic diversity conservation and water quality

ACCESSIBILITY

Although original accessibility guidelines applicable to local municipalities were published in 1990, several additions related to recreation facilities were added between 2000-2004. Given these additions, parallels between these guidelines and the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines, which are applied to a building if any federal monies or uses are involved, a combined version of the ADA-ABA was introduced in 2004. During this timeframe, outdoor standards were also created to apply ADA standards to outdoor natural environments in addition to structures that were built. These standards are known as the Federal Outdoor Area Technical Guidelines. Although these standards are currently only enforceable for federal facilities, they provide the Metroparks with best practice guidelines to meet inclusive policy and philosophy goals.

The combined ADA-ABA guidelines resulted in the 2010 Accessibility Standards, which were adopted as one comprehensive universal standard for federal and local jurisdictions in July 2010 and posted on the Federal Register in September 2010. The 2010 Accessibility Standards hereafter referenced as “2010 Standards” became enforceable in March 2012.

In 2018, the Metroparks Planning and Development Department revisited the Authority’s 1994 ADA Transition Plan and conducted a thorough assessment of all physical barriers within the 13 Metroparks. The 2010 Standards address common elements of the “built environment,” such as buildings, parking lots and access routes, as well as recreational facilities such as amusement rides, play equipment, boat docks and launches, fishing piers, swimming pools, golf and mini-golf courses and shooting facilities. While they have not yet been adopted for state and local governments, guidelines for developed outdoor areas have been introduced. In 2013, these guidelines became enforceable standards for all federally-owned areas. Experts expect these same guidelines will eventually be adopted for state and local governments as well.

Within the 2010 standards, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recommended priorities in order for barrier removal. The priority system developed by the DOJ was modified to create a priority ranking for park and recreation facilities. The

integration of the transition plan with master planning and capital improvement planning is key to completing the tasks identified in the transition plan. The Metroparks include a general funding line item for each park for accessibility improvements in the general budget.

Moving forward, top priority projects will be added into annual capital and major maintenance improvement projects and identified in the 5-year Community Recreation Plan and 10-year master plans.

The evaluation for each park and recreational facility along with a detail of actions was taken at each Metropark by priority ranking (see appendix). The first priority identified by the DOJ, “Approach and Entrance” was defined as the park entrances, restroom entrances, the larger day-use parking lots within the parks and access routes from those parking lots to the primary facilities they serve. The second through fourth priorities address recreational opportunities at the parks. The fifth priority is defined as non-essential support, facility services. The sixth priority has been assigned to physical barriers in structure that have been identified in master plans needing further study. Finally, the seventh priority refers to physical barriers that would impede a park employee but not the general public. In addition, public participation process was critical prior to adoption of the Transition Plan. Public input and stakeholder feedback was sought on prioritizing facilities, programs and amenities and identifying accessibility opportunities and issues. The implementation of the ADA Transition Plan as outlined, is ongoing. It is available for public to review on the Metroparks website¹. While the Metroparks will undertake capital improvements and major maintenance projects to address the items in the Transition Plan, the agency will also address ADA standards throughout its programs and services and new construction guidelines.



¹ Huron-Clinton Metropark website, <https://www.metroparks.com/planning-and-development/#DOCUMENTS/ADA-Transition-Plan.pdf>

INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS

Historically, the Metroparks took a reactionary approach to infrastructure management, making repairs and improvements to buildings, roads, and other systems only when issues arose. When it became evident that this method had become ineffective, HCMA staff initiated a more proactive approach. In 2010, the Engineering Department began utilizing roadway asset management software (Roadsoft) to prioritize transportation-related projects based on age and wear-and-tear.¹ To build upon this effort, a roof management program was established in 2013, and a picnic shelter assessment was conducted in 2014. A Geographic Information System (GIS) database was developed, enabling engineering and planning staff to map property lines, natural features, built features, and utilities, among other assets.

At present, there exists a fair amount of knowledge about the roofs, buildings, roads, trails, and park structures (e.g. picnic shelters, boat launches) throughout the Metroparks. These assets have been determined by the Engineering Department to be in good condition, save for the known replacements needed (e.g. Lake Erie Wave Pool, Lake St. Clair North Marina). Assets requiring further investigation to determine condition include the various boardwalks and all underground infrastructure throughout the park system.

In late 2016, HCMA was awarded over \$1.9M in Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Program grant funding. Per the grant requirements, the Metroparks conducted an inventory and conditions assessment of the Metroparks sanitary infrastructure (e.g. pump systems, septic systems, pipes, manholes) for the purpose of building an asset management database. In addition, a Stormwater Management Plan was completed in 2019 which identified project recommendations regarding stormwater conveyance structure maintenance and replacement, streambank restoration, shoreline protection, and green infrastructure projects throughout the system. Consultants were hired to conduct the inventory and assessment and to recommend a software system for housing the acquired data. By implementing this 3 year grant project, HCMA now has an opportunity to begin taking a more comprehensive approach

to asset management by incorporating asset classes into the newly-developed database over time. Asset classes relevant to the Metroparks would include:

- Sanitary
- Buildings (envelope, electric, plumbing)
- Roads
- Parking lots
- Trails (by type)
- Bridges (by type)
- Electrical supply/grid
- Communication (fiber optic, copper)
- Park structures (e.g. picnic shelters, playgrounds, boardwalks, tollbooths)
- Water (including wells)
- Dams
- Shoreline protection (e.g. seawalls, riprap areas)
- Natural features (Michigan Natural Features Inventory categories)
- Stormwater systems

As indicated in the *21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report*² released in late 2016 by the Michigan Infrastructure Commission, “strategic investments in preventative maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of infrastructure assets is much more cost-effective than reconstructing the ‘worst first.’” Once inventories are completed for each asset class, it will be possible for HCMA staff to more fully comprehend the system-wide deferred infrastructure maintenance burden and prioritize projects accordingly, based on available resources.



¹ Initially, only roads were included in the Roadsoft system. As of 2017, the system will be expanded to include paved, shared-use trails throughout the Metroparks system.

² State of Michigan Governor’s website, http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/21st_Century_Infrastructure_Commission_Report_555079_7.pdf

LAKE ST. CLAIR METROPARK

Lake St. Clair Metropark is located on the eastern edge of Macomb County, just south of Anchor Bay. All of the park is within Harrison Township.

At its northernmost extent, Lake St. Clair Metropark nearly reaches South River Road. To the east it runs along the Black Creek, to the west it extends to Jefferson, and its southern boundary is Lake St. Clair. The park is situated on the mouth of the Clinton River.

Lake St. Clair hosts several activities, especially water recreation, boating, birdwatching, and picnics. The park’s scenic Huron Point extending into the lake makes it unique, along with the 50-meter swimming pool, splash pad, and beautiful nature trails.

Cultural History

The majority of Lake St. Clair Metropark property was a Great Lakes Coastal marsh. It was used by Native Americans and early settlers for fishing, hunting, and trapping. Because the soil was mostly wetland within the boundaries of the park, there were no permanent homesteads. The sandy ridge naturally created a beach that was an important resting place for travelers in canoes and for migrating birds. Various rare species of birds such as the endangered Piping Plover and threatened Common Tern nested on the point and the island.

Journals and records remain from Henry Schoolcraft and David Bates Douglas from a stop at Huron Point during their Voyageur Canoe expedition to the upper Great Lakes.

Activities

- Swimming in the pool or lake
- Relaxing on the beach
- Splashing in the Squirt Zone
- Birdwatching
- Boating and fishing
- Skiing, sledding, ice skating, and ice fishing in the winter
- Observing nature on the trails
- Enjoying a round of golf, foot golf, or adventure golf
- Kiteboarding and windsurfing

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	789

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	7 / 34
Service bldgs / avg age	12 / 62
Comfort stations ¹ & Bathhouse/ avg age	6 / 56
Road miles	4.4
Parking lot acreage	36.5
Playgrounds	2
Percent of park mowed	20
Picnic shelters	12
Sand volleyball courts	10
Baseball fields	1
Fishing platforms	2
Tennis courts	3
Pickleball courts	3
Ice skating rinks	2
Basketball courts	6
Public boat/kayak launches	11

Path & Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	3.74
Nature Trails	1.97
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	1.92
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	6.32
Total	13.95

Community Plans

Harrison Township and Macomb County	
North Branch Greenway Plan	2020
Macomb County Parks and Natural Resources Master Plan	2020-2024
Mobilize Macomb Non-Motorized Plan	2017
SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Vision	2014

¹A comfort station is a detached restroom building equipped with plumbing. The number does not include restrooms incorporated into other buildings or pit toilets without plumbing.

Park Overview

Figure 5.1 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.2 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.3 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MIGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name—Grants	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
TF87-085	Metro Beach Nature Center	1987	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	Nature Center plans renovations/facility standardization
CM00-067	Metro Beach Pointe Shoreline Trail	2000	Development	Closed	\$ 450,000.00	General maintenance to railing/benches
TF12-057	Lake St. Clair Metropark Land Acquisition	2012	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 94,000.00	No conversion, boundary maintained within park
USDA-FS-2018-GLRI	LSCM Coastal Wetland Filtration Enhancement at Black Creek	2018	Restoration	Closed	\$ 160,000.00	Shoreline restoration/ educational programming
2020-0023	EGL E Lake St. Clair Metropark Beach Restoration	2020	Restoration	Monitoring and maintenance	\$ 406,628.40	Beach restoration
90020.1148	SEMCOG Lake St. Clair Transportation Equity	2021	Transit Connectivity Pilot Project	Closed	\$ 40,000.00	Transit access in partnership with Harrison Township
2022-306A-019	EGL E Lake St. Clair Metropark Accessible Launch	2021	Development	Closed	\$ 389,726.00	Accessible kayak launch at Black Creek



KENSINGTON METROPARK

Kensington Metropark is located on the border of Livingston and Oakland counties in Southeast Michigan. The park sits in the southern portion of both counties. Most of the park is located within Milford Township, but Brighton and Lyon Townships also contain portions of the park, and Green Oak Township contains less than an acre.

At its northernmost extent, Kensington reaches Mill Pond. To the east it reaches beyond Old Plank Road, its western boundary is Kensington Road, and to the south it extends just past I-96 to Grand River. The park is situated on the Upper Huron River and contains most of the dammed, 1,200-acre Kent Lake. A trail connects the park to Island Lake State Recreation Area to the south and Proud Lake Recreation Area to the east, along with Camp Dearborn to the north.

Kensington is the largest Metropark, with a wide variety of recreational activities available. Its long hike-bike trails, sprawling forests, Kent Lake, and facilities such as the Farm Center and Nature Center make it extremely popular.

Cultural History

The park is named after the town of Kensington, which was founded in 1832 and located on the Huron River at the Detroit-Lansing toll road (later Grand River). It was once a bustling settlement, serving travelers with a bank, hotels, and taverns. The bank is known for producing its own independent notes in 1838. The fallout from this, along with the lack of a railroad stop, contributed to the town's decline. By the 1930s it was a ghost town.

The Labadie brothers of Detroit spent several years in the area surrounding Kensington. Jo Labadie, an early labor leader, spent his summers here from 1912 to 1933. The remains of his summer home can be seen along the Aspen Trail. Jo's brothers, Oliver and Hubert, ran a fishing lodge and filmed several silent movies. The most notorious residents of the area were the Purple Gang, prohibition era gangsters.

Activities

- Swimming and splashing at Martindale Beach
- Biking or strolling the paved trails, equestrian trails
- Skiing, ice skating, sledding, and tobogganing in winter
- Golfing and disc golfing
- Walking the nature and hiking trails
- Fireworks, maple sugaring, horse drawn wagon rides
- Paddling, boating and Island Queen ferry on Kent Lake

- Farm Center and Nature Center

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	4486

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	9 / 31
Service bldgs / avg age	19/ 50
Comfort stations / avg age	12 / 31
Road miles	14.9
Parking lot acreage	40.01
Playgrounds	19
Percent of park mowed	8.8
Picnic shelters	18
Sand volleyball courts	4
Baseball fields	5
Fishing platforms	5
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	1
Basketball courts	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	3

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	13.55
Nature Trails	7.09
Rustic Hiking Trails	6.19
Equestrian Trails	17.4
Cross Country Ski Trails	12.17
Mountain Bike Trails	2.09
Other Paths	19.8
Total	78.3

Community Plans

Milford Township	
Recreation Master Plan	2019
Milford Community Master Plan	2017

Brighton Township	
Master Plan	2020

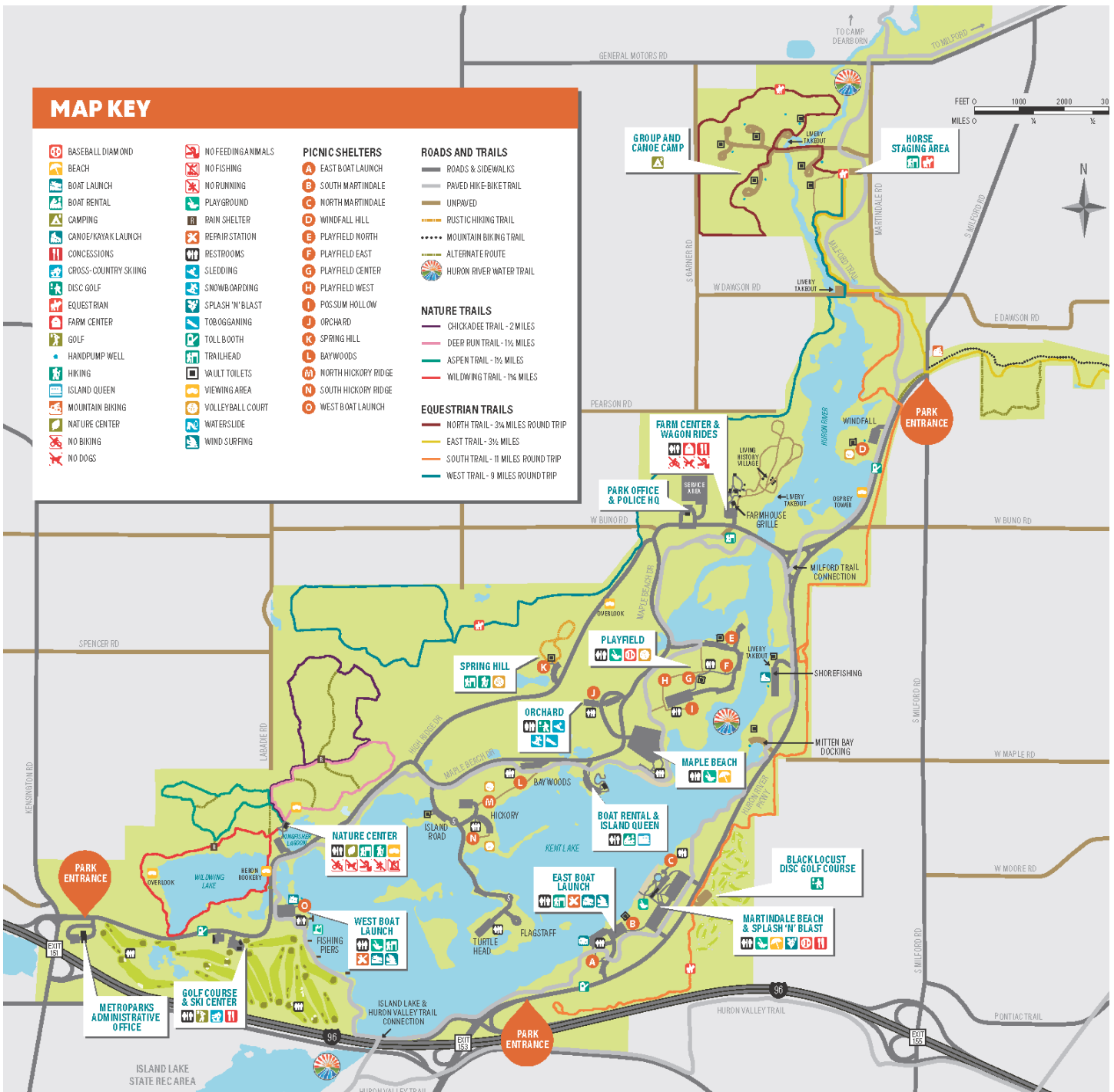
Lyon Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2014
Master Plan	2012
Lyon Center Vision Plan	2009

Green Oak Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2015
Master Plan	2014

Livingston County	
Livingston County Master Plan	2018
Livingston County Trails Plan	2020

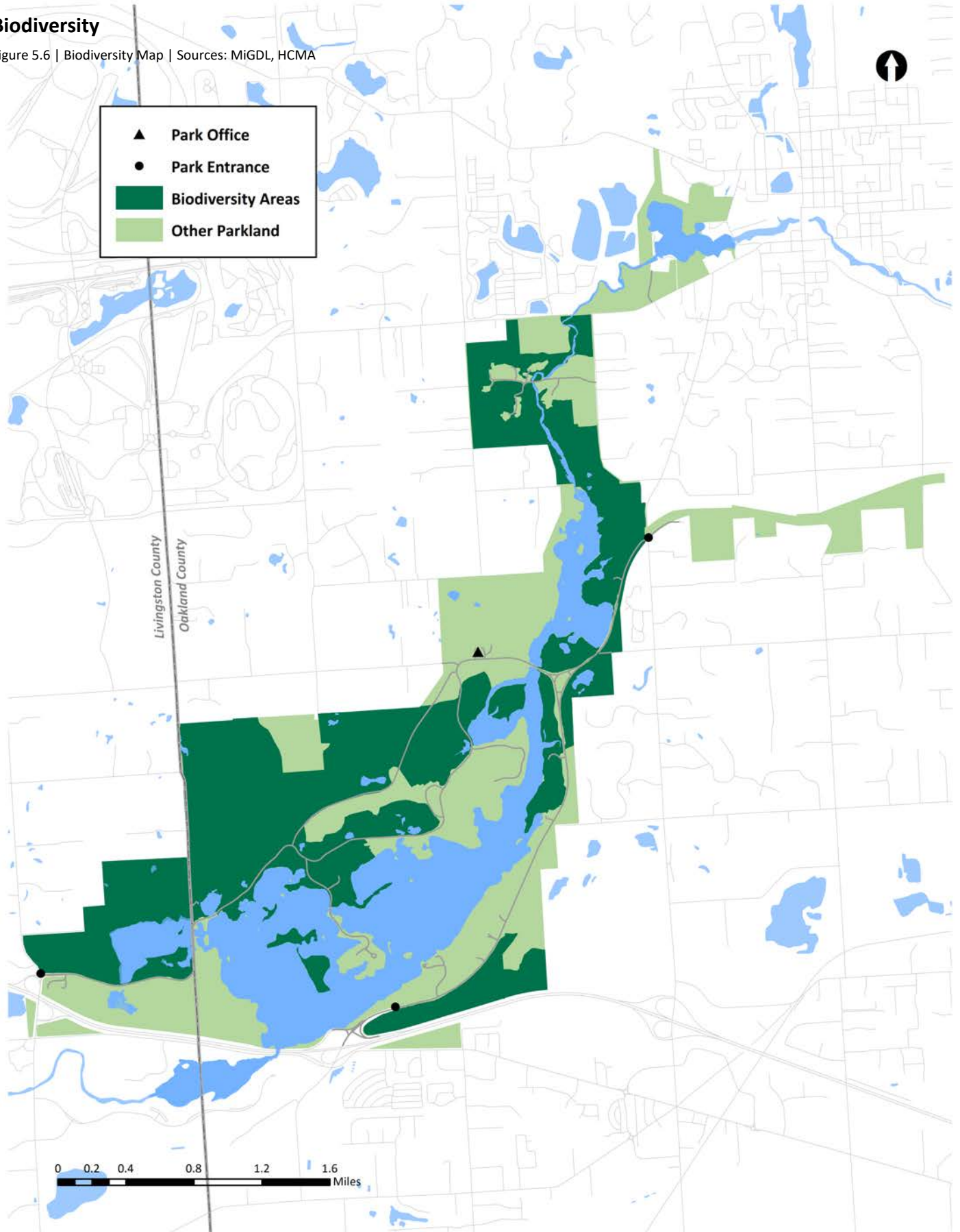
Park Overview

Figure 5.5 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



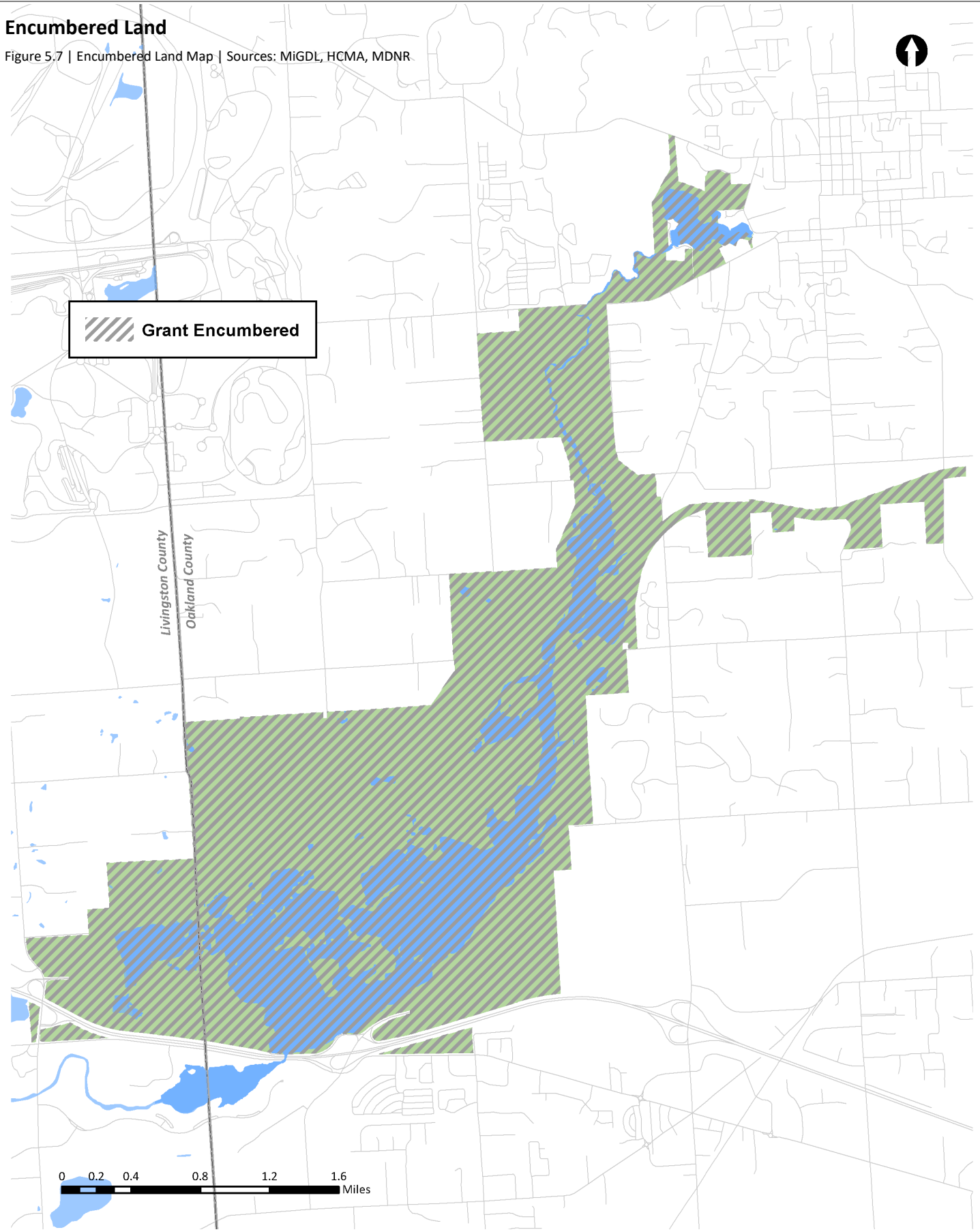
Biodiversity

Figure 5.6 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.7 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00169	Kensington Metropark #2	1969	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 45,937.50	Still maintained as park
26-00146	Kensington Metropolitan Park	1969	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 42,000.00	Still maintained as park
26-00617	Kensington Hike-Bike Trail	1975	Development	Closed	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-00856	Kensington Hike/Bike Trail	1977	Development	Closed	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-01319	Kensington Hike-Bike Trail	1984	Development	Closed	\$ 127,500.00	General maintenance
BF89-614	Nature Center Kensington	1989	Development	Closed	\$ 300,000.00	Facility upgrades
TF08-033	Kensington Metropark - Milford Trail Connector	2008	Development	Closed	\$ 315,000.00	General maintenance
TF11-018	Kensington Metropark Nature Center Pond Overlook	2011	Development	Closed	\$ 94,000.00	Additional amenities added to support grant
TF19-0049	Kensington Metropark West Boat Launch Area Development	2022	Development	Closed	\$ 308,000.00	Accessible kayak launch and amenities



DEXTER-HURON AND DELHI METROPARKS

Dexter-Huron and Delhi Metroparks are located in north central Washtenaw County. Both parks are within the boundaries of Scio Township. Dexter-Huron is partially within the City of Dexter.

At their northernmost extent, Dexter-Huron reaches Mast Road, and to the east Delhi runs to Huron River Drive. Their western boundary is Central Street, and to the south they extend to the railroad tracks. The parks are situated on the Upper Middle Huron River and are in a designated Natural Rivers district. The Border-to-Border trail runs through both Dexter-Huron and Delhi and is in the planning phase to connect Delhi to the City of Ann Arbor.

Delhi and Dexter-Huron are, respectively, the smallest and second-smallest parks in the Metroparks system. Distinct from the large regional parks, they are valued for quick escapes into nature and for the land and water trails running through them. They contain far fewer facilities than other parks, and are administered out of Hudson Mills Metropark. These two parks are primarily used for biking and hiking, paddling, picnicking, and passive recreation.

Cultural History

Delhi — In 1831 Jacob Doremus came from New York and set up a sawmill on the banks of the Huron River. He later founded the Michigan Village, which residents renamed Delhi (pronounced Del-hi, not Deli), likely after a New York town.

At its peak Delhi was host to four different mills, two on each side of the river. The town met its demise in 1917 when a tornado struck and Delhi was leveled, with the exception of a few houses. In 1957 the former village of Delhi became Delhi Metropark. The only remains are a few houses outside the park, and the park name itself.

Dexter-Huron — With an intention to harvest the water power of the Huron, railroads and other companies bought land along the river in the late 1800s. Soon after the purchases, steam power made water power obsolete, and no confirmed mills or dams were built at this location. Risk of flooding prevented other types of development.

Dexter-Huron Metropark was previously owned by Ford Motor Company and operated by the Washtenaw County Road Commission as a roadside picnic area. The Metroparks assumed control of the 180 acres in 1952.

Activities

- Biking, rollerblading, or walking the paved trail
- Strolling the rustic trail
- Picnicking with family and friends
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Enjoying a softball game
- Taking a calming walk on the labyrinth

Statistics

Park Classification		
	Dexter-Huron	Delhi
Park Type	Region/Metro	Region/Metro
Park Size (Acres)	120	52

Infrastructure		
	Dexter-Huron	Delhi
Public bldgs / avg age	0	0
Service bldgs / avg age	0	0
Comfort stations / age	1 / 32	1 / 22
Road miles	0.41	0.22
Parking lot acreage	1.6	2.84
Playgrounds	2	3
Percent of park mowed	9.9	58.4
Picnic shelters	3	1
Sand volleyball courts	0	0
Baseball fields	0	2
Fishing platforms	0	0
Tennis courts	0	0
Ice skating rinks	0	0
Basketball courts	0	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	1	2

Trail Miles		
	Dexter-Huron	Delhi
Hike-Bike Trails	1.9	0.9
Nature Trails	0	0
Rustic Hiking Trails	0.16	0
Equestrian Trails	0	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	0	0
Mountain Bike Trails	0	0
Other Paths	0.07	0.13
Total	2.13	1.03

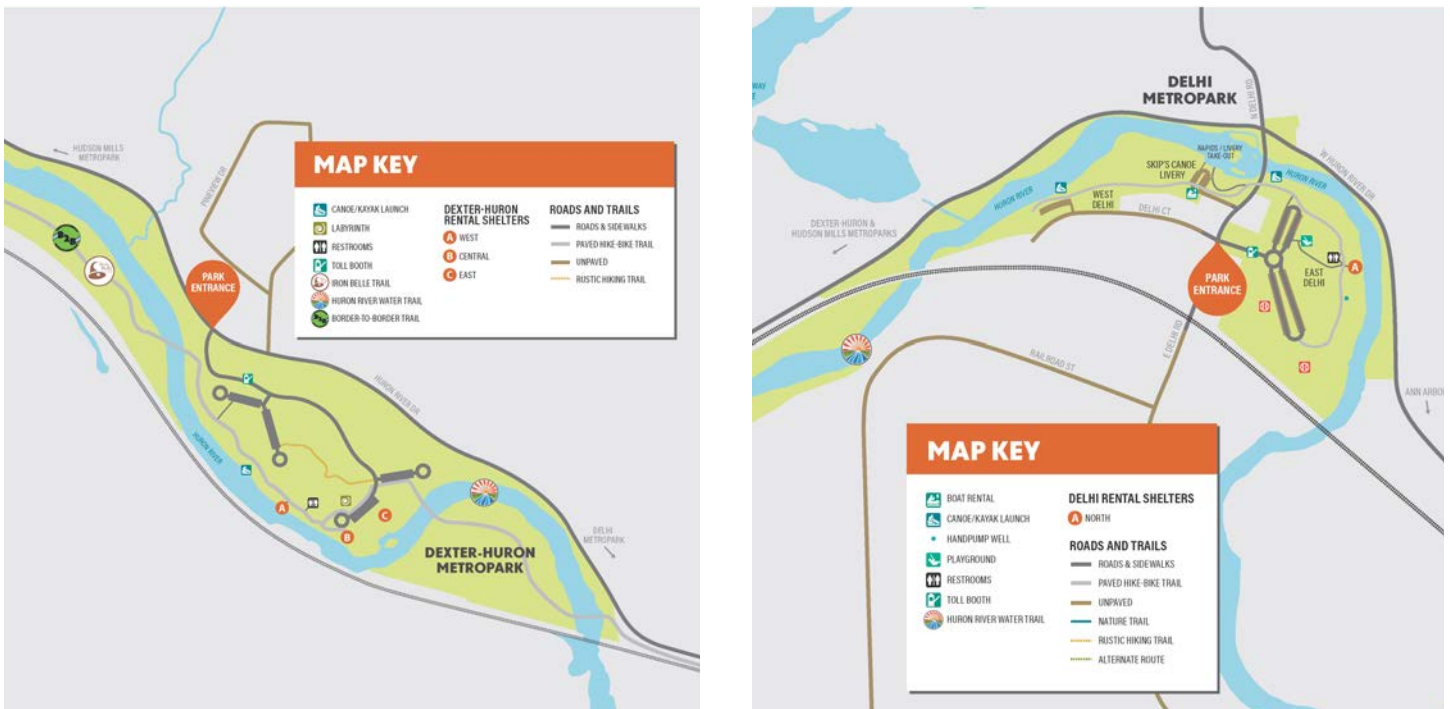
Community Plans

Scio Township	
Master Land Use Plan	2021

City of Dexter	
Master Plan	2019
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2021

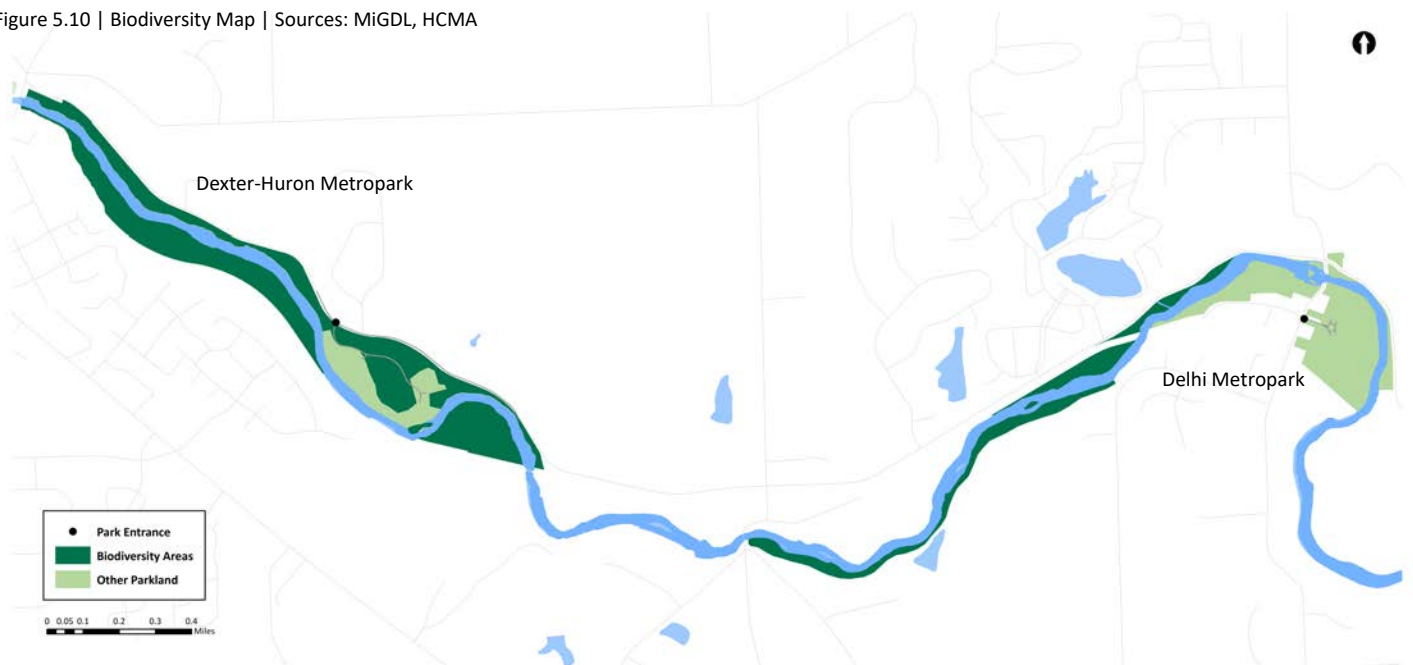
Park Overview

Figure 5.9 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.10 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.11 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name—Grant	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
BF98-088	Delhi Metropark Children's Play Area	1998	Development	Closed	\$ 36,400.00	General upkeep, ADA parking improvements
TF20-0021	Dexter-Huron Metropark– Launch and Picnic Area Renovation	2023	Development	Open	\$385,500.00	Accessible kayak launch with picnic area



LOWER HURON METROPARK

Lower Huron Metropark is located in the southwest section of Wayne County in Southeast Michigan. Four municipalities include portions of Lower Huron: Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron townships, along with the City of Romulus.

At its northernmost extent Lower Huron reaches Huron River Drive. Its eastern boundary is Waltz Road/Huron River Drive, to the west it reaches Haggerty Road, and to the south it extends to Savage Road. The park sits on the Huron River.

A paved hike-bike trail runs the length of the park and connects it with Willow and Oakwoods Metroparks, then continues all the way to Lake Erie Metropark. It is also a segment of the statewide Iron Belle Trail.

Lower Huron is popular for picnicking and fishing, and its Turtle Cove Family Aquatic Center. Along with launches for paddlers on the popular Huron River Water Trail, a National Park Service-designated National Water Trail, these elements make up the primary recreational infrastructure of the park.

Cultural History

Several archaeological studies have been conducted at Lower Huron in the past decades, resulting in the discovery of artifacts from both Native American and European settlements. Sites identified include burial grounds, campsites, dwellings, kilns, commercial structures, tool manufacture areas, and farmsteads.

The Schulz Mill Dam is no longer standing, but the pilings can be seen within the park. The mill is still in operation just outside the park and sells feed and other grain products. Other mills that once stood on current park property but no longer exist include Johnson Mill and Otis/Stewart Mill.

Founded during the first half of the 1800s, Mt. Pleasant Village no longer existed by the time of the Civil War. It can still be seen on historical maps, marked at the edge of current Lower Huron boundaries.

Activities

- Swimming and splashing at Turtle Cove
- Biking the paved trail
- Ice skating in winter
- Walking the nature and hiking trails
- Fishing, picnicking, and paddling down the Huron River
- Camping at the rustic and group campgrounds
- Enjoying a game of tennis or basketball

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1256

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	2 / 39.5
Service bldgs / avg age	2 / 18.5
Comfort stations-Bath house/ avg age	11 / 30.7
Road miles	8.66
Parking lot acreage	20.09
Playgrounds	10
Percent of park mowed	22.6
Picnic shelters	10
Sand volleyball courts	3
Baseball fields	2
Fishing platforms	2
Tennis courts	1
Ice skating rinks	2
Basketball courts	3
Public canoe/kayak launches	3

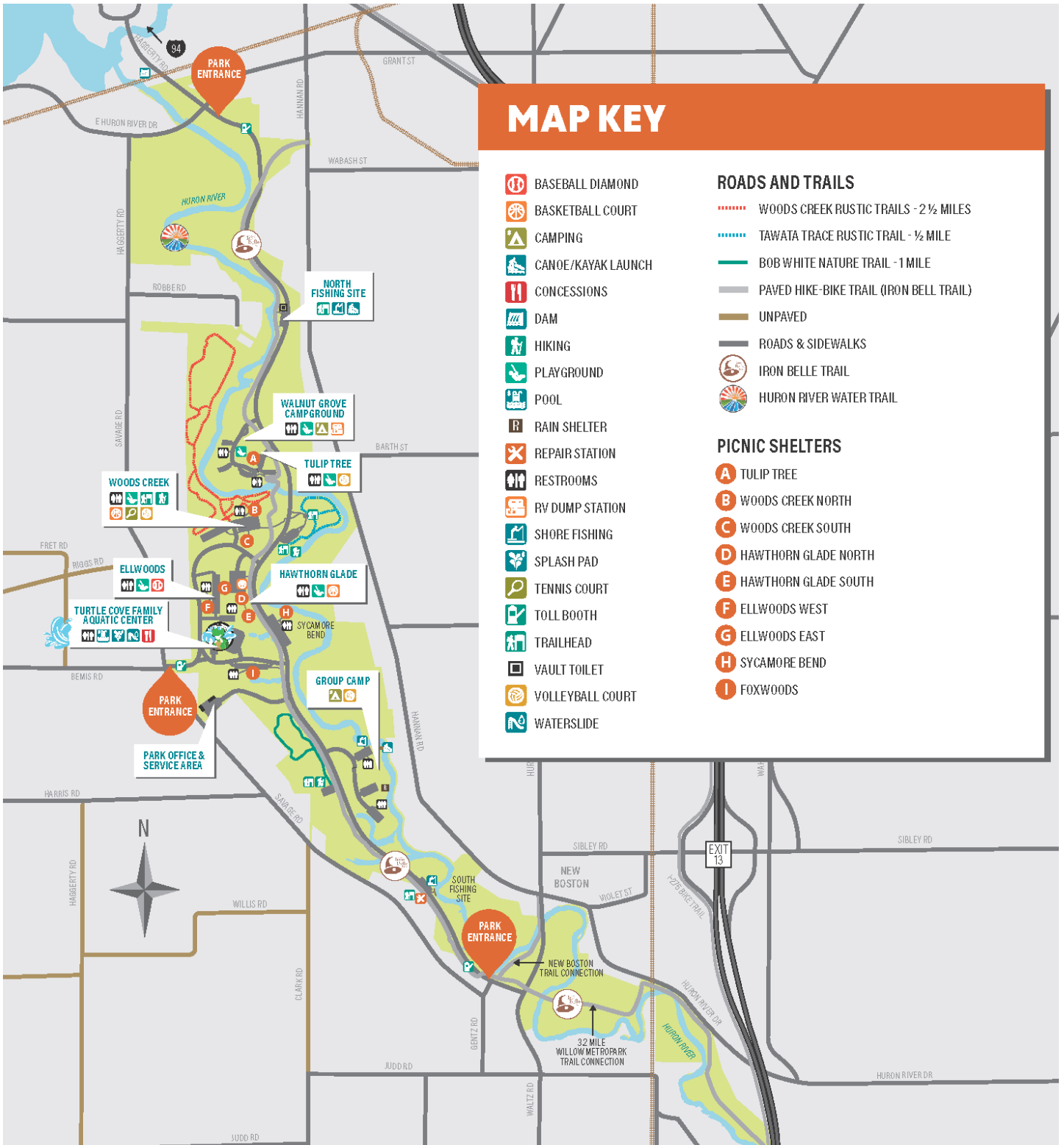
Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	4.94
Nature Trails	0.82
Rustic Hiking Trails	2.81
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	0
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	2.61
Total	11.18

Community Plans

Van Buren Township	
Parks and Recreation Plan	2022
Master Plan	2020
Sumpter Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2011
Master Land Use Plan	2005
Huron Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2013
Master Plan	2004
City of Romulus	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2021
Master Plan	2019

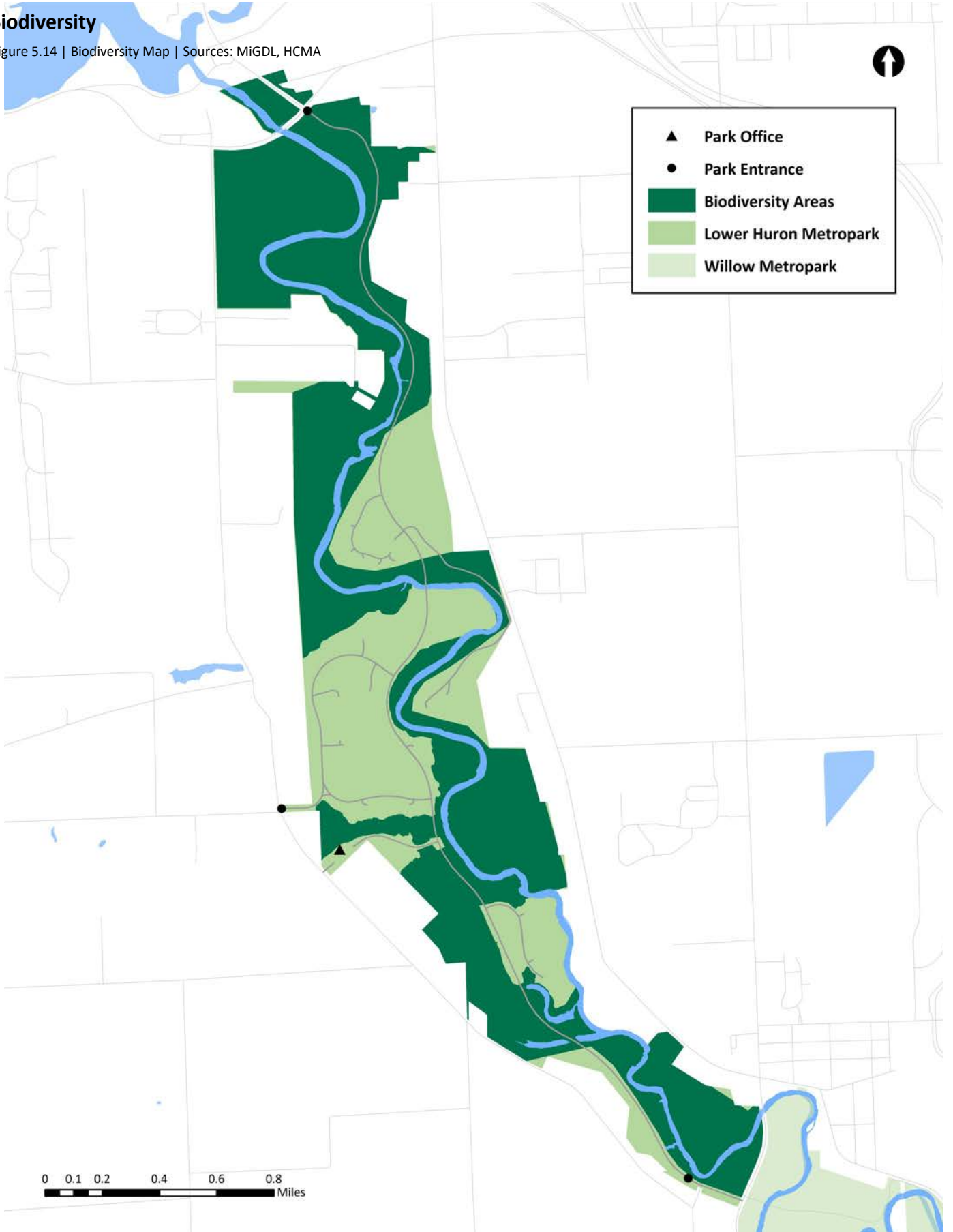
Park Overview

Figure 5.13 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.14 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.15 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00025	Lower Huron Metropark Woods Creek Picnic Area	1965	Development	Closed	\$ 18,700.00	General maintenance, no conversion
BF93-153	Lower Huron and Willow Metroparks	1993	Development	Closed	\$ 170,000.00	General maintenance, no conversion
TF00-069	Lower Huron Metropark Fishing Access Boardwalks	2000	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	General maintenance, no conversion
LW 18-0050	North Fishing Site Renovation	2019	Development	Closed	\$ 288,800.00	General maintenance, no conversion
IBTMG 19-21/19-22	Lower Huron Iron Belle Trail Extension	2023	Development	Open	\$ 82,075.00	Under construction
LW 26-01843	Lower Huron Metropark– Off-Leash Dog Area Development	2025	Development	Open	\$ 330,800.00	Under design
LW 26-01842	Lower Huron Metropark– Walnut Grove Campground Development	2025	Development	Open	\$ 600,000.00	Under design



HUDSON MILLS METROPARK

Hudson Mills Metropark is located in Washtenaw County, near its northern border with Livingston County. Most of the park is in Dexter Township, with a small amount extending into Webster Township. The park abuts the City of Dexter.

At its northernmost extent, Hudson Mills reaches McGregor Road. To the east it runs along Dexter-Pinckney, its western boundary is Huron River Drive, and to the south it extends nearly to Central Street. The park is situated on the Upper Middle Huron River and is in a Natural Rivers district.

Hudson Mills is primarily used for biking and hiking, picnicking, paddling, golfing and disc golf. A portion of the Border-to-Border trail runs through Hudson Mills and connects with the City of Dexter, attracting cyclists and runners. The maple sugaring event is a popular draw in the spring, and hayrides through the forest bring out families in the fall.

Cultural History

The boundaries of Washtenaw County were established in 1822, and a settlement called Hudson Mills grew near the intersection of North Territorial Road and Dexter-Pinckney Road.

The settlers utilized the great water power of the Huron River. In 1827, Cornelius Osterhaut built a sawmill, which cut the lumber for the settlers’ homes, shops and barns. In 1846, a gristmill was located on the river at this site, followed by a cider mill and a plaster mill. The gristmill was known as Hudson Mill, and primarily processed wheat and corn. A general store, hotel, and pulp mill were later established.

The hamlet of Hudson was prosperous as long as the mills were running. However, in 1903, the pulp mill was sold and relocated to the new owner’s farm in Webster Township.

Activities

- Biking, rollerblading, or walking the paved trail
- Strolling the nature trail
- Cross country skiing in winter
- Picnicking with family and friends
- Canoeing and kayaking the National Water Trail
- Taking on both disc golf courses
- Enjoying a round of golf
- Playing tennis, volleyball, and more

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1573

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	2 / 35.5
Service bldgs / avg age	4 / 36.3
Comfort stations / avg age	3 / 35
Road miles	3.22
Parking lot acreage	5.77
Playgrounds	4
Percent of park mowed	9.5
Picnic shelters	3
Sand volleyball courts	6
Baseball fields	4
Fishing platforms	0
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	1
Public canoe/kayak launches	5

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	7.3
Nature Trails	1.9
Rustic Hiking Trails	0.16
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	3.8
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	7.4
Total	20.58

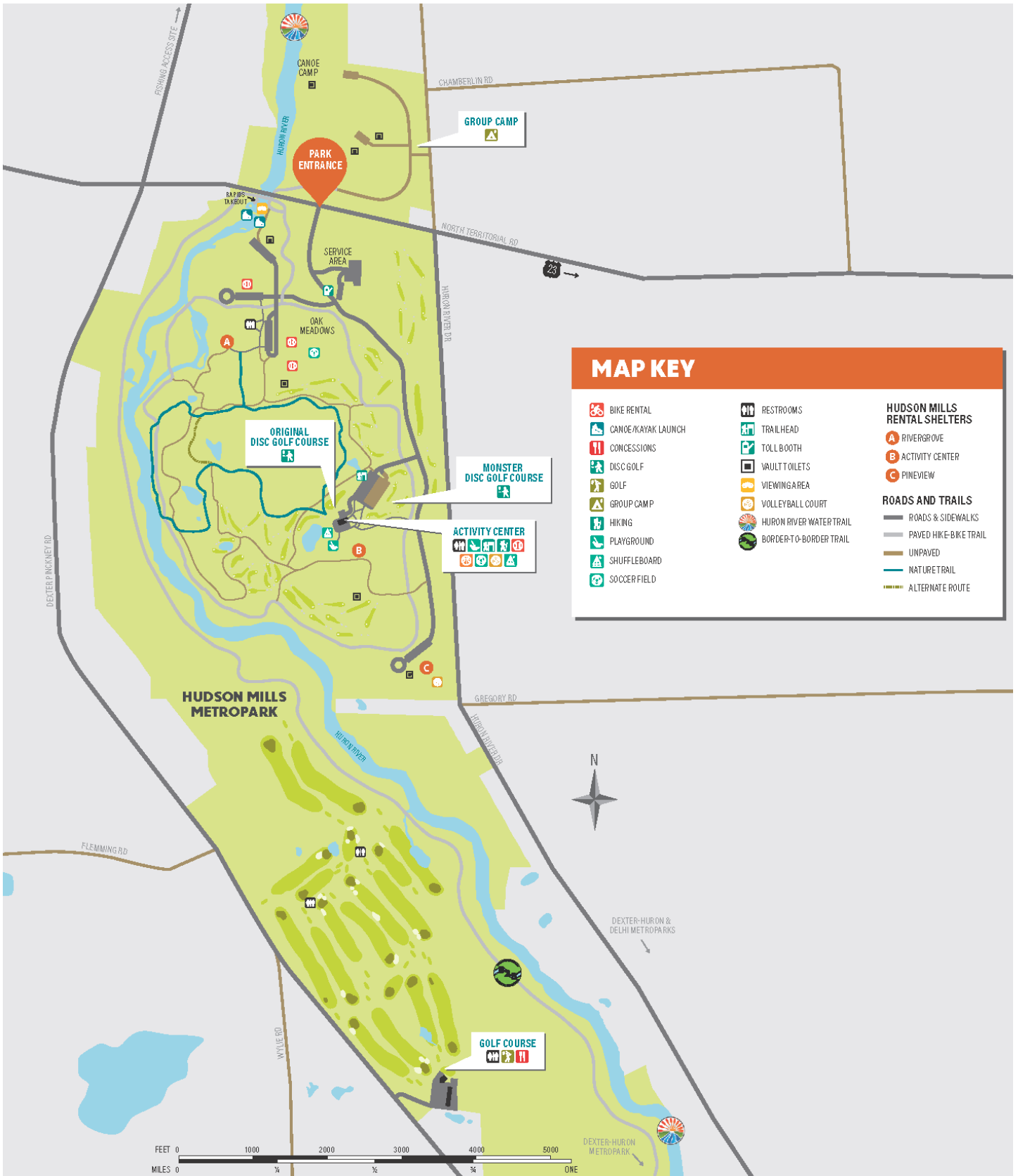
Community Plans

Dexter Township	
Master Plan	2011
Webster Township	
Master Plan	2022
City of Dexter	
Master Plan	2019
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2021



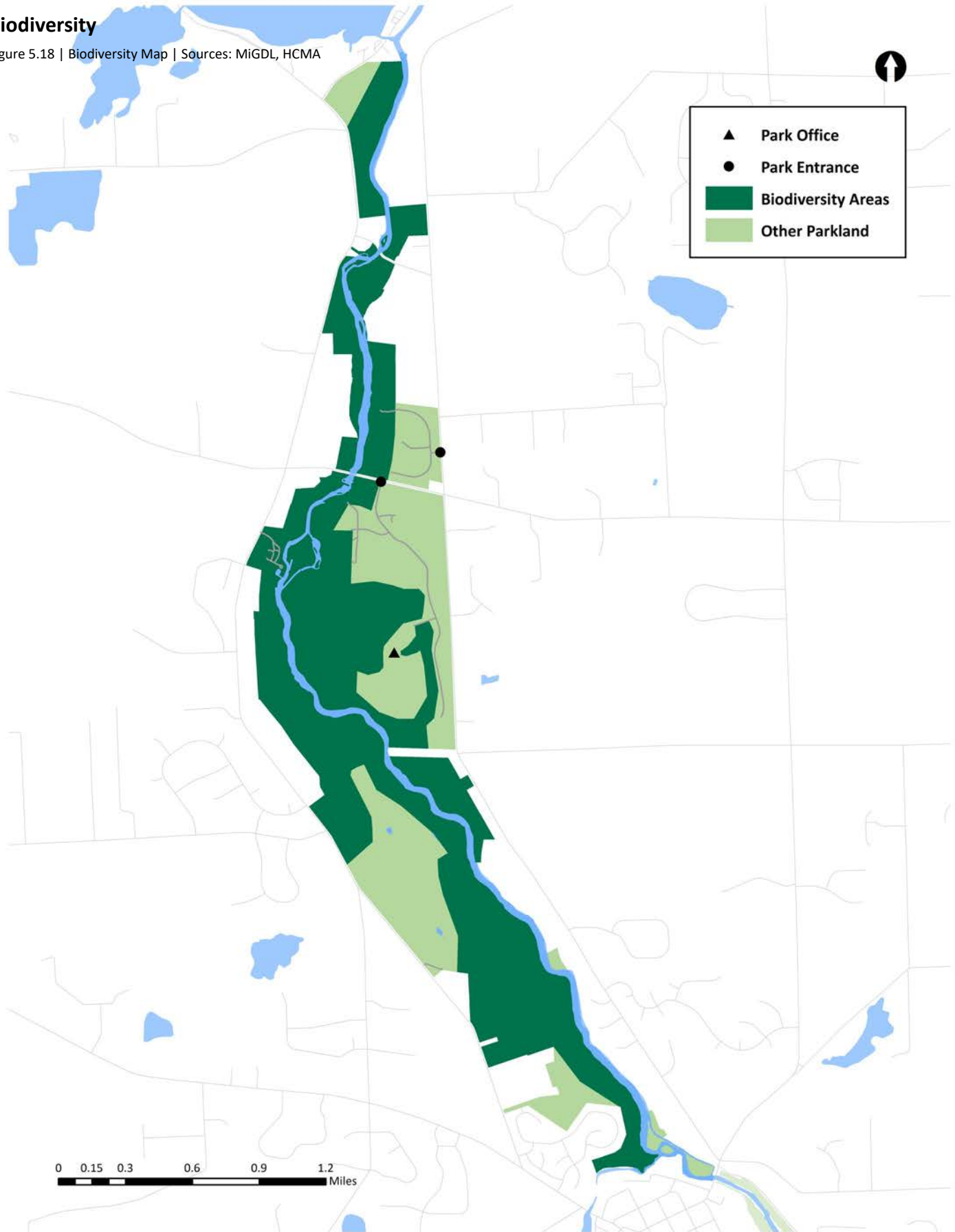
Park Overview

Figure 5.17 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



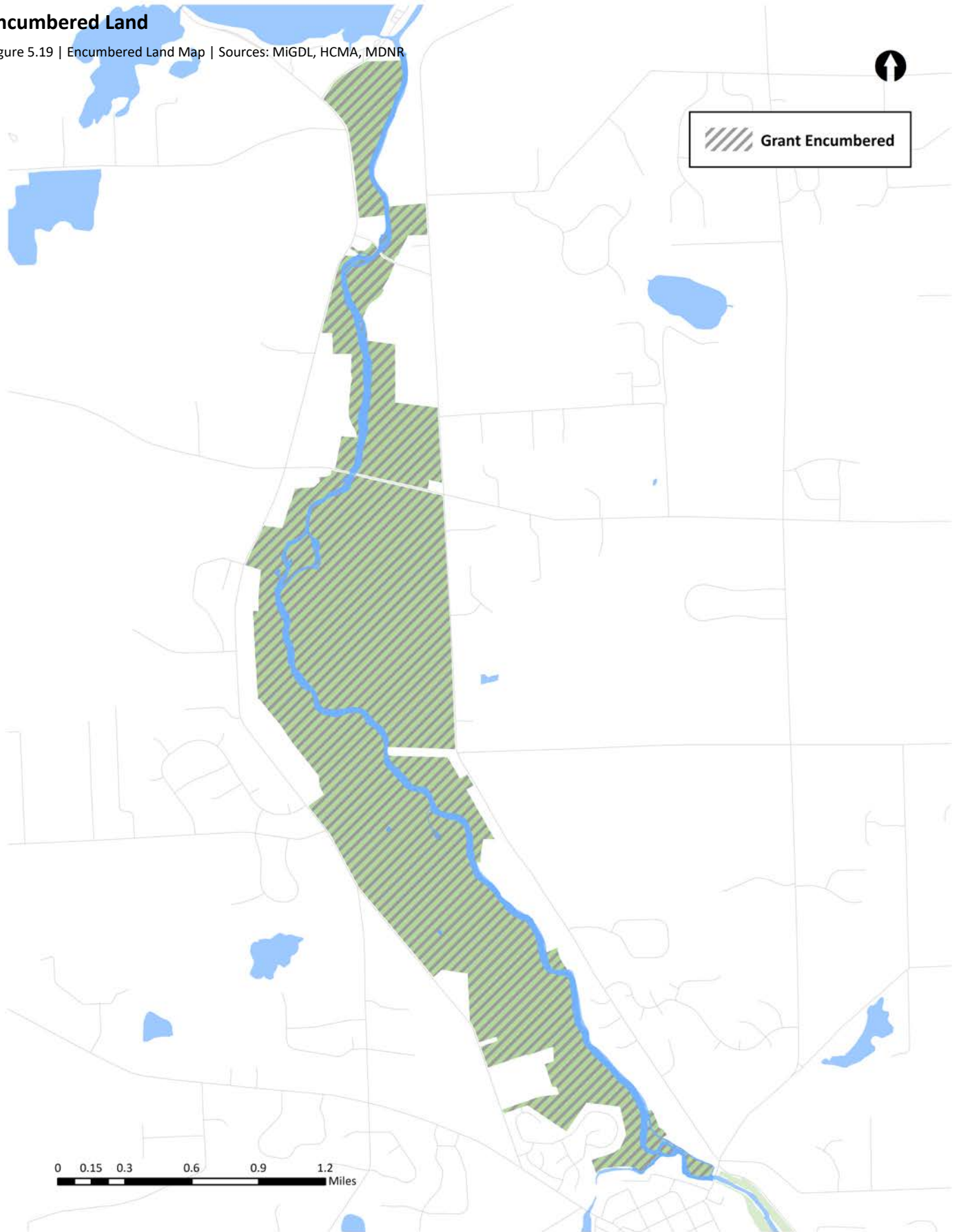
Biodiversity

Figure 5.18 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.19 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-01146	Hudson Mills Hike-Bike Trail	1980	Development	Closed	\$ 78,500.00	General maintenance
TF03-023	Hudson Mills Metropark Hike/Bike Trail	2003	Development	Closed	\$ 361,000.00	General maintenance
TF10-040	Hudson Mills Hike/Bike Trail Development	2010	Development	Closed	\$ 500,000.00	General maintenance
TF14-0129	Hudson Mills Metropark Property Acquisition	2014	Acquisition	Closed	\$75,000.00	General maintenance
TF19-0013	Hudson Mills Metropark Rapids View Development	2022	Development	Closed	\$453,300.00	General maintenance

STONY CREEK METROPARK

Stony Creek Metropark is located on the border of Oakland and Macomb counties in Southeast Michigan. It is approximately halfway between M-59 and the Lapeer County border. Three municipalities contain portions of the park: Oakland, Washington, and Shelby townships. The park also borders the City of Rochester Hills.

At its northernmost extent, Stony Creek reaches 31 Mile. To the east it reaches Mound Road, its western boundary is Sheldon Road, and to the south it extends between 25 and 26 Mile. The park is situated on the North Branch of the Clinton River.

Stony Creek features a wide variety of recreational activities, including mountain biking trails, a public campsite, and a beach with a large, modern playground. In 2021 the recently redeveloped Shelden Trails opened as a premier mountain biking experience but are used year-round as hiking and skiing trails as well. 17 miles of trails wind their way through the hilly historic grounds. Passive recreation is also an important aspect of the park, and the Inwood trails to the north of the park provide miles of gorgeous rustic hiking for those in search of an escape. Similar to Kensington, Stony Creek Lake was created through damming the Clinton River.

Cultural History

Stony Creek includes several interesting cultural and historical sites, such as the remains of the grand Shelden family estate. The Buckhorn Disc Golf Course sits on the site of the old Buckhorn Tavern that served residents and travelers in the 1800s, and the Inwood Trails cross the area where William Inwood Sr. discovered Native American artifacts.

The Detroit and Lake Orion Railway ran between the two cities starting in 1899, changing to Detroit United Railway after track extension to Flint and consolidation. The line was later extended all the way to Imlay City, but went out of business in 1934. Today, a line of raised ground near the Boat Launch is all that remains of the railway.

Activities

- Boating and fishing on 500-acre Stony Creek Lake
- Swimming at one of two beaches, inflatable water slide
- Hiking, mountain and road biking, running, inline skating
- Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and high ropes course
- Snowboarding, sledding, and ice fishing
- Golfing at the 18-hole regulation golf course

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	4435

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	6 / 45
Service bldgs / avg age	5 / 49
Comfort stations / avg age	9 / 34.8
Road miles	14.33
Parking lot acreage	37.52
Playgrounds	14
Percent of park mowed	8.2
Picnic shelters	15
Sand volleyball courts	3
Baseball fields	2
Fishing platforms	1
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	2
Basketball courts	4
Public canoe/kayak launches	2

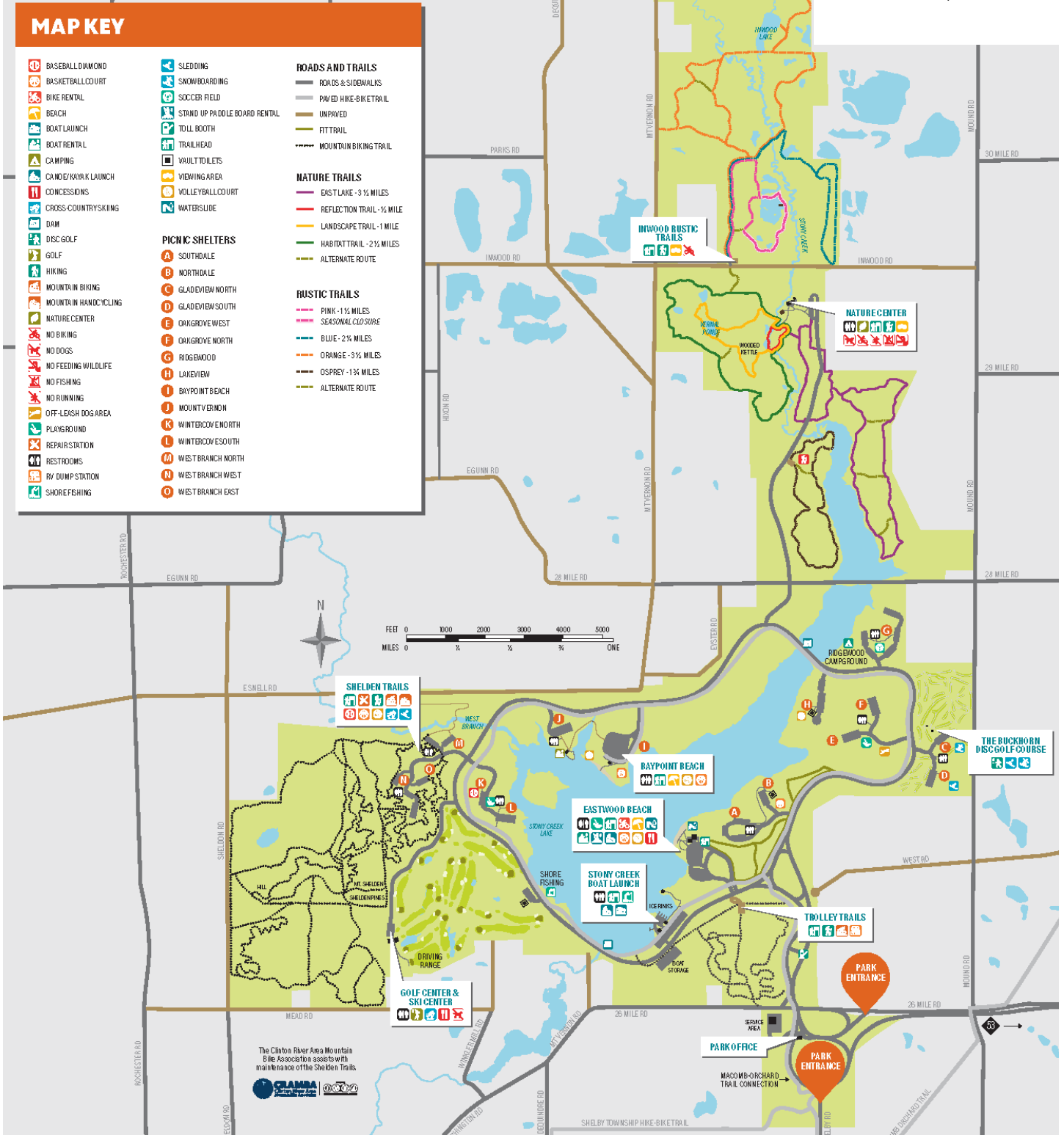
Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	7.66
Nature Trails	9.89
Rustic Hiking Trails	15.62
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	14.71
Mountain Bike Trails	16.8
Other Paths	16.39
Total	81.07

Community Plans

Washington Township	
Master Plan	2005
Oakland Township	
Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan	2020-2024
Master Plan	2017
City of Rochester Hills	
Master Plan	2018
Shelby Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2016-2021
Master Plan	2017

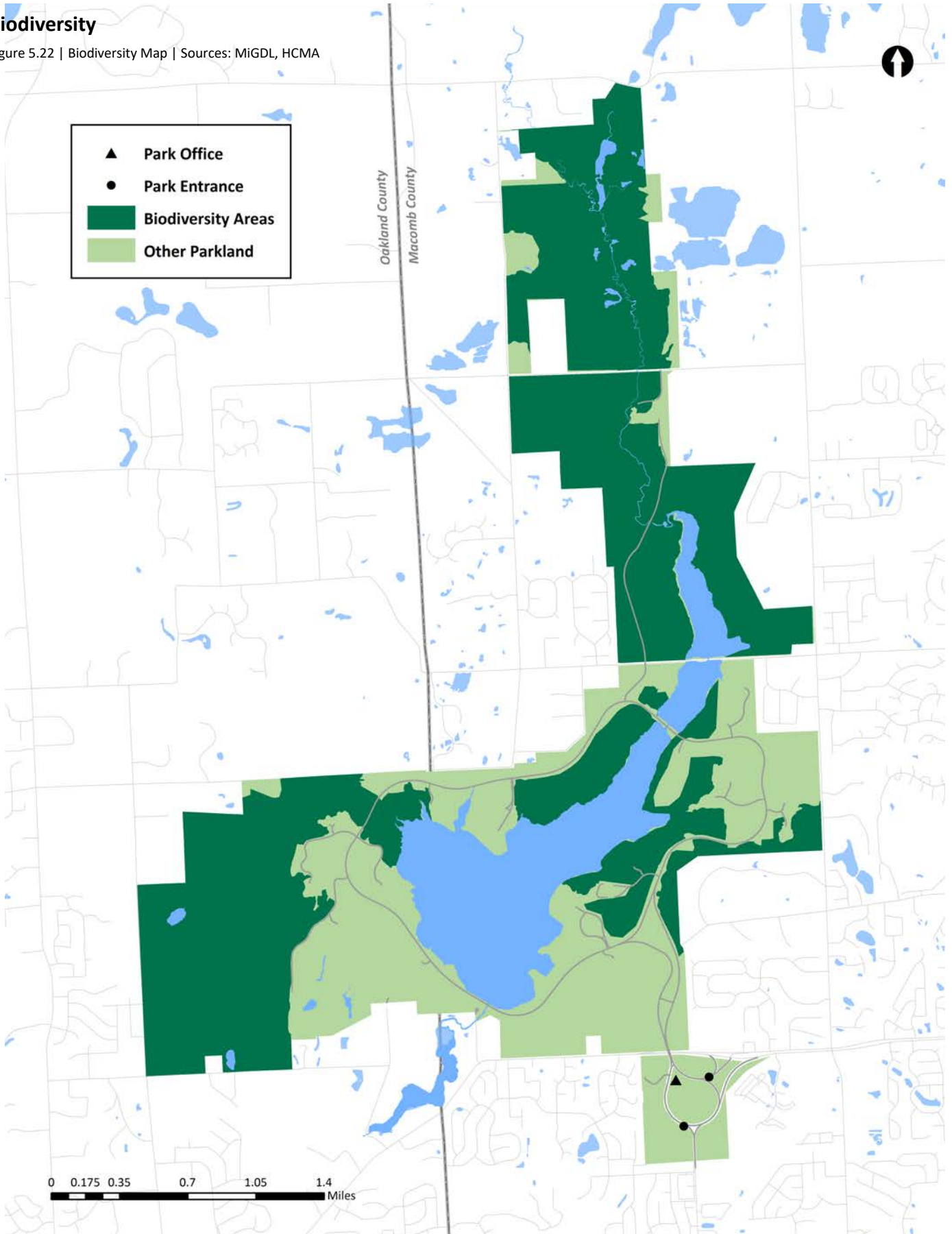
Park Overview

Figure 5.21 | General Map |
Sources: MIGDL, HCMA



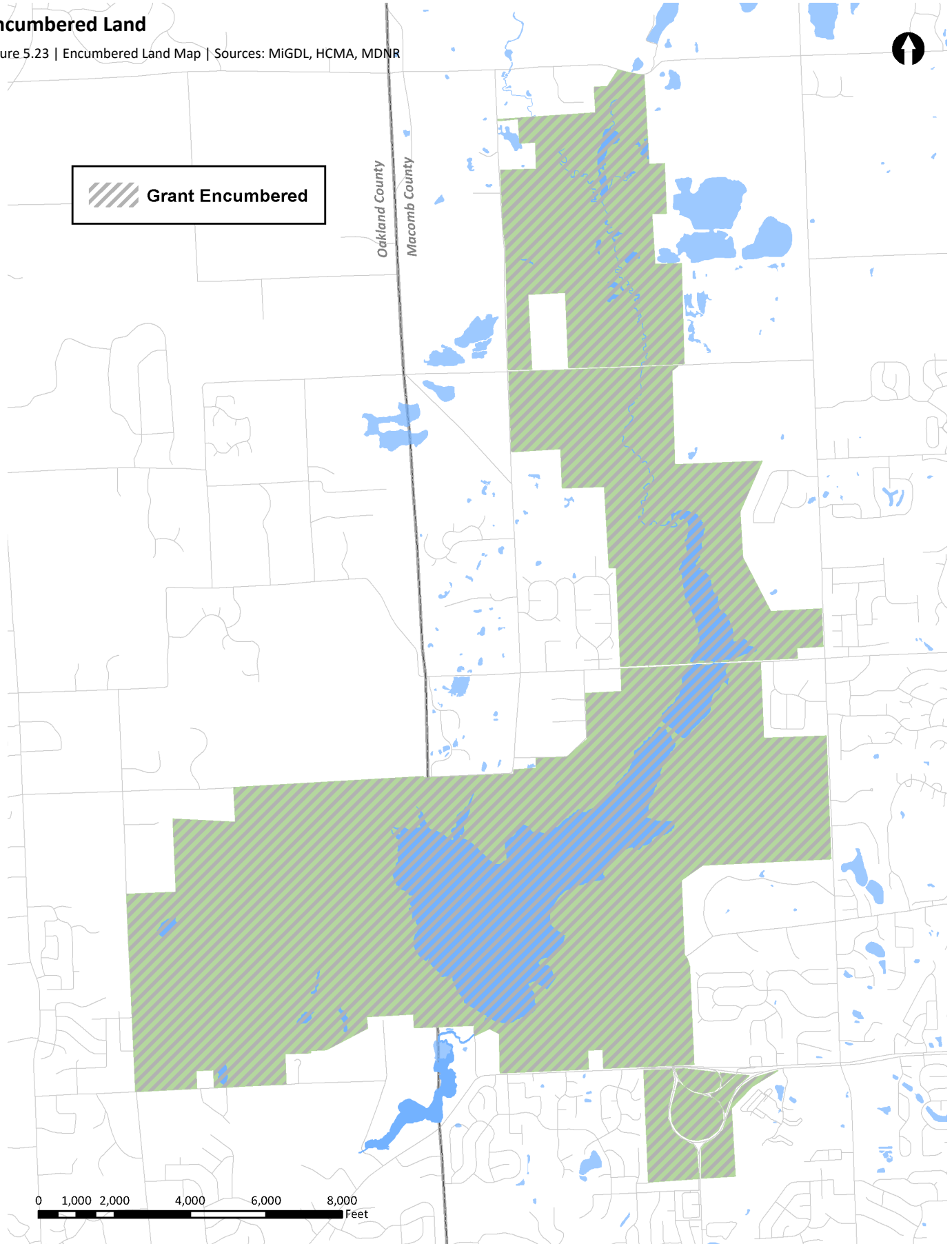
Biodiversity

Figure 5.22 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.23 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00022	Stony Creek West Branch - Winter Cove	1965	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 198,050.00	Structure renovations to meet standards, additional trail facilities, basketball court
26-00059	Stony Creek Enlargement #1	1967	Acquisition	Mitigation Com	\$ 144,049.00	DEQ conservation easement remains public recreation
26-00070	Stony Creek Metropolitan Park #2	1967	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 142,230.00	Upgraded boat launch complex per modern standards, additional beach amenities added
26-00618	Stony Creek Hike-Bike Trail	1975	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-00857	Stony Creek Hike/Bike Trail	1977	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
TAP 209683	26 Mile Stony Creek Connector Trail	2021	Development	Completed	\$ 227,660.00	General maintenance
TF 19-	Stony Creek Metropark– Off-Leash	2022	Development	Completed	\$ 138,500.00	General maintenance



WILLOW METROPARK

Willow Metropark is located in Wayne County, near its southern border with Monroe County. All of the park is within Huron Township.

At its northernmost extent, Willow nearly reaches Huron River Drive. To the east it runs along Willow Road, its western boundary is Waltz Road, and to the south it extends to Willow Road. All the active recreation in the park is located east of I-275. The park is situated on the Lower Huron River, and contains part of the trail running from Lower Huron Metropark to Lake Erie Metropark, a segment of the Iron Belle Trail.

Willow is primarily used for swimming, biking and hiking, picnicking, paddling, fishing, sledding, and disc golf. This is one of the most densely developed parks, featuring a number of recreational facilities in a relatively small land area. Some facilities, surrounding the Willow Pool, were built for a different era and different recreational trends and will need to be reimaged through the planning process. The access it provides to both the I-275 trail and the Lower Huron to Lake Erie trail make it an important non-motorized crossroads.

Cultural History

The portion of the park near the north entrance was part of the Wyandot Reservation from 1818-1842. A cabin once stood here where Mary McKee, granddaughter of a Wyandot chief, was born in 1838. She would remain here until 1843, when her family was relocated to Kansas. Later, she would return to the Midwest and share her knowledge of Wyandot culture and history with an anthropologist.

Willow Metropark contains a historic cemetery, known as the Huron Township Cemetery or “Fay and Smith Cemetery.” It is located between Big Bend and Indian Ridge.

Activities

- Biking, rollerblading, or walking the paved trail
- Swimming in zero-depth entry pool with water slide, basketball, and spray features
- Taking family to the lit sledding hills
- Cross country skiing
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Playing disc golf, basketball, volleyball, and more
- Enjoying a round of golf
- Sledding and ice fishing in winter

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1532

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	5 / 42
Service bldgs / avg age	7 / 42.6
Comfort stations / avg age	7 / 40
Road miles	6.08
Parking lot acreage	16.91
Playgrounds	10
Percent of park mowed	21
Picnic shelters	8
Sand volleyball courts	2
Baseball fields	1
Fishing platforms	0
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	2
Public canoe/kayak launches	1

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	7.7
Nature Trails	0
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	3.85
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	8.59
Total	20.14

Community Plans

Huron Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2013
Master Plan	2004



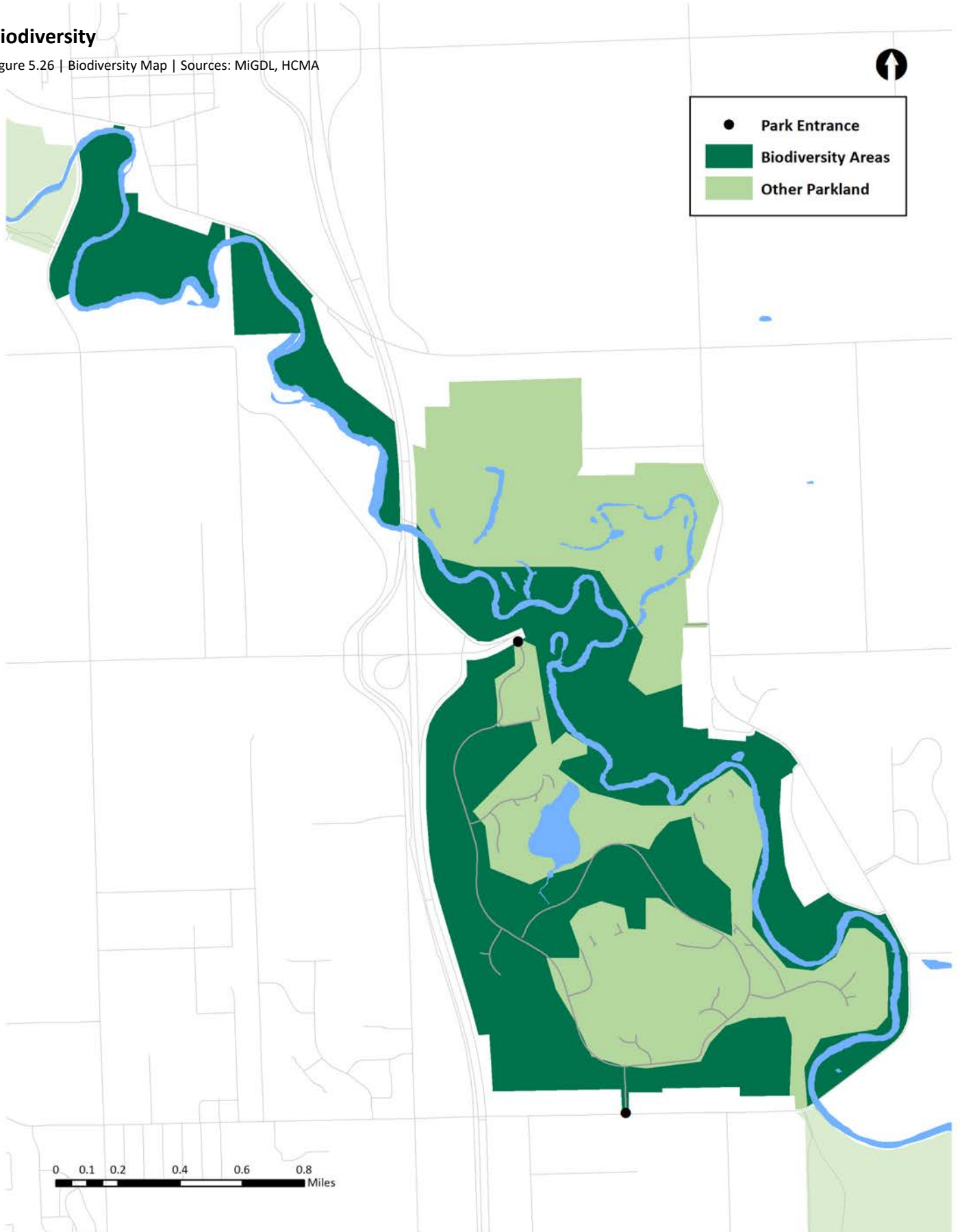
Park Overview

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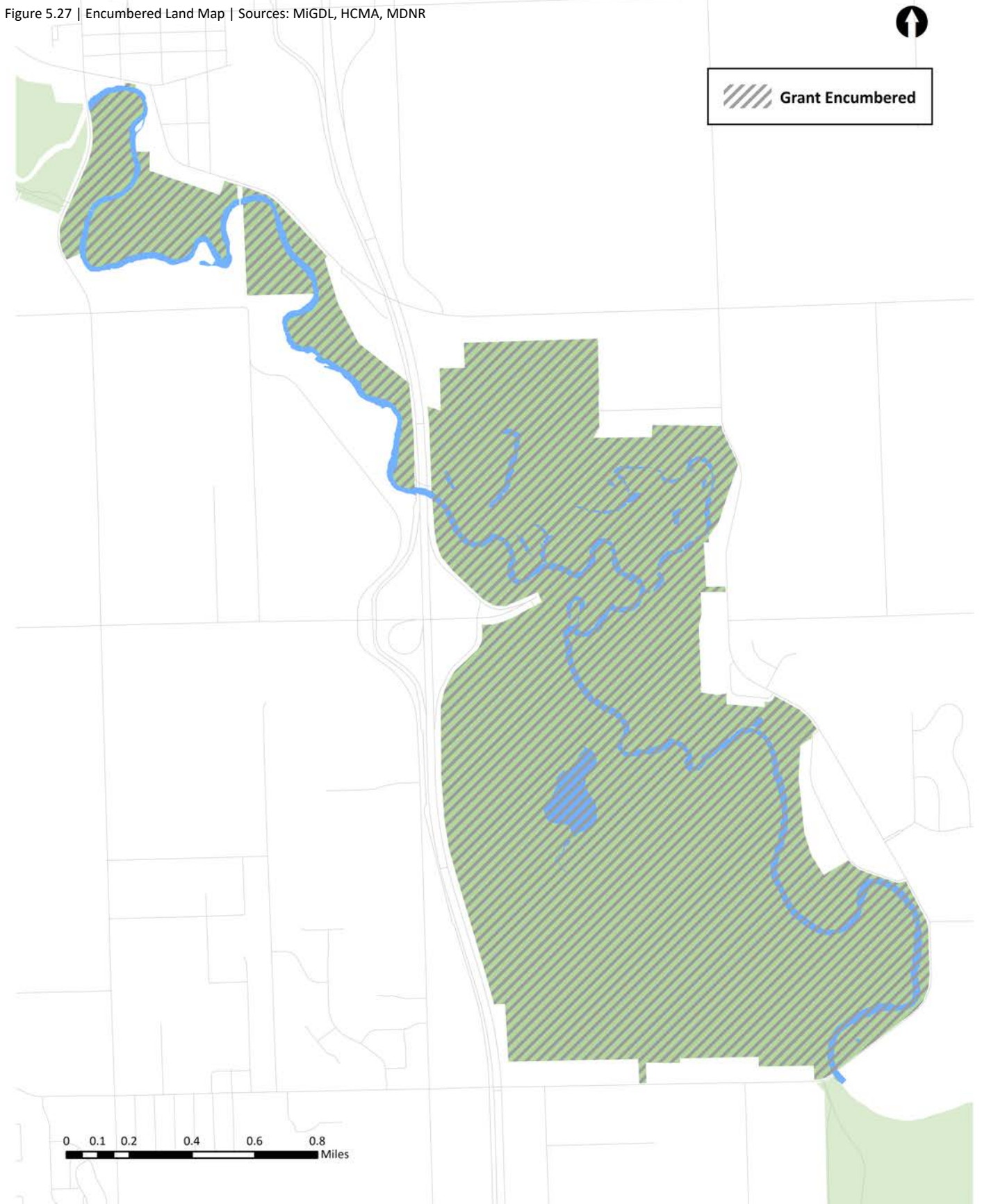
Biodiversity

Figure 5.26 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.27 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
BF89-196	Willow Metropark - Wayne County	1989	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	Renovations and repurposing of buildings being planned, no conversion will take place
BF90-170	Willow Metropark Hike/Bike Trail	1990	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	General maintenance
NFWF 2008.21. 070943	Increasing Resiliency of Huron River Floodplain in Willow Metropark	2025	Development	Open	\$ 501,592.49	Design/construction

OAKWOODS METROPARK

Oakwoods Metropark is located in southern Wayne County, near the border of Monroe County. The park is mostly within Huron Township, with a small.

At its northernmost extent, Oakwoods reaches Huron River Drive. To the east it abuts the Huron River, it extends to the west near Romine Road, and to the south it reaches the county line. The park is situated on the Lower Huron River, and includes a portion of the trail running from Lower Huron Metropark to Lake Erie Metropark, a segment of the Iron Belle Trail.

Oakwoods is one of the least-developed parks in the Metroparks system. It focuses on passive recreation, trails, and protection of natural resources. It contains far fewer facilities than other parks, and is administered out of Lower Huron Metropark.

This park is primarily used for biking and hiking, paddling, picnicking, shore fishing, and horseback riding. The Nature Center is another important component of Oakwoods, providing interpretive programs for visitors. Oakwoods plays a unique role in the string of southern Metroparks due to its natural character. Keeping the park largely preserved and undeveloped is a priority.

Cultural History

The vast majority of the park was part of the Wyandot Reservation from 1818-1842 under the Treaty of St. Mary's. Numerous archaeological digs have been performed within the park by staff and other experts. These digs have revealed both historic and prehistoric artifacts, showing that the Native Americans have been utilizing this site for thousands of years.

The center of the park is the former site of a meat packing plant. This area contains a wealth of historical artifacts, many dating back over 100 of years, when there were houses located along the Old South Huron Rd.

Activities

- Biking, rollerblading, or walking the paved trails
- Enjoying nature and birdwatching
- Picnicking with family and friends
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Shorefishing and Voyageur canoe outings
- Visiting with Hawkeye the Hawk
- Equestrian trails

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1715

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	1 / 49
Service bldgs / avg age	0
Comfort stations / avg age	0
Road miles	3.04
Parking lot acreage	4.05
Playgrounds	0
Percent of park mowed	3.5
Picnic shelters	0
Sand volleyball courts	0
Baseball fields	0
Fishing platforms	0
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	2

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	3.88
Nature Trails	4.69
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	6.82
Cross Country Ski Trails	0
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	8
Total	23.39

Community Plans

Huron Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2013
Master Plan	2004

City of Flat Rock	
Master Plan	2007
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2017

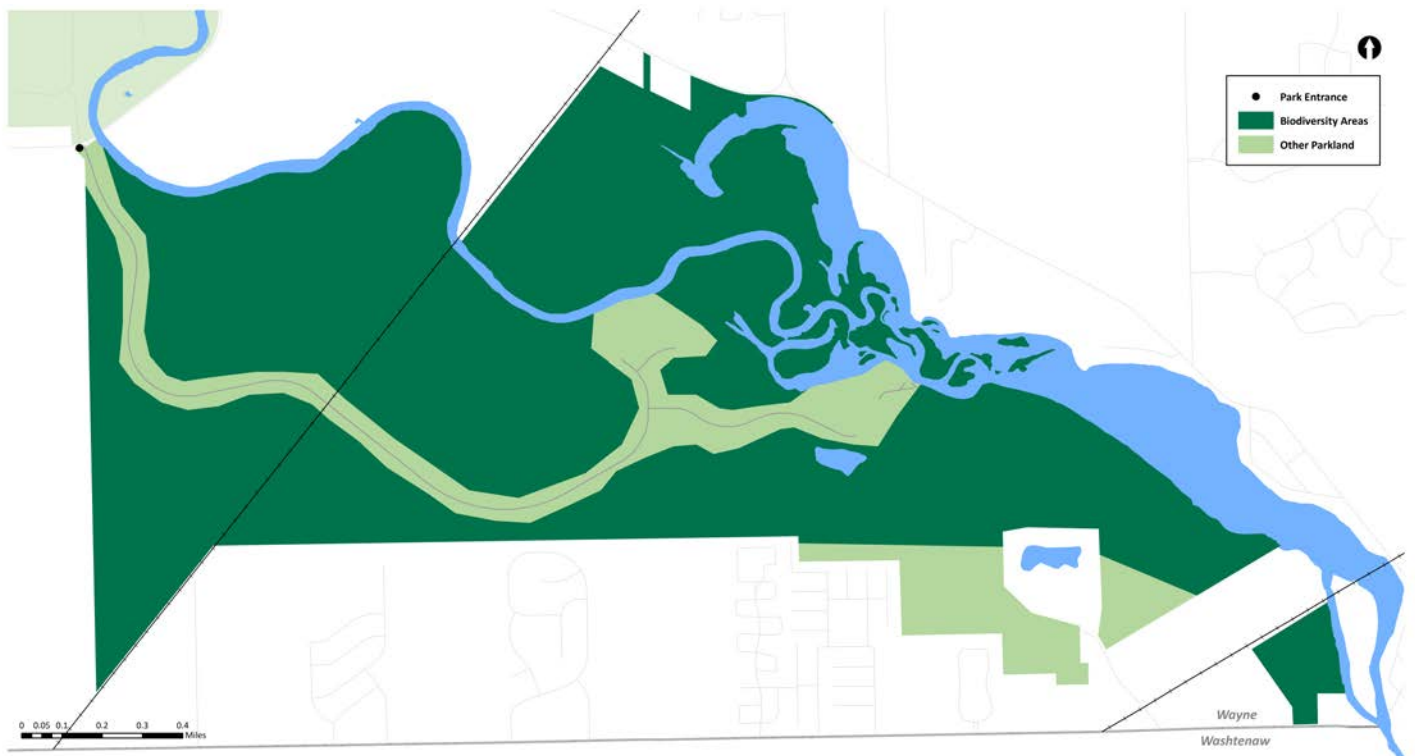
Park Overview

Figure 5.29 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.30 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.31 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
LW 26-01821	Oakwoods Metropark - Accessible Nature Trail Development	2024	Development	Open	\$ 248,000.00	Design underway of accessible pathway and amenities along with Nature Center building improvements

LAKE ERIE METROPARK

Lake Erie Metropark is located in Wayne County, on its southern border with Monroe County. Most of the park is within Brownstown Township, with the northern section extending into the City of Gibraltar.

At its northernmost extent, Lake Erie reaches South Gibraltar Road. To the east is Lake Erie’s shoreline, its western boundary is Jefferson Road, and to the south it abuts Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. The park is situated just north of the mouth of the Huron River.

A wide variety of recreational activities are available at Lake Erie Metropark. The park is notable for its expanse of beautiful shoreline, much of which can be enjoyed on the hike-bike trail, nature trails, or boardwalks. It is a nationally recognized birding area with high-quality habitat. At the north end of the park, the Great Wave Pool and Food Bar has been drawing families to enjoy summer fun for decades.

Cultural History

The village of Brownstown moved locations several times during its history, but prior to the War of 1812 it was located partially with the northern border of the park. Various projectile points have been found along the shoreline, suggesting a former Native American presence.

French Long Lots, also known as ribbon farms, can be seen along the southern portion of the park. These properties are long and narrow, with the short border along a waterfront. Consequently, all properties had water access, a valuable commodity for the newly arrived.

The cannon monument located at the north end of the park is directly related to the efforts of Dr. Hal C. Wyman. A prominent physician in late 19th century Detroit, he was also a history buff. Using his own funding, he secured the cannons for a monument honoring soldiers from the War of 1812.

Activities

- Biking, rollerblading, or walking
- Exploring the Marshlands Museum and nature trails
- Spending a day at the wave pool and picnicking
- Boating and kayaking
- Cross country skiing in winter
- Birdwatching and shore fishing
- Playing tennis, volleyball, basketball, and more
- Enjoying a round of golf

Statistics

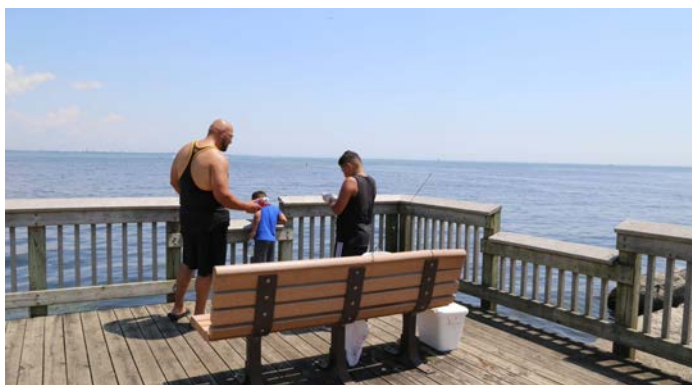
Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1607
Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	7 / 34
Service bldgs / avg age	8 / 31
Comfort stations / avg age	1 / 11
Road miles	4.96
Parking lot acreage	21.79
Playgrounds	3
Percent of park mowed	12
Picnic shelters	5
Sand volleyball courts	2
Baseball fields	1
Fishing platforms	1
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	2
Public canoe/kayak launches	1

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	3
Nature Trails	2.69
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	3.85
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	7.09
Total	16.63

Community Plans

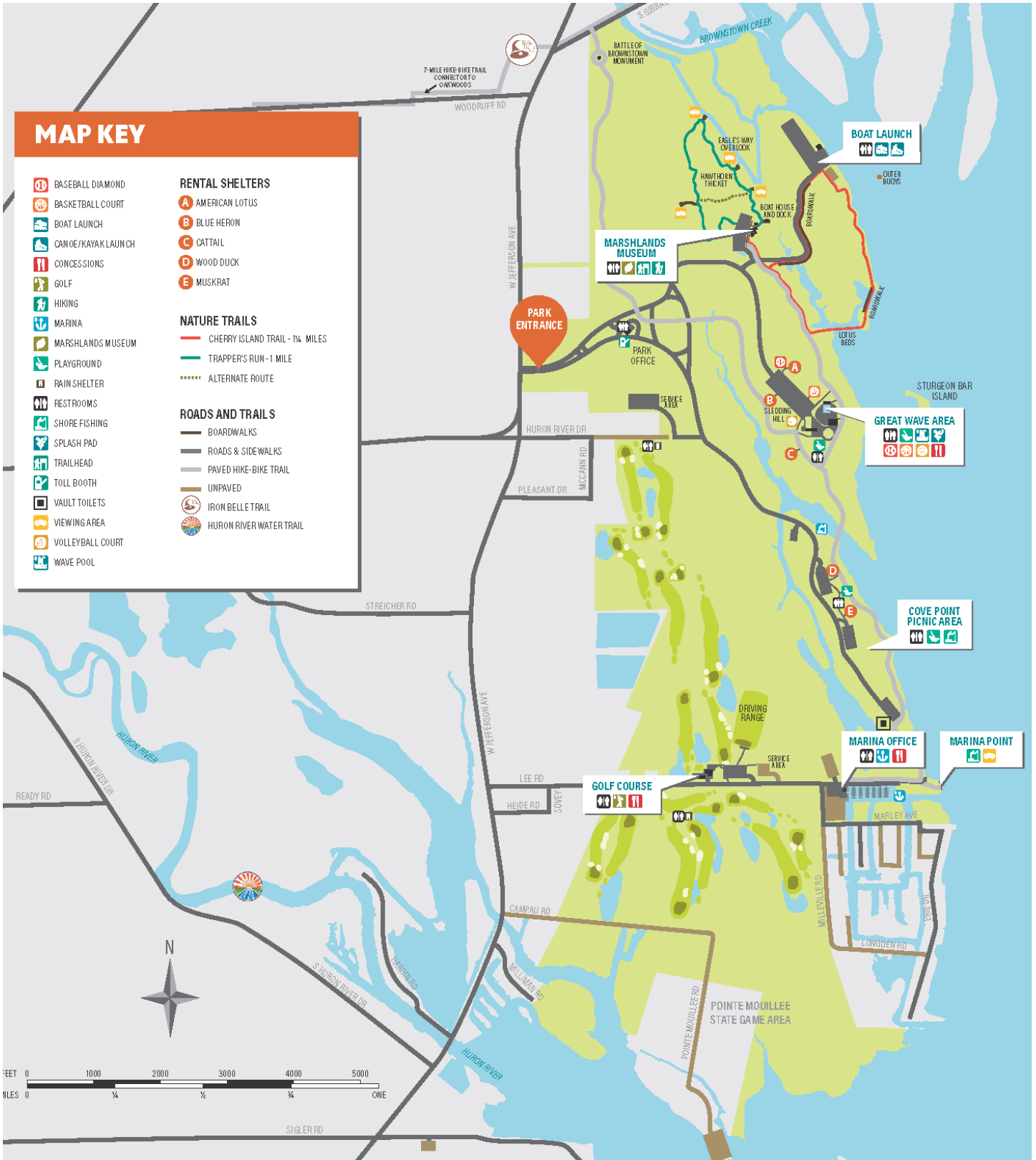
City of Gibraltar	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2014-2019
Master Plan Update	2021

Brownstown Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2022
Master Plan	2008



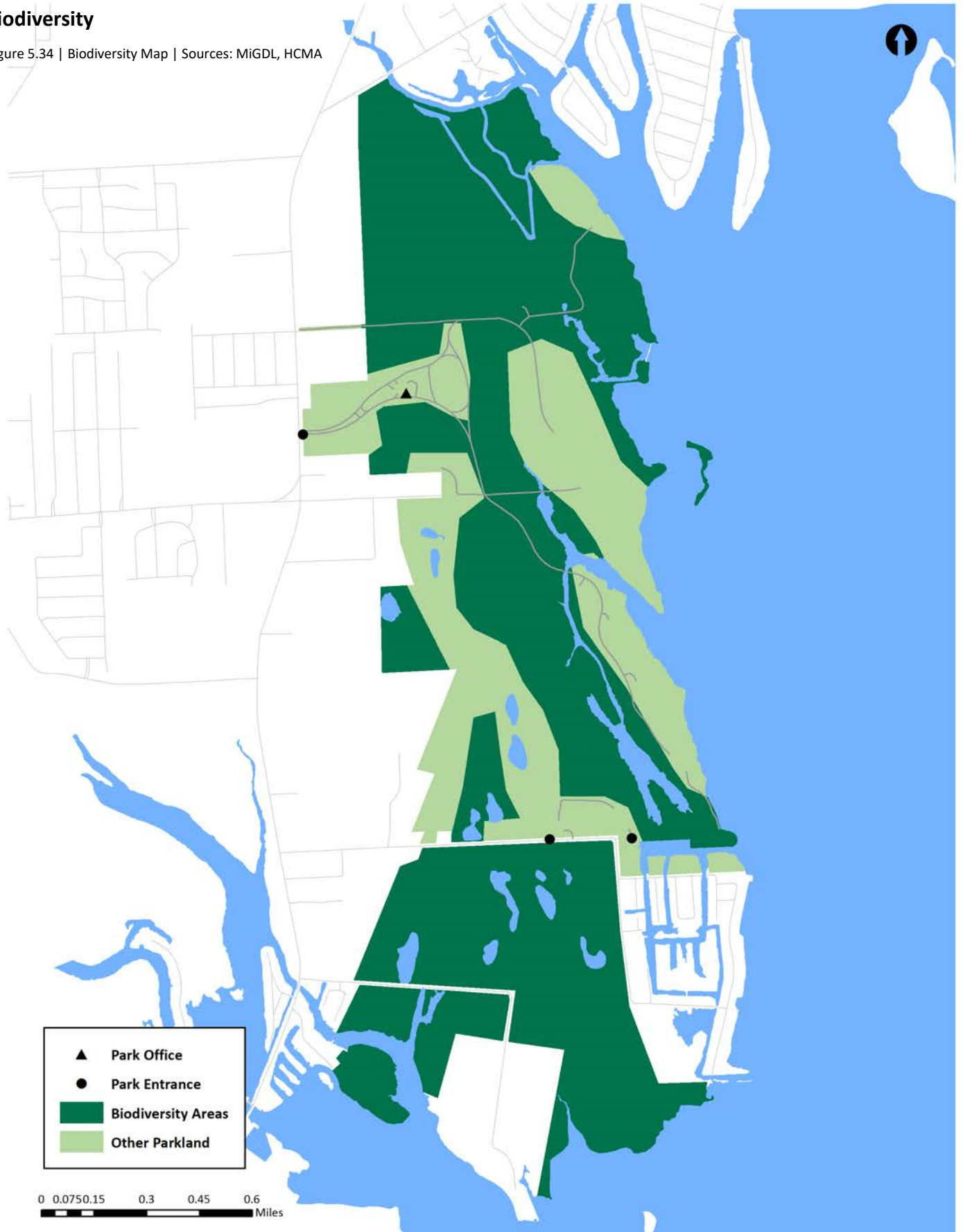
Park Overview

Figure 5.33 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



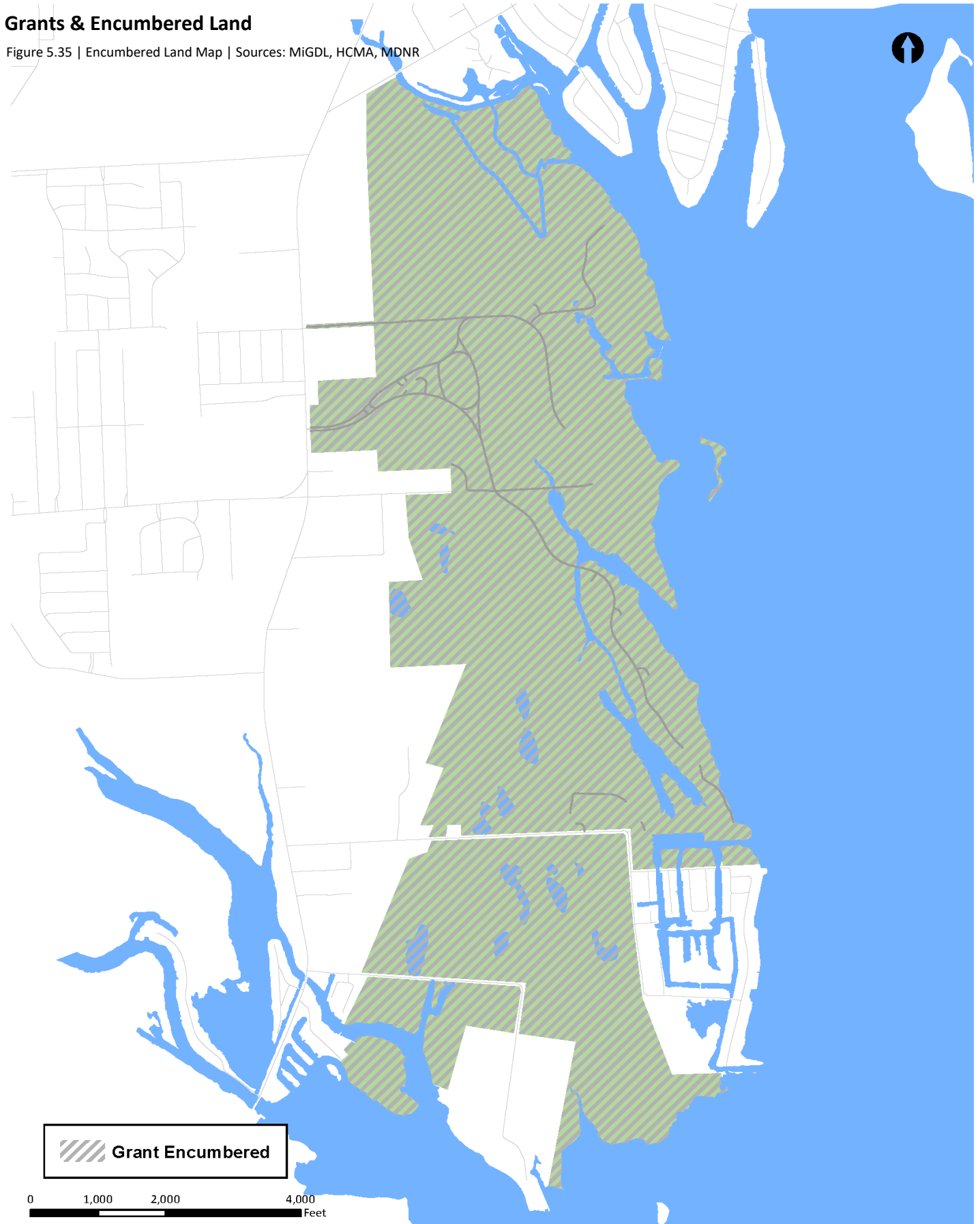
Biodiversity

Figure 5.34 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



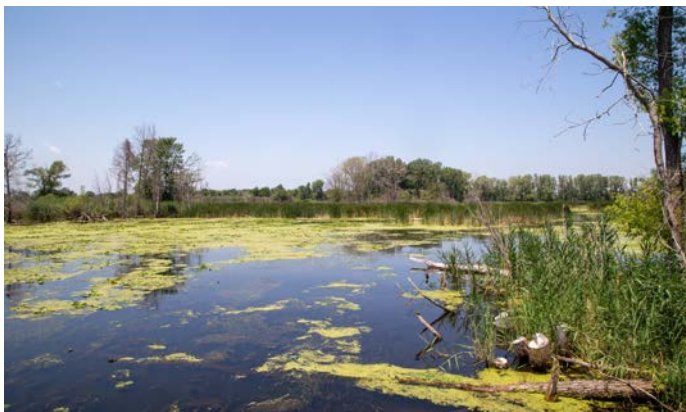
Grants & Encumbered Land

Figure 5.35 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-01383	Lake Erie Metropark Play Area	1985	Development	Closed	\$ 175,000.00	Renovated playground and additional amenities added to wave pool along with minor upgrades to pool facility
BF90-197	Lake Erie Metropark Wildfowlers Museum - Ph. 2	1990	Development	Closed	\$ 750,000.00	Continued use as museum/nature center
BF93-152	Lake Erie MP - Trail	1993	Development	Closed	\$ 115,500.00	General maintenance –no conversion
TF95-088	Shoreline Trail	1995	Development	Closed	\$ 375,000.00	General maintenance—no conversion
TF99-117	Lake Erie Metropark Marina Point Fishing Site	1999	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	Continued use –no conversion
TF01-041	Lake Erie Metropark Hike-Bike/Shoreline Trail	2001	Development	Closed	\$ 199,800.00	General maintenance– no conversion
LW 26-01822	Lake Erie Metropark Accessible Launch Development	2024	Development	Open	\$ 245,000.00	Design in progress
TF21-0016	Lake Erie Metropark Cherry Island Trail Improvements	2024	Development	Open	\$ 871,800.00	Design in progress
EPA 00E03125	Lake Erie Metropark Green Infrastructure Improvements	2025	Development	Open	\$ 657,743.00	Design in progress



WOLCOTT MILL METROPARK

Wolcott Mill Metropark is located in Macomb County in Southeast Michigan. It is approximately halfway between M-59 and the Lapeer County border. This is the largest Metropark in the system to be located solely within one municipality, in this case Ray Township.

At its northernmost extent Wolcott Mill reaches 31 Mile. Its eastern boundary is Ray Center Road, to the west it nearly reaches Romeo Plank, and to the south it extends to 26 Mile. The park is situated on the North Branch of the Clinton River.

Unlike other Metroparks, the nodes of activity in Wolcott Mill are not connected by roads. Each one is accessible through a separate park entrance, and to drive from one to another requires exiting the park. Although these nodes will likely remain separated for vehicular traffic in the near future, plans are underway to improve non-motorized connections among the various centers of activity.

The historic nature of the park means that the average building age is much higher than that of other parks in the system. Several date back to the mid-1800s. Preservation of these structures is important and pose special maintenance challenges.

Cultural History

The gristmill that gives this park its name dates back to the mid-1800s, when milling was an essential industry in Michigan and Macomb County. The mill was built in 1845 by one of the important early families in the county, the Freemans, and passed through several other hands before being sold to Frederick Beech Wolcott in 1878.

After Wolcott’s death in 1921, his children continued operation of the mill, converting to electrical power and selling flour to bakeries in Detroit. The mill closed in 1968, was briefly planned as an agricultural campus for Macomb Community College, suffered vandalism and the removal of the house structure, and was transferred to HCMA ownership in 1979.

Activities

- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Camping
- Learning about farm animals and history
- Picnicking
- Photography

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	2850

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	9 / 120
Service bldgs / avg age	3 / 44
Comfort stations / avg age	3 / 83
Road miles	1.82
Parking lot acreage	4.13
Playgrounds	1
Percent of park mowed	2.1
Picnic shelters	3
Sand volleyball courts	1
Baseball fields	0
Fishing platforms	1
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	0

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	0
Nature Trails	3.03
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	8.62
Cross Country Ski Trails	0
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	15.83
Total	27.48

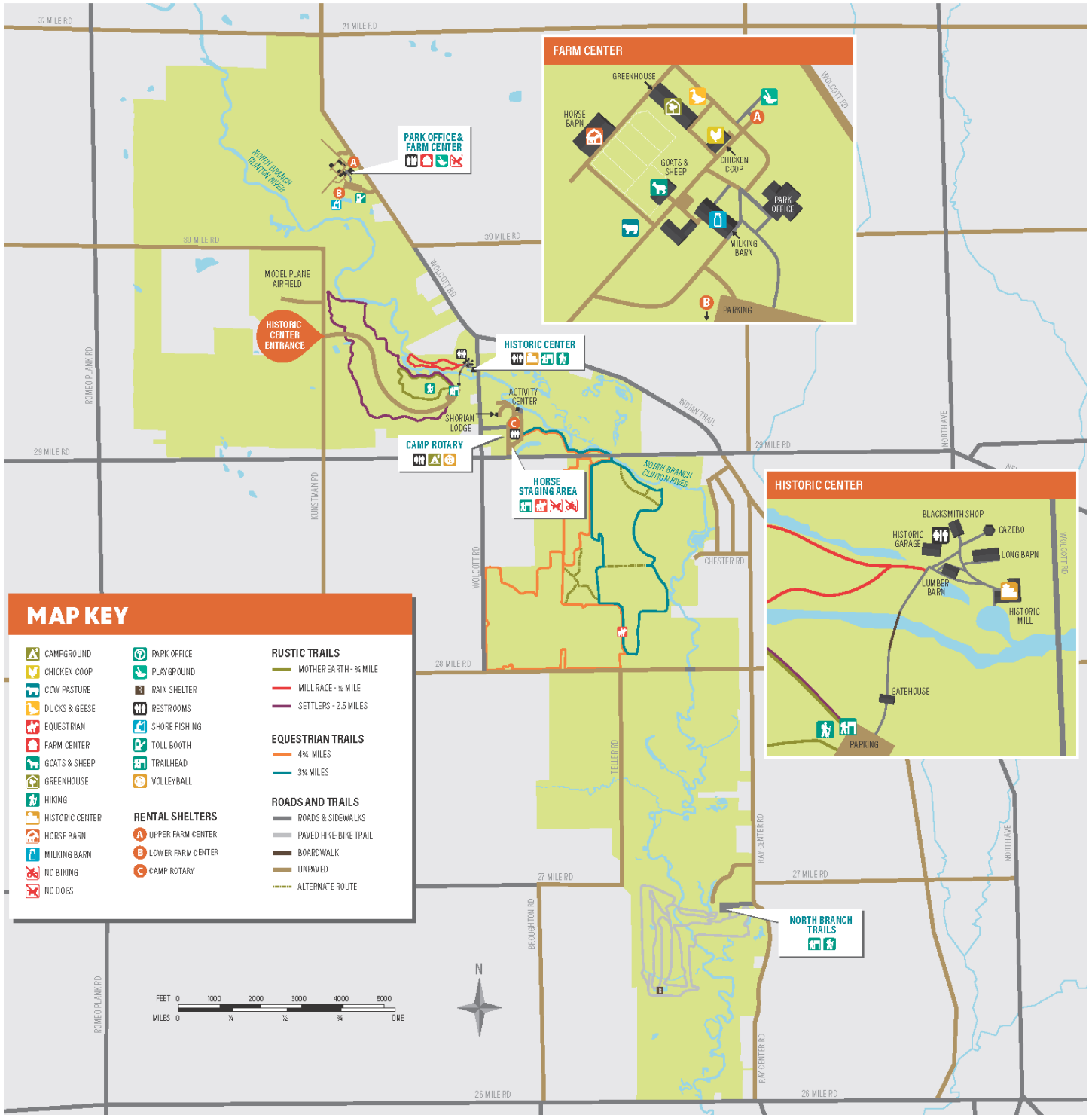
Community Plans

Ray Township	
Master Plan Update	2016



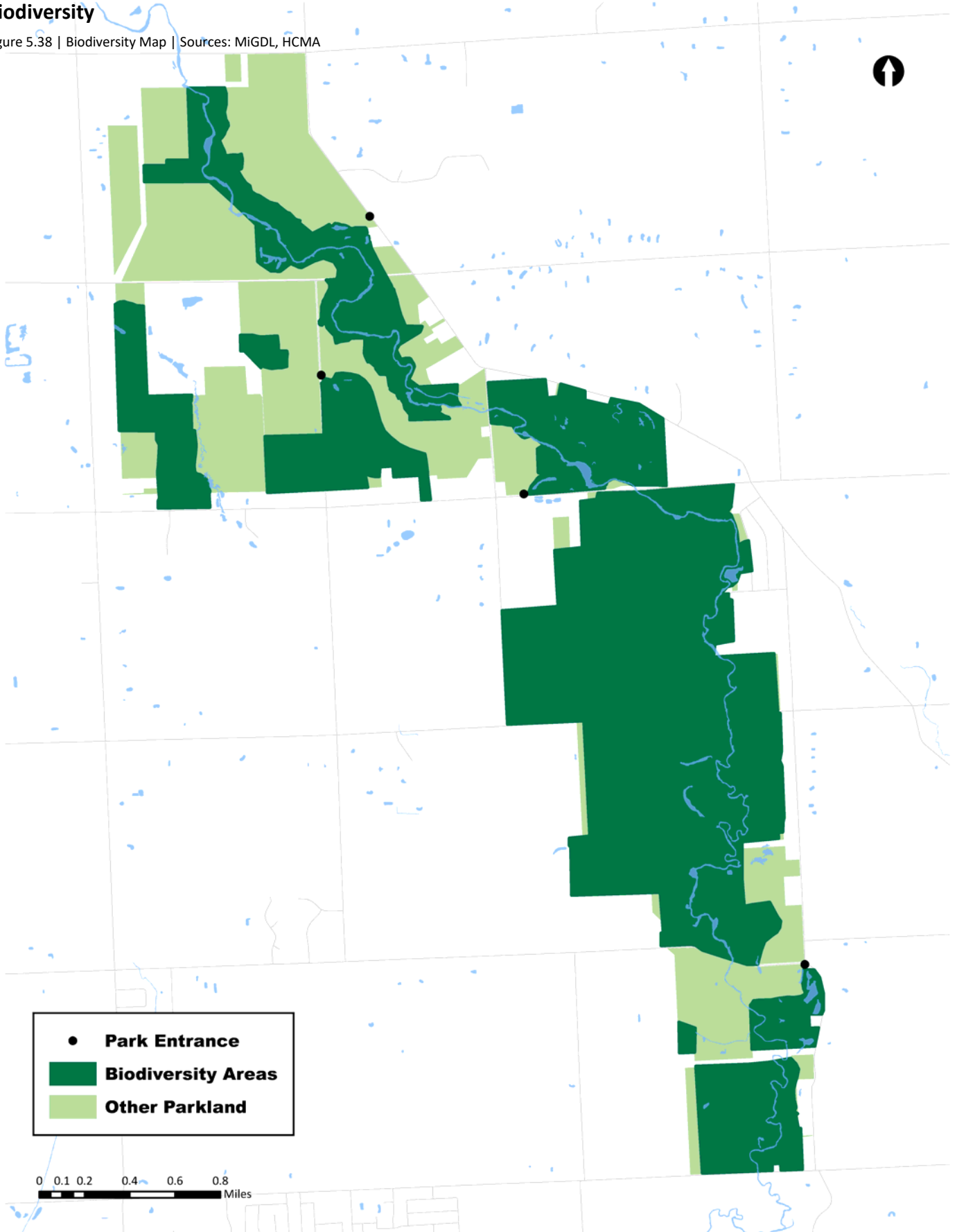
Park Overview

Figure 5.37 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



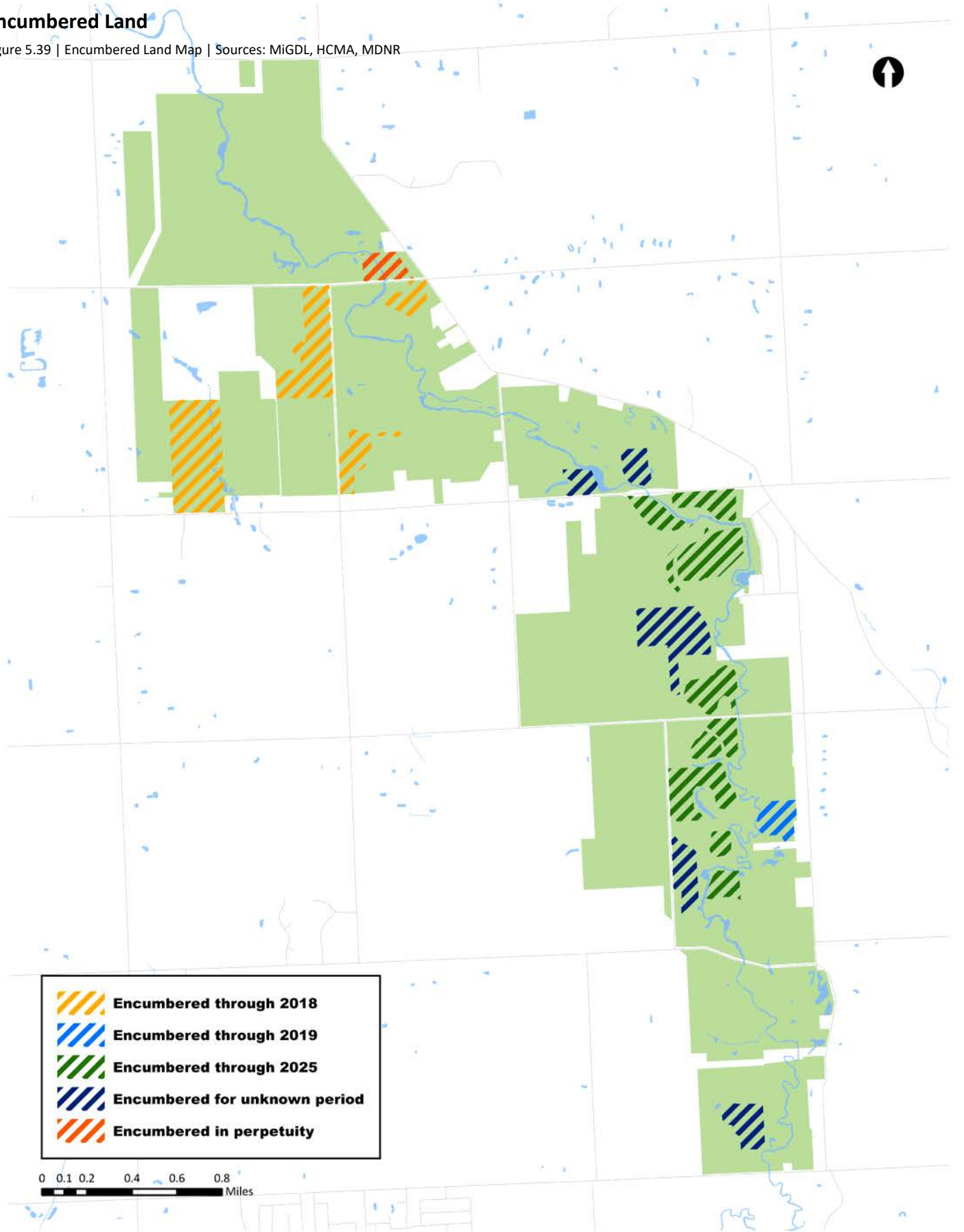
Biodiversity

Figure 5.38 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.39 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Encumbered through	Type	Amount	Current Condition
26-00857	Conversion Mitigation—Stony Creek	2012	Perpetuity	Mitigation	-	No conversion of use
-	USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Native Prairie Restoration*	2008	2018	Restoration	\$16,653	Maintained
-	EPA GLRI Floodplain Restoration*	2016	unknown	Restoration	\$352,147	Maintained
-	DEQ Section 9 Grant /USFWS Floodplain Restoration*	2015-16	2025	Restoration	\$290,960	Maintained
-	DTE Community Forests Grant Forest Restoration*	2016	2019	Restoration	\$6,186	Maintained

*These grants were not awarded through the LWCF, Trust Fund, Clean Michigan, or Recreation Bond programs.



INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK

Indian Springs Metropark is located in the western half of Oakland County. Most of the park is within Springfield Township, but the southern portion extends into White Lake Township.

At its northernmost extent, Indian Springs nearly reaches Big Lake Road. To the east it runs along the railroad line and reaches Crosby lake, to the west it extends beyond Hillsboro Road, and its southern boundary is White Lake Road and Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area. The park is situated in the Upper Huron watershed, at the headwaters of the river.

Indian Springs is primarily used for hiking, golf, cross country skiing, and family outings. The Spray 'n' Play has several children's attractions for family enjoyment, such as a climbing wall, playground, and splash pad. The Environmental Discovery Center features an underwater pond viewing room and helps visitors of all ages learn about the high-quality habitat preserved through this park. It also provides a beautiful rental space for special events.

Cultural History

About 12,000 years ago, Native Americans were the first to walk the land around Indian Springs Metropark, creating foot trails through what is now Oakland County. During the 1800s, European settlers arrived to find land rich with rivers, lakes, prairies, and dense white pine forests – perfect for farms, new homes and settlements. The foot trails became roads while prairies became farms. Pine forests were cut and non-native plants and animals were introduced, changing the character of the land.

In 1833, the Garner brothers from New York traveled the foot trails from Pontiac, slept outside overnight, and likely built a temporary shelter on the way to their new property. They were one of the first families to settle in this area.

Activities

- Cross country skiing in winter
- Exploring the Environmental Discovery Center
- Strolling the nature trails and native plant garden
- Picnicking with family and friends
- Horseback riding
- Spending time at the Spray 'n' Play
- Enjoying a round of golf
- Holding weddings and events at the banquet facility

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	2509
Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / avg age	3 / 30
Service bldgs / avg age	4 / 29
Comfort stations / age	1 / 26
Road miles	3.44
Parking lot acreage	4.74
Playgrounds	2
Percent of park mowed	2.7
Picnic shelters	5
Sand volleyball courts	2
Baseball fields	1
Fishing platforms	0
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	0
Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	5.08
Nature Trails	7.27
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Equestrian Trails	2.81
Cross Country Ski Trails	11.49
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	6.98
Total	33.63

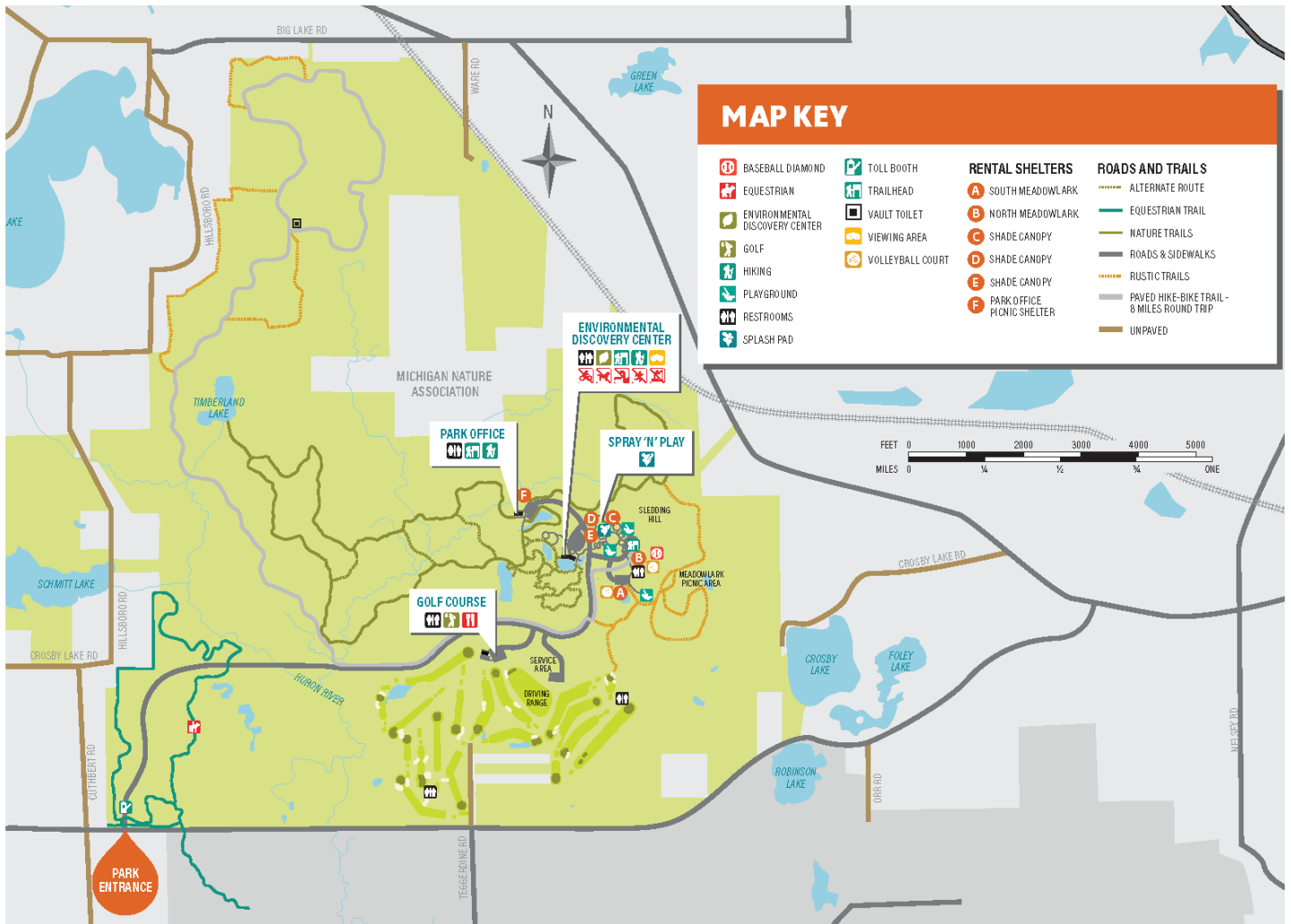
Community Plans

Springfield Township	
Parks and Recreation Plan	2019
White Lake Township	
Master Plan for Land Use	2010



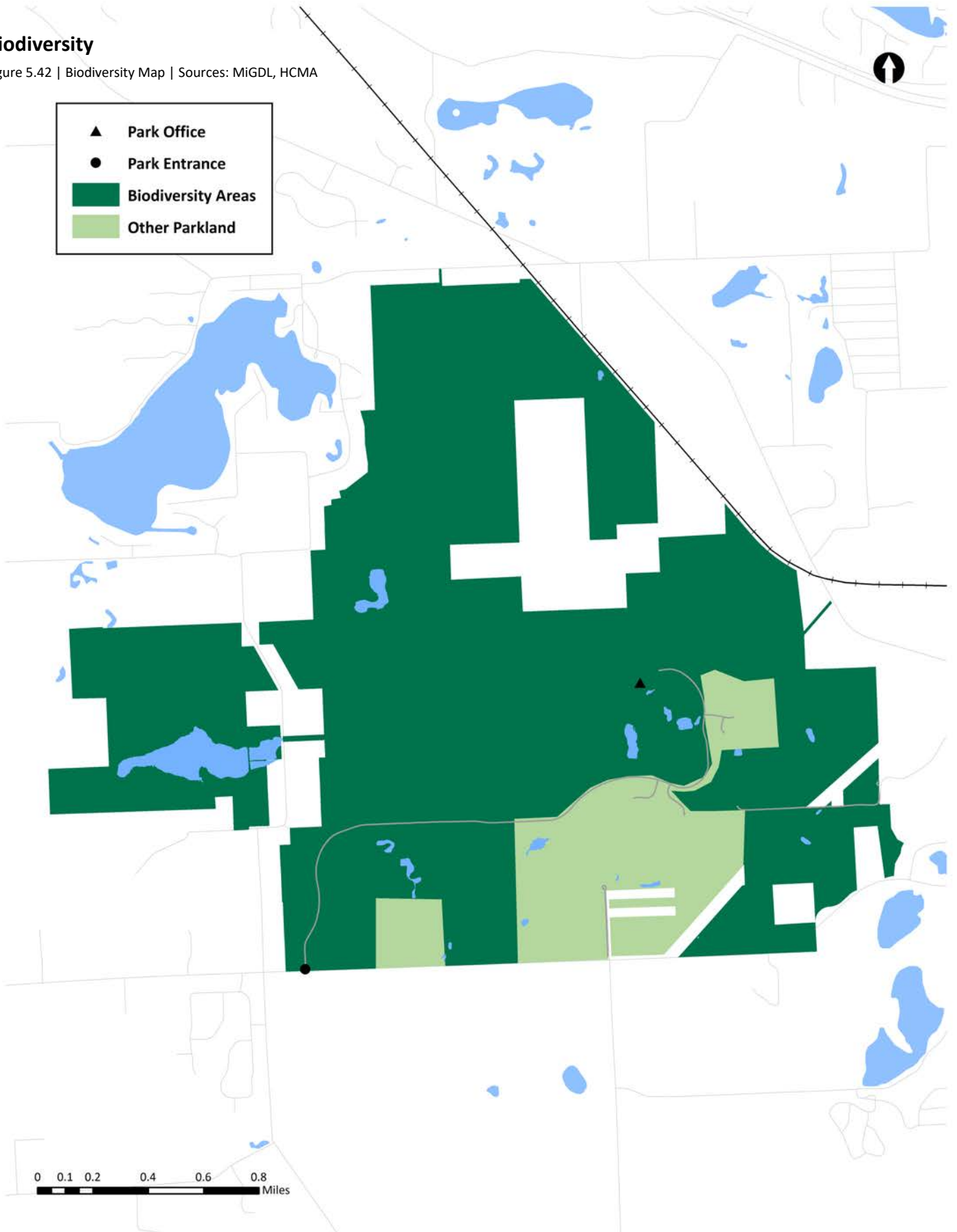
Park Overview

Figure 5.41 | General Map | Sources: MIGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.42 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



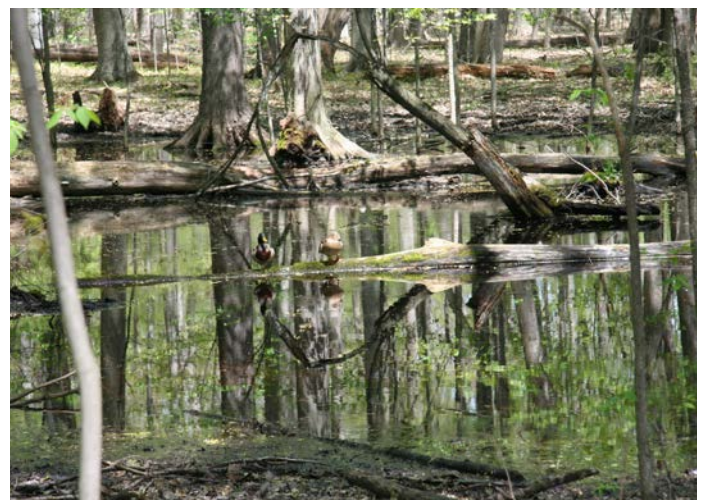
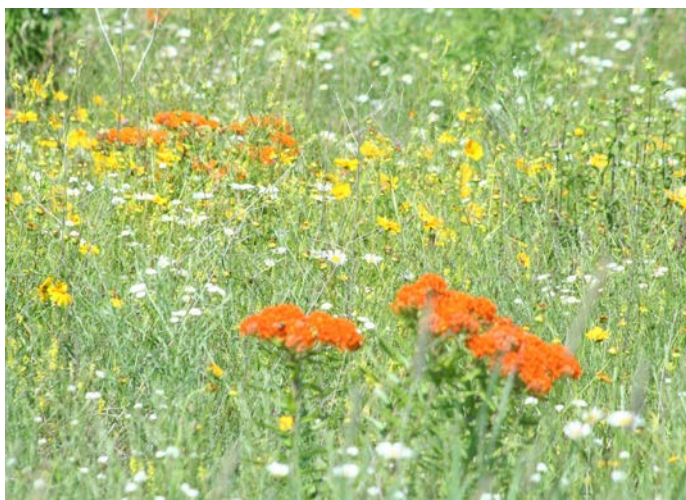
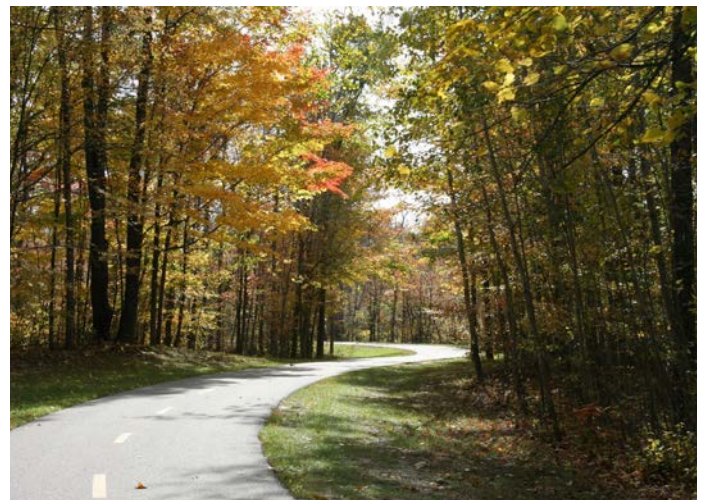
Encumbered Land

Figure 5.43 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
26-01490	Indian Springs Nature Trail	1992	Development	Closed	\$ 65,000.00	Amenities added
TF07-028	Indian Springs Metropark Land Acquisition	2007	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 1,426,000.00	Continued use for hiking and nature observation



HURON MEADOWS METROPARK

Huron Meadows Metropark is located in Livingston County, near its southern border with Washtenaw County. All of the park is within Greek Oak Township, and it abuts Hamburg Township.

At its northernmost extent, Huron Meadows reaches Maltby Road. To the east it borders Whitmore Lake Road and US-23, to the west it extends about halfway between Rickett and Hamburg Roads, and its southern boundary is Winans Lake Road. The park is situated on the Chain of Lakes creekshed within the Huron River watershed.

Huron Meadows is primarily used for hiking, fishing, paddling, skiing, picnic outings, and golf. Cross-country skiing has become an extremely popular activity at this park due to the extensive, well-maintained trails. This requires trail maintenance and grooming, as well as snow-making in dry periods.

Cultural History

The area enclosed by Huron Meadows Metropark was the first land to be tilled by settlers in Livingston County. Stephen Lee and Almon Maltby arrived in Michigan from New York to take advantage of the fertile soils. Lee built a saw mill on Ore Creek, north of the park, in what is now Downtown Brighton. Their children, Hannibal Lee and Henry Maltby, purchased more land in the area for agriculture and grazing. Other land holders purchased land south of where Hammel road is now, but the 1832 Black Hawk War in Illinois and Wisconsin stirred fears, and the land changed hands several times.

The land that is now the golf course and Maltby Lake area was acquired in 1977, completing Huron Meadows Metropark. The herd of cattle and bison that grazed here are gone, replaced by white-tailed deer and Canada geese. Because the land was never heavily developed, many portions of the park are rich in biodiversity.

Activities

- Exploring the rustic hiking trails
- Cross country skiing in winter
- Canoeing and kayaking on the Huron
- Picnicking with family and friends
- Fishing on the pier
- Playing volleyball, baseball, soccer, and more
- Enjoying a round of golf

Statistics

Park Classification	
Park Type	Regional/Metropolitan
Park Size (Acres)	1573

Infrastructure	
Public bldgs / age	1 / 22
Service bldgs / avg age	3 / 28
Comfort stations / avg age	2 / 19
Road miles	2.12
Parking lot acreage	3.49
Playgrounds	2
Percent of park mowed	2.8
Picnic shelters	3
Sand volleyball courts	2
Baseball fields	1
Fishing platforms	2
Tennis courts	0
Ice skating rinks	0
Basketball courts	0
Public canoe/kayak launches	1

Trail Miles	
Hike-Bike Trails	0
Nature Trails	0
Rustic Hiking Trails	9.45
Equestrian Trails	0
Cross Country Ski Trails	12.67
Mountain Bike Trails	0
Other Paths	7.95
Total	30.07

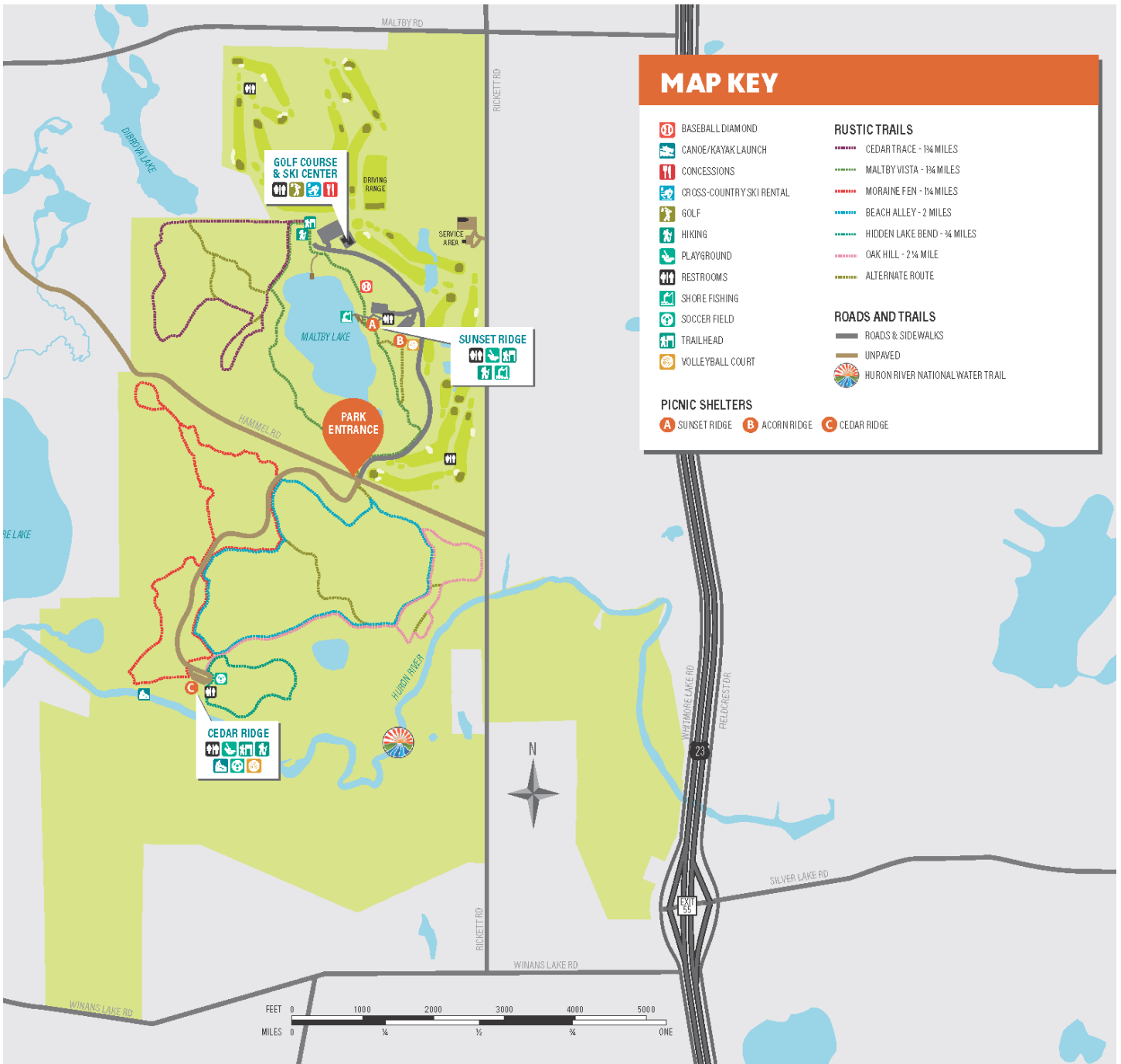
Community Plans

Green Oak Township	
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	2021
Master Plan	2014



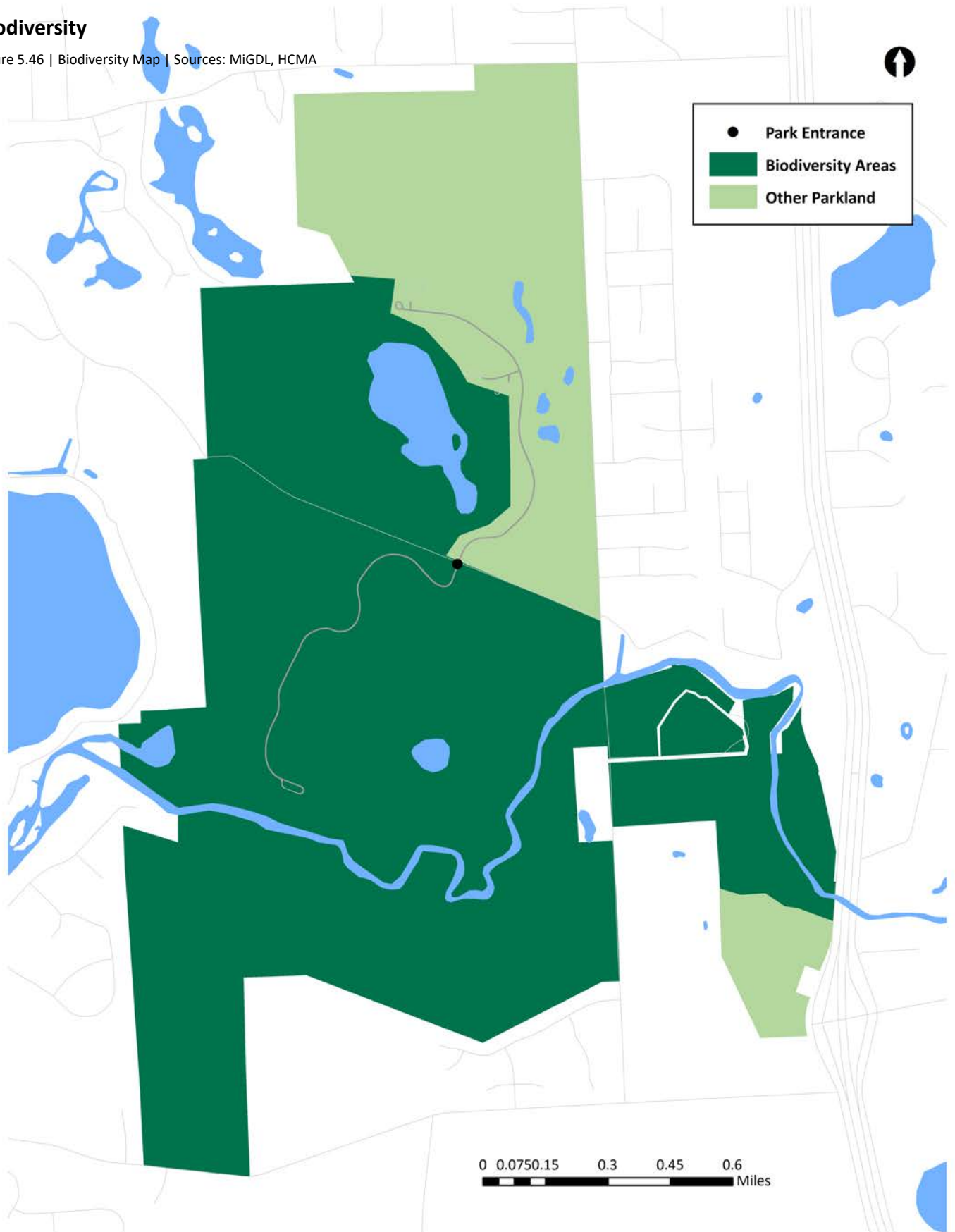
Park Overview

Figure 5.45 | General Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Biodiversity

Figure 5.46 | Biodiversity Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA



Encumbered Land

Figure 5.47 | Encumbered Land Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, MDNR



Grant History

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
26-00201	South Metropolitan Parkway (Huron Meadows)	1970	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 7,000.00	Maintained within park boundary—no conversion
TF99-118	Maltby Lake Access and Play Area	1999	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	General maintenance



South Marina Recreational Harbor

The South Marina Recreational Harbor is one of two marina basins, located on the southeast side at Lake St. Clair Metropark (Figure 5.1). The marina includes fixed finger piers, seawall, an accessible floating dock, a restroom with showers, kiosk, lighted walkway and associated utilities.

Purpose

The marina overall purpose is to better serve the public by providing a family-friendly, accessible marina that boaters and park patrons can enjoy for generations. The park hosts events throughout the season, including the Metro Boat Show which hosts vendors in and around the marina and is open to the public.

Size

The marina has 48 slips including 2 accessible slips and additional 8 spaces along the seawall, all for transient boaters. While boaters are certainly the primary focus in design, the Metroparks recognize that the marina is often used by park walkers, anglers during the off-season, and for visitors attending one of many events that occur in this space hosting several world-class fishing tournaments.

ADA Evaluation

The marina currently does not meet all guidelines for ADA accessibility. The South Marina restroom and kiosk service building are in need of accessibility improvements based on staff ADA evaluation of all facilities in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
MBIA Boat Show	Annually
Pro Fishing Tournaments	Annually
Water Lantern Festival	Annually

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slip maintenance	\$2,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, equipment	\$1,500
Annual Services	Cost
Utility Bills	\$2,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
Slip repairs (annual)	\$1,000

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	Adjust door to self close, change toilet door for ADA	TBD
2025	Lower kiosk service counter for	TBD
2026	None	NA
2027	Adult changing room	TBD

North Marina Recreational Harbor

The North Marina Recreational Harbor is one of two marina basins, located on the north side at Lake St. Clair Metropark (Figure 5.1). The marina includes fixed finger piers, seawall, a nearby comfort station and picnic shelter, lighted walkway and associated utilities.

Purpose

The North Marina has been closed for the last few seasons due to recent high water levels and general facility deterioration. When in operation, the North Marina serves as a transient facility and is mainly popular among powerboaters. The marina renovation planned will serve the Macomb County and Great Lakes region by helping to retain jobs in the marine, fishing, and event industries. The park hosts events throughout the season, including the Metro Boat Show which hosts vendors in and around the marina and is open to the public.

Size

The marina has 48 slips total, all for transient boaters when in operation. While boaters are certainly the primary focus in design, the Metroparks recognize that the marina is often used by park walkers, anglers during the off-season, and for visitors attending one of many events that occur in this space including the Metro Boat Show and several world-class fishing tournaments.

ADA Evaluation

The marina currently does not meet all guidelines for ADA accessibility. The North Marina comfort station, walkways, parking lot, and boat slips are all in need of accessibility improvements based on staff ADA evaluation of all facilities in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
MBIA Boat Show	Annually
Pro Fishing Tournaments	Annually
Water Lantern Festival	Annually

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slip maintenance, grass mowing	\$4,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, equipment	\$1,500
Annual Services	Cost
Utility Bills	\$2,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
Slip repairs (annual)	\$1,000

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023-2024	Design and permitting	\$300,000
2025-2027	Marina Renovation Project (replace fixed piers with floating docks, rebuilding retaining wall, raising and rebuilding the promenade,	\$5,000,000

Daysail Launch– Boating Access Site

The Daysail Launch is located on the southwest side at Lake St. Clair Metropark (Figure 5.1). The daysail launch is used predominantly for jet skis with ample parking and nearby picnic areas.

Purpose

The Daysail launch mainly serves as a jet ski launch as well as for ice fishing in the winter months.

Size

The Daysail Launch area is located just south of the par-3 golf course with a concrete ramp 30 feet wide by 15 feet length in size along with a 8 foot wide by 40 foot length skid pier that is connected to the parking lot area.

ADA Evaluation

The Daysail Launch accessible parking spaces need to be relocated along with accessible connectivity to surrounding restrooms and picnic areas.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2025	Restroom and trail accessibility Improvements	\$500,000
2026	None	NA
2027	Accessibility improvements to skid pier, concrete ramp, and seawall restoration	TBD

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Skid pier maintenance	\$1,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, equipment	\$1,500
Annual Services	Cost
Utility Bills	\$2,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
Seawall, skid pier, concrete ramp	TBD

Boat Launch– Boating Access Site

The Boat launch is located on the north side at Lake St. Clair Metropark (Figure 5.1). The boat launch is situated on the Black Creek Marsh for access with kayaks and stand up paddle boards.

Purpose

The purpose of the boat launch is to enhance public access at Lake St. Clair for universal access for paddling opportunities. Paddlers can launch free of charge and access Lake St. Clair or the Clinton River, via the Black Creek Marsh. Paddlers can also rent kayaks if needed and participate in many interpretive and stewardship programs provided by the Metroparks and our partners.

Size

The accessible launch includes an 18 foot by 50 foot dock with 30 foot length gangway. In addition, the accessible launch is connected to ADA parking with trailer spaces, a sand launch, ADA port-a-johns, and green space.

ADA Evaluation

The boat launch was recently constructed in 2022 with assistance from grant partnerships and built to be universally accessible.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
MBIA Boat Show	Annually
Interpretive and stewardship programs	Annually

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
General maintenance	\$2,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
None	NA
Annual Services	Cost
None	NA

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2025	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	None	NA

Mitten Bay Docking

The Mitten Bay Docking facility is situated within Mitten Bay along the east side of Kensington Metropark (Figure 5.5). The boat docking includes spring piles, seawall, a nearby restroom and picnic shelter, lighted walkway and associated utilities.

Purpose

The Mitten Bay Docking area provides seasonal dockage for boating recreation on Kent Lake . In 2015, a total of 18 finger piers were removed from Mitten Bay due to structural deficiencies. Pontoon boats are predominantly the type of boats that rent space during the summer season.

Size

The docking facility has 72 spring piles in total for boaters to have access to Kent Lake. Parking is provided for 50 spaces.

ADA Evaluation

The boat docking facility currently does not meet all guidelines for ADA based on staff ADA evaluation in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
None	NA

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
General maintenance	\$2,556
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, equipment	\$1,500
Annual Services	Cost
Lawn care, parking lot maintenance	\$6,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
Pile repairs	\$1,000

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
Structural monitoring and redevelopment	TBD

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	Structural monitoring	TBD
2024	Structural monitoring	TBD
2025	Structural monitoring	TBD
2026	Structural monitoring	TBD
2027	Redevelopment Plan	TBD

West Boat Launch

The West Boat Launch facility at Kensington Metropark is located just north of the golf course along the southwest shoreline of Kent Lake (Figure 5.5). The facility includes finger piers, accessible floating canoe/kayak launch with gangway, peastone/sand launch area, parking, picnic table and grills, walkways and a vault latrine restroom.

Purpose

The purpose of the recently improved boat launch is to provide accessibility for public access at Kent Lake for paddling opportunities in addition to the boat ramp. Paddlers can launch free of charge and access Kent Lake which is on the National Huron River Water Trail.

Size

The boat launch includes a concrete ramp for boats with 3 finger piers, an accessible floating canoe/kayak launch, and is book-ended with 2 sand launch areas which totals approximately 140 linear feet of shoreline. The footprint of the accessible floating canoe/kayak launch is approximately 15 feet by 25 feet.

ADA Evaluation

The accessibility improvements completed in 2022 has the facility currently meeting all guidelines for ADA accessibility. Accessibility goals are related to the 2017 community recreation plan and staff ADA evaluation of all facilities in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
Dozens of fishing tournaments	Annual

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slips and kayak launch maintenance	\$5,112
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, tools and equipment	\$750
Annual Services	Cost
Utility bills, lawn care	\$3,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2025	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	None	NA

East Boat Launch

The East Boat Launch facility at Kensington Metropark is located just south of Martindale Beach along the southeast shoreline of Kent Lake (Figure 5.5). The facility includes docks, launch ramps, parking, nearby picnic areas, walkways and a restroom.

Purpose

The purpose of the recently improved boat launch is to provide accessibility for public access at Kent Lake for paddling opportunities in addition to the boat ramp. Paddlers can launch free of charge and access Kent Lake which is on the National Huron River Water Trail.

Size

The boat launch includes a concrete ramp for boats with 4 finger piers, sailboat dockage, seawall, parking, picnic area with shelter, and restrooms.

ADA Evaluation

The East Boat Launch facility currently does not meet all guidelines for ADA accessibility. The finger piers, walkways, parking lot, restroom, picnic areas and boat slips are all in need of accessibility improvements based on staff ADA evaluation of all facilities in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
Dozens of fishing tournaments	Annual

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slip maintenance, opening, winterization	\$17,888
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, tools and equipment	\$750
Annual Services	Cost
Utility bills, lawn care	\$6,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2015	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	East Boat Launch Parking and	TBD

Lake Erie Marina– Recreational Harbor

The Lake Erie Marina is located near the south end of Lake Erie Metropark along the Lake Erie shoreline (Figure 5.33). The marina includes fixed dock slips, boat launch, seawall, marina building and restroom, picnic area, parking, lighted walkway and associated utilities.

Purpose

The Lake Erie

Size

The marina has more than 100 wells in total for seasonal dockage. Daily transient dockage is also available for boats up to 30 feet in length. The marina facility is connected by a paved trail to the Marina Point Observation Deck and Fishing Site, marina building with restrooms, and parking.

ADA Evaluation

The marina facility currently does not meet all guidelines for ADA accessibility. The finger piers, walkways, parking lot, restroom, picnic areas and boat slips are all in need of accessibility improvements based on staff ADA evaluation of all facilities in 2018 for the ADA Transition Plan.



Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2015	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	Marina Renovation Project (marina building renovations, boat slips, boat launch, seawall, walkway and picnic areas,	TBD

Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
Dozens of fishing tournaments	Annual

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slip maintenance, opening, winterization	\$4,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, tools and equipment	\$1,500
Annual Services	Cost
Utility bills, lawn care	\$2,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Lake Erie Boat Launch

The Boat launch is located on the north side at Lake Erie Metropark with access to the Detroit Heritage River Water Trail along the shores of Lake Erie (Figure 5.33). The boat launch includes a concrete ramp with fixed finger piers, kayak launch, boat launch restroom building, parking and picnic areas. An accessible kayak launch just north of the boat launch is being developed in 2023.

Purpose

The purpose of the boat launch is to enhance public access to the large open waters of Detroit River and Lake Erie for boating recreation and fishing opportunities.

Size

The boat launch includes 12 boat launch ramps, kayak launch, restrooms, parking, and picnic area.

ADA Evaluation

ADA improvements planned for 2023 with assistance from grant partnerships will assist in building a universally accessible kayak launch, restroom, picnic area, and parking.



Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	Accessible kayak launch improvements	\$245,000
2024	None	NA
2015	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	Boat launch selective redevelopment strategy	TBD

Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
Dozens of fishing tournaments	Annual

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slips and kayak launch maintenance	\$5,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, tools and equipment	\$750
Annual Services	Cost
Utility bills, lawn care	\$3,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Stony Creek Boat Launch

The Boat launch is located on the south end of Stony Creek Lake at Stony Creek Metropark (Figure 5.21). The boat launch includes a concrete ramp with an accessible kayak launch, boat launch restroom building, parking and picnic areas.

Purpose

The purpose of the boat launch is to enhance public access to the Stony Creek Lake for boating recreation, paddling, fishing, and ice-fishing opportunities.

Size

The boat launch includes 4 accessible piers, 8 accessible ramps, accessible kayak launch, boat launch restroom building, parking, and picnic area.

ADA Evaluation

ADA improvements were recently completed with assistance from grant partnerships for the boat launch, accessible kayak launch, restroom, picnic area, and parking lot.



Site Development Plan (2023-2027)		
Year	Action	Cost
2023	None	NA
2024	None	NA
2025	None	NA
2026	None	NA
2027	None	NA

Marketing, events, and partnerships	
Event	Year
Fishing tournaments, interpretive services programming	Annual

Dredging Statistics (2023-2027)	
Project (need, cycle, volume, disposal)	Cost
None anticipated over next 5 years	NA

Annual Maintenance Schedule	
Repairs and Maintenance	Cost
Slips and kayak launch maintenance	\$5,000
Annual Supply Cost	Cost
Restroom supplies, tools and equipment	\$750
Annual Services	Cost
Utility bills, lawn care	\$3,000

Minor Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

Large Infrastructure Maintenance Replacement Schedule	
Project	Cost
None	NA

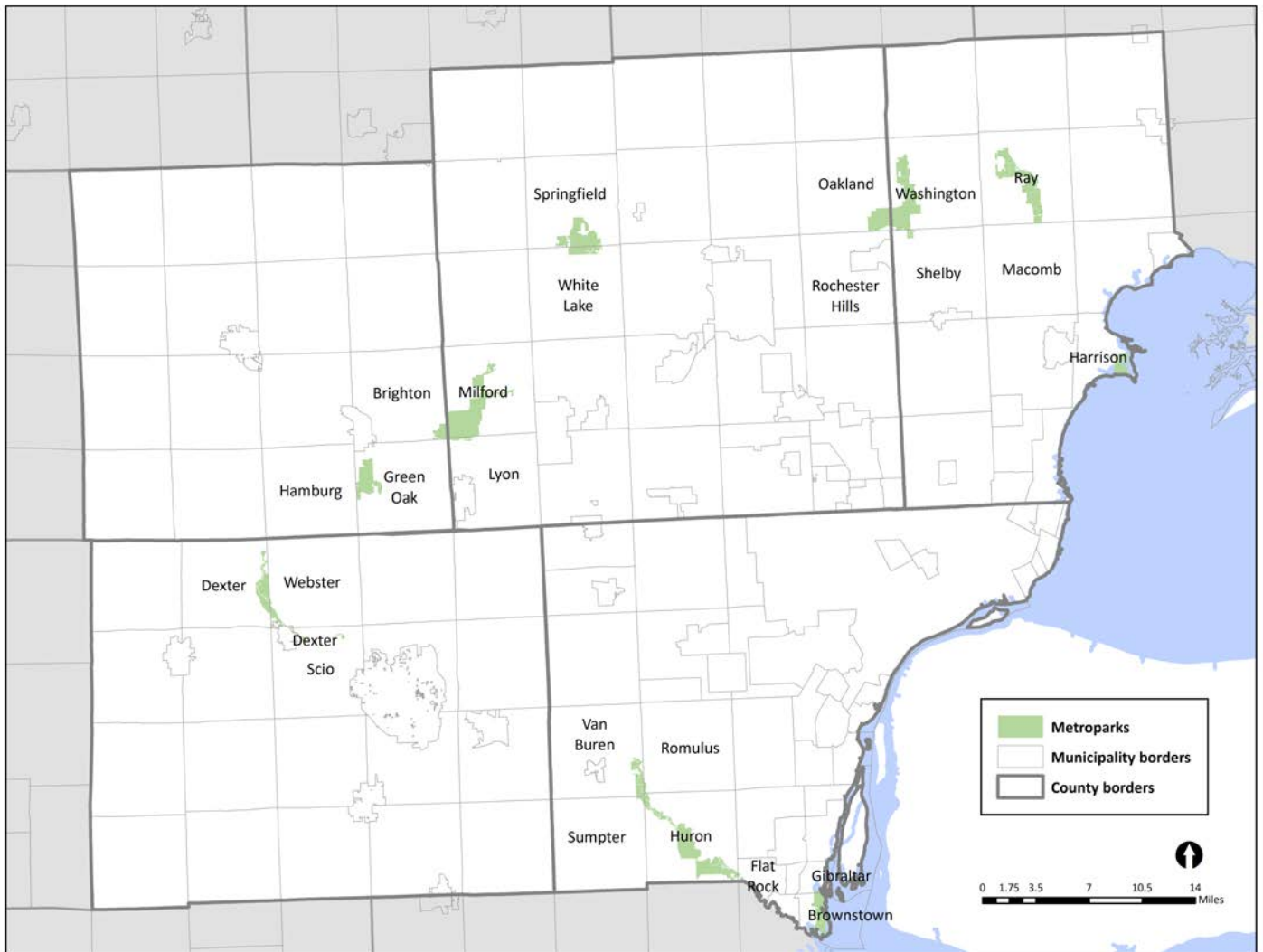


Figure 5.49 | Municipality Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA

The above map identifies all municipalities that either contain or border a Metropark. Although the Metroparks serve residents from across the five-county area, these municipalities are particularly relevant to the planning process. HCMA staff work with municipal staff to request building and signage permits, to develop trail connections, to address encroachments, and much more. The residents of these cities and townships benefit from extraordinary natural and recreation resources so close to their homes. In a region that suffers from excessive sprawl, the parks protect undeveloped land and make Southeast Michigan more beautiful.



REGIONAL RECREATION ANALYSIS

The five counties served by the Metroparks contain a wide array of recreational facilities operated by state, county, and local governments. Understanding what activities and amenities are offered at each helps the Metroparks create unique attractions that fill recreational gaps and complement existing facilities. The Metroparks welcome collaboration with other providers of recreation, as evidenced by regional trail linkages, reciprocal waterpark overflow agreements, invasive species management cooperation, and other partnerships.

Due to the large land area covered by these five counties, the following charts and maps identify only state and county recreation. The local parks throughout this region are too numerous to include, but remain important locations for daily recreational activities.

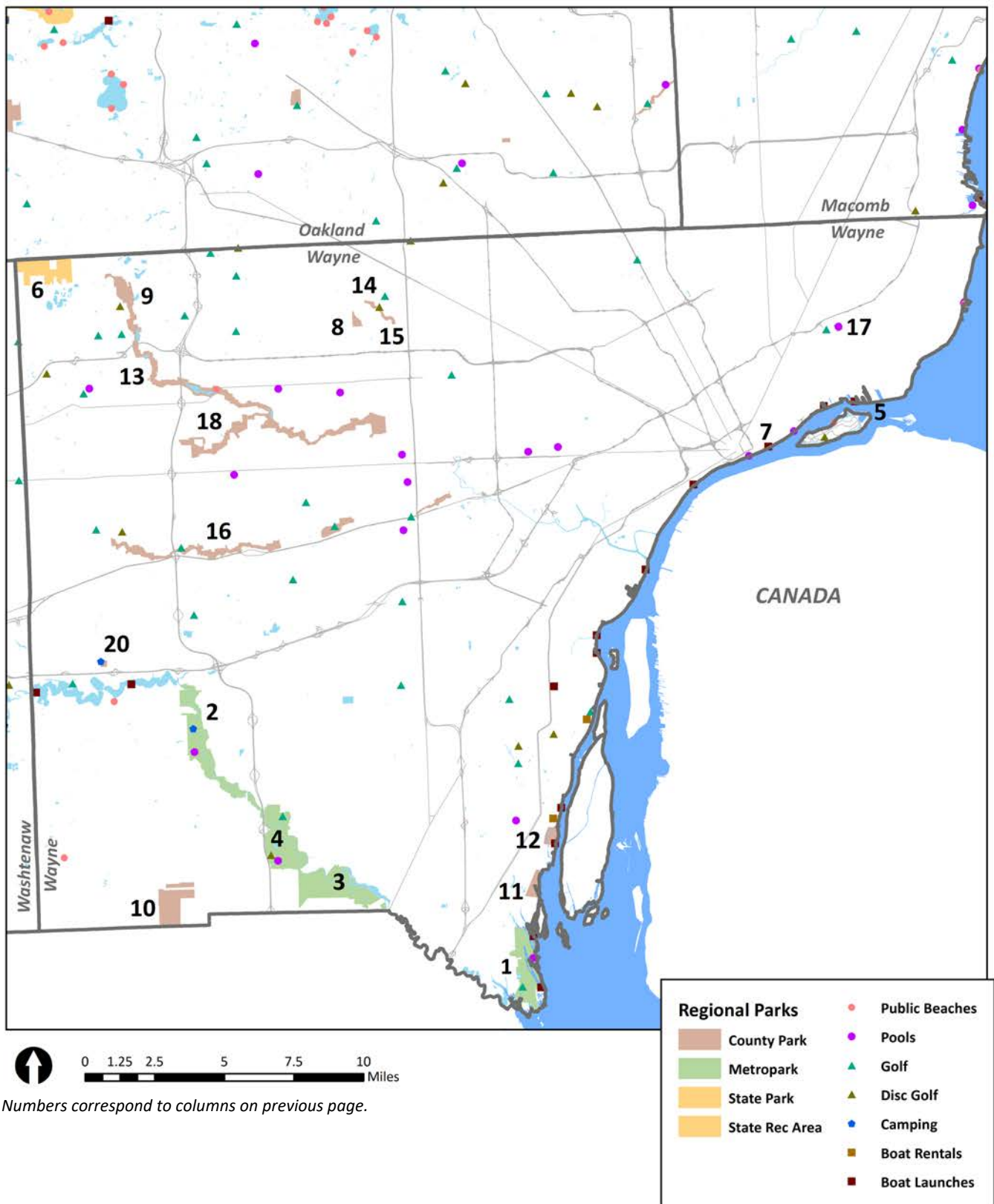
The chart for each county notes the activities and facilities available in each park as a means of comparison. These are accurate to the best knowledge of Metroparks staff, but may contain errors or omissions. The numbers at the top of each park column correspond to that park's location on the county map. These maps also highlight the distribution of select recreational facilities: public beaches, pools, golf courses, disc golf courses, campgrounds, boat launches and rental sites.



Wayne County

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION INVENTORY	ACREAGE	COUNTY																			TOTAL ACREAGE		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	28490		
ACREAGE	ACRES	1607	1256	1715	1532	6110	985	944	31	1960	78	N/A	758	6000	193	1607	N/A	110	826	35	603	10210	
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PLAYGROUNDS																							
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Figure 5.50 | Wayne County Recreation Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, Wayne County website



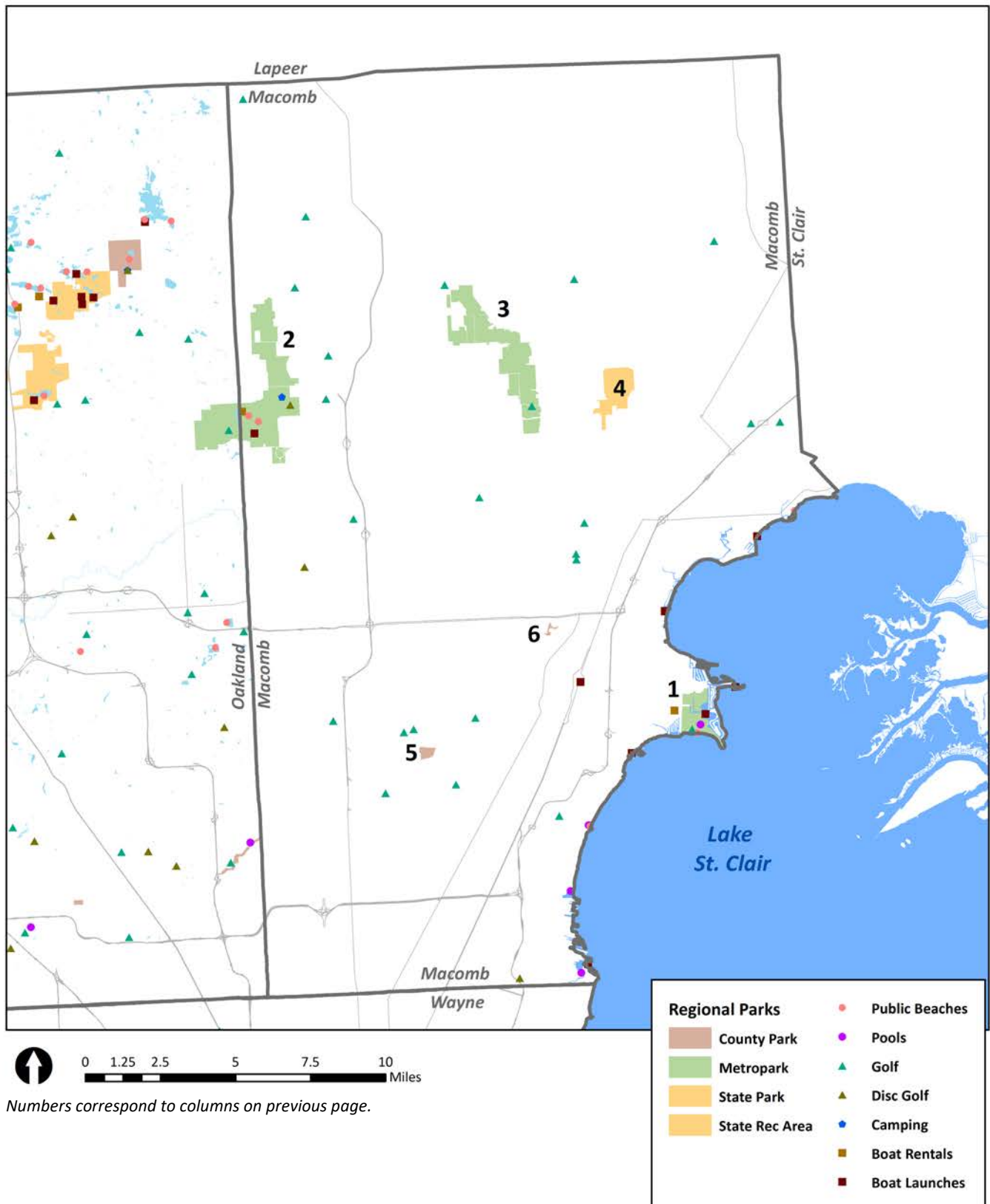
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Macomb County

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MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION INVENTORY	HCMA				MDNR		COUNTY			TOTAL ACREAGE	9174
PARK ACREAGE	ACRES	789	4435	2850	8074	ACRES	900	900	ACRES	100	100
PICNICKING											
PLAYGROUNDS											
MARKED HIKING TRAILS											
MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS											
SHARED-USE PATH (HIKE-BIKE)											
NATURE TRAILS											
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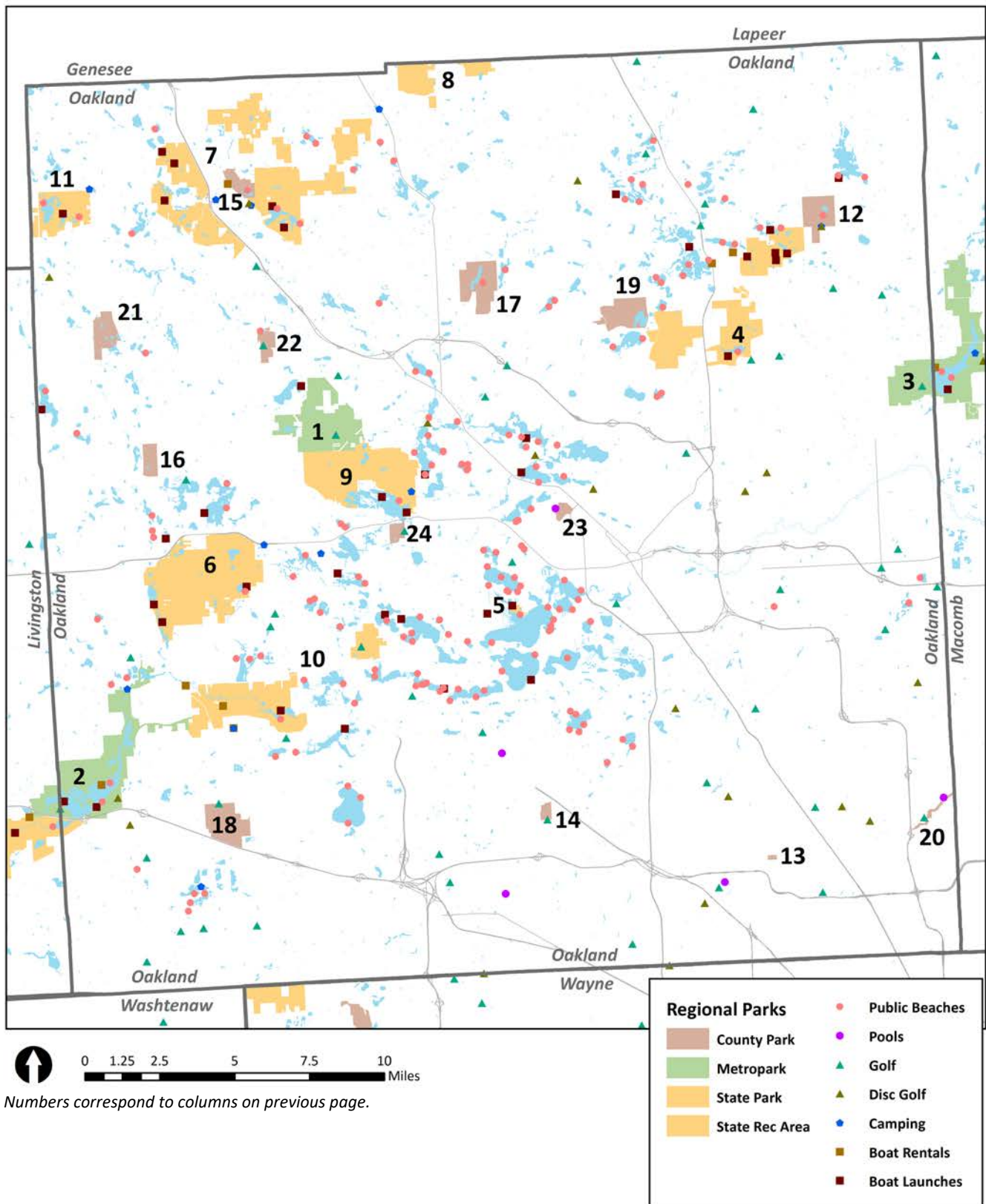
Figure 5.51 | Macomb County Recreation Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, Macomb County website



Oakland County

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OAKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION INVENTORY	Indian Springs	Kensington Metropark	Stony Creek Metropark		Bald Mountain	Dodge Park No.4	Highland Recreation	Holly Recreation Area	Ortonville Recreation	Pontiac Recreation	Proud Lake Recreation	Seven Lakes State Park		Addison Oaks	Catalpa Oaks	Glen Oaks	Groveland Oaks	Highland Oaks	Independence Oaks	Lyon Oaks	Orion Oaks	Red Oaks	Rose Oaks	Springfield Oaks	Waterford Oaks	White Lake Oaks	TOTAL ACREAGE	58636		
ACREAGE	ACRES	2509	4486	4435	ACRES	4637	139	5903	7817	5431	3745	4700	1434	1140	24	122	361	302	1286	1041	916	141	640	333	199	195	6700			
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Figure 5.52 | Oakland County Recreation Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, Oakland County website

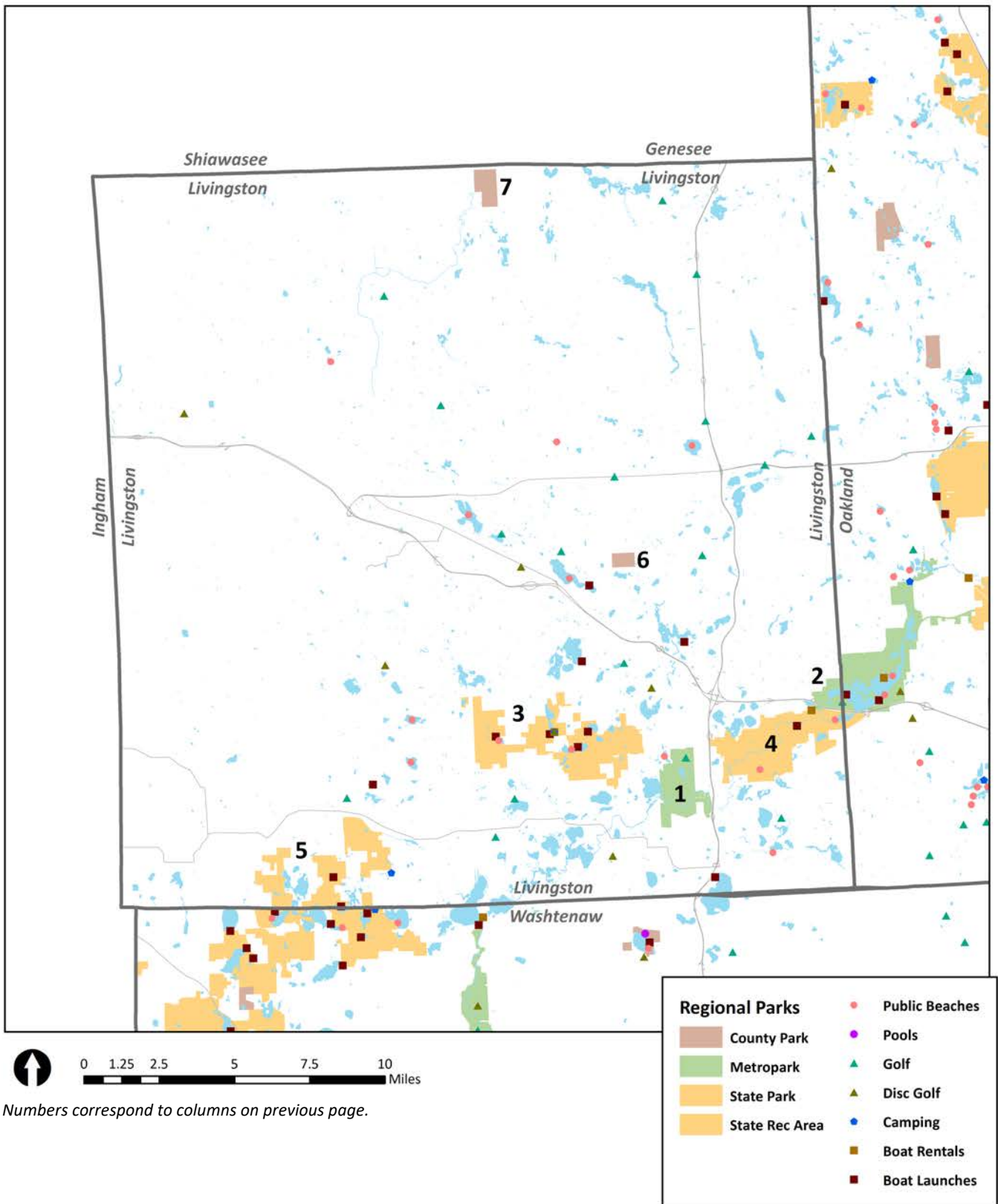


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Livingston County

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION INVENTORY	HGMA	Kensington Metropark		Brighton Rec. Area	Island Lake Rec. Area	Pinckney Rec. Area		Fillmore Park (2017)	Lutz Park		18713
ACREAGE	ACRES	4486	6059	4947	3466	3245	11658	198	300	498	
PICNICKING											
PLAYGROUNDS											
RUSTIC TRAILS											
MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS											
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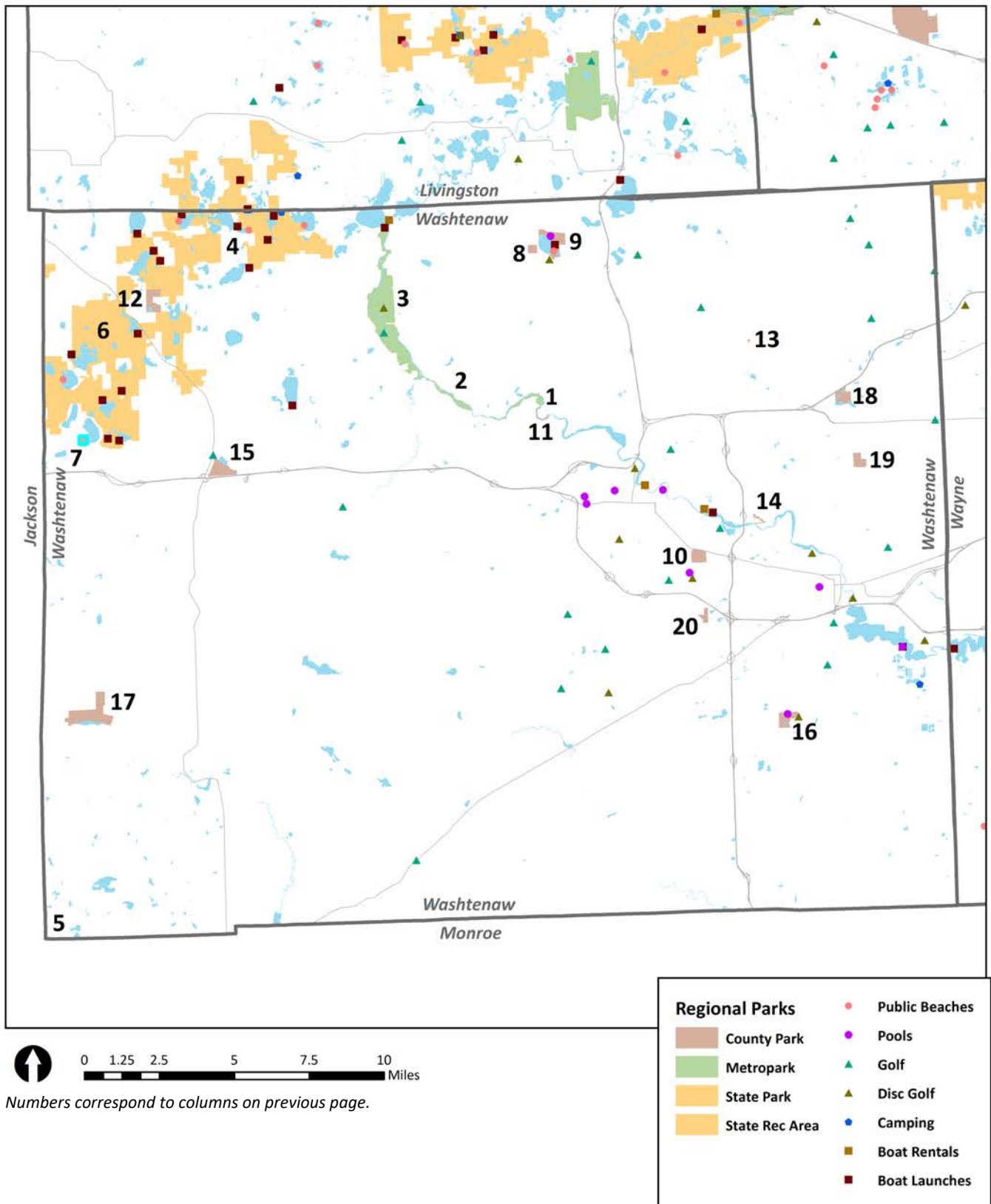
Figure 5.53 | Livingston County Recreation Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, Livingston County website



Washtenaw County

WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION INVENTORY	ACREAGE	TOTAL ACREAGE																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Delhi Metropark	52																				
Dexter-Huron	120																				
Hudson Mills Metropark	1573																				
MDNR	1745																				
Pinckney Recreation	11000																				
Walter J. Hayes St. Park	654																				
Waterloo Recreation	20500																				
COUNTY	32154																				
Cavanaugh County Park	59																				
Gosline Preserve	40																				
Independence Lake	426																				
Nelson Meade Farm	141																				
Osborne Mill Preserve	39																				
Park Lyndon County	340																				
Park Northfield	12																				
Parker Mill County Park	44																				
Pierce Lake Golf & Park	232																				
Rolling Hills	363																				
Sharon Mills	170																				
Staebler Farm County	98																				
Superior Center Park	1																				
Swift Run Dog Park	13																				
TOTAL ACREAGE	37855																				
PICNICKING																					
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Figure 5.54 | Washtenaw County Recreation Map | Sources: MiGDL, HCMA, Washtenaw County website



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6 | PLANNING PROCESS

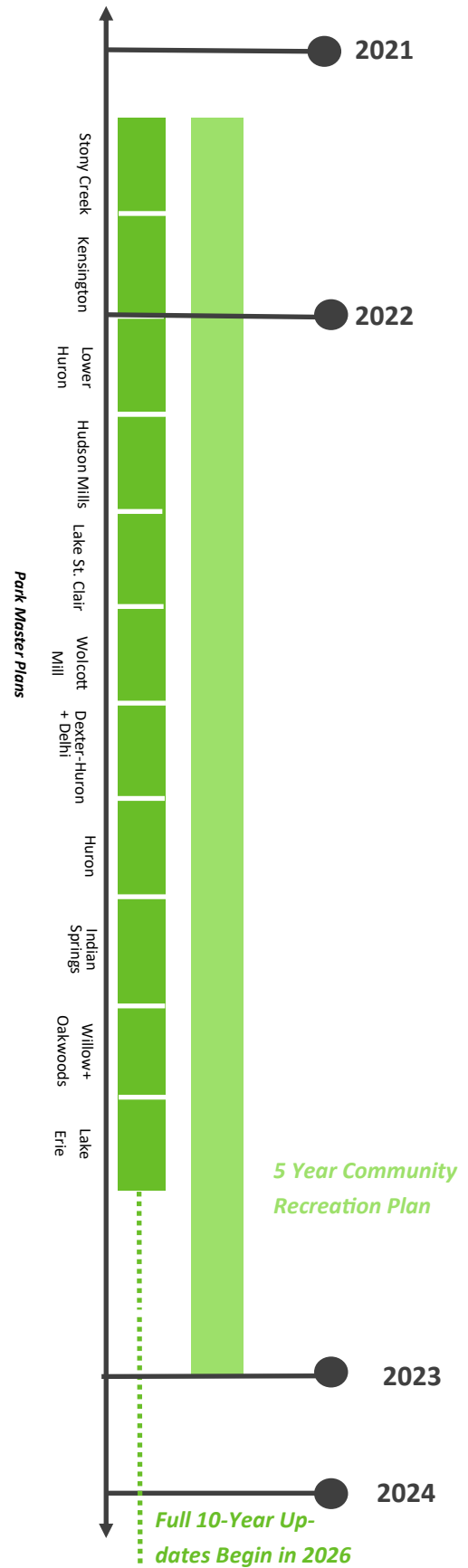
MASTER PLANS

Preceding with this update to the system-wide Five-Year Recreation Plan, the Planning Department recently completed an aggressive timeline for a five-year update to the 10 year master plans for each of the 13 Metroparks in 2022.

The five-year update is an opportunity for each of the 13 Metroparks to review their master plan and make sure it is still relevant. The review included 1) major changes to facilities, infrastructure and programming in the park; 2) updated needs and opportunities; 3) completed action items; and 4) any new actions necessary to implement the goals and policies for the park. One of the most important components is the public input collected through meetings, regional survey, and online comments. This reveals the public’s hopes and expectations for the park and significantly influences plan recommendations. A master plan steering committee was formed to include park employees with exceptional knowledge of Hudson Mills and surrounding community, who along with the experienced Metroparks department heads provide their professional opinions.

The Planning and Development Department also included updates to the demographic and spatial data to inform recommendations. Demographic data looks at the density, age, income, language, and other factors of the regional population. Spatial data, usually analyzed through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, looks at the physical location of the parks in relation to other recreation opportunities, transportation facilities, population centers, important natural resources, and more. Finally, the planning staff conducted a review of park conditions to identify areas needing improvement and areas experiencing success.

The master plans are intended to be living documents, modified as needed to reflect changing conditions in the parks. However, they focus on park developments over the following ten years, and will be updated every decade through a formal planning process similar to the current one.



RECREATION PLAN

The Five-year Recreation Plan process takes into account not only accepted recreation standards, but the diverse demographics, opportunities, and interests of the broad population the Metroparks serve. Preparation for the plan began in 2021, when the planning department worked to consolidate system-wide and regional information. The Demographic Analysis section provides a context for planning efforts, detailing the economic and social landscape of Southeast Michigan. Since the last approved plan, the department evaluated facilities at each park for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance (detailed assessments are provided in the ADA Transition Plan).

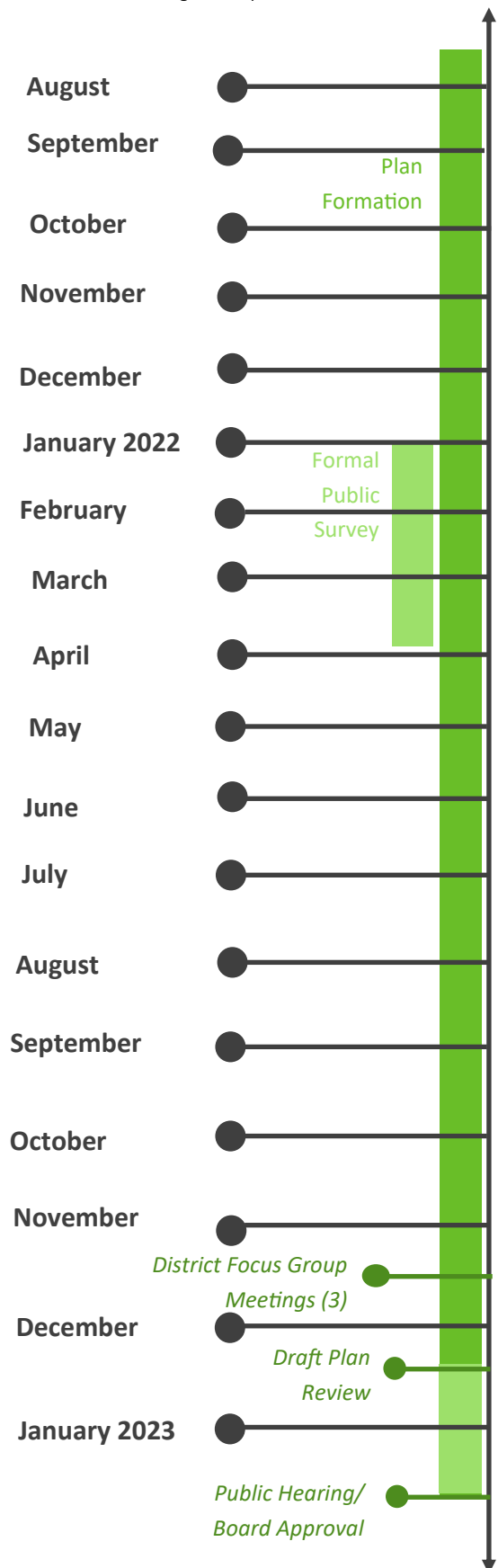
A comprehensive description of each park, with maps and facility lists, was complete. The department worked to inventory all major parks in the five-county area and provide location maps. The regional recreation inventory in the preceding chapter identifies other recreational facilities available to residents. An infrastructure analysis was also conducted on Metroparks facilities to determine the overall state of roads, utilities, buildings, and more.

The population of the five-county HCMA service area is approximately 4.5 million people. Given that the Metroparks encompass nearly 25,000 acres, the system meets the NRPA minimum recommendation of five acres of regional park per 1,000 people (see following page). It does not meet the maximum recommendation of 10 acres per 1,000 people, but state parks and large county parks provide additional space serving similar recreation needs in the area.

In 2022, the public outreach process continued. The planning department identified municipal leaders and recreational partners whose voices were important to include in district-wide stakeholder meetings. The company selected to conduct a region-wide survey, ETC Institute, sent mailings to a representative sample of Southeast Michigan residents. Results from the meetings and survey were incorporated into the draft document.

The draft plan was posted on the Metroparks website with a notice of availability on December 9, 2022 following a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on December 8, 2022. The public hearing was held on January 12, 2023 followed by the Board approval at the same meeting. The notice, meeting resolution and minutes are found in the appendix.

Figure 6.2 | Recreation Plan Timeline



National Recreation and Parks Association Guidelines for Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways¹

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 A
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼- to ½-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 A
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable—depends on function.	Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5.0 to 8.0 A
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.	Variable.
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable.
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5.0 to 10.0 A
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.	Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.	Variable.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single- purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable.
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.	Variable.

¹ MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans

Public Input

The process of creating the Recreation Plan involved three different methods of public input, designed to reach distinct segments of the population and together form a holistic image of the recreation needs in the Metroparks service area. In addition to these methods, the feedback from individual park master plans was taken into account.

Stakeholder Meetings

Supplemental stakeholder meetings were held to ensure that the voices of those user groups and partners already invested in and contributing to the Metroparks would be heard, in addition to the representative sample of the region.

One meeting was held for each of the three Districts of HCMA management: Eastern, Western, and Southern. Representatives from all municipalities and counties surrounding the parks were invited. Other participants were chosen based on their organization's role in maintaining or programming some recreational element within the Metroparks, with the intent to keep the groups small and manageable.

Attendees at the stakeholder meetings expressed a desire to work more closely with the Metroparks in the future. They saw trails, open space, and green infrastructure as priorities in their communities or organizations and identified ways in which the Metroparks could assist them in meeting growing recreation needs.

Organizations whose representatives attended the stakeholder meetings or provided their input include:

- Michigan DNR
- Washtenaw County Parks
- Oakland County Parks and Recreation
- SEMCOG
- Wayne County Parks
- Macomb County Planning and Economic Development
- Washington Township

Attendees at the **Western District stakeholder meeting** listed trails, canoeing and kayaking, and nature observation as popular recreation activities for their constituents, with connectivity as a key component. A few municipal representatives expected increased residential growth in their communities, leading to increased demand as well as need for greater accessibility. Partnership with the

Metroparks was seen as valuable for Huron River access and enhanced trail systems, and participants generally expressed a desire for more extensive collaboration.

Attendees at the **Southern District stakeholder meeting** were also very interested in trail connections and coordination among park agencies. They further noted the importance of water facilities such as Turtle Cove to their residents. Municipalities expect to see residential growth in the areas near the Metroparks, and emphasized the desire for close relationships with Metroparks to meet recreational needs.

Attendees at the **Eastern District stakeholder meeting** provided input on partnerships with surrounding communities and businesses for new development and additional revenue sources in the parks. Specifically, creative collaboration on initiatives for trails, signage opportunities, and emergency facilities were suggested to foster creative long term solutions for both Metroparks and community needs.

Public Review and Public Hearing

The draft Recreation Plan was posted to the Metroparks website planning page along with hard copies made available at each of the 13 Metroparks for public review and comment. A summary of the public comments received during the public review can be found in the appendix. The public hearing on the Draft Recreation Plan document was held at the regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting on January 12, 2023. It was advertised on the Huron-Clinton Metroparks website home page, event page, and planning page, as well as in an email to stakeholders and a notice in local newspapers (see appendix).

Representative Regional Survey

The Metroparks worked with a consultant to conduct a formal survey targeting a representative sample of the Southeast Michigan community. It was geared toward both individuals who currently use the parks, and those who do not use the parks but may have unmet recreational needs. The consultant utilized advanced statistical methods to ensure that underrepresented groups were reached, and offered survey participation in Spanish, Arabic, and other languages.

Results from this survey can be found below and on the

following pages. This summary was prepared by the consultant who conducted the survey, ETC Institute. A copy of the survey instrument can be found in the appendix.

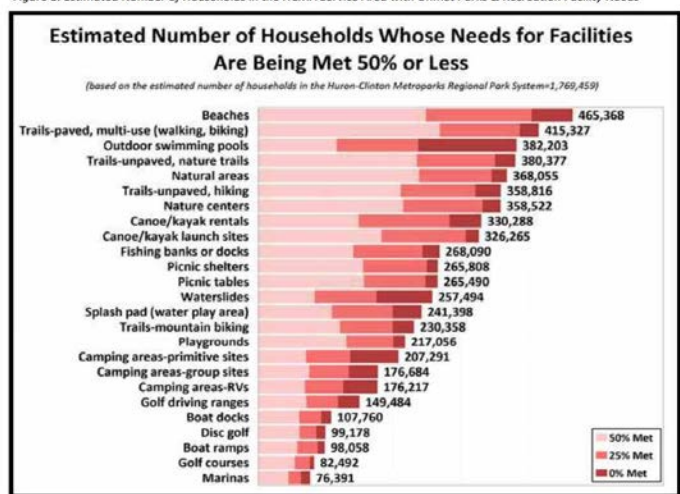
Survey Results Summary
Prepared by ETC Institute

Parks & Recreation Facility Needs in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area

Households were asked to identify if they had a need for 25 facilities and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the HCMA service area that had the greatest “unmet” need for various parks and recreation facilities. The four facilities with the highest percentage of households whose needs are currently not being met (0%), somewhat met (25%), or partly met (50%) are listed below.

- Beaches – 465,368 households (26.3%)
- Paved multi-use trails for walking and biking – 415,327 households (23.5%)
- Outdoor swimming pools – 382,203 households (21.6%)
- Unpaved trails, nature trails – 368,055 households (21.5%) The estimated number of households that have unmet needs for each of the 25 facilities are shown in the graph below.

Figure 1: Estimated Number of Households in the HCMA Service Area with Unmet Parks & Recreation Facility Needs



Importance of Parks & Recreation Facilities in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area

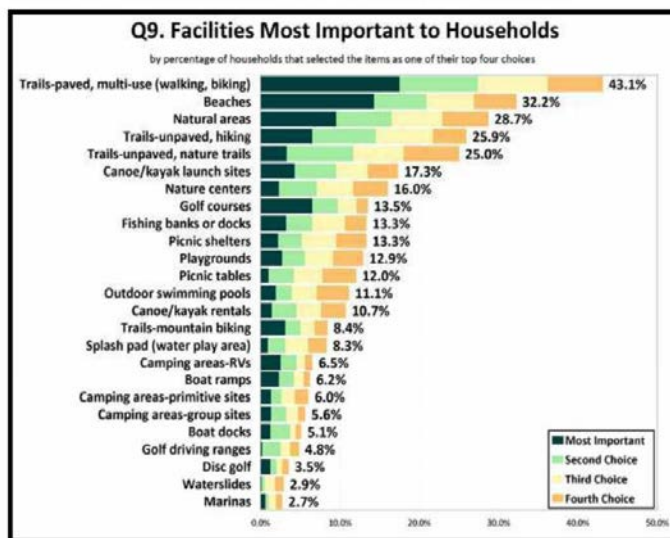
In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, ETC

Institute also evaluated the importance that households placed on each one. Based on the sum of households’ top four choices, the five most important Parks and Recreation facilities to households are listed below.

- Paved multi-use trails for walking and biking (43.1%)
- Beaches (32.2%) Natural areas (28.7%)
- Unpaved trails for hiking (25.9%)
- Unpaved trails, nature trails (25.0%) The percentage of households that selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in the graph below.

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Figure 2: Level of Importance of Parks & Recreation Facilities to Households in the HCMA Service Area



Priorities for Parks & Recreation Facility Investments in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area

The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on Parks and Recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs:

- the importance that households place on each facility/ amenity/ activity/program
- how many households have unmet needs for the facility/ amenity/activity/program

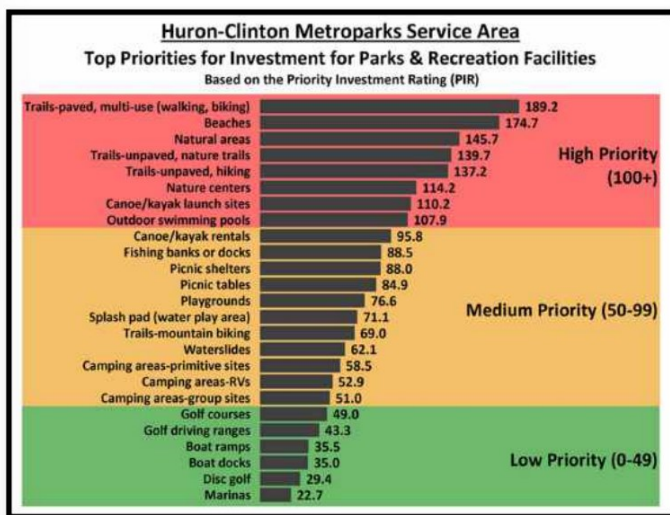
Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in the report. Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the eight facilities that were rated as high priorities for investment are listed in the table below (Table 2).

Facility	Priority Investment Rating (PIR)
Trails-paved, multi-use (walking, biking)	189.2
Beaches	174.7
Natural areas	145.7
Trails-unpaved, nature trails	139.7
Trails-unpaved, hiking	137.2
Nature centers	114.2
Canoe/kayak launch sites	110.2
Outdoor swimming pools	107.9

Table 2: Facilities Considered High Priorities of Investment Based on Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

The Priority Investment Ratings for each park and recreation facility is shown in the graph below.

Figure 3: Priority Investment Rating for Parks & Recreation Facilities in the HCMA Service Area

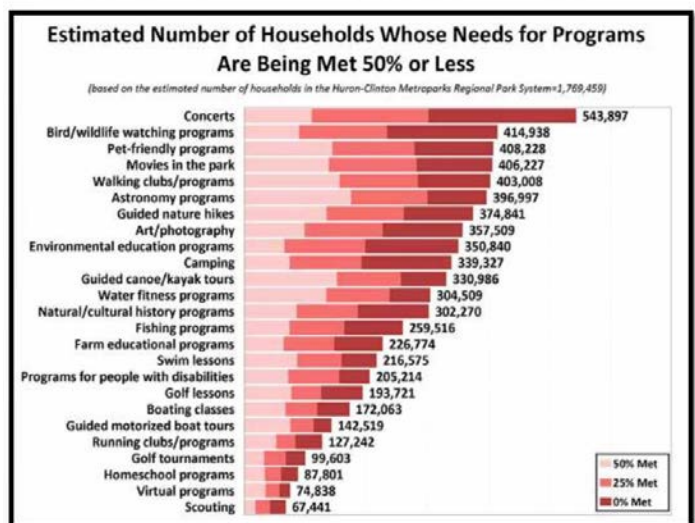


Parks & Recreation Program Needs in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area

Households were asked to identify if they had a need for 25 programs and rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the HCMA service area that had the greatest “unmet” need for various parks and recreation programs. The four programs with the highest percentage of households whose needs are currently not being met (0%), somewhat met (25%), or partly met (50%) are listed below.

- Concerts – 543,896 households (30.7%)
- Bird/wildlife watching programs – 414,938 households (23.5%)
- Pet-friendly programs – 408,228 households (23.1%)
- Movies in the park – 406,227 households (23.0%)

Figure 4: Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs for Programs Are Being 50% Met or Less

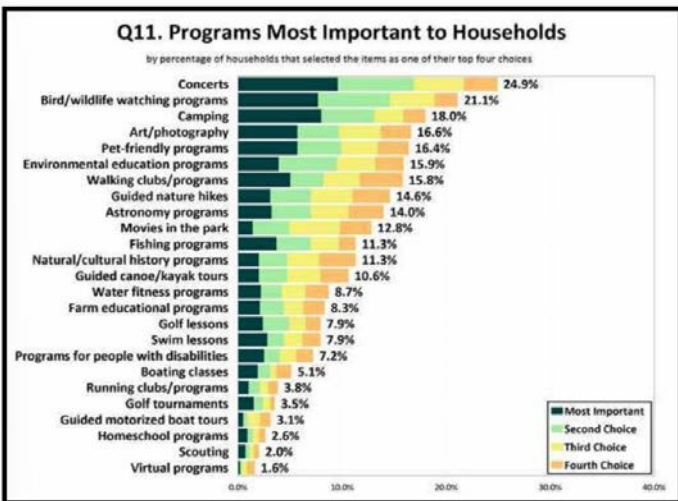


Importance of Parks & Recreation Programs in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also evaluated the importance that households placed on each one. Based on the sum of households' top four choices, the five most important Parks and Recreation programs to households are listed below.

- Concerts (24.9%)
- Bird/wildlife watching programs (21.1%)
- Camping (18.0%) □ Art/photography (16.6%)
- Pet-friendly programs (16.4%) The percentage of households that selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in the graph below.

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Figure 5: Percentage of Households That Chose the Parks & Recreation Program as One of Their Top Four Most Important Choices



Priorities for Parks & Recreation Program Investments in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Service Area The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on Parks and Recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs:

- the importance that households place on each facility/amenity/ activity/program

- how many households have unmet needs for the facility/amenity/activity/program

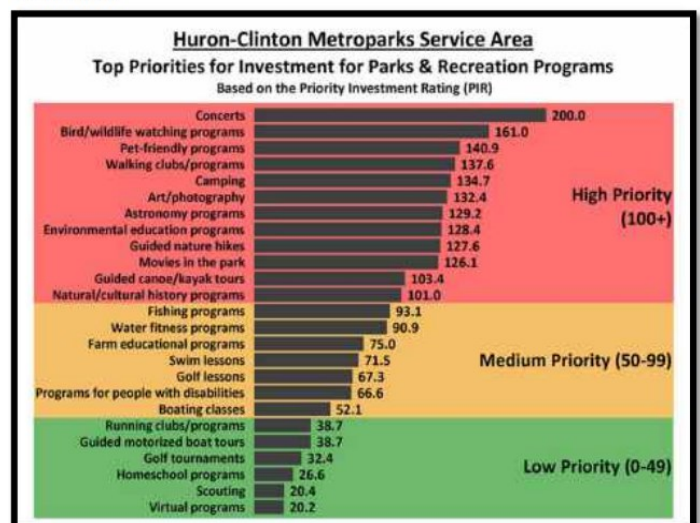
Details regarding the methodology for this analysis are provided in the report. Based on the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the 12 programs that were rated as high priorities for investment are listed in the table below (Table 9).

Program	Priority Investment Rating (PIR)
Concerts	200.0
Bird/wildlife watching programs	161.0
Pet-friendly programs	140.9
Walking clubs/programs	137.6
Camping	134.7
Art/photography	132.4
Astronomy programs	129.2
Environmental education programs	128.4
Guided nature hikes	127.6
Movies in the park	126.1
Guided canoe/kayak tours	103.4
Natural/cultural history programs	101.0

Table 9: Facilities Considered High Priorities of Investment Based on Priority Investment Rating (PIR)

The Priority Investment Ratings for each park and recreation

Figure 6: Priority Investment Rating for Parks & Recreation Programs in the HCMA Service Area



Huron-Clinton Metroparks: Facilities & Parks Most (93.9%) of households indicated that they have heard of Huron-Clinton Metroparks; 3.8% had not and 2.3% were not sure. Over two-thirds (67.8%) of households indicated that, prior to receive the survey, they were aware of the difference between the Huron-Clinton Metroparks system and other park systems operated by the State of Michigan, counties, and cities in Southeast Michigan. Thirty two percent (31.9%) indicated they were not, prior to the survey, aware of the difference and 0.3% did not provide a response.

Over half (54.9%) of households feel there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 15-minute drive from their residence; 36.3% do not feel this way and 8.8% did not provide a response. The table below shows the percentage of households, by location, that feel there are or are not enough parks/greenspace areas within a 15- minute drive of their residence.

Table 16: Q7. Do you feel that there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 15-minute drive of your residence?

	Livingston County	Macomb County	Oakland County	Washtenaw County	Wayne County (Outside of Detroit)	Detroit, MI (City)
Yes	71.1%	59.0%	64.1%	75.8%	38.7%	59.8%
No	28.9%	41.0%	35.9%	24.2%	61.3%	40.2%

Households in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw counties, and the City of Detroit are more likely to feel that there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 15-minute drive of their residence than households, outside of Detroit, in Wayne County.

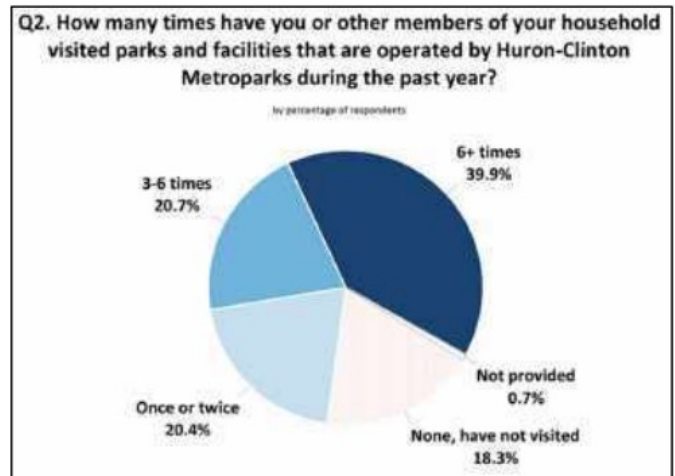
Over one-third (35.0%) of households feel there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 10-minute walk of their residence; 57.1% do not feel that there are enough and 7.9% did not provide an opinion. The table below shows the percentage of households, by location, that feel there are or are not enough parks/greenspace areas within a 10-minute walk of their residence.

Table 17: Q6. Do you feel that there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 10-minute walk of your residence?

	Livingston County	Macomb County	Oakland County	Washtenaw County	Wayne County (Outside of Detroit)	Detroit, MI (City)
Yes	40.3%	35.5%	40.7%	56.0%	20.2%	38.8%
No	59.7%	64.5%	59.3%	44.0%	79.8%	61.2%

Households in Washtenaw County are more likely to feel that there are enough parks and greenspace areas within a 10-minute walk of their residence than households in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne (outside of Detroit) counties, and the City of Detroit.

The majority (60.6%) of households responded that during the past year, they had visited parks and facilities that are operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks at least 3 times or more; 20.4% had visited once or twice, 18.3% had not visited during the past year, and 0.7% did not provide this information. Of the households that had visited parks and facilities that are operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks, during the past year, 66.0% indicated they had purchased an annual permit vehicle pass, 22.7% purchased a daily permit vehicle pass, 6.7% did not purchase a vehicle pass, and 4.5% did not remember what type of vehicle pass they had, if any.



Households were asked which four parks and facilities, operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks do they use most often. Based on the sum of households’ top four choices, the following four parks and facilities had the highest percentage of responses, as being used the most often by households:

- Kensington Metropark (48.8%)
- Stony Creek Metropark (31.0%)
- Lake St. Clair Metropark (20.4%)
- Lower Huron Metropark (16.1%) When households were

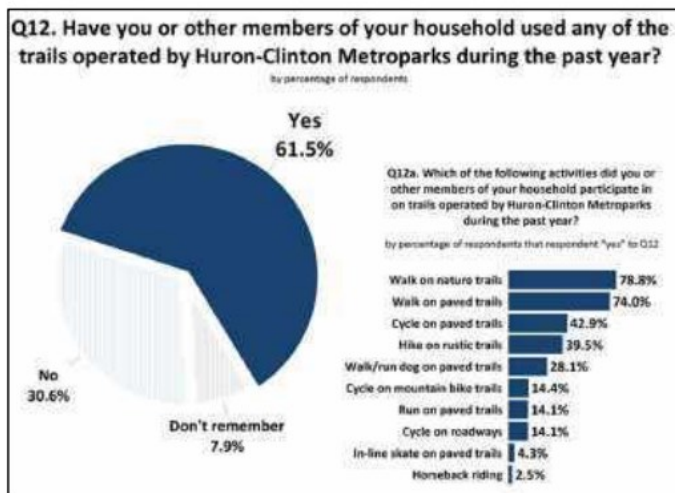
asked what reasons prevent them from using parks and facilities, operated by Huron

- Clinton Metroparks, more often, the top five reasons were: I do not know what is being offered (38.2%)
- The location is not convenient (32.7%)
- I do not have time to visit parks (16.5%) I do not know the locations of facilities (13.6%)
- The cost/fees are too high (12.1%)

Huron-Clinton Metroparks: Trails

The majority (61.5%) of households indicated that during the past year they have used trails operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks; 30.6% have not and 7.9% did not remember. Of the 61.5% of households that used these trails, the top five activities that households participated in are listed below.

- Walk on nature trails (78.8%)
- Walk on paved trails (74.0%)
- Cycle on paved trails (42.9%)
- Hike on rustic trails (39.5%)
- Walk/run dog on paved trails (28.1%)



Huron-Clinton Metroparks: Renovations

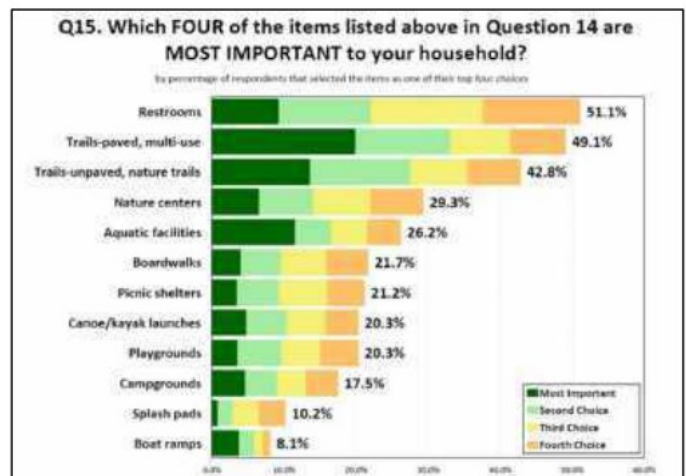
Households were asked what level of support they would have for various renovations that could be considered to be made to the Huron-Clinton Metroparks System.

At least two-thirds of households indicated they would be “very supportive” of the following possible renovations:

- Restroom renovations (85.2%)
- Paved, multi-use trails (74.4%)
- Unpaved trails, nature trails (71.8%)
- Nature centers (67.9%)

Of the list of 12 possible renovations, households were asked to rate their top four choices, and based on the sum of households’ top choices the following three were rated as the most important to households:

- Restroom renovations (51.1%)
- Paved, multi-use trails (49.1%)



The top three most important renovations to households in the Counties of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, and Washtenaw and the City of Detroit were restrooms, paved/multi-use trails, and unpaved trails/nature trails. The most important renovations to households outside of Detroit, in Wayne County, were restrooms (49.6%), aquatic facilities (32.6%), and picnic shelters (31.6%).

Additional Findings

Seventy-two percent (71.9%) of households believe that since the beginning of the Pandemic, parks, trails, and open space have been important to improving mental health and physical health and fitness; 5.6% do not believe it is important and 6.5% did not have an opinion.

At least two out of five households use the following ways to learn about Huron-Clinton Metroparks facilities, programs, and services.

- Metroparks website (56.5%)
- Web/Google searches (49.1%)
- Friends/family/neighbors (40.4%)

The following six methods are household’s most preferred ways to learn about Huron-Clinton Metroparks facilities, programs, and services:

- Metroparks website (54.4%)
- Web/Google searches (39.6%)
- Social media (25.9%)
- Friends/family/neighbors (25.0%)

Households were asked, from a list of various aquatic features, whether they feature was one that is strongly needed, somewhat needed, or not needed in the community. At least four out of five households believe the following six aquatic features are either “strongly” or “somewhat” needed in their community:

- Family-oriented warm water pool (86.9%)
- Warm water pool for swim lessons or therapy (86.9%)
- Area for water fitness (86.1%)
- Outdoor seasonal leisure pool (85.6%)
- Lap lanes for recreational lap swimming (80.3%)

- Outdoor spray ground (80.0%)

Households were then asked which three aquatic features they felt were most needed in their community. Based on the

- Family-oriented warm water pool (39.7%)
- Area for water fitness (33.1%)
- Warm water pool for swim lessons or therapy (26.3%)
- Outdoor seasonal leisure pool (26.1%)

The following table shows the percentage of households, by location, that chose the various aquatic features as one of their top three choices as being the most needed in their community. The top three aquatic features with the highest percentage of responses are red and bolded.

Table 18: Q20. Which three of the aquatic features do you feel are most needed in the community? (Sum of the top three choices)

	Livingston County	Macomb County	Oakland County	Washtenaw County	Wayne County (Outside of Detroit)	Detroit, MI (City)
Area for water fitness	27.6%	32.1%	32.9%	31.7%	39.5%	31.9%
Competition swimming	2.5%	3.7%	3.6%	2.5%	5.4%	2.5%
Deep water area	7.1%	9.2%	5.5%	8.9%	7.7%	8.8%
Family-oriented warm water pool	36.3%	42.3%	35.7%	33.5%	39.3%	40.8%
Lap lanes for recreational lap swimming	16.1%	19.6%	19.7%	24.5%	13.3%	18.9%
Lazy river	26.7%	28.0%	25.6%	19.6%	17.0%	29.5%
Outdoor seasonal leisure pool	25.1%	25.2%	26.6%	25.9%	23.0%	28.3%
Outdoor spray ground	13.2%	16.6%	14.1%	10.1%	12.6%	12.5%
Warm water pool for swim lessons or therapy	24.8%	30.3%	21.6%	23.0%	31.4%	26.3%
Whirlpool/hot tub	9.6%	13.7%	9.4%	7.6%	11.4%	12.3%



At least three-quarters of households think it is very important to;

- manage stormwater to protect water quality and reduce flooding (80.5%)
- maintain roads, parking lots, and other park infrastructure (77.5%)
- plant trees for shade and cooling and to absorb carbon dioxide (75.4%)

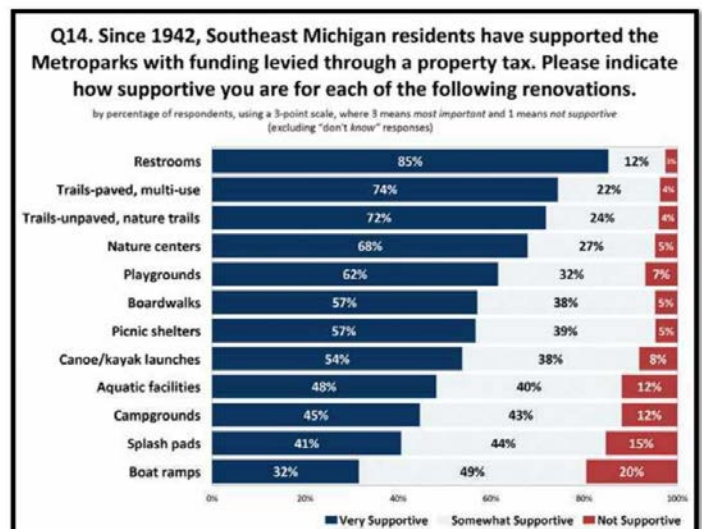
Based on the sum of household’s top three choices, the top four most important sustainability issues in their community are listed below.

- manage stormwater to protect water quality and reduce flooding (50.0%)
- maintain roads, parking lots, and other park infrastructure (38.2%)
- reduce waste by recycling and composting (27.5%)
- plant trees for shade and cooling and to absorb carbon dioxide (26.8%)

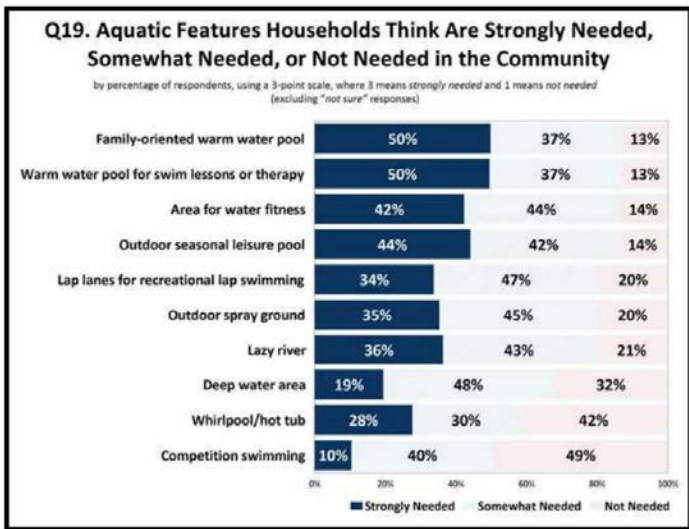
Conclusions & Recommendations

When analyzing the facilities offered by Huron-Clinton Metro-parks the same three items that were the most important to households and had the highest level of unmet need were: beaches, paved trails for multi-use, and natural areas. When analyzing the programs offered by Huron-Clinton Metroparks the same two items that were the most important to households and had the highest level of unmet need were: concerts and bird/wildlife watching programs. Focusing on adding concerts, bird/wildlife watching programs, beaches, and paved trails for multi-use would provide the greatest benefit for the largest number of residents within the region. Huron-Clinton Metroparks could also ensure they are reaching the greatest number of households in the region by focusing resources on paved trails for multi-use and natural areas. Over 1 million households have a need for paved multi-use trails and natural areas in the region.

Households were given a list of 12 different facilities and were asked to indicate how supportive they would be of Metro-parks using their tax dollars to fund renovations for each. Based on the sum of very supportive and somewhat supportive responses the three facilities which received the highest levels of support are: restrooms (97.4%), paved trails for multi-use (96.3%), and unpaved trails/nature trails (96.0%). The graph below shows the level of support for all 12 facilities.



Households were given a list of 10 different aquatic features and were asked to indicate if the feature was needed, somewhat needed, or not needed in their community. Based on the sum of strongly needed and somewhat needed responses the three features that had the highest responses were: family-oriented warm water pool (86.8%), warm water pool for swim lessons or therapy (86.9%), and an area for water fitness (86.1%). The graph below shows the level of need for aquatic features in the community.



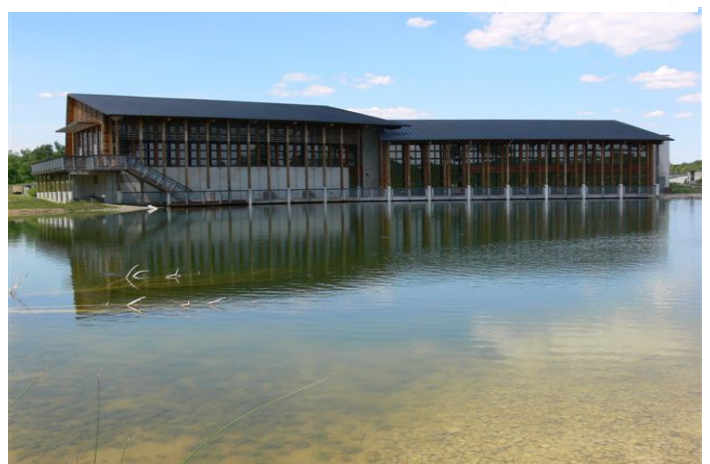
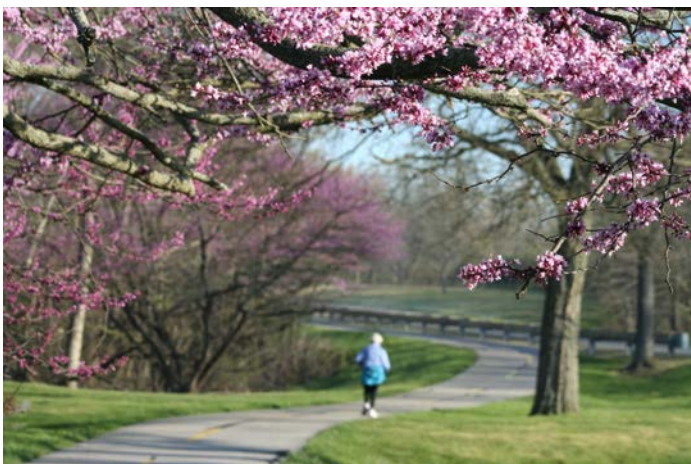
In order to ensure that Huron-Clinton Metroparks continues to meet the needs and expectations of their service area, ETC Institute recommends that they sustain and/or improve the performance in areas that were identified as “high priorities” by the Priority Investment Rating (PIR). The facilities and programs with the highest PIR ratings are listed on the right.

Facility Priorities

Facility	Priority Investment Rating (PIR)
<i>Trails-paved, multi-use (walking, biking)</i>	189.2
<i>Beaches</i>	174.7
<i>Natural areas</i>	145.7
<i>Trails-unpaved, nature trails</i>	139.7
<i>Trails-unpaved, hiking</i>	137.2
<i>Nature centers</i>	114.2
<i>Canoe/kayak launch sites</i>	110.2
<i>Outdoor swimming pools</i>	107.9

Programming Priorities

Program	Priority Investment Rating (PIR)
<i>Concerts</i>	200.0
<i>Bird/wildlife watching programs</i>	161.0
<i>Pet-friendly programs</i>	140.9
<i>Walking clubs/programs</i>	137.6
<i>Camping</i>	134.7
<i>Art/photography</i>	132.4
<i>Astronomy programs</i>	129.2
<i>Environmental education programs</i>	128.4
<i>Guided nature hikes</i>	127.6
<i>Movies in the park</i>	126.1
<i>Guided canoe/kayak tours</i>	103.4
<i>Natural/cultural history programs</i>	101.0



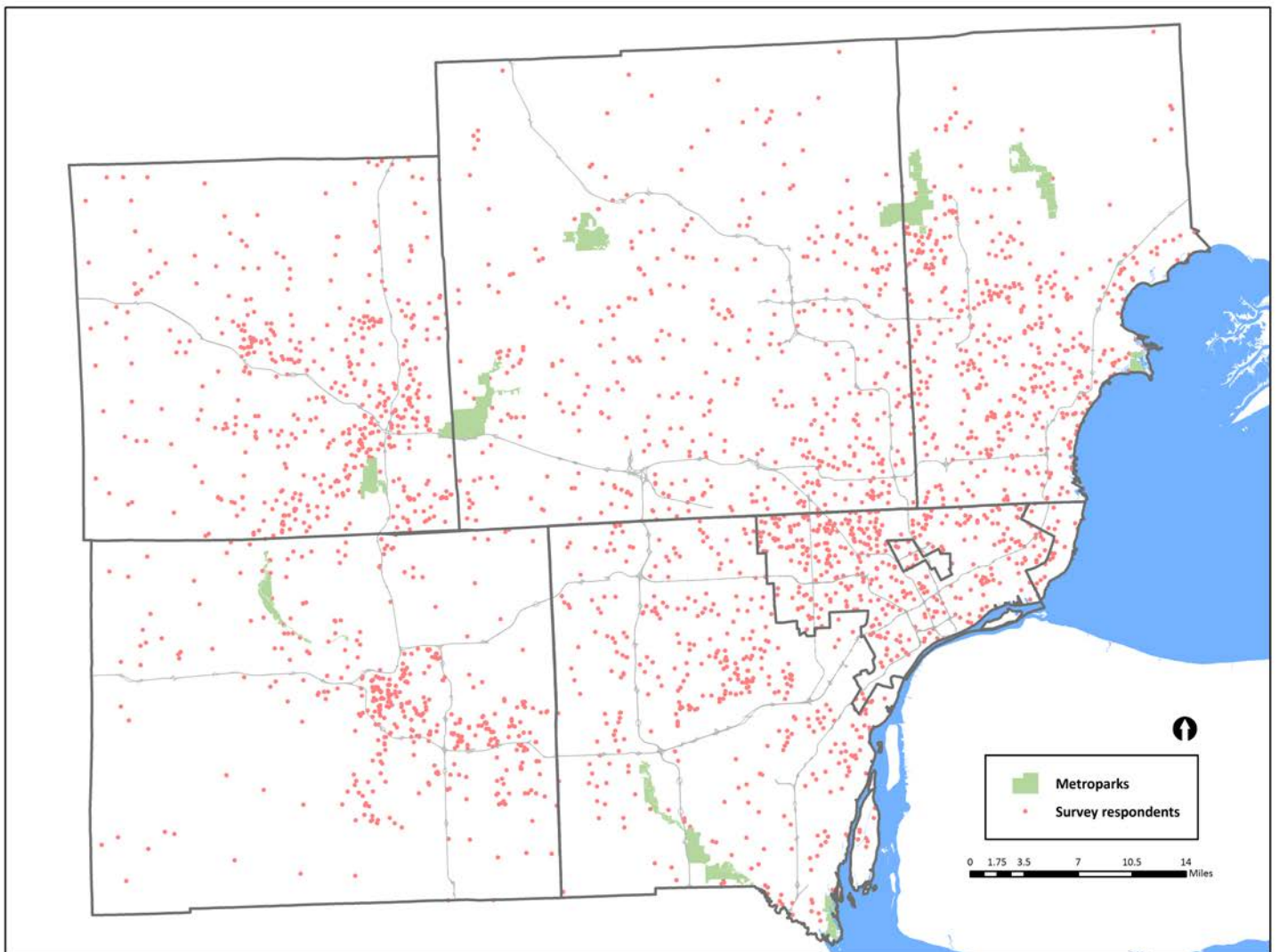


Figure 6.3 | Survey Respondent Map | Sources: MiGDL, ETC Institute



7 | GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



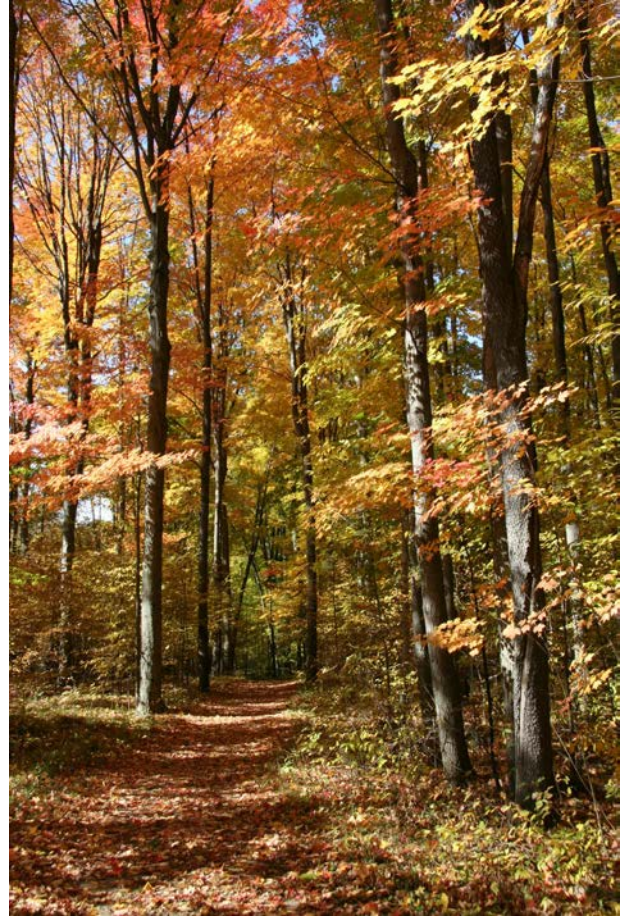
7 | GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives listed in this plan support the Metroparks Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values, and build upon the goals defined in the 2018-2022 Recreation Plan. The following factors highlighted previously in this plan contributed to formulation of the updated goals and objectives:

- **Infrastructure age and condition**—aging infrastructure will need to be addressed within operational budgeting and additional workforce.
- **ADA compliance**—improvements needed throughout the park system, especially in parking lots, launches, and sports facilities.
- **Biodiversity areas**—large swaths of undeveloped areas in the parks are high-quality habitats for a variety of species and should be protected.
- **Regional recreation facilities**— most Metroparks are in close proximity to at least one state or county park, necessitating complementary recreation offerings.
- **Public input process**—feedback gained through a representative regional survey, three district stakeholder meetings, comments received, public review period and a public hearing.

The following were additional major factors in determining goals and objectives, and are considered in detail in this chapter:

- **Demographic information**—an aging population with a fluctuating economic outlook requires innovative recreation approaches.
- **Regional plans**—most planning documents show a desire for environmental protection, non-motorized connections, and regional collaboration.
- **Regulatory obligations**—various regulations limit the ability of the Metroparks to develop certain areas, among other restrictions.



REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks serve five counties, nearly 300 municipalities, and a collective population of 4.5 million. Accurate demographic and consumer spending data is necessary to understand population trends and ongoing socioeconomic changes, which are included in the formulation of the Recreation Plan goals and objectives. The data in the following sections from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Consumer Expenditures

The Bureau of Labor & Statistics (BLS) produces annual surveys of consumer spending habits for residents of various regions throughout the country. *The Consumer Expenditures Survey*¹ characterizes consumer spending habits in a variety of categories, some of which are relevant to the Metroparks.

Income Trends

In the Midwest region, consumer units² have an average income of \$81,523 before taxes, trailing the West and Northeast regions. Consumer units with reference persons³ between the ages of 45 and 54 earn the highest nationwide, an average of \$116,195 before taxes in 2020. Those with reference persons under 25 and older than 75 have similar pre-tax incomes: \$44,259 and \$41,495, respectively.

Spending Trends

According to the BLS *Consumer Expenditures 2020*⁴ report, national spending has increased across all income brackets as personal income has risen. From 2019 to 2020, the average spending per consumer unit decreased by 2.7%, or \$61,334. In this time period, average pre-tax income increased by 1.8%. Married consumer units with an oldest child over 18 years old participate in the most spending, averaging \$136,768 for 2020.

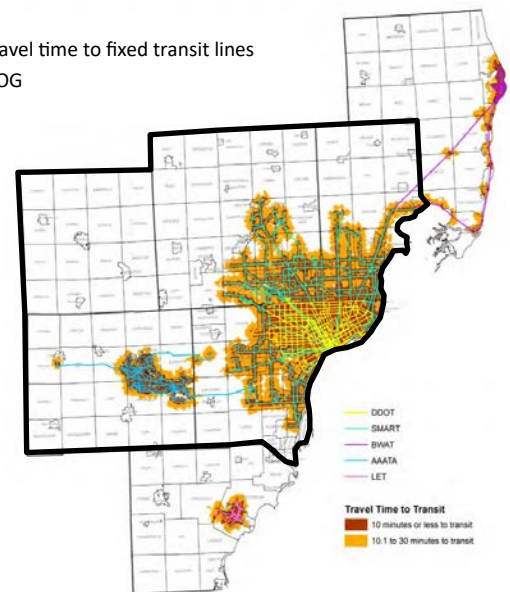
Consumer units in the Midwest region spend the most on the *Entertainment*⁵ category. In comparison, consumer units nationwide tend to spend 1% less of their income on this category. Income and spending on entertainment and admission fees may serve as an indicator of spending habits on park programs.

From 2019 to 2020, spending on transportation has decreased, reaching an average of \$9,826. While spending on vehicle purchases increased by more than \$129 (2.9%), spending on gasoline and motor oil decreased 25.1% in this time period. These trends impact accessibility to the Metroparks through personal transportation.

Access to Parks

The *Access to Core Services*⁶ report generated by SEMCOG measures and benchmarks accessibility for seven core services— fixed-route transit, jobs, health care facilities, supermarkets, parks, schools, and libraries. These core services are major destinations that residents need to access on a regular basis.

Figure 7.1 | Travel time to fixed transit lines
Source: SEMCOG



¹Consumer Expenditures Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <https://www.bls.gov/regions/midwest/data>

² According to the BLS: “Consumer units include families, single persons living alone or sharing a household with others but who are financially independent, or two or more persons living together who share expenses.” The average number of people in a consumer unit is around 2.5.

³ According to the BLS a Reference Person is: “The first member mentioned by the respondent when asked to ‘Start with the name of the person or one of the persons who owns or rents the home.’ It is with respect to this person that the relationship of the other consumer unit members is determined.”

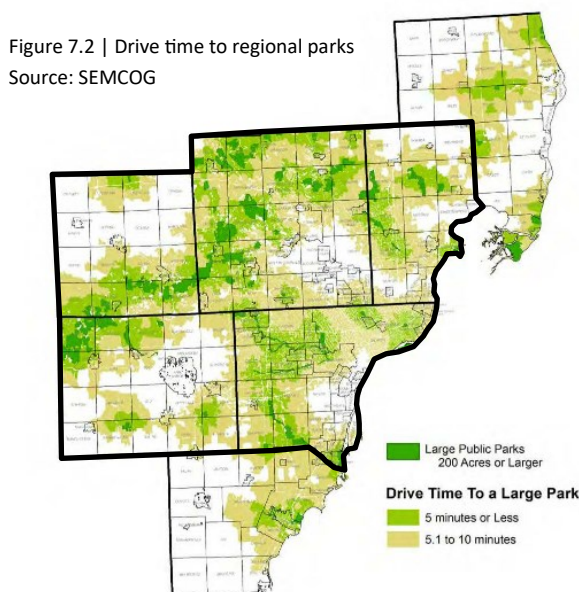
⁴ Consumer Expenditures - 2022, Bureau Of Labor & Statistics. <https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/consumer-expenditures/2020/pdf/home.pdf>

⁵ Includes fees for participant sports; admissions to sporting events, movies, concerts, and plays; health, swimming, tennis and country club memberships; fees for other social, recreational, and fraternal organizations; recreational lessons or instruction; rental of movies, and recreation expenses on trips.

⁶ Access to Core Services in Southeast Michigan, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. <http://semcog.org/Access>

Currently, households within Southeast Michigan have access to five fixed-route transit systems: Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority (AAATA), Blue Water Area Transit (BWAT), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Lake Erie Transit (LET), and Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). Residents face low levels of walkability to and from bus stops, and are bound by limited travel distances based on fixed routes. Figure 7.1 on the previous page shows the travel time to these routes.

The Metroparks serve a large regional land area, and access to transportation impacts access to the parks. Figure 7.2 (below) shows the drive times from Southeast Michigan households to regional parks, defined as parks larger than 200 acres. Although 75% of households in the region are within a 10-minute drive to a large regional park, fewer than 15% of households are within a 30-minute transit trip to a regional park. Gaps in access to large parks by automobile may be mitigated by pedestrian access to local parks and schools.



Focus Populations

SEMCOG outlines accessibility issues for *Transit-dependent Households*, *Households in Poverty*, and *Senior Households*. These groups have been identified as the most affected by low access to automobiles, and are more likely to use and rely on alternative forms of transportation. An understanding of how transportation options impact these populations allows the

Metroparks to better plan and organize outreach to these communities.

Overall 12.5% of households in the region are **Transit-dependent households**, which either do not have access to an automobile or have fewer cars than workers. Fixed-route transit service is more than a 10-minute walk away for 35% of these households, and more than a 30-minute walk away for 20% of these households. This reduces the ability of residents in those households to take advantage of important resources such as regional parks. Residents are faced with limited transit operating hours, long travel distances, high rates, and limited walkability to core services such as parks.

Households below the poverty threshold, defined as an annual income of less than \$20,090 for 3 people, make up 13% of all households in Southeast Michigan. The walking access to fixed-route transit for households in poverty mirrors that of transit-dependent households, and the two categories overlap.

Households with older adults are becoming more numerous as communities in Southeast Michigan age. Generally located in less centralized areas, this population is expected to grow 37.2% through 2040. Such an increase will generate demand for transportation and services that cater to older adults. This segment of the population faces additional barriers to access, with over 50% of households outside a 10-minute walk from fixed-route transit.

HCMA District Demographic Shifts¹

Eastern District

The HCMA Eastern District is primarily in Macomb County and contains three Metroparks: Wolcott Mill, Lake St. Clair, and Stony Creek.

Macomb County will experience a significant demographic shift through 2045: the 25-54 age group will see a 1.3% decrease, although it will remain the largest age group. The senior population (over 65 years old) will increase 74% to 241,730 residents, becoming the second-largest age group.

From 2010 to 2020, the median income of households in the county increased 1% to \$64,641, which corresponds to the increase in national household income. The largest income bracket in the county is \$75,000—\$99,999, representing 14%

¹SEMCOG 2040 Regional Forecast, <http://semcog.org/plans-for-the-region/regional-forecast>

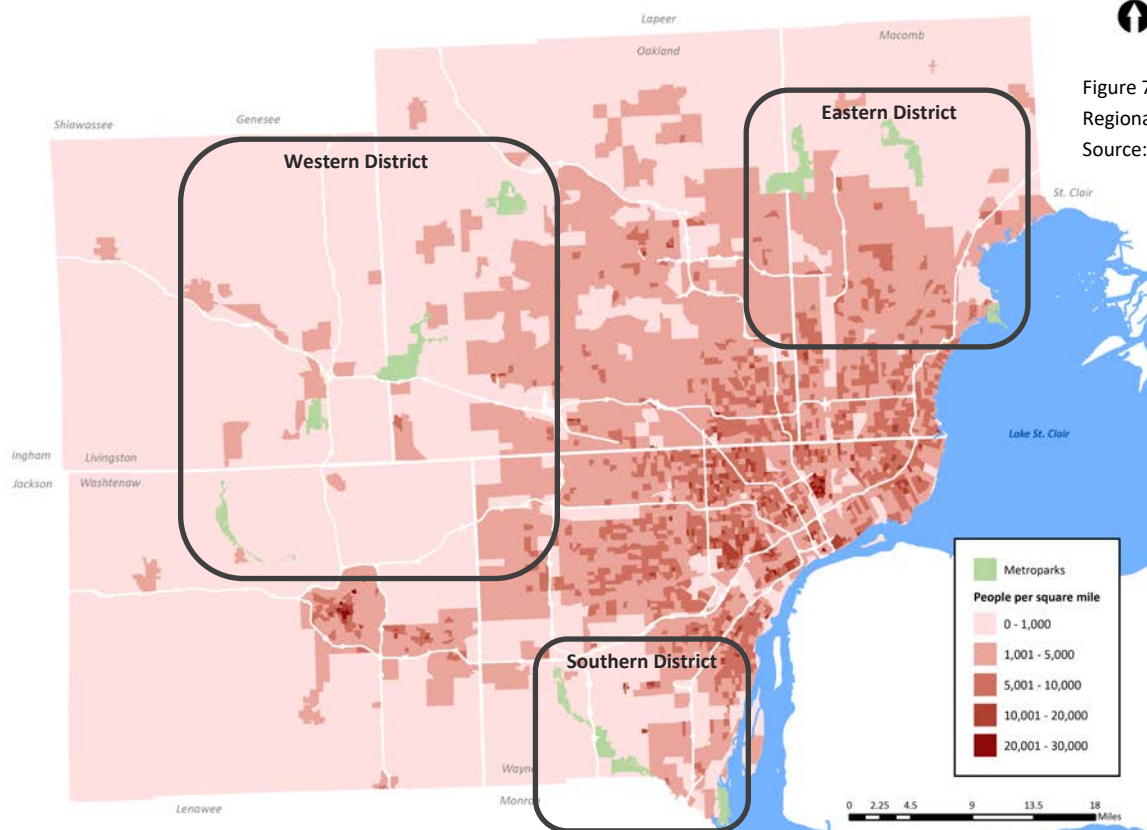


Figure 7.3
Regional population density
Source: U.S. Census, MiGDL

of households. Households below the poverty line represent 9.9% of the population.

Macomb County is also changing racially. Between 2000 and 2010 the African-American population increased 3.97%, and other groups increased slightly. While the largest racial group in the county is still white, this group has decreased 8.4%.

Southern District

The HCMA Southern District includes four Metroparks, all located in Wayne County: Lower Huron, Willow, Oakwoods, and Lake Erie.

Wayne County is projected to decrease in population across most age groups through 2040. The most dramatic increase will be the senior population, (over 65 years old), as seen in other counties. In 2045 the largest group will be residents under 25-54 years of age, which will constitute 39% of the population, followed by the senior population representing 19% of the population.

Just as national income has increased, so has the median income of households within Wayne County. From 2010 to 2020, the median annual income decreased 1.5%, to \$49,359. Similar to the Eastern District, the largest income bracket is

\$75,000-\$99,999, representing 11% of households. In 2020, 19.8% of the population was below the poverty line.

Western District

The HCMA Western District contains six Metroparks: Indian Springs, Kensington, Huron Meadows, Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, and Delhi. The district resides in Oakland County, Livingston County, and Washtenaw County, so the data for this district is an average of the three counties.

Similar to other districts, the Western District will see a shift in demographics through 2045. While the number of residents ages 55-64 will decline, the senior population is projected to increase 130%, to 447,775. By 2045, residents under the age of 25 will make up the majority of the district’s population, mostly consisting of children ages 5-17.

Among the Western District counties, households with annual incomes of \$75,000-\$99,999 make up 13% of the population, and those with incomes of \$200,000 or more constitute another 12%. Within Oakland, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties, 8.7% of the households are in poverty. Of the three, Washtenaw County has the highest percentage of households in poverty.

REGIONAL PLANS

The following plans were consulted to understand the challenges facing and the resources available to the region at large. With a good grasp of the intentions of other regional agencies, the Metroparks can focus on complementary goals and objectives and more efficiently serve the region's citizens.

SEMCOG	
Increasing Shared Prosperity for a Resilient Economy Comprehensive Economic Development	2021
Access to Core Services in Southeast Michigan	2016
Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan	2020
Green Infrastructure Vision for Southeast Michigan	2014
2045 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan	2019
2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program	2022
Parks and Recreation Plan for Southeast Michigan	2019
Governor	
21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report	2016
The Future of Michigan's Parks and Outdoor Recreation	2012
Watershed Councils	
The Chain of Lakes Watershed Management Plan	2007
Lake St. Clair subwatershed management plan	2006
Middle Huron River Watershed Management Plan, Section 2	2020
Clinton River East Watershed (CREW) subwatershed management plan	2006
The Lower Huron Watershed Management Plan	2012
The Upper Huron/Kent Lake Subwatershed Management Plan	2006
Stony Creek and Paint Creek Subwatershed Plan	2006
MDOT	
2023-2027 Five-Year Transportation Program	2022
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 2023-2026	2022
2035 State Long-Range Transportation Plan	2012
DNR	
Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2018-2022	2018
2022-2032 Michigan DNR Trails Plan	2021
Parks and Recreation Division Strategic Plan 2017-2022	2017
Counties	
Macomb County Blue Economy Strategic Development Plan	2012
Macomb County 2020-2024 Comprehensive Parks and Natural Resources Master Plan	2020
Oakland County Parks and Recreation 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027	2022
Livingston County Parks and Open Space Plan 2023-2027	2022
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 2020-2024 5-Year Recreation Master Plan	2020
Wayne County Parks Master Plan 2022-2026	2022

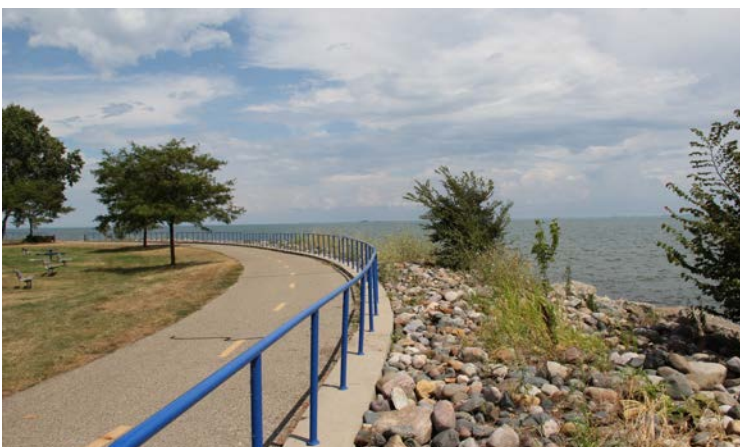


Financing to provide 2023 Budget for BOC packet for December

FISCAL OUTLOOK

The Metroparks finance and accounting staff compiled the 2023 to 2027 projected general revenue and expense assumptions for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements found below. (The definitions for these categories are found in the funding section of Chapter 4, Administrative Structure.) Anticipated revenues are based on “net” tax levy with captured taxes due to tax abatements and tax increment financing initiatives. No projected growth or decline in toll charges or permit fees over the five years is assumed. Expenditures for personnel costs for both park operations and the administrative office reflects the HCMA Employee Association contract increases. Potential major maintenance repairs are included to keep up with an ever-increasing level of aging infrastructure. Capital improvements are projected based on staffs recommended schedule of projects. Similarly, equipment is projected based on recommended replacement cycles for major equipment.

Revenue									
	2023	Change	2024	Change	2025	Change	2026	Change	2027
Property Tax	36,508,782	3%	37,657,236	3%	38,843,522	3%	40,068,923	3%	41,334,772
Operating Tolls	11,518,284	1%	11,633,467	1%	11,749,802	1%	11,867,300	1%	11,985,973
Operating Golf	6,906,619	4%	7,148,351	3%	7,398,543	3%	7,657,492	3%	7,925,504
Operating Aquatics	2,172,658	2%	2,205,248	2%	2,238,327	2%	2,271,902	1%	2,305,980
Other/Possible Donation (small growth)	3,880,908	12%	4,353,743	1%	4,401,424	1%	4,449,820	1%	4,498,943
Total Revenue	60,987,252	3%	62,998,045	3%	64,631,618	3%	66,315,437	3%	68,051,172



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Expenses									
	2023	Change	2024	Change	2025	Change	2026	Change	2027
Admin Office	17,200,107	-21%	13,615,322	4%	14,125,628	4%	14,656,835	4%	15,208,311
Park Operations	39,944,452	2%	40,563,784	3%	41,625,577	3%	42,718,519	3%	43,843,677
Major Maintenance	4,248,952	21%	5,154,080	5%	5,411,784	5%	5,682,373	5%	5,966,492
Capital Equipment	1,176,500	135%	2,768,839	4%	2,879,592	4%	2,994,776	4%	3,114,567
Land Acquisition	0		0		0		0		0
Transfer to Capital Improvement	5,764,288	-44%	3,200,000	0%	3,200,000	0%	3,200,000	0%	3,200,000
Total Expense	68,334,299		65,302,025		67,242,581		69,252,503		71,333,047

REGULATORY OBLIGATIONS

The constraints placed on the Metroparks by various agencies must be taken into account in the formulation of goals and objectives, to ensure safety, equality, and sound environmental stewardship in addition to engaging recreation.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The *2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design*¹ regulates any new or modified facilities in the park, including boating facilities, fishing piers, golf courses, playgrounds, pools, and sports areas. Government agencies are also required to develop a transition plan to remove barriers to access from current facilities. The Metroparks are committed to achieving compliance with ADA and will work towards the higher standard of Universal Design wherever feasible.

Compliance projects that can be addressed immediately include parking space signing and striping and small-scale paving. When a large amount of paving is necessary to make all facilities on a site accessible, it is more effective long-term to wait until redevelopment of the site is appropriate and arrange facilities in an accessible design. Since many of the Metroparks were designed and built decades ago, the current arrangement of facilities is sprawling and does not take into account varying levels of ability. Clustering new development into accessible nodes of activity will not only allow more people to enjoy the facilities, but will also decrease impervious surfaces and preserve open space.

When sites are redesigned or newly constructed, attention will be given to appropriate measurements and design criteria at recreational facilities noted in ADA 2010. In the future it may be necessary to hire a consultant to survey the accessibility of building interiors and make recommendations for improvements.

Occupational Safety and Health Act

This act provides standards for design and procedure in facilities or areas where individuals are employed.² The regulations cover exit routes, noise exposure, hazardous materials, environmental controls, fire protection, heavy machinery, and more. The Metroparks are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all employees.

Natural Rivers District

Four of the Metroparks are subject to regulations for the Natural River-designated segment of the Huron River: Huron Meadows, Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, and Delhi. The Huron is the only river in Southeast Michigan with Natural River designation.

Additional requirements must be followed for development near the river in these parks, which guide the plans for each facility's future. The Michigan Natural Rivers Act,³ passed in 1994, gave power to both state and local agencies to protect rivers of uniquely pristine nature that must be protected from detrimental development. Local governments are encouraged to create zoning guidelines regarding use of the river frontage; otherwise the state zoning regulations apply. These rules usually cover allowable development types, setbacks, and dimensions within the land 50-200 feet from the river on each side.

The Metroparks are committed to working within the Natural Rivers District zoning to develop park amenities sensibly in the four parks noted above. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the river and frontage while still providing recreational resources that serve all users.

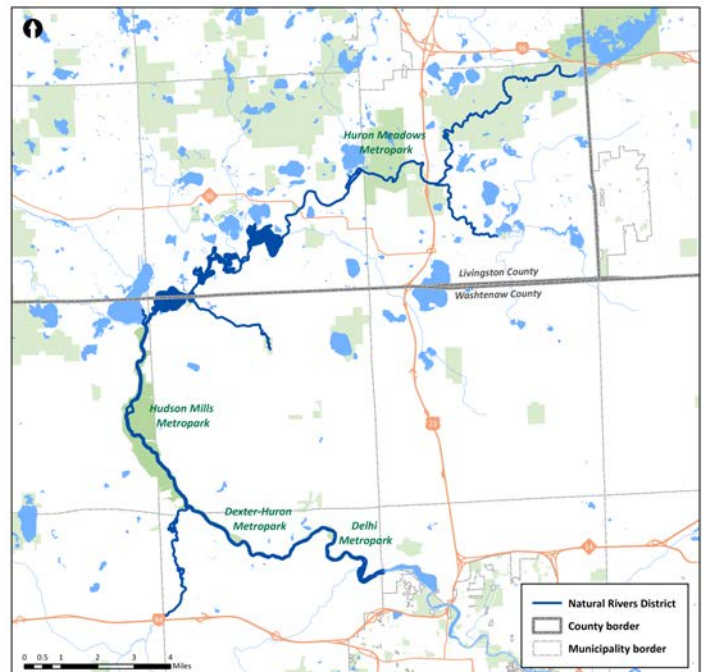


Figure 7.5 | Huron River Natural River System | Source: MDNR

¹ United States Access Board, <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards>

² United State Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Act, <https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/>

³ MDNR, Citizen Tools for Natural Rivers, http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/CitizenTools_NR_320951_7.pdf

Clean Water Act

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) has implemented a storm water management program to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the Waters of the State within its jurisdiction. This plan has been developed to fulfill the requirements for Part I, Section B of the State of Michigan's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (MIS049000) for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Water Drainage Systems (MS4s).¹ Although it operates under a Jurisdictional Permit, HCMA has been participating in the watershed planning process with the Stony/Paint Creek, Lower Huron, and Kent Lake Sub-watershed Groups. HCMA has property within both the Huron and Clinton River Watersheds, and a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) has been implemented within the requested area of coverage as determined by the urbanized areas outlined in the General Permit.

The purpose of the SWMP is to develop a program to implement the six minimum measures as required by the General Permit, which include:

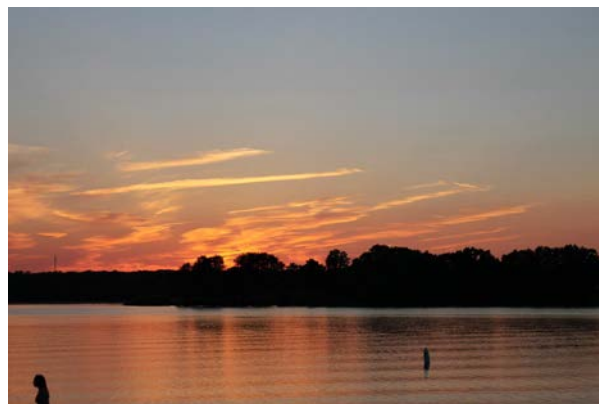
- Public Education Plan (PEP)
- Public Involvement and Participation Plan (PIP)
- Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan (IDEP)
- Post Construction Storm Water Management Program for New Development and Redevelopment Projects
- Construction Storm Water Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention / Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

These six minimum measures are designed to minimize the negative impacts or reduce discharge of pollutants within the storm water conveyances of the Metroparks to the Maximum Extent Possible (MEP). The MEP requirement will be met by:

- Educating the public, HCMA employees, and vendors on potential negative impacts of storm water discharge on receiving waters.
- Training appropriate HCMA staff on the investigation of illicit connections and discharges, including those from on-site disposal systems (OSDS), with emphasis on outfall observations/screenings, safety issues, and naturally occurring phenomena.
- Implementing a system for identifying and eliminating

illicit discharges and connections to the MS4s, including outfall observations and follow-up sampling.

- Locating and accurately mapping the storm water conveyances and outfalls owned and operated by the HCMA within the requested area of coverage.
- Determining the ownership of other significant storm water conveyances in the HCMA and initiating a process to bring any "orphan" drains under proper jurisdiction.
- Working with the Drain Commissioner and County Department of Public Health in their efforts to develop and implement an OSDS inspection program.
- Coordinating HCMA IDEP efforts with other local communities and impacted County agencies.
- The identification and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to comply with the minimum measures of Part I, including cooperation with other permittees as necessary to assure compliance.
- The identification and implementation of BMPs to comply with storm water related requirements established in a corrective action plan, to meet TMDLs as applicable.
- Demonstration of effectiveness or environmental benefit of the program.



¹ US EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-municipal-sources>

Eastern Massassauga Rattlesnake Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) listed the eastern massassauga rattlesnake (EMR) as Federally Threatened under the Endangered Species Act on Sept. 29, 2016.¹ EMR populations have substantially decreased due to many issues including habitat loss and fragmentation, human persecution, and disease. EMR are known to occur at four Metroparks (Stony Creek, Kensington, Indian Springs, and Hudson Mills), and have been the focus of past research and study at all of these locations.

HCMA has obtained protection for management activities that may cause incidental harm to individual snakes or their habitat by signing the Certificate of Inclusion to the MDNR's CCAA. The purpose of the CCAA is to conserve and enhance habitat that will maintain viable EMR populations, while reducing uncertainty that landowners face in managing lands with federally listed species.

Management activities covered by the CCAA include: wetland protection, cultivation, mowing and hydro-axing, chemical controls, trail/pathway management, prescribed burns, forest management including brush removal and invasive species control, and water level manipulations. Previous habitat management has led to the persistence of EMR populations on HCMA property. The CCAA does not require significant changes to current management activities.

To be considered for the CCAA the Natural Resources Department submitted a draft EMR Implementation Plan (EMRIP) to the MDNR. This plan highlights which areas are considered Managed Lands and Unmanaged Lands.

Unmanaged Land

These are lands that are enrolled in the CCAA but are not considered important to the long-term sustainability of EMR and may be incompatible with EMR management, such as campgrounds or golf courses. Managers do not need to implement conservation strategies on these lands and may actively discourage massassauga use. Landowners are still covered for incidental take. HCMA has identified roughly 21,000 acres of Unmanaged Land throughout the park system.

Managed Land

This land is considered most important to the long-term sustainability of EMR and has been identified as holding EMR. HCMA has identified 3,554 acres of Managed Lands in the four parks known to have EMR populations.



¹ US Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species, <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/reptiles/eama/eama-fct-sht.html>

7 | GOALS & OBJECTIVES

After considering all of the factors presented in the previous pages, HCMA staff developed the following five goals and corresponding objectives. The goals are meant to be broad, comprehensive categories that each encompass aspects of the vision to which the Metroparks aspire. The objectives are intended to describe a path forward for meeting the goals, moving into greater specificity. Finally, in the next chapter, these objectives will be broken down into actionable tasks with timelines and cost estimates.



1 INNOVATION

Modernize the Metroparks and develop a system that is more equitable for communities across the region..

- 1.1** Use new technology to increase connectivity and efficient communication throughout the system.

- 1.2** Construct and repurpose buildings to provide administrative and operations staff with workspaces that maximize employee productivity and wellness.

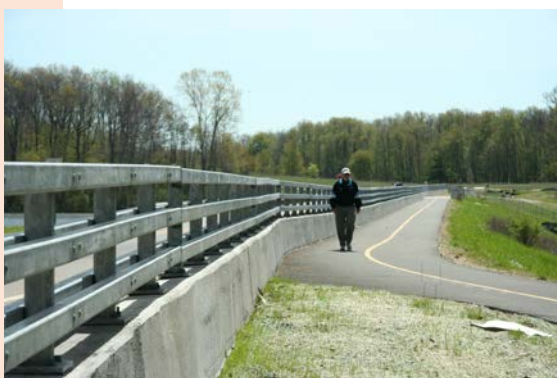
- 1.3** Redevelop targeted areas with innovative takes on current recreation programming and facility trends to attract and retain a strong user base.



2 MAINTENANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

Repair, maintain, and improve core park infrastructure.

- 2.1 Adopt a comprehensive and preventative approach to infrastructure management, maintaining an accurate inventory and investing in updates and staffing resources accordingly.
- 2.2 Continue to present visitors with a clean, functional, and pleasant park experience with excellent maintenance standards.
- 2.3 Continue transition to ADA accessibility in all park system facilities regardless of race, age, income, gender, or ability, with intentional bias towards universal design.



3 EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Develop and enhance programming, communication, and outreach efforts.

- 3.1 Enhance visitors' understanding of and appreciation for Metroparks natural features and cultural history through updated interpretive exhibits, programs, and signage.
- 3.2 Community partnerships to leverage ongoing programs, site improvements, shared technologies, and knowledge and education.
- 3.3 Provide proactive community engagement opportunities to foster a greater sense of accountability in staff and ownership in the public.



4 STEWARDSHIP

Protect and restore natural biodiversity while balancing resource management with recreational activities.

- 4.1 Maintain clean, fresh water resources that facilitate both extraordinary recreation and healthy ecosystems.
- 4.2 Restoration of natural areas in the Metroparks to be exemplary metropolitan habitats for a wide range of flora and fauna.
- 4.3 Use early detection and rapid response to prevent disease and invasive species from damaging natural areas in the parks.



5 SUSTAINABILITY

Prioritize employee development, environmental health improvements, and financial stability. Become a leader for the region in sustainable practices.

- 5.1 Increase focus on environmental sustainability throughout the Metroparks system, especially focusing on implementation of the Climate Action Plan to be completed in 2023.
- 5.2 Invest in the valuable human resources of the park system through staff education and enrichment.
- 5.3 Implement a diverse funding strategy to ensure financial resilience into the future.





8 | ACTION PROGRAM



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This chart provides planned projects for the next five years, listed by park. Descriptions and financial estimates are provided for each, in addition to goal identification and a timeline following the key below:

- **Now** | 2023
- **Soon** | 2024-2025
- **Later** | 2026-2027
- **Ongoing/As Needed**

Projects identified beyond five years will be evaluated for incorporation into the individual 10 year Master Plans and will also be considered in the next Recreation Plan 2028-2032.

SYSTEM-WIDE

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals / Objectives
New branding conversion of park signage	Marketing update	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing	1.1, 1.3, 3.1
Climate Action Plan initiatives	Climate Action Plan	TBD	General Fund/ Grants/ Partnerships	Ongoing	5.1
Annual recreational programming and events	Recreational programming committee	TBD	General Fund/ Grants/ Partnerships	Ongoing	1.3, 3.2, 3.3
Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure and parking stations	Engineering site selection identified optimal locations	TBD	General Fund/ Grants/ Partnerships	Ongoing	5.1
Stormwater monitoring	Partnership with water resource commissions	5,000	Partnerships/ General Fund	Ongoing	4.1
Increase attendance in recreation programming	Increase attendance counts by providing programming that fits the needs of residents in service area	TBD	General Fund/ Grants	Now	1.3, 3.3, 5.3
Accessibility updates on website	Provide information on accessibility of park facilities and programs	TBD	Staff time	Now	2.3
Develop staff wellness program	Continue investing in staff education and skills in meeting sustainable goals	TBD	General Fund	Now	5.2
Enhance Friends of the Metroparks program	Identify project programs, and partnerships through the Metroparks Foundation	TBD	Partnerships	Now	5.3
Improve inclusivity and diversity	Develop, partner or promote programming opportunities that reflect service areas cultural and ability diversity	TBD	Partnerships/staff time	Ongoing	2.3, 3.4, 3.5

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SYSTEM-WIDE, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals / Objectives
Provide adaptive and sensory-friendly programming	Ensure there is a variety of educational and recreational opportunities available throughout the year	TBD-	Partnerships/staff time	Ongoing	2.3,3.2
Formalize partnerships, where appropriate	Develop MOUs as necessary with partners	-	Staff time	Ongoing	3.2
Provide swimming lessons	Use pools throughout the system to provide and/or host swimming lessons	345,000	General Fund/ Grants	Ongoing	1.3
Update trail maps	Include opportunities for walking/hiking/trail/running	-	Staff time	Ongoing	1.1, 3.1
Develop signature events	Plan signature events for each district and/or Metroparks that are unique to that park's character	TBD	Operations/ Recreation programming	Ongoing	1.3,3.1
Improve fishing access and quality	Evaluate fishing access and quality throughout park system	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	4.1
Habitat restorations/ enhancements	Continued efforts based on short term priority project areas identified by Natural	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	4.2
Monitoring/surveying flora and fauna	Continued efforts based on short term priority project areas identified by Natural	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	4.2
Detection/prevention of oak wilt	Continued efforts based on short term priority project areas identified by Natural	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships	Ongoing/As Needed	4.3
Invasive species mitigation efforts focusing on emerging threats	Continue to implement land and water based invasive species control (e.g. frog bit)	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	4.3

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SYSTEM-WIDE, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals / Objectives
Herpetological Survey	Detecting and tracking reptiles and amphibians in their habitats.	\$15,000	General Fund/ Partnerships	Ongoing	4.1,4.2,4.3
Reducing waste at park events and partnership events	Continue to assess the need for improved and sustainable recycling initiatives	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	4.1,5.1
Develop and enhance staff training programs	Continue investing in staff education and skills in meeting sustainable goals	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.2
Stormwater Management Plan (SWP) initiatives	Use SWP as guidance for green infrastructure improvements	TBD	General Fund/ Grants	Ongoing/As Needed	4.1
Expand recycling plastic bottle program with mixed-stream recyclables	Continue to assess the need for improved and sustainable recycling initiatives	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.1
Continue growth of partnerships for transit initiatives	Expand pilot project at LSC to other parks in system	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships	Ongoing	1.1, 2.2
Staff attendance at appropriate parks/recreation conferences	Continue investing in staff education and skills in meeting sustainable goals	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.2
Assessments of nature trail boardwalks, bridges, and other built	Inspections and maintenance checks on built infrastructure	TBD	Staff	Ongoing/As Needed	2.1
Accessibility improvements	Continued implementation of accessible facilities per ADA Transition Plan	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	2.3
Develop fundraising campaigns	Identify projects and programs for partnerships with fundraising campaigns	TBD	Partnerships	Ongoing/As Needed	5.3
Seek sponsorships for large events	Identify projects and programs for partnerships with sponsors	TBD	Partnerships	Ongoing/As Needed	5.3

SYSTEM-WIDE, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Utility line replacements	Implement GIS asset management and replace utilities if required for site improvements	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	2.1
Feasibility studies for mountain bike trail facilities	Continue to work with partners on development of mountain bike trails	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships	Ongoing/As Needed	1.3
Provide trail connectivity to surrounding communities	Continue partnership with local communities and other agencies on trail development	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	5.1
Dam studies (Stony Creek, Kensington, Oakwoods)	Assess needs for repair and maintenance of dam infrastructure	TBD	General Fund	Soon	2.1
Road, lot, and hike-bike trail paving projects over 5-year period	Maintenance of existing infrastructure requiring paving	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	2.2
Roof replacements	Maintain existing structures requiring roof replacement	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	2.2
Develop accessible natural surface hiking trails within each District	Evaluate suitable sites for pedestrian use	TBD	General Fund/ Partnerships/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	2.3
Interpretive exhibit updates	Continued programming improvements with educational/interpretive exhibit updates	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Ongoing/As Needed	3.1
Enhance public engagement opportunities	Facilitate public input opportunities with each development project	N/A	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	1.1 3.3
Explore off-leash dog facility in Western District	Evaluate site selection including surrounding communities	NA	General Fund	Later	1.3

SYSTEM-WIDE, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Explore opportunities for pickleball courts	Perform feasibility and market analysis	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	1.3
Hire real estate consultant to explore potential subject properties for aquisition /divestments	Adhere to Land Acquisition/ Divestment HCMA policy	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	4.1
Investigate status of HCMA leased properties for planned renewal/ divestment/restoration/ recreation	Determine status and determine future land use based on HCMA and community plans	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	4.1
Mowing reduction plans	Update mowing reduction based on best practices	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.1
Assessment of Huron River shoreline erosion both in river and riparian areas	Prioritize streambank stabilization projects	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.1
Develop environmental review process in early planning stages for each development project	Desktop review of sensitive natural features, regulatory constraints, and restoration activities	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	5.1

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LAKE ST. CLAIR

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Maintenance Area redevelopment	Replace multiple structures with one large maintenance building. Improve stormwater drainage from site. Include screening from park exit road	\$1,500,000	General Fund	Now/Soon	1.2, 4.1, 5.1
North Marina improvements	Replace seawall and building. Determine future use of area	\$1,000,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	1.3, 2.2
Nature Center redevelopment and renovation	Building renovations for improved accessibility and interpretive opportunities. Incorporate nature playscape	\$500,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 3.1
Repair east and west boardwalks		\$430,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	2.2, 2.3
Replace underground power line		\$800,000	General Fund	Soon	1.1, 2.1
Seek acquisition of property to reconnect the Black Creek Marsh to the Clinton River	Review and perform due diligence for consideration in purchasing	N/A	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	2.1,4.1
Rebuild nature trail bridges (2)	Modify aging bridges for ADA access	\$160,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail, stormwater, marsh	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	3.1
Hike-bike trail connectors from Daysail to Tot Lot and to West Playfield	Develop approximately 2,800 lf of new hike-bike trail to connect multiple park facilities	\$150,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	1.3
Park Office and Food Bar redevelopment	Redevelop and possibly separate the Park Office and Food Bar (Beachside Grill)	\$3,000,000	General Fund	Later	1.3, 2.3

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LAKE ST. CLAIR, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Meadow Loop Trail accessibility and amenities improvements	Improve overall accessibility , regular maintenance of water control structures	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	2.1,2.3
Pool/Bathhouse improvements	Determine future use of area. Redevelop with modern water feature(s) based on demand	\$1,000,000	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.3, 2.3
North Marsh recreation access improvements	Improve accessibility for fishing and canoeing/ kayaking	TBD	General Fund	Later	2.3, 3.1
Parking lot redevelopment Phase 3 & 4 (completion)	Complete redevelopment project from first phases completed in 2014	\$2,500,000	General Fund	Later	2.2
Install comfort station at former roller rink site	Improve service to visitors renting picnic shelters on the Point road	\$350,000	General Fund	Later	1.3, 2.2, 2.3
Develop plan for Adventure Golf facility and strategy	Determine future use of the area	TBD	Staff time	Later	1.3
Adult changing room at south marina	Remodel existing restroom at south marina	TBD	Staff time	Later	1.3
Continue growth of partnership with SMART	Evaluate pilot project as the baseline and continue	TBD	Staff time	Ongoing	1.1,5.1

KENSINGTON

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Maple Beach improvements	Include accessible parking and furnishings	TBD	General Fund	Now/Soon	1.3
Hike-bike trail redevelopment (loop)	Complete redevelopment of paved trail surrounding Kent Lake.	\$2,000,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2
Park office building condition assessment	Engineering study of existing park office facility	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.2
Farm Center selective redevelopment	Incorporate a larger play area for visitors. Improve accessibility to the Living History Village and rental fire pits. Improve conditions for farm animals. Develop greenhouse for educational and revenue-generating opportunities	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Soon/Later	1.3 3.1
Nature Center parking and circulation improvements	Reconstruct parking lot, improve circulation, accessibility and stormwater management.	\$1,000,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon/Later	2.2
Restroom addition at Equestrian Staging Area/ Milford Connector Trail	Explore partnership involvement with Milford to develop concept	TBD	General Fund/ Grant/Village of Milford	Soon	2.1, 2.3
East Boat Launch parking and circulation improvements	Redevelop parking lot to account for boat trailer length. Improve accessibility.	\$500,000	General Fund/ Grant	Later	2.2
Martindale Beach Splash 'n' Blast renovation plan: UV disinfectant added and determine capacity of mechanical room for	Evaluate capacity of existing filtration system. Develop new slide feature to enhance the existing water park.	\$2,000,000	General Fund	Later	1.3
West Boat Launch pier replacement	Replace dilapidated piers. Improve lake accessibility	\$260,000	General Fund	Later	1.3,2.3

KENSINGTON, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Orchard Picnic Area selective redevelopment	Enhance winter activity amenities	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Mitten Bay selective redevelopment plan	Ensure structural soundness and monitor	\$690,000		Later	1.3
Martindale Beach improvements	Construct new picnic shelter and toilets at south end	\$100,000	General fund	Later	1.3
Install CXT units at Black Locust disc golf, golf course, and group camp	Replace vault latrines and port-a-johns with permanent structures.	\$600,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2
Playfield Picnic Area selective redevelopment	Remove dilapidated fitness trail stations. Develop large playground and associated parking lot to support higher intensity of use.	\$1,000,000	General Fund	Soon/Later	1.3
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Hike-bike trail, equestrian trails, x-country ski trails, mtb trails, Farm Center	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	3.1,3.2
Explore mountain biking trail expansion	Feasibility study including consideration of flora and fauna and surrounding competitive environment	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Pilot transit study with LETS	Replicate pilot project performed at Lake St. Clair with SMART	TBD	General Fund	Soon	5.1
Nature Center interior/ exterior building renovations	Phased improvements	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.2

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DEXTER-HURON/DELHI

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Border-to-Border trail extension	Southern extension from Dexter-Huron through Delhi to Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County PARC as project lead)	TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/Grant	Now/Soon	5.1
Parking lot redevelopment	Expand existing lot to account additional capacity anticipated with Border-to-Border Trail extension.	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.3,2.2
River recreation access improvements at East Delhi	Improve accessibility for fishing and canoeing/ kayaking.	TBD	General Fund/ Huron River Watershed Council	Soon	1.3,4.1
Redevelop playground	Replace playground equipment at Delhi	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Canoe livery improvements	Work in partnership with concessionaire to improve operations	TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/Grant	Soon	2.2,2.3
East Delhi trailhead with B2B trail extension planned	Washtenaw County PARC leading project	TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/Grant	Soon	5.1
Van Curler Preserve nature trail connector into Dexter-Huron	Scio Township leading project	TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/Grant	Soon	5.1

LOWER HURON

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Development of Woods Creek Accessible Trail (play area to restrooms)	Accessibility improvement project	TBD	General Fund	Now	2.2
Tawata Trace underpass restoration	Infrastructure upgrade	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.3
Investigate partnership with Rolling Hills	Mitigation plan for overflow days	TBD	General Fund	Soon	13.2

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LOWER HURON, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Adaptive ballfield	Explore collaboration with partners	TBD	General Fund/ Partners/Grants	Later	2.2,2.3
Turtle Cove renovations	Develop new slide feature to enhance the existing water park. Incorporate additional shade structures and rental shelters.	\$4,000,000	General Fund	Later	1.3
Redevelop comfort station at Walnut Grove Campground	Include shower facility for campers.	\$400,000	General Fund	Later	1.3,2.3
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	3.1,3.2
Bob White trail restoration	Aggregate 1 mile nature trail with trailhead	TBD	General Fund	Later	3.1,3.2
Demolition of former park office	Following employee transition to new park office at Willow	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.1
Turtle Cove path and crosswalk to Foxwoods	Construction of a path with crosswalk improvement	TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.1
Prioritize accessible paths from Hawthorne Glade North shelter and Tulip Tree shelter	Construction of a path with crosswalk improvement	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.1
Tulip Tree septic pump grinder		TBD	General Fund	Soon	1.1
Equalization of culverts; assessment, replacement, abatement		TBD	General Fund	Later	1.1
Foxwoods improvements	Restroom expansion, removal of ice skating sign and 2 dams, existing	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.1

HUDSON MILLS

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Additional tollbooth		TBD	General Fund	Later	2.2
Develop small playground at Oak Meadows		TBD	General Fund/ Grants	Later	2.2
Accessible trailhead with bike repair station		TBD	General Fund/ Grants		5.1
Planning for portage improvements at Flook Dam (partnership)		TBD	General Fund/ Partnership	Later	5.1
Hike-bike trail reconstruction (loop)	Complete replacement of pavement on loop trail. Develop connector from loop trail to Activity Center	\$400,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2.2.3
Development and expansion of additional recreation facilities, pickleball, disc golf, splash		TBD	General Fund/ Grants	Later	5.1
Develop connector trail to Portage Lake		TBD	General Fund/ Grants	Later	5.1
Install CXT units and family/bike camping, replace fire pits, seatings, tree plantings, invasive species management at Group Camp/Canoe Camp	Improve restroom amenities for groups and individuals using camping facilities	\$100,000	General Fund/ Grants	Later	1.3
Develop kayak launch at Bell Rd.			General Fund	Later	5.1

HUDSON MILLS, cont.

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Border-to-Border trail extension known as Northwest Passage Trail	Northern extension out of Hudson Mills to the Lakelands Trail in Livingston County (Washtenaw County PARC as project lead). Specific route to be determined.	TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/Grant	Later	5.1
Implement Activity Center selective redevelopment plan	Evaluate outdoor space for opportunities. Make accessibility improvements to restrooms. Incorporate additional revenue-generating opportunities.	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3,2.2
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail, x-country ski trails	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing/As Needed	3.1,3.2

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STONY CREEK

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Buckhorn disc golf improvements	Building utilities, new baskets	TBD	General Fund	Later	5.1
Water and gas line improvements	Bring gas line into park to serve Stony Creek Landing and Eastwood Beach	\$150,000	General Fund	Now	2.1
Baypoint Beach redevelopment	Develop comfort station. Incorporate space for food truck parking. Incorporate accessible beach access.	\$500,000	General Fund/ Grant	Now/Soon	1.3
Golf course irrigation and pump house replacement		\$2,300,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2
Eastwood Beach selective redevelopment	Renovate building/site/ parking lot circulation for operational efficiency.	TBD	General Fund	Soon/Later	1.3
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trails, mtb trails	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing, As needed	3.1,3.2
Re-align paved trails to further separate road and recreational cyclists (multiple areas). Add bike lanes where feasible		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Soon/Later	1.3
Dam (2) mechanism/ assembly redevelopment		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	5.1
Develop Dam Hazard Mitigation Plan		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	5.1
Bicycle pump track/skills area		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.3
Build permanent water slide	Sustainable initiative on energy and water savings	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.3

WILLOW

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Develop fishing pier at Big Bend	Replacement of Lower Huron south fishing site	TBD		Soon	1.3
Explore mountain bike facility		TBD		Later	1.3
Food bar and bathhouse redevelopment	Determine future use of the area and building(s) based on demand. Evaluate parking need	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1, 3.2
Disc golf improvements at Acorn Knoll	Partially relocate disc golf course	TBD	General Fund	Soon	3.1, 3.2
Implement Washago stream restoration/use master plan		TBD	General Fund	Soon	5.1
Golf course: replace irrigation lines, UST with AST		TBD	General Fund	Ongoing	5.1

OAKWOODS

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Develop playground near Nature Center	Develop accessible playground highlighting new nature center exhibit theme	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Now/Soon	2.2, 2.3
Flat Rock dam removal	Investigate feasibility of removing the Flat Rock dam	TBD	General Fund	Later	2.1
River recreation access improvements	Improve accessibility for canoeing/kayaking	\$50,000	General Fund	Later	2.3, 3.1
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail, equestrian trails	TBD	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1, 3.2

LAKE ERIE

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Food bar redevelopment plan		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.2
Marshlands Museum renovations	Replace exhibits. Renovate building interior and exterior	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.3, 2.3, 3.1
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail, x-country ski trails	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1, 3.2
Golf cart fleet replacement		TBD	General Fund	Later	2.2, 2.3
Implement Marina selective redevelopment strategy; mixed use	Adhere to consent order	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	2.2, 2.3
Hike-bike trail connectors to park office, marina	Longer looped trail connectivity improvements	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	2.2, 2.3
Implement Great Wave Area selective redevelopment strategy		5,000,000	General Fund/ Grant	Soon	5.1, 1.3
Implement shoreline stabilization in Cove Point area		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	5.1
Continue growth of partnership with SMART on transit initiatives		TBD	General Fund/ Partnership/ Grants	Later	5.1
Boat launch selective redevelopment strategy: shoreline stabilization, fish		TBD	General Fund/ Grants		5.1

WOLCOTT MILL

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Camp Rotary revenue generation strategy; Activities to supplement and camping uses		TBD	General Fund	Later	2.2 , 2.3
Develop wagon trail between Farm Center & Historic Center	Connect the two facilities by crossing the river and utilizing part of an existing trail system	\$600,000	General Fund	Later	1.3 , 3.1
Historic Center selective redevelopment	Develop event facility for groups larger than what is allowable at Camp Rotary, incorporating classroom and office space. Replace comfort station. Develop and implement interpretive signage plan. Replace exhibits in the mill.	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Soon/Later	1.3 3.1
Farm Center selective redevelopment	Redevelop select buildings to improve animal facilities. Replace playground equipment. Incorporate additional classroom, office, and storage space. Develop and implement interpretive signage plan.	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Soon/Later	1.3 3.1
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, wagon trail	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1 , 3.2
North Branch trail connection		TBD	General Fund	Later	5.1

INDIAN SPRINGS

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Replace bridges on nature trails		\$200,000	General Fund	Soon	2.1
Golf course pump house replacement , parking lot improvements, UST		\$800,000	General Fund	Soon	2.2
Splash pad restrooms/ changing area		TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	2.2, 2.3
Old prison upgrades		TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Schmitt Lake trail amenities development	Develop parking and trailhead off of Crosby Lake Road for access to rustic trails.	\$85,000	General Fund	Later	1.3
Meadowlark Playground redevelopment	Replace aging equipment and reorganize play areas. Relocate playground nearer to existing comfort station.	\$600,000	General Fund	Soon	1.3
EDC selective redevelopment	Evaluate building space use and make renovations to ensure balance of use as an event and educational facility.	TBD	General Fund	Later	2.2
Expand the hike-bike trail into a loop	Develop extension of existing trail to enable visitors to enhance experience for visitors and encourage increased trail usage.	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	Nature trails, hike-bike trail	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1, 3.2

HURON MEADOWS

Project	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Timeframe	Goals/ Objectives
Develop Huron River south connectivity plan		TBD	General Fund	Soon	3.1
Develop tollbooth at Golf Course	Park is lacking tollbooth currently	\$140,000	General Fund	Soon	5.3
River recreation access improvements	Improve accessibility for fishing and canoeing/ kayaking	TBD	General Fund	Later	1.3, 4.1
Maltby Lake recreation access improvements	Improve accessibility for fishing and canoeing/ kayaking. Incorporate parking, comfort station	TBD	General Fund/ Grant	Later	1.3, 4.1
Trail wayfinding and interpretive signage updates	rustic trails, x-country ski trails	\$10,000	General Fund	Ongoing, as needed	3.1, 3.2
Replace Sunset Ridge playground		TBD	General Fund, Grants	Later	1.3
Explore accessible kayak launch along entire Huron River corridor		TBD		Later	1.3

HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
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2023-2027 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Resolution No. 2023-01

Motion made by: Commissioner Rea

Supported by: Commissioner Taylor

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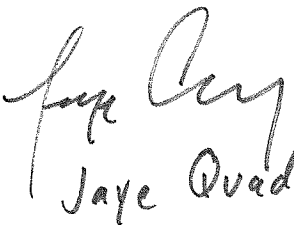
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AYES: Commissioners: 6
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ABSTAIN: Commissioners: 0
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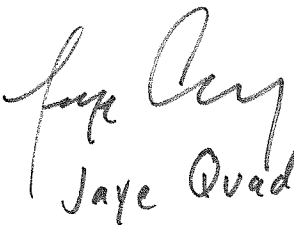
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9 | APPENDICES



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We hope you will make time to complete this survey.

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks is conducting a comprehensive parks and recreation needs assessment survey. The results of this survey will be used to establish priorities for improvements to our system, which includes 13 parks covering more than 25,000 acres in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Your household was one of a limited number selected at random to receive this survey; therefore, it is very important that you participate.

We have selected ETC Institute, an independent consulting company, as our partner to administer this survey. They will compile the data received and present the results to Metroparks later this year. Your responses will remain confidential.

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Findings Report: Huron-Clinton Metroparks Community Needs Survey (2022)

2022 Community Needs Assessment Survey

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1. **Have you ever heard of Huron-Clinton Metroparks?**
 (1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

2. **How many times have you or other members of your household visited parks and facilities that are operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks during the past year?**
 (1) More than 6 times (3) Once or twice
 (2) 3-6 times (4) None; have not visited in the past year [Skip to Q3.]

2a. Which of the following best describes the type of vehicle pass you purchased?

- (1) Daily permit (3) Did not purchase a vehicle permit
 (2) Annual permit (4) Don't remember

3. **Parks and facilities that are operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks are listed below. Please CHECK ALL of the parks and facilities that you and other members of your household have visited during the past year.**

Parks

- (01) Delhi Metropark
- (02) Dexter-Huron Metropark
- (03) Hudson Mills Metropark
- (04) Huron Meadows Metropark
- (05) Indian Springs Metropark
- (06) Kensington Metropark
- (07) Lake Erie Metropark
- (08) Lake St. Clair Metropark
- (09) Lower Huron Metropark
- (10) Oakwoods Metropark
- (11) Stony Creek Metropark
- (12) Willow Metropark
- (13) Wolcott Mill Metropark

Golf Courses

- (14) Hudson Mills Golf Course
- (15) Huron Meadows Golf Course
- (16) Indian Springs Golf Course
- (17) Kensington Golf Course
- (18) Lake Erie Golf Course
- (19) Stony Creek Golf Course
- (20) Willow Golf Course

Educational/Historic Facilities

- (21) Hudson Mills Activity Center
- (22) Indian Springs Environmental Discovery Center
- (23) Kensington Farm Center
- (24) Kensington Nature Center
- (25) Lake Erie Marshlands Museum
- (26) Lake St. Clair Nature Center
- (27) Oakwoods Nature Center
- (28) Stony Creek Nature Center
- (29) Wolcott Mill Farm Center
- (30) Wolcott Mill Historic Center

Water Facilities

- (31) Lower Huron Turtle Cove
- (32) Kensington Splash 'n Blast
- (33) Indian Springs Spray Pad
- (34) Lake St. Clair Squirt Zone
- (35) Lake St. Clair Pool
- (36) Stony Creek water slide
- (37) Willow Pool
- (38) Lake Erie Wave Pool

Other

- (39) Other: _____
- (40) Other: _____

4. **Which of the parks and facilities from the list in Question 3 does your household use MOST OFTEN? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 3, or circle "NONE."]**

5. Prior to receiving this survey, were you aware of the difference between the Huron-Clinton Metroparks system (which consists of the 13 parks listed in Question 3, covering over 25,000 acres in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties) and other park systems operated by the State of Michigan, counties, and cities in Southeast Michigan?

___(1) Yes ___(2) No

6. Do you feel that there are enough parks and green space areas within a 10-minute walk of your residence?

___(1) Yes ___(2) No ___(3) Not sure

7. Do you feel that there are enough parks and green space areas within a 15-minute drive of your residence?

___(1) Yes ___(2) No ___(3) Not sure

8. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have a need for each of the facilities listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No." If "Yes," please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met in Southeast Michigan using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means your needs are being "100% met" and 1 means your needs are being "0% met."

Facility	Do you have a need for this facility?		If "Yes," how well are your needs being met in Southeast Michigan?				
	Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
01. Beaches	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
02. Boat docks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
03. Boat ramps	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
04. Camping areas - RVs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
05. Camping areas - group sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
06. Camping areas - primitive sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
07. Canoe/Kayak launch sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
08. Canoe/Kayak rentals	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
09. Disc golf	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
10. Fishing banks or docks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
11. Golf courses	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
12. Golf driving ranges	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
13. Marinas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
14. Natural areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
15. Nature centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
16. Picnic shelters	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
17. Picnic tables	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
18. Playgrounds	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
19. Splash pad (water play area)	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
20. Outdoor swimming pools	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
21. Waterslides	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
22. Trails - mountain biking	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
23. Trails - paved, multi-use (walking, biking)	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
24. Trails - unpaved, hiking	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
25. Trails - unpaved, nature trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
26. Other: _____	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

9. Regardless of their current availability in Southeast Michigan, which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question 8 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 8, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

10. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have a need for each of the programs listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No." If "Yes," please rate how well the needs of your household are currently being met by existing programs/activities in Southeast Michigan using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means your needs are being "100% met" and 1 means your needs are being "0% met."

Programs/Activities	Do you have a need for this program?		If "Yes," how well are your needs being met in Southeast Michigan?				
			100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
01. Art/Photography	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
02. Astronomy programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
03. Bird/Wildlife watching programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
04. Boating classes	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
05. Camping	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
06. Concerts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
07. Environmental education programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
08. Farm educational programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
09. Fishing programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
10. Golf lessons	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
11. Golf tournaments	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
12. Guided motorized boat tours	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
13. Guided canoe/kayak tours	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
14. Guided nature hikes	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
15. Homeschool programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
16. Movies in the park	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
17. Natural/Cultural history programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
18. Pet-friendly programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
19. Programs for people with disabilities	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
20. Running clubs/programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
21. Scouting	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
22. Swim lessons	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
23. Virtual programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
24. Walking clubs/programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
25. Water fitness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
26. Other: _____	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

11. Regardless of their current availability in Southeast Michigan, which FOUR of the programs from the list in Question 10 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 10, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

12. Have you or other members of your household used any of the trails operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks during the past year?

____(1) Yes ____ (2) No [Skip to Q13.] ____ (3) Don't remember [Skip to Q13.]

12a. Which of the following activities did you or other members of your household participate in on trails operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks during the past year? [Check all that apply.]

- (01) Walk on nature trails
- (02) Walk on paved trails
- (03) Walk/Run dog on paved trails
- (04) Run on paved trails
- (05) Hike on rustic trails
- (06) Cycle on paved trails
- (07) Cycle on mountain bike trails
- (08) Cycle on roadways
- (09) In-line skate on paved trails
- (10) Horseback riding

13. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks and facilities operated by Huron-Clinton Metroparks more often.

- (01) Facilities are not well maintained
- (02) Not interested in the programs/facilities offered
- (03) Facilities lack the right equipment
- (04) I don't feel safe
- (05) Lack of quality programs
- (06) Location is not convenient
- (07) Programs are always full
- (08) Program times are not convenient
- (09) Use services/facilities provided by other organizations
- (10) Cost/fees are too high
- (11) Poor customer service by staff
- (12) I do not know locations of facilities
- (13) Not accessible for people with disabilities
- (14) I do not know what is being offered
- (15) Facility operating hours not convenient
- (16) Registration for programs is difficult
- (17) Lack of parking by facilities and parks
- (18) Lack of transportation
- (19) No time to visit parks
- (20) Don't visit parks of any kind
- (21) Program topics are not interesting to me
- (22) I do not feel welcome in parks
- (23) Other: _____
- (99) None

14. Since 1942, Southeast Michigan residents have supported the Metroparks with funding levied through a property tax. Please indicate how supportive you are for each of the following renovations.

How supportive would you be of funding...	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Supportive	Don't Know
01. Aquatic facilities (swimming pools, wave pools, lazy rivers)	3	2	1	9
02. Boardwalks	3	2	1	9
03. Boat ramps	3	2	1	9
04. Campgrounds	3	2	1	9
05. Canoe/Kayak launches	3	2	1	9
06. Nature centers	3	2	1	9
07. Picnic shelters	3	2	1	9
08. Playgrounds	3	2	1	9
09. Restrooms	3	2	1	9
10. Splash pads (water playground)	3	2	1	9
11. Trails - paved, multi-use	3	2	1	9
12. Trails - unpaved, nature trails	3	2	1	9
13. Other: _____	3	2	1	9

15. Which FOUR of the items listed above in Question 14 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 14, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

16. Please CHECK ALL the ways you learn about Huron-Clinton Metroparks facilities, programs, and services.

- (01) Web/Google searches
- (02) Metroparks website
- (03) Information sent home from schools
- (04) Social media
- (05) From friends, family and neighbors
- (06) E-mail blasts
- (07) Local print newspapers
- (08) Digital news resources
- (09) Digital ads on websites and apps
- (10) Direct mailers sent to my home
- (11) Printed flyers and programming guides
- (12) In-park signage from previous visits
- (13) Radio stations
- (14) Local news stations
- (15) Roadside billboards
- (16) Other: _____

17. From the list in Question 16, what are your most preferred ways for learning about Huron-Clinton Metroparks facilities, and programs, and services? [Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 16, or circle "NONE."]

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ NONE

18. Are you or other members of your household currently using any indoor or outdoor aquatic facilities?

- (1) Yes [Answer Q18a-c.] (2) No [Skip to Q19.]

18a. What type of aquatic facilities are you currently using?

- (1) Indoor (2) Outdoor (3) Both indoor and outdoor

18b. What type of swimming do you or members of your household participate in?

- (1) Competitive swimming
- (2) Recreational swimming
- (3) Lap swimming
- (4) Therapy swimming
- (5) Water exercise
- (6) Outdoor seasonal swimming
- (7) Swim lessons
- (8) Training/Educational
- (9) Other: _____

18c. How well do existing aquatic facilities meet the needs of your household?

- (1) Completely meets our needs
- (2) Mostly meets our needs
- (3) Partly meets our needs
- (4) Doesn't meet our needs

19. Listed below are various aquatic features. For each one, please indicate whether you think it is strongly needed, somewhat needed, or not needed in the community.

How needed are the following?	Strongly Needed	Somewhat Needed	Not Needed	Not Sure
01. Area for water fitness	3	2	1	9
02. Competition swimming	3	2	1	9
03. Deep water area	3	2	1	9
04. Family-oriented warm water pool	3	2	1	9
05. Lap lanes for recreational lap swimming	3	2	1	9
06. Lazy river	3	2	1	9
07. Outdoor seasonal leisure pool	3	2	1	9
08. Outdoor spray ground	3	2	1	9
09. Warm water pool for swim lessons or therapy	3	2	1	9
10. Whirlpool/Hot tub	3	2	1	9
11. Other: _____	3	2	1	9

20. Which **THREE** of the features listed above in Question 19 do you feel are **MOST NEEDED** in the community? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 19, or circle "None."]*

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ NONE

21. Would you be interested in any of the following summer jobs at Metroparks? *[Check all that apply.]*

- ____(1) Park maintenance
- ____(2) Lifeguard
- ____(3) Golf course attendant
- ____(4) Toll booth attendant
- ____(5) Police officer
- ____(6) Other: _____
- ____(7) Not interested in summer jobs at Metroparks

22. What is the maximum distance you would be willing to travel to work at a summer job at Metroparks?

- ____(1) 5 minutes or less driving
- ____(2) 6 to 10 minutes driving
- ____(3) 11 to 20 minutes driving
- ____(4) 21 to 30 minutes driving
- ____(5) More than 30 minutes driving
- ____(6) Not interested in a summer job at Metroparks

23. Please **CHECK ALL** the reasons that would prevent you from working at a summer job at Metroparks.

- ____(01) I do not know locations of parks/facilities
- ____(02) I do not know what jobs are available
- ____(03) Working hours are not convenient
- ____(04) Pay is too low
- ____(05) Lack of transportation
- ____(06) Not interested in any of the jobs that are available
- ____(07) Don't feel welcome in parks
- ____(08) Don't want to work outside
- ____(09) Not looking for a summer job
- ____(10) Other: _____

24. Please rate the importance of the following sustainable themes.

		Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
01.	Manage stormwater to protect water quality and reduce flooding	3	2	1	9
02.	Deliver nature, education, and recreation programs that welcome everyone	3	2	1	9
03.	Reduce waste by recycling and composting	3	2	1	9
04.	Maintain roads, parking lots, and other park infrastructure	3	2	1	9
05.	Plant trees for shade and cooling and to absorb carbon dioxide	3	2	1	9
06.	Renovate existing facilities to be carbon neutral and environmentally sustainable	3	2	1	9
07.	Make walking, biking, or transit connections with neighborhoods and other parks	3	2	1	9
08.	Manage invasive species and improve habitat for wildlife and connectivity	3	2	1	9
09.	Buy land for trails, open space, and the environment	3	2	1	9
10.	Identify unsustainable facilities and assets and remove from service	3	2	1	9

25. Which **THREE** of the items listed above in Question 24 are **MOST IMPORTANT** in the community? *[Write in your answers below using the numbers from the list in Question 24, or circle "None."]*

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ NONE

26. Since the beginning of the pandemic (early 2020), how important have parks, trails, and open space been to improving mental health and physical health and fitness?

- ____(1) Very important
- ____(2) Somewhat important
- ____(3) Not very important
- ____(4) Not at all important

27. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

Under age 5: ____ Ages 15-19: ____ Ages 35-44: ____ Ages 65-74: ____
 Ages 5-9: ____ Ages 20-24: ____ Ages 45-54: ____ Ages 75+: ____
 Ages 10-14: ____ Ages 25-34: ____ Ages 55-64: ____

28. Your gender:

____(1) Male ____ (3) Prefer to self-identify: _____
 ____ (2) Female ____ (4) Prefer not to answer

29. Which of the following best describes your race? [Check all that apply.]

____(01) Asian or Asian Indian ____ (06) Middle Eastern or North African
 ____ (02) Black or African American ____ (07) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 ____ (03) American Indian or Alaska Native ____ (88) Prefer not to say
 ____ (04) White ____ (99) Other: _____
 ____ (05) Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino/a/x

30. How long have you lived in Southeast Michigan? _____ years

31. What is your age? _____ years old

32. In which county do you live?

____(1) Livingston ____ (5) Wayne - inside the City of Detroit
 ____ (2) Macomb ____ (6) Wayne - outside the City of Detroit
 ____ (3) Oakland ____ (7) Other: _____
 ____ (4) Washtenaw

33. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for improving programs and/or facilities operated by Metroparks? If so, please write them in the space below.

34. Would you be interested in participating in future surveys, focus groups, or other discussions on some of the topics covered in this survey?

____(1) Yes [Answer Q34a.] ____ (2) No

34a. Please provide your contact information.

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your responses will remain completely confidential. The address information to the right will ONLY be used to help identify areas with special interests. Thank you!

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed return-reply envelope addressed to:

ETC Institute, 725 W. Frontier Circle, Olathe, KS 66061

Lake St. Clair

Number	Name—Grants	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
TF87-085	Metro Beach Nature Center	1987	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	Nature Center plans renovations to updated standards
CM00-067	Metro Beach Pointe Shoreline Trail	2000	Development	Closed	\$ 450,000.00	General maintenance to railing/benches
TF12-057	Lake St. Clair Metropark Land Acquisition	2012	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 94,000.00	No conversion, boundary maintained within park

Kensington

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00169	Kensington Metropark #2	1969	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 45,937.50	Still maintained as park
26-00146	Kensington Metropolitan Park	1969	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 42,000.00	Still maintained as park
26-00617	Kensington Hike-Bike Trail	1975	Development	Closed	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-00856	Kensington Hike/Bike Trail	1977	Development	Closed	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-01319	Kensington Hike-Bike Trail	1984	Development	Closed	\$ 127,500.00	General maintenance
BF89-614	Nature Center Kensington	1989	Development	Closed	\$ 300,000.00	Facility upgrades to meet standards
TF08-033	Kensington Metropark - Milford Trail Connector	2008	Development	Closed	\$ 315,000.00	General maintenance
TF11-018	Kensington Metropark Nature Center Pond Overlook	2011	Development	Closed	\$ 94,000.00	Additional amenities added to support grant
TF19-0048	Kensington Metropark West Boat Launch	2019	Development	Closed	\$308,000	General maintenance, no conversion

Delhi

Number	Name—Grant	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
BF98-088	Delhi Metropark Children's Play Area	1998	Development	Closed	\$ 36,400.00	General upkeep, ADA parking improvements

Lower Huron

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00025	Lower Huron Metropark Woods Creek Picnic Area	1965	Development	Closed	\$ 18,700.00	General maintenance, no conversion
BF93-153	Lower Huron and Willow Metroparks	1993	Development	Closed	\$ 170,000.00	General maintenance, no conversion
TF00-069	Lower Huron Metropark Fishing Access Boardwalks	2000	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	General maintenance, no conversion
LW18-0050	Redevelopment of North Fishing Site, Accessibility and Site Upgrades	2018	Development	Closed	\$288, 800	General maintenance, no conversion

Hudson Mills

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-01146	Hudson Mills Hike-Bike Trail	1980	Development	Closed	\$ 78,500.00	General maintenance
TF03-023	Hudson Mills Metropark Hike/Bike Trail	2003	Development	Closed	\$ 361,000.00	General maintenance
TF10-040	Hudson Mills Hike/Bike Trail Development	2010	Development	Closed	\$ 500,000.00	General maintenance
TF14-0129	Hudson Mills Metropark Property Acquisition	2014	Acquisition	Active	\$75,000.00	Appraisal Needed
TF 19-0013	Hudson Mills Metropark Rapids View	2019	Development	Closed	\$226,900	General maintenance, no conversion

Stony Creek

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-00022	Stony Creek West Branch - Winter Cove	1965	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 198,050.00	Structure renovations to meet standards, additional trail facilities, basketball court
26-00059	Stony Creek Enlargement #1	1967	Acquisition	Mitigation Com	\$ 144,049.00	DEQ conservation easement remains public recreation
26-00070	Stony Creek Metropolitan Park #2	1967	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 142,230.00	Upgraded boat launch complex per modern standards, additional beach amenities added
26-00618	Stony Creek Hike-Bike Trail	1975	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
26-00857	Stony Creek Hike/Bike Trail	1977	Development	Mitigation Com	\$ 50,000.00	General maintenance
TF19-0014	Stony Creek Metropark Off-Leash Dog Area	2019	Development	Closed	\$88,500	General maintenance, no conversion

Willow

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
BF89-196	Willow Metropark - Wayne County	1989	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	Renovations and repurposing of buildings being planned, no conversion will take place
BF90-170	Willow Metropark Hike/Bike Trail	1990	Development	Closed	\$ 225,000.00	General maintenance

Lake Erie

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Condition
26-01383	Lake Erie Metropark Play Area	1985	Development	Closed	\$ 175,000.00	Renovated tot lot playground and additional amenities added to wave pool along with minor upgrades to pool facility
BF90-197	Lake Erie Metropark Wildfowlers Museum - Ph. 2	1990	Development	Closed	\$ 750,000.00	Continued use as museum/nature center
BF93-152	Lake Erie MP - Trail	1993	Development	Closed	\$ 115,500.00	General maintenance –no conversion
TF95-088	Shoreline Trail	1995	Development	Closed	\$ 375,000.00	General maintenance—no conversion
TF99-117	Lake Erie Metropark Marina Point Fishing Site	1999	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	Continued use –no conversion
TF01-041	Lake Erie Metropark Hike-Bike/Shoreline Trail	2001	Development	Closed	\$ 199,800.00	General maintenance– no conversion

Wolcott Mill

Number	Name	Year	Encumbered through	Type	Amount	Current Condition
26-00857	Conversion Mitigation—Stony Creek	2012	Perpetuity	Mitigation	-	No conversion of use
-	USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Native Prairie Restoration*	2008	2018	Restoration	\$16,653	Maintained
-	EPA GLRI Floodplain Restoration*	2016	unknown	Restoration	\$352,147	Ongoing, maintained
-	DEQ Section 9 Grant /USFWS Floodplain Restoration*	2015-16	2025	Restoration	\$290,960	Ongoing, maintained
-	DTE Community Forests Grant Forest Restoration*	2016	2019	Restoration	\$6,186	Maintained

*These grants were not awarded through the LWCF, Trust Fund, Clean Michigan, or Recreation Bond programs.

Indian Springs

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
26-01490	Indian Springs Nature Trail	1992	Development	Closed	\$ 65,000.00	Amenities added
TF07-028	Indian Springs Metropark Land Acquisition	2007	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 1,426,000.00	Continued use for hiking and nature observation

Huron Meadows

Number	Name	Year	Type	Status	Amount	Current Conditions
26-00201	South Metropolitan Parkway (Huron Meadows)	1970	Acquisition	Closed	\$ 7,000.00	Maintained within park boundary—no conversion
TF99-118	Maltby Lake Access and Play Area	1999	Development	Closed	\$ 180,000.00	General maintenance

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AU-
THORITY**
Counties of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland,
Washtenaw and Wayne
The residents of the Counties of Livingston,
Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne,
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed
Community Recreation Plan of the Authority
for the years 2023 through 2027 at the Admin-
istrative offices, 13000 High Ridge Drive,
Brighton, Michigan 48114 on Thursday, Janu-
ary 12, 2023. The Public Hearing will be at
12:30 pm, (EST).
The Purpose of the Public Hearing is for the
Authority to receive input and comment on
the proposed Community Recreation Plan for
consideration in the final Community Recrea-
tion Plan. A copy of the proposed Community
Recreation Plan will be available for public
review at the Administrative offices, 13000
High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114,
during normal business hours 8am-4pm prior
to the date of the hearing. After the public
hearing, the Authority may vote to consider
adopting the 2023-2027 Community Recreation
Plan at the same meeting on Jan. 12, 2023
Amy McMillan, Director
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
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Resolution of Adoption

HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
13000 HIGH RIDGE DRIVE, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN 48114

2023-2027 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Resolution No. 2023-01

Motion made by: Commissioner Rea

Supported by: Commissioner Taylor

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2023, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority ("Authority") has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation programming needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Authority is made up of representatives from Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties; and

WHEREAS, the Authority began the process of developing the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the draft plan for a period of thirty-five days; and

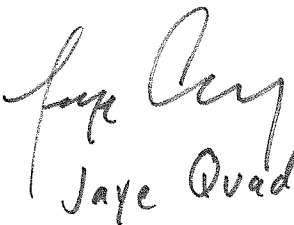
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 12, 2023 at the Administrative Office in Brighton, Michigan to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted the plan as a guideline for improving recreation programming for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Authority voted to adopt said 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority hereby adopts the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan.

AYES: Commissioners: 6
NAYS: Commissioners: 0
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: 0
ABSENT: Commissioners: 1


Jaye Quadrozzi

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority on January 12, 2023.



Amy McMillan, Director

Public Meeting Minutes

**Minutes
PUBLIC HEARING
2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan
Board of Commissioners Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 12:30pm**

A Public Hearing for the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 12:30 at the Administrative Office and via Zoom for public participation.

Commissioners Present:	Jaye Quadrozzi Bill Bolin John Paul Rea Tiffany Taylor Robert W. Marans Stephen Pontoni
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Staff Officers Present:	
Director	Amy McMillan
Deputy Director	Michael Lyons
Chief of Finance	Shedreka Miller

Absent:	Bernard Parker
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Others:	
Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone	Steve Mann

1. Chairperson's Statement

None.

2. 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan Review – Sarah Plumer

Chief of Planning and Development, Sarah Plumer reviewed the process involved in developing the Community Recreation Plan and the efforts behind the final document. Ms. Plumer provided background on the public input process and explained that the public comment period and the availability of the draft plan for comment was distributed through social media posts and email blasts. Ms. Plumer explained that the public hearing was properly advertised in the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

Ms. Plumer explained that the public comments received were helpful and many were consistent with the results of the survey conducted before the drafting of the plan.

Commissioner Marans inquired about the availability of comments made by county, Ms. Plumer explained that information will be included in the public input summary.

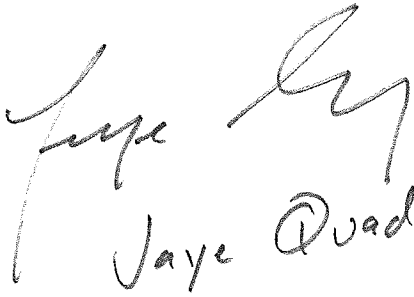
3. Public Participation

No comments received at the meeting.

4. Motion to Close the Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Rea support from Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners close the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.


Jaye Quadrozzi

Minutes
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Board of Commissioners
Thursday, January 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Administrative Office and via Zoom for public participation.

Commissioners Present:	Jaye Quadrozzi Bill Bolin John Paul Rea Tiffany Taylor Robert W. Marans Stephen Pontoni
Staff Officers Present:	
Director	Amy McMillan
Deputy Director	Michael Lyons
Chief of Finance	Shedreka Miller
Others:	
Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone	Steve Mann

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Quadrozzi called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

2. Chairperson's Statement

None.

3. Public Participation

None

4. Approval – December 8, 2022, Regular Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, support from Commissioner Pontoni, that the Board of Commissioners approve the meeting minutes as submitted. 39.25

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – January 12, 2023, Full Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Rea, that the Board of Commissioners approve the January 12, 2023 full agenda. 39.39

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval – January 12, 2023 Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor, that the Board of Commissioners approve the January 12, 2023 consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. Reports

A. Administrative Department

1. Report – 2022 Overview, District Park Superintendents

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the reports.

Discussion: Park District Superintendents, Jeff Linn, Gary Hopp and Jim O'Brien presented information on their district for the past year.

Commissioner Quadrozzi asked about the growing popularity of Golf and trends the parks are seeing. Each district has seen growth in usage of courses and does not see this trend declining anytime soon.

2. Approval - 2023 Marketing Plan

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2023 Marketing Plan.

Discussion: Chief of Marketing & Communications, Danielle Mauter presented 2023 Marketing Plan & Strategies.

Commissioner Marans asked if the data was broken down by geographic areas, and by age group. Ms. Mauter explained that the data is available and each program has a different target audience.

Commissioner Rea thanked Danielle for all the information and how it is interesting to see the reach of our brand recognition and using social media will highlight user engagement and how we can target specific audiences and tap into trends.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report – 2022 Annual Volunteer Services Update

Motion by Commissioner Marans, Support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the update.

Discussion: Chief of Marketing & Communications, Danielle Mauter provided an update on 2022 Volunteer Services.

4. Approval/Resolution – 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to adopt the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – Library Partners Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the Library Partners agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Director Amy McMillan provided a brief summary of the agreement.

6. Approval – T-Mobile Agreement for Library Hot Spots

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the T-Mobile Library Hot Spot agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Director Amy McMillan provided a brief summary of the agreement.

7. Approval – Security Camera Project Policy

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Security Camera Project Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval – Concert Promoter

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the selection of a concert promoter.

Discussion: Deputy Director Mike Lyons provided an overview of the selected concert provider the selection process.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Department Updates

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file Department Update Reports from Natural Resources, Planning & Development and Interpretive Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Report – Natural Resources Update**
- 2. Report – Planning and Development Update**
- 3. Report – Interpretive Services Update**
- 4. Report – DEI Update**

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Taylor, that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the monthly DEI Update.

Discussion: Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Artina Carter announced the MLK 101 Series, a partnership with Howell Library and Livingston County.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Natural Resources

- 1. Approval – Invasive Shrub Control/Native Tree Planting**

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor, that the Board of Commissioners approve Invasive Shrub Control/Native Tree Planting.

Discussion: Chief of Natural Resources, Tyler Mitchell provided a review of the Emerald Ashborer, an invasive species and the project goals.

Commissioner Rea mentioned Macomb County will also be utilizing the same funds and offered assistance or coordination if needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Engineering Services

- 1. Bids – Boat Launch Building Communication Line, Stony Creek**

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the bid for the Boat Launch Building Communication line at Stony Creek.

Discussion: Chief of Engineering, Mike Henkel provided an overview of the bid.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Bids – Boardwalk Deck Replacement Phase 2, Lake St. Clair**

Motion by Commissioner Bolin, support from Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Boardwalk Deck Replacement Phase 2 bid at Lake St. Clair.

Discussion: Chief of Engineering, Mike Henkel provided an overview of the bid.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Leadership Update

Director McMillan thanked the Board and the Superintendents for taking time to go through district reports. Director McMillan also asked the Board to please take time to read through the Interpretive Services report because it includes a lot of valuable and interesting information. Commissioner Marans expressed his gratitude for the testimonials included in the report.

Director McMillan mentioned that after sending out an update on the Board's support of the investment of the water garden at Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park in Detroit, over 50 media outlets have reported on the initiative.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Public Participation

None.

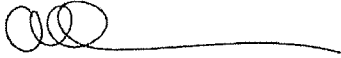
12. Commissioner Comments

13. Motion to Adjourn

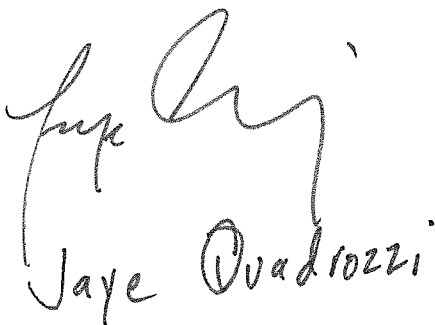
Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Taylor, that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy McMillan
Director



Jaye Quadrozzi

3/17/23

Public Input Summary

Public Input Summary

The draft Community Recreation Plan was presented to the Board of Commissioners at the December 8, 2022 meeting. Following the meeting, the draft was posted to the planning department web page of the Metroparks website from December 9, 2022–January 12, 2023. The Metroparks provided stakeholder and public input throughout the entire planning process beginning with the 5-year master plan update steering committees, regional survey, community stakeholder meetings, and ending with outreach for the public to review the plan on social media platforms, and online comments based on the draft plan posted on the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Planning Department Website, as well as hard copies made available at each of the Metropark park offices and administration office. Upon compiling input, planning staff discussed with staff management and refined the plan as appropriate.

Overview of Input Opportunities

5-Year Update Master Plan Steering Committee Meetings – Each individual 10-year master plan for each park was reviewed by steering committees made up of local park staff to provide an opportunity for 5-year updates that provided complimentary action items for this 5-year Community Recreation Plan.

Regional Survey – ECT Institute provided a comprehensive representative regional survey of all 5 counties and the City of Detroit.

Community Stakeholder Meetings – On October 7, 2022, three district Community Stakeholder Meetings were held via Zoom. A meeting memo was provided to all stakeholders, including general information about the plan and Metropark's Objectives and Goals. The floor was open for questions and further discussion after the presentation.

Huron Clinton Metroparks Planning Department Website – the public could email comments on the draft Community Recreation Plan Draft following the BOC December 8, 2022 meeting for 35 days ending on January 12, 2023. Hard copies were made available at each park office and the administration office for the same time period. The website also posted information on the public hearing held at the Board of Commissioners January 13, 2022 meeting. The public hearing was held prior to the scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114.

Social Media Posts - provided links for public comment were shared on Metropark's platforms, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Metroparks Website

2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan Public Input Period

Every five years we update our Community Recreation Plan. The purpose of the recreation planning process is to develop recreation and resource conservation goals and objectives, and to establish recreation grant eligibility through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. At this time, the DRAFT 2023 – 2027 Community Recreation Plan is available for public feedback and comment until January 12, 2023.

Please send any feedback or comments via email to Sarah Plumer at sarah.plumer@metroparks.com.

[Click here to review and read the DRAFT 2023 – 2027 Community Recreation Plan](#)

Stakeholder Meetings and Memos

You are invited to the **Huron-Clinton Metroparks Community Recreation Plan** virtual meeting to be held **Friday, October 7, 2022 10am-11am**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87912819913?pwd=cjVPM1JzZ3I4SE1HMxZiQUSseifSZz09>

Every five years we update our Community Recreation Plan to guide our plan of action to meet community recreation and open space needs and be eligible for DNR grant project funds. Your input is important to us and helps guide future projects and planning.

At this meeting we will present the draft plan and the many proposed projects at the following parks: **Stony Creek Metropark, Wolcott Mill Metropark and Lake St. Clair Metropark**. We will then open the floor to the group for questions and further discussion. We look forward to discussing any additional ideas our stakeholders may have for inclusion in the Community Recreation Plan's action program. Please share this invite with others if you cannot attend.

I will send a reminder email a couple of days before the meeting only to those that accept the invite.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

-Jay

Jay Bibby, AICP | System Planner
Jason.Bibby@metroparks.com
Desk: 810.494.6031 | Cell: 734.646.1814



2023-2027 HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS RECREATION PLAN STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2022

OUR MISSION

To bring the benefits of the parks and recreation to the people of southeast Michigan. All the people. All their lives.

OUR VISION

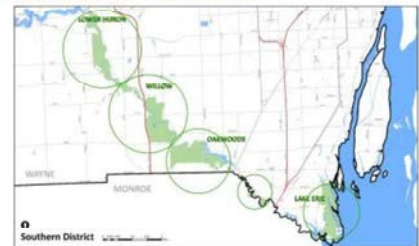
To be a unifying force – and indispensable resource – in southeast Michigan: One Region. One Metroparks. Endless Experiences.

OUR VALUES

Access, Commitment, Diversity, Equity, Leadership, Stewardship

METROPARKS IN WAYNE COUNTY

LOWER HURON, WILLOW, OAKWOODS, LAKE ERIE



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At this time, the 2023 – 2027 Community Recreation Draft Plan is available for public feedback and comment until January 12, 2023. Please send feedback or comments via email to Sarah Plumer at sarah.plumer@metroparks.com.

To view the plan online, click the following link or hard copies of the draft plan are also available for public review at each Metropark Park Office and the Administration Office.
[https://www.metroparks.com/planning-and-development/...](https://www.metroparks.com/planning-and-development/)



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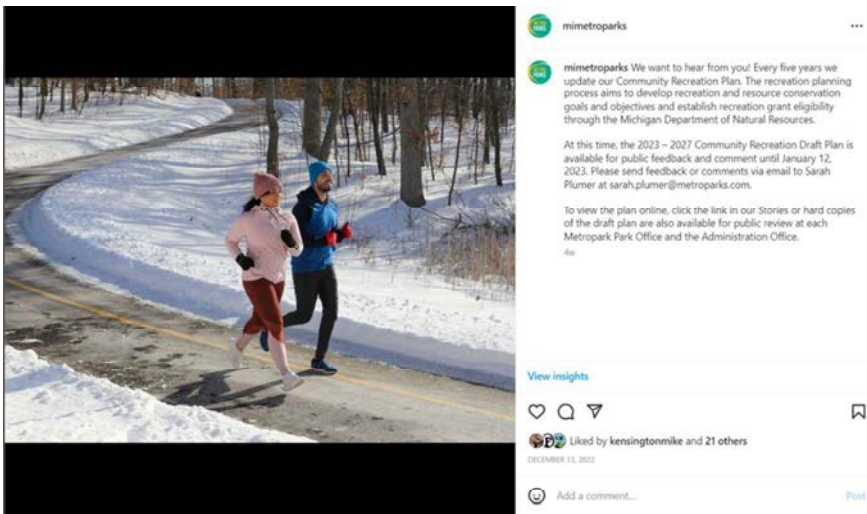


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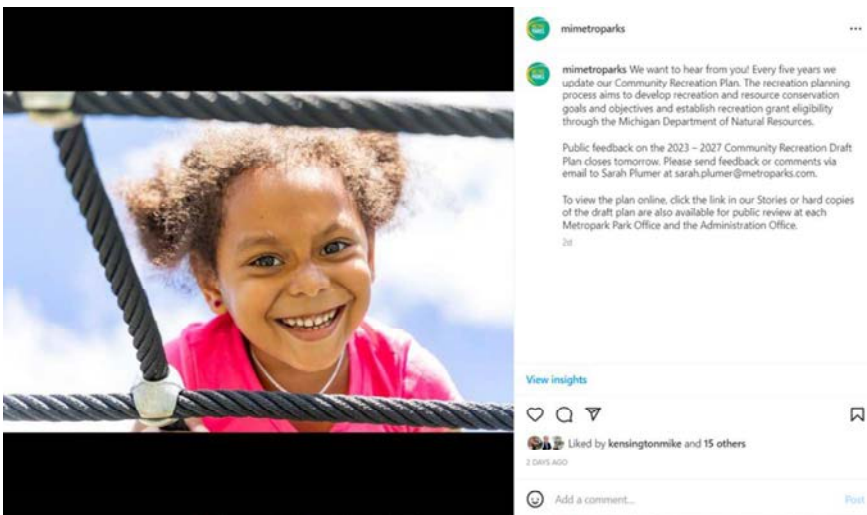
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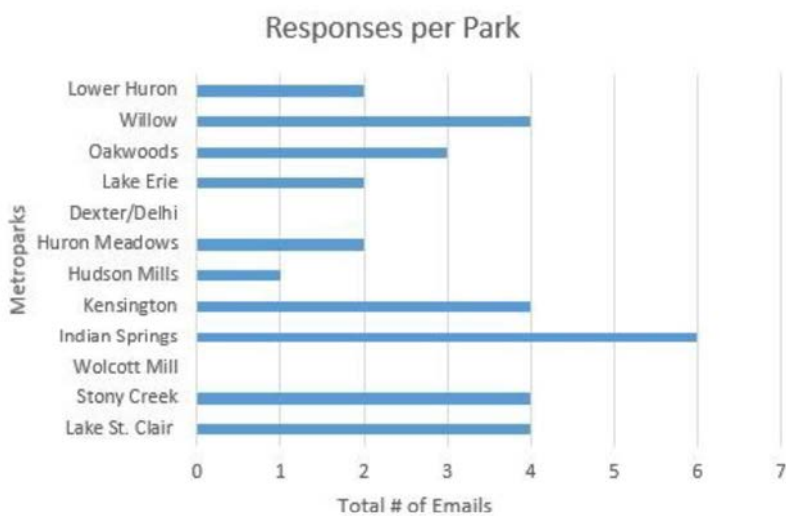
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Public Comments

In December 2022, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Planning and Development Department completed the draft 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan. The action plan aims to guide and meet community recreation, open space needs and future eligibility for DNR grant project funds. In developing the draft, the Planning and Development Department increased opportunities for engagement. On December 8, 2022, the draft of the Community Recreation Plan was released for public comment. A copy of the Community Recreation Plan draft was made available for public review and comment on the Huron-Clinton Metroparks website. The purpose of the public study was to garner stakeholder and public input for the 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan.

Fifty-five individuals shared their comments and edits to the plan. Comments ranged from general thoughts on additions to the plan to very detailed suggestions for specific changes. The Planning and Development team reviewed all the comments submitted and made changes to the plan document to reflect suggestions and responses to the plan. Comments were incorporated into the draft plan when appropriate and possible. All public responses were gathered and categorized for analysis. Many emailed comments supported the Community Recreation Plan, suggested specific edits, or provided detailed critiques and recommended changes.

Key suggestions for improvements included recreation activities such as increased opportunities for disc golf, mountain biking, fishing, off-leash dog areas, and further development of a regional plan for trail connectivity. Many respondents noted that improvement at the Metroparks doesn't always have to be achieved through development. Several comments advocated for protecting the park's natural wildlife and habitats. Respondents raised concerns about the limited amount of shade trees along portions of the hike/bike trails, few opportunities for camping, water safety issues, and road repairs. Some respondents addressed financial matters such as free access for Veterans, eliminating golf, and disc golf fees.



Comment Topic Area	#
Programs and Events	4
Maintenance/ Operations	4
Natural Resources	4
Mountain Bike Trails	4
Fishing	4
Safety	3
Annual/Daily Fees	3
Golf	3
Marketing	2
Infrastructure	2
Accessibility	2
Shade Trees/ Plantings	2
Off-leash Dog Area	2
Trail Connectivity	2
Disc Golf	2
Camping	2
Hike/ Bike Trails	1
Nature Trails	1
Kayak/Canoe Launch	1
Equestrian	1
Winter Activities, Snow	1
Pickleball	1

Public Comments

Public comments were reviewed and organized by recurring topics. The table below shows the number of comment that pertain to each topic with additional summary. The Planning and Development staff noted where topic align with Metroparks Goals and Objectives. Staff will continue to work through the comments for information on public opinion about specific features and proposed changes to the park system.

Comment Topic Area	#	Metropark	Comment	Metroparks Goals and Objectives
Programs and Events	4	Lake St. Clair	Return Jazz Series on Tuesday evenings to Lake St. Clair	1. Innovation, 3. Education and Awareness
		Metroparks	Guided park tours	3. Education and Awareness
		Metroparks	Enjoy summer concerts	3. Education and Awareness
		Metroparks	Boat storage and use on Fourth of July	
Maintenance/ Operations	4	Lake Erie	Restrooms at boat launch unserviceable	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
		Hudson Mills	By-pass lanes for annual pass holders, similar to State Parks	1. Innovation
		Indian Springs	Signage for flooded trails	3. Education and Awareness
		Western	Hike/bike trails plowed in winter	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
Natural Resources	4	Indian Springs	Deer culling, biennial, sharing annual bird count reports	4. Stewardship
		Indian Springs	Protect habitats at Schmitt Lake, avoid future development	4. Stewardship
		Western	Annual deer culls to help native plants	4. Stewardship
				4. Stewardship
Mountain Bike Trails	4	Stony Creek	Bike traffic at Shelden Trails concern for wild-life/ habitats	4. Stewardship
		Erie, Wil, Oak	No option for mountain bike trails in Wayne County	1. Innovation
		Willow	Addition of MB trails, great asset to Downriver Region	1. Innovation
		Western	Build/ develop MB Trails in Western District	1. Innovation
Fishing	4	Metroparks	Additional fishing locations needed	1. Innovation
		Stony Creek	Fish stocking, not a great location for fishing	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
		Willow	Washago pond	3. Education and Awareness
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Safety	3	Metroparks	Enforcing speed limit for electric bikes	3. Education and Awareness
		Metroparks	Limit speed and size of boats on lake	3. Education and Awareness
		Stony Creek	Dog leash enforcement, signage	3. Education and Awareness
Annual/Daily Fees	3	Metroparks	Veteran free entrance to all parks	1. Innovation
			Reduce concession fees	1. Innovation
			Lower annual entry fee	1. Innovation

Comment Topic Area	#	Metropark	Comment	Metropark Goals and Objectives
Golf	3	Kensington	Compliments to Golf Maintenance Staff	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
		Huron Meadows	5 for 55 great, reverse front and back nine on course	1. Innovation
		Kensington	Eliminate golf fees	1. Innovation
Marketing	2	Kensington	Newsletter, holiday events	1. Innovation
		Lake St. Clair	Golf balls with Lake St. Clair logo	1. Innovation
Infrastructure	2	Stony Creek	Road replacement at park entrance	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
		Lower Huron	Road repairs, roads are terrible	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
Accessibility	2	Huron Meadows	Winans Lake, Rickett, or Huron River Rd add bridge	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
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Shade Trees/ Plantings	2	Lower Huron	Shade trees, missed opportunity along hike/bike trails	4. Stewardship
		Metroparks	Alternative plantings, Lavender Labyrinth	4. Stewardship
Off-leash Dog Area	2	Lake St. Clair	Small off-leash dog area	1. Innovation
		Oak, Wil	Off-leash dog area needed	1. Innovation
Trail Connectivity	2	Metroparks	Regional/system-wide trail connectivity	1. Innovation
		Indian Springs	Park connectivity, entrance locations into park	1. Innovation
Disc Golf	2	Stony Creek	Eliminate disc golf fees	1. Innovation
		Western	Raise fees for course maintenance and additional amenities	1. Innovation
Camping	2	Huron Meadows	Canoe/ kayak camping along Huron River	1. Innovation
		Ken, Indian Springs	Expand camping opportunities	1. Innovation
Hike/ Bike Trails	1	Lake Erie	Flooding on Hike/Bike, ADA repairs	2. Maintenance and Infrastructure
Nature Trails	1	Stony Creek	Additional nature trails	4. Stewardship
Kayak/Canoe Launch	1	Lake St. Clair	Accessible kayak launch separate from boat launch	1. Innovation
Equestrian	1	Oakwoods	Love Oakwoods Metropark equestrian staging and trails	3. Education and Awareness
Winter Activities, Snow	1	Metroparks	Artificial snow at parks for winter activities	1. Innovation
Pickleball	1	Metroparks	Pickleball courts at all Metroparks	1. Innovation

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Accessibility Ranking

Rating	Description
0	Existing lot is signed and striped appropriately with adequate number of spaces. Some locations are at service yards where parking is not signed but also not an issue. No timeline required.
1	High priority project, often in a high use area. Accessible spaces may not exist or may be present with incorrect signage and striping. These projects are usually an easy fix. Recommend year 1 to 2 implementation.
2	Priority project, often in a high use area. Accessible spaces may not exist or may be present with incorrect signage and striping. Additional spaces may be needed. Recommend year 3 to 4 implementation.
3	Medium priority project, often in a medium use area. Accessible spaces may not exist or may be present with incorrect signage and striping. Additional spaces may be needed. Recommend year 5 to 6 implementation.
4	Low priority project, often in a low use area. Accessible spaces may not exist or may be present but located in the wrong location. Project often requires a little more work because there is nothing present at this time. Recommend year 7 to 8 implementation.
5	Extremely low priority project, often in a low use area. Accessible spaces are often not present and not needed. These are often in little used parking lots, sometimes aggregate lots. Recommend year 9 to 10 implementation.

PRIORITY 1. PRIMARY RECREATIONAL VISITOR APPROACH AND ENTRANCE AREAS

Park	Location	Total Spaces	Total # of HC Spaces	# that are Van Accessible	Required HC Spaces	Required Van Spaces	Space Meet All Requirements	Notes	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking
Delhi	Skips Canoe Livery	38	2	0	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	456	Completed 2019	0
Delhi	East Delhi - North Lot	75	6	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	456	Completed 2019	0
Dexter-Huron	Southeast Lot	45	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	893	Completed 2019	0
Dexter-Huron	Northwest Lot	32	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	893	Completed 2019	0
Dexter-Huron	Northeast Lot	42	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	893	Completed 2019	0
Hudson Mills	Activity Center West	306	8	2	8	2	Yes	Appear to meet all standards. Old striping is showing through.	1,248	Completed 2019	0
Hudson Mills	Activity Center East							Parking lot totals have been grouped with the west lot.	1,248	Completed 2019	0
Hudson Mills	River Grove	94	4	2	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,248	Completed 2019	0
Hudson Mills	Golf Course	128	5	1	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,248	Completed 2019	0
Hudson Mills	Pine View	70	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,248	Completed 2019	0
Huron Meadows	Acorn Ridge	53	5	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all standards	1,192	Completed 2019	0
Huron Meadows	Sunset Ridge	55	3	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,192	Completed 2019	0
Huron Meadows	Golf Course	118	5	1	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,192	Completed 2019	0
Huron Meadows	Cedar Ridge	38	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,192	Completed 2019	0
Indian Springs	Golf Course	116	5	5	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	Not available	Completed 2018?	0
Indian Springs	South Meadowlark	100	4	4	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements. Recommend moving spaces closer to the shelter when access walks are constructed.	Not available	Completed 2018?	0
Indian Springs	North Meadowlark	91	4	2	4	2	Yes	Appear to met all requirements.	Not available	Completed 2018?	0
Indian Springs	Environmental Discovery Center	103	7	7	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	Not available	Completed 2018?	0
Kensington	Administrative Office	74	3	2	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	West Boat Launch	208	8	3	7	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Nature Center	92	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Baywoods	196	7	2	7	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Spring Hill	59	4	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all standards	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Farm Center	117	6	2	5	1	Yes	Recommend grouping with the Farm Center Overflow lot total. 181 spaces will require 6 accessible spaces.	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Farm Center Overflow (gravel)	60	0	0	0	0	Yes	Accessible spaces may be needed. Recommend grouping with the Farm Center parking lot total.	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Shore Fishing	96	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all standards	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	North Martindale	388	11	2	8	1	Yes	Appears to meet standards	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	South Martindale	395	8	1	8	1	Yes	Appears to meet standards	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	East Boat Launch Upper Lot	100	5	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet standards	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Golf Course	123	5	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Boat Rental	191	6	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Maple Beach	631	10	0	10	3	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Playfield East	36	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	East Boat Launch Lower Lot	65	6	2	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	North Hickory	64	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Playfield North	52	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	South Hickory	101	5	1	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Turtlehead	131	6	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Possum Hollow Restroom	158	7	3	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	East Boat Launch / South Martindale	65	6	1	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Orchard	74	4	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Cove Point (Muskrat Shelter)	34	2	2	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Cove Point (Wood Duck Shelter and Restroom)	110	5	5	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Marshlands Museum	141	6	6	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Great Wave Area (bathhouse, pool, food bar)	382	18	4	8	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Marina Point Fishing Pier	4	4	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Marina	182	10	5	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Golf Course	158	6	2	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Boat Launch	196	7	2	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center	141	8	4	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Lot A (Golf Course)	306	8	6	8	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,185	Completed 2019	0

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Lake St. Clair	Daysail	126	8	3	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Lot B	631	13	4	13	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Lot C	458	12	4	9	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Lot D	86	15	5	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lake St. Clair	Lot E	601	14	4	13	3	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Ellwoods North	161	6	3	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements. The combined total of 182 spaces require 6 accessible spaces. Striped aisles should be centered on the walks in the future.	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	North Fishing Site	20	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Tulip Tree North	21	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Tulip Tree South	43	4	3	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Turtle Cove	269	8	2	7	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Walnut Grove Lot 1	42	4	2	2	1	Yes	Both parking areas appear to meet all requirements. Recommend moving the dumpster that is in the striped van aisle closest to the shelter.	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Bob White Trail Lot	13	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	East Bend	49	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Woods Creek South	334	9	3	8	3	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	South Fishing Site	23	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Fox Woods	150	6	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Hawthorn Glade	140	5	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Sycamore Bend	90	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Woods Creek North	130	5	1	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Oakwoods	Nature Center	72	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	685	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Southdale/Go Ape Adventure	100	6	3	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Northdale	99	6	3	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Gladeview South	100	4	2	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Gladeview Restroom Parking	3	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Gladeview North	98	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Oakgrove West	105	5	2	5	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Oakgrove Restroom Parking	3	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Oakgrove North	138	5	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Ridgewood East	72	4	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Ridgewood West	95	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Lakeview	100	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Osprey Lot	12	0	0	0	0	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Nature Center	77	4	2	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Baypoint Beach	668	14	4	14	3	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Mt. Vernon / Boat Rental	150	5	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Winter Cove North	109	5	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Winter Cove South	187	6	1	6	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch North (East Lot)	46	3	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch North (West Lot)	38	3	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements. Recommend grouping some of the West Branch South lot totals with this lot.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch West	54	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch East	58	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Shore Fishing	42	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	700	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Boat Launch	266	7	3	5	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	700	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Washago Pond Picnic Shelter	51	2	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Willow Pool	580	12	2	12	2	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Golf Course	122	6	1	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Golf Course Driving Range	25	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Washago Pond Rental Facility	96	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Fox Meadows	79	5	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Big Bend 1	36	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Big Bend North	64	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0

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Wolcott Mill	Farm Center Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center	109	5	3	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Historic Center (authorized parking area)	10	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Historic Center	106	2	1	0	0	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Activity Center	17	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Restrooms	2	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Picnic Shelter	17	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Delhi	East Delhi - South Lot	184	0	0	6	1	Yes	Recommend grouping both parking lot totals and adding a seventh space in the southeast corner of the south lot by the aggregate service road and baseball field. 290 spaces requires 7 spaces. Leave parking space aggregate.	To be determined	2027	4
Stony Creek	Eastwood Beach	716	14	4	14	3	Yes	Add a crosswalk marking for access aisle adjoining accessible route. Recommend relocating a couple of spaces closer. Lot goes into overflow frequently. May want to add additional accessible spaces for these days.	To be determined	2027	4
Stony Creek	West Branch South Lot	57	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Windfall Hill	83	4	2	4	2	Yes	Accessible route to shelter, not high priority	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Shore Fishing	16	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Golf Course	102	5	2	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	470	Completed 2019	0

Accessibility Ranking (listed by park in order of importance based on project factors)

Rating	Description
1	Very high demand for an accessible path. Locations of facilities are appropriate, construction costs are often low, and use is very high. Potential safety concern. Recommend year 1 to 2 implementation.
2	High demand for an accessible path. Locations of facilities are appropriate. Project costs are a little more substantial and use of facility is often a little less. Potential safety concern. Recommend year 3 to 4 implementation.
3	Medium demand for an accessible path. Locations of facilities may be questionable. Project costs are more substantial and use of facility is much less. Recommend year 5 to 6 implementation.
4	Very low demand for an accessible path or project location is questionable. Access may need to wait until facility location is improved. Access is rarely needed or cost prohibited at these locations. Use of area may be extremely low. Recommend year 7 to 8 implementation.
5	Extremely low demand for accessible path or project location is extremely questionable. Access is often not needed in these locations. Recommend year 9 to 10 implementation.

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Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking2
Willow	Washago Pond South Lot	Improved access desired to soccer fields from the parking lot access drive. Culvert needed.	Access is needed along the access drive to the south lot. Wood decking is currently in place to bridge the drainage swale. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	Completed	0
Dexter-Huron	Northwest Parking Lot	Access walk desired from the west parking lot to the hike-bike trail. Could be part of the B2B trail project.	Heavily used trailhead. Worn path used as this time does not provide good access for strollers, rollerblades, etc. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Huron Meadow	Acorn Ridge	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, picnic shelter, restrooms, and accessible playground. 470' of path needed. Accessible parking spaces should be moved closer to the shelter.	Popular area for a variety of activities. No access paths at this time. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	Shelters C, D, & E	Access walks desired to the three small rental shade structures.	Very short segments required. 70' total. Accessible tables have been ordered for these shelters. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	North Meadowlark	Improve access desired connecting the Spray 'N' Play and South Meadowlark restroom building.	Should be grouped with other access improvement projects. 280' of path required. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	North Meadowlark	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, shelter, and restrooms.	Will likely become the more popular shelter when the North Martindale playground is removed. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	South Meadowlark	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, shelter, and restrooms.	When the Meadowlark playground is removed this may become less popular than the North Martindale. This also requires a longer path. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Boat Rental	Reconstruct accessible ramps and relocate handicap parking spaces.	One of our most used facilities in the park. Group with the connector to the hike-bike trail in the same area. Ramp needs handrail extensions at the top and bottom of the ramp that extend out at least 12" and are parallel to the ground surface. Comply with all other ramp standards.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Boat Rental	Accessible walk desired linking the hike-bike trail to the boat rental facility.	One of our most used facilities in the park. Group with the handicap ramps in the same area.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Maple Beach	Improved ramp access desired with 6' flares.	Reconstruct ramp as part of the Maple Beach Redevelopment. Short trail segment required.	To be determined	2021	1

Kensington	Maple Beach	Accessible path desired from the parking lot to the hike-bike trail.	Reconstruct ramp as part of the Maple Beach Redevelopment. Short trail segment required.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Nature Center	Accessible walk desired to and in front of the trailhead structure.	Busy trailhead. Very small area needing aggregate.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	North Martindale Beach Connector Trail	Accessible walk desired connecting the North Martindale picnic area to the Beach Activity Area. 270' of walk needed to connect existing paths.	There is no access between the North Martindale shelter and Beach Activity Area at this time. One of the most rented shelters in the park.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	South Martindale Connector Trail	Accessible walk desired connecting the South Martindale path to the Beach Activity Area. 420' of walk needed.	Safety concern, trail outlets at main drive into Martindale Beach. Other option is to remove the South Martindale Beach path.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Nature Center	Accessible walk desired connecting the hike-bike trail to the Nature Center.	Try and draw trail users to the Nature Center.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	North Hickory	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, picnic shelter, and restroom building.			Completed	1
Kensington	West Boat Launch Finger Piers	Accessible finger piers and access to the finger piers desired at the boat launch.	Very busy launch area.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Orchard	Fix asphalt opening on route greater than 1/2 inch. Fix gap in concrete of door entrance threshold	Remove this section and provide a surface that is firm and stable and gaps no wider than 1/2" and no deeper than 1/2"	To be determined	2021	1
Lake St. Clair	Daysail Shelter	Recommend moving the accessible parking spaces closer to the shelter. Requires removal of a parking bumper.	Easily accomplished.		Completed	1
Lake St. Clair	Seawall Shelter	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and shelter. Recommend including with the next phase of the parking lot.	Heavily used shelter. Construction should be occurring nearby shortly.	To be determined	2021	1

Lake St. Clair	West Beach Shelter	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter, parking lot, and restrooms. Recommend constructing these walks as part of a future trail project that connects the Daysail area to the Beach area.	Heavily used shelter. Trail to day sail lot is heavily used as well.	To be determined	2021	1
Lake St. Clair	Voyageur Shelter	Access path desired to voyageur canoe launch	Walkway desired from lot to the launch area.	To be determined	2021	1
Oakwoods	Nature Center	Improved ramp access desired. Recommend moving the spaces closer to the main walks.	6' flares required on ramps. Poor access to Nature Center at this time. 2018 MNTF Grant pursuit will provide proposed asphalt pavement repair to flatten new accessible parking area with walkway.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	Baypoint Beach	Accessible walk desired connecting the hike-bike trail and picnic shelter. Recommend including an accessible grill with projects like these.	Very short trail segment. Rented frequently. Project has already been designed.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	West Branch West	Accessible walk desired connecting the picnic shelter and restroom building. Recommend including a walk towards the West Branch East shelter across the street and roadside parking area at the same time.	Heavily used picnic area without access walks. Project has already been designed.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	Oakgrove North	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter and restroom building.	415' section of walk needed.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	West Branch East	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, shelter, and restroom building.	Recommend grouping with the West Branch West access walks.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	Winter Cove North	Accessible walk desired connecting parking lot, adjacent shelters, restroom building, and the accessible playground.	Recommend relocating the shelter so it is on the same side as the restroom building and closer to the water and playground.	To be determined	2021	1
Stony Creek	Oakgrove Playground	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, restroom building, and accessible playground.	Recommend moving the playground on the same side as the shelters and restroom building.	To be determined	2021	1

Stony Creek	Boat Rental	Accessible walk to boat rental	Create a stable, firm and slip resistant accessible route to boat rental.	To be determined	2021	1
Willow	Pool Shelter	Accessible walks desired connecting the shelter, parking lot, and pool activity area.	Shelter was recently constructed. New construction must meet ADA requirements.	To be determined	2021	1
Willow	Fox Meadows	Accessible walk desired connecting the south shelter to the Pool Activity Area. 400' of walk needed.	Poor access to the Pool area at this time.	To be determined	2021	1
Willow	Fox Meadows	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, north shelter, and restrooms. 300' of trail needed. Recommend including the an accessible walk to the hike-trail with this project. 190' of trail needed.	Has access to the pool but not to the restroom building or the hike-bike trail.	To be determined	2021	1
Willow	Big Bend Restrooms	Improved pavement desired at a walk near the restrooms.	Pavement needed instead of the aggregate repair that was made.	To be determined	2021	1
Willow	Indian Ridge	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, and hike-bike trail.	Vault latrines don't meet ADA requirements. This is the only lot in the area with hike-bike trail access.	44,100	2021	1
Willow	Big Bend Trail Access	Accessible walk desired from the upper roadside parking lot to the hike-bike trail. As part of the project an ADA picnic table and an ADA drinking fountain can be updated with access from the hike-bike trail. 165' of trail needed.	Short trail segment needed. Access to restrooms is far away. Drinking fountain is close to the trail.	23,100	2021	1
Willow	Big Bend Kayak Launch	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, kayak launch, and an accessible picnic table. 245' of trail needed.	The kayak launch does not meet ADA requirements. Long trail segment for the amount of use.	To be determined	2021	1
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Accessible walk desired to and in front of the nature trail trailhead.	Access should be provided to all trailheads.	To be determined	2023	2

Huron Meadows	Sunset Ridge	Accessible walk desired to and in front of the new trailhead. Recommend aggregate surface at this time.	Improved access desired. Very small project.	To be determined	2023	2
Huron Meadows	Cedar Ridge	Recommend paving the accessible parking spaces that are there. Spaces and signs do not align with the paved access path.	Area is used for a variety of year-round activities. Busier than you might expect.	To be determined	2023	2
Lake Erie	Marshlands Museum	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, eagle enclosure, boat house, and trail.	Nature trails are flat and can be made accessible fairly easily.	26,000	2023	2
Lake Erie	Cove Point	Accessible walk desired to the vault latrines.	Adjoin access aisle to accessible route (create accessible route). Main entrance needs to be leveled.	10,600	2023	2
Lake St. Clair	North Marina Shelter	Access path desired from the boat launch drop-off area. Access is provided at this time from the main park road drop-off area.	The alternate accessible route location would have to be signed if an accessible route is not provided from this location. Recommendation is to have accessible routes from both drop-off areas.	To be determined	2021	2
Lower Huron	Woods Creek Ramps	Improved ramp access desired at two locations.	6' flares required on ramps. Fix concrete	To be determined	2023	2
Stony Creek	Gladeview North	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter and restroom building.	Has an existing path to the shelter, but no path to the restroom building. Heavily used by disc golfers.	To be determined	2023	2
Dexter-Huron	East Shelter	Access walk desired connecting the East Picnic Shelter to parking, restrooms, and the hike-bike trail. Include as part of the B2B trail project.	There are no access walks to the East Picnic Shelter from either of the east parking lots.	To be determined	2025	3
Dexter-Huron	West Shelter	Access walk desired connecting one of the west parking lots and the West Picnic Shelter. Shelter has access to the restroom building.	Oldest shelter in the park system. May need to be moved because of the Natural Rivers Area when it is time to replace.	To be determined	2025	3
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter, parking, and Activity Center restrooms.	Other projects have been discussed that may impact this path. These include a spray pad and new restroom building. Adjust activity center door closer so it meets 5 seconds to close standard. Secure carpet at door entrance at edges.	To be determined	2025	3

Kensington	Farm Center	Improved access desired at the Farm Center. Walks exceed 5% in many locations. Recommend signing the accessible routes within the facility.	Very busy part of the park. The area should have accessible facilities.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	South Martindale Drop Off Area	Accessible ramp desired at the drop off area to the beach.	Other ramps are provided nearby but not at the preferred location where the walks split.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	South Martindale Shelter	Accessible walks desired connecting the picnic shelter and restrooms.	No access walks at this time. Reconsider restroom building location to minimize walks and increase use of facilities.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	West Playfield	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, remote shelter, and remote accessible playground.	No access walks at this time. Consider relocating shelter and playground closer to a lot in the future.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	South Martindale Shelter	Improved access from accessible spaces desired.	Walkway desired in front of parking spaces to avoiding using the drive aisle	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Possum Hollow Restroom	Bathroom entrance needs concrete repair.	Remove this section and provide a surface that is firm and stable	To be determined	2025	3
Lake Erie	Great Wave	Accessible walks desired connecting both shelters to the existing porta johns. Recommend relocating the porta-johns to an easily accessible location from both shelters. May require an additional porta-john, one for each shelter.	Recommend moving one of the shelters in the future and locating it on the same side with access to a new restroom building.	14,700	2025	3
Lake St. Clair	Lot D	The path to warming shelter is not accessible	Remove this section and provide a surface that is firm and stable	To be determined	2025	3
Lower Huron	South Fishing Bike Rack	Accessible walk desired to the bike rack.	Access to small items like these still need access routes.	To be determined	2025	3
Oakwoods	Cedar Knoll	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and restrooms. Access to a kayak launch should be considered.	Little used picnic area. Vault latrines are not accessible.	85,905	2025	3

Stony Creek	Mt. Vernon / Boat Rental	Accessible walk desired connecting the boat rental facility and restrooms. Recommend constructing an access path to the Voyageur Canoe Launch at the same time. Need to determine plans for this project.	Our highest used area without an accessible walk. There is uncertainty on the plans and timing of its replacement.	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Winter Cove South	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, adjacent shelters, and the accessible playground.	Recommend grouping this project with the access walks to Winter Cove North. Remove this section and provide a surface that is firm and stable	To be determined	2025	3
Willow	Flintwoods Fountain	Accessible drinking fountain desired. Fountain along the paved walk doesn't meet ADA requirements.	Replacing drinking fountains along paved walks can be accomplished easily compared to those out in turf areas.	16,000	2025	3
Hudson Mills	Pine View	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and hike-bike trail.	Short segment of trail needed. Access path will provide improved access for runners, strollers, in-line skaters, etc.	To be determined	2027	4
Kensington	West Boat Launch	Accessible walk desired connecting the picnic shelter and restrooms. Recommend modifying walk alignments around the restroom building and improving access to the hike-bike trail near the restrooms at the same time.	Heavily used area. Some topography issues. 2018 MNTF Grant pursuit would include proposed 6' width concrete walks and barrier free parking connecting to proposed kayak launch, vault latrine, accessible table and grill, and existing picnic shelter.	To be determined	2027	4
Kensington	Living History Area	Accessible walks desired to and around the Living History Area.	Popular area for a variety of activities. Area continues to grow. No access at this time.	To be determined	2027	4
Kensington	Shore Fishing	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot and restrooms. Access to the kayak launch area should be considered.	No access walks or accessible parking at this time.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center Drop Off Area	Ramped access desired from the drop off area.	Ramps are located near the accessible parking spaces but not at the drop off area in front of the building.	To be determined	2027	4
Stony Creek	West Branch North	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, and basketball court.	Recommend redevelopment of this picnic area. Shelter relocation and lot reconfiguration can reduce the amount of walks needed and improve safety and circulation in the area. More parking may be desired for the mountain biking trails if redeveloped.	To be determined	2027	4

Stony Creek	Baypoint Beach	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, and the basketball court.	Plans for the redevelopment of the beach show the basketball court remaining.	To be determined	2027	4
Willow	Washago Pond Center Lot	Improved access desired to the soccer fields when wet. Culvert needed.	South lot is closer and used more frequently for soccer field access. Provide a surface that is firm and stable	To be determined	2027	4
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary	Accessible walks desired connecting an accessible camp site, fire ring, and restrooms.	Accessible camp sites may be desired.	To be determined	2027	4
Hudson Mills	Golf Course	Improved ramp access desires in two locations along with striping to ensure ramps can be accessed.	Ramps are not built to current standards. 6' flares required. Regrade curb ramp or move closer.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Accessible walk desired to the shuffleboard courts.	Very short connector required. Fairly new court. Very little use.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Accessible walk desired connecting the paved path and basketball court.	Court is remote. Consider a new location. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Pine View	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, picnic shelter, and restrooms. Recommend grouping with the access path to the hike-bike trail. Consider eliminating shelter and need for long paved park road. Recommend relocating the shelter to the Activity Center with a new accessible restroom building.	One of the least rented shelters in the park. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Maintenance Yard	Accessible ramp desired from the employee parking lot.	An accessible parking space may be required.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Accessible walk desired to the playground drinking fountain.	Drinking fountain is not an accessible fountain. Relocation of fountain recommended. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp	Accessible walks desired connecting parking, restrooms, fire ring, and a campsite.	Recommend having one accessible camp site. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5

Hudson Mills	Oak Meadows	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and restrooms.	Vault latrines are very remote and not accessible. Used primarily by disc golfers. The shelter in this area was removed. A restroom building could be consider in the future as part of an athletic field complex.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Fishing Site	Accessible route desired	Recommend having one accessible parking space and route. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Huron Meadow	Golf Course	Improved ramp access desired. 6' flares required on ramps. Recommend adding a walk in front of vehicles to avoid access route in parking lot. Ramp could be moved closer to the accessible spaces.	Improved access desired.	To be determined	2029	5
Indian Springs	Golf Course	Improved ramp access desired.	6' flares required on ramps.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Mitten Bay	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, and walks around the marina.	Some topography issues and lengthy walk needed. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	South Hickory	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, picnic shelter, and restrooms.	No access walks at this time. Topography makes this difficult. Consider relocating shelter.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Baywoods	Accessible walk desired connecting the restroom building and picnic shelter.	No access walk at this time. Topography makes this difficult. Consider relocating shelter in the future.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Park Office	Improved ramp access desired.	6' flares required on ramps.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Boat Rental	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, boat rental building, and kayak launch area.	Topography issues and there is not an accessible launch at this time.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Boat Launch	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and excursion boat pick-up area on the south side.	It is unclear if the excursion boat pick-up location has been moved to a different location. Consider moving to a location that is already accessible. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center	Accessible walk desired to the fire pit location.	Not used frequently. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5

Lower Huron	Hawthorn Glade / Ellwoods	Accessible walks desired connecting restrooms, parking, the accessible playground, accessible drinking fountain, the North and South Shelter, and Turtle Cove.	These picnic areas are used heavily and provide access to Turtle Cove without having to cross a road. Recommend locating the South shelter closer to parking. Access walks can be minimized in the future with different shelter and restroom locations. This is one of the few restrooms in the park system without accessible walks.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Tulip Tree	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter, restrooms, and accessible drinking fountain.	The shelter and restroom building are on opposite sides of the road. Recommend locating both on the same side in the future or removing the shelter if camping were ever to expand. Consider removing the drinking fountain or relocating along a walk.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	West Branch North	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter and restrooms.	Recommend redevelopment of this picnic area. Perhaps move the shelter and west lot. Double the size of the east lot so all facilities are located on the same side of a lot.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Southdale	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, restroom building, and shelter.	Future plans uncertain with Go Ape, however, popular picnic area.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Oakgrove West	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, picnic shelter, and restroom building.	Topography issues. Recommend relocating shelter in the future.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Southdale	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and basketball court.	Recommend relocating court to make it closer in the future.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Northdale	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot and basketball court.	85' section needed between the parking lot and court. Much longer if access is provided to the restroom building.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Gladeview South	Accessible walk desired connecting the shelter and restroom building.	Little used picnic shelter. Topography issues. Recommend relocating shelter to another picnic area or removing.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Mt. Vernon	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, and picnic shelter.	Topography issues. Recommend relocating the shelter to an accessible location in the future. Perhaps where the boat rental building is located if that facility is moved to Baypoint Beach.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Golf Starter Building	Accessible walk from parking spaces needs regrading	Regrade accessible spaces and access aisles no steeper than 1:48 in all directions (or reconfigure with paint if there are acceptable slope/location options for accessible parking.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Washago Pond South Lot	Improved access desired to soccer fields when wet. Culverts needed. Improved access is also desired to the hike-bike trail. Recommend combing both projects.	Soccer field access was discussed earlier this year as a project staff could do. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5

Willow	Golf Course	5 accessible signs missing. 2 van signs missing. Curb ramp threshold steeper than 1:12	Regrade curb ramp no steeper than 1:12.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Chestnut Restrooms	Accessible walk desired connecting the Chestnut East shelter to one of the restroom buildings. 440' of walk needed.	Consider moving out of the floodplain to another area that already has a restroom. Co-locate restrooms, playgrounds and shelters on the same side of a lot. Consider eliminating this shelter.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Acorn Knoll Restrooms	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot and restrooms.	Other picnic areas are more popular. Vault latrines don't meet ADA requirements.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Dance Pavilion	60" turning radius required at top of ramp.	Ramp design is not perfect but works. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary	Accessible walks desired to the spectator viewing areas at the 4-H arenas.	Used infrequently. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36"	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary	Accessible walk desired connecting the parking lot, Camp Rotary shelter, and restroom building.	Used infrequently. 375' of walk needed.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Historic Center	Accessibility issues based on topography	Topography issues at Historic Center. Two paths diverge prior to Historic Center. Directional sign to the Mill Race paved approach exceeds grade requirements and cross slopes. For ADA use ramp, with directional sign to bathroom.	To be determined	2029	5

Amenities ranked 1 through 32 (1-6 implemented by year 2, 7-12 implemented by year 4, 13-18 implemented by year 6, 19-24 implemented by year 8, and 25-31 implemented by year 10)	Generalized Priority Ranking
Accessible Parking	1
Accessible Routes and Ramps (Paved)	2
Accessible Door Openers / Knobs	3
Accessible Restrooms	4
Accessible Port-a-John Facilities	5
Accessible Picnic Shelters	6
Accessible Tables	7
Accessible Trails (Aggregate)	8
Accessible Playgrounds	9
Accessible Pools / Spray Pads	10
Accessible Service Counter Window	11
Accessible Drinking Fountains/Water Refill Stations	12
Accessible Coat Racks / Hangers in Restrooms	13
Accessible Fishing Dock	14
Accessible Golf Carts	15
Accessible Hayrides	16
Accessible Boat Ramps	17
Accessible Marina Slips	18
Accessible Waterfronts / Beaches	19
Accessible Livery Facilities	20
Accessible Grills	21
Accessible Kayak Launches	22
Accessible Work Environments	23
Accessible Camp Sites / Group Camp Sites	24
Accessible Equestrian Staging Areas	25
Accessible Shuffleboard Courts	26
Accessible Basketball Courts	27
Accessible Baseball Fields	28
Accessible Soccer Fields	29
Accessible Bike Racks	30
Accessible Sand Volleyball Courts	31
Accessible Disc Golf Facilities	32
Prioritization for placement of an accessible drinking fountain, table, etc. will often be based on the areas frequency of use. The following areas are considered priority areas with generalized priority ranking following implementation years 1-10+	Generalized Priority Ranking
Hike-Bike Trail	1
Activity Center / Central Plaza	1
Nature Center, Museum, Historic Center, Environmental Education Center	2
Farm Center	2
Beach	3
Pool / Spray Pad	3
Heavily Used Rental Shelters	4
Boat Rental Facility	4
Canoe / Kayak Livery	5
Food Venue	5
Golf Course	5
Venue (equity ranking considered in priority ranking)	Equity Ranking Scale
Free - Broad Based Recreation	1
Some Cost Associated - Purchase of Equipment	2
Small Fee Associated - \$2-\$24	3
Large Cost Associated - Purchase of a Boat / Horse	4
Large Fee Associated - \$25 plus - Exclusive Club, Narrowly Focused	5
Venue (equity ranking considered in priority ranking)	Equity Ranking
Nature Center	1
Farm Center	1
Picnic Areas	1
Running and Walking Trails	1
Beach	1
Spray Pad	1
Restrooms	1
Mountain Biking Trails	2
Field Sports and Courts	2
Fishing Docks	2
Picnic Shelter	2
Cross Country Skiing	3
Pool	3
Camping	3
Boat Rental	3
Disc Golf	3
Adventure Golf	3
Group Camp	3
Equestrian Facilities	4
Boat Launch	4
Canoe / Kayak Livery	4
High Ropes Course	4
Golf	5
Marina	5

PRIORITY 2. ACCESS TO GOODS AND SERVICES RECREATIONAL VISITOR AREAS (Renovations, Replacements, and Additions)

Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Activity Center	Counter service areas in compliance	Meets ADA requirements.	Not available	Completed	0
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Door closer needs adjusting, carpets need to be secured	Popular facility for events. Provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor. Add closer.	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	EDC	Lower signs and raise letters/braille. Clear floor space for light switches not met. Service counters for both main counter and banquet room exceed height limit	Does not meet requirements.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Nature Center	Nature Center needs minor ADA improvements.	Clear floor space for light switches, door knobs	To be determined	2021	1
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center	Restrooms need accessibility improvements, building entrance mat needs to be secured, clear floor space to light switches needed, service counter higher than 36", fish tank and display obstructing counter clear floor space	Expand restrooms into interpretive area. Other improvements needed for ADA. Provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor.	To be determined	2021	1
Oakwoods	Nature Center	door handles need new hardware, garbage bin within light switch clear floor space, service counter exceeds height max.	Does not meet requirements. MNF Grant currently being pursued.	To be determined	2021	1
Lake Erie	Museum	Goods and services need accessibility improvements	Ramp appears to not meet standards. Sign for classroom does not meet standards, update sign. Service counter above 36 inches.	To be determined	2023	2
Lake St. Clair	Par-3 and Group Rental Shelter	Accessible picnic unit for this shelter desired.	Not in compliance with ADA	To be determined	2023	2
Willow	Willow Pond Rental	Hardware does not meet height requirements, carpet not secured, service counter exceeds height max.	Does not meet requirements. Provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in alterations.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center/Office	Goods and services needed.	Signs designating permanent rooms do not meet standards. Front approach to interior rooms and light switches for public do not meet standards. Service counter does not meet 36 inch height maximum. Secure carpets.	To be determined	2023	2
Kensington	Boat Rental	Service Counter, Signs	Does not meet requirements.	To be determined	2025	3
Lake St. Clair	Point Walk Drinking Fountains	Accessible drinking fountains desired. Wider walks needed along with new fountains.	Paved walks lead to drinking fountains that are not accessible.	To be determined	2025	3
Lower Huron	Turtle Cove	Ramps, signs, and service counters.	Does not meet requirements.	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Eastwood Beach	Service Counters for slide area and food area	Does not meet requirements. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Boat Launch Building	Signs, Service Counter	Does not meet requirements. Adjust signs and provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least	To be determined	2027	4
Willow	Food Bar	Seating area, service counter.	Does not meet requirements. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in	To be determined	2027	4
Huron Meadows	Golf Starter Building	Service Counter	Does not meet requirements. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in	To be determined	2029	5
Indian Springs	Golf Starter Building	Service Counter	Does not meet requirements. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Golf Course	Goods and services accessibility improvements	Appears to meet all requirements	Not available	Completed	0
Lake Erie	Food Bar	Goods and services accessibility improvements	Service counter above 36 inches. provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Marina Building	Goods and services accessibility improvements.	Interior doors do not meet threshold vertical height limit. Carpet is not secured along edges. Move garbage can from obstructing light switch. Service counter is higher than 36 inches.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Golf Course Starter Building	Service Counter	Does not meet requirements. Provide a section of counter that is 28 inches to 36 inches and is at least 24 inches long in alterations.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Golf Course Starter Building	Carpets not secure	Does not meet requirements. Provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor.	150	2029	5

PRIORITY 3. RESTROOMS THAT SUPPORT PRIMARY RECREATIONAL VISITOR AREAS (Renovations, Replacements, and Additions)

Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Park Ranking2
Oakwoods	Nature Center	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Signs to accessible location, adjust sign height, womens bathroom does not meet front approach standards, mirror and counter exceeds height limit, grab bars	To be determined	2021	1
Indian Springs	EDC	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Grab bar adjustment. Provide a side grab bar a minimum of 42" long and a maximum of 12" from th corner. The grab bar should be mounted 33" to 36" to the top of the grab bar. Stall door needs closer and door pull	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Farm Center	Restroom building needed.	Popular area used for many activities	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Nature Center	Restrooms need accessibilty improvements. Recently renovated but not to ADA standards.	Sign not on latch side, change door swing and latch side of outside door to bathrooms, change door swing but not latch side of inside door of bathrooms. Mirror greater than 40 inches. Soap dispenser greater than 44 inches. Centerline of water closet exceeds 16-18 inches. Clearance of stall closet not met. Grab bar adjustments, door pulls needed for stalls.	To be determined	2021	1
Lake Erie	Museum	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Alter toilet room for clear floor space. Lower lavatory mirror.	To be determined	2021	1
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center	Restroom door needs threshold needs to be replaced, women counter surface exceeds height compliance, lavatory pipes need insulating, toilet water closet needs toilet or partition moved, water closet needs altering for clearance width, grab bars need relocating if constructed after 2012, flush control and toilet paper dispenser (if constructed after 2012) need to move, door handles need door pulls if constructed after 2012	Expand restrooms into interpretive area, ADA standards. Replace threshold for a smooth transition. Remount the counter in the womens restroom no higher than 34". Relocate the toilet with a centerline 16" to 18" from the wall with flush control on open side and remount the toilet paper dispenser minimum 7" to a maximum of 9" in front of the toilet, no lower than 15", no higher than 48" and do not mount behind side grab bar. Provide a side grab bar a minimum of 42" long and a maximum of 12" from th corner. The grab bar should be mounted 33" to 36" to the top of the grab bar.	To be determined	2021	1
Delhi	West Delhi	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider moving closer to the parking lot and kayak launch / take-out.	Popular area for paddlers.	To be determined	2023	2
Hudson Mills	B2B Trail / Skips	Restroom building needed.	Consider adding a facility that can be used by Skips users as well as hike-bike trail users.	To be determined	2023	2
Huron Meadows	Sunset Ridge	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Front approach entrance does not meet 18" maneuvering clearance, adjust coat hook and grab bars, door needs closer and handles.	To be determined	2023	2
Lower Huron	North Fishing Site	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Heavily used facility without accessible facilities. Use of this area will increase when the parking lot is expanded. Frequent flooding results in river polution. Proposed new ADA vault toilets with DNR grant currently being pursued.	To be determined	2023	2

Lower Huron	South Fishing Site	Restroom building needed.	Popular trailhead, fishing, and kayak launch site. No facilities at this time. Difficult to justify for such a small parking lot.	To be determined	2023	2
Willow	Elder Creek	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Recommend removing. Flush restrooms are available between the two parking lots.	To be determined	2023	2
Willow	Acorn Knoll	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider moving to the start of the disc golf course or adjusting the course so it starts from a paved lot closer to the restrooms.	Popular disc golf and picnic area.	To be determined	2023	2
Willow	Indian Ridge	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Consider removing this picnic area. Lot's of infrastructure for the amount of activities in the area / use of the area.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	North Branch Trails	Restrooms needed.	Have discussed adding a prefab restroom building. No restrooms at this time.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center/Office	Restroom renovations needed.	Accessible route greater than 5% and less than 8%, follow ramp standards or re-grade. Lower signs, door closer, lower mirrors, coat hooks, stall front approach and width not in compliance.	To be determined	2023	2
Hudson Mills	Rapids View	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Flush restrooms available 800' away located at the trailhead. A 20 car lot makes it difficult to justify a restroom building. Trust Fund grant being pursued.	To be determined	2025	3
Dexter-Huron	East Dexter-Huron Comfort Station	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Lavatory insulation, Door handles and closer needed.	To be determined	2025	3
Indian Springs	Meadowlark	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Toilet needs moving, front approach to stall does not meet standard, door not self closing, stall width needs widening.	To be determined	2025	3
Huron Meadows	Cedar Ridge	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Grab bar adjustment, stall door needs closer and door pull	To be determined	2025	3
Hudson Mills	Pine View	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Consider eliminating / relocating this picnic area closer to the Activity Building.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Equestrian Staging	Restroom building needed. Locate close to hike-bike trail.	Restroom will serve two user groups. Water needed for horses. None at this time.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Possom Hollow	Restroom renovations needed.	Install tactile sign in proper location, remove front approach obstructions, concrete work to level threshold, insulation for pipes, adjust hand dryer, alter compartment for 60" clearance, install grab bars, move flush control,	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Playfield	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Consider eliminating because of proximity to existing flush restrooms or relocate so facilities are spread out.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	East Boat Launch	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider replacing with a Pre-Fab Restroom Building. Access walks to existing restrooms may allow these to be removed.	Consider relocating shelter closer to restrooms and eliminating pit toilets.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Boat Rental	Restroom renovations needed.	Women's front approach, coat hook and womens toilet partition, men's toilet compartment needs altering.	To be determined	2025	3

Kensington	Orchard Restroom	Restroom renovations needed.	Relocate signs, lower mirrors, alter compartment for 60" width in stalls, mens doe not have 12" clearance between grab bar and projecting object above, install rear grab bar, move flush control or reconfigure water closet. Remove obstructions to front approach.	To be determined	2025	3
Lake Erie	Cove Point	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Sign needs to be mounted on latch side. Front approach entrance needs to meet maneuvering clearance. Insulate pipes. Grab bar relocation and space requirements if constructed before 2012. Move flush control. Add closer to stall door. Add door pulls if constructed after 2012.	To be determined	2025	3
Lake Erie	Boat Launch	Restrooms need accessibility improvements.	Relocate sign to meet standards, entrance door hardware replacement and adjust closer. Grab bar space requirements need relocating. Move flush control, along with stall door handles and closer added. 2018 MNTF Grant pursuit would include these improvements if awarded.	To be determined	2025	3
Lake St. Clair	Grill Restrooms	Restrooms need accessibility improvements. Access to building was recently improved. Accessible route >5%, mens stall door needs closer, door pulls on both sides, toilet paper dispenser too close	Closest restroom facility to the recently updated playground.	To be determined	2025	3
Oakwoods	Cedar Knoll	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Little used picnic area.	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Trolley Trails	Restrooms needed. Consider a Pre-Fab Restroom Building.	Area has expanded as a winter use area and does not have restrooms.	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Inwood Trails	Restroom building needed.	Have discussed adding a prefab restroom building. No restrooms at this time.	To be determined	2025	3
Stony Creek	Shore Fishing	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider replacing with a Pre-Fab Restroom Building.	Consider replacing with porta-john based on use.	To be determined	2025	3
Delhi	Skips	Restroom building needed.	Something needs to be done at this heavily used facility.	To be determined	2027	4
Kensington	Mitten Bay	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider replacing with a Pre-Fab Restroom Building.	Consider improving facilities for boaters.	To be determined	2027	4
Kensington	Shore Fishing	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system. Consider replacing with a Pre-Fab Restroom.	Consider improving facilities for fisherman and those launching kayaks.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake Erie	Marina Building	Restrooms need accessibility improvements.	Signs need relocating and text revised, new door hardware and adjust closer, alter toilet room, insulate pipes, lower counter, move toilet, grab bar relocation, toilet paper dispenser relocate.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake Erie	Food Bar	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Accessible route vertical threshold exceeds standard. Relocate sign. Womens does not meet clear floor space standard. Fix coat hook, move toilet and grab bar. Appears toilet dispensers need relocating and womans front approach to stall needs reconfiguring along with door pulls added. Both compartments need to be widened.	To be determined	2027	4

Hudson Mills	Disc Golf Course	One of the last remaining old style pit toilets in the park system.	Disc golf course is heavily used. Consider providing an accessible restroom with a pathway surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Activity Center	Restrooms need accessibility improvements.	Difficult project. May need a new restroom building for the Activity Area.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp	Three restrooms currently located in the Group Camp.	Suggest locating one to the north where it is more rustic and where it can be used by Canoe Campers and Group Camp users.	To be determined	2029	5
Indian Springs	Golf Starter Building	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Sign relocation, door knob replacement and closer, mens privacy wall, coat hooks, move toilet, grab bars	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Disc Golf Course	Restroom building needed.	Consider adding restrooms for Disc Golf Users. Course is being expanded to 36 holes and only has porta-johns.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Group Camp	Five restrooms currently located in the Group Camp.	Consider replacing with one or two Pre-Fab Restroom Buildings. Consider locating one on the west side of the river that can be used by multiple sites.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Park Office	Restrooms need accessibility improvements.	Does not meet clear floor space in bathroom. Coat hook needs adjusting. Mens lavatory does not meet clear floor space. Pipes need insulating. Soap dispenser needs adjusting. Water closet does not meet clearance width. Stall door width not met and door pulls.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Golf Course	Restrooms need accessibility improvements	Relocate sign to meet standards. Toilet rooms do not meet clear floor space standard. Adjust soap dispenser, grab bar, and toilet roll dispenser. Add door pulls and womens stall door needs closer.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	North Marina	Restrooms / Shower Facilities need accessibility improvements.	Has another shower building as an option.	To be determined	2029	5
Huron Meadows	Golf Starter Building	Restroom renovations needed.	Sign needs to be mounted on latch side and lowered in height, front approach not in compliance, threshold exceeds limit, lavatory needs insulation, move toilet, grab bars, stall width needs widening.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary	Restroom renovations needed.	Accessible route greater than 5% and less than 8%, follow ramp standards or re-grade. Lower signs, door closer, lower mirrors, coat hooks, stall front approach and width not in compliance.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Activity Center Restrooms	Restroom renovations needed.	Adjust closer, mens toilet and womens flush control relocated, womens stall widened, mens front approach does not meet 60" depth, door not self-closing, missing handle.	To be determined	2029	5

PRIORITY 4. SECONDARY RECREATIONAL VISITOR APPROACH AND ENTRANCE AREAS

Park	Location	Total Spaces	Total # of HC Spaces	# that are Van Accessible	Required HC Spaces	Required Van Spaces	Space Meet All Requirements	Notes/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking
Hudson Mills	Rapids View	30	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet requirements	Not available	Completed 2019	0
Indian Springs	Park Office	76	4	4	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	Not available	Completed 2018?	0
Kensington	Island Road North Lot	40	2	2	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,040	Completed 2019	0
Lake Erie	Park Office Visitor Lot	26	4	4	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all the requirements	673	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Elhwoods Roadside North	11	0	0	1	1	Yes	Group with the main Elhwoods North lot	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Elhwoods Roadside South	10	0	0	1	1	Yes	Group with the main Elhwoods North lot	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Group Camp North	79	2	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	539	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Group Camp Roadside Lot	20	0	0	1	1	Yes	Recommend grouping parking lot count with the south lot.	539	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Park Office	27	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	700	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Indian Ridge	49	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Flintwoods West	40	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Flintwoods East	44	4	4	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Elder Creek South	66	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Elder Creek North	39	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Chestnut North	99	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Chestnut East	55	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Chestnut South	46	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Big Bend West	79	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Big Bend South	68	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Willow	Washago Pond South	100	5	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	Not available	Completed 2019	0
Dexter-Huron	Southwest Lot	38	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	South Fishing Site	23	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Kensington	Island Road South Lot	40	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Elhwoods South	46	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Walnut Grove Lot 3 South lot by restrooms	61	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch Roadside Lot	25	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed in 2019	0
Stony Creek	West Branch South Lot	57	3	1	3	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed 2019	0
Lower Huron	Par-3 Lot	79	4	1	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed in 2019	0
Wolcott Mill	Shorian Lodge	5	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	593	Completed in 2019	0
Willow	Acorn Knoll South (gravel)	56	0	0	3	1	No	Recommend locating two spaces close to the restrooms and one near the hike-bike trail connector.	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	General Motors Road Lot	18	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	To be determined	2023	2
Lake Erie	Boat Launch Overflow (gravel)	29	0	0	2	1	No	Recommend adding two spaces for bird watchers that use the lot and for trail access.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Equestrian Staging (grass)	10	0	0	1	1	No	Not a parking lot	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	North Branch Trails	121	6	2	5	1	Yes	Pavement is in poor condition	To be determined	2023	2
Delhi	West Delhi	28	2	1	2	1	Yes	Recommend locating close to the kayak launch. No striping, pavement very old gravelly	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Mitten Bay (gravel)	40	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible spaces needed. Recommend locating close to the access path to the boat slips and hike-bike trail. Low priority.	To be determined	2025	3
Kensington	Disc Golf (gravel)	48	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible spaces may be needed. Low priority. Locate accessible spaces closest to the starter booth.	To be determined	2027	4
Lower Huron	Group Camp South	57	4	1	3	1	Yes	When the three lots are grouped together 6 spaces are required. Recommend locating all 4 spaces close to the restroom building and creating one or two accessible sites. Additional striping and signs needed. Van sign needed.	To be determined	2027	4
Oakwoods	Equestrian Staging (gravel)	16	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible space needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2027	4

Oakwoods	Cedar Knoll West (gravel)	50	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible spaces needed. Redesign of the lot is being considered. Recommend grouping the parking totals from both lots and locating	To be determined	2027	4
Oakwoods	Cedar Knoll East	100	0	0	4	1	No	Accessible spaces needed. Recommend grouping the parking totals from both lots and locating all accessible spaces within the	To be determined	2027	4
Hudson Mills	Disc Golf	25	0	0	1	1	No	No lot	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp Southwest Lot	20	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp Southeast Lot	25	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp Middle Lot	40	0	0	2	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp East Lot	19	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Group Camp North	20	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Fishing Site	20	0	0	1	1	No	Recommend adding a space close to the trail. Leave space as an aggregate parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Flagstaff (gravel)	23	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible spaces may be needed. Recommend grouping parking totals with the Turtlehead Lot. These are parallel parking spaces on aggregate. No accessible facilities in the area.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Playfield Roadside	34	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible parking spaces may be needed. Recommend grouping parking counts with the Possum Hollow.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Route 3 Overlook Parking	24	0	0	1	1	No	Not a parking lot	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Overlook Parking (Office)	24	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Mill Site (Dawson Road) gravel	10	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Equestrian Staging	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	An accessible space may be required. No formal parking lot. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Group Camp	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	Accessible spaces may be required. No formal parking lots. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Marina Overflow Lot	98	0	0	4	1	No	Gravel lot is not appropriate for HC parking spaces. When grouped with all the other lots at the Marina there are a sufficient number of accessible parking spaces.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Pool Service Yard	4	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Walnut Grove Lot 2	64	0	0	3	1	No	Striping is not needed in this overflow camping lot.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Oakgrove Roadside Lot	43	0	0	2	1	No	Recommend grouping parking counts with Oakgrove West. There are no amenities near this lot.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Trolley Trails (gravel)	24	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible van space is needed. Low priority. Recommend leaving parking space unpaved.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Inwood (gravel)	10	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible parking space needed. Low priority. Recommend leaving parking space unpaved.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Acorn Knoll North (disc golf)	50	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible parking spaces may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	Accessible parking spaces may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Willow	Big Bend 2	25	1	0	1	1	No	Recommend grouping parking lot numbers with the south lot. There are no accessible facilities in the area.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Model Airplane Field	23	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Oakwoods	Equestrian Staging	16	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible space needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake St. Clair	Boat Launch	141	7	3	5	1	Yes	Appears to meet requirements	Not available	Completed	0
Lower Huron	Pool Service Yard	4	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5

Kensington	Park Office	24	2	1	1	1	No	Signs appear to be installed too short. Striped van aisle needed. Van sign needed. Fix crumbled concrete at door threshold. Secure entrance carpet. Perm. Signs would need concrete cored	To be determined	2021	1
Kensington	Equestrian Staging	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	An accessible space may be required. No formal parking lot. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Indian Springs	Prison Site	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	No designated parking spaces. Accessible spaces not required.	Not available	Completed	0
Lake St. Clair	Park Office	24	2	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements	Not available	Completed	0
Indian Springs	Park Office	76	4	4	4	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	Not available	Completed	0
Stony Creek	Park Office	27	2	1	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	Not available	Completed	0
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Campfire. No lot.	17	1	1	1	1	Yes	An accessible route is needed to the campfire, recommend an additional space near campfire route.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Camp Rotary Equestrian Staging. No lot.	10	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible parking space may be needed. Low priority. Turf lot.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Canoe Camp/Livery	0	0	0	1	1	No	Suggest one ADA parking for van	To be determined	2027	4

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Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking
Hudson Mills	Disc Golf Course	Accessible route needed	Does not meet standards. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36" .	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	General Motors Lot	Improved access desired from the lot to the hike-bike trail.	A more direct way to access the trail is desired.	To be determined	2027	1
Kensington	Group Camp Amphitheater	Accessible walks desired connecting a parking area, camp site, and the amphitheater.	Low priority.	To be determined	2029	2
Kensington	Windfall	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, shelter, and restrooms.	Area is closed most of the time. Only use is when rented. Consider relocation of restrooms closer to the hike-bike trail for increased use. May want to remove facilities if the area is not opened to the public.	To be determined	2029	2
Kensington	Playfield Vault Latrines	Accessible walk desired to the women's restroom.	Men's has an access walk. Women's doesn't.	To be determined	2029	2
Kensington	Group Camp Sites	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, restrooms, fire pit area, and accessible camp site.	Consider having one designated accessible camp site.	To be determined	2025	2
Kensington	Equestrian Staging Area	Accessible walk desired in front of the trailhead structure.	Low priority. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36" .	To be determined	2029	3
Kensington	Administrative Office	Improved ramp access desired.	1:10 slope flares required on ramps.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Disc Golf Course	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, starter building, porta johns, shelter, and kiosk structure.	No access paths to these facilities at this time. Access is not an issue if they are able to play disc golf.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Basketball Court Access	Accessible walk desired connecting the Great Wave Activity Area to the basketball courts.	A paved path connects the lot to the basketball courts but does not provide access to accessible parking spaces or the Great Wave Activity Area.	5,740	2023	4
Lake St. Clair	Porta John Locations	Recommend locating porta johns on pavement or an aggregate surface that meets accessibility requirements.	Easily accomplished.	To be determined	2021	1
Lower Huron	Group Camp	Accessible walks desired connecting an accessible campsite, parking lot, restrooms, fire pit, and shelter.	Consider relocating the shelter to a location closer to the restrooms and parking to minimize lengthy walks.	To be determined	2029	2
Lower Huron	Group Camp Fountain	Accessible walk desired to the accessible drinking fountain.	Consider removing or relocating to a location along a path.	To be determined	2029	2
Lower Huron	Walnut Grove Playground	Accessible walk desired to the accessible playground. Recommend aligning the walk with the walk to the restrooms.	Difficult playground for the public to access unless you are a camper.	To be determined	2029	3
Lower Huron	Basketball Court Access	Accessible walk desired to the basketball courts. Access to the tennis court and basketball courts are in different locations. Recommend having access to both courts from the main walk.	Accessible basketball courts are located in other parts of the park. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36" .	To be determined	2029	4

Lower Huron	Tennis Court Access	Improved access to the tennis court is desired. Gate access is on the side opposite of the parking lot. A gate is needed to provide access between the basketball court and tennis court on the parking lot side of the court.	This is the only tennis court in the park. Court is deteriorating and has little use. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	Completed	4
Oakwoods	Equestrian Staging Area	Accessible walk desired to restrooms. Recommend installing pedestrian crossing signs at the road for access to the porta john or adding another porta john at the equestrian staging area. Recommend replacing the existing porta john with an accessible unit.	Access to restrooms is on the opposite side of the park road. The existing porta john is not an accessible unit and not located in an accessible location.	To be determined	2027	3
Wolcott Mill	North Branch Trails	Improve access desired to the trails. Parking bumpers block access at this time. Relocate porta johns and accessible parking spaces closer to the access point. Verify access points are wide enough and cross slopes at access point meet standards.	New projects should meet accessibility standards.	To be determined	2021	1
Wolcott Mill	Equestrian Staging Area	Accessible walk desired to and in front of the trailhead structure.	All trailheads should be located in accessible locations. Provide a surface that is firm and stable with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope not steeper than 2%, a minimum clear width of 36".	To be determined	2025	3

PRIORITY 5. NON-ESSENTIAL PARK USER RECREATIONAL SUPPORT, FACILITY SERVICES

Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Park Ranking2
Lake St. Clair	Porta John Locations	Recommend locating porta johns on pavement or an aggregate surface that meets accessibility requirements.	Easily accomplished.	To be determined	2029	2
Kensington	Park Office	Service counter, entrance mats	Does not meet standards. Provide a section of counter that is 28" to 36" and is at least 24" long in alterations. Provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake Erie	Office	Restrooms need accessibility improvements. Service counter exceeds counter height limit. Signs do not meet standards.	Remove obstructions to meet front approach maneuvering clearance, adjust door closers, relocate garbage cans obstructing clear path, adjust lavatory mirror and hooks, insulate pipes, move toilets and adjust stall widths to meet 60 inches. Grab bar relocations and flush control on open side. Front approach to stall does not meet maneuvering clearance.	To be determined	2029	5
Indian Springs	Office	Readjust door closer, secure carpet	Does not meet standards. Adjust the closer and provide a mat with a heavier backing or tape the mat to the floor.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Park Office Parking Lot	Accessible walk desired from the employee parking lot to the park office. Ramp required.	Accessible spaces were recently removed from the lot when it was restriped. Ramped access desired at all employee entrances.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Park Office	Ramp needed.	Provided a new curb ramp with a running slope no steeper than 8.3% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a smooth transition with 6' flares.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Park Office	Improved ramp access desired. Reconstruct the ramp to meet current standards. 60" turning space required.	Park offices should be accessible. Provide a new ramp with a running slope no steeper than 8.3%, a cross slope no steeper than 2% and handrails on both sides that are mounted to 34" to 38" to the top of the gripping surface.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Office	Service Counter	Does not meet standards. Provide a section of counter that is 28" to 36" and is at least 24" long in alterations.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Office	Door hardware, closer adjustments, service counters	Does not meet standards. Door hardware and closer needs updating. Provide a section of counter that is 28" to 36" and is at least 24" long in alterations.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Park Office Parking Lot	Accessible walk desired from the employee parking lot to the park office. Ramp required.	Accessible spaces were recently removed from the lot when it was restriped. Ramped access desired at all employee entrances.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	Model Airplane Field	Accessible walks desired connecting the parking lot, building, restrooms, a repair station, and a control station.	Facility maintained by another organization and not open to the general public.	To be determined	2029	5

PRIORITY 6. FACILITIES NEEDING FURTHER STUDY FOR FUTURE USE, RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT, OR REMOVAL

Park	Location	Description	Justification/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Park Ranking2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center/Dairy Farm	Improved access desired to the small animal bar. Maintenance needed to remove tripping hazard.	A trip hazard exists preventing wheel chair access. Existing ramps need hand rails to meet standards. Replace inaccessible knobs. Note not part of this checklist, chicken coup is not accessible, horse barn and green house not accessible route or entrance. Existing aggregate paths may not meet accessibility standards. Master Plan for Farm Center under conceptual design, wait for preliminary design to implement ADA improvements.	To be determined	2021	1
Hudson Mills	Rapids View	Accessible walks desired to the vault latrines, hike-bike trail, and kayak launch.	Recommend waiting until there is a master plan for this area. Expanded parking, restrooms, and a drop off area for kayak unloading have been discussed.	To be determined	2021	1
Lake St. Clair	Boardwalk Shelter	Accessible walks desired connecting the boardwalk, shuttle stop, and future restroom building. Recommend waiting until there are plans made for the new restroom building.	No access at this time. Accessible restrooms needed.	To be determined	2023	2
Lake St. Clair	Creek View Shelter	Accessible walks desired connecting the boardwalk, shuttle stop, and future restroom building. Recommend waiting until there are plans made for the new restroom building.	No access at this time. Accessible restrooms needed.	To be determined	2023	2
Willow	Big Bend Restrooms	Accessible walk desired connecting the picnic shelter and restrooms. 470' of walk needed.	There are topography issues. Consider relocating the shelter in the future closer to existing restrooms.	To be determined	2023	2
Delhi	West Delhi	Access walks desired connecting the parking lot, restroom, and kayak launch.	The facility is very busy. The parking lot is in overflow regularly.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center/Office	Main access routes	Running slope -7.3% treated as ramp for the concrete entrance to the Farm Center/Office.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center	Improved surfacing desired to the upper shelter. Recommend paving a short segment of aggregate road leading o the upper picnic shelter. Ramp may be needed along route to park office.	Very short 20' segment, used heavily. Consider adding to the playground renovation project.	To be determined	2023	2
Stony Creek	Boat Rental	Restrooms need accessibility improvements. Entrance front approach standard and vertical threshold not met, door swing clearance and single user toilet room needs altering. Mirror exceeds height limit, insulation of pipes, towel dispenser exceed height max., various standards not met in bathroom stall.	Staff is currently presenting to Board various conceptual designs that include restroom improvements.	To be determined	2027	4
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center	Accessible walk desired to the spectating viewing area at the animal arena.	Access needed for this event area.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center	Accessible walk desired connecting the Lower Shelter to the Farm Center / Restrooms.	Topography issues. Shelter is not rented that much. 410' of path needed.	To be determined	2023	2
Wolcott Mill	Farm Center	Accessible walk desired to the fishing dock.	Not used much. Consider grouping with the access walk project to the Lower Shelter. 185' of path needed.	To be determined	2023	2
Delhi	Skips Canoe Livery	General improvements needed to the area including accessible parking and walks to various buildings.	On the edge of the Natural Rivers Area. May require a permit for any type of work on, above, or below the ground.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake Erie	Marina Building	Goods and services accessibility improvements.	Interior doors do not meet threshold vertical height limit. Carpet is not secured along edges. Move garbage can from obstructing light switch. Service counter is higher than 36 inches.	To be determined	2029	5

PRIORITY 7. PHYSICAL STRUCTURAL BARRIERS IN FACILITIES THAT IMPEDE PARK EMPLOYEE BUT NOT GENERAL PUBLIC

Park	Location	Total Spaces	Total # of HC Spaces	# that are Van Accessible	Required HC Spaces	Required Van Spaces	Space Meet All Requirements	Notes/Solution	Cost	Timeline	Priority Ranking
Lake St. Clair	Nature Center Employee Lot	26	3	3	2	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements.	1,185	Completed 2019	0
Indian Springs	Prison Site	0	0	0	0	0	NA	No designated parking spaces. Accessible spaces not required.	Not available	Completed	0
Indian Springs	Golf Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	NA	Accessible spaces may be needed. Low priority.	Not available	Completed	0
	West Branch South Lot	57	0	0	3	1	No	Three accessible spaces needed. Recommend grouping parking totals with the West Branch North West Lot and West Branch North East Lot.	To be determined	2027	4
Hudson Mills	Maintenance Yard 1	22	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority. An accessible ramp will be needed if added.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake Erie	Maintenance Yard	17	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible space may be required. Low priority.	To be determined	2027	4
Lake Erie	Golf Course Service Yard	0	0	0	1	1	No	An accessible space may be required.	To be determined	2027	4
Lower Huron	Maintenance Yard	8	0	0	1	1	No	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2027	4
Willow	Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	NA	Accessible parking spaces may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Maintenance Yard 2	0	0	0	0	0	NA	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Lake St. Clair	Maintenance Yard	7	0	0	1	1	No	ADA spaces may be needed within facility. Plenty of areas to park if needed.	To be determined	2029	5
Hudson Mills	Golf Course Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	NA	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Huron Meadows	Golf Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	NA	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Huron Meadows	Engineering Office	5	0	0	1	1	No	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Stony Creek	Golf Course Service Yard	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	An accessible space may be needed. Low priority. Currently parking on the sanitary tile field. A small staff parking lot is needed.	Not available	Completed 2019	0
Stony Creek	Service Yard	33	0	0	2	1	No	Accessible spaces may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Golf Service Yard	5	0	0	0	0	No	Accessible space may be needed. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Wolcott Mill	History Center Employee Lot	10	1	1	1	1	Yes	Appears to meet all requirements. Consider signing a second accessible space if this parking area is open to the public and the area is used for event parking.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Park Office and Employee Lots	38	1	0	2	1	No	The three lots combined require 2 spaces. One additional space needed. Striped van aisle needed. Van sign needed. Pavement is in terrible condition. New Park Office location proposed.	To be determined	2029	5
Lower Huron	Par-3 Maintenance Area	0	0	0	0	0	NA	May need an accessible parking space. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5
Kensington	Park Office and Employee Lots										
Kensington	Maintenance Yard	81	0	0	4	1	No	Accessible spaces may be needed in multiple locations throughout the facility. Low priority.	To be determined	2029	5

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