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Provide exceptional park, recreational and cultural opportunities that are diverse and enhance lives.

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1 - Executive Summary

Introduction

As a society, we are increasingly aware of the psychological and physical benefits provided by open space and recreation. It is the City of Novi's primary goal to actively promote these benefits for the public's well-being in the form of providing and developing recreational areas and activities. Doing this helps to increase the City of Novi's livability. However, there are many issues to consider when planning for these recreational areas and opportunities. This plan intends to be the guiding document for the promotion of these recreational opportunities in the City of Novi.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to further healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the alarming need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Additionally, improvement to a community's quality of life through recreation has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area. Studies have shown that businesses are drawn to communities that provide quality lifestyles for prospective employees.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of the City of Novi to ensure the availability of open space and recreational opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the city to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will provide quality parks and recreation programs and facilities throughout the community.

Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requires community recreation plans to be updated every five years in order to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open-space acquisition, park development, and improvements to existing parks. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets for the community. This Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring development of recreation programs and facilities in a systematic manner, or plan, through the next five years; meeting the requirement (quidelines) of the MDNR.

Scope

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Novi inventories existing parks and recreation programs. With this information, the needs for neighborhood parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs are analyzed for the next five years. The recommendations in this plan are provided through analysis of demographic projections, city land-use trends, natural features inventories, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant funding requirements, and potential land acquisition opportunities.

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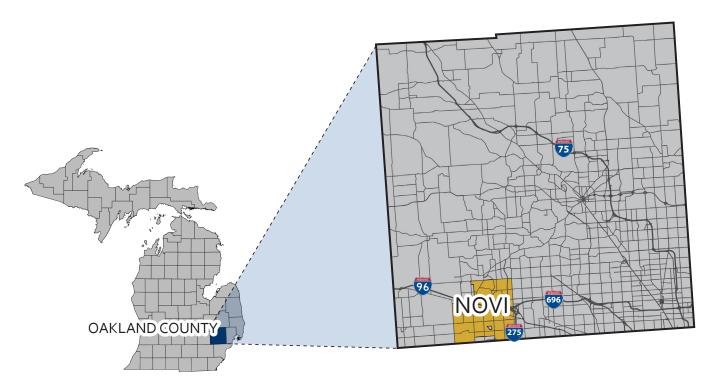
The 2020-2024 City of Novi Recreation Master Plan has been developed to serve as a guide and decision-making document for future recreational facilities and programs within the City of Novi. This plan focuses on parks, trails, and natural areas. The plan includes an assessment of current facilities and programs, as well as the acquisition and development of new facilities and programs based on the current and future anticipated demands. It also considers linkages throughout the city to other communities.

Plan Jurisdiction

This Strategic Community and Recreation Master Plan covers the jurisdiction controlled by the City of Novi.

The City of Novi is located in Oakland County, approximately 25 miles from both Detroit and Ann Arbor. Surrounding cities include Farmington Hills, Farmington, Livonia, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. Additional surrounding communities include the townships of Novi, Northville, Lyon, Commerce, and West Bloomfield.

The City of Novi is approximately 31 square miles. The City of Novi has easy access to I-96, I-275, I-696 (Walter P Reuther Highway), and M-5. (Refer to Map 1).



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Social Characteristics

City Population

In 2010, the population of Novi was 55,224, which represents a 16.5 percent increase in the number of people living in the City since 2000. For 2018, the population projection from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) is 63,533. According to the SEMCOG Regional Development Forecast, the City's population is projected to increase to 67,417 by the year 2045, resulting in a 22.1 percent overall increase over thirty-five years (2010-2045).

Chart of Population Change 2000-2045

U.S. Census				SEMCO	G Projections	
2000	2010	% Change	2018	% Change	2045	% Change
47,386	55,224	16.5%	63,533	15.0%	67,417	22.1%

Age Structure

Age characteristics are a useful demographic indicator for recreation planning purposes as a community's age composition helps determine the appropriate mix of needed recreation services and facilities. The types and location of recreation facilities and programs will depend, in part, upon the age structure of the population. The following table breaks down the various age groups using data from the 2010 Census.

Chart of Age Demographics

Age Group	Percent of Total Population	Lifestyle Categories
Under 5 years	5.8%	Pre-School
5 - 9 years	7.2%	
10 - 14 years	7.8%	School Age
15 - 19 years	6.6%	
20 - 24 years	4.7%	
25 - 34 years	12.1%	Family Formation
35 - 44 years	15.9%	
45 - 54 years	17.3%	
55 - 59 years	6.4%	Middle Age
60 - 64 years	4.9%	
65 - 74 years	5.2%	
75 - 84 years	3.9%	Seniors
85 years and older	2.2%	

Median Age = 39.1 years

The largest age category, representing over 45 percent of the population in the City, contains those between the ages of 25 and 54. The senior citizen population (age 65+) represents 11.3 percent, and this age group is expected to grow in size

as the "baby boomer" generation matures and improvements in medical technology help people live longer.

The City's median age characteristics have risen significantly over the past twenty years. In 1990, the City's median age stood at 32.5 years, and rose to 35.2 years in 2000. In 2010, the median age has increased to 39.1 years. Similar increases are noted for Oakland and Wayne Counties, the State of Michigan, and the United States as a whole. This suggests that the needs of older residents in Novi will become increasingly important in the provision of future recreational facilities.

A more meaningful picture of the City's age distribution is possible when individual age categories are combined into a smaller number of groups that more closely resemble identifiable stages of a normal human life cycle. Selected lifestyle categories and the intervals that they represent include: pre-school (o to 4), school (5 to 19), family formation (20 to 44), middle age (45 to 64) and seniors (65 and over).

The age structure of Novi indicates that the greatest immediate need is for recreation facilities that serve families and middle-aged adults. This would include neighborhood and miniature parks to service a wide range of youth-related activities. Young children need diverse programming offering a wide range of activities and events. Children learn the fundamentals of sports through organized baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues. Day camps bring children together to create arts and crafts, go swimming, or learn about nature. The 25-to-49 year old age group needs family-related programming that targets people their age. Organized softball leagues are popular in many communities. This group may also desire access to other forms of recreation like golf, hockey and basketball. In the future, demand for recreational facilities and programming for senior citizens will increase. There needs to be a continued awareness of trends for senior programming, because what younger baby boom and generation x individuals will want may be different than traditional "senior center" programs. Bicycle and walking paths provide an excellent opportunity for an entire family to participate in a recreational activity. Providing greater accessibility to park facilities for senior citizens may include providing parking or drop-off areas closer to fields, way-finding, large font signage, and more seating and shaded areas.

Persons with Disabilities: Barrier-Free Compliance Status and Unmet Needs

According to the 2008 – 2010 American Community Survey, of the City's population, approximately 2.5 percent under age 18 years old, 6.7 percent between ages 19 and 64, and 28.7 percent over age 65 had some type of physical or cognitive disability.

Chart of Disabled Population, U.S. Census 2010

Age Range	Percent of Population
0 - 18 Years	2.5%
19 - 64 Years	6.7%
65 and over	28.7%

Although persons with disabilities made up a small portion of the City's population, other citizens may face some form of temporary disability or physical challenge during their lifetime: seniors, young children, pregnant women, individuals with broken bones, and individuals using crutches.

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Race Demographics

The City of Novi strives to be an inclusive community, inviting to people of all race, ethnicity and background. The City has seen a large increase in the Asian population in recent years. The 2000 census identifies an Asian population of 4,106 or 8.7% of the total population, and the 2010 census shows an Asian population of 8,767 or 15.9% of the total population. This is a change of 7.2% of the total population. The City strives to recognize the cultural diversity of its citizens and offer a variety of programs and events that represent that diversity, such as the library's book and periodicals collection in 15 languages, programs geared to different cultures and dedicated field/court space for sports such as cricket, soccer, and tennis that are very popular with the Asian and Indian populations.

Chart of Population by Race

Race/Ethnicity	Census 2000	Percent of Population	Census 2010	Percent of Population	Percentage Point Change
White	41,349	87.3%	40,313	73.0%	-14.3%
Asian	4,106	8.7%	8,767	15.9%	7.2%
Black	908	1.9%	4,482	8.1%	6.2%
Hispanic	855	1.8%	1,634	3.0%	1.2%
Multi-Racial	703	1.5%	1,143	2.1%	0.6%
Other	312	0.7%	514	0.9%	0.2%
Total	47,386	100%	55,224	100%	0%



3 - Administrative Structure

City Staff

The city staff includes the following officials:

Elected Officials

Mayor - Bob Gatt Mayor Pro Tem - David Staudt Council Member - Andrew Mutch Council Member - Laura Marie Casey

Appointed Officials

City Manager - Peter E. Auger City Clerk - Cortney Hanson City Attorney - Thomas Schultz Council Member - Kelly Breen Council Member - Hugh Crawford Council Member - Justin Fischer



Organization Chart

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department (PRCS)

Figure 3.1 below shows an organizational chart for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. The Department is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the facilities and programs. The City's Parks and Recreation Department has a full-time Director and Management Assistant. The Deputy Director oversees Recreation Supervisors for Youth Programs, Sports, Facilities, and Cultural Arts. The Older Adult Services Manager oversees the Senior Housing Management Company, and coordinates other services. The Department additionally employs part-time seasonal staff.

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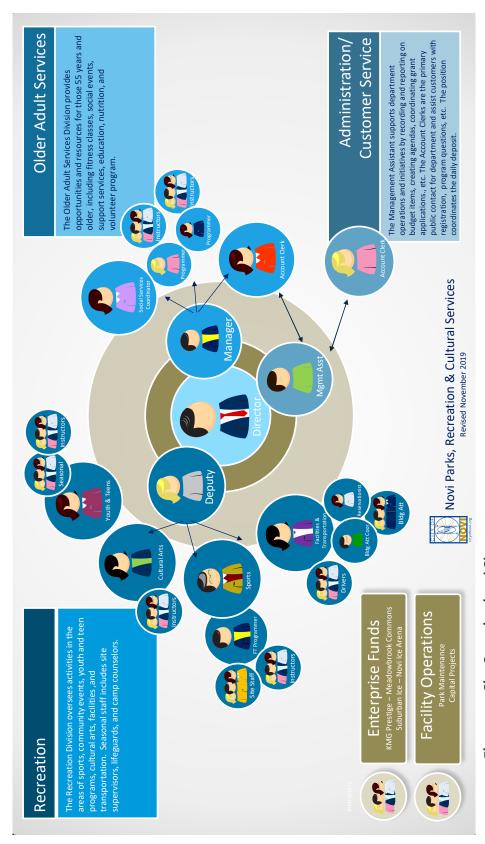


Figure 3.1: City Organizational Chart

Novi Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Commission

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the City Council, as well as two student representatives. The Commission is charged with setting policy and making recommendations. The Commissioners work together with professional staff in the areas of programming, budget, facilities, planning and public relations. The Commission has the responsibility of meeting community recreational objectives and reflecting community needs to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and City Council.

Commission Members

Jay F. Dooley Charles A. Staab

Supriya Joshi Hideki "Harry" Torimoto

Scott A. Pratt Alex Fortsch, Student Representative
Salene Riggins Ananya Kamalesh, Student Representative

Brian Smith

Jeffery A. Muck, CPRP - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, Staff Liaison

Volunteers

The City of Novi depends on many dedicated volunteers who help make the City's recreational programs and facilities one of the best in the region.

Parks and Recreation Funding

The City of Novi's financial policies, as compiled below, set forth the basic framework for the overall fiscal management of the City. Operating independently of changing economic circumstances and conditions, these policies help the decision making process of the City Council and City Administration. These policies provide guidelines for evaluating both current activities and proposals for future programs, and serve the administration in the preparation of a balanced, operating budget and management of the City's financial affairs.

Operating Budget Policies

- The City will attempt to maintain its present level of service for all priority and essential services within the existing property tax millage limits.
- The City will maintain a budgetary control system to ensure adherence to the budget and will prepare periodic reports comparing actual revenues and expenditures with budgeted amounts.
- The City will emphasize efforts to reduce expenditures in major cost centers (i.e. energy, medical insurance premiums, street lighting, pension cost and Worker's Compensation payments).
- The Ice Arena, Senior Housing/Meadowbrook Commons and Water and Sewer Funds will be self-supporting.
- The City will protect against catastrophic losses through a combination of insurance and maintaining appropriate fund balance levels.

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Special Revenue Funds

Resources in a fund other than the general fund are either (1) required to be used for the purpose of the fund or (2) intended by the government to be used for that purpose. Special revenue funds report specific revenue sources that are limited to being used for a particular purpose.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Fund

The fund balance for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Fund will be established within a minimum range of 12-22% of fund annual budgeted expenditures, since this fund is similar to the General Fund in terms of covering operations. This fund reports two major sources of revenue:

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for the results of operations that provide a service to citizens financed by a user charge for the provision of that service. The City has three enterprise funds: Ice Arena, Water & Sewer and Senior Housing/Meadowbrook Commons. They do not have any direct impact on the City's General Fund Budget.

Financing for Meadowbrook Commons was provided through bonds issued by the Building Authority. The total construction cost was \$12.5 million; all operational expenses and the bond debt retirement are covered by rental revenue. The Ice Arena is self-sustaining with revenue generated from the operations, including repayment of debt service.

Millage

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific parks and recreation projects or to operate recreation facilities. Many communities have decided on a dedicated millage because voters are increasingly wary of approving millage increases for non-specified purposes. Voter approval is required before a millage is subject to periodic renewal by resident vote.

User Fees

The community can charge fees to the users of specific recreation facilities, or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities throughout Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, the use of lighted athletic fields, and the use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in a municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

Bond Programs

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities:

- **General Obligation Bonds:** General obligation bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.
- **Revenue Bonds:** Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project. For example, revenue bonds may be issued for construction of a concession and restroom facility at a community park.
- Special Assessment Bonds: Special assessment bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The following is a summary of the three viable recreation grant programs now available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR):

Recreation Passport Grants: PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaced the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) — or window sticker — for state park entrance. Development grants of \$7,500 to \$150,000 are available to local governments with a focus on renovating and improving existing parks, although new parks are also eligible. The grantee must provide at least a 25% match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, site quality, project quality, applicant history, and, if two projects receive the same evaluation score, a criterion based on the project cost per capita.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): Eligible projects include community recreation and trailway improvements. These are grants of \$30,000 to \$300,000 to local governments for development of facilities such as athletic fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails and picnic areas, including support facilities, and the renovation and retro-fitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through federal appropriations from the National Park Service. The grant match basis is fifty percent (50%) MDNR grant and fifty percent (50%) local match. Projects are evaluated based on project need, applicant history, site and project quality, and a fourth criterion based on the type of proposed project.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). Communities must have an approved recreation plan to apply for this grant. Eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is also eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through the sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost are required.

There is no minimum or maximum amount for land acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development projects is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. There are six special initiatives approved by the Trust Fund Board of Trustees for 2013. Proposals will receive special attention if they:

- Acquire land or develop trailways that contribute to an overall state trail system; or
- Provide urban recreation opportunities; or
- Acquire lands open to hunting or development of hunting-related facilities, such as shooting ranges; or
- Acquire lands that provide for deer habitat with thermal cover; or
- Local shooting ranges or state/local shooting range partnerships; or
- Acquire projects that create, establish, and protect wildlife/ecological corridors by connecting to and/or buffering
 existing protected and managed state or local natural areas, forests or game area.

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Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI)

The CMI is created under Section 6(1) of Part 196, Clean Michigan Initiative Implementation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The CMI is a general obligation bond, totaling \$675 million. Most of this money is for programs administered by the Michigan department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy for various redevelopment and remediation activities, including brown-field redevelopment.

In 1998, voters approved \$100 million in bonds for parks and recreation development and renovations. \$50 million in grants to local units and development and renovation of public recreation facilities were approved, with the other \$50 million approved for extensive state park renovations. The MDNR supplements the bonds with a matching \$50 million from other funding sources, including state park user fees, the Waterways fund, the Federal Coastal Zone Management, and Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Revenues obtained through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program can be used for a variety of community improvement projects, including development of recreation facilities or land acquisition for new parks or athletic fields in low and moderate income neighborhoods that qualify under the program.

Donations/Sponsorships

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

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The foundation board of directors disburses assets according to a predetermined plan. Funding for recreation facilities through foundations is very limited.

Lease or Contractual Agreements

The City could consider contracts with private entrepreneurs to provide services at city-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Typically, the privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while maintaining the City's administrative costs.

Public Use Conveyances

Administered by the MDNR, this program provides state and lands acquired through delinquent taxes for local government units for public use. Acceptable uses of land acquired under this program include development of local parks.

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Park Funding

The City of Novi's basic financial management framework, shown in this section, informs fiscal management and decision-making. The funding of the Parks and Recreation Department provides for the full time staff and programs for residents including instructional programs, special events, athletic programs and tournaments, youth summer activities, special recreation programs, teen activities, senior citizen programs, holiday activities and events, community services, as well as park operations and maintenance.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Fund

The departments within this fund administer all parks, recreation and cultural services operations, including strategic direction, policy development, resource identification, and serves as the liaison to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission and the Novi Parks Foundation.

The following chart represents revenues and expenditures for Novi's Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services system, including projected budgets for 2020-2022.

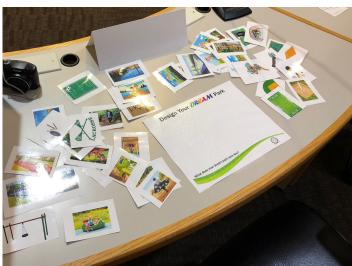
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		ACTUAL 2017-18	ESTIMATED 2018-19		BUDGET 2019-20		PROJ 2020-21		JECTED 2021-22	
ESTIMATED REVENUES										
Property tax revenue	\$	1,309,849	\$	1,357,654	\$	1,411,336	\$	1,470,729	\$	1,529,390
Donations		71,826		59,200		123,500		37,500		68,500
Interest income		16,487		20,805		30,000		16,772		16,656
Older adult program revenue		185,123		157,750		155,350		155,350		155,350
Other revenue		12,551		12,400		5,000		5,000		5,000
Program revenue		1,351,593		1,225,080		1,229,340		1,268,640		1,268,640
Transfers in		(102,500)		256,800		300,000		225,000		224,075
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$	2,844,929	\$	3,089,689	\$	3,254,526	\$	3,178,991	\$	3,267,611
APPROPRIATIONS										
Personnel services	\$	1,297,037	\$	1,241,830	\$	1,255,889	\$	1,318,991	\$	1,360,530
Supplies		48,197		98,991		69,680		64,680		64,680
Other services and charges		1,374,184		1,586,800		1,444,930		1,443,530		1,449,330
Capital outlay		344,306		462,100		717,640		302,122		341,015
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$	3,063,724	\$	3,389,721	\$	3,488,139	\$	3,129,323	\$	3,215,555
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208	\$	(218,795)	\$	(300,032)	\$	(233,613)	\$	49,668	\$	52,056
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		1,275,160		1,056,365		756,333		522,720		572,388
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	1,056,365	\$	756,333	\$	522,720	\$	572,388	\$	624,444

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4 - Recreation Inventory

Overview

Purpose

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. It allows the board to assess the quantity, type, and location of existing facilities. It also explains the variety of programs and events offered and where there may be opportunities for new programs and events. It serves to help identify where new facilities should be built and demonstrates where ADA upgrades are needed. The facilities inventory should be continually updated as renovations and additions occur so that the list is always up-to-date.

Park Classification

The National Recreation and Parks Association published guidelines for park classification based on size and service area. These categories were used to classify the parks of the City of Novi. The classifications used in this report are as follows:

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than a 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and 1 acre in size.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4 to 1/2 mile distance and uninterrupted by non- residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.
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.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park (see appendix for definition of "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 1/2 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.

Figure 4.1: Table - NRPA Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

Accessibility Assessment

Complying with accessibility standards and planning for universal design are two extremely important efforts that a municipality must undertake in its effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people. This is true not only for those disabled by birth or by accident, but also for the growing population of people entering old age who are finding

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normal tasks more and more challenging to do. Many able-bodied persons forget that disability is often an eventuality as one grows older. Therefore, the City of Novi should seek to improve the accessibility of its environment not simply to comply with law, but to think more broadly and take steps towards developing a compassionate, inclusive, and accessible community, unencumbered by physical barriers.

This plan rates the accessibility of its existing park facilities, both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. This rating system is from the Michigan DNR's guidelines for recreation plans. It is intended to establish a baseline so that accessibility needs can be assessed and incorporated into capital improvement projects. This evaluation is not comprehensive and does not identify specific deficiencies.

The following ranking system was applied to each park:

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

Figure 4.2: Accessibility Assessment Table

Parks and Recreation Facilities Map

Indoor Community Facilities

Meadowbrook Commons/Meadowbrook Activities Center

Novi Civic Center

Novi Ice Arena

Community Parks

Ella Mae Power Park

Fuerst Park

Grand River Fields

ITC Community Sports Park

Lakeshore Park

Novi Dog Park

Pavilion Shore Park

Rotary Park

Villa Barr Art Park

Wildlife Woods Park

Neighborhood Parks

Brookfarm Park

Village Wood Lake

Trails Outside of Parks

ITC Corridor Trail

Undeveloped Parkland/Designated Open Space

10 Mile South (10 Mile/Wixom)

Bosco (former house site)

Bosco Fields

ITC Trailhead Park

ITC Trailhead Park Expansion

Novi Northwest Park

Terra Park (comfort station)

Water Tower Park

Conservation Land (Managed Habitat)

Garfield Road Conservation Area (SE Nine/Garfield)

Preservation Land (Unmanaged Habitat)

Novi Core Habitat (NW Nine Mile/Garfield)

Orchard Hills West (Meadowbrook/Nine Mile)

School Facilities

Novi High School

Catholic Central High School

Franklin Road Christian School (Brightmoor Church)

Novi Middle School / Deerfield Elementary

Novi Meadows / Parkview / Novi Woods Elementaries

Orchard Hills Elementary (Novi CSD)

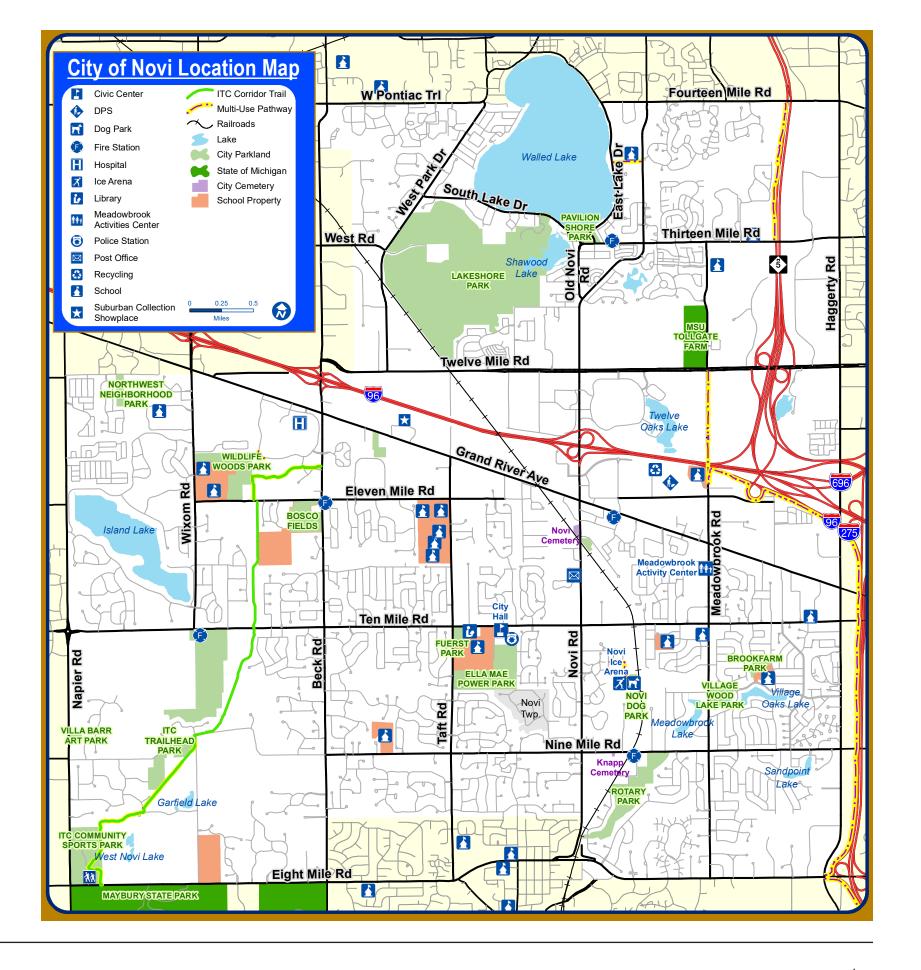
Village Oaks Elementary (Novi CSD)

Thornton Creek Elementary (Northville PS)

Hickory Woods Elementary (WLCSD) [2 parcels]

Meadowbrook Elementary (WLCSD)

Michigan State University Tollgate Farm



Existing Recreation Facilities Inventory Table

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Indoor Community Facilities																											
Novi Civic Center	11.13	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	0.43	2,296	-	Х	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Novi Ice Arena	7.63	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	0.11	567	-	Х	-	-	- 1	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meadowbrook Commons	18.64	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	-	2	-	-	0.85	4,466	-	Х	1	-	- 1	Х	-	- [-	-	-	-
Total Indoor Community Facilities	37.40	4.33	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	13	-	-	1.39	7,329	-	Х	1	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Parks																											
Novi Cemetery	2.39		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knapp Cemetery	0.54		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITC Community Sports Park	73.81	3	10	2	2	0	2	ı	-	-	-	-	-	1.51	7,984	Х	Х	1	10	2	Х	-	-	13	-	2	-
Ella Mae Power Park	73.46	2	6	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0.56	2,973	Х	Х	1	15	2	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuerst Park	8.35	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.73	3,859	-	Х	-	9	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand River Fields	8.53	2	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Lakeshore Park	600.60	3	-	-	1	-	15	-	3	-	0	10.11	53,370	2.84	15,009	Х	Х	3	31	2	Х	-	1	1	-	-	2
Novi Dog Park	7.39	3	-	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-	0.11	570	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion Shore Park	10.85	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.93	4,925	-	X	1	5	1	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rotary Park	66.04	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.24	11,844	-	Х	1	1	1	Х	-	- [-	-	2	-
Villa Barr Art Park	4.01	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	- [-	-	-	-
Wildlife Woods Park	51.47	3	2	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	1	1	-	Х	-	- [4	-	6	-
Total Community Parks	907.44	2.80	18	5	4	3	20	0	3	0	0	10.11	53,370	8.92	47,164	ı	-	8	72	8	-	0	1	20	0	10	2
Neighborhood Parks																											
Brookfarm Park	7.78	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.19	993	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Village Wood Lake	14.37	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.18	928	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Neighborhood Parks	22.15	3.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.36	1,921	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Undeveloped Parkland/Designated Open Space																											
10 Mile South (10 Mile/Wixom)	90.93	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosco (former house site)	3.47	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	- [-	-	-	-
Bosco Fields	31.76	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	- 1	0	- 1	- 1	-	-	- 1	-
ITC Trailhead Park	13.39	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	- 1	0	- 1	- 1	-	-	-	-
ITC Trailhead Park Expansion	20.31	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Novi Northwest Park	9.94	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terra Park (comfort station & woodlands)	20.40	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Tower Park	3.64	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Potential Parkland	193.84	1.38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Legend: X = one or more units

Accessibility Assessment:

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Conservation Land (Managed Habitat)																											
Garfield Road Conservation Area (SE Nine/Garfield)	106.73	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- [-	-	-	-	-
10 Mile North Boardwalk (NW 10/Novi; west of DICE Bar)	8.03		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Conservation Land	114.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preservation Land (Unmanaged Habitat)																											
Novi Core Habitat (Nine Mile/Napier)	102.43	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orchard Hills West (Meadowbrook/Nine Mile)	40.67	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-
Total Preservation Land	143.10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	0
Total Owned by City of Novi	1,418.69		18	5	0	3	20	-	3	2	13	10.11	53,370	15.69	82,849	-	-	9	73	8	-	-	1	21	-	10	2
School Facilities																											
Novi High School	54.79	N/A	2	4	Х	1	-	2	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	Х	1	-	3	1	10	4
Catholic Central High School	60.23	N/A	2	2	Х	1	-	2	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	Х	1	-	2	1	4	2
Franklin Road Christian School (Brightmoor)	40.10	N/A	2	1	Х	1	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	2	Х	1	-	1	0	-	1
Novi Middle School / Deerfield Elementary	52.00	N/A	2	3	Х	1	-	2	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	1	Х	1	-	1	0	4	2
Novi Meadows / Parkview / Woods Elementaries	70.30	N/A	2	3	-	1	-	3	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	3	Х	-	-	5	-	- 1	1
Orchard Hills Elementary (NCSD)	10.00	N/A	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	1	Х	-	-	-	-	-	1
Village Oaks Elementary (NCSD)	10.14	N/A	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	Х	Х	-	Х	-	-	2	Х	-	-	1	-	- 1	1
Thornton Creek Elementary (WLCSD)	18.75	N/A	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	Х	Х	-	-	1	Х	-	- 1	1	-	- 1	1
Hickory Woods Elementary (WLCSD)	28.61	N/A	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-		1	Х	- 1	- 1	-	-	- 1	1
Meadowbrook Elementary (WLCSD)	25.67	N/A	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-		1	Х	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Schools Facilities	370.59		13	19	0	6	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	4	0	13	2	18	15
Regional Parks																											
Michigan State University Tollgate Farm	56.61	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	Х	Х	-	Х	-	Х	-	Х	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total Regional Parks	56.61	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trails Outside of Parks																											
City's ITC Corridor Trail	0.00	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.01	26,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-
Regional Non-Motorized Pathway	0.00	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	5,782	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Trails Outside of Parks	0.00	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.10	32,217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total owned/used by City of Novi PRCS	1,845.89		31	24	0	9	20	15	3	2	13	10.11	53,370	16.42	86,710	0	0	9	72	20	0	4	1	33	2	28	17
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Pending Acquisitions:																											
Beacon Hill Park	3.28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	- [-	-	-	-	-

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Ice Rink

g Trails (miles)

ng Trails (feet)

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Descriptions of Recreation Facilities

Bosco Fields

Located at Eleven Mile and Beck Road, this property began development in 2019, with plans to develop multi-purpose sports, athletic, and recreational fields with related amenities for use starting in fall 2020. Plans also include parking areas and open greenspace.



Brookfarm Park

Located adjacent to Village Oaks Elementary School, Brookfarm Park is a quaint neighborhood park, featuring a walking path and bridge installed in 2014, a small stream, and open greenspace.

Amenities include a soccer field and a paved trail.



Ella Mae Power Park

Located on Ten Mile at the Civic Center Campus, the athletic complex caters primarily to softball leagues.

Approximately 28 acres of the site are heavily forested.

Amenities include nature trails, open greenspace, play structures, a small shelter, restrooms, and concessions.



Fuerst Park

Located at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft, this small civic park offers paved walking trails and landscaping that highlights landscape and sculptural art. Amenities include an Amphitheater, Township Hall, restrooms, art displays, and open greenspace.



ITC Community Sports Park

Located on Eight Mile north of Maybury State Park, this recreational park hosts soccer and baseball games throughout the year.

Additional sports facilities include tennis and basketball courts.

Other amenities include a picnic shelter, play structures, concessions, restrooms, art displays, and open greenspace.



ITC Corridor Trail

The 4.66 mile trail is a collaboration between the City of Novi and ITC Holdings Corp and traverses the entire city from north to south connecting the Ascension Providence Hospital campus to ITC Community Sports Park.



ITC Trailhead Park

Located northeast of ITC Community Sports Park, this property is currently in development, and will include a trailhead and paved trails.



Lakeshore Park

Located on the south shore of Walled Lake, north of Twelve Mile Road, this recreational park hosts many community events.

This park is currently under renovation with re-opening planned for summer 2020. See Figures 4.3: Elevation of Building at Lakeshore Park and 4.4: Lakeshore Park Master Plan at the end of this section.



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Meadowbrook Commons/Meadowbrook Activity Center

Located on Meadowbrook Road south of Grand River Avenue, this property is home to more than 200 active older adults and includes one and two bedroom apartments.

Novi's Older Adult Services offers hundreds of monthly programs held at the adjacent Meadowbrook Activity Center designed specifically for the 12,500 residents who are 55 and older.



Novi Civic Center

The Civic Center is home to the City Offices. The Civic Center is also a great place to hold a shower, business meeting, or class. Community events such as the Novi Spring Palooza are also held here. Room reservations are available year round.



Novi Dog Park

Located near Ten Mile Road and Novi Road, behind the Ice Arena, the 3 acre off-leash dog park offers ample activity space for dogs of all sizes, with 3/4 acre for small dogs and nearly 1 1/2 acres for all other dogs. Parking is available at the location and at the Novi Ice Arena.



Novi Ice Arena

Located near Ten Mile Road and Novi Road, this multi-surface facility offers two NHL-regulation sized ice sheets, seating capacities of 750 and 200, heated viewing areas, pro shop, concessions, skate rental and meeting space. The arena offers eight large locker rooms, an officials room and a large figure skating dressing room.



Novi Northwest Park

Located on Twelve Mile Road near the Andelina Ridge subdivision, this 10 acre park is undeveloped, with plans that could potentially feature open space, nature trails and nature-based play structures.



Pavilion Shore Park

Located near Lakeshore Park on Thirteen Mile, this park features walking paths, a fishing pier, a playground, picnic plaza, parking, public sculptures and waterfront seating.



Rotary Park

Located at Nine Mile and Novi Road, this park follows a portion of the Middle Rouge River.

Nature trails run throughout the park, and additional amenities include tennis courts, a picnic shelter, a playground and restrooms.



Village Wood Lake Park

Located in between Heatherbrae Way and Meadowbrook at the west end of Village of Wood Road, this park is 54 acres of partially developed park land, including nature trails and open greenspace.



Villa Barr Art Park

Located on Napier Road north of Nine Mile, this 4 acre park, formerly the residence of artist David Barr, includes a home, studio, a public park, pathways, picnic tables, a pond, a sculpture garden and cultural education center.



Wildlife Woods Park

Located at Eleven Mile Road and Wixom Road, this park features baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and football/lacrosse fields.

Additional amenities include a basketball court, soccer fields, restrooms, picnic facilities, and open greenspace.



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Figure 4.3: Elevation of building at Lakeshore Park



Figure 4.4: Lakeshore Park Master Plan

Program Inventory

Activities and Events

The community of Novi offers several valuable community events and activities to promote healthy lifestyles. These include sports leagues, skills learning, cultural education, literary resources, and support services for older adults.

Training, leagues, and camps are available for many sports, skills, and recreational activities. These include basketball, football, baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, golf, hockey, cricket, pickleball, martial arts, horseback riding, ice skating, archery, multiple forms of dance, music, art and gymnastics. Additionally, there is a robust offering of group exercise for adults 18+. Additional group exercise options include Yoga, Pilates, Capoeira, Tai Chi, Zumba, drums and stretching.

Cultural events include arts and invention camps, volunteer fairs, 5k and marathon running races, Spring Palooza (community open house), environmental action days, community social events, and artist presentations. Art classes and exhibits take place year-round, and Villa Barr hosts events and tours frequently. Multiple classes are offered for various instruments and coral groups, as well as dance, art, and theatre.

Novi's Public Library also provides resources and events for literary promotion, as well as youth programs, computer literacy programs, language, career and business development programs, a historical commission, and book discussion groups.

There are many resources and events available for older adults in the community of Novi. These include luncheons, concerts and live performances, art, cultural & holiday celebrations; card, game, and hobby groups; educational sessions including technology, security, legal aid & finances; environmental, history, health and wellness classes



Figure 4.5: "Engage" - Novi's Monthly Programming Guide

Rentals and Services

The following facilities are available for rent for a small fee.

Facility	Operations Department	Rates
Novi Civic Center (Multiple Rooms and Options)	Facilities and Transportation Division	Varies
Fuerst Park (Multiple Rooms and Options)	Facilities and Transportation Division	Varies
Novi Public Library (Multiple Rooms and Options)	Facilities and Transportation Division	Varies
Novi Ice Arena (Multiple Rooms and Options)	Facilities and Transportation Division	Varies
Ella Mae Power Park Softball Diamonds (6)	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$20/hr
Wildlife Woods Park Picnic Shelter	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$125/Block
ITC Community Sports Park Baseball Diamonds (8)	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$20/hr
ITC Community Sports Park Soccer Fields (13)	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$50/hr
ITC Community Sports Park Shelter	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$125/Block
Lakeshore Park	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$100-125/Block
Rotary Park Picnic Shelter	Facilities and Transportation Division	\$100/Block

Comparison to Recreation Standards

Recreation Facilities Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park facilities in the City based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations. However, every community is unique and many factors should be considered when evaluating deficiencies and priorities. These additional factors can include age and income distribution, neighborhood structure, and recreation interests of your community, as well as the recreation opportunities in nearby communities. Novi has historically adjusted based on population needs.

Type of Recreation Facility	NRPA Standard	Existing Public City Facilities	Existing Public City + School Facilities	NRPA Recommended Need for Existing Population
Basketball Courts	1/5,000	5	24	12
Tennis Courts	1/2,000	10	28	31
Volleyball	1/5,000	2	17	12
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	1/5,000	18	31	12
Little League Diamonds (Lighted)	1/30,000	4	4	2
Football Fields	1/20,000	3	9	3
Soccer Fields	1/10,000	20	33	6

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Type of Recreation Facility	NRPA Standard	Existing Public City Facilities	Existing Public City + School Facilities	NRPA Recommended Need for Existing Population
*Golf Courses (9 hole)	1/25,000	0	0	2
*Golf Courses (18 hole)	1/50,000	0	0	1
Driving Range	1/50,000	0	0	1
Swimming Pools	1/20,000	0	1	3
Ice Rinks (Indoor)	1/100,000	2	2	1
Running Track (1/4 mile)	1/20,000	0	2	3
Playgrounds/Structures	1/3,000	8	20	21
Paved Trails (miles)	1 system	1 system	1 system	1 system

^{*}By charter, the City of Novi is not allowed to own a golf course

Footnotes:

- Based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations developed more than 20 years ago
- Based on 2018 SEMCOG population change estimate (City of Novi's total population: 63,533)
- There are no Regional Parks within the jurisdiction of the City of Novi

Park Acreage Evaluation

The following table evaluates current park acreage in the City based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations.

Type of Recreation Facility	NRPA Recommended Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents	Existing City Acreage	NRPA Recommended Acreage Need for Existing Population
Mini Parks	0.25	0	16
Neighborhood Parks	1.0	22.15	64
Community Parks/facilities	5.0	960.2	318
Regional Parks	5.0	0	318
Special Use Facilities (Community Center/Ice Rink)	Variable	37.4	n/a
Conservation, Preservation, and Undeveloped Park Land	n/a	205.59	n/a

Footnotes:

- Based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations developed more than 20 years ago
- Based on 2018 SEMCOG population change estimate (City of Novi's total population: 63,533)
- There are no Regional Parks within the jurisdiction of the City of Novi

General Assessment of Facilities

Service Areas

As evidenced on the Map of Existing Park Service Areas the City of Novi has a very good distribution of parks servicing the vast majority of the City. The few areas in the City that do not have a park facility within a half mile or 15 minute walking distance, in most cases are serviceable by school facilities.

ADA Accessibility

While a large number of Novi's parks are accessible, several of the existing park facilities do not meet accessibility requirements. A comprehensive ADA assessment of all park facilities is currently underway and capital improvement projects are also under way to repair, improve, and expand sidewalk and pathway infrastructure throughout the city.

Pedestrian Linkages

The City of Novi has a very good system of sidewalks and trails servicing virtually every neighborhood throughout the City. These pedestrian linkages are reviewed and recommended by the Walkable Novi committe. However, there are some major intersections throughout the City such as along Grand River and the Highways which lack adequate crossing points and signaling.

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

Grant History - City of Novi, Oakland County, MI

Total Number of Projects: 11, Total Grant Dollars Received: \$3,034,050.00

Project Number*	Project Title	Project Year	Grant Amount	Project Description	Grant Status	Site Photos
•	Ella Mae Power Park Ietion Inspection: Impro		\$29,000.00 described in the	Development of two softball fields grant application have been built, are	Closed e in good	LAND SYNTER CONSERVATION SEIND STEIND
26-01110	Ella Mae Power Park	1980	\$27,500.00	Development will include a playground and a concession/ storage building, LWCF sign.	Closed	LANDAVATE
•	letion Inspection: Impro	vements	described in the	grant application have been built, are	e in good	CONSERVATION FUND

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26-01235	Brookfarm Park	1981	\$16,000.00	Development of two tennis courts	Closed	
Post Comp removed.	letion Inspection: Impro	ovements	described in the	grant application were built, but have	e since been	
TF88-078	Novi Nature Area	1988	\$166,350.00	To acquire approximately 100 acres of a natural area in Oakland County adjacent to the city's park on South Lake Road.	Withdrawn	
Post Comp	letion Inspection: Gran	t was with	ndrawn			
BF-93-168	Rotary Park Development	1993	\$75,000.00	Development of Rotary park will include the construction of nature trails, tennis courts, playground areas and picnic facilities.	Withdrawn	
Post Comp	letion Inspection: Gran	t was with	ndrawn			
TF05-165	Village Wood Lake/ Orchard Hills West Acquisition	2005	\$846,400.00	Acquisition in fee simple of 51 acres containing 5,200 feet of frontage on the Middle Rouge River, Village Wood Lake, and Wetlands.	Closed	
	letion Inspection: Impro nd are used regularly.	ovements	described in the	grant application have been built, are	e in good	
TF07-017	Novi Core Habitat Reserve Property Acquisition	2007	\$281,300.00	Acquisition of 16.2 acres of wooded wetland adjacent to Singh Trail Parkland	Closed	
	<i>letion Inspection:</i> The ր naintained in good cond		described in the ç	grant application has since been deve	loped into a	
TF10-043	Landings Park Trailhead/Waterfront Development	2010	\$437,500.00	Development to include construction of a trailhead for the existing and future non-motorized regional pathway system within the 11-acre Landings Parkland create accessible waterfront park with 835 feet of naturalized shoreline.	Closed	
	letion Inspection: Impro nd are used regularly.	ovements	described in the	grant application have been built, are	e in good	
TF14-0235	Novi Northwest Neighborhood Park	2014	\$385,000.00	Acquire a 10-acre parcel of potential parkland near the City's western border for citywide use.	Closed	Novi Northwest Park
Post Comp.	<i>letion Inspection:</i> The բ	property o	described in the g	grant application has been maintained	l in good	Chyelmod Olg.

TF16-0111 ITC Regional 2016 \$402,500.00 Acquisition of 13 acres located on Trailhead Park Nine Mile Road, adjacent to the

Closed planned ITC corridor Trail.



Post Completion Inspection: The property described in the grant application is currently being developed into a park.

TF17-0162 ITC Trailhead Park 2017 \$367,500.00 Expansion

Preserve twenty acres of natural woodland and wetland habitat adjacent to the ITC Corridor Trail. Executed



Post Completion Inspection: Improvements described in the grant application are currently being constructed.

*The first characters of the project number indicate funding sources as follows:

26 = Land and Water Conservation Fund BF = Recreation Bond Fund

TAP = Transportation Alternatives Program TF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Regional Recreation Opportunities

Other recreation opportunities exist around the region. Below are listed the parks, trails, schools, and other recreation facilities that are available in nearby municipalities.

Brighton State Recreation Area

4,947 acres - 39 miles of trails for mountain biking, hiking, skiing and horse riding. There are 3 campgrounds providing over 200 campsites

Hines Park Trail

17.2- miles - This paved bike and running path travels through a series of Wayne County parks.

Huron Meadows Metropark

1,576 acres - Regulation golf course, hike-bike trails and self-guided nature trails. In the winter, the park has cross-country skiing and ice-fishing.

Huron Valley Trail

12.2 miles - Paved and mostly flat; links several communities, parks, and a large recreation area while providing connections to a growing network of trails.

I-275/M-5 Metro Trail Network

35 Miles - Running from Meadowbrook Road (Novi) to South Huron Road (New Boston), intersecting the Hines Park Trail, Lower Rouge River Trail and Downriver Linked Greenways Trail.

Island Lake State Recreation Area

4,000 acres - The park has a group campsite and a canoe-in campsite, several miles of hiking and biking trails, a shooting range, swimming and a couple of small lakes. It is the only Michigan park to have a hot air balloon launch area.

Kensington Metropark

4,543 acres - The park has a golf course, disc golf course, toboggan hill, nature center, farm learning center, picnic areas, beaches, splash pad with water slide and boat rentals. A paved hike-bike trail and horse trails as well as trails connecting to other nearby parks.

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Lyon Oaks Dog Park

13 acres - The park features a fenced enclosure including a small dog area, benches, shelter and picnic tables.

Maybury State Park

944 acres -The park consists of trails through gently rolling terrain, open meadow, and mature forest.

Pinckney State Recreation Area

11,000 acres - The park is open for year-round recreation including hiking, fishing, swimming, hunting and a variety of winter sports.

Proud Lake State Recreation Area

4,700 acres - The recreation area offers various outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, and mountain bike trails, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting, canoeing, and picnicking.

5 - The Planning Process

Plan Development Process

The consultant reviewed the Novi Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan 2015-2019, current demographics, current budgets and revenues, past planning efforts and perceived initial priorities. The consultant also performed an initial orientation meeting with the City's Parks and Recreation Director Jeffery Muck, Deputy Director Tracie Ringle, Management Assistant Chris Jackett and former Older Adult Services Manager Karen Kapchonick in order to establish some initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the consultant performed physical inventories by visiting each park facility to determine current uses and conditions. The consultant also took photos of the facilities for future reference.

This information was then put through an analysis process by comparing the City of Novi's current system and suggested priorities against national recreation standards to expose any recreational deficiencies or excesses in the city. The inventories were also analyzed against the most recent demographics, community description information, and evaluations of the current city policies and programs to further refine the plan.

Public Participation

An effective means of obtaining public input is critical for the development of a Recreation Master Plan (RMP). Public input is also required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans." For the City of Novi's RMP, several means of gaining input were used, including:

- Online opinion survey
- Public Meetings
- Public Hearing 12/9/2019
- Input Gathering at Public Events
- Stakeholder Interviews
- One Month Review Period

Summaries of the public input activities are given below. A full compilation of all survey results, input, stakeholder interviews and public comments is contained in the Appendix.

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Online Survey

At the initial stage of the Recreation Master Planning process, an online survey questionnaire was developed by the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department. In developing the questionnaire, the previous 5-year RMP questionnaire, and public responses to it were examined to determine which questions should be retained, which should be dropped, and what new ones should be added. The goal was to obtain the maximum amount of relevant information with the optimal number of questions.

The online survey was conducted using the web-based "SurveyMonkey" opinion survey instrument. The survey was placed online March 3, 2019 and was closed August 4, 2019. It was marketed through the City of Novi's website's home page, and the "Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Service Page". It was also publicized through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor. com, weekly legal notices in the Novi News between May 23-July 18, and through multiple e-newsletters throughout each month. Finally the survey was advertised via postcard handouts at Civic Center front counters and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Service public events.

A total of 1,216 responses were received for the online survey. Details of responses are shown in the Appendix.



Figure 5.1: Screenshot of Online Survey

Public Input Meetings

A public input meeting was held on May 17, 2019 at the Novi Civic Center and July 10, 2019 at Pavilion Shore Park. The meeting was held to present materials and information relative to the 2020-2024 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan that have been gathered to date and provide an opportunity for the public to have input as to what recreational facility improvements and programs they would like considered for the City's Park System and/or speak on issues relative to parks, recreation and older adult services. The plan was also presented, discussed and reviewed during a Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting (November 21, 2019) and two Novi City Council meetings (October 28, 2019 and December 09, 2019).

Public Hearings

Public hearing held on December 09 2019.

Input Gathering at Public Events

Consultants attended two events to gather public input, the Novi Spring Palooza held on May 17, 2019 at the Novi Civic Center and the Sizzling Summer Art Series held on July 10, 2019 at Pavilion Shore Park. At these events the consultants and PRCS staff engaged with community members by asking their opinion of Novi's parks and recreation system, what they would like to see added or changed and what they feel the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is doing well.

Everyone that provided input expressed a very positive attitude toward the Novi parks system. Some of the most heard suggestions included: aquatic recreation such as splash pads and pools, non-motorized transportation, additional pickleball courts, cricket fields and winter recreation oppurtunities such as ice skating.



Photo: Sizzling Summer Art Series

Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with representatives of key stakeholder groups were conducted to gain further insight on how the Recreation & Parks Department interacts with the individual groups, on the needs of the groups and their membership, and on the potential for partnerships. The interviews also served the purpose of improving relationships and communication, and increasing the involvement of stakeholder groups in Parks and Recreation Department programs and initiatives.

Stakeholder groups were selected that have a special interest in the parks and recreational services of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department or which have a special relationship with it. The groups selected encompass a broad area of interest. Invitations were sent to key representatives of the stakeholder groups, and the groups were allowed to have as many representatives present as they wished.

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Persons Interviewed

Group 1

- Bob Steeh Novi Schools Community Education Director and Youth Assistance Board
- Brian Gordon Novi Schools Athletic Director
- Dr. RJ Webber Novi Schools Assistant Superintendent
- Joslen Letcher Older Adult Services, Fox Run Community
- Chris Jackett City of Novi PRCS Management Assistant
- Hideki 'Harry' Torimoto City of Novi PRCS Commissioner

Group 2

- Nina Thekdi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Varnum Attorneys at Law
- Stacey Stover Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Schoolcraft College
- Gary Sobota Rotary Club
- McKenzie Bowman Suburban Showplace Director of Communications & Customer Relations, and Committee for Young Professionals
- Steve Masters Suburban Showplace Michigan State Fair Executive Director
- Paulina Treiger Muzzin City of Novi PRCS Commissioner
- Jessica Mistak City of Novi PRCS Recreation Supervisor, Facilities and Transportation
- Cristin Spiller City of Novi PRCS Recreation Supervisor, Youth, Teens, and Community Events

Group 3

- Mary Kondraciuk City of Novi Community Arts Advisory Board
- Rachel Zagaroli Novi Parks Foundation Executive Director
- Dave Cox Motor City Mountain Biking Association (MCMBA) Lakeshore Park Trail Cordinator
- Shelley Thomopoulus City of Novi PRCS Commissioner
- Amelia Purdy-Ketchum City of Novi PRCS Recreation Supervisor, Cultural Arts
- Sandy Fisher City of Novi PRCS Social Services Coordinator

Group 4

- Paul Tinnion Michigan Jaguars Football Club Executive Director
- Richard Rich Michigan Jaguars Football Club
- Brad Leidal Novi Youth Baseball League President
- Chris Lawler "Madness Fastpitch" Softball President
- Mark Berke (Attorney) Novi Youth Hockey Association President
- Greg Morris City of Novi PRCS Recreation Supervisor, Sports Programs

6 - Goals and Objectives

Overview

In the broadest sense, a Parks and Recreation Plan should offer the community a series of guidelines or recommendations for making consistent and rational public decisions regarding the delivery of recreation programs and facilities. Goals and objectives, in the context of recreation and park planning, should be the guiding influence determining the nature and extent of future park acquisition, development, administrative, and programming actions. They should be idealistic to the extent that they provide a desirable condition to strive towards. They should additionally be ready for opportunities that may not be immediately apparent such as new grant programs, benefactors, donations, and revenue streams that present themselves.

In order to be reasonably capable of being achieved, the goals must be tempered by the recognition of financial, social, physical and political realities. Successful policy should further recognize the evaluation of the community's recreation system and the relationship of this system to relevant demographic characteristics.

Goals should be broad and address general needs and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives are measurable results the City can work toward accomplishing. Both offer policy direction and the framework for recreation providers. The following policy statements reflect the City's short and long-term recreation needs identified in the previous chapter. Specific methods for achieving these goals are described in the Action Program and Capital Improvement Plan in the following section (see Table 16).

City of Novi Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives provide the foundation of the City's 2020-2024 Strategic Community Recreation & Master Park Plan, and are to be used as a framework for future implementation strategies. The list includes goals developed by the Novi City Council and by Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff. City Council goals are indicated by (CC).

Nurture public services that residents want and value

Provide strategic and sustainable investments in roads & pathways, water, and sewer; develop, acquire and rehabilitate parks and public lands; provide cultural and recreational opportunities for a growing and diverse population.

I. Long-Term Goals

- A. Investigate options for building and funding the operations of a Community Recreation Center. (CC)
- B. Develop strategy to assist seniors in "Aging-in-Place". (CC)
- C. Plan to add a sprinkle/splash pad to a City Park or Facility. (CC)

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- D Develop pickleball courts and programs.
- E. Conduct an ADA assessment of City park properties to identify areas of improvement.
- F. Look for opportunities to ensure all residents have a park, school playground or common area within a 10-minute walk (0.5 mile) of their residence.. (CC)
- G. Continue to make improvements to parks and facilities addressing accessibility needs (including sensory-inclusive facilities and amenities) in order to meet all current ADA Compliance Standards. Universal design and access will be considered in project planning.

II. Short-Term Goals

- A. Complete direct sidewalk connections to ITC Trail on at least one side of 10 Mile Road. (CC)
- B. Accelerate funding of neighborhood park improvements at Wildlife Woods, Novi Northwest Park and Village Wood Lake Park using CIP millage. (CC)
- C. Increase marketing and programming efforts to connect with 40-60 year old age range.
- D. Research and implement sensory-inclusive programming, facilities, and amenities.
- E. Create a master plan for Villa Barr Art Park.

Operate a world-class and sustainable local government

Maintain an efficient and effective, fiscally-responsibly local government which leverages communication, strategic partnerships, and skilled staff.

I. Long-Term Goals

- A. Naming rights as a fundraising mechanism for parks. (CC)
- B. Complete CAPRA re-accreditation.
- C. Consider long term funding solutions for park improvements and trails. (CC)
- D. Explore further service consolidation and joint opportunities with neighboring governments and school districts. (CC)
- E. Add art displays throughout parks and facilities.
- F. Evaluate marketing methods in the parks.
- G. Develop and program undeveloped parks such as Novi Northwest Park, Bosco Fields, ITC Trailhead Park, etc.

II. Short-Term Goals

- A. Rebrand Older Adult Services' marketing materials in order to reach a broader range of adults.
- B. Increase fitness programming and opportunities at parks.
- C. Collaborate with other departments to evaluate potential sustainability initiatives and efforts (e.g. invasive species controls, native, pollinator, and rain garden establishment).
- D. Update the department's programming plan and include a specific plan for Lakeshore Park's new building.

$oldsymbol{V}$ alue and build a vibrant community for residents and businesses both now and into the future.

Encourage quality economic development to maximize city revenue and job growth while protecting and enhancing natural areas, natural features and community character.

I. Long-Term Goals

- A. Monitor and pursue properties to acquire land to put into park use, and for conservation purposes.
- B. Identify properties that would be beneficial to redevelop for park use.

II. Short-Term Goals

- A. Continue to work with local property owners and developers on potential property acquisitions and developments. (CC)
- B. Pursue properties leveraging grant funding opportunities. (CC)

Invest properly in being a safe community at all times for all people

Ensure Police, Fire, Public Services meet the needs of all residents, businesses, and visitors at all times.

I. Long-Term Goals

- A. Provide access for emergency vehicles in parks and trail systems.
- B. Evaluate wayfinding and mile marker signage on all City-owned trails.
- C. Collaborate with public safety officials on safety measures including trail markers and special event safety plans.

II. Short-Term Goals

A. Maintain park maintenance staff certification records for Playground Safety Inspection and other certificates.

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7 - The Action Plan

Actions

The following action plan or "Capital Improvement Plan" (CIP) was developed based upon information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the next five years. These projects may be funded through grant sources such as those provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grants, Waterways Program Grants, Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants, Invasive Species Grant Program, or Wildlife Habitat Grant Program. There may be grants available through private corporations, non-profit organizations, and other state and federal agencies.

Please note: The capital improvements are listed by target year. The matrix provides a target year, the project location, a description, an estimated range of likely costs, revenue sources, and goals. It is intended to be used as a guideline for planning.

Capital Improvement Plan Schedule

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Target			Estimated	
Year	Project Location	Project Description	Costs	Revenue Source
19-20	ITC Community Sports Park	The removal of the Time Pope Structure, and replacing it with a new accessible structure and accessible safety surfacing.	\$259,000	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
19-20	Ella Mae Power Park	Construction of lighting for fields 5 & 6	\$350,000	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
19-20	Ella Mae Power Park	Replacement of the South Playground with a new inclusive design.	\$108,640	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
20-21	Novi Road Cemetery	Bringing the interior pathways up to grade for pedestrians. Adding fencing at the rear of the cemetery, and the construction of a pathway leading to a new parking lot.	\$66,122	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
20-21	Wildlife Woods	Installation of four pickleball courts and fencing at Wildlife Woods Park.	\$200,000	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
21-22	ITC Community Sports Park	Remove one of two existing play structures and replace it with a new ADA accessible play structure.	\$114,740	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
21-22	Novi Northwest Park	The development of the aggregate pathway based on the conceptual plan.	\$163,075	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

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Target			Estimated	
Year	Project Location	Project Description	Costs	Revenue Source
22-23	ITC Community Sports Park	Install a proper drainage system on soccer fields as well as re-grading them. Also the replacement of the existing benches, picnic tables, and waste receptacles.	\$671,800	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
22-23	ITC Community Sports Park	Construction of dugouts, lighting of the ball diamonds, two shade shelters, and a new design of the parking lot.	\$500,360	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
22-23	Novi Northwest Park	The construction of a playground based on the conceptual plan.	\$125,000	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
22-23	Rotary Park	Parking lot maintenance to the existing facilities and the construction of a new concrete sidewalk that will connect existing parking lot to the pavilion.	\$67,341	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
23-24	ITC Community Sports Park	Improvements to parking lot including paving existing gravel lots with HMA, and reconstruction of existing paved portions.	\$1,576,438	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
23-24	Novi Northwest Park	The construction of an asphalt parking lot based on the conceptual plan.	\$218,158	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
23-24	Wildlife Wood Park/ ITC Trail	Construction of a sidewalk through an existing woodlot to connect to Wildlife Woods Park and other amenities	\$232,305	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
24-25	ITC Trailhead Park	Construction of a nature trail through the two parcels of the park to connect the Park Place subdivision to the existing ITC Corridor Trail.	\$913,049	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
24-25	Napier Road	Connecting of the ITC Corridor Trail across the northern edge of the park to Napier Road.	\$241,412	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
24-25	Village Wood Lake Park	Construction of Shade shelter, picnic tables, benches, and two overlook decks.	\$159,800	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

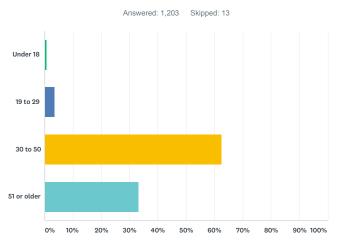
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^{***} THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

Appendix

Results of Online Survey

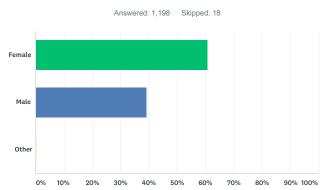
Q1 What is your age? (Check one age group)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.58% 7
19 to 29	3.57% 43
30 to 50	62.51% 752
51 or older	33.33% 401
TOTAL	1,203

Less than 1% of respondents were under 18 years old, 4 percent were 18-29 years old, 62% were 30-50 years old, and 33% were 51 or older.

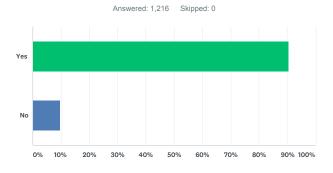
Q2 What is your gender?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	60.68%	727
Male	39.15%	469
Other	0.17%	2
TOTAL		1,198

Approximately 60% of respondents were female, 40% were male.

Q3 Do you currently live in the City of Novi?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.46%	1,100
No	9.54%	116
TOTAL		1,216

Approximately 90% of respondents live in the City of Novi.

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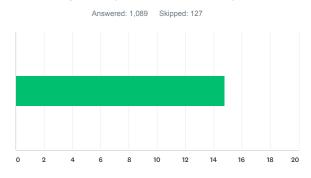
Q4 What is your zip code?

Answered: 108 Skipped: 1,108

Respondents who said that they did not live in the City of Novi on the previous question were directed to this question. A variety of responses were received, the majority of which were from communities adjacent to Novi.

Of the approximately 10% of respondents living outside of Novi, no more than 15% live in any one zip code.

Q5 How long have you lived in the City of Novi?

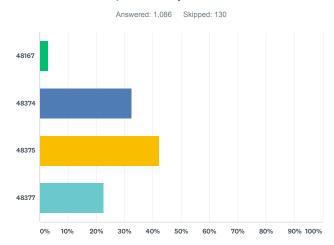


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	15	16,094	1,089
Total Respondents: 1,089			

Out of 1,089 respondents, the average time is 15 years.

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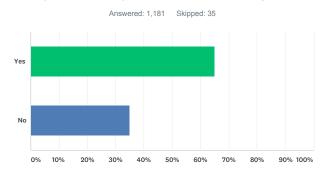
Q6 In what zip code is your home located?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
48167	2.85%	31
48374	32.41%	352
48375	42.17%	458
48377	22.56%	245
TOTAL		1,086

Of those living in Novi, 42% of respondents live in 48375, 32% live in 48374, 23% live in 48377, and 3% live in 48167.

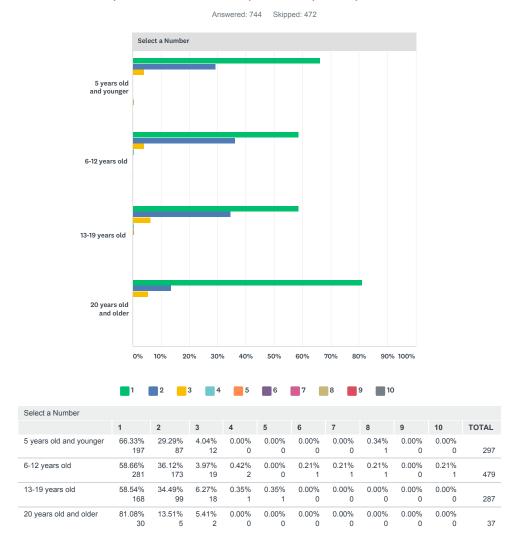
Q7 Do you have any children under the age of 18?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.03%	768
No	34.97%	413
TOTAL		1,181

65% of respondents have children under 18, 35% have none.

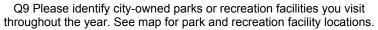
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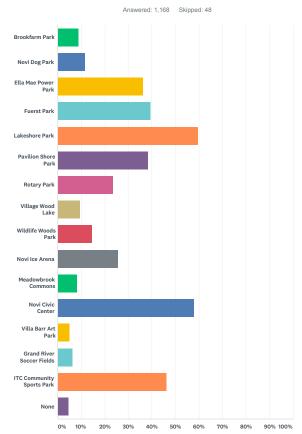


Q8 How many children, by age, currently live in your household? If you prefer not to answer, please skip this question.

1100 children are identified by this question. The majority of children identified (44%) are 6-12 years old, followed by 27% of children under 5, and 26% of children are between 13-19 years old.

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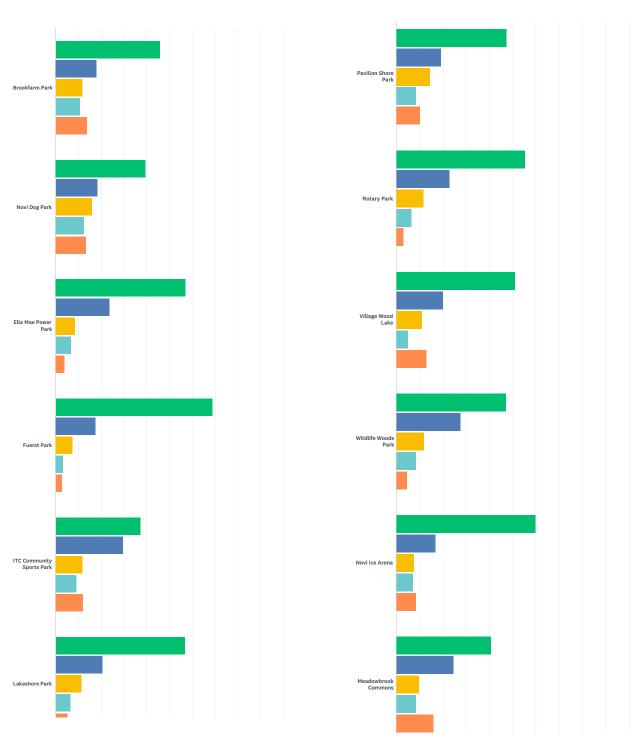
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brookfarm Park	8.73%	102
Novi Dog Park	11.47%	134
Ella Mae Power Park	36.13%	422
Fuerst Park	39.30%	459
Lakeshore Park	59.67%	697
Pavilion Shore Park	38.27%	447
Rotary Park	23.37%	273
Village Wood Lake	9.50%	111
Wildlife Woods Park	14.55%	170
Novi Ice Arena	25.51%	298
Meadowbrook Commons	8.22%	96
Novi Civic Center	57.88%	676
Villa Barr Art Park	4.97%	58
Grand River Soccer Fields	6.25%	73
ITC Community Sports Park	46.23%	540
None	4.54%	53
Total Respondents: 1,168		

The three most visited facilities are Lakeshore Park (60%), Novi Civic Center (58%), and ITC Sports Park (46%).

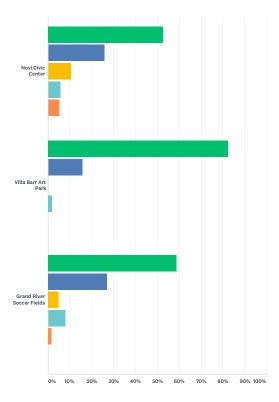
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Q10 How often do you visit these parks and recreation facilities?





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The lowest incidence of revisitation of visitors to parks (once every 6-12 months) occurs in Villa Barr (92%) and Fuerst Park (69%).

The most consistently revisited parks are represented mostly by sports fields.

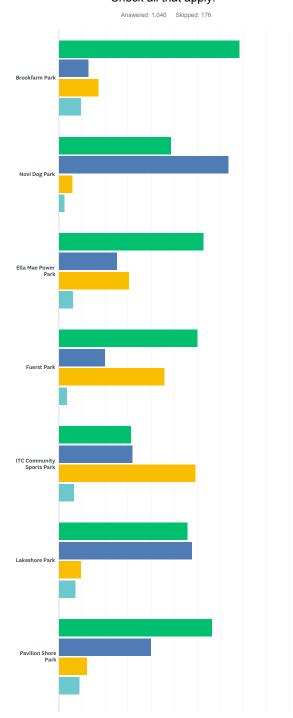
Those visited the most often (6-12 times per year) include ITC Sports Park (29%), Grand River Soccer Fields (27%), Wildlife Woods (27%), Novi Civic Center (25%), and Meadowbrook Commons (25%).

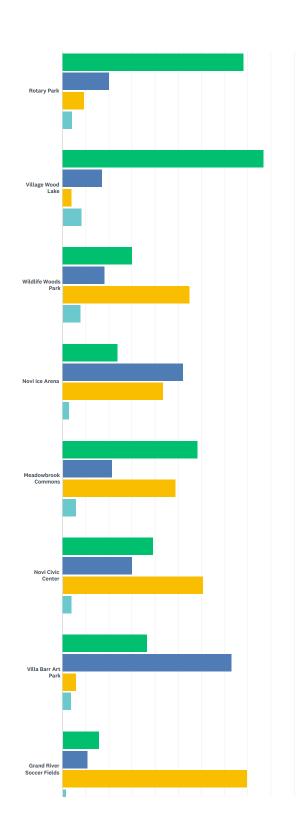
Parks visited once or more times per week are Meadowbrook Commons (16%), Brookfarm Park (14%), and Village Wood Lake (13%).

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	1-6 TIMES A YEAR	6-12 TIMES A YEAR	2-3 TIMES PER MONTH	ONCE A WEEK	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	TOTAL
Brookfarm Park	45.74% 43	18.09% 17	11.70% 11	10.64% 10	13.83% 13	94
Novi Dog Park	39.50% 47	18.49% 22	15.97% 19	12.61% 15	13.45% 16	119
Ella Mae Power Park	57.03% 219	23.70% 91	8.59% 33	6.77% 26	3.91% 15	384
Fuerst Park	68.85% 294	17.56% 75	7.49% 32	3.28% 14	2.81% 12	427
ITC Community Sports Park	37.25% 184	29.55% 146	11.94% 59	9.11% 45	12.15% 60	494
Lakeshore Park	56.70% 364	20.56% 132	11.21% 72	6.39% 41	5.14% 33	642
Pavilion Shore Park	47.56% 195	19.27% 79	14.39% 59	8.54% 35	10.24% 42	410
Rotary Park	55.47% 137	23.08% 57	11.74% 29	6.48% 16	3.24% 8	247
Village Wood Lake	51.00% 51	20.00% 20	11.00% 11	5.00% 5	13.00% 13	100
Wildlife Woods Park	47.37% 72	27.63% 42	11.84% 18	8.55% 13	4.61% 7	152
Novi Ice Arena	59.93% 160	16.85% 45	7.49% 20	7.12% 19	8.61% 23	267
Meadowbrook Commons	40.74% 33	24.69% 20	9.88%	8.64% 7	16.05% 13	81
Novi Civic Center	52.82% 328	25.76% 160	10.47% 65	5.64% 35	5.31% 33	621
Villa Barr Art Park	82.35% 42	15.69% 8	0.00%	1.96%	0.00%	51
Grand River Soccer Fields	58.73% 37	26.98% 17	4.76% 3	7.94% 5	1.59% 1	63
None	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0

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Q11 Why do you choose to visit these parks and recreation facilities? Check all that apply.





	CONVENIENT LOCATION	SPECIFIC AMENITY/ACTIVITY THAT CAN'T BE FOUND AT OTHER PARKS	PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	OTHER (SPECIFY BELOW)	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Brookfarm	78.49%	12.90%	17.20%	9.68%	
Park	73	12	16	9	93
Novi Dog Park	48.76% 59	73.55% 89	5.79% 7	2.48%	121
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Ella Mae Power Park	62.66% 240	25.33% 97	30.55% 117	6.27% 24	383
Fuerst Park	60.19%	20.14%	45.73%	3.55%	
	254	85	193	15	422
ITC	31.36%	31.98%	59.47%	6.72%	
Community Sports Park	154	157	292	33	491
Lakeshore	55.89%	57.77%	9.58%	7.22%	
Park	356	368	61	46	637
Pavilion Shore	66.59%	40.00%	12.44%	9.02%	
Park	273	164	51	37	410
Rotary Park	78.19%	20.16%	9.47%	4.12%	
	190	49	23	10	243
Village Wood	86.87%	17.17%	4.04%	8.08%	
Lake	86	17	4	8	99
Wildlife Woods	30.07%	18.30%	54.90%	7.84%	
Park	46	28	84	12	153
Novi Ice Arena	23.79%	52.04%	43.49%	2.97%	
	64	140	117	8	269
Meadowbrook	58.33%	21.43%	48.81%	5.95%	
Commons	49	18	41	5	84
Novi Civic	39.10%	30.05%	60.74%	4.04%	
Center	242	186	376	25	619
Villa Barr	36.54%	73.08%	5.77%	3.85%	
Art Park	19	38	3	2	52
Grand River	15.63%	10.94%	79.69%	1.56%	
Soccer Fields	10	7	51	1	64
None	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
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Only 6 parks had more than 300 respondents give reasons why they visit.

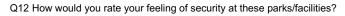
Of these, 31%-66% chose 'Convenient Location' as their reason.

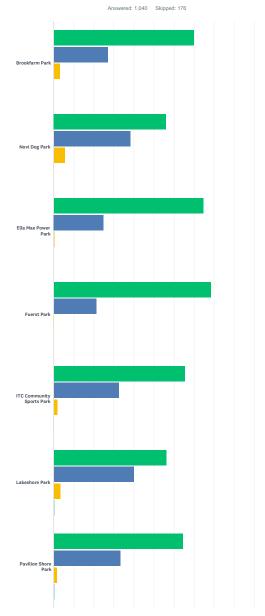
"Programming" plays the biggest role at Novi Civic Center (61%) and ITC Sports Park (59%), while "Specific Amenities" has the most impact at Lakeshore Park (58%).

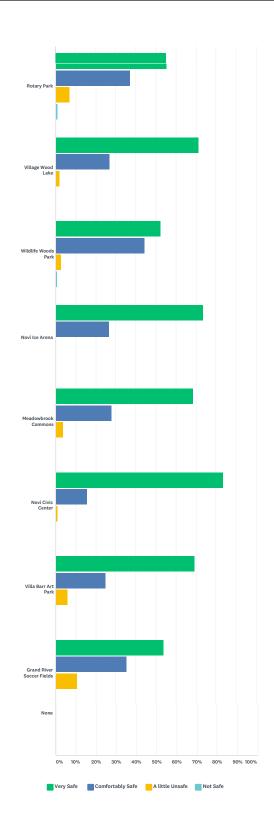
Respondents who left comments were interested in passive recreation opportunities (61%), organized sports (23%), and culture and the arts (16%).

29% of the comments related to walking/running/biking trails.

18% of comments regarded natural areas and water access as important.







	VERY SAFE	COMFORTABLY SAFE	A LITTLE UNSAFE	NOT SAFE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Brookfarm Park	69.79% 67	27.08% 26	3.13% 3	0.00%	96	1.64
Novi Dog Park	56.10% 69	38.21% 47	5.69% 7	0.00%	123	1.45
Ella Mae Power Park	74.68% 289	24.81% 96	0.52%	0.00%	387	1.74
Fuerst Park	78.45% 335	21.31% 91	0.23%	0.00%	427	1.78
ITC Community Sports Park	65.45% 324	32.53% 161	1.82% 9	0.20% 1	495	1.61
Lakeshore Park	56.37% 363	39.91% 257	3.26% 21	0.47%	644	1.48
Pavilion Shore Park	64.51% 269	33.33% 139	1.68% 7	0.48%	417	1.60
Rotary Park	55.24% 137	37.10% 92	6.85% 17	0.81% 2	248	1.39
Village Wood Lake	71.29% 72	26.73% 27	1.98%	0.00%	101	1.67
Wildlife Woods Park	52.29% 80	44.44% 68	2.61% 4	0.65% 1	153	1.45
Novi Ice Arena	73.43% 199	26.57% 72	0.00%	0.00%	271	1.73
Meadowbrook Commons	68.60% 59	27.91% 24	3.49% 3	0.00%	86	1.62
Novi Civic Center	83.57% 524	15.63% 98	0.80% 5	0.00%	627	1.82
Villa Barr Art Park	69.23% 36	25.00% 13	5.77% 3	0.00%	52	1.58
Grand River Soccer Fields	53.85% 35	35.38% 23	10.77% 7	0.00%	65	1.32
Exchange Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
Paun Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
Forest Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
Maple Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
Jaycee Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00%	0	0.00
Prop Spinner Park	0.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
None	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00

The majority of respondents answered 'Very Safe', ranging from 53% (Grand River Soccer Fields) to 84% (Novi Civic Center).

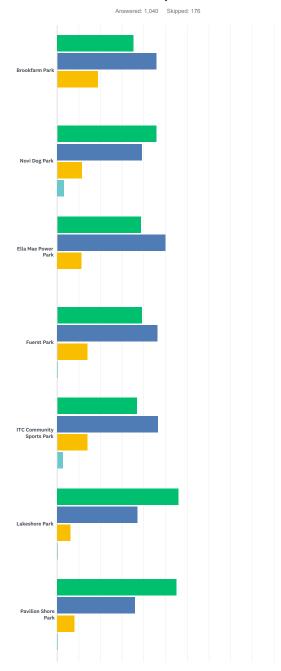
No greater than 0.5% answered 'Not Safe', and those who answered "A Little Unsafe" focused on parks with more secluded surroundings or that are further from residential areas (Rotary Park, with 7%, Grand River Soccer Fields 11%).

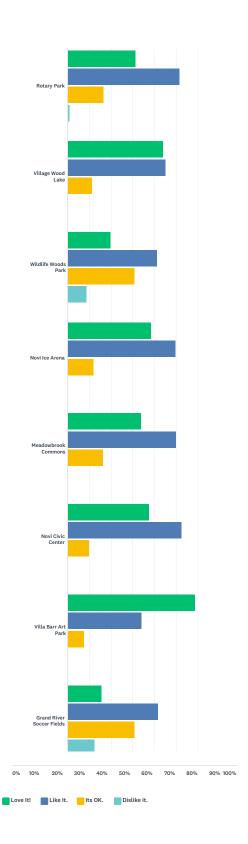
53% of comments related to specific uses within the site, with concerns ranging from traffic safety to underage drinking and drug use.

47% of comments concerned the physical environment, visibility, and maintenance of natural areas.

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Q13 Overall, how much do you enjoy each of the parks and recreation facilities that you use?





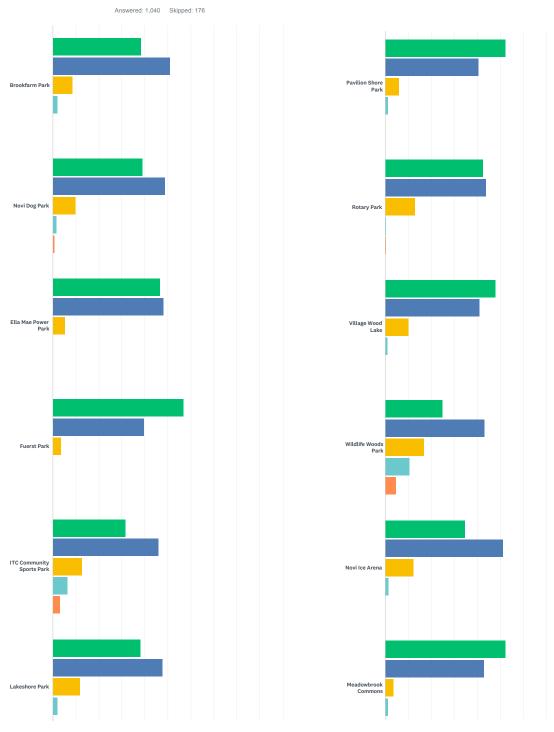
LOVE IT!	LIKE IT.	ITS OK.	DISLIKE IT.	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
35.42%	45.83%	18.75%	0.00%		
34	44	18	0	96	1.17
45.90%	39.34%	11.48%	3.28%		
56	48	14	4	122	1.28
38.60%	50.00%	11.40%	0.00%		
149	193	44	0	386	1.27
39.02%	46.50%	14.02%	0.47%		
167	199	60	2	428	1.24
36.77%	46.67%	13.94%	2.63%		
182	231	69	13	495	1.18
56.06%	37.27%	6.21%	0.47%		
361	240	40	3	644	1.49
55.31%	35.99%	8.21%	0.48%		
229	149	34	2	414	1.46
31.17%	51.42%	16.60%	0.81%		
77	127	41	2	247	1.13
44.00%	45.00%	11.00%	0.00%		
44	45	11	0	100	1.33
19.61%	41.18%	30.72%	8.50%		
30	63	47	13	153	0.72
38.52%	49.63%	11.85%	0.00%		
104	134	32	0	270	1.27
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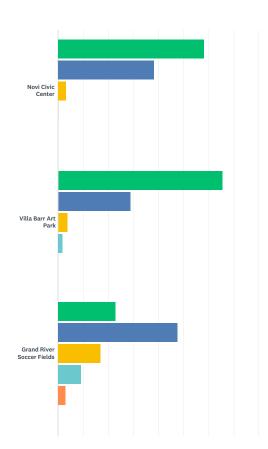
Of those who selected "Love it", the majority chose four of the larger parks in the city; Lakeshore Park (56%), Pavilion Shore Park (55%), Novi Civic Center (38%), and ITC Community Sports Park (37%).

The highest percentages of respondents selecting 'Dislike It' corresponded to Grand River Soccer Fields (12%) and Wildlife Woods (8%).

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Q14 Please rate the quality of maintenance at these parks/facilities.





	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor		
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Brookfarm Park	38.30% 36	51.06% 48	8.51% 8	2.13%	0.00%	94	1.26
Novi Dog Park	39.02% 48	48.78% 60	9.76% 12	1.63% 2	0.81% 1	123	1.24
Ella Mae Power Park	46.63% 180	48.19% 186	5.18% 20	0.00%	0.00%	386	1.41
Fuerst Park	56.81% 242	39.67% 169	3.52% 15	0.00%	0.00%	426	1.53
ITC Community Sports Park	31.59% 157	46.08% 229	12.68% 63	6.44% 32	3.22% 16	497	0.96
Lakeshore Park	38.16% 245	47.66% 306	11.84% 76	2.02% 13	0.31%	642	1.21
Pavilion Shore Park	52.29% 217	40.48% 168	6.02% 25	1.20%	0.00%	415	1.44
Rotary Park	42.51% 105	43.72% 108	12.96% 32	0.40%	0.40%	247	1.28
Village Wood Lake	48.00% 48	41.00% 41	10.00% 10	1.00%	0.00%	100	1.36
Wildlife Woods Park	24.84% 38	43.14% 66	16.99% 26	10.46% 16	4.58% 7	153	0.73
Novi Ice Arena	34.83% 93	51.31% 137	12.36% 33	1.50%	0.00%	267	1.19
	44	36	3	1	0	84	1.46
Novi Civic Center	58.06% 360	38.39% 238	3.39% 21	0.16% 1	0.00%	620	1.54
Villa Barr Art Park	65.38% 34	28.85% 15	3.85% 2	1.92% 1	0.00%	52	1.58
Grand River Soccer Fields	23.08% 15	47.69% 31	16.92% 11	9.23% 6	3.08%	65	0.78
None	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00

Respondents' choice of parks with "Very Poor" maintenance included Wildlife Woods Park (5%) and ITC Community Sports Park (3%), Grand River Soccer Fields (3%).

All parks had at least 75% of respondents selecting 'Excellent' or Good'.

Of these, Novi Civic Center had the highest 'Excellent' rating (58%).

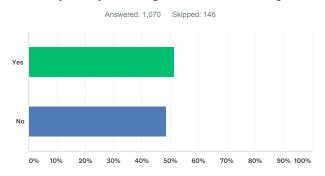
53% of all comments pertained specifically to ITC Community Sports Park.

These related primarily to drainage issues and the quality of the soccer fields.

47% of the comments pertained to the rest of the parks relatively evenly; 40% of those comments were about goose poop, and the rest of these comments regarded run-down facilities, muddy areas, and litter.

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Q15 Do you feel like you have adequate parks or recreation facilities nearby that you can get to without driving?

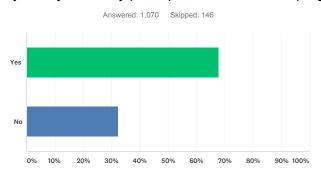


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.40%	550
No	48.60%	520
TOTAL		1,070

Approximately 51% of respondents said 'Yes'; 49% of respondents said 'No'.

37% of comments cited reasons related to access, stating that they cannot walk or bike to parks. 30% listed specific amenities or uses respondents would like to be able to walk or bike to. 24% needed to drive, or stated that they were not close enough to walk or bike. 9% felt that a park was conveniently close enough to walk or bike to safety.

Q16 Have you or your family participated in Novi Parks programs?

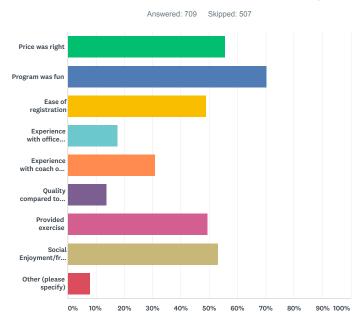


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.85%	726
No	32.15%	344
TOTAL		1,070

Approximately 68% of respondents said 'Yes'; 32% said 'No'.

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Q17 What did you like about the Novi Parks programs you or your family have participated in? Check all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Price was right	55.57%	394
Program was fun	70.24%	498
Ease of registration	48.94%	347
Experience with office staff	17.63%	125
Experience with coach or instructor	30.89%	219
Quality compared to competitor's program	13.82%	98
Provided exercise	49.37%	350
Social Enjoyment/friendships	53.17%	377
Other (please specify)	7.90%	56
Total Respondents: 709		

The most selected answer was 'Program was fun' (70%), correlating strongly with 'Social Enjoyment/Friendships' (53%).

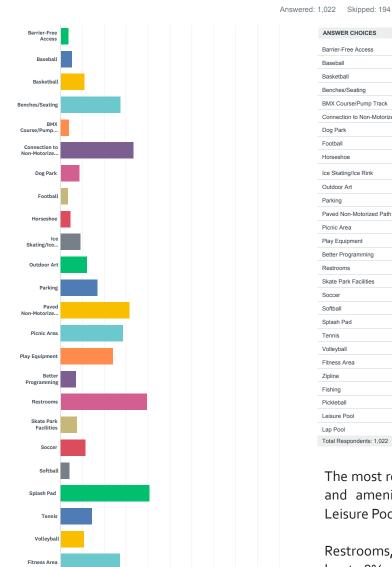
The 2 next highest choices involved convenience: 'Price was right' (56%) and 'Ease of Registration' (49%), as well as 'Provided Exercise' (49%).

50% of comments confirmed the survey results in finding programs enjoyable or satisfying.

48% found the location, times, and cost convenient.

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Q18 I would use the city-owned parks and recreation facilities more often if they offered...? (either new or additional)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Barrier-Free Access	3.52%	36
Baseball	5.19%	53
Basketball	10.86%	111
Benches/Seating	27.50%	281
BMX Course/Pump Track	4.01%	41
Connection to Non-Motorized Pathways (Bike path, sidewalk, etc.)	33.56%	343
Dog Park	8.51%	87
Football	3.42%	35
Horseshoe	4.60%	47
Ice Skating/Ice Rink	9.20%	94
Outdoor Art	12.23%	125
Parking	17.03%	174
Paved Non-Motorized Path (bike/walk/run/etc)	31.60%	323
Picnic Area	28.67%	293
Play Equipment	23.97%	245
Better Programming	7.05%	72
Restrooms	39.63%	405
Skate Park Facilities	7.63%	78
Soccer	11.55%	118
Softball	4.11%	42
Splash Pad	40.80%	417
Tennis	14.38%	147
Volleyball	10.67%	109
Fitness Area	27.30%	279
Zipline	21.53%	220
Fishing	14.58%	149
Pickleball	10.18%	104
Leisure Pool	37.18%	380
Lap Pool	23.97%	245
Total Respondents: 1,022		

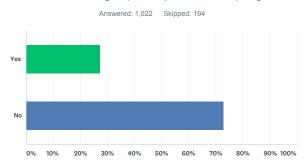
The most requested items revolve around aquatic recreation and amenities; Splashpads (41% of respondents) and a Leisure Pool (37%).

Restrooms, Benches, and Picnic Areas are all chosen by at least 28% of respondents.

56% of comments expressed interest in improved amenities or new buildings, including a community building (16%) and trails (13%).

50%

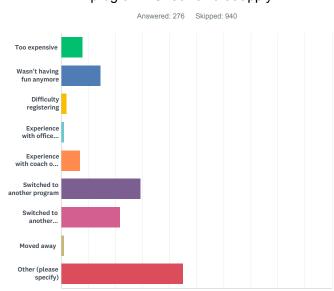
Q19 Have you previously participated in a Novi Parks program, but have chosen to no longer participate in that program?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.30%	279
No	72.70%	743
TOTAL		1,022

Approximately 27% of respondents said yes. 73% of respondents have not, meaning they have never participated or continue to participate in programs.

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20%

30%

40%

Q20 Why did you choose to no longer participate in the Novi parks program? Check all that apply.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too expensive	7.97%	22
Wasn't having fun anymore	14.49%	40
Difficulty registering	1.81%	5
Experience with office staff	1.09%	3
Experience with coach or instructor	6.88%	19
Switched to another program	29.35%	81
Switched to another agency/club	21.74%	60
Moved away	1.09%	3
Other (please specify)	44.93%	124
Total Respondents: 276		

60%

70%

80%

50%

90% 100%

The largest single reason for respondents to stop participating was switching to another program (29%) or another agency (22%).

Of the respondents who answered this question, 45% wrote in their own comments; of those, the largest percent (approximately 74%) had personal reasons, while the rest (26%) were related to organization and staffing.

Of the 74% of comments regarding personal reasons; 45% were due to children aging out of programs, 25% had timing conflicts, and 18% switched their level of interest or joined other clubs.

26% of the comments pertained to program organization; of those, 29% couldn't find programs offered for their age group, and 29% felt programs were crowded or poorly organized.

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Q21 Do you feel that there are opportunities missing from Novi Parks Programming? If so, please describe additional opportunities that you would like to see.

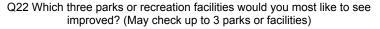
Answered: 129 Skipped: 1,087

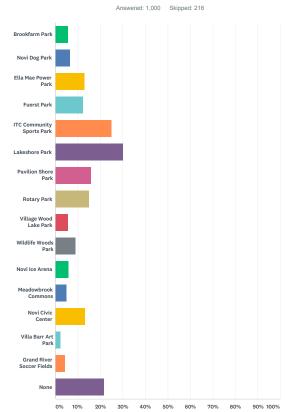
129 respondents left comments.

67% of comments pertain to facilities; of those, 33% were interested in tennis and pickleball, and 28% were interested in trails and greenspace.

33% of all comments pertained to programming; of those, 68% focused on additional sports, and 32% were focused on social and cultural programs such as dance, language, and cooking classes.

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The top three choices (users could pick up to 3) were Lakeshore Park (30%), ITC Community Sports Park (25%), and 'None' (22%).

This aligns with other questions' comments regarding maintenance and desired amenities at these specific parks.

5 additional parks all have greater than 12% each; Pavilion Shore Park (16%), Rotary Park (15%), Novi Civic Center (13%), Ella Mae Power Park (13%), and Fuerst Park (12%).

The high percentage of users who selected 'None' could indicate satisfaction with current park improvements, but it could also simply indicate that users don't think improvements are necessary or practical.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brookfarm Park	5.60%	56
Novi Dog Park	6.50%	65
Ella Mae Power Park	13.00%	130
Fuerst Park	12.40%	124
ITC Community Sports Park	25.00%	250
Lakeshore Park	30.10%	301
Pavilion Shore Park	15.90%	159
Rotary Park	15.00%	150
Village Wood Lake Park	5.70%	57
Wildlife Woods Park	8.90%	89
Novi Ice Arena	5.90%	59
Meadowbrook Commons	5.00%	50
Novi Civic Center	13.20%	132
Villa Barr Art Park	2.20%	22
Grand River Soccer Fields	4.40%	44
None	21.80%	218
Total Respondents: 1,000		

Q23 Please rank the priority of your choices. (1 = top priority, 2 = second priority, 3 = 3rd priority)

Answered: 967 Skipped: 249					
	1	2	3	TOTAL	SCORE
Brookfarm Park	52.83% 28	24.53% 13	22.64% 12	53	11.30
Novi Dog Park	46.88% 30	28.13% 18	25.00% 16	64	11.22
Ella Mae Power Park	42.97% 55	33.59% 43	23.44% 30	128	11.20
Fuerst Park	41.18% 49	39.50% 47	19.33% 23	119	11.22
ITC Community Sports Park	59.18% 145	29.39% 72	11.43% 28	245	11.48
Lakeshore Park	54.27% 159	27.99% 82	17.75% 52	293	11.37
Pavilion Shore Park	40.26% 62	41.56% 64	18.18% 28	154	11.22
Rotary Park	41.78% 61	32.88% 48	25.34% 37	146	11.16
Village Wood Lake Park	37.04% 20	35.19% 19	27.78% 15	54	11.09
Wildlife Woods Park	46.51% 40	27.91% 24	25.58% 22	86	11.21
Novi Ice Arena	41.38% 24	34.48% 20	24.14% 14	58	11.17
Meadowbrook Commons	46.00% 23	34.00% 17	20.00% 10	50	11.26
Novi Civic Center	42.64% 55	34.88% 45	22.48% 29	129	11.20
Villa Barr Art Park	40.91% 9	36.36% 8	22.73% 5	22	11.18
Grand River Soccer Fields	18.18% 8	40.91% 18	40.91% 18	44	10.77
None	96.60% 199	0.00%	3.40% 7	206	11.93

Of those who selected 'None' as one of their options, 97% picked it as their first priority.

This indicates that those users selected 'None' and no additional parks.

The 3% who made 'None' their third priority would likely have done so because they were able to pick two parks they felt needed improvements, but couldn't think of a third.

The general trend in responses is that each park skews to being first priority (average 43% across all parks), followed by second (average 33% across parks) and third (24%).

Three of these parks have a higher than average response of 'first' priority'; ITC Community Sports Park, 59% made it first priority. Lakeshore Park and Brookfarm Park had 54% and 53% of those selecting them, respectively, choose it as their first priority.

Two of the parks had a lower selection of first priority than second priority, implying that these respondents felt strongly about the park, but didn't consider it as important as the park(s) they chose as first priority. These two parks are Pavilion Shore Park (40% first priority, 42% second) and Grand River Soccer Fields (18% first priority, 41% second, 41% third).

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Q24 What would you like to see done at these facilities?

Answered: 626 Skipped: 590

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Brookfarm Park	6.39%	40
Novi Dog Park	6.55%	41
Ella Mae Power Park	14.22%	89
Fuerst Park	11.34%	71
ITC Community Sports Park	32.11%	201
Lakeshore Park	32.27%	202
Pavilion Shore Park	16.13%	101
Rotary Park	15.97%	100
Village Wood Lake Park	5.91%	37
Wildlife Woods Park	9.58%	60
Novi Ice Arena	5.43%	34
Meadowbrook Commons	4.31%	27
Novi Civic Center	11.66%	73
Villa Barr Art Park	1.76%	11
Grand River Soccer Fields	5.27%	33
None	7.99%	50

[&]quot;Brookfarm Park" comments indicated interest in restrooms (43%) and a splashpad (17%).

"Novi Dog Park" comments indicated interest in shelter and seating (30%), increased shade and trees (26%), water and a cleaning station for dogs (23%), and improvements to the ground and grass in the park (21%).

"Ella Mae Power Park" comments indicated interest in a splash pad (42%), and more paths and better access to restrooms (30%), and play equipment (28%).

"Fuerst Park" comments indicated interest in seating and picnic space (29%), a splash pad (25%), swings or a play structure (24%), and more variety of programs and events (19%)

"ITC Community Sports Park" comments indicated interest in drainage issues and upkeep of the soccer fields (18%), general improvements to all sports fields (15%), increased accessibility and pedestrian connections (12%), a splashpad or play structures (9%), and improvements or upgrades to the baseball fields (9%).

"Lakeshore Park" comments indicated interest in additional recreational opportunities such as programming and a splashpad or play structure (24%), lake front improvements, including a larger, cleaner beach, and easier access (16%), better maintenance and upkeep of restroom facilities (14%), and general improvements including food availability and changing rooms (12%).

"Pavilion Shore Park" comments indicated interest in a splashpad or play areas (30%), amenities such as tables, grills, benches, and seating (20%), a cleaner lakefront and easier access to the lake for people and boats (20%), and improved

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pedestrian and handicap access throughout the site (11%).

"Rotary Park" comments indicated interest in additional play structures or a splash pad (32%), improvements to the walking trails and upkeep of the trails and greenspace (29%), and upkeep of tennis courts, including opportunities for pickleball (22%).

"Village Wood Neighborhood Park" comments indicated interest in restrooms (16%), seating (16%), play structures (14%), pavilions (14%), and increased opportunities for sports programming (14%).

"Wildlife Woods Park" comments indicated interest in maintenance and repairs of sports facilities (22%), Pickleball (16%), and increased access and pathway development (13%).

"Novi Ice Arena" comments indicated interest in upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of the whole facility (52%), and more options for separated sessions for adults, kids, and free-skating (24%).

"Meadowbrook Commons" comments indicated interest in increased programming for children and seniors (71%), with over half of these focused on opportunities and facilities for children to play nearby.

29% of the comments were focused on improving and adding amenities such as accessible paths and seating, and bathroom access.

"Novi Civic Center" comments indicated interest in in increased programming for recreation, seniors, and children (23%), and better trail/sidewalk connections and more walking opportunities (19%).

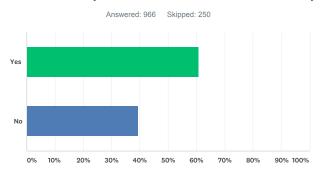
"Villa Barr Art Park" received the fewest comments out of all the parks, with 33% pertaining to improved circulation and pathways, 33% pertaining to more apparent signage and wayfinding, and 33% pertaining to additional facilities such as a play area and more parking.

"Grand River Soccer Fields" comments indicated interest in specific updates to the soccer fields, such as turf, markings, lighting, and improved drainage (32%), bathrooms and changing facilities (27%), and amenities such as benches, signage, and drinking fountains (22%).

"None" received comments regarding general desires without specific facilities, including a pool or general fitness facility (29%), more green space and trails (21%), and pickleball (21%).

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Q25 Do you think the City of Novi should build a Community Center?

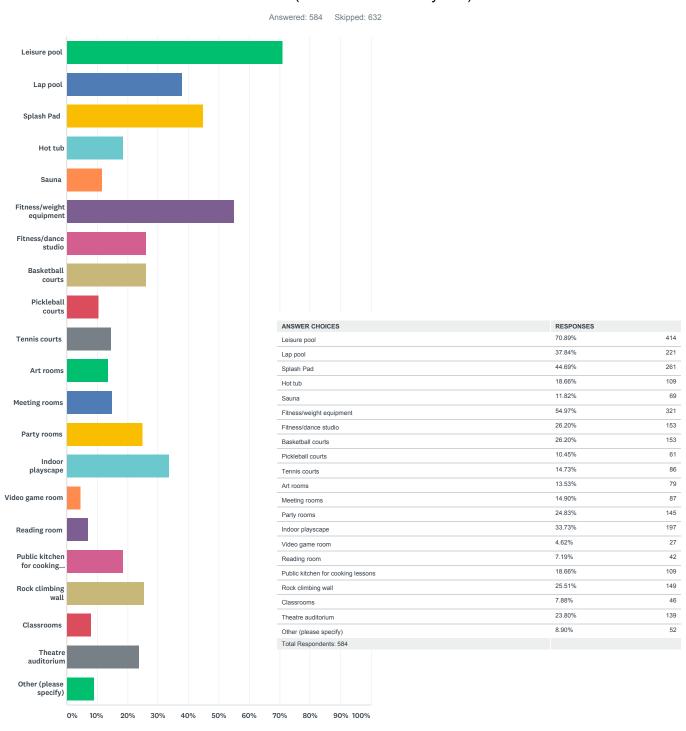


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.77%	587
No	39.23%	379
TOTAL		966

Approximately 61% of respondents said yes, 39% of respondents said no.

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Q26 Please choose the top five amenities you would like a Community Center to feature. (must choose exactly five)



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(Question 26:)

When prompted to pick their top five choices, two options stood out the most: Leisure Pool (71%) and Fitness Center (51%).

Three additional options were highly selected with greater than 30%: Splash Pad (45%), Lap Pool (38%), and Indoor Playscape (34%).

Six additional options received 20% selection or more, including Fitness/Dance Studio (26%), Basketball Courts (26%), Rock Climbing Wall (25%), Party Rooms (25%), and a Theater Auditorium (24%).

When selecting "Other", comments indicated interest in additional sports opportunities (27%), including racquetball, volleyball, a batting cage, badminton, table tennis, pickleball, and turf soccer.

Approximately 19% were interested in yoga, barre, and pilates.

16% were interested in indoor water/splash pad or diving boards, 14% were interested in an indoor walking/running track, and 14% were interested in outdoor uses such as adaptive play areas or a nature center.

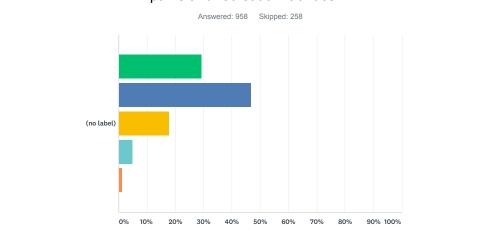
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Q27 Please rank the priority of your choices. (1 = top priority, 2 = second priority, 3 = 3rd priority, etc.)

Answered: 582 Skinned: 634					
	1	2	3	4	5
Leisure pool	40.68%	24.46%	12.83%	12.11%	9.93%
	168	101	53	50	41
Lap pool	27.15%	30.77%	16.29%	15.84%	9.95%
	60	68	36	35	22
Splash Pad	26.44%	28.35%	16.86%	16.09%	12.26%
	69	74	44	42	32
Hot tub	3.67%	15.60%	17.43%	29.36%	33.94%
	4	17	19	32	37
Sauna	5.80%	11.59%	26.09%	17.39%	39.13%
	4	8	18	12	27
Fitness/weight equipment	23.13%	19.38%	25.31%	18.13%	14.06%
	74	62	81	58	45
Fitness/dance studio	12.42%	16.99%	20.92%	26.14%	23.53%
	19	26	32	40	36
Basketball courts	11.76%	15.69%	29.41%	20.26%	22.88%
	18	24	45	31	35
Pickleball courts	23.33%	18.33%	18.33%	15.00%	25.00%
	14	11	11	9	15
Tennis courts	15.12%	8.14%	22.09%	30.23%	24.42%
	13	7	19	26	21
Art rooms	7.59%	12.66%	25.32%	27.85%	26.58%
	6	10	20	22	21
Meeting rooms	10.59%	10.59%	12.94%	37.65%	28.24%
	9	9	11	32	24
Party rooms	2.10%	11.19%	25.17%	28.67%	32.87%
	3	16	36	41	47
Indoor	18.78%	26.90%	21.83%	18.78%	13.71%
playscape	37	53	43	37	27
Video game room	0.00%	18.52% 5	14.81% 4	18.52% 5	48.15% 13
Reading room	20.00%	15.00% 6	20.00%	20.00%	25.00% 10
Public kitchen for cooking lessons	11.93% 13	12.84% 14	20.18%	22.02% 24	33.03% 36
Rock climbing wall	2.68%	20.13%	23.49%	25.50%	28.19%
	4	30	35	38	42
Classrooms	6.67% 3	20.00%	28.89% 13	15.56% 7	28.89% 13
Theatre auditorium	17.27%	17.99%	17.27%	21.58%	25.90%
	24	25	24	30	36
[Insert text from Other]	61.54% 32	13.46% 7	15.38% 8	5.77% 3	3.85%

When ranking first priority, the highest percentage of users chose the leisure pool (41%). The next most chosen options were the Lap Pool (27%), Splash Pad (26%), Fitness/Weight Equipment (23%), and Pickleball (23%).

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TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE

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0.98

Q28 How well do you think the City of Novi communicates to you about parks and recreation facilities?

Less than 5% of respondents said "Poor" and approximately 1% said "Very Poor".

46.76%

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EXCELLENT

29.23%

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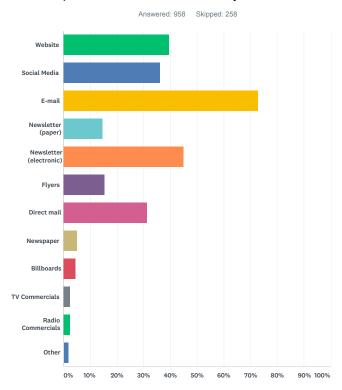
The largest percentage said that communication has been "Good" (47%), "Excellent" (29%), or "Fair" (18%).

Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor

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Q29 What form of communication would help you stay informed about activities and services offered by the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department? Check those that you would use.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	39.46%	378
Social Media	36.12%	346
E-mail	72.76%	697
Newsletter (paper)	14.61%	140
Newsletter (electronic)	44.89%	430
Flyers	15.55%	149
Direct mail	31.42%	301
Newspaper	5.22%	50
Billboards	4.70%	45
TV Commercials	2.61%	25
Radio Commercials	2.51%	24
Other	1.88%	18

The largest percentage of respondents chose "Email" (Approximately 73%).

The most traditional forms of communication all received 5% respondent use or less, including Newspaper (5%), Billboards (5%), TV Commercials (3%), and Radio Commercials (3%).

The four next most-chosen forms of communication included "Newsletter (Electronic)" (45%), Website (39%), Social Media (36%), and Direct Mail (31%).

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Q30 If you have anything you'd like to add that we haven't touched on, please include your thoughts and ideas below.

Answered: 242 Skipped: 974

242 respondents left comments.

Of these, 18% supported a community or recreational center; 4% were opposed.

13% of respondents thanked the city or voiced encouragement in response to current programs and efforts.

13% voiced tangentially related comments and concerns, focused on development and other concerns throughout Novi, less focused on Parks, Recreation, and Culture.

11% were interested in improving communication from the city.

10% wanted increased green space and trail access.

7% wanted better traffic calming measures related to pedestrian crossings.

6% wanted the city to stop spending money and to stop allowing more development of the city.

5% were concerned with upkeep and maintenance levels.

5% wanted pickleball courts.

4% wanted splash pads.

4% wanted more programming.

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Stakeholder Interviews

Question packet sent to stakeholders prior to interviews



Stakeholder Interview Introduction

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is updating its Strategic Community, Recreation & Master Park Plan. To assist in this effort, the City has retained a consultant, Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. (LAP). As part of the community input, the staff and LAP have prepared the following questions for selected groups such as yours, to help discover how the department can be more aware and responsive to serving community needs and generating revenue, as well as how to support those needs in the short and long-term future relative to facilities, programs, and open spaces.

Your input is important to creating this plan because it is about hearing from those who are involved in the community and who have a vested interest.

The Department has developed the attached questionnaire to help you prepare for your interview. The interviews will take place on **Tuesday**, **April 23,2019**. To help facilitate the scheduling of interviews, please check your calendar and let us know as soon as possible if you can provide a knowledgeable person(s) who can represent your agency for a 1.5 hour discussion with our consultant and staff members.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



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Stakeholder Interview Questions

- 1. Did you know that the Recreation and Parks Master Plan allows Novi to qualify for federal and state funding to make capital improvements with a 25% 50% local match? Have you ever participated in the planning process or seen a Novi Strategic Recreation and Parks Master Plan before?
- 2. How would you describe the relationship between your organization and Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services? Is there a need or desire to improve the relationship or is it functioning fine the way things are going?
- 3. Does your organization have any particular needs or wants that are related to public recreation or parks?
- 4. What do you think needs to happen to improve Novi's Park System (programs, facilities, communications, events etc)?
- 5. How would you like to be involved in Novi's park programs and/or facilities in the future? Do you see any opportunities with your organization or others to think about partnerships?
- 6. Do you want / need to be informed about Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services? If so, what is the best way to be keep your organization informed about your relationship with the Novi's parks system?
- 7. Are there any suggestions you can provide that will help Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services serve the community better?



Minutes from Stakeholder Interviews - April 23, 2019

Group One attendees:

Novi Schools - Community Education Director and Youth Assistance Board, Bob Steeh

Novi Schools - Athletic Director, Brian Gordon

Novi Schools – Assistant Superintendent, Dr. RJ Webber

Walled Lake Schools - Judy Evola (NOT PRESENT)

Older Adult Services Advisory Board, Fox Run Community – Joslen Letcher

City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) - Director, Jeff Muck

City of Novi PRCS – Deputy Director, Tracie Ringle

City of Novi PRCS – Management Assistant, Chris Jackett

City of Novi PRCS – Commissioner, Hideki 'Harry' Torimoto

LAP, Inc. - President, Bob Ford

LAP, Inc. - Recreation Planner, Joe Johnson

Responses to questions:

• Bob Steeh has been through these processes with Brighton School District. Open and clear communication is important between schools and the parks department. "If you get a number of people in Zumba in two different places, you're serving more people than if you just have one location'.

Facility usage is important. The school district provides the city facilities free of charge, excepting charges for custodial services. The school's properties include 11 gymnasiums, 24 tennis courts, and 1 regulation synthetic turf Baseball field; there are three HS level teams). There is 1 softball field at the HS, so the school uses the city's fields if they need more. Sometimes HS Baseball needs to use diamond 7. The middle school has no baseball fields, needs to use city's fields.

• Dr. RJ Webber, the Assistant Supervisor of Academics (prek-26) is seeing pressure for use of and access to more facilities than exist and are available. Auditorium facilities are also under consistent pressure. 'More always wants more'. Not sure where the narrative will come from for a future plan and strategy.

The Return on Investment is positive regarding the fields, but pressure for use of limited resources is noticeable by staff. Staff has quarterly meetings with the Parks Department to directly deal with issues (i.e. "Light up the Night", sharing of parking, resources).

Mobility options, such as e-bikes, open up opportunities for kids to transit/commute between home, school, and recreational places.

Safe Routes to School went to council 4/15.

Growth is currently predicted as steady. Population is not declining, but there is a consistent inflow.

65 languages spoken in Novi; Japanese population has exceeded Indian. Lacrosse and cricket are growing interests. MHSAA is seeing changing needs regarding sports. About 86 teams; 1,700 of the 3,000 (Novi) students are involved in sports. (Athletics includes robotics, e-sports)

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During the day the pool is for PE classes; after school it's diving teams, then swim clubs... when is the pool open for public use? The schools want to be able to accommodate facility usage by the public.

Focused interest in gym space; groups shouldn't have to use the cafeteria or less efficient spaces for uses optimized in a gym.

Scheduling and communication have been relatively smooth, but the number of programs and groups causes issues with availability and proper use of spaces. Potential development could include a fieldhouse, auditorium, or other space for specific uses.

• Older Adult Services is looking for a community building so that they don't have to travel to other places and use others' spaces; convenient, efficient, and responding to demand for specific time> Seniors would require a zero-entry, warm water pool. The school's facilities are competition pools, which means temperatures are lower than what is comfortable for seniors. There is also interest in an exercise studio and community center for programs and activities. Novi isn't School-of-Choice; if Walled Lake School students attend programs in the City of Novi, they are using those programs without paying taxes to Novi.

Community pools are going to be pertinent to the plan; HS pool is the only public pool BUT it's not a community pool.

The school is going out for a bond (Fall 2019) for infrastructure and improvements (Boilers, roofs, etc.); 75k-15ok potential. There could be partnership potential to serve both populations. Bosco Fields has transitioned from school to city ownership to respond to demand for sports fields (soccer/ball) -main takeaway for school/park cooperation will be political and logistical regarding shared use versus control of facilities.

If an auditorium is built, it would be intended for community use, as opposed to the competitive pool, which is school controlled but provided for public use when available.

Dialogue is still premature. The bond isn't approved, but it could affect future plans.

An example of a facility is the fieldhouse at Detroit Country Day School. It is big enough to run graduation, has climate control, can be used for rained out games, and can alleviate pressure over use and programming in gymnasium.

1 of 10 Lansing kids is in athletics; over half of Novi kids are in athletic programs. Novi is projected to continue to grow; how do we remain competitive and keep up with demand and promote healthy active lifestyles within the community. Transitory populations and rentals have been growing recently. 4-6 year interim residents; growing trend that accommodates Japanese/Indian populations.

HOMEWORK (from the consultant for stakeholders in this group)

Participation levels charted over time, pointing to trends of use within the athletic programs with both the schools and community parks use.

Revenue sources, experiences with usual, or unusual income streams; is there a relationship or correlation that would positively benefit the city.

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• Harry Torimoto is impressed with how the school district and city both have the intention of serving the public, while keeping in mind a monetary return on investment.

A lot of the community sports programs potentially feed school sports.

MHSAA "Unified Sports" has partnered with Special Olympics, providing for league basketball and similar opportunities. In spring 2019 Unified Bocce Ball started; fall 2019 Unified Flag Football started.

A "Unified Coaching Stipend" is being negotiated with Teacher's contract negotiations.

Currently actively working to attract kids to the school district with programming.

Interpreters and Paraprofessionals haven't been significantly needed, but may become a need in future summer camps/ programs. Transitory program attendees often speak their native language, but have been adapting; this could create a challenge for teachers, coaches, and event coordinators. Since a lot of funding is dependent on growth, it can be tough with the 4-6 year rotating population of Japanese and Indians that come and go.

52% of Novi students are not Native English speakers; this could mean potentially increased feedback if the survey and feedback could be translated and shared with non-native speakers and first-generation students.

Currently, Novi Schools Athletics is 'pay to play'; \$175/sport, \$350 cap per student, \$700 cap per family.

"Reduced Lunch" and "Free Lunch" students get a cheaper fee.

Middle School girls' lacrosse is 'self-funded'.

Field Hockey is potentially starting up within the next 5 years.

Cricket could happen within the community, just needs more vocal groups asking for it.

PRCS also has program fees: recreation programs are self-funded, and not within the city budget or general fund. They charge the least amount they can; popular programs supplement starting or smaller programs.

Jeff can get us MRPA metrics

Bryan can get us metrics regarding sports and participation numbers at the school.

No entry fees to parks (any more)

Partnership between city and schools is crucial and key.

Group Two attendees:

Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors, Nina Thekdi, Varnum Attorneys at Law

Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors, Stacey Stover, Schoolcraft College

ITC – Julie (NOT HERE)

Town Center – Caylie (NOT HERE)

Rotary Club – Gary Sobota

 $Suburban\ Showplace-Director\ of\ Communications\ \&\ Customer\ Relations,\ and\ Committee\ for\ Young\ Professionals,$

McKenzie Bowman

Suburban Showplace – Michigan State Fair Executive Director, Steve Masters

City of Novi PRCS - Commissioner, Paulina Treiger Muzzin

City of Novi PRCS – Recreation Supervisor, Facilities and Transportation, Jessica Mistak

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City of Novi PRCS – Recreation Supervisor, Youth, Teens, and Community Events, Cristin Spiller

City of Novi PRCS - Director, Jeff Muck

City of Novi PRCS – Deputy Director, Tracie Ringle

There are business opportunities to use parks as a creative venue or event space.

Bowman - How do you build a business network? If you have a location, you can make an event. 'Pour on the shore' provides an opportunity for marketing, branding, and public presentation.

- Sobota Rotary has contributed to park development efforts, but personal utilization of park facilities stems from being a grandparent (last 10-12 years). Has talked with Jeff in the past about installing a splashpad in Novi so kids don't have to travel to Plymouth or Canton; also interested in benches along the ITC corridor. Parks department may also have a list of needs; if there is overlap between Parks needs and Rotary Club interests, those could be the first priority, potentially heritage or naming-rights projects.
- Cristin Curious whether the city has shown interest in a community center.
- Jeff City council has set a 3-6 year goal of developing a community center. There was a bond proposal in 2007, but then the economy tanked.

One of the common themes between the School, Library, and PRCS Master plans is 'demand for services'.

- Sobota Access to parks has been an issue. How do you access a park that is just across the street without getting run over by someone making a right turn?
- Paulina 'Walkable Novi' master plan is meant to provide for interconnected, accessible parks within 1 mile of all residents. Requires working with developers, municipality, county, and MDOT.

Business groups and young professionals' meetings are well-attended, which provides a good demographic for use and interest in parks for meetings, mixers, and outreach programs.

Business connections can be crucial, and can be highlighted through sponsorships and business support of community events. A significant amount of the budget comes from sponsors

State Fairgrounds utilizes park-owned equipment. Parks staff themselves help make sure everything happens smoothly, and the equipment availability is efficient and convenient. Of attendance at the State Fair, Novi is 3rd highest population of attendance of State Fair. The Suburban Showplace also draws and benefits from Novi residents.

Rotary used to serve lunch at the 'Save the (rouge) River' day; this could be brought back up or revived.

- Jeff Public art and cultural opportunities can mutually benefit alongside the business community.
- Steve Grand River is becoming a hub for both commercial and industrial businesses, regular traffic, and visitors (to the Suburban Showplace and other places); it becomes an opportunity for public art; first impressions occur between GR and 12 Mile; this area is becoming a hub in a way that the current 'downtown' isn't, and could define the area. A plaza or open space could become art that tells visitors that they are here. DO NOT BUILD A BIG GOLDEN CIRCLE

Every year we go to Northville to see the Skeletons; South Lyon harvest festival; Fire and Ice in Plymouth.

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How do you do wayfinding? What if someone wants to find a specific piece of art or culture in the city? Is it easy to find, do you need to publish a map? Interpretive signage?

Two types of art we could pursue:

- 1. Destination (with) Art
- 2. Identity (relating to) Art

How do you draw an identity outside of (A) shopping and (B) rich people; the funding is dependent on more than just tax, millage, and population-based funding.

Downtown Howell does a local artist competition with internet voting to determine which one becomes a fixture; community involvement AND art piece establishment can be completed at the same time.

Cross-promotion will benefit both parties; hotels, showplace, restaurants, parks/facilities.

Potential for a circulating (bus) route; doesn't have to be every day, but could run during events and major conferences; not crucial during low flow or small conferences, but would be extremely helpful for access and exposure to both residents and visitors during peak times.

In a future where people are going to drive less, how do you cater to and support access to local businesses and parks if the community isn't also becoming more walkable.

Chamber of Commerce membership: 60% Retail, 40% Service.

Recreation and programming could be a feasible way to connect to businesses. Sometimes the events can be exceptionally large. There is potential to reach more people with multiple smaller events than with fewer, larger events.

Steve – Is there a multicultural festival? Tracie – A lot of the groups are doing festivals on their own.

International communities frequently use PRCS facilities.

Can we attract or pay homage to Japanese or Indian cultural sensitivities? Tollgate (MSU Extension) has an international/Japanese garden.

THE GOAL: to service the community, and to draw attention to the positive aspects and public goods available to residents.

Park signage is all currently in English; there is potential to use "Social Story", or pictures of tasks and activities; non-script based. ITC trail is based on non-textual communication.

There are opportunities for food truck locations. They could rotate through city parks or events.

Social media could be used for cross-promotion and business collaboration. Helps with businesses networking, as well as awareness and follower-sharing more than just thanks/promotions. Can show off visual assets and improved public goods.

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Group Three attendees:

City of Novi – Community Arts Advisory Board, Mary Kondraciuk

Novi Parks Foundation – Executive Director, Rachel Zagaroli

Novi Youth Assistance – Lisa Shields (NOT HERE)

Motor City Mountain Biking Association (MCMBA) – Lakeshore Park Trail Coordinator, Dave Cox

City of Novi PRCS – Commissioner, Shelley Thomopoulus

City of Novi PRCS – Director, Jeff Muck

City of Novi PRCS - Deputy Director Tracie Ringle

City of Novi PRCS – Recreation Supervisor, Cultural Arts, Amelia Purdy-Ketchum

City of Novi PRCS – Social Services Coordinator, Sandy Fisher

• Kondraciuk – The Community Art Advisory Board's original intent was to establish Villa Barr. Now that that has happened, it feels like input/feedback has dwindled; voting-membership has diminished. It feels as if we've stalled in terms of public art.

The community would like to be more noticeable in regards to public art; examples: Farmington Hills; Omaha, Nebraska (you can't turn a corner without seeing public art). Novi's community art (scene) has become more peripheral and symbolic over time. The board has reached out to local community arts groups, bands, and the library.

It could be more influential if there were tasks or achievable, attainable goals that could encourage local engagement now that Villa Barr has been substantially completed.

- The staff (Tracie) feels that Villa Barr would benefit from having its own Strategic Plan, with input and data points from the CAAB. Chamber of Commerce had an interest in art; look at a partnership with businesses to patronize/support the arts.
- MCMBA (Dave Cox) The city has been extremely supportive of the trails at Lakeshore Park, including the kids' "Sapling Loop". Looking to build a trailhead, changing area, and storage area (at Lakeshore Park).

Orange trail = mb/hiking, but runners are welcome too.

Green trail = walking trails (dog/jog), but bikers are also welcome.

Any conflict areas (bike/walk) are being separated or contained to prevent injury or collision.

• Novi Parks Foundation (2004) has a good relationship with the park. 10 member board sometimes isn't on board with moving forward or doing work.

Companies with local branches encourage their employees to do community service (in lieu of naming rights/company donations); maybe getting individuals interested could be more beneficial than just begging a company for monetary naming rights.

- MCMBA sees a good amount of diversity, and social media is a key way to get word out about events. 10 years ago it was not diverse at all. Tuesday nights at 6:30pm they do rides and get lots of new people trying it every week.
- Cultural Arts has some programming and outreach for other cultures and inter-learning, but the board doesn't reflect the diversity of programming, trends older. Communications could incorporate or reflect diversity (kanji, hindi, other).

In regards to ADA compliance; getting Villa Barr (interior) up to date with ADA is a little bit of a challenge (buildings built

in 1978ish), but the campus itself was developed to be compliant.

- Community Center City Council Goal as stated in Groups 1 and 2.
- CAAB: A community center could help alleviate the lack of a main street/downtown. Lots of public art could cover the walls.
- Groups expressed interest in a pool; all the schools make the pools available, but there are restrictions. Would it be a social pool or focused on programming to supplement what is available at the schools. If social, then a splash pad is lower costs and lower supervision requirements vs. a pool.
- MCMBA is interested in a parking area at 12 ½ Mile and Dizon.

Maybe a recreation center could be used for artistic, musical, or theatrical performances.

There isn't a third place, a 'just hang out' place; the library has become that for a lot of people now, and they have a maker's space.

"How do you fund the operations?" is an important question that needs to be asked.

Regional vs. municipal? Could the community center become something bigger than just for Novi?

Pickleball is being asked about in the list of amenities you might be interested in.

What reasons might exist that keep people from continuing or returning to programs.

Group Four attendees:

Michigan Jaquars Football Club – Executive Director, Paul Tinnion

Michigan Jaguars Football Club – Richard Rich

Novi Youth Baseball League – President, Brad Leidal

"Madness Fastpitch" Softball – President, Chris Lawler

Novi Youth Hockey Association – President, Mark Berke (Attorney)

Commissioner – Pratt (NOT PRESENT)

City of Novi PRCS – Director, Jeff Muck

City of Novi PRCS – Deputy Director, Tracie Ringle

City of Novi PRCS – Recreation Supervisor, Sports Programs, Greg Morris

NYHA and City relationship is great; building is managed by the Suburban group (which is a competitor of the hockey/Ice Arena) NYHA uses about 3,000 hours annually at the Novi Ice Arena.

City of Livonia subsidizes a large amount of hockey for youth residents. If there's a way to subsidize local youth in Novi, that could promote larger numbers coming in.

NYBL is older than the city of Novi by 12 years.

Bosco was originally baseball fields; property use was withdrawn for a time. Now the property is expected to be developed for fields (but can't have any permanent development), which should help alleviate work needed at ITC sports fields.

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Fields 2 and 5 at ITC don't have positive drainage infields, and can't always be played when other diamonds are playable due to poor drainage. A scoreboard is not working, and dugouts are not protected from the weather. It would be beneficial to upgrade, finish grades, and reduce lips (end of infield); we'd like to see diamonds that reflect the community.

Michigan Jaguars: In May, Paul will have been with the Jags for 20 years. Relationship with city has been positive.

ITC wasn't ever premiere, but it wasn't lower end; now it is lower quality and is not chosen for higher-level games. Would like to be a part of the planning and fundraising.

Synthetic turf is a must for the club's competes regionally and nationally.

2,100 kids participate from Dearborn, Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom, and Novi. Novi is the center of the club, where it started.

Madness Fast Pitch Softball – 144 members; a slight decline, and demographics have changed along with Novi's.

With single-sport specialization, it can keep kids from experiencing more or expanding their horizons. Madness is wider than Novi, otherwise better players would have to go elsewhere to be competitive.

Could use dugout covers for inclement weather. The quads (at Power Park) could use safety nets or coverings. Wildlife Woods needs improvements if it's going to be used for games

Two good fields would help meet needs for games and practices.

An indoor facility could help reduce need to use other companies' facilities (i.e. batting cages, infields).

 LEGACY Volleyball AND Michigan Elite aren't at this meeting, but it was recommended to reach out to them for comment.

Novi school facilities can be rented out, but you pay custodial fees for time before and after.

• There is potential to capture additional users if Cricket facilities can be provided (new) or accommodated (adapting existing facilities such as softball fields).

Just on the Power Fields, Cricket uses over 300 hours of time.

"Legacy" in Brighton provides for multiple sports and uses.

• Make sure there's enough parking for peak usage at a potential community/recreation center.

Non-residents may still use facilities; we will need a plan for how to subsidize or offset costs for all users including tax-paying residents.

• Weather dependency can cause issues with rescheduling if booking doesn't account for rain-outs or flex-days. Current method is to move rained-out events to the next available spot in the schedule.

Livonia and Canton have nice, updated facilities; is there a demand or desire for a similar thing in Novi? USA hockey promotes kids playing multiple other sports rather than just focus exclusively on one.

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• Conflicts with the clubs are usually with the school coaches; high school coaches can punish athletes for missing practices. Also communication and flexibility; are they coming from field hockey to soccer in one day? Should a kid be doing two sports at the same time for their physical health?

Anecdotally, Japanese demographics have grown in hockey participation. 1,000 kids at the Japanese school, 27% of them are Novi residents.

Baseball isn't tracked, but there is anecdotally increased participation by Indian and Japanese youth, with a higher inclusion of boys than girls.

 Japanese Soccer club 'Brilliant'. It is self-contained, specifically indoor soccer, and they don't really play other clubs or locations.

Ann Arbor and Downriver already have a Top (accessible) Soccer program; Jags tried it a little before, but it didn't really take off.

- Concession stands:
 - Hockey definitely benefits from it, but the Ice Arena is practical for concessions indoors.
 - Baseball/Softball don't need it for typical or league games, but it is expected for playoffs or competitive game. Currently there isn't a working drinking fountain at the main facility (due to potable water).
 - ITC (former soccer concessions) is now storage.
 - Concessionaire is still open, but it's not seen as a moneymaking endeavor.

Food trucks could be a potential draw/amenity during peak games. (Soccer Saturdays already have a concessionaire who does it pretty well).

Novi Ice Arena is very well kept up (floor plan, layout, cleanliness, facilities)

Night lighting is a future goal to increase playing hours.

Expanding Bosco will allow ITC expansion.

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Additional Community Input

Letters from Community Members

Jackett, Christopher

From:

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 5:39 PM

To: Novi Parks

Subject: Feedback on Novi Parks and Recreation Plan

I was looking at the plan and was curious as to why golf as an activity was not addressed (at least I didn't see it). In the survey, numerous activities were listed to gauge interest, but golf was not included. However, ziplining was listed. Ziplining??

I suspect that there is a fairly large interest in golfing within the Novi community. Also, it is a sport with broad age appeal.

Many surrounding communities offer a city owned golfing facility. Farmington Hills, Livonia, Birmingham. I understand that there are numerous publicly owned facilities in the surrounding area that provide ample opportunity. However, is it in the city's reach to consider a small (9 hole, par3 for example) course along with a practice facility? I'm guessing this would be of interest to a large number of residents across a wide age range. Certainly more than ziplining. I realize there are operating cost considerations, but it seems to me that it could be largely self-sustaining. Is this worth a look, or has it been studied in the past?

Jack Benson

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Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan 2020-2024 Comments

I'm not clear on the time frame of the long-term and short-term goals.

There are some areas in the Novi Park Atlas that aren't listed in the study - what is the status of these areas?

- Terra Park (West of ITC Trail between 9 and 10 Mile Roads)
- Ten Mile South (West of ITC Trail between 9 and 10 Mile Roads)
- Novi Core Habitat (South of Links of Novi)
- Garfield Road Conservation Area (9 and Garfield)

Long Term Goal - Look for opportunities to ensure all residents have a park, school playground or common area within a 10 minute walk (0.5 mile) and within their square mile without crossing a major road or railroad.

- By our own study, Novi has a 16 acre deficiency in mini parks (0 of NRPA recommended 16 acres), and a 42 acre deficiency in Neighborhood parks (22 of NRPA recommended 64 acres). Answers from citizen survey also indicate a shortage of parks in walking distance.
- Parks of this type could also address identified deficiencies in sports facilities (tennis, basketball, etc)
- Looking for opportunities to ensure there are more accessible parks is a great goal, but I
 would like to see more specifics on how we plan to address this.
- I would also like to see a short term goal of identifying land for this use. Once land is developed, it's not available for parks.
- The City budget doesn't appear to have money allocated for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services to buy land for parks.
- Even in sections containing parks (see map below), there are underserved areas due to the location of the park(s) within the section (ITC Sports Park) or no direct walking access (Power Park from developments on 9 Mile, southwest side of Lakeshore trail system from Liberty Park development).

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Jackett, Christopher

From: Frank Svechota

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 5:45 PM

To: Novi Parks

Subject: Ella Mae Power Park Lights/Noise

Adding lights to the back two fields at Ella Mae Power is unacceptable. Those are fields for children. Are we going to have children night games now? It is also next to a nature area where many animals live. They should not be exposed to noise and light pollution. I was under the impression that lights and games were suppose to have a curfew time for the benefit of neighbors living in Orchard Ridge Estates Subdivision. The lights need to be on a timer and automatically turned off with a 15 minute notice to the teams. I do not believe a rule is being followed.

Frank Svechota

Sent from my iPhone

Jackett, Christopher

From: Frank Svechota

Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 12:30 PM

To: Novi Parks

Subject: Ella Mae Powers Lighting

fAt \$350,000 if you scheduled 30 nights of games/year (all for lighting the fields for a couple hours in summer between 8pm-10pm) the cost would be \$1,167/night for 10 years for 2 ballfields not including electricity and the opportunity cost of spending that money elsewhere!

Why would you do this when there are more pressing needs in the city?

Frank Svechota

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Jackett, Christopher

From: connie varana

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 5:55 PM

To: Novi Parks

Cc:Gatt, Bob; Staudt, DaveSubject:Park Plan for 2020 - 2021

I don't understand the need for development of the Northwest Park. The fact that it's at the northernmost border of Novi and directly abuts the borderline to what may be Wixom or So Lyon seems like it doesn't service a very wide population of Novi. Similarly with the Villa Barr park at the southern most border. Neither of these locations are going to attract anyone living further east in Novi and have a sparse population. As it is, the city is spending a LOT of money on Lakeshore Park which is really a 'destination' park for the greater part of Novi residents who live south of 12 Mile Rd and probably gets much more usage by the Walled Lake area residents. Would love to know what demographic information or population ratios you base the planning and decisions?? It would have been so delightful if you'd have preserved or created a green space at the corner o Novi Rd and Grand River to enhance the aesthetic of the downtown instead of allowing businesses who now either no longer exist or are barely attracting enough customers to continue hanging on. Sincerely,

Connie Varana

Novi, MI 48375

Resident of Novi 25 years

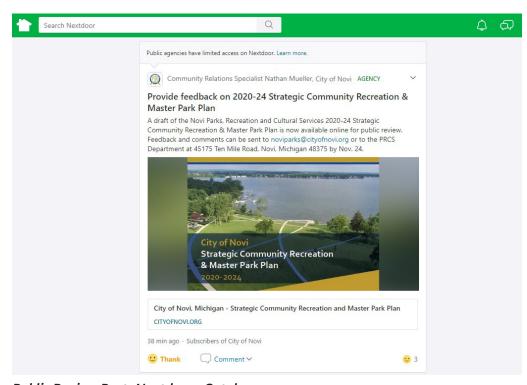
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City of Novi - 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi has posted a draft of the 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation & Master Park Plan online for public review. Members of the public interested in viewing it can do so in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services section at cityofnovi.org or directly through http://bit.ly/NoviParksMasterPlan. Feedback and comments can be sent to noviparks@cityofnovi.org or to the PRCS Department at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 by Nov. 24.

City of Novi - Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider KEFORD COLLISION AND TOWING JSP 18-31 for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) WITH AN ASSOCIATED PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) AGREEMENT. The subject property is approximately 7.61acres and is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and Novi Road (Section 15). The subject property contains two existing buildings which are currently unoccupied. The applicant proposes to use the larger building (23,493 square feet) for an auto body collision repair shop and related offices, along with an accessory use of car rental services. No particular subtenants for the second building have been identified yet. In addition to the indoor uses, the applicant proposes to use up to 160 spaces in an enclosed yard in the rear yard for storage of towed vehicles.

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Public Meetings

Parks Commission - Thursday, November 21, 2019 - Agenda



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA

CITY OF NOVI Regular Meeting Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 – 7 P.M. Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road 248.347.0400

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- ROLL CALL: Commissioners Dooley, Staab, Joshi, Pratt, Riggins, Smith, Torimoto, Student Representatives Alex Fortsch, Ananya Kamalesh
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: In order to hear all citizen comments at a reasonable hour, the City Council requests that speakers respect the three-minute time limit. This is not a question-answer session. However, it is an opportunity to voice your thoughts with City Council. Speakers wishing to display visual materials through the City's audiovisual system must provide the materials to the PRCS Office no later than 12:00 p.m. noon the day of the meeting. The materials cannot be changed before the meeting.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. Approval of October 2019 minutes
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Walkable Novi Commissioners Riggins & Smith
 - B. Novi Park Foundation Commissioners Staab & Torimoto
 - C. Grants Committee Commissioners Dooley & Joshi
 - D. Parks Updates
 - 1. Brookfarm Park Commissioner Staab
 - 2. Novi Ice Arena Commissioner Torimoto
 - 3. Wildlife Woods Park (Sept.) Commissioner Pratt
- 7. MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
 - A. Presentation on 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan Draft
 - B. Presentation on Transportation Survey Results
- 8. STAFF REPORTS:
 - A. Administration Division Director Jeff Muck
 - 1. Park Project Updates
 - B. Recreation Division Deputy Director Tracie Ringle
 - 1. Program & Services
 - C. Older Adults Division Older Adult Services Manager Derek Stogner
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- 9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. FUTURE EVENTS:

November 2019

- 21 Parks Commission @ Council Chambers 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council @ Council Chambers 7 p.m.
- 25-30 Yard Waste Collection Ends on Your Garbage Collection Date
- 28-29 City Offices Closed (Thanksgiving)

December 2019

- 1 Happy Pawlidays @ Township Hall 1-3 p.m.
- 4 CPR Class @ Fire Station #4 6:30-10 p.m. (sold out)
- 6 Light Up the Night @ Novi Civic Campus 6-9 p.m.
- 7 OAS Caroling @ Meadowbrook Activity Center 1 p.m.
- 8 Novi Concert Band @ Novi Civic Center 2 p.m.
- 8 Dance Recital @ Novi Civic Center 5 p.m.
- 9 City Council @ Council Chambers 7 p.m.
- 12 OAS Holiday Luncheon @ Meadowbrook Activity Center noon-2 p.m.
- 14 CPL Class @ Police Training Center 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 14 Brunch with Santa @ Novi Civic Center 10:30 a.m.-noon
- 16 City Council @ Council Chambers 7 p.m.
- 19 Parks Commission @ Council Chambers 7 p.m.
- 19 Child Car Seat Safety Check @ Fire Station #4 9 a.m.-Noon
- 22 Skate with Santa @ Novi Ice Arena 3 p.m.
- 28-29 City Offices Closed (Christmas)
- 31-1/1 City Offices Closed (New Year's)
- 31 OAS New Year's Eve Party @ Meadowbrook Activity Center 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

NOTICE: People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department 248.347.0400 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

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Parks Commission - Thursday, November 21, 2019 - Minutes

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION (Excerpts from the Tentative Minutes)

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 - 7 P.M.

NOVI CIVIC CENTER - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with Commissioner Dooley presiding.

ROLL CALL: Dooley (Present), Staab (Present), Joshi (Present), Pratt (Present), Riggins (Present), Smith (Present), Torimoto (Absent), Student Representatives Alex Fortsch (Absent), Ananya Kamalesh (Present).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved that the agenda be approved as amended by Commissioner Pratt and seconded by Commissioner Staab.

Voice Vote Unanimous

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

 Presentation on 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan Draft

Director Muck said you've been hearing about this for almost a year now. We began this process in March and it is almost a one-year project to get our five-year Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Strategic Recreation and Parks Master Plan put together. You may have noticed Management Assistant Chris Jackett is in the audience today. He doesn't usually come to these meetings, but Jackett has been instrumental in working with the rest of our staff, with the other departments in the City and with Bob Ford from Landscape Architects and Planners in Lansing, who is going to take over for the presentation as our consultant on the project.

Landscape Architects and Planners' Bob Ford said it's a pleasure to be here and it's been real nice getting acquainted with your staff. We've been together now for a little bit better than a year. It does take some time, but we do appreciate it and you've got a great group here doing a wonderful job. He said he'd take Commission through the presentation, but feel free to stop him to ask questions. Feel free to interrupt and he'll take it as it comes. The process overview is pretty simple. Public input is one of the first things we do when we make these plans and then putting together a draft plan for review. After that internal review, it goes to a public review. We're just finishing that public review, so that is now complete. And then we send it to DNR where they get to review it, as well. Finally, we have a plan that is ready for project implementation. The purpose of community input is updating the recreation plan. It provides an opportunity to stakeholders and other folks who came forward with information for us. The reason for doing this is grant eligibility for state and federal funding, and other funding, as well. Also, state requirements for the MDNR in terms of compliance. Every five years, you are required to update your plan. We look at a lot of the previous information that has been done before us and we also get guidance from staff. We provide an inventory analysis where we're able to not only provide

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aerial imagery, but we go into the field and study the parks. In addition, we analyze that and synthesize that data so we have a good, solid base of physical inventory, program inventory and funding. And then the community input process involves stakeholders. We met with 26 individuals representing various groups like sports groups, Chamber of Commerce, arts and culture, and a variety of others. We had two public events; one here with Spring Palooza and the other at a Sizzling Summer Art Series at the park. We had an online survey with more than 1,200 respondents. Then tonight's meeting and, after this review, we'll go on to Council.

LAP's Bob Ford said, during the survey, we had some interesting results. It was almost a perfect bell curve in your demographics, with the center being 30-50 year olds. The gender was 60-40 was pretty much the split, with 60 percent being female and 39 percent being male. The average respondent has lived in Novi for an average of 15 years and all ZIP codes responded, with the highest number coming from 48375. Use and access, most people that visited the parks - and they were allowed to pick multiple answers – said Lakeshore was their favorite that they visit. Novi Civic Center followed very close, followed by ITC. "Can you easily access parks without driving" was about a 50/50 split, so you might want to think a little bit about that. "Have you participated in Novi Parks programs before" was 68, almost 70 percent said they did. "What did you like about the programs you participated in" – which you could pick as many that apply – the answers were the program was fun, which is good; that the price was right, which is probably even better; people liked to go with their friends as part of a social group; they liked the exercise and they also thought the ease of registration was very good. When it comes to interests, the City parks and facilities, "what would use the city parks and facilities more often if they offered" - again multiple answers - splash pad rated pretty high, as did restrooms and leisure pool. Followed behind that was connection to non-motorized pathways and paving the non-motorized pathways where they were not paved. "Which parks would you most like to see improved" was Lakeshore Park, the ITC, a group picked "none" that must be satisfied with what they have, Pavilion Shore Park and then Rotary Park. In terms of the community center, "do you think the City of Novi should build a community center," 61 percent yes, 39 percent no. The following question followed up on that to "please choose the top five amenities you would like to see if a community center were to be build:" 71 percent leisure pool, 55 percent fitness/weight equipment, 45 percent splash pad, 38 percent lap pool and 34 percent indoor playscape. In terms of communication and how well you communicate, the City is doing a pretty good job. Seventy-six percent said good or excellent, 18 percent said fair and only 6 percent said poor. That's astounding, from our experience. "What form of communication helps you the best stay in touch?" Email 73 percent, newsletter 45 percent, Website 39 percent, social media 36 percent and direct mail 31 percent.

LAP's Bob Ford said the goals and objectives were developed with the help of the public and the stakeholders, and they pattern after the City's goals. We followed your program, where "N" stands for "nurture public services that residents want and value." Your long-term goals included to "Fund, build, and operate a Public Recreational Facility;" "develop strategy to assist seniors in 'Aging-in-Place,'" a pretty high priority; "plan to add a sprinkle/splash pad to a City park" didn't specify exactly where. It could be multiple. "Complete full length of ITC Corridor Trail" and, here we are, "develop pickleball courts and

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programs." Not only are they popular here, they are popular everywhere in Michigan that we work. It really is amazing as a trend. Ford said he went to one of the parks, Rotary, and all of a sudden, a pickleball game broke out. It was great. "Create an ADA assessment," which is already happening. "Look for opportunities to ensure all residents have a park or school playground in a common area within a 10-minute walk (0.5 mile)," a pretty great goal. Short-term goals were to "complete direct sidewalk connections to ITC Trail on at least one side of 10 Mile Road;" "accelerate funding of neighborhood park improvements at Wildlife Woods, Novi Northwest and Village Wood Lake Park using CIP millage;" "increase marketing and programming efforts to connect with 40-60 year old age groups;" "research and implement sensory-inclusive programming, facilities, and amenities;" and "create a master plan for Villa Barr Art Park." Longterm goals under Operations are "naming rights as a fundraising mechanism for parks;" "complete CAPRA re-accreditation," which is a rigorous program by the way and you already have that accreditation thanks to Muck and his staff. There aren't many in the state who have that. "Consider millage for park improvements and trails;" "explore further service consolidation and joint opportunities with neighboring governments and school districts;" "add art displays throughout parks and facilities;" "evaluate marketing methods in the parks;" "develop and program undeveloped parks such as Novi Northwest Park, Bosco Fields" which are getting attention now, ITC Trailhead Park, etc. Short-term goals are to "rebrand Older Adult Services' marketing materials in order to reach a broader range of adults;" "increase fitness programming and opportunities at parks;" "collaborate with other departments to evaluate potential sustainability initiatives and efforts." These would include things like invasive species controls, native, pollinator and rain gardens. "Update the department's programming plan and include a specific plan for Lakeshore Park's new building." Now we move into the Value section where we "value and build a vibrant community for residents and businesses both now and into the future." Long-term goals are to "monitor and pursue properties to acquire land to put into park use, and for conservation purposes;" "identify properties that would be beneficial to redevelop for park use." The short-term goals are to "create an aggressive plan to acquire land" and "develop a fund to pursue properties leveraging grant funding opportunities." Finally, "I" for "invest properly in being a safe community at all times for all people." Long-term goals are to "provide access for emergency vehicles in parks and trail systems," easy to get to; "provide identifiers for trails, including wayfinding, communication and signage;" "evaluate wayfinding and mile-marker signage in all City-owned trails;" "collaborate with public safety officials on safety measures, including mile markers and safety plans;" "support neighborhood watches and 'eyes on the park' initiatives." The short-term goals are to "maintain park maintenance staff certification records for Playground Safety Inspection and other certificates." LAP's Bob Ford said the Capital Improvement Plan was developed by the City of Novi based on community input, projects in process, and current & projected needs. Funding sources include the City general fund, state and federal grants, donations and foundations. The plan includes a projected schedule of anticipated projects for 2020-2024. The plan is a long-range document that will continue to evolve and is reviewed on an annual basis. All projects listed are subject to the availability of funding through the grant source and general fund approved by City Council. Capital Improvement Plan highlights are things that

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are front and center. They include ITC Community Sports Park renovations, pickleball court construction, ITC Trail connections, Northwest Park construction and playground replacements. Ford said he and the LAP team wanted to thank you very much for being a part of this program and developing this top-of-the-line plan. We do this very routinely, you have a very vibrant system, people are very much engaged in your parks. When they're active, they're very active. When they're not, they're leisure.

Commissioner Smith asked what the definition of "long-term" and "short-term" were? Director Muck said the goals are a hybrid of what Council sets and what staff has set in conjunction of working with Ford and his team. Short-term goals we look at being less than three years. Long-term goals we look at being four years plus.

Student Representative Kamalesh said one of the long-term goals was about having a recreation facility. How long do you think that would take since its four plus? Director Muck said the recreation center facility is going to be kicking off very shortly with a committee. We've been directed by City Council and we have already started the process of forming the committee, which includes the Mayor Bob Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt who will chair the committee, Council member Kelly Breen, Commissioner Dooley and a few other citizens. The plan is for that committee to start meeting with staff and outlining everything from funding to location to what amenities would go into it as they start to move forward, especially in 2020.

Commissioner Staab said, if they didn't know any better, they would have thought Ford lived in Novi.

Commissioner Smith said he was concerned with the long-term plan of acquiring land. With the rate of development and the shortage of small parks people can walk to, he said he's afraid by the time we get to that point, there won't be anything left to acquire. Director Muck said we have been very aggressive in acquiring park land, especially in the past five years. We have acquired about 70 acres of parkland for both active and passive recreation use. We've also reached agreements with Novi public schools on Bosco. Our Grants Committee meets yearly, if not several times per year, to pursue land opportunities when they become available. Staff is always monitoring when properties may become available. We have Council members who will contact us and say to check out this piece of property or this property may be available. And then we have development options, as well. The recent Terra development on Nine Mile and the property development agreement on that included 30+ acres that would be dedicated woodlands. By using all of those methods, we have the opportunity to acquire parkland. While we don't set aside a specific number of dollars in every budget year for acquisition, we do have it available for us, at Council's direction. Commissioner Smith said there were a few things on the park atlas he didn't recognize and Terra Park was one of them. There was also 10 Mile South, Novi Core Habitat, Garfield Road. Director Muck said those are all conservation or have been set aside as protected woodlands.

Director Muck said he again wanted to thank Ford and his team; they've been a pleasure to work with. We have a real solid document that we're going to tweak a few more things on before that goes to City Council for the public hearing and City Council adoption. He said he also wanted to thank Deputy Director Ringle, Older Adult Services Manager Stogner and Management Assistant Jackett for their work on this document, as well. We appreciate all of you who have come

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to these input sessions and citizens who have given their input. We look forward to taking this to Council before we put our final submission in to the DNR. Commission unanimously approved the 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan Draft via a motion by Commissioner Staab and seconded by Commissioner Pratt.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS:	None			
ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn was mad Pratt. Voice Vote The meeting was adjourned b DATE APPROVED:	Unanimous y Commissioner	Dooley at 8:10 p.m		iioner
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Regular City Council Meeting

December 09, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road

(248) 347-0460

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/PublicHearing1.aspx)</u>)

PRESENTATIONS

- Update from Oakland County Commissioner, Gwen Markham
 Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/Presentation1.aspx))
- 2. Annual Library Presentation Julie Farkas, Library Director (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/Presentation2.aspx))

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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- 1. Linda Krieger- Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2. Liz Larson- Election Commission, Housing and Community Development Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3. Eric Retzbach- Zoning Board of Appeals, Corridor Improvement Authority, Historical Commission, Housing and Community Development Advisory Board
- 4. Dr. Mav Sanghvi- Zoning Board of Appeals
- 5. Brandon Stewart- Corridor Improvement Authority
- 6. Mike Thompson- Zoning Board of Appeals
- 7. Arjun Tuteja- Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Commission
- 8. Carolyn Upton- Zoning Board of Appeals, Election Commission
- 9. Jeffrey Wainwright- Corridor Improvement Authority

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- 1. Manager/Staff
- 2. Attorney

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MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Consideration of approval to award Janitorial Services contract to RNA Facilities Management, in the amount of \$136,970 for a one (1) year contract with the option of two (2) one-year renewals.
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- A. Approval of Minutes of November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentA.aspx)</u>)
- B. Approval to adopt the amended City of Novi Retirement Health Care Fund investment policy.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentB.aspx)</u>)
- C. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.290 an ordinance to update Zoning Ordinance standards for hotels, including minimum parking, open space, and loading requirements. SECOND READING
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentC.aspx)</u>)
- D. Approval to purchase a Tennant M-M30 Floor Sweeper/Scrubber from Tennant Sales and Service Company, through the Minnesota State contract 135743, in the amount of \$68,747.84.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentD.aspx)</u>)
- E. Approval to purchase (3) WANCO WTMMB Message Boards from Truck and Trailer Specialties through the City of Rochester Hills cooperative purchasing agreement, in the amount of \$53,865.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentE.aspx)</u>)
- F. Approval to award engineering design services to Spalding DeDecker and Associates for Sidewalk Segment 51 (north side of 10 Mile Road, between Dinser Road and Woodham Drive), in the amount of \$30,376.28.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-

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- G. Approval of a Street Light Purchase Agreement with Detroit Edison Company for the installation and ongoing operation cost of two (2) GFI outlets on the existing street light posts at the entrance of Valencia Circle and Beck Road.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-

Council/2019/191209/ConsentG.aspx))

- H. Approval to purchase fitness equipment from Life Fitness, LLC, through the NJPA/Sourcewell contract 120215-LFF for \$28,875.56.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/ConsentH.aspx)</u>)
- I. Approval of Claims and Warrants Warrant No. 1049.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191209/Consentl.aspx))

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 TEN MILE ROAD

Mayor Gatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Breen,

Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Auger, City Manager

Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager

Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 19-12-203 Moved by Crawford, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

To approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll call vote on CM 19-12-203 Yeas: Staudt, Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer,

Mutch, Gatt

Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan

Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m. with no public input.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update from Oakland County Commissioner, Gwen Markham

Gwen Markham, Oakland County Commissioner said she used to be on the Novi City Council. She said Hugh Crawford has sat in her seat before so a lot of this will be familiar to him. She said she was elected to this seat in November 2018. She said a month ago she looked up and realized that she has been in this job for a year already. She thought she would share some of what she has learned about the job and what she is doing. She stated that she used to be on three committees here at the City, she is on a lot more committees at the County. She said people used to ask what the County Commission does. She explained that this was just a sampling there is a wide diversity of things covered. She stated she is on the Finance Committee because the Democrats are in the majority. She is the Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. She is a member of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee. That Committee looks at roads, buildings, and economic development issues. She is Chairperson of the Airport Committee. She did not know that Oakland County had three airports. She ended up on the Airport Committee and was elected Chairperson. She said we have an airport in New Hudson right on Pontiac Trail. It turns out that the FAA says we don't get rid of

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Regular City Council Meeting

December 16, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road

(248) 347-0460

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Breen, Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sakura Way Update – Robert B. Aikens & Associates Vice President, Scott Aikens

REPORTS

- 1. Manager/Staff
- 2. Attorney

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MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Consideration to approve a Fourth Amendment to the previously-approved Conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale on North Grand River City Property, located north of Grand River Avenue, east of Town Center Drive.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Matter1.aspx))
- 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Matter2.aspx))
- 3. Consideration of approval of the resolution to adopt the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan. (

 Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Matter3.aspx))
- 4. Consideration of approval to award design engineering services to AECOM Great Lakes, Inc. for reconstruction of Cranbrooke Drive between Ten Mile Road and Village Wood Road, in the amount of \$160,327.92.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Matter4.aspx))
- 5. Consideration of approval to award engineering design services to OHM Advisors for the 2020 and 2021 Neighborhood Road Program (NRP) in the amount of \$242,000. (© Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Matter5.aspx))

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A. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2019 - Regular Meeting

(■ Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-

Council/2019/191216/ConsentA.aspx))

B. Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of December 16, 2019 in the Council Annex for the purpose of discussing privileged correspondence from legal counsel and property acquisition.

(Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-

Council/2019/191216/ConsentB.aspx))

C. Approval of recommendations from the Commission Interview Committee for appointments to Youth Council and Youth Boards & Commissions Representatives.

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D. Approval to purchase twelve (12) sets of protective turnout gear for the Novi Fire Department from Phoenix Safety Outfitters, an authorized dealer for LION, who holds the NPP (National Purchasing Partners) cooperative purchase agreement for \$30,442.80.

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E. Approval to award design engineering services to Spalding DeDecker for new pickleball courts at Wildlife Woods Park, in the amount of \$18,400.

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F. Acceptance of a Wetland/Woodland/Open Space Conservation Easement from Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC for wetland, woodland, and open space conservation areas as a part of JSP16-37, Oberlin Phase 2 and 3, located on the south side of Eleven Mile Road between Wixom Road and Beck Road in Section 20 of the City.

(■ Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-

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G. Acceptance of a Wetland and Woodland Conservation Easement from Robertson Brothers, LLC for remaining wetland and woodland replacement areas offered as a part of the Lakeview development, located on the east side of Old Novi Road, south of Thirteen Mile Road, and north of Wainwright Street in Section 11 of the City.

(<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentG.aspx)</u>)

H. Approval to award contract services to AECOM Great Lakes, Inc. for an Environmental Assessment of Beck Road from Six Mile Road to Pontiac Trail, in the amount of \$62,500.

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- I. Approval of Second Addendum to the Emerson Park Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) Agreement, to adjust the date by which the required sidewalk and boardwalk improvements are to be constructed along Ten Mile Road, west of Novi Road.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/Consentl.aspx))
- J. Approval of a cost share agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the installation and maintenance of traffic signal modernizations at the intersection of Thirteen Mile Road and Haggerty Road, in the amount of \$65,000.
- (Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentJ.aspx))
- K. Approval of Change Order No. 2 and the final payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, Inc., for the South Lake Drive Storm Sewer Structure Rehabilitation (Lilley Trail to Old Novi Road) project in the amount of \$46,941.01, plus interest earned on retainage. (

 Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentK.aspx))
- L. Approval to award the Fuerst Sisters Wing Partition Upgrades to Integrated Interiors Inc., in the amount of \$51,561.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentL.aspx)</u>)
- M. Approval to change the meeting date for the January 6, 2020 City Council meeting to January 7, 2020.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentM.aspx)</u>)
- Approval of Claims and Warrants Warrant No. 1050.
- (<u>Click for this packet item (/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2019/191216/ConsentN.aspx)</u>)

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Roll call vote on CM 19-12-209 Yeas: Casey, Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt,

Staudt, Breen

Nays: None

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

CM 19-12-210 Moved by Gatt, seconded by Staudt; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Gatt submitted for nomination to the

Roll call vote on CM 19-12-210 Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt,

Breen, Casey

Nays: None

 Consideration of approval of the resolution to adopt the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.

Director Muck said the last plan was approved five years ago and he wanted to recap some of the successes they've had in the last five years. They earned their CAPRA accreditation becoming one of four agencies in the State of Michigan and of 175 out of 10,000 in the country. We have acquired 70 acres of parkland in addition to our agreement with the Novi Schools for the Bosco Fields property. Villa Barr Art Park opened and we are hosting artists-in-residence. Free rides and expanded rides were offered through Older Adult Services transportation program. They started invasive species removal in the parks. The ITC Trail was completed. We focused more on accessibility and inclusion, including recently becoming KultureCity sensory certified. Programming and events expanded as well, especially in the cultural arts. That is a testament to Council's support as well as administration and all other departments. That was touching briefly on some of the accomplishments. He said he was there tonight to ask for support in passing the resolution to approve the next five year plan. First in the process was talking to people in the community. There were several public input sessions and created a draft that was provided to the public and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Now it is before Council for their approval. Once the plan is official, it will be submitted to the DNR and they can begin implementation. He said they are doing this because community input is important in Novi. We need to update the recreation plan and engage our community. We need to become grant eligible and this plan has to be on file with the state. Many of the 70 acres he mentioned were acquired through acquisition grants and at the direction of the Grants Committee. This also brings us into compliance with the State of Michigan DNR. For community input, they held stakeholder meetings, two public events, and an online survey with over 1,200 responses, a Park Commission public hearing and a City Council Public Hearing. The largest demographic group that responded to the survey was between 30 and 50 years old. Average time people have lived in the community was 15 years. All four of our zip codes were represented with 12% in the 18375 zin code. Lakeshore Park was our most

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response about what they like about our programs and pricing. He said some interesting things as we look to the future was the top thing people wanted to see was a splash pad. People indicated they wanted to see improvements at Lakeshore Park so he was glad they were doing that. They included some questions about a community center also. He said they held a meeting earlier that evening to find out what a recreation center would look like. The survey results showed there was 61% who think we should build a community center and the top two amenities people thought we should offer were a leisure pool and some type of fitness center. We do well in our communication which is a testament to our Community Relations team. He moved on to their goals and explained they will look familiar because they tailored them to match City Council goals. The first was to investigate options for building and funding the operations of a Community Recreation Center. Another goal is looking at aging-inplace initiatives because Council has given that direction. They are also looking at a splash pad. Another goal is looking for opportunities to ensure all residents have a park within a 10 minute walk. He said regarding accessibility, they added a goal to focus on that. Some of their short term goals are already in progress, such as directly connecting the ITC Trail on 10 Mile, park improvements, and a Master Plan for Villa Barr Art Park. They are looking to be re-accredited for CAPRA as a long term goal, as well as art facilities in parks and facilities and marketing methods. For short term goals they are looking at how they market to our older adults and how we program our parks in terms of increased fitness activities in the parks. Also as short term goals was looking at how we collaborate with the sustainability efforts as well as programming Lakeshore Park once renovations are complete. Additional goals are looking at properties to potentially acquire or redevelop for park use, working with local property owners and developers. Long term goals in terms of public safety are wayfinding and mile markers on trails and continuing to work with Public Safety officials to keep parks safe. A short term goal is maintaining parks maintenance staff certifications as it has been a big benefit. The Capital Improvement plan is required to be outlined in the Master Plan and they will continue to look to Council for direction on that. Some of the highlights coming forward in the next few years include ITC Community Sports Park renovations, pickleball court construction, ITC Trail connectors, Northwest Park construction and playground replacements. He thanked Council for their ongoing support.

Mayor Gatt said he has been with the City for 45 years and has seen the City develop from small and rural to a big, beautiful destination City. He has heard people complain over the years and want changes, but no one complains about parks program. He said Director Muck and Deputy Director Ringle do a fantastic job. There was a lot of chatter recently about parkland and green space. He said he did some research and the City of Novi has twice as many parks as the average City of our size in the whole United States and we continue to grow. As our population increases and the demand for recreation increases; and as boomers age and want to be involved, a recreation center will be a living testimony to our desire to include everybody in the City of Novi regardless of age or anything. He thanked Director Muck on behalf of everyone who lives here. He was impressed with everything that goes on and you continue to amaze

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Mayor Pro Tem Staudt said 16 years ago he was part of the presentation of the first community recreation plan to City Council. Back then they were worried about invasive species, handicap, trees, and we didn't have money and things were tough. We are in a whole different world now. He sat in on the last Parks and Recreation meeting and listened to the presentation. He said the enthusiasm from 16 years ago is still there. He said it was great to see Chairman Dooley and how he is enthusiastic about this plan and the future. He wanted to give the Commission credit for working hard to get this done. It's a lot of work. You really hit it out of the park.

CM 19-12-211 Moved Staudt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of the resolution to adopt the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.

Roll call vote on CM 19-12-211 Yeas: Crawford, Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt,

Breen, Crawford

Nays: None

Member Fischer echoed the previous comments. He said he has the unique opportunity of missing 5 years. He said when he thinks about what they've done in the last 5 years is amazing. It fits right in with the statement about the investment the City makes into green space and useable areas for residents. He said something new to him was the concept of accessibility and the 10 minute walk to a park concept, he fully supported that. He said great job to Director Muck, his staff, the Parks Commission, and City Council for all they've done.

Member Breen said great job, she was really excited about all of this. She said elementary schools talk about beginning with the end in mind. She was happy to see a lot of these long term goals had the end in mind. That includes pickleball courts, Lakeshore, purchasing parkland which partners with the goal of having a park within a 10 minute walk. She understood we always go for ADA access, but what about universal design to make it easier to everybody, not just those with special needs. She said she was proud of the KultureCity accreditation, which is a movement to make things more sensory friendly. Also, she was proud of the invasive species item and sustainability measures. She said they had a community recreation center meeting and that's touched upon in the Master Plan but there isn't a lot in there because they are starting with blank sheet of paper. Due to the research they did for the Master Plan, they have an idea of what community wants. It appears they may want a splash pad or a water play feature. She wanted to talk about the aging in place features and things we need to do as a City as our population ages. She had some concerns and the idea that as you move forward to address the needs of seniors and the aging population to make sure there is hand in hand work with other departments. We need to make sure we have affordable housing and mobility options. She said she looked forward to see what the departments can do working together to make sure all their

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needs are met. She said to continue to work towards the end goals. She thanked him, his department and the Parks Commission.

Member Mutch said this is best 5 year plan he has seen. He appreciated that the goals and specific elements of the plan reflected input he got from City Council and the community at large. He said that was an important part of the plan. He noted they got specific about what you want to accomplish in terms of facilities but also leaving things open to develop as circumstances evolves. He said his only criticism was it wasn't aspirational enough. There were some big ideas, like the community recreation center, but he thought the department and Commission constrained themselves by looking at their current ability to provide services. He thought we were getting to the point where there needs to be discussion about how we fully fund parks and recreation services. They have a relatively small millage to work with. He said that revenue wasn't necessarily a significant part of your overall revenue because a lot of it comes through programming and the fees associated with that. Yet it's a very important part of your revenue because it allows you to do facility upgrades. He said that's been supplemented with the CIP millage but we won't have that forever. He said a lot of the things they are looking to achieve, if they had a little bit more money to do that, it could go so much further in terms of meeting community demand for recreational facilities. He said maybe that was a future discussion but he thought what they were approving was excellent. He thought it would set us up well for when we do apply for those grants through the state and partner agencies and anyone else providing grant funding. This is excellent framework and justification for what we want to do. If you accomplish 90% of this in the next 5 years, people would be astounded. This is an excellent map going forward.

 Consideration of approval to award design engineering services to AECOM Great Lakes, Inc. for reconstruction of Cranbrooke Drive between Ten Mile Road and Village Wood Road, in the amount of \$160,327.92.

CM 19-12-212 Moved by Fischer, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Roll call vote on CM 19-12-212 Yeas: Fischer, Mutch, Gatt, Staudt, Breen,

Casey, Crawford,

Nays: None

5. Consideration of approval to award engineering design services to OHM Advisors for the 2020 and 2021 Neighborhood Road Program (NRP) in the amount of \$242,000.

CM 19-12-213 Moved by Staudt, seconded by Casey; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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City Council Resolution

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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rob Ga

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt

Andrew Mutch

Laura Marie Case

Kelly Breen

Hugh Crawford Justin Fischer

City Manager Peter E. Auger

Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Jeffrey A. Muck

RESOLUTION STRATEGIC COMMUNITY RECREATION AND MASTER PARK PLAN

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Commission and the City Council of the City of Novi has undertaken a Five-Year Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, programs and the desired actions to be taken to enhance and maintain recreation facilities, programs and services during the period between 2020-24, and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)
Commission approved the plan on November 21,

2019, and

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Department, Commission, and City Council of the City of Novi has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and adopts the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of

the community.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held this sixteenth day of December 2019.

Cottney Hanson
City Clerk

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Letters Transmitting Adopted Plan to Regional Planning Agencies

Copy of Letter to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)



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December 17, 2019

Ms. Kathleen Lomako, Executive Director Southeast Michigan Council of Governments 1001 Woodward Ave., Suite 1400 Detroit, Michigan 48223-3602

RE: City of Novi Strategic Recreation and Parks Plan 2020-2025

Dear Ms. Lomako,

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Sincerely,

Robert Ford

Landscape Architect

Copy of Letter to Oakland County



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December 17, 2019

Bret Rasegan, RA, Planning Manager
Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services
2100 Pontiac Lake Road
Building 41 West
Waterford, MI 48328

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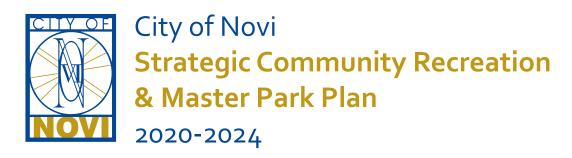
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