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January, 2015

Dear Community Members:

We are pleased to present the City of East Lansing’s 2015 – 2019 Parks, Recreation Open Space and Greenways Plan. This plan was compiled over the course of three years and involved data collection, community forums, surveys and other public meetings.

The purpose of the 5-year Plan is to assess the needs of the community for parks, recreation, open space and greenways facilities, programs and services. The Plan also identifies the actions to be taken to improve and maintain these facilities and services.

A 5-year Plan is required by the State of Michigan for the City to be eligible for funds through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) matching grant programs. A significant portion of our existing park system exists because of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Land Acquisition and Park Development Grants administered by the MDNR.

Over the past 20 years the East Lansing community has supported a significant financial investment in our parks, recreation, open space and greenways system. Voters approved 3 bond initiatives between 1995 and 1998 that provided $13 million for park improvements, the Family Aquatic Center and the Hannah Community Center. The bond funds were leveraged into over $20 million for projects through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants, fund-raising efforts, generous individual and corporate contributions and the City’s General Fund. Between 2016 and 2019 these bond programs will retire. As these bonds retire we recommend that thorough evaluation go into determining the willingness of voters to again approve long term funding mechanisms to preserve our investments and continue to improve our parks, recreation, open space and greenways system.

Your comments and/or suggestions are always welcome. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (517) 319-6809 or by email at parks@cityofeastlansing.com with any comments and/or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. McCaffrey
Director of Parks & Recreation
Executive Summary

The 2015 City of East Lansing Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan (the Plan) identifies and describes the current needs for community facilities, programs and services that best serve the citizens of East Lansing. The Plan is also necessary to maintain eligibility for State of Michigan grants that help fund capital improvements for parks and facilities. The 2015 Plan was developed over the course of three years and will serve as a guide for the next five year period unless updated sooner.

Public involvement was a key component in developing the 2015 Plan and included the following planning efforts:

1. 2011 Community Opinion Survey
2. Community input forums on March 7 and March 23, 2011
3. Public Hearing at the January 18, 2012, Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meeting
4. East Lansing Planning Commission meeting, January 11, 2012
5. East Lansing City Council meeting, February 21, 2012
6. 2013 Workshops with Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners, Department Administrative and Leadership Staff on January 9 and January 17, 2013

Additionally, an accurate and up to date inventory of the various facilities, programs and services is documented in the Plan. The inventory includes information about the size, age, quality, and accessibility of the various parks and facilities within the City of East Lansing. An inventory of additional facility and service providers, regional offerings, and regional plans is also included in the Plan, as is demographic information about the citizens of the City of East Lansing.

Eleven Goals, with supporting objectives, are identified in the 2015 Plan:

1. Ensure a safe and accessible East Lansing park system
2. Maintain and improve existing parkland, facilities and management within the City of East Lansing for East Lansing residents and visitors
3. Promote healthy and active lifestyles through Parks and Recreation
4. Provide for Organized and Unorganized Recreation opportunities throughout the City of East Lansing
5. Preserve and enhance open spaces, natural systems and significant natural features within the City of East Lansing
6. Provide connections between Parks, Neighborhoods and Community Facilities throughout the City
7. Recognize the need for the use and re-purposing of Public Spaces, Parks and Placemaking to support the identity, use and brand that represents East Lansing
8. Encourage Community Partnerships and Joint Ventures with groups and organizations that have a symbiotic or supportive relationship
9. Improve and expand communication with the public to promote East Lansing facilities, programs and services, and to increase citizen awareness and involvement in programs and activities
10. Plan and provide for future long-range needs to acquire parkland, develop existing city owned property or expand existing facilities
11. Provide sustainable funding for East Lansing park / facility operations, maintenance and capital improvements
The 2015 Plan also presents a Capital Action Program that provides a series of action steps to further the 11 goals of the plan and to meet the current and future needs of the community for quality and diverse park and recreation programs and facilities. Each item in the Action Program is also given a priority of high, medium or low, based on how well they fulfill one or more of the following seven focus areas:

1. Maximize the potential of existing facilities
2. Use environmentally sustainable practices and enhance natural areas and features
3. Use alternative funding and resources
4. Reduce operating costs
5. Plan for future parks and recreation needs
6. Develop and maintain diverse and balanced parks and recreation resources
7. Pursue partnerships, collaborations and regional approaches
Community Description

Statement of Purpose
Following is the 2015 City of East Lansing 5-year Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan. The purpose of a 5-year plan is to assess the needs of the community for parks, recreation open space and greenways, and to identify the actions to be taken to improve and maintain these facilities. In addition, a current parks and recreation plan is necessary to keep the city eligible for matching funds for park projects through State of Michigan grant programs.

Project Area
The City of East Lansing is located in south-central Michigan, adjacent to Michigan State University and within five (5) miles of the State capital. Founded in 1907, the City is approximately 13.6 square miles, including the 3.5 square miles of Michigan State University.

The City of East Lansing is bordered by Bath Township to the north, Meridian Township to the east, Michigan State University to the south, and Lansing to the west. Portions of East Lansing are located in both Ingham and Clinton Counties. The portions of East Lansing that are located in Clinton County are found in both Bath and Dewitt Townships. The portion of the City located in Dewitt Township was acquired in May 1998 and the portion located in Bath Township was acquired in June 2002 via a 425 agreement.

The area’s primary natural feature is the Red Cedar River which runs through the MSU campus. See Figure 1.1 for a Location Map.

Figure 1.1
Historical Background

Park and Recreation Planning

The City of East Lansing has been undertaking Park and Recreation planning efforts since the late 1970’s, when the East Lansing City Council formed a Recreation Advisory Committee to evaluate parks and recreation offerings and develop recommendations for future needs. The Committee included representatives from the City’s Planning Commission, Fine Arts Commission, School/City Activities Program (SCAP), Community Education Program, and City Staff, and created the 1978 Recreation Implementation Plan.

The 1978 Recreation Implementation Plan was incorporated into the City’s overall Comprehensive Plan in 1981, and in 1985 it was modified to reflect changing conditions, values, needs, and desires within the community.

The 1978 Plan, as modified, guided park and recreation improvements until 1994, when the East Lansing City Council formed a Parks and Recreation Planning Committee to prepare the 1995 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan paved the way for the transformation of the East Lansing parks and recreation system.

The 1995 Parks and Recreation Plan was in use until December, 2005, when the City embarked on a comprehensive process to re-develop the 5-year plan. Over the ensuing 15-months, a Park Plan Steering Committee and consultants from Beckett and Raeder, Inc. guided an extensive process of data collection, research, fieldwork, community workshops, surveys and questionnaires. This process produced the 2007 Parks, Recreation, Open-Space and Greenways Plan.

Since 2007, the Parks, Recreation, Open-Space and Greenways Plan has been updated four (4) times to reflect current conditions; in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012.

Park System

The City of East Lansing’s park system was launched in 1932, when Louis and Josephine Ehinger donated a small unbuildable lot in the Chesterfield Hills subdivision to the City of East Lansing. The 0.8 acres became Ehinger Park and in the ensuing 80 years, the East Lansing Park system expanded to include 490 acres of park and recreation land in 29 sites, including three (3) community centers.

The 10 years from 1995 to 2004 brought the greatest growth to the East Lansing Park System. During that time, the East Lansing voters approved three (3) bond issues to provide $13.3 million for development of park and recreation amenities:

- $3.3 million for general Parks Improvements in 1995
- $3 million for the Family Aquatic Center in 1998
- $7 million for the Hannah Community Center in 1998

The $13.3 million in bond funds were supplemented by $1.5 million in interest earnings, $2.6 million from the City’s general fund, and $1.8 million in grant funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, to fund nearly $20 million in parks, recreation, and cultural improvement. Projects included:

- Six (6) separate land acquisitions;
- Improvements to eight (8) neighborhood parks;
- Phase I development of the Soccer Complex;
- Construction of the Softball Complex;
- Phase I and II of the Northern Tier Trail;
- Harrison Meadows Park;
- Construction of the Family Aquatic Center; and,
- Renovation of the former Hannah Middle School into a Community Center.
Demographics
The City of East Lansing is a youthful, culturally diverse, community with a strong core of year-round residents. Its population of 48,579 has been fairly stable and is nearly evenly divided between males and females. As home to Michigan State University, East Lansing’s demographic composition is driven by the annual influx of students pursuing undergraduate and post graduate degrees: nearly 50% of East Lansing residents are students. Compared to the state as a whole, a dramatically higher percent of East Lansing residents are between the ages of 18 and 24 (62.2% versus 10%) and conversely, the percentage of persons under age 18 is significantly lower than that of the state (7.5% compared to 23.7%). It is also worthy to note that the percentage of persons of Asian descent in East Lansing is five times that of the state as a whole, while the percentage of African Americans is half that of the state as a whole (Table 1.1).

The influence of the university is also reflected in the educational attainment levels of those who have made longer-term investments in the city. When compared to Michigan as a whole, East Lansing residents are considerably higher educated with nearly 40% having masters, professional or doctorate degrees, compared to 8.1% statewide (Table 1.2).

Household occupancy data for East Lansing, as well as income estimates, are heavily skewed by the large number of university students living in the community. In East Lansing, more than 50% of the housing units are renter occupied, compared to 23% statewide, and the per capita income of East Lansing residents is 63% below that of Michigan as a whole. It is important to note, however, that although students are often low-income individuals, they tend to have access to resources through family, loans, or grants that are unavailable to other low-income demographic groups (Table 1.3).

The comparative demographics of East Lansing between the 2000 and 2010 census data is reflective of the economic environment facing the area and state as a whole. Large declines in the percentage of persons aged 35-49 and aged 0-17 is indicative of the segments of the population that are migrating out of Michigan. However, even with the large percentage declines in certain age groups, East Lansing’s overall population has increased slightly, due in part to a more accurate accounting of the student population (Table 1.4).
Table 1.1

2010 Age and Race Data\(^1\)

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<td>Population</td>
<td>48,579</td>
<td>9,883,640</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>23,574</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>25,005</td>
<td>5,035,526</td>
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<td>Under 18</td>
<td>3,666</td>
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<td>18-24</td>
<td>20,264</td>
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<td>18 &amp; over</td>
<td>44,913</td>
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<td>20-24</td>
<td>19,545</td>
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<td>25-34</td>
<td>4,895</td>
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<td>35-49</td>
<td>3,154</td>
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<td>50-64</td>
<td>3,506</td>
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<td>3,094</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>38,072</td>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
<td>1,643</td>
<td>436,358</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>3,303</td>
<td>1,400,362</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>5,135</td>
<td>238,199</td>
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<td>American Indian/Alaska Native</td>
<td>148</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>2,604</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>475</td>
<td>147,029</td>
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<td>More than one</td>
<td>1,424</td>
<td>230,319</td>
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Table 1.2

2010 Educational Attainment Data\(^2\)

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<td>High School or less</td>
<td>10.36%</td>
<td>47.90%</td>
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<td>Some college or Assoc.</td>
<td>19.25%</td>
<td>30.30%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s</td>
<td>31.20%</td>
<td>13.70%</td>
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<td>Masters, Professional or Doctorate</td>
<td>39.19%</td>
<td>8.10%</td>
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\(^2\)City of East Lansing, 2011, Economic Indicator Report, Michigan October 2010 Market Snapshot
## Table 1.3

2010 Household and Income Data

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Household Income</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$16,629</td>
<td>$26,265</td>
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<td>Median household</td>
<td>$27,898</td>
<td>$54,719</td>
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<td>Income</td>
<td>$77,500</td>
<td>$64,042</td>
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<td><strong>&lt;14,999</strong></td>
<td>33.0%</td>
<td>10.61%</td>
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<td><strong>$15,000-$29,999</strong></td>
<td>19.26%</td>
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<td><strong>$30,000-$44,999</strong></td>
<td>10.37%</td>
<td>15.18%</td>
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<td><strong>$45,000-$59,999</strong></td>
<td>7.33%</td>
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<td><strong>$60,000-$74,999</strong></td>
<td>6.37%</td>
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<td><strong>$75,000-$99,999</strong></td>
<td>7.72%</td>
<td>13.47%</td>
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<td><strong>$100,000-$124,999</strong></td>
<td>5.54%</td>
<td>7.49%</td>
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<td><strong>$125,000-$149,999</strong></td>
<td>2.77%</td>
<td>3.86%</td>
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<td><strong>$150,000-$199,999</strong></td>
<td>3.8%</td>
<td>2.98%</td>
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<td><strong>$200,000+</strong></td>
<td>3.84%</td>
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<td>Total households</td>
<td>14,774</td>
<td>3,885,942</td>
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<td>Average HH size</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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<td>Average family size</td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>3.1</td>
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<td>2010 Unemployment rate</td>
<td>12.3</td>
<td>13.1</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Housing Occupancy</strong></td>
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<td>Owner occupied</td>
<td>38.6%</td>
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<td>Renter occupied</td>
<td>52.8%</td>
<td>22.7%</td>
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<td>Vacant</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
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## Table 1.4

2000 to 2010 Population Comparison

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<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>Under 18</td>
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<td>18 &amp; over</td>
<td>3.30%</td>
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<td>20-24</td>
<td>5.5%</td>
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<td>25-34</td>
<td>-7.70%</td>
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<td>35-49</td>
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<td>50-64</td>
<td>23.10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>65 &amp; over</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
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1City of East Lansing, 2011, Economic Indicator Report, Michigan, October 2010 Market Snapshot
22011 EconomicIndicator Report
3Socioeconomic and Demographic Market Snapshot, Anderson Economic Group LLC, 2010
4Census Summary File 1 Profile, Data Driven Detroit,
Table 1.5  
2010 Non-Motorized Transportation Data\(^1\)

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<th>Journey to Work</th>
<th>East Lansing</th>
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<tr>
<td>Walked</td>
<td>10,275</td>
<td>101,506</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motorcycle, bike, other</td>
<td>1,448</td>
<td>33,423</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public transport</td>
<td>2,050</td>
<td>60,537</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total non-car commuters</td>
<td>13,773</td>
<td>195,466</td>
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\(^1\)Michigan Journey to Work, 2000 Census brief, East Lansing Non-motorized transportation plan
In 2002, The City of East Lansing and the East Lansing School Board of Education dissolved East Lansing Recreation and Arts by agreement and all of the activities, programs, events, and services offered by it were absorbed into the City of East Lansing.

Today, under the direction of the City Manager, four (4) municipal departments are actively involved in the administration, planning, and maintenance of the City’s parks, recreation, and cultural facilities, programs, and services.

- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Arts: administration, management, planning and programming
- Department of Public Works and Environmental Services: maintenance
- Department of Planning and Community Development: planning and development review
- Prime Time Seniors Program: programming for seniors

Figure 2.1, depicts the Organizational Structure for parks, recreation, and cultural facilities, programs and services for the City of East Lansing.
CHAPTER TWO

Organizational Structure

Figure 2.1
Role of Commissions and Advisory Boards
In addition to the various departments involved in parks and recreation in the City of East Lansing, there are a number of East Lansing Boards and Commissions that make recommendations to City Council regarding parks, recreation and cultural matters. These Boards and Commissions include the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Commission on the Environment, Arts Commission, Transportation Commission, Seniors Commission, and the Historic District Commission.

See Figure 2.2.

Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission is the primary body addressing park and recreation matters in the City. The East Lansing City Council established the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission in 2003. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor subject to approval of the Council, for up to two consecutive three-year terms. The Commission’s duties and authority are to serve in an advisory role to the City Council. The Commission reviews the parks and recreation master plan, the service delivery plan, the capital improvement projects budget, the fee schedule, and any bond proposals, and makes recommendation to City Council and the Planning Commission on same. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations to Council on Parks and Recreation issues prior to Council taking action. The Advisory Commission adopted its By-Laws on January 19, 2005. (See Appendix 1 for the complete Ordinance and By-Laws.) The City’s Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts serves in a liaison capacity to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

While Parks and Recreation matters are not the primary responsibility of the other six (6) Boards or Commissions, they each have responsibilities related to certain aspects of parks and recreation administration, planning and programming.

Figure 2.2
Planning Commission
The East Lansing Planning Commission creates a Master Plan for the physical development of the city; prepares comprehensive programs for capital improvements; reviews rezoning requests, site plans, special use permits and other land use applications; reviews the widening and extension of streets, the development of parks and other public improvements; develops new zoning standards; and ensures that the standards of appropriate environmental protection legislation are applied. The Planning Commission reviews and comments on the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan, and recommends its adoption to City Council. The Plan is then incorporated, in its entirety, in the City of East Lansing Comprehensive Development Plan.

The Planning Commission has nine members that are appointed by City Council to three-year terms. The Department of Planning, Building and Development, Planning and Zoning Administrator, serves as the staff liaison to this Commission.

Arts Commission
The East Lansing Arts Commission is a nine-member Commission appointed by East Lansing City Council to three-year terms. The Commission promotes art in the community; encourages cooperation with metropolitan arts agencies; develops and recommends proposals for activities related to the exhibition, performance and instruction in the arts; and works with other boards and commissions to strengthen the aesthetics and appeal of projects that affect public places.

The Commission oversees the City’s public arts program, including the annual distribution of small grants for cultural arts projects and the East Lansing Public Art Gallery located on the second floor of the East Lansing Hannah Community Center. The Arts Commission also maintains an Artists Registry and an on-line virtual arts tour of public art in the City of East Lansing. The Communications Coordinator serves as the staff liaison to this Commission.

Commission on the Environment
The Commission on the Environment studies issues and makes recommendations to City Council on a variety of matters pertaining to environmental protection; reviews, studies and makes recommendations on policies and legislation necessary to implement programs for the protection of the environment; and studies existing and proposed programs and assists in the development of new programs. It is a nine-member Commission appointed by the East Lansing City Council to three-year terms.

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Environmental Services Administrator, serves as the staff liaison to this Commission.

Seniors Commission
The Seniors Commission identifies and recommends supportive services and educational and leisure time programs for East Lansing’s senior residents. The Commission assists and advises the City Council on the operation and maintenance of local and regional senior centers and in obtaining gifts, grants, endowments and appropriations of City and Community Development Block Grant funds. The Commission serves as an advocate to the City Council in all matters of local, regional and state concern for seniors, and serves as liaison with local, county and state governmental and non-governmental agencies in order to represent the interests of and enhance the quality of life for seniors in the City.

The East Lansing Prime Time Senior Program Director serves as the staff liaison to the nine-member Seniors Commission. Commissioners are appointed by City Council for three-year terms. The Prime Time Senior Program is located on the first floor of the East Lansing Hannah Community Center.
**Transportation Commission**

The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to effective transportation by motorized and non-motorized vehicles and recommends policies concerning the public safety on the streets. The nine Commission members are selected for their interest and/or expertise in fields related to transportation and are appointed to three-year terms by the East Lansing City Council. The Director of Public Works serves as the staff liaison to this Commission.

**Historic District Commission**

In 1989, the City of East Lansing adopted a Historic Preservation Code to protect the historic assets within the City and promote their rehabilitation. The City also established a Landmark Historic District, which encompasses the most significant historical structures, regardless of location, throughout the City. There are six (6) Historic Districts in the City of East Lansing and 27 significant historical structures, see Figure 2.3.

The Historic District Commission reviews proposed alterations and additions to the exterior of structures within historic districts, and provides educational materials and programs on preservation principles and practices. The seven member Commission is appointed by the East Lansing City Council to three-year terms and includes one registered architect and four residents of designated historic districts. A number of parks and Community Centers are located within Historic Districts:

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The Department of Planning, Building and Development, Community Development Analyst serves as the staff liaison to this Commission.

**Role of Volunteers**

Residents of the City of East Lansing have a strong volunteer ethic and the roles volunteers play in the Department of Parks and Recreation reflect that. Nearly every aspect of parks and recreation programs and services uses volunteers extensively.

All coaches for the City’s recreational youth soccer, softball, baseball and basketball programs are volunteers, and once youth get beyond developmental soccer, all program organization and administration is conducted by volunteers.

The All of Us Express Children’s Theater, the East Lansing Environmental Stewardship Program, and the City sponsored Festivals have limited part-time City employees and are fully implemented using volunteers. In these programs, volunteers do everything from making costumes and building sets, to removing invasive plant species from parks, to assisting vendors in booth set-up. None of these community programs and events would be possible without extensive volunteer support and community funding.

The 65 people who sit on the eight Boards and Commission involved in parks, recreation and cultural matters, are also all volunteers.

Figure 2.4 provides an estimated number of volunteers and number of volunteer hours donated to the City of East Lansing in support of parks, recreation and cultural programs and services.
Figure 2.4

### Administrative Structure

**CHAPTER TWO**

#### Volunteer Participation in Park, Recreation, and Cultural Programs and Services

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<th>Program Area</th>
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*General Community Events include: Play in the Park, Children’s Concert Series, Moonlight Film Festival, Halloween Event, Summer Concert Series, and Winterglow.*
Current and Projected Budget

Parks, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Events Budget

The 2014/2015 budget for Parks, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Events, programs and services is shown in Figure 2.5 below. This budget includes Operations and Maintenance, Capital Improvements, and Programs and Services.

Funding Options and Sources

Current economic conditions in the City and throughout the State, are creating challenges that make it paramount to explore all avenues for funding and to remain open to creative and new opportunities for program assistance. The East Lansing parks, recreation and open space program is funded via a combination of funding programs. Listed below are current and projected funding sources that could be considered to implement the objectives of the 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan.

General Funds

The City of East Lansing currently uses general fund money primarily to fund the maintenance and operations of the park system. General funds also offset the operational costs of recreation facilities; provide matching funds for park improvement grants; and fund seniors programs, community events and Scene Metrospace.

Future park and recreation facility improvements that are likely to be funded using the General Fund are neighborhood park improvements and projects that are of special interest to City Council.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) administers three primary grant programs that the City of East Lansing has successfully accessed for funding parks and recreation projects:

| Figure 2.5 |

Parks, Recreation, Arts and Cultural Events, Programs and Services

2013/2014 Budget

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Department</th>
<th>Parks &amp; Rec. Operating</th>
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| Expenses                    |                        |                           |              |                          |           |
| Personnel Services          | $2,246,205             | $871,950                  | $62,975      | $181,180                 | $3,362,310|
| Materials and Services      | $1,858,525             | $451,430                  | $90,980      | $76,420                  | $2,477,355|
| Capital Improvements        | $156,500               |                           |              |                          | $156,500  |
| Transfer Out                | $7,000                 |                           | $6,655       |                          | $13,655   |
| Total                       | $4,268,230             | $1,323,380                | $160,610     | $257,600                 | $6,009,820|
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
The Land and Water Conservation Fund program provides funds on a 50/50 reimbursable matching basis for the development of outdoor and limited indoor recreation facilities. Funds are awarded to local projects after all project applications submitted in a year have been evaluated. The local share of a project can be cash, approved donations of service and material and/or credit for locally assumed costs.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)
The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund utilizes royalties from oil, gas, and other mineral developments on state-owned lands to help finance the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. Matching local funds are required in the amount of at least 25% of the total project cost. Projects proposed under this program should be directed towards helping meet statewide goals, including natural resource protection, water access and urban recreation. A minimum of 75% of funds each year are designated for land acquisition.

Recreation Passport Fund (RPF)
The “Recreation Passport” program was established in 2010 and encourages Michigan residents to pay a $11 fee when registering their vehicles to allow unlimited access to State parks and recreation areas. The $11 fee replaces the daily fee or annual pass fee for Michigan residents. 90% of the funds derived from this program go toward State Parks while 10% of the funds are earmarked for local parks and recreation grant programs. This grant program is geared toward funding for small parks or park projects.

Examples of projects that could be eligible for LWCF, MNRTF or RPF dollars, depending on their scope, include: Abbot Road Park, White Park, Hawk Nest Park, and Henry Fine Park improvements, as well as the purchase of new park land.

Community Based Fund Development Programs
Fund-Raising Committees have been used in the past and are currently being used in the City of East Lansing, to assist in generating necessary funds for events, programs, and facilities improvements. Recent examples include the Patriarche Park Playground in the Park ‘Re-Imagined’ and the Medal of Honor Memorial, both of which have been very successful at generating funds for improvements that would not have otherwise been completed. Continued initiatives of this nature can be established. Some communities have established more formal fund development programs such as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or foundations to assist in fund development. The formation of an organization or organizations of this nature can be explored.

Examples of projects for which community based fund development programs have been implemented in the past include the Soccer Complex Development Project, the Splash Park, the Dog Park, and the Hidden River Park.

Donations of goods and services
Direct donations of property, goods, and services has long been a source for maximizing funds and resources. The City of East Lansing pursues and accepts donations of land, easements, personal property and in-kind services, provided that the donations are in the City’s interest. Examples of this method of funding programs and services include donation of land now known as the Welcome Park, Ehinger Park, and Hawk Nest Park; donations of personal property such as benches along the Northern Tier Trail, trees throughout the parks, and a statue at the Softball Complex; and donations of in-kind services such as surveying services at Patriarche Park.
Bond Programs
Many of the park, recreation and cultural facility improvements in the past 14 years were made possible as a result of voter approved bond programs. Examples include the 1995 Parks Improvement Bond, the 1998 Hannah Community Center Bond and the 1998 Family Aquatic Center Bond. Combined, East Lansing voters approved $13 million toward completion of these improvements.

Over the past 20 years the East Lansing community has supported a significant financial investment in our parks, recreation, open space and greenways system. Voters approved 3 bond initiatives between 1995 and 1998 that provided $13 million for park improvements, the Family Aquatic Center and the Hannah Community Center. The bond funds were leveraged into over $20 million for projects through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants, fund-raising efforts, generous individual and corporate contributions and the City’s General Fund. Between 2016 and 2019 these bond programs will retire. As these bonds retire we recommend that thorough evaluation go into determining the willingness of voters to again approve long term funding mechanisms to preserve our investments and continue to improve our parks, recreation, open space and greenways system.

Downtown Development Authority
The Downtown Development Authority has the statutory authority to expend funds for public improvements, including park facilities, within the downtown development district. In some instances, it can also contribute to planning and design efforts for projects outside the limits of the development district if there is a direct relationship between the proposed projects and positive impacts to the business district.

Design and implementation of a way finding program and improvements to Valley Court Park are two projects that have been supported by the DDA.

Other Grant Sources
The City of East Lansing is continually evaluating available grant sources to leverage funds for parks and recreation facility improvements. Some of the more notable sources and the projects they have funded include:
- **EDCDBG**: Installation of energy efficient lighting in Bailey Community Center and Hannah Community Center Gymnasium and Pool
- **CDBG**: Improvements to Ehinger Park
- **Brownfield Funds**: Improvements to Valley Court Park
- **Urban Forestry**: White Park Natural Landscape Management Plan
- **Economic Development Corporation Farm Market Grant**: Improvements to Valley Court Park parking lot and site
- **Cool Cities Grant**: Installation of a WiFi spot in Valley Court Park
- **Universal Accessibility Grant**: Installation of walkways at the East Lansing Family Aquatic Center

Parks and Recreation Millage
Many communities have established a millage for specific local government services. A millage specifically established to assist with the ongoing expenses associated with parks and recreation programs and facilities could be considered. A millage could be voter initiated or initiated by a Park and Recreation Authority. As with bond programs discussed above, thorough evaluation should go into determining the willingness of the community to support any increases to the local taxing structure.
Grant Funding History

The City of East Lansing has successfully accessed a number of grant programs through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Since 1995, the City has received a total of 13 grants through the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Recreation Bond Fund, the Clean Michigan Initiative and the Recreation Passport Program. These grants have supplemented general funds special initiative and other monies with an additional $3,316,764.

Figure 2.6 provides a list of grant funded projects, which is graphically depicted in Map 2.1. Additionally, Appendix 2 contains a Recreation Grant History Status Update and Post Completion Self Certification Report for each grant funded project.

**Table 2.6: Grant Funding History**

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<th>Project #</th>
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* Acquisition of 91 acres to expand neighborhood and community recreation and to link City park lands and neighborhoods with a pedestrian and bike path system.

** Construction of parking facilities and roadway improvements for the new soccer complex and for the softball/aquatic center.
Map 2.1

East Lansing Parks System with NRTF Grant Money

- Northern Tier Trail (Acquired & Developed with NRTF Grants)
- Community Centers
- Facilities
- Parks Acquired and/or Developed with NRTF Grants
- Parks Acquired with NRTF Grants
Capital Accomplishments
Since 1995, the City of East Lansing has invested a total of nearly $24 million in capital improvements to the parks and recreation system. Those improvements were funded through bonds, bond interest, general funds, grants and fundraising/donations. Page 14 lists the $20 million in improvements that were completed between 1995 and 2004, while Table 2.1 details the nearly $4 million of improvements that have been completed since 2005.

Regional Factors
Regional Offerings
East Lansing’s centralized location in a metropolitan area, provides a wide range of opportunities and options for leisure-time activities, both public and private. The proximity of the State Capital and Michigan State University to East Lansing enhance the region’s diversity of choices, offering alternatives that might not otherwise be available.

The variety of park, recreation and open space offerings in the region is so diverse and substantial, that it is not practical to list them all in this document. However realizing that a thorough evaluation of available options is important in determining the needs for the East Lansing Community, an assortment of resources are consulted on a regular basis to keep abreast of local offerings.

Map 2.2, Ingham Country Parks, Schools and Trails, was compiled through the Greening Mid-Michigan effort and is a particularly useful reference in that it provides a comprehensive graphic representation of public lands and trails in Ingham County. Additionally, a number of local websites provide maps and data regarding local park and recreation programs and facilities. These include: Michigan Trails Map at www.michigantrails.org, Greater Lansing Visitors and Convention Bureau at www.lansing.org, and Pure Michigan interactive map of activities at www.michigan.org.

Current Partnerships
Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships that offer individual organizations assets that might otherwise not be available if the organizations decide to pursue goals independently. Partnering can avoid unnecessary duplication of services, provide for the pooling of scarce resources, and promote coordinated mutual efforts to resolve common problems to benefit all concerned. The City of East Lansing, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Arts has worked with a number of community partners who enjoy the mutual benefit of shared goals and common interests.

Public Sector Agencies
The City has partnered with Public Sector Agencies in land sharing agreements, project funding, regulatory compliance, manpower, and shared resources. Some of the Public Sector Agencies the City works closely with are the State of Michigan, Ingham County, City of Lansing, East Lansing Public Schools, Michigan State University, Lansing Community College, Tri-County Office on Aging, and Michigan Council for the Arts.

Regional Partners
Regional cooperation opportunities include, but are not limited to, training, transportation, shared resources, and promotion of programs and services. Some of the City of East Lansing’s regional partners include Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau, Capital Area Transportation Authority, The American Red Cross, Sparrow Hospital, the State News, and the Lansing State Journal.

Local Clubs and Organizations
These partnerships benefit the community by supporting private sector clubs and organizations that provide public programs and services that enrich the community, at City facilities. Soccer complex amenities, the splash pad playground structures, and ball field renovations are some of the many projects that were made possible through the fund-raising efforts of local clubs and organizations.
East Lansing’s local partners include but are not limited to: the East Lansing Soccer Club, the East Lansing Basketball Club, the East Lansing Baseball Club, the E.L.H.S. Boosters Club, David Thomas Basketball Camp, Rotary Club of East Lansing, Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, Lions Club of East Lansing, Police Athletic League, Capital Area Soccer League, M.S.U. Soccer Clubs, Mid Michigan Men’s Soccer League, C.A. United Soccer Club, T.N.T. Soccer Club, Michigan Baseball Players Association, East Lansing Film Festival, East Lansing Historical Society, Safe Schools/Safe Communities, Greater Lansing Arts Council, Capital Region Community Foundation.

Professional Associations
Professional Associations provide networking opportunities, research and development information, staff development and recruiting opportunities. Some professional association partners include Michigan Recreation & Parks Associations, National Recreation & Parks Association, National Assoc. of Educators of Young Children, Michigan Society of Association Executives, Meeting Planners International, and the American Society of Landscape Architects.
## Table 2.1

### 2005/2006 - 2013/2014 Capital Accomplishments

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Chapter Two

Map 2.2

Regional Parks, Schools, and Trails

Sources: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Local parks & recreation plans
Local non-motorized inventories
State of Michigan

City of East Lansing boundary
Lakes & Rivers
Railroad
Regional Plans
There are a wide range of plans and planning efforts in East Lansing, the Tri-County Area, and the State of Michigan that relate to parks and recreation. Each has a varying level of influence over park planning at the local level. Some of those with the greatest correlation, and how they influenced development of the 2015 Plan, are outlined below.

City of East Lansing Climate Sustainability Plan
In April, 2011, the City of East Lansing adopted a Climate Sustainability Plan (CSP) to identify and encourage community-based actions to improve the environment. The Plan identified programs and policies in five key environmental areas:
1. Waste Management – five objectives focusing on recycling and waste reduction
2. Energy Efficiency – seven objectives focusing on reducing energy use and promoting use of green practices
3. Renewable Energy – two objectives aimed at increasing the use of renewable energy
4. Transportation – three objectives encouraging use of non-motorized transportation and a reduction of GHG emissions
5. Water Management – three objectives focusing on reducing water use and minimizing storm water runoff

The 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan supports the policies of the CSP in a number of ways. Goal 2-C and 6-A relate specifically to energy efficiency and non-motorized transportation, respectively. Additionally, Goal 5, in its entirety, focuses on preserving and enhancing open space and natural systems.

City of East Lansing Non-motorized Transportation Plan
In May, 2011, the East Lansing City Council approved the City of East Lansing Non-motorized Transportation Plan (NMT Plan). The NMT Plan identified near-term opportunities to improve the physical environment, guide long-term development and make recommendations on the policies and programs that promote and support non-motorized transportation in the City. The NMT Plan provides five main resources:
1. Existing condition assessment
2. Proposed long and near term improvement to establish a non-motorized network
3. Proposed policies necessary to support a successful pedestrian and bicycle network
4. Design guidelines
5. Education and marketing information

Goal 6 of the Park Plan addresses principles of connectivity, non-motorized transportation and linkages as they relate to natural corridors, and access to parks and way-finding signage, Goal 6-d specifically mentions the need to support implementation of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Greening Mid-Michigan and Tri-County Regional Growth Choices for our Future
In 2005, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission undertook a Regional Growth Study to build consensus on the preferred vision for land use growth in the tri-county area over the ensuing 25 years. The resulting report, “Tri-County Regional Growth, Choices for our Future” recommended that open space and resource protection be promoted through region-wide planning efforts based on four main principles:
1. Equitable and fiscally responsible protection of farmland and other natural resources, with a focus on long-term sustainability
2. Development of pathways, sidewalks, trails, and on-street bicycle facilities
3. Emphasize linkages in parks and recreation development
4. Protection of the region’s significant building and living heritage, historic sites, cultural facilities and neighborhoods.
The Greening Mid-Michigan Project was begun in 2008 and took the first steps toward implementing the Tri-County Regional Growth Plan through comprehensive data collection and extensive outreach. The Project has been implemented in three phases:

1. Identify and rank Potential Conservation Areas: places on the landscape that are dominated by native vegetation and have potential for harboring high quality natural areas that provide critical ecological services (maintain water quality, develop and stabilize soil, pollinate cropland, wildlife travel corridor, sources for genetic diversity, etc.)

2. Perform a detailed analysis of flora and fauna, high quality natural communities, water resources, and land coverage

3. Public outreach and compilation of a Greening Mid-Michigan map resource

The 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan uses resources from this planning effort including the Potential Conservation Areas map. In addition, Goals 3, 5, 6, and 10, all support the principles outlined in the Greening Mid-Michigan Project and the Tri-County Regional Growth Study.

Wetlands map
The National Wetland Inventory Map is a resource that can be used to get a general idea of the location, size and type of wetlands that may be present in a given area, based on soil types, hydrology and topography. A Wetland Map viewer for Michigan can be found on the MDEQ website at: [http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/wetlands/mapBasic.aspx](http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/wetlands/mapBasic.aspx).

Heart of Michigan Trails
The City of East Lansing participates in the Heart of Michigan Trails Committee, which focuses on coordinating trail planning and connection in the Tri-County area.

Future plans for trails expansion include connections to existing and proposed trails in Meridian Township, Bath and Lansing.

Relationships with School District and Other Agencies and Organizations
There are five (5) school districts that serve the residents of the City of East Lansing: East Lansing Public Schools, Bath Community Schools, Lansing Public School District, Haslett Public Schools and Okemos Public Schools. (See Map 2.3 School Districts) The majority of the school-age residents of the City of East Lansing will attend the East Lansing School District, and only a small portion of residents attend the other districts.

The City of East Lansing and East Lansing Public Schools have long been partners in providing parks and recreation facilities, programs and services to the residents of East Lansing. From the early SCAP program, to the conversion of old schools into Community Centers, the East Lansing City Council and East Lansing School Board have demonstrated an ability to come together to provide for parks and recreation programs and services in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Currently, the City of East Lansing and the East Lansing School District operate under a Joint Recreation Use Agreement which was originally signed in June, 1992, and amended in more recent years. The Agreement provides for joint use of City and School facilities, specifically tennis courts. Subsequent amendments provide for School District use of athletic facilities and for City use of School buildings for Childcare programs. (See Appendix 3 for agreements)

East Lansing City Council and the East Lansing School Board meet jointly on the fifth Tuesday of any given month and many staff communicate weekly as needed.
CHAPTER TWO

Administrative Structure

Map 2.3

SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Bath Community Schools
- East Lansing School District
- Haslett Public Schools
- Lansing Public School District
- Okemos Public Schools
CHAPTER THREE

Inventory

Park and Recreation System
Inventory and Assessment by Park
Tennis Court Inventory and Assessment
Community Center Inventory
Orchard Street Pumphouse
Public School Facilities

Park and Recreation System
The City of East Lansing has 33 parks and three Community Centers, in 29 sites. They comprise a nearly 490 acre public park and recreation system. In addition to City owned properties, there are eight East Lansing Public School facilities in the community, seven of which are within the East Lansing City Limits. Map 3.1, Parks, Facilities, and Schools Map, identifies the parks and public school facilities in the City of East Lansing and their locations.

Many of the parks in the East Lansing park system contain important natural features, worthy of preservation and management. Map 3.2 provides a general Wetland Inventory for the City of East Lansing and Map 3.3 depicts Potential Conservation Areas which are places in the landscape that are dominated by native vegetation and have potential for harboring high quality natural areas that provide critical ecological services. White Park, Harrison Meadows Park, and Abbot Road Park, all contain areas of wetlands, with a potential conservation score (PCS) of 1-6.

The Northern Tier Trail system provides 4.7 miles of recreation trails in the City of East Lansing, and there are an additional 13.2 miles of existing bike lanes along East Lansing streets (See Figure 3.1). The 2011 Non Motorized Transportation Plan offered recommendations to expand this system further, providing additional connectivity between destinations around the City. (See Figure 3.2)

Inventory and Assessment by Park
The matrix found in Figure 3.3 provides an inventory of the amenities in each park and Appendix 4 provides a detailed assessment of each park, which includes the following information:

- Name, address and size
- Park type: Parks are classified as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, linear parks, or urban plazas. (See Appendix 4 for a full description.)
- Air photograph of site
- Inventory of amenities at the park
- Assessment of condition of site and amenities
- Needs and Opportunities for the park
- Grant History (if applicable)
- ADA Self Assessment Rank (See Appendix 4 for a full assessment)

This information is based on an inventory of City owned facilities conducted in 2006 by Beckett and Raedar, Plan Consultants, a comprehensive Site Amenities Assessment that was completed in 2009, and site visits conducted in 2013 and 2014.

Tennis Court Inventory and Assessment
In March, 2014, an inventory was compiled of all City of East Lansing owned or maintained tennis courts and an assessment was performed on each court. Due to the condition of many of the City owned and maintained courts, and to the number of courts available throughout the community, the Assessment recommends removal of 10 courts. The full Assessment is found in Appendix 5 and the results are incorporated into both the park inventories and the 2015-2019 Action Program.
CHAPTER THREE

Map 3.2
Map 3.3

CHAPTER THREE

Inventory
Figure 3.1

EXISTING BICYCLE FACILITIES INVENTORY
CITY OF EAST LANSING

- UNMARKED ON-STREET ROUTES
- PAVED/SHOULDER/BIKE LANES
- TRAILS
- Railroads
- CITY PARKS
- PUBLIC FACILITIES
- SCHOOLS
- RIVERS & LAKES

East Lansing Parks & Recreation
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Figure 3.2

Inventory

CHAPTER THREE

POTENTIAL BICYCLE ROUTES
CITY OF EAST LANSING

- POTENTIAL BIKE ROUTES
- TRAILS
- Railroads_StPlane
- CITY PARKS
- PUBLIC FACILITIES
- SCHOOLS
- RIVERS & LAKES
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**Legend:**

- **CP** ............. Community Park
- **GW** ............. Greenway
- **LP** ............. Linear Park
- **MP** ............. Mini Park or Play Lot
- **NR** ............. Natural Resource
- **NP** ............. Neighborhood Park
- **PS** ............. Public School Facility
- **SU** ............. Special Use

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**Figure 3.3**

East Lansing Community Parks and Recreation Facilities

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**Chapter Three**
Community Center Inventory

Bailey Community Center
East Lansing Hannah Community Center
Valley Court Community Center

The City of East Lansing owns and operates three Community Centers and one Community Use Space. Figure 3.6 summarizes the available amenities and a further description is provided below.

Bailey Community Center

The Bailey Community Center is located on the southern edge of the Bailey Neighborhood, just north of Grand River Avenue. It is surrounded by single family homes, a large portion of which is student rental housing. The multi-story community building was constructed in 1922 as an East Lansing Public School and was accepted by the City of East Lansing as a City facility in the 1980’s. The City has renovated it over time to accommodate a strong and popular childcare program and an assortment of recreational program offerings.

Bailey Community Center is 30,000 square foot in size, which is distributed over four different levels: the lower level houses a ceramics studio and offices; the ground level includes a gymnasium and childcare wing; the second floor provides dance studios and program space; and the third floor holds room for a pre-K childcare meeting rooms and additional recreation program space. Storage spaces are disbursed throughout the Center and there are restrooms on all levels.

The Bailey Community Center is considered ADA accessible, but the multiple levels create circulation and access challenges, making it confusing for new users to navigate. The heating system is a closed loop steam and boiler system and summer cooling is accomplished using window air-conditioners. Recent improvements include replacement of all exterior and most interior doors, complete roof replacement, and replacement of much of the carpeting. The age of the structure provides ongoing maintenance and upkeep challenges, resulting in regular discussions regarding the long-term viability of the facility.

East Lansing Hannah Community Center

The East Lansing Hannah Community Center is located on Abbot Road, in the popular and well established Glencairn neighborhood. The facility was constructed in 1926 as an East Lansing Public School and served as the High School from 1926 to 1957. In 1957, the building was converted into the East Lansing Middle School and functioned as such until 1997. In 1998 the City of East Lansing purchased the 110,000 square foot building and renovated it into a community center in 2000, using funds from a $7 million bond issue, a CDBG grant and a MDNR Recreation Bond Fund grant.

The first and second floors of the Hannah Community Center have been fully renovated and provide a multi-use, multi-generation resource to the Community. The majority of the Center’s recreation amenities are located on the first floor. These include: a fitness center with cardio theater, free weights, cardio equipment and personal training services; a 4 lane, 25 yard swim pool with water slides; a banquet hall and commercial grade kitchen; two gymnasiums, one with a raised stage; a dance studio with a sprung wood floor and mirrored wall; and a 490 seat, two story theater. The first floor is also home to the East Lansing Prime Time senior’s program.

The second floor of the Hannah Community Center is dedicated primarily to Department offices and public meeting/classroom spaces that are available on a rental reservation basis. The East Lansing Art Commission Public Art Gallery is located on the second floor as well, offering Center visitors art displays that rotate monthly.

Since its opening in 2001, the East Lansing Hannah Community Center has become a major focus of community activities, welcoming approximately 120,000 visitors annually, it is the financial and registration center of the Parks and Recreation Department and nearly $3 million dollars of financial transactions are conducted annually at the Center’s front desk. This level of use for nearly 15 years makes it necessary to consider substantial reinvestment in the interior and the building infrastructure in the very near future.
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**Valley Court Community Center**

Valley Court Community Center is a one-story building on the north side of Valley Court Park. It was the first Department of Public Works building and was renovated into a Community Center approximately 30 years ago.

There is a large, central activity room with movable seating, a fireplace, and an expandable portion for more space use options. Offices line the south side of the building and an arts and crafts room, a lounge, and a medical room are in the southwest corner. The facility also contains a kitchen and laundry, and meeting and storage rooms. It is a total of 6,500 square feet and is heated and cooled through a forced-air central heating system of furnaces and a rooftop chiller.

Parking for Valley Court Community Center is found along the south side of the entrance drive, and in a small parking lot in Valley Court Park.

Valley Court Community Center is the location of Helping Hands Respite Care, formally known as LAP Respite Center, with whom the City has contracted to oversee and administrate the City’s adult day services program for functionally impaired adults. The complete agreement is found in Appendix 5. When this agreement expires in 2017, it will be necessary to evaluate the long-

**Orchard Street Pumphouse**

The Orchard Street Pumphouse is an attractive one room, white clapboard building, located in the Bailey Neighborhood. It was constructed in 1934 to resemble a Neocolonial home and houses Well #18 for the City of East Lansing.

The Pumphouse is not a Community Center, but it does function as a small, neighborhood use space. It’s use is monitored by the Pumphouse Board, a volunteer group of neighborhood residents who program and oversee the daily functions of the building.

In 2012, the City of East Lansing and the Pumphouse Board entered into a formal agreement regarding the use and maintenance of the Orchard Street Pumphouse. The full agreement is found in Appendix 6.

The interior of the Pumphouse is 1,040 square feet and is fully carpeted. It is heated by a forced-air furnace. There is no cooling system or restroom in the Pumphouse. Parking for the Pumphouse is limited but this is not generally an issue as most users are from the surrounding neighborhood. The City receives no revenue from the use of the Pumphouse.

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**Public School Facilities**

William Donley
Marble Elementary
Pinecrest Elementary
Red Cedar Elementary
Glencairn Elementary
Whitehills Elementary
MacDonald Middle School
East Lansing High School

**Public School Facilities**

In addition to the public community centers, the East Lansing Public School facilities offer East Lansing residents an assortment of indoor and outdoor recreation amenities. Figure 3.4 details those available resources.

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* Tennis courts may be cross-referenced with Figure X.X, EL Community Parks and Recreation Facilities
**Planning and Public Input Process**

Comparison to Accepted Standards  
Level of Service Analysis via Public Input  
Demographics and Population Trends Analysis

While Chapter 3 provided an inventory and assessment of available parks, recreation and open space facilities in the City of East Lansing, Chapter 4 looks to assess community need for parks and recreation facilities against facility availability.

There is a wide variety of methods for assessing community need for recreation services. The 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan uses the following three methods to identify the needs of the East Lansing community:

- Comparison to accepted standards
- Level of service analysis via public input
- Demographic and population trend analysis

**Comparison to Accepted Standards**

A variety of standards are used throughout the country to assess community need for recreation services. The most commonly used are the 1996 Parks, Open Space and Greenways Guidelines (Guidelines) developed by the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA).

The NRPA Guidelines present park and recreation space standards that are applicable nationwide for planning, acquisition, and development of park, recreation and open space lands, at the community level. By comparing the City of East Lansing’s available resources against the defined standards, minimum acceptable park and recreation facilities are identified and a program for achieving an equal distribution of parks and open space throughout the community can be defined. It is important to note however, that these standards should be viewed as a guide, to identify minimum, not maximum, goals to be achieved and that they need to be interpreted according to the particular situation to which they are applied and to the specific local needs.

The 2015 City of East Lansing Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan evaluates community need using park service area standards and units per population standards (both by acres of park type and by number of facilities).

**Park Service Areas Analysis**

The NRPA Guidelines classify parks, open space and greenways in accordance with their size and the role they play in the park system. They further identify associated service areas for each park type that indicate a minimum standard for geographic distribution and availability of each park type in the community. Classifying the parks in the East Lansing system and applying the associated standards ensures that the entire community is served by a wide range of parkland and recreational facilities.

**Figure 4.1** provides the classifications used in the 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan, and **Map 4.1** depicts the service area for each park in the East Lansing Park System. Note that due to the size of the service areas of certain park types, only Mini, Neighborhood and Community Parks are reflected in the Service Area Map.

**Results**

Evaluation of the geographic distribution of parks and recreation facilities throughout the East Lansing Park System establishes the following:

**Strengths**

- Most residents of older, denser neighborhoods have access to a mini park
- All residents of EL have access to some type of park
- There are large masses of natural resource area parks North of Saginaw

**Weakness**

- Mini parks are focused in the center of the city
- There are no neighborhood or mini parks, in the area North of Saginaw and East of Abbot
- There are no mini parks in the Northern third of the City
- There are no mini parks East of Hagadorn or South of Grand River

**Needs**

- More mini parks are needed in high density neighborhoods North of Saginaw
- A neighborhood and mini park(s) are needed North of Saginaw and East of Abbot
- A neighborhood and mini park(s) are needed East of Hagadorn and South of Grand River
### Park Classification

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Use</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Desirable Size</th>
<th>Acres/1,000 Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Greenway</td>
<td>Area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as walking, biking or cross-country skiing.</td>
<td>No applicable standard</td>
<td>Sufficient width for safe use</td>
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<td>Mini-Park</td>
<td>Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population specific group such as tots or senior citizens.</td>
<td>&lt;1/4 mile</td>
<td>1 acre or</td>
<td>0.25-0.5 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Area for intense recreational activities such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, etc.</td>
<td>1/4-1/2 mile to serve 5,000 people</td>
<td>3-10 acres</td>
<td>1.0-2.0 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Community Park</td>
<td>Area of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities (such as athletic complexes). Areas of natural quality or outdoor recreation, (such as walking neighborhoods viewing, sitting, picnicking), or any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.</td>
<td>1.0-2.0 miles several</td>
<td>10-50 acres</td>
<td>5.0-8.0 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special Use Park</td>
<td>Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as aquatic centers, zoos, golf courses.</td>
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<td>Sports Complex</td>
<td>Areas for specialized or a single intense recreational programming, such as softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse.</td>
<td>No applicable standard</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Resource Area Parks</td>
<td>Area of natural quality for nature oriented outdoor recreation such as viewing nature, wildlife habitat, picnicking or fishing. General 80% of the land is reserved for natural resources and 20% used for recreation.</td>
<td>No applicable standard</td>
<td>Sufficient to protect the resource</td>
<td>5.0-10.0 A</td>
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Map 4.1
Units per Population Analysis
In addition to identifying service areas for parks and recreation facilities, the NRPA Guidelines define population service standards that recommend minimum numbers of parks and recreation units per population served by a community. These standards represent the minimum amount of ground space or number of facilities needed to meet the recreational demands of the citizens of a community. It is important to note that in any community, demand may be greater than the National Standard.

General population service standards recommend 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Figure 4.2 evaluates the East Lansing Park System against this service standard, and against the population service standards for each park classification as well.

The NRPA Guidelines also define units per population standards for specific recreational activities. Figure 4.3 evaluates the East Lansing Park System facilities in relation to population service standards.

Results
An evaluation of the East Lansing Park System, as it compares to the City’s, establishes the following:

Strengths
- The City of East Lansing slightly exceeds the general service standard of 10 acres of parks per 1,000 population
- Of the eight recreation facilities evaluated, the City exceeds or meets the standard for five: soccer fields, basketball court, tennis courts, trails and swimming pools

Weakness
- There is a lack of mini parks
- There is a deficit of softball and baseball fields, and volleyball courts in the City of East Lansing
- There is an apparent lack of community parks but several neighborhood parks serve as community parks and there is extensive open community space on Michigan State University’s campus

Needs
- Pursue mini park development in deficient areas or identify areas within the parks that can serve the same purpose
- Focus attention on improvements to existing softball and baseball fields, volleyball courts or develop new ones
**Figure 4.2**

**Population Service Standards by Park Type**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Park Type</th>
<th>Existing Acreage</th>
<th>Existing Acres Per 1,000 Residents</th>
<th>NRPA Standard per 1,000 Residents</th>
<th>Surplus (Deficit)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mini Park</td>
<td>6.34</td>
<td>0.13</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>109.38</td>
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<td>Community Parks</td>
<td>96.48</td>
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<td>Total Park Areas</td>
<td>489.63</td>
<td>10.08</td>
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1City of East Lansing population is 48,579
2When a range is given, the minimum standard is used

**Figure 4.3**

**Population Service Standard by Recreation Activity**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity/Facility</th>
<th>NRPA Standard</th>
<th>Existing Quantity$^2$</th>
<th>Need per Standard</th>
<th>Surplus (Deficit)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Softball Field</td>
<td>1 per 5,000</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Baseball Field</td>
<td>1 per 5,000</td>
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<td>Soccer Field</td>
<td>1 per 10,000</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Volleyball Court</td>
<td>1 per 5,000</td>
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<td>Trails</td>
<td>1 system per region</td>
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<td>Swimming Pools$^4$</td>
<td>1 per 20,000</td>
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1Includes City of East Lansing and East Lansing Public School Facilities
2Exterior Courts
3Includes 20 outdoor courts on MSU’s campus, at Shaw Lane
4Indoor and outdoor pools
Level of Service Analysis via Public Input
Community need for park and recreation facilities can also be determined by analysis of user perception of level of service. To evaluate this, the City of East Lansing engaged in an extensive public input process between 2011 and 2013.

Community On-line Survey
In August, 2011, the City of East Lansing contracted with EPIC-MRA to develop an on-line survey tool to measure the attitudes of its residents regarding current use and future needs of the City’s parks, recreation and arts programs, services and facilities. The survey was conducted over a 20-day period using an on-line survey tool (SurveyMonkey).

Potential survey participants were solicited using a variety of methods including: direct email invitation, flyer distribution and posting at City facilities, publication in the Department e-Newsletter, and standard press release notification. 397 people self-selected to fully complete the survey. Respondents were 62% female and 26% male. This split is very similar to the 2006 survey results of 66% female.

Ninety percent of responders were East Lansing residents with nearly half of those living in the northwest quadrant of the City. Thirty one percent of responders indicated that they had lived in the City for 3-10 years, which is very similar to the 2006 results of 28%. Nearly half of the responders are 30-50 years old and have children under the age of 18 at home. Therefore it is not surprising that over one-third of respondents indicated that being too busy with work, school or family was the primary barrier to their participation in parks and recreation programs, services and facilities. Respondents in the 2006 survey also gave lack of time as the primary barrier to participation.

The distribution of respondents is skewed toward older age ranges, as compared with the distribution of the East Lansing population reported in the 2010 U.S. Census. One major reason for the difference is the percentage of respondents who are permanent residents, since they are the ones most likely to invest themselves more fully in local park programming and facility use. This age distribution is not dissimilar to the 2006 findings.

The yearly income of respondents is also skewed toward higher income levels, as compared with the distribution of income reported in the 2010 census. Fifty-four percent of survey respondents indicated that they had a yearly income of between $75,000 and $150,000, where census data indicates only 16% of households fall into this category. See Figure 4.4 through 4.6 for more detailed results. Appendix 7 contains the survey and full results.
### Demographics of Survey Participants

#### Gender

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#### Income

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#### School District

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#### Children under 18 at home

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## Patterns of Park Use

### Most Frequently Used Parks

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### Households with 1+ Members Participating

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### Top Activities You Participate In

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<td>Soccer</td>
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<td>Youth Sports (soccer, softball, etc)</td>
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<td>Aquatic Center</td>
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### Participation/Use

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### Availability of Programs

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### Types Programs/Facilities Needed

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<td>Youth Sports</td>
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<td>Flag Football</td>
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<td>Trail/Road/BMX Biking</td>
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<td>Swimming Pools</td>
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<td>Nature Activities (adult and youth)</td>
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<td>Baseball and Soccer</td>
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<td>Basketball Courts</td>
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<td>Cross Country Skiing</td>
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## More Paved and Non-Paved Trails Needed

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### Number of Parks

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### Number of Indoor Facilities

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### What Type Is Needed

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### Rating of Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities

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Community Forums
Two community forums were held on March 7, and March 23, 2011. Participants were invited from:
- East Lansing Boards and Commission
- East Lansing Public Schools
- East Lansing Public Library
- Michigan State University
- Neighborhood Councils
- City Departments
- Recreation and specialty organizations
- Regional agencies
- Various festival boards
- Recreation and arts programs and service users
- Various parks and recreation volunteers

Notice of the forums was published in the two local newspapers, the Lansing State Journal and Towne Courrier, and was promoted on the City’s public access channel and through the traditional press releases.

The forums were facilitated by Robert Ford, RLA, President of Landscape Architects and Planners, a local consulting firm. The format included introductions and a summary of past accomplishments, brainstorming sessions to identify ideas to maintain or improve existing programs or facilities, and a series of prioritization exercises. 22 people attended the first input session and 21 people attended the second input session. The first session was primarily comprised of staff members within the Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Works while the second session was comprised of stakeholders or special interest groups within the community. This allowed for two unique perspectives due to the groups knowledge base and interests. A summary of results is found in Figure 4.7 and Community Forum agendas can be found in Appendix 8.

2012 Public Hearings and Public Meetings
On January 18, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission held a public hearing on the 2012 Five Year Plan and on January 11, 2012 the East Lansing Planning Commission reviewed the plan during their Regular Meeting. East Lansing City Council also reviewed the 2012 Plan during their February 21, 2012 City Council meeting. All of these meetings presented the opportunity for the public to review and comment on the Plan and recommendations. Agendas and minutes from the Public Hearings and Public Meetings can be found in Appendix 8.

2013 Administrative Input Sessions
Input was sought and received from the East Lansing Park & Recreation Advisory Commission, Department Leadership Staff, Program Leaders and the administration to update the Five Year Plan between the months of January – March of 2013. A series of workshops were held which asked participants to reflect on “core values” relative to parks and recreation along with their views relating to recent changes in parks and recreation as well as current trends within the field. These opinions helped the administration and facilitator provide the basis for revising the goals and objectives of the previous plan. Appendix 8 contains agendas from the Input sessions, as well as a summary of their results.
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**Top-5 for Staff**

- Extend the Northern Tier Trail (S to the Red Cedar, N to Bath Twp.)
- Continually improve and upgrade parks
- Fund park maintenance - establish revenue stream
- Develop the 3rd floor at the Hannah Community Center
- Promote complete streets, non-motorized system

**Top-5 for Stakeholders**

- Maintain existing park maintenance and operations
- Develop a system of drawing on volunteers to assist in the Parks
- Collaborative programming with the Library
- Continue to maintain and expand the ALFA program
- Reinstate the teen after school program
Demographics and population trends analysis
Extensive research exists regarding parks and recreational use patterns throughout the United States. Inferences can be made about East Lansing parks and recreation program and service needs by cross referencing the research data with East Lansing demographics and population statistics.

Nationally, 50% of people participate in outdoor recreation, which in East Lansing would equate to 24,290 people. Of those who participate in outdoor recreation nationally, 55% are males and 70% are Caucasian. Since East Lansing's population is similar in these categories (48.5% male and 78.4% Caucasian) outdoor recreation participation numbers in East Lansing is likely to mirror national findings.

Thirty-three percent (33%) of outdoor recreation participants are aged 25-44. In East Lansing, only approximately 15% of residents are in this age range, therefore, using this measure alone, persons in this age range who participate in outdoor recreation in East Lansing would likely be lower. However, Nationally 41% of outdoor recreation participants have some college education. This is significant to East Lansing in that nearly 90% of the adult population in East Lansing has some college education.

Nationally, the most popular outdoor activities by participation rate are running/jogging, water activities and biking (on or off road). If favorite outdoor activities are evaluated by frequency of participation, water activities drops to fourth place and is replaced by bird-watching/wildlife viewing. Of those who participate in outdoor recreation, 53% indicate they walk for fitness.

Assuming that all these use patterns can be transferred to East Lansing, the following activities would capitalize on trends as they relate to outdoor recreation and population in East Lansing:

- Upgrade and maintain the Northern Tier Trail
- Improve the nature trails in White Park, Abbot Road Park, Henry Fine Park
- Manage East Lansing natural areas to improve wildlife habitat
- Implement trail signage programs to support fitness walking (i.e. install mile markers on trails, develop trail maps that include trail lengths, offer walking groups, inc.)
- Identify trails for BMX or off-road biking

Gender also plays a significant role in recreation, particularly as it relates to team sports. Nationally, the percentage of women who participate in team sports drops significantly between the ages of 15 and 25 (from 55% to 20% participation). For men the drop is less drastic during the same age range, from 65% to 40%.

As women’s participation in team sports drops, their participation in indoor fitness activities increases. By the age of 25, sixty percent of women who engage in recreation participate in indoor fitness activities. From that point forward, women are engaged in indoor fitness activities more than outdoor recreation for the rest of their lives.

The following activities would capitalize on trends as they relate to gender and recreation in East Lansing:

- Expand indoor fitness opportunities, including classes, programs and facilities

As might be expected, age also plays a key role in recreation. Two age groups of particular significance in East Lansing are young adults between the ages of 20-34, and baby boomers (adults over 65 years old).

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The largest population category in East Lansing is young adults, aged 20-34, with slightly more than 50% of residents being in this age category. Nationally young adults are most likely to try a new outdoor activity. The top three outdoor recreation activities that have seen the biggest participation increases in the last five years are adventure racing (211% increase), non-traditional triathlons (199%) and traditional triathlons (174%).

Nationally, the use of technology while engaging in outdoor recreation is also markedly higher in this age group than in others. Nationally, over 40% of outdoor recreation participants between the ages of 18 and 24 use an iPod/music player and/or smart phone to engage in outdoor recreation. For people between the ages of 25 and 44, this number is slightly lower, about 35%.

The top three factors that motivate young adults to participate in outdoor activities are to get exercise (74%), to keep physically fit (59%) and to experience excitement/adventure. Conversely, the top three factors that hamper young adults from participating in outdoor recreation are lack of time (40%), lack of interest in available activities (29%) and not having anyone to participate with (27%).

The following activities would capitalize on trends as they relate to people in East Lansing between the ages of 18 and 34:

- Develop programs or facilities that support adventure recreation, including those listed above
- Include wifi hot spots, downloadable trail maps, phone-friendly website design, and other technology focused activities as an integral component to park and recreation programs and facilities
- Provide flexible programming offerings and individualized training opportunities to allow personalization of fitness regimes
- Offer young adult focused classes

The second age category of importance to consider in local demographic trends is the increase in the number of people over the age of 65, or baby boomers2. The City of East Lansing has 3094 residents over age 65. Nationally, from 2000 to 2030, it is predicted that people over the age of 65 are expected to increase by 61% and people over the age of 80 are expected to increase by 47.6%. This could potentially result in over 1,500 additional seniors residing in East Lansing over the next 15 years.

The recreational trends for baby boomers are considerably different than they were 20 years ago for this same age group. Baby boomers started the fitness craze and they are not going to go into aging the way other generations have3. They will be healthier, more active, and understand the importance of fitness. The challenge with this age group will not be to convince them that fitness is important but to be flexible enough to provide programs and services that address their specific health concerns and personal interests.

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2 The US Census Bureau defines Baby Boomers as the generation born between 1946 and 1964. In 2006, the oldest Baby Boomers turned 60.
A recent lifestyle interest survey conducted by Del Webb Communities\(^4\) shows that active recreation leads the lifestyle desires for those over-age 55\(^5\). Some pertinent findings from this survey include:

- 55.2% survey respondents listed swimming and 49.2% listed golf as extremely important sports and athletic pursuits to them
- Top health and fitness pursuits included walking and cardiovascular equipment workouts which 82% and 78.8% of respondents considered extremely important to them, respectively
- Biking and balance training (yoga, tai chi, pilates) were the health and fitness pursuits that saw the greatest increase in popularity from previous surveys, 56.7% and 51.3% respectively. Hiking/climbing/rappelling and river rafting were the sports and outdoor recreation pursuits that saw the greatest increase: 18% and 17.8% respectively
- Passive recreation and golf continued to be in demand with 21% of respondents playing golf one to two times per week, and 28.4% and 27.2% ranking ceramics/pottery/clayworks and painting/drawing as extremely important to them
- 44.4% and 33.5% of respondents considered computer technology and photography to be the two most important media and technology pursuits to them

In addition to many of the activities listed above, the following activities would capitalize on trends that relate to East Lansing residents above the age of 65:

- Develop recreation facilities geared toward active baby boomers such as pickleball courts, bocce courts, and fitness trails
- Develop facilities to support improved balance and muscle strength such as a reflexology path and self-guided Tai Chi garden

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5-Year Program
Goals and Objective
Focus Areas
Action Program

Goals and Objectives
The following is a list of 11 goals for parks, recreation, open space and greenways in the City of East Lansing for 2014-2018. These goals reflect both the input collected through the plan development process and the current status of park and recreation programs and services. The goals below are listed in no particular order.

1) Ensure a safe and accessible park system:
   a) Provide a safe and secure environment for users of the parks and programs by working cooperatively with enforcement agencies and community programs and organizations
   b) Evaluate existing security measures such as security systems / procedures, visibility both in and out of parks and responsiveness
   c) Provide a well maintained park system by responding quickly to remedy deterioration or vandalism of park property
   d) Provide access to all users by incorporating best management practices relating to people with disabilities, age appropriateness, family needs, etc.

2) Maintain and improve existing parkland, facilities and management:
   a) Maintain existing parkland and facilities by providing adequate staff, equipment and response systems
   b) Improve existing parkland and facilities by updating and/or replacing deficient facilities on a timely basis relative to the “life cycle” of those facilities
   c) Explore new or innovative equipment, systems or products that will reduce wear and tear, save energy and/or enhance existing methods of operations
   d) Support full time staff members through continuous education and leadership training

3) Promote healthy and active lifestyles through Parks and Recreation:
   a) Promote awareness of programs and facilities that lead to healthy lifestyles and fitness
   b) Provide facilities and opportunities that encourage building healthy habits
   c) Provide four season opportunities for all age groups
   d) Tailor specific programs and facilities for specific age groups based upon ability and/or trends
   e) Provide for innovative four-season facilities / activities that keep pace with current recreational trends

4) Provide for Organized and Unorganized Recreation:
   a) Continue to provide organized programs for all ages of the population
   b) Provide facilities that promote use without supervision or organized programming
   c) Consider opportunities that provide for creative play or semi-organized programming

5) Preserve and enhance open spaces, natural systems and significant natural features:
   a) Identify open spaces to preserve for habitat and balanced human interaction
   b) Provide programs and facilities that enrich the health and preservation of the natural environment including both flora and fauna
   c) Provide programs and facilities that educate the public about natural systems and encourage stewardship of natural systems
   d) Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting and delivering community education supporting natural scientific principles
6) Provide Connections between Parks, Neighborhoods and Community Facilities:
   a) Provide for motorized and non-motorized connections using roads, sidewalks, trails, pathways and natural corridors to link users with facilities throughout the community
   b) Identify common destinations, use patterns and needs that will help provide a basis for grants and funding potentials for future improvements such as: trails, sidewalks and signage
   c) Provide a “Way Finding System” to help users locate facilities more easily and identify their proximity and function
   d) Interact with existing plans and studies that relate to Non-Motorized Transportation within and adjacent to the East Lansing park system

7) Recognize the need for the use and re-purposing of Public Spaces, Parks and “Place making” to support the identity, use and brand that represents East Lansing:
   a) Provide public spaces for the display of art and art appreciation
   b) Integrate technology into parks and urban spaces for public use, enjoyment and communication
   c) Provide for the display and use of sustainable and/or energy saving technologies in public spaces
   d) Use public spaces to promote the theme and/or identity of East Lansing
   e) Provide activities and public events that serve residents and attract visitors year round

8) Encourage Community Partnerships and Joint Ventures with groups and organizations that have a symbiotic or supportive relationship:
   a) Identify organizations and groups that have similar goals that can be supportive or collaborative and reduce costs and/or enhance events and activities
   b) Cooperate with the schools and/or local non profit organizations to identify programs and activities that will be synergistic and supportive and reduce duplication of services
   c) Explore existing or new relationships combining private / public joint ventures in delivering recreation services that benefit the park and recreation system
   d) Work with agencies, departments and/or organizations within the city and region that plan, coordinate or fund efforts that support or parallel the goals of the East Lansing Park and Recreation system

9) Communication and Promotion:
   a) Increase citizen awareness of East Lansing’s park & recreation goals, activities, accomplishments and opportunities to become involved in park programs and utilize the park facilities
   b) Continue to publicize park locations, events, and activities through various outlets including: website, social media, newspaper, magazines, press releases, promotional events, advertising, television, radio etc.
   c) Promote volunteerism, mentoring and other forms of citizen support for parks and programs
   d) Promote public involvement in programs, park facility development and/or events such as community build projects, interpretive programs, stewardship programs, etc.
   e) Integrate technology into public parks and facilities for communication and enjoyment

10) Acquisition of Parkland and/or Facilities:
    a) Plan and provide for future long-range needs to acquire parkland, develop existing city owned property or expand existing facilities

11) Provide sustainable funding for park / facility operations, maintenance and capital improvements:
    a) Provide adequate funding to support the operations and maintenance of the park system through the general fund, grants, millage, donations, foundations or other available means
    b) Maintain a balance between financial resources and the development of facilities and programs offered that meet as many community needs as possible
2015-2019 Focus Areas

Through the 2015 Plan development and public input and review process, eight priorities were identified to guide implementation of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan and ensure that the City of East Lansing’s parks and recreation programs and services move forward in a way that reflects the needs and interests of the Community.

The priorities for the 2015 East Lansing Action Program are as follows:

Focus Area A: Conduct Trails and Greenways projects and planning

Projects that relate to trails and greenways planning and development are a priority, including projects that identify or enhance connections, support non-motorized connections, eliminate access barriers and beautify or visually enhance the trail system.

Focus Area B: Maximize potential of existing Facilities

The most efficient use of City resources is to focus on projects that maximize the potential of existing parks and recreation facilities. This can be done in any number of ways. Upgrades to existing systems or facilities keep them modern and inviting to users. Improvements that eliminate barriers to use or increase accessibility for all users supports facility use by a larger population. Renovations that allow all areas of a facility to be used eliminate redundancy and ensures that the facility reaches its full potential. Therefore, projects that preserve, renovate or re-use existing facilities are given a high priority.

Focus Area C: Use environmentally sustainable practices and enhance natural areas and features

The community has expressed a strong interest in implementing environmentally sustainable maintenance and development practices, as well as capitalizing on the community’s natural areas and features. This includes implementing environmentally sustainable park design, development and park maintenance practices, as well as enhancing natural areas and features through interpretive signage, nature programming, boardwalk trail sections, invasive species management, etc.

Focus Area D: Use alternative funding and resources

Michigan has been experiencing an economic transformation that creates very real challenges for the funding of parks and recreation programs and systems. Therefore, projects that have the potential to generate revenue or be funded through alternative funding resources are given a very high priority in the Capital Action Program. Such sources include: CDBG funds, MDNR funds or fundraising and donations.

Focus Area E: Reduce operating costs

With revenues becoming more limited, projects that reduced operating costs are a priority. Examples include: projects that remove or replace equipment or park features that are costly to maintain; projects that increase the efficiency of operations; or projects that will cost less to maintain in the future. Projects that have the potential to increase or add to the City revenue stream are also a priority.
Focus Area F: Plan for future parks and recreation needs

The East Lansing community has a deep understanding of the importance of parks and recreation in the community, a willingness to fund parks and recreation programs, facilities and offerings, and an interest in ensuring that the parks, recreation, arts and greenspace offerings continue to adapt to and meet the needs of the community. This makes planning for the future parks and recreations needs in the community a high priority. This priority is reflected in projects such as implementing park and recreation standards for economic developments and pursuing additional land and development funds for neighborhood and community parks.

Focus Area G: Develop and maintain diverse and balanced parks and recreation resources

Responding to the interest of residents and keeping parks and recreation offerings fresh and current are high priorities for the City of East Lansing. An Example of a project that supports this priority is the Hawk Nest Park which provides park facilities for a substantial number of citizens in the City’s northern tier.

Focus Area H: Pursue partnerships, collaborations and regional approaches

The current and future role of partnerships, collaborations and regional approaches to project planning, implementation and management cannot be ignored. As funds continue to be limited and demand for programs, services and resources hold steady, joining with others of similar interest and goals will be essential in ensuring success.

2015-2019 Action Program

Following is the Capital Action Program for the 2015 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan. The action program provides of series of steps to further the 11 goals of the plan and to meet the current and future needs of the community for quality and diverse park and recreation programs and facilities.
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**PROJECT TYPE KEY**
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-253 OF DIVISION 1 - GENERALLY - OF ARTICLE V - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - OF CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING AND TO ADD DIVISION 12 - ACTIVE LIVING FOR ADULTS (ALFA) ADVISORY COMMISSION - , SECTIONS 2-491 AND 2-492 TO ARTICLE V - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - OF CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO ESTABLISH THE ACTIVE LIVING FOR ADULTS (ALFA) ADVISORY COMMISSION.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 2-253 of Division 1 - Generally - of Article V - Boards and Commissions - of Chapter 2 - Administration - of the Code of the City of East Lansing is hereby amended and Division 12 - Active Living for Adults (ALFA) Advisory Commission -, Sections 2-491 and 2-492 are hereby added to Article V - Boards and Commissions - of Chapter 2 - Administration - of the Code of the City of East Lansing to read as follows:

Sec. 2-253. Boards and commissions created; number of members.

The following boards and commissions are hereby created, and shall be composed of a maximum of nine members unless otherwise stated:

(1) Elected officers compensation commission.
(2) Transportation commission.
(3) Arts commission.
(4) Planning commission.
(5) Human relations commission.
(6) Commission on the environment.
(7) Housing commission.
(8) University student commission.
(9) Seniors' commission.
(10) Building board of appeals. The membership, powers, and duties of the building board of appeals shall be as prescribed by chapter 6, article II.

(11) Zoning board of appeals. The membership, powers and duties of the zoning board of appeals shall be as prescribed by chapter 50, article II, division 2.

(12) Historic district commission. The membership, powers, and duties of the historic district commission shall be as prescribed in chapter 20, article II.

(13) Cable and telecommunications commission. The membership, powers and duties shall be as prescribed by chapter 42, article II, division 2.

(14) Parks and recreation advisory commission which shall be composed of seven members.

(15) Active living for adults (ALFA) advisory commission which shall be composed of seven members.

DIVISION 12. ACTIVE LIVING FOR ADULTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

2-491. Membership.

The ALFA advisory commission shall consist of seven members, four of which must be residents of the city. The remaining three may be representative of the other areas in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties that are being served by ALFA. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of three years except of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, and two for a term of three years.

2-492. Duties. The ALFA advisory commission shall have the following duties and authority:

(1) To be an advisory commission to the city council.

(2) To annually review the ALFA service delivery plan as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to city council regarding adoption of the plan.

(3) Every five years, review and update the ALFA Strategic Plan.

(4) To annually review the ALFA Annual Report as prepared by city staff and pass on recommendations to staff for future goals and adjustments in programming as part of a future service delivery plan.

(5) To oversee and maintain an appropriate interface with ALFA Foundation including sharing such information with city council.
By-Laws
East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Adopted January 19, 2005

1. Purpose

The East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission having been formed by the East Lansing City Council on September 16, 2003, shall comply with the membership and duties requirements as detailed in the Municipal Code of the City of East Lansing, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 11, Section 2-471, (a) and (b).

(a) *Members.* The parks and recreation advisory commission shall consist of seven members, who shall be residents of the city. Each member of the commission shall serve for a term of three years except of the members first appointed, two shall serve for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, and two for a term of three years.

(b) *Duties.* The commission shall have the following duties and authority:

1) To be an advisory commission to the city council;
2) To annually review the parks and recreation master plan as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to the planning commission and city council regarding adoption of the plan;
3) To annually review the parks and recreation service delivery plan as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to the planning commission and city council regarding adoption of the plan;
4) To annually review the parks and recreation capital improvement projects budget as prepared by city staff and make recommendations to the city council as part of the budget preparation and submittal process;
5) To annually review the parks and recreation fee schedule as prepared by city staff;
6) To review any parks and recreation bond proposals and to make recommendations in writing to the city council prior to the city council taking final action on the matter.

2. Appointment and Terms of Office.

The East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission shall be appointed and serve according to the Municipal Code of the City of East Lansing, Chapter 2, Article V, Division I, Sec. 2-241.

All members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Council. Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, each Commission member may be appointed to no more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Provided, however, that appointment to an unexpired term shall not count against the two (2)
term limit. Provided further that Council may waive this limitation for good cause shown upon request of a councilmember.

3. Governance

The East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission shall be governed by the Municipal Code of the City of East Lansing in conjunction with the East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission By-Laws.

4. Officers

At the first regular meeting in January of each year, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson who shall serve terms of one year and shall be eligible for re-election. The Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson when the Chairperson is absent. If a Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson cannot be selected for any reason the City Council shall appoint the officers as required in Municipal Code of the City of East Lansing, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 1, Section 2-248.

5. Staff Resource

The commission shall be staffed by no less than one employee of the city as designated by the city manager who shall be Secretary to the board or commission and who shall have responsibility to: record the meetings, prepare and distribute minutes, prepare and distribute materials to be considered in the business of the board or commission, publish notices of meetings and accommodate persons attending meetings, make recommendations as to the items of business of the board or commission, and act as a resource to its members.

6. Meeting Schedule

A. Regular Meetings

The Commission shall hold its regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. If the date set for a regular meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting shall instead be held at the same time and place on the next day that is not a holiday.

B. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairperson, or at the request of the City Manager, via the Secretary. The Commission or the Chairperson may cancel and/or reschedule a regular or special meeting.

C. Meeting Notification

At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year, the Commission shall adopt its meeting schedule for the coming year, including the time and the place the meetings will be held. The meeting schedule shall be posted at City Hall within 10 days of the first regular meeting in January. Notification of the date, time and location of any
special meetings or of any changes in the scheduling or location of regular meetings shall be posted at City Hall at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting.

D. Attendance

Attendance shall be governed by Article V, Division 1, Section 2-243 of the city code which states in part: *nonattendance at three regularly scheduled consecutive commission meetings or 90- days, whichever is longer, is hereby determined to constitute neglect of duty and shall automatically create a vacancy without further action.*

7. Meeting Procedure

A. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Commission must be in attendance to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Commission meeting.

B. Parliamentary Procedure

Commission meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The Commission may adopt specific rules governing the conduct of its meetings. Each member of the commission present at a meeting shall vote on each motion made unless excused by the unanimous consent of the other members present.

C. Open Meetings

All Commission meetings shall be open to the public. All business shall be conducted in public session. There shall be opportunity for the public to address the Commission. The Chair may, at their discretion, limit the time each person has to address the commission during the public comment period.

D. Agenda

The Secretary shall prepare an agenda for each meeting of the Commission and send it, along with any related materials and written communications, to the Commission five days prior to the meeting. Written communications shall be submitted to the Secretary at least six days prior to the meeting. The Commission shall approve the agenda at each meeting and may act to add or delete items from the agenda. The agenda and all associated materials shall be available for public inspection.
E. Minutes

The Secretary shall record minutes of the proceedings of each Commission meeting. The minutes shall be of public record, and an approved copy signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary shall be placed on file in the Parks, Recreation and Arts Department office for public inspection.

The minutes shall reflect the concerns expressed by persons who address the Commission at the meeting or who communicate in writing, and shall indicate whether those persons favor or oppose the subject matter. Verbatim accounts and the full text of written communications need not be included in the minutes. The minutes shall also reflect the general questions and discussion of the Commission during its deliberations and shall clearly record all actions taken by the Commission and the votes thereon.

F. Majority Approval

When a quorum is present, the concurring votes of a majority of those present is necessary for the Commission to take action, except where a concurring vote of five members of the Commission may be required by State or local statutes.

8. Public Hearings

The Commission shall hold a public hearing on all issues as required by State or local statutes. The Commission may also hold a public hearing on any issue that comes before it. Public hearings shall be held in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Scheduling

Public hearings may be scheduled either by the Commission itself or by the Secretary. The Secretary shall receive requests for public hearings to be scheduled by the Secretary at least three weeks prior to the public hearing date.

B. Notification

Notice of a public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general distribution in the City at least ten days prior to the hearing. Notice shall also be sent by mail to the applicant, the owner of the subject property and the owners and residents of property on the same block or within 300 feet of the subject property, whichever includes the greater area. Notices shall also be sent to other groups or individuals as may be required by other State or local statutes. At the Secretary or Commission’s discretion notice may also be sent to other interested persons or groups.

The notices shall be prepared and distributed by the Secretary, and they shall include the following information: the date, time and place for the public hearing; the address and location of the subject property; the nature of the requested action to be considered.
by the Commission; and a description of the proposed use of the property. The notices shall also indicate that persons may contact the Parks, Recreation and Arts Department for further information.

C. Commission Action

As a general rule, the Commission shall act on an issue immediately following the public hearing but may take action at the next regular meeting. For land use proposals and other issues at the discretion of the Commission, staff will present written reports and recommendations to the Commission before action is considered.

9. Committees

A. Appointment

The Chairperson may create a committee to study any issue before the Commission. The Chairperson shall appoint a committee chairperson and the other members of the committee.

B. Meetings

The committee shall establish the date, time and place for its meetings, and notice of the meetings shall be posted at City Hall at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public. The Committee may hold public hearings to gain input on the issue under study.

C. Representation

The Chairperson may appoint one or more members of the Commission to represent the Commission at meetings of City Council or other City commissions or boards.

10. Amendments

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the members at any regular meeting when a quorum is present, providing that the notice for the meeting includes the proposals for amendments. Any proposed amendments shall be submitted at any regular meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting.
# City of East Lansing

## Recreation Grant History

### Status Update

**Friday, September 5, 2014**

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### Project No: 26-01104 K1

**Project Title:** Bailey Community Center

- **Status:** Withdrawn

**Project Description:**

Status Update: Bailey Community Center is currently being used as the base for the City of East Lansing Childcare Program (for children 6 weeks to 5th grade) and as a location for City recreation and arts programs. The windows remain in service and are maintained to ensure their functionality and safe use. Regular upgrades have been made to the building to ensure it can continue to be used by the general public. These improvements include replacement of interior doors and carpets, installation of energy efficient lighting through the entire building, and replacement of roof sections.

### Project No: BF89-373

**Project Title:** Bailey Community Center

- **Status:** Closed

**Project Description:** Replace windows for safety and energy efficiency.

### Project No: TF95-010

**Project Title:** Environmental Corridors

- **Status:** Closed

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 91 acres of land to expand neighborhood and community recreation, and to link City parklands and neighborhoods with a pedestrian and bike path system.

Status Update: Ninety-one acres of land were purchased in the northern portion of the City of East Lansing and were developed into a recreational services core. Facilities found on this property include the East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, Softball Complex, Soccer Complex and approximately two (2) miles of trails which traverse the core. All land, amenities and recreational offerings are open to the public, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion, and are functioning for their intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased with this grant.
### Project No. TF97-155
**Project Title:** Northern Tier Bike/Hike Trail  
**Project Status:** Closed  
**Grant Amount:** $375,000.00

**Elements**  
Construct 10' Wide Path  
Construct 3 Bridges  
Abbott Road Crossing and Signage

**Project Description:** Phase II of the Northern Tier Bike/Hike Trail connecting Abbott Road Park with the East Lansing Softball and Aquatics Center, the East Lansing Soccer Complex and the Abbott Parkside neighborhood.

**Status Update:** A 10' wide, paved bike/hike trail was installed in 1999 to connect Abbot Road Park, the East Lansing Softball Complex, the East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, the East Lansing Soccer Complex, and the Abbot Parkside neighborhood. All of the trail is in service and open to the public. There are no fees to use the trail and it is maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. Portions of the trail are beginning to show their age and wear, and will need attention in the near future.

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### Project No. CM99-264
**Project Title:** Recreation Complex Parking  
**Project Status:** Closed  
**Grant Amount:** $426,300.00

**Elements**  
Paved Parking Lot at Soccer Park  
Paved Parking Lot at Softball/Aquatic

**Project Description:** Construction of parking facilities and roadway improvements for the new soccer complex and for the softball/aquatics complex.

**Status Update:** The East Lansing Family Aquatic Center parking lot and the East Lansing Soccer Complex parking lots were paved in 2000 and 2001. Both facilities remain in service and open to the public. The parking lots are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. The Parking lots contain some cracking and will need attention in the near future.
## Appendix

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Elements
Mechanical Systems
Pool Entry Steps
Pool Entry Lift
Water Play Features
Aesthetic Improvements
Signage

**Project Description:** Complete the improvements to the Hannah Community Center pool, including a building expansion for a water slide and locker room/restroom upgrades.

**Status Update:** The East Lansing Hannah Community Center swim pool renovation was completed in 2001. In 2006, the mechanical systems were further upgraded to a pellet chemical system and in 2008 a more substantial renovation of the locker rooms was completed. All pool improvements, including the entry steps, water play features and aesthetic improvements, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. The swim pool and all support amenities remain in service and open to the public. There is a fee to use the swim pool. The pool entry lift is functional and safe, but is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

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Element
Trail
Split Rail Fence
Culverts
Signage
Landscaping
Parking

**Project Description:** Development of a 5,000 LF, 10 foot wide asphalt trail. This project extends the 3.5 mile Northern Tier Trail system from the East Lansing Soccer Complex to State Road.

**Status Update:** Nearly one (1) mile of 10’ wide asphalt trail was constructed in 2005. The project included split-rail fence and culverts where needed. There is a kiosk and directional signage on the trail and pavement markings where there are road/drive way crossings. This trail section is in service and open to the public. All items are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. Parking for the trail exists at the East Lansing Soccer Complex and on Kiskadee Drive in the Hawk Nest subdivision. Both parking areas are in good condition.
Project Title: White Park Improvements
Project Status: Closed
Grant Amount: $225,000.00

Elements
Parking Lots
Softball Field Improvements
6’ Paved Pathway
Landscape Restoration
Wildlife Viewing Platform
Pedestrian Bridge
Picnic Shelter
Interpretive and Park Signage

Project Description: Improvements to 48-acre Albert A. White Park, to include parking, trail, picnic shelter, wildlife viewing platform, pedestrian bridge, interpretive and park signage, softball field, and landscape restoration.

Status Update: The improvements to White Park were completed in 2009. All project elements were installed and remain in service and open to the public. The pedestrian bridge, wildlife viewing platform and interpretive signage has all been vandalized, requiring extensive repair. Installation of a trail camera to monitor the area of greatest destruction has reduced the problem. Landscape restoration is ongoing as part of our Park Stewardship program. All park improvements are in good condition and are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.

Project Title: Hawk Nest Park Development
Project Status: Closed
Grant Amount: $262,500.00

Elements
10’ wide asphalt Northern Tier Trail extension
Grade and seed lawn areas
8’ wide asphalt site pathways
Natural area enhancements
8’ wide crusher-fine site pathways
Interpretive trail head sign
Multi-use play structure with surface material
Interpretive trail signs
Park sign Picnic shelter with concrete pad

Project Description: This project will include 1/3rd mile spur of the Northern Tier Trail, playground, picnic pavilion, accessible site walkways, and signage.

Status Update: The development of Hawk Nest Park was completed in 2010. All project elements were installed and remain in service and open to the public. All pathways surfaces, as installed, are crusher-fine because of soils and cost issues. Permission was granted from MDNR to make this scope change. Natural area enhancements are ongoing as part of our Park Stewardship program. A trail-head sign and landscaping was installed where the Hawk Nest branch of the Trail connects to the main portion of the Northern Tier Trail. Five interpretive signs were installed along the 10’ wide section of pathway. Five viewing platforms were added to the grant scope after grant submittal and are installed. All park improvements are in very good condition and are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.
### Project No. TF08-141
**Project Title:** White Park Expansion #1  
**Project Status:** Closed  
**Project Year:** 2008  
**Grant Amount:** $429,000.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 2.93 acres adjacent to White Park to expand the park, eliminate a private property in-holding, and provide a location for a trailhead/park entry plaza and additional connections to the pedestrian/bicycle system.

**Status Update:** The purchase of 2.93 acres of land adjacent to White Park was completed in 2009. An abandoned house was located on the property and was demolished in 2010. A natural walking trail was recently cleared across this property to provide entry to the Park walking trails from Lake Lansing Road. All land and recreational offerings in White Park are open to the public, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion, and are functioning for their intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased with this grant or associated with White Park.

### Project No. TF08-140
**Project Title:** White Park Expansion #2  
**Project Status:** Closed  
**Project Year:** 2008  
**Grant Amount:** $65,800.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 1.75 acres adjacent to White Park to provide future pedestrian access to the park from the north.

**Status Update:** The purchase of 1.75 acres of land adjacent to White Park was completed in 2009. A natural walking trail exists from the property to the Park walking trails from Lake Lansing Road. All land and recreational offerings in White Park are open to the public, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion, and are functioning for their intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased with this grant or associated with White Park.
**APPENDIX TWO**

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**Project No.** RP11-409  
**Project Title:** Henry Fine Park Tot Lot Renovation  
**Project Status:** Closed  
**Project Year:** 2011  
**Grant Amount:** $20,000.00

**Elements**
- Remove obsolete play equipment and replace
- Surfacing to meet Playground Safety Standards
- Accessible walkway from parking lot to tot lot

**Project Description:** Development to include removal of obsolete play equipment and replacement, install edging and adequate safety surface material and install accessible walkway to tot lot.

**Status Update:** In the fall of 2012, a small tot-lot with poured-in-place unitary surfacing was installed and placed in service. The parking lot for Fine Park is located adjacent to the tot-lot and was re-constructed, including curb-and-gutter and repaving. Concrete walkways extend from the parking lot to the tot-lot, and the lot was striped to include two van-accessible parking spaces. A bike rack, trash can, and bench were also installed as part of this project. All improvements are universally accessible and are in excellent condition. They are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.

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**Project No.** TF12-082  
**Project Title:** Patriarche Park Playground Replacement  
**Project Status:** Active  
**Project Year:** 2012  
**Grant Amount:** $300,000.00

**Elements**
- Playground Equipment and Installation
- Poured in Place Surfacing
- Signage
- Accessible walkways
- Rain Garden
- MNRTF Sign

**Project Description:** Replace the existing wooden play structure at Patriarche Park with a modern play structure that meets current standards for safety and accessibility and install a rain garden to collect run-off from the playground, on site.

**Status Update:** In the spring of 2014, a playground with poured-in-place unitary surfacing was installed and placed in service. A donor plaza welcomes visitors to the playground and a large rain garden collects all storm runoff from the playground and retains it on site. Concrete walkways extend from the parking lot to the playground, a picnic area, and a plaza with bench and interpretive sign that overlooks the rain garden. A bike rack, trash cans, and benches were also installed as part of this project. All improvements are universally accessible and are in excellent condition. They are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.
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GRANT TYPE:
(Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund)
Clean Michigan Initiative
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Recreation Passport
Bond Fund

GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: BF00-053
PROJECT TYPE: Development
PROJECT TITLE: Hannah Community Center Swim Pool
PROJECT SCOPE: Building expansion for a water slide and locker room upgrades.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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CERTIFICATION

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

Wendy Wilmers Longpre

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| ARE ANY OF THE FACILITIES OBSOLETE? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. | Yes ❌ No |

| IS THE SITE AND ALL FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES? IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN. | Yes ❌ No |

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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Bailey Community Center is currently being used as the base for the City of East Lansing Childcare Program (for children 6 weeks to 5th grade) and as the location for City recreation and arts programs. The windows remain in service and are maintained to ensure their functionality and safe use. Regular upgrades have been made to the building to ensure it can continue to be used by the general public. These improvements include replacement of interior doors and carpets, installation of energy efficient lighting through the entire building and replacement of roof sections.

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GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: CM99-264

PROJECT TITLE: Recreation Complex Parking

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct parking facilities for soccer complex & softball/aquatic ctr

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) | Contact Person | Title
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City of East Lansing | Wendy Wilmers Longpre | Asst Parks & Rec Dir

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*Softball Complex and Family Aquatic Center buildings have been equipped with monitored security systems*  

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis?  If yes, give schedule.  If no, please explain.  
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*Parking lots are maintained as needed, there is not a formal schedule.*

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
*Spring, summer, fall*
The East Lansing Family Aquatic Center parking lot and the East Lansing Soccer Complex parking lots were paved in 2000 and 2001. Both facilities remain in service and open to the public. The parking lots are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. The parking lots contain some cracking and will need attention in the near future.

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GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: RP11-409 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Henry Fine Park Tot-lot Renovation

PROJECT SCOPE: Remove and replace playground, poured in place surfacing, parking imp

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The tot-lot is adjacent to Pinecrest Elementary School and is part of the larger Henry Fine Park, a 27 acre natural area park that boasts a pond, nature trails, and open lawn areas.
### POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (cont’d)

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*Dawn to dusk, year round.*
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A small tot-lot with poured-in-place unitary surfacing was installed and placed in service in the fall of 2012. The parking lot for the tot-lot was also completely reconstructed, including curb-and-gutter and repaving. This lot also serves as the parking lot for the whole of Fine Park. Concrete walkways extend from the parking lot to the tot-lot, and the lot was striped to include two van-accessible parking spaces. A bike rack, trash can, and bench were also installed as part of this project. All improvements are universally accessible and are in excellent condition. They are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.

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**Project Number:** TF04-121

**Project Type:** Development

**Project Title:** Northern Tier Trail

**Project Scope:** 5,000 lf, 10' wide asphalt trail from EL Soccer Complex to State Road

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_Dawn-dusk, all year. Trail is plowed but is last priority after roads & public fac._
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CERTIFICATION

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## PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**


**GRANT TYPE:** [ ] Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [ ] Clean Michigan Initiative [ ] Land and Water Conservation Fund [ ] Recreation Passport [ ] Bond Fund

(please select one)

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**GRANTEE:** City of East Lansing

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF07-087

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** White Park Improvements

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Park improvements including parking, trails, shelter, softball field

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☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: TF08-065

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Hawk Nest Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Playground, pavilion, site walkways & 1/3 mile spur of N. Tier Trail

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**Grantee:** City of East Lansing

**Project Number:** TF08-140  
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**Project Title:** White Park Expansion #2

**Project Scope:** Acquire 1.75 acres adjacent to White Park

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City of East Lansing

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TF08-141

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Acquisition

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White Park Expansion #1

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The site is a transitional habitat, moving from an old field to wooded, and is undeveloped.

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Future plans include installation of a welcome plaza and connection from White Park, across Lake Lansing Road, and to the eastern end of the Northern Tier Trail on Towar Ave. There is no timeline for this future development.
## Post-Completion Self-Certification Report (cont’d)

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

Dawn to dusk, year round.
The purchase of 2.93 acres of land adjacent to White Park was completed in 2009. An abandoned house was located on the property and was demolished in 2010. A natural walking trail was recently cleared across the property to provide entry from Lake Lansing Road to the Park walking trails. All land and recreational offerings in White Park are open to the public, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion, and are functioning for their intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased with this grant or associated with White Park.

CERTIFICATION

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

Wendy Wilmers Longpre

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925
**Public Outdoor Recreation Grant Post-Completion Self-Certification Report**


**Grant Type:**
- [X] Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- [ ] Clean Michigan Initiative
- [ ] Land and Water Conservation Fund
- [ ] Recreation Passport
- [ ] Bond Fund

**Grantee:** City of East Lansing

**Project Number:** TF12-082  
**Project Type:** Development

**Project Title:** Patriarche Park Playground Replacement

**Project Scope:** Remove and replace playground, poured in place surface, rain garden

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**Site Development**

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

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

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

The Patriarche Park playground is located in the larger, Patriarche Park, the City of East Lansing’s most well known park. Additional facilities in Patriarche Park include:

- parking, three baseball fields, one softball field, four tennis courts, volleyball courts, two restroom facilities, a large picnic pavilion, several small picnic shelters and assorted picnic areas and playground pieces.
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Routine park maintenance is addressed weekly by park maintenance staff or annually, through the budget process, for larger capital needs.

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COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The playground with poured-in-place unitary surfacing was installed and placed in service in summer 2014. A donor plaza welcomes visitors to the playground and a large rain garden collects all storm runoff from the playground and retains it on site. Concrete walkways extend from the parking lot to the playground, a picnic area, and a plaza with bench and interpretive sign that overlooks the rain garden. A bike rack, trash cans, and benches were also installed as part of this project. All improvements are universally accessible and are in excellent condition. They are being maintained in a safe and accessible fashion.

CERTIFICATION

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

Wendy Wilmers Longpre

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature(Date)

Witness Signature(Date)

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PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925
GRANT TYPE: ☑ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: TF95-010

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Corridors

PROJECT SCOPE: Purchase 91 acres of land to expand neighborhood & community rec

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410 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI, 48823

Telephone: 517-319-6940
Email: wlongpr@cityofeastlansing.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Land has been developed to include Family Aquatic Center, EL Softball Complex, Harrison Meadows Park, EL Soccer Complex, Northern Tier Trail

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

All land is functioning for its intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased under this grant.

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

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

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

East Lansing Soccer Complex
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Harrison Meadows Park
Northern Tier Trail
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Ninety-one acres of land were purchased in the northern portion of the City of East Lansing and were developed into a recreational services core. Facilities found on this property include the East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, Softball Complex, Soccer Complex and approximately two (2) miles of trails which traverse the core. All land, amenities and recreational offerings are open to the public, are maintained in a safe and accessible fashion, and are functioning for their intended purpose. The City has not sold or otherwise disposed of any of the property purchased with this grant.

CERTIFICATION

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Wendy Wilmers Longpre

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT
This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;

GRANT TYPE: ❑ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ❐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ❑ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE ❑ RECREATION PASSPORT ❑ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of East Lansing

PROJECT NUMBER: TF97-155 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Northern Tier Bike/Hike Trail Phase II

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct trail from Abbot Rd Park to Softball/Aquatic Ctr & Soccer

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A 10' wide, paved bike/hike trail was constructed in 1999 to connect Abbot Road Park, the East Lansing Softball Complex, the East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, the East Lansing Soccer Complex, and the Abbot Parkside neighborhood. All of the trail is in service and open to the public. There are no fees to use the trail and it is maintained in a safe and accessible fashion. Portions of the trail are beginning to show their age and wear, and will need attention in the near future.

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JOINT USE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 24th day of June, 1992, by and between the School District of the City of East Lansing (the "District" or "East Lansing Schools"), whose address is 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, and the City of East Lansing (the "City"), whose address is 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. With their respective signatures the parties to this Agreement voluntarily bind themselves to the covenants contained herein and the mutual consideration that establishes the basis for this Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the duties and obligations of the District and the City with regards to real property that is owned by the District.

2. **Property Subject to Agreement.** The parties grant each other, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the right to use the Real Property that is described in Schedule "A", attached, for the purposes stated herein.

3. **Tennis Courts.** The parties acknowledge that the City has constructed and is currently maintaining tennis courts at the District’s Glencairn, Marble, Red Cedar and Pinecrest Elementary school properties. With regards to these tennis courts, the parties specifically agree:

   A. The City shall maintain the tennis courts in a safe condition and in good repair.
B. The City agrees to indemnify and hold the District harmless from any liability, injury or cost to personal property arising out of the use of the tennis courts, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to create any rights and/or liability to third parties nor a waiver by the City of any defense available to it as a governmental agency under Section 7 of Public Act 170 of 1964, MCLA 691.1407, as amended.

C. In the event that the City determines that it will no longer maintain the tennis courts, the City shall give the District written notice of its intent to not maintain the tennis courts, which obligation to maintain shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice. The parties agree to meet within that thirty (30) day period to discuss what, if any, action will be taken concerning the tennis courts.

4. Term. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first stated above and continue thereafter until such time as terminated by one of the parties pursuant to paragraph 10 below.

5. Uses. The parties agree that the Real Property will be used only for those purposes as allowed for in the City's ordinances and the District's Board policies. The parties agree that the District shall be permitted to use the property for all activity or event which is conducted, sponsored or sanctioned by the District. The parties acknowledge receipt of the current
ordinances and Board policies and the parties agree to provide copies of any new ordinances or Board policies to the other party.

6. Rules. In addition to the ordinances and Board policies mentioned above, the parties agree to abide by the rules and regulations which have been established pursuant to said ordinances and Board policies, including specific rules and regulations that apply only to certain of the Real Property. The parties acknowledge receipt of the current rules and regulations and the parties agree to provide copies of any new rules and regulations or amendments to existing rules and regulations to the other party.

7. Ordinance Enforcement. The City agrees to enforce its ordinance where applicable on the Real Property and the streets immediately adjacent to the Real Property, including the City’s parking, curfew, litter and alcohol prohibition ordinances.

8. Equipment. The parties acknowledge that certain Equipment may be placed upon the Real Property by the other party and that said Equipment, though located on or affixed to said Real Property, is owned by the party who has placed the Equipment on the Real Property. The party who has placed the Equipment on the Real Property is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Equipment, as well as the liability arising out of the use of said Equipment. The party who owns the Real Property upon which Equipment may be placed, shall have the right to request the other party fix or repair Equipment which is unsafe or in a state of disrepair. The party who owns the Real Property upon which Equipment may be placed shall have the right to require the removal
of said Equipment at any time. Upon the removal of any Equipment, the party removing said Equipment shall leave the Real Property in as good condition as the Real Property was in prior to the placement of the Equipment.

9. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** The District agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless for any personal injury and property damage arising out of any activity conducted, sponsored or sanctioned by the District, provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to create any rights and/or liability to third parties nor a waiver by the City of any defense available to it as a governmental agency under Section 7 of Public Act 170 of 1964, MCLA 691.1407, as amended.

10. **Insurance.** The parties herein shall obtain public liability and property damage insurance for the use of the Real Property and Equipment in such amounts as is customary with respect to the uses of Real Property and Equipment in similar instances. The existence of insurance pursuant to Public Act 170 of 1964, MCLA 691.1409, as amended, shall not constitute a waiver of any defense available to either party as governmental agencies.

11. **Termination.** Either party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement, in total or with regards to only certain of this Real Property, by giving the other party written notice of termination, which termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice.

12. **Amendments.** This Agreement shall not be modified or amended without the consent of each party hereto, which consent
must be evidenced by an instrument in writing executed by each party, or by their respective successors or permitted assigns.

13. Captions. The captions in this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define or delimit any of the provision hereof or otherwise effect their construction or effect.

14. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid any other applicable statute or regulation or by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement that can be given affect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions hereof are severable.

15. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

16. Notices. Notices or consents of any kind required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly delivered if delivered by person or if mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to the appropriate party as follows:

A. If to the District:

School District of the City of East Lansing
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

B. If to the City:

City of East Lansing
410 Abbott Road
East Lansing, Michigan 48823
or at such other address or to the attention of such other individual as shall be specified by the respective parties hereto by written notice hereunder.

17. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, and the Attachments attached hereto, constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

18. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed in the State of Michigan and the substantive laws of the State of Michigan shall govern the construction of this Agreement and the rights and remedies of the respective parties hereto.

19. Enforcement and Waiver. Each party hereto shall have the right at all times to enforce the provisions of this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms hereof, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of such party in refraining from doing so at any time or times. The failure of the party hereto at any time or times to enforce its right under such provisions, strictly in accordance with the same, shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner, contrary to specific provisions of this Agreement or as having in any way or manner modified or waived the same. All rights and remedies of the respective parties hereto are cumulative and concurrent and the exercise of one right or remedy shall not be deemed a waiver or release of any other right or remedy.

20. Authorization. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties hereto and constitutes a
legal, valid and binding obligation of such parties, enforceable in accordance with its terms. Each individual’s signatory hereto represents and warrants that the signatory is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the signatory’s principal.

21. Effectiveness. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution and delivery as of the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives below as of the day and year first above written and confirm the day and year written below.

WITNESSES:

CITY OF EAST LANSING
By ________________
Its Mayor
By ________________
Its City Clerk
Dated: September 3, 1992
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING
By ________________
Its President
By ________________
Its Secretary
Dated: June 24, 1992

WITNESSES:

COLLEEN R. SPENCER
THOMAS MUNROE
MARY JEAN MUNROE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of _________ ) ss

On this ______ day of ________, 1992, before me personally appeared

and __________________________ of the City of East Lansing, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same as their free act and deed.

__________________________
Notary Public
County, Michigan.

My commission expires:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of _________ ) ss

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Notary Public
County, Michigan.

My commission expires: 9-26-93

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MARY JEAN MUNROE, NOTARY PUBLIC
INGHAM COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09-26-93

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:

Dennis E. McGinty (P17407)
East Lansing City Attorney
601 Abbott Road
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APPENDIX THREE

SCHEDULE "A"

Part of the North fifty-two acres of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section seven (7), commencing at the Northwest corner of said section, T4N, R1W, City of East Lansing, County of Ingham, thence S0°25' West 608.5 feet along the West line of said Section, thence S89°35' East 649.74 feet to a point which is the point of beginning of this description, thence S89°35' East 20.26 feet, thence N45°26' East 141.41 feet, thence N0°25' East 264.42 feet, thence S49°00' East 559.93 feet, thence S41°00' West 354.7 feet more or less to a point, thence N49°00' West 414.46 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.5 acres more or less.

That part of the North fifty-two (52) acres of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section seven (7), described as commencing at the Northwest corner of Section seven (7), T4N, R1W, City of East Lansing, County of Ingham, and running thence S0°25' West 608.5 feet along the West line of said Section 7, thence S89°35' East 670.00 feet, thence N45°26' East 141.41 feet, thence N0°25' East 264.42 feet to a point of beginning; thence N0°25' East 244.48 feet to a point in the North line of said Section seven (7), thence S89°35' East 600.00 feet along said north line of said Section seven (7), thence S0°25' West 608.75 feet, thence N89°35' West 174.16 feet, thence N49°00' West 588.93 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.6 acres, more or less.

That part of the North 52 acres of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, T4N, R1W, City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 7, thence along the North line of said section S89°35' East 1370.0 feet to the point of beginning of this description, thence continuing along the North line of said section S89°35' East 394.30 feet, thence along the West 1/8 line of said section S0°17' East 270.06 feet, thence S38°23' West 270.17 feet, thence N89°40' West 230.1 feet, and thence N0°25' East 483.95 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 3.98 acres, more or less, excepting and reserving an easement over the North 50 feet and the West 30 feet thereof for drainage purposes.

Lots 19 and 20 of Elmdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof.
CHILD CARE PROGRAMS HELD AT EAST LANSING SCHOOLS

The following facilities within the designated buildings are currently used by our before and after school program, tutoring program, summer school and our summer camps. Formally these programs were a department of ELRA and as of July 1st are now under the direction of the City of East Lansing.

Donley B&A Program: License Number DC330022427
- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors

Glencairn B&A Program: License Number DC330064620
- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors

Marble B&A Program: License Number DC330020820
- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors
Pinecrest B&A Program: License Number DC330020821

- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors

Spartan Village B&A Program: License Number DC330022661

- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors

Whitehills B&A Program: License Number DC330022660

- Multipurpose Room, adjacent kitchen and storage/B&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways/hallways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Mailbox in Main office for Site Supervisors

Tutoring Program

- Media Center
- Multipurpose room for snack
- Bathrooms
- Walkways and entrances to Library
- Accessible storage space for supplies
Summer Camp

- Available building(s), rotates each year
- Four to Six Classrooms
- Multipurpose Room and adjacent kitchen and storage/E&A office area
- Gym
- Restroom (depending on location of children)
- Playground
- Main entrance
- Walkways and exits to playground and gym
- Phone system (access to phone line in B&A office)
- Carnival supplies shared with district

Summer School

- Three to four classrooms
- Bathroom
- Entrance and exit ways
ELRA SCHOOL FACILITY USAGE

YOUTH BASKETBALL (December through March)

Practices (6-8pm Monday-Friday)
Donley Elementary
Whitehills Elementary
Pinecrest Elementary
Glencairn Elementary
Red Cedar Elementary
Marble Elementary
MacDonald Middle School (Upper and Lower Gyms)

Games (Saturdays 8am-4pm)
Whitehills Elementary
Pinecrest Elementary

YOUTH BASEBALL (May through July)

Practices (6-8:30pm Monday – Friday)
Marble Elementary (2 fields)
Donley Elementary
Pinecrest Elementary
Whitehills Elementary
MacDonald Middle School

Games (5:45 and 7:15pm Monday-Friday)
Marble Elementary (2 fields)
Donley Elementary

ADULT SPORTS (September – May)

MacDonald Middle School Lower Gym (8-10pm)
Monday and Thursday - Volleyball
Tuesday - Basketball
East Lansing Recreation and Arts
**Public School Facility Use**
Enrichment, Arts & Aquatics Programs

Donley Elementary School
- Art Room
- Room 18, 19
- Computer Lab
- Gym
- Library
- Multi-purpose Room
- Music Room

Glencairn Elementary School
- Art Room
- Room 4, 6
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Reading Room
- Gym
- Media Center
- Multi-purpose Room
- Music Room

MacDonald Middle School
- Art Room
- Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Room
- Choir Room
- Room 111, 115, 116, 117, 118, 209, 213
- Gyms
- Media Center
- Pool

Marble Elementary School
- Art Room
- Gym
- Music Room
- Pool

Pinecrest Elementary School
- Art Room
- Gym
- Media Center
- Music Room
Red Cedar Elementary School
Art Room
Gym
Media Center
Multi-purpose Room
Music Room

Spartan Village Elementary School
Art Room
Gym
Library
Music Room

Whitehills Elementary School
Art Room
Room 103
Gym
Media Center
Multi-purpose Room
Music Room

East Lansing High School
Cafeteria
Room 104, 714, 715, 800, 801
Gyms
Pool
Weight Room
MEMORANDUM

TO: East Lansing City Council
FROM: Thomas M. Hitch, Assistant City Attorney
RE: EAST LANSING/SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES
DATE: August 1, 2002

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit to Council the latest revision to the proposed City of East Lansing/East Lansing School District Contract for Services and Use of School Facilities. The proposed agreement is identical to what was discussed and reviewed at the Council work session on July 9, with the exception of what was contained in Section 2.7. The initial language proposed by staff for Section 2.7 explicitly provided that the City could, in its discretion and after consultation with the School Board, combine or close any of the existing B&A centers. In reviewing this language with representatives of the School District, it was urged that this language might be used as a means to significantly alter the nature of the B&A program. Having relayed this concern to City staff, it was decided that there was little likelihood that there would be any changes in locations or in consolidation of locations and that the contract, in establishing a joint staff committee at Section 1.3 of the contract, would provide ample opportunity for the City and School Board to jointly resolve any location issues should they arise. Consequently, City staff concluded that such language was not necessary and agreed to remove the language in order to provide greater comfort for the School District. The language restricting the City from operating a competing B&A program within the school district, however, remains.

I have been advised that the school superintendent has been provided with a copy of this agreement but has been out of town and not in direct contact with the attorneys for the School District. I have been advised by the School Board’s attorney that in light of this change, the balance of the language is satisfactory and that she will be recommending that the contract be approved at the August 12 School Board meeting. City staff recommends that Council approve the contract in advance of the School Board meeting.

bks
Enclosure
APPENDIX THREE

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

This agreement made this ___ day of __________, 2002, by and between the City of East Lansing, a Michigan municipal corporation with its principal offices located at 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing, Michigan (the "City") and the School District of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, a public school district, with its principal offices located at 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing (the "School District") pursuant to Section 11a(4) of the Revised School Code, as amended.

REQUITALS

The City and the School District (together, the "Parties") entered into an Interlocal Public Agency Agreement on January 5, 1989 (the "Prior Agreement") pursuant to Act 156 of the Public Acts of 1917, MCL 123.51 et seq., the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act 7 of the Public Acts of 1967, MCL 124.301 et seq., and the School Code of 1976, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, MCL 380.1 et seq. to create the East Lansing Community Recreation Arts and Recreation Program, (now known as "ELRA") whereby ELRA would operate as an independent, non-profit corporation to provide a broad range of recreation, leisure, sports and arts activities and programs to the residents of the East Lansing community.

Pursuant to the Prior Agreement and as authorized by the above-referenced Public Acts, the School District served as fiscal agent for ELRA’s payroll and provided School District funds to ELRA to pay for a portion of its payroll and program activities.

The School District and the City agree that the interests of the East Lansing community will be served by having the City provide an arts and recreation program and a before-and-after school program (the "B&A Program" or "B&A") (together, the "Programs") which Programs shall be operated by the City and will continue to be located in the School District’s facilities.

In consideration of the use of the School District’s facilities by the City for the B&A Program, the School District will receive funds from the City to use the School District’s facilities. The payments shall be in the manner and in the payment amounts as set forth in Section 1 in this Agreement.

Further, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement, the City and the School District agree as follows:
APPENDIX THREE

SECTION 1
USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PAYMENT OF MONIES

1.1 From the effective date of this Agreement to June 30, 2008, the School District shall permit the City to use School District facilities for B&A and other arts and recreation programs, the description of which facilities and programs is attached as Exhibit A. Any expansion of the use of School District facilities by the City beyond those set forth in Exhibit A must be approved by the Board of Education of the School District. The City shall pay a rental fee of $310,882 to the School District for the use of the School District’s facilities for B&A according to the payment schedule set forth below. In the event a Payment Date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the Payment shall be due on the next regular business day. Payments shall be made by wire transfer or such other manner agreed upon between the City and the School District.

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1.2 Beginning January 1, 2005, the City shall pay to use School District facilities for its programs (other than B&A) according to the School District’s fee schedule in effect on January 1, 2003, provided the charges shall not exceed the charges levied on the School District by the City for similar facilities. The School District shall bill the City on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2002 for B&A expenses, if any, and the City shall remit payment of invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt of same. B&A expenses include, but are not limited to:

1. supplies  
2. snacks and beverages  
3. transportation and employee costs for field trips.

The School District shall not charge the City for custodial expenses arising from the use of School District facilities for the B&A Program, except for custodial costs incurred by B&A during School District holidays, breaks and weekends.

1.3 The School District and City agree to create a "Joint Staff Committee" of four (4) individuals, consisting of two (2) representatives from the City and two (2) representatives of the School District
to meet on a regular basis to coordinate the implementation of this Agreement between the effective date of this Agreement and September 1, 2002, and no less than on a quarterly basis thereafter to facilitate the relationship of the Parties under this Agreement.

1.4 The School District agrees to provide school facilities as set forth in Exhibit A which the Parties agree to be appropriate for the City to operate its B&A Program, child care, and other arts and recreation programs. The Parties agree to use good faith efforts to ensure that the City’s access does not interfere with the day-to-day operations of the School District and both parties agree to use reasonable means to coordinate the City’s use of school facilities listed in Exhibit A. The City’s access to School District facilities listed in Exhibit A shall not be displaced without the provision of reasonable alternative School District facilities.

1.5 The City shall have no authority to expend funds or commit any financial resources chargeable to the School District without the express written consent of the School District. The School District shall have no authority to expend funds or commit any financial resources chargeable to the City without the express written consent of the City.

1.6 In the event that the terms and conditions of this Agreement conflict with any other existing facility use agreements between the City and the School District, the specific terms of this Agreement shall govern.

SECTION 2
RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

2.1 As of the effective date of this Agreement and during the term of this Agreement, the City’s employees and contractors (including, but not limited to, those persons involved with or engaged in the delivery of the B&A Program) shall not be considered as agents, employees or contractors of the School District for any purpose and no such employees or contractors are entitled to any of the rights, compensation or other benefits which the School District may provide to its own employees. The City shall have sole and exclusive responsibility for the following costs and charges attributable to the employees or contractors involved in the B&A Program or any other arts and recreation program operated by the City:

A. All wage and salary compensation.
B. All required statutory or contractual pension and retirement contributions.
C. All applicable state and federal employment taxes, unemployment taxes and FICA.
D. All unemployment costs (whether by commercial or self-insurance).
E. All applicable premium costs or insurance coverages and programs applicable to the City’s personnel.

2.2 The City shall provide to the School District periodically a roster of City’s employees and contractors to be used in connection with the B&A Program.
2.3 The City agrees to reimburse the School District for 50% of any unemployment compensation claims attributable to any ELRA employees who are compensated on the School District's payroll under the Prior Agreement where such claim(s) arise from the dissolution of ELRA and the consequent separation of such ELRA employee(s).

Further, the City and the District agree that they shall share equally in funding the separation of ELRA's Executive Director under a Separation Agreement and Release entered into between ELRA and its Executive Director, James E. Crisp, wherein Mr. Crisp relinquishes any further rights to employment and executes releases in favor of the City and the School District. The City and the School District shall each contribute $27,059 to the above-referenced settlement on or before July 12, 2002. The payment amounts set forth in Section 1.1 hereof do not include the City's contribution of $27,059 in this Section.

2.4 The City shall adopt certain policies including but not limited to policies pertinent to: corporal punishment/physical contact with students; non-discrimination; criminal background checks; child abuse; sex harassment (students and employees); confidentiality of student records and student record information; blood borne pathogens exposure control; administration of medication to pupils; and communicable diseases. The City's policies with regard to the above matters shall be consistent with the School District's policies on the same subject matter.

2.5 The City shall obtain all necessary licenses and permits required by law, if any, to operate a child care program and provide proof of compliance with applicable law if requested by the School District. The B&A Program shall be supervised by an employee of the City.

2.6 The City acknowledges that the School District may, during the term of this Agreement, operate pre-school programs either in its facilities or in other locations within the geographic boundaries of the School District. The School District agrees to review with the City the status of said pre-school programs and their impact, if any, on the City's child care programs. The review shall occur on an annual basis, the first of which shall be after the end of the School District's 2002/2003 fiscal year but no later than August 1, 2003, and annually thereafter during the term of this Agreement.

2.7 The City may not, during the term of this agreement, operate a program that competes with the B&A program within the geographic boundaries of the School District.

SECTION 3
INDEMNIFICATION, LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

3.1 The work performed by the City (its employees, agents and contractors) under this Agreement will be performed entirely at the City's risk, and the City assumes all responsibilities for the same. The City shall secure and maintain the normal general liability and umbrella insurance coverage, with the School District listed as an additional insured for any programs, including B&A, operated by the City in School District facilities. The City, upon the request of the School District, will furnish satisfactory proof of insurance coverage and insurance policy limits.
3.2 The City shall indemnify the School District against all liability arising during the term of this agreement from injury to person or property, occasioned wholly or in part by any act or omission of the City's agents, employees, assignees, or sublessees.

3.3 The School District shall indemnify the City against all liability arising during the term of this agreement from injury to person or property, occasioned wholly or in part by any act or omission of the School District's agents or employees.

3.4 The City agrees to maintain workers' compensation insurance covering the employees of the City assigned to the B&A Program. The City agrees to provide the School District, upon the request of the School District, with certificates evidencing the required coverage.

3.5 The City shall assume full and complete responsibility for payment of all federal, state and local taxes or contributions (including retirement and pension contributions) imposed or required by law with regard to both the City and the City's employees engaged in the arts and recreation program and the B&A Program.

SECTION 4
NON-DISCRIMINATION

4.1 The Parties to this Agreement agree to abide by their respective policies and/or ordinances regarding non-discrimination in employment. In performing services under this Agreement, the City agrees to abide by the terms of the School District's non-discrimination policies.

4.2 Breach of the covenants recited in this Section shall be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.

SECTION 5
WAIVER AND MODIFICATION

5.1 No waiver, alteration or modification of any provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless committed to writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both the City and the School District.

SECTION 6
NO ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT CONSENT

6.1 This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the School District and the City and their successors and assigns. However, no party to this Agreement may assign nor delegate any of its rights or obligations hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the other party.
SECTION 7
NOTICES

7.1 All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to the School District at:

School District of the City of East Lansing
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

and to the City at:

City of East Lansing
410 Abbott Road
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

7.2 Any written notice required or contemplated under this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of mailing by registered or certified mail and shall be deemed sufficiently given if sent to the addressee at the address above or to such other address as may hereafter be designated by written notice.

SECTION 8
GOVERNING LAW

8.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

SECTION 9
SEPARABILITY

9.1 In the event that any provision of this Agreement is determined by a Court (or other judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction) to be null, void or unenforceable or in the event that any provision of this Agreement becomes subsequently invalid due to legislative enactment, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to the extent, the provisions hereof are severable.

SECTION 10
TERMINATION

10.1 The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2002 and will expire on June 30, 2008, and may be extended by mutual agreement of both Parties.

10.2 Except as set forth in Section 10.3 hereof, this Agreement may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2008 without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement.
10.3 If either party breaches a material provision of this Agreement, the non-breaching party shall give the other party written notice of the breach. If the breach is remedied within thirty (30) days of the breaching party's receipt of the notice, the notice shall be void. If the breach is not remedied by the breaching party within thirty (30) days of the breaching party's receipt of the notice, the non-breaching party shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon the expiration of the thirty (30) day remedy period, and the non-breaching party may pursue any and all legal and/or equitable remedies available to it.

SECTION 11
REDUCTION IN SERVICES

11.1 Should either party to this Agreement desire to discontinue the B&A Program under this Agreement, the discontinuing party shall give, on the annual anniversary of this Agreement, two (2) years advance notice in writing (the "Notice") that it desires to discontinue the B&A Program prior to June 30, 2008. Upon receipt of the Notice, the Parties agree that they shall meet and discuss the reasons underlying the Notice to discontinue. Unless the discontinuing party rescinds the Notice, the Agreement shall terminate two (2) years from the date of the Notice. During the Notice period, the City shall make payments pursuant to the schedule set forth in Section 1.1 hereof and the City shall not be entitled to any refund if the City provided the Notice to discontinue. If the School District provides the Notice to discontinue, the School District shall refund any advance payments made under Section 1.1 hereof for those time periods occurring after the Notice was provided.

SECTION 12
AUTHORIZATION

12.1 This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation upon each of them, enforceable in accordance with its terms. Each individual placing his/her signature below represent and warrants that he/she is the signatory duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the City or the School District as is respectively applicable.

CITY OF EAST LANSING

Date: August ____, 2002

By: ____________________________

Its: ____________________________

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

Date: August ____, 2002

By: ____________________________

Its: ____________________________
ADDENDUM TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AGREEMENT

This addendum to the Contract for Services and Use of School Facilities Agreement is by and between the City of East Lansing, a Michigan municipal corporation with its principal offices located at 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing, Michigan (the "City") and the School District of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, a public school district, with its principal offices located at 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, Michigan (the "School District").

Recitals

A. The City and School District (the "Parties") entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") on August 12, 2002 for the City to provide an arts and recreation program and a before-and-after school program (the "B&A Program" or "B&A") (together, the "Programs") which programs shall be operated by the City and be located in School District's facilities.

B. The Agreement contains a provision that the School District: receives funds from the City in consideration for the City to use the School District's facilities for the Programs. The payments were in the manner and in the amounts as set forth in Section 1 of the Agreement.

C. The Agreement commenced on July 1, 2002 and was set to expire on June 30, 2008 but it may be extended by mutual agreement of both Parties as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

Therefore, intending to be bound by this Addendum, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby extended to June 30, 2009 by mutual agreement of the Parties and may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2009 without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 10.3 of the Agreement. The Agreement, as amended, may be extended beyond June 30, 2009 by mutual agreement of the parties.

2. In consideration of the mutual promises set forth in the Agreement and in this Addendum, the City shall pay a rental fee of $25,000 on or before December 31, 2008 to the School District for the use of the School District's facilities for B&A from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

3. Except as specifically modified by this Addendum, the remaining terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Addendum shall become effective as of the date upon which the last of the Parties listed below shall have signed this Addendum and is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties.

5. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, the terms of this Addendum shall govern and control.

6. This Addendum may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: 10/29/10

By: __________________________

City Manager

School District of the City of
East Lansing

Date: 11/10/08

By: __________________________

Supt.
SECOND ADDENDUM TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AGREEMENT

This second addendum to the Contract for Services and Use of School Facilities Agreement is by and between the City of East Lansing, a Michigan municipal corporation with its principal offices located at 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing, Michigan (the "City") and the School District of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, a public school district, with its principal offices located at 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, Michigan (the "School District").

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B. The Agreement contains a provision that the School District receives funds from the City in consideration for the City to use the School District’s facilities for the Programs. The payments were in the manner and in the amounts as set forth in Section 1 of the Agreement.

C. The Agreement commenced on July 1, 2002 and was set to expire on June 30, 2008 but was extended for one year by mutual agreement of both Parties as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to extend the Agreement again for one year as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

Therefore, intending to be bound by this Addendum, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby extended to June 30, 2010 by mutual agreement of the Parties and may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2010 without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 10.3 of the Agreement. The Agreement, as amended, may be extended beyond June 30, 2010 by mutual agreement of the parties.

2. In consideration of the mutual promises set forth in the Agreement and in this Addendum, the City shall pay a rental fee of $25,000 on or before December 31, 2009 to the School District for the use of the School District’s facilities for B&A from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

3. Except as specifically modified by this Addendum, the remaining terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Addendum shall become effective as of the date upon which the last of the Parties listed below shall have signed this Addendum and is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties.

5. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, the terms of this Addendum shall govern and control.

6. This Addendum may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: 6/23/09

CITY OF EAST LANSING

By: ___________________________

City Manager

Date: 7/13/09

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

By: ___________________________

Super.
THIRD ADDENDUM TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AGREEMENT

This third addendum to the Contract for Services and Use of School Facilities Agreement is by and between the City of East Lansing, a Michigan municipal corporation with its principal offices located at 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing, Michigan (the "City") and the School District of the City of East Lansing, Michigan, a public school district, with its principal offices located at 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, Michigan (the "School District").

Recitals:

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B. The Agreement contains a provision that the School District receives funds from the City in consideration for the City to use the School District's facilities for the Programs. The payments were in the manner and in the amounts as set forth in Section 1 of the Agreement.

C. The Agreement commenced on July 1, 2002 and was set to expire on June 30, 2008 but was extended for one year by mutual agreement of both Parties as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to extend the Agreement again for one year as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

Therefore, intending to be bound by this Addendum, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby extended to June 30, 2011 by mutual agreement of the Parties and may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2011 without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 10.3 of the Agreement. The Agreement, as amended, may be extended beyond June 30, 2011 by mutual agreement of the parties.

2. In consideration of the mutual promises set forth in the Agreement and in this Addendum, the City shall pay a rental fee of $25,000 on or before December 31, 2010 to the School District for the use of the School District's facilities for B&A from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

3. Except as specifically modified by this Addendum, the remaining terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Addendum shall become effective as of the date upon which the last of the Parties listed below shall have signed this Addendum and is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties.

5. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, the terms of this Addendum shall govern and control.

6. This Addendum may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: 11/2/11

By: [Signature]
Name: [Title]

CITY OF EAST LANSING

Date: 6/30/11

By: [Signature]
Name: [Title]

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

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FOURTH ADDENDUM TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AGREEMENT

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Recitals

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D. The Parties desire to extend the Agreement again for one year as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

Therefore, intending to be bound by this Addendum, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby extended to June 30, 2012 by mutual agreement of the Parties and may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2012 without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 10.3 of the Agreement. The Agreement, as amended, may be extended beyond June 30, 2012 by mutual agreement of the parties.

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Date: _______________

CITY OF EAST LANSING
By: ___________________
Its: City Manager

Date: _______________

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING
By: ___________________
Its: Superintendent
FIFTH ADDENDUM TO
CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AGREEMENT

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C. The Agreement commenced on July 1, 2002, and was set to expire on June 20, 2008, but was extended by mutual agreement of both Parties in the form of Addenda as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to extend the Agreement again for five additional years as provided in Section 10.1 of the Agreement to June 30, 2018.

Therefore, intending to be bound by this Addendum, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be modified as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby extended to June 30, 2018, by mutual agreement of the Parties and may not be terminated prior to June 30, 2018, without the written consent of both parties to this Agreement except as otherwise provided in Section 10.3 of the Agreement. The Agreement, as amended, may be extended beyond June 30, 2018, by mutual agreement of the parties.

2. In consideration of the mutual promises set forth in the Agreement and in this Addendum, the City shall pay a rental fee on or before December 31 of each year to the School District for the use of the School District’s facilities for B&A as follows:

   (a) July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014 = $30,000.
   (b) July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015 = $40,000.
   (c) July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016 = $50,000.
   (d) July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017 = $50,000 plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage change to the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) from the preceding calendar year (2015).
   (e) July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018 = rental fee from previous fiscal year plus a percentage increase equal to the percentage change to the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) from the preceding calendar year (2016).
Park Categories

Parks are classified in five ways in East Lansing: Mini-Park, Neighborhood Park, Community Park, Linear Park, and Urban Plazas.

Mini-Parks (MP)
These parks range in size from less than half an acre to 2 acres. They are small and tend to tuck into the local neighborhoods as small greens, some with play lots and benches.

Neighborhood Parks (NP)
These parks are approximately 2 to 25 acres in size. They serve an area of about half a mile radius.

Community Parks (CP)
Parks of this nature present a major draw in one way or another for the city and region. Size can be a factor, though it is not a determining factor if there are amenities that bring people from a broad area. The three acre Aquatic Center is one example. Some of the large parks, such as Patriarche and Abbot, are also in this category.

Linear Parks (LP)
Linear parks, also known as Greenways, are rapidly becoming some of the most popular parks, since they link other parks, neighborhoods and commercial areas together as well as acting as use areas in themselves. The Northern Tier Trail and its offshoots are examples of this type of park system.

Urban Plazas (UP)
In East Lansing, these are small public open spaces in the heart of downtown.

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Abbey Road Park is currently an unimproved park area west of Abbot Road Park.

**Inventory**

- Passive Natural Areas: X

**Assessment**

- Emergent and/or forested wetlands
- Provides key open space for north-west East Lansing

**Needs and Opportunities**

- Would benefit from a forest inventory and a forest and invasive species management plan

**ADA Assessment**

- Rank: 1
- Key Issues: The park is completely un-developed
Abbot Road Park

2801 Abbot Road

Size: 130 Acres
Type: Community Park

At 130 acres, Abbot Park is the largest park in the City of East Lansing system. It has one main parking area off Abbot Road and a number of other access points from the Northern Tier Trail. It is bordered by, or in direct proximity to, a number of other parks in the system, including the Aquatic Center, the Softball Complex, the Soccer Complex, and Ashton Lakes Park.

Along with the paved Northern Tier Trail, which runs north/south and east/west, there are a series of mown and unimproved trails that weave through the park’s wooden wetlands and open fields. There is a defined trail crossing at the Abbot Road/Aquatic Center intersection which was signaled in 2011.

As a large wooded area in an urban environment, Abbot Road Park provides an excellent, quiet respite for the surrounding residents and for the city as a whole. Bird boxes are placed throughout the park and a variety of habitats are accessible by trail. There are some invasive plants such as buckthorn within the woods. These could be mitigated with a well-coordinated invasive management plan.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 2

Key Issues: The Northern Tier Trail is fully accessible, but the parking lot is not. The nature trails are mowed and/or unimproved.
The gravel parking lot and entry drive are in poor/fair condition depending on weather conditions with ill-defined parking spaces.

This park is part of the largest wetland mass within the City limits and a large portion of the park is identified as an area worthy of conservation.

The miles of mowed and natural surface trails are sporadically maintained.

Trailhead kiosk and sign at parking lot is in poor condition.

Drains often contain trash and are overgrown.

Needs and Opportunities

- Develop an improvement and management plan, including forest management.
- Mitigate invasive species in the park with a well-coordinated invasive removal program.
- Install interpretive signage.
- Maintain trails and clean drain regularly.
- Perform a trail inventory and assessment, to develop a trail maintenance and use program.
- Create ADA parking space and access route.
- Replace bollards.
- Upgrade park sign.
- Upgrade trash can.
- Install pad beneath bench.
- Develop interpretive signage.
Albert A. White Park is nearly 48 acres and is one of the most diverse parks in the system, with an area of softball and soccer fields, a rich and distinct nature area and unimproved trail, a large fishing pond, and a section of the Northern Tier Trail. Substantial improvements were made to White Park in 2009 with funding from a Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

Access to White Park is provided via paved parking lots at the end of Pebblebrook Lane, off Lake Lansing Road, and a gravel parking lot off Abbot Road near the Fire Station. A large pavilion is located on Lake Lansing Road and an interpretive nature trail is accessible from the Pebblebrook Lane parking lot. The softball/soccer field is adjacent to the Lake Lansing Road parking lot and the heads of the nature trails are behind the softball field backstop.

The nature area in White Park provides diverse habitat for surrounding wildlife within the urban environment. There are some invasive plants in the park, but the natural area is dense with mature plants and trees. The pond is a distinct natural feature in the park and blends well with the surrounding natural area. A wildlife viewing platform overlooks the pond and is accessible from a paved nature trail, which has three interpretive stops. There is a bridge on the east end of the pond that connects to the unpaved nature trails.
The park border is confusing and irregular, with much of the park being surrounded by private property.

There are many access points from private property.

The parking lots are in excellent condition.

The baseball/soccer field and open play space are in excellent condition but the turf is still spotty.

A pavilion at Lake Lansing Road and a wildlife viewing platform constructed in 2011, are in excellent condition.

An asphalt interpretive trail was recently installed and is in overall excellent condition, but has sunk where it meets the wildlife viewing platform and bridge, creating a rise that is not accessible.

There is erosion along the bank of the pond, between the interpretive trail and edge of water.

Natural surface nature trails weave throughout the park and the main trail was recently cleared and covered in wood-chips.

The majority of White Park is identified as wetland and as an area worthy of conservation with a PCA of 1-6.

The forest has a good deal of windfall and vines.

A 2013 Forest Management Plan provides a detailed inventory and assessment of the quality and condition of the natural habitats of the park.

A 2011 pond study indicated that the pond is very productive but shallow.

The esker is a unique natural feature for this area.

Pebblebrook, to the softball field and the north parking lot on Lake Lansing Road

Installation of a welcome plaza on Lake Lansing Road and a trail connection from the Lake Lansing Road parking lot to the welcome plaza (for future connection to the northeast terminus of the Northern Tier Trail).

Repair the asphalt trail where it meets the wildlife viewing platform so that it is fully accessible.

Continue improvements to the natural trail system.

Assess the need to manage/improve the pond.

Stripe parking lot

Grant History

Grant Number: TF07-087
- Year: 2007
- Project Description: Improvements to 48-acre Albert A. White Park, to include parking, trail, picnic shelter, wildlife viewing platform, pedestrian bridge, interpretive and park signage, softball field, and landscape restoration.
- Status: Closed

Grant Number: TF08-141
- Year: 2008
- Acquisition of 2.93 acres adjacent to White Park to expand the park, eliminate a private property in-holding, and provide a location for a trailhead/park entry plaza and additional connections to the pedestrian/bicycle system.
- Status: Closed

Grant Number: TF08-140
- Year: 2008
- Acquisition of 1.75 acres adjacent to White Park to provide future pedestrian access to the park from the north.
- Status: Closed

Needs and Opportunities

Continue to pursue acquisition of properties to expand the park, fill in private in-holdings, and clarify the park boundary.

Survey park boundary and install permanent, visible property markers.

Invest in turf development on the recreation fields and regular maintenance of the pavilion.

Expansion of interpretive trail system

Implementation of Forest Management Plan including an invasive plant eradication program.

Upgrades to connect the south parking lot on
Aqua Ctr Center 6400 Abbot Road

Size: 3 Acres
Type: Community Park

The Family Aqua Ctr Center is a 3-acre portion of a 63 acre park acquired by the City of East Lansing in 1997. Construction began in July of 2000 and the Aqua Ctr Center opened Memorial Weekend, 2001. The Family Aqua Ctr Center amenities include a zero depth entry pool, water slides (body slide, tube slide, youth frog slide), diving board, interactive water play structures, areas for sunbathing, and a wet/dry sand play area. Bather changing facilities are available along with a concession building, first aid area, admissions area and facility administration area.

A drop slide was added in 2004 along with additional shade canopies. The East Lansing Rotary Club began a fund-raising campaign in the fall of 2006 to add a splash pad to the Aquatic Center, which was dedicated and opened in 2008. A shade structure was added over the concession picnic area in 2010 and the concession building itself was expanded and fully renovated in 2013. The center is open from June until Labor Day. There is an entry fee and lifeguards are on duty at all times.

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### ADA Assessment

Rank: 4
Key Issues: Facility is fully accessible
Grant History

- **Grant Number:** TF95-010
- **Year:** 1995
- **Project Description:** Acquisition of 91 acres of land to expand neighborhood and community recreation, and to link City parklands and neighborhoods with a pedestrian and bike path system.
- **Status:** Closed

- **Grant Number:** CM99-264
- **Year:** 1999
- **Project Description:** Construction of parking facilities and roadway improvements for the new soccer complex and for the softball/aquatics complex.
- **Status:** Closed

Needs and Opportunities
Ashton Lakes Park is a mainly wooded area that adjoins Abbot Road Park in its southwest corner. It is separated from Abbot Park by a drainage way and the Northern Tier Trail runs along its Northern edge.

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### Assessment

- Forested uplands and wetlands
- Buckthorn and other invasives
- Drainage way becomes clogged with natural and other debris.

### Needs and Opportunities

- Would benefit from a forest inventory, and a forest and invasive species management plan.

### ADA Assessment

Rank: 1

Key Issues: The park is completely un-developed

### Grant History
### Avondale Linear Park

**Corner of Virginia Avenue and Burcham Drive**

- **Size:** 0.11 Acres
- **Type:** Linear Park

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Avondale Linear Park is a narrow park along Burcham Drive, between Virginia and Lexington. It provides open space for the Avondale Square Neighborhood.

#### ADA Assessment

- **Rank:** 3
- **Key Issues:** Bench can be accessed but there is no pad for wheelchair bound persons next to bench

#### Assessment

- Bench was installed in 2010 is excellent condition

#### Needs and Opportunities

- Ongoing maintenance
Avondale Square

Size: 0.09 Acres  
Type: Mini Park / Play Lot

Avondale Square Tot Lot has benches and two small play structures with a sidewalk and plantings.

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Assessment

- Park was constructed in 2010 and is in excellent condition

ADA Assessment

Rank: 4  
Key Issues: Park is fully accessible. Tot lot has loose fill surfacing

Needs and Opportunities

- Ongoing maintenance
Bailey Park

300 Bailey Street

Size: 3.77 Acres
Type: Community Park

Bailey Park is situated in the heart of the downtown Bailey neighborhood. There are open lawn areas for soccer and other uses, and play structures of various kinds to accommodate children from 2 to 12 years of age. A four foot high chain link fence surrounds it on three sides, with the Bailey Community Center to the south. The mixture of sun and shade is well balanced in this park.

A portion of the South half of Bailey Park contains an assortment of asphalt paved areas that are in poor condition and arranged haphazardly. There are play structures set up in three distinct locations specifically for different age groups. The separation is for good purpose, though it makes it difficult for parental supervision.

Bailey Park provides the outdoor play space for the City of East Lansing childcare and summer camp programs. It is heavily used in this capacity making its maintenance and upkeep of paramount importance. The State of Michigan day care licensing requires that all playgrounds used by licensed programs meet playground safety standards.

**CLARIFICATION:** Due to questions raised regarding the Bailey Park boundaries, the site map on this page was changed after the 2015 Plan was adopted by City Council. The site map now shows the full park boundary with the green space and developed space clearly marked.
### Assessment

- Open lawn areas are in good condition and portions are used for soccer practice
- Play structures are in four locations throughout the park and are showing wear from age and extensive use by childcare program
- Playground safety surfacing is wood chips
- Chain link fence surrounding the park is in fair condition, gates are in fair to poor condition
- Assortment of asphalt paved areas are haphazardly located and sized, and are in poor condition
- Two picnic tables and one bench are metal powder coated, three benches have wood slat seats and back
- The parking lot is in very poor condition
- The dumpster enclosure is in poor condition

### Grant History

- None

### Needs and Opportunities

- Conduct a playground safety assessment and develop an implementation plan
- Remove and replace asphalt surfacing to better serve the park needs
- Replace chain link fencing and gates
- Replace wood benches with metal ones or replace wood slats with recycled lumber slats.
- Replace dumpster enclosure
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APPENDIX FOUR

Burcham Road Park

2701 Burcham Drive

Size: 23.9 Acres
Type: Community Park

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Burcham Park is a capped landfill and is currently a DEQ regulated park area with only certain uses allowed. It lies on the border of East Lansing and Meridian Township. On its North half, Burcham Park has a large, open area with a gentle slope down to houses on the southeast side. The south half of the park is a nice mature woodland.

Assessment

- Northern half of the park is pleasant and has been left unmoved.
- Surrounding neighborhoods use the open area as a dog run.
- Methane release columns are found throughout the north half of the park

ADA Assessment

Rank: 1
Key Issues: Park is undeveloped

Needs and Opportunities

- Develop an improvement and forest management plan
- Mitigate invasive species
- This park has been identified as a potential location for a community solar project.
Clifton Triangle

Grand River and Clifton Blvd.

Size: 0.5 Acres
Type: Neighborhood Park

Clifton Park Triangle is a small park area less than one acre in size that serves as a passive greenspace. It is mostly mown lawn with a small wooden planter.

Inventory

| Passive Natural Areas | X |

Assessment

- Planter is in fair condition

ADA Assessment

Rank: 1
Key Issues: This park is undeveloped

Needs and Opportunities

- Remove and replace planter
Ehinger Park

315 Chesterfield Parkway

Size: 0.8 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Ehinger Park is a peaceful and pleasant park nestled into a small bowl in the neighborhood. It is surrounded by houses and mature trees ring the park. A central low area retains water after rains. The slope that enters the park from Chesterfield Parkway is steep and mostly devoid of vegetation. This is a potential erosion hazard. The neighborhood children use this as a sledding hill in winter. There is no barrier-free access.

Ehinger Park saw substantial improvement in 2010 and 2011. Engineered fiber mulch was installed under the existing play structures and expanded to make room for 3 new pieces of play equipment. The stairs from Chesterfield Parkway into the park were replaced, under drainage repaired and the play house was removed. These improvements were a substantial upgrade to the park.

A walkway is needed from the road to the playground but there is strong neighborhood opposition to any further hardscape in the park.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 2
Key Issues: The main park feature, the playground, is accessible but the steep slope from the road into the park is a barrier for use.
### Assessment

- The park is shaded with mature trees

### Grant History

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### Needs and Opportunities

- Trees need to be trimmed to reduce the amount of shade in the park and clear out the dead branches
- Accessible pathway from the road to the playground
Emerson Park

Arbor Drive North of Trowbridge Road

Size: 2.7 Acres
Type: Neighborhood Park

Emerson Park is a 2 ½ acre park that offers a good balance of sun and shade. It is buffered from the road by a stand of mature spruce and has mature trees throughout. A children’s play area is well placed in the shade and a lighted paved path bisects the park, connecting Arbor Street and the Red Cedar School. There are open areas used for active and passive recreation. The parking area holds four cars and is on a relatively steep upward slope directly off of Arbor Street.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 2
Key Issues: Pathway across park is hardsurface
Assessment

- Parking area and walkway are worn, cracked and heaving.
- There are seven pieces of playground equipment and all are worn with minimal safety surfacing.
- One bench has wooden slat seats that are plintered and bench is only +/- 10” off the ground.

Grant History

- All playground equipment is well past its reasonable life and should be removed and replaced.
- Playground safety inspect.
- Redevelop Park.
- Replace walkway.
- Replace parking area.

Needs and Opportunities
Forest Park

735 Forest

Size: 1.5 Acres  
Type: Neighborhood Park

Forest Park is a small green park of less than half an acre nestled in a downtown neighborhood. Large mature trees throughout the park give the appearance that it is an extension of the adjoining private lot, not a public space.

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Assessment

- Attractive forested lot
- Provides open space in mature neighborhood with small lots and large homes.

ADA Assessment

Rank: 1

Key Issues: This park is undeveloped

Needs and Opportunities

- Delineation/definition as a public park
- Tree management
Glencairn Park

920 Northlawn

Size: 1.5 Acres  
Type: Neighborhood Park

Glencairn Park is adjacent to Glencairn School, directly adjoining the play structures on school property. The city property is a multi-use soccer field in a low area of poor drainage. It has been drain tiled, but it still holds water after a rain. The area is actively used by the school children.

There is an attractive neighborhood butterfly garden at the sign along Glencairn Street. There are also two benches on the site.

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**Assessment**

- Benches have wooden slat seats and backs; one sits above the standard height for comfortable seating.

**ADA Assessment**

Rank:  
Key Issues:

**Needs and Opportunities**

- Remove tennis courts  
- Remove split rail fence around tree  
- Repair benches
Glenhaven Park

Glenhaven Avenue at Harrison Avenue

Size: 0.8 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Glenhaven Park is a small, well maintained passive park surrounded by a sidewalk and streets on all sides as well as neighborhood homes.

Inventory

Passive Natural Areas X

Assessment

Needs and Opportunities

- Ongoing maintenance

ADA Assessment

Rank: 1
Key Issues: Undeveloped park
Harrison Meadows Park

1700 Roxburgh Avenue

Size: 50.2 Acres
Type: Neighborhood Park

Harrison Meadows Park is a popular multi-use area adjacent to the Northern Tier Trail. It’s one of the few wildlife parks in the city and has a large natural area that is visible from the paved trail running through it. There are play structures near the parking area and a basketball court that is in excellent condition. This area attracts numerous birds due to the low/medium growth shrubs, open fields, and low lands, with surrounding mature trees. There are bird boxes placed throughout. The parking area is on Roxburgh and is circular with parking around the perimeter.

Harrison Meadows Park is one of the eight city parks that are linked to the linear Northern Tier Trail and is being actively managed under the Environmental Stewardship program. Volunteers have cleared XX acres of buckthorn and planted XX trees with the help of funds and volunteers from MSUFCU. A butterfly garden on the eastern end of the park and perennial raised berm north of the parking lot are also maintained by volunteers.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 3
Key Issues: Need paved connection to pavilion and swing set

APPENDIX FOUR

Appendix
### Assessment

- Paved surfaces are in good condition

### Needs and Opportunities

- Crack seal and stripe parking lot
- Re-stripe basketball court
- Reroof pavilion and seal all exposed wood
- Install paved walkway to playground, pavilion and swings
- Replace playground edging and wood bollards as needed
Harrison Road Park

Corner of Harrison Road and Oak Street

Size: 0.44 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Harrison Road Park is a small mini-park, less than ½ acre in size. It has an open space toward the North that contains several benches. The southern end of the park contains a detailed brick area that is only partially developed. It is adjacent to the busy Harrison Road.

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Assessment

• Attractive open space with lawn and trees
• Odd, partially finished brink walkway on south side of the park
• Provides needed green space in a historic neighborhood
• Provides a buffer between residential development and the four lane Harrison Road

ADA Assessment

Rank: 3

Key Issues: Park is mostly undeveloped. A paved walkway around a focal tree is accessible

Needs and Opportunities

• Finish walkway
• Identify space as a park
• Develop focal feature
Hawk Nest Park

3750 Kiskadee Drive

Size: 20.18 Acres  
Type: Neighborhood Park

Hawk Nest Park is 22 acres of land in the center of the Hawk Nest Condominium Community. It is the northernmost park in the City of East Lansing system and is connected to the Northern Tier Trail north of Coleman Road. Over 40 single family homes abut Hawk Nest Park on three sides and the fourth side abuts the Hawk Hollow Golf Course. Five parking spaces are located on Kiskadee Drive and there are four access points into the park, one each off of Kiskadee Drive, Whimbrel Way, Buteo Drive and Shearwater Lane.

In 2008, a Master Plan for Hawk Nest Park was developed and approved. It included a 10’ wide extension of the Northern Tier Trail through the park, a playground, picnic pavilion, interpretive signage, wildlife viewing points, internal pathways to connect key park elements, and a native habitat restoration project.

In 2009, the City of East Lansing was successful in securing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to develop Hawk Nest Park. The Park was constructed in 2010, and the native habitat restoration, which is expected to take three to five years, is underway.
### Assessment

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### Needs and Opportunities
Henry Fine Park

Winchester at Crown Boulevard
Size: 27 Acres
Type: Neighborhood Park

Henry Fine Park is a 27 acre community park located in the northwest quadrant of the City of East Lansing. It is one of the larger parks in the City’s system and is completely surrounded by the single family homes of the Pinecrest Neighborhood.

Henry Fine Park is horseshoe shaped and its features range from formal recreation facilities on the southeast, to wooded wetlands in the southwest, and open lawn areas with trees to the north. Shallow forested and non-forested wetlands shelter a small pond in the center of the park, and a drainage canal runs along the park’s northern boundary.

The natural features of Henry Fine Park include an emergent marsh and an area of southern shrub-carr. Much of the southwest quarter of the park is dominated by a low land hardwood (Silver Maple) swamp with a small adjacent Red Oak mesic forest.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 3

Key Issues: Main features in the park are fully accessible but the nature trails are not accessible

Parking for Henry Fine Park is found at Winchester and Crown Boulevard. It was rebuilt in 2012, along with the tot lot and walkways, which are now fully accessible. The tot lot is the City of East Lansing’s first playground to use poured in place surfacing.
Grant Number: RP11-409
● Year: 2011
● Project Description: Development to include removal of obsolete play equipment and replacement, install edging and adequate safety surface material and install accessible walkway to tot lot.
● Status: These amenities remain and are in good condition.
● Photo: See photo below of the tot lot.

Assessment

- Erosion along drainage swale
- Tennis courts are unuseable
- Variety of habitats, invasive species throughout
- Pond attractive but not accessible to those with limited mobility
- Chain link fence surrounding the pond has fallen down in areas and no longer secures the perimeter of the pond
- Two wooden bridges; one in very poor condition

Needs and Opportunities

- Grading and landscaping along swale
- Invasive species management throughout
- Improve/create access to the pond
- Remove tennis courts
- Add interpretive signage
- Remove fence around pond
- Nature trail improvements to improve accessibility
- Replace wooden bridge and seal second wooden bridge

Grant History

- Grant Number: RP11-409
- Year: 2011
- Project Description: Development to include removal of obsolete play equipment and replacement, install edging and adequate safety surface material and install accessible walkway to tot lot.
- Status: These amenities remain and are in good condition.
- Photo: See photo below of the tot lot.
Hidden River Park is the newest and smallest East Lansing Park. Formally dedicated in 2007, this .2 acre mini-park is located at the intersection of Moorland Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue in the Southeast Marble Neighborhood. It plays host to several very mature and beautiful spruce trees which share the east half of the site with a lawn area.

In 2008, a Master Plan for Hidden River Park was developed. The theme for the park is that of a “Natural Playground”, which is an environmentally sensitive playground with natural play elements.

The first portion of this park was installed in 2009 and included a limestone pathway loop and a large stone climbing elements within a sand bed. In 2011 a small swing set was installed and benches were installed in 2012 and 2013.

**ADA Assessment**

**Rank:** 3

**Key Issues:** Features in the park are fully accessible but the benches do not have pads adjacent to them for wheelchair parking

**Assessment**

- Drainage from the neighborhood on the west has caused erosion in the park
- The sand area is surrounded with a wooden edge

**Needs and Opportunities**

- Ongoing upkeep of sand area and limestone pathway
Musselman/Ledebuhr Welcome Park

1501 East Grand River Avenue

Size: 0.5 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

The Musselman-Lederbuhr Welcome Park is a small, well maintained park. It is a differentiation point between Meridian Township and the entrance into East Lansing. A lot of care is taken with this park and there is much attention to detail such as distinct paving and plantings. There are three benches in the park and a “Welcome to East Lansing” sign.

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Assessment

- Park creates an attractive welcome into East Lansing
- Gardens are attractive but overgrown and weedy

ADA Assessment

Rank: 4
Key Issues: The pathway disecting the park is paved

Needs and Opportunities

- Renovate the gardens to remove overgrown landscaping and replace with appropriate material
- Ongoing maintenance
Norman Foster Smith Park/Orchard Street Pumphouse Park

368 Orchard Street

Size: 0.4 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Norman Foster Smith Park is a pleasant well kept park in Bailey neighborhood. The Pumphouse building on the site has a lot of character and charm, particularly from the Orchard Street Side. There is a good balance on the site between open space and a unique historic building. An interesting sculpture is located on the north side of the building and there is a plaque mounted on a stone. There are no dogs allowed in the park and the open area is large enough for active recreation on a small scale.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 1
Key Issues: Park is an undeveloped lawn space

Assessment

- Attractive lawn and green space
- Sculpture is hidden under overgrown landscaping
- Pumphouse building is used as a community center and gathering space
- Benches and picnic tables have wood seats and backs and are splintered

Needs and Opportunities

- Identify space as a park
- Remove overgrown landscaping
- Develop master plan for site
- Repair/replace benches and picnic tables
The East Lansing Northern Tail Dog Park is located just North of the softball complex. It is a 2 ¼ acre area designated for off-leash dog play. The dog park was constructed in 2007 and is delineated by 6 foot tall chain link fence. The park contains signage, landscaping and doggy do stations.

### Assessment
- Turf in the park is extensively worn
- Low, bare areas near the main entry become filled with water and are muddy during spring and fall
- Trees in the main area of the park are being damaged by the dogs
- Open access and not fee to use the park

### ADA Assessment
- Rank: 2
- Key Issues: Gravel access walkway to main entry is too steep to be accessible. There is no paved walkway into second entrance. There are no paved walkways in park.

### Needs and Opportunities
- Water source
- Small dog area
- Paved access route to the North park entrance
- Regrade, fill in low spots, reseed and rest turf
- Swipe card system to monitor and regulate use
The Northern Tier Trail is a 4.5 mile linear parkway connecting nine different City of East Lansing park sites and providing a route for non-motorized movement throughout the City. The Trail has a main north-south spine that runs parallel to and west of Abbot Road from State Road on the north to ¼ mile south of Lake Lansing Road. There are two primary east-west branches to the trail. The northern east-west branch extends from Abbey Road on the west to Tower Avenue on the East and the southern east-west branch extends from Harrison Road/Cricket Lane on the west to Pebblebrook Lane on the east. South of the East Lansing Fire Station, the trail becomes part of the urban street network. The entire trail system is 10’ wide asphalt and handicap accessible.

There are seven designated parking areas from which visitors can access the Northern Tier Trail. In addition, there are innumerable ways to access the trail by foot from surrounding properties.

The Northern Tier Trail system was constructed over seven years, beginning with the main trunk in 1999 and ending with the most recent extension of the trail to State Road which was completed in 2006. It traverses the Sanderson and Remy Chandler drains, providing a protective buffer for the drain system.

Much of the trail system is in good condition, especially the newer sections. However, there is a large amount of trail that is either in need of re-construction now, or will need re-construction soon, due to its age or the condition of the sub-soils.
## Assessment

### Needs and Opportunities

## Grant History

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Patriarche Park is one of the largest and oldest parks in the City of East Lansing parks system. It is by far the most popular and well known. Patriarche Park is more akin to a regional park than a community park and sees tens of thousands of visitors annually for family picnics, company picnics, graduation parties and all other assortment of outdoor gatherings. It is the location of the East Lansing Rotary Club’s annual Pancakes in the Park fundraiser, and the East Lansing/Okemos Kiwanis annual Chicken Barbecue fundraiser.

Patriarche Park began as a campground and has grown into a community park with an impressive number of uses. Developed amenities are scattered throughout Patriarche Park’s open lawn areas and the northeastern third of the Park is heavily wooded. Picnic tables and grills are scattered throughout the park and a pump station and maintenance garage are also found on site.
Assessment

- Park is looking old and dated, and is extensively worn
- Connection of the use areas and traffic patterns are confusing and inefficient
- Circulation is awkward for both cars and people
- Restrooms are outdated and worn
- Maintenance facility location and design need reassessment
- Much of the play equipment is old and out of date
- Baseball fields are poorly drained, with ill defined infields, inadequate fencing, and irregular outfields
- Tennis courts are cracked
- Pavilion roof is in poor condition
- Trails in wooded nature area are irregular
- Natural area is unmanaged and contains a good deal of dead or dying vegetation
- Many trees throughout the Park are in poor condition, with limited to no protection of the roots/drip zone.
- In 2014, the wooden play structure in the park was removed and replaced by a modern play structure that met all safety and accessibility standards. The new structure was designed, built and funded by the community, through a partnership with the Rotary Club of East Lansing.

Needs and Opportunities

- Develop comprehensive re-development and improvement plan

Grant History

Grant Number: TF12-082
- Year: 2012
- Replace the existing wooden structure with a modern play structure that meets current safety and accessibility standards. Install a rain garden to collect run-off from the playground on site.
- Status: Active
Robert S. Shaw Park

Northlawn Avenue between Westlawn and Rosewood Avenues

Size: 1.3 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Shaw Park is a pleasant 1.3 acre neighborhood mixed use park. There is an open area large enough for a small soccer field and other uses simultaneously, as well as a play structure and a picnic table and grill. It has a slightly sloping entry off of Northlawn.

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### Assessment

- Multi-use play structure is newer but other pieces are older

### Needs and Opportunities

- Ongoing maintenance

### ADA Assessment

Rank: 2

Key Issues: Park is level but has no accessible walkways to features
Shaw Water Towar Park

1065 Prescott Drive

- **Size:** 0.5 Acres
- **Type:** Mini Park/Play Lot

Shaw Watertower Park is a small well tended half acre neighborhood park. It is located on the corner of Prescott Drive and Chartweel Duel Carriage Ways and its original use was land for one of the City of East Lansing’s water towers. Its multi-use play structure rests in the shade of the water tower.

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### Assessment

- Playground equipment is newer and in fairly good condition
- Edging and retaining walls around the park are wood 4x4’s and will need maintenance

### ADA Assessment

- **Rank:** 3
- **Key Issues:** Need to add walkways to key park features

### Needs and Opportunities

- Upkeep on edging and park structures
The East Lansing Soccer Complex is located in the northern tier adjacent to Abbot Park and the Northern Tier Trail. Since the development of the complex in 1998, the City of East Lansing has diligently worked with the community to provide continuous enhancements to the soccer complex. Seven soccer fields and a parking lot were built in phase I. During Phase II additional improvements included fencing, scoreboards, bleachers, and goals. Phase III added sidewalks and a concession/restroom building with an open-air pavilion. Phase IV began in fall of 2006 with the lighting of one field, wind screens and additional bleacher seating and concluded with the addition of a team locker room, press boxes and an admissions booth. Phase IV was completed in 2008.
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| Grant Number: CM99-264 |
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| Project Description: Construction of parking facilities and roadway improvements for the new soccer complex and for the softball/aquatics complex. |
| Status: Closed |
The Softball Complex as built in 1999 and is adjacent to the Aquatic Center on the East side of Abbot Road in the Northern tier. There are four softball fields, a centrally located concession stand, a multi-purpose open space, lighting, and picnic areas. A spur of the Northern Tier Trail runs adjacent to the complex. It is wrapped in by a forested area on three sides and shares a centrally located parking lot. Community Gardens are located just East of the softball fields and the Northern Tail Dog Park is adjacent to the Northern Field. A 6’ tall wood fence spans the entire south border of the park.

Access to the softball fields and concession building is via a 12’ wide concrete walkway. A small bronze statue of a batter boy welcomes visitors to the Complex.
Assessment

- The softball park is 15 years old and beginning to show wear, especially portions of the fence and backstops
- Team benches are wood planks and wood planks line the bottom 3’ of the backstop
- Scoreboards are located in the center outfield of each field just outside the fence line.
- The complex is lit by 22’ to 50’ tall field lights

Needs and Opportunities

- Playground structure
- Fence repair/replacement program
- Dugout covers/roofs
- Scoreboard replacement program
- Replace wooden boards at base of backstop and on benches

Grant History

Grant Number: TF95-010
- Year: 1995
- Project Description: Acquisition of 91 acres of land to expand neighborhood and community recreation, and to link City parklands and neighborhoods with a pedestrian and bike path system.
- Status: Closed

Grant Number: CM99-264
- Year: 1999
- Project Description: Construction of parking facilities and roadway improvements for the new soccer complex and for the softball/aquatics complex.
- Status: Closed
Stoddard Park

343 Stoddard Avenue

Size: 2 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Stoddard Park is a two acre L-shaped park in the midst of a residential/student neighborhood. There is a good mix of open space, shade and play structures and a paved concrete path weaves through the park east to west. The main play structures are relatively old and in poor condition on the north side of the path. There is a large rectangular open space on the southwest side of the property. There are mature trees throughout the park.

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ADA Assessment

Rank: 3
Key Issues: Paved walkway through park. No walkways to park features.

Assessment

- All park features are worn and dated
- Park provides a rare open space in a historic neighborhood with small houses
- Lawn shows extensive signs of use as a dog park
- All features are worn with minimal safety surfacing

Needs and Opportunities

- Tree management
- Park redevelopment plan
- Remove and replace playground equipment
- Replace slats on wooden bench
Tamarisk Park

1960 Tamarisk Drive

Size: 1.5 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

Tamarisk Park is a small 1.5 acre park located in the neighborhood. It is a few blocks from Harrison Meadows Park and has a good balance between placement of play equipment and open areas. There is parking on the street, nice shaded areas, and a beautiful weeping willow in the center of the park. A basketball court is on the North side of Tamarisk Park; fairly close to a multi use play structure; and enough lawn area for two soccer goals. Multiple pieces of play equipment are scattered throughout the park.

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ADA Assessment

Rank:
Key Issues:

Assessment

- All pieces of play equipment are in poor condition and have not safety surfacing
- Benches are wooded slat and worn
- Basketball court is in poor condition

Needs and Opportunities

- Park needs complete redevelopment
Valley Court Park is a 5-acre park adjacent to downtown East Lansing and is a key park in the City system. It is used for a multitude of community activities including: outdoor festivals, movies and plays, basketball, exterior program space for the City’s adult day care program, a Farmer’s Market, and a WiFi plaza.

A park Concept Plan was completed in 2006, and supports the multi-faceted nature of the park. A central open festival space is anticipated to be ringed by interior walkways that are punctuated by shade structures and gathering plazas, one of which features a sculpture and wireless internet for park users.

A WiFi plaza and sculpture were installed in Valley Court park in 2007 and are a prominent feature in the center of the Park. The Board of Water and Light building was moved into the park in 2007 and anchors the west side of the site, while a Farmer’s Market, launched in 2009, is housed on the parking lot/basketball court during Sunday’s in the summer and fall. In 2011, a modern new playground was installed, and its bright, sculptural design is a perfect compliment to the park.

In 2014, the parking lot and center concrete walkways were removed and completed reconstructed. In addition to these improvements, a raised stage and shade structure, electrical services, and new basketball stations were installed.
Assessment

- With the 2014 improvements the parking lot and site walkways are in excellent condition
- Tennis courts are in poor condition
- Benches have wood plank seats and backs

Grant History

- Grant Number: 60188, MEDC
- Year: 8-22-2013
- Project Description: Farmers market plaza, market identification, signage, accessible pathways and repaving of multi-use parking lot.
- Status: Closed

Needs and Opportunities

- Rebuild tennis courts, replace net posts and nets, replace fencing
- Construct accessible walkway along North side of the park
- Construct accessible walkway to tennis courts
- Replace wood plank backs and seats of benches
Wolf Court Park

1214 Wolf Court

Size: 0.3 Acres
Type: Mini Park/Play Lot

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Wolf Court Park is a small, less than half acre park well nestled into the neighborhood. It has a small play structure, some concrete walkways and landscaping. This park could use some upgrading and the benches need to be replaced.

Assessment

ADA Assessment

Rank:
Key Issues:

Needs and Opportunities
Tennis Court Inventory
and Assessment
February, 2014
Introduction

In February, 2014, an inventory was compiled of the 14 City of East Lansing owned or maintained tennis courts, and an assessment was performed of each court. The purpose of the inventory and assessment is to determine the maintenance and repair needs for the courts and develop a program to address these needs.

Inventory

The City of East Lansing owns and/or maintains 14 tennis courts:
- 7 in East Lansing Parks
- 7 on School District property

There are an additional 8 courts owned and maintained by the East Lansing Public Schools and 20 courts on the campus of Michigan State University, on Shaw Lane for a total of 42 available courts in the East Lansing community.

The Tennis Court Inventory Map shows the locations of the tennis courts within the City, and also identifies a ½ mile service area for each tennis court location.

Conditions Assessment

The 14 tennis courts under the jurisdiction of the City of East Lansing vary in condition but all require either extensive repair or complete reconstruction. This is estimated to cost upwards of $1 million. The Tennis Court Inventory and Assessment chart and supporting photographs provides additional detail.

Needs Assessment

Guidelines provided by the National Recreation and Park Association suggest that for every 2,000 people in a community, it would be appropriate to have one (1) tennis court. East Lansing’s population is 48,579, which suggests that 24 courts would be appropriate for this Community, resulting in an 18 court surplus.

Recommendation

Given the conditions of the City of East Lansing tennis courts and the surplus of available courts, a 5-year Tennis Court Program has been developed that proposes to remove 10 of the tennis courts. The tennis courts that are in the worst condition are removed first and a fund-source for implementing a Tennis Court Program has not been identified. The Program is attached.
## East Lansing Tennis Court Program Recommendation

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| Total              | 45,000      | 75,000   | 30,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 |
Glencairn

- Fencing
- Court surface
- Cracks
Pinecrest (Henry Fine Park)

- Fencing
- Court surface
- Cracks
Marble

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- Cracks
Red Cedar

- Fencing
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- Cracks
Valley Ct. Park

- Fencing
- Court surface
- Cracks
East Lansing Parks & Recreation

Patriarche Park

- Court surface
- Fencing
- Cracks
OPERATION AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 17th day of September, 2013, between THE ORCHARD STREET PUMP HOUSE ASSOCIATION ("Association"), a Michigan nonprofit corporation, whose address is 639 Kedzie Street, East Lansing, MI 48823, and the CITY OF EAST LANSING ("City"), a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of the Orchard Street Pump House; and

WHEREAS, the Orchard Street Pump House has been used unofficially as a neighborhood community center for many years without the supervision of City officials; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the neighborhood be allowed to continue said use of the structure in the manner historically used if the City is indemnified and held harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expenses that may arise from said use;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. **Terms of Use.** In consideration of the mutual right and obligations created by this agreement, the Association is hereby granted a license to continue to use that portion of the Orchard Street Pump House that is not a working facility as a community event center under the following conditions:

   a. The use shall not be expanded beyond its historical use as a neighborhood community center and, as such, its use shall be restricted to community events, educational and artistic programs and some limited private functions such as open houses.

   b. The facility must at all times be operated and used in compliance with all
City ordinances.

c. The Association shall be responsible for determining the availability of its use and for maintaining the facilities in a clean and sanitary manner.

d. To the extent bathroom facilities would be required for an event, the Association or those persons allowed to use the Pump House by the Association shall be responsible for supplying facilities.

e. The Association understands and acknowledges that the City has routine and emergency maintenance and use requirements for all, or portions of, the Orchard Street Pump House that may episodically preclude any use of the building scheduled by the Association. The City will provide reasonable notice to the Association of any routine maintenance or use of the building that will preclude uses scheduled by the Association.

Notwithstanding any failure by the City to provide notice, the Association will indemnify and hold the City harmless, pursuant to Paragraph 3, below, against any and all claims which may arise from the City's use of the building that preclude uses scheduled by the Association.

f. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or provided by anyone using the premises nor consumed on the premises.

f. The Association may charge fees and deposits to its users for the use of the facility only to the extent said fees are used in whole to pay association expenses of operating the facility and no profit is generated as a result. In the event fees and/or deposits are charged, an accounting of the fees and deposits received and detail of the expenses paid shall be delivered to the
City Manager each year on or before June 30th.

2. **Termination.** This license may be terminated by the City Manager at will, without notice and without cause.

3. **Indemnity.** The Association agrees to and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, and all of its elected and appointed officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims or threats of claims, damages, losses, expenses, liability, judgment, or liens, including reasonable attorney fees and other costs of defense, arising out of any acts or omissions by association or by anyone using the pump house pursuant to the terms of this license or in any manner connected with this Agreement. The Association’s obligations to indemnify the City are supplemental to any insurance required under this Agreement and shall survive the expiration, non-renewal, or termination of this license. This indemnity and hold harmless provision includes, but is not limited to, any and all claims against the City for damages or theft to the Association’s or any user’s equipment, supplies, or products, even if said loss is occasioned by the negligence of City employees or a defect in the building or facility.

4. **Damage to Structure.** The Association further agrees to reimburse the City for any and all damages to the facility resulting from the use of the facility as a community events center under the terms of this license.

5. **Liability Insurance.** The Association shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the entire term of this Agreement a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance for all of its obligations under the terms of this license, with limits of liability of not less than $1 million and shall provide a certificate of insurance to the City naming the City as a
certificate holder, which certificate shall provide that the City shall receive at least 30 days prior written notice of cancellation or nonrenewal of such insurance. Said insurance shall be primary to any other insurance policy insuring the City.

6. **Non-Waiver.** Nothing in this license is intended to or shall be construed as a waiver of the City’s governmental immunity.

7. **Non-Assignment.** The parties agree that there shall be no authority on the part of the Association to assign any portion of their obligation under this Agreement.

8. **Term of License.** This license shall expire on June 30, 2015 subject to the approval of a renewal by City Council.

9. **Survival of Obligations Past Term of License.** To the extent that there is any use of the property by any persons to whom access has been granted by the Association, either intentionally or negligently, beyond the expiration of this license, between terms of licenses, or beyond the termination of this license, all obligations of the Association under the terms of this license shall remain in full force and effect.

The undersigned hereby agree that they have read and fully understand the terms of this license and are duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

In witness whereof, this license agreement is signed this 17th day of September, 2013.

**ORCHARD STREET PUMP HOUSE ASSOCIATION**

By: [Signature]

**CITY OF EAST LANSING**

By: [Signature]

George Lahanas, City Manager
AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF
ADULT-BASED SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made this \textsuperscript{8th} day of \textsuperscript{August}, 2012, by and
between the City of East Lansing ("City"), a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is
410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, and LAP RESPITE CENTER ("LAP"), a Michigan
nonprofit corporation, whose address is 840 E. Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City currently operates a program entitled Active Living for Adults
("ALFA"), an adult day services program, to meet the needs of functionally-impaired adults
through individualized care plans in an effort to keep family members and friends in their own
communities for as long as possible by providing respite (time off) and informational support for
care givers, and to provide an engaging day service program for functionally-impaired adults in
an effort to promote the enhancement and/or maintenance of physical, social, emotional, and
cognitive skills in a protected setting; and

WHEREAS, the LAP Respite Center ("LAP") is a private, nonprofit agency with IRS
501(c)(3) status which offers similar services for Lansing area parents with children who have
disabilities and recently has implemented a new Department of Adult and Senior Programs to
where LAP now offers services for life span respite to families who care for children or adults
with disabilities, chronic illness, or age-related conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City operates the ALFA Program at an annual deficit; and

WHEREAS, LAP desires to provide and maintain the ALFA Program as part of its
programs; and

WHEREAS, the City is agreeable and desires to having ALFA services provided by
LAP;

IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED that for the mutual consideration described
herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Provision of ALFA Services.** LAP hereby agrees to provide the comparable ALFA services that the City currently supplies to the community.

2. **Use of Building.** The City agrees to allow LAP to use the Valley Court Community Center at 201 Hillside in the city of East Lansing for a period of five (5) years to provide the ALFA services under the following terms and conditions:
   
   a. LAP will be responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and cleaning, including removing litter, trash and other debris that accumulates in and around the premises, extermination of insects or other pests on the premises, furnishing light bulbs, unstopping drains and waste pipes except to the extent caused by faulty lines, keeping the premises free of mold, dirt and trash and for general maintenance and cleaning of the interior, non-structural portions of the building along with paying for utilities for the building.

   b. LAP will make reasonable efforts to allow the other organizations that currently use the Valley Court Community Center to continue to use the Center in the manner in which they historically have. However, in the event continued use of Valley Court interferes with or harms LAP’s ability to use the building to provide ALFA services, LAP shall have the discretion, upon reasonable notice, to preclude future use of the building by any organization whose continued use proves impracticable or harmful.

   c. All equipment and physical components currently located in the Center will be accessible to LAP when they assume responsibility for the ALFA Program, including desks, art supplies, kitchen equipment, and office furniture. LAP will use the equipment and furniture for the purpose of running LAP and its support of the ALFA Program and will retain ownership of the equipment upon expiration of this Agreement.

   d. Except to the extent repairs are required as the result of the negligence or
intentional acts of LAP or LAP employees, the City shall remain responsible for maintenance and repair of the building, any structural repairs or mechanical repairs, including the outer walls, exterior doors and door frames, windows and window casings and frames, plumbing, electrical service, exterior painting, and any other interior or exterior structural repairs. The City shall also be responsible for snow removal, salting, and lawn care.

e. The City will post appropriate signs reserving twenty-two (22) parking spaces for the use of LAP employees and adopt an appropriate Traffic Control Order for enforcement of the same.

f. The City will work with LAP to enable Wi-Fi in the Center.

g. If, during the term of this Agreement, the City determines it needs to relocate LAP so that the City can use the building for other purposes or offer it for sale, the City may terminate LAP’s occupancy of the building on ninety (90) days’ notice and the City shall have the following responsibilities for relocation and lease expenses: i) if the City terminates LAP’s occupancy within the first year of this Agreement, all relocation expenses and two years of lease expenses at a comparable facility; (ii) if the City terminates LAP’s occupancy within the second year, it shall be responsible for all relocation expenses and one year of costs of rent for another comparable facility; (iii) if the City terminates LAP’s occupancy in the third or fourth year of this Agreement, the City will be responsible for all costs of relocation and moving expenses; and iv) if the City terminates LAP’s occupancy during the fifth year or any extensions of this Agreement, it shall not be responsible for any costs of relocation or moving.

h. If this Agreement terminates pursuant to paragraph 9 or if the structure becomes unusable through no fault of the City, the City shall not be responsible for costs of relocation or comparable lease space. The City shall, however, use reasonable efforts to restore the structure as a result of damage by flooding or other act of God to the extent that said loss is
insured.

i. The City shall restore the structure for the continued use of LAP as a result of flooding, even if the damages are uninsured, but only to the extent restoration costs are less than Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00).

3. **Liability.** Any liability which arises out of an occurrence prior to the effective date of this Agreement and LAP’s performance of the responsibilities for the ALFA Program shall remain the responsibility of the City and the City will defend and indemnify and otherwise hold LAP harmless for any claims of that nature. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to waive the City’s governmental immunity for any such claims. LAP shall be responsible for any liability arising out of LAP’s use of the structure. LAP shall be liable for its own contents.

4. **Continued Employment Opportunities for Specified Employees.**

a. LAP shall offer employment to Alison Sarkozy - activities coordinator - at a compensation rate equal to her current rate:

b. The employee retained by LAP under this provision shall be an at-will employee in accordance with LAP’s current employment practices.

c. LAP shall pay for Alison Sarkozy to continue with her health insurance benefit package from the City by paying the City directly to continue her benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) for as long as she is legally entitled to maintain those benefits. Once Alison Sarkozy is no longer eligible to continue her City benefits under COBRA, LAP will either increase Alison Sarkozy’s salary/wages by an amount equal to the amount it was paying for the COBRA benefits or offer health insurance as an employee benefit. Nothing contained herein requires LAP to pay into any retirement program or offer any pension benefits to Alison Sarkozy.

5. **Continuation of ALFA Advisory Commission.** LAP’s executive director shall
continue to meet with and consider the recommendations of the City’s ALFA Advisory Commission regarding adoption of the service delivery plan and review of the annual reports. The ALFA Advisory Commission shall continue to be appointed by the East Lansing City Council.

6. **Appointment to LAP Board of Directors.** The City Council may designate one of its elected officials or one of its department directors to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of LAP. The appointment of someone other than a director or an elected official to this position shall require the concurrence of LAP’s executive director.

7. **Payment for Provision of Services.** For as long as this Agreement is in effect, the City will pay to LAP for LAP to provide the ALFA services identified herein the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for each year for the first year and second year of this Agreement and the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) for each year for the third and fourth years of this Agreement and Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the fifth year. Payment for the first year shall be made on the date of the execution of this Agreement and on that same date for each subsequent year. At the discretion of the City, the amounts for the third through fifth years may be increased up to Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) if LAP verifies to the City that the income received by LAP for providing ALFA services is less than the expenses incurred by LAP to provide those services in the year the increase is sought. If LAP discontinues providing ALFA services or this Agreement is otherwise terminated during a year in which the City has paid LAP to provide those services, LAP shall refund to the City the proportional share of funds paid by the City for that year calculated on the number of days remaining in the year for which services were not provided. If it is during the last year of the agreement that the services are terminated, the year shall include the added time between the effective dates of August 20, 2012 and September 30, 2012 for purposes of this calculation.
8. **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective on August 20, 2012 except that Alison Sarkozy shall remain a City employee until September 30, 2012, at which time paragraph 4 shall become fully effective and LAP shall offer the continued employment commencing October 1, 2012. The provision for the assumption of liability by LAP in paragraph 3 for an occurrence subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement shall not apply to any individual identified in paragraph 4 that remains a City employee between August 20, 2012 and September 30, 2012 and that creates the liability for which the claim is brought.

9. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate a) upon mutual agreement of the parties, b) if and when LAP ceases to provide the ALFA services described herein, or c) after five (5) years from September 30, 2012. Upon termination of this Agreement, LAP shall return possession of the premises to the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement as of the date and year first-mentioned written.

CITY OF EAST LANSING  
By George Lahanas, City Manager

LAP RESPITE CENTER  
By John Stauffer, Executive Director

Approved as to form:  
Thomas M. Yeadon, City Attorney

Certified as to the sufficiency of funds:  
Mary Haskell, Director of Finance
This survey was commissioned by the City of East Lansing to provide guidance to community leaders in planning future activities, services and facilities. Survey responses will be compiled and analyzed by EPIC-MRA, and then reported to the City of East Lansing. Responses will be reported in total, or by demographic groupings, such as region, gender, or age, but in no case will responses be reported by individual participant. It should take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey. Complete only one survey per household please.

01. Are you a permanent resident of the City of East Lansing, a student who resides in the City, or, a non-resident of East Lansing who has an East Lansing mailing address?

☐ 1 Permanent resident
☐ 2 Temporary student resident
☐ 3 Non-resident with East Lansing mailing address
☐ 4 Some other type of non-resident
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

02. Overall, do you think that things are generally headed in the right direction in the City of East Lansing, or, have things pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

☐ 1 Right direction
☐ 2 Wrong track
☐ 3 Undecided/Don’t know

03. What is the single biggest problem or issue the City of East Lansing must address in the next year or two?

[WRITE COMMENT FOR ONLY ONE PROBLEM OR ISSUE]
04. How would you rate the job the City of East Lansing does providing basic city services? Would you offer a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of only fair or poor?

☐ 1 Excellent  
☐ 2 Pretty good  
☐ 3 Only fair  
☐ 4 Poor  
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

05. Thinking about the services you receive from the City of East Lansing in return for the property taxes and fees you pay to fund those services, do you think your taxes and fees are too high, too low, or about right for what you get back in city services?

☐ 1 Much too high  
☐ 2 Somewhat too high  
☐ 3 About right  
☐ 4 Too low  
☐ 5 I rent – do not pay taxes  
☐ 6 Undecided/Don’t know

In addition to offering a variety of parks and recreational facilities, there is also a wide range of recreational programs and activities offered in East Lansing, including sports programs, educational programs and classes, social and enrichment activities. In each of the following areas, would you give the City of East Lansing a positive rating of excellent or good, or a negative rating of fair or poor? The first area is…

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11. How much do you think most residents of East Lansing participate in recreational activities that are offered? Do they participate a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

☐ 1 A lot
☐ 2 Some
☐ 3 Only a little
☐ 4 Not at all
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

Please name up to two leisure or recreational activities provided by the City of East Lansing, including any sports programs, educational or enrichment classes, which one or more members of your household participated in the most during the past year or two. For each activity listed, please indicate if one person participated, more than one, or all members of the household participated. Then, using a scale of zero to ten with zero meaning you think the activity has little or no value, and 10 meaning it has the highest possible value for your household, please rate how much you value each activity? [WRITE IN 0-10 IN SECTION “B” -- 99 IF UNSURE]

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14. Are there any recreational programs or activities that you know of which a significant number of East Lansing residents participate in that are not currently available in East Lansing -- activities which require residents to go to other communities to participate in?

☐ 1 Yes
☐ 2 No —— GO TO Q. 16
☐ 3 Don’t Know —— GO TO Q. 16

What one or two recreational programs or activities do East Lansing residents go to other communities to participate in? [PLEASE LIST UP TO 2 SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES]

15A. _______________________________________________________________
15B. _______________________________________________________________
Please name up to two outdoor parks, trails, outdoor or indoor recreational facilities located in East Lansing, which one or more members of your household used the most in the past two years. For each place used, please indicate if one, more than one, or all household members used it. Then, using a scale of zero to ten with zero meaning the place has little or no value, and 10 meaning it has the highest possible value, please rate the value of each place named? [WRITE 0-10 IN SECTION “B” – 99 IF UNSURE]

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18. Thinking about the **number of parks** available in East Lansing, do you think there are enough to meet the needs of people in your area, are too many available, or, are more parks needed near where you live?

- [ ] 1 More parks needed
- [ ] 2 Enough parks available — GO TO Q. 20
- [ ] 3 Too many available — GO TO Q. 20
- [ ] 4 Undecided/Don’t know — GO TO Q. 20

In what areas of East Lansing are more parks needed? [DESCRIBE UP TO 2 AREAS]

19A. [1ST AREA]: ________________________________

19B. [2ND AREA]: ________________________________

20. Thinking about the **availability paved and non-paved trails**, do you think there are enough to meet the needs of people living in your area, are there too many, or, are more needed?

- [ ] 1 More trails needed
- [ ] 2 Enough trails available now - GO TO Q. 22
- [ ] 3 Too many available — GO TO Q. 22
- [ ] 4 Undecided/Don’t know — GO TO Q. 22
In what areas in East Lansing are more trails needed? [DESCRIBE UP TO 2 LOCATIONS]
21A. [1ST Area]: ___________________________________________________

21B. [2ND Area]: ___________________________________________________

22. Thinking about the number and kind of indoor recreational facilities available, are there enough to meet community needs, are there too many, or, are more needed?

☐ 1 More indoor facilities needed
☐ 2 Enough indoor facilities available --- GO TO Q. 24
☐ 3 Too many available --------------- GO TO Q. 24
☐ 4 Undecided/Don’t know --------------- GO TO Q. 24

What kind of indoor facilities do you think East Lansing needs more of? [DESCRIBE UP TO 2 KIND OF FACILITIES]
23A. [1ST Kind]: ___________________________________________________

23B. [2ND Kind]: ___________________________________________________

24. Thinking about the number and kind of outdoor recreational facilities available, are there enough to meet community needs, are there too many, or, are more needed?

☐ 1 More outdoor facilities needed
☐ 2 Enough outdoor facilities available now---------------GO TO Q. 26
☐ 3 Too many outdoor facilities available --------------- GO TO Q. 26
☐ 4 Undecided/Don’t know ---------------GO TO Q. 26

What kind of outdoor facilities do you think East Lansing needs more of? [DESCRIBE UP TO 2 KIND OF FACILITIES]
25A. [1ST Kind]: ___________________________________________________

25B. [2ND Kind]: ___________________________________________________
26. In the future, how much of a priority should it be for East Lansing to develop and/or maintain East Lansing parks in an environmentally sensitive manner by increasing the amount of native landscape, including more natural, wild types of grass and vegetation, as well as reducing the carbon footprint in park/open space areas by using fewer chemicals, as well as reducing the use of gasoline driven machinery, such as lawn mowers? Should it be a top priority, important but not a top priority, only a little important or not really important at all?

☐ 1 Top priority
☐ 2 Important but not a top priority
☐ 3 Only a little important
☐ 4 Not really important at all
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

27. Overall, do you think current recreational programs, activities and facilities have enough funding to provide what is needed and wanted in East Lansing, do you think more funding is needed, or, do you think too much funding is already provided?

☐ 1 Much more funding needed
☐ 2 Somewhat more funding needed
☐ 3 Enough funding provided
☐ 4 Too much funding provided
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

The following is a list of some of the parks, trails, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities available to East Lansing residents and visitors. Please indicate if one, more than one or no members of your household has used the park, trail or facility described. Then, regardless of whether anyone in your household uses the place named, using a scale of 0 to 10, with zero meaning you consider the place to have little or no value, and 10 meaning that you consider the place to have the highest possible value to yourself, your household or the community as a whole, please rate the value of each place listed.
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42. Your neighborhood park........... □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 ______  
[Which would include the following neighborhood parks: Harrison Meadows, Hawk Nest, Emerson, Glencairn, Stoddard, Tamarisk, Shaw, Ehinger, Glenhaven, Shaw Water Tower, Harrison Road, NF Smith, Wolf Court, Avondale Square Linear, Avondale Square Tot Lot, and Hidden River Park]

43. In providing the funding needed to develop, operate and maintain parks and recreational facilities, services and programs currently available in East Lansing, which of the following statements best describes how you think they should be funded?

□ 1  All funding should be provided through user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities, with none of the funding provided by general tax dollars
□ 2  Most of the funding should be provided by the payment of user fees, with some funding provided through general tax dollars
□ 3  Funding should be equally provided for each program or facility by user fees and general tax dollars
□ 4  Most of the funding should be provided by general tax dollars with some funding provided by user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities
□ 5  All funding should be provided with general tax dollars, with none of the funding provided by user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities
□ 6  Undecided/Don’t know

What are the one or two parks, trails or recreational facilities offered by the City of East Lansing that you believe should be funded by user fees more than other facilities, instead of being funded by general tax dollars paid by all residents?

44A: 1st: __________________________

44B: 2nd: __________________________
45. Currently, in deciding which recreational programs, classes or activities are started, expanded, continued at current levels, reduced or eliminated, the level of community participation and cost recovery through the assessment of fees is the deciding factor in determining which programs continue, are reduced or eliminated. Do you think the level of community participation and cost recovered through fees should be the deciding factor in determining whether programs are continued, should it be an important but not deciding factor, one of many factors, or not a factor at all?

☐ 1 Deciding factor
☐ 2 Important but not deciding factor
☐ 3 Just one of many factors
☐ 4 Not a factor at all
☐ 5 Undecided/Don’t know

46. Thinking about the Aquatic Center as an example, do you think it should be funded mostly by the people who use it through user fees, mostly by tax dollars paid by all residents because it is an important community attraction, or, should it be funded equally by user fees and tax dollars?

☐ 1 To the extent possible, funded mostly through the payment of user fees
☐ 2 Funded mostly by tax dollars because they are community attractions
☐ 3 Funded equally by user fees and tax dollars
☐ 4 Undecided/Don’t know

47. Thinking about the Hannah Community Center as an example, do you think it should be funded mostly by the people who use it through user fees, mostly by tax dollars paid by all residents because it is an important community attraction, or, should it be funded equally by user fees and tax dollars?

☐ 1 To the extent possible, funded mostly through the payment of user fees
☐ 2 Funded mostly by tax dollars because they are community attractions
☐ 3 Funded equally by user fees and tax dollars
☐ 4 Undecided/Don’t know
48A-K. Which of the following list of barriers exist that prevents you or others in your household from using East Lansing Parks and Recreation programs, services or facilities (check all that apply).

☐ 01 I cannot find others to participate with me
☐ 02 I am too busy with work or school
☐ 03 I am too busy with my family (caring for children/adults, household duties)
☐ 04 Admission fees or other charges are too high
☐ 05 I do not have transportation
☐ 06 I do not have the energy or motivation
☐ 07 I do not have the physical abilities (due to impairments)
☐ 08 The programs are not offered at times that are convenient for me
☐ 09 The programs I want to participate in are full
☐ 10 The location of the programs is inconvenient or uncomfortable to me
☐ 11 I am not interested
☐ 12 Undecided/Don’t know

49A-K. Where do you get most of your information about the City of East Lansing parks and recreation services (check all that apply).

☐ 01 Lansing State Journal
☐ 02 State News -- MSU
☐ 03 Towne Courier
☐ 04 Activity Guide
☐ 05 City of East Lansing website
☐ 06 Internet search
☐ 07 Facebook, Twitter or other social media tool
☐ 08 Word of mouth
☐ 09 Driving around the community
☐ 10 Flyers from school
☐ 11 Direct mailings
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<td>2 years or less, 3 to 5 years, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 15 years, 16 to 20 years, Over 20 years, Do Not live in the City of East Lansing, Undecided/Don’t know</td>
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53. Please indicate the range in which your age falls.

1. 18 to 24 years
2. 25 to 29 years
3. 30 to 35
4. 36 to 40
5. 41 to 49
6. 50 to 55
7. 56 to 64
8. 65 and over
9. Undecided/Don’t know

54. What is the top grade or level of schooling you finished?

☐ 1st to 11th Grade
☐ High School Graduate
☐ Non-college post high school technical training
☐ Some college
☐ College graduate
☐ Post graduate college
☐ Undecided/Don’t know
(If a permanent or student resident)

55. In which of the regions shown below do you reside?

- And Beyond -

Region 1

- And Beyond -

Region 2

- And Beyond -

Region 3

- And Beyond -

Region 4

- And Beyond -

1. North of Michigan Avenue – West of Abbot Road
2. North of Burcham Drive – East of Abbot Road
3. South of Burcham Drive – North of Grand River Avenue
4. South of Michigan Avenue – South of Grand River Avenue
5. I do not reside in East Lansing/I reside in the surrounding area
6. Undecided/Don’t know
56. Please indicate which of the following categories your total yearly household income falls --- including everyone in the household?

- [ ] 1 Under $25,000
- [ ] 2 $25,000 to $50,000
- [ ] 3 $50,000 to $75,000
- [ ] 4 $75,000 to $100,000
- [ ] 5 $100,000 to $150,000
- [ ] 6 Over $150,000
- [ ] 7 Undecided/Don’t know

57. What is your gender?

- [ ] 1 Male
- [ ] 2 Female
- [ ] 3 Undecided/Don’t know

58. The City of East Lansing Department of Parks, Recreation and Arts is very interested in your opinions on planning, financing, maintenance, and any other topic you feel relevant to our city. If you would like to share any additional comments or opinions on such matters, please do so below.

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

Return completed surveys to:
City of East Lansing
Department of Parks, Recreation and Arts
410 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Surveys may also be delivered to the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, Bailey Community Center, or City Hall. For questions please contact Wendy Wilmers Longpre, 517-333-2580 x 39.
EAST LANSING
ON-LINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

CONDUCTED TO MEASURE COMMUNITY VIEWS OF:
THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY;
LEADING PERCEIVED PROBLEM;
CITY SERVICES;
TAXES;
FACILITIES;
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE PARKS,
RECREATION AND ARTS DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

November 7, 2011
# East Lansing Parks & Recreation

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Methodology

EPIC • MRA drafted a 55-question on-line survey for the Parks and Recreation Department of the city of East Lansing, Michigan. The survey was designed to measure public opinion of the facilities and services of the city’s Parks and Recreation Department, and included several more general questions testing the public’s views on the direction of the city, its biggest problem, the job being done by the city in providing basic municipal services and the level of city taxes levied. These more general questions were included not only to garner opinion on those issues, but also to encourage community residents who may not use the facilities and services of the Parks and Recreation Department to participate in the survey.

The survey was hosted on-line from September 27 through October 11, 2011. The Parks and Recreation Department provided public announcements about the survey with instructions as to how East Lansing residents could participate in it, and also e-mailed and otherwise communicated with lists of residents who use the parks and recreational facilities.

A total of 397 respondents, including some who reside outside the city of East Lansing, participated in the survey. Surveys that were not fully completed were not used in evaluating the data. While some residents who do not use city facilities participated in the survey, it is very clear, based on the breakdown of responses, that city residents who use recreational facilities represented the vast majority of respondents to the survey.

In interpreting survey results, all surveys are subject to error; that is, the results of the survey may differ from that which would have been obtained if the entire population was interviewed. The size of the sampling error depends on the total number of respondents that are asked a specific question. The table on the next page represents the estimated sampling error for different percentage distributions of responses based on sample size.

For example, 51 percent of all respondents gave the city of East Lansing a “good” rating for the job it does providing city services (Question #04). As indicated in the chart that follows, this percentage has a sampling error of plus or minus 4.9 percent. That means that with repeated sampling, it is very likely (95 times out of every 100), that the percentage for the entire population would fall between 46.1 percent and 55.9 percent, hence 51 percent ±4.9 percent.
### EPIC • MRA  SAMPLING ERROR BY PERCENTAGE (AT 95 IN 100 CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

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**Margin of error ±**

![Graph showing the margin of error for different sample sizes and percentage of sample giving specific response.]
Key Findings of East Lansing Survey

- Just under two-thirds of respondents said the city of East Lansing is headed in “the right direction.”

- Most respondents did not offer “parks and recreation issues” as major “problems East Lansing must address.”

- More than 9-in-10 respondents offered a “positive” rating for the job the city of East Lansing does in providing basic city services.

- Nearly half said the city taxes and fees they pay are “too high” for what they get back in services.

- More than 9-in-10 respondents offered a “positive” rating for job East Lansing does in “maintaining city parks and recreational facilities.”
  - Just under 9-in-10 offered the city a “positive” rating for “developing parks and recreational facilities.”
  - Just over 8-in-10 offered “positive” ratings for “offering quality recreational programs and activities.”
  - 7-in-10 offered “positive” ratings for “improving and expanding parks and recreational facilities.”
  - Just over 6-in-10 offered “positive” ratings for “changing programs and activities to meet changing needs and preferences.”

- Nearly 3-in-4 said they think at least “some” East Lansing residents participate in recreational activities offered by the city.

- The top activities respondents said they/their household members participate in were swimming, exercise/fitness, soccer, festivals/art fair/music, Aquatic Center, zumba and the Hannah Center.
  - In rating activities they participate in as having important value, residents offered a mean score of 8.5 (out of 10).

- 1-in-4 said significant numbers of East Lansing residents participate in activities they have to go elsewhere to find.
  - The leading activities cited as not being available in the city were youth sports, flag football, swimming pools, basketball courts, cross country skiing and dance classes.
  - Many of the programs/facilities significant numbers of respondents said are not available in East Lansing are in fact offered by the city; moreover, most of the respondents who offered the “not available” response were in the younger age demographic groupings – these younger people may not be aware of everything the city recreation system offers.

- The parks, trails or facilities cited as having been used by most respondents were Hannah Center, Patriarche Park, Northern Tier and the Aquatic Center.

- Nearly 8-in-10 respondents said there are enough parks in East Lansing.
  - Among the 1-in-10 who said more parks are needed, areas most cited as needing facilities were the downtown area, north/northern Tier, east area and MSU campus.

- More than 6-in-10 said there are enough outdoor recreational facilities in the city.
  - Among the 1-in-10 who said more outdoor facilities are needed, the kind most cited were bike trails, walking trails, tennis courts, cross country skiing and outdoor pools.
A solid majority said there are enough indoor recreational facilities in East Lansing. Among the 2-in-10 who said more are needed, the desired indoor facilities most cited were pools, weights/workout facilities, walking tracks and gyms.

Only a plurality said there are enough paved and non-paved trails in the city. Among the almost 4-in-10 who said more trails are needed, the areas most cited for new trails were the north/northern Tier and the east, with “connecting existing trails” a top response.

Nearly 3-in-10 said “maintaining parks in an environmentally sensitive manner” should be a “top priority”; nearly 8-in-10 called it an “important or top” priority.

4-in-10 said the city needs more funding to provide what is required and wanted in current city recreational programs, activities and facilities.

The parks/recreational facilities used most by respondents/household members are the MSU Campus, Hannah Community Center, Patriarche Park, Northern Tier bike trail, the Rivertrail and the Aquatic Center.

With few exceptions, the mean “0 to 10” value scores of the facilities tested mirror the rankings of the facilities based on their reported use by respondents/household members.

Nearly half said all or most of the funding for city recreational facilities and programs should be provided by “general tax dollars.”

Of a list of parks, trails or recreational facilities, just over a third of respondents said the Aquatic Center should be funded more by “user fees” than other facilities.

Just over a majority said the level of community participation should be an important or deciding factor in determining which programs should be continued, reduced or eliminated.

Just over 4-in-10 specifically said the Aquatic Center should be funded with user fees to the extent possible; only 15 percent said the same about the Hannah Center.

Leading the list of respondents’ self-reported barriers to using parks and recreation programs were “being too busy with work, school or family,” or “programs not offered at convenient times.”

The leading sources of information about East Lansing parks and recreation programs were The Activity Guide, the East Lansing website, “word of mouth” and Towne Courier.
APPENDIX SIX

Survey Overview and Demographic Analysis

Opinions about East Lansing

— **perceived direction - most say “right track”**

Respondents were asked if they think things in East Lansing are “generally headed in the right direction” or “pretty seriously ... on the wrong track”:

- 66% Right direction
- 10% Wrong track
- 24% Undecided/refused/no answer

— **opinion of biggest civic problem – “development,” “schools,” “revenue” lead list**

When asked to name the “single biggest problem or issue the city of East Lansing must address in the next year or two,” respondents answered:

- 17% Development - downtown
- 13% School funding
- 11% Declining revenue - funding
- 10% Maintain city services
- 7% Balanced budget
- 7% Quality of schools
- 6% High taxes
- 23% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
- 6% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses

- Declining property values
- Traffic congestion
- Attracting families
- Economy-jobs
- Infrastructure
- Maintaining parks and recreation
- Walkable - bikeable city

- MSU students
- Negative attitudes
- Parking
- Retirement – older population concerns
- Roads poor
- Too many rentals
- Vacant houses

— **city services job rating – more than 9-in-10 “positive”**

Respondents were asked to rate the job the city of East Lansing does in providing basic city services, offering either a “positive” rating of “excellent” or “good” or a “negative” rating of “fair” or “poor”:

- 40% excellent
- 51% good
- 91% Total POSITIVE
- 2% fair
- 1% poor
- 3% Total NEGATIVE
- 6% Undecided/refused/no answer
view of city taxes/fees – about half say “too high,” one-third say “about right”

Respondents were then asked if the property taxes and fees they pay are “too high,” “about right” or “too low” in return for the services they receive from the city of East Lansing:

- 13% much too high
- 36% somewhat too high
- 49% Total TOO HIGH
- 33% About right
- 2% Too low
- 5% Respondent rents/doesn’t pay taxes
- 11% Undecided/refused/no answer

Respondents in the following groups said “too high” by percentages higher than the survey average of 49 percent:

- 80 percent: EL direction – wrong
- 63 percent: preferred funding for parks/rec – fees
- 62 percent: opinion park/rec funding – about right
- 61 percent: perceived community participation in recreation – little

EL residence – 11 to 20 years
58 percent: Region 1
use/cost should factor in rec program decisions – yes
56 percent: EL permanent residents
EL residence – 20-more years
55 percent: preferred funding for parks/rec – fees & taxes
women age 50 and over
54 percent: lives/pays taxes in EL school district
EL residence – 6 to 10 years
age 30 to 40 years
53 percent: source of parks/rec info – Activity Guide
men age 18 to 49
52 percent: EL needs more indoor rec facilities – yes
with school age children – yes
age 41 to 49 years
annual household income – $50-75,000

The percentage of survey respondents saying taxes and fees are “too high” in East Lansing is among the highest of any survey conducted by EPIC • MRA for local communities or school districts. In terms of predicting passage of a tax-raising ballot proposal, the ideal level of pre-election survey respondents saying their taxes are “too high” is in the high teens or low 20s as a percentage. When the number saying taxes are “too high” reaches 30 percent or more, voters are significantly less receptive to any tax or bond related ballot proposal. When it exceeds 40 percent (as in the current survey), it means the electorate is extremely reluctant to favorably consider any future tax related proposals.

**East Lansing Parks and Recreation issues**

— **majorities give city “positive” job ratings in all areas**

A statement was read to all respondents:

*In addition to offering a variety of parks and recreational facilities, there is also a wide range of recreational programs and activities offered in East Lansing, including sports programs, educational programs and classes, social and enrichment activities.*

Respondents were then asked to offer a job rating for the city in each of several areas related to parks and recreations activities:

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— perceived level of community participation – most say at least “some”

When asked how much they think most residents of East Lansing participate in the recreational activities offered by the city, respondents answered:

17% a lot
56% some
73% Total A LOT/SOME
18% Only a little
1% Not at all
8% Undecided/refused/no answer

— leisure/recreation activities

– most reported participation: swimming/acquatics lead list

In an open-ended question, respondents were first asked to name up to two leisure or recreational activities provided by the city of East Lansing – “including any sports programs, educational or enrichment classes” – in which one or more household members participated during the past two years:

**TOP REPORTED HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES**

- 20% Swimming-Classes
- 7% Soccer
- 5% Aquatic Center
- 4% Zumba
- 4% Hannah Center
- 5% None
- 51% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
- 4% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses

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– most report more than one/all in household participate

Further, for each activity they offered, they were asked if one household member participated in it, if more than one did or if all members of the household participated in the activity:

- 35% one person
- 32% more than one person
- 23% all household members
- 90% Total ONE/MORE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER PARTICIPATING
- 10% Undecided/Refused
An extremely high percentage of respondents who completed the survey reported household participation in recreational activities; this clearly indicates that many residents who only partly finished the survey probably decided not to participate when they realized most of the survey questions addressed recreational programs and facilities.

– **most participants give high “value” rating to activities**

Finally, respondents were asked to use a “zero to ten” scale to rate the value of the activities they participated in, with “0” meaning “little or no value” and “10” meaning “the highest possible value”:

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**MEAN:** 8.500

– **awareness of recreation not available in EL reported by about one-quarter**

All respondents were asked if they know of any recreational programs or activities in which a significant number of East Lansing residents participate but are not currently available in East Lansing (that is, activities residents have to go to other communities to participate in):

- 25% Yes
- 32% No
- 43% Undecided/refused/no answer

Respondents in the following groups said “recreational activities are not available” by percentages higher than the survey average:

- 59 percent: EL needs more outdoor rec facilities – yes
- 43 percent: EL needs more city parks – yes
- 41 percent: EL needs more indoor rec facilities – yes
- 38 percent: EL direction – wrong
- 35 percent: age 30 to 40 years
- 34 percent: EL residence – 6 to 10 years
- 33 percent: Region 4
  with school age children – yes
- 32 percent: Region 2
  women age 18 to 49 years
- 31 percent: EL needs more trails – yes
- 30 percent: Region 3
  age 18 to 49 years
  annual household income – $25-50,000
- 29 percent: opinion park/rec funding – too low
  EL residence – 11 to 20 years
  annual household income – over $100,000
- 28 percent: opinion of city taxes – too high
Those who said “yes” were asked to name one or two programs/activities East Lansing residents go to other communities to participate in:

- **8%** Youth sports
- **6%** Flag football
- **5%** Swimming pools
- **4%** Basketball courts
- **4%** Cross country skiing
- **4%** Dance – classes
- **66%** *Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
- **3%** Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses
- Children’s nature activities
- Competitive swimming
- Ice skating
- Live music-festivals
- Tennis
- Adult nature activities
- Disc golf
- Dog parks
- Martial arts
- Mountain-BMX biking
- Pilates
- Road biking
- Soccer
- Tee ball
- Trail biking
- Zumba
- Art fairs
- Arts – crafts
- Boot camp
- Canoe-kayak
- Chess
- Circuit training
- Cooking classes

- Curling
- Farmer’s market
- Fencing
- Fishing
- Floor hockey
- Hiking trails
- Kickball
- Outdoor volleyball
- Photography
- Pickle league
- Ping-pong
- Recycling
- Rock – wall climbing
- Roller skating
- Squash
- Teen activities
- Under age 5 sports
- Walking
- Weightlifting
- Yoga
— parks/recreation facilities
  — most reported usage: Northern Tier, Hannah Center, Patriarche lead list

In open-ended testing, respondents were first asked to name up to two outdoor parks, trails, outdoor or indoor recreational facilities located in East Lansing which one or more household members have used during the past one or two years.

**TOP REPORTED FACILITY USE**
- 20% Northern Tier
- 18% Hannah Community Center
- 15% Patriarche Park
- 7% Aquatic Center
- 5% Soccer Complex
- 2% None
- 33% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent

* Varied responses
  - Henry Fine
  - Bailey Community Center
  - Hawk Nest
  - Harrison Meadows
  - Lake Lansing
  - Dog Park
  - Softball Complex
  - Bike Trails
  - Hidden River
  - Abbott Road
  - Ehinger
  - MAC
  - Valley Court
  - Pine Crest
  - Shaw
  - Walking Trails
  - River Walk
  - Farmers’ Market
  - Alton
  - Urban Pathway
  - Whitehills

  — most report use by more than one/all in household

  Further, for each facility they offered, they were asked if one household member used it, if more than one did or if all members of the household used the facility:
  - 13% one person
  - 31% more than one person
  - 47% all household members
  - **91% Total ONE/MORE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER PARTICIPATING**
  - 9% Undecided/Refused

  — most participants give high “value” rating to facilities

  Finally, respondents were asked to use a “zero to ten” scale to rate the value of the facility they used, with “0” meaning “little or no value” and “10” meaning “the highest possible value”:
  - 0 to 4 1%
  - 5 3%
  - 6 to 8 22%
  - 9 to 10 64%
  - Undecided/refused/no answer 10%
  - **MEAN: 8.932**
— opinion of number of EL parks – most say “enough”

All respondents were asked if there are “enough” parks available in East Lansing to meet the needs of people in their area, if “too many” are available or if “more” parks are needed near where they live:

77% Enough parks available
12% More parks needed
4% Too many available
7% Undecided/refused/no answer

Those who said “more” were asked, “In what areas of East Lansing are more parks needed?”:

13% Downtown
10% North – Northern Tier
8% East
7% MSU Campus Area
5% Abbott Road
5% Coolidge Road
5% Frandor Area
5% West
38% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
4% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses
Chesterfield Hills Marble
Park Lake Neighborhood Parks
Pinecrest Northeast Quadrant
Whitehills Northwest Quadrant
Bailey Southeast Quadrant
Brookfield Southwest Quadrant
Cahill Walnut Heights
Flower Pot Everywhere
Glencainr

— opinion of number of EL trails – about half say “enough”

All respondents were asked if there are “enough” paved and non-paved trails available in East Lansing to meet the needs of people in their area, if there are “too many” or if “more” trails are needed:

45% Enough trails available now
38% More trails needed
1% Too many available
176 Undecided/refused/no answer

Respondents in the following groups said “more trails are needed” by percentages higher than the survey average:

> 72 percent: EL needs more city parks– yes
> 65 percent: EL needs more outdoor rec facilities – yes
> 53 percent: opinion park/rec funding – too low
> 52 percent: EL needs more indoor rec facilities – yes
> 50 percent: Region 3
> 47 percent: preferred funding for parks/rec – taxes
> 46 percent: use/cost should factor in rec program decisions – yes
> EL residence – 6 to 10 years
> annual household income – $75-100,000
> 45 percent: all men
> 44 percent: perceived community participation in recreation – some
> source of parks/rec info – Towne Courier
> 43 percent: age 50 to 64 years
> annual household income – $50-75,000
> 42 percent: Region 2
> EL direction – right
> source of parks/rec info – East Lansing website
> age 41 to 49 years
> 41 percent: permanent EL resident
> job rating-EL city services – positive
> source of parks/rec info – other
> education level – college
> 40 percent: EL direction – wrong
> opinion city taxes- about right
> school district – East Lansing
> EL residence – 11 to 20 years

Those who said “more” were asked, “In what areas of East Lansing are more trails needed?”:

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* Varied responses
opinion of number of EL indoor recreational facilities – most say “enough”

All respondents were asked if there are “enough” indoor recreational facilities available in East Lansing to meet community needs, if there are “too many” or if “more” such facilities are needed:

- 56% Enough indoor facilities available
- 21% More indoor facilities needed
- 4% Too many available
- 21% Undecided/refused/no answer

Respondents in the following groups said “more indoor facilities are needed” by percentages higher than the survey average:

- > 35 percent: use/cost should factor in rec program decisions – no
- > 31 percent: perceived community participation in recreation – a lot
- > 30 percent: Region 3
  - EL needs more city parks – yes
  - opinion park/rec funding – too low
- > 29 percent: EL needs more outdoor rec facilities – yes
  - annual household income – $75-100,000
- > 28 percent: Region 2
  - EL needs more trails – yes
  - source of parks/rec info – other
- > 27 percent: source of parks/rec info – Towne Courier
- > 26 percent: EL residence – 1 to 5 years
  - EL residence – 6 to 10 years
- > 25 percent: with school age children – yes
  - women age 18 to 49 years

Those who said “more” were asked, “What kinds of indoor facilities do you think East Lansing needs more of?”:

- 20% Pool
- 14% Weights – Workout Facility
- 13% Walking – Track
- 12% Gym
- 9% Basketball court
- 7% Indoor playground
- 6% Community centers
- 5% General sports – recreation
- 13% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
- 1% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses

Indoor Soccer
Arts-Studios
Rock Climbing
Tennis Courts
Child Care

Music Facility – Auditorium
Ping Pong
Racquetball
Squash
Zumba
— opinion of number of EL outdoor recreational facilities – most say “enough”

All respondents were asked if there are “enough” outdoor recreational facilities available in East Lansing to meet community needs, if there are “too many” or if “more” such facilities are needed:

62% Enough outdoor facilities available
13% More outdoor facilities needed
1% Too many available
24% Undecided/refused/no answer

Those who said “more” were asked, “What kinds of outdoor facilities do you think East Lansing needs more of?”:

11% Bike trails
11% Walking trails
9% Tennis courts
8% Cross country skiing
8% Outdoor pool
7% Nature trails
5% Basketball court
5% Ice skating rink
4% Amphitheatre
4% Disc golf
26% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
2% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses

Farmer’s Market
Mountain – BMX Biking
Multi-Purpose Sports Fields
Playgrounds for Kids
Soccer Fields
Bathrooms

Circuit training
Dog parks
Neighborhood parks
Racquetball
Shooting range
Skateboarding

“Green” development/maintenance of parks/facilities – most call it “important”

All respondents were asked how much of a priority it should be in the future for East Lansing to develop and/or maintain East Lansing parks in an environmentally sensitive manner (i.e. increasing the amount of native landscape, including more natural, wild types of grass and vegetation; reducing the carbon footprint in park/open space areas by using fewer chemicals; reducing the use of gasoline driven machinery, such as lawn mowers):

28% top priority
50% important but not a top priority
78% Total IMPORTANT
9% Only a little important
9% Not really important at all
4% Undecided/refused/no answer
Respondents in the following groups said “top priority” in percentages higher than the survey average:

- > 41 percent: EL needs more trails – yes
- > 40 percent: men age 18 to 49 years
- > 37 percent: EL needs more outdoor rec facilities – yes
  - EL residence – 6 to 10 years
  - age 41 to 49 years
- > 36 percent: EL needs more city parks – yes
  - source of parks/rec info – other
- > 34 percent: annual household income – $25-50,000
  - annual household income – $50-75,000
- > 33 percent: opinion park/rec funding – too low
  - preferred funding for parks/rec – taxes
  - age 18 to 49 years
- > 32 percent: opinion city taxes – about right
  - Region 3

**Opinion of current parks/recreation funding – plurality say “more needed”**

Respondents were asked if current recreational programs, activities and facilities have “enough funding” to provide what is needed and wanted in East Lansing, if “more funding” is needed or if “too much” funding is already provided:

- 6%  much more funding needed
- 34%  somewhat more funding needed
- **40%**  Total MORE FUNDING NEEDED
- 26%  Enough funding provided
- 4%  Too much funding provided
- 30%  Undecided/refused/no answer
Respondents in the following groups said “more funding” is needed in percentages higher than the survey average:

- > 51 percent: preferred funding for parks/rec – taxes
- > 49 percent: opinion city taxes– about right perceived community participation in recreation – a lot
- > 48 percent: Region 3
- > 47 percent: EL residence – 11 to 20 years men age 50 and over
- > 46 percent: annual household income – $50-75,000 annual household income – $75-100,000
- > 45 percent: EL residence – 6 to 10 years age 41 to 49 years
- > 44 percent: residence other areas outside of EL age 50 to 64 years age 65 years and over

Reported use of and rating of EL parks, trails, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities

Respondents were offered a list of some of the parks, trails, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities available to East Lansing residents and visitors, and asked if they or other members of their household has used the park, trail or facility described. In further questioning, respondents were asked (whether or not anyone in the household used the place named), to use a “zero to 10” scale to rate the value of each facility, with “0” meaning “little or no value” and “10” meaning “the highest possible value” to the respondent/household or the community as a whole:

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Funding issues

— more say “taxes” should support parks and recreation

All respondents were asked which of four statements best describes their feelings about how funds should be raised to develop, operate and maintain parks and recreational facilities, services and programs currently available in East Lansing:

- All funding should be provided through user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities, with none of the funding provided by general tax dollars
- Most of the funding should be provided by the payment of user fees, with some funding provided through general tax dollars
- Funding should be equally provided for each program or facility by user fees and general tax dollars
- Most of the funding should be provided by general tax dollars with some funding provided by user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities
- All funding should be provided with general tax dollars, with none of the funding provided by user fees paid by the people who use the programs and facilities

3% all funding through user fees/none from general tax dollars
10% most funding through user fees/some from general tax dollars
13% Total FEES
23% Funding equally from user fees and general tax dollars
42% most funding through general tax dollars/some from user fees
6% all funding through general tax dollars/none from user fees
48% Total TAXES
16% Undecided/refused/no answer

— opinion of facility that mostly should be funded by user fees – Aquatic Center leads list

Respondents were then asked to name “one or two parks, trails or recreational facilities offered by the city of East Lansing” they most believe should be funded by user fees, more than other facilities, “instead of being funded by general tax dollars paid by all residents”:

34% Aquatic Center
18% Hannah Community Center
16% Soccer Complex
10% Softball Complex
7% Dog Park
1% All of them
3% Opposes user fees
50% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
6% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses
Patriarche Park Neighborhood parks
MSU Campus Valley Court Park
— consideration of use/fees collected in programming decisions – called “important” by most
A statement was read to all respondents:
Currently, in deciding which recreational programs, classes or activities are started, expanded,
continued at current levels, reduced or eliminated, the level of community participation and cost
recovery through the assessment of fees is the deciding factor in determining which programs
continue, are reduced or eliminated.
They were then asked if “the level of community participation and cost recovered through fees” should be
the “deciding factor” in determining whether programs are continued, “an important but not deciding factor,”
“one of many factors” or “not a factor at all”:
14% deciding factor
38% important but not deciding factor
52% Total IMPORTANT
30% Just one of many factors
2% Not a factor at all
16% Undecided/refused/no answer

— opinion of specific facility should mostly be funded by user fees
— more say Acquatic Center should be
When asked if “the Aquatic Center” should be funded “mostly by the people who use it through user
fees,” “mostly by tax dollars paid by all residents because it is an important community attraction” or funded
“equally by user fees and tax dollars,” respondents answered:
41% To the extent possible, funded mostly through the payment of user fees
33% Funded equally by user fees and tax dollars
13% Funded mostly by tax dollars because they are community attractions
13% Undecided/refused/no answer

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-- more say Hannah Center should be equally funded by fees and taxes

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Ranking barriers to recreation participation – “busy-ness” leads list

All respondents were asked if any of a list of barriers to participation prevents them “or others in your household” from using East Lansing Parks and Recreation programs, services or facilities:

21% I am too busy with work or school
17% I am too busy with my family (caring for children/adults, household duties)
17% The programs are not offered at times that are convenient for me
 9% Admission fees or other charges are too high
 5% I am not interested
 5% I cannot find others to participate with me
 4% I do not have the energy or motivation
 2% The location of the programs is inconvenient or uncomfortable to me
 2% The programs I want to participate in are full
 1% I do not have the physical abilities (due to impairments)
 1% I do not have transportation
16% None of the above

Source of information about EL parks/recreation services – Activity Guide leads list

Respondents were asked to name the source from which they get most information about the city of East Lansing parks and recreation services:

24% Activity Guide
21% East Lansing city website
10% Word of mouth
 9% Towne Courier
 8% Lansing State Journal
 7% Direct mailings
 5% Flyers from school
14% * Varied responses – each offered by 1 – 3 percent
 2% Other (each offered by less than 0.5%)/undecided/no answer

* Varied responses

Internet search                 State News -- MSU
Driving around the community    East Lansing E-news
Facebook, Twitter, other social media tool

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Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Rd
Room 235

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Approval of December 3, 2014 Minutes

4) Approval of January 7, 2015 Agenda

5) Public Comment

6) Business Items
   a) Election of Officers
   b) Draft 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
      i) Public Hearing
      ii) Resolution recommending adoption of the 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
   c) Michigan Department of Natural Resources Invasive Species Grant

7) Staff Communications – Director’s Report
   a)

8) Commissioner Communications

9) Adjourn
APPENDIX SEVEN

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2015
7:00 P.M.
Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Rd, Room 235

1) Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Cheryl Bartholic. The meeting was held at Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd, Room 235.

2) Roll Call
Present: Cheryl Bartholic, EJ Buss, Linda Hegstrom, Michael Townley, Gary Beaudoin
Absent:
City Staff: Tim McCaffrey, Wendy Longue and Jane Stone
City Council Liaison: Susan Woods

3) Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

4) Approval of Agenda
The January 7, 2015 agenda was approved as distributed.

5) Public Comment
None present.

6) Business Items
a) Election of Officers
McCaffrey opened with request for nominations for Chair. Hegstrom nominated Bartholic as Chair and the nomination was supported by Buss.

Yeas - Townley, Beaudoin, Buss, and Hegstrom
Nos - None.

Bartholic opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Buss nominated Hegstrom as Vice Chair and the nomination was supported by Beaudoin.

Yeas - Townley, Beaudoin, Buss, and Bartholic
NOS - None.

b) Draft 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
i) Public Hearing
Bartholic opened the floor for public comment. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.
i) Resolution recommending adoption of the FROSeG Plan

Townley made a motion to forward the 2015 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan and the supporting resolution to City Council for adoption. The motion was supported by Hegstrom.

Yea – Townley, Beaudoin, Buss, Hegstrom, and Bartholic
Not – None.

b) Michigan Department of Natural Resources Invasive Species Grant

McCaffrey and Longene reported that on Friday, December 5, an application was submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requesting a grant of $94,300 from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP). The MISGP provides funding and technical assistance to prevent, detect, eradicat, and control invasive species. It is administered through the MDNR, working collaboratively with the Departments of Environmental Quality, and Agricultural and Rural Development. The MISGP is a new grant program and was brought to our attention as a potential funding source for the Environmental Stewardship Program. Staff will be requesting that this item be placed on the January 13, City Council Regular Meeting agenda for discussion.

2) Staff Communications – Director’s Report – Tim McCaffrey

a) Parliamentary Procedure Training

McCaffrey referred to a letter from Mayor Triplett inviting Board and Commission Members that have not already attended the training, sign up to attend the February 12, 2015 session. A copy of the letter was forwarded earlier in the day via email and a printed copy was provided at the meeting.

3) Commissioner Communications

a) Buss asked if there was an update on the Bailey Child Care Program. McCaffrey and Council Lienol, Susan Woods provided a brief update.

b) Beaudoin thanked staff for their support in getting a pickleball program started in the gymsatium at Hannah. Beaudoin shared that the program has been well received and is continually gaining interest.

4) Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.
CITY OF EAST LANSING
2015 Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION
East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing has undertaken the development of a five year Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan which describes the City of East Lansing physical features and existing parks, recreation, open space and greenways facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain these facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019; and,

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held during a regular meeting of the City of East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 to provide opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has reviewed the Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan and given consideration to all comments received; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the needs of the community for parks, recreation, open space and greenways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission hereby recommends the adoption by City Council of the City of East Lansing Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of East Lansing.

Moved by Commissioner ____ Micheale Townley ____, supported by Commissioner ____ Linda Hegstrom ____, to approve the Resolution.

YEAS: Cheryl Bartholic, Linda Hegstrom, Michael Townley, Gary Beaudoin and EJ Buss.

NAYS: None.

Cheryl Bartholic
Chair
Adopted: January 7, 2015
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

February 3, 2015
07:00 PM

East Lansing City Council
Mayor Nathan Triplett
Councilmember Ruth Beier

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Goddeeris
Councilmember Kathleen Boyle

Councilmember Susan W. Woods

City Council meets to take action on legislative matters on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is at this time that they can vote on items that appear on their agenda. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled, and are cablecast live over WELG, Channel 22, to the community.

AGENDA ITEMS GENERALLY

By the time an item gets to the City Council agenda, extensive work has already taken place by one or more of the City’s attorneys, boards, commissions, staff, Councilmembers, and individuals or groups in the community. The work is documented and provided to Council for consideration prior to taking action on an agenda item.

COMMUNICATIONS

After Council opens their agenda, members of the audience are given an opportunity to speak to Council about any topic that is not on the agenda. Members of the audience are also allowed to speak to any item on the agenda but are encouraged to do so as the item is addressed by Council. Speaker cards are available near the podium and must be filled out by the speaker. As each agenda item is addressed, the Mayor will invite those who wish to speak to the podium. All speakers are encouraged to be considerate of others waiting to address Council by keeping their remarks brief.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Public Hearing Agenda items include all action items that are required by law to be noticed in a paper of general circulation typically not less than 15 days prior to the hearing as required by ordinance, charter, or statute. The notice must include the time, place and subject of the hearing. A public hearing is that portion of a meeting designed specifically to receive input from the public on that item. There are two primary areas of municipal governance with statutes regulating public hearings that the City is required to follow - the Planning Enabling Act (a public hearing is required to amend a zoning ordinance, take action on a special use permit or Planned Unit Development and to adopt a master plan), and the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (a public hearing is required to adopt the budget). In addition, certain community development, economic development, tax increment financing, grant, and related programs have public hearing requirements imposed by state statute, federal law, or granting agency.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items include routine business items that Council can approve with a single vote. Item included on the Consent Agenda must be voted on separately if requested by any member of the Council. Items requested to be voted on separately are typically moved to the Business Agenda for discussion.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Business Agenda items include all action items that require discussion but are not required by law to hold a noticed public hearing and those items that a public hearing was held for but action was not taken at the time of the hearing.

AGENDA

East Lansing City Council

City Council Chambers
East Lansing, MI - 48823

07:00 p.m.

OPENING

1. Roll call

2. Approval of the agenda

3. Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2015 regular session

Jan 20 min

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4. Special presentation to recognize the Board & Commission members whose terms expired in 2014 and had served at least two full terms: (REMOVED Nancy Marino) Claudia Combs-Wise, Sheryl Soczek, Barbara Hollstein

Staff Resource: Staff Liaisons

Combs-Wise
Soczek
Hollstein

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Written communications received by Council

Jan 27
Feb 3

6. Communications from the audience

7. Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers
8. During the meeting of the January 27, 2015 work session, Council took the following actions: proved minutes from the January 13, 2015 work session, authorized the City Manager to increase the contract with Terra Contracting, LLC for the "2014 Sewer Cleaning & Televising" project by $16,725.58 to a total amount of $126,725.58, approved referral of Park District Investment Group, LLC. for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the properties at 100, 124, 128, 130, 138, and 140 West Grand River Avenue, and 303 Abbot Road to the Planning Commission for review of the updated site plan that was presented tonight and any modifications, and approved motion to extend the closing date of the Early Age Childcare Program at Bailey Community Center from June 30, 2015 to September 4, 2015.

9. City Manager's Report

10. City Attorney's Report

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Consideration of Ordinance No. 1337: a request from Park District Investment Group, LLC. to rezone the property at 341-345 Evergreen Avenue from RM-32, City Center Multiple Family Residential, to B-3, City Center Commercial District. The property is 0.52 acres in size

Staff Resource: Darcy Schmitt

Ord 1337: memo

Ord 1337: referral letter

Ord 1337: staff report

Ord 1337: ord

Ord 1337: correspondence

Ord 1337: application

Ord 1337: site plan

Ord 1337: minutes

12. Consideration of an application from Park District Investment Group, LLC (PDIG), for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 341-345 Evergreen Avenue to demolish the existing structures and construct a four-story, mixed-use building containing retail space on the
first floor and 42 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on the upper floors. The property is proposed to be rezoned to B-3, City Center Commercial, with a conditional rezoning agreement, under Ordinance 1337.

Staff Resource: Darcy Schmitt

341-345 Evergreen: memo
341-345 Evergreen: referral letter
341-345 Evergreen: staff report
341-345 Evergreen: Bergman response 10-02-14
341-345 Evergreen: correspondence
341-345 Evergreen: application
341-345 Evergreen: color rendering
341-345 Evergreen: construction staging
341-345 Evergreen: parking maps
341-345 Evergreen: plans
341-345 Evergreen: project schedule
341-345 Evergreen: minutes

13. Consideration of Ordinance No. 1341: a request from Interstate Partners I, LLC, to rezone the property at 1695 West Lake Lansing Road from B-4, Restricted Office Business District, to B-5, Community Retail Sales Business District. The property is 3.27 acres in size.

Staff Resource: Darcy Schmitt

Ord 1341: memo
Ord 1341: comparison chart
Ord 1341: referral letter
Ord 1341: staff report
Ord 1341: ord
14. Consideration of an application from Interstate Partners I, LLC, for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 1595 West Lake Lansing Road to construct a three-story commercial building, containing approximately 20,000 square feet office space, approximately 5,000 square feet of general retail, and 2,800 square feet of restaurant space, including a drive through. The property is proposed to be rezoned to R-5, Community Retail Sales Business District under Ordinance 1341.

Staff Resource: Darcy Schmitt

1595 W Lake Lansing: memo
1595 W Lake Lansing: referral letter
1595 W Lake Lansing: staff report
1595 W Lake Lansing: Yeadon opinion
1595 W Lake Lansing: correspondence
1595 W Lake Lansing: color photo
1595 W Lake Lansing: retail floor plans
1595 W Lake Lansing: plans
1595 W Lake Lansing: minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

15. Introduce and refer to Planning Commission, Ordinance No. 1344, a request from Robert J. Phipps (Trust), to rezone the property at 3200 West Road from RA, Residential Agricultural to B-4, Restricted Office Business District. The property is 1.55 acres in size.

Ord 1344: memo
Ord 1344: ord

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17. Approval of Policy Resolution 2015-03: a resolution extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of, processing of, and approval of site plan applications for structures containing more than 4 bedrooms per dwelling unit in multiple family dwellings.

PR 2015-3: memo

PR 2015-3: res

18. Approval of Policy Resolution 2015-04: a resolution extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of, processing of, and approval of site plan applications for structures with less than four stories in the City Center Commercial District B-3.

PR 2014-4: memo

PR 2014-4: res

19. Approval of a resolution to change precinct 2 polling location from All Saints Episcopal Church to Martin Luther Chapel.

Precinct: res

20. Approval to award the SAW Grant Wastewater Asset Management Planning contract to Tetra Tech, Inc in the amount of $505,944 and authorize the City Manager to execute such contract.

SAW: memo

SAW: contract

21. Approval to award the "Professional Engineering Services to Prepare 2015 SRF Project Plan" contract to Tetra Tech, Inc in the amount of $61,586.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

SRF: memo

SRF: contract
22. Approval of a Resolution of Adoption of the 2015-2019 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation services for the residents of the City of East Lansing. SUPPLEMENTAL LANGUAGE (replaces approval of a Resolution of Adoption of the 2015-2019 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation services for the residents of the City of East Lansing).

P & R Plan: memo
P & R Plan: resolution
P & R Plan: plan

23. Approval of the Housing Commission recommendation to consider approval of a conditional Class III rental license for up to 2 unrelated persons or a family at 288 W Saginaw, Unit 104, as the owner has complied with the requirements of the code. The owner is Julie VanderLaan, Cincinnati, OH and the local legal agent is Jason VanderLaan, Charlotte, MI.

288 W Sag: memo
288 W Sag: minutes
288 W Sag: staff report
288 W Sag: agent info

BUSINESS AGENDA

25. Discuss award of contract for "WWTP-Tertiary Filtration, Ultraviolet Disinfection and Effluent Discharge."

Staff Resource: Bob Scheuerman

WWTP: memo
WWTP: schedule
WWTP: res

24. Consideration of alternate resolutions to place on the ballot potential changes to Section 4.8 of the City Charter to alter the restrictions concerning the sale of City property.

Staff Resource: Tom Yeadon
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SYNOPSIS
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2015

At the meeting of February 3, 2015, the East Lansing City Council took the following actions:

1. Approved the minutes from the January 20, 2015 regular session.
2. Held a special presentation to recognize the Board & Commission members whose terms expired in 2014 and had served at least two full terms: Claudia Combs-Wise, Sheryl Soczek, Barbara Hollstein.
3. Deferred further consideration of Ordinance No. 1337; a request from Park District Investment Group, LLC, to rezone the property at 341-345 Evergreen Avenue from RM-32, City Center Multiple Family Residential, to B-3, City Center Commercial District, until the report is received back from Planning Commission on Building A, which has previously been referred back to Planning Commission. The property is 0.52 acres in size.
4. Referred back to Planning Commission for further consideration an application from Park District Investment Group, LLC (PDIG), for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 341-345 Evergreen Avenue to demolish the existing structures and construct a four-story, mixed-use building containing retail space on the first floor and 42 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments on the upper floors. The property is proposed to be rezoned to B-3, City Center Commercial, with a conditional rezoning agreement, under Ordinance 1337.

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13. Approved a resolution of adoption of the 2015-2019 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation services for the residents of the City of East Lansing.

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15. Approved awarding the SAW Grant Wastewater Asset Management Planning contract to Tetra Tech, Inc in the amount of $505,944 and authorized the City Manager to execute such contract.

16. Discussed award of contract for “WWTP-Tertiary Filtration, Ultraviolet Disinfection and Effluent Discharge.”

17. Approved ballot language for the May 5, 2015 election regarding changes to Section 4.8 of the City Charter altering the restrictions concerning the sale of City property.

18. Approved a resolution to propose an amendment to the Charter of the City of East Lansing.

Lisa Richey
Administrative Secretary
APPENDIX SEVEN

CITY OF EAST LANSING

EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2015-2019 COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAYS PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing has undertaken the development of a Five Year Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan which describes the City of East Lansing physical features and existing parks, recreation, open space and greenways facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain these facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the needs of the community for parks, recreation, open space and greenways; and,

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held during a regular meeting of the City of East Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 to provide opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the during its January 7, 2015, Regular Business Meeting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission adopted a resolution recommending the adoption of the Plan by City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan during a Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, and adopted a resolution recommending the adoption of the Plan by City Council during a Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing City Council hereby adopts the City of East Lansing 2015-2019 Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of East Lansing.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Manager to make copies of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan available for public inspection at the East Lansing City Hall, East Lansing Hannah Community Center and the East Lansing Public Library, and to submit the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
Moved by Councilmember: Beier
Seconded by Councilmember: Woods

Adopted:
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

CLERK’S CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its regular meeting held on February 3, 2015, the original of which is part of the Council’s minutes.

Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk
City of East Lansing
Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan