



# Royal Oak

Parks & Recreation

5 Year Master Plan

2017-2022

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# Introduction



Fernwood Park

## Mission Statement

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



Waterworks Park

## Statement of Purpose

This Master Plan has been developed by the City of Royal Oak in conjunction with the Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with strong citizen participation. The jurisdiction of this plan is the City of Royal Oak, and focuses on all aspects of parks, facilities, open spaces, recreation, and programming as overseen by the City of Royal Oak Department of Recreation and Public Service. **This plan is intended to both maintain the high quality of Parks and Recreation services and facilities, and to constantly improve them.** The 2017 Master Plan will qualify the city to apply for grant funding from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources over the next five years. Grant money will help the city carry out new projects identified in this plan.

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

Based on the information gathered, an analysis determined where the community is deficient or is providing a surplus of various recreation facilities and programs in comparison to national standards and community needs. The final 2017-2022 *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* reflects which new facilities and improvements to existing facilities will best address the needs and desires of Royal Oak residents and visitors.

# Community Description

## The Royal Oak Community

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

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

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

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

Downtown Royal Oak is also home to numerous events throughout the year. In 2016, Arts, Beats and Eats was hosted by the city for the seventh consecutive year. This

event draws over 400,000 people to downtown Royal Oak over the Labor Day Weekend. Other events are held within the city's many parks. Memorial Park is home to the Outdoor Art Festival and part of the Woodward Dream Cruise

Royal Oak's K-12 school system features 10 public schools and 3 parochial schools. Oakland Community College has a campus in Royal Oak as well. Universities like Wayne State University in Detroit, Oakland University in Rochester, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti are also within driving distance.

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

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



Summer Concert Series 'pop-up park'

## A Pedestrian Friendly City

Royal Oak is committed to non-motorized transportation. In 2011, the city adopted the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP). (NMTP) seeks to make the city more pedestrian friendly. The NMTP, incorporated into the City of Royal Oak Master Plan, seeks to improve the mobility, health and environment for Royal Oak citizens while creating more ways for residents of Royal Oak to walk or bike downtown to shop rather than driving to other areas. The NMTP sets forth a plan to help Royal Oak citizens choose to walk, ride their bikes or use public transit instead of driving themselves. The Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan is designed to work in conjunction with the goals and objectives of the NMTP.

Royal Oak is completely surrounded by developed communities, limiting the amount of land available for park and open space expansion. While Royal Oak was being developed, timbering took place to make way for progress however a concerted effort was put forth to preserve the natural beauty of the city's trees and to replant lost trees across the city. Currently the city contains over 23,000 trees. **It is a specific goal of the Royal Oak Parks and Forestry Division to maintain the "urban forest"**. Trees line the streets throughout Royal Oak, creating a canopy over the roadways and sidewalks. Before being settled, Royal Oak was a densely forested area. This spirit remains throughout Royal Oak. While the city is undoubtedly a densely populated suburban area it remains a place of natural beauty.

All of these characteristics combine to make Royal Oak a dynamic place to live and work. With a central location, many amenities, continued investment in the community and a

rich cultural and commercial tradition Royal Oak continues to be a premier community in Southeastern Michigan. The unique identity of Royal Oak requires Parks and Recreation services tailor-made to meet its specific needs. **This master plan sets forth a blueprint committed to not only continuing the excellent tradition of Park & Recreation services in Royal Oak but to continually improve and adapt to meet the needs and wants of the community.**

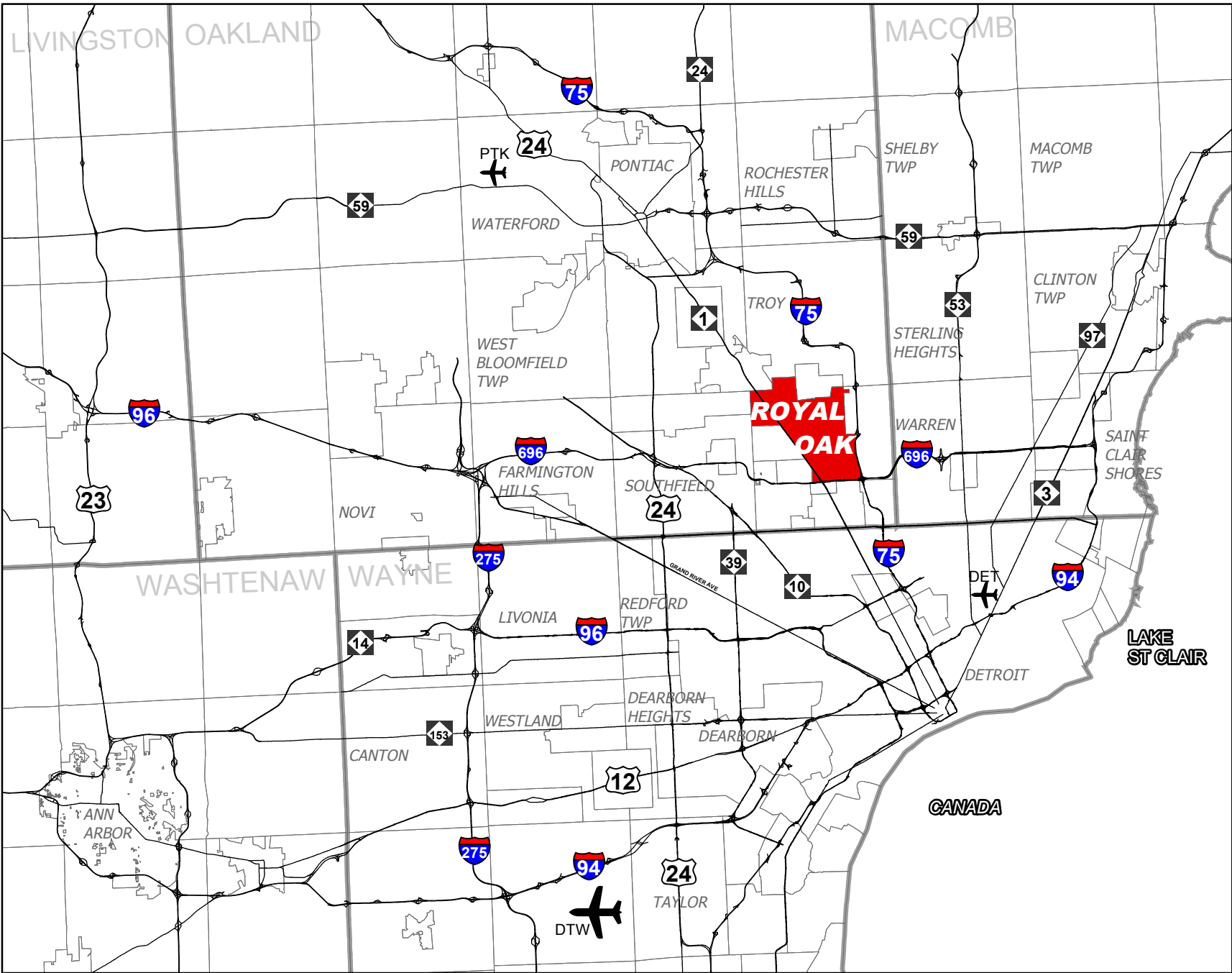


Royal Oak's legacy of a naturally forested area earned Royal Oak the title of "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation every year since 1976.

"The amount of green space and preservation of trees is very important to me. As home sizes overwhelm lots, and mature trees are cut down to build them, it is even more vital to treasure what makes our city healthy and beautiful"

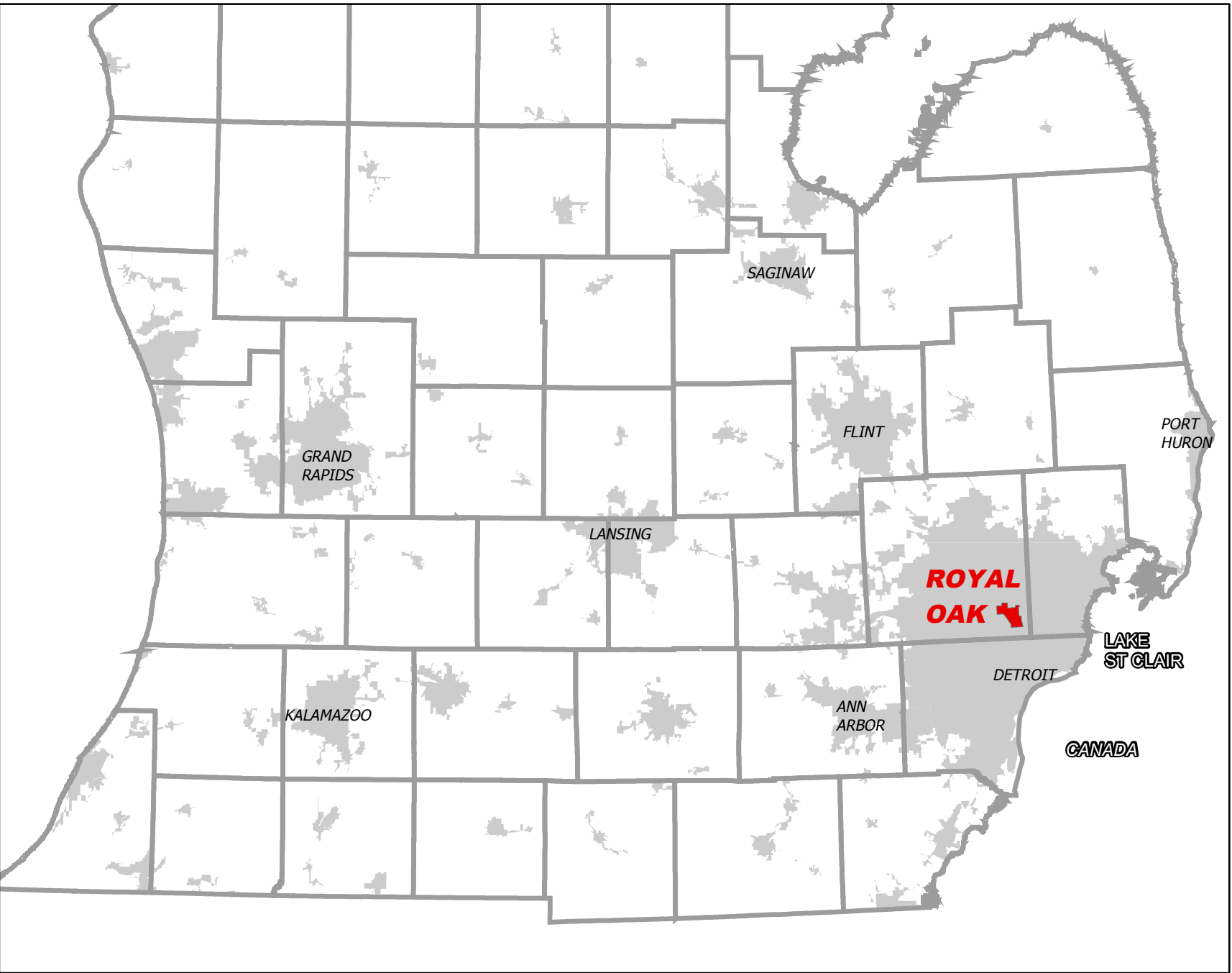
*-Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey Respondent*

# Map 1 - Regional Map



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# Map 2 - City in Relation to State



# Administrative Structure

## Administrative Structure

The City of Royal Oak is able to provide the high quality parks and recreation services and facilities it does because of the high level of coordination between various city departments, the city commission, the parks and recreation advisory board, private sector businesses and organizations, and various citizen and service groups.

## City of Royal Oak Structure

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



The City of Royal Oak, City Hall

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

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

## Parks and Recreation Services

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

The day-to-day service and maintenance of facilities is provided by the Department of Public Service. The Director of Recreation

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

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

## Community Partnerships

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

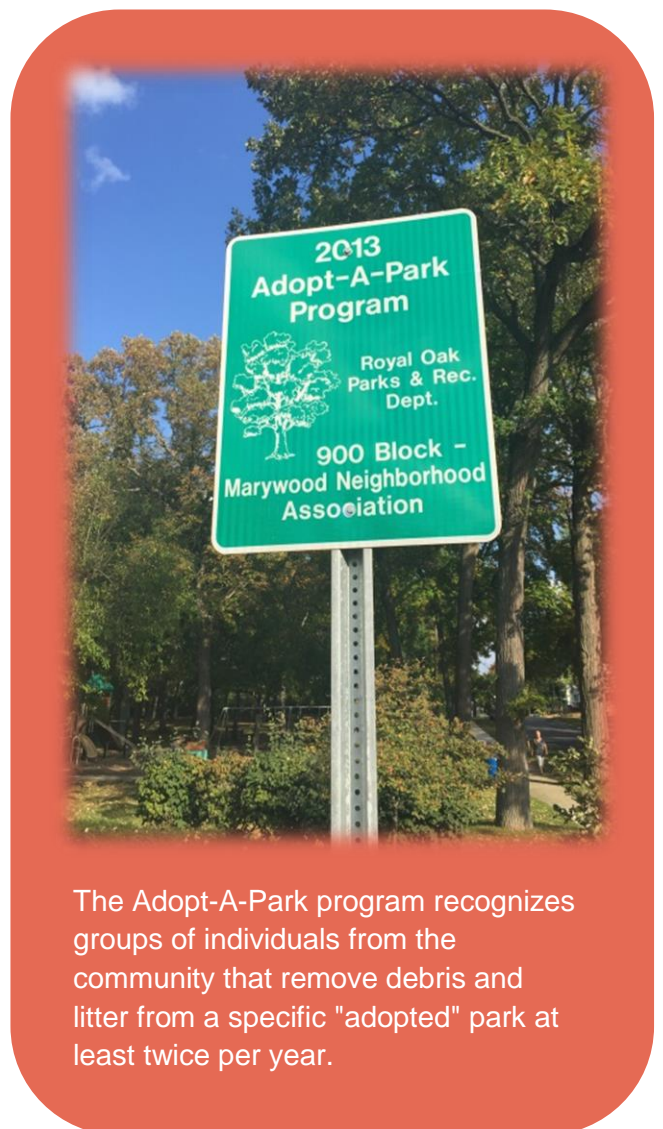
**The Royal Oak Nature Society (RONS) is a group formed exclusively to improve and maintain Royal Oak's two nature parks, Tenhave Woods and Cummington Park, and the Arboretum at Worden Park East.** The City of Royal Oak is committed to assisting RONS in achieving its' goals (see Appendix B). There is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

**The city has developed an Adopt-A-Park Program in which citizens donate their time and resources to improve and maintain their neighborhood parks.** The Adopt-A-Park program has not only encouraged volunteerism but also seeks out sponsorships from residents and businesses for park maintenance and specific projects. This program has been successful in lowering costs while also increasing community

ownership and the quality of local parks.

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

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



The Adopt-A-Park program recognizes groups of individuals from the community that remove debris and litter from a specific "adopted" park at least twice per year.

## Budget

Revenues and Expenditures for Parks and Recreation services in Royal Oak are accounted for in several different funds. Budget summaries are provided in Table 1 on the following pages, including past, current, and projected budgets for each fund.

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



**Big Builders:** One of many programs offered through the Department of Recreation. Big Builders enables children to learn by integrating K'NEX with general knowledge in nature, space, science, transportation and day-to-day physics. The program illustrates theoretical knowledge in these fields through the use of stories, thinking, social games and model building.

The Recreation Department relies on revenue from programming to sustain its activities.

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

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



Memorial Park Pavilion is just one of many facilities residents and non-residents can rent for events. Other facilities available for rent are rooms at the senior/community center, ballfields, the gymnasium, the farmers market, and other picnic shelters in the Royal Oak community. Groups interested in renting a facility can find more information at:

<https://www.romi.gov/485/Facility-Pavilion-Rentals>

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

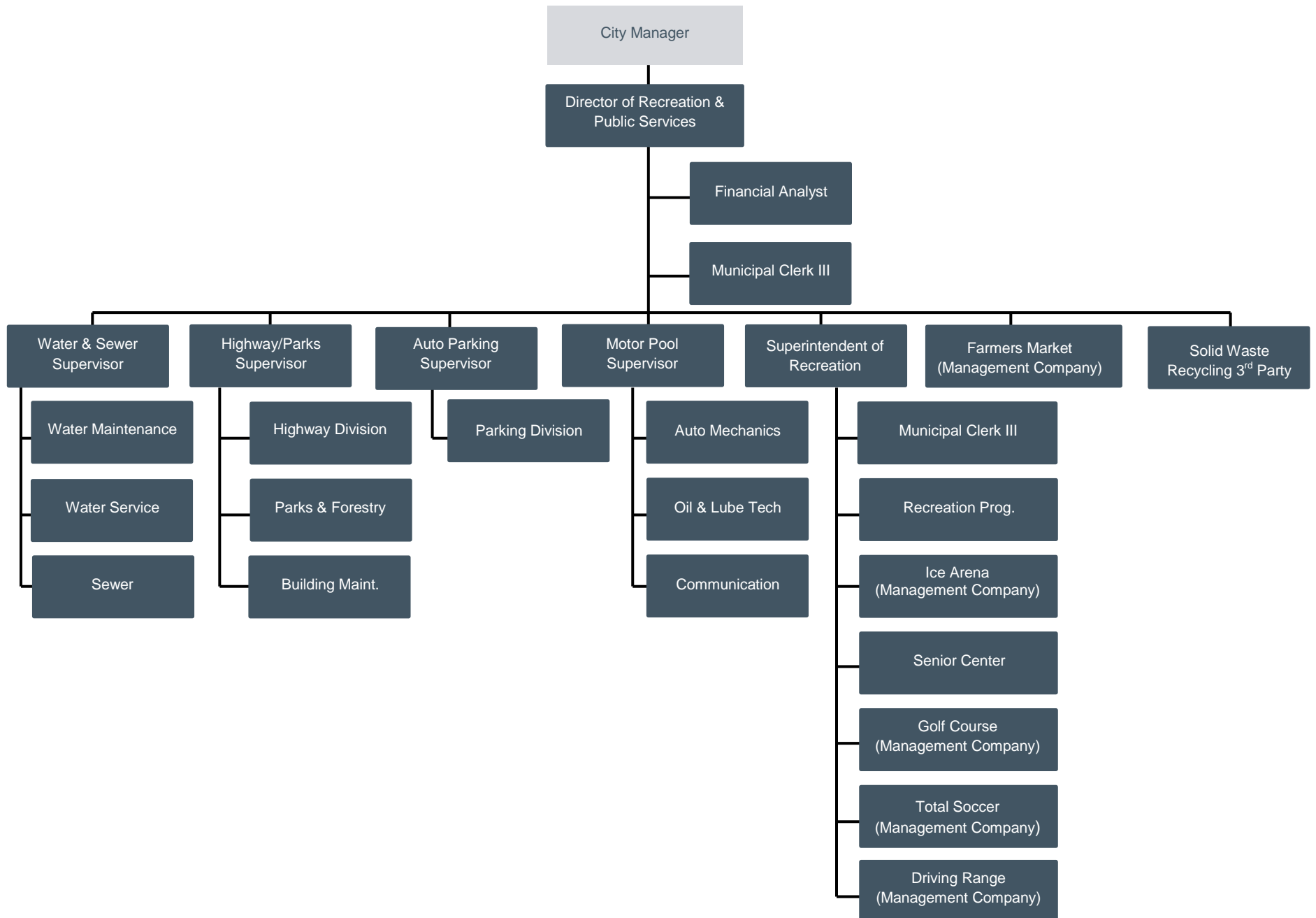
## Table 1 – Budget Summary

Parks & Forestry Expenditures						
101.266 PARKS & FORESTRY	Personnel Services	Suppliers	Capital	Other	Debt	Total
2012-2013 Actual	164,950	31,670	0	279,870	0	476,490
2013-2014 Actual	193,540	77,140	74,240	266,110	0	611,030
2014-2015 Actual	239,040	67,780	61,800	336,080	0	704,700
2015-2016 Original Budget	158,150	142,150	75,000	275,230	0	650,530
2015-2016 Adjusted Budget (Dec)	158,150	142,150	75,000	340,230	0	715,530
2015-2016 Estimated Year End	212,200	83,750	75,000	356,430	0	727,380
2016-2017 Dept Request	232,650	76,250	463,000	313,980	0	1,085,880
2016-2017 Manager's Budget	232,650	76,250	463,000	313,980	0	1,085,880
2016-2017 Adopted Budget	232,650	76,250	463,000	313,980	0	1,085,880
2017-2018 Projected Budget	235,520	76,250	75,000	318,410	0	705,180
2018-2019 Projected Budget	238,470	76,250	75,000	322,930	0	712,650
2019-2020 Projected Budget	241,520	76,250	0	327,540	0	645,310
2020-2021 Projected Budget	244,640	76,250	250,000	332,250	0	903,140
Recreation Fund						
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets	182,825	234,905	197,115	153,785	104,755	49,865
Revenues and transfers from other funds	586,170	591,840	591,840	591,840	591,840	591,840
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	622,090	629,630	635,170	640,870	646,730	652,760
Net Change in Net Assets	(35,920)	(37,790)	(43,330)	(49,030)	(54,890)	(60,920)
Ending Unrestricted Net Assets	234,905	197,115	153,785	104,755	49,865	(11,055)

## Table 1 – Budget Summary (cont.)

Senior Citizen Services						
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Beginning Fund Balance	607,989	574,579	514,849	401,289	321,599	231,489
Revenues and transfers from other funds	774,300	774,140	774,140	774,140	774,140	774,140
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	807,710	833,870	887,700	853,830	864,250	874,980
Net Change in Fund Balance	(33,410)	(59,730)	(113,560)	(79,690)	(90,110)	(100,840)
Ending Fund Balance	574,579	514,849	401,289	321,599	231,489	130,649
Ice Arena Fund						
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets	265,457	388,677	377,137	350,067	307,137	247,997
Revenues and transfers from other funds	1,391,500	1,394,900	1,394,900	1,394,900	1,394,900	1,394,900
Expenditures and transfers to other funds	1,268,280	1,406,440	1,421,970	1,437,830	1,454,040	1,470,600
Net Change in Net Assets	123,220	(11,540)	(27,070)	(42,930)	(59,140)	(75,700)
Ending Unrestricted Net Assets	388,677	377,137	350,067	307,137	247,997	172,297

# Department of Public Service Organizational Chart



# Inventory

## Description of Facilities

An inventory of existing local and regional facilities was conducted by The City of Royal Oak in September of 2016. The inventory of local facilities consisted of site inspections of city Parks and Recreation sites as well as consultation with officials within the department about strengths and deficiencies within the Parks. **This inventory of facilities includes the following attributes; name, location, acreage, equipment, quantity, quality, accessibility and condition.** Regional, school and private facilities inventories each consisted of a review of parks, recreation and wellness facilities throughout the region using brochures, internet resources and phone interviews.

## Municipal Facilities

**Currently there are a total of 51 parks in the City of Royal Oak consisting of 17 mini- parks, 23 neighborhood parks, 9 community parks, one community center, one senior community center, and 1 golf course.** The city also features an urban plaza, located adjacent to City Hall, which is used for numerous special events, and two nature parks at Quickstad and Cummingston Parks.

**Table 2 on page 17 outlines the existing inventory of facilities within Royal Oak's Park System.** Play areas include various fields for organized sports (baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc.). Hard court areas include tennis and basketball courts along with eight Pickleball courts located at Whittier Park. Play structures include modular and timber equipment while playground equipment includes swing sets, slides, and jungle gyms. **Most of Royal Oak's Parks offer some type of play equipment.**

**Table 3 on page 21 is an outline of the needs of the Parks System.** Each park is listed with specific items which could be improved upon or require maintenance. **The needs assessment is designed to provide specific objectives for improving and maintaining each park.** The needs assessment was compiled through site inspections, interviews and public input.

### What's The Difference?

Mini Park: Usually no larger than an acre. Mini parks provide greenery, a place to sit outdoors, and sometimes a children's playground. Mini parks serve a specific function or age group.

Neighborhood Park: 5 to 10 acres is optimal. The area is provided for recreational activities such as field games, court games, picnicking and playground areas. Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood.

Community Park: Usually between 30 and 50 acres. The focus of a community park is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

## School Facilities

**Within the Royal Oak Neighborhood School District there are 6 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 high school, 1 community education center and 1 early childhood development center.** The City of Royal Oak Recreation Department maintains a close working relationship with the School

District. As a result, the Recreation Department is able to use school facilities when they are available.

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

While the Recreation department can coordinate with schools for use of their facilities, the schools are designed to serve the children who attend them and therefore are not widely used by the department for general public use. Under certain conditions, they are used by the general population. Just as with parks, the schools tend to serve the areas that surround them. Elementary schools tend to serve the neighborhoods where they are located. The High School and Middle School are used to serve a larger population.



Resident of Royal Oak enjoying Wagner Park

## Private Recreation Facilities

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

## Public-Private Partner Facilities

The city leases facilities to private entities to run and maintain. These include Total Soccer, Grand Slam Baseball, Royal Oak Golf Driving Range, and Adventure Golf. The city also utilizes private contractors to operate the Royal Oak Golf Course, and the John Lindell Ice Arena. Proceeds are directed to the general fund, with the exception of revenue from the Royal Oak Golf Driving Range which is directed to the Recreation Department.

These facilities have proven useful for providing revenue while not requiring city personnel to operate and maintain them. The Recreation Department oversees contracts with these facilities.

The Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA) has taken responsibility for the operating budget for the Salter Community Center. The BGCA is responsible for costs pertaining to the building including utilities, staffing, and minor repairs. Both the Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club run

programming out of the building, although both programs are run independently of one another. This has proven to be a valuable program not only for the city's budget but for young men and women throughout the city.

## Regional Recreation Resources

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

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

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

## DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

Currently there are no DNR grant-assisted projects within the Parks & Recreation Department in Royal Oak. Below is a list of previous grant funded projects with a brief explanation.

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

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

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

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



Starr-Jaycee Park

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

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

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

### **Park System Accessibility Improvements.**

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

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

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

## **Needs Assessment**

Through an inventory and needs assessment the city has determined there are several deficiencies within the Royal Oaks Parks and Recreation System. Among them are the absence of an aquatic facility, a need for public gathering places in public parks, and a lack of aesthetic qualities such as flower beds public art and signs. General maintenance was also a concern. These needs are addressed in the goals and objectives, capital improvement and action plan sections of this master plan. It should be mentioned that none of these needs result in a threat to public health or well-being.



Newly resurfaced tennis courts at Waterworks Park

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

Looking at the service areas of parks within the city, there are several gaps in the southwest corner of the city. The city does not plan on exploring the possibility of purchasing land for parks in this area for several reasons. The public expressed little desire in either the public meetings or in the public survey for the city to purchase any additional park lands. The emphasis was placed instead on improving maintenance of existing parks.

**77% of those surveyed ranked “improving maintenance of existing parks” as “very important.”**

Second, The Detroit Zoo is located in the southwest corner of the city, providing a regional open space and recreation destination for residents in that area. Royal Oak also has two Community Centers and multiple Community Parks which serve the entire community.

## **Accessibility**

The City of Royal Oak conducted site inspections of all facilities owned and operated by the city. The inspections were conducted by certified inspectors within the Maintenance Division of the Department of

Public Service. Each facility was rated on the 1-5 standard required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. **The city found that several facilities have accessibility issues; as a result, upgrading facility accessibility has become a priority in the Action Plan for the city over the next five years.**

Table 2 - Parks and Recreation General Inventory

Facility Name		Barton N	Barton S	Bassett	Beechwood	Clawson	Cody	MM Community Center	Salter Community Center	Cummingston	Dickinson Park	Dondero	Eagle Plaza	Elks	Exchange	Fernwood	Fries	Franklin	Fulton	Grant	Gunn/Dyer	Huntington Woods	Hudson/Mil Hey	Kenwood	Lawson	Lockman	Maddock	Marais
General Characteristics	Type	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	MP	SU	SU	CP	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP	NP	MP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
	Parking Spaces													28	1													
	Number of Students																											
	Acres	0.52	0.50	1.14	0.29	2.36	0.14		0.22	25.29	4.07	3.39	0.12	4.67	14.50	0.83	0.50	4.26	0.41	4.25	2.36	0.41	1.88	8.89	4.25	9.33	2.44	2.54
	Lighting												1															
Play Areas	Ballfields/Backstops					1					1	1		1	2					1	1			2	1			1
	Softball/Skinned Fields																											
	Soccer										1			1	2					1				2				
	Football																											
	Volleyball																								1	1		
	Multi-Purpose Field			1		1	1			1		1				1				1	1		1	1	1			1
	Archery Range																											
	Golf/ Driving Range																											
	Ice Skating Outdoor										1			1					1	1								
Hard Court Area	Pickleball Courts																											
	Asphalt Play			1																								
	Tennis										2	2		2	2			2						2		2		
	Track & Field																											
	Basketball Courts										1	1		1	1	1									1			
	Basketball Backboards											4			2								1			2		
Play Structures	Play Structures	1		1		1	1			1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Number of Playgrounds																											
	Tot Lot/ Tyke Track	1																										
	Modular Play Equipment						1				2					1				1					1		1	
	Timber Play Structures	1				1	1			1		1		1	1				1		1	1	1			2		
	Metal Play Structures			1		1								1										1		1		
	Tire Climbers/ Tire Swings										1													1		1		
	Resilient Surfacing	S		S		S	Fi,S			S	Fi	S		S	S	S			S	Fi,S	S	S	S,Fi	S	Fi	S	Fi	
	Sandbox										1					1											1	
Playground Equipment	Tetherball																											
	Swing Sets	1		1			1				2	2		1	2	3			1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
	Slides (Metal), freestanding											1			1			1			1							
	Jungle Jims/Climbers			1			1					1			1	1			1		1			1	1			

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

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Facility Name		Mark Twain	Marks	Maudlin	Meininger	Memorial	Miller	Pioneer	Quickstad	Realtor	Red Run	Rotary	Starr/JC	Sullivan	Fred Piper Optimist	13 Mile/Main	Upton	V.F.W.	Wagner	Waterworks	Wendland	Westwood	Whittier	Woodsboro	Worden	Worden East	TOTALS
General Characteristics	Type	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	NP	NP	CP	NP	CP	MP	CP	NP	NP	MP	NP	CP	CP	NP	MP	MP	NP	MP	CP	MP	
	Parking Spaces	1				18							1												1		50
	Number of Students																										0
	Acres	7.00	1.27	1.79	8.45	24.19	1.52	2.34	31.50	2.54	19.32	0.83	28.00	3.37	3.08	0.10	3.86	7.96	13.66	4.96	0.79	1.03	6.87	1.10	30.81	4.25	310.03
	Lighting				1	1	1																		1		5
Play Areas	Ballfields/Backstops		1			3					2		3		1			1		1					4		28
	Softball/Skinned Fields																										0
	Soccer								3		1									1			2		3		17
	Football					1							4														5
	Volleyball												2		1												5
	Multi-Purpose Field		1	1						1			2	1	1		1	1		1		1	1				24
	Archery Range																										0
	Golf/ Driving Range																										0
	Ice Skating Outdoor				1																				1		6
Hard Court Area	Pickleball Courts																6						8				14
	Asphalt Play																	1									2
	Tennis				2						2									2					5		25
	Track & Field																										0
	Basketball Courts																										6
	Basketball Backboards				1						1																
Play Structures	Play Structures		1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	41
	Number of Playgrounds					2																					2
	Tot Lot/ Tyke Track																		1								2
	Modular Play Equipment		1	1	1	1	2						1									1	1	1		1	18
	Timber Play Structures		1			1		1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1				1	28
	Metal Play Structures												1					1	1								8
	Tire Climbers/ Tire Swings		1															1		1							6
	Resilient Surfacing		Fi,S	Fi	Fi	Fi,S	Fi	S		S	S		Fi,S	S	S			S	S	S	S	Fi,S		Fi,S		Fi,S	
	Sandbox				1		1																			1	6
Playground Equipment	Tetherball																										0
	Swing Sets		2	2	2	1	2	2		4	2		1	2	1		2	2	2		2	2	2	1		2	64
	Slides (Metal), freestanding					1		1		1			1	2			1	1	2	1							15
	Jungle Jims/Climbers							1		1	1		1				1	1		1	1						17

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Playground Equipment (Cont.)	Spring Riders		1	1		1	1			4			6					1	1			1	1	1		1	22
	Merry-Go-Rounds																									2	
	Drop Shot																									0	
	See Saw							1																		1	
Fitness	Fitness Areas				1								1													3	
	Fitness Stations				1								1													3	
	Monkey Bars																			1						1	
	Chin Up Bars																			1						1	
	Rings																									0	
	Parallel Bars																									0	
	Balance Beams																									0	
	Vita Course				1								1				1									3	
Grounds	Passive Areas		1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1		1	32
	Picnic Areas		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	34
	Nature/Hiking Trail/Foot Path								1																	2	
	Pavilion/Deck/Gazebo Reserve					1							3					1								6	
	Pond/Lake/Fishing																									0	
	Boat Launch/Pier																									0	
	Historical Monument/Memorial																									0	
	Beach/ Swimming																									0	
	Dog Park	1																								1	
	Dog Run				1														1							3	
Indoor	Gymnasium																									2	
	Conference Rooms																									1	
	Multi-Purpose Rooms																									11	
	Auditorium																									0	
	Kitchen																									1	
	Art Room																									1	
	Teen Room																									1	
	Auditorium																									0	
	Game Room																									1	
Legend																											
CP-Community Park					Fi-Fibar																						
MP-Mini-park					S-Safety Surface																						
SU-Special Use park					PV-Pavillion																						
NP-Nieghborhood Park																											

Table 3 - Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

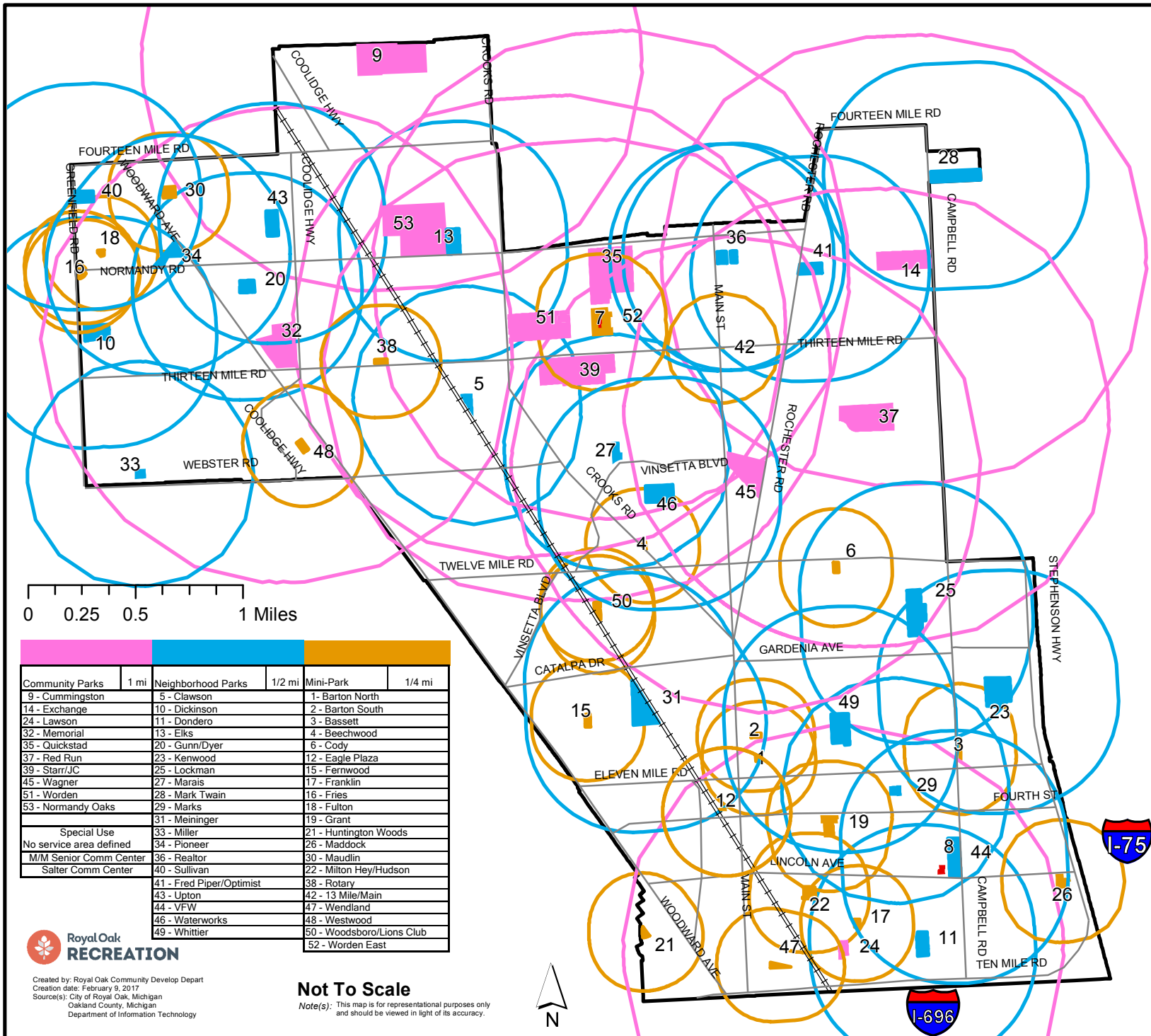
Facility Name		Barton N	Barton S	Bassett	Beechwood	Clawson	Cody	MM Community Center	Salter Community Center	Cummingston	Dickinson Park	Dondero	Elks	Exchange	Fernwood	Fries	Franklin	Fulton	Grant	Gunn/Dyer	Huntington Woods	Hudson/Mil Hey	Kenwood	Lawson	Lockman	Maddock	Marais	Mark Twain Dog Park	Marks	Maudlin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

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

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

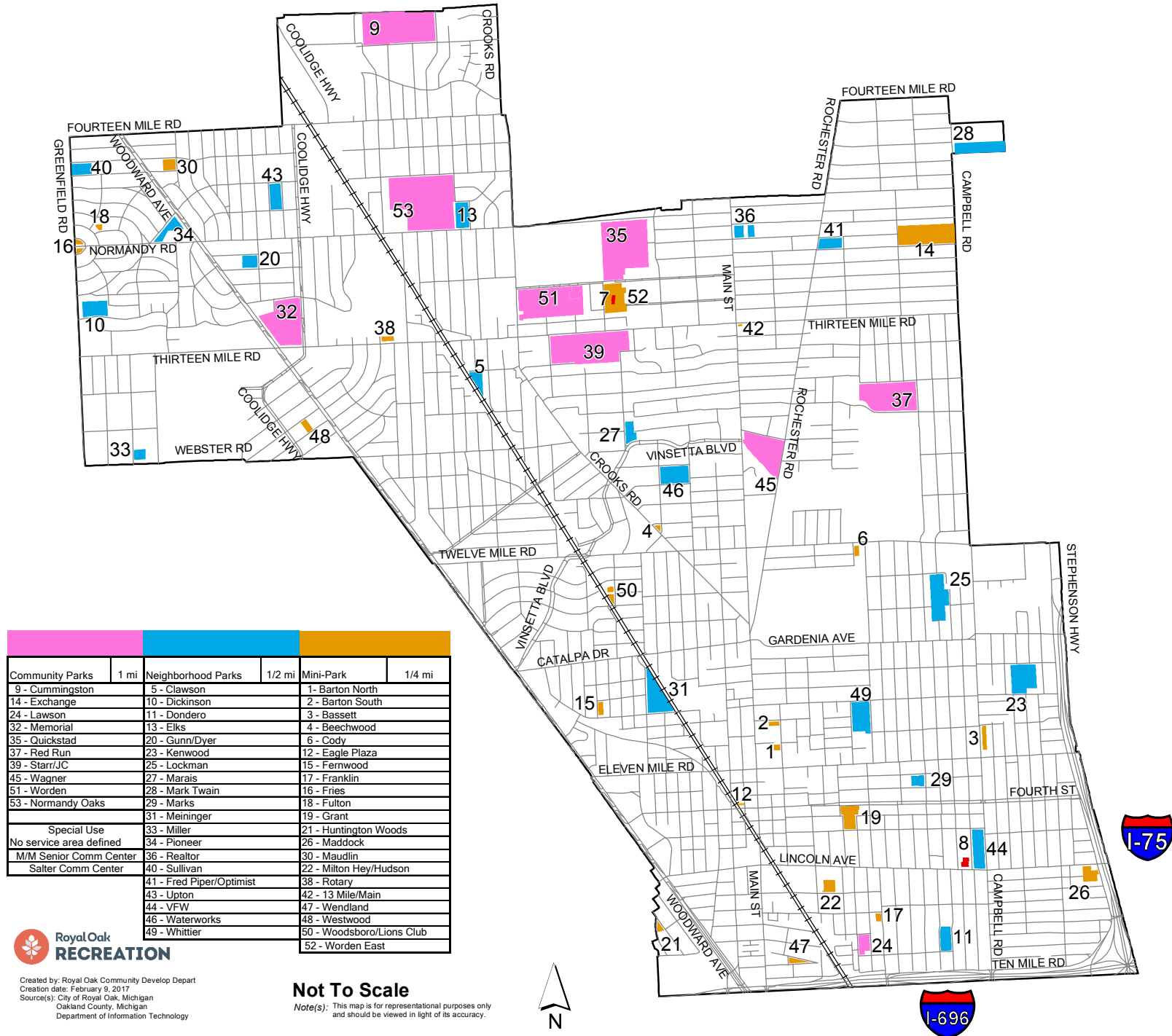
# Park Service Area

City of Royal Oak, Michigan



# Park Classification

City of Royal Oak, Michigan



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 Department of Information Technology

## Not To Scale

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



# Inventory of Programming

## Facility Rentals

- Gymnasiums rentals \$60 per hour
- Athletic field rentals \$75 - \$225
- Picnic pavilion rentals \$25 - \$100
  - Starr JC Park, 2 small with 4 tables, 1 large with 10 tables.
  - VFW Park, 1 large with 10 tables.
  - Memorial Park, 1 large with 10 tables

## Royal Oak Nature Society

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

## Cultural Arts

- Annual Outdoor Art Fair
  - 105 artists



Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair

## Day Camp

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

“I would like to see more classes like self-defense offered and adult fitness programs in general that aren't ‘low impact’.” -*Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey Respondent*

## Adult Sports

- Men's and Coed Softball, spring, and fall seasons, 102 teams.
- Women's Volleyball
  - A and B Leagues
  - 2 full seasons, Fall and Winter
  - 36 teams
- Women's Soccer
  - Summer season
  - 9 teams
- Pickleball
  - Outdoor and Indoor
  - Year round
- Tennis
  - Coed Doubles Tennis League
  - 7 USTA tennis teams

“It would be nice to have learning programs for adults who are not yet seniors - art, languages, etc. during evenings and/or weekends for those who work.” -*Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey Respondent*

## Adult Enrichment

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

## Adult Fitness

- Tai Chi
  - 10 classes per semester
  - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Hatha Yoga
  - 4 classes per semester,
  - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Water Aerobics,
  - 2 classes per semester
  - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Fitness Factory
  - 17 classes per semester
  - Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.
- Tennis Lessons
  - Spring and Summer seasons.
- Running Program
  - Spring, Summer and Fall.
- Adult Golf Lessons.

The Recreation Department is dedicated to providing residents a variety of year-round recreation opportunities that are responsive to your needs, are enjoyable to your families and contribute to your physical and mental well-being. New programs are always being added with residents in mind.

## Preschool Program

- Four Seasons Preschool
  - Licensed through the State of Michigan
  - 33 week school year program
  - Ages 3-5, 3 classes, 56 students.

## Youth Activities

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



Summer Tennis

## City Sponsored Youth Athletic Groups

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

# Public Input

## Public Input Process

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

## Public Survey

The first step undertaken by the city was to develop a Parks and Recreation Survey using a software program called Survey Monkey. The city-wide public survey was sent out September of 2016. Hard copy surveys were returned to city staff and were inputted into the Survey Monkey software by hand. The survey contained six general questions regarding Parks and Recreation Services. Results from the survey were integrated into the master plan when they were received in early December of 2016.

**The Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan survey yielded 625 responses from city residents.**

After compiling possible goals and objectives from past master plans, with the inclusion of survey responses, city officials met with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their regularly scheduled October meeting to discuss which goals and objectives should continue to be considered for the 2017 Master

Plan. Feedback was gathered from general discussion with board members and written feedback was collected from all in attendance.

## Public Workshops

The city also hosted two public workshops. Informational flyers were posted at city hall, both community centers, the library, and distributed to parks and recreation participants and leaders in the community. The workshop was also advertised through city-wide email, Facebook, the local newspaper DailyTribune, and the City of Royal Oak website. The first meeting was attended by 17 members of the public. The second meeting was attended by 4 members of the public.

The two meetings followed the same format; posters were created with the full inventory, and pamphlets with a map of all park locations were handed out to residents. Residents engaged in a storyboard workshop where they were able to share their ideas and provide feedback on each idea. These ideas were recorded on cards and then displayed on a wall to create an idea landscape. From there, patterns were recognized and ideas were prioritized. This was a great tool for getting all residents that attended involved including those who don't normally feel comfortable voicing their ideas.

Two questions were presented to residents. The first question read, 'What would your ideal park/facility look like?' and the second question read, 'What would your ideal program look like?' There was also a general discussion portion of the meeting designed to allow time for questions and concerns to be addressed by public officials. Both meetings were considered a success.



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

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation

Once changes from the draft display comments were made, the final plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their regular meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval of the 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan to the City Commission with no changes.

## Public Hearing and City Commission Adoption

**A Public Hearing was held to give residents the opportunity to comment on the final Parks and Recreation Plan at the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** We received one comment supporting the plan and two comments addressing their concerns about tree removal at Normandy Oaks Park.

After the public hearing, at the same meeting, the City Commission unanimously voted to adopt the 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Royal Oak.



## Draft Display

A final draft of the Master Plan was put on display from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Royal Oak Library, Salter Center, Senior Center and the Royal Oak Website. Fifteen people responded with comments for the final Plan. Most of the comments that were received were in support of a specific

# Action Plan

## Goals & Objectives Overview

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

The Director of Recreation and Public Service, Superintendent of Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in conjunction with the City Manager's Office determined which goals and objectives from the 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were still relevant for this plan and which goals and objectives needed to be added to the plan. New goals and objectives were also formed at two public workshops designed to gain public input. Specific needs and wants of citizens at the meetings were then integrated into the goals and objectives.

The city also issued a public survey in September of 2016 which included six questions regarding Parks and Recreation Services in the City of Royal Oak. The survey was posted on the City of Royal Oak website, Facebook, Twitter, and was also sent to residents of Royal Oak through email for citizen input. The information was used to determine which goals and objectives needed to be included.

When considering what types of goals and objectives to include, there were many factors at play. Expanding existing facilities or building new facilities is very difficult in Royal Oak because of limited space and resources. In most areas there is little or no space for new parks because Royal Oak is a fully developed community. Public opinion was strongly in favor of improving maintenance of

existing parks. The focus, therefore, with most of the goals and objectives was placed on maintenance and improvement of existing facilities, services and programs.

While this plan is not focused on expansion, it emphasized constant advancement of services and facilities. Emphasis was placed on continuing to evolve to meet new challenges and demands. **Development of new volunteer-based partnerships and programs was discussed to reduce costs for the department while increasing the level of community involvement and resident ownership of community spaces.**



Royal Oak residents enjoying the Little Free Library brought to them by the MOMS Club of South Royal Oak at Meininger Park.

A few groups in the community have installed Little Free Libraries at a handful of Parks. Little Free Library is a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. The Little Free Library is a great addition to Royal Oak Parks, as it promotes literacy and builds a sense of community. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. For more information or to find a Little Free Library closest to you, visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org)

The goals and objectives process also served to reaffirm several commitments the Parks and Recreation Department has maintained for years; such commitments include continued maintenance and improvement of parks, facilities and the urban forest. The city will also continue to develop new programs to engage citizens and update facilities accordingly; like was done with the development of Pickleball courts at Whittier Park in 2010. **Public input displayed a strong demand for nature-based activities.** The city lists specific objectives in this plan to help foster nature areas and nature education in Royal Oak.

When asked, 'Which are the three additional recreation programs most needed in the city?' 44% of residents chose Nature/Eco/Conservation Center.

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

## City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives

### Programming

**Goal 1.** Continue evaluation of all programs and adjust the type and form of programs to suit community needs.

**Goal 2.** Improvement of existing programs.

**Objective a:** Maintain affordable rates for program participation.

**Objective b:** Continue good public relations for special events.

**Objective c:** Continually update program selection with respect to new ideas and interests especially in regard to hobbies and exercise.

**Goal 3.** Create new programs.

**Objective a:** Provide programming for teens based on input from teen focus groups.

**Objective b:** Institute mechanisms to fully integrate all programs for children/persons with disabilities.

**Objective c:** Create programs that provide inter-generational interaction between seniors and youth/preschoolers.

**Objective d:** Create new physical fitness and enrichment programs

**Objective e:** Explore possibility of creating music-based programming.

**Goal 4.** Provide the community with municipal recreation, leisure, and cultural programs that are accessible and affordable to all citizens.

**Objective a:** Continue leadership efforts in establishing collaborative programming, workshops, training, and networking opportunities for youth-serving community agencies which would result in enhanced services to area youth.

**Objective b:** Work with community organizations and colleges in facilitating a continuum of recreation and leisure programs for the community with an emphasis in neighborhoods with greater youth need.

**Objective c:** Solicit and apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.

**Objective d:** Recruit and train a pool of volunteers and mentors to assist in implementation of various programs.

## Administration and Organization

**Goal 1.** Investigate traditional and innovative ways to fund and reduce the costs of programming.

**Objective a:** *Seek alternative funding for services in order to increase revenue and decrease general fund contribution through requests to service clubs, private sector and professional organizations for sponsorship of various program and facility improvements.*

**Objective b:** *Generate advertising revenue for INSIGHT to offset the expense of production and distribution.*

**Objective c:** *Investigate traditional means to increase revenue.*

**Goal 2.** Provide staffing at levels commensurate to needs.

**Goal 3.** Create mechanisms to maintain positive public relations.

**Objective a:** *Continue to provide regular opportunities for public input.*

**Objective b:** *Continue working with neighborhoods to build partnerships and create ownership at neighborhood parks.*

**Objective c:** *Utilize technological and social networking tools.*

**Goal 4.** Investigate opportunities to partner with other recreation departments to maximize opportunities.

**Goal 5.** Continue and improve coordination with schools.

**Goal 6.** Integrate technology with operations to increase access and efficiency of services.

**Objective a:** *Ensure all facilities accept up-to-date forms of payment.*

## Facilities

**Goal 1.** Provide facilities that meet the community wide recreation needs of Royal Oak residents.

**Objective a:** *Provide high quality ball diamonds, soccer/football fields, tennis courts, and ancillary facilities at community parks.*

**Objective b:** *Provide a focus on park and facility maintenance with emphasis on turf improvements, bleachers, additional trees, court resurfacing, playground upgrades, and other improvements identified in this plan.*

**Objective c:** *Explore the possibility of creating and preserving a dedicated public performance space for the Arts.*

**Objective d:** *Increase the number of permanent community gathering spaces in parks.*

**Objective e:** *Install an aquatic facility for community use.*

**Objective f:** *Assist in facilitating the objectives and strategies of the City of Royal Oak Non-Motorized Plan and expand walking and biking trails throughout the city.*

**Objective g:** *Improve availability of parking adjacent to neighborhood parks.*

**Objective h:** *Explore the possibility of constructing a new facility or expanding a current facility to include an aquatic facility, walking track, and fitness center.*

**Objective i:** *Identify priority locations for restrooms and drinking fountains and strategies for maintenance.*

**Goal 2.** Maintain a balanced system of parks and open spaces by having well operated and maintained facilities.

**Objective a:** *Continue to coordinate and assist in planned events in public spaces and parks.*

**Objective b:** Continue collaboration between city departments and community organizations to provide a high level of service to the community.

**Objective c:** Continue to remove existing physical barriers that limit use of parks and facilities by portions of the community.

**Objective d:** Selectively prune, trim, and remove overgrown vegetation to open up views and provide natural surveillance of public gathering places.

**Goal 3.** Continue to improve the aesthetic value of parks and facilities in accordance with the city brand.

**Objective a:** Improve the branding campaign for City Parks in part by updating and maintaining signage and other visual elements in accordance with the city brand.

**Objective b:** Establish permanent and temporary public art in Parks and Facilities.

**Goal 4.** Develop parks and facilities to become models of sustainable design. For more details, see page 30.

**Objective a:** Use stormwater Best Management Practices in developing/redeveloping all park sites.

**Objective b:** Protect/expand the tree canopy, expand native landscapes and minimize impervious area.

**Objective c:** Use parks as demonstration and education sites for green practices to promote environmental stewardship.

## Recreational Land

**Goal 1:** Provide recreation land in the form of community parks, neighborhood parks, and mini-parks which is convenient and accessible to all residents.

**Objective a:** Investigate the feasibility and potential features of a downtown park utilizing city land including city hall parking lots.

## Nature Parks

**Goal 1.** Explore the potential for a nature center in Royal Oak.

**Goal 2.** Increase awareness of Nature Parks.

**Goal 3.** Assist nature society in providing necessary improvements to the Nature Parks.

**Objective a:** Improve nature trails at Cummingston Park.

**Goal 4.** Increase diversity in the urban forest.

**Goal 5.** Provide necessary support for Royal Oak Nature Society projects.

## Access to Facilities

**Goal 1.** Eliminate existing barriers to recreation facilities and programs by creating barrier-free facilities and adopting a policy of “inclusive recreation”.

**Objective a:** Examine existing programs to ensure that they provide recreation and leisure opportunities to all residents regardless of their social, economic, or physical status.

**Objective b:** Ensure that each play setting and activity area is accessible, that accessible play components are placed throughout each activity area, and that similar play opportunities are provided to children with disabilities.

**Objective c:** Install accessible routes of travel, connecting parking areas, drop off points, all activity areas and accessible activities.

**Objective d:** Provide an accessible surface and pathway that is firm, stable, slip resistant, and resilient at all public recreational facilities.

**Objective e:** Provide a means of getting on, through (experience), and off the equipment for children with a range of mobility impairments.

## Summary of Actions and Capital Improvement Plan

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

### Existing Athletic Facilities

Through site inspections, public input and interviews with government officials, maintenance issues with existing sporting facilities emerged as a trend that needs to be addressed. The playing surfaces at several facilities need to be upgraded. Capital improvements will provide large scale upgrades to facilities, however the continued regularly scheduled maintenance will also be key to maintaining the high quality of facilities in Royal Oak.

### Administration

The Department always needs to be searching for new ways to provide and fund services. By becoming more creative and efficient with service delivery the Department can provide more and better services to residents. Several ideas were presented as a

means to achieve this goal. Volunteerism has always been a big part of Park and Recreation services in Royal Oak. Efforts to maintain the Adopt-A-Park program aim to provide specific and productive purposes for volunteers and contributors. Partnership with the ROOTS organization will provide the city with more volunteers in Parks and Recreation. The city also plans to explore more options for funding. The Adopt-A-Park program has brought in revenue from contributors for specific parks. Traditional means of revenue production are also being explored to fund projects. Research for grants from the State of Michigan and Federal government is always being carried out as well.

### General Facility Deficiencies

Public input, inspections and interviews with public officials pointed to some general deficiencies in our parks system. Playground equipment at multiple parks is in need of maintenance or replacement. The equipment in question poses no threat to the health and well-being of residents but is out of date. There is also a need for more public gathering places in the parks; including pavilions and bleachers for playing fields. There is a high demand for pavilion rental in parks. New pavilion construction is planned at Exchange, Normandy Oaks, and Red Run Parks in 2018. Public input also uncovered a need for more restrooms in parks; something that is being attached to the pavilion construction in 2018. The need was also expressed for new soccer fields which are to be installed in 2019 at Upton Park. Play structures in several parks across the city are out of date. Replacements are scheduled for the parks in question annually through 2019.

### Nature/Ecological Programming and Facilities

Public input, specifically the city-wide survey, called for more nature-based programming and facilities in Royal Oak. The city plans to partner with the Royal Oak Nature Society (RONS) to satisfy this need. Programming is

already provided by the RONS but could be better publicized and expanded with the assistance of the city. Potential capital improvements include development and maintenance of trails at Cummingston Park and better signage inside all nature parks. There were also some requests for a nature center to be built. This is not included in the CIP as of now due to lack of research. More investigation is needed to establish specific project costs and dates.



The Royal Oak Nature Society is a volunteer group that works with the City to protect and promote the usage of Royal Oak's two nature preserves, Cummingston Park and Tenhave Woods.

## Non-Motorized Transportation

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

## Accessibility

The city is continuing its efforts to ensure that all parks are handicap accessible. Capital improvement projects to increase accessibility include the Dondero Park upgrades

scheduled for 2017 and improvements to parking at Worden, Mark Twain, Elks, Memorial and Whittier Parks between 2017 and 2019. Development of new paths, discussed in the previous category, and upgrading playground equipment, discussed in the "General Facility Deficiencies" category will also improve accessibility.



Eagle Plaza (Coming Spring 2017): A unique public project that used crowdfunding as a way to help fund the park. The park features public Wi-Fi, covered bicycle parking, mobile charging stations, rain gardens, bioswales, and a wayfinding kiosk highlighting downtown destinations. The goal was to raise \$60,000 in a month. The crowdfunding was such a huge success, businesses and residents from the community raised over \$100,000 in 30 days.

"I appreciate the attempts to make Royal Oak a bicycle-friendly community. Anything to continue encouraging that and making it better is wonderful."

-Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey Respondent

# Why sustainable design is important?

## Economic Benefits

- Prevents combined sewer system overflow
- Reduces maintenance and operations costs
- Increases property values

## Quality of Life Benefits

- Encourages partnerships & community support
- Promotes stewardship
- Educates the public about sustainability

## Environmental Benefits

- Protects and enhances valued habitat systems
- Improves air quality through natural filtration of trees and foliage
- Reduces the urban heat island effect
- Reduces surface water runoff, keeping pollutants out of our waterways

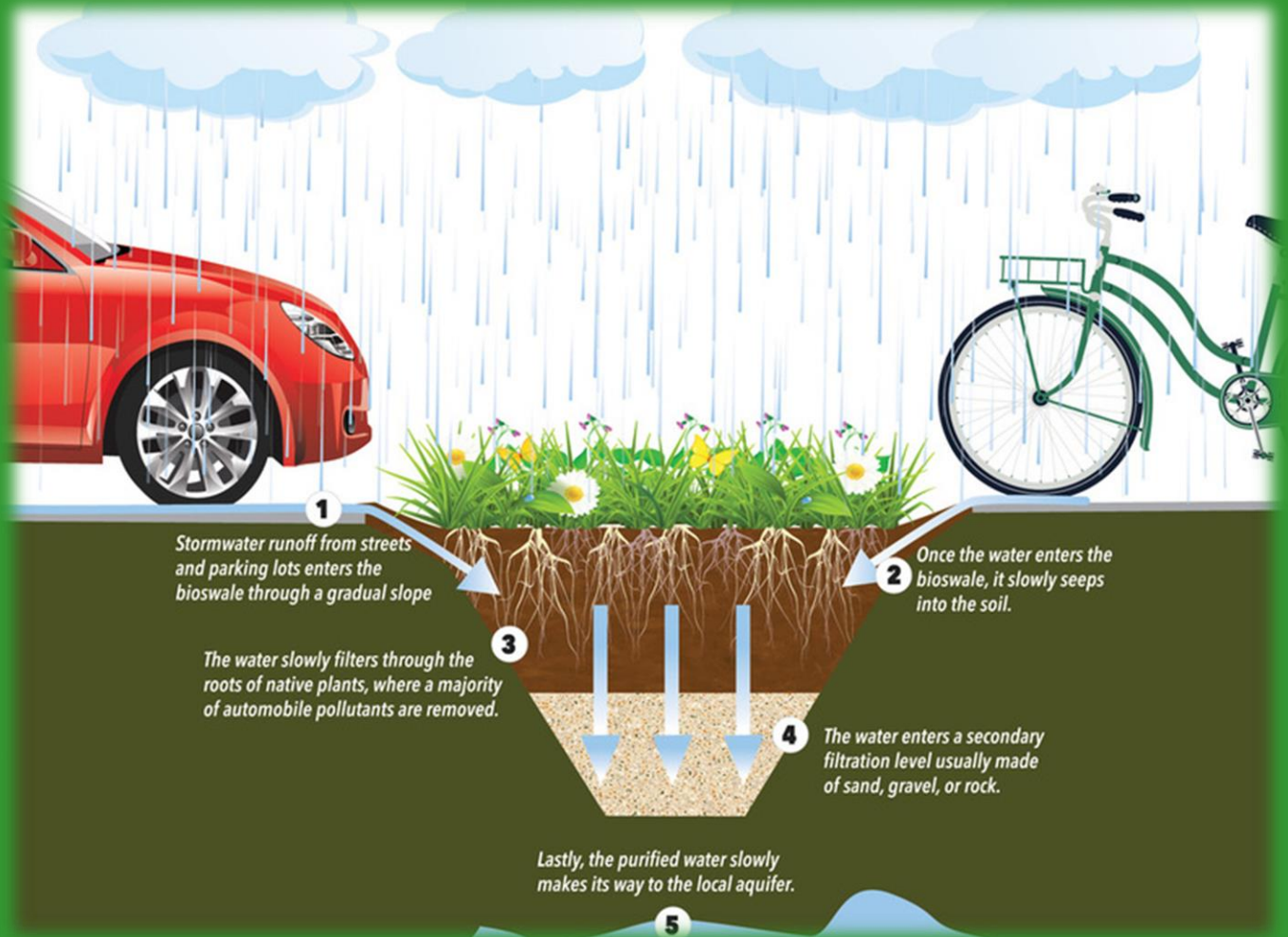


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## New Facilities

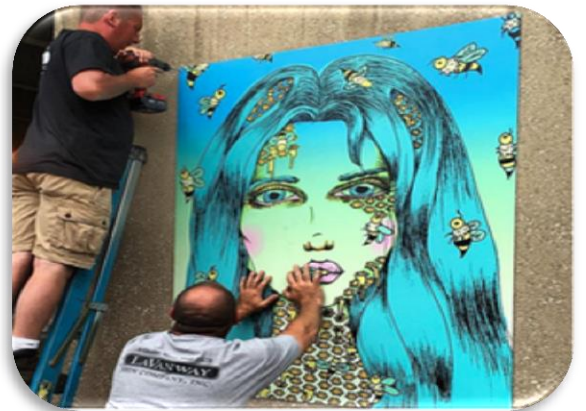
While most feedback reflected that residents in Royal Oak were not in favor of more parks, there were several new facilities that were requested. The first is a fitness center, swimming pool and/or splash pad; requested in the public workshops and in the survey. The city plans to investigate either expanding an existing community center or building a new facility to address these needs. Further investigation is necessary before these projects can be undertaken. There were also suggestions for a central park in downtown.

“Having a park downtown is ideal for parents of small children. I want to spend time in the shops or restaurants, but you need to balance some play time to keep everyone happy.”

*-Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey Respondent*

## Visual Aesthetics

Public input, site inspections and interviews with public officials established the need to improve the aesthetic quality of our parks. Basic maintenance throughout the year provides some help to satisfy this need but further action is needed as well. The city has launched a new branding campaign and the Parks have used this campaign as a basis for new signage in the parks. Another idea is to bring art into the parks. **The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is committed to establishing a place for public art within the parks system.**



Bee Keeper by Alyssa Klash

## Future Projects - Normandy Oaks

The 50-acre city-owned Normandy Oaks Golf Club in Royal Oak was closed in 2014 due to underutilization. The city formed a group called the Normandy Oaks task force in 2014. The group is in charge of creating a plan for the future of the Normandy oaks site on the city's north end. **Royal Oak voters approved selling 10-acres of the land and creating a park on the remaining property.** The city sold the 10-acres to developers for the development of multi-family residences and is in the process of looking at how it wants to develop a park on the remaining 40-acres with ideas from residents. Early suggestions of features for the park included two soccer fields, a water feature, walking trails, a nature area, two picnic pavilions, restrooms, and possibly a sledding hill.



**Table 4 - Summary of Actions**

<b>Existing Sporting Facilities</b>	
<b>Finding/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendation/Comments</b>
Drainage issues on some fields	Upgrade existing field surfaces at Whittier Park
	Upgrade drainage systems in fields at Red Run Park
Some hard surface courts in need of maintenance	Upgrade tennis courts and nets at Waterworks, Lockinson, and Meininger parks

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

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

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

**Table 4 - Summary of Actions (Cont.)**

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

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

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

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

**Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan**

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2017	Exchange Park	Parking improvements	\$60,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2017	Memorial and Sullivan Parks	Provide ADA improvements.	\$35,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2017	Memorial and Worden Park	Install irrigation system for playing fields.	\$92,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2017	City-Wide	Replace Fibar at necessary locations	\$40,000	GF, Prvt.
2017	Worden Park	Install lighting system for playing fields.	\$350,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2017	Dickinson	Repair/resurface tennis courts	\$35,000	GF, RP, Prvt., CDBG
2017	Eagle Plaza Park	Downtown smart park incorporates technology, sustainable landscaping, and materials that have the lowest impact on the environment	\$250,000	Crowdfunding / MEDC
2017	Royal Oak Golf Course	Install a golf cart path, clubhouse deck, and repave the parking lot	\$421,000	Normandy Oaks Asset Sale
2017	Fulton and Kenwood	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$90,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2017	Elks and Mark Twain Parks	Parking improvements	\$130,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP, CDBG
2017	City-wide	Upgrade signage	\$125,000	GF, Prvt.

**Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan (Cont.)**

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2017	Worden Park	Resurfacing of parking lot	\$132,000	CDBG
2017	Memorial Park	Parking Improvements	\$125,000	GF, RP, Prvt.
2018	Exchange, and Red Run, Parks	Construct new pavilions with restrooms.	\$300,000	GF, LWCF
2018	Whittier, Dickinson, Exchange, and Red Run Park	Turf improvements.	\$230,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2018	City-wide	Install/improve flower beds	\$57,600	GF, Prvt.
2018	Memorial and Gunn Dyer Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$70,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2018	Senior Center	Outdoor Renovations/Improve Recreational Use	\$43,500	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2018	Normandy Oaks Park	Redevelopment of Normandy Oaks Golf Course into a city park	\$3,000,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.
2019	Outdoor Amphitheater	Investigate/Plan for outdoor amphitheater. Size and location to be determined by study.	\$8,000	GF,CDBG
2019	Memorial Park	Install public announcing booth system.	\$45,000	GF
2019	Worden East Parks	Upgrade/replace play structures	\$70,000	MNRTF, RP, GF, Prvt.

**Table 5 - Capital Improvement Plan (Cont.)**

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost	Funding Sources
2019	Lockman, Whittier, and Fernwood Park	Upgrade basketball equipment.	\$4,500	GF
2019	Swimming pool	Install swimming pool; location not determined	\$4,000,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.
2019	Franklin, and Dickinson Parks	Repair/resurface tennis courts	\$30,000	GF, RP, Prvt.
2019	Downtown Park Development	Construction of a new downtown park	\$4,500,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, RP
2019	Upton Park	Construct new soccer field	\$75,000	MNRTF, LWCF, GF, Prvt.

**KEY**

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

# Appendix A

## Community Links

### City of Royal Oak

The City of Royal Oak Master Plan (Including NMTP)

<http://www.romi.gov/301/Master-Plan>

The City of Royal Oak 2012-2013 Adopted Budget

<http://www.romi.gov/198/Budget-Documents>

The City of Royal Oak Recreation Department Website

<http://www.romi.gov/440/Recreation>

### Community Organizations

Tree City USA Program

<https://www.arboday.org/>

Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools

<http://www.royaloakschools.org/>

Farmers Market

<http://www.romi.gov/389/Farmers-Market>

Royal Oak Opportunities to Serve (ROOTS)

<http://www.romi.gov/493/Royal-Oak-Opportunity-to-Serve-ROOTS>

Oakland County Parks

<http://www.destinationoakland.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Detroit Zoo

<http://detroitzoo.org/>

Boys & Girls Clubs of South Oakland County

<http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.us/>

Salvation Army- Royal Oak

[http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc\\_royaloak/](http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc_royaloak/)

The Judson Center

<http://judsoncenter.org/>

Royal Oak Nature Society

<http://www.romi.gov/407/Nature-Society>

Woodward 5

<http://www.woodward5.com/>

## Events

Arts, Beats & Eats

<http://artsbeatseats.com/>

Woodward Dream Cruise

<http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/>

## Public-Private Partner Facilities

Royal Oak Golf Course

<http://www.romi.gov/603/Golf-in-Royal-Oak>

John Lindell Ice Arena

<http://www.romi.gov/675/Ice-Arena>

Total Soccer

<http://www.totalsoccerinc.com/HomeRoyalOak.html>

Royal Oak Driving Range and Adventure Golf

<http://royaloakgolfcenter.com/>

# **Appendix B**

## **Royal Oak Nature Society**

**The Royal Oak Nature Society Master Plans for  
Cummingston Park, Tenhave Woods  
and The Arboretum at Worden Park East  
Version 4  
*December, 2013***

*Questions or comments may be submitted  
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<https://www.romi.gov/407/Nature-Society>  
or contact any Board Member listed inside this document*

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## **Preface**

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

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

*Robert Muller  
Royal Oak Nature Society Naturalist*

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## **Introduction**

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

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

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

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

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

*- Page 60: Recreation Deficiencies*

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

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

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

*- Page 63: Program Goals and Objectives for Facilities*

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

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

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

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

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

Educational programs are managed by the Program and Education Committees.

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

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

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

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

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

### **What Will the Park Improvements Cost?**

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

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

## MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2013

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

- Immediate = Within One Year (before 2014)
- Short = 1 to 5 Years (before 2018)
- Long = Beyond 5 Years (2018 & beyond)

### **Plan for Tenhave & Cummingston Parks**

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments-Status
General Layout	Hard dirt trails should be lined 4' to 8' wide with brush cleared 8' high overhead as part of a maintenance program.	Ongoing	Use Nature Society volunteers
Projects	Invasive Species Removal		NCS

### **Cummingston Park - Master Plan**

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments-Status
Enhancements	Add signs at 14 Mile/Leafdale and on Torquay, directing visitors to the park.	Short	CITY to add signs
Fencing	Add a gate to the fence on Meijer Drive at the Crawfish Pond & possibly do some more grading work at the pond.	Short	Talk to Perry Getner about grading work at the pond

### **Tenhave Woods in Quickstad Park - Master Plan**

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments
General Layout	Remove trees & shrubs along the along the west fence line to allow more sunlight on the pond.	Ongoing	
Enhancements	Build a sidewalk from the main sidewalk up to the Normandy entrance turnstile	Short	To be done by the CITY
Enhancements	Make a wooden sign with park rules at Normandy entrance	Short	To be done by the CITY
Maintenance	Remove stumps from middle of trails	Immediate	Use Nature Society volunteers
Maintenance	Make sure that there are no breaks in the fence & that it is at least 8' high around the entire park	Ongoing	Park Patrol
Projects	Invasive Species Removal	Ongoing	NCS

### **Arboretum at Worden Park East - Master Plan**

Area	Action Item	Time Frame	Comments-Status
General Layout	Describe plans for completion of trail system. Develop a landscape plan.	Ongoing	
Projects	Invasive Species Removal	Ongoing	NCS

## **Nature Center Master Plan**

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

### **Revision Notes**

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

# **Appendix C**

## **Commission for the Arts Goals and Objectives**

## ROYAL OAK COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STRATEGIC PLAN 2016

### Goal: Increase the **VALUE** of Arts and Culture

- Community engagement ongoing project evaluating at the many ways we value the Arts in Royal Oak.
- "I value The Arts in Royal Oak because \_\_\_\_\_", "Art/Music is \_\_\_\_\_ to me, because \_\_\_\_\_."
- 11 Mile Project
- Art Explored Live- Summer Concert Series
- Art Explored
- Celebration For The Arts

### Goal: Increase the **COLLABORATION** amongst various local and regional organizations

- Partner with local and regional school districts/ Arts educators
- Assessment of businesses and non-profits currently providing Arts in our community
  - Inventory of art assets in our community
- Regional collaboration
- Symbiotic relationship with other local Arts organizations
- Community Arts Center

### Goal: Generate **AWARENESS** of the Arts and Culture in the City of Royal Oak

- Seek local data regarding the importance of Art & Culture in our community
- Reach out to local Restaurant and Retail Association
  - One day a month Live Music in Royal Oak
  - Wine and Cheese stroll with Art stroll
- Heighten marketing and web presence
  - video for the Arts
  - Arts calendar
  - Investigate other cities with great art programs
- Create Business Award for the Arts Champion of the month/year
- Musician only loading zone during performances
- Music on Main Street

### Goal: Become **ADVOCATE** and **LEADERS** for Art and Culture

- Expand role within The City Commission
  - Regularly attend and participate at City of Royal Oak Commission meetings during Public Comments
  - Present policies that nurture the Arts
  - Establish an list of city amenities where public art or event can happen
  - Annually attend and encourage The City of Royal Oak Strategic Planning Committee to include the Arts and Culture in City's Strategic Planning
- Provide training to assist our Commission
- Identify our "Arts Advocate and Leaders" in our community

### Goal: Increase **DIVERSITY & CULTURE**

- Diversify Royal Oak Commission For the Arts

## Attachment 2

- Local and regional collaboration partnering around the Arts
- Involve community Youths organization, Deaf and Blind community

**Goal:** Realize **ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY** to strengthen the current structure of our Commission

- Implement Practices and Procedures
- Become engaged in the recruiting and board candidacy
- Create a pool of volunteer data base
  - Establishing a Volunteer Coordinator
- Create an Event Committee

**Goal:** Execute a **STRATEGIC VISION** for the long and short term

- Implement annual Strategic Planning procedures
- Survey of community, community-at-large, diverse groups, stake holders and the never been reached before groups
- Generate a robust creative economy- defining the HOW? WHERE?

**Goal:** Become a **SUSTAINABLE** Commission

- Recruit and involve Volunteers
- Investigate Best Practices in other cities with strong Art Communities
- Define an Operational Budget
- Define Our Needs & Wish List



# Appendix D

## Public Input Process

MINUTES  
PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, October 6, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mahany-Meining Senior Community Center - 3500 Marais

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Kanan, Andrea Makar, Todd Menig, Mike Ripinski, Mark Ryan, Jeff Plachta, and Jill Robinson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Rassel, Director of Rec. & Public Service, Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation, James Krizan, Assistant to the City Manager and Alannah Doak, City Intern

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Commissioner Mike Fournier, and Julie Bondy

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Kanan, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Fournier was excused for the September meeting.

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Business:**

- a. Normandy Oaks Update – Oakland County sent a letter to City Manager Johnson supporting the city in our efforts to build the new park. Due to the counties limited capital budget and future capital projects in existing county parks they cannot commit monetarily to the new park.
- b. Master Plan Update – Alannah Doak presented an overview of the master plan process, including the results of the Parks and Recreation survey, summary of actions and the park inventory. The next step in the process is two master plan workshops for public input on November 3rd and December 8th.
- c. Discussion of Park Space for Lease – Tabled

**V. Items not on the Agenda:**

Andrea Makar informed the board there is a tiny library at Meininger Park courtesy of the MOMS Club. Mike Ripinski informed the board the Community Awards are October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Meeting – November 3, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Mahany-Meining Community Center – Master Plan Workshop

Motion by Ryan and seconded by Kanan to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

*Tod Gazetti*

Tod Gazetti, Superintendent of Recreation

*Paul Kanan*

Paul Kanan, Secretary

## NOVEMBER 2016 • Monthly Newsletter of the Royal Oak Seniors

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The City of Royal Oak offers mature adults opportunities for lifelong education, fitness, nutrition and leisure activities.

Supportive services that promote independence and quality of life are available for residents who are 62 and older or permanently disabled adults.

"The City of Royal Oak's Recreation Department does not discriminate against any program participant or applicant for participation because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental limitation, legal source of income, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status of person, that person's relatives, or that person's associates or for any other reason(s) prohibited by law. The City of Royal Oak will take affirmative action to insure that all practices are free from such discrimination."

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### Welcome Newcomers!

**Monday, November 7 10:30 AM**

Newcomer's orientation is open to anyone fifty or better. Discover the programs and services available at the Center. You'll learn how to register for classes, trips and programs. Meet the staff and receive a complimentary lunch.

Call **(248) 246-3900** to reserve your spot.

### SEMINARS: Food Safety & Nutrition

**10:00 AM Tuesdays**



Presentations by Michigan State University Extension. Includes food demonstrations. *No Fee/Preregistration required.*

**November 8**

Vegetarian Cooking

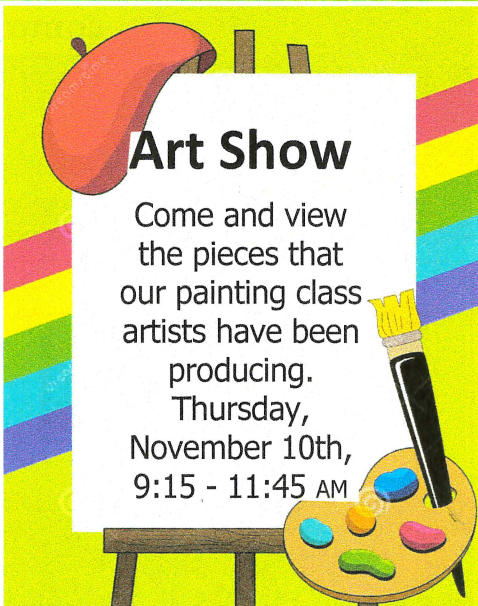
**December 13**

Eating at the Holidays

### Art Show

Come and view the pieces that our painting class artists have been producing.

Thursday,  
November 10th,  
9:15 - 11:45 AM



### REMEMBER!

### Memory Screening Day!!

**Monday, November 14th**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**No fee**



Call 248-246-3900 to reserve a spot.

**THE CENTER WILL BE  
CLOSED THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24TH, &  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

### Veteran's Day November 11

The center honors our veterans by providing a free lunch for all veterans. We ask all participants to pre-register at the front desk here at the center by Nov. 7th, or call us at (248) 246-3900.

### City of Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Master Plan

### Community Workshops

Help create a great Parks & Recreation Plan - contribute your vision and suggestions.

**Thursdays at 7:00 PM**

**November 3rd &  
December 8th**

At the Senior Community Center  
OR - take the on-line survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ROwebsite>



## **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop**

**What is YOUR vision for Royal Oak Parks & Recreation?  
Attend a hands-on workshop!  
Share ALL your ideas!**

### **WHEN?**

***Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm  
&  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm***

### **WHERE?**

***Mahany-Meining Senior Center - Game Room  
3500 Marias Royal Oak, MI 48073***

**Help create a great parks & recreation master plan for your  
neighborhood and community.**

## **All are welcome! Come & Participate!**

You can also help by taking a survey.  
Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ROwebsite>

**The City of Royal Oak  
Phone: 248-246-3200  
211 S Williams St  
Royal Oak MI, 48067**

MINUTES  
PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, November 3, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mahany-Meining Senior Community Center - 3500 Marais

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Kanan, Andrea Makar, Todd Menig, Mike Ripinski, Mark Ryan, Jeff Plachta, and Jill Robinson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Rassel, Director of Rec. & Public Service and Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation  
Alannah Doak, City Intern

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Commissioner Mike Fournier, and Julie Bondy

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Kanan, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Fournier was excused for the November meeting.

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Business:**

- a. City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation – Master Plan Community Workshop  
The City Intern, Alannah Doak guided both residents and non-residents through a storyboarding exercise to find out what participants would like to see in their ideal park and what their ideal recreation program would look like.

This information will be presented as part of the master plan process; no action is needed at this time.

- b. Appointment of Board Member to the ROOTS Foundation (TABLED)

**V. Items not on the Agenda:** None at this time

**Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Tree Lighting – December 1, 2016 @ the R.O. Farmers Market

Next Meeting –December 8, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Mahany-Meining Community Center

Motion by Ryan and seconded by Kanan to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tod Gazetti*

Tod Gazetti, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

*Paul Kanan*

Paul Kanan, Secretary

The Daily Tribune (<http://www.dailytribune.com>)

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## Royal Oak seeks residents' views on master plan for city's 50 parks

### Workshop set for tonight at Senior Center

*By Mike McConnell, The Daily Tribune*

Wednesday, December 7, 2016



With Royal Oak planning a 40-acre park at the former Normandy Oaks golf course and possibly another park downtown, residents are being asked to weigh in on what features they want to see at the city's 50 parks.

City park officials are in the process of drafting a new master plan for the parks. A workshop at 7 p.m. Thursday is open to the public at the Mahany-Meining Senior Center at 3500 Marais.

"We want to hear what people are interested in," said Mike Ripinski, vice chair of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "It will also be helpful in our overall priorities with what we do with

Normandy Oaks, and a park downtown if that comes to fruition."

Residents will also have other chances to speak out about features at Normandy Oaks and a downtown park, which is part of a proposed \$100 million development of Royal Oak's civic center.

But the vast majority parks are smaller and spread throughout neighborhoods in the city where residents picnic, jog, walk dogs and children play sports and other games.

A master plan for the parks is updated every five years and is necessary for the city to get government grants for improvements at parks.

Royal Oak's last large recreational grant from the state Department of Natural Resources was for \$750,000 to construct a second gym at the city-owned Salter Community Center on Lincoln Avenue near Campbell Road, said Tod Gazetti, superintendent of recreation in the Department of Public Services.

That was 16 years ago. Now, officials such as Gazetti and others are crafting a new master plan for parks with an eye toward getting more funding from the DNR.

"Every year we do a survey of residents," he said. "What people have said they wanted ranges from a water feature to renovation of baseball fields, new playground equipment, picnic shelters and pathways."

Cost and circumstances come into play, of course. Water features are too expensive to put into a small neighborhood park with relatively low usage. Similarly, it makes little sense to create a quarter-mile pathway or nature trail around a smaller park, Gazetti said.

In the past few years the city has installed about \$110,000 worth of new playground equipment at two of the larger parks, funding much of it with city parking profits from the annual Arts, Beats & Eats festival.

Greg Russel, head of the DPS, said the budget for parks in Royal Oak is just over \$1 million a year and half of the money goes to maintaining them.

"This year we are doing new place signs and some play structures," he said. "We get money from (federal) community block grants and Arts, Beats & Eats, but it's not included in our budget because we can't depend on that money being there every year."

Thursday's workshop at the senior center is the last chance residents will have to offer suggestions for the parks master plan. Like the city's master plan, it gives officials a goal to work toward in updating parks as recreational desires change over the years.

Royal Oak in the past couple of years has focused on investing more in city parks as part of an initiative started by outgoing Mayor Jim Ellison.

Parks and recreation funding took a hit during the lean years following the Great Recession.

The process of working to create the city's largest park at Normandy Oaks over the past two years has drawn increased interest in how the city designs and funds its parks.

A park at Normandy Oak will be funded with about \$3.8 million the city gets for selling 10 acres of the former golf course to home developers. Details of amenities for the park, beyond the inclusion of soccer fields and nature areas, have yet to be determined.

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MINUTES  
PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mahany-Meining Senior Community Center - 3500 Marais

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Menig, Mike Ripinski, Mark Ryan, Jeff Plachta, and Jill Robinson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Rassel, Director of Rec. & Public Service and Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation  
Alannah Doak, City Intern

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Commissioner Mike Fournier, Julie Bondy, Paul Kanan, and Andrea Makar

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. City Commission Comments:**

Commissioner Fournier was excused for the December meeting.

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Business:**

- a. City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation – Master Plan Community Workshop  
The City Intern, Alannah Doak guided both residents and non-residents through a storyboarding exercise to find out what participants would like to see in their ideal park and what their ideal recreation program would look like.

This information will be presented as part of the master plan process; no action is needed at this time.

**V. Items not on the Agenda:** None at this time

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Meeting – January 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Mahany-Meining Community Center

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tod Gazetti*

Tod Gazetti, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

*Paul Kanan*


Paul Kanan, Secretary

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**Parks & Rec Master Plan Available for Review**

The 2017 City of Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be available for review and comment for 30 days from Jan. 9 through Feb. 8 at the Salter Community Center, Mahany-Meiningner Senior Center, Recreation Department, and Royal Oak Library during regular business hours. The draft of the [2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#) can also be found on the Royal Oak website [here](#).

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to serve as a guiding force for decision making over the next five years for the City of Royal Oak. It will be put on file with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This new plan will also be used to qualify the City of Royal Oak for DNR Grants over the next five years. Comments and suggested changes can be sent to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DraftResponses> or they can be sent to Alannah Doak, Graduate City Management Fellow at 211 S Williams Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.


The Mahany-Meiningner Senior Center is located at 3500 Marias, Royal Oak, MI 48073. The Salter Community Center is located at 1545 Lincoln Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073. The Recreation Department is located at 1600 N Campbell Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48067, and the Royal Oak Library is located at 222 E 11 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Residents seeking further information are encouraged to contact the City Manager's office at (248) 246-3200.

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## ROYAL OAK

# Five-year parks and rec plan ready for final review

By Victoria Mitchell ✉

☰ Posted January 18, 2017

ROYAL OAK — Residents have less than a month to provide final input on the city's parks and recreation master plan.

City officials said that over the last several months, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Recreation Department, the Public Services Department and the City Manager's Office have worked to complete a five-year parks and recreation master plan with an increased focus on public input.

City officials said that resident interest and input in the plan has been strong, surpassing that of previous plans.

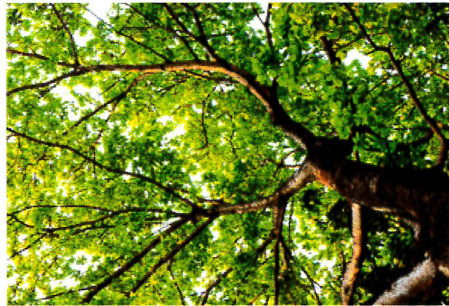
Alannah Doak, graduate city management intern, said residents' thoughts, suggestions and ideas have guided the new document via feedback from the parks and recreation master plan survey and two community workshops. The survey has generated more than 600 responses. The 30-day display cycle for the master plan will end Feb. 8.

Doak said that residents are now invited to view the 2017-22 city of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft on the city's website at [www.romi.gov](http://www.romi.gov), at the Recreation Department inside City Hall at 211 S. Williams St., at the Mahany/Meininger Senior Center at 3500 Marais Ave. and at the Royal Oak Public Library at 222 E. 11 Mile Road.

There is a link on the website that residents can use to submit their comments. They also can send written comments through the mail to the City Manager's Office, Doak said.

Acceptance of the master plan in 2017 will renew the document one year early.

"The reason why — that we're doing a new master plan one year early — is because we wanted to include Eagle Plaza and Normandy Oaks and be able to apply for grants for those specific parks that are not included in the current master plan," Doak said.



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Doak said that the final plan is scheduled to be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Feb. 9.

If the plan is approved at that meeting, it will be submitted to the City Commission on Feb. 13 for final approval.

Once approved by the City Commission, Doak said, the document will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to qualify the city for grant funding. She said that the deadline to submit the plan to qualify for grants for this year is March 1.

DNR guidelines require that a public hearing, with notice, be held at the time of final approval to give residents the chance to comment on the plan before it is finalized.

Residents are invited to attend that public hearing, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 during the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting inside City Hall.

"We do need to update it. We have a couple of new parks in the works here and certainly want to be eligible for amazing grant opportunities that come down the pike," said Mayor Michael Fournier.



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Staff Writer Victoria Mitchell covers Royal Oak and Clawson along with Royal Oak and Clawson school districts. Mitchell has worked for C & G Newspapers since 2014 and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University. She is a Michigan Press Association award-winner for writing, design and general excellence and in her spare time enjoys volunteering with the Girl Scouts of America.

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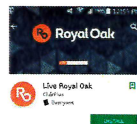
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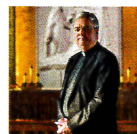
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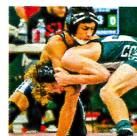
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State wrestling postseason gets underway



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Royal Oak High girls right in the hunt in OAA White



#### METRO DETROIT

MIHL set to host its 17th annual showcase event



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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Royal Oak City Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, February 27, 2017 at City Hall, 211 S Williams at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

For more information please contact the City Manager's Office at 248-246-3200. Persons with disabilities requiring additional needs should contact the office of the City Clerk at 248-246-3050 at least two business days in advance to make arrangements

Melanie Halas, City Clerk

Published February 15, 2017

# **Appendix E**

## **Public Adoption Documentation**

MINUTES  
PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, February 2, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mahany-Meining Senior Community Center - 3500 Marais

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Menig, Mike Ripinski, Mark Ryan, Jeff Plachta, and Jill Robinson, Andrea Makar, Paul Kanan, and City Commissioner Marie Donigan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Rassel, Director of Rec. & Public Service and Tod Gazetti, Supt. of Recreation

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Julie Bondy

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Donigan, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. City Commission Comments:** None

**III. Public Comment:** None

**IV. Business:**

- a. Election of Officers; Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Ryan to nominate Todd Menig Chairperson of the board. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Ryan, seconded by Robinson to nominate Mike Ripinski as vice-chairperson. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Robinson, seconded by Makar to nominate Paul Kanan as secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Royal Oak Golf LLC. – 2016 Year-end Report – In accordance with our golf management contract; Royal Oak Golf LLC. submitted their year-end report. The board accepted the report with no action required.

Royal Oak Golf LLC. – request for a \$1.00 increase to green fees; Motion by Kanan, seconded by Ryan to recommend to the City Commission a one dollar increase to green fees for the 2017 golf season. **Note:** this fee will not affect league fees or senior fees this year.

Royal Oak Golf LLC. request expanding their current full service liquor license to now include liquor. Motion by Ryan, seconded by Kanan to recommend to the City Commission that Royal Oak Golf LLC. are allowed to implement their full service liquor license. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Master Plan – approval of draft: Motion by Ripinski, seconded by Ryan to approve the draft of the City of Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion passed unanimously. The plan will now go to the City Commission for final approval.
- d. Bike Park Proposal – Ben Snyder showed the board a power point presentation with an overview of a Bike Park. Mr. Snyder addressed the popularity of these parks, along with size, cost and funding. The board recommended, Mr. Snyder stay in contact with staff so to get placed on the Normandy Oaks Task Force agenda.

- e. Normandy Oaks update – Mr. Ripinski stated that the deadline has come and gone for the RFQ for Normandy Oak Park, he is hoping the task force calls a meeting in the coming weeks.

**V. Items not on the Agenda:** None

**Upcoming Events:** None

Motion by Ryan and seconded by Plachta to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

*Tod Gazetti*

*Paul Kanan*

Tod Gazetti, Superintendent of Recreation

Paul Kanan, Secretary

**Agenda (Revised February 27, 2017)**

Royal Oak City Commission Meeting

February 27, 2017

6:30p.m. Closed Session - Attorney / Client Privileged

7:30p.m. Regular Meeting

Synopsis

*As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please turn your cellular phones off or to a silent or vibrate mode for the duration of the meeting. This will allow the meeting to proceed without distractions or interruptions. Thank you for your cooperation.*

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation Mayor Pro Tem Douglas
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Proclamation Honoring Crime Prevention Council Member Eunice Skilton
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Consent Agenda
  - a. City Commission Meeting Minutes February 6 (Special Meeting Strategic Planning Workshop) and February 13, 2017
  - b. Claims February 17 and February 28, 2017
  - c. Approval of Purchase Order
  - d. Approval of 2017 Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant Sub-recipient Agreement
  - e. Approval of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Sub-recipient Agreement
  - f. Police Department Request to Fill Vacancy Police Records Clerk
  - g. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Certification of Arbor Avenue and Thistle Lane
  - h. Award of Contract CAP1702 2017 Sidewalk Improvement Program
  - i. Award of Contract CAP1710 2017 Water Main Improvements
  - j. Award of Contract CAP1735 2017 Road Reconstruction Improvements
  - k. Special Assessment Standard Resolution 4 Contract CAP1630 Paving Improvements
  - l. Building Division Request to Fill Vacancy
  - m. Building Division Fee Schedule Revisions
  - n. Planning Commission Recommendation on Conditional Rezoning of 1015-1039 Knowles Street and 517-613 East Harrison Avenue, Second Reading
  - o. City Manager's Request to Fill Human Resources Department Vacancy
8. Public Hearing Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update
9. Adoption of Parks and Recreation Master Plan
10. Public Hearing on Vacation of Portion of South Center Street
11. Grants of Easements for Etkin Office Building Project
12. Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Bonds Sale Update Report
13. Approval of Special Event Permit Duggan's Irish Pub St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2017
14. Approval of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation to Increase Royal Oak Golf Course Fees
15. Approval of Worden Park Cell Tower Lease Purchase
16. Planning Commission Recommendation on Northwood Plaza Planned Unit Development (PUD), Second Reading
17. Construction Site Fence Ordinance Report
18. Adoption of 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Strategic Plan
19. Approval of Proposed Settlement Agreement Schroeder vs. City of Royal Oak [www.romi.gov](http://www.romi.gov)

Non-Action Items

December 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Variance Summary Report

January 2017 SOCWA and SOCRRA Quarterly Reports

At a Regular Meeting of the Royal Oak City Commission held on Monday, February 27, 2017, in City Hall, 211 Williams Street, the following Resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, the Royal Oak City Commission hereby adopts the 2017-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Oak City Commission at a meeting held on February 27, 2017.

Melanie Halas  
City Clerk

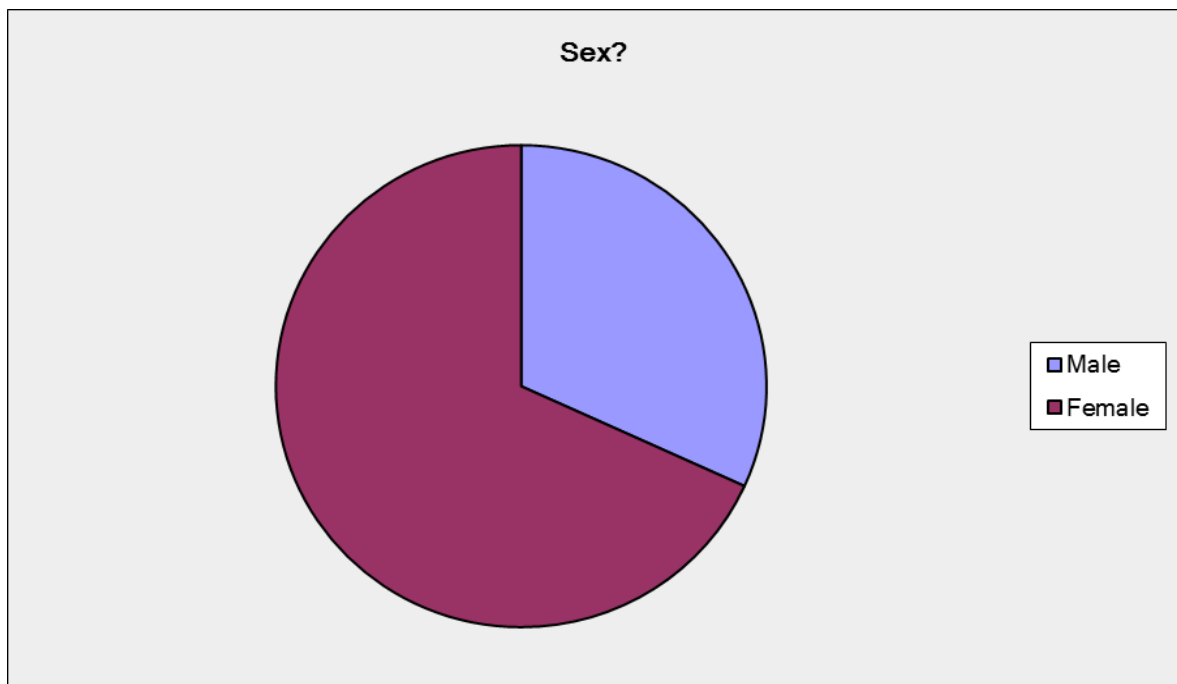
# **Appendix F**

## **Royal Oak Parks and Recreation Survey**

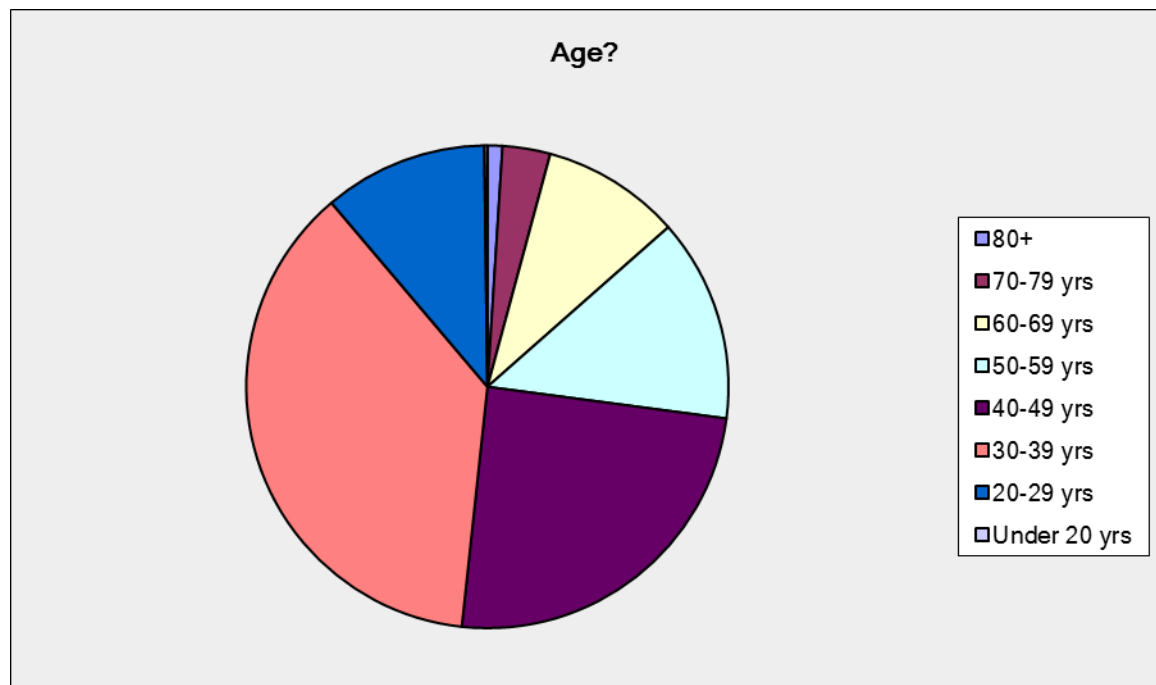
### **Results 2016**

## Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Survey 2016

Sex?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	31.8%	197
Female	68.2%	423
<b>answered question</b>		<b>620</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

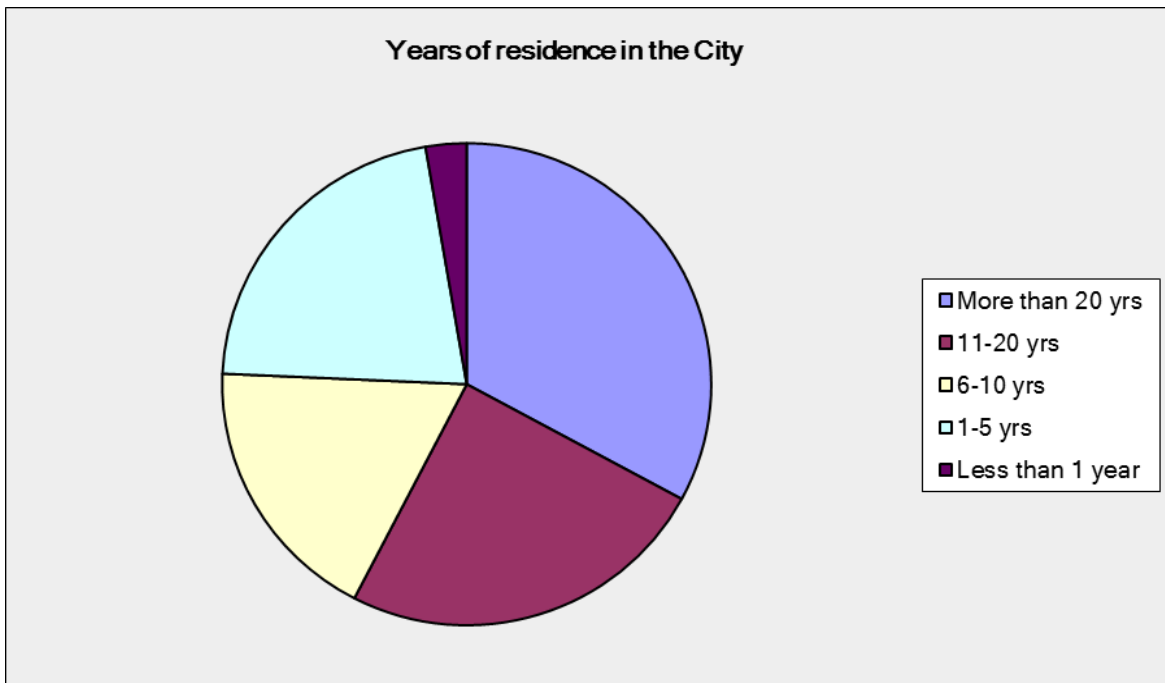


Age?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
80+	1.0%	6
70-79 yrs	3.2%	20
60-69 yrs	9.3%	58
50-59 yrs	13.6%	85
40-49 yrs	24.6%	154
30-39 yrs	37.1%	232
20-29 yrs	11.0%	69
Under 20 yrs	0.2%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>625</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>0</b>

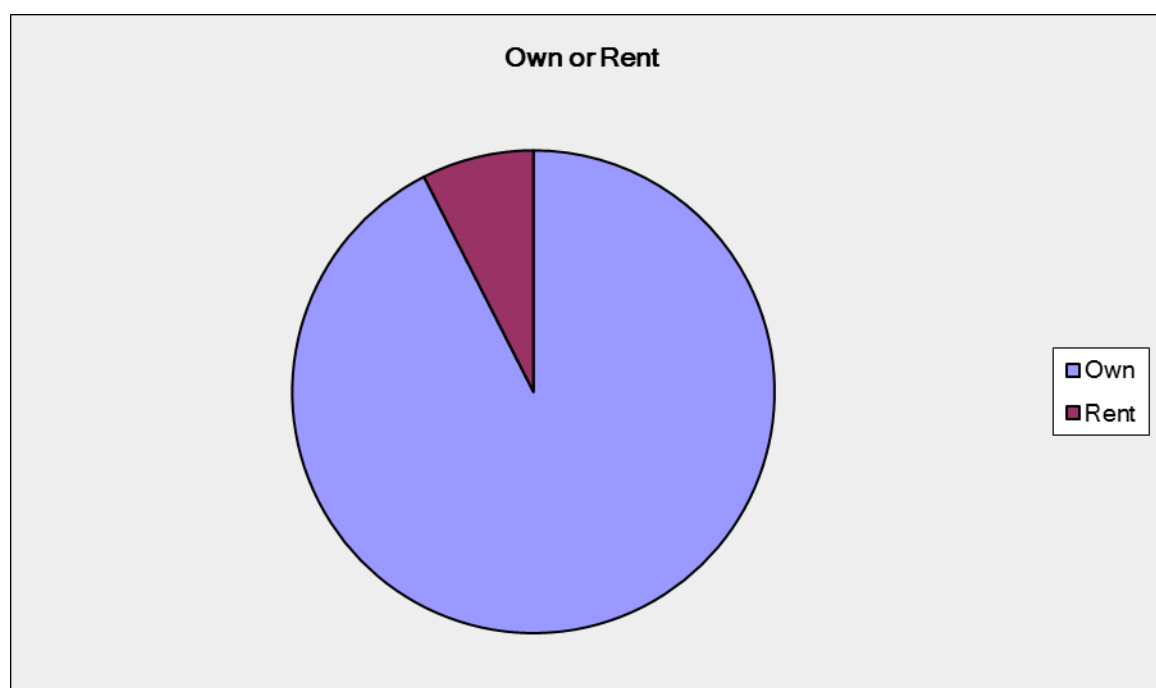


## Years of residence in the City

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More than 20 yrs	32.9%	205
11-20 yrs	24.7%	154
6-10 yrs	18.1%	113
1-5 yrs	21.6%	135
Less than 1 year	2.7%	17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>624</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

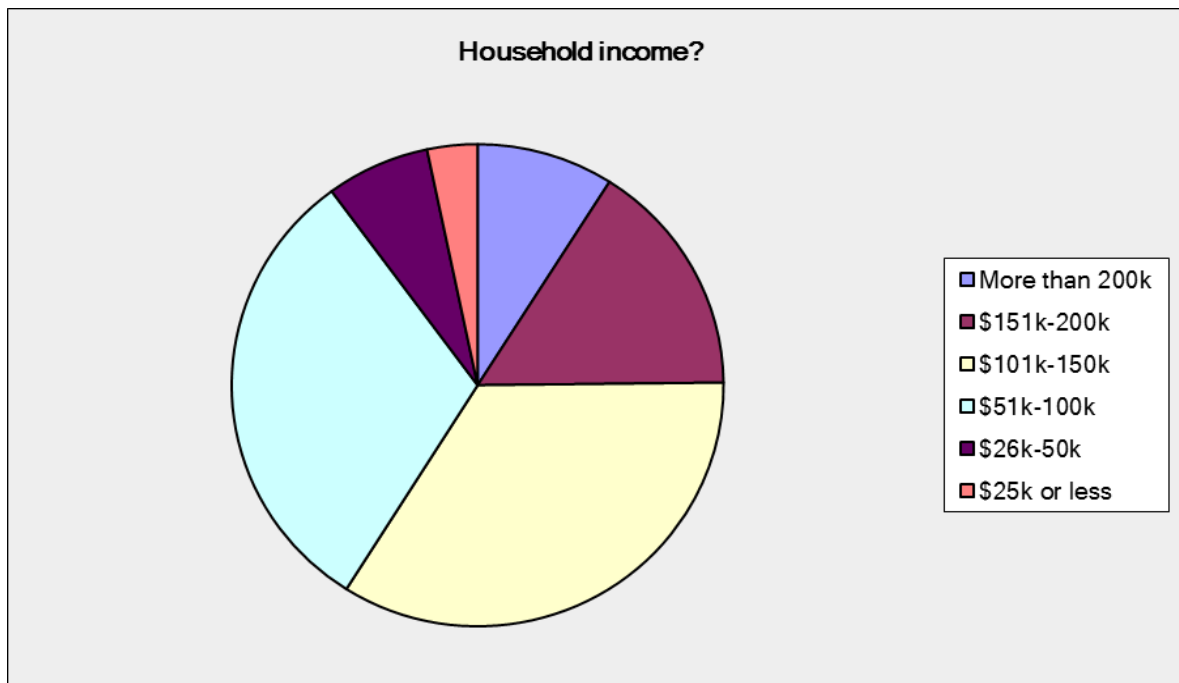


Own or Rent		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Own	92.5%	576
Rent	7.5%	47
<i>answered question</i>		<b>623</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>



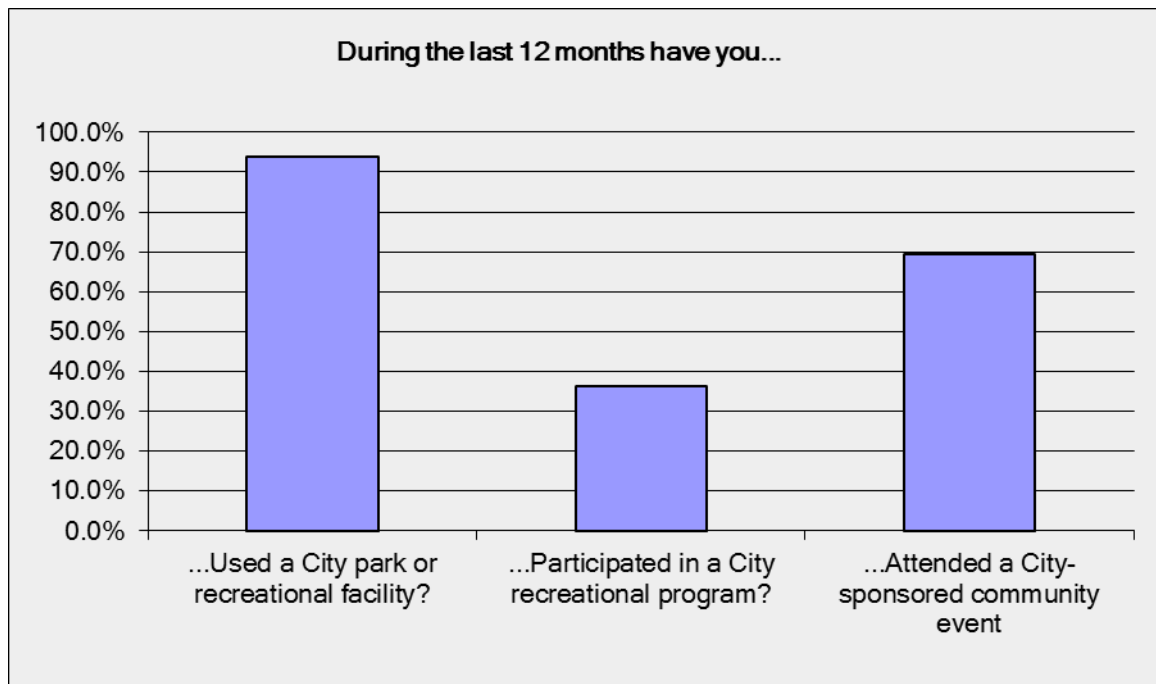
## Household income?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More than 200k	9.0%	54
\$151k-200k	15.8%	95
\$101k-150k	34.1%	205
\$51k-100k	30.9%	186
\$26k-50k	6.8%	41
\$25k or less	3.3%	20
<b>answered question</b>		<b>601</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>24</b>



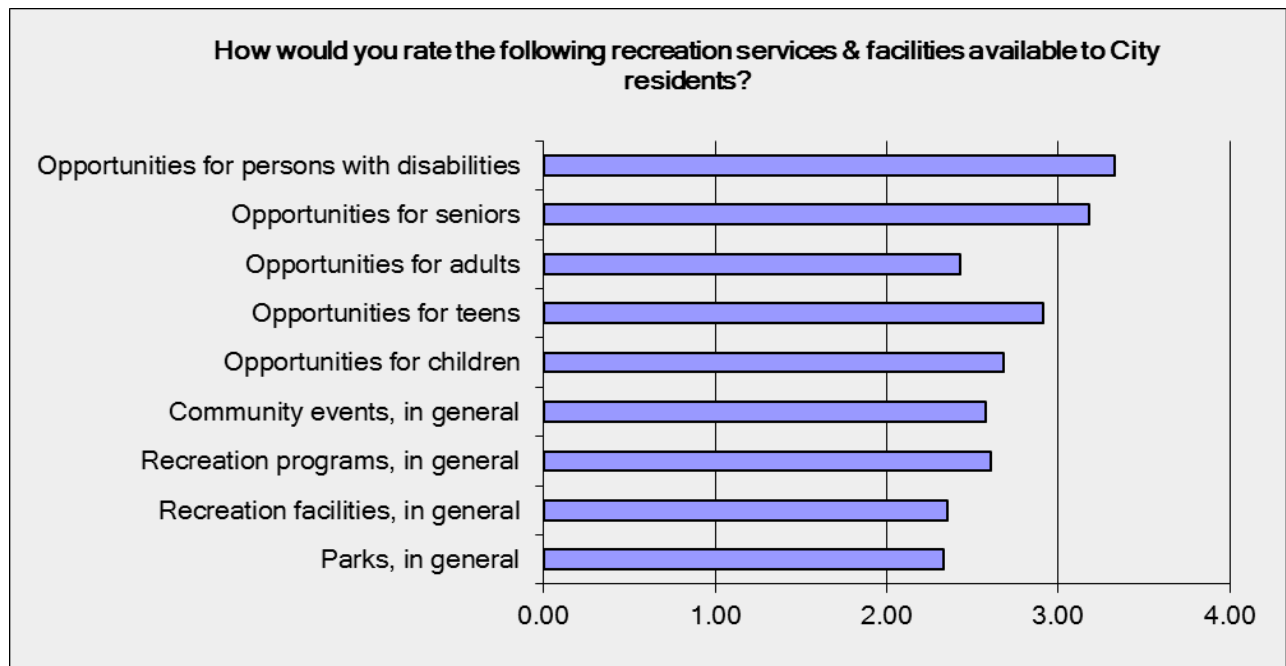
## During the last 12 months have you...

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
...Used a City park or recreational facility?	93.9%	557
...Participated in a City recreational program?	36.3%	215
...Attended a City-sponsored community event	69.5%	412
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>593</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>32</b>



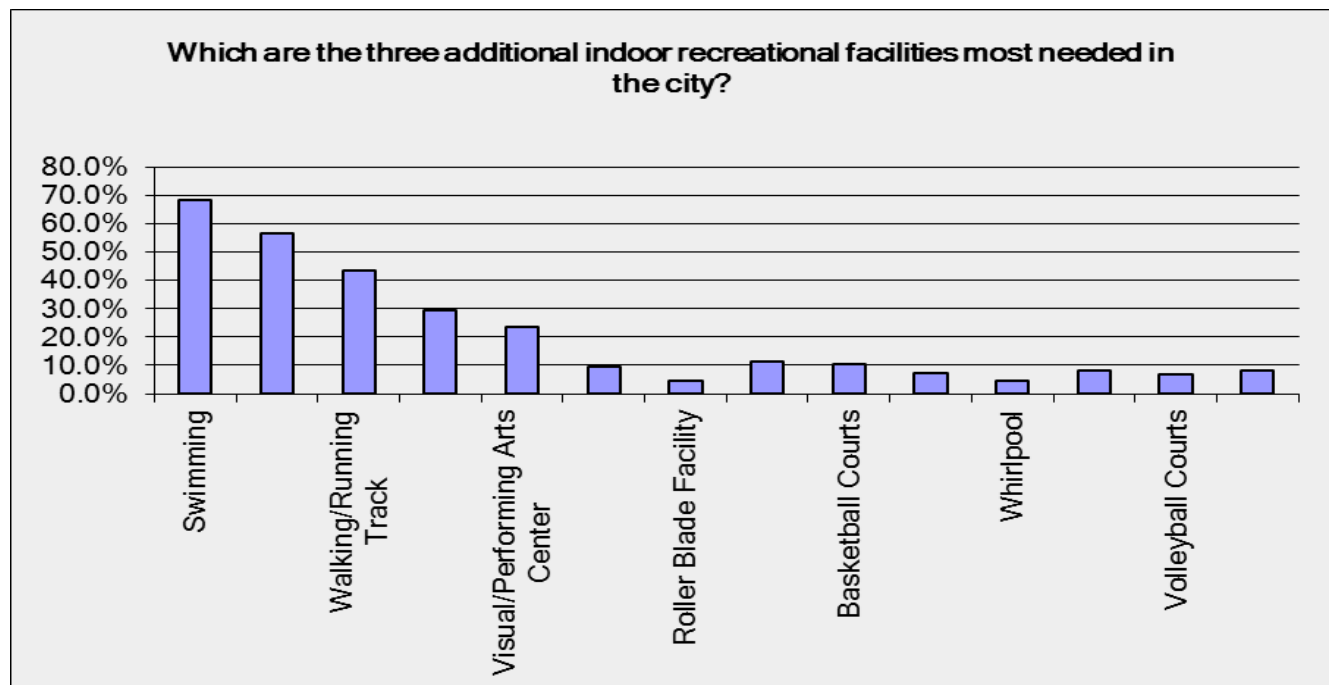
## How would you rate the following recreation services & facilities available to City residents?

Answer Options	Poor	Adequate	Excellent	Uncertain	Rating Average	Response Count
Parks, in general	40	346	217	15	2.33	618
Recreation facilities, in general	71	344	110	89	2.35	614
Recreation programs, in general	54	275	140	143	2.61	612
Community events, in general	24	270	259	59	2.58	612
Opportunities for children	63	212	193	143	2.68	611
Opportunities for teens	103	153	49	304	2.91	609
Opportunities for adults	90	273	142	106	2.43	611
Opportunities for seniors	36	121	147	305	3.18	609
Opportunities for persons with disabilities	67	91	19	426	3.33	603
<b>answered question</b>						<b>622</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>3</b>

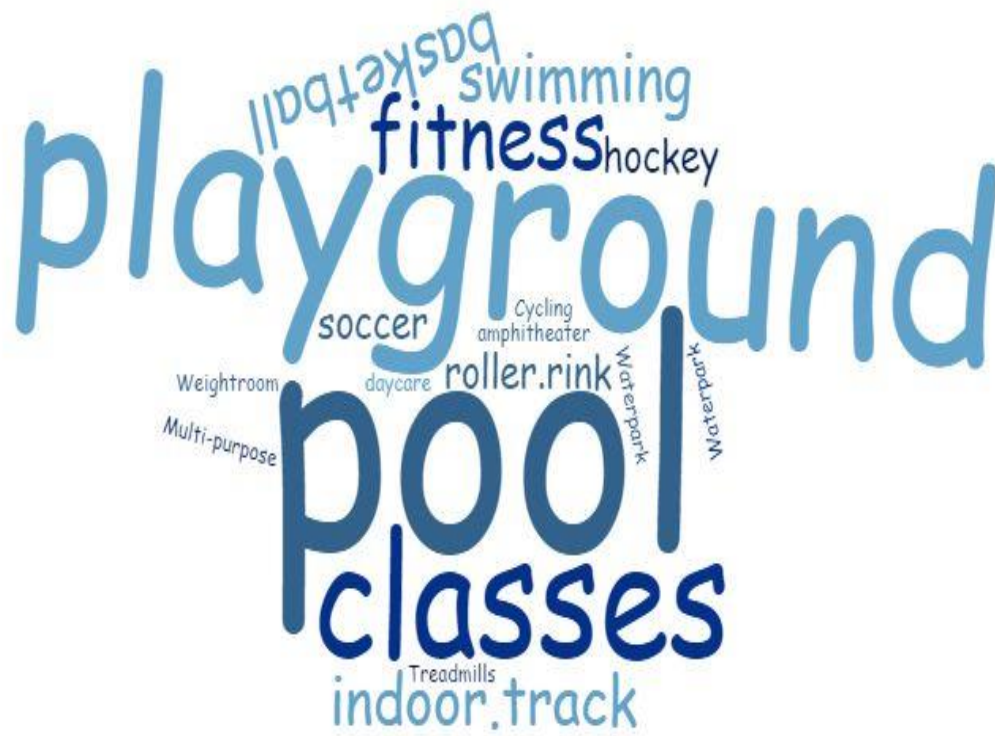


## Which are the three additional indoor recreational facilities most needed in the city?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Swimming	68.3%	408
Fitness Center	56.6%	338
Walking/Running Track	43.4%	259
Nature/Eco/Conservation Center	29.5%	176
Visual/Performing Arts Center	23.5%	140
Tennis Courts	9.7%	58
Roller Blade Facility	4.4%	26
Weight Room	11.2%	67
Basketball Courts	10.4%	62
Racquetball Courts	7.2%	43
Whirlpool	4.7%	28
Game Rooms	8.0%	48
Volleyball Courts	6.7%	40
Dance Studio	8.0%	48
<b>answered question</b>		<b>597</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>28</b>



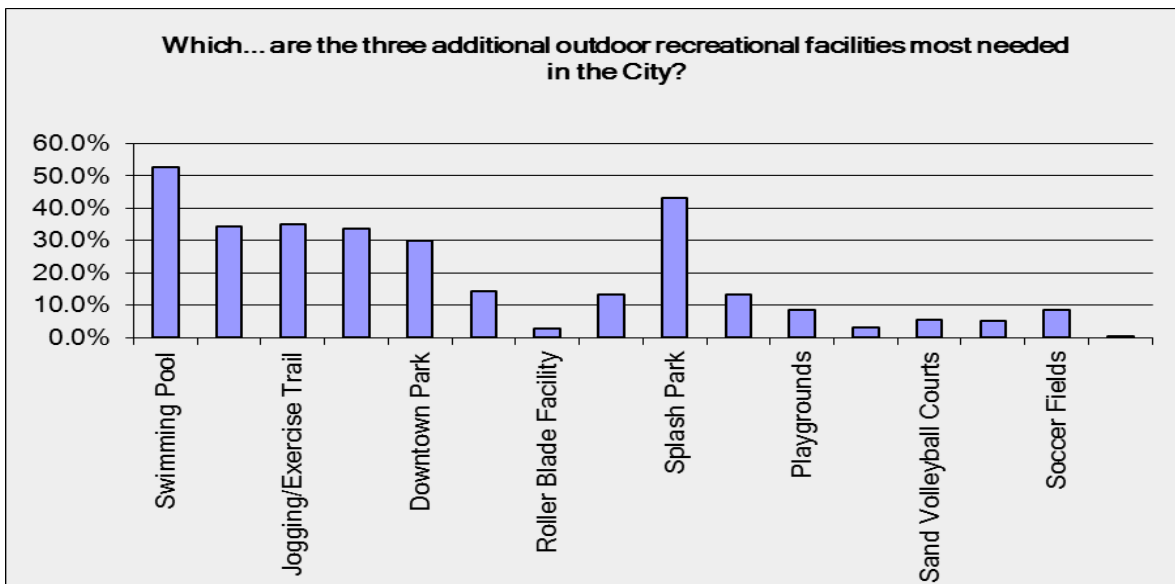
**Other additional indoor recreation facilities suggested:**



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## Which are the three additional outdoor recreational facilities most needed in the City?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Swimming Pool	52.6%	324
Bicycle/Non-motorized Paths	34.4%	212
Jogging/Exercise Trail	35.1%	216
Nature Trails	33.8%	208
Downtown Park	29.9%	184
Nature/Eco/Conservation Center	14.4%	89
Roller Blade Facility	2.8%	17
Dog Park	13.3%	82
Splash Park	43.0%	265
Picnic Shelters	13.1%	81
Playgrounds	8.4%	52
Softball Fields	3.2%	20
Sand Volleyball Courts	5.5%	34
Skateboard Facility	5.2%	32
Soccer Fields	8.4%	52
Football Fields	0.5%	3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>616</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>



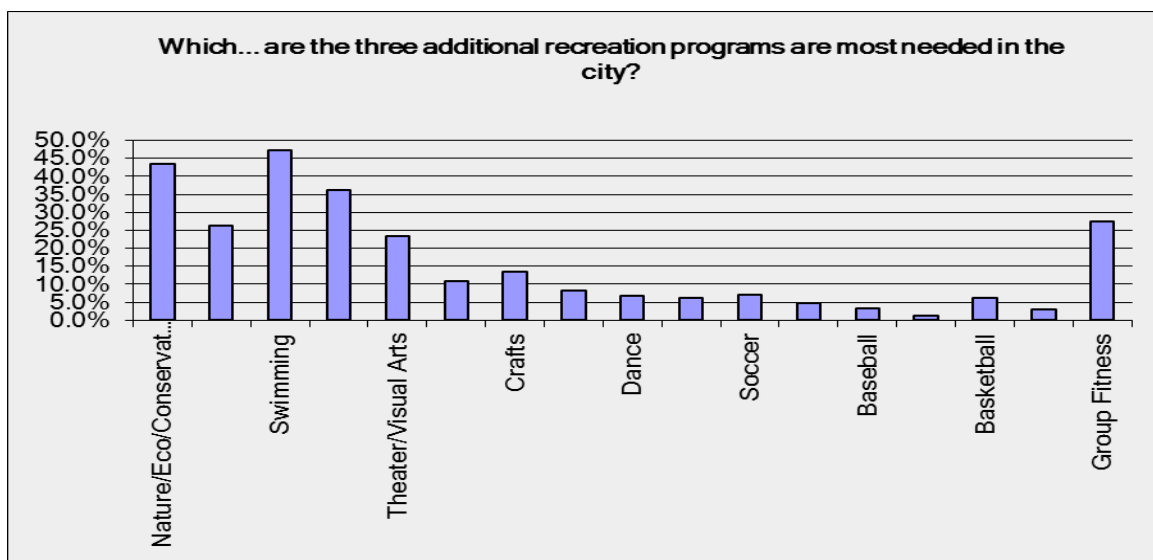
**Other additional outdoor recreational facilities suggested:**



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## Which are the three additional recreation programs are most needed in the city?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Nature/Eco/Conservation Center	43.4%	242
Music	26.2%	146
Swimming	47.2%	263
Summer/Day Camps	36.1%	201
Theater/Visual Arts	23.5%	131
Supervised Playgrounds	11.0%	61
Crafts	13.5%	75
Tennis	8.3%	46
Dance	6.8%	38
Volleyball	6.3%	35
Soccer	7.2%	40
Softball	4.8%	27
Baseball	3.2%	18
Football	1.4%	8
Basketball	6.3%	35
Rollerblade Hockey	3.1%	17
Group Fitness	27.5%	153
<b>answered question</b>		<b>557</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>68</b>



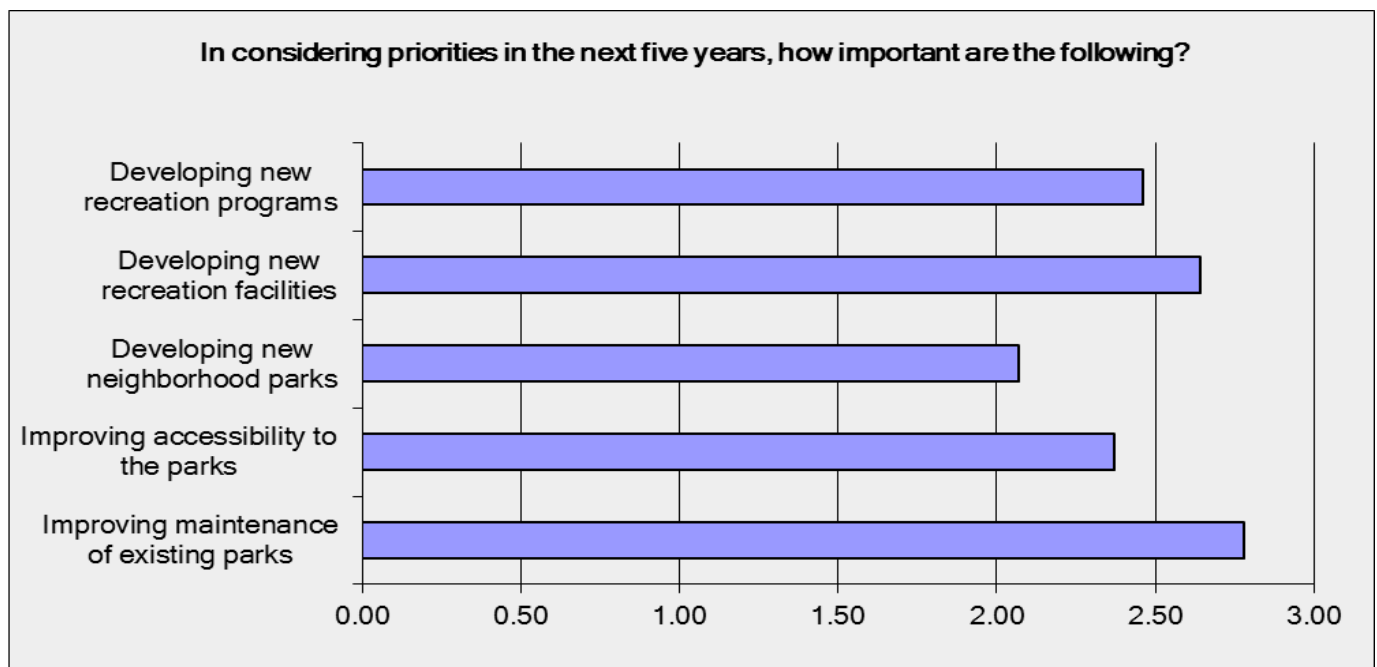
Other additional recreation programs suggested:



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## In considering priorities in the next five years, how important are the following?

Answer Options	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important	No answer	Rating Average	Response Count
Improving maintenance of existing parks	9	125	477	6	2.78	617
Improving accessibility to the parks	88	258	222	46	2.37	614
Developing new neighborhood parks	178	237	180	19	2.07	614
Developing new recreation facilities	26	186	390	14	2.64	616
Developing new recreation programs	41	265	287	18	2.46	611
<b>answered question</b>						<b>620</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>5</b>



## Additional Comments



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## Q9 Other additional indoor recreation facilities suggested:

Answered: 87 Skipped: 538

#	Responses	Date
1	Bike park. bicycles	12/9/2016 7:56 AM
2	Indoor bike park.	12/8/2016 4:07 PM
3	gay pick up joint, to get laid	12/8/2016 1:33 PM
4	Bike park	12/8/2016 1:04 PM
5	bike park	12/8/2016 12:51 PM
6	Bike Park	12/8/2016 8:39 AM
7	rock climbing wall	12/8/2016 5:40 AM
8	game rooms	11/2/2016 7:08 PM
9	We need an city sponsored fitness and swim facility like Troy has.	11/2/2016 1:28 AM
10	Indoor play area for toddlers & preschoolers	11/1/2016 8:49 PM
11	Yoga studio	11/1/2016 6:41 PM
12	Soccer	11/1/2016 3:24 PM
13	Soccer fields	11/1/2016 2:37 PM
14	Royal Oak is in need of a full service recreation center. The only modern workout/fitness option is LA Fitness, which is always packed. The local YMCA is way over due to be torn down. There are a lot of small group exercise business in the area, but nothing that offers what a modern recreation facility would provide. Something similar to Troy's rec center or the Lifetime Fitness facilities would be nice.	11/1/2016 2:32 PM
15	Indoor playground area for residents. Since the library is lacking, this would be a great outlet for younger children.	11/1/2016 1:33 PM
16	I think the city needs a recreation center. Similar to Sterling Heights	10/17/2016 1:07 PM
17	indoor pickleball courts	10/3/2016 6:59 PM
18	Treadmills	10/3/2016 12:03 PM
19	Parking	9/30/2016 11:32 PM
20	Play space for kids	9/30/2016 5:55 PM
21	Giant indoor water park/hotel for regional draw. It's cold in this state often. What's better than going swimming to feel less cooped up?	9/30/2016 2:19 PM
22	yoga of all types	9/30/2016 1:32 PM
23	Indoor play ground for children of all ages and abilities	9/29/2016 7:22 PM
24	Something for teens? Arcade?	9/28/2016 11:58 AM
25	Build a city Recreation Center similar to Livonia, Troy	9/28/2016 11:01 AM
26	Children's indoor play area	9/27/2016 10:25 PM
27	dog park	9/27/2016 12:30 PM
28	Indoor play area for children. Drop in play.	9/27/2016 11:41 AM
29	None	9/27/2016 6:25 AM
30	Please make more events and locations dog friendly. Other progressive cities are being inclusive of our furry family members and I'd love to see more of this from Royal Oak.	9/27/2016 1:15 AM
31	Street hockey	9/26/2016 11:09 PM

32	Play areas for kids like indoor water park.	9/26/2016 10:38 PM
33	Teen drop in center to keep them out of trouble	9/26/2016 9:28 PM
34	We need a good Community Center such as the one on Livernois in Troy	9/26/2016 6:38 PM
35	We need a place for special needs children to be able to play safely.	9/26/2016 5:04 PM
36	Fitness Center should include exercise equipment, track, basketball, etc.	9/26/2016 4:01 PM
37	Aquatic center or community pool like many communities around us have. High school pool is not the same	9/26/2016 3:37 PM
38	Dog Parks	9/26/2016 2:31 PM
39	Definitely need a community center. We need a city pool and an indoor area that families can use or rent throughout the year for special events.	9/26/2016 1:50 PM
40	Soccer. ROYSA is huge in the community for the kids and seems to be growing, Total soccer Royal Oak does not compare to other indoor facilities in the tri-county area.	9/26/2016 12:36 PM
41	Expand classes for working adults. Those offered during daytime hours are great, but not accessible to working adults.	9/26/2016 12:04 PM
42	Let the market decide, dont burden the tax payer	9/26/2016 11:47 AM
43	Indoor play place.	9/26/2016 11:24 AM
44	pickle ball	9/26/2016 11:11 AM
45	We have a fitness center membership that will end in December and cannot afford membership for two even with discount. It has helped us and would like to continue.	9/26/2016 10:23 AM
46	Skate Park	9/26/2016 9:26 AM
47	Climbing wall	9/26/2016 8:10 AM
48	We need a community pool	9/26/2016 7:57 AM
49	Waterpark	9/26/2016 7:50 AM
50	The City of Royal Oak is in desperate need a fitness center with an indoor swimming pool, like the City of Troy. It must have reasonable monthly rates.	9/26/2016 6:32 AM
51	Swimming pool/Waterpark like Warren.	9/25/2016 10:08 PM
52	An indoor play place for kids, for winter play. I have to drive 20-30 minutes to get to an indoor play place. (Free -\$7 admission range)	9/25/2016 9:22 PM
53	Soccer field	9/25/2016 8:54 AM
54	I belong to the Y,, so i use those facilities	9/24/2016 8:41 PM
55	A water slide facility would be awesome!	9/24/2016 4:54 PM
56	I recommended and any needed indoor recreation facilities be left to the private sector rather than Royal Oak city government.	9/24/2016 8:54 AM
57	Something like warren community center would be great!	9/24/2016 7:29 AM
58	Indoor water park with community pool and other things so Royal Oak residents don't have to pay at other cities every year.	9/24/2016 6:09 AM
59	Indoor park. Parks are such a huge reason we love living in royal oak, but we really only have 6-9 months with them.	9/24/2016 6:01 AM
60	Something like the Troy community center would be amazing	9/24/2016 12:54 AM
61	Weight room, basketball courts	9/23/2016 11:59 PM
62	Splash Park	9/23/2016 11:30 PM
63	I wish Royal Oak had even 1/2 the amenities that Troy offers: Fitness Center, indoor & outdoor pool, variety of fitness classes, and kids classes / daycare.	9/23/2016 11:16 PM
64	Play place or open play for families with young kids. Ideally a big open space that would allow for running around, with drop-in hours. Maybe a bounce house in there as well.	9/23/2016 10:22 PM
65	Kids play or learning facility. There are so many parks so it's easy to keep busy in the summer but really lacking in the winter. Love this city but it seems more catered to adults and night life. Would love to see more family activities to keep families interested in Royal oak.	9/23/2016 7:58 PM

66	ski hill	9/23/2016 6:59 PM
67	The city needs a decent indoors recreation Center where all the updated facilities are house, not like now that swimming pool are in one center and programs for children, adult, and seniors are happening in different locations. Use Normandy oaks to build one.	9/23/2016 6:57 PM
68	a real community center with pool, fitness, classes, etc...	9/23/2016 5:02 PM
69	Obviously, a community center. Nothing lik the Salter center, though (outdated, smells, not really a "community center").	9/23/2016 4:47 PM
70	I would love to have a city pool and bathrooms at more of the parks.	9/23/2016 4:24 PM
71	I'm assuming roller blade facility is roller rink?	9/23/2016 3:35 PM
72	Water slide	9/23/2016 3:22 PM
73	Indoor soccer	9/23/2016 2:56 PM
74	A gym or rec center that only residents can use	9/23/2016 2:54 PM
75	Multi-purpose facility...include: an indoor playground; amphitheater for performing arts; adjustable-wall large room to accommodate events for various sized groups	9/23/2016 2:41 PM
76	Go-kart track	9/23/2016 2:33 PM
77	How about a kitchen for cooking classes?	9/23/2016 2:32 PM
78	Swimming facility	9/23/2016 2:26 PM
79	Just a city rec center in general	9/23/2016 2:04 PM
80	Walking/running track, basketball court	9/23/2016 2:03 PM
81	Please update the Royal Oak golf club!	9/23/2016 1:57 PM
82	More alternative work out classes- not changes same classes for adults yr after yr	9/23/2016 1:52 PM
83	We live across the street from Whittier Park and live the pickle ball courts! We'd love an indoor facility for use in the winter months.	9/23/2016 1:51 PM
84	indoor splash pad/water park	9/23/2016 1:50 PM
85	Cycling, in-line hockey	9/23/2016 1:48 PM
86	Let the market decided, not the tax dollar	9/23/2016 1:46 PM
87	FUN water area (in addition to a pool)	9/23/2016 1:31 PM

## Q11 Other additional outdoor recreational facilities suggested:

Answered: 134 Skipped: 491

#	Responses	Date
1	Fishing opportunity would be good	12/10/2016 4:28 PM
2	bike park	12/9/2016 7:56 AM
3	Pump track/beginner/kids bike park	12/8/2016 4:07 PM
4	Skate park that allows bicycles.	12/8/2016 2:36 PM
5	nude pool	12/8/2016 1:33 PM
6	Bike park	12/8/2016 1:04 PM
7	bike park	12/8/2016 12:51 PM
8	Bike Park	12/8/2016 8:39 AM
9	Bike park	12/8/2016 8:11 AM
10	Bike park	12/8/2016 7:22 AM
11	Mountain bike trail	12/8/2016 6:15 AM
12	City bike park! Like Ann Arbor	12/8/2016 12:16 AM
13	Bike park would be great	12/7/2016 11:41 PM
14	BIKE PARK	12/7/2016 11:39 PM
15	Bicycle park	12/7/2016 11:25 PM
16	Not a facility but would love to see city garbage cans at parks so people have a place to put garbage they have or pick Up	12/7/2016 10:41 PM
17	Fitness equipment and facilities for older adults.	11/9/2016 9:57 AM
18	A community pool would be wonderful!	11/2/2016 7:00 AM
19	Splash pad would be a huge draw for new families with children!	11/2/2016 1:28 AM
20	More benches and tables in parks & near play structures. New park sign at Lawson park, pretty garbage cans in parks, trim trees in parks, remove or landscape berms at ends and streets & parks	11/1/2016 8:49 PM
21	Downtown park with bicycle links to Woodward	11/1/2016 7:57 PM
22	More/updated tennis courts (courts without cracks in the cement)	11/1/2016 7:35 PM
23	Downtown park	11/1/2016 6:41 PM
24	Restrooms at parks, paved walking and riding paths around parks	11/1/2016 2:37 PM
25	Definitely better upkeep at the parks!!	11/1/2016 1:33 PM
26	Another golf course	10/29/2016 4:12 PM
27	Fishing pond. I would love to see a pond incorporated into Normandy Oaks that would be large enough to allow for recreational fishing, but could also provide a nice backdrop for a biking trail.	10/17/2016 2:27 PM
28	Walking track like Madison Hgts.	10/9/2016 6:13 PM
29	would like to see backboards at the tennis courts so people can practice even if they don't have a partner.	10/9/2016 7:15 AM
30	Splash park, pool	10/7/2016 11:08 AM
31	downtown ice skating rink	10/3/2016 12:03 PM
32	Splash park (not part of the new downtown development proposal), downtown playground, nature center	10/2/2016 11:11 PM
33	Do a better job of upkeep in the parks before you build new.	10/1/2016 7:39 PM

34	Parking so residents can use the parks. If there are parking areas I haven't found them yet.	9/30/2016 11:32 PM
35	Current dog park is in disrepair.	9/30/2016 7:29 PM
36	A very long bike/jogging path- non motorized. Can there be one that goes alongside the train tracks? With a safety fence between the two of course, but it would be hugely desirable. There are no good paved bicycle paths in or near the city.	9/30/2016 2:19 PM
37	bikes	9/28/2016 10:41 PM
38	More public toilets in the parks (most parks don't have any)	9/28/2016 8:50 PM
39	Something water-related	9/28/2016 11:58 AM
40	cross country skiing at Normandy oaks and sledding hill.	9/28/2016 11:14 AM
41	Take better care of current park, rather than adding more. Normandy oaks should serve as a combined use sports facility. Soccer, baseball....	9/28/2016 11:01 AM
42	Soccer, running/bike paths	9/27/2016 12:33 PM
43	dog parks!!	9/27/2016 12:30 PM
44	More outdoor drinking fountains and regular maintenance of the part grass/trash/debris in city parks and property.	9/27/2016 1:15 AM
45	Street hockey	9/26/2016 11:09 PM
46	Splash pad for kids. A vibrant town square like downtown Birmingham has.	9/26/2016 10:38 PM
47	A city pool would be an excellent edition. Places like Oak Park and Huntington Woods have them with lower taxes and less people. A dog park that is well maintained and offers activities for small and large dogs. Updated equipment in existing parks that are safe and not rusted. More garbage cans in existing parks. Regular lawn mowing in existing parks.	9/26/2016 9:28 PM
48	Playgrounds are not needed, we have enough. But they really are not kept up well.	9/26/2016 9:12 PM
49	Accessible splash pad	9/26/2016 8:39 PM
50	Better kept parks (look at Birminghams public parks)... manicured and maintained. Need a park that is the same caliber as booth park in b-ham. Also look to Northvilles Ford Field Park playscape.	9/26/2016 8:27 PM
51	Tennis courts	9/26/2016 5:52 PM
52	We need more dog friendly nature trails and parks.	9/26/2016 5:04 PM
53	Aquatic center or community pool like many communities around us have	9/26/2016 3:37 PM
54	Cardio drum class	9/26/2016 2:31 PM
55	We need to keep up the parks that we have. For example: Red Run park needs their tennis courts fixed. They look horrible. We need to have proper (flushing toilets and sinks) restrooms at all of our outside recreational facilities.	9/26/2016 1:50 PM
56	Pool. Pool. Pool.	9/26/2016 1:46 PM
57	Upgraded/properly maintained disc golf courses	9/26/2016 1:07 PM
58	Some of the playground equipment really needs an upgrade.	9/26/2016 12:07 PM
59	Let the market decide, dont burden the tax payer	9/26/2016 11:47 AM
60	Update the play structures.. especially the four seasons preschool one and kenwood..i know the city has 2 in boxes since the spring and hqve not installed them.. why?	9/26/2016 11:24 AM
61	Play grounds for all ages and disable-ties	9/26/2016 11:18 AM
62	sledding hill	9/26/2016 11:11 AM
63	In disagreement with action taken to reduce traffic lanes DT, to make bicycle paths. I see few people using them. More than half the people ride on sidewalks anyways. We walk 2 to 3 miles per day and drive DT a lot. Feel bike lanes were not a good use of taxes.	9/26/2016 10:23 AM
64	Fence in the unused parks and turn them into DOG RUNS . 1. Arthur Fries Park 2. Rotary Club Park 3. Beechwood Park (Already has fence on 2/3 sides) 4. Franklin Park (Fenced on 3/4 sides already These parks would make great Dog runs. They have no play structures and it would (maybe) relieve the problem with dogs running free in other parks where kids are present.	9/26/2016 10:02 AM

65	Walking trails in the park areas, that's safe to walk.	9/26/2016 9:59 AM
66	Anything that would attract teens.	9/26/2016 9:26 AM
67	Add restrooms to parks!	9/26/2016 8:51 AM
68	Fitness stations at the parks	9/26/2016 8:10 AM
69	Bathrooms, Basketball courts, ice skating rink	9/26/2016 7:50 AM
70	Outdoor ice skating.	9/26/2016 7:13 AM
71	Slash pad. Walking/ bike paths should also be paved, black topped Making it easier for someone in a wheel chair to be pushed or a motorized wheel chair can enjoy the outdoors. The city has NO paths for handicapped people	9/26/2016 6:32 AM
72	Trail to tie into rail trails, on crooks perhaps. Splash pad/ice rink.	9/25/2016 10:08 PM
73	Upgrade on the parks. Every park has the same boring play structure.	9/25/2016 9:22 PM
74	As many trails, paths, and outdoor spaces as possible	9/25/2016 7:37 AM
75	I have lived in RO for 50+ years and have always felt we needed a municipal swimming pool. I think a skateboard park, which i WOULDN'T USE, WOULD BE GREAT FOR KIDS	9/24/2016 8:41 PM
76	Handicap accessible park trails; wheel chairs are nearly impossible to use on unpaved trails. For comparison, check out the Red Oaks Nature Park. People in wheel chairs need to be able to enjoy nature as well as the rest of us.	9/24/2016 7:29 PM
77	Cross country skiing at the golf course or former golf course would be cool.	9/24/2016 4:54 PM
78	ALL city parks should have a walking or bike path.	9/24/2016 11:34 AM
79	Easy paved walking paths, especially for seniors, disabled . They should be accessible to parking, no bikes, no runners, we are neglected .	9/24/2016 9:42 AM
80	Disability accessible anything. Truly accessible, not just a ramp or a rail, but where the individual can participate.	9/24/2016 9:37 AM
81	Ice rink	9/24/2016 9:25 AM
82	Maintain the outdoor tennis courts better. Several are not useable.	9/24/2016 8:23 AM
83	Non motorized bike paths	9/24/2016 7:57 AM
84	A golf course not dominated by leagues. Somewhere you can play with your kids after work.	9/24/2016 4:31 AM
85	Please cut the grass timely, update the equipment and modernize! Get rid of woodchips, add recycled rubber. Gunn Dyer park has had no sign, just two old wood posts for 2 years and had a broken slide for the same which they finally just sealed off and never replaced! Why have arts beats and eats when you can't make small changes to our parks?	9/24/2016 12:54 AM
86	If you do basketball courts or tennis courts build them so they can be frozen in the winter for outdoor skating and hockey	9/24/2016 12:30 AM
87	Picnic shelters, Jogging exercise trail, bicycle path,	9/23/2016 11:59 PM

88	(FYI, I have 2 kids: ages 3 and 7 months) This is a long sting of thoughts, sorry. Bear with me. -- Having a park downtown is ideal for parents of small children. I want to spend time in the shops or restaurants, but you need to balance some play time to keep everyone happy. Kids just can't sit still. Wish there was a playground within walking distance of the library. Even just some green space so they can run around. ... would be ideal next to the farmers market. Too bad it's all parking spots. We really enjoy our neighborhood parks: Worden park east (community center), Tenhave woods, and Starr Jaycee. I feel lucky these are in such good shape. Sounds like a lot of the other parks don't get as much attention. Not sure if Realtor park is Clawson or Royal Oak, but that one seems outdated - it seems to serve a purpose for soccer though. But I would be bummed if this was the closest park to my house. The golf course is my top interest right now. A splash pad, nature area with a bike path loop (love Kensington's 8 mile loop). If you add regular playground equipment you could really serve parents that are trying to keep different age levels occupied. Have a central location with different activities branching off. I recently visited savanna Georgia. Forsyth Park had a large indoor cafe. A park ...with coffee for parents including a large indoor bathroom. Sold! The toddler play equipment and splash pad were immediately outside the cafe building. So smart. This is incredibly helpful for diaper changing, potty training - and caffeinating parents. It also had other food. Maybe we can partner with some local restaurants that can help merge nature and convenience. I'm not talking about bad pizza - rest stop/mall food court, but a small scale, just a few tiny independent store fronts that can support the neighborhood (if they have kids or not). They would be small scale so it would feel like apart of the residential area. Like tiny markets. One side faces a street the other faces into the green area and serves as a central starting point that connects the other activities. trendy but low key mix of places like a bakery/deli, tacos, Italian. People my age pay extra to live in RO because they enjoy good food and entertainment. As my friends and I start families we don't want to give these things up. I like the idea of an indoor pool, but I can always just go to Goldfish in Birmingham for \$5. I'm not opposed to a county run park. Red Oaks waterpark is amazing. If we did have it, it would certainly elevate my perception of the city though. I would feel like I had the absolute best amenities.	9/23/2016 11:58 PM
89	Splash Park, downtown as done in St. Joseph, MI	9/23/2016 11:23 PM
90	Outdoor pool / splash pad would be amazing!	9/23/2016 11:16 PM
91	Outdoor community swimming pool, NOT splash pad, swimming pool, swimming pool	9/23/2016 11:15 PM
92	Chess park - i.e. Washington Square NYC	9/23/2016 10:32 PM
93	More variety at playgrounds: add merry go round, see-saw, etc.	9/23/2016 10:30 PM
94	More advantage taken of the area outside the library -- giant Adirondak chairs, outdoor games, etc. -- for during the summer would be fabulous! Also, efforts to be eco-friendly would be awesome to see. And the bike lanes -- that project was too short lived.	9/23/2016 10:22 PM
95	Parking at Red Run park to keep cars off of Divillan.	9/23/2016 10:13 PM
96	County Park	9/23/2016 10:09 PM
97	Downtown ice rink Downtown outdoor performance stage	9/23/2016 10:09 PM
98	Would love to see a little town square downtown where parents can come and hang out and kids can run around. It would promote getting to know your neighbors and a sense of community.	9/23/2016 7:58 PM
99	Please do a better job of maintaining Royal Oak golf course. It is in very sad shape!!	9/23/2016 7:02 PM
100	The city really needs an outdoor pool and splas park. It's a shame that our city doesn't have outdoor acuatic facilities like Troy or Huntington Woods.	9/23/2016 6:57 PM
101	Now that we have only one golf course let's get it repaired, fix the water, get someone in there who cares so we the residents have a decent course to play. Can't believe residents pay to play Royal Oak.	9/23/2016 6:19 PM
102	Winter sled hill. Ice skating.	9/23/2016 5:34 PM
103	It pains me to see what was once Normandy Oaks golf course sitting mostly vacant since its unnecessary closing. A few soccer games is all I have seen. Not that we don't have soccer fields all over the city now that sit unused most of the time. The best option would have been to let Oakland County keep it as a park. This is a monumental screw up by all those involved, you all should resign.	9/23/2016 5:18 PM
104	The baseball fields are in disarray. Yes, they're there, but so poorly so, that our team often considers going to neighboring cities for better fields. Real fields should have baseball dirt on them. Not gravel and ridden with weeds. Memorial is a dust bowl and games there are difficult to watch. On top of that, diamonds are shared between baseball and softball which seems good in theory until you actually try to use them in a game. Pitchers have to stride and land on the pitching mounds for other age groups (several in the few feet in front of them) which poses a safety risk. There is only 1 good field for 11U baseball. The other fields are dismal. A nice well maintained facility is so attractive for many reasons. Kids would be excited to play there and other teams would look forward to playing tournaments there. Memorial is not that venue for a multitude of reasons. It's a shame what's happened at the corner there. Please note that the backstops were replaced on several fields last spring and it is great. Truly thank you for doing that.	9/23/2016 5:15 PM

105	Playground for toddlers similar to Clawson tot lot. Would love to have a community center in RO with pools, fitness stations, recreation hall. Would gladly pay towards a bond or additional taxes.	9/23/2016 5:11 PM
106	Sledding hill	9/23/2016 5:04 PM
107	More truly handicap accessible park options. Adapted swings are broken. Having a ramp up to a playstructure is not helpful if there are no accessible activities on the play structure!	9/23/2016 5:03 PM
108	Splash park. Most of all, BETTER-MAINTAINED CURRENT PARKS.	9/23/2016 4:47 PM
109	City pool and rest rooms at parks	9/23/2016 4:24 PM
110	BIG YES to the Dog Park and downtown park!!	9/23/2016 3:57 PM
111	Mountain bike trails if possible.	9/23/2016 3:19 PM
112	adult summer camps	9/23/2016 3:10 PM
113	Accessible softball/baseball field like the Miracle League at Southfield Civic Center	9/23/2016 3:02 PM
114	more green ways throughout the city	9/23/2016 2:59 PM
115	Replacement of the old play structure at Upton! This should be main priority! The parks we have need updates! Much can be done at what we have.	9/23/2016 2:57 PM
116	I would love for us to have a wave pool, with the kid area and floating river. With an indoor facility. I would rather support my city over Madison Heights or Troy!	9/23/2016 2:56 PM
117	Royal oak offers enough. Maybe start maintaining better what you already have?	9/23/2016 2:47 PM
118	rock climbing wall	9/23/2016 2:41 PM
119	sled hill, as initially stated in Normandy oaks proposal	9/23/2016 2:38 PM
120	Go-kart track	9/23/2016 2:33 PM
121	Red Run Park has sidewalks on three sides of it, but on the west side does not. A simple sidewalk or mulch path would be great park to walk/jog around. Suggestions have been passed on before, but rejected.	9/23/2016 2:26 PM
122	I would check most of these if I could, but the splash pad would be amazing!	9/23/2016 2:23 PM
123	Please take care of the existing neighborhood parks before making anymore! Maudlin park is in HORRIBLE shape. Never mowed. Old dangerous equipment. Never put mulch down, bushes over grown.	9/23/2016 2:21 PM
124	More well-maintained tennis courts are necessary, which could also be used as basketball.	9/23/2016 2:20 PM
125	Please have a bike path installed at the new park at Normandy Oaks.	9/23/2016 2:06 PM
126	My recommendation is to be more time accommodating to single and single working families. My kids miss on so much because I'm a single mom who works	9/23/2016 2:04 PM
127	A park with an area where kids can learn how to ride bikes like at Drake Sports Park in West Bloomfield. They call it a safety town pad.	9/23/2016 2:01 PM
128	Very nice dog park, great outdoor park facilities for families (well groomed park with nice cooking out/picnic facilities and very well kept public bathrooms	9/23/2016 1:58 PM
129	Golf. Please update the current existing Royal Oak Golf Course. The course needs an in-ground sprinkler system. I grew up playing on this course since 2000 and I still play at this course now, 17 years later. Please put money into improving our golf course. Thank you.	9/23/2016 1:57 PM
130	I visited a small park in Cleveland that had a sound garden- beautiful chimes, xylophones, bongos, etc. My kids and I played there for hours and I'd love to see something as unique in a Royal Oak park. In addition, a park built with the input of the special needs community would be wonderful.	9/23/2016 1:51 PM
131	In-line hockey	9/23/2016 1:48 PM
132	It would be really nice if there was a disabled swing for children with disabilities at the Starr Jaycee park at 13/Crooks. Our daughter can't use any of the playground equipment there unfortunately.	9/23/2016 1:47 PM
133	Let the market decide, not the tax dollar	9/23/2016 1:46 PM
134	Splash pads are huge for parents with toddlers right now.	9/23/2016 1:30 PM

## Q13 Other additional recreation programs suggested:

Answered: 49 Skipped: 576

#	Responses	Date
1	Safe biking	12/8/2016 4:07 PM
2	gay nude nights at nude pool	12/8/2016 1:33 PM
3	Bike park	12/8/2016 1:04 PM
4	Bike Park	12/8/2016 8:39 AM
5	Cycling programs	12/8/2016 7:22 AM
6	game tables, for chess and checkers	12/8/2016 5:40 AM
7	You can't lump theater with visual arts. It should either stand alone or, if you must consolidate, put it with music.	11/9/2016 9:57 AM
8	Enrichment - like Birmingham or Troy	11/1/2016 6:41 PM
9	Would be nice to have learning programs for adults who are not yet seniors - art, languages, etc. during evenings and/or weekends for those who work.	10/31/2016 7:58 AM
10	instructional sports; how to play the (any) sport.	10/3/2016 12:03 PM
11	Something for kids to do in the summer	9/28/2016 11:58 AM
12	na	9/28/2016 11:01 AM
13	Adult rec programs	9/27/2016 12:30 PM
14	more diverse time offerings for children's activities. more adult activities overall (non-senior)	9/27/2016 11:41 AM
15	Dog friendly events/programs	9/27/2016 1:15 AM
16	Street hockey	9/26/2016 11:09 PM
17	Co-Ed adult kickball leagues (Oak Park does it well).	9/26/2016 9:28 PM
18	A city pool would be appreciated.	9/26/2016 5:04 PM
19	Let the market decide, dont burden the tax payer	9/26/2016 11:47 AM
20	Stuff to get families and neighborhoods back using the parks. simple stuff horse shoe courts, tether ball courts,	9/26/2016 11:18 AM
21	Self defense, adult fitness programs in general that aren't "low impact" or for seniors. The program's currently offered are pretty pathetic and I would not recommend them to anyone who is remotely in shape.	9/26/2016 8:10 AM
22	Visual art	9/26/2016 7:50 AM
23	Splash pad	9/26/2016 6:32 AM
24	Splash pad/ice rink	9/25/2016 10:08 PM
25	As I said, I do my exercise at the Y, and I also belong to many craft guilds, so I don't see the need for any more myself, but I do have an idea. My daughter lives in Minnesota and there in one of the suburbsthey have converted a closed school into a craft center with facilities for many crafts . Groups can hold meetings there, store supplies and equipment there--all for a minimal cost. This tyoe of facility is sorely needed. I belong to several guilds that would like a good meeting space.	9/24/2016 8:41 PM
26	Things with evening hours for us working adults! There's plenty of community activities for people who don't work during the day. I'd like to t be able to go swimming, or participate in crafts or other adult activities without having to lose time at work over it.	9/24/2016 7:29 PM
27	A community choir or comedy/improv group would be a nice balance to the many exercise programs.	9/24/2016 4:54 PM
28	Too many things, lplaces, are oriented toward, kids and athletics.	9/24/2016 9:42 AM
29	City pool	9/24/2016 12:48 AM

30	Supervised playground, sports	9/23/2016 11:59 PM
31	Current & revitalized community center (not a senior center) with Zumba, group fitness, and kids classes.	9/23/2016 11:16 PM
32	Swimming pool, swimming pool, swimming pool	9/23/2016 11:15 PM
33	outdoor group yoga	9/23/2016 10:32 PM
34	Art classes	9/23/2016 7:35 PM
35	Cooking classes	9/23/2016 5:27 PM
36	Put an aquatic / fitness center at the Normandy site. Indoor pool and workout facilities, outdoor pool for the summer. The facility would be used year round. Add some fitness/walking/biking trails on the remainder of the site. We really don't need more condos and big houses on little lots in the area.	9/23/2016 5:18 PM
37	Many of these options already exist but could be operated better. ROSL is one of them.	9/23/2016 5:15 PM
38	Bolster the nature walks	9/23/2016 5:04 PM
39	Kids programs of all kinds. Most of all, maintain and clean up the parks!	9/23/2016 4:47 PM
40	Supervised playgrounds are stupid. Very 1984, very helicopter parent. What data supports the need for supervision?	9/23/2016 3:22 PM
41	For toddlers - I have had a really hard time finding a reasonable priced summer program for my child - who will be 5 this year and there is plenty of stuff - but not really anything other than more daycare for the summer for 3 & 4 years old!	9/23/2016 2:56 PM
42	Kickball	9/23/2016 2:55 PM
43	cycling related	9/23/2016 2:47 PM
44	Fix the rest of the tennis courts please.	9/23/2016 2:26 PM
45	The hours are not accomitating and some kids things fill so fast	9/23/2016 2:04 PM
46	Group Fitness	9/23/2016 2:03 PM
47	Golf! The city decided to get rid of Normandy Oaks golf course and in the mean time, the last remaining public golf course in the city has desperately needed an upgrade. Please improve our golf course, I hope more people will choose to play at ROGC when it's properly updated and maintained.	9/23/2016 1:57 PM
48	Soccer for 30+ would be awesome.	9/23/2016 1:47 PM
49	Let the market decided, not the tax dollar	9/23/2016 1:46 PM

## Q15 Additional Comments

Answered: 147 Skipped: 478

#	Responses	Date
1	Garbage/dog poop bins year round are necessary. People just throw them anywhere or don't pick up when it gets cold.	12/11/2016 5:18 PM
2	more kids on bikes	12/9/2016 7:56 AM
3	Better transit access to parks is needed.	12/8/2016 4:07 PM
4	more stuff in parks for lgbtq	12/8/2016 1:33 PM
5	I live off 13 Mile and we need a walking path for exercise, outdoors. I don't like walking the neighborhood as the sidewalks are too hard on the joints. A nice soft woodchip path would be so nice!	12/8/2016 10:31 AM
6	The proposal for repurposing the golf course into a large park is excellent. we should include a perimeter track for biking, running or blading with that similar to county parks have but all are so far away. We have parks with covered picnic areas and I rarely see them used (ex. park at Campbell and Lincoln). focus new parks to have more physical, open space, central for people to take friend and pets to.	12/8/2016 5:40 AM
7	BIKE PARK	12/7/2016 11:39 PM
8	Please consider adding a bike park to the list of options.	12/7/2016 11:25 PM
9	I would like to request that Kenwood Park receive a makeover of its playground facilities. We live just around the corner from the park (on N Dorchester Ave), and we walk to the park often. However, we very often choose to get in our car and drive to one of the many other parks Royal Oak has to offer which are much nicer and have better-maintained playgrounds. Kenwood's play equipment is old and very faded, and only has a very small structure which is toddler-appropriate. The equipment is covered in graffiti and the ground usually has much more litter and weeds than other playgrounds in Royal Oak. Furthermore, there is quite a bit of vandalism, such as broken wooden benches, or swastika's and expletives carved into the picnic table nearest the play equipment. I know Kenwood park is used often for soccer and baseball/softball, so I feel it is time for the park's play structures/area to be updated to the better standards of the other parks in Royal Oak. Thank you.	11/12/2016 5:13 PM
10	The waterworks park is great. However, the park is also used to house storage equipment, old scraps, desks, etc. Not only is it an eye sore, it is also a place for kids to gather and drink/smoke after hours, and creates a haven for rats/ other critters. It would be great if that portion of the park could be eliminated and replaced with grass/trees	11/7/2016 9:38 PM
11	Royal Oak has many small parks available to the public...in my opinion too many. I wouldn't mind sacrificing the overall number of parks in order to adequately maintain the remaining larger parks and making improvements such as new recreation facilities.	11/7/2016 8:55 AM
12	Thank you for improving Wagner Park's play facilities for kids. I would prefer a walking trail there instead of disc golf because of the drinking and pot smoking that goes on there.	11/4/2016 9:41 AM
13	I think the parks in Royal Oak are great. In light of the recent renovations to our neighborhood park, I would caution the city to be more careful about the contractors they use, the work was not done very well, as you know.	11/2/2016 5:14 AM
14	Need a new downtown park!	11/1/2016 7:57 PM
15	That's always been the saddest thing about RO. The community rec program is awesome for seniors and lackluster at best for everyone else. I've always been puzzled why they don't try harder to retain families.	11/1/2016 6:41 PM
16	I would like see the schools and parks work together more. For example rebuild high school tennis courts with lights and bubble for the winter	11/1/2016 3:24 PM
17	What is happening with Normandy Oaks??? I feel like the recreation programs cater mainly to senior citizens. There are hardly any and/or new programming for children. Please consider adding to your current children's offering and/or freshening up the offerings.	11/1/2016 2:51 PM
18	My main improvement suggestion is to better maintain and develop existing parks (do not add more!). A splash pad would be great, but only one that is for residents.	11/1/2016 1:33 PM
19	Would like to see the city commit to maintaining existing parks, including shoveling snow on the sidewalks by them in the winter, before creating new ones. Also would like to see the city work with the county on a county park, though I'm disappointed the city sold off valuable land before doing so.	10/31/2016 7:58 AM

20	Don't need a downtown park with a band shell. Please please please maintain the existing parks we have in our neighborhoods. A plan to maintain the sidewalks free of construction debris year-round would be real nice. We claim to be walkable but only if you walk in the streets....	10/31/2016 6:30 AM
21	I would like to see more green infrastructure such as rain gardens incorporated into our parks. Not only do they help to deal with stormwater runoff, they also provide a visually appealing backdrop at our parks. I would also like to see a wider variety of seating options. I think including some swinging benches would provide parents somewhere nice to sit while also allowing for more movement. Additionally, I'd like to see the use of solar power for any lighting in our parks. Not only does this provide for a greener alternative to traditional coal based power, but it ensures that when we lose power for any extended period of time, we can still direct residents to locations with power for charging. It also builds off our "smart park" theme.	10/17/2016 2:27 PM
22	As a parks and rec grad from CMU our parks are pathetic. Glad u finally took down some of the fence line at grant park. But really the rest of it needs to come down on both sides. It's too hard to get all the leaves out of that area anyways. That's the park I try to maintain. But getting rid of the west and south side fence or at least fixing the south side fence would be better than leaving it the way it is.	10/17/2016 1:07 PM
23	I would like an outdoor swimming facility in the city	10/7/2016 12:49 PM
24	We need more park benches. Meninger park has these nice newer half round entry ways to the park but no where to stop and sit down to enjoy them. They would be a perfect spot to stop and enjoy the park on walks but there's no where to sit!	10/7/2016 11:08 AM
25	Parks are a mess. There is no point in having more parks or recreation activities if the city does not maintain (mow, pick up trash, etc.) current ones.	10/4/2016 3:59 PM
26	nurturing children via a community minded recreational program is critical for the future of Royal Oak. Something for everyone. NO KIDS BORED.	10/3/2016 12:03 PM
27	Adding a splash pad to a neighborhood park	10/2/2016 11:11 PM
28	I live on N. Troy St. There is a nice little park that hardly anyone uses because it is the neighborhood dog run. People don't pick up waste from their dogs. I'd love to be able to sit on the benches and eat lunch or read but it smells so bad in summer practically no one uses it. I'm not sure how to solve the problem caused by inconsiderate dog owners.	9/30/2016 11:32 PM
29	Park trash reciprocals are few and far between and are often removed too early. Parks that host soccer games should have extra trash reciprocals near the sidelines.	9/30/2016 5:40 PM
30	Please bring back the dedicated bike lanes on Main Street. There are no roads downtown that need to be 4 or 5 lanes wide. 1 lane in either direction with a center turn lane is plenty.	9/30/2016 2:19 PM
31	Let's do a better job of maintaing the parks we have. Take down dead trees, take out fallen limbs in a more timely manner.	9/30/2016 1:51 PM
32	We have lived in RO now for 17 years and my wife & I have always marveled at the amount of great parks there are in the city. But...it seems we have quantity over quality. I don't feel like the parks are taken care of well enough and maybe that is because we simply have too many to take care of. Maybe fewer parks that are better taken care of (like regular mowing, updated playground equipment, resurfacing tennis courts, new fences, new basketball hoops, etc.) would make more sense. After all, what message are we sending other residents from other cities that come visit when they see our numerous city parks that are not well taken care of.	9/29/2016 12:06 PM
33	Some parks are in GREAT shape while others are stuck in the 1970's. I'd like to see all of the parks have updated plastic equipment--not metal. Wood is Ok as long as it is sealed properly.	9/28/2016 11:58 AM
34	We would like to know what is going on at Normandy oaks Thanks	9/28/2016 11:14 AM
35	One thing I miss in the city is a community center with an nice indoor pool and an outdoor pool, fitness center, and childcare. I would pay for access to a community based program.	9/27/2016 10:25 PM
36	Improve pruning of ornamental bushes. Have noticed several where scrub brush growing inside of existing bushes. Improve pruning/suckering of Coolidge Blvd. trees and shrubs, between Webster and Normandy.	9/27/2016 10:06 PM
37	Great to hear the Parks & Recreation Department is looking to expand and improve! If you ever need help in getting the word out in the form of marketing, advertising, social media, graphic design or branding overall, I would love to join the team. I am an independent contractor and specialize in the above. Feel free to reach out! Ashley Poirier, Happy Royal Oak Citizen (248-701-2013) poi.ashley@gmail.com	9/27/2016 12:30 PM
38	Parks that exist need to be kept up before new parks are created.	9/27/2016 11:41 AM
39	I wish the city would pay more attention to the parks they currently have - broken glass, trash, weeds, and long grass are constant problems at Grant Park on 4th near the city offices. The medians aren't mowed or de-weeded often enough either.	9/27/2016 1:15 AM

40	Far more recreational opportunities for middle-aged adults. Kids, young adults & seniors receive the majority of the focus.	9/26/2016 11:09 PM
41	This city (and region) really needs a regional multi purpose performing arts center.	9/26/2016 10:38 PM
42	Rather than build new parks lets update and maintain the ones we have.	9/26/2016 9:28 PM
43	I feel our parks look shabby. They just need some better maintenance/care. The equipment is fine but weeding and mulching would make a world of difference. - downtown park with a play structure is long overdue. I would frequent more downtown eateries if I could incorporate a pro playdate into the mix.	9/26/2016 9:12 PM
44	Please, make improvements to Bassett Park. We need fencing along the street and modern playground equipment. The current playground is unsafe and littered. There are many neighborhood children that use this park. The wood is rotting. The equipment is in poor condition and antiquated.	9/26/2016 5:04 PM
45	Our parks are in poor condition. The tennis courts at Total Soccer have needed a new fence for years. The building is an eyesore. Grass is mowed sporadically. Quality of rec programs and facilities in general are inferior. I go to Troy for tennis and fitness classes. Better facilities and programs at a much lower price .	9/26/2016 4:36 PM
46	I am hoping that the Normandy oaks golf course parks opens before I am too old to use it. It is very discouraging to me that you are planning for the downtown civic park. I drive by Normandy oaks and see only soccer people in there. Take the fence down and open it up. Why are you asking if we want a pool when it has been discussed and is not affordable ? We don't need anymore dog parks, put in some walking paths and open the thing up!	9/26/2016 3:23 PM
47	Overall, impressed with the amount of parks within the community. It would be nice to have more running trails (not sure where though) and bike plans throughout the community.	9/26/2016 1:51 PM
48	We need to keep up the grass cutting and controlling the weeds that grow in the wood chip area of some of the parks. Some of our surrounding cities do not have any weeds in their wood chip areas. It would be nice if each park could have a bin for recycling. I am amazed at how many water bottles I see lying around at the park. Lets add recycling bins!!! Plus, we need to trim tree branches more often.	9/26/2016 1:50 PM
49	I am always disappointed in the garbage facilities at local parks. Particularly Starr Jaycee. It's disappointing that there are not garbage cans there year round, people use that park all through the winter. If just a few garbage cans were located throughout the Frisbee golf course, allowing people to dispose of trash at the beginning of certain holes, I think it would really cut down on the rubbish that accumulates all throughout that park.	9/26/2016 1:24 PM
50	Royal Oak has a sufficient number of parks. I would like to see the existing parks updated and better maintained.	9/26/2016 1:07 PM
51	Let the market decide, dont burden the tax payer	9/26/2016 11:47 AM
52	Keep and fix up the parks we have. I don't think we need more but DO NOT SALE ANY MORE. I think it you need to add parking to park that many events are at like soccer, my street is so screwed up every day they play soccer if I needed medical or fire department they can not get down my street. We use to have a great park system and parks that people came from other cities to us. Another thing you need more Trash cans in the parks and the need to be emptied more the once a season. also restrooms or even port a john in your big parks. Last note I love what the Pickle ball group did to the tennis courts at Upton park that were abandon. I wish you will and love the park and hope the start getting better care.	9/26/2016 11:18 AM
53	The parks in general need to be maintained better and many need updated playground equipment. Failure to mow grass, remove dead trees (which have been marked for removal for months), and maintain garden beds, etc. is unacceptable and really makes the city look bad. I understand that RO has many parks to maintain, but we pay some of he highest taxes in Michigan. Our parks, blvd road medians, and city green areas are an embarrassment compared to our adjacent neighbor cities along the Woodward corridor. We deserve better.	9/26/2016 10:49 AM
54	A lot of no parking near parks detract use of parks not in walking range.	9/26/2016 10:23 AM
55	See aforementioned comments about turning little used parks into Dog facilities. We need a splash pad. Some outdoor water fun for the summer. check out facebook page @ <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RoyalOakParks/">https://www.facebook.com/RoyalOakParks/</a> You will see that many parks need improvements. However we have a nice park system in Royal Oak. It could use some improvements and some help with Dogs as they are a big problem in the city (or at least dog owners anyhow)	9/26/2016 10:02 AM
56	Can we please get some "big kid" swings at Whittier Park?	9/26/2016 9:04 AM
57	Existing parks are adequate but equipment needs improved. Add restrooms (as a runner, I'd love to be able to run by a park and stop to use the restroom!). Add dog-friendly areas... for example, the Red Run park has a fenced in asphalt area that is NEVER used, and a area full of trees. Expand the fencing to include part of the treed area, sod over the asphalt, and make it a dog run! Royal Oak needs a community pool and splash pad!	9/26/2016 8:51 AM

58	When going through the park and recs guide each season, the Senior section is amazing. Everything else, not so much. Many cities are building community centers. It would be nice to have a full on community center, rental rooms, fitness rooms, swimming, even adding a library and classrooms. Peoria, AZ has beautiful centers. Here's a link <a href="https://www.peoriaaz.gov/newsecondary.aspx?id=1455">https://www.peoriaaz.gov/newsecondary.aspx?id=1455</a> It's worth looking at and the pricing is amazing, well worth it But once you have a center you have to maintain it and keep it clean. The YMCA in Royal Oak is run down, the LA Fitness is overpriced and not maintained. Royal Oak is better than that and would need to make sure they keep up their facilities.	9/26/2016 8:42 AM
59	The salter center and senior center are not appropriate facilities for fitness classes (outside of basketball and volleyball at salter). Other cities and communities have thriving fitness centers that offer swimming, cardio, fitness classes and even sports. Royal Oak is definitely lacking here. Especially being located far away from state parks or metro parks, there should be a benefit of having somewhere local to workout...even if it is only an indoor facility.	9/26/2016 8:10 AM
60	Stop spraying pesticides on the grasses in the public areas.	9/26/2016 8:02 AM
61	City grass maintenance is poor. Compared to cities like ours I thing our grounds keeping looks horrible.	9/26/2016 7:56 AM
62	As a parent to two young children living in Royal Oak, there needs to be more indoor activities and facilities open to the community. My kids need more space and opportunities for healthy play during the cold months.	9/26/2016 7:50 AM
63	It would be nice to have have the garbage cans out year round. We still use the parks in the winter when we take our dog for a walk, and it would be nice to have the available.	9/26/2016 7:44 AM
64	We need a rec facility in Royal Oak with swimming and a fitness center.	9/26/2016 6:32 AM
65	Sullivan park at 14 mile and greenfield is in very poor condition please move up in the priority	9/26/2016 5:49 AM
66	Splash pad, outdoor ice rink, sledding hill	9/25/2016 10:08 PM
67	Too many trees are being cut down in the name of development. Existing parks need more attention like the tree planting I participated in last fall. Creating additional parks would be wonderful. Our city's name says it all: Royal 'Oak'.	9/25/2016 9:35 PM
68	Can we get movies in the park (for families) once a month from May to August. We love movies in the park, but we have to drive so far to go to them.	9/25/2016 9:22 PM
69	As a citizen of Royal Oak where can I find information about the location of all city parks and their ammenities?	9/25/2016 7:37 AM
70	Having a park or two in every neighborhood is a great feature of Royal Oak. It would be great if the neighbors in the immediate vicinity had more direct impact on designated use.	9/24/2016 4:54 PM
71	Need to address graffiti in parks. Increase Frequency of lawn mowing at parks. Splash pad would be awesome!	9/24/2016 4:42 PM
72	Need to enforce current leash laws on the books. Red run is being used as a dog park and I've been attacked many times. People ignore the signs	9/24/2016 11:45 AM
73	City has enough parks that I hey can't maintain. Put the money in roads, parking in the downtown.	9/24/2016 10:44 AM
74	I would love to see an indoor fitness center in the South Royal Oak area.	9/24/2016 10:22 AM
75	Look at difficult for disabled and seniors to find parking for the library, post office, city hall, police station even the farmers market. More handicapped reserved spaces. The general population pushes some of out.	9/24/2016 9:42 AM
76	Faster response to downed trees and tree limbs in parks. More timely mowing schedule. Much improved coordination with RO Schools on use and maintenance of schools recreational facilities, e.g. Royal oak Middle School track and baseball field.	9/24/2016 9:39 AM
77	Royal Oak is in dire neef of an community recreation facility with an indoor/outdoor pool and workout room. We are frustrated that we have to use other city's facilities for these types of activities.	9/24/2016 9:03 AM
78	Added programs should be accompanied by subtracted programs to keep undersubscribed programs to a minimum.	9/24/2016 8:54 AM
79	I think it would be very wise to take a hard, honest look at the condition of every existing park. Several have many elements that are past economic life. As much as I would absolutely love to see new downtown park, I think the existing parks need to be modernized because expanding. Many of the parks that come to mind as needing a little TLC are smaller neighborhood parks serving areas that might not have as easy access to entertainment as those near the central business district.	9/24/2016 8:23 AM
80	We frequent several parks. Many are in good shape, however mulch or dirt or both are desperately needed. The slides end with very high drop offs and small children cannot reach to the first step to get on the equipment. I love how many of the parks also have space to run or for neighborhood kids to make up games.	9/24/2016 6:01 AM
81	I would really love a public pool here.	9/24/2016 5:39 AM

82	I'm saddled with student debt and wouldn't be likely to use an exercise facility or classes due to extra cost, but aside from downtown find this city not safely walkable or bikable. I would love to be able to jog on a track or bike from the beaumont area to downtown without worrying about crazy drivers. Royal Oak has too much aggressive through traffic for 'share the road' bike lanes and needs designated bike (exclusive) paths somewhere. Also outdoor tracks accessible to adults without sneaking onto high school grounds like a creep would be likely very popular. There are some cute parks for kids but I'd love to see something like Ukraine's outdoor workout gyms. And NOT downtown due to parking issues.	9/24/2016 5:31 AM
83	Cut the grass regularly. Please fix gunn dyer park.	9/24/2016 12:54 AM
84	We have young children so any activities geared towards toddler/preschool children are great. A swimming pool or splash pad would be amazing!!!	9/24/2016 12:31 AM
85	Thanks for compiling out feedback!	9/23/2016 11:58 PM
86	I think we have a fine recreation department, programs & facilities. However as new age groups start using the facilities they may have new sports and pass times and we need to keep up with the times. We must keep ahead of the game. No pun intended...	9/23/2016 11:23 PM
87	Ive been wishing that Royal Oak had a community center like Troy for years. Ive been discussing moving to Troy with my husband b/c of the family ammenities. Id stay in RO if we even had just some that Troy offers!	9/23/2016 11:16 PM
88	We need a community outdoor swimming pool.	9/23/2016 11:15 PM
89	Wendland park is in dire need of updates! It is our neighborhood playground and the equipment is very old to the point of being unsafe ( rusty, splintering wood). The park is the central point of our neighborhood and had allowed us to build a strong local community. Please help us with updates!	9/23/2016 10:43 PM
90	Start (or expand if it already exists) an adopt a park program for community groups to clean/plant flowers/mow/rake etc...	9/23/2016 10:30 PM
91	More fenced dog parks please! Great work overall though!	9/23/2016 10:30 PM
92	I think making best use of what we do have is key. The Normandy Oaks property, for instance -- developing that splash area would be a huge benefit to the city.	9/23/2016 10:22 PM
93	We really need a city pool, ideally outdoors for summer.	9/23/2016 10:15 PM
94	Partnering with the County to create a county park would be better then creating a new city park	9/23/2016 10:09 PM
95	Can't believe Royal Oak can't figure out a way to get a community pool. Seems like every other surrounding community has figured this out. Would also be nice to have a downtown green space where families can gather, listen to music, skate on an ice rink, watch an outdoor movie. Thank you and am curious to see the results.	9/23/2016 10:09 PM
96	The parks and facilities are in poor shape, dirty, unsafe, full of litter. Grass is not mowed. It is sad reflection on the city. Time to appoint an independent group of citizens to prepare recommendations for the city commission to review and take action.	9/23/2016 9:41 PM
97	Please, please, please expand recreational offerings for kids and teens! Options for classes are limited and it's the same three things over and over. Nearby Troy has so many more options!	9/23/2016 9:14 PM
98	Tennis courts suck and so do the roads. If you're gonna fix main go 20 more feet and do kenilworth by holiday. Embarrassing	9/23/2016 9:02 PM
99	We do not need the expense of a swimming facility, Troy has a beautiful one that is literally 5-10 minutes away.	9/23/2016 8:37 PM
100	Need to make city bike friendly and walker friendly. Need more sidewalks (even in industrial areas) and safe bike paths.	9/23/2016 8:11 PM
101	Fix the run down parks in our neighborhoods. City claims to have the funds but there are NO results.	9/23/2016 8:05 PM
102	Parks need bathrooms. More places where families can go. Definitely need more indoor areas that are family friendly.	9/23/2016 7:58 PM
103	The amount of green space and preservation of trees is very important to me. As home sizes overwhelm lots, and mature trees are cut down to build them, it is even more vital to treasure what makes our city healthy and beautiful	9/23/2016 7:34 PM
104	I would *love* to see parks with a purpose to visit. For example, a fit-park stationed with outdoor fitness equipment.	9/23/2016 7:19 PM
105	I live near starr jaycee park and in the spring/summer/fall seasons, it seems like it ALWAYS has long grass. the city can fine people for not maintaining their lawns.....maybe the city should be fined for not maintaining its own property?	9/23/2016 6:59 PM
106	Royal Oak has wonderful parks everywhere around the city. They need to be maintained, neighborhoods should be ncouraged to look after their parks to recognize vandalism, etc. It would be nice to add shelters, swings and possibly tables to some.	9/23/2016 6:19 PM

107	We have a lot of parks that need maintenance. We should definitely concentrate on upkeep / improvement of what we have for the next 5 years.	9/23/2016 5:04 PM
108	Boy's Girl's club too far from center of city. Kids can't get there alone	9/23/2016 5:02 PM
109	Please maintain current parks better.	9/23/2016 4:47 PM
110	Because our park, that is a block from our house, isn't age appropriate for my 3-4 year old kids, we have to walk to farther parks. I think this is why the park is never played with. Many families in our neighbor have small children and those are the ones that use the playgrounds the most. It would be nice to have baby swings, smaller slides etc., so it gears to all ages.	9/23/2016 4:17 PM
111	Also maintaining and fixing up the Royal oak golf course would be much appreciated.	9/23/2016 4:10 PM
112	Royal Oak is already a bit high on taxes compared to nearby communities I am considering buying a home (Troy, Rochester, Farmington..). While I support new facilities, I do not support new millages to fund them. Any new facilities/programs need to be funded with existing taxes.	9/23/2016 3:59 PM
113	I think that Royal Oak residents would appreciate an additional dog park. Also, a green space in downtown area would be much appreciated.	9/23/2016 3:57 PM
114	We need a nice, outdoor swimming facility	9/23/2016 3:52 PM
115	When receiving my parks and rec guide every quarter, I am extremely disappointed with the lack of programming offered for children. There are pages and pages of senior activities and barely anything offered for kids. I spend a lot of time taking my children to other cities for camps and programs offered through other parks and rec programs.	9/23/2016 3:41 PM
116	SWIMMING POOL	9/23/2016 3:37 PM
117	New downtown central park would be awesome!	9/23/2016 3:35 PM
118	Our Schools, Recreation department and sports clubs do very well in keeping the cities residents provided for.	9/23/2016 3:25 PM
119	I'm excited for the new Normandy Oaks park.	9/23/2016 3:19 PM
120	Start with mowing the parks more often	9/23/2016 3:18 PM
121	Royal Oak does not compare well with other cities in regards to activities for children and in outdoor water activities. These types of activities might encourage more families to stay in Royal Oak instead of moving farther out to other communities	9/23/2016 3:01 PM
122	We need a community pool	9/23/2016 3:00 PM
123	My family & I have lived across the street from Upton park for more than 12 yrs. And in that 12 years we have had 2 boys, who are now 7 & 11. We have not been able to let our boys play at the play structure for most of there lives. Finding a litter box, slivers, and bees, when my 11 yr old was only 1-2 years old, has made enjoying a park across the street from you house not so so enjoyable!!!! We have talked to parks & rec. about it, but there is some much one only has time for. When we as tax payers leave it to the city officials to alot money for what is needed, it's seems that for the past 12 years Upton park has not been on the table for discussion. Maybe instead of building up so much around downtown, take in consideration for those who live in the north end of Royal Oak. I LOVE my city Royal Oak, and would'nt want to live & raise my kids anywhere else. But this one thing has bothered me, and I hope by me sending this, that i will get a responce as what we as citizens can do to help with improving this beautiful park that has so much possibilities! And also I would like to mention the park being a parking lot for the dream cruise, which is another thing that makes me angry. Make a parking lot for pickle ball on the north end so that residents & parents picking there children up from Upton, don't have to compete with their parked cars. We have had standing water issues over in the southeast & northwest corners of the park for years. When will these be fixed? Why ask an opinion about spending money on more things that are not necessary and not what needs fixing? Let's fix what we have & not build more of what we don't need! I hope that with sending my concerns as a tax paying citizen about a park in desperate need of help will get someone's attention, and answer to my questions on when something will be done. Thank you, Jessica Sabol	9/23/2016 2:57 PM
124	I appreciate having the trash bins at the parks. However, it would be great if they were there all year round.	9/23/2016 2:56 PM
125	Improve and better maintain the existing. Enough with the new developments when it appears that royal oak is struggling to maintain what they already have.	9/23/2016 2:47 PM
126	What other organization other than the Royal Oak Optimist club plant and maintain flowers in their park ?. They also clean their park in the spring.	9/23/2016 2:46 PM
127	I don't know if maintenance can be improved above the excellent job that is done.	9/23/2016 2:42 PM
128	PLEASE start work on Normandy Oaks!!!! the city closed the golf course and it sits as an eyesore now!!	9/23/2016 2:42 PM

129	Re park maintenance: glad to see fresh mulch under playscapes; concerned about dead wood/trees; would like Wagner park sign on both Main & Rochester & any other with same situation	9/23/2016 2:41 PM
130	I feel like the Normandy oaks proposal was a scam to bring the sale of land to vote. I think there is a legal obligation to develop the land and failure to do so is a breach for public trust, contrary to public vote and possibly criminal. Jim Ellison needs to decide how closely he'd like to be observed; these violations of public trust are almost always early signs of corruption.	9/23/2016 2:38 PM
131	Having a splash pad and pool would be phenomenal. I wouldn't have to join Troy Aquatic center. That alone is giving us reason to consider moving and we've only been here 2 years! Having a downtown like Plymouth or Bham is something else to strive for but not sure how doable it will be for RO.	9/23/2016 2:32 PM
132	Having moved from an area with many lakes, I most miss the water and opportunities to swim. A municipal pool would be a great addition. Something like Hartland's family-friendly aquatic center, or even an outdoor pool / splash park for the summer months, would be amazing. I also appreciate the attempts to make Royal Oak a bicycle-friendly community. Anything to continue encouraging that and making it better is wonderful. I'd also like to see park hours extended later into the evening. Hours seem inconsistent between parks, and I've found some that close as early as 8pm!	9/23/2016 2:29 PM
133	Swimming facility indoor or outdoor would be an awesome asset!	9/23/2016 2:26 PM
134	Just take care of our existing parks!!!! Compared to Berkley, Clawson and Bitminggsm our neighborhood parks took terrible. Especially for the taxes we pay. Thank you.	9/23/2016 2:21 PM
135	Please do not create more outdoor parks, the city of Royal Oak does not care for the parks we have. Weeds are overgrown, flowerbeds aren't planted and grass is rarely mowed. When it is mowed you should bail if for how long it is. It would be very nice to have an indoor community center, similar to Livonia or Romulus.	9/23/2016 2:15 PM
136	I believe if the city would like to attract more families with children additional parks are needed. In door as well as outdoor something comparable to the Troy aquatic center	9/23/2016 2:04 PM
137	A recreation center would be an asset to the city. While young people with income may be able to afford one of the many gyms in the city, families with limited means are out of luck unless they join a gym too. Most of the neighboring communities have a recreation center, Royal Oak needs one that everyone can afford and enjoy.	9/23/2016 2:03 PM
138	Swimming/Splash park type facilities are sorely lacking for a city as big as ours.	9/23/2016 2:02 PM
139	Please add "golf" to your survey. Why isn't it already an option. Golf is a sport, an expensive one that can bring revenue to the city if it is properly maintained.	9/23/2016 1:57 PM
140	Our family loves the Royal Oak parks and programs. We have been a Four Seasons Preschool family since we moved to the city and will always think of Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Olinski as two of our favorite fixtures in Royal Oak.	9/23/2016 1:51 PM
141	Let the market decided, not the tax dollar	9/23/2016 1:46 PM
142	Overall I feel like most facilities are in the north end of the city. I will not drive from 11 and Campbell area to 13 and crooks to enjoy a public service or provram. Please keep that in mind when making future changes and don't dare ask for a milage for this..... use the parking money I pay weekly for this and take it way from the downtown fund.	9/23/2016 1:45 PM
143	As a pedestrian and avid bicyclist I am increasingly concerned about inability to move safely in downtown. Putting up bike path signs and painting sharrows on crumbling roads does not make the city bikeable. Real, dedicated protected bike lanes could. I'm not sure this is fully possible in limited space but some bright engineers/designers could find a way.	9/23/2016 1:40 PM
144	I understand we have limitations when thinking of nature trails, etc. but we do have some large land areas that can be used. I think a community pool is very appealing to families. More families are moving into the city, families who love the amenities offered by the city but who also want a solid quality of life for their children. We have great plots of land that should stay that way, I love our parks. We just need to be smart about how we use them. I think a somewhat city-centered park would be an incredible addition to Royal Oak - a gathering place for those dining downtown, to walk around, providing an even more solid destination - have dinner, walk around, get a drink, etc. Appealing to more than just those who hit the bars. As our city moves toward more families and trying to attract a more youthful demographic and also placing an emphasis on tech-companies we have to think what will be a draw to those wanting to both live and invest in our community.	9/23/2016 1:39 PM
145	I think more funds / personnel should be allocated to keep the parks clean. Every week we have new graffiti at our closest park (Maddock Park). Also, Bassett Park looks pretty sad and gets a lot of eyes being next to Campbell - perhaps some new equipment or repurposing the park would make our city look better. Thanks!	9/23/2016 1:35 PM
146	I would love to see more activities at the Salter center for adults.	9/23/2016 1:34 PM
147	How about cutting the grass and shoveling snow at parks.	9/23/2016 1:26 PM

# **Appendix G**

## **Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

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## Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

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Public Act 135 of 2010, one of the “Complete Streets Acts” adopted that year, requires cities receiving money from Michigan’s transportation fund to prepare a 5-year plan for the improvement of non-motorized transportation facilities. Bicycling and walking facilities are also supposed to be incorporated into all transportation projects according to an official policy statement of the Federal Highway Administration (U.S. DOT Policy Statement on Integrating Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Infrastructure).

Through 2010 and 2011 the city prepared such a non-motorized transportation plan. The Active Transportation Alliance of Chicago was hired with EECBG grant funding to complete a non-motorized plan for Royal Oak. The result of their work is the Royal Oak Non-Motorized Transportation Plan dated September 13, 2011. That document is composed of recommendations on infrastructure improvements, policies, and programs to make it safer and more convenient to walk, bike, and use transit in Royal Oak.

The following portions of Royal Oak Non-Motorized Transportation Plan were revised and are hereby adopted as part of this amendment to the city’s Master Plan.

### Introduction

Royal Oak is laid out on a well-established grid system of streets. This street network and the distribution of land uses bring a pedestrian scale to the community. The primary means of providing non-motorized transportation is the sidewalk network. Lacking is a well-defined bicycle route system linking neighborhoods, community facilities, neighboring communities, and regional destinations.

### Background

The City of Royal Oak has undertaken a number of planning studies over the past 15 years. One of a number of planning implications identified through these studies is the desire to explore alternative transportation measures to lessen vehicular traffic and improve circulation throughout the community. In other words, place a greater focus on non-motorized modes of transportation – namely bicycling and walking.

In 2009, the City of Royal Oak filed an application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program funding assistance to develop a non-motorized transportation plan. Funds distributed through the EECBG Program provide assistance to



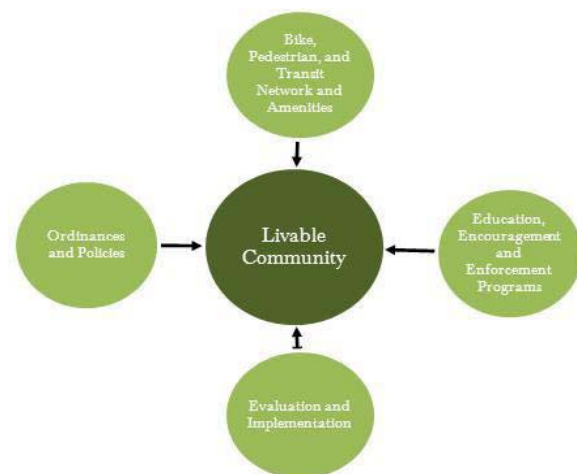
People meet at the Farmers Market to bike in Royal Oak

communities to implement strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions and total energy use, and to improve energy efficiency. The city issued a request for proposals to develop a non-motorized transportation plan. In August of 2009, the City Commission awarded the Active Transportation Alliance a contract to undertake the planning project. The project officially commenced in August of 2010.

Putting in place infrastructure improvements and implementing policies and programs to encourage Royal Oak residents to utilize non-motorized modes of transportation will improve the health and livability of the community. This non-motorized plan is comprised of four implementation tracts that when employed in concert will establish a physical and cultural environment that supports and encourages safe and comfortable travel throughout the city and into surrounding communities.

It is anticipated that the changes to the physical and cultural environment will result in greater numbers of Royal Oak residents choosing to walk, bicycle, or use public transit as their preferred modes of transportation for many trips. These choices will lead to healthier lifestyles, improved air and water quality, and a more energy-efficient transportation system.

The chart to the right illustrates four implementation tracks in the plan. Each track may move forward independently as resources allow. However, it is the integration and implementation of all four tracts that will improve the livability of Royal Oak.



### Why a Non-Motorized Plan for Royal Oak

Royal Oak, like many other communities, is looking for ways to be more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. While the quality of schools, suburban values, and cost of living attract individuals and families to Royal Oak, people's life choices are increasingly influenced by wellness, sustainability, and mobility considerations.

Many Royal Oak residents already choose to walk or to use a bicycle to get to work or school, to run errands, and for recreation purposes, and the number is growing. With its historic grid system of streets, well-distributed schools and parks, transit service, a pedestrian-friendly downtown, and an active cycling base, Royal Oak is poised to benefit from an improved pedestrian and bicycling network.

This plan intends to chart a course for developing a safe and relevant non-motorized transportation network for Royal Oak that will allow residents from age 8 to 80 to feel comfortable getting around the community on foot or by bicycle. The purposes of this Non-Motorized Transportation Plan are to:

- *Increase bicycling and walking as active modes of transportation.*
- *Make bicycling and walking comfortable and enjoyable transportation choices.*
- *Expand the network of pedestrian ways and bikeways throughout the community.*
- *Create safe and inviting walking and biking environments for residents and visitors.*
- *Contribute to the “quality of life” for current and future residents and visitors.*
- *Coordinate planned improvements with other agencies having jurisdiction over elements of the transportation network.*

## **Benefits of a Non-Motorized Plan**

Having the ability to move about Royal Oak safely, comfortably, and conveniently, on foot or by bicycle, will provide a number of benefits to residents and businesses, including the following:

### Mobility

Costs related to transportation are a household’s highest expense after housing. Improving accommodations in Royal Oak for bicyclists and pedestrians will make it easier for people to get around without a car, particularly for shorter distance trips. This may allow some families to reduce number of vehicle miles traveled and the number of cars that they own.

### Economy

Bicyclists and pedestrians are also consumers. Making Royal Oak more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly will encourage people to frequent local businesses, whether they are downtown or along other commercial corridors. Bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly accommodations increase people’s access to businesses. Providing bicycle and pedestrian friendly infrastructure improvements will encourage residents to travel to local shops on foot or bicycle instead of jumping in their car to spend money in another town.

### Health

Sedentary lifestyles are contributing to record levels of obesity and health issues in the United States, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other weight-related problems. Active living is a solution. Traveling by foot or by bike, whether for commuting or recreational purposes, is an inexpensive and convenient way to integrate healthy, physical activity into everyday life.

### Environment

Improving bicycle infrastructure and encouraging more bicycling activity has the potential to reduce the number of vehicle trips and vehicle miles travelled in Royal Oak. Fewer cars on the road means less traffic congestion, reduced vehicle exhaust emissions, cleaner air, and a reduced reliance on finite energy resources.

## Plan Methodology & Community Outreach

### Kick-Off Meeting

The planning process kicked off on August 10, 2010 with a meeting between the Planning Commission, staff, and representatives from the Active Transportation Alliance. The participants discussed the reasons for undertaking the effort, strengths and challenges of the current non-motorized network, and steps to move the process forward.

### Community Open House

The process to gather input continued with a Community Open House conducted on September 28, 2010. More than 80 Royal Oak residents and stakeholders offered input regarding local and area destinations, obstacles making bicycling and walking difficult, preferred routes, access to transit, and desired routes to build a more complete non-motorized network. Programmatic initiatives to encourage more individuals to bicycle and walk, and to do so safely, were also discussed. The comments received were used to recommend a series of education, encouragement, and enforcement programs, as well as infrastructure improvements to promote bicycling and walking in Royal Oak.



Community members share their ideas for improving bicycling and walking conditions in Royal Oak

### Inventory of Existing Conditions

The Active Transportation Alliance inventoried and reviewed: local and regional plans; bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accommodations; and local programs to get a current snapshot of existing conditions for non-motorized travel in Royal Oak. This existing conditions analysis provided a baseline from which the Active Transportation Alliance developed network and programmatic recommendations to improve non-motorized travel in the community.

## **Recommended Facilities for Development Report**

The Active Transportation Alliance presented an interim report including a draft outline for the non-motorized plan and a series of network recommendations. City staff reviewed the network recommendations and their input is reflected in the infrastructure improvements

## **Projected Energy Savings Analysis**

Funding to develop this non-motorized plan was obtained through the Federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). One of the objectives of this funding source involves documenting energy savings and environmental benefits that might be achieved with the implementation of this plan.

One of the many positive benefits of commuting on foot or by bicycle is the energy savings and environmental impact of shifting trips from car to non-motorized travel. In the last two decades mode share for walking and bicycling has increased. A combination of additional infrastructure, educational, encouragement and safety factors have contributed to this increase. And as additional facilities for walking and bicycling are built or improved, non-motorized travel is likely to continue increasing.

One way to quantify the value of non-motorized travel and its benefits for the community is by looking at the projected reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as residents substitute trips taken by car for trips taken on foot or by bicycle. For each vehicle mile not traveled, there is a resulting energy savings. In Royal Oak, at the time of complete build-out of this non-motorized plan, more than 15,000 vehicle miles traveled per day will be saved, resulting in 10 fewer tons of CO<sup>2</sup> emitted and 1,000 gallons of gasoline saved due to this reduction in VMT. A complete energy savings analysis can be found in appendix A of the Royal Oak Non-Motorized Transportation Plan prepared by the Active Transportation Alliance.

## **Legacy of Planning & Active Living**

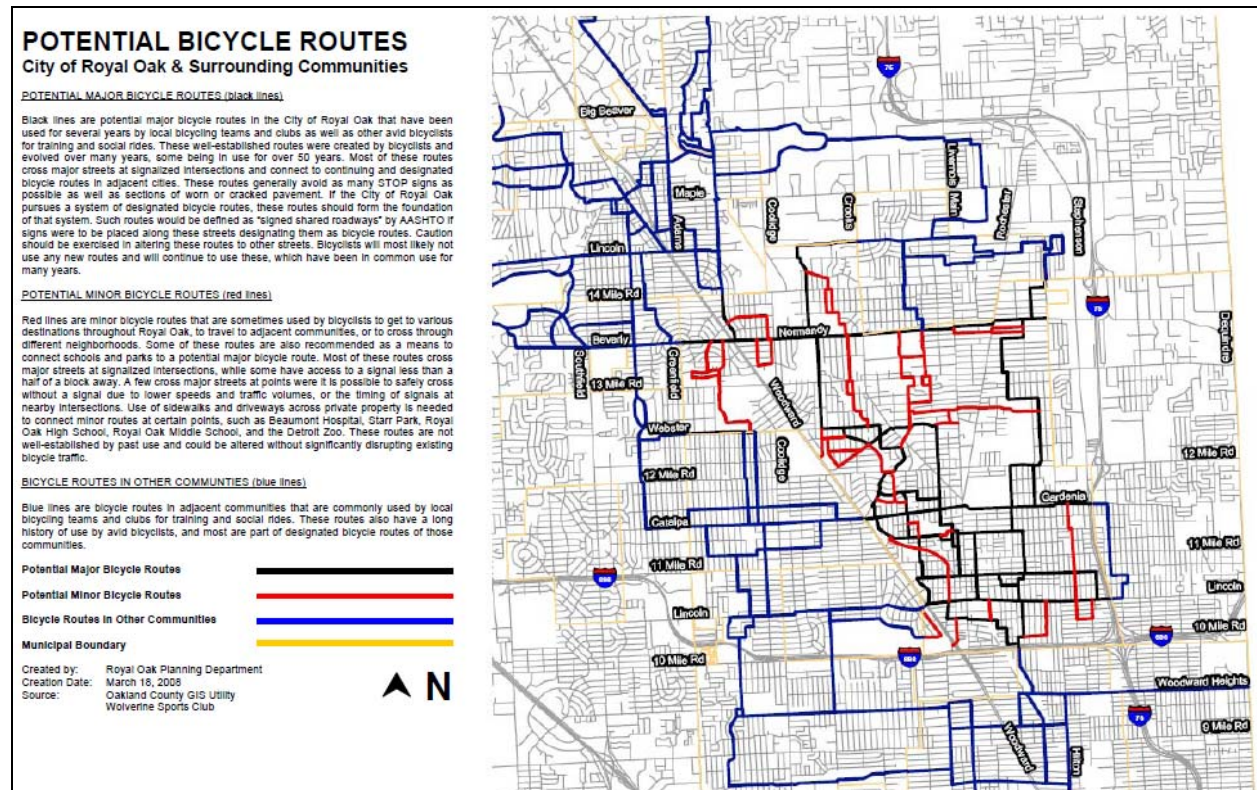
Over the last few decades, Royal Oak has enjoyed a tradition of both active living and planning for active lifestyles. In the city, there are groups that encourage bicycling, and the city itself has completed several plans that have informed or directed bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

## **Wolverine Sports Club**

The Wolverine Sports Club (WSC) started as the Wolverine Wheelmen in 1888. The WSC promotes many active sports including bicycling. The WSC offers road touring, mountain biking, and racing programs for cyclists. The road tourists represent the largest contingent of the WSC. The focus is on proper riding technique and the touring schedule includes over 800 rides a year, including the well-known “Wednesday Night Ride” that has started and finished in downtown Royal Oak for over 50 years.

## Potential Bicycle Routes Map

The Potential Bike Route Map was developed by city staff and adopted in 2008. It identifies both major bike routes used by experienced cyclists in Royal Oak and surrounding communities, and minor bike routes used to get through neighborhoods and connect to parks and schools.



## Woodward Avenue Action Association

The Woodward Avenue Action Association (WA<sup>3</sup>) formed in 1996 as a nonprofit economic development organization representing communities along Woodward Avenue. The WA<sup>3</sup> has been successful in obtaining Michigan Heritage Route, National Scenic Byway, and All-American Road designations for Woodward Avenue as well as close to \$5 million in federal funding for various economic development, tourism, promotion and preservation efforts. A number of operating / planning documents have been approved to guide improvement projects along Woodward Avenue, including a Byway Corridor Management Plan, Attractions and Historic Sites, Public Spaces Design Framework Plan, a Transit-Oriented Development Corridor Study, and their own Non-Motorized Plan.

## Other Plans & Studies

The City of Royal Oak has initiated various other planning efforts in the past, including the following: the General Development Plan (Master Plan) adopted in 1968 and updated in 1999 and 2012; the Eleven Mile Road Corridor Plan adopted in 1989; the Parks & Recreation Master

Plan last updated in 2009; the Downtown Royal Oak Master Plan adopted in 1994; and the Downtown Parking Study & Master Plan adopted in 1995.

## ***Policy Recommendations***

In addition to a robust non-motorized transportation network, Royal Oak can benefit from the adoption of ordinances and policies in place to promote safe, convenient and comfortable walking and bicycling for a wide range of cyclists. The adoption and administration of local pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly ordinances and policies will help encourage community members to walk or bicycle more often and feel safer while doing so, as well as improve driver awareness of their presence.

It is recommended that the following pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly ordinances and policies be adopted by the City of Royal Oak to support the building of non-motorized transportation infrastructure and to enhance the safety, convenience, and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **Complete Streets Policy**

The term “complete streets” describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users. Complete streets should be able to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, emergency vehicles, and delivery trucks as well as people of all ages and abilities, including children, students, adults, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

Complete streets encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use as safe, convenient, environmentally-friendly, and economical alternatives to automobile use, promoting health and independence for all people. Careful planning and coordinated development of complete streets infrastructure also offers long-term cost savings for both cities and the state, and provides financial benefits to property owners and businesses alike.

Public participation in community decisions concerning street design and use is also encouraged by complete streets to ensure that such decisions: (a) result in streets that meet the needs of all users; and (b) are responsive to needs of individuals and groups that traditionally are not incorporated in public infrastructure design.

When designed properly, complete streets recognize and reflect the context of adjacent land uses and neighborhoods. The latest and best guidelines and standards are used for designing complete streets, such as the new walkable thoroughfare manual promulgated jointly by the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Congress for the New Urbanism in 2010 ([Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach](#)).

Other benefits of complete streets include reduced traffic congestion and fossil fuel use, and improved safety and quality of life of residents by ensuring streets are safe, convenient, and comfortable for walking, bicycling, and transit as well as driving.

Following accepted best practices, the design recommendations throughout this plan are based on a “complete streets” philosophy. Complete streets are designed to enable safe access for all users of the transportation network regardless of age, ability, or travel mode. A complete street has no predefined facilities requirements, but is optimized within its surrounding context to promote safe, convenient, active transportation options for the community. A complete streets policy can be flexible since there is no “one size fits all” solution.

To ensure that these principles play a lasting role in the development of the local transportation network, Royal Oak should adopt a complete streets policy. This means committing to the accommodation of bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users as well as motor vehicles in all new transportation construction and maintenance projects whenever appropriate.



A “complete street” in Royal Oak with sidewalks and a low traffic volume allows for safe on-road cycling.



Although this street has sidewalks for pedestrians, there is no dedicated place for bicycles. A “complete street” accommodates all roadway users using context-sensitive design.

The State of Michigan and number of communities have already adopted or are considering complete streets legislation. It is recommended that Royal Oak adopt a policy or ordinance modeled after the Michigan’s Complete Streets Acts (Public Acts 134 and 135 of 2010).

### **Bicycle Parking Ordinance**

Bicycle parking is an essential amenity for any bicycle transportation network. Residents are more likely use their bike to reach businesses if they can safely lock it at their destination. To promote the use of the network and to boost local commerce, Royal Oak should amend its parking ordinance to include requirements for bike parking at retail, commercial, multiple-family residential developments, and workplaces. The city should also consider offering long-term bike parking in its municipal parking decks and surface lots.

### **Bike Lane Parking Ordinance**

As Royal Oak develops its non-motorized network, bike lanes and shared lanes will be installed on some local streets. In order for these facilities to be safe for bicyclists, they must be kept clear of motor vehicle traffic and parked vehicles. Royal Oak should consider the establishment and enforcement of meaningful penalties for motorists driving or parking in bike lanes, or blocking marked shared lanes with their vehicles.

## Development Codes to Promote Pedestrian- & Bicycle-Friendly Environments

The City of Royal Oak should review its development codes and incorporate standards for pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly accommodations and on-site amenities. The design of facilities within private developments plays a significant role in how they are accessed by active modes of transportation. Royal Oak should update its municipal code to ensure connectivity and access for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users in development or redevelopment projects. Examples include:

- *Use best practice designs to meet ADA accessibility requirements.*
- *Consider requiring short- and long-term bicycle parking as well as other non-motorized amenities at workplaces.*
- *Create minimum standards for bicycle parking accommodations at multiple-family complexes, commercial developments, community facilities, and workplace destinations.*
- *Reduce the required number of car parking spaces when bicycle parking is provided.*
- *Provide for a greater mix and integration of land use types, thereby decreasing distance barriers for walking and bicycling.*
- *Require public sidewalks adjacent to all developments and continuous sidewalk connectivity from the public sidewalk to building entrances – a minimum 5-foot walk in residential areas, 10-foot walk in commercial areas, and a minimum 5-foot tree bank or curbside zone.*
- *Require a maximum setback distance or build-to line for building entrances, ensuring shorter trips through parking lots and yards for cyclists and pedestrians.*
- *Adopt context sensitive design principles for all street resurfacing and reconstruction projects based on recommended standards from National Coalition for Complete Streets and the manual Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach adopted by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) in 2010.*

## School Policy Recommendations

### Safe Routes to School

Royal Oak schools are major travel destinations for the most vulnerable members of any community – children. Royal Oak public schools no longer offer bus service requiring students to find another way to get to school. The Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools Board of Education and the Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) are exploring options to promote safe transportation to schools. One of the programs being considered is Safe Routes to School.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) is a federal program to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for good health. Safe Routes to School initiatives also help ease traffic jams and air pollution, unite neighborhoods, and contribute to students' readiness to learn in school.

The program provides funding for education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation strategies aimed at making the trip to school safe, fun, and convenient for students in elementary and middle school. SR2S provides funding for sidewalks and other infrastructure projects and requires no local match. The City of Royal Oak should work with Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools to take the following steps to assess needs and develop a strategy for Safe Routes to School:

- *Form a Safe Routes to School committee at each elementary and middle school.*
- *Collect baseline data, such as student walking and bicycling rates, parent surveys and walking and bicycling audits around each school. Free tools are available for download through the National Center for Safe Routes to School.*
- *Identify a list of education, encouragement, and enforcement strategies that address barriers to walking and bicycling to school.*
- *Complete a School Travel Plan. A template is available for download on the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Safe Routes to School web page.*
- *Identify and implement a handful of low- and no-cost strategies from the School Travel Plan.*
- *Apply for a federal Safe Routes to School grant through MDOT.*



A group of students and parents take the “walking school bus” to school. Safe Routes to School provides funding to support walking school buses and many other programs to facilitate walking and biking to school.

### Elementary Bicycle Education

Completion of a safe bicycling course taught at the end of second grade and again at the end of fifth grade could also be implemented as a prerequisite for the privilege of bicycling to school. Upon completion of a course teaching children on-bike basics, how to fit a helmet, and the ABC quick check, children will earn a “bike license” which allows them to bike to school on their own beginning in third grade.

Children – and their parents – will begin seeing bicycling as a right of passage rewarded with a new privilege, which can be a powerful motivator. A culture of responsible cycling to school would likely spread into middle school. Royal Oak’s involved parents would absorb the safe cycling lessons as well, and feel more comfortable about their children riding to school after their children have learned some basic safety lessons.

Public and private elementary schools could establish an end-of-year “bicycle academy” integrated into physical education classes. Children would learn basic bicycling skills, how to perform a bicycle safety check, helmet fit, and appropriate traffic cycling skills such as crossing roads, driveway dangers, and negotiating sidewalks. Children completing the academy would then receive a license permitting them to bicycle to school in third grade. The program would include the identification of safe bicycle routes to school.

A similar lesson should be taught again as students transition to middle school and again as they transition to high school. Students could participate in a ride from their neighborhood elementary school to the junior high and receive a graduated license. During all courses, students should be taught on-road cycling techniques and discuss which streets are safe for cycling.

### Driver’s Education Curriculum & Multi-Modal Education

The driver’s education curriculum in high school could also be modified to educate student drivers regarding alternative transportation choices and on how to share the road with bicyclists. The course should integrate education on other transportation choices, and how drivers should interact with bicyclists and pedestrians into the Royal Oak High School driver’s education curriculum.

As teenagers obtain their drivers licenses and gain access to automobiles, they will daily be faced with choices on how to get from place to place. With students having many options besides a car, mobility education helps students recognize those options available in their community and shows them they need not rely on an automobile to get around. Understanding basic rules for sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians will make Royal Oak streets safer for all users.

Mobility education lessons could be integrated either directly into the current driver’s education curriculum or provided as a supplement. Lessons will reinforce the education they received in their bicycle academy instruction and will teach students how to make appropriate transportation choices based on their destination (or how to get around without a car).

## ***Bicycle & Pedestrian Network***

### **Bicycle Network Map**

There is no such thing as a typical pedestrian or bicyclist. An individual's preferences for a bicycle or walking route may vary based on the type of trip. Their daily commute route will likely favor directness of travel over a scenic route (but not always). An evening or weekend ride, walk, or run for recreation and exercise will be based on an entirely different set of criteria. It will likely favor local roads and trails through parks and schools.

Individuals also vary greatly in their tolerance of traffic, hills, weather and numerous other factors. A child will likely choose to stay on local roadways on their way to school provided they have safe ways to cross busy streets. An adult who is just starting to bicycle again will likewise shy away from busy roadways, sticking to residential roads wherever possible. But an experienced bicyclist may choose the busy road for its directness of travel. The solution then is not one dimensional. It responds to the needs of the various users and trip types. By doing so this plan addresses the needs of the majority of the community's population, not simply a small interest group.

Bicycle and walking are not exclusive modes of travel either. Most bicycle trips will also include some time as a pedestrian. Also, some bicycling and walking trips may be a part of a longer multiple-mode journey. For example, someone may ride their bike to a bus and then walk from the bus to their final destination.



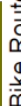







For all the reasons listed above, there needs to be a spectrum of non-motorized facilities available that gives the user the choice to choose the route that they feel most comfortable with - off-road trails, neighborhood connector routes, sidewalks, roadside pathways, and bike lanes are some of the most common facilities that make up the network.

The proposed non-motorized network for Royal Oak recognizes that pedestrians and bicyclists are a diverse population and that no one solution will apply to all. A combination of bike lanes, shared lanes, and sidewalks has been proposed along primary roads in the Royal Oak. Complementing the primary road system is a network of neighborhood connectors and off-road trails that provide access to key destinations while minimizing exposure to a large volume of high-speed motor vehicles.

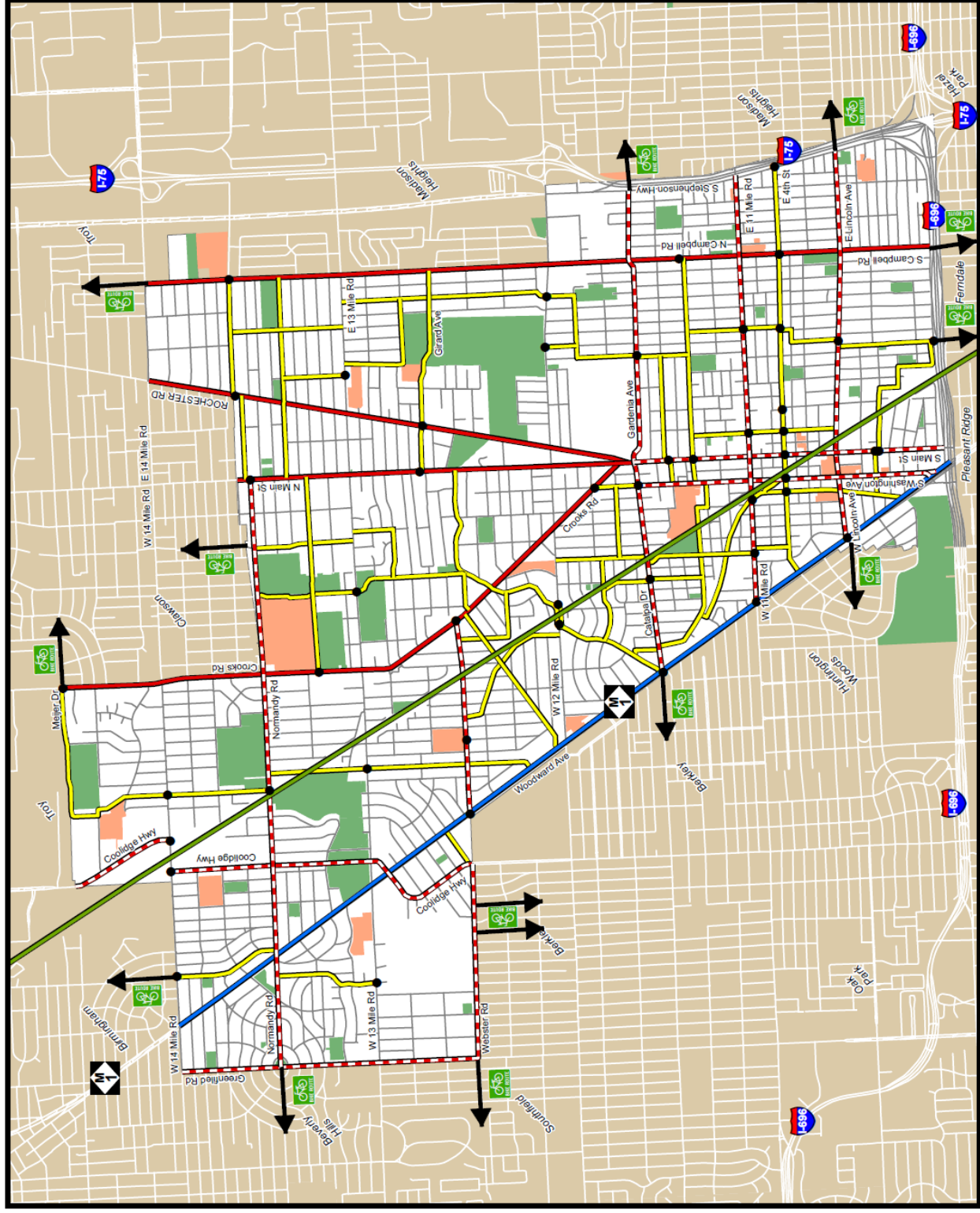
Additional facility guidance and basic cost estimates can be found in appendices E and F of the Royal Oak Non-Motorized Transportation Plan prepared by the Active Transportation Alliance

# Non-Motorized Transportation Bicycle Network Map

## Legend

-  Shared Lane Marking
-  Bike Lane With Road Diet
-  Bike Route
-  Path or Trail
-  Future Improvement Area
-  Road Centerlines
-  Connection To Adjacent City
-  Traffic Signals On Bicycle Routes
-  Parks & Open Space
-  Educational Facilities

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## Bike Routes

**Objective.** Create a bicycle network for Royal Oak by signing routes already in use by local cyclists.

**Description.** Many Royal Oak streets are comfortable for cyclists who possess a moderate tolerance for traffic. These routes include predominantly low-traffic residential streets. Many residents and most visitors are unaware of the city's existing bike-friendly routes. Most of these routes have been used by "cyclists in the know" for several years. They typically cross major streets at signalized intersections and connect to designated routes in adjacent cities.



Standard "BIKE ROUTE" sign from FHA's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Signing the network will provide immediate value and encouragement to cyclists while raising awareness of all road users and the acceptance of cycling within the city. The wayfinding signs marking the bikeway network are also appreciated by drivers and pedestrians looking for specific destinations within the city. Signage should comply with the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

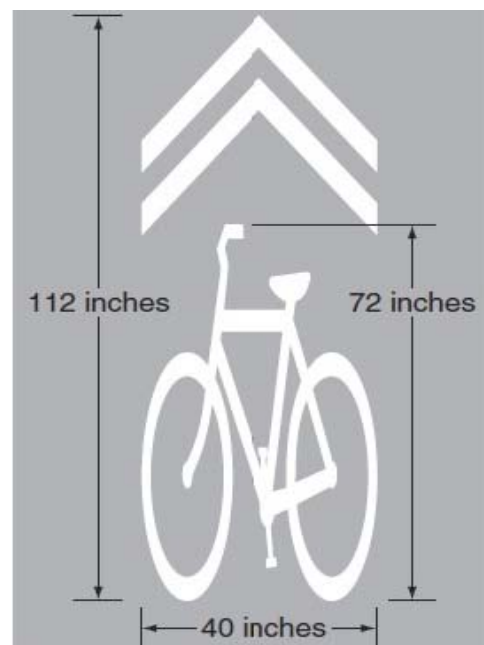
As bike traffic increases, some of these routes should be enhanced to prioritize bicycle traffic. These streets should be selected for their outstanding connectivity within the network and connections to important destinations in Royal Oak. Paint, pavement markings, planters, chicanes, and other diverters will make cycling on these streets more comfortable for even the youngest and oldest cyclists. Streets where these additional route enhancements would be appropriate include Vinsetta Boulevard, Fourth Street, and Northwood Boulevard.

Special roadway treatments to guide cyclists and cars are necessary along streets with higher traffic volumes and motor vehicle speeds. These roadway treatments include shared lane markings and road diets with bike lanes.

## Shared Lane Markings

**Objective.** Install shared lane markings on signed bike network routes without sufficient width for 5-foot bicycle lanes and posted speed limits of 35 mph or less.

**Description.** Marked shared lanes and bike route signs help drivers expect and accept cyclists in the street, and the markings encourage drivers to pass bicyclists with caution at an acceptable distance. For bicyclists, marked shared lanes encourage legal behavior, such as riding on the street with traffic, and raise cyclists' comfort levels helping them ride more predictably and safely.



Recommended dimensions for a shared lane marking or "sharrow."

Shared lane marking are most commonly found on streets with a minimum 13-foot travel lane, but can be used on narrower streets to raise awareness of cyclists. The following recommended streets meet established design parameters for adding marked shared lanes, but are not suitable for dedicated bike lanes due to their narrow width and on-street parking spaces.

When on-street parking is allowed, place shared lane markings at a minimum 11 feet of center from the curb. When on-street parking is prohibited, place shared lane markings at a minimum 4 feet of center from the curb.

## Recommended Routes for Shared Lane Markings

### *East / West Routes*

#### Lincoln Avenue

##### Existing Conditions

- 36-foot paved surface.
- Parking both sides of the street.

##### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Stripe the roadway with a continuous 7-foot parking stripe where parking is permitted.
- Place shared lane markings at 11 or 12 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

#### Eleven Mile Road (RCOC jurisdiction)

##### Existing Conditions

- Troy Street to Stevenson Highway:
- Four narrow lanes w/ 9.5-11.5 feet each lane.
- Woodward Avenue to Troy Street:
- Four lanes plus a turn lane.
  - ADT = 15,000 to 17,000 vehicles / day.

##### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Place shared lane markings at 4 to 6 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

#### Catalpa Drive

##### Existing Conditions

- 36-foot paved surface.
- Curb or on-street parking on both sides.

##### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Stripe the roadway with a continuous 7-foot parking stripe where parking is allowed.
- Put shared lane markings at 11 or 12 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

#### Gardenia Avenue

##### Existing Conditions

- 25-foot paved surface curb-to-curb.
- No on-street parking.

##### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Place shared lane markings at 4 to 6 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

## Webster Road

### Existing Conditions

- 36-foot paved surface.

### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Stripe the roadway with a continuous 7-foot parking stripe where parking is allowed.
- Apply shared lane markings on the street at the appropriate distance from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

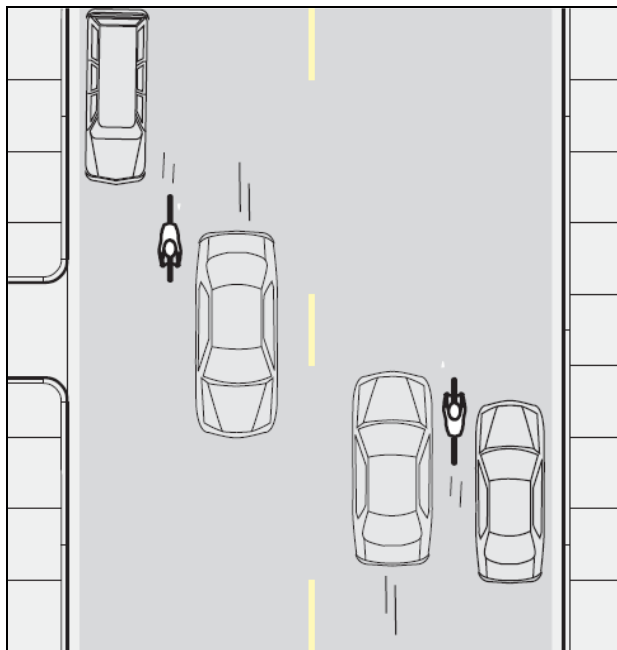
## Normandy Road

### Existing Conditions

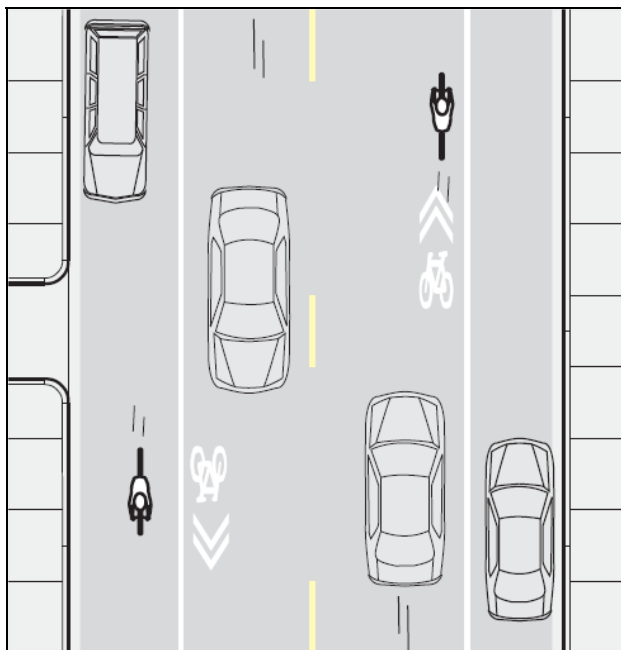
- 36-foot paved surface.
- Occasional curb or on-street parking both sides of the street.

### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Stripe a bike lane where on-street parking is prohibited.
- Stripe the roadway with a continuous 7-foot parking stripe where on-street parking is permitted.
- Place shared lane markings at 11 or 12 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.



Existing conditions on Lincoln Avenue, Catalpa Drive, and Normandy Road.



Proposed conditions on Lincoln Avenue, Catalpa Drive, and Normandy Road. When a car is parked, the cyclist shares the travel lane. When no car is parked, the cyclist can use the parking lane.

## North / South Routes

### Main Street

#### Existing Conditions

- Gardenia Avenue to I-696:
- 60- to 70-foot paved surface.
  - Parking on both sides of the street.
- North of Eleven Mile Road:
- Two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane.

#### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Stripe the roadway with a continuous 7-foot parking stripe where parking is permitted.
- Place shared lane markings at 11 or 12 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

### Washington Avenue

#### Existing Conditions

- Between Eleven Mile Road and Austin Avenue:
- 36-foot paved surface.
  - On-street parking on west side only.
- North of Austin Avenue:
- 25-foot paved surface.
  - No on-street parking.
- South of Sixth Street:
- 62-foot paved surface.
  - Intermittent on-street parking.

#### Recommendations

- Sign the street as a bike route.
- Apply shared lane markings on the street from Lincoln Avenue to Catalpa Drive.
- Place markings at the appropriate distance from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

### Coolidge Highway

#### Existing Conditions

- 24-foot paved surface in each direction with a center median.

#### Recommendations

- Place shared lane markings at 4 to 6 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

### Greenfield Road (RCOC jurisdiction)

#### Existing Conditions

- 60-foot paved surface including 2 travel lanes in each direction and a center turn lane.
- Narrows to 26 feet north of Springer Avenue.

#### Recommendations

- Place shared lane markings at 4 to 6 feet of center from the curb to create awareness for cyclists and to guide cyclists where to bike.

Primary objectives in establishing these marked shared lanes are to identify and formalize existing east/west bicycle routes and to establish a recognized system of north/south routes. The “half mile” roads – Lincoln Avenue, Catalpa Drive / Gardenia Avenue, Webster Road, and Normandy Road – have been used for years as major east/west routes by experienced bicyclists. The proposed markings and signage will now formally identify these routes as the preferred method for east/west travel by bicycle within Royal Oak.

Although these east/west routes have a long history, there are no readily identifiable north/south bicycle routes in Royal Oak of the same stature. Bicyclists are instead forced to weave and meander down local streets through neighborhoods and subdivisions. The proposed marked shared lanes will finally begin to establish recognized north/south bicycle routes in Royal Oak, especially along Main Street and Washington Avenue.

Other east/west streets could possibly accommodate marked shared lanes, namely Twelve Mile, Thirteen Mile, and Fourteen Mile Roads. The width of these roads and their current traffic volumes (over 20,000 average daily trips) make them unsuitable for dedicated bike lanes, but shared lane markings could be placed in their right-hand lanes. Marked shared lanes could be useful on portions of these roads, especially along Thirteen Mile Road near Beaumont Hospital. Even if shared lane markings are added to these major streets they should not be signed as designated bike routes. Bicyclists should instead be encouraged to use the preferred parallel routes on “half mile” streets for east/west travel, using the “mile” roads only as necessary to reach a given destination.

## Road Diets with Bike Lanes

**Objective.** Accommodate additional types of roadway users by putting the road on a “diet.”

**Description.** Road diets are often conversions of four-lane undivided roads into 3 lanes (two through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane). Narrowing a roadway by reducing the number of lanes or lane width is a traffic calming strategy used to decrease congestion caused by left-turning vehicles, making space for other roadway user types. The former right-of-way of the fourth lane could be used for bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and/or on-street parking. Pedestrian refuge islands, bulb-outs, and flare-outs can easily be coupled with road diets to increase pedestrian safety at crossings.



Standard “BIKE LANE” sign from FHWA’s Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

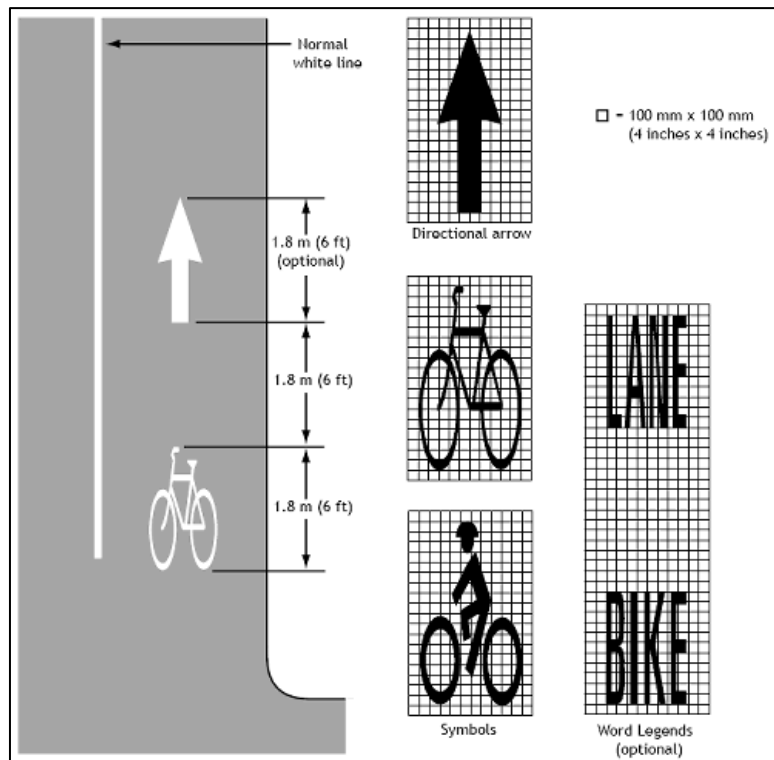
An alternative form of road diet could involve keeping the same number of lanes on a street but reducing the width of each lane. For example, a street with five 12-foot lanes of traffic (two in each direction and a center turning lane) could have its lanes reduced to 10 feet each. This would create 5 feet for a bike lane on each side while keeping the same number of travel lanes for motorists. Both forms of road diets have the advantage of avoiding expensive reconstruction of streets. Adding bike lanes can usually be accomplished by simply re-striping existing pavement, making them an extremely cost-effective form of achieving “complete streets.”

The proposed road diets will each require a separate and thorough traffic study at least one year before being installed. Preferably, these studies should be conducted simultaneously to be cost-efficient. Traffic counts should be conducted and other applicable factors studied prior to implementation in order to ensure that motorists will continue to travel at a similar and acceptable level-of-service. Currently available traffic counts are five or more years old, and although still valid, new counts should be conducted along the proposed routes.

Some streets may not be able to accommodate a road diet and other options may need to be considered. Main Street and Crooks Road are already at or near the 20,000 average daily trip threshold over which a 4-to-3 lane road diet is not recommended. It may be possible to keep the same number of lanes and instead simply narrow the width of each lane to create space for bike

lanes on these streets. Otherwise, marked shared lanes may need to be used instead of bike lanes if traffic counts prove to be too high and lane widths can not be narrowed.

Dedicated bike lanes are recommended on north / south routes as part of these road diets. Bike lanes should be from 5 to 6 feet in width and separated from automobile traffic with a solid white line. A width of 3 to 4 feet can be used under limited conditions where there may not be enough space for a full-width bike lane. Lane markings should also be used according to the recommended forms and dimensions of the MUTCD, including symbols, arrows, and words. Bike lanes should also be identified separately from bike routes with signs that comply with the MUTCD. These features help cyclists ride more predictably and safely while also alerting motorists to share the road.



Recommended dimensions and markings for standard bike lane.

## Recommended Routes for Road Diets with Bike Lanes

### Campbell Road

#### Existing Conditions

North of Gardenia Avenue:

- 55-foot paved surface including 2 lanes in each direction and a center turn lane.

South of Gardenia Avenue:

- 44-foot paved surface including 2 travel lanes in each direction.

#### Recommendations

North of Gardenia Avenue:

- One travel lane in each direction with two-way left turn lane in the center.
- Stripe for on-street bike lanes.
- Consider using a buffered bike lane.

South of Gardenia Avenue:

- One travel lane in each direction with two-way left turn lane in the center.
- Stripe for on-street bike lanes.

### Rochester Road

#### Existing Conditions

- Two lanes in each direction.
- No on-street parking.
- 45-foot paved surface.
- Lots of residential driveways.

#### Recommendations

- One travel lane in each direction with two-way left turn lane in the center.
- Stripe for on-street bike lanes.

## Main Street

### Existing Conditions

Gardenia Avenue to Fourteen Mile Road:

- Two lanes in each direction.
- No on-street parking.
- 40-foot paved surface.
- Lots of residential driveways fronting on this street.
- (ADT = 23,500 vehicles / day (2006))

### Recommendations

- One travel lane in each direction with two way left turn lane in the center.
- Stripe for on-street bike lanes.

## Crooks Road

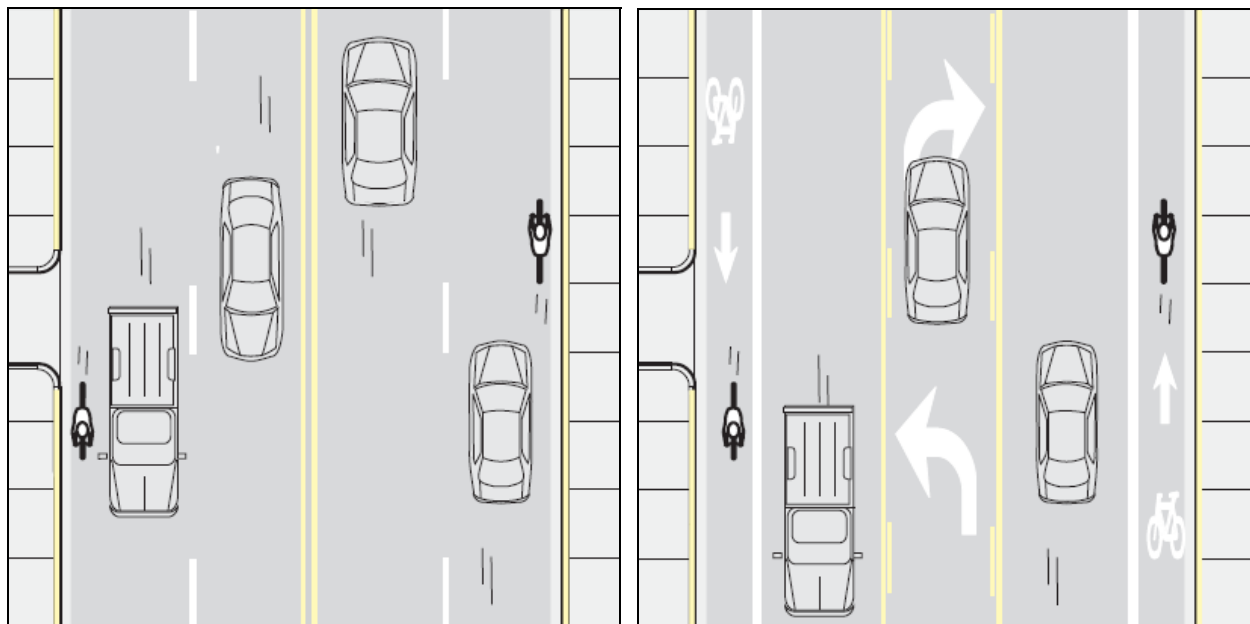
### Existing Conditions

- Two lanes in each direction.
- No on-street parking.
- 40-foot paved surface.
- Lots of residential driveways.
- ADT = 24,500 vehicles / day (2006)

### Recommendations

- One travel lane in each direction with two-way left turn lane in the center.
- Stripe for on-street bike lanes.

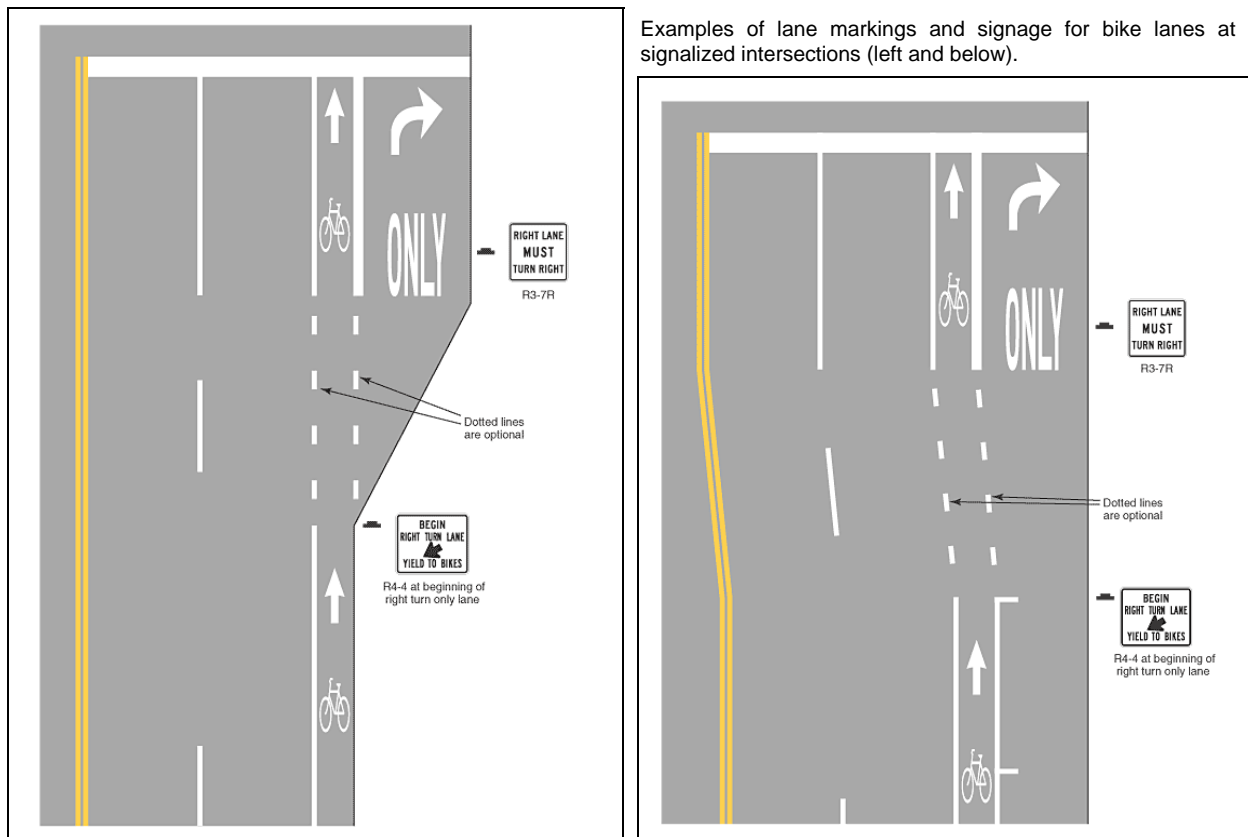
ADT = Average Daily Traffic



Existing Conditions Before Road Diet

Proposed Conditions After Road Diet

Care must be exercised where bike lanes approach signalized intersections. Bicyclists and motorists alike need to be properly directed, especially where vehicles are turning right across a bike lane. Special signage and lane markings are necessary to identify proper methods of proceeding through an intersection for both bicycles and cars.



## Places & Corridors

First-rate places to eat, learn, shop and recreate anchor Royal Oak's high quality of life. These places of special consideration will help residents reach their favorite places without a car. Putting places first in the consideration of biking, walking, and transit improvements will help integrate sustainable, efficient, healthy living into community life.

### Woodward Avenue

Woodward Avenue is one of Southeastern Michigan's most famous roads. Often called "Michigan's Main Street," this road connects from downtown Detroit to Pontiac. It has traditionally been an automobile-oriented corridor bringing from people around the region. In 2004, this street was designated a National Scenic Byway, awarded to commemorate the important and historic role this street played in American history. In 2009, it was given the prestigious All-American Road designation. It is largely a commercial corridor connecting shops, offices, restaurants, health services, and communities.

**Objective 1.** Implement a "road diet" for Woodward Avenue.

**Description.** The current configuration of Woodward Avenue was conceived prior to the opening of I-75. It was therefore designed and constructed to carry far greater volumes of traffic than it actually does today. At that time adjoining cities had larger populations, too – almost 1/3 more people than they now do. As a result Woodward Avenue now operates with significant

excess capacity, having too many lanes that are too wide for the actual volume of traffic they handle. This in turn encourages speeds which are dangerously fast for adjacent land use patterns.

Overall, Woodward Avenue is in good condition for vehicular traffic, but its non-motorized amenities are in need of improvement. Although a sidewalk system is in place, it is too narrow to be considered pedestrian-friendly, and there are no bicycle facilities at all. The speed of traffic makes walking or bicycling along Woodward Avenue difficult and dangerous. While the condition of travel lanes and the landscaped center medians are excellent, what little on-street parking that remains is usually in poor condition and badly configured.

To better accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users as well as much needed on-street parking, a road diet should be applied to Woodward Avenue. This can be done without reducing capacity and levels of service for automobiles considering both current and anticipated traffic volumes. Elements to be considered for such a road diet include the following:

- *Eliminating the outside (far left) vehicle lane and reducing the width of remaining lanes.*
- *Reducing the speed limit to 35 mph.*
- *Improving parallel on-street parking and re-establishing it where it was removed.*
- *Providing a dedicated bike lane on the inside (far right) lane next to on-street parking.*
- *Adding a landscaped median (6-10 feet) to separate the bike lane and on-street parking from vehicle lanes.*
- *Expanding the width of sidewalks to at least 8 feet.*
- *Adding 14-foot bicycle / pedestrian bridges over I-696 on each side.*
- *Adding non-motorized rest stops (parking, lockers, maps, restrooms) at key locations (Detroit Zoo, Memorial Park).*
- *Enhancing landscaping and streetscape amenities while reducing the width of the center median.*

With Royal Oak's dense, urban development pattern, both motorized and non-motorized traffic must share the same streets. As a result, some typical road diet elements may not be appropriate for the city's portion of Woodward Avenue. These items are more suited to a conventional suburb where non-motorized traffic is completely separate from the streets and roadways. Such an element would be two-way bicycle and pedestrian pathways, or "cycle tracks," where the outside lane travels in the opposite direction of oncoming vehicular traffic. When placed immediately next to vehicular traffic these types of cycle tracks are inherently dangerous to non-motorized traffic and should not be implemented as part of a Woodward Avenue road diet. Bicycle traffic should always travel in the same direction as adjacent vehicular traffic, whether within a dedicated bike lane or a marked shared lane.

Due to its current design, Woodward Avenue is neither safe nor suitable to accommodate anyone but the most experienced bicyclists at this time. Therefore, bicycle traffic on Woodward Avenue

should not be promoted until such time as a road diet that implements the above listed design elements can be accomplished.

**Objective 2.** Provide swift and frequent transit service along Woodward Avenue from Pontiac to downtown Detroit

**Description.** A new transit system is currently being planned for Woodward Avenue from downtown Detroit to Eight Mile Road. Although originally proposed as a light rail system it is most likely to be developed as bus rapid transit (BRT) according to the latest reports. In order to continue transit service for cities north of Eight Mile Road, BRT should be implemented along the remainder of Woodward Avenue in conjunction with the Detroit project.

BRT is a high-capacity transit option that provides frequent service along a fixed route at lower costs than light rail. Stops are often spaced farther apart than traditional bus service. Faster boarding and decreased number of stops make bus rapid transit faster and more appealing to riders. BRT operates in the same manner as a light rail system except for using rubber-wheeled buses on existing pavement rather than specialized cars running on fixed rails. BRT systems can utilize many of the same amenities common of light rail, such dedicated travel lanes and priority timing at signalized intersections.

BRT could utilize the either existing center medians of Woodward Avenue for stops along the route, or the additional medians proposed to separate travel lanes from on-street parking and bike lanes as part of the Woodward Avenue road diet. Pedestrian amenities, crossing improvements, and long-term bike parking at the stops will need to be made in order to facilitate use of BRT. Potential locations for BRT stops and associated improvements include the Detroit Zoo, Eleven Mile Road or Fourth Street for connecting to Royal Oak's downtown, and Coolidge Highway and Thirteen Mile Road for Beaumont Hospital. The system could even venture off of Woodward Avenue and proceed directly to and from Royal Oak's Downtown Transit Center.

### Downtown Transit Center

**Objective.** Increase use and awareness of the Downtown Transit Center.

**Description.** Transit complements bicycle and pedestrian facilities by taking people longer distances without the use of an automobile. To improve accessibility of this transit center and increase SMART bus ridership, the transit center, along with all bus stops, should post route maps and timetables for each route. Long term bicycle parking and instructions for how to put a bike on the bus should be clearly posted.

### Beaumont Hospital

**Objective.** Increase bicycle and pedestrian accessibility to Royal Oak's largest employer, Beaumont Hospital

**Description.** As Royal Oak's largest employer, Beaumont Hospital attracts staff and patients from the metropolitan region. In order to decrease traffic congestion at shift changes and offer

commute alternatives for staff, improvements to bicycle and pedestrian access and on-site facilities should be made. At Thirteen Mile Road and Hillside Drive, add accommodations for bikes in this area such as bike boxes to prioritize and help cyclists safely cross the intersection. The city and hospital should also work together to offer employees commute trip reduction incentives for choosing a means of travel other than driving alone.

### **Regional Trail Connections**

**Objective.** Convert the undeveloped portion of the Canadian National (CN) railroad right-of-way that parallels the existing CN railroad tracks into a regional rail-with-trail multiple-use path

**Description.** The CN railroad right-of-way was established and graded for 4 parallel railroad tracks, but only two were ever laid, leaving substantial room for a parallel multiple-use path that is 10 to 12 feet wide.

As an older Detroit suburb, Royal Oak is landlocked by surrounding communities with difficult access to the region's few regional trails, such as the Paint Creek and Clinton River Trails. Long term, this path could stretch from Pontiac all the way to downtown Detroit. The CN railroad right-of-way parallels historic Woodward Avenue, presenting an opportunity for story telling along a non-motorized, sustainable, and slower-paced corridor.

Many of the street crossings north of Royal Oak are above grade, offering safety and appeal to trail users. In downtown Royal Oak, crossings become at-grade, offering convenient access for trail users to Royal Oak's shops, restaurants, businesses, schools, and parks. Access ramps at half-mile and mile roads provide an essential front door to the trail, a health infrastructure connection for all Royal Oak neighborhoods and residents. Parallel trail development would supplement and showcase current Amtrak service.

Amtrak only uses the tracks twice a day and freight use occurs mostly at night, presenting a rare acquisition opportunity prime for leveraging national resources such as federal trail banking legislation and support from the Rails to Trails Conservancy. Public desire is already amply demonstrated by extensive paths from current use of the railroad right-of-way by cyclists, walkers, and runners.

Plans for any trail within the railroad right-of-way will have to be flexible. Although the space is used infrequently at present, it is still possible that the right-of-way could be used for local light rail transit or even a regional high-speed rail system. Alternative designs and possibly locations, too, may need to be pursued if the right-of-way is ever developed for additional rail capacity.

## ***Non-Motorized Amenities***

### **Pedestrian Amenities & Crossing Improvements**

**Objective.** Improve the pedestrian network by incorporating 'best practices' traffic control devices such as countdown timers, ladder-style crosswalks, bidirectional curb cuts, and pedestrian refuges where appropriate.

**Description.** A near miss by a car or long waits to cross safely will quickly discourage a person from choosing to walk or bike to their destination. Improving crossings is a cost-effective strategy to encourage walking, biking, and transit use. They also save lives. These simple improvements are recommended at all of the network’s major intersections, with priority given to areas with higher volumes of pedestrian traffic such as in downtown Royal Oak, schools, parks and community centers. The following recommendations illustrate intersection and crossing improvements that should be made. Technical guidance for these recommendations can be found in the MUTCD:

### Install Countdown Pedestrian Signals

Pedestrian crossings at all signalized intersections should be upgraded with countdown pedestrian signals. These signals show pedestrians how much time they have to cross the street and discourage pedestrians from running across the street when there is not enough time.

### Install Bidirectional Curb-Cuts & Truncated Domes

All new intersection crossings should be equipped with bidirectional curb-cuts and truncated domes to insure the intersection complies with ADA standards. These amenities direct the visually impaired through an intersection at a crosswalk.



Curb extensions and clearly striped crosswalks with red truncated domes make it easy for people of all abilities to cross the street.



Countdown timers let pedestrians know how much time is left before the traffic signal changes.

### Install & Re-Stripe Visible Crosswalks

All crosswalks in high-use areas should be upgraded to “ladder-style” markings per the MUTCD and be installed where missing. These crosswalk styles are significantly more visible to drivers than the traditional parallel line crosswalks and promote safe crossing at both signalized and non-signalized intersections.

Appliqués that resemble stones, brick pavers, or other types of aesthetic features could also be used to mark pedestrian crossings. They provide just as much visibility for pedestrians and motorists, offer a more decorative alternative to ladder-style crossings, and are a more cost-effective option than the actual paving materials. Appliqués can also be easily replaced after being worn though by cars, trucks and snow plows. The pedestrian crossing between the library and Farmers Market across Troy Street is made from such an appliqué (right).



### Install Curb Extensions Along Streets & Intersections

A curb extension reduces the roadway width to create a shorter crossing for pedestrians. Curb extensions can also improve driver and pedestrian visibility all while calming motor vehicle traffic.

### Continue to Support & Install Street Furniture in Pedestrian-Oriented Areas

Pedestrians are sensitive to character and convenience features which can encourage more people to walk further as well as more often. Some examples include pedestrian scale lighting, seat walls, benches, trash cans, shade trees, plantings, and public art. These amenities are most effective in areas with higher pedestrian traffic, such as shopping districts, and to improve the pedestrian experience along arterial road corridors.

### **Bicycle Amenities**

*Objective.* Improve the bicycle network by incorporating ‘best practices’ bicycle amenities such as wayfinding signage and bike racks.

*Description.* Providing people with information about where to bike and a safe place to lock a bike will encourage a person to choose biking. Improving signage and bike parking are a cost-effective strategies to encourage biking. These simple improvements are recommended at all of the network’s major routes and destinations, with priority given to areas with higher volumes of bike traffic such as in downtown Royal Oak and at schools, parks, workplaces and community centers. Technical guidance for these recommendations can be found in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (2009 edition).

### Traffic Signal Detectors for Bicycles

*Objective.* Place consistent markings at signalized intersections using vehicle detector loops to show cyclists where to place their bike for detection by demand-actuated signals.

*Description.* Unless properly positioned over an under pavement detector loop, most bikes will not activate demand-actuated traffic signals. The MUTCD placement marking shows cyclists where to position their bicycle. Prioritize installation of detector loops at signalized intersections

on local cross streets and on designated bike routes. Some traffic signal loop detectors will not detect a bicyclist regardless of the bike's position. A near-term priority is to adjust these loop detectors so they will detect most cyclists.

### Bicycle Network Signs

**Objective.** Mark the Royal Oak bicycle network using signs that display destination, direction, and distance.

**Description.** The MUTCD also provides guidance and specifications for implementing a wayfinding sign program. In the near term, the city should use the Bike Network Map in this plan to guide which streets and major destinations to sign, focusing on routes that cyclists identified as most comfortable for cycling. In addition to guiding cyclists, signs are useful as wayfinding for all residents and visitors. Begin by signing frequently-used local routes and continue adding signs to mark the bicycle network as it develops.



### Bicycle Parking

**Objective.** Install inverted-U or functionally similar bike racks in commercial and retail areas, at public buildings and parks, and on publicly owned property near businesses and multiple-unit residences.

**Description.** Racks should be located within clear view of the destination's entranceway, preferably as close as the closest motor vehicle parking space, and no more than 50 feet away from a building entrance. If multiple racks are clustered in a visible and signed location, they can be sited up to 100 feet away from the entrance. Placing racks further away than this discourages their use and cyclists are likely to ignore the racks and look for a closer place to lock up. Rack placement should be coordinated with other street furniture such as benches, trash cans, newspaper boxes, planters, and street lights along the curblin to create a buffer between the street and the pedestrian zone.

Bike parking installation should focus on destinations along existing and proposed bicycle corridors. By choosing racks with a unique color or shape at high visibility locations, the racks can add character to a community. Coordinating purchases and installation with regional agencies such as SMART or Oakland County are likely to reduce the per-unit cost of racks.

The inverted "U" or similarly shaped racks, such as an "A" frame or post-and-loop rack, are recommended for public bicycle parking. These racks are able to support a bicycle upright by its frame in two places – either at the top tube, down tube, or seat tube – while preventing its wheels

from tipping over. They also allow a bicycle's frame and one or both wheels to be secured simultaneously.

Inverted “U” racks allow two bicycles to be parked side-by-side to one rack. With a single bicycle, they also allow front-in parking (front wheel and down tube secured to rack) and back-in parking (rear wheel and seat tube secured). Bicycles with a horizontal top tube instead of a diamond-shaped frame can also be secured to these racks. These racks offer significant resistance to being cut or detached with common hand tools thereby minimizing the risk of bicycle theft. Their size allows them to be used in locations with limited space, even when combined in rows of multiple racks. When properly used they will not damage bicycle wheels the way other types of racks will.



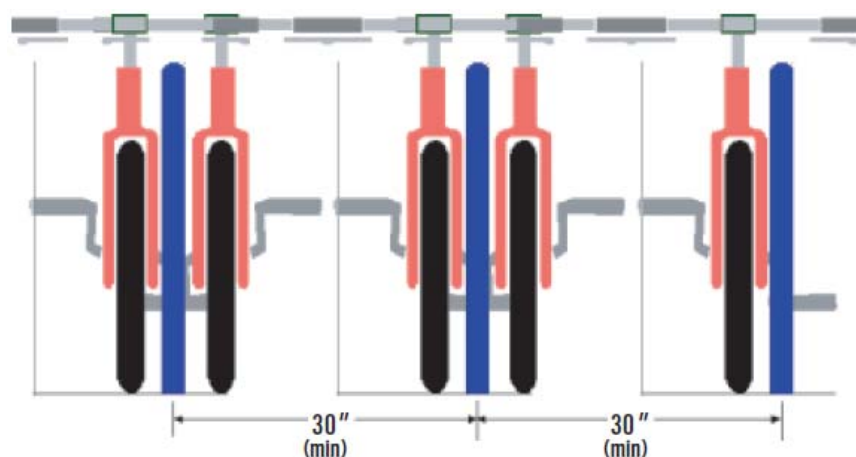
Typical Inverted “U” Style Bike Rack on Commercial Street

Other common bicycle racks types should be avoided, such as comb, toaster, or schoolyard style racks. These racks secure bicycles by their wheels only and not by the frame. Even when properly used, bicycle wheels can be easily bent and damaged. They are also highly susceptible to theft. Most avid cyclists will not use such racks for these reasons.

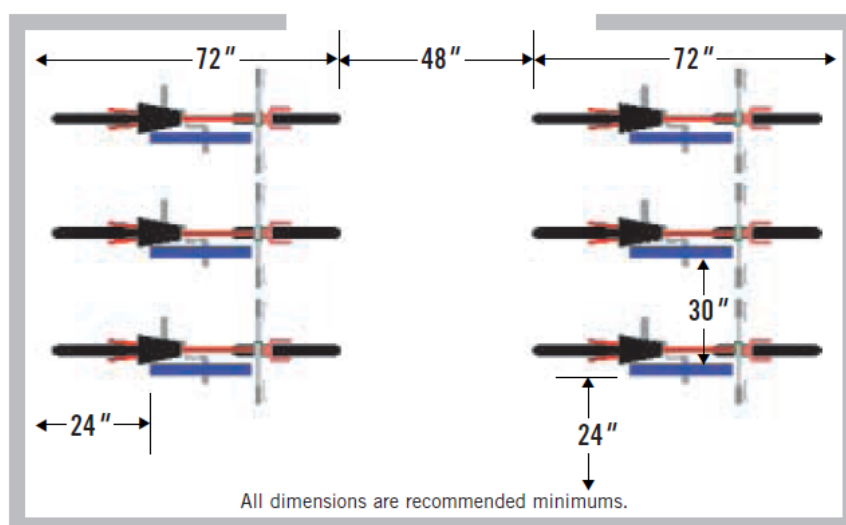
Although not an ideal method, wave racks can be used for bicycle parking in certain circumstances. When used properly – back-in and front-in parking – wave racks can accommodate several bicycles. Unfortunately, wave racks are often used improperly for side-by-side parking significantly reducing their capacity. Wave racks also require significantly more space than rows of inverted “U” racks, an important concern where sidewalk width is limited. A wave rack with 3 loops needs at least 48 square feet of area. A row of 3 inverted-U racks has the same capacity but requires only 30 square feet

For ease of access, inverted “U” racks mounted in a row should be placed on 30-inch centers. This allows enough room for 2 bicycles to be secured to each rack. But if the racks are placed too close together, it becomes difficult to attach 2 bikes to the same rack. If it is too inconvenient and time consuming to squeeze the bikes into the space and attach a lock, cyclists will look for an alternative place to park or use one rack element per bike and reduce the projected parking capacity by half.

The minimum separation between aisles of a rack area or “bicycle parking lot” should be 48 inches. This provides enough space for one person to walk one bike. Wider aisles up to 72 inches can be provided in high traffic areas where many users park or retrieve bikes at the same time, such as at transit centers, college classrooms, etc. Six feet or 72 inches of depth should be allowed for each row of parked bicycles. Conventional upright bicycles are just less than 72 inches long and can easily be accommodated in that space.



Bicycle rack space (above) and a typical bike "parking lot" (below). The recommended inverted "U" style can park up to two bikes per "U" and requires minimum spacing between each rack and around each parking spot. (Source: Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals)



## Transit Amenities

### SMART Routes & Information

Royal Oak has eleven SMART bus routes that serve the community, taking residents along Woodward Avenue, Main Street, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads and into neighboring communities. Transit service helps residents choose walking and biking for many of their longer daily trips. People are generally willing to walk or bike up to 10 minutes to a dependable and direct transit access point, roughly a one-half mile walk or a 2-mile bike ride. Connecting the local network to transit hubs will help to coordinate the local system with regional transit service.

**Objective.** Create awareness for routes and increase access to buses.

**Description.** Integrate the active transportation network with current SMART routes by improving stop visibility, posting route maps and time tables at stops, providing enhanced amenities such as paved waiting areas at all stops, covered shelters at priority stops, participating in SMART route planning to increase frequency of service, and educating residents on the potential trips that can be made using the available service. Posting the following information at each stop will create awareness for the bus system: route name and number; route map with information about where each bus route goes; bus schedules including estimated arrival times at major destinations along the route; and instructions on how to use bike racks on buses.

SMART recently installed new shelters with a modern design in several communities throughout the region, including Ferndale (below left) and Birmingham (below right). Advertising was used to defray the costs. The city should encourage SMART to install similar shelters in Royal Oak.



## ***Program Recommendations***

In addition to infrastructure and policy, the city and organizations throughout the community can work together to educate people about safe bicycle and pedestrian habits, encourage increased use of walking and biking as a mode of transportation, and enforce the rules of the road through both positive and educational methods. The following sections are a listing of education, encouragement, and enforcement programs that, when implemented, will increase bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Resources for holding these programs including both funding and a list of organizations that can provide guidance can be found in appendix E of the Royal Oak Non-Motorized Transportation Plan prepared by the Active Transportation Alliance

### **Education**

Residents of Royal Oak will begin to feel more comfortable bicycling when they know the rules of the road and how to safely ride on the streets. The following recommendations include ways to distribute information and educate residents of various age levels and abilities on bicycling and pedestrian issues.

### Mobility Education Campaign

Distribute information on rules of the road for drivers and cyclists to community members in partnership with other organizations.

- *Distribute one page informational sheet in the Insight newsletter, library newsletters, school notices, utility bills, and the city website.*
- *Use local media outlets such as WROK and Facebook to broadcast videos and publish articles on bike and pedestrian safety.*
- *Arrange for bicycle and pedestrian information to be reprinted and/or distributed by partner agencies, utility companies, and the private sector*
- *Partner with American Cycle & Fitness / Trek Store and the Wolverine Sport Club to distribute publications.*
- *Work with Beaumont Hospital and local doctors to distribute information on the health benefits of cycling and walking.*
- *Offer bike maintenance and traffic skills classes to adults and teens through the Recreation Department, schools, other community groups and local shops*
- *Hang posters demonstrating safe cycling at the Salter Center, Mahany / Meininger Center, Ice Arena, Farmers Market, and other community destinations.*

Free educational materials can be found through the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, League of Michigan Bicyclists, Active Transportation Alliance, Michigan Bicycle Racing Association, and Michigan Mountain Biking Association.

### **Enforcement**

Successful implementation of this plan will result in an increase in active transportation users and create new challenges for enforcement of laws. At the same time, traffic safety laws are only as good as the enforcement of those laws. Royal Oak should prioritize enforcement of laws that deter reckless behavior by road users.

### Train Police Officers on Bicycling & Pedestrian Issues

**Objective.** Train all officers, not just on-bike officers, on laws and enforcement techniques for bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Benefits.** By learning bicycle and pedestrian laws and enforcement techniques, officers are more likely to enforce them and make Royal Oak's streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Police officers enforce laws they understand and support.

**How It Works.** Officers receive additional training on the following topics. Holding a full or half training day, screening videos at roll call, distributing Action Alerts, memorandums to police

officers, or requiring officers to watch training videos are all ways to get the information out to officers.

- *Rules of the road for bicyclists and pedestrians*
- *Illegal motorist behaviors that endanger bicyclists and pedestrians*
- *Most dangerous types of bicycling behaviors*
- *Most common causes of bicycle and pedestrian crashes*
- *Importance of reporting bicycle and pedestrian crashes*
- *Importance of investigating serious bicycle and pedestrian crash sites*
- *Best ways to prevent bicycle theft*
- *Best practices for policing by bicycle*
- *Transportation, health, and environmental benefits of bicycling*

## **Encouragement**

Although most people understand the many benefits of walking and biking, it can be challenging to change a person's usual travel routine. By starting with schools, making information available, holding events, and leading by example, the people of Royal Oak will be encouraged to walk and bike. The following are a few of the many ways the city can work with community members and organizations to encourage people.

### **School Travel**

Encouraging students to walk or bike to school will instill life-long active transportation habits in the younger residents of Royal Oak. Some examples of school based initiatives to encourage walking and biking include:

- *Walking Wednesdays – designate one day per week where all students are encouraged to walk to school.*
- *Walking School Buses – parent volunteers lead a walking group from their neighborhood to school.*
- *Mileage Clubs – classes or schools track students walking and biking habits and compete against each other.*
- *Walking and Biking Routes – distribute recommended walking and biking routes to parents.*

### **Bicycle-Friendly & Walk-Friendly Community Awards**

**Objective.** The City of Royal Oak gains local and national recognition as a bicycle- and/or pedestrian-friendly community.

**Description.** Improving Royal Oak's bike and pedestrian network will make the city an even better place to live, work, shop and play. National recognition of these efforts can generate commerce and increase property values. The Bicycle Friendly Community Program (BFC) led by League of American Bicyclists provides incentives, hands-on assistance, and award recognition for communities that actively support bicycling. To apply for recognition, a step-by-step guide is available through the League of American Bicyclists website. Walk Friendly Communities is a similar program the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center uses to honor bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly cities.



Royal Oak can be eligible for a Bicycle Friendly Community or Pedestrian Friendly Community award.

### Community Encouragement through Information Access

**Objective.** Provide easily accessible information on recommended routes, rides, and classes.

**Description.** Knowledge about when and where to bike and walk safely supports increased use of active transportation. The following are some ways to make bicycle and pedestrian information more accessible:

**Royal Oak Non-Motorized Facebook Page** – Royal Oak can reach a large and diverse audience by posting regular updates about the non-motorized plan on an easily accessible Facebook page. This site can also be used to promote local events such as bike maintenance classes and convey important safety information. A member of the bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee could manage the page.

**Bike Network Map** – A user-friendly bike and pedestrian network map would encourage use of the improved pedestrian and bicycle network and patronage of the key places identified in this plan. Royal Oak should work with local volunteers, the Wolverine Sports Club, Michigan Trails and Greenways, or a contractor to produce and distribute a free active transportation network map that includes safe bicycling and walking routes to key places and safety tips. Beaumont Hospital, the DDA, American Cycle & Fitness / Trek Store, and the WA<sup>3</sup> could be approached for sponsorship and/or distribution of the map.

**Transit Information** – Royal Oak can increase use of public transit by distributing transit service information. The city can partner with the SMART bus to display timetables and install transit vending machines in key places besides the Royal Oak Transit Center, as well as promote SMART's existing transit mapping service available on Google's Transit Trip Planner.

### Community Events & Programs

Community events centered on walking and biking will create awareness for active transportation and encourage residents who do not often walk or bike to start doing so. These

events also provide opportunities for community members to come out and get to know their neighbors, shop locally, and explore their community. Some examples include:

***Bike-and-Dine*** – progressive dinner where patrons bike to a restaurant, eat one course, and proceed by bike to another restaurant a few miles away by bike. Bike-and-Dine rides have been organized in Royal Oak and should continue.

***Open Streets Royal Oak*** – Close one street in Royal Oak to cars for half a day and allow residents to bike and walk in the middle of the street. Coordinate with local street closing festival such as a street fair, community run, or family bike ride

***Shop by Foot and by Bike*** – Residents are rewarded with discounts for shopping and visiting stores or restaurants by bike. Coordinate with WA<sup>3</sup> and the DDA.

***Car Free Day*** – Choose a single day to encourage residents and people who work in Royal Oak to choose a mode of travel other than their car for a whole day. Reward walkers and cyclists with gifts and snacks. Track participation and allow businesses to compete against each other.

***Community Bike Rides*** – Organize a large scale bike ride event in Royal Oak. This can make a great fundraiser and bring visitors from neighboring communities. These events can be organized alone, or can be an addition to local events such as the Oak Apple Run, Birmingham Bicycle Festival, and Green Cruise.

## ***Implementation***

This plan provides a comprehensive set of network, policy, and programming ideas. The effective implementation of this plan will require leadership by Royal Oak staff and residents. It will also require cooperation with community organizations, neighboring municipalities, Oakland County, RCOC, and MDOT.

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

***Background.*** Plan stakeholders—including representatives from city departments, local bicycle advocates, residents, and the Royal Oak Planning Commission—gave input on this plan to guide and direct its development.

***Objective.*** The City Commission should appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The BPAC should work to implement the recommendations set forth in this plan and be charged with directing and overseeing its implementation. The BPAC will facilitate coordination between the city, area schools, and institutions as well as oversee the development of related programs such as Safe Routes to School, bicycling and walking events, and education. The committee should set goals for plan implementation and monitor those goals. Examples of goals are number of bike racks installed, miles of bike routes signed, number of educational events held, or number of group rides held.

The BPAC could take one of several different forms. The Planning Commission could serve as the BPAC since it is charged with overseeing the city's overall Master Plan and Capital Improvements Programs, including the recommendations of this plan. As an alternative, the BPAC could be setup as a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. Members from the city's previous non-motorized task force could be included as liaisons or ad-hoc members if the BPAC was formed as a subcommittee of the Planning Commission.

A separate, stand-alone body could also be established as the BPAC. This form should include at least one Planning Commission member and a city staff member charged with being the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Up to 5 residents / advocates with a strong interest in bicycling and walking should be included, including at least one individual representing the disabled community. Liaisons from Royal Oak Neighborhood Schools, WA<sup>3</sup>, Beaumont Hospital, the DDA, Oakland Community College, and local bike shops should also be included.

The group should meet at least quarterly to review plan progress and set next steps and implementation, and should take an active role in implementing the safety and encouragement objectives. Representatives from the City Manager, Engineering, Planning, Police, Fire, and Recreation Departments as well as the senior and community centers should be available on an ad-hoc basis.

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator**

Expand a position within the Planning or Engineering departments responsible for convening the BPAC and implementing this plan. This individual will manage the implementation of the plan's facility recommendations, coordinate with other city, county, and state transportation projects, and pursue grants to implement this plan's recommendations. A long-term goal for this position is to grow into a full-time grant-funded position. His/her primary responsibilities are as follows:

- *Convening the BPAC.*
- *Managing the implementation of the plan's recommendations.*
- *Coordinating with the BPAC to establish baseline walking and cycling metrics and regularly measuring changes.*
- *Serving as point of contact for residents regarding the plan.*
- *Coordinating with other city, county, and state transportation projects.*
- *Reporting progress annually to the City Commission.*
- *Pursuing grants for the plan's implementation.*
- *Applying for a Bicycle Friendly Community award through the League of American Bicyclists and the Walk Friendly Community Award through the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center.*

## Capital Improvements Program

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act mandates the preparation and annual review of a 6-year capital improvements program by the Planning Commission. Capital improvements programs consider the funding and timing of all municipally-related capital needs including street reconstruction projects.

The Planning Commission, in conjunction with the BPAC, will need to monitor the city's capital improvements program on an annual basis to ensure the non-motorized facilities and infrastructure called for in this plan are incorporated into the specifications for street reconstruction projects – bike route signage, shared lane markings, road diets with bike lanes, etc. This will be the most important method of implementing the plan's recommendations by seeing that non-motorized amenities are first budgeted for and then built.

## Indicators & Evaluation

The overall success of this plan will be judged by how the city implements the recommendations and the impact they have on the safety and operations for all users in the community. This section establishes a set of performance indicators to quantitatively judge the effectiveness of the plan. As this plan is implemented, reviewing the following performance measures and setting goals for the future will help measure the success and effectiveness of this plan. These indicators should be reviewed annually by the BPAC. Should these indicators show that the objectives are not being met, (e.g. bicycle/pedestrian crash rates go up instead of down), initiatives and programs in future years should focus on addressing the specific indicators.

### Mode Share

The city should have the goal of increasing the number of trips taken by walking and biking.

### Vehicle Crash Rates

The city should work with MDOT and RCOC to monitor vehicular crashes on an annual basis with the goal of reducing vehicular crashes.

### Pedestrian & Bicycle Crash Rates

As stressed throughout the study, individuals are less likely to walk or bike if they don't feel safe. The city should work with MDOT and RCOC to monitor pedestrian and bicycle crashes on an annual basis with the goal of reducing both types of crashes.

### Allocate Funds for Bike Parking & Route Signage on Annual Basis

The city can make a strong commitment to biking by allocating a set amount of money per year towards bike parking and route signage.

### Maintain Existing Parking Demand While Increasing Office & Retail Space

The city should continue to encourage use of transit and commuting by foot and bike. The goal should be to maintain the existing parking demand, even as the city grows in the future.

### Grants & Other Resources

Grant programs and organizational resources should be reviewed and updated annually to capture changes in funding sources and funding cycles. Funding cycles can be unpredictable and the approval process through MDOT can be challenging. Integration of recommended projects with other capital projects can streamline costs and timelines and even open other funding sources.

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# Appendix H

## Transmittal Letters & Certification

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND  
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

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

**PLAN INFORMATION**

Name of Plan:

Royal Oak Parks &amp; Recreation 5 Year Master Plan 2017-2022

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

City of Royal Oak

Oakland

2/2017

**PLAN CONTENT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming☒ Current Funding Sources☒ Role of Volunteers☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities☐ Articles of Incorporation☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)☒ Accessibility Assessment☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities☐ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice January 6, 2017

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location City Website, and 4 locations

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 1/9/17-1/8/17

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 2/15/17

Name of Newspaper Daily Tribune

Date of Meeting 2/27/17

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2/27/17

☒ 2. Official resolution of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 2/2/17

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/28/17

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/28/17

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

City of Royal Oak

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

[Signature]  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2/28/17  
Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**



**Royal Oak**  
**RECREATION**

**Recreation Department**  
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248.246.3180

February 28, 2017

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Re: Royal Oak Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2017-2022

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Sincerely yours,

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# **Appendix I**

## **Grant History Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT  
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01106

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Starr/Jaycee Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Development

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Royal Oak	Greg Rassel	Director of Rec & DPS
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211 Williams Street	248-246-3300	
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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Annual Inspection, Grass cut on park system schedule

### GENERAL

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

Year Round

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Greg Russel  
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12-27-16  
Date

Tom GAZETTI  
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CITY OF  
ROYAL OAK

# STARR-JAYCEE PARK



HOME OF TOM FARLEY FIELD



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**GRANTEE:** City of Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** BF89-427

**PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sullivan Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Playground upgrade & soccer Field

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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Year round, dawn to dusk

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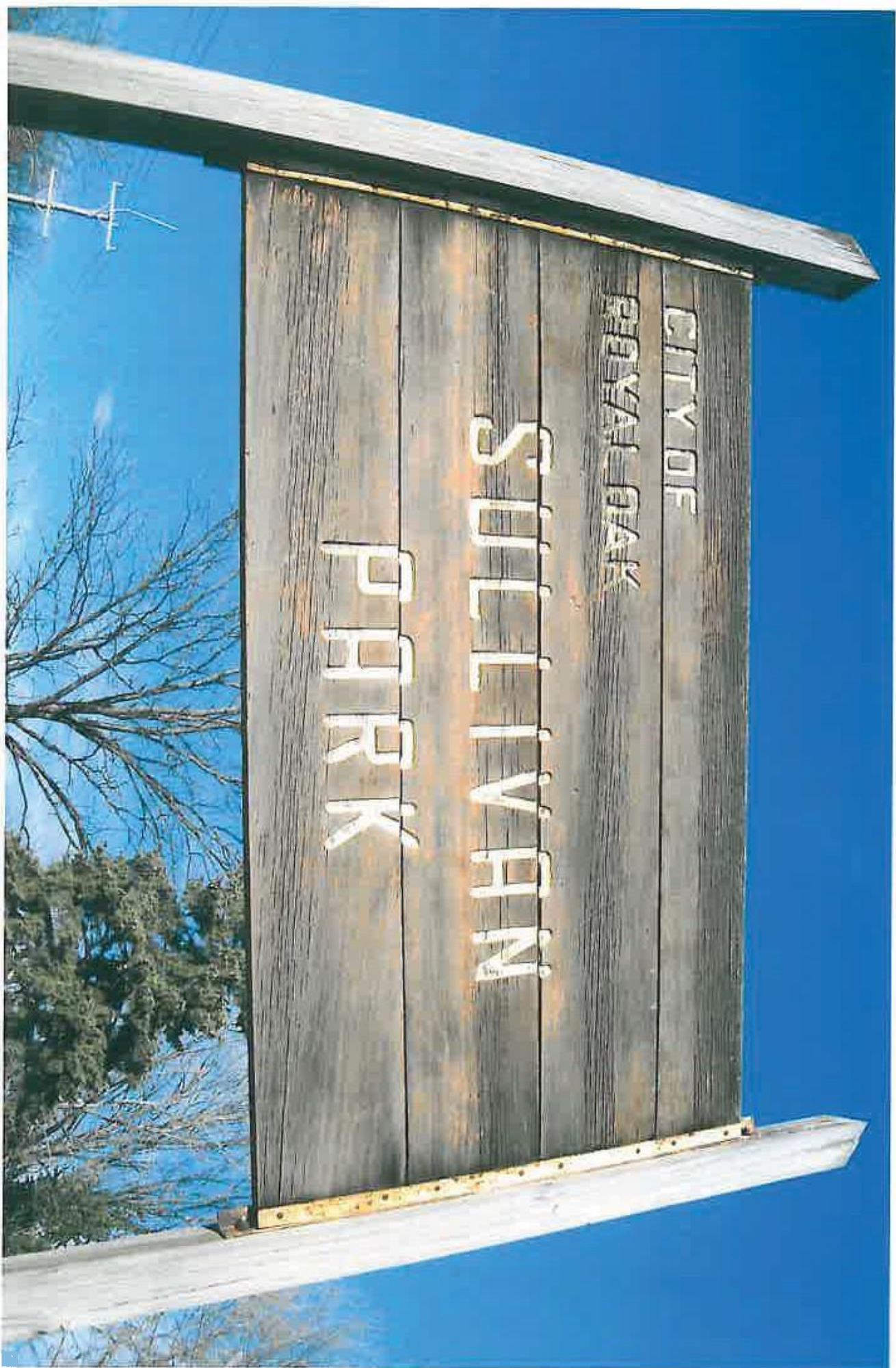
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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-00198

**PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

**PROJECT TITLE:** Wagner Park Addition

**PROJECT SCOPE:** 1.5 Acre Land Purchase

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** CM00-030

**PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Community Center @ VFW Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Renovation of Facility

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Routine cleaning and IAW equipment guidelines

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

Year round, 8:30am-11:00pm

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# **Jack and Patti Salter Community Center**

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** BF89-429

**PROJECT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT TITLE:** Senior/Community Center Addition

**PROJECT SCOPE:** 3000 sq ft addition

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Maintenance is accordance with equipment schedules provided by manufacturers

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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# SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01350

**PROJECT TYPE:** Acquisition

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dickinson Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Acquisition

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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

Year Round

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01527

**PROJECT TYPE:** Accessibility Multiple Parks

**PROJECT TITLE:** Park system Accessibility

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Accessibility

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(Please select one) ☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01023

**PROJECT TYPE:** Renovation

**PROJECT TITLE:** Worden Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Improve Ballfield parking, playstructure, and Parking lot improvements

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Royal Oak	Greg Rassel	Director of Rec. & DPS
Address	Telephone	
211 Williams Street	248-246-3300	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Royal Oak, MI, 48067	GregR@romi.gov	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

**SITE QUALITY**

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Annual Inspection, Grass cut on park system schedule

### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Year Round

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01060

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Meininger & Lockman Development

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Development and addition of accessibility to parks

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**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

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Physical Fitness course removed due to deterioration

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**GRANTEE:** Royal Oak

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01553

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dickinson Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Development

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