

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

2023-2027

FOUR SEASONS PLAYGROUND



Adopted By Township Board:
January 17, 2023

Recommended for Adoption By Parks Committee:
January 11, 2023

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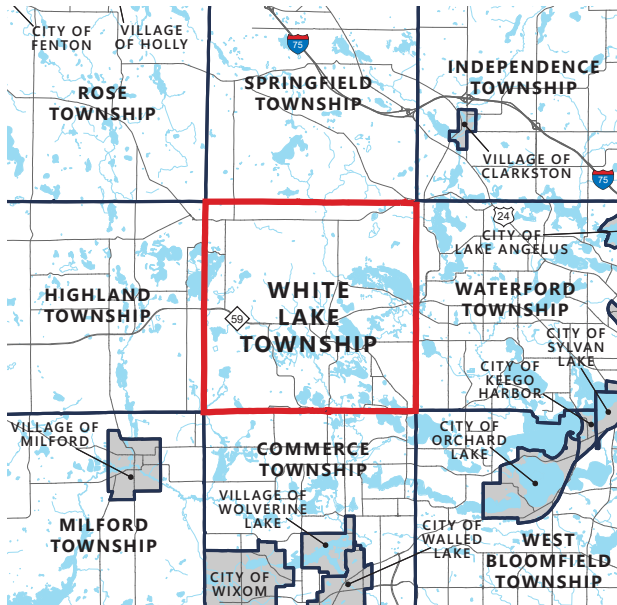
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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The jurisdiction of this Parks & Recreation Master Plan includes all parks and recreation facilities and properties owned by White Lake Township. The 2023-2027 White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Township Board to serve as a guide and decision making document for future park and recreation facilities. The Plan includes an inventory of existing facilities and programs within White Lake Township as well as an analysis of opportunities and needs. It also includes goals, objectives and a 5-year capital improvement plan. The Master Plan is intended to enable the Township to apply for funding assistance from various agencies and work toward implementing elements that make progress toward achieving the outlined goals. This Plan specifically provides for 5 years of grant eligibility with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

White Lake Township is located in west/central Oakland County, along the M-59 corridor between Lansing and Pontiac. The Township is bordered by Springfield Township to the north, Waterford Township to the east, Commerce Township to the south, and Highland Township to the west. White Lake Township is approximately 30 miles northwest of Detroit, 40 miles east of Lansing, 30 miles south of Flint, and 30 miles north of Ann Arbor.



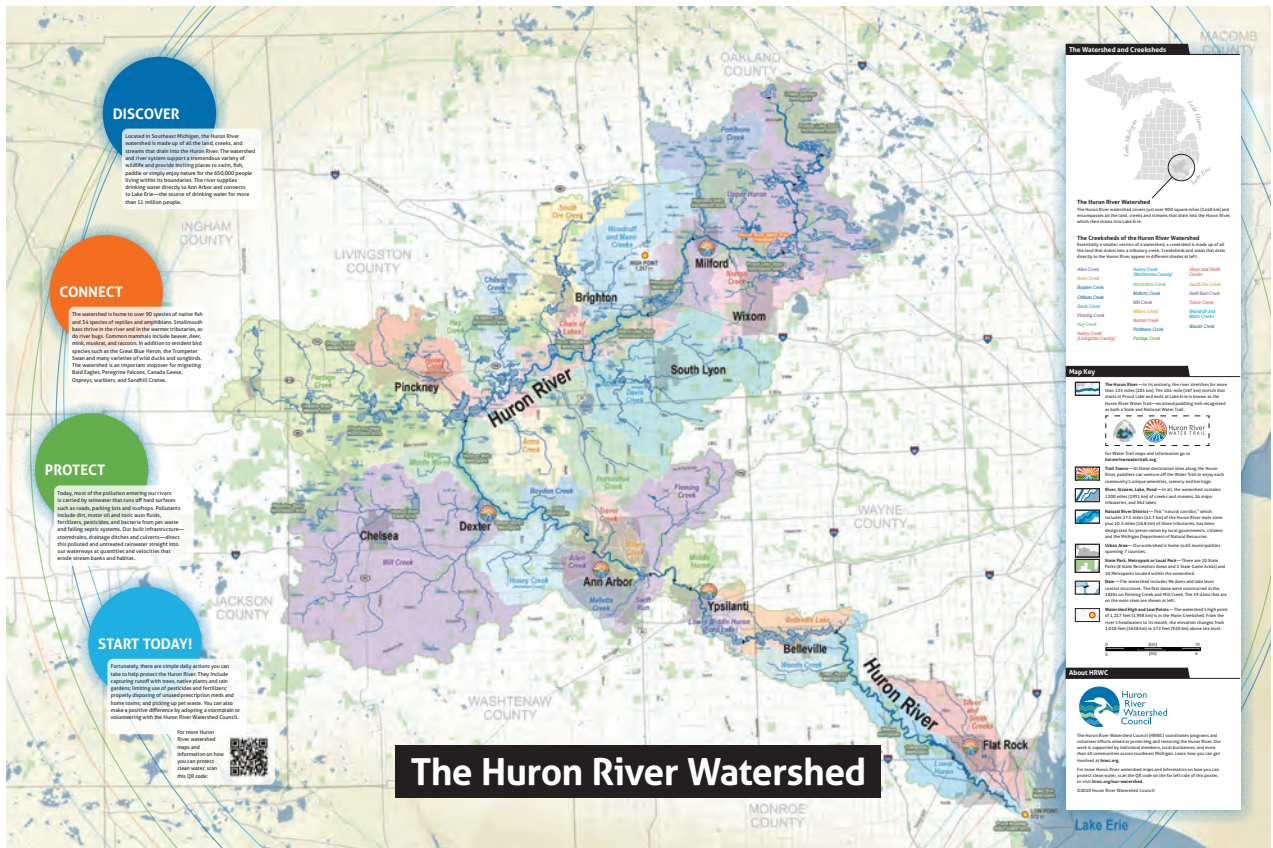
White Lake Township owns 6 park properties in the community including:

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|----------------------|------------|
| Bloomer Park | 28.7 acres |
| Judy Hawley Park | 7.6 acres |
| Vetter Park + | |
| Dublin Senior Center | 5.9 acres |
| Hidden Pines Park | 9.3 acres |
| Kelley Fisk Farm | 5.0 acres |
| Stanley Park | 57.4 acres |

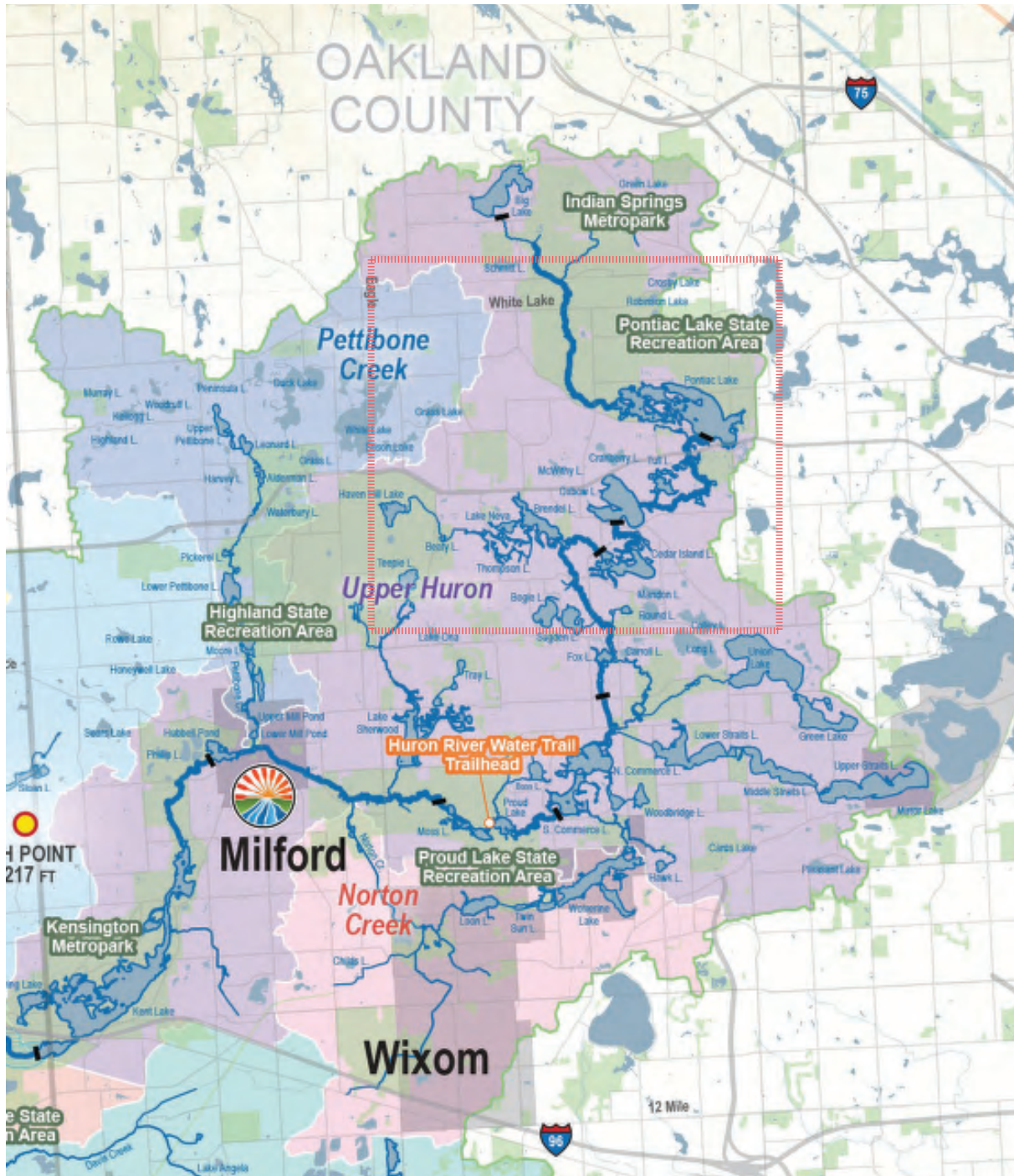
White Lake Township had a total population of 30,950 residents as of the 2020 United States Census, a 3.1% increase from 2010 (30,109). Township staff believes the population is several thousand more than reported by the Census due to large residential developments that have been built in recent years. These figures represent a stable population with modest growth over the past 10 years. The southeast Michigan region as a whole (the 7 County SEMCOG area), also rebounded in population to 4.83 million people, an increase of 2.7% from 2010.

White Lake Township was significantly impacted by the last Ice Age with much of the Township classified as glacial outwash sand and gravel. Moraines composed of sand and gravel were deposited as retreating glaciers melted in place (especially north of M-59). The Township is characterized by rolling terrain and varies by approximately 211 feet from the lowest point to the highest point. In general, the lowest elevations occur in the south central portion of the Township and rises to the north. Brendel Lake is the lowest elevation (933 feet) with the highest (1144 feet) being in the northwest portion of the Township.

The majority of White Lake Township is within the headwaters of the Huron River Watershed with small sections in the northeast and eastern edge in the Clinton River Watershed. The Huron River flows 125 miles from its headwaters at Big Lake just west of Indian Springs Metropark, to its mouth at Lake Erie in Monroe County. Within the Huron River Watershed, there are 3 subwatersheds. Runoff from the northwest section of White Lake Township flows into Pettibone Creek, then into the Huron River; water from the southeast section of the Township flows into Hayes Creek, then into the Huron River; and water from the central portion of the Township flows directly into the Huron River.



THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED + WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP





PLANNING PROCESS

This plan was developed utilizing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Guidelines. Following the MDNR Guidelines and filing this adopted plan with the MDNR allows the Township to be eligible to apply for MDNR-administered parks and recreation related grant funds. The 5-Year Plan was prepared over an approximately six-month period. This section documents the process used to develop the Plan.

BACKGROUND STUDIES

The background studies for this master plan include data and information for the Community Description, Administrative Structure, Recreation Inventory, and Basis For Action sections. Data collection and field work for the background studies took place in the summer and fall of 2022. Various sources were used to gather the most up-to-date information, including the previous 5-year plan, Oakland County and SEMCOG Geographic Information System (GIS) data, Township staff, United States Census, and field observations.

PLAN INPUT

The White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee engages the community to ensure awareness and gather input on desired projects and priorities. The Committee and Township Board will continue to seek input from residents as they move forward with implementation of the plan over the next 5 years. Below is a summary of input methods used during the development of this plan. Additional details can be found in the Basis For Action section.

Survey

The Township developed a survey to gather input on parks and recreation related topics. The survey was completed by 443 people and the results (along with all of the other data collected during the process) were used by the Parks Committee to establish the Action Plan. Paper copies were available at the Dublin Senior Center as well as during the Fisk Farm Festival.

Fisk Farm Festival

Staff and consultants manned a tent set up at the annual Fisk Farm Festival in September 2022 in order to gather input regarding parks and recreation in White Lake Township. In addition to a map of parks in the Township, people were encouraged to complete hard copies of the survey.

Committee Meetings

All Committee meetings are open to the public. The Parks and Recreation Committee held a Special Meeting on October 5, 2022 to discuss the 5-Year Plan. The Plan was also discussed at the November 2022 meeting.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan section of the report outlines the direction the Committee and Township Board would like to take over the next 5 years in order to maintain and improve parks and recreation opportunities within the community. The Action Plan includes goals and guidelines as well as a capital improvement schedule, and was developed with input from the Committee, staff, and residents.

PUBLIC HEARING + ADOPTION

A draft Master Plan was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee in November 2022. The draft Plan was made available for public review on December 7, 2022 via the Township website and at Township Hall. A notice was published in the Spinal Column on December 7, 2022 and on January 4, 2023 making people aware of the draft plan and public hearing. The Township also posted to social media.

A public hearing was held by the Parks and Recreation Committee on January 11, 2023. A presentation of the Plan was provided after which the Committee discussed the plan and invited public comment.

ADOPTION

The White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee passed a resolution recommending the Township Board adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on January 11, 2023. The White Lake Township Board adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by Resolution on January 17, 2023.



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

This section of the Plan describes how parks and recreation is administered in White Lake Township. Included is a description of the overall administration as well as expenditures and revenues for the past three years.

Public Act 156 of 1917 authorizes cities, villages, counties, townships, and school districts to operate local recreation facilities and recreation systems. The Act states a city, village, county or township may operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds, acquire, equip and maintain land, buildings or other recreation facilities, employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants, and vote and expend funds for the operation of systems.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

The ultimate responsibility for the provision of recreation in the Township is held by the Township Board including the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustees. The Township Board approves the budget, appoints the Parks and Recreation Committee members, and oversees the staff. Additionally, the Township Board oversees the long-term vision for the Township through adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

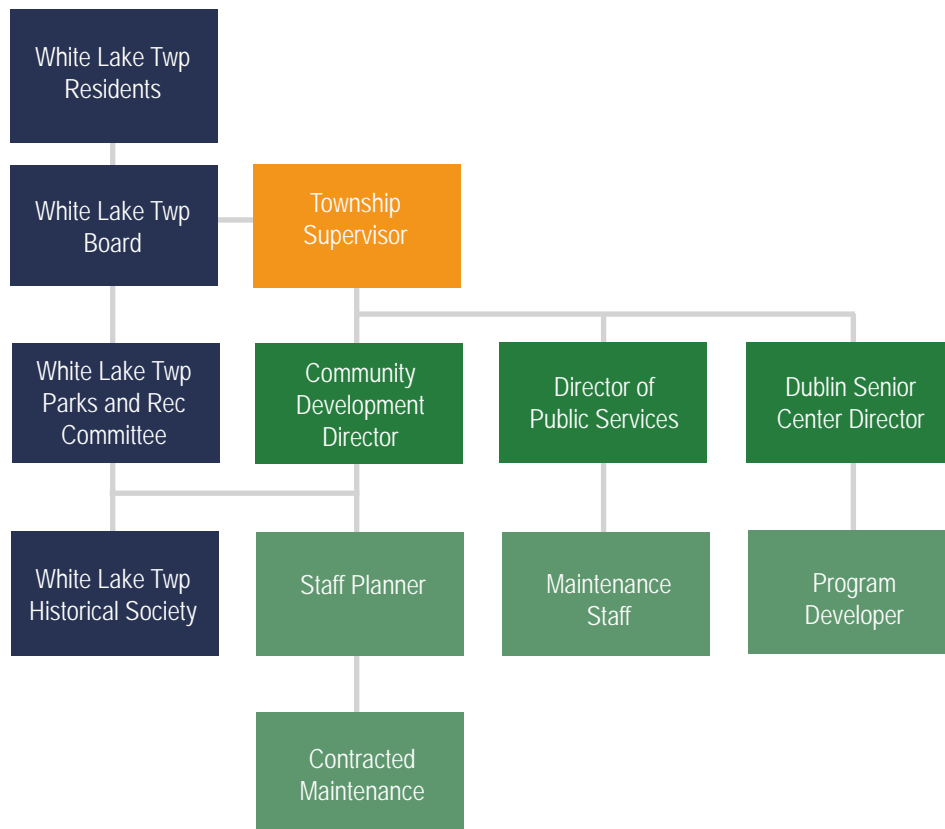
The Township Board created a Parks and Recreation Committee in 1997 which is charged with determining public need for recreational facilities and developing plans for their development and operation. The Committee oversees the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and provides recommendations for adoption to the Township Board. Members are appointed by the Supervisor and confirmed by vote

of the full Township Board. The 5-member Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Day-to-day parks and recreation activities are managed by the Staff Planner and Community Development Director. The Staff Planner submits requests for maintenance, oversees contracted maintenance items, manages field and pavilion rentals, and monitors and manages the Township’s Parks and Recreation Fund. In addition, the Staff Planner serves as technical staff to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The maintenance staff are managed by the Director of Public Services, and the Dublin Senior Center is managed by the Dublin Senior Center Director.



RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PROVIDERS

White Lake Township has relationships with other local agencies including the White Lake Historical Society, the White Lake Library, the Township Police/Fire Departments, and Oakland County Parks to coordinate events and offerings. Additional agencies and providers White Lake partners with include the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (Indian Springs Metropark) and the MDNR (State Recreation Areas).

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Parks and Recreation is primarily funded through a voter-approved millage. Park projects have also been supported by grants obtained by staff. In 2018, White Lake Township residents passed a 6-year, 0.3 mill parks and recreation millage (expiring in 2023). The millage collected approximately \$364,000 in 2021. The millage can be used for all park and recreational uses permitted by law, including but not limited to maintaining, improving, purchasing, constructing or acquiring property, property interests, trails, pathways and facilities for park and recreational purposes. The millage is also used for programming special events.

The Revenues and Expenditures table illustrates patterns over the past 3 years (2020-2022). For the 2020-2022 fiscal years, the millage resulted in revenues between \$352,000 and \$372,000 each year. Interest, field rentals, and other miscellaneous items have supplemented the total millage revenues, as has a \$50,000 grant awarded to design the remaining segment of the "Triangle Trail." In 2020 and 2021, the Township expended \$155,000 and \$108,000, respectively, on Parks and Recreation with the largest expenses being Grounds Maintenance, Park Improvement Projects, and Professional Services. In 2022, expenditures were budgeted to increase significantly reflecting the planned Phase I improvements at Stanley Park as well as the construction of the Triangle Trail. In actuality, the majority of these funds will not be expended until 2023/2024.

| WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET (2020-2022) | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | 2020 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2022 Budgeted | Percent Change |
| Property Taxes 0.3 Mil | \$ 352,095 | \$ 364,263 | \$ 372,611 | 5.8% |
| Grants | \$ - | \$ 50,000 | \$ 20 | |
| Field Rental | \$ 3,340 | \$ 6,630 | \$ 6,000 | 79.6% |
| Interest Income | \$ 6,867 | \$ 2,769 | \$ 3,500 | -49.0% |
| Insurance Rebates | \$ 1,502 | \$ - | \$ - | -100.0% |
| Misc. Revenue | \$ 1,444 | \$ 2,720 | \$ 500 | -65.4% |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 365,248 | \$ 426,382 | \$ 382,631 | 4.8% |
| Expenditures | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Percent Change |
| Fees & Per Diem | \$ 2,515 | \$ 2,486 | \$ 2,250 | -10.5% |
| Soc Sec, Medicare, Unemployment | \$ 146 | \$ 143 | \$ 300 | 105.5% |
| Insurance | \$ 4,159 | \$ 4,168 | \$ 5,000 | 20.2% |
| Professional Services | \$ 11,970 | \$ 15,010 | \$ 35,000 | 192.4% |
| Dues, Publications, Misc | \$ 2,111 | \$ 858 | \$ 4,050 | 91.9% |
| Grounds Maintenance | \$ 39,978 | \$ 44,035 | \$ 60,000 | 50.1% |
| Utilities & Electricity | \$ 5,015 | \$ 4,551 | \$ 5,400 | 7.7% |
| Park Equipment | \$ 402 | \$ 7,946 | \$ 25,000 | 6118.9% |
| Events | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,000 | |
| Park Improvements | \$ 89,347 | \$ 10,314 | \$ 550,000 | 515.6% |
| Pathway Projects | \$ - | \$ 19,109 | \$ 600,000 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 155,643 | \$ 108,620 | \$ 1,290,000 | 728.8% |



INVENTORY

Developing an inventory of facilities and programs is an essential component of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A wide variety of facilities are provided by several different agencies and organizations in White Lake Township. This section of the Plan provides a foundation of information to use in developing the Action Plan.

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS

White Lake Township owns and manages six parks totaling approximately 114 acres of property including the 5-acre Historic Fisk Farm property. In the summer of 2022, an inventory of each of the properties was completed and is summarized on the Inventory Map and Table. Following the map and table are one page summaries of each park.

MDNR GRANTS

White Lake Township has been the recipient of four grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. When preparing a 5-Year Master Plan, the MDNR requires information be provided regarding the status of all past grants received. The grant history report was obtained from the MDNR MiGrants website. It is important to understand which properties have received MDNR funding as they remain encumbered by the executed grant agreements in perpetuity. Since 1999, the Township has secured \$2,273,365 in grants from the MDNR.

Vetter Park (CM99-049)

White Lake Township received \$50,965 in 1999 for the development of two ballfields, playground equipment, improved picnic area, and expansion of a walking trail. A ballfield, picnic area, walking trail, and playground continue to exist at Vetter Park. At 20+ years old, the playground equipment is showing its age.

Bloomer Park (TF09-103)

In 2009, the Township received a \$350,000 grant for improvements at Bloomer Park including parking, observation deck overlooking Grass Lake, boardwalk, trails, picnic shelter, signage, furnishings, and landscaping. All of these elements continue to be publicly accessible and in relatively good condition.

Stanley Park (TF18-0110 & 26-01868)

The Township received \$1,372,400 in 2018 toward the purchase of the 57-acre former Brendel Lake Campground in order to develop it as a public park. In 2021, the Township was awarded \$500,000 via the Land and Water Conservation Fund to make improvements at Stanley Park slated for construction in 2023 and include an entrance drive, crushed stone parking lot, fishing pier/dock, pathways, signage, exercise stations, benches, sled hill, and related amenities.

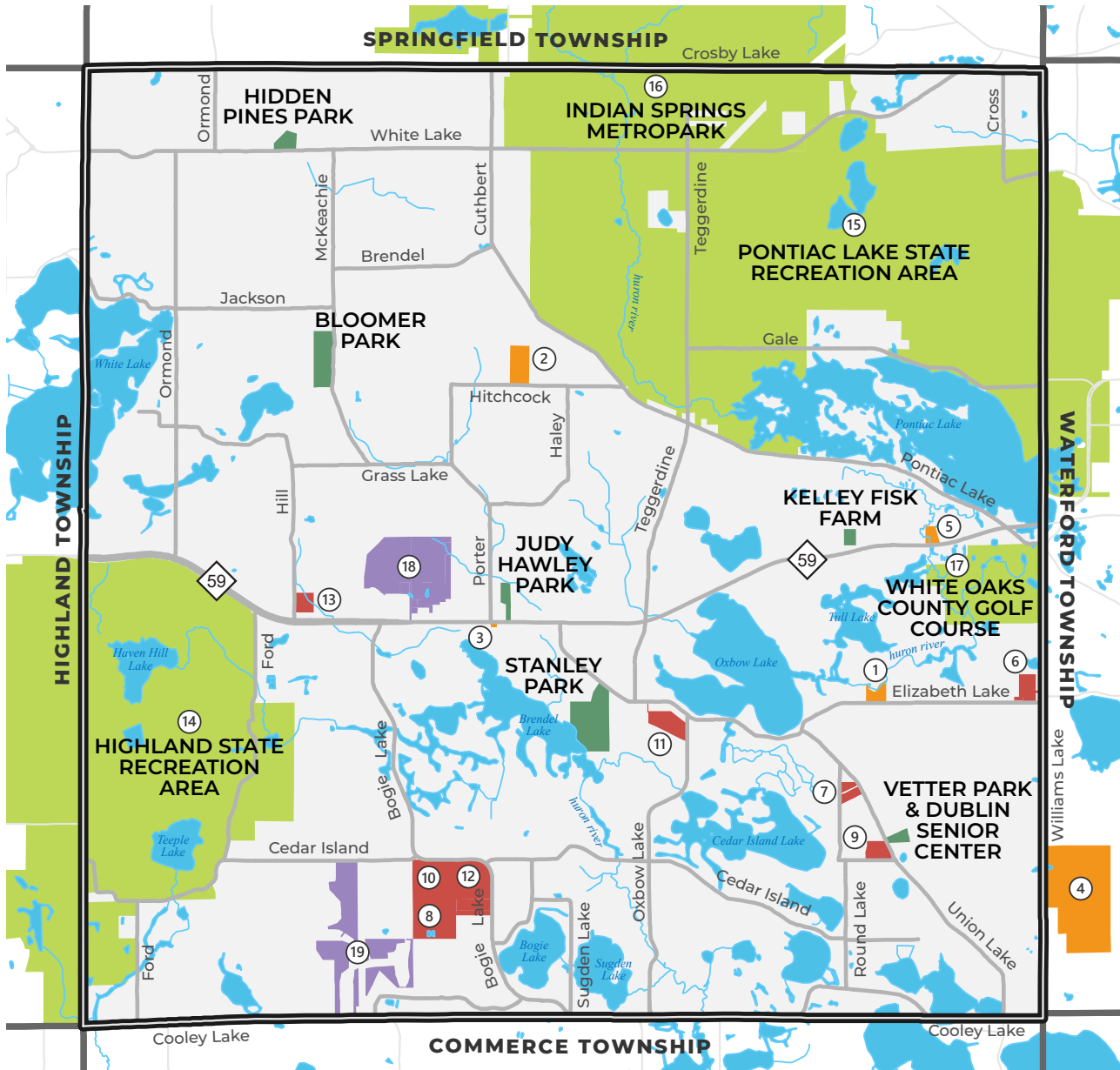
BARRIER FREE STATUS (MDNR RATING)

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodation became subject to barrier free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities. Each park summary sheet on the following pages notes a current accessibility rating as defined by the MDNR for planning purposes only. Each facility was given a rating of 1 through 5 (MDNR Rating System) with the following definitions:

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet guidelines
4. Entire park meets guidelines
5. Entire park was developed/renovated using principals of universal design.

| ID | Name | Acres | Parking | Porta John | Restroom Building | Concession Building | Historic Buildings | Storage / Equipment Facility | Picnic Areas | Shelter/Pavilion | Ball Diamond | Tennis Court | Play Equipment Areas | Multi-Purpose Field | Soccer Field | Track | Basketball Hoop | Volleyball Court (Sand) | Walking/jogging/Bike Path | Nature Trail | Beach | Dog Waste Station | Bike Rack | Drinking Fountain | Meeting Space | |
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| WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK PROPERTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bloomer Park | 28.70 | X | | | | | | X | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | X | | | 1 | X | | | |
| | Judy Hawley Park | 7.62 | X | X | | | | X | X | 1 | | | 1 | | 3 | | 4 | 1 | X | | | 1 | | | | |
| | Ferdinand C Vetter Park + Dublin Senior Center | 5.90 | X | X | | X | | X | X | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | X | | | 2 | | | X | |
| | Hidden Pines Park | 9.29 | X | X | | | | | X | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | Stanley Park | 57.37 | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | X | X | 3 | | | X | |
| | Historic Kelley Fisk Farm | 5.02 | X | | | | X | | X | X | 2 | | | | 3 | | 5 | 1 | | | | 8 | | | | |
| | Total Acreage and Facilities | 113.90 | | | | | | | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | | 3 | | 5 | 1 | | | | 8 | | | | |
| OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Elizabeth Lake Road Property (undeveloped) | 8.68 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Hitchcock Road Property (undeveloped) | 19.46 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| 3 | Old Community Hall | 0.46 | | | X | | | X | X | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | X | |
| 4 | Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford) | 167.34 | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | |
| 5 | M59/Huron River Property (undeveloped) | 6.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Acreage and Facilities | 201.94 | | | | | | | | 6 | 3 | | 3 | | 5+ | | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| SCHOOL PROPERTIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Houghton Elementary School (Waterford) | 13.17 | X | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Dublin Elementary School (Walled Lake) | 7.91 | X | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Lakewood Elementary School (Huron Valley) | 46.29 | X | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | St. Patrick Catholic School | 11.25 | X | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | White Lake Middle School (Huron Valley) | 46.29 | X | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Oxbow Elementary School (Huron Valley) | 19.13 | X | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Lakeland High School (Huron Valley) | 46.29 | X | | | | | | | 5 | 8 | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Huron Valley Schools Property (Harbor Alt) | 9.95 | X | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Acreage and Facilities | 200.28 | | | | | | | | 12 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 18 | | | | | | | | |

**White Lake Township
Park Inventory
5 Year Master Plan
2023-2027**



WHITE LAKE TWP. PARKS

OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES

- ① Elizabeth Lake Road Property
- ② Hitchcock Road Property
- ③ Old Community Hall
- ④ Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford)
- ⑤ M-59/Huron River Property

SCHOOL PROPERTIES

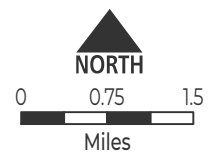
- ⑥ Houghton Elementary School
- ⑦ Dublin Elementary School
- ⑧ Lakewood Elementary School
- ⑨ St. Patrick Catholic School
- ⑩ White Lake Middle School
- ⑪ Oxbow Elementary School
- ⑫ Lakeland High School
- ⑬ Huron Valley Schools Property

STATE | METROPARK | COUNTY PROPERTIES

- ⑭ Highland State Recreation Area
- ⑮ Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- ⑯ Indian Springs Metropark
- ⑰ White Oaks County Golf Course

PRIVATE PROPERTIES

- ⑱ Alpine Valley Ski
- ⑲ Brentwood Golf Club and Banquet Center



PARK INVENTORY MAP

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2023 - 2027

BLOOMER PARK

3889 McKeachie Road

Size: 28.7 acres

ADA Rating: 3

MDNR Grant: TF09-103

Bloomer Park is a 28+ acre wooded park on the eastern shore of Grass Lake in the northwest portion of the Township. Originally donated to the State by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bloomer in the 1920s, White Lake Township acquired the property in 2009 and began implementing public access improvements in 2012.

The park includes a parking area, nature trails, pavilion, overlook/boardwalk on Grass Lake, signs interpreting the history of the property and various environmental features, benches and bike racks. The approximately 1/3-mile trail loop takes visitors through a native second growth of Maples, Oaks, Hickories, Serviceberries and Dogwoods. Native woodland flowers such as Trillium, May Apple, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Wild Geranium, and Skunk Cabbage can also be found.



JUDY HAWLEY PARK

7525 Highland Road

Size: 7.6 acres

ADA Rating: 2

Judy Hawley Park is 7.6-acres of an approximately 13-acre property that also includes Township Hall and Police Station on the north side of Highland Road. The park is at the rear of the property and includes 2 half-sized basketball courts, a full-size irrigated soccer field, 2 irrigated half-sized soccer fields, a pavilion, play structure, swing set, a 'little library' box, sand volleyball court, 0.4-mile-long asphalt trail around the perimeter, a small maintenance building, and porta john. Hawley Park was the location of the first Family Fun Day event held in June 2022.



WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

FAMILY FUN DAY

JUDY HAWLEY PARK
7525 HIGHLAND ROAD

FREE ENTRY

HAPPY THE CLOWN
GUY LOUIS' FAMILY FUN CONCERT
ICE CREAM CART & HOT DOGS
MOBILE LEARNING CENTER
PROVIDED BY HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS
CLIMBING WALL AND GO GOLF
PROVIDED BY OAKLAND COUNTY
SOUNDSTATION- CLASSIC ROCK COVER BAND

**SATURDAY
JUNE 25
3 P.M. TO 8 P.M.**

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FERDINAND C VETTER PARK + DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

685 Union Lake Road

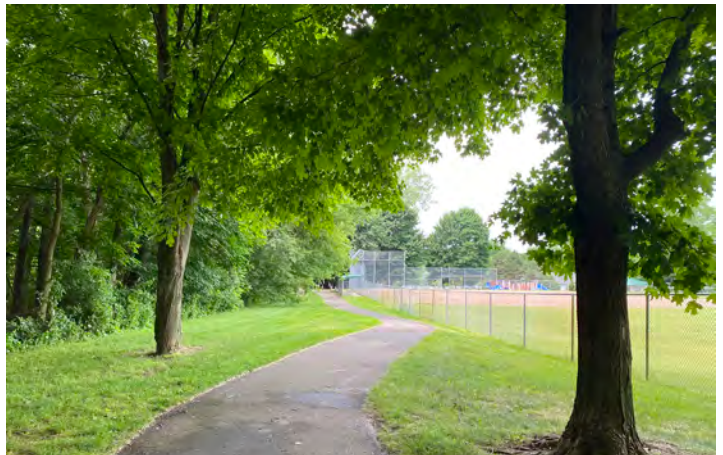
Size: 5.9 acres

ADA Rating: 3

MDNR Grant: CM99-049

Ferdinand C Vetter Park is on a 5.9-acre property along with the Dublin Senior Center on the east side of Union Lake Road. The park includes a parking lot, baseball/softball field with covered dugouts, a play structure, shelter with picnic tables, concession/storage building, a basketball hoop, and 0.25-mile asphalt walking path around the park. The Dublin Senior Center offers programs and services for adults 50 years or older.

The Senior Center offers a variety of educational and health programs such as Balance and Core Strengthening, Guided Imagery, Yoga, Line Dancing, Painting, Crafts, Lectures, Book Club, Cards, Quilting, a Walking Club, Day Trips, etc. A Meals on Wheels program is hosted at the Center as is the West Oakland Transportation Authority - a collaboration between White Lake, Highland, Waterford, and Walled Lake that offers residents (55+) and disabled adults transportation to



HIDDEN PINES PARK

5455 White Lake Road

Size: 9.29 acres

ADA Rating: 2

Hidden Pines Park was developed in 2012 and is located on the north side of White Lake Road. The 9+ acre park includes a baseball/softball field with covered dugouts, a gravel parking lot, open space, and a 'little library' box.



STANLEY PARK

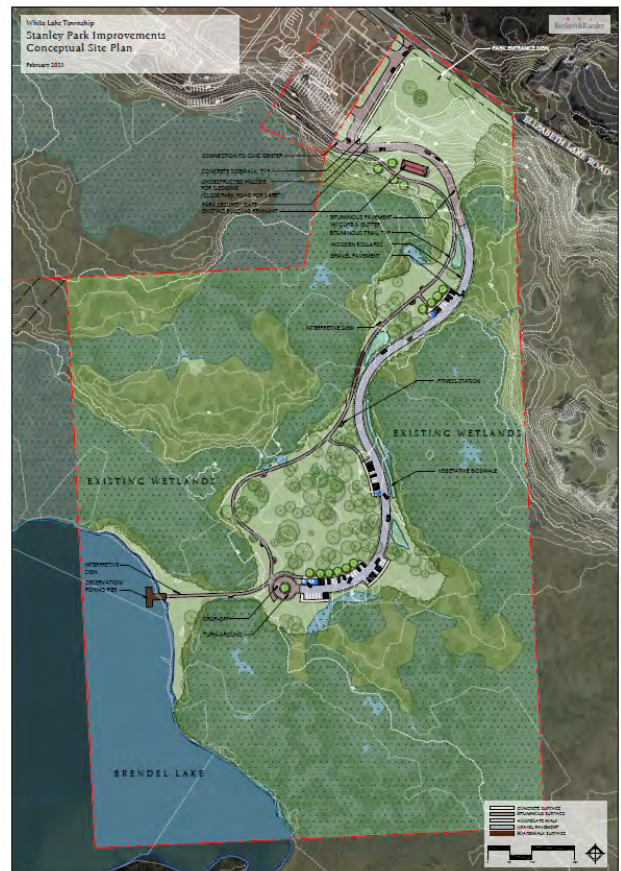
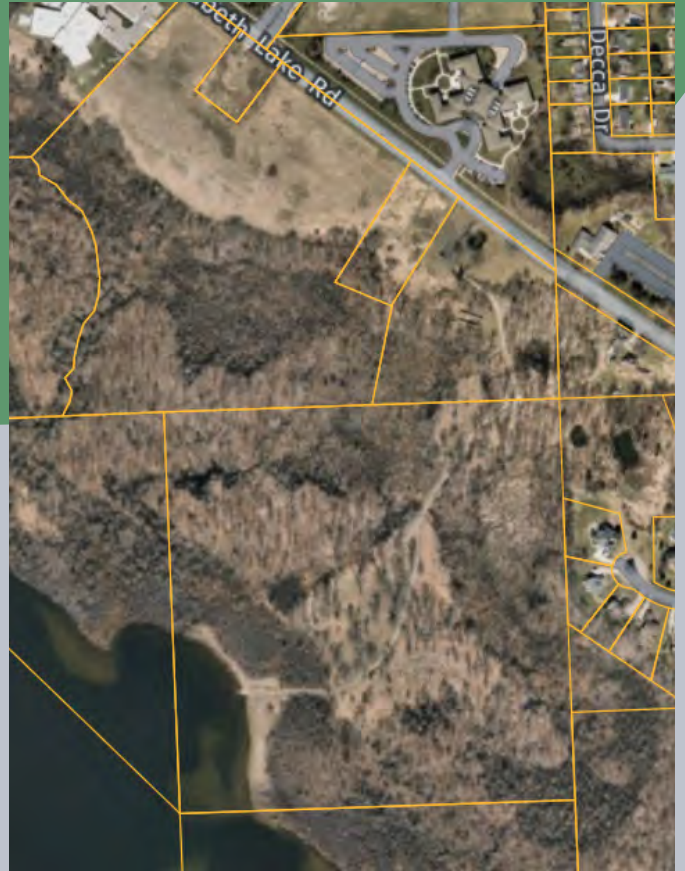
10785 Elizabeth Lake Road

Size: 57.37 acres

ADA Rating: 1

MDNR Grants: TF18-0110 &
26-01868

Stanley Park is the newest park in White Lake Township and is located on the southwest side of Elizabeth Lake Road with 500+ feet of frontage along Brendel Lake. The site is adjacent to undeveloped land planned to become the White Lake Township Civic Center including a new Township Hall. The 57+ acre Stanley Park parcel was a former private campground the Township purchased with assistance from a MDNR Trust Fund grant. The Township has developed a master plan for the property, cleaned up the site, and opened it for public use with a gravel parking lot along Elizabeth Lake Road and the ability to walk the property to the lakefront. The Township was awarded grant funds via the MDNR/LWCF program to make Phase I improvements slated for construction in 2023. Phase I improvements include an entrance drive, accessible pathway, fishing dock, rain garden, exercise stations, boardwalk, sled hill, landscaping, and signage.



KELLEY FISK FARM

9180 Highland Road

Size: 5.02 acres

ADA Rating: 3

The Kelley Fisk Farm is a 5-acre property on the north side of Highland Road owned by White Lake Township and currently leased by the White Lake Historical Society. The property includes a number of historic buildings. The Historical Society operates Fisk Farm as a community educational experience including field trips where students learn how life was on a farm in the 1800s. Several community events are also held at Fisk Farm each year including the Fisk Farm Festival and Craft Show (September), Community Yard Sale (August), Comedy Show, Tree Lighting, etc.



OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES

In addition to the actively managed park properties, the Township also owns four additional properties: the Old Community Hall building site, the Hitchcock Road Property, and the Elizabeth Lake Road Property. Also, Hess-Hathaway Park, located in Waterford just outside of White Lake Township, is available for White Lake resident use as further described below.

Old Township Hall

The Old Township Hall building is located on a 0.5-acre property on the south side of Highland Road, across from the current Township Hall. The building is primarily used for storage but is available for rent for small gatherings.

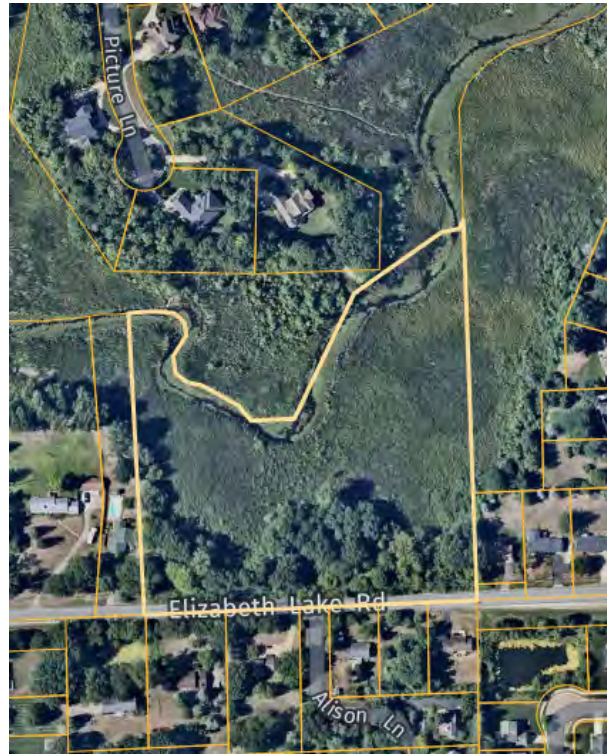
Hitchcock Road Property

The Township owns 19.46- acres of undeveloped property on the north side of Hitchcock Road.



Elizabeth Lake Road Property

This 9-acre parcel is located on the north side of Elizabeth Lake Road, with frontage along the Huron River, just east of Oxbow Lake. There has been some initial discussions about potentially creating a small parking area and canoe/kayak launch at this location in conjunction with Oakland County Parks.



Highland Road (M-59) Property

The Township accepted a donation of approximately 6 acres of property on the north side of M-59 along the Huron River. There has been some initial discussions about potentially creating a small parking area and canoe/kayak launch at this location.

Hess-Hathaway Park (in Waterford Township)

The 167+ acre Hess-Hathaway Park is located on the east side of Williams Lake Road, on the Waterford Township/White Lake Township border. The property and historic farm house was bequeathed to Waterford Township in 1985. While the park is owned and maintained by Waterford Township, it is operated by a 15-member park committee with 3 designated positions for White Lake Township residents (as required by the Hess-Hathaway families). White Lake Township residents have access to the park facilities for the same cost as Waterford residents. The park includes a historic farm house, barn, farm animals, pavilions, community building, playground, hiking trails, softball field, sand volleyball, etc.

STATE/METROPARK/COUNTY PROPERTIES

There are nearly 5,750 acres of recreation property located in White Lake Township that are owned and operated by the State of Michigan, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority, or Oakland County.

Highland State Recreation Area

The 5,900-acre Highland Recreation Area (1,647 acres in White Lake) is owned and managed by the MDNR and is located in White Lake and Milford Townships. The recreation area includes forests, marshes, lakes and rolling hills with trails for equestrians, hikers, skiers, and mountain bikers. There are also three day-use areas with picnicking, swimming, horseshoes, and volleyball. Camping, fishing, and recreational boating are also offered.

The Recreation Area also includes the historic, 721-acre Haven Hill property which was formerly Edsel and Eleanor Ford's family estate until it was sold to the State in 1946. It a designated state Natural Area and a National Landmark.

Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area

Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area is a 3,745-acre park (3,257 acres in White Lake) owned and managed by the MDNR and located in White Lake and Waterford. The recreation area includes forests, marshes, ponds, old farm fields and lakes with activities such as hunting, birding, picnicking, a 1/2 mile long beach, swimming, fishing, mountain bike trails, hiking, cross country skiing, camping, recreational boating, equestrian trails, shooting/archery range, remote control airfield, and off-leash dog park.

Indian Springs Metropark

The 2,547-acre (641 acres in White Lake Township) Indian Springs Metropark is located in the northeast corner of White Lake Township, just north of Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area. The Metropark includes the Environmental Discovery Center, a golf course and driving range, sled hill, volleyball courts, shelters and picnic areas, splash pad, and playgrounds. Indian Springs Metropark also includes miles of paved hiking/biking trails, hiking and cross country ski trails, as well as equestrian trails.

White Lake Oaks Golf Course

White Lake Oaks Golf Course is on 202 acres on the east side of the Township. It is owned and operated by Oakland County and includes a pro shop, club room, and garden patio.

PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Alpine Valley Ski Area (private)

Alpine Valley Ski area has an elevation of 1,210 feet with nine high capacity chairs, four beginner ropes and one magic carpet for beginners. The ski facility includes 25 runs and three terrain parks and is typically open from November-March depending on weather conditions.



Brentwood Golf Club and Banquet Center

This golf course and banquet center is privately owned and operated in south central White Lake Township. In addition to an 18-hole golf course, the banquet center can accommodate 200 guests with full kitchen.

SCHOOLS

There are five school districts within White Lake Township: Clarkston Community Schools, Holly Area Schools, Huron Valley Schools, Walled Lake Community School District, and Waterford Community Schools. Public school facilities can play an important role in providing recreation facilities and opportunities in a community. Local schools can often be used like a neighborhood park during evenings, weekends, and summers. However, school properties are not under the jurisdiction of the Township and the Township does not have control over maintenance or scheduling.

The five school districts have seven properties in White Lake Township, including:

- Houghton Elementary School

- Dublin Elementary School
- Lakewood Elementary School
- Oxbow Elementary School
- White Lake Middle School
- Lakeland High School
- Huron Valley Schools Property (on Hill Road)

In addition, St. Patrick's Catholic School (Preschool-8th grade) is located on Hutchins Road in White Lake Township and utilizes soccer fields at Hawley Park and the baseball field at Vetter Park.

TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee and staff host several community events throughout the year including:

- Family Fun Day (Summer)
- Trunk-or-Treat (Fall)
- Tree Lighting (Winter)

The White Lake Township Dublin Senior Center offers a number of programs, services, and activities for adults 50 years and older. Examples of programs offered at



Closed Monday for 4th of July

Coming soon..... Ladies only..... Self Defense class taught by Detective Jessica Snow and Officer Shpati. Please stay tune, date to be announced. Pre-registration required.

Basket Weaving with Kathy from the The Basket Sampler Thursday July 14, 2022 12:30pm \$20.00 (includes all supplies) This makes a great wall basket for plants or other decoration. It is a slightly different technique than other baskets, but fun to do. Please register by Monday July 11, 2022

There will not be any classes or programs held at Dublin Senior Center on Tuesday August 2, 2022 due to Elections 😊

Dublin's indoor Summer Picnic Thursday July 7, 2022 11:30am \$8.00
Join us for a delightful day away... Doesn't matter what the weather is outside... Inside Dublin it will be sunny and fun with friends! Enjoy fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and a delicious dessert. After lunch...move those tables there could be dancing in the isles... Tom Zakarian is back to entertain us with his wonderful music and lyrics. **Please register by Tuesday July 5, 2022**

Spring Card Creations With Phyllis Tuesday July 12, 2022 12:30pm \$10.00 for 3 cards
Phyllis is back to help us design our own greeting card creations. **PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE**

Coffee & Conversation With the Supervisor Tuesday July 12, 2022 10:00am
Join us for a cup of coffee and a bagel. Find out the latest scoop around town.

various times throughout the year include lunch and bingo, tax assistance, support groups, book club, line dancing, yoga, massage therapy, walking club, painting, and crafts. The Dublin Senior Center produces a newsletter every other month to advertise offerings.

The White Lake Historical Society manages and programs the 5 acre Fisk Farm property. The Historical Society operates Fisk Farm as a community educational experience including fields trips where students learn how life was on a farm in the 1800s. Several community events are also held at Fisk Farm each year including the Fisk Farm Festival and Craft Show (September), Community Yard Sale (August), Comedy Show, Tree Lighting, etc.

EXISTING NONMOTORIZED SYSTEM

Over the past 10-20 years, there has been a concerted effort in the state, region, and county to identify opportunities to connect communities to one another via a network of nonmotorized facilities. The following text and maps describes the existing systems within White Lake Township as well as conditions that can directly influence connectivity and comfort for walking and bicycling. Awareness of these conditions will assist in the development of nonmotorized goals and recommendations.

Facility Types and Terminology

The Michigan Department of Transportation utilizes terms and definitions that are used by the Federal Highway Administration as it relates to the various types of non-motorized facilities. The following page illustrates the most common “facility types” and are based on the AASHTO: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012. These are brief introductions to the common non-motorized facility types. Some of the facilities are for both pedestrians and cyclists such as Shared Use Paths and in some cases Wide Paved Shoulder and Side Paths. On-street bike lanes are facilities for cycling.

Ped/Bike Crash Locations

Pedestrians and cyclists are the most vulnerable roadway users. Incorporating well-designed pedestrian and bicycle facilities encourages predictable behavior and alerts motorists to their presence, thus improving safety for all roadway users. Mapping data (2016-2021) of accident locations that involved a pedestrian or a bicyclist can assist in understanding where there may be higher rates of pedestrian and bike activity in the Township. The Ped/Bike Crash Map indicates that people are walking and biking along the major corridors, but encountering safety issues (regardless of fault) particularly along M-59, Elizabeth Lake Road, Williams Lake Road, and Union Lake Road.

Speed Limits and Traffic Volumes

The perception of risk is strongly considered when people are making decisions about whether or not to walk or bike to a destination. Traffic speeds and volumes are one factor people may use to assess that risk and many times can be correlated to levels of walking and bicycling. It should be noted studies show traffic volumes appear to have greater impact on leisure cycling as opposed to commuter cycling. SEMCOG data was used to map existing posted speed limits and traffic volumes in White Lake Township. Generally speaking, the higher speed roads and sometimes the higher volume roads will result in a less encouraging environment, or lower level of comfort, for walking and biking.

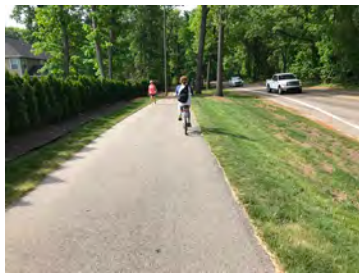
Facility Types and Terminology

Based on AASHTO: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012



Shared Use Path/Trail

- ▶ For use by pedestrians, bicyclists and other nonmotorized users
- ▶ Physically separated from motor vehicle traffic
- ▶ Two-way travel
- ▶ Examples include rail trails and river trails



Sidepath

- ▶ Specific type of Shared Use Path that run adjacent to a roadway
- ▶ Set back from edge of roadway or has physical barrier between path and roadway
- ▶ Depending on frequency of curb cuts, may not be safe for bicyclists due to intersection conflicts



Bike Lane

- ▶ On-street
- ▶ Designated and marked for use by bicyclists
- ▶ Typically one-way travel in same direction as motor traffic
- ▶ Can be buffered, protected/separated



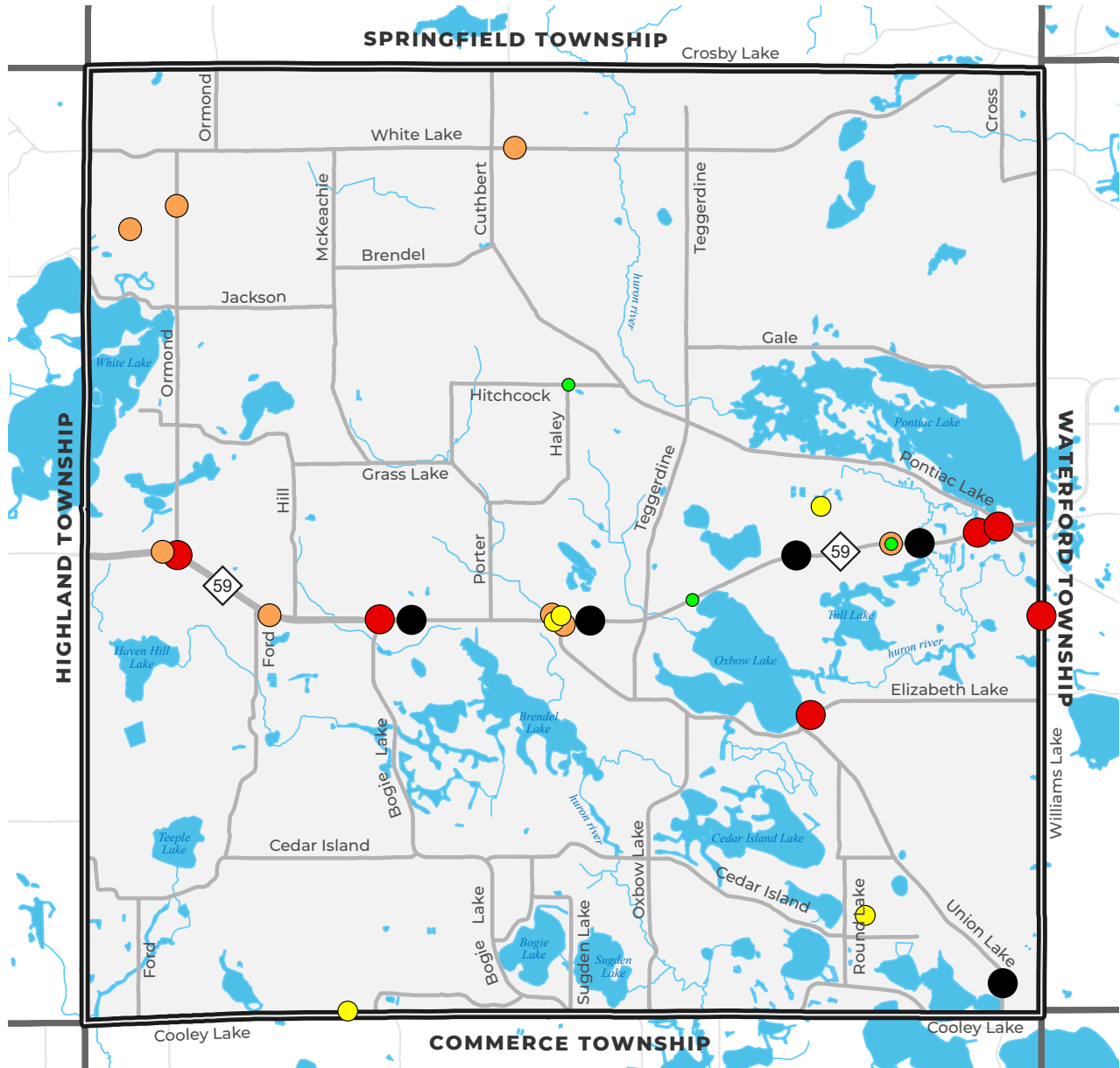
Sidewalk

- ▶ Separated from roadway by a curb or unpaved buffer space
- ▶ Dedicated space intended for use by pedestrians



Paved Shoulder

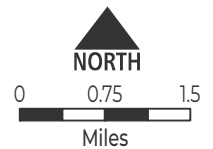
- ▶ 4+ feet wide
- ▶ Provides space for pedestrians/bicyclists but not marked as a bike lane
- ▶ Occasional use by disabled vehicles and mail delivery vehicles



**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
CRASHES 2016 - 2021
(worst injury in crash)**

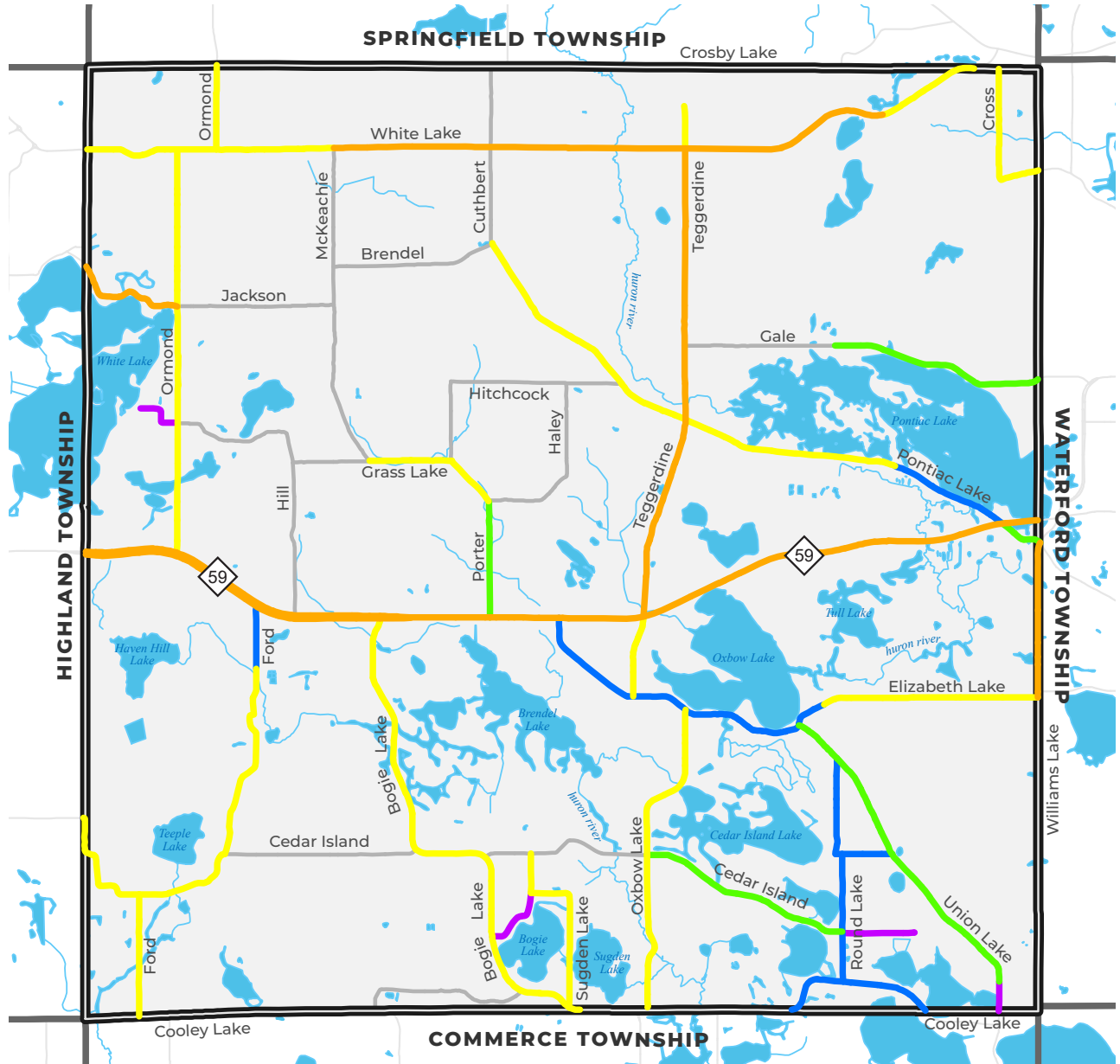
- Fatal (5)
- Serious Injury (6)
- Minor Injury (8)
- Possible Injury (5)
- No Injury (3)

Data Source: SEMCOG Transportation Data, 2022



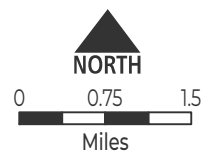
**BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN
CRASH DATA MAP**

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POSTED SPEED LIMIT

- 30 mph and lower
- 35 mph
- 40 mph
- 45 mph
- 50 mph

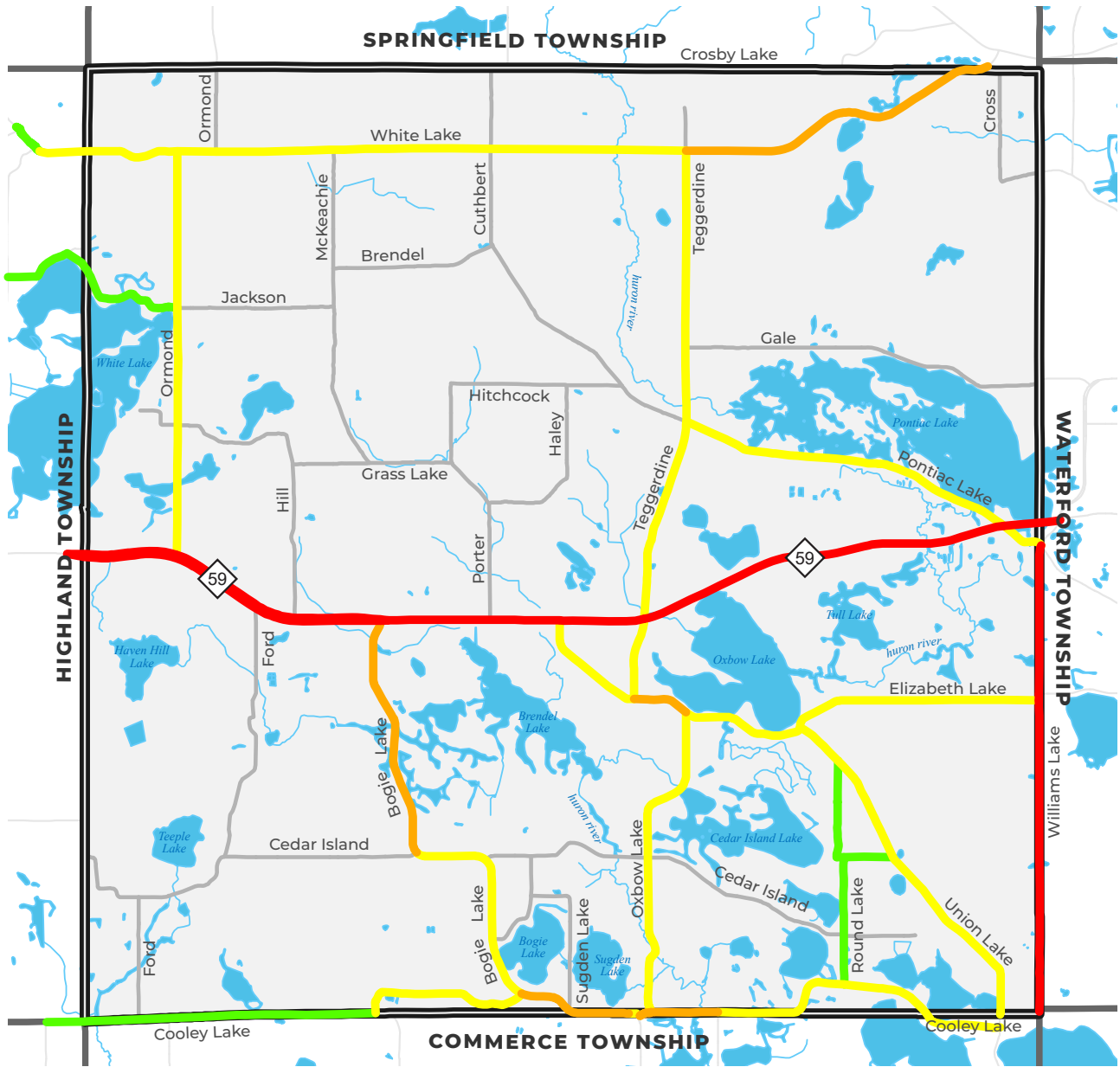


POSTED SPEED LIMIT MAP

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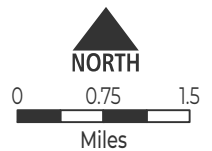
Data Source: Oakland County GIS
Data, OC Roads feature class, updated 10/14/2020



ESTIMATED TRAFFIC VOLUME - ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (AADT)

- Less than 5,000
- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 14,999
- 15,000 or Higher

Data Source: SEMCOG Transportation Data, 2022



ESTIMATED TRAFFIC VOLUME MAP

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STRAVA HeatMap

While not specifically created for transportation planning, STRAVA is a mobile app used to track physical activity such as walking, running, and biking. While it captures a limited number of users, national studies have shown it to be generally representative of the overall population, and helpful to understand route preferences. The STRAVA heatmap for White Lake illustrates the popularity (brighter colors) of the trails in the Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, Highland State Recreation Area, as well as Indian Springs Metropark. In addition, the STRAVA heatmap highlights various roads and sidewalks are frequently used for walking and biking including Teggerdine, Pontiac Lake, Gale, and Cedar Island Roads.

Existing Facilities

The Existing Nonmotorized Facilities Map illustrates the location of major trails as well as sidewalks and safety paths along major road corridors. Sidewalks interior to neighborhoods/developments, dirt/woodchip, mountain bike, and equestrian trails and paths were not inventoried as part of this exercise.

Sidepath/Safety Path/Sidewalk System

There are approximately 8.05 miles of sidepaths/safety paths/sidewalks along the primary roads in White Lake Township as is illustrated on the Existing Nonmotorized Facilities Map. These facilities are located adjacent to and parallel to the major roads, generally within the road right-of-way. These facilities have been constructed over time in the Township and are built at varying widths - typically between 5 to 10 feet wide. The majority are asphalt construction, however, some are concrete. Many of these sections have been built by developers as required by the Township Zoning Ordinance. Development and redevelopment projects are required to include a 6-foot-wide concrete or asphalt sidewalk along the major street frontage of their property; or 8-foot-wide if along M-59.

A strip of aging asphalt can be found in numerous locations along M-59 directly adjacent to the curb. This was constructed 20+ years ago and in the majority of locations is deteriorating and unkempt. When immediately adjacent to the curb, this extra pavement was not inventoried as 'existing' side path.

Depending on land use patterns and frequency of curb cuts, side paths may not be safe for bicyclists, who are typically not safer on a sidewalk because they become almost invisible to a motorist. When a driver turns, either left or right, or into a driveway, they are not looking for, or expecting to encounter a bicyclist. If they do look and see a bicyclist they may still underestimate the speed a rider is traveling on the sidewalk - because it will likely be much faster than a pedestrian.

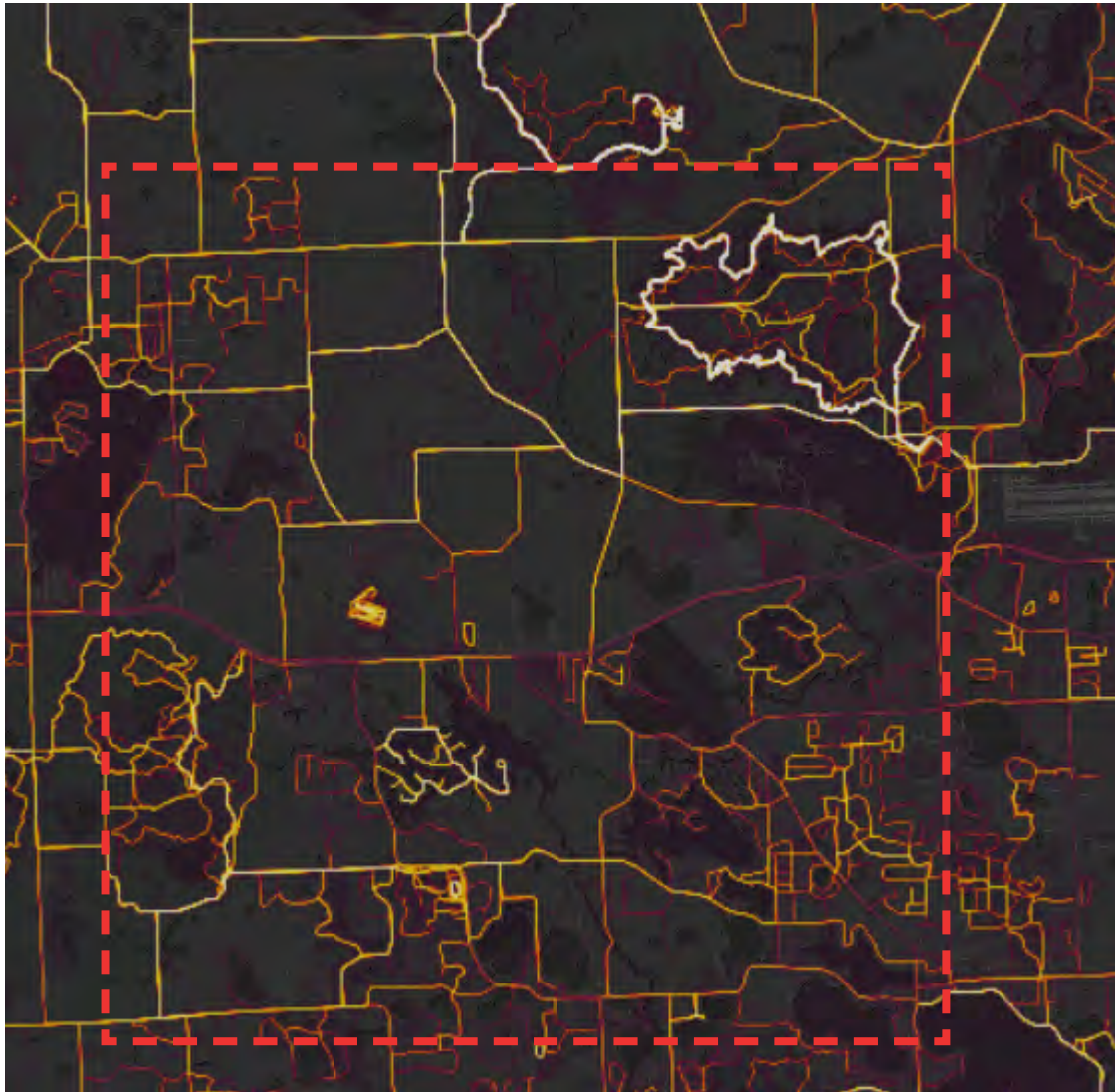
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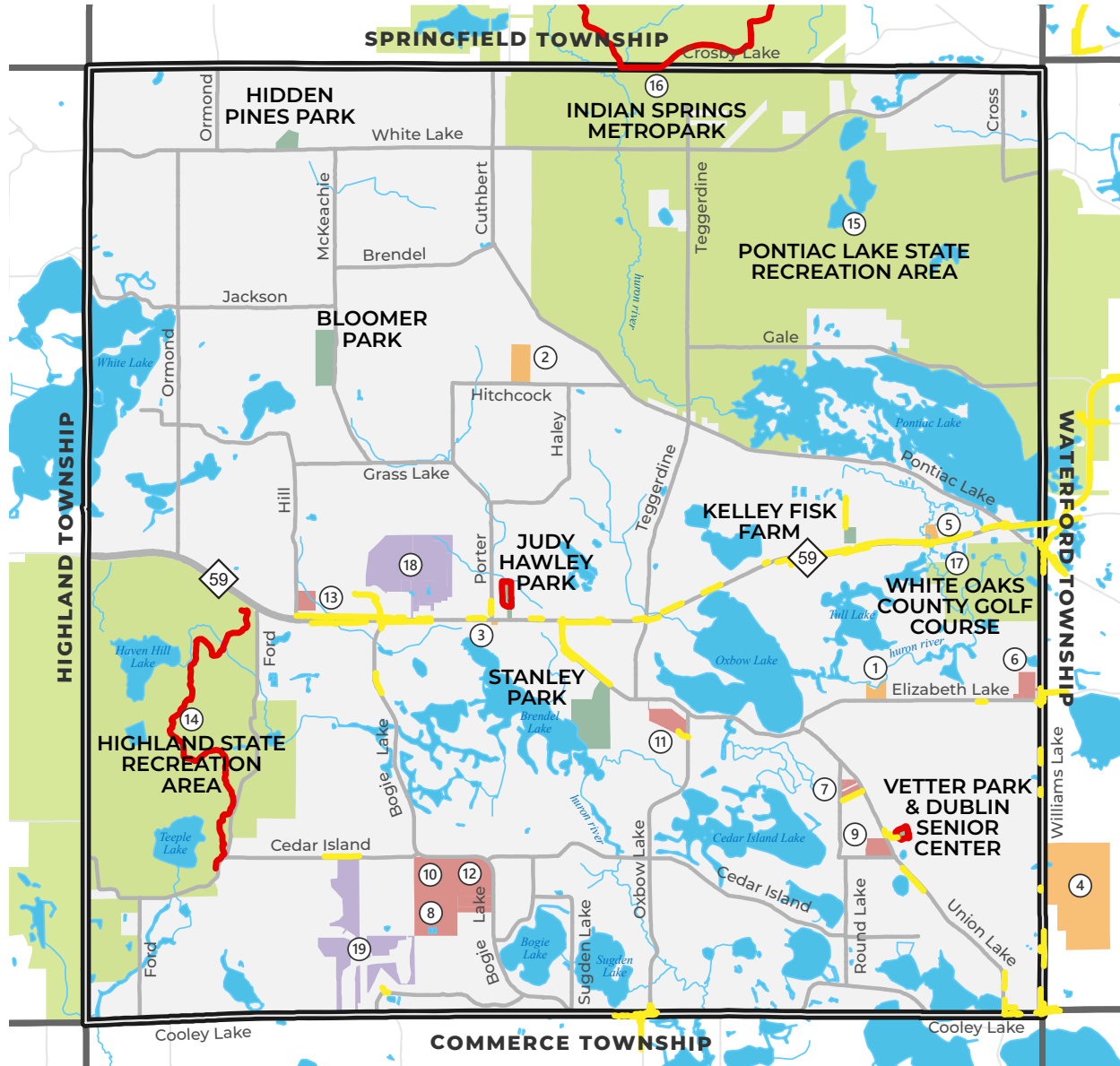
In 2021, White Lake Township received a \$50,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds via the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan toward design of the "Triangle Trail," an approximately 2-mile continuous path along Highland Road, Elizabeth Lake Road, and Teggerdine Road. Design of the final sections was completed in 2022, and in 2023 funding will be sought for construction.

In addition, White Lake Township has secured a \$1.6 million federal grant and has developed a concept plan for the reconstruction of Elizabeth Lake Road from Teggerdine Road through the northern extent of the White Lake Library. The conceptual cross-section includes 2 lanes of vehicular traffic, on-street parking, mid-block crossings, and sidewalks on both sides of Elizabeth Lake Road. This is further support for the development of an overall 'civic center' district via potential public-private partnerships in this area of the Township.

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP | STRAVA APP HEATMAP

The 'brighter' the color, the more biking/walking activity (i.e. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area and Indian Springs Metropark Trails)





WHITE LAKE TWP. PARKS

OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES

- ① Elizabeth Lake Road Property
- ② Hitchcock Road Property
- ③ Old Community Hall
- ④ Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford)
- ⑤ M-59/Huron River Property

SCHOOL PROPERTIES

- ⑥ Houghton Elementary School
- ⑦ Dublin Elementary School
- ⑧ Lakewood Elementary School
- ⑨ St. Patrick Catholic School
- ⑩ White Lake Middle School
- ⑪ Oxbow Elementary School
- ⑫ Lakeland High School
- ⑬ Huron Valley Schools Property

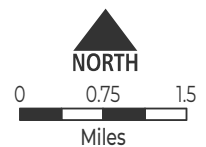
STATE | METROPARK | COUNTY PROPERTIES

- ⑭ Highland State Recreation Area
- ⑮ Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- ⑯ Indian Springs Metropark
- ⑰ White Oaks County Golf Course

PRIVATE PROPERTIES

- ⑱ Alpine Valley Ski
- ⑲ Brentwood Golf Club and Banquet Center

- Existing Shared Use Trail (3.34 miles)
- Existing Sidepath/Sidewalk (8.05 miles)



**EXISTING
NONMOTORIZED
FACILITIES MAP**

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EXAMPLE EXISTING NONMOTORIZED CONDITIONS

Aging and unkempt asphalt along edges of M-59



Sidewalks/sidepaths are required for new developments





BASIS FOR ACTION

This section of the Plan is intended to further analyze a variety of factors within and outside of White Lake Township that may have an affect on recreation trends and/or planned improvements over the next five years. The Basis For Action provides the rationale for the goals, objectives, and desired capital improvements. This rationale is based on analysis and consideration of many elements, including: current national trends and benchmarks, demographics, existing Township and other agency plans, as well as the results of community, Committee, and staff input. It should be noted each piece of information and analysis contained within this section should be considered as one piece of the puzzle and as one piece of the bigger picture - each contributing to the development of the Action Plan.

The data on the following page highlights metrics for the typical park and recreation agency with a population of 20,000 to 49,000 (as is the case for White Lake Township). A comparison of White Lake Township (using 2020 census) data is provided based on the most recent inventory and latest expenditure and revenue data. The national median for communities with a population between 20,000-49,999 is 10.6 park acres per 1,000 people. The Southeast Michigan region median is 17.3 park acres per 1,000 people. White Lake has 188 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (including the state recreation areas, metropark, and Hess-Hathaway Park).

This data and comparison is intended to continue to inform the Action Plan and discussions over the next 5 years. Every agency and community needs are different.

10-MINUTE WALK

A parks advocacy campaign was launched by The Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association, Urban Land Institute, and supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, establishing a goal that all Americans should live within a 10-minute walk (half-mile) of a high-quality park or green space. As noted in the campaign, studies show high-quality parks provide a wide range of benefits to residents and communities. These include:

- physical and mental health benefits, by providing opportunities to be physically active and to interact with nature
- economic benefits by boosting business and helping to revitalize neighborhoods
- community-building benefits by providing opportunities for neighbors to interact with each other and work together to improve their surroundings
- environmental benefits by cleaning and cooling the air and providing opportunities for environmental education

While the 10-minute walk initiative has a particular focus on areas that are more urban than White Lake, it can still be a helpful exercise to illustrate in more suburban communities. It can also assist in considering where to focus resources to improve walking and biking facilities. The Park Service Area Map on the following page illustrates those areas of the Township where residents live within a half-mile (a 10-minute walk if safe/comfortable facilities exist) to a Township Park, or a school property.

In addition, SEMCOG has developed interactive mapping to visualize access to parks via various modes of travel, including walking. Two SEMCOG maps have been included as another tool to support decisions related to goals and priorities in the Action Plan. One SEMCOG map illustrates how many minutes it takes to walk to parks in the Township. The second map illustrates how many minutes it takes to walk to playgrounds in the Township.





**The Typical
Park + Recreation
Agency**
(population 20,000 - 49,999)

**White Lake
Township**
(population 30,950)

**Residents
per Park**
(median)

1,941

3,095

5,158 if excluding State Areas,
Metropark, Hess-Hathaway

**Acres of Parkland
per 1,000 Residents**
(median)

10.6

188

3.68 if excluding State Areas,
Metropark, Hess-Hathaway

**Annual Operating
Expenditures**
(median)

\$3.5M

\$132k

2020/2021 Median

**Operating
Expenditures
per Capita**
(median)

\$110

\$4.26

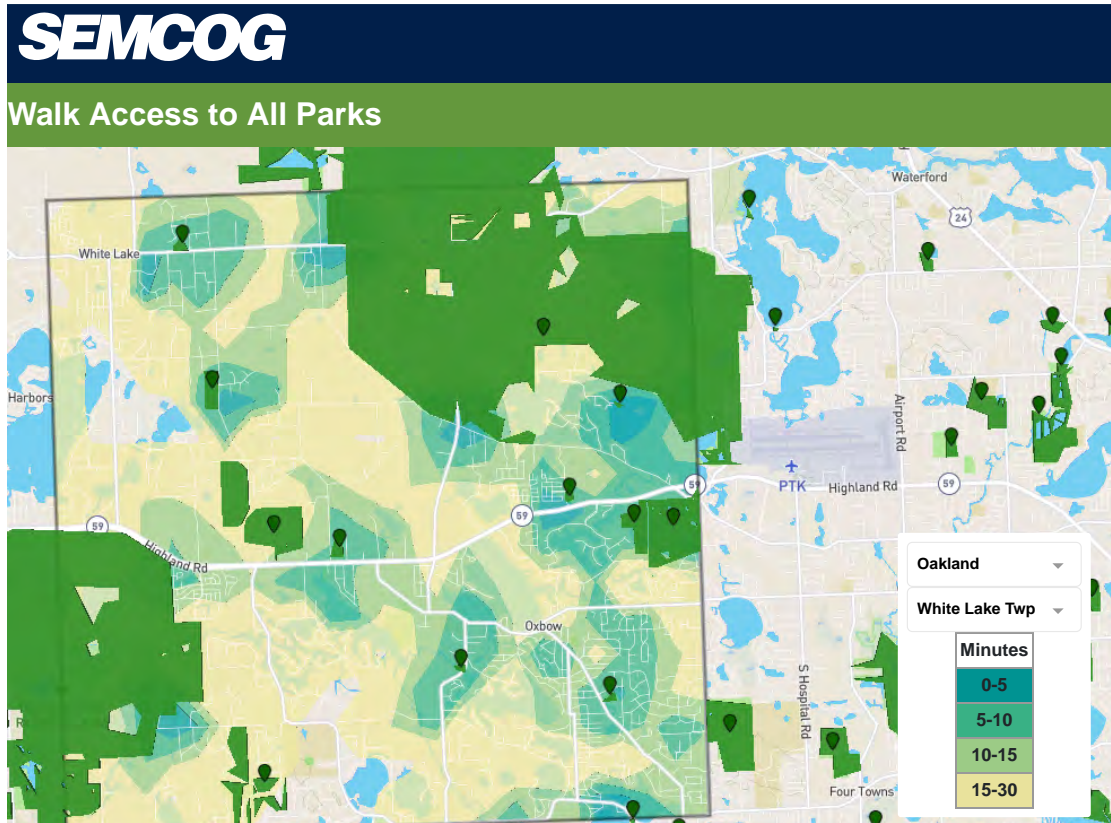
**5 Year Budget
for Capital Projects**
(median)

\$3.7M

\$9.9M

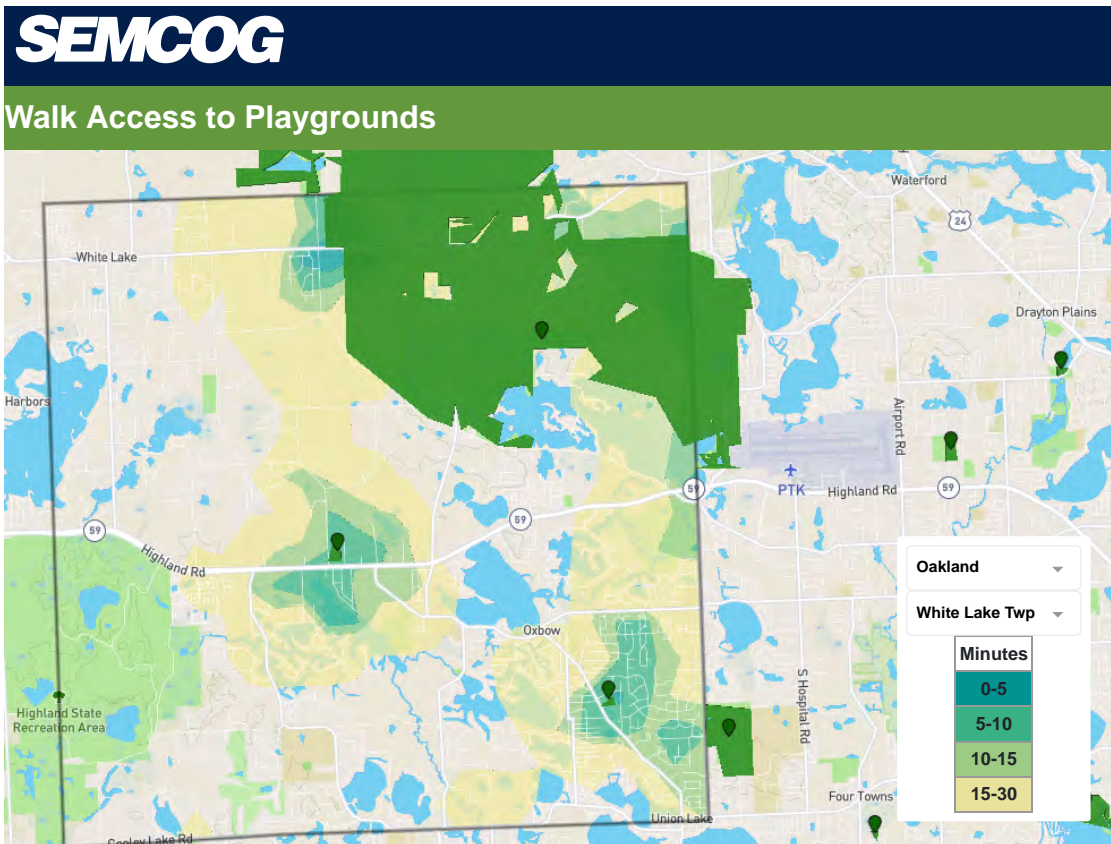
Based on 2023-2028 Township
Capital Improvement Plan
(Excluding 2028)

Source: 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review



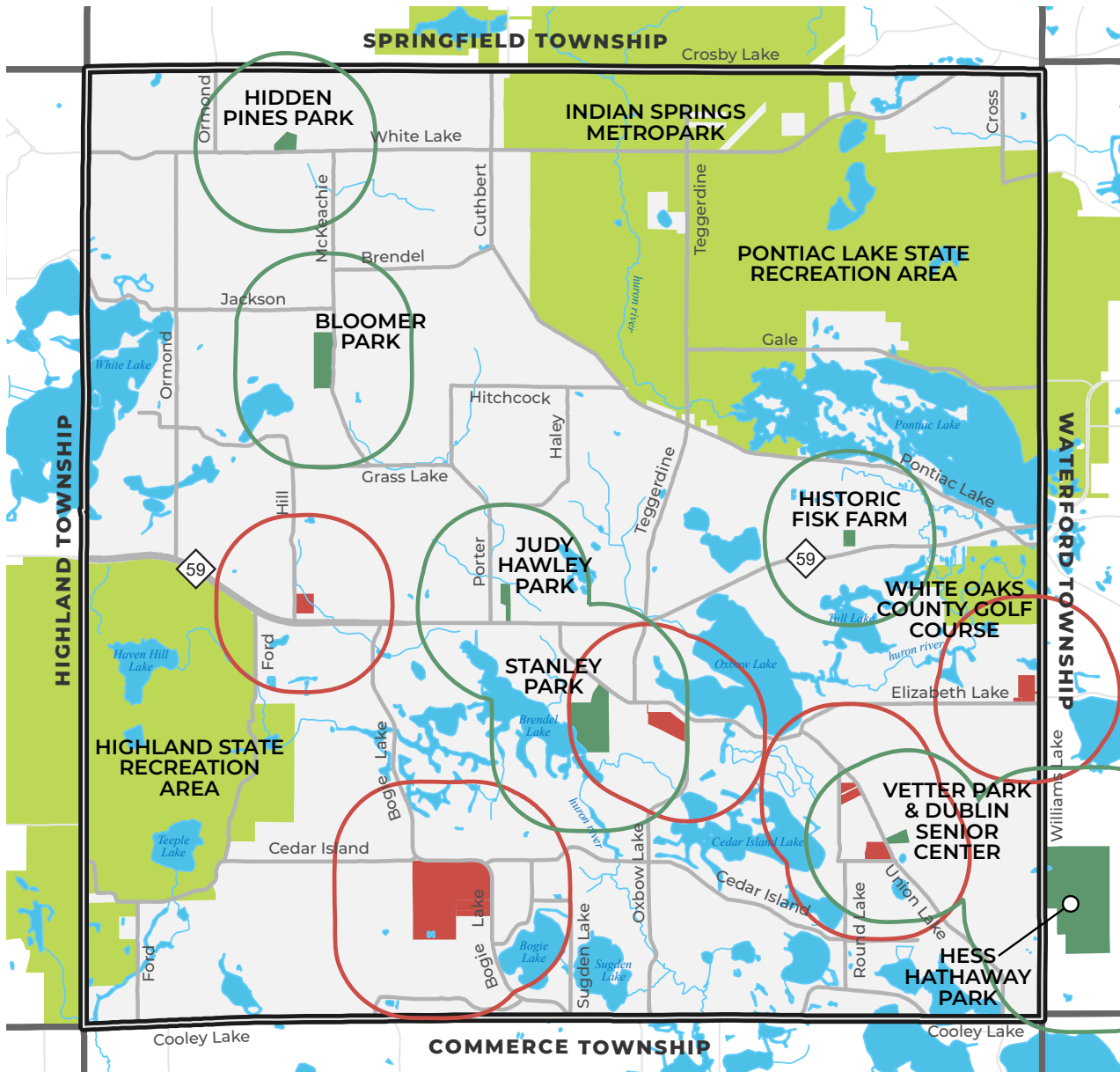
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SEMCOG Access to Parks



https://maps.semco.org/accessparks/?amenity=Playgrounds&mode=walk_amenity_access&mcd=2290&print=true&county=125

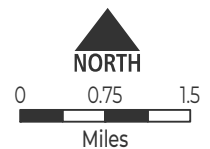
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SERVICE AREA

- 1/2 Mile (10 minute walk) - Park
- 1/2 Mile (10 minute walk) - School
- Park Property
- School Property

This doesn't imply people can walk to these properties, rather, if safe facilities are available, they're more likely to walk to them



SERVICE AREA MAP

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COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

The socioeconomic characteristics of a community can play a role in the demand for certain types of recreation facilities and programs. By examining socioeconomic characteristics such as population density, age, and household size, municipalities can identify trends and opportunities that may influence future land use and recreation decisions and/or policy choices. This section provides a brief summary of a handful of socioeconomic characteristics of White Lake Township that may (along with a number of other pieces of data and information) influence parks and recreation planning decisions.

The U.S. Census Bureau and SEMCOG served as the primary sources of data for this demographics section. Census statistics are presented for the Township in comparison to the County and State. In addition, a series of maps are included that illustrate relevant (and available) pieces of Census data by block group within the Township.

As of the 2020 Census, White Lake Township had 30,950 residents, an increase of 931 residents (+3.1%), from 2010. The southeast Michigan region as a whole grew by 2.7%, with Oakland County growing by 6% over the same 10-year period. Township staff believes the population is several thousand more than reported by the Census due to large residential developments that have been built in recent years. Average household size was greater in the Township at 2.55 in 2020, when compared to Oakland County, 2.4%, and the southeast Michigan region as a whole at 2.46. The average household size in White Lake decreased from 2010 to 2020 from 2.66 down to 2.55.

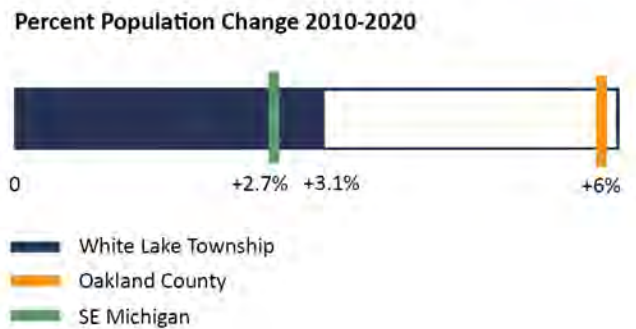
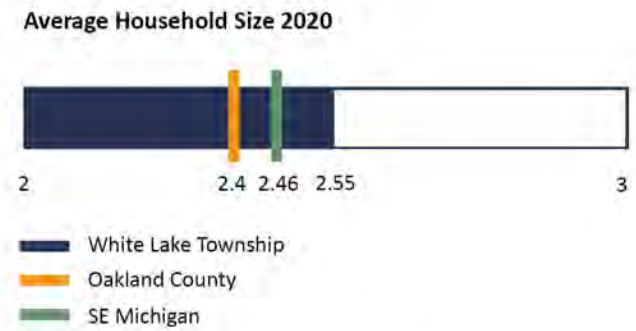
Population by Block Group

Population and population density characteristics can have a significant influence on parks and recreation planning. Where population is most dense, there is typically a greater need for park facilities. Conversely, it may not be as practical or economical to locate

park facilities within sparsely populated areas. The Population Density by Block Group Map illustrates the number of people living within the Township by block group (as defined by the U.S. Census).

Household Size

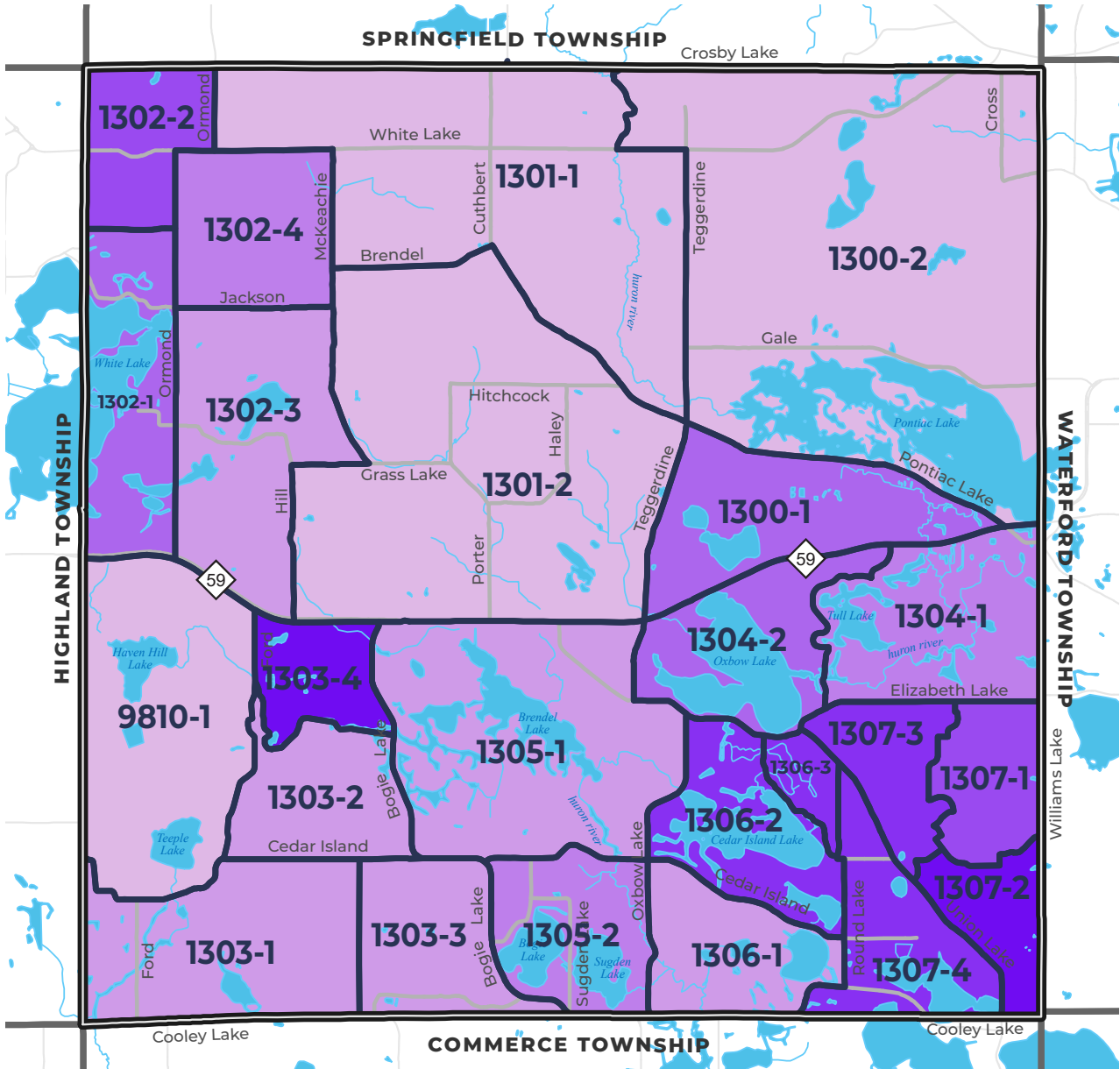
A household, as defined by the U.S. Census, is all persons who occupy the same housing unit. A housing unit can be described as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room used as a separate living quarters. A trend occurring nation-wide is the declining size of households. There are several factors that demographers have linked to the declining size. People are marrying later, postponing having children, and having fewer children. The number of single-parent households is increasing, thus contributing to the decline in average household size.



Household size is an important factor when making park facility and program decisions. A high person per household figure can be an indication an area is comprised of families with children or multi-generational households. Conversely, an area with a low person per household figure may require recreation facilities more favorable to singles, adults, or the elderly. The geographic distribution of household size in White Lake Township is illustrated on the Average Household Size by Block Group Map.

Race and Hispanic Origin

In 2020, White Lake Township was comprised of 96.4% Non-Hispanic and 3.6% Hispanic residents. Of the Non-Hispanic residents, 88.5% were White (i.e. European, Middle East or North Africa), 1.6% Black, 1.2% Asian, 4.5% Multi-Racial, and 0.6% Other. The Township and the southeast Michigan region as a whole have become more diverse over the last 10-year period.



POPULATION DENSITY BY BLOCK GROUP (people / sq. mi)

- 0 - 500
- 501 - 1000
- 1001 - 1500
- 1501 - 2000
- 2001 - 2500
- 2501 - 3000
- 3001 - 3500

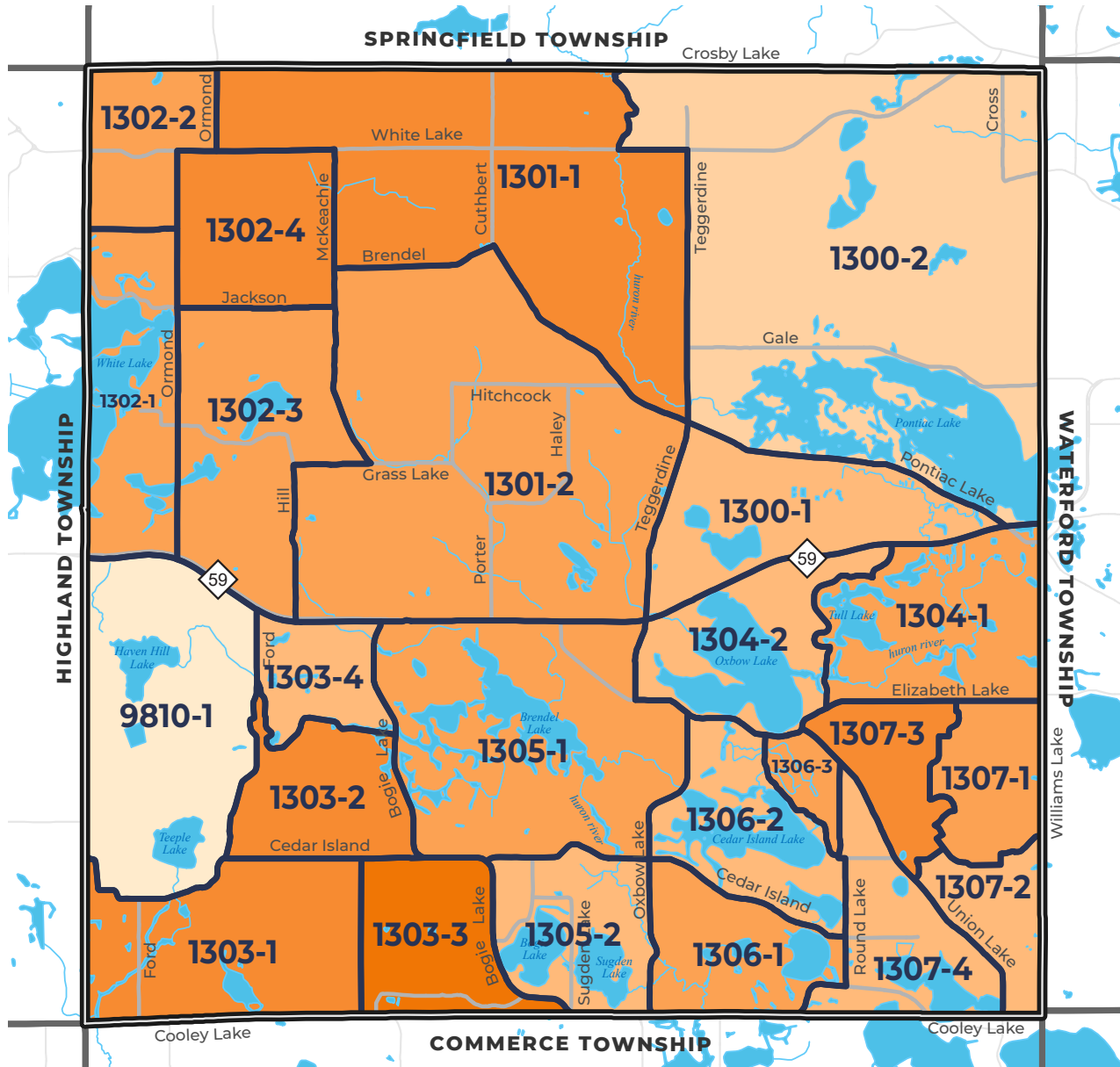


POPULATION DENSITY MAP

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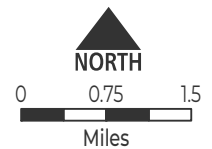
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A Block Group is a geographical unit used by the U.S. Census Bureau. It is the smallest geographical unit for which the bureau publishes sample data. Each Block Group has a unique Block Group number.



**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE
BY BLOCK GROUP**

- 0.00 - 2.00
- 2.01 - 2.25
- 2.26 - 2.50
- 2.51 - 2.75
- 2.76 - 3.00
- 3.01 - 3.25



**HOUSEHOLD
SIZE MAP**

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TOWNSHIP**

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INFLUENCING PLANNING INITIATIVES

There are several related planning initiatives that are significant in terms of their relevance to the provision of recreation within White Lake Township. Each initiative is described in greater detail on the following pages.

SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2019)

The SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Master Plan focuses on enhancing the region’s recreation system and builds on recommendations from other existing regional plans and policies. The Plan contains the following six regional policies:

- Integrate **community health and wellness** initiatives with outdoor recreation opportunities
- Ensure **equitable access** to recreation opportunities for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities in southeast Michigan
- Promote the **economic value** of parks and recreation
- Support **conservation and stewardship** in balance with recreation opportunities
- **Raise awareness** among residents and visitors
- Foster **collaboration** among stakeholders

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Southeast Michigan (SEMCOG 2020)

SEMCOG and MDOT worked together to develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for the southeast Michigan region to establish a common vision for bicycling and walking, and provide guidance on how to increase the connectivity, use, and safety of the system for all residents. To continue enhancing the system and meet the needs of the region, the plan recommends the following regional policies:

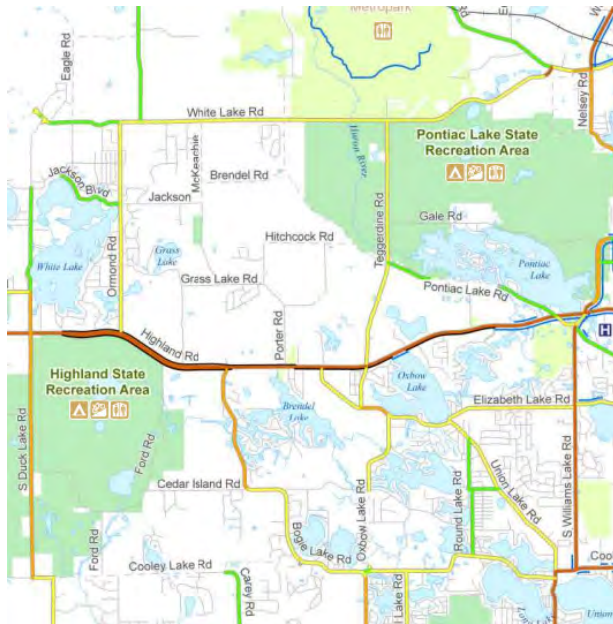
- Connect and expand the network
- Ensure equitable access
- Increase safety
- Promote healthy lifestyles and vibrant communities
- Provide education
- Ensure sustainability



Walking and Biking Trip Purposes in Southeast Michigan (SEMCOG)



MDOT Metro Region North Bike Map (2018)



MDOT Metro Region North Bike Map (2018)

The Michigan Department of Transportation publishes a road and trail bicycling guide map for each MDOT region. The Metro Region map was updated in 2018. In addition to existing trail networks, the maps illustrate roads with heavier (oranges and reds) and lighter (greens and yellows) traffic volumes to assist in route planning.

Metroparks Trail Gap Feasibility Study (2023)

In 2022, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks issued a Request for Proposals for consulting assistance in the development of Feasibility Studies focused on connecting its various properties via nonmotorized trails. One of the 'gaps' of particular interest to White Lake Township is a potential alignment to connect Kensington Metropark with Indian Springs Metropark. The Township met with the MDNR and Metroparks for an initial discussion and anticipates remaining involved as a key stakeholder. The Study is expected to be completed in 2023.

MDOT M-59 Mill and Resurface Project (2026)

The SEMCOG Transportation Improvement Project highlights a \$54M mill and resurface project along M-59 from Milford Road to Pontiac Lake Road. Township involvement/input in the design process and cross-section will be important to look for opportunities to improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Huron River Watershed Council

The Huron River Watershed is 908 square miles and home to more than 650,000 people, including the majority of White Lake Township. The watershed's forests, wetlands, and grasslands soak up rainwater and runoff, filter pollutants from runoff, and provide wildlife habitat and beautiful places for all to enjoy. In the section of watershed that includes White Lake, about 29% remains as intact natural areas. 60% of these areas are protected from development (in Proud Lake State Park, Highland Recreation Area, and Kensington and Indian Springs metroparks). A substantial percentage of land on the edge of the Huron River is in protected lands, which keeps the riparian land undeveloped. The Watershed Council develops a number of resources and support materials. The Council is also the lead agency for the Huron River Water Trail (a National Water Trail) which currently begins in Proud Lake, just south of White Lake Township and continues 104-miles to Lake Erie.

It will be important to continue to collaborate with the Watershed Council to educate the community, protect the riparian corridor, monitor water quality, offer paddling opportunities for residents, and incorporate sustainable design features within Township parks.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2023-2027)

The Oakland County Plan is a guide for staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee to use over the 5-year period. It outlines 6 major goals:

- Offer Experiences and Places that make a Difference
 - Operate Clean, Safe, and Welcoming Parks
 - Sustainably Invest in Assets and Infrastructure
 - Contribute to Thriving and Resilient Communities
 - Care for the Land and Environment
 - Engage the Entire Organization in the Aspiration of our Vision
- The White Lake Oaks County Golf Course is an 18-hole course located on the eastern edge of the Township, just south of M-59. The Plan supports invasive species management as well as access, recreational use, and water trail connectivity at the adjacent, former Girl Scout property (West Park).



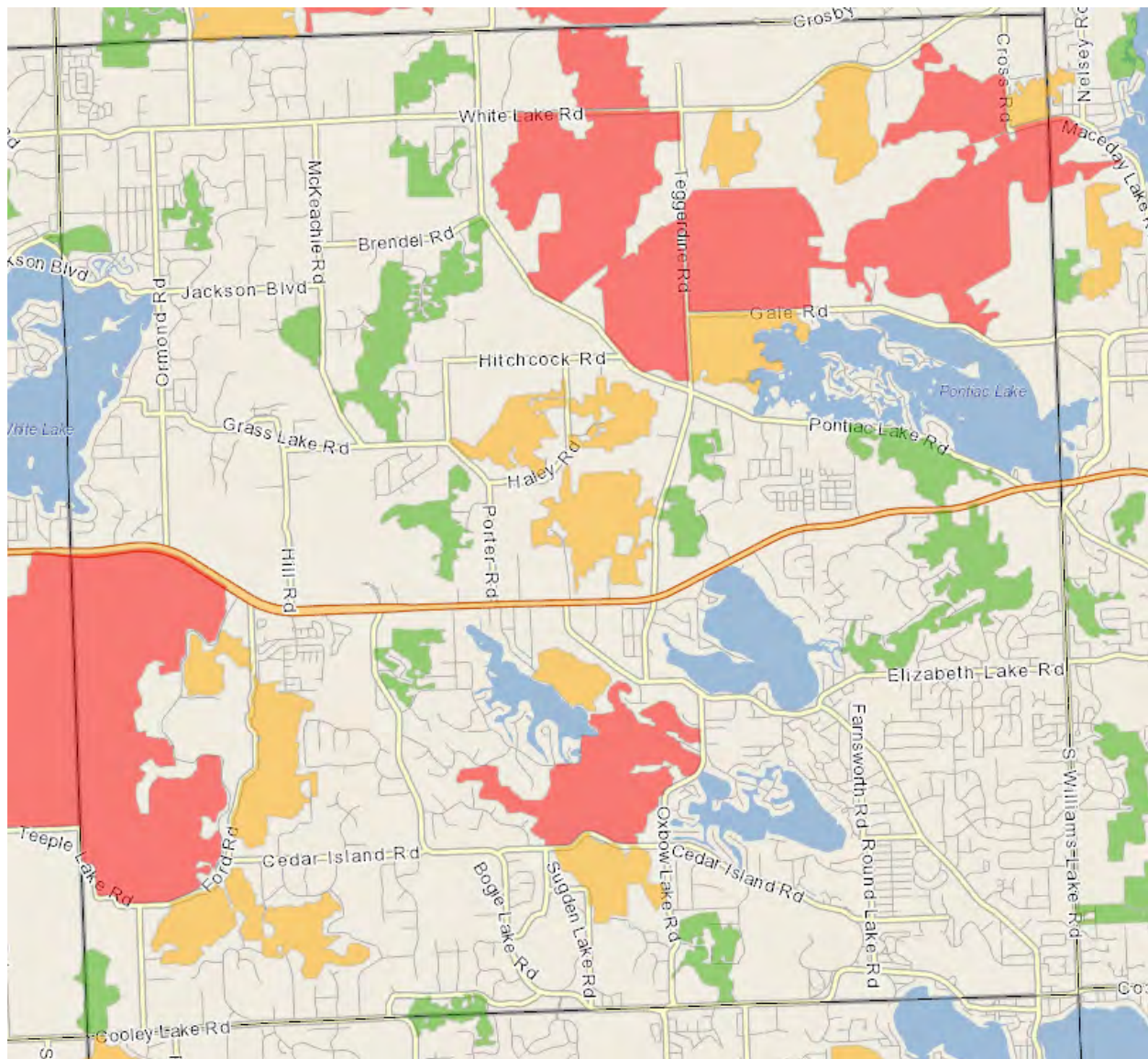
Oakland County Potential Natural Areas

In 2017, Oakland County worked with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) staff at MSU Extension to update the County's Potential Natural Areas Map. Potential Natural Areas are defined as places dominated by vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high-quality natural areas and unique natural features. The map below highlights areas in White Lake that have the highest probability of having high ecological health and value.

2017 MNFI Potential Natural Areas

- Priority One
- Priority Two
- Priority Three

Oakland County Potential Natural Areas Map (2017 MNFI)



Township Capital Improvement Plan (2023-2028)

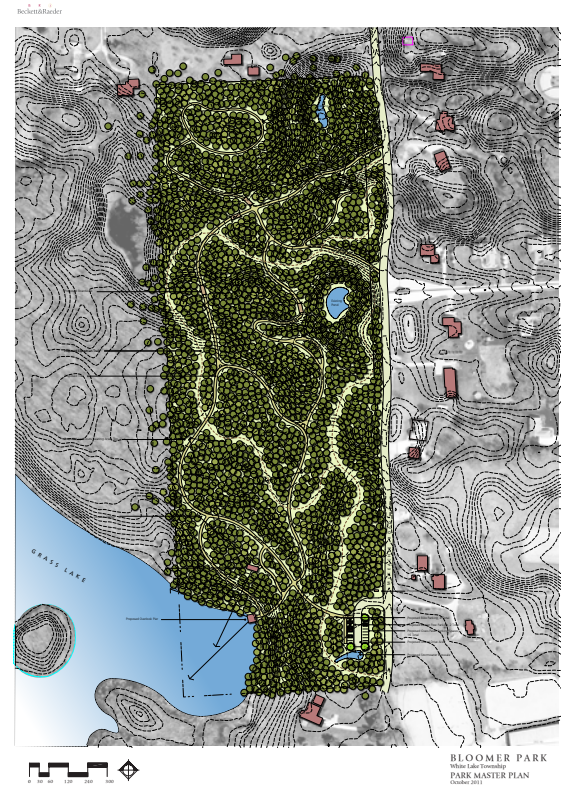
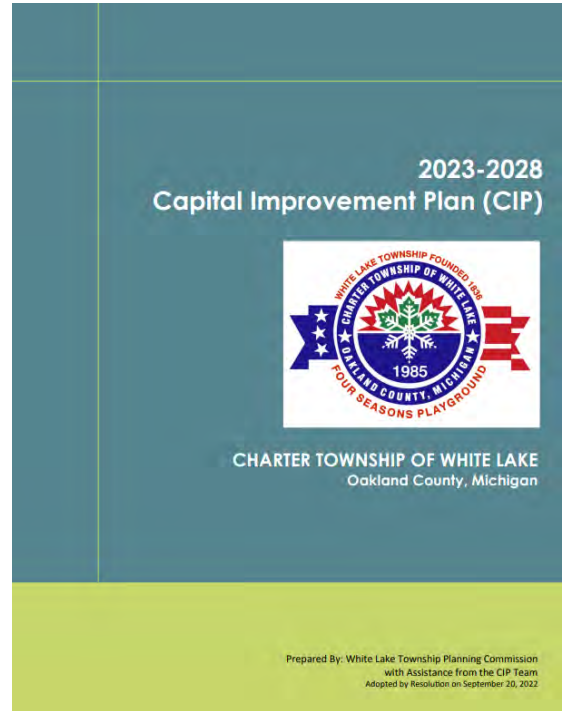
The White Lake Township Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2023-2028 was accepted by the Township Board via resolution on September 20, 2022. The 6-year Plan is a guide for the Supervisor and Board during decision making regarding improvement projects in the community that cover multiple departments and project types. Parks and Recreation facilities and nonmotorized pathways are included in the CIP. The CIP will be updated in 2023 to reflect the results of this 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. Currently, the CIP includes projects such as trail extensions along Union Lake Road, Bogie Lake Road, and M-59; construction of a trail to connect Highland State Recreation Area and Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, as well as projects such as further development of Hidden Pines Park, Stanley Park, and Bloomer Park.

Bloomer Park Concept Plan (2011)

A concept plan was complete for Bloomer Park in 2011 that was the basis for the initial improvements that exist today and were partially funded via a 2009 MDNR Trust Fund grant. The overall concept/vision for Bloomer Park includes additional trails throughout the property.

Hidden Pines Concept Plan (2012)

A concept plan was developed for Hidden Pines Park in 2012. In addition to the ballfield and open space currently at the park, the concept included a walking trail, playground, picnic shelter/tables, rain gardens and revised parking.



Kelley Fisk Farm Concept Plan (2016)

White Lake Township and the Historic Fisk Farm Park Steering Committee worked together to develop a set of goals and objectives as well as a concept plan for future improvements. The concept included potential locations for the old town hall, parking, walkways, shelter renovations, etc.

Stanley Park Concept Plan (2021)

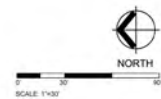
A concept plan for White Lake Township’s newest park property, Stanley Park, was developed in 2021 and was the basis for a grant application that will partially fund the first phase of improvements that are slated for construction in 2023. The concept plan includes a road and pathways leading to the future Civic Center development, trails through the park, picnic shelters, playground, pickleball courts, kayak launch, beach, etc.



White Lake Township
FISK FARM
 Master Plan

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

March 2, 2016



5-YEAR PLAN INPUT

During the development of the White Lake Township 5-Year Parks + Recreation Master Plan, the Township gathered stakeholder input via several methods. Each of these resulted in input that was relied upon in order to develop the goals, objectives, and action plan for the next 5 years. A summary of the effort and results is summarized here with additional details in the Appendix.

Public Online Survey

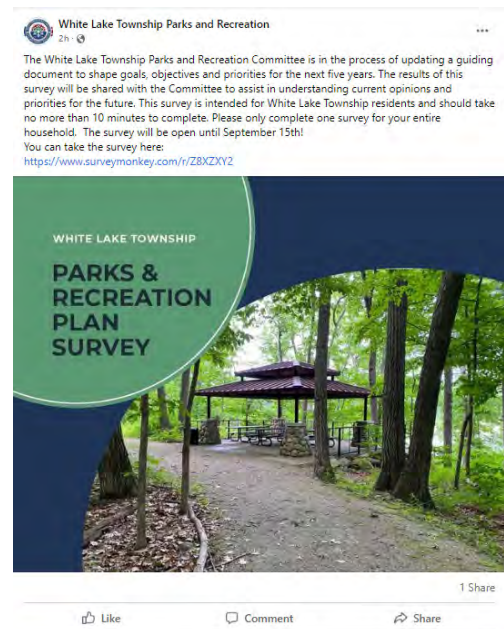
The White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Survey was an online survey conducted August 15, 2022 through September 15, 2022. The purpose of the survey was to gather input related to current use and future priorities of the park system in the Township. The survey was published on the Township website, distributed via email, and posted to the various Township Facebook pages. In addition, signs on easels with QR codes were placed at Township Hall and the Senior Center. Hard copies of the survey were also available at the Senior Center and at the Fisk Farm Festival Event in September 2022. In total, 443 people responded to the survey including a good cross-section of ages, and 57% living south of M-59. A summary of the results is presented here and a detailed summary is provided in the Appendix.

When asked **why respondents don't use White Lake Township parks and facilities more often**, the top 4 responses were:

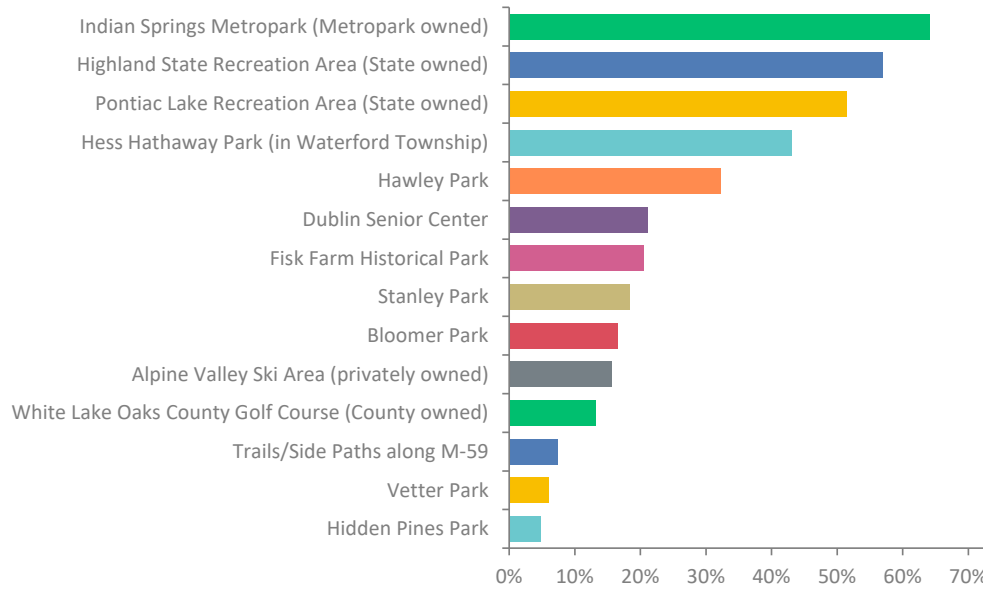
- Not enough time/too busy (38.8%)
- Use other communities' park, facilities, programs (33.4%)
- I do not know where the Township parks are (21.4%)
- Parks do not contain the facilities we need/enjoy (21.1%)

The **top 6 amenities** people indicated were most important to them or their household were:

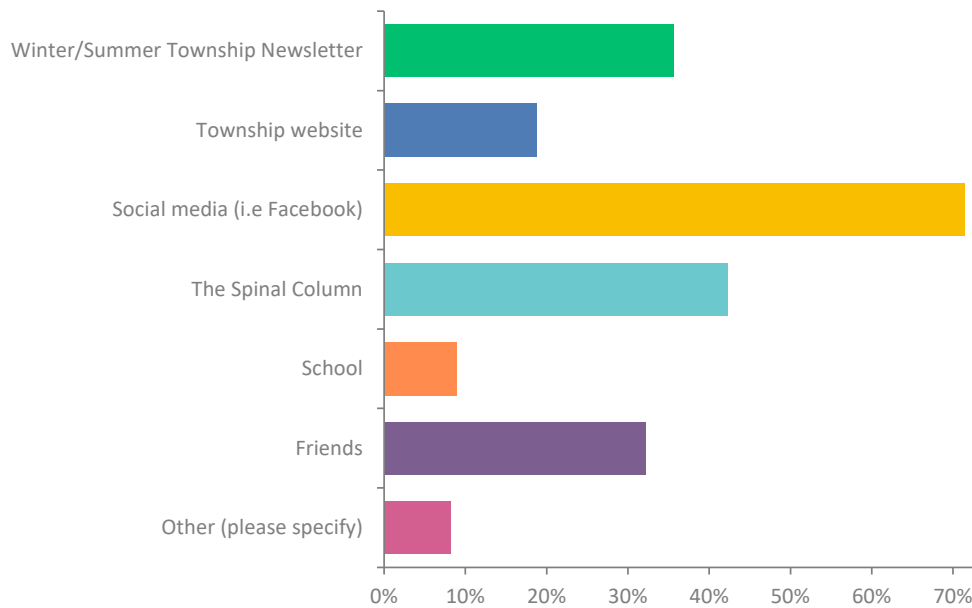
- Walking/running/biking trails (68.9%)
- Open space/natural areas (36.6%)
- Playgrounds (33.6%)
- Canoeing/kayaking (25.2%)
- Sledding hills (15.8%)
- Picnic shelters (15.6%)



Which park/facility has your household used over the past year?



Where does your household find out about things going on in the Township?



Fisk Farm Festival Outreach

White Lake Township Parks and Recreation set up a tent/station at the Annual Fisk Farm Festival September 10, 2022 at the Historic Fisk Farm property. The annual event brings several hundred people to the Farm for music, food, arts and craft show, etc. The Parks and Recreation tent included a sign about the online survey, hard copies of the survey, a map of the parks, as well as a blank sheet of paper where people could write/draw ideas of things they'd like to do/have in White Lake Township parks. Some of the ideas mentioned included:

- Ziplines and Rock Wall
- Ice rink
- Stargazing night to watch sunsets. And food!
- Trees, wildlife, open spaces, passive rec, natural noise
- Water Day – sprinklers, squirt guns, water balloons,
- I love the walking paths!
- Signs along trails that tell about plant/animal species
- Fitness court/workout stations
- Porta jon at Bloomer Park – can't use pavilion if no restroom
- Kayaking and canoeing opportunities
- Love walking path at Hawley
- All inclusive playground like in Commerce Twp
- Sidewalks along Elizabeth Lake and Union Lake Roads
- Place to take out kayak where Huron River crosses Oxbow Lake Rd

Committee Meeting Input

In addition to filling out the online survey, the Parks and Recreation Committee (at its October 5, 2022 Special Meeting) discussed what they love about White Lake Parks and Recreation and what they think are some of the challenges. Residents that attended the meeting also participated. This input, along with other pieces of information documented in the Inventory and Basis For Action sections, were used to develop the Action Plan.



Things We Like/Love

- The parks offer a balance of activities between them including walking, basketball, baseball, soccer, hiking, playgrounds, and pavilions.
- Open Spaces
- Huron River flowing through Township
- Hawley Park is the best athletic field park
- Kelley Fisk Farm best event venue
- Dublin Center is the best Activity Center
- community sport areas with soccer and baseball
- hiking trails
- historic Township
- Fisk Farm Festival
- community activities
- good fresh air, walking paths, nature
- Stanley Park acquisition and planned development
- natural beauty within the parks including Stanley
- historic sites

- water access for swimming and kayaking
- tree lighting
- parks are available for picnicking and games
- special events at Fisk Farm

Our Challenges or Things We'd Like To See

- need to make residents aware of where Township parks are located
- money is a challenge
- we are not a walkable community - we need pathways along major roads
- difficult to maintain current facilities
- not enough funding now - this will hold us back going forward
- vast area to try to connect with trails
- we are limited in funding and walkable/bikeable trails
- funding
- more funding needed
- benches are needed at more frequent intervals
- skating and snowshoeing
- mountain biking
- not enough connectivity or trails and paths to schools and neighborhoods
- would like more citizens to use our parks and be aware of what's available
- we need more concern for environmental challenges and issues such as herbicides and pesticides as well as impacts of climate changes
- I live rurally and don't need a park
- no higher taxes
- natural wooded areas with trails
- getting voter support for millages could be a challenge
- more horse trails

MDNR/Metroparks Input

Township staff met virtually with representatives from Highland State Recreation Area, Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, as well as Huron Clinton Metroparks staff on September 9, 2022. The purpose of the discussion was to raise awareness of the Township's schedule and process for updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan and to hear from the various agencies their plans over the next several years to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of efforts.

Public Hearing

A full draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee for review and discussion at its November 2022 meeting. The draft Plan was then made available for public review on December 7, 2022. Hard copies of the draft Plan were available at the Township Hall. A digital copy was posted to the Township website. A notice was published in the Spinal Column on December 7, 2022 and January 4, 2023, and posted on the Township website and Facebook page.

A public hearing on the draft Plan was held by the Parks and Recreation Committee on January 11, 2023 at the Township Annex. Minutes from the public hearing are included in the Appendix.

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ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan details the direction the Township would like to take over the next five years in order to maintain, improve, and expand parks, recreation and nonmotorized connectivity opportunities within the community. The findings and results summarized in the Basis For Action section of this Plan were utilized to develop the goals, objectives, and capital improvement priorities detailed on the following pages. This section also includes planning recommendations related to expansion of a nonmotorized network and improvement of pedestrian/bicycle connectivity within the Township and to adjacent communities. The Plan is intended to serve as a guide for decision-making relative to future park facilities and programs. The Plan is not intended to solve all of the issues, concerns and desires related to parks and recreation, but rather to identify and document them so they can be addressed and focused on in the upcoming months and years. Goals are desired long-term ideals or end products. Objectives are more detailed statements that have been developed to outline more specific actions that will assist in meeting the goals. The Goals and Objectives are intended to be as important as the capital improvement priorities and are listed in no particular order of importance or priority.

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS + RECREATION GOALS 2023-2027



Improve walking and biking **connectivity** in the community



Be leaders in the **stewardship** of the Huron River Watershed



Secure additional **funding** for parks and recreation



Raise awareness of parks and recreation offerings in the Township



Develop and promote **canoe and kayak** opportunities in the Township



Partner with others to provide parks and recreation in the Township



As appropriate, seek strategic properties to **expand** the Township park system to support existing and future needs



Update aging park amenities, increase level of **maintenance**, and **construct/install** additional amenities at Township parks



Improve walking and biking **connectivity** in the community

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage and support the Township in developing a '**Complete Streets**' policy, ordinance, resolution, and/or plan in order to advocate for roads that are 'planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all users...whether by car, truck, assistive device, foot or bicycle.'
- Coordinate with the **Road Commission for Oakland County** to improve non-motorized access and use along County roads (i.e. widen paved shoulders, improved pedestrian crossings, etc.)
- Prioritize **gaps and connections** to parks, schools, employment areas, and civic destinations.
- Utilize the Township **Sidewalk/Pathway Fund** (developers contribute to at approval of Township Board) to construct gaps in high priority areas and corridors.
- Coordinate with MDOT regarding design and construction of a consistent, 8-10-foot wide Side Path along the north and south side of **M-59** that is setback from the curb with green space between the curb and Side Path.
- Coordinate with the **Metroparks and MDNR** to connect Highland State Recreation Area, Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, and Indian Springs Metropark through the Township via a regional trail system that considers accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians.
- Coordinate with **SEMCOG** to get the White Lake Township planned/proposed nonmotorized network incorporated into the SEMCOG Regional Planned Corridors Maps and associated documentation.
- Continue to focus on improving barrier-free and **universal accessibility** at all Township facilities and parks including access to picnic tables, benches, paths, playing fields, parking areas, restrooms, play equipment, etc.
- Use materials from SEMCOG's **Walk Bike Drive Safe campaign** to encourage safe practices by all modes.
- Consider and investigate a **special millage** for design, construction and maintenance of nonmotorized connections per the Township Nonmotorized System Plan.



Be leaders in the **stewardship** of the Huron River Watershed

OBJECTIVES

- Continue to raise awareness, promote, and educate the community about the Huron River Watershed and the role we all play in protecting and improving the environment for generations to come.
- Increase awareness and appreciation of our natural resources by increasing access to the river and waterbodies.
- Incorporate applicable sustainable design elements into all park projects such as green stormwater management practices, solar power, products made from recycled materials, native plantings, etc.
- Include signage at parks that helps to interpret the natural resources as well as showcase sustainable design elements.



Secure additional **funding** for parks and recreation

OBJECTIVES

- Continue the commitment to fiscal responsibility by exploring and seeking avenues to generate alternative revenue sources through grants, donations, foundations, partnerships, etc. to fund park, recreation, and trail/sidepath projects.
- The existing 0.3 parks and recreation millage expires in 2023. Consider a renewal or increase in 2023 in order to implement the priorities outlined in this plan and make progress toward the goals and objectives.



Raise awareness of parks and recreation offerings in the Township

OBJECTIVES

- Coordinate with school district, library, lake boards, historical society, chamber of commerce, realtors, and other parks and recreation providers to distribute parks and recreation information and “cross advertise” offerings.
- Publish the new inventory map on the Township website, Facebook pages, display at Township Hall, etc.
- Print hard copies of the inventory map and have available at Senior Center, Township Hall, Library, Metropark, and State Recreation Areas.
- Post monthly on social media highlighting pictures, activities, and facilities available at Township parks.
- Include parks and recreation information in the Township Newsletter.



Develop and promote **canoe and kayak** opportunities in the Township

OBJECTIVES

- Develop canoe/kayak launches with associated small parking lots on Huron River properties including at M-59, at Elizabeth Lake Road, at Stanley Park, and around/near Oxbow Lake Road.
- Coordinate with Huron River Watershed Council and Oakland County Parks to develop Water Trail marketing/mapping/signage.



Partner with others to provide parks and recreation in the Township

OBJECTIVES

- In support of the Township being a '4 Seasons Playground', organize and hold one Special Event per season (i.e. Tree Lighting, Fall Festival, etc)
- Continue to partner with other parks and recreation providers within and around the community to improve connectivity, as well as strengthen and cross promote special events and offerings including:
 - Dublin Senior Center
 - Kelley Fisk Farm and the White Lake Historical Society
 - Oakland County Parks
 - Huron River Watershed Council
 - Huron-Clinton Metroparks
 - MDNR State Recreation Areas
 - Friends of Highland State Recreation Area
 - Waterford Township and Hess-Hathaway Park Committee
 - Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Public and private schools in the Township



Update aging park amenities, increase level of **maintenance**, and **construct/install** additional amenities at Township parks.

OBJECTIVES

- Make planned improvements to Stanley Park and support the development of the Civic Center area as a central gathering space and destination within the community.
- Continue to work to improve the ADA accessibility at all parks by providing elements such as accessible play equipment, pathways to and from facilities, bleachers, benches, playground surfacing, etc.
- Anticipate the need to increase staffing levels as additional parks, programs, and amenities are offered.
- Include long-term maintenance funding requirements when implementing new or expanded facilities and programs.
- When developing park and recreation facilities and connections, do so in a manner that protects and celebrates the natural look and feel of the White Lake community.



As appropriate, seek strategic properties to **expand** the Township park system to support existing and future needs.

OBJECTIVE

- Remain aware of potential properties to purchase for conservation and/or recreation purposes that:
 - adjoin an existing conservation/recreation property;
 - are adjacent to a water body, river, or creek;
 - improve walking/biking conditions;
 - and/or are environmentally sensitive.

Nonmotorized Network Plan

One of the top priorities in White Lake Township is to improve connectivity, mobility and safety within the Township in order to provide transportation choices, recreation, contribute to placemaking, economic development, and the health of residents. This Plan includes a long-term vision for nonmotorized connectivity as well as a number of initial priorities and recommendations related to nonmotorized improvements.

This section of the document also details general design considerations, resources, and characteristics related to the accommodation of bicycles and pedestrians within road rights-of-way and off-road corridors. This is not intended to replace the wealth of manuals and design guidance documents that exist. There are a number of design manuals and other guidance that should and/or must be used by agencies, designers, landscape architects, and engineers on how to best accommodate bicycles and pedestrians.

Challenges

Implementation of the Long-Term Nonmotorized System Plan and construction of sections of sidewalk, sidepath, shared use trail and/or enhanced shoulders will be a considerable financial investment with a number of design challenges and constraints in a variety of locations. Conditions that exist in White Lake Township that will add to cost and implementation challenges include (but are not limited to):

- open drainage swales along roads that may need to be enclosed
- removal and replacement of mature trees and vegetation
- removal and/or relocation of resident installed landscaping and neighborhood entrances
- wetlands, lakes, rivers and creeks that will require boardwalks and bridges in order to traverse
- the potential need for easements in some locations to ensure connectivity

The Nonmotorized System Plan Map illustrates the long-term vision for White Lake Township. The Plan proposes and identifies a number of new sidewalks/sidepaths, shared use trails, and enhanced paved shoulders. Lines on the map represent a general vision for connectivity for planning purposes only. As conditions are analyzed in more detail, some segments are anticipated to be modified due to existing conditions, development patterns, cost, permitting, etc. In some cases, the type of nonmotorized facility provided (i.e. sidewalk, wide paved shoulders, sidepath, etc.) will need to be determined during design.

Road Commission for Oakland County

With the exception of M-59, all of the major roads and associated rights-of-way are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County. Therefore, a majority of the elements discussed and illustrated in the Nonmotorized System Plan will require coordination with the Road Commission. When road improvements are being considered in the Township, the intent is that consideration for Complete Streets be given during the design process including the provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.



Shared Use Trails

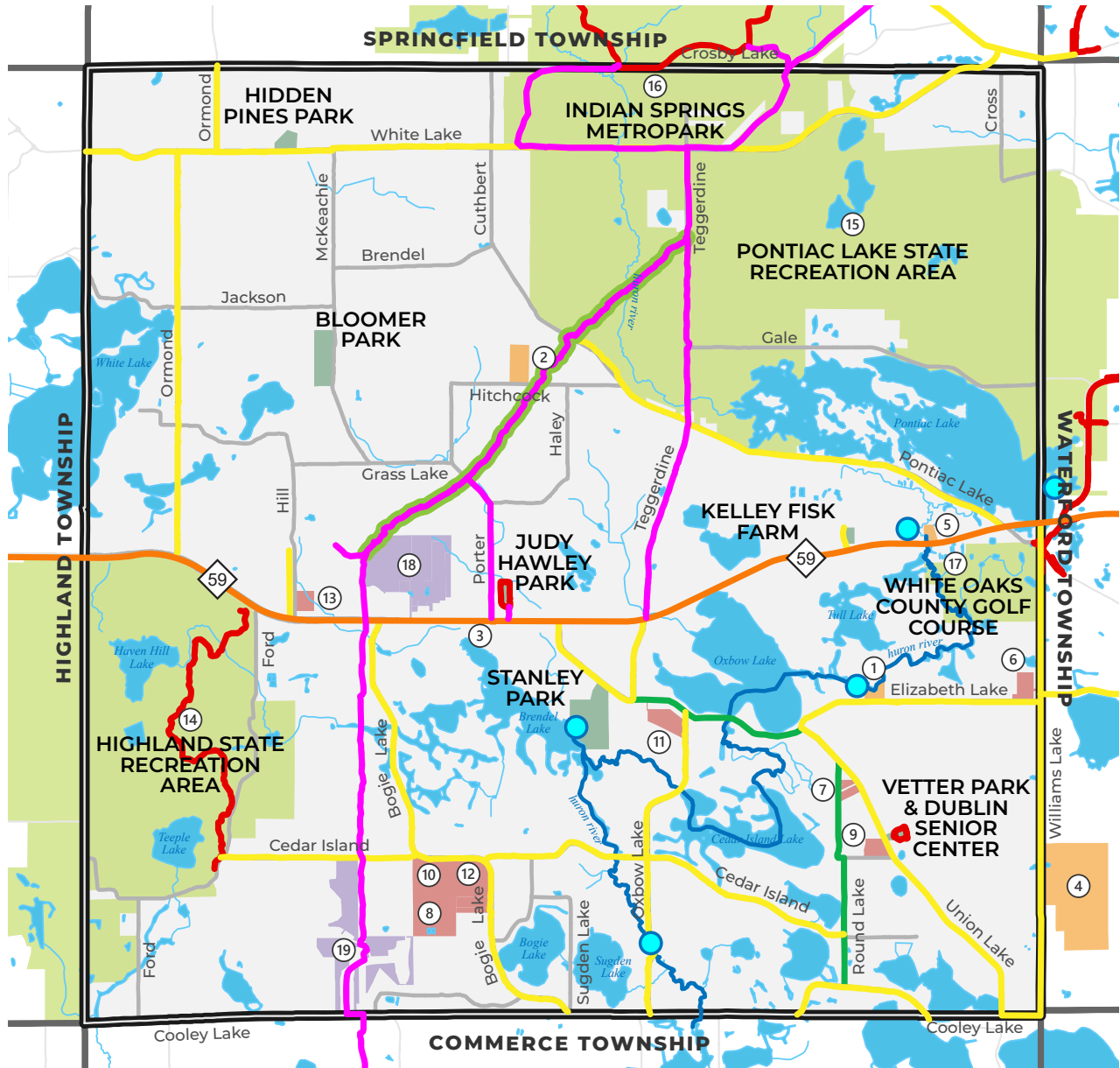
Shared Use Trails provide a travel area separate from motorized traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, wheelchair users, etc. They are constructed outside of a road corridor and offer a low-stress experience away from motor vehicles. Examples in White Lake Township include the Cedar Creek Trail in Highland Recreation Area and the paved trail in Indian Springs Metropark. **Shared Use Trails are typically 10-12' wide** (per AASHTO depending on user volumes) with an additional 2' clearance on both sides. Where paths intersect roads, enhancements should prioritize the nonmotorized user. A number of locations and corridors are proposed for additional Shared Use Trails in White Lake Township to increase connectivity including:

- the proposed Four Seasons, cross-town shared use trail to **connect Highland State Recreation Area, Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area, and Indian Springs Metropark** to one another and beyond. The connection (the majority within ITC utility corridor and/or on state property) is anticipated to be a focal point of a feasibility study being led by HCMA as they work toward their goal of connecting Kensington Metropark and Indian Springs Metropark to one another. Walking, biking, and equestrian users should be considered in the connection between Highland and Pontiac Lake State Recreation Areas. The potential exists to provide a 'trailhead' location at Township-owned property on the north side of Hitchcock Road.
- along the **Teggerdine Road corridor** between M-59 and White Lake Road, much of which has wooded State property on either side.
- further study and discussion to determine long-term feasibility of a **north/south shared use trail within the ITC utility** corridor to connect into Commerce Township to the south and the proposed Four Seasons, cross-town trail between the State Recreation Areas.

Complete Streets

There is no one design prescription for complete streets. Ingredients that may be found on a complete street include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent crossing opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, and more. A complete street in a rural area will look quite different from a complete street in a highly urban area. But both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

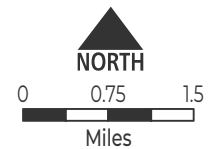
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- WHITE LAKE TWP. PARKS**
- OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES**
- ① Elizabeth Lake Road Property
- ② Hitchcock Road Property
- ③ Old Community Hall
- ④ Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford)
- ⑤ M-59/Huron River Property
- SCHOOL PROPERTIES**
- ⑥ Houghton Elementary School
- ⑦ Dublin Elementary School
- ⑧ Lakewood Elementary School
- ⑨ St. Patrick Catholic School
- ⑩ White Lake Middle School
- ⑪ Oxbow Elementary School
- ⑫ Lakeland High School
- ⑬ Huron Valley Schools Property

- STATE | METROPARK | COUNTY PROPERTIES**
- ⑭ Highland State Recreation Area
- ⑮ Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- ⑯ Indian Springs Metropark
- ⑰ White Oaks County Golf Course
- PRIVATE PROPERTIES**
- ⑱ Alpine Valley Ski
- ⑲ Brentwood Golf Club

- Existing Trail/Sidepath Connections
- Proposed Shared Use Trail (10'-12' Wide)
- Proposed Sidepath/Sidewalk (10'-12' Wide)
- Proposed Sidepath/Sidewalk (6'-8' Wide)
- Proposed Paved Shoulder (4'-5' Wide)
- Proposed Shared Use Trail + Equestrian
- Proposed Huron River Water Trail
- Proposed Canoe/Kayak Launch



**LONG TERM
NONMOTORIZED
SYSTEM PLAN**

**WHITE LAKE
TOWNSHIP**

5-YEAR PARKS &
RECREATION
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2023 - 2027

Sidewalks and Sidepaths

A high priority element for enhancing connectivity and walkability within the Township is to systematically complete gaps in the **sidewalk/sidepath** system along the major road corridors. A number of priority sidewalk/sidepath gaps are identified on the Nonmotorized System Priorities Map and focus on:

- the north and south sides of the **M-59 corridor** to provide safe and comfortable connectivity to adjacent communities and along the Township's most developed retail/commercial/employment corridor. The Township is proposing a 10'-12' wide (8' when necessary) network along the M-59 corridor due to regional, cross-county significance and number of destinations. A minimum 5' separation from the road is desired.
- gaps near Township parks, schools, and destinations such as the library, Dublin Senior Center, and future Civic Center development
- short segments that, when completed, will connect into a large network of completed sidewalks, sidepaths and/or trails
- gaps in high density areas of the Township
- segments that can be constructed by private entities as they develop or redevelop property in the Township

In terms of preferred design, corridor analysis and judgment will need to be made when design of various segments begins. In general, and where possible, the desire is to have 6-8' wide paved sidepaths installed within the Township (with the exception of 10'-12' along M-59). It is recognized that, in some areas of the community, it may make most sense to fill gaps with sidewalks or sidepaths that match width or material of existing infrastructure. It is also recognized that a variety of conditions exist in the Township, and, for short segments, a narrower sidewalk may need to be installed. A detailed analysis of the corridor will assist in determining the achievable sidepath/sidewalk width.

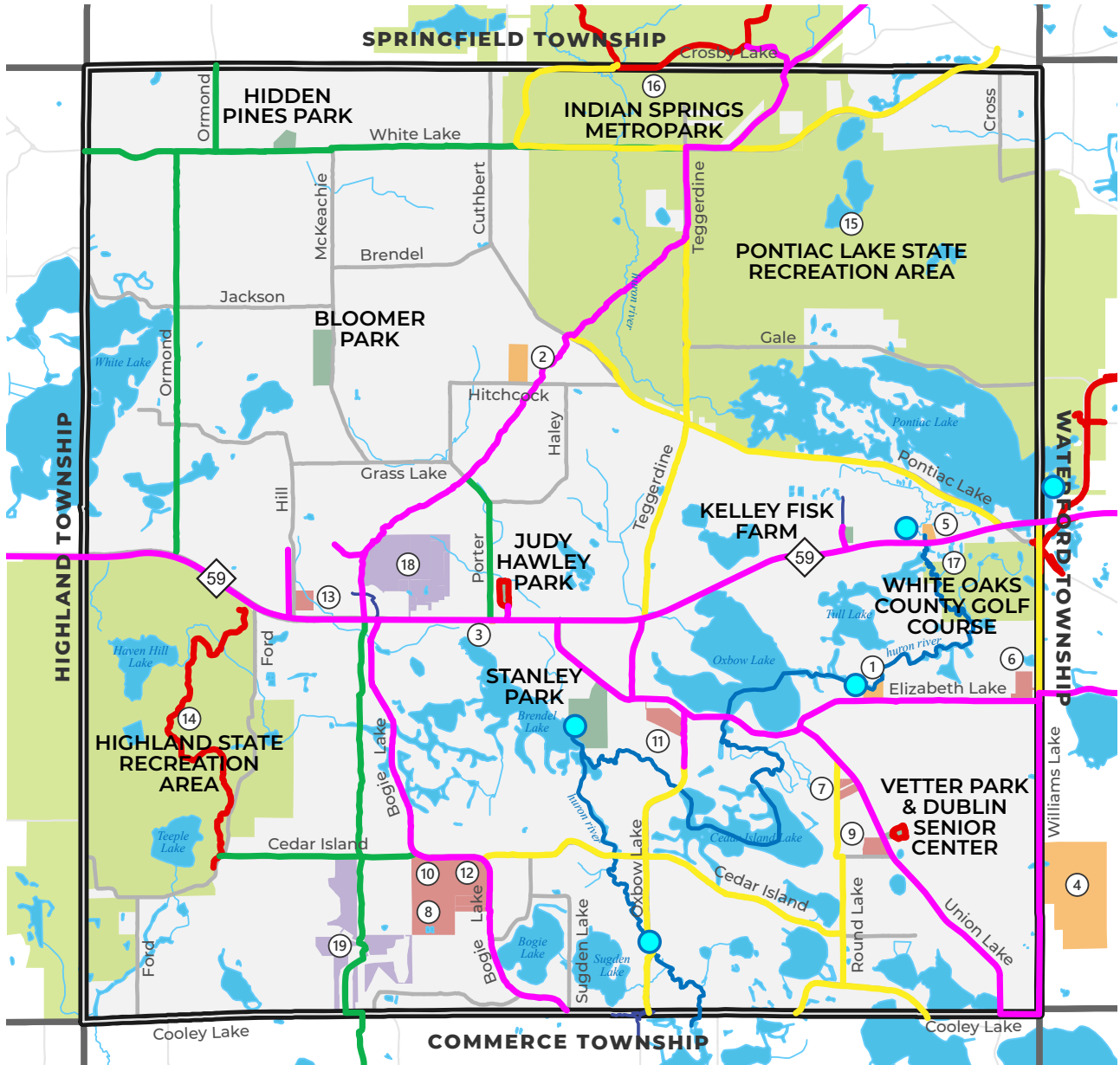
In general, sidepaths are preferred to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists in the Township due to the landuse pattern, right-of-way widths, and because of the relatively low rate of curb cuts along many of the major corridors. Sidepaths and sidewalks are not typically a safe facility for bicyclists where numerous curb cuts exist with high volumes of vehicular turning movements as is the case along more developed corridors such as M-59. Sidepath Design guidance published by MDOT (2018) as well as the FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks guidebook should be referenced to assist with signage, crossings, sidepath user visibility, speed reduction, etc.

Pedestrian Bridges and Boardwalks

White Lake Township enjoys extensive natural resources including numerous lakes, rivers, creeks, streams and acres of wetlands. These natural features also dictate the location of many of the road corridors in the community. In order to implement the Nonmotorized System Plan, a number of pedestrian bridges and/or sections of elevated boardwalk will be needed. These elements add to the design, permitting and cost of the system. Where a boardwalk and/or pedestrian bridge is needed, the bridge/boardwalk should be 4' wider than the joining trail/sidepath to incorporate the 2' of desired clearance on either side.

Enhanced/Paved Shoulders

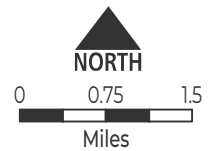
While separation of pedestrian/bicycle traffic from motor vehicles is desirable, there may be corridors and locations that prove the construction of sidepaths are not feasible due to width of right-of-way, significant natural features, proximity of homes/buildings, etc. Paved shoulders on the edge of roadways can be enhanced to serve as a functional space for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel in the absence of other facilities with more separation. Volumes and speeds on roads dictate the paved shoulder width needed



- WHITE LAKE TWP. PARKS**
- OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES**
- ① Elizabeth Lake Road Property
- ② Hitchcock Road Property
- ③ Old Community Hall
- ④ Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford)
- ⑤ M-59/Huron River Property
- SCHOOL PROPERTIES**
- ⑥ Houghton Elementary School
- ⑦ Dublin Elementary School
- ⑧ Lakewood Elementary School
- ⑨ St. Patrick Catholic School
- ⑩ White Lake Middle School
- ⑪ Oxbow Elementary School
- ⑫ Lakeland High School
- ⑬ Huron Valley Schools Property

- STATE | METROPARK | COUNTY PROPERTIES**
- ⑭ Highland State Recreation Area
- ⑮ Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- ⑯ Indian Springs Metropark
- ⑰ White Oaks County Golf Course
- PRIVATE PROPERTIES**
- ⑱ Alpine Valley Ski
- ⑲ Brentwood Golf Club

- Priority #1
- Priority #2
- Priority #3
- Proposed Huron River Water Trail
- Proposed Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Existing Trail/Sidepath Connections



**LONG TERM
NONMOTORIZED
SYSTEM
PRIORITIES MAP**

**WHITE LAKE
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to provide a safe space for pedestrians and bicyclists (typically 4'-8'). Paved shoulders provide a stable surface off of the roadway for pedestrians and bicyclists to use when sidepaths/sidewalks are not provided. They have shown to reduce pedestrian "walking along roadway" crashes as well as "bicyclist struck from behind" crashes (as noted in the FHWA Small Town/Rural Guide). Paved shoulders are advantageous for all roadway users and can also reduce shoulder maintenance requirements.

Mid-Block Crossings

Implementing a number of the segments of the proposed nonmotorized network will require the creation of safe mid-block crossings (as opposed to crossings at signalized intersections) in order to facilitate predictable crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists.

As detailed in the MDOT Sidepath Study (2018), the primary goals of crossings are to:

- reduce pedestrian/cyclist exposure to traffic and crossing distance
- increase mutual awareness and visibility
- manage traffic speed and flow

Treatment details will be unique to each location and will be determined during design but could include pavement markings, signage, pedestrian islands, curb extensions, stop and yield lines, lighting, rapid flash beacons, HAWK signals, ADA ramps, etc. Several of the

more significant crossings may need traffic studies to understand traffic patterns and ensure appropriate and safe treatments are designed and implemented.

Wayfinding/Signage

A coordinated wayfinding/signage system along the various trails is desired that would include confidence markers along the way, emergency markers and signage and maps that encourages exploration of nearby amenities and destinations. Signage packages should adhere to MUTCD standards.

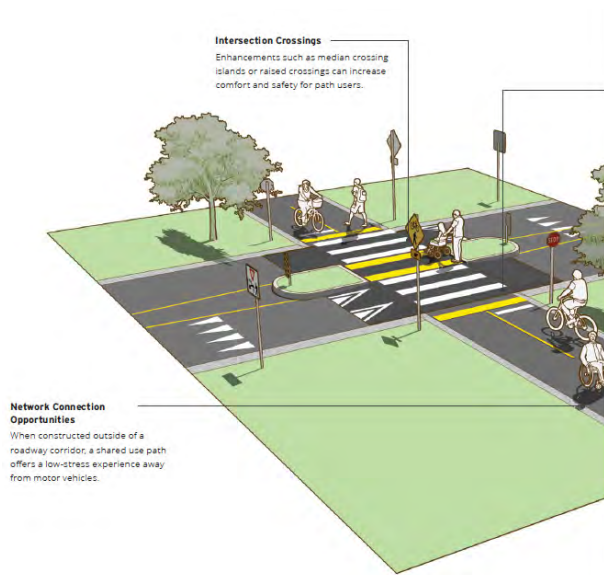
Bike Parking

Secure and convenient bike parking at public parks, public buildings, schools, retail destinations, places of employment, and multi-family residential developments will assist in encouraging and supporting use. It is recommended to review options to include bike parking (covered and/or uncovered) provisions in areas of the Township including multi-unit residential, office, retail, restaurant, hotels, theaters, fitness centers, etc. Additional incentives can be put into place to allow the provision of bike parking to substitute for a car stall.

Promote Education + Awareness

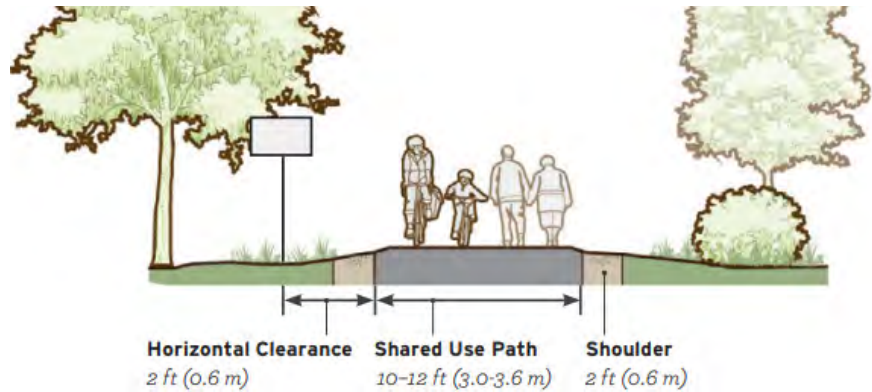
There is a need for education of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists in the region and state using a consistent message and terminology. A number of resources exist that work to help people understand the "rules of the road" while fostering respect between motorists, pedestrians, and bicycles to make everyone safer. It is recommended that White Lake Township utilize existing materials to promote awareness and education within the community. These messages and materials can be shared within the Township via social media, newsletters, on the electronic sign, email, etc.

In addition, MDOT's Sidepath Safety research project (2018) resulted in educational materials with specific messages related to bicyclists and drivers and sidepaths that can be referenced and utilized as appropriate.



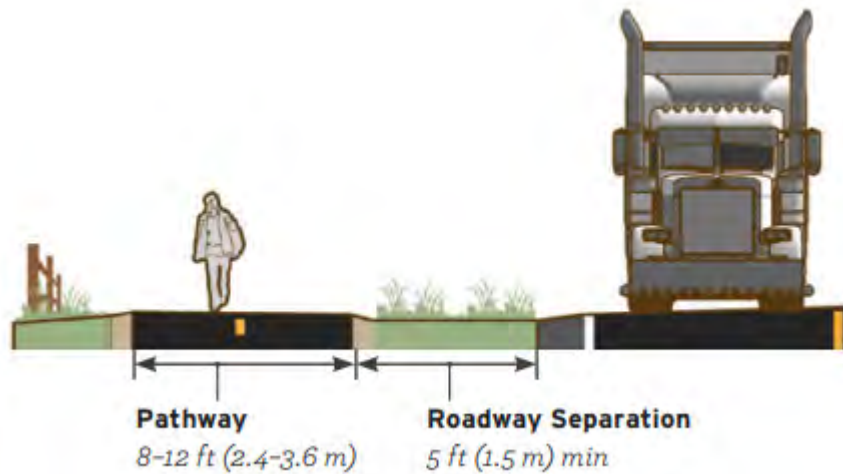
Shared Use Trail (FHWA)

Shared Use Trails offer network connectivity opportunities beyond that of the roadway network. These facilities are often located in parks along rivers, beaches, and in greenbelts or utility corridors where there are few conflicts with motorized vehicles.



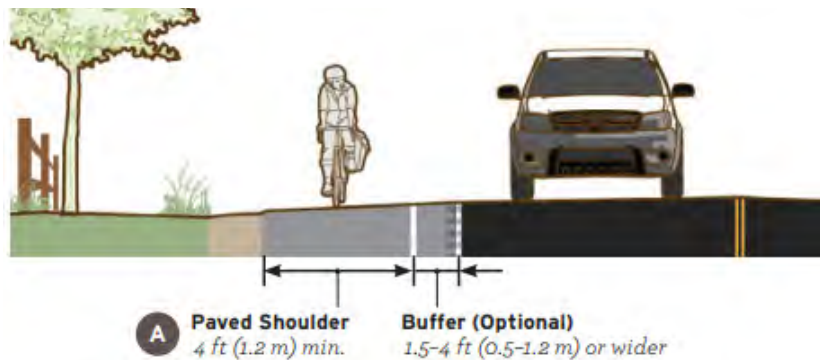
Sidepath (FHWA)

Sidepaths offer a low-stress experience for bicyclists and pedestrians on network routes otherwise inhospitable to walking and bicycling due to high-speed or high-volume traffic.



Paved Shoulder (FHWA)

Shoulders can improve bicyclist comfort and safety when traveling in higher speed and/or volume situations but only when adequate width is provided. If used, locate rumble strips on the edge line or within a buffer area that will not reduce usable space for bicyclists.



Highlighted Design Resources



FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks (2016)

Resource and idea book intended to help small towns and rural communities support safe, accessible, comfortable and active travel for people of all ages and abilities. It provides a bridge between existing guidance on bicycle and pedestrian design and rural practice, encourages innovation in the development of safe and appealing networks for bicycling and walking in small towns and rural areas, and shows examples of peer communities and implementation.

A .pdf of the document can be accessed at the FHWA website fhwa.dot.gov.



MDOT Sidepath Application Criteria Development for Bicycle Use (2018)

Explores Michigan residents' bicycle facility preferences and attitudes and behaviors toward bicycling, and research to understand bicycle crash characteristics along sidepaths in the service of better sidepath design guidance. Includes design guidance and considerations for Sidepaths in Michigan.

A .pdf of the document can be accessed at the MDOT website.

Capital Improvement Priorities

The capital improvement priorities for this Parks and Recreation Plan have been established for two primary reasons:

- to function as a planning framework and guide for the Township Board, Parks Committee, staff; and,
- to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for proposed projects.

The capital improvement priorities table is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The table reflects the results of brainstorming, data gathering, analysis and input from a variety of sources gathered during the planning process. It is likely that the priorities and plan may change at some point during the next five years due to unanticipated circumstances such as private donations, changing recreation trends, funding alternatives, community opinion and/or available grants. Funding availability is a key factor in the Township's ability to implement the proposed capital improvement priorities.

The capital improvement priorities table details the desired improvements for the years 2023-2027. The priorities are listed by short-term (1-2 yrs), mid-term (3-5 yrs), long-term (greater than 5 yrs), as well as on-going priorities for those items that should be revisited/evaluated each year. It is difficult to predict desires, funding availability, etc., in the years to come. However, it is important to note that parks and recreation capital projects undertaken by the Township should address the goals set forth in this Plan.

Millage = White Lake Township Park Millage

MNRTF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund

RPGP = Recreation Passport Grant Program

SPARK = MDNR Spark Grant (2023)

RWJF = Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation

TAP = MDOT TAP Program

Current funding and staffing levels at the Township are not sufficient for all of the ideas and desires documented in this Action Plan to be implemented – rather, this plan documents opportunities, desires and priorities to consider moving forward.

**White Lake Township
Parks + Recreation
Capital Improvement Priorities 2023-2027**

| General Items | Magnitude of Cost | | | | Potential Funding Sources | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---|---------------------|---------|
| | Short-Term (1-2 yrs) | Mid-Term (3-5 yrs) | Long-Term (5+yrs) | On-Going | Private donations, millage, MNRTF | Millage, LWCF, RPGP | Millage |
| <p>General Items</p> <p>Be Aware of Opportunities to Lease, Utilize, and/or Acquire Land That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protects Environmental Features Conserves Open Space Is Adjacent to or near Existing Parks Provides Linkages Between Destinations Could Provide Increased and Enhanced Recreation Opportunities | | | | X | | | |
| Pickleball Courts (location to be determined) | | X | | | | Millage, LWCF, RPGP | |
| Park Entrance Signs | | | X | | | Millage | |
| Stanley Park | | | | | | | |
| Construct Phase I Improvements (Already Funded/Designed) | X | | | | Millage, LWCF | | |
| Construct Additional Phases of Improvements Per Concept Plan | | X | | | Millage, MNRTF, SPARK, RPGP | | |
| Bloomer Park | | | | | | | |
| Add Porta John at Park Entrance | X | | | | Millage | | |
| Regrade and resurface pathways | X | | | | Millage | | |
| Extend Trail network per Concept Plan | | | | X | Millage, RPGP | | |
| Judy Hawley Park | | | | | | | |
| Install additional benches along path | X | | | | Millage | | |
| Replace playground equipment and improve barrier free access | X | | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Basketball Courts - repair drain, concrete repairs, and restripe | X | | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Improve barrier free parking spaces including paths to pavilion | X | | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Build pathway connecting park to M-59 | X | | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Resurface pathway loop as needed | | | | X | Millage | | |
| Ferdinand C Vetter Park | | | | | | | |
| Install benches along path | X | | | | Millage | | |
| Replace playground equipment | | X | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Resurface pathway loop as needed | | | | X | Millage | | |
| Canoe/Kayak/Water Trail Projects | | | | | | | |
| Develop canoe/kayak launch with small parking lot on M-59 parcel | | X | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Partner with HRWC on water trail signs, maps, and promotions | | X | | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Acquire property near Huron River/Oxbow Lake Road for a launch location | | | X | | Millage, LWCF, MNRTF, RPGP | | |
| Develop canoe/kayak launch with small parking lot near Huron River/Oxbow Lake Road | | | X | | Millage, MNRTF | | |
| Hitchcock Property | | | | | | | |
| Consider for development as a trailhead for 4 Seasons, cross-Township regional trail | | | X | | Millage, MNRTF | | |
| Nonmotorized Projects | | | | | | | |
| Construct Triangle Trail | X | | | | Millage, TAP, RWJF | | |
| White Lake 4 Seasons Trail (Cross Town ITC Corridor Trail) | | X | | | Millage, TAP, RWJF, MNRTF, HCMA + STATE | | |
| See Nonmotorized Plan and Priorities | | | | | Millage, TAP, RWJF, MNRTF, HCMA + STATE, Developers | | |



APPENDIX

Public Engagement Results

Survey Results

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Resolutions of Adoption

**White Lake Township
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Input
October 5, 2022**

'Wind in Our Sails' - Things we love

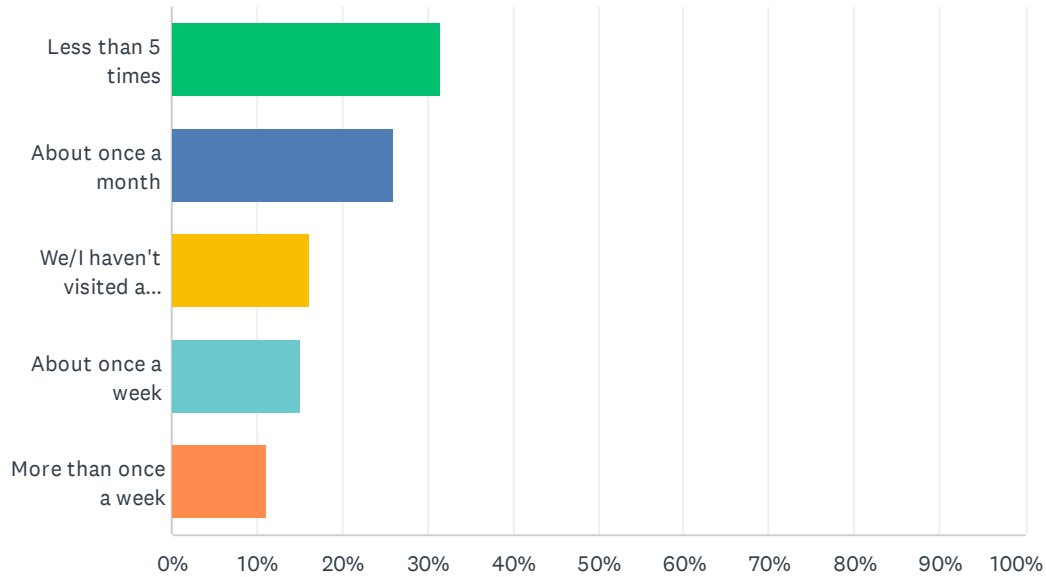
- The parks offer a balance of activities between them including walking, basketball, baseball, soccer, hiking, playgrounds, and Pavilions.
- Open Spaces
- Huron River flowing through Township
- Hawley Park is the best athletic field park
- Kelley Fisk Farm best event venue
- Dublin Center is the best Activity Center
- community sport areas with soccer and baseball
- hiking trails
- historic Township
- Fisk Farm Festival
- community activities
- good fresh air, walking paths, nature
- Stanley Park acquisition and planned development
- natural beauty within the parks including Stanley and bloomer
- historic sites
- water access for swimming and kayaking
- tree lighting
- parks are available for picnicking and games
- special events at Fisk Farm

Our challenges or things we would like to see

- Need to make residents aware of where Township parks are located
- money is a challenge
- we are not a walkable community - we need pathways along major roads.
- Difficult to maintain current facilities
- not enough funding now - this will hold us back going forward
- vast area to try to connect with trails
- we are limited in funding and walkable/bikeable trails
- funding
- more funding needed
- benches are needed at more frequent intervals
- skating and snowshoeing
- mountain biking
- not enough connectivity or trails and paths to schools and neighborhoods
- would like more citizens to use our parks and be aware of what's available
- we need more concern for environmental challenges and issues such as herbicides and pesticides as well as impacts of climate changes
- I live rurally and don't need a park
- no higher taxes
- natural wooded areas with trails
- getting voter support for millages could be a challenge
- more horse trails

Q1 Within the past year, how many times have you or a member of your household visited a White Lake Township park facility or trail?

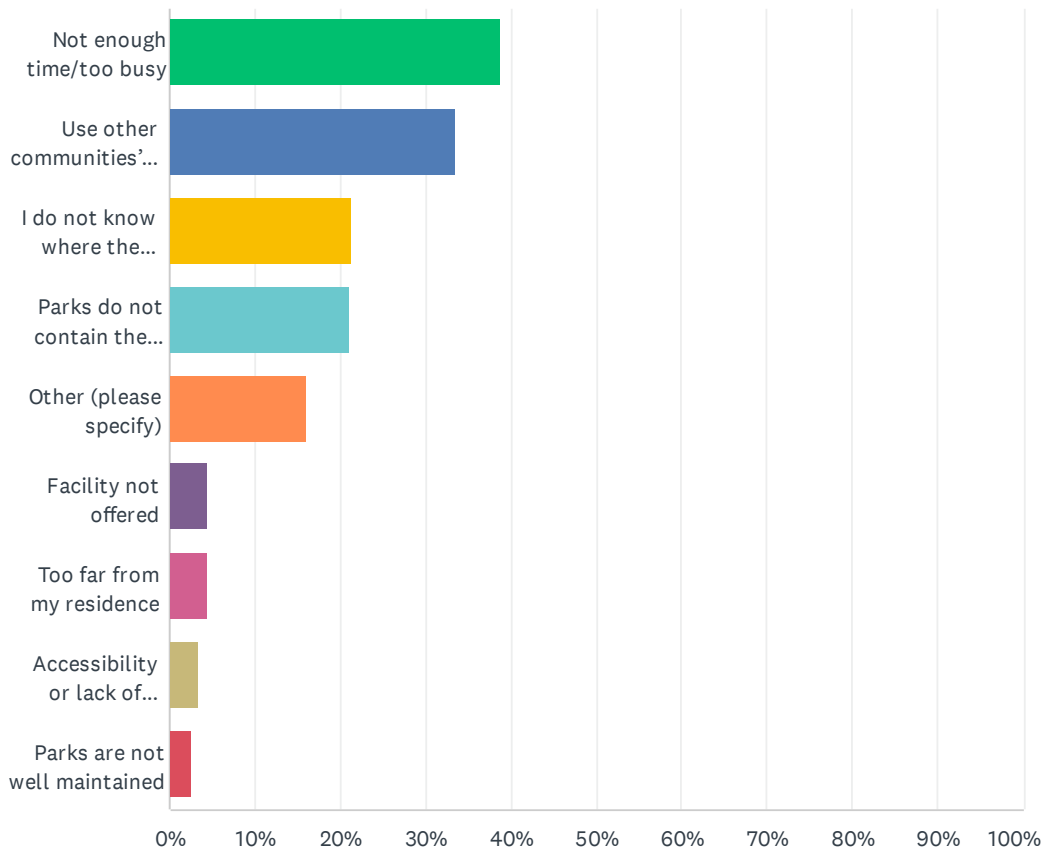
Answered: 441 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Less than 5 times | 31.52% | 139 |
| About once a month | 26.08% | 115 |
| We/I haven't visited a Township Park or Trail in the past year | 16.10% | 71 |
| About once a week | 15.19% | 67 |
| More than once a week | 11.11% | 49 |
| TOTAL | | 441 |

Q2 What reasons prevent your household from using White Lake Township parks and facilities more often? Check all that apply.

Answered: 407 Skipped: 36



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Not enough time/too busy | 38.82% | 158 |
| Use other communities' parks, facilities or programs | 33.42% | 136 |
| I do not know where the Township parks are | 21.38% | 87 |
| Parks do not contain the facilities we need/enjoy | 21.13% | 86 |
| Other (please specify) | 15.97% | 65 |
| Facility not offered | 4.42% | 18 |
| Too far from my residence | 4.42% | 18 |
| Accessibility or lack of transportation | 3.44% | 14 |
| Parks are not well maintained | 2.46% | 10 |
| Total Respondents: 407 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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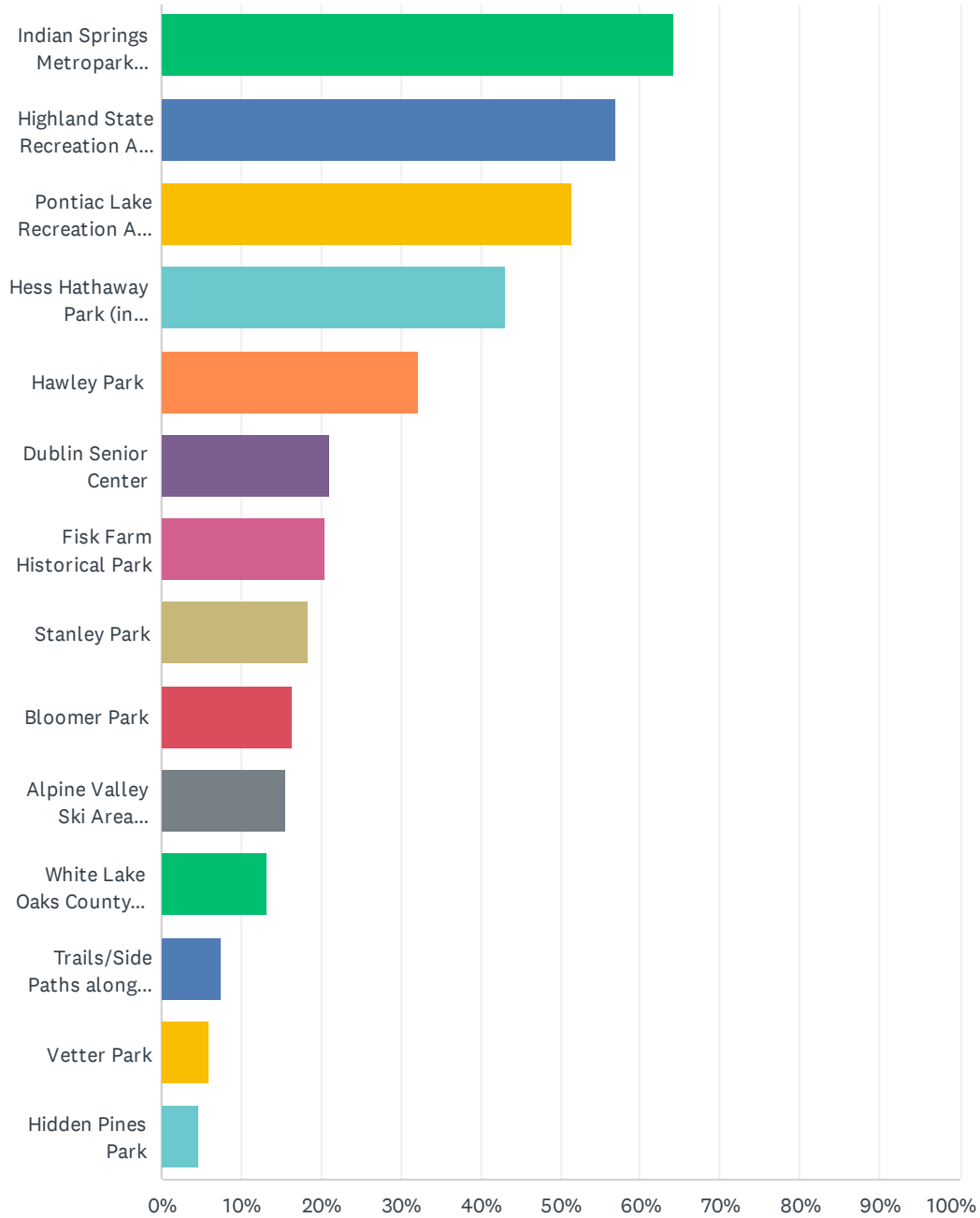
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| 1 | Lack of sidewalks leading up to the park | 9/14/2022 5:46 PM |
| 2 | not interested | 9/14/2022 4:13 PM |
| 3 | Personal mobility problems | 9/13/2022 8:25 PM |
| 4 | I live on brendel across from Stanley | 9/13/2022 10:00 AM |
| 5 | Not interested in using baseball fields or children's playgrounds. | 9/13/2022 9:39 AM |
| 6 | organized activities to draw me out to experience new things and introduce me to to the amenities of the various parks. | 9/12/2022 6:59 PM |
| 7 | Knee replaced- can't walk to good. | 9/12/2022 6:45 PM |
| 8 | I love the parks and hikes with friends. | 9/12/2022 6:42 PM |
| 9 | I'm happy with Vetter park, but the trees are over growing the walk path and the baseball diamond are in sad condition. | 9/12/2022 6:37 PM |
| 10 | Need to finish Stanley park with bench. | 9/12/2022 5:44 PM |
| 11 | Have no desire | 9/1/2022 4:40 PM |
| 12 | with 3 small children, I need restrooms available | 8/24/2022 9:21 AM |
| 13 | I prefer my backyard | 8/23/2022 4:33 PM |
| 14 | Just moved here | 8/23/2022 4:28 PM |
| 15 | More splash pads | 8/23/2022 2:27 PM |
| 16 | Fear of bikes on horse trails | 8/20/2022 8:48 AM |
| 17 | Family gone...we live on the lake. | 8/18/2022 10:41 PM |
| 18 | We use a white lake parks all the time! | 8/18/2022 7:32 PM |
| 19 | No dog park | 8/18/2022 10:28 AM |
| 20 | Take my Grandchildren often to Scralets Park | 8/17/2022 8:40 AM |
| 21 | Just not a thing we do anymore since our kids are older now | 8/17/2022 8:15 AM |
| 22 | No need. Live on a lake, with a private park. | 8/17/2022 8:04 AM |
| 23 | we go every day | 8/17/2022 7:28 AM |
| 24 | We use State Parks. | 8/17/2022 6:41 AM |
| 25 | cost of gas | 8/16/2022 11:19 PM |
| 26 | Nothing prevents me from using white lake township parks | 8/16/2022 10:27 PM |
| 27 | No bike paths for those close to us | 8/16/2022 9:25 PM |
| 28 | We need access to family friendly outdoor scapes. Playgrounds, parks, etc. We love the trails. | 8/16/2022 8:39 PM |
| 29 | Equine parking is too small for horse trailers if you want to do a group ride. Also asphalt for Equine parking?? Not fond of going here because of parking issues | 8/16/2022 8:20 PM |
| 30 | I don't want to buy stickers for all my cars - should have a card or app instead | 8/16/2022 5:17 PM |
| 31 | Live in the rural part of the township. That is my park. | 8/16/2022 5:05 PM |
| 32 | I as often as I like which is often. | 8/16/2022 2:44 PM |
| 33 | Personal safety at nature parks | 8/16/2022 1:43 PM |
| 34 | I go every day, actually. | 8/16/2022 1:32 PM |
| 35 | We use often. | 8/16/2022 1:10 PM |
| 36 | Not interested | 8/16/2022 12:31 PM |

White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Survey (2022)

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 37 | No contiguous sidewalks to ride/get there | 8/16/2022 12:00 PM |
| 38 | i work | 8/16/2022 11:57 AM |
| 39 | I use the parks often | 8/16/2022 11:04 AM |
| 40 | Would like Scarlett's park set up at one of our parks | 8/16/2022 10:53 AM |
| 41 | Need more walkways in general around white lake | 8/16/2022 10:17 AM |
| 42 | Don't want to | 8/16/2022 9:27 AM |
| 43 | Retired | 8/16/2022 9:13 AM |
| 44 | Horse staging area too small | 8/16/2022 9:03 AM |
| 45 | More areas and events for kids | 8/16/2022 8:52 AM |
| 46 | No large dog park areas | 8/16/2022 8:20 AM |
| 47 | I use only state parks, metro parks and side paths for cycling | 8/16/2022 7:52 AM |
| 48 | Use State parks | 8/15/2022 11:42 PM |
| 49 | Need a local dog park | 8/15/2022 10:55 PM |
| 50 | I use the state parks nearby to ride in | 8/15/2022 10:02 PM |
| 51 | Lack of sidewalks down major roads | 8/15/2022 7:55 PM |
| 52 | Beach | 8/15/2022 7:03 PM |
| 53 | We visit the local state park, Highland Rec., because of the vast hiking trail network. | 8/15/2022 6:40 PM |
| 54 | Pontiac state rec area is closer | 8/15/2022 5:51 PM |
| 55 | Would enjoy a dog park! Need more activities. No more "minimalist" mentality for our parks. | 8/15/2022 5:36 PM |
| 56 | Lack of paths/ trails to the parks and in the parks | 8/15/2022 5:22 PM |
| 57 | Seniors need a good area to walk need an indoor walking track since we lost access to high school | 8/15/2022 5:06 PM |
| 58 | Just moved here | 8/15/2022 4:59 PM |
| 59 | Not interested. | 8/15/2022 4:55 PM |
| 60 | Other facilities are more on route from other places | 8/15/2022 4:31 PM |
| 61 | Tics during summer months | 8/15/2022 4:29 PM |
| 62 | Currently the only park I use is the Pontiac Lake State Park. Would be very helpful if only connected all the parks. | 8/15/2022 2:34 PM |
| 63 | Waiting on the park to open off of Elizabeth lk rd to kayak. It sucks to have to walk down to the water instead of drive | 8/15/2022 1:10 PM |
| 64 | State & Metro Parks have more to offer but I do like community parks such as Scarlet' Place in Commerce | 8/15/2022 12:41 PM |
| 65 | Live on a lake and use the lake more often for recreation. | 8/15/2022 10:34 AM |

Q3 Which park/facility has your household used over the past year? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 418 Skipped: 25



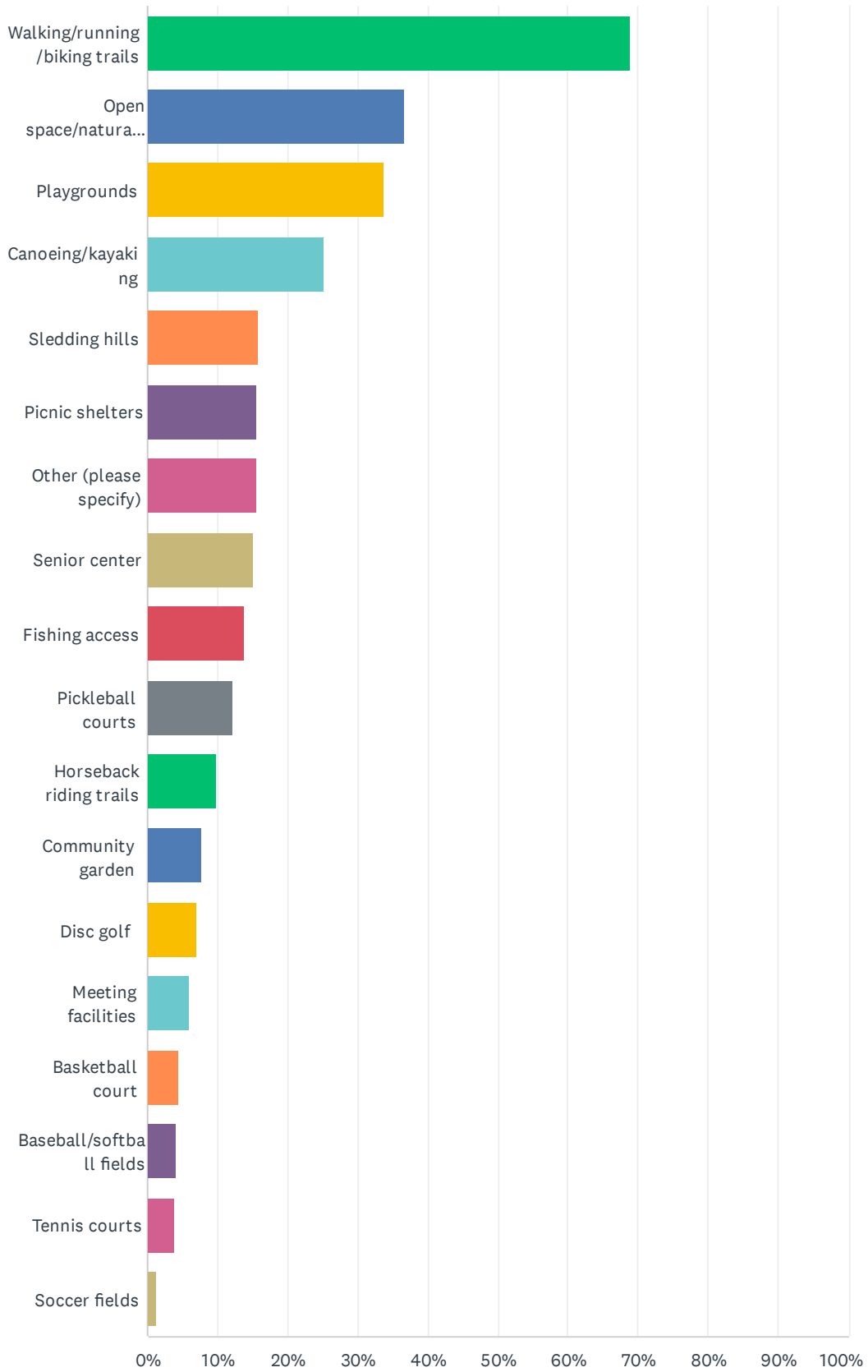
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Indian Springs Metropark (Metropark owned) | 64.11% | 268 |
| Highland State Recreation Area (State owned) | 56.94% | 238 |
| Pontiac Lake Recreation Area (State owned) | 51.44% | 215 |
| Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford Township) | 43.06% | 180 |
| Hawley Park | 32.30% | 135 |
| Dublin Senior Center | 21.05% | 88 |
| Fisk Farm Historical Park | 20.57% | 86 |
| Stanley Park | 18.42% | 77 |
| Bloomer Park | 16.51% | 69 |
| Alpine Valley Ski Area (privately owned) | 15.55% | 65 |
| White Lake Oaks County Golf Course (County owned) | 13.16% | 55 |
| Trails/Side Paths along M-59 | 7.42% | 31 |
| Vetter Park | 5.98% | 25 |
| Hidden Pines Park | 4.78% | 20 |
| Total Respondents: 418 | | |

Q4 Which (3) amenities from the list below (some of which we offer and some of which we don't currently offer) are most important for you or your household? Please select only 3 amenities.

Answered: 437 Skipped: 6

White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Survey (2022)



White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Survey (2022)

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Walking/running/biking trails | 68.88% | 301 |
| Open space/natural areas | 36.61% | 160 |
| Playgrounds | 33.64% | 147 |
| Canoeing/kayaking | 25.17% | 110 |
| Sledding hills | 15.79% | 69 |
| Picnic shelters | 15.56% | 68 |
| Other (please specify) | 15.56% | 68 |
| Senior center | 15.10% | 66 |
| Fishing access | 13.96% | 61 |
| Pickleball courts | 12.13% | 53 |
| Horseback riding trails | 9.84% | 43 |
| Community garden | 7.78% | 34 |
| Disc golf | 7.09% | 31 |
| Meeting facilities | 5.95% | 26 |
| Basketball court | 4.58% | 20 |
| Baseball/softball fields | 4.12% | 18 |
| Tennis courts | 3.89% | 17 |
| Soccer fields | 1.37% | 6 |
| Total Respondents: 437 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Dog friendly paths | 9/14/2022 4:38 PM |
| 2 | Dog access | 9/14/2022 4:24 PM |
| 3 | there is enough | 9/14/2022 4:13 PM |
| 4 | Roller/Ice rink | 9/14/2022 2:15 PM |
| 5 | restaurants | 9/12/2022 7:13 PM |
| 6 | organized activities(crafts, trips, etc....) | 9/12/2022 6:59 PM |
| 7 | Golf | 9/12/2022 6:46 PM |
| 8 | Mountain bike | 9/12/2022 5:46 PM |
| 9 | Golf Course | 9/5/2022 11:36 AM |
| 10 | We need Pickle Ball Courts | 8/29/2022 12:49 PM |
| 11 | Dog park | 8/26/2022 12:52 PM |
| 12 | Benches along walking trails and edges of open natural spaces | 8/26/2022 12:48 AM |
| 13 | restrooms | 8/25/2022 12:56 PM |
| 14 | Splash pad | 8/24/2022 11:38 PM |

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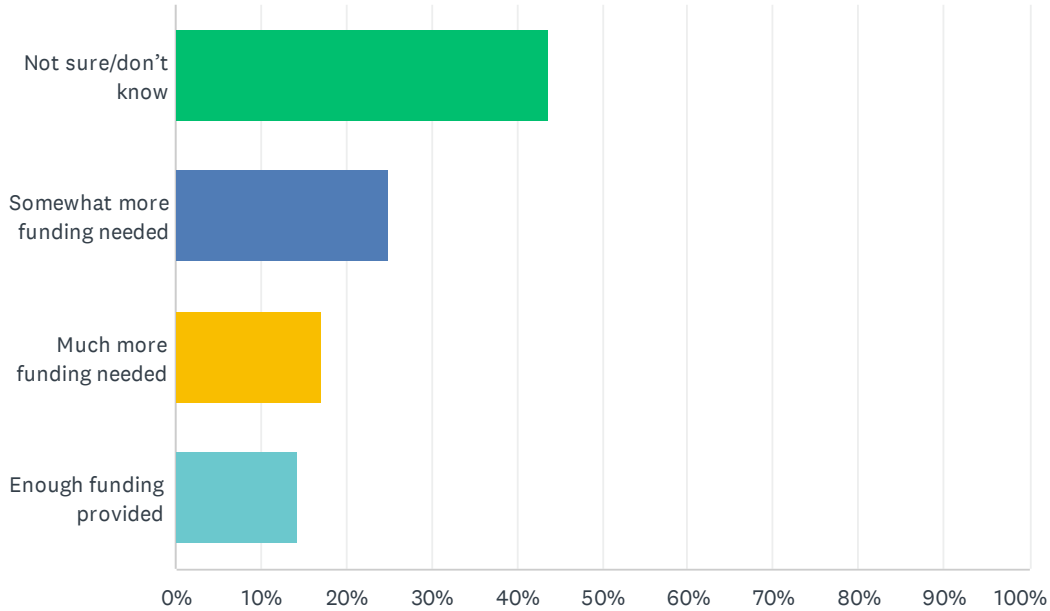
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| 15 | Splash pads/water parks for the kids. | 8/23/2022 3:55 PM |
| 16 | Dog park | 8/23/2022 3:52 PM |
| 17 | Community concerts | 8/23/2022 3:41 PM |
| 18 | Dog park please!!!!!! | 8/23/2022 2:30 PM |
| 19 | Pool | 8/23/2022 2:17 PM |
| 20 | Dog parks | 8/23/2022 1:57 PM |
| 21 | Wooded trails/Birdwatching | 8/18/2022 12:15 PM |
| 22 | Dog park area | 8/18/2022 10:28 AM |
| 23 | Dog Park | 8/17/2022 8:40 AM |
| 24 | Gun Range | 8/17/2022 6:41 AM |
| 25 | B | 8/16/2022 10:08 PM |
| 26 | Golf driving range | 8/16/2022 5:34 PM |
| 27 | Golf course | 8/16/2022 3:18 PM |
| 28 | I don't have any issue with the way the parks are. Let's not over-develop them. | 8/16/2022 2:44 PM |
| 29 | Beach facilities | 8/16/2022 1:43 PM |
| 30 | Beach | 8/16/2022 12:31 PM |
| 31 | Sidewalks along all roads to make the township walkable | 8/16/2022 12:00 PM |
| 32 | golf | 8/16/2022 11:57 AM |
| 33 | Baach, Fishing | 8/16/2022 11:30 AM |
| 34 | Things for my grandkids to enjoy | 8/16/2022 9:13 AM |
| 35 | Mountain biking single track | 8/16/2022 9:07 AM |
| 36 | Dog park with large open area | 8/16/2022 8:20 AM |
| 37 | Dog parks | 8/16/2022 8:09 AM |
| 38 | Equine Staging Area and camping | 8/16/2022 7:47 AM |
| 39 | Beach, gaga pits, modern clean restrooms | 8/16/2022 7:27 AM |
| 40 | Sand volleyball courts | 8/16/2022 6:30 AM |
| 41 | Safe connector trails/paths that connect to other parks | 8/15/2022 11:51 PM |
| 42 | Camping | 8/15/2022 11:42 PM |
| 43 | Sidewalks especially along main roads to and from the high schools | 8/15/2022 11:22 PM |
| 44 | Community pool | 8/15/2022 10:56 PM |
| 45 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 10:55 PM |
| 46 | Nature Centers | 8/15/2022 10:33 PM |
| 47 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 9:16 PM |
| 48 | Swimming | 8/15/2022 9:02 PM |
| 49 | Public beach | 8/15/2022 8:50 PM |
| 50 | We need a disc golf course ☺ | 8/15/2022 8:43 PM |
| 51 | Camping | 8/15/2022 7:39 PM |
| 52 | Beach | 8/15/2022 7:03 PM |

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| 53 | Water feature | 8/15/2022 6:52 PM |
| 54 | Snowmobile atv trails | 8/15/2022 5:49 PM |
| 55 | DOG PARK!!! (Disipointed this is not even a option on the list?? When this has been in the top 5 during the last two Parks & Rec. public workshops. | 8/15/2022 5:36 PM |
| 56 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 5:32 PM |
| 57 | Restrooms | 8/15/2022 5:27 PM |
| 58 | Golf | 8/15/2022 4:53 PM |
| 59 | Splash pad | 8/15/2022 4:52 PM |
| 60 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 4:49 PM |
| 61 | Splash pad | 8/15/2022 4:46 PM |
| 62 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 4:41 PM |
| 63 | Dog run | 8/15/2022 4:41 PM |
| 64 | Dog park | 8/15/2022 4:33 PM |
| 65 | restrooms | 8/15/2022 4:32 PM |
| 66 | Drove down access for Stanley Park. Having knee issues it's not handicap accessible | 8/15/2022 1:10 PM |
| 67 | Mountain bike specifically | 8/15/2022 11:53 AM |
| 68 | Porta Jon at Bloomer! | 8/15/2022 11:51 AM |

Q5 Do you think that current park facilities and programs in the Township have enough funding, or, do you think that more funding is needed?

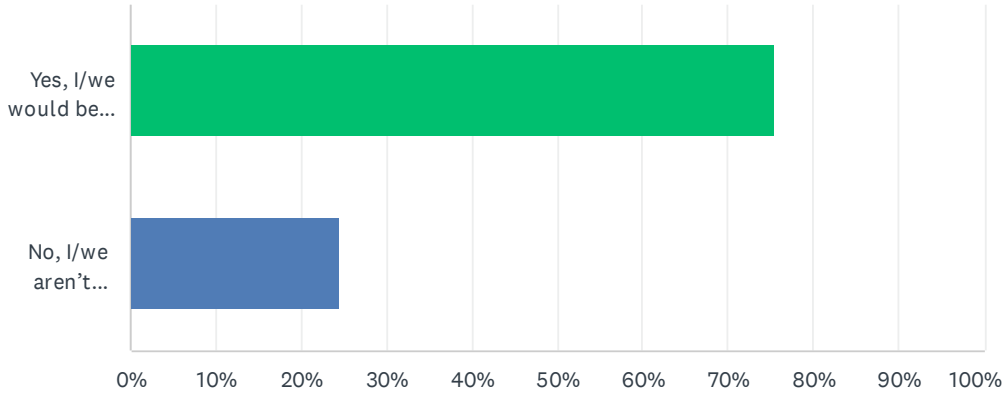
Answered: 436 Skipped: 7



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Not sure/don't know | 43.81% | 191 |
| Somewhat more funding needed | 25.00% | 109 |
| Much more funding needed | 16.97% | 74 |
| Enough funding provided | 14.22% | 62 |
| TOTAL | | 436 |

Q6 White Lake Township has held a few Special Events every year such as concerts, Family Fun Day, Fisk Farm Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, Tree Lighting, etc. Are these types of events of interest to you/your household?

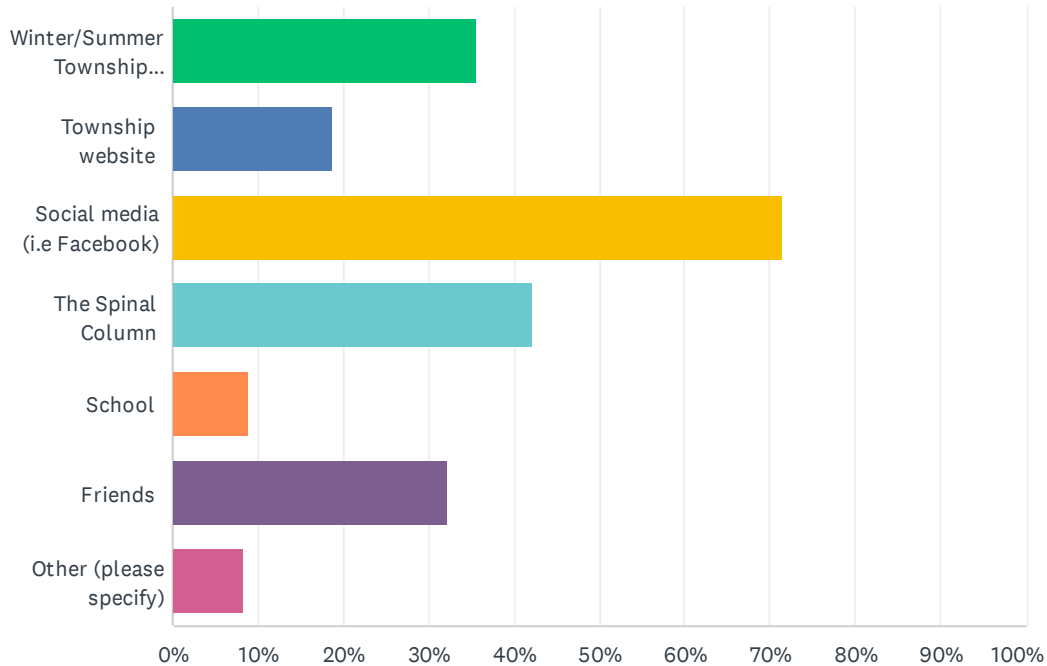
Answered: 431 Skipped: 12



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes, I/we would be interested in attending Special Events | 75.41% | 325 |
| No, I/we aren't interested in attending Special Events | 24.59% | 106 |
| TOTAL | | 431 |

Q7 Where does your household find out about things going on in the Township? Check all that apply

Answered: 438 Skipped: 5



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Winter/Summer Township Newsletter | 35.62% 156 |
| Township website | 18.72% 82 |
| Social media (i.e Facebook) | 71.46% 313 |
| The Spinal Column | 42.24% 185 |
| School | 8.90% 39 |
| Friends | 32.19% 141 |
| Other (please specify) | 8.22% 36 |
| Total Respondents: 438 | |

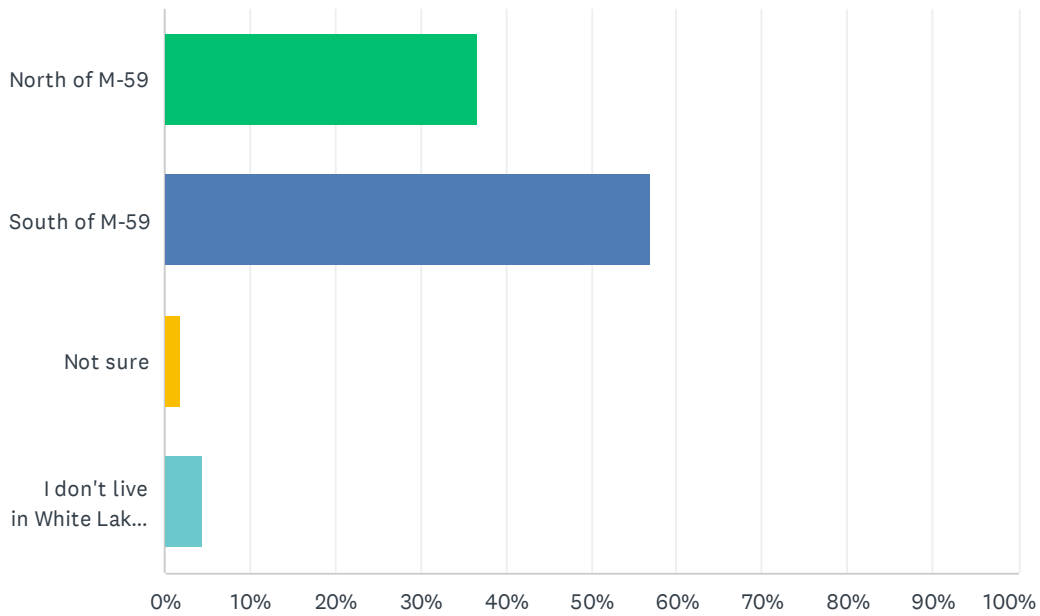
| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 1 | I am a member of the WLHS and we host many of events you mention, therefore I'm helping promote them. | 9/14/2022 8:26 PM |
| 2 | Monthly Parks & Rec meetings; WLTwp monthly meetings | 9/13/2022 8:25 PM |
| 3 | the Senior center | 9/12/2022 7:06 PM |
| 4 | flyers at the Senior center. | 9/12/2022 6:59 PM |
| 5 | at the senior center | 9/12/2022 6:51 PM |

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| 6 | the Senior center | 9/12/2022 6:37 PM |
| 7 | classes at the Dublin Senior center- we talk | 9/12/2022 6:31 PM |
| 8 | flyers at the Senior center. | 9/12/2022 6:24 PM |
| 9 | I work for the TWP. | 9/12/2022 5:54 PM |
| 10 | We do not know what is happening in White Lake. | 9/6/2022 9:10 PM |
| 11 | Local equestrian club | 8/26/2022 2:19 PM |
| 12 | From Homeonwers Assocaition | 8/20/2022 8:57 AM |
| 13 | radio | 8/19/2022 11:14 AM |
| 14 | Email | 8/17/2022 9:37 PM |
| 15 | We don't really see news. | 8/17/2022 8:42 AM |
| 16 | neighbors website | 8/17/2022 7:28 AM |
| 17 | Library | 8/17/2022 5:48 AM |
| 18 | BMX bike area | 8/16/2022 10:08 PM |
| 19 | Signs | 8/16/2022 12:31 PM |
| 20 | facebook | 8/16/2022 11:52 AM |
| 21 | Facebook | 8/16/2022 11:19 AM |
| 22 | Library | 8/16/2022 10:58 AM |
| 23 | We need more info, newsletter.... | 8/16/2022 9:27 AM |
| 24 | Library | 8/16/2022 9:12 AM |
| 25 | Posted signs on M59 | 8/16/2022 8:52 AM |
| 26 | Township sign in front of two office | 8/16/2022 7:32 AM |
| 27 | Library | 8/15/2022 10:45 PM |
| 28 | Sign in front of township offices | 8/15/2022 10:02 PM |
| 29 | Library newsletter | 8/15/2022 7:55 PM |
| 30 | Sign in front of police station | 8/15/2022 7:39 PM |
| 31 | Twp. newsletter is nothing more than a free mailing for the elected officials. | 8/15/2022 5:36 PM |
| 32 | Facebook | 8/15/2022 5:08 PM |
| 33 | The library | 8/15/2022 5:03 PM |
| 34 | Not enough communication is sent out! | 8/15/2022 1:10 PM |
| 35 | Haven't heard of them | 8/15/2022 11:53 AM |
| 36 | Email from Township, and Township meeting attendance | 8/15/2022 10:34 AM |

Q8 Do you live north of M-59 or south of M-59 in White Lake Township?

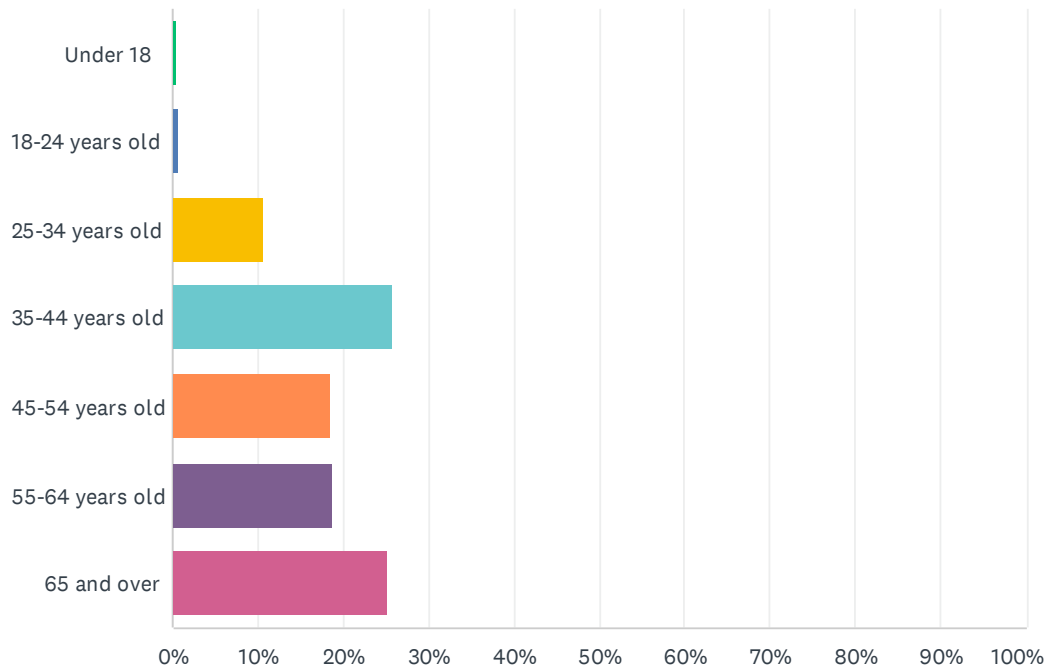
Answered: 439 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| North of M-59 | 36.67% | 161 |
| South of M-59 | 56.95% | 250 |
| Not sure | 1.82% | 8 |
| I don't live in White Lake Township | 4.56% | 20 |
| TOTAL | | 439 |

Q9 What is your age?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Under 18 | 0.45% | 2 |
| 18-24 years old | 0.68% | 3 |
| 25-34 years old | 10.63% | 47 |
| 35-44 years old | 25.79% | 114 |
| 45-54 years old | 18.55% | 82 |
| 55-64 years old | 18.78% | 83 |
| 65 and over | 25.11% | 111 |
| TOTAL | | 442 |

Q10 Please make any additional comments that you think would be helpful.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 301

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Don't charge for the Metroparks. | 9/15/2022 10:43 AM |
| 2 | Keep as many green spaces as possible. Getting too many strip malls that are now empty. White Lake is losing its rural feel. | 9/15/2022 6:45 AM |
| 3 | Need better sidewalk solutions so that the family can ride their bikes to/from the park. Parks are great, but we have to drive to/from because of lack of sidewalks or lack of properly maintained sidewalks (i.e. bridge between Sunset & Firestation. | 9/14/2022 5:46 PM |
| 4 | Safe walking/running paths would be nice, a roller hockey rink that is kept up would be great since there are a lot of local kids who play, and things geared towards tween/teens instead of focusing on playgrounds, older kids need something to do in this area. | 9/14/2022 2:15 PM |
| 5 | Better bathroom facilities (Hide the port-a-potty) and hand cleaning would be nice. | 9/13/2022 8:25 PM |
| 6 | More activities, restaurants, shopping, etc. | 9/12/2022 7:13 PM |
| 7 | there should be welcome packets to new residents with all this in it. | 9/12/2022 7:06 PM |
| 8 | programs at the Dublin center are great, love to see more | 9/12/2022 6:59 PM |
| 9 | park for handy capped people | 9/12/2022 6:45 PM |
| 10 | I have been to White Lake, living and visiting for two years and I am enjoying the parks and the general. | 9/12/2022 6:42 PM |
| 11 | Dublin Community Senior center is an excellent center full of great people and activities! Love the trail around in the back of the center as well. | 9/12/2022 6:31 PM |
| 12 | We need a larger senior center | 9/12/2022 6:24 PM |
| 13 | Get with Alpine and create bike/hike trail system in that area | 9/12/2022 5:41 PM |
| 14 | Many of my neighbors do not know about this survey or what the plan (or even what) for Stanley Park is. | 9/9/2022 3:26 PM |
| 15 | Mailing on what events are happening in the area would be great. Not much of a newspaper reader if it is in the newspaper. | 9/9/2022 7:25 AM |
| 16 | Some of the areas in Hawley park are not well maintained since the new landscaping company took over. Flower area around the flag is completely overgrown. | 8/29/2022 8:55 AM |
| 17 | It would be wonderful to have sidewalks along Bogie Lake road. | 8/28/2022 3:18 PM |
| 18 | We love the natural feel of the parks in White Lake. We love the walking trails and views of the lakes. | 8/27/2022 8:00 AM |
| 19 | Moved to White Lake for equestrian property and available trail options, would like to see safe riding options preserved for the next generation. | 8/26/2022 2:19 PM |
| 20 | A pamphlet with park locations, description of activities, trail map, facilities, and hours of operations would be nice | 8/26/2022 12:48 AM |
| 21 | Clean restrooms | 8/25/2022 12:56 PM |
| 22 | Single track mountain bike trails in addition to paved/limestone trails would be nice | 8/23/2022 8:41 PM |
| 23 | Most White Lake staff members are helpful and pleasant. The parks need more staffing and programming. More access to bodies of water too. I like the pet waste stations. | 8/23/2022 4:36 PM |

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| 24 | Excited to check out the parks now that i live here. | 8/23/2022 4:28 PM |
| 25 | I love the current situation in White lake, my children and I frequently visit the white lake parks. Indian springs being our favorite. | 8/23/2022 3:55 PM |
| 26 | We would visit the township parks a lot more if we had walking/biking trails along major roadways to get to the parks (ie. Bogie Lake Road, Elizabeth Lake Road, Oxbow Lake Road, etc.) | 8/23/2022 2:27 PM |
| 27 | Would love to have a lazy river/water slides or toboggan run added locally. Also some fun playground equipment like at Scarlett's playground in commerce. | 8/23/2022 1:50 PM |
| 28 | Just moved to White Lake from West Bloomfield and we're still using park facilities in other municipalities to entertain our 2 year old son. I wish there were more kid friendly spaces in White Lake. Scarlett's Park, Hess Hathaway and even the play area next to the Commerce Library are lovely. | 8/22/2022 12:02 PM |
| 29 | With grandkids, a nice playground closer by would be nice. Unfortunately Hawley and Indian Springs need to be updated. | 8/19/2022 7:09 AM |
| 30 | More playgrounds | 8/18/2022 8:20 PM |
| 31 | I do not feel the township needs to offer anymore amenities. I enjoy the state parks that We are lucky to have and already pay taxes on. All residents already have plenty of amenities | 8/18/2022 8:11 PM |
| 32 | We use many white lake parks on literally a daily basis! | 8/18/2022 7:32 PM |
| 33 | I just believe we need a dog park in this area. | 8/18/2022 10:28 AM |
| 34 | Highland camp needs the pavilion finished. The lumber has been sitting in the field for years. That has to be a lot of money being wasted if not assembled. | 8/17/2022 10:23 PM |
| 35 | Highland Rec needs a bigger horse staging area | 8/17/2022 4:30 PM |
| 36 | The Township does not enforce park rules and allows dogs to run at large in the parks. The Township receives more than enough funding for parks and recreation. Taxpayers should not be burdened with more taxes for government provided recreation. If a resident wants "recreation", they should pay for it themselves. | 8/17/2022 2:59 PM |
| 37 | The Sidewalks that run along side of M59 are atrocious, unkept, and dangerous. Waterford, Highland, Hartland all have better sidewalks along M59. | 8/17/2022 2:23 PM |
| 38 | Bike / walking trails throughout the township would be greatly appreciated. Would be nice to be able to walk or ride without having to ride on the roads. | 8/17/2022 12:49 PM |
| 39 | Thank you for all you do! | 8/17/2022 8:42 AM |
| 40 | When I lived in Waukesha County near Milwaukee, dog parks where everywhere. I had two less then 8 miles from where I lived. | 8/17/2022 8:40 AM |
| 41 | drive down kayak launches where available.....some kayaks are heavy and its not easy to carry or wheel to launch areas | 8/17/2022 8:30 AM |
| 42 | The parks give us the opportunity to refresh our state of mind to realize the important part nature plays in our day to day lives. | 8/17/2022 7:28 AM |
| 43 | Need more horse safety signs. Too many of us are getting hurt. Thank you | 8/17/2022 7:15 AM |
| 44 | Would love to see facilities programs of interest to teens. We use Huron valley parks/rec for their great programs, but would love to stay closer to WL if decent options offered. | 8/17/2022 5:48 AM |
| 45 | Have been taking care of my mom in Royal Oak for the last 3 years, so I don't get to spend much time at home, enjoying the parks | 8/17/2022 12:30 AM |
| 46 | White Lake offers the best parks for horseback riding, I sure hope WhiteLake considers the needs of the people who live in the area with horses. | 8/16/2022 10:27 PM |
| 47 | We need bike paths in this township- we live close to the library, Stanley park, etc. but my kids are not safe to bike or walk there. It's a huge miss for White Lake! | 8/16/2022 9:25 PM |
| 48 | play structure needed at Hidden Pines Park | 8/16/2022 9:17 PM |

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| 49 | need more horse back riding trails and equestrian camping facilities should be open for camping later in the year | 8/16/2022 9:15 PM |
| 50 | Please don't over build natural areas of White Lake. It's ok to have some area undeveloped to keep the natural beauty of the township. | 8/16/2022 8:33 PM |
| 51 | Pontiac equine parking is very hard to see from road and very small area for parking | 8/16/2022 8:20 PM |
| 52 | Would love to see sidewalks on cedar island rd | 8/16/2022 7:43 PM |
| 53 | I think Stanley Park has a lot of potential and look forward to it's development. | 8/16/2022 7:08 PM |
| 54 | Please keep horse trails!! So important to many | 8/16/2022 6:25 PM |
| 55 | We notice that White Lake Parks have LOTS of room for pickleball courts! | 8/16/2022 6:20 PM |
| 56 | Never put Basketball courts in /around people's home. I am sick and tired of the noise of the balls behind my home. I used to enjoy my backyard. Not any more. Please move the courts out of Hawley park. It's right behind our home. Whoever thought that was a good idea should have their heads examined. | 8/16/2022 5:58 PM |
| 57 | There should be a trail/bike path along White Lake Rd in the utility easement to get to the parks and for bikes to safely travel | 8/16/2022 5:17 PM |
| 58 | Walking paths needed to and from school complex | 8/16/2022 5:02 PM |
| 59 | I welcome the idea of new township parks/facilities. However, I do not like the idea of destroying or rezoning of current natural areas to create additional housing areas or homes. I like the idea of creating additional hiking/bike trails, or smaller recreational areas such as sports fields/courts. I do not think White Lake Township should look to remove natural areas for additional housing. | 8/16/2022 4:20 PM |
| 60 | I would most love to see sidewalks/bike paths along Elizabeth Lake Road and Union Lake Road. I would love to be able to bike from my house to the library area. | 8/16/2022 2:23 PM |
| 61 | Please post No Camping/No Long Term Parking signage and enforce. | 8/16/2022 1:32 PM |
| 62 | Need new horse staging area and campground in Highland Recreation area. | 8/16/2022 12:34 PM |
| 63 | Don't raise tax | 8/16/2022 12:31 PM |
| 64 | The township is being overdeveloped regarding housing. Every piece of land is turning into some type of housing. We need sewers wherever possible. Septic tanks are failing all around me. | 8/16/2022 12:27 PM |
| 65 | It's an embarrassment that our k-12 schools do not have potable water. Amazing anyone would move here given that fact. | 8/16/2022 12:00 PM |
| 66 | Horse trails are a priority. We need more before the land is designated for other uses. | 8/16/2022 11:52 AM |
| 67 | Curious about the trails/side paths along M59. Are you talking about the overgrown, crumbly, dangerous (from the high-speed drivers) 'bike paths' along M59? | 8/16/2022 11:25 AM |
| 68 | We need to keep green space and stop developing every free piece of land. People live here for a more rural feel, not a big busy city. And please, noose fast food, if anything it would be nice to have a nicer restaurant or a Trader Joe's or specialty grocery store. | 8/16/2022 11:04 AM |
| 69 | Highland recreation needs its own equestrian staging area, and campground... its dangerous for horses camping during nonhorse events with regular campers. And the staging area needs more room | 8/16/2022 10:42 AM |
| 70 | Looking forward to our civic center development and all the activities that will bring for residents | 8/16/2022 10:37 AM |
| 71 | I think I'm general more walking/biking paths around white lake. Elizabeth Lake Road near library and down oxbow and down bogey lake road would be beneficial. | 8/16/2022 10:17 AM |
| 72 | Protect Horse trails and enlarge staging area | 8/16/2022 9:03 AM |
| 73 | I wish there was more that involved families with children I find we often go to commerce/novi/Livonia for fun events. White lake puts on great events when we have them we just don't have them often enough. It's great to be able to meet other local families and | 8/16/2022 8:52 AM |

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connect with our community. I wish we had better play areas for kids now and as they grow with actives to do to keep them out of trouble and keep the community clean. Basketball courts, canoeing, tennis would be great if they were not all additional cost like they are more thru programs & school.

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| 74 | Better staging areas for horse riders, easier access for trailers, more water stations for day time riders who don't have the means to transport large amounts of water. | 8/16/2022 8:39 AM |
| 75 | A new staging area at highland recreation with no asphalt | 8/16/2022 8:24 AM |
| 76 | Need large dog park similar to Orion Oaks | 8/16/2022 8:20 AM |
| 77 | More sidewalks in white lake | 8/16/2022 8:12 AM |
| 78 | Sidewalks would be great. Especially by Lakeland HS for safety and running/walking. Concerts in the park would be fun but with more lively bands like Milford. What we have at Hess seems like it is geared for little kids or seniors. | 8/16/2022 8:09 AM |
| 79 | Mountain biking and gravel/road cycling is very important to our family. We use the parks which have cycling trails and paths multiple times a week. A safe path from Highland State Rec to Pontiac Lake State Rec is very important and is helpful to all those who even just walk along the highway. A sidewalk full of road debris literally next to the highway with no barriers is not a safe path. Connecting communities and neighborhoods with safe paths is vital to the health and growth of a town. Please look at the Bentonville to Fayetteville, Arkansas greenway as an example. Besides their hundreds miles of mountain bike trails, their communities are connected safely and their home values have tripled in the last decade. | 8/16/2022 7:52 AM |
| 80 | Our family are avid Mt bikers. I think developing more parks and trails in white lake is very important. | 8/16/2022 7:48 AM |
| 81 | Safe passage between parks would be great. | 8/16/2022 7:32 AM |
| 82 | More parks with updated playgrounds would be great. Hawley play structure is near unusable. It needs updated very badly. | 8/16/2022 7:16 AM |
| 83 | For safety reasons the Highland rec needs a new staging area for the horses | 8/16/2022 7:07 AM |
| 84 | Family of 5 with 3 kids. Love to see more from the parks BUT not sure we can afford to at this time. Times are tight and our home taxes are high (for the area as we've been told more than a few times by tax professionals). | 8/16/2022 6:30 AM |
| 85 | We live between two very well know mountain bike trails (Pontiac Lake & Highland Rec) and the fact that you cannot safely ride from one to the other is doing our community a disservice. Teggerdine is far to dangerous for a hiker/biker to travel on. Imagine if walking/biking trails connected us to Clarkston, Commerce (Hickory Glenn) & to Milford. Now that would be amazing! I love seeing all of the people walking along Commerce Rd by the library or in Milford but we are unable to do that here in WLT. The paths along side M59 are embarrassing and have never used them. They are overgrown with vegetation, covered with debris & beyond neglected. It doesn't exactly project a good first impression of our community. | 8/15/2022 11:51 PM |
| 86 | Sidewalks are important To my family as we would like to walk, run and bike to other locations from our house. I also have 3 kids who will be able to walk to their high school but there are currently not side walks. This is not safe and needs to be addressed with the growing community! | 8/15/2022 11:22 PM |
| 87 | White Lake needs a community pool, not another spray n play! | 8/15/2022 10:56 PM |
| 88 | I think sidewalks on Bogie Lake Road, especially between Lakeland high school and Walled Lake northern high school, would be very beneficial. The high school kids use that road for running cross country and track all the time. The sidewalks would make it much safer for them. | 8/15/2022 10:55 PM |
| 89 | Would love a local dog park- would be willing to pay extra (yearly fee?) to be able to access a dog park. Not sure I am aware of the White Lake parks and what is offered . Always aware of what the Library offers - maybe piggyback with their communication ? | 8/15/2022 10:55 PM |
| 90 | I didn't know of half of the township parks, let alone where they are located. I will check for a map on the township website. | 8/15/2022 10:45 PM |
| 91 | Please don't over-develop any of them. | 8/15/2022 10:41 PM |

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| 92 | I think our parks are well maintained and beautiful places to visit. | 8/15/2022 10:33 PM |
| 93 | We de | 8/15/2022 10:02 PM |
| 94 | Please consider sidewalks on Bogie Lake Road. It would be great to connect all the way to Lakeland. We are a big running, walking, biking community and sidewalks for all of these neighborhoods to access seems like a safe idea. I live off of Bogie Lake and Cedar Island and I hate that kids are walking a narrow dirt road to and from school. Sidewalks are a safer option for all. | 8/15/2022 9:41 PM |
| 95 | Definitely need a playground and skate park for these kids | 8/15/2022 9:24 PM |
| 96 | None | 8/15/2022 9:16 PM |
| 97 | We really enjoy the parks that offer playgrounds and have been really happy with our experiences! | 8/15/2022 8:58 PM |
| 98 | Please please please let's get a disc golf course! I have so much help for free! Loryn Fabrick 2488964045 | 8/15/2022 8:43 PM |
| 99 | I think the addition of sidewalks along Bogie Lake Rd would be wonderful. My children attend the schools at the Lakeland campus. | 8/15/2022 8:19 PM |
| 100 | We love our local parks ... it was what made us build in this area 14 years ago. | 8/15/2022 8:11 PM |
| 101 | Would love to see swings at Vetter park | 8/15/2022 8:09 PM |
| 102 | I'm not sure what my age has to do with the survey bc my whole family's ages is why we do many events etc. sidewalks down Boogie lk would be the best to connect near by subdivisions and schools. | 8/15/2022 7:55 PM |
| 103 | My family really enjoys attending community events. We use to live in Oakland Township and miss the events they would hold. | 8/15/2022 7:51 PM |
| 104 | We love to see natural spaces preserved and utilized by residents. | 8/15/2022 7:49 PM |
| 105 | Please don't over build White Lake. One of the reasons we love living here is because it is not built up like neighboring communities. | 8/15/2022 7:48 PM |
| 106 | White lake doesn't seem to have very many kid/family friendly parks. We use other community parks for hiking, fishing, biking, and playgrounds, splash pads. It would be nice to have something in our own community. | 8/15/2022 7:41 PM |
| 107 | A dog park would be awesome too!! | 8/15/2022 7:39 PM |
| 108 | We would love more sidewalks on our streets to be able to walk and ride our bikes to mire places. Especially along Bogie and sidewalks all the way down 59. | 8/15/2022 7:22 PM |
| 109 | Four season, well marked trails in natural forests are our favorites, as well as playgrounds with danger elements (12 and 5 year old in the house). | 8/15/2022 7:20 PM |
| 110 | We need more sidewalks | 8/15/2022 7:11 PM |
| 111 | Please fix Stanley park with swimmable beach, trails | 8/15/2022 7:03 PM |
| 112 | We desperately need connecting sidewalks! We live in Autumn Glen and would love to bike or walk to school, stores, library etc but cannot bc we have no connecting sidewalks. This is an outdoor community we should not build business and neighborhoods with sidewalks leading in or out that do not connect to other things. Union lake and Williams lake are a death trap without sidewalks!! | 8/15/2022 7:03 PM |
| 113 | Would like running and biking paths along Bogie and Cooley. | 8/15/2022 7:02 PM |
| 114 | We would really like to see a developed parks and rec program with offerings similar to Waterford Township. | 8/15/2022 6:52 PM |
| 115 | We would love to have a dog park space with natural shade, water, and swimming access. Orion Oaks Dog Park is a grand space our community could take ideas from. Do not copy Milford Dog Park. | 8/15/2022 6:40 PM |
| 116 | Side walks and street lights | 8/15/2022 6:23 PM |

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| 117 | We work in White Lake and live JUST south of the white lake/Commerce border. Commerce has so many trail options for biking and running. I would love to see White Lake add some options. A sidewalk connecting Lakeland and Northern would be a dream. | 8/15/2022 6:21 PM |
| 118 | I think it would be really important for there to be a sidewalk down bogie lake road. There are many students between Lakeland and northern. I have see a lot of kids walking the road and they need a space to walk. A few years back a Cc runner from Lakeland was hit by a car right outside Lakeland. This community needs to supprt being a biking/running:walking community | 8/15/2022 5:57 PM |
| 119 | Would be nice to have a snowmobile/atv seasonal trail system | 8/15/2022 5:49 PM |
| 120 | Website is dated and hard to use when the township website is actually up and working. (I haven't been able to access it for months) | 8/15/2022 5:46 PM |
| 121 | Parks & Rec committee needs "new blood!" They're super boring! Township shouldn't perpetrate that they are hosting events that actually hardworking volunteers/residents are doing. For example the Historical Society events or the tree lighting (residents want to do that without the Supervisor pretending he did it). Parks & Rec should host their own original new events. | 8/15/2022 5:36 PM |
| 122 | Should have bathrooms at all the parks, need to promote the events and parks more/ better - need paths to get to the parks and in the area | 8/15/2022 5:22 PM |
| 123 | They have restricted hours for using indoor walking track at Lakeland. Seniors need this especially in the winter. It was a God send to us. So many people our age used that. | 8/15/2022 5:06 PM |
| 124 | I would love more walking/biking trails throughout the township | 8/15/2022 5:02 PM |
| 125 | If I had to choose between more commercial development and houses and more parks, I would pick parks. We don't have the street infrastructure to support more houses! Traffic is terrible and the grocery stores can't keep up! You should have plenty of millage money to support parks, fire/police, library and etc with all these new developments. You are turning the White Lake M59 corridor into Waterford and it needs to stop! | 8/15/2022 4:55 PM |
| 126 | I use Highland Rec, most days, love nature. | 8/15/2022 4:53 PM |
| 127 | Would love to see more family friendly events | 8/15/2022 4:52 PM |
| 128 | People gather in dog parks | 8/15/2022 4:49 PM |
| 129 | Would love to see the township look into adding disc golf to some of the parks. It's great exercise and something all ages can do. Even 9-hole courses would get use (like Gilbert Willis Park in Wixom) | 8/15/2022 4:46 PM |
| 130 | Would love to see dedicated bike paths that possibly connect the State Parks and Indian Springs...keeping bikers off the roadways would be so much safer! Would ultimately love to see some way to connect White Lake to the amazing trail system in Commerce, Milford! Check out the Paint Creek trail that runs from Rochester to Lake Orion, it would be a model I would definitely follow! | 8/15/2022 4:37 PM |
| 131 | Bigger playgrounds with more climbing structures for older kids. | 8/15/2022 4:36 PM |
| 132 | Please try to keep more natural beauty instead of chopping a bunch of trees down for an underutilized area. | 8/15/2022 4:35 PM |
| 133 | We need a good dog park | 8/15/2022 4:33 PM |
| 134 | Love Teeple Lake Beach!! | 8/15/2022 4:29 PM |
| 135 | Our family would like to see more family gathering events, updated playground equipment, and open areas for dog runs would be nice. | 8/15/2022 4:27 PM |
| 136 | We really appreciate the picnic tables in Stanley Park and hope your he kayak/canoe launch and a small playground could be placed there soon. Can more sand please be added to the sandbox at Harley Park—it has been very low for the last 3 years. | 8/15/2022 3:53 PM |
| 137 | I think that a major way that White Lake could improve its recreational offerings is to connect recreation areas with safe sidewalks and bike paths. For example, hawley Park has a nice path, but it;s so small. But building safe connections between Hawley Park, Highland Rec., the new park by the library, etc. would be a major benefit for community members to make the most of hte recreational spaces. Just making the current parks more safely accessible from | 8/15/2022 2:31 PM |

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many locations in the area would be a huge improvement since we lack safe sidewalks in most of the area.

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| 138 | We really need to connect our parks. For example, those of us south of 59 have no safe way to get to Pontiac Lake and/or Indian Springs by bike. Because of the lack of sidewalks in White Lake, some other type of safe connect path is needed. | 8/15/2022 1:38 PM |
| 139 | See above! Please open the drive down access for kayaking at Stanley Park. | 8/15/2022 1:10 PM |
| 140 | Interest in parks is welcoming. | 8/15/2022 12:41 PM |
| 141 | Restroom/ porta Jon facilities | 8/15/2022 11:51 AM |
| 142 | There needs to be more entertaining playground features. Also, maintained clean bathroom facilities that are located near a play area instead of dirty portable bathrooms with no way to clean hands are definitely needed. | 8/15/2022 10:46 AM |

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December 7, 2022 **Legal Notice**

That (s)he is the agent of the printers of above said newspaper and knows well the facts stated herein.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 7th day of December, 2022

Lynn Donohue

Lynn A. Donohue
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan
My Commission Expires 05/09/2023



**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE AND PUBLIC HEARING
WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN 2023-2027**

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that a public hearing will be held by the White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the White Lake Township Annex, 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383. The public hearing is being held to receive comments on the draft White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2023-2027). The draft plan reflects the Committee's priorities for the next five years and, once adopted, will serve as a guide for the Parks and Recreation Committee, Township Board, and staff. The draft Master Plan will be available for public review beginning December 7, 2022 on the Township website at www.whitelaketwp.com and at the White Lake Township Community Development Department, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383 during regular business hours.

All interested persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to this matter. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may submit comments to the attention of Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner, at justinq@whitelaketwp.com, or 248.698.3300 x 177.

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
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Lynn A Donohue

Lynn A. Donohue
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan
My Commission Expires 05/09/2023



**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2023-2027**

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Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
White Lake Township

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Regular Board Meeting
Synopsis – December 20, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Seven board members present.

- Approved: Agenda
- Approved: Public Comment
- Approved: Consent Agenda
- Approved: Minutes – Regular Board Meeting, November 22, 2022
- Presented: Tribute to Reagan Keller – Fran Anderson Scholarship Recipient 2022
- Approved: Resolution #22-043; Authorizing ALS Equipment Purchase (STRYKER)
- Approved: Request to Authorize Litigation – 9885 Cedar Island Road
- Approved: Request to Approve Inspector Fee Increase for 2023
- Approved: Freedom of Information Policy & Procedures Guidelines and Freedom of Information Written Public Summary – Contact Information Update
- Approved: Request to Consider CIA (Corridor Improvement Authority) Proposal
- Approved: Consideration of Huron Valley Youth Assistance Request for Funds & Memorandum of Understanding – 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
- Approved: First Reading; Fee Ordinance Amendment – ORD #129
- Approved: Adjournment

Regular Meeting adjournment at 8:27 p.m.
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
White Lake Township

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Special Board Meeting
Synopsis – December 15, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. Seven board members present.

- Approved: Agenda
- Approved: Public Comment
- Approved: Consideration of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Construction Manager at Risk Services (CMR) – Public Safety Building and Township Hall
- Approved: Adjournment

Special Meeting adjournment at 6:06 p.m.
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
White Lake Township

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

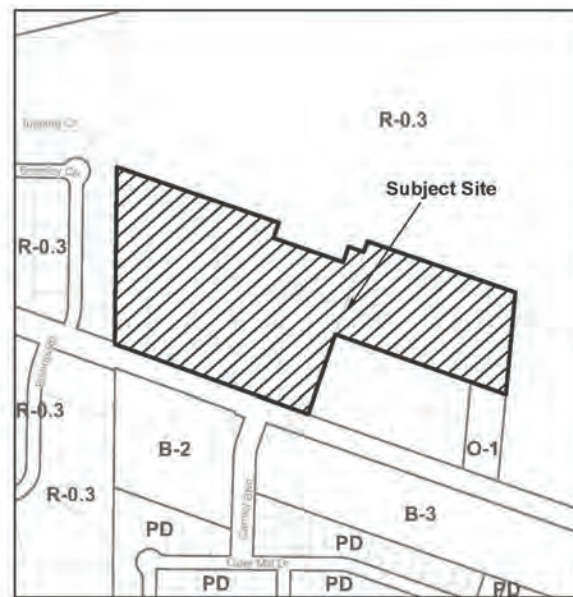
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE**

The Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the Lyon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023, for the purposes of considering a proposed special land use in the R-0.3 Single Family Residential District. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 15.261, the Planning Commission meeting will take place at Lyon Township Hall, 58000 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165.

The proposed special land use is for an expansion to the existing wireless communication compound on the property at 58100 Grand River Avenue, northeast of Lyon Township Fire Station #1, north of Grand River Avenue and west of Lyon Center Drive West. Expansions to existing wireless facilities, like the one proposed, require special land use review per Section 19.02.Y. The purpose of the proposed expansion is for the installation of a permanent backup generator.

The proposed plans may be viewed at the Township Hall. Interested parties are welcome to attend the public hearing and present their comments. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted prior to the meeting to the Township Clerk at the address noted above.

Michele Cash, Township Clerk
Michael Conflitti, Planning Commission Chair



Charter Township of Lyon
Oakland County, Michigan

Case No. AP-22-72
AT&T
Special Land Use in R-0.3 Zoning District
Wireless Communications Compound Expansion



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**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

White Lake Township Hall, 7525 Highland, White Lake, MI 48383
January 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Deren called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison
 Kathleen Aseltyne
 Rhonda Grubb
 Deb Deren, Vice-Chair

Absent: Merrie Carlock, Chair

Also Present: Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner
 Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Grubb moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022 as presented. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randee Kushner (46 Croutty) noted she had conversations with Supervisor Kowall and Member Aseltyne. She had walked her dog for 19 years, and the last time she walked at Vetter Park, the fertilizer used smelled so strong she did not walk that day. She wanted to know if there was an organic treatment. She asked if grass was needed everywhere. She worried about chemicals reaching the Huron River watershed. Member Aseltyne noted the Committee had discussed this in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing - 5-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027

Staff Planner Quagliata noted there would be a brief presentation before the public hearing. The 5-Year Plan was a great tool to guide parks and recreation decision-making. The Plan followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines. When approved, it would allow the Township to be eligible for grant funding from the State. The Plan could be amended during the 5-year timeframe.

Leah Groya (L. Groya Consulting) discussed the public input and planning processes. She stated if the Committee recommended approval, the Plan would be forwarded to the January 17 Township Board meeting for adoption.

Vice-Chair Deren opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Randee Kushner (46 Croutty) said she reviewed the plan and it was beautiful. She suggested for Stanley Park signage providing information on the first settlers in the area. She also noted the proposed parking lot at Stanley Park was too far from the lake for carrying canoes and kayaks.

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) said the change regarding the route into Stanley Park was an excellent preservation of the nature in the park. He said it was prudent to save the existing structure at Stanley Park.

The Earleys (5925 Pine Ridge Court) appreciated the survey input for the 5-Year Plan.

Vice-Chair Deren closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

B. Recommendation to Township Board - 5-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027

Trustee Voorheis motioned to recommended the White Lake Township Board approve the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027. Seconded by Member Aseltyne and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the bylaws required a chair and vice-chair be elected at the first meeting of the year.

Motion by Member Grubb, seconded by Member Aseltyne to nominate Merrie Carlock as the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

Motion by Member Aseltyne, seconded by Member Grubb to nominate Deb Deren as the Vice-Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported once the 5-Year Recreation Plan was adopted it would be submitted to the State by February 1st. The Stanley Park Phase 1 site plan would be on the January 17 Township Board agenda. The proposed additions to the prohibited hunting areas (Township properties) would also be on the Township Board agenda. He was working on the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation grant for the Triangle Trail.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis noted Nashville Detroit and the third Taco Bell were now open. She thanked Deb, Rhonda, and Kathy for continuing on the Committee; they were very appreciated.

Member Aselyne reported Kris Olsen from the Huron River Watershed Council contacted her about being available for the February meeting. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the meeting would be in person at the Annex, but Kris Olsen would be presenting via Zoom. Staff Planner Quagliata would try to make the Zoom available for residents not in attendance.

Member Grubb wished everyone a happy new year.

Member Deren thanked everyone who helped accomplish the 5-Year Recreation Plan update.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17, 2023**

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee
Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Sean O'Neil, Director Community Development
Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner
Aaron Potter, Director DPS
John Holland, Fire Chief
Kristin Kolb, Township Attorney
Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to move Item 6H – Corridor Improvement Authority – Appointees, to Item 9J under New Business and add Item 9K – Rescheduling of April 2023 Meeting due to MTA conflict. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
- C. APPROVING OPEB ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR 2022-2023**
- D. DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE**
- E. DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE**
- F. DEPARTMENT REPORT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- G. DEPARTMENT REPORT – TREASURER**

Trustee Powell requested the removal of Item I from the Consent Agenda.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to remove Item I from the Consent Agenda and add it to Item 9A as a second part under New Business. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to approve the Consent Agenda, as modified. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 2022**
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Minutes – Special Board Meeting, December 15, 2022, and the Minutes – Regular Board Meeting, December 20, 2022. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022 PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

Chief Holland presented the following promotions and awards, while Clerk Noble administered the oath of offices.

Promotion

Firefighter/Medic Mark Page, promote to shift sergeant, official swearing in – badge pinning

One Year Recognition

Firefighter/EMT Stewart Agranove, completion of probation, official swearing in – badge pinning

Fire Chief's Award

Captain Steve Hanneman, outstanding community service

Sergeant Corey Vos, special assignment recognition

Sergeant Myles Pierce, outstanding community service

Firefighter/EMT Andrew Sitler, outstanding community service

Firefighter/EMT Bruce Flores, outstanding community service

Retirement Recognition

Firefighter/EMT Mike Grix, part-time, former paid-on-call staff, 20 years of service

Captain Hanneman shared the success of the Coat Drive Program and recognized and thanked Kim Szalay, a Huron Valley School District Social Worker for her tireless help with the Program over the past twenty plus years. She was presented with a certificate of achievement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE FIREWORKS PERMIT – WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE AND WINTER CARNIVAL EVENT MEMO – WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE

Chief Holland indicated that he has no concerns or objection to this permit as the applicants have met all requirements.

Supervisor Kowall read into the record the Special Event Committee's approval letter from the Clerk.

Chief Holland stated that it cannot be inspected prior to the display, but that upon the inspection they can grant the operational permit.

Trustee Voorheis reminded that the fireworks are shot off the lake and is currently scheduled for February 4, 2023. She does not think that the lake will be frozen enough in the next two weeks. While she loves the display of fireworks and enjoys it herself yearly, she does not believe it will occur this year.

Trustee Powell requested item I be removed from the Consent Agenda as he has concerns that their program revolves around the ice.

Supervisor Kowall indicated that the ice has to be a certain thickness and approved by the DNR, or they will not proceed, which is in the application.

Trustee Ruggles inquired as to the police staffing for the event as it was an issue last year.

Supervisor Kowall indicated there would be an increase in officers and that details are laid out in the application. He reminded that the Board members could view the application through the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Powell questioned how the fee is addressed if there is no inspection and the fee for the same in the amount of \$550 has been received by the Township.

Chief Holland responded that they would be reimbursed less the standard inspection fee.

Trustee Smith requested clarification whether there is a need need to put in the motion that the carnival cannot proceed without a certain ice thickness.

It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the fireworks display application for White Lake Citizens League for February 4, 2023, with a rain date of February 11, 2023. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION 23-001; ADOPTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2023 – 2027

Staff Planner Quagliata stated that this process kicked off in June of 2022 and that the Parks and Recreation Committee has worked with staff and the consultant hired by the Board to do the update to the Master Plan. He furthered that the MDNR has required guidelines as to what is to be included in the plan. He shared that this plan is MDNR compliant, and that the Township must have a five-year recreation plan to apply for grants. The previous plan expired last year, and the Township has until February 1st to submit the new plan to be compliant and maintain eligibility for grants.

Trustee Smith would like the plan amended to include a dog park as requested by the residents. She noted that the majority of the Board is in favor of dog parks and she would like it added in the future five-year plan.

Trustee Powell supports that as well. He believes the input from the residents was very clear and that at least a mention of a dog park should be included so that it can be studied.

Staff Planner Quagliata shared that the state provides a process to amend the five-year plan, but that the Parks and Recreation Committee wrote the plan broadly enough to allow for a modification at a later date as it can cover any accommodation amenity the Township wants to provide.

Supervisor Kowall suggested a footnote be added that simply states the Board would be amicable to looking at a dog park in the future.

Staff Planner Quagliata indicated there is a state requirement for a thirty-day public hearing for the plan for anything that is major content/large amenity. He is unfamiliar with the amendment process but know that it can be amended at any time during the five-year period.

Trustee Voorheis as the Parks and Recreation liaison indicated that they voted to not have a dog park in the Township. This vote was based on information from vets that dog parks are not good. She personally is against a dog park.

Trustee Powell suggested two separate motions to see where the Board stands on this. As a footnote to the minutes tonight he would like Parks and Recreation to recognize the fact that there are people or residents in this Township that would like a dog park in the Township somewhere and that Parks and Recreation should study that over the next couple of years and present it to the Township Board.

Supervisor Kowall does not want to override nor undermine the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation on the current plan, but the concern should be noted.

Treasurer Roman supports Trustee Smith and Trustee Powell on the dog park. He is a big dog park user and notes the only one currently is a state ran dog park at Pontiac Lake, which is not very well maintained. He believes it will be very nice to have another one and hears the same from others. He loves the social aspect of the dog park and finds the visits to be great.

Rhonda Grubb, 263 Horizon. She has attended all the parks and planning meetings regarding this project. She noted that there was more opposition to dog parks and understands that it can be revisited later. She noted that there is a dog park at Pontiac Lake and that Treasurer Roman hit the nail on the head when he spoke of the maintenance, no grass, no upkeep, and questioned who will do these things. She opined that it is a lot more than just going out and having fun with your dog. She reminded that all the Township's parks allow for dogs and that they just have to be on leashes. She believes there is more to be considered and should be looked at in a bigger project.

Kathleen Aseltyne, 4800 Cuthbert . She is on the parks committee and shared that this topic was discussed extensively. They received input from veterinarians and researched it. They learned that dog parks are not as safe as everyone thinks. There are problems with dogs that die, people who are maimed or killed by dogs, monitoring of vacations, clean-up of dog refuse. She declared there are expenses to having a dog park. She indicated that they did their due diligence and research and at the time believed that it is not in the best interest of White Lake to include a dog park. She doesn't believe people understand what would go into properly running a dog park to the standard we would want White Lake. She further noted that there are other dog parks in the area that are open to White Lake residents. She declared that the Committee has a very adamant opposition to dog parks. She reminded that it would require monitoring, fees, access, and a lot to consider in doing so properly.

Supervisor Kowall added that not only does the dog have care and fees, but a park would too. He indicated that there would be an economic restraint and that it would need to be talked through.

Trustee Powell indicated that he would like the footnote and that the same thing could be said about any park. He stated that when you create a park you are committing to that park and taking care of it properly. He believes the residents are knowledgeable and mature enough to do their own research in determining whether to use a dog park. He does not want an official statement that the Board is against dog parks.

Trustee Smith supports Trustee Powell's comments. She indicated that it has been a request for years from residents that want a dog park in the recreation use. She is asking that it be looked at in the Master Plan as a possibility over the next five years. She would like to go on record as a Board member and elected official that she is not in favor of the recommended body of Parks and Recreation resolution against dog parks.

Steve Woodard 953 Schuyler Dr.. He attends all the Parks and Recreation meetings as he is interested in Stanley Park. He believes the due diligence done on the dog park issues was more than other items they looked at. He declared that it was telling that nobody showed up for any public comment to state that they

wanted and/or supported it. He understands they put it on a survey, but no one showed in person. There is a maintenance issue and liability issue. He declared, like Pontiac Lake, it will require constant maintenance. He understands the need to have it in the plans to address with the residents that ask for it, but believes they are in a significant minority.

Mary Early, 5929 Pine Ridge Court. She stated that out of 30,000 residents there are only three citizens that attend the Parks & Recreation meetings. She declared that it shows the other residents are not interested in dog parks.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to go on record to create a footnote¹ in the minutes that the Parks and Recreation will consider in the next five years a location for a dog park. The motion PASSED by voice vote (5 yes votes, 2 nay votes: Voorheis, Kowall).

Trustee Powell indicated that the Plan is a masterpiece that is beautifully presented. He complimented staff and the consultant.

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve Resolution 23-001; Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023 – 2027. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

C. CONSIDERATION OF STANLEY PARK PHASE 1 DESIGN APPROVAL

Staff Planner Quagliata reminded that in February of 2022 the Board approved a contract for Beckett & Raeder to complete design and engineering services for Stanley Park.

Supervisor Kowall interjected that he has in his possession from Land Water Conservancy Fund Grant Award announcement through Senator Stabenow's office dated January 11, 2023, awarding \$516,400.00.

Staff Planner Quagliata continued that the plan in the Board's packet is consistent with the grant that was applied for. The grant was based on the Stanley Park Master Plan that this Board approved in February of 2021. It provides in phase one access to the park, paving the road, parking, a path to the water, observation area, and exercise stations. He indicated that it must be approved by state and federal government.

Supervisor Kowall indicated a good job was done in conserving trees and land with nearly three dozen trees saved by keeping the road where it currently is.

Treasurer Roman requested that when it goes out to bid that it goes as printed with an option to pave the unpaved portion of the road. To which Mr. Quagliata indicated it is currently a bid alternate.

¹ Parks & Recreation will consider in the next five years, a location for a dog park.

Trustee Smith declared that it looks wonderful and that it is fantastic to see it moving forward.

Trustee Powell would like staff and consultant to respond to him as to why certain things were not done. He continued that it does not appear that there is a drivable access down to the water's edge for emergencies.

Mr. Quagliata interjected that the section near the water will be wide enough for a vehicle to get down. That the width will be minimized to the bare minimum due to the wetlands yet accommodate an emergency vehicle.

Trustee Smith shared a conversation she had with Chief Holland who indicated he could get a vehicle down there if he had to.

Trustee Powell does not think of White Lake as a concrete sidewalk, but rather an asphalt pathway with a more rural look. He questioned the thinking on this.

Staff Planner Quagliata responded that the northern portion of the property will be adjacent to the civic center/public safety building, which will have a more suburban look. They were designed to be more cohesive near the buildings at the roadside.

Trustee Powell questioned if the walkway off Elizabeth Lake Road will be concrete or asphalt.

Supervisor Kowall confirmed it is concrete.

Staff Planner Quagliata confirmed that the triangle trail will be concrete along Teggerdine. He continued that right now there is an asphalt path along the senior center to the Oxbow Lake Baptist Church. The asphalt will run to where the road commission is putting in the roundabout and connect to their adjacent concrete sidewalk.

Trustee Powell noticed that there are timbers lining the roadway so that vehicles do not have the opportunity to enter the grass. He believes in a major event there will be access issues.

Staff Planner Quagliata indicated that the timbers are bid alternate and that the number of timbers bollards can be reduced and be a cost savings. He shared that event discussions have occurred and opening areas for vehicles as well.

Supervisor Kowall indicated that there are some environmentally sensitive areas leading to the opening that is important to keep vehicles off.

Trustee Powell pointed out that the concrete platforms at the beginning of the boardwalk is a perfect solution. He complimented staff and consultants on this. He further noted that he cannot tell from the

design if it has a swale for drainage, which Staff Planner Quagliata confirmed it does. He does not like the language that the storm water system will be designed per Oakland County requirements. He believes it should mention as any White Lake Township storm water requirements.

Staff Planner Quagliata interjected that this plan utilized the old Oakland County standard, which is the current White Lake Township standard.

Clerk Noble asked where the pathway off Teggerdine goes.

Staff Planner Quagliata responded from the park on Elizabeth Lake Road to Teggerdine intersection, then north down Teggerdine on the west side to M-59. From there it will run back to the development where JC Penny and Kroger are. He further shared that in the recent weeks the Township applied for a Ralph Wilson Grant to construct the triangle trail for \$628,000.00. The results of that request should be available in June of this year.

Trustee Powell noticed in the boardwalk details it proposes supporting piers. He indicated that they sink over time. He suggests helical piles as an add alternate. Lastly, he shared that the DNR in roadways that cross with a natural area on both sides required him to put two culvers in: one low and one high. He is comically amused to see this as a requirement in this development.

Staff Planner Quagliata interjected that it is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife federal requirement. He shared that it took nearly eight months to get through all the requirements.

Trustee Smith interpreted that the dark grey in the image is pavement. She questioned if it must be widened in the future for safety that it will still be paved. To which Staff Planner Quagliata confirmed it will still be paved and if needed a wetland permit will be applied for.

Trustee Powell asked if a motion would approve exactly what is presented.

Staff Planner Quagliata responded that the plan gives staff approval to move forward with preparing bid documents and construction documents. Changes can be made later.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Stanley Park Phase I Design. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. RESOLUTION 23-002; TO APPROVE REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION PROHIBITING HUNTING IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS

Staff Planner Quagliata indicated that at the meeting on September 14, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended an amendment to the Hunting Area Control Ordinance to prohibit hunting on

Township owned properties. The purpose is to protect the property. He indicated that the State of Michigan requires the resolution and that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources must review and approve the proposal. He further indicated that if someone discharges a firearm that is not included in the ordinance then there is no way for the police department to enforce it. He shared that the police chief is in favor of this.

Trustee Powell is in favor of designating these properties as no hunting zones but questioned if it would prevent an individual from even carrying a firearm. To which Mr. Quagliata indicated it would not preclude someone from carrying if they had a proper permit.

Trustee Powell questioned if a resident pulled out their bow and arrow and shot at a tree if it would be considered hunting.

In response, Staff Planner Quagliata read into the record the description of hunting according to the DNR. "Discharge of firearms or bow and arrow to kill, injure, or disturb, hunted game".

Trustee Powell would suggest no discharge at all in the identified areas.

Staff Planner Quagliata indicated that these areas would be added to an already identified area(s) that hunting is prohibited.

Supervisor Kowall indicated that language may need to be added that indicates no hunting or discharge of a firearm.

Staff Planner Quagliata noted this Resolution is just to get the process started as the state will not even consider it without the resolution.

Clerk Noble asked if there was an ordinance that prohibited the discharge of a firearm currently. To which he responded no, only the state regulations.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to approve Resolution 23-002; To approve request to the Department of Natural Resources to conduct an investigation prohibiting hunting and/or discharging a firearm in certain designated areas of Township property. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT OF DEFERRAL OF SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE, SECTION 38-514, 836 S. WILLIAMS LAKE ROAD

Director Potter indicated that the homeowner(s) of 836 S. Williams Lake Rd wish to connect the home to the Township sanitary system. Per sanitary ordinance 38-514 the owners would be required to extend the sewer main across their frontage to make available for future connections.

He continued that the home at 836 S. Williams Lake Rd. is a single-family residence that sits on an approximately a two acre parcel that could be subdivided or redeveloped in the future. The surrounding White Lake parcels are already serviced by Township sewer with the exception of a stormwater basin/park owned by Autumn Glenn subdivision. On the Waterford side there is Hess-Hathaway Park which is deed restricted to remain a Township Park to never be developed. .

It is his opinion that application of section 38-514 of the ordinance in this case would not be in the best interest of the Township and is inconsistent with the Master Plan for the Sanitary System. Therefore, he suggests the Township enter into a deferral agreement with this property owner requiring the extension in accordance with section 38-514 if and when the property is divided, redeveloped or in the event an adjoining property would utilize the extension to connect to the sanitary sewer system.

Treasurer Roman believes this is an example that an ordinance cannot cover every situation. He believes it does not make sense to require it.

Trustee Powell thanked Director Potter for bringing this before the Board. He wants to ensure that if a S.A.D. is ever presented to the property owner, he would like the property to be deed restricted as to agreeing to the S.A.D. prior to.

Director Potter believes it may already be in the agreement, but he will double check.

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to approve the Request to approve Agreement of Deferral of Sanitary Sewer Ordinance Section 38-514, 836 S. Williams Lake Road. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

F. REQUEST OT APPROVE HYDROCORP COMMERCIAL BACKFLOW PREVENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Director Potter indicated the contract with Hydrocorp expired in January and that before the Board is a two-year agreement for continuation of services. The annual cost has gone up proportionately to commercial buildings connected. He noted that the Township has had an excellent relationship with the Hydrocorp. He is requesting the Board to authorize the execution of the agreement for a 24-month period and to be signed by the supervisor after review by counsel.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Supervisor Kowall to approve the request to approve Hydrocorp Commercial Backflow Prevention Services Agreement in the amount of \$6,408.00. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

**G. CONSIDERATION OF AIA B-133 AGREEMENT WITH REDSTONE ARCHITECTS
H. CONSIDERATION OF AIA B-133 AGREEMENT WITH STRAUB PETTITT YASTE ARCHITECTS**

Director O'Neil introduced Daniel Redstone and Stewart Pettitt. He reminded that the RFP Committee has been working on AIA B-133 Agreement for the design of the new public safety building and the other for the township hall building. He acknowledged that Trustee Powell, Treasurer Roman, Clerk Noble have been very involved, knowledgeable, and have actively participating in this process.

Supervisor Kowall thanked those involved as well. He is comfortable with what has been put together and the overseers.

The Board discussed the depth of the documents.

Trustee Powell noted that the documents bring the two firms together to present the buildings to the Board so that it can help make decision on the design and that they have already been helpful to the Township in putting together the RFP for the construction manager. He thanked them for their work and believes that the Township did well with the consultants.

Director O'Neil indicated that the recommendation of the Committee is to move ahead with the agreements subject to the Supervisor signing as well as confirmation from the insurance carrier that all necessary documents are in place.

Daniel Redstone thanked the Board and indicated that as to the AIA documents, there have been committees for decades that have developed them. They are very standardized, and the purpose is to tie them in so that they complement each other and correlate with each other. It is a cohesive and coordinated set of documents.

Stewart Pettitt thanked the Board and looks forward to a fun few years to do something exciting for the Township.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to accept the AIA B-133 document and the Agreement with Redstone Architects as modified and presented tonight. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the AIA B-133 Agreement with Straub Pettitt Design Architects as presented tonight. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

Supervisor Kowall stated for the Board and public that this is a historic moment that the Township has gotten to this point. He thanked everyone involved in this.

Clerk Noble noted it has been a positive learning experience and he knows that the Township has a great team.

I. FIRST READING; 9400 GALE ROAD REZONING REQUEST

Trustee Powell indicated this is a project that is in his office being handled by another engineer. He doesn't personally think there is any conflict, but because they are a client of his office, he believes he needs to recuse himself from this vote.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to allow Trustee Powell to be recused from this vote. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes).

Director O'Neil indicated that the property identified as Parcel Number 12-11-401-003 (9400 Gale Road), located east of Teggerdine Road, west of Lynn Drive, consisting of approximately 42.53 acres. He stated the applicant is requesting to rezone the parcel from AG (Agricultural) to SF (Suburban Farms) or any other appropriate zoning district. He noted that it is consistent with the Master Plan. The rezoning request was considered by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting of January 5, 2023 at which time the Planning Commission recommended approval.

He indicated that it was previously a mining operation that holds a lot of scraps. They have removed trees and are replanting. He noted that they do plan to do a land division with a private road.

Supervisor Kowall questioned if they would be required to be on the sanitary sewer.

Director O'Neil responded that the property is served by the sanitary sewer system, but how and to what extent depends on the future development plan. He further stated that when the S.A.D. was established there was some question as to how this property would be affected in the future. He shared that there is also discussion about paving portions of Gale Road.

Trustee Voorheis would love for them hook to the sewer and asked what their goal is as to how many houses.

Director O'Neil shared an image and indicated they would be two-acre parcels with a total of nine.

Trustee Ruggles noted that there were colored images displayed at the Planning Commission that included additional amenities. He shared that the applicants endured the shock of the neighbors when the trees started coming down.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to adopt first reading and move along to second reading for 9400 Gale Road rezoning request. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).

J. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY – APPOINTEES

Supervisor Kowall reminded this item was pulled from the Consent Agenda. He shared that the group of individuals he is proposing be appointed to the Corridor Improvement Authority are individuals that meet the criteria as they have to have a business community interest of such within the district and one resident at large. The proposed appointees are:

- Pastor Debbie Lennis, Presbyterian Church. A prudent leader who has brought the church back, who has a good following, and has enthusiasm for White Lake Township.
- James Christopher owns Leo's Coney Island. He is all White Lake, a member of the CCDC, he both lives in and has a business in White Lake.
- Rick Walklet, who brought the Oxbow Lake boat launch. He did a fantastic job with that effort and the organization falls within the criteria.
- Tony Maddafer who serves on the CCDC. He would be the citizen at large with interest in the Brendel Lake area and the corridor to the west-north. He understands the entire corridor and the variety of projects.

Director O'Neil added that the CIA was approved, and this is to just appoint members to a board that has been vacant for fifteen plus years. Once the membership is established, they can approve their bylaws, elect their leadership, and then begin the process of working with Dick Carlisle and staff to put the TIF together. He continued that everything the CIA board will do will root back to its governing body, the Township Board. Their budget will be submitted to the Township. He opined that this body would operate much like the Planning Commission operates. He is comfortable with the proposed appointees and noted that the sixth member of the CIA would be Supervisor Kowall, by statute.

Director O'Neil pointed out that the appointments are staggered in length and suggests that it be done so that in one year not more than one is coming back for reappointment.

Supervisor Kowall does not want to assume without speaking to these individuals the expiration of their terms.

Trustee Ruggles confirmed they are all volunteer positions.

Director O'Neil noted that in accordance with the statute, they qualify for staffing amenities such as budget and office space. He does not believe this is appropriate based on the size of the Township. He suggests it will be like the Planning Commission. They should receive the staff level support.

Treasurer Roman understands that the Township is not familiar with how the CIA will work but questioned how often they will meet and if their meetings will be held to the Special Meetings Act.

Supervisor Kowall indicated at least once a month, if not more in the very beginning, and then as the process continues it will be monthly and quarterly.

Director O'Neil indicated that they are held to the Special Meetings Act and that minutes will be taken and posted on the website.

Treasurer Roman further asked if they will need their own bank account.

Supervisor Kowall indicated that the Township will have to set a separate fund aside for any monies captured.

Director O'Neil noted that the Township cannot use money captured in the corridor, but that general fund dollars can be used in the corridor. He stated for the record that anyone that calls White Lake home and is eighteen years old and a registered voter can be appointed to the Planning Commission, but the majority of these members must have real estate and/or a business in the Township and one member must reside within the district or within a half mile of it. He indicated that the criteria is very specific.

Trustee Smith had an in-depth conversation with Director O'Neil regarding this and she made him very aware of her concerns and thoughts going forward. She declared that she is putting her complete faith and trust in him with the recommended appointees. She thanked him for his explanations tonight.

Trustee Powell indicated that this Board will be very busy, and he asked what the statutory membership number is. To which Director O'Neil indicated a maximum number of nine.

Trustee Powell asked if it is being proposed that the CIA board will have a working budget as a line item. To which Director O'Neil indicated it would be a good idea to have some seed money as they will have expenses.

Trustee Powell thanked the Supervisor for the well thought out selection of appointees but suggests that the Board be kept informed of the thought process in the future.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Corridor Improvement Authority appointments as listed. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

K. RESCHEDULING OF APRIL 2023 MEETING

Clerk Noble indicated that this would reschedule the April 2023 meeting due to a conflict on April 18, 2023, with the MTA.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to reschedule the April 2023 meeting board meeting. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING; FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – ORD #129

Clerk Noble indicated that the only fee amended after the introduction amendment would be to Section 22 for the Industrial Pre-Treatment Program. That fee is changing to \$3.50 per quarter from \$2.20 per quarter.

Director Potter indicated that this is for the inspection of water quality as to what is coming into the sanitary sewer system from commercial properties.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman for adoption of Fee Ordinance #129 Amendment – Second Reading. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

FYI

9855 CEDAR ISLAND ROAD UPDATE

Attorney Kristin Kolb, who has worked with Attorney Hamameh regarding this, indicated that a complaint was filed in Oakland County. The summons is with a process server to attempt to serve the property owner. She acknowledges that some Board members were uncomfortable with this at the last meeting, but after reviewing it herself, she believes this Board made the right decision. She opined that there are significant safety issues at this property. She further indicated that the fire department found that there are violations of the building code, fire code, electrical code, zoning ordinance, and property maintenance code. She declared that it is bad, and this gentleman should not be on this property. She shared of the storage that is taking place on the property and that there is no water or sewage. She believes this is the Township's best option to get the property cleaned up and the gentleman out of the situation.

Supervisor Kowall confirmed it is an undetermined timeframe between services of the complaint and the next course of action.

Trustee Powell is concerned that that the government has their issues that have to be dealt with through the court, but it does not accommodate for the human needs. He questioned how the human side is dealt with.

Attorney Kolb understands that the individual has family in the area and that he doesn't see a reason why he needs to leave. She indicated that the Court would look to family first and hopes that it will help him and his family understand and aid him in getting to a better situation. She declared that the court will not want to put this gentleman out on the streets and that it will use its resources.

It was discussed that the gentleman has another home.

Trustee Smith asked for confirmation that it was a lawsuit to become compliant and not to evict?

Chief Holland understands that his family is already cleaning out his other home for him to live in.

Treasurer Roman confirmed there is an unlawful structure on the property.

Director O'Neil interjected that it is an uninhabitable structure by every definition.

CIVIC CENTER COMMITTEE UPDATE

Treasurer Roman shared that they are taking questions currently for the construction manager which are due by February 1st. He indicated the CMR application was 70pages. He reminded that the architect designers were approved tonight. He thanked them for coming out and is looking forward to working with them.

Trustee Powell noted that the architects that were hired have unknowingly agreed to appear before the Board to answer questions. He updated that contractors might have thought they would not have to bid against the nation for the CMR position and if it is opened up, they might not want to even bid on it as their work could be underbid by someone they do not know. The Township represented back that this Board will not necessarily hire the lowest price that comes in, but rather the best CMR for the Township's team. He is hopeful that staff reaches back out and encourages their bid.

Trustee Powell indicated that another issue that came up in working with the two architects is the definition of the plot plan regarding the two buildings. It is complicated more because of the lands outside of the civic center and public safety building. The committee is in favor of the Mr. Redstone and Mr. Pettit hiring the same consultant. The question is does it make sense to have that engineer consultant look at the other properties. He opined that it does not make sense to hire an independent engineer to design the leftover land. He further noted that it must be coordinated with what DLZ is doing. All of these design and engineering questions will be what they are working on over the next thirty days.

Trustee Smith thanked them for the update.

Supervisor Kowall in regard to Elizabeth Lake Road indicated that they are moving into storm drainage, site updates, to absorb moisture/water, which will allow for a future development of the four corners. He shared that pipe upsizing calculations are being done. He further shared there may be a water feature that will allow for an outlet. He indicated the geotechnical boring will begin shortly to determine soil conditions.

Trustee Powell further shared that there is a meeting Thursday to discuss all of this with the civil engineering firm.

Supervisor Kowall indicated that the accesses that have been discussed with the road commission in regard to their locations, which will have the road, sidewalk, utility stubs, drive stubs and look into the future of it.

Director O'Neil noted there was some requirements for the \$1.6 million and everything has been accomplished.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Voorheis thanked the Supervisor for the great people on the Committees and reminded that they are all volunteers. She hopes that the committee recommendations are supported in the future. She shared that the polar plunge supported by the police department is February 4, 2023, at the Tiki Bar in Walled Lake.

Clerk Noble shared he had the opportunity to swear in Eric Shotwell to the library board of trustees and welcomed Trustee Shotwell.

Trustee Ruggles indicated that the Planning Commission met on January 5, 2023 with the only item being 9400 Gale Road, which was seen tonight. They are meeting again this Thursday. He noted a lot of appointments and a lot of great people. He appreciates everyone's contributions. He complimented Staff Planner Quagliata on the writing of the Ralph Wilson grant.

Trustee Smith welcomed the new library board of director Eric Shotwell and thanked his predecessor. She thanked the Board for addressing the MTA conflict with the April Board meeting. She is thankful for the updates received and is hopeful they continue moving forward. She shared that history was made tonight and indicated job well done.

Trustee Powell thanked all his fellow residents.

Treasurer Roman thanked the residents that showed up for the Board meeting. He reminded that property taxes are due February 14th without interest or penalty. He reminded of the drop box that you can put a check in, that you can pay at the counter, or you can pay online using a credit card.

Supervisor Kowall appreciates his Board members, community organizations, and interested citizens who take the time to come to the meetings. He is trying to do what he can to move the Township forward while trying to save the Township money. Good night and God bless America.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to adjourn. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION
PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2023-2027**

At a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held in Township Hall, 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, on the 11th day of January 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: Deb Deren, Andrea Voorheis, Rhonda Grubb, Kathleen Aseltyne

ABSENT: Merrie Carlock

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Trustee Voorheis and seconded by Member Aseltyne.

WHEREAS, the White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee is charged with determining public need for recreational facilities and preparing plans for their development and operation in White Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, the Committee followed the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the residents of White Lake Township were provided with opportunities during the development of the plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss aspects of the plan via online surveys, public meetings, email, and phone; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2023 at White Lake Township Hall to provide an opportunity for residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Parks and Recreation Committee hereby recommends the Township Board adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 to serve as a guide for future parks and recreation development and activities in White Lake Township.

AYES: Deb Deren, Andrea Voorheis, Rhonda Grubb, Kathleen Aseltyne

NAYS:

ABSENT: Merrie Carlock

Charter Township of White Lake
Parks and Recreation Committee
January 11, 2023

I, Deb Deren, Vice-Chair of the White Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Parks and Recreation Committee at a regular meeting on January 11, 2023.



Deb Deren, Vice-Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
ADOPTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2023-2027
RESOLUTION NO. 23-001**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held in Township Annex, 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, on the 17th day of January 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: Rik Kowall, Anthony L. Noble, Mike Roman, Scott Ruggles, Liz Smith, Andrea C. Voorheis and Michael Powell.

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Ruggles and seconded by Trustee Smith.

WHEREAS, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan is essential for the development of a comprehensive and effective parks and recreation program in White Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, such a plan is required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in order to qualify White Lake Township for State and Federal grant funding; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years in order to retain eligibility for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the years 2023-2027 has been developed by the Parks and Recreation Committee after having received the input of citizens through public surveys and workshops; and


WHEREAS, the public was invited to review the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027, which was on file at the Community Development Department and on the Township website; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee held a public hearing and then recommended adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 to the Township Board by resolution on January 11, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Board hereby adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 to serve as a guide for the development and operation of park facilities under the jurisdiction of White Lake Township for the years cited.

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

I, Anthony L. Noble, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 23-001, adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 17th day of January 2023.



Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake



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