

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2024 – 2028



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INTRODUCTION

Bedford Township began updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2022 to identify the parks and recreation needs of the community through the year 2028. This update builds on the ideas set forth in the previous plans, makes recommendations for meeting the community's future recreation needs, and presents an action plan and implementation strategy to improve the Township's parks and recreation system.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for the Township's parks system. It provides the Township with a roadmap and a guide to develop the parks through 2028 and beyond. It is also intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to remain eligible for grant programs.

PLANNING PROCESS

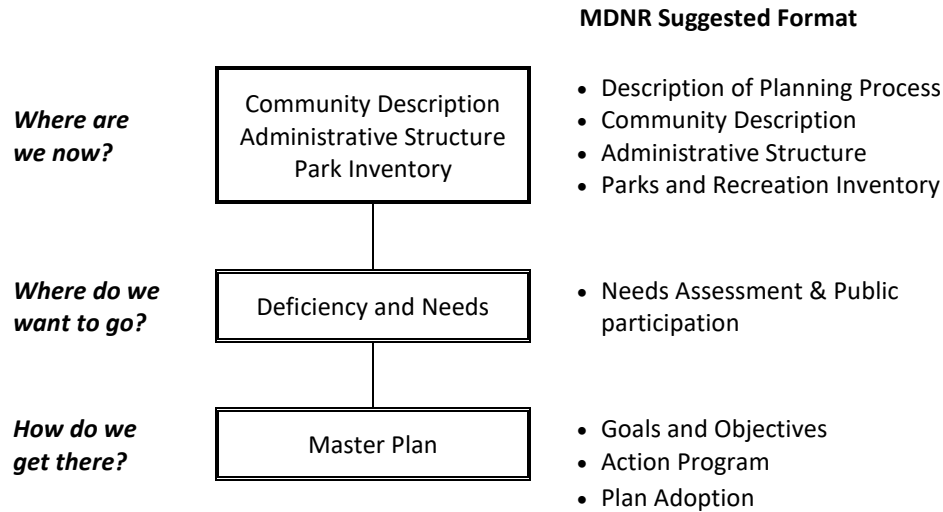
The process used to generate the plan consisted of three major phases which are described below.

1. **Where are we now?** This phase involved a review of demographics and the planning context to provide a foundation for the planning process. In this phase, Township parks and facilities were inventoried and mapped to document existing resources and begin to assess their conditions. The information is organized into three main categories: community description, administrative structure and parks inventory.
2. **Where do we want to be?** The second phase in the planning process consisted of an analysis of the Township's parks system to determine deficiencies and needs. A variety of public engagement efforts were initiated to solicit ideas and suggestions from the community about their recreation preferences. Public participation was sought through an online questionnaire and a public meeting. Input was also solicited from Township officials and staff.
3. **How do we get there?** Once needs were identified, the final phase involved developing an action plan to support the community's vision for the parks system and provide for park planning and development projects. Recommended projects were summarized in a capital improvement plan, accompanied by a financing strategy for implementation. This phase also included preparation of a full draft of the Plan, which was presented to the Park Commission as well as the public for review and comment prior to adoption.



The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) suggested format

Figure 1. Planning Process



PLAN ORGANIZATION

The Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the MDNR *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans (2021)*. It begins with a description of the **Planning Process** which was used to develop the plan. The plan then presents a **Community Description**, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community. The Township **Administrative Structure** is next described, including information on budget and funding. A detailed **Park Inventory** follows this section and describes the existing recreational facilities located in and around Bedford. The **Needs Assessment** section presents the basis for action including park land comparison, park condition, recreation trends, and input received from Township officials, staff and residents, which helped in formulating the plan’s **Goals and Objectives**. The **Action Program** then provides an action plan and strategies for implementation. Finally, the **Supporting Documents** include the resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Bedford Township is a community located in southern Monroe County, Michigan, immediately north of the Ohio border. It is sometimes referred to as Toledo's largest suburb. However, it is part of both the southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio region, a region that is characterized by Lake Erie, the transportation industry, agricultural production and small towns. It includes the unincorporated communities of Temperance, Lambertville, and Samaria.

REGIONAL SETTING

Bedford Township covers a total area of approximately 25,130 acres and 39 square miles. It is bordered by Whiteford Township to the west, Ida Township to the north, Erie Township to the east and by Toledo, Ohio to the south. Figure 2 below illustrates the geographic location of Bedford Township in relation to surrounding areas. Bedford Township lies within the urban growth corridor which extends from Detroit to Toledo. It is considered part of the Toledo metropolitan area and experiences its greatest urbanization pressure from the Toledo area.

Figure 2. Regional Setting



The 2020 Census identified the mean travel time to work for Bedford residents at 22.4 minutes, with residents commuting to Ohio for work (approximately 58%), to Monroe County locations or in Bedford Township (33.5%), and to Ann Arbor, Detroit, or other areas (8.7%).

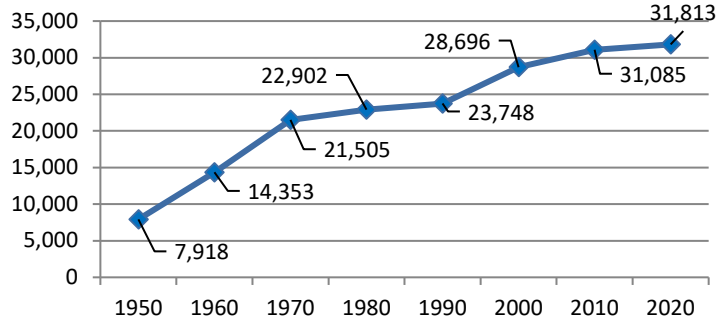
POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

An understanding of the community being planned for, its demographics and the resources it has to offer, is the foundation of a well-devised Master Plan. Understanding the current demographics of Bedford will help community officials better understand their constituents and help guide future changes.

Population Trends and Projections

Bedford has experienced steady growth from 7,918 in 1950 people to the 2020 population of 31,813. Bedford has the greatest number of population of any community in Monroe County.

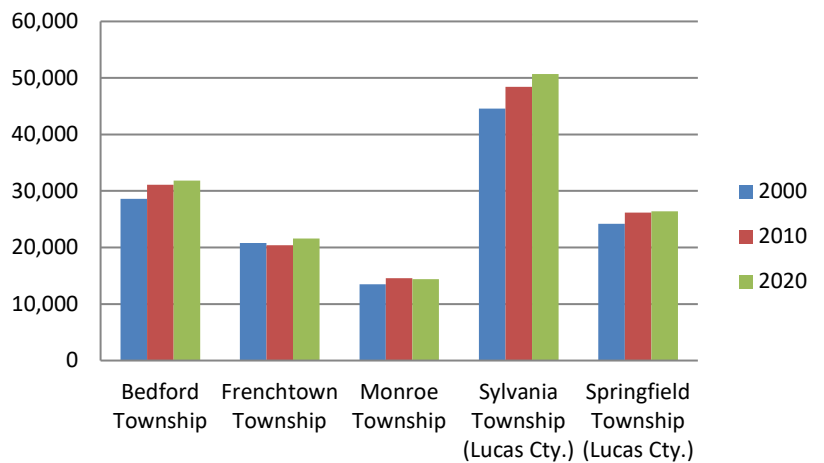
Figure 3. Population, 1950 - 2020



Population Comparisons

Between 2000 and 2010, Bedford has increased in population by 2,479 residents and by 728 residents between 2010 and 2020. Neighboring communities in proximity to Bedford Township mostly witnessed some population increases. In Monroe County, Monroe Township lost population in the last decade while Frenchtown Township gained some. In Lucas County, Ohio, both Sylvania and Springfield Townships gained population.

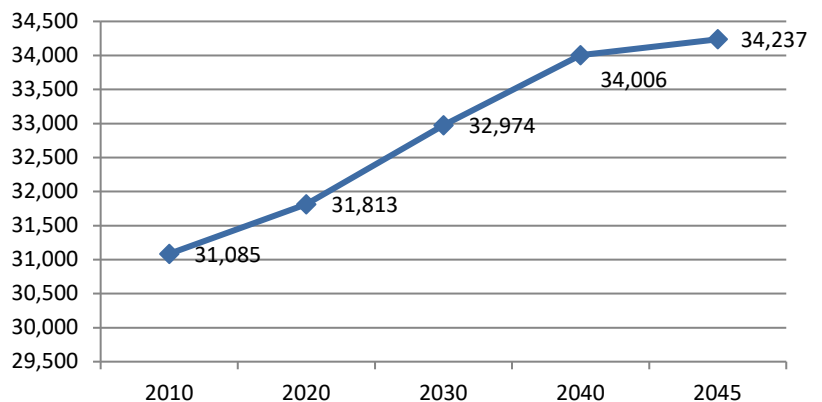
Figure 4. Population Comparison of Selected Communities, 2000 - 2020



Population Projection

Population projections developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimate steady growth for the Bedford area, with an 8% increase in population between 2020 and 2045 (Figure 5). By 2045, Bedford Township is projected to have an additional 2,424 residents – maintaining Bedford the largest growth of any community in Monroe County.

Figure 5. Population, 2010-2040

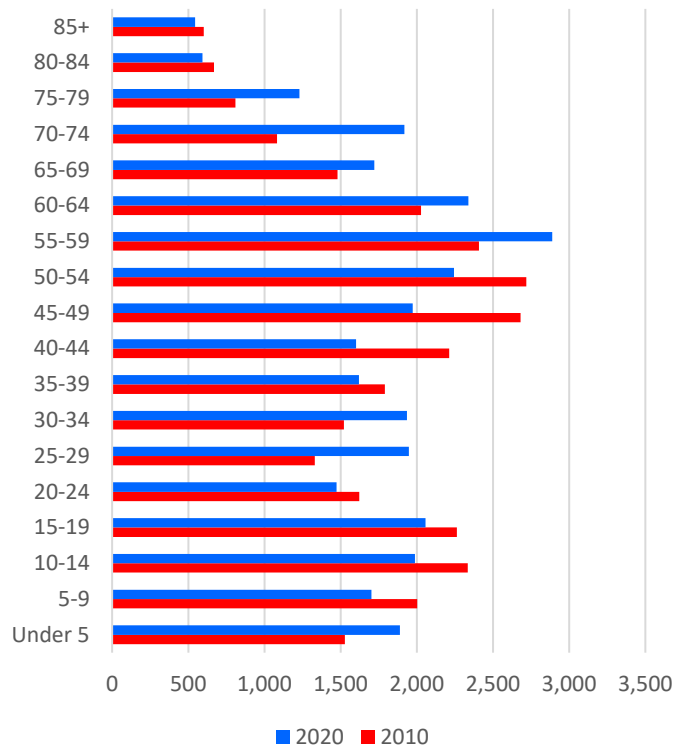


Age

One of the most significant demographic changes in Bedford Township as well as in Monroe County and the southeast Michigan region as a whole over the next 20 years will be the change in age composition with the aging of the population. In 2010, 4,643 Bedford Township residents were age 65 or better. By 2020, this number had increased to 6,007 persons. By 2045, it is expected that 8,935 residents will be in this age category.

The large growth of older persons will have an impact on housing, employment, education, public services, health care, transportation, and many other aspects of society which affect parks and recreation services.

Figure 6. Age, 2010 and 2020

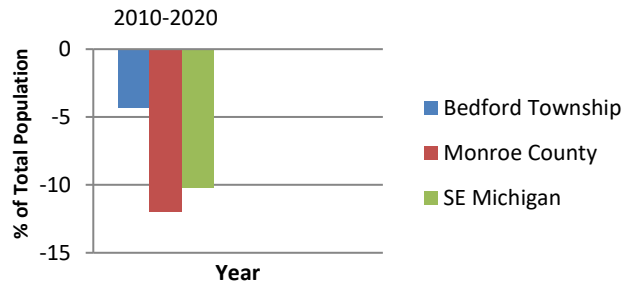


Age Composition

The percentage of residents age 19 and under in Bedford Township saw a decrease of 4% between 2010 and 2020 (a decline of 313 residents).

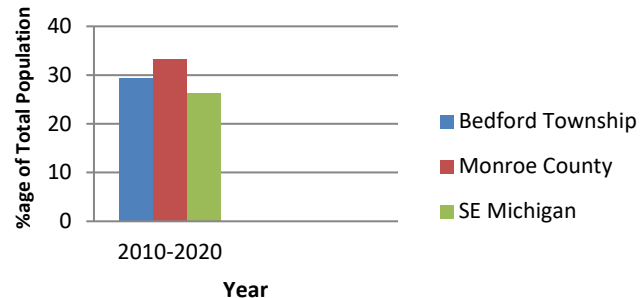
Similar to Bedford Township, Monroe County and southeast Michigan also saw decreases in the number of residents age 19 and below during the same time period. Since 2010, Monroe County saw a total decrease of almost 13% of residents age 19 and below while southeast Michigan saw an 8% decrease.

Figure 7. Percent Change Residents Age 19 & Below, 2010-2020



The age of residents age 65 and older in Bedford Township increased by 29% between 2010 and 2020. Monroe County also saw a steady increase of 33% during the same period, while southeast Michigan reported an increase of 26%.

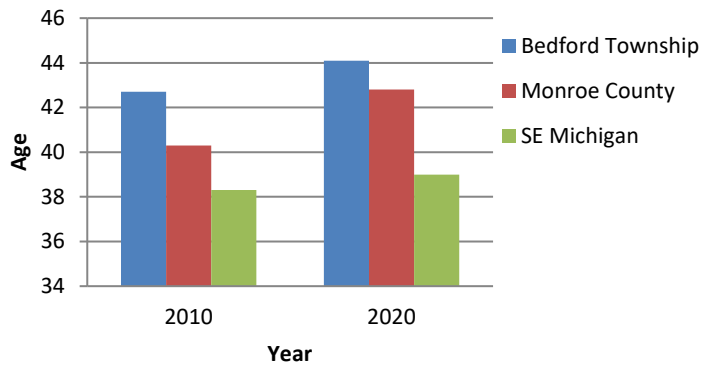
Figure 8. Percent Change Residents Age 65 & Up, 2010-2020



Median Age

Compared to Monroe County (42.8) and southeast Michigan (39), Bedford Township (44.1) has a higher median age. The median age of Bedford residents is outpacing both the County and the southeast Michigan region.

Figure 9. Median Age, 2010-2020

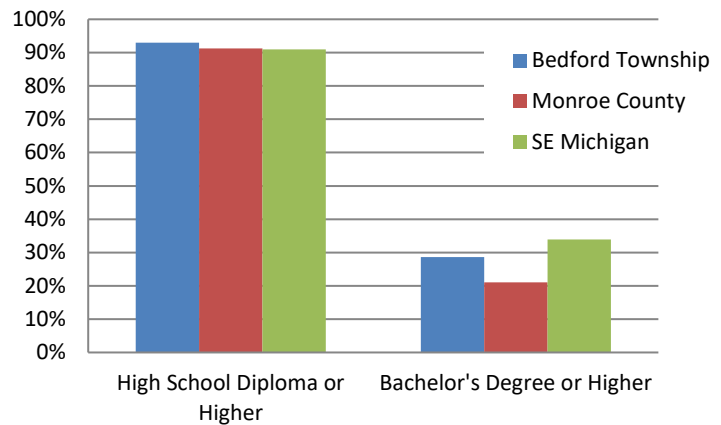


Education

Statistics taken in 2020 indicate that over 93% of residents have a high school diploma or higher, approximately, slightly more than Monroe County or southeast Michigan residents.

In addition, 29% of Township residents have a Bachelor’s or advanced degree, compared to 21% for Monroe County and 34% of southeast Michigan residents.

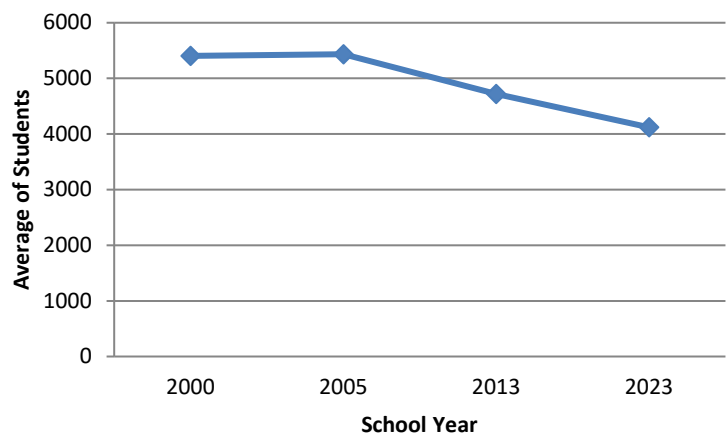
Figure 10. 2020 Level of Education



Bedford School District

Student enrollment in the Bedford Public Schools District has seen an overall decrease since 2000 when the average daily enrollment was reported to be 5,404 students. The 2023 school year reported the average daily enrollment of 4,120 students. The highest count for the average daily enrollment was in 2005 with 5,434 students reported.

Figure 11. Average Daily Enrollment, 2000-2023



Housing

Bedford Township consists mostly of single dwelling homes. According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the estimated percentage of single dwelling homes in the Township was 84% in 2020 (10,878 units). Multi-dwelling units (attached condos or apartments) amounted to approximately 10.5% (1,367 units), and manufactured homes made up the remainder and included 5.3% (687 units).

Table 1. Housing Types

Housing Type	2010	2020	Change 2010-2020	New Units Permitted Since 2019
Single Dwelling Unit	10,233	10,878	645	226
Multi Dwelling Unit	1,389	1,367	-22	28
Mobile Homes or Other	796	687	-109	0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey

Residential growth in both Bedford Township and Monroe County has experienced modest growth since 2010 (6.6%), mostly reflected in single dwelling unit residential growth. In addition, there have been 184 new units permitted between 2020 and 2022.

Housing Tenure

Most residents of Bedford Township live in the units that they own. The U.S. Census Bureau indicated that in 2020, 84.8% of Bedford Township residents owned their residences while 11.8% of residents rented. The remainder, 3.4%, included seasonal/migrant or vacant units.

Housing Value

In 2010, the median housing value in Bedford (in 2020 dollars) was \$219,674. By 2020, the median housing value fell to \$180,900 – a decrease of 17.7%. Meanwhile, median gross rent decreased 10.7% from \$993 in 2010 (2020 dollars) to \$887 in 2020. Table 2 below, demonstrates the decline of housing value from 2010 to 2020. The decrease in Bedford's median housing value was more substantial than that of Monroe County but less than the southeast Michigan region as a whole. A decline in median gross rent was also experienced by Bedford Township, which was more than that of Monroe County and southeast Michigan.

Table 2. Housing Value (in 2020 dollars)

	Median Housing Value		Change	Median Gross Rent		Change
	2010	2020		2010	2020	
Bedford Township	\$219,674	\$180,900	-\$38,774	\$993	\$887	-\$106
Monroe County	\$203,337	\$167,400	-\$35,937	\$921	\$870	-\$51
Southeast Michigan	\$204,380	\$184,700	-\$19,680	\$997	\$976	-\$21

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 American Community Survey

Economic Characteristics

Employment Trends

Bedford Township has a wide variety of employment opportunities and has experienced significant growth in its employment base, especially with regards to higher paying industrial jobs, as well as jobs in the retail and service sectors. Among the largest employers located in the Township are the Bedford Public Schools and several manufacturers, including Michigan Tube Swagers and Rolled Alloys. In addition, many residents are employed elsewhere in the County or region, including Toledo, Monroe, Detroit, and Ann Arbor. As the Township continues to grow and to attract industrial and retail development, employment opportunities will also continue to expand.

Table 3. Forecasted Jobs by Industry Sector, 2015-2045

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	Change 2015-2045	Pct Change 2015-2045
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,038	1,018	1,007	992	949	924	923	-115	-11.10%
Manufacturing	1,053	972	1,024	1,014	991	895	803	-250	-23.70%
Wholesale Trade	419	425	422	416	405	422	407	-12	-2.90%
Retail Trade	1,052	1,011	1,030	996	988	995	987	-65	-6.20%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	162	147	154	155	153	161	174	12	7.40%
Information & Financial Activities	1,110	1,176	1,237	1,266	1,384	1,512	1,584	474	42.70%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	696	730	746	736	800	835	814	118	17%
Admin, Support, & Waste Services	459	576	612	670	725	743	765	306	66.70%
Education Services	687	694	695	696	705	711	717	30	4.40%
Healthcare Services	1,013	1,235	1,516	1,408	1,423	1,400	1,438	425	42%
Leisure & Hospitality	883	924	926	926	952	969	980	97	11%
Other Services	877	889	906	875	888	892	890	13	1.50%
Public Administration	204	200	200	200	201	201	201	-3	-1.50%
Total	9,653	9,997	10,475	10,350	10,564	10,660	10,683	1,030	10.70%

Source: SEMCO 2045 Regional Development Forecast

Median Household Income

According to Census data, the 2020 median household income for Bedford Township residents was \$74,836 higher than both Monroe County at \$65,453 and the southeast Michigan region at \$64,068.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

The natural features of Bedford Township have played a major role in influencing growth and development. Like much of Michigan's southern Lower Peninsula, the Township's landscape was formed through glacial action. The movement of the glaciers shaped the topography and created many different types of soils. Plant communities, in turn, developed in response to soil conditions.

Geology, Topography and Soils

Monroe County and Bedford Township owe their general lack of topographic relief to ancient lake beds. The bedrock in the Township is directly overlain by a layer of clay till, deposited as a till plain by receding glaciers. This till layer is covered by glacial lake bed sediments, composed of various textures, but primarily lake plain clay and lake plain sand. Beach ridges, deposited as ancient Lake Erie successively rose and fell over time, left long sandy ridges running roughly parallel to the present Lake Erie shoreline.

The Township is relatively flat with a gentle slope from west to east. With the exception of the southeast corner of the Township, which is characterized by a small area of level silty loam, Bedford soils are predominantly sandy and loamy, nearly level and susceptible to wetness and flooding. According to the Soil Survey of Monroe County (USDA, 1981), there are three major soil associations in Bedford Township: Oakville-Tedrow, Pewamo-Selfridge-Blount and Lenawee-Del Rey. A large percentage of the soils are considered either prime farm land soils or soils of local importance (Figure 12). Prime farmland are those areas with soils considered by the USDA as having the best combination of physical and chemical properties for producing food, forage, fiber and oil seed crops. In addition to prime farmland, state and local soil conservation agencies have identified "farmlands of local importance" which are considered nearly as productive as prime farmland. In Bedford Township, the farmlands of local importance are generally sandier soils which have especially high potential for the production of vegetable and other specialty crops.

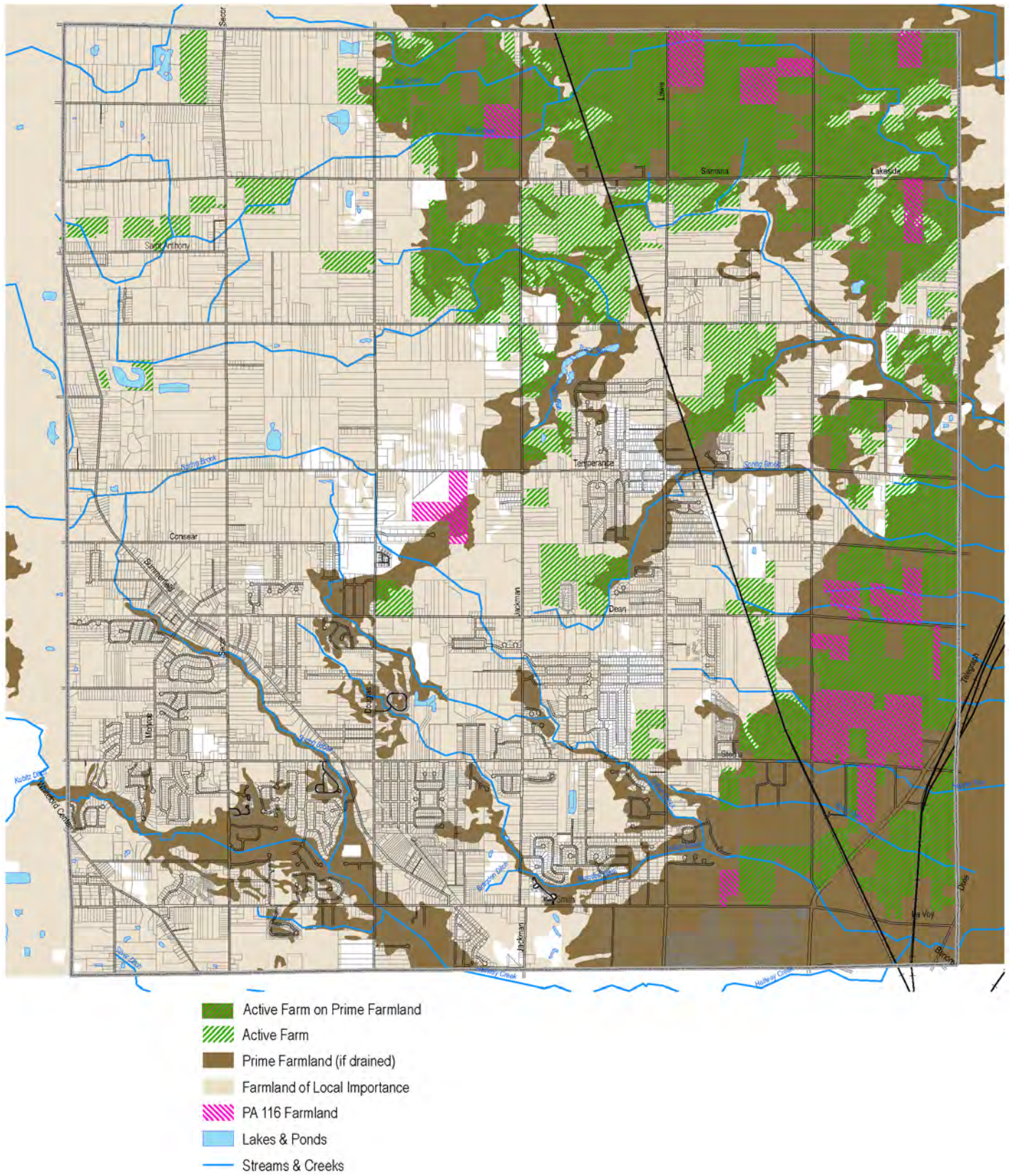
Figure 12 also identifies farmland enrolled in the State Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (P.A. 116). This program enables a farm owner to enter into a development right agreement with the State of Michigan. The agreement ensures that the land remains in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years and is not developed for any non-agricultural use. In return for maintaining the land in agricultural use, the landowner may be entitled to certain tax benefits and the land is not subject to special assessments for sanitary sewer, water, lights, or non-farm drain projects.

Wetlands, Drainage and Flood Zones

Bedford Township is located in an area drained by an extensive network of small creeks and drains which flows from west to east in Lake Erie (Figure 13). Except for several dug ponds, there is little open water in the Township. The creeks and drains which account for the majority of the drainage within Bedford are: Indian Creek, Halfway Creek, Bragden Ditch, Reed Run, Hooper Run, Spring Brook, Tracy Run, and Bay Creek.

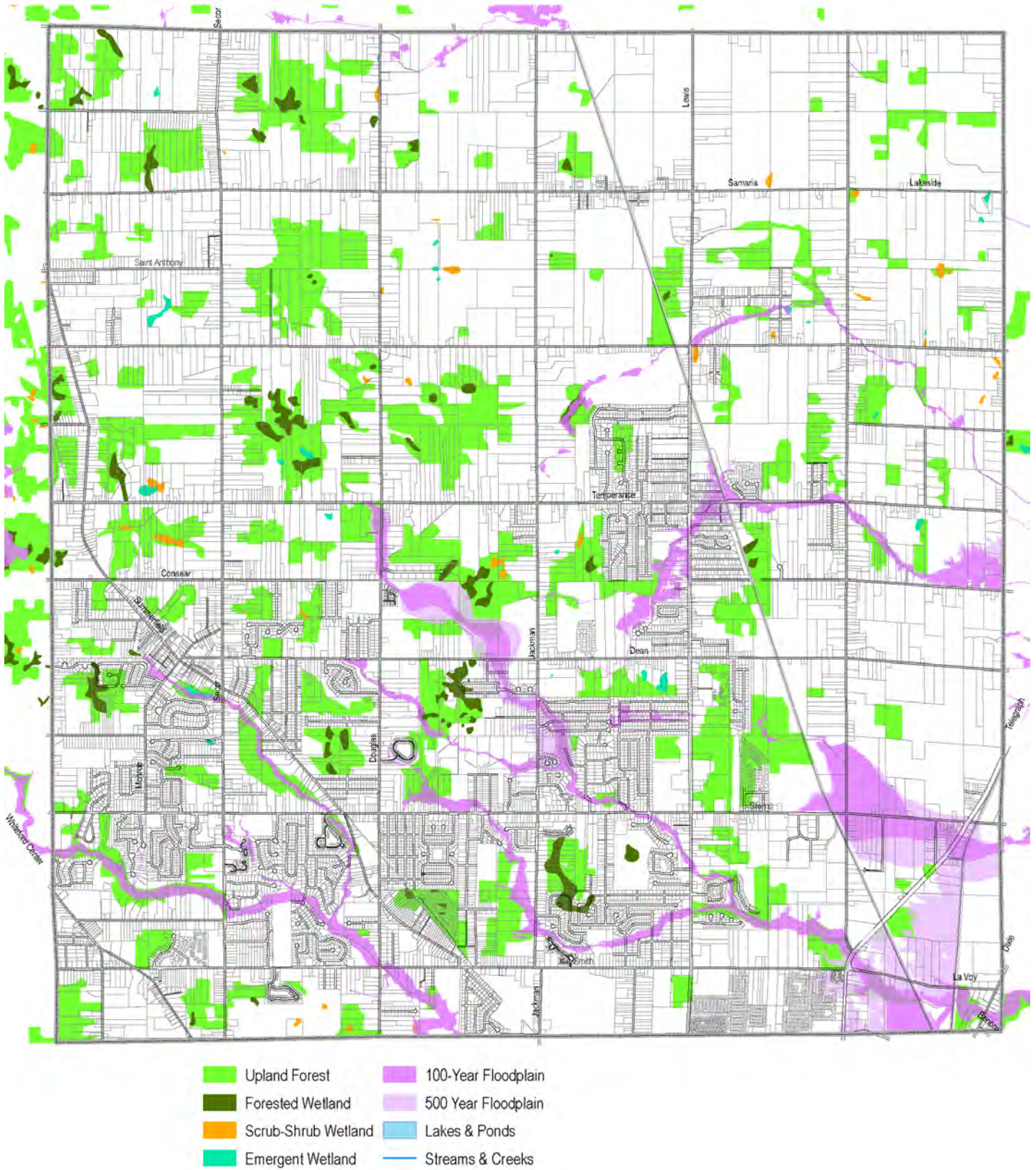
The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has mapped the presence of flood hazard zones in Bedford Township. For flood insurance purposes, the Township was mapped and divided into different flood hazard areas based on the frequency or probability of flooding. The 100-year flood zones have a 1% chance of flooding in any given year, while the 500-year flood zones have a 0.2% chance. The mapped floodways are the areas most severely affected by flooding and thus to contain high velocity waters during flood events.

Figure 12. Prime Farmland



Source: USDA National Resources Conservation Service, Soil Survey, Monroe County

Figure 13. Natural Features



Source: MIRIS and updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map data

Woodlands

Prior to 1800, much of the Bedford area was forested with both upland dry (white oak, black oak, pin oak) and mesic (beech, sugar maple, basswood) forests, with some areas covered by lakeplain prairie. Today, there are only a few scattered remnants of the large prairies and oak openings that once existed and which have become increasingly rare throughout the region. More common are the forested areas, although even forested land are mostly scattered fragmented woodlots rather than large, unbroken areas of natural habitat.

Forested areas in the Township today consist primarily of upland hardwood forests (oak-hickory) in higher elevations and on sandier soils and lowland hardwood forests (elm-ash-maple) located in poorly drained areas, in floodplains and along streams. The northwest quarter of the Township contains the largest forested areas, along with scattered areas of shrubs, grassland, and wetlands.

Historic Sites

Bedford Township contains some historic sites and buildings of local and state significance. The Bedford District No. 6 School on East Sterns Road, known as Banner Oak School, is listed on the State Register of Historic Places. The schoolhouse's period of significance is listed as 1866-1900. There are also many historic cemeteries and burial grounds.



2020 LAND USE

According to the existing land use/land cover map (Figure 14), residential development is the most prominent land use, covering more than 50% of the Township. Located primarily in the northern half of the Township, agricultural use covers approximately 20%, with other uses classified as recreational (3.6%), institutional (1.7%), commercial and office (1.7%), and industrial (1.4%). Overall, based on 2020 aerial photographs, 46% of the Township's land cover is open space and 37% wooded areas, with the remainder (17%) primarily impervious or including small bare areas and water bodies.

Table 4. Existing Land Use

Land Use	Acres	Percent
Agricultural /Rural Residential	13,887.1	55.3%
Single-family Residential	5,194.3	20.6%
Attached Condo Housing	20.6	0.1%
Multiple-family Residential	258.3	1.0%
Mobile Home	172.3	0.7%
Mixed Use	23.2	0.1%
Retail	197.6	0.8%
Office	115.6	0.5%
Hospitality	39	0.2%
Medical	47.6	0.2%
Institutional	427.9	1.7%
Industrial	343.7	1.4%
Recreational/Open Space	410.2	1.6%
Cemetery	10	0.0%
Golf Course	499.5	2.0%
Parking	10.1	0.0%
Extractive	16.4	0.1%
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	297.9	1.2%
Vacant	1,598.2	6.3%
Water	70.3	0.3%
Not Parceled	1522.8	6.0%
Total	25,215.2	100%

Source: American Community Survey and SEMCOG Community Profiles.

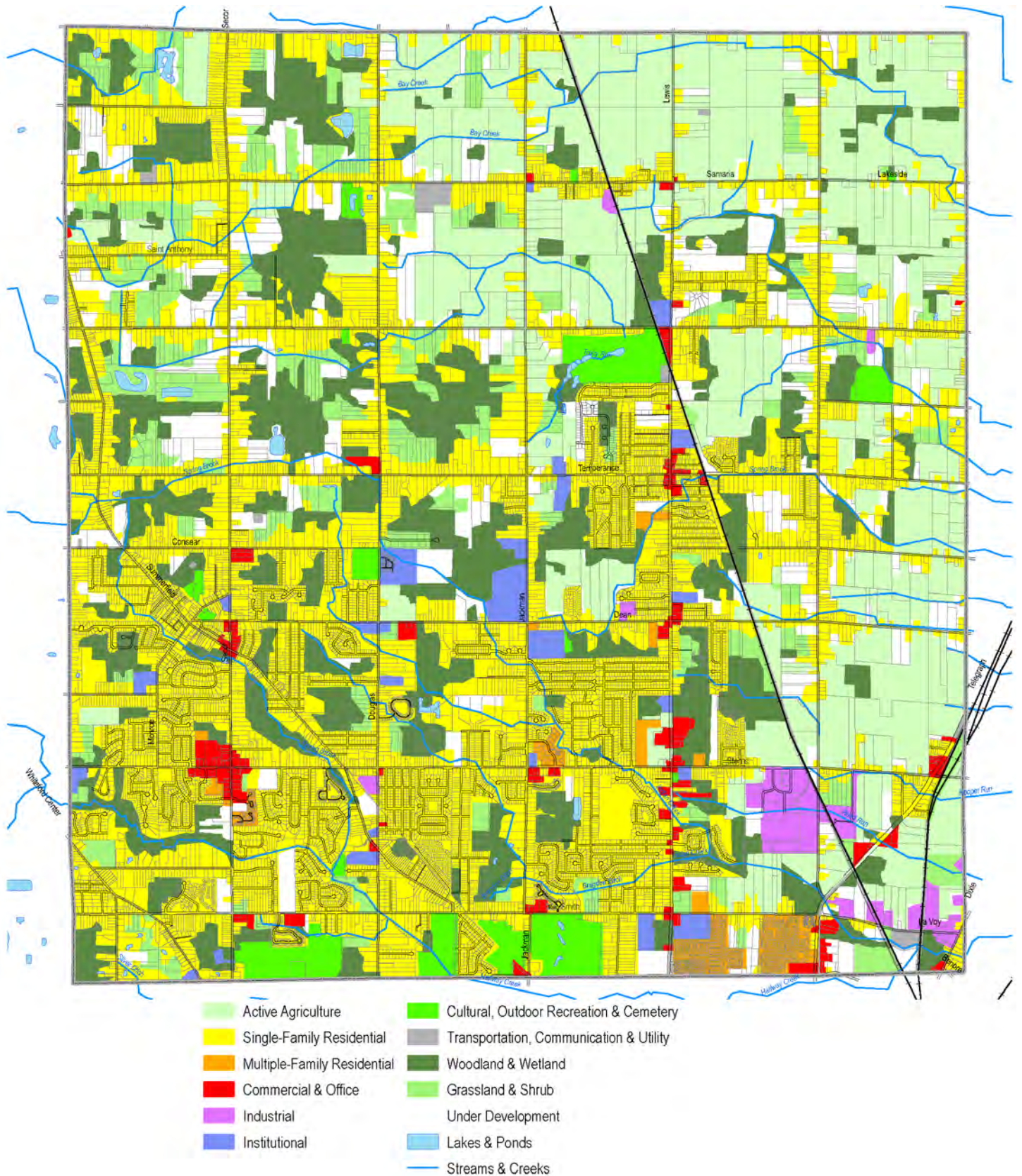
Table 5. 2020 Land Cover

Type	Description	Acres	Percent
Impervious	Buildings, roads, driveways & parking lots	2,828.3	11.2%
Trees	Woody vegetation & trees	9,362.9	37.1%
Open Space	Agricultural fields, grasslands & turf grass	11,547.4	45.8%
Bare	Soil, aggregate piles & unplanted fields	1,264	5%
Water	Rivers, lakes, drains & ponds	205.7	0.8%

Source: SEMCOG Land Cover data was derived from SEMCOG's 2010 imagery.

*: Acreages are approximate and for planning purposes only

Figure 14. Land Use/Land Cover

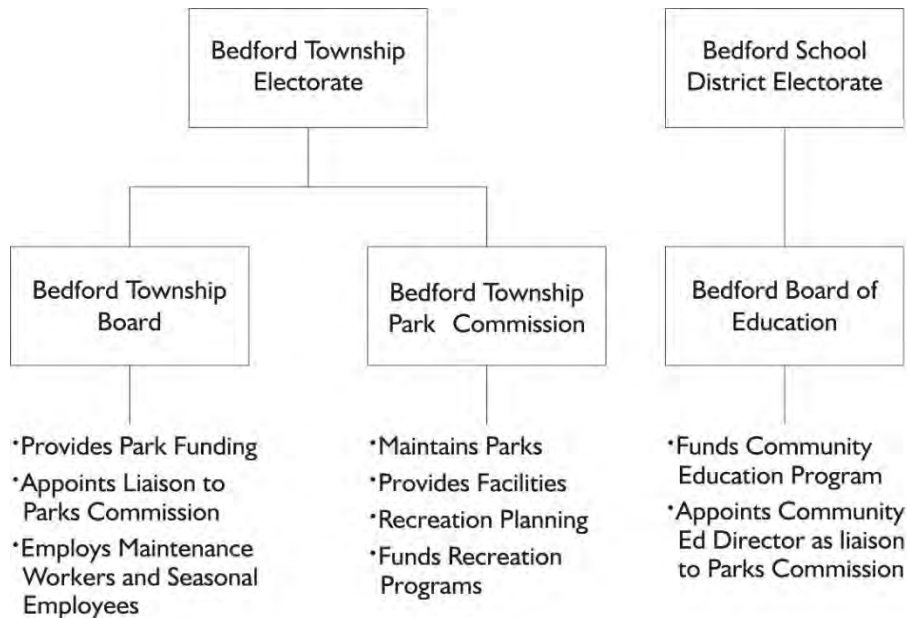


Source: Updated from 2010 SEMCOG Land Use/Land Cover data

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation in Bedford Township is jointly administered by the Bedford Township Board and the Park Commission. The Township’s parks system was established under the authority of Act 156 of 1917.

Figure 15. Bedford Parks and Recreation - Organizational Chart



The Township Board’s role is to allocate funding and resources to the Park Commission. The Commission, which consists of five elected members, is responsible for establishing park rules and policies, for maintaining the Township's park facilities and for planning for future recreational needs. The Park Commission meets twice a month. The Township Board appoints a non-voting liaison to the Commission.

Recreation programming is accomplished by the Bedford Public Schools Community Education Program on behalf of the Bedford Board of Education, the Bedford Township Park Commission and the Bedford Township Board. The Community Education Recreation Department is responsible for developing, organizing, and administering recreation programs for the Township.

Bedford Parks are funded primarily through the Township’s general fund. A 5-year 0.25 mil assessment for capital improvements and land acquisition had been in place from 2001 to 2006 but failed to be renewed in 2006, 2008, and 2010.

The total park budget for the year 2021-2022 was \$177,546.22. While most revenues were supported from the Township’s general fund contributions (\$150,000), other revenues came from rental fees, contributions, and other sources.

Table 6. Bedford Township 2021-2022 Parks and Recreation Budget

Description	Amended Budget 2021-2022
Revenues Fund	
Sale of Fixed Assets	\$20,000.00
Contributions: General Fund	\$150,000.00
Contributions	\$520.00
Interest: Savings	\$259.48
Leases	\$2,340.63
Rental Revenue	\$41,274.04
Rental Revenue – Cell Tower	\$26,979.00
Contributions: Fireworks	\$550.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	-\$10,000.00
Total Revenues	\$231,923.15
Expenses	
Board Fees	\$5,838.33
Park Salary	\$6,551.00
Fica	\$956.33
Office supplies, Postage, and operating supplies	\$716.69
Legal Fees: Professional Services	\$1,710.00
Engineering Fees	\$140.00
Contracted Services	\$2,215.62
Refuse Collection	\$7,723.50
Janitorial Services	\$16,520.91
Insurances and Bonds	\$788.81
Community Days/Fireworks	\$20,750.00
Community Education	\$25,000.00
Utilities: Consumers Energy, Sewer, Water and Street Lights	\$10,887.25
Maintenance	\$36,622.00
Equipment Rentals	\$209.56
Miscellaneous	\$144.53
Property Tax	\$646.99
Capital Outlay	\$40,125.00
Total Expenses	\$177,546.22

Volunteer efforts within the parks take a variety of forms. Ongoing park maintenance projects are accomplished through the efforts of community service workers in conjunction with the County’s Sheriff and Adult Probation departments. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have conducted a variety of projects within the parks, as have various church youth groups. The Lions Club has also contributed volunteer efforts. The Bedford Township Green Initiative Committee is now maintaining the flowerbeds in the parks. The skateboarders who use Parmelee Park have volunteered time and effort to improve and maintain the skateboard facilities at that park. In addition, baseball leagues such as 3B Baseball, Bedford Black Ops, Bedford Select, and others, have made improvements to the Township parks’ ball diamonds.

PARK INVENTORY

In order to adequately assess the need for future recreational facilities, a detailed recreation inventory of the facilities within and around Bedford Township was updated for this plan. The previous recreation plan served as a starting point and the Park Commission assisted in updating the list of recreational facilities present. Table 7 and 8 present the inventory of all the regional and local recreational facilities available to Bedford Township residents and Figure 17 depicts their location.

The residents of Bedford Township are offered a wide variety of parks, recreational facilities, and programs. This chapter provides an inventory and description of these parks and recreational facilities and programs. A listing of the private recreational facilities is also included. The tables present the State and regional facilities available to Bedford Township residents, as well as the Monroe County parks, Bedford Township parks, Bedford School facilities, and the private facilities within Bedford Township.

REGIONAL PARKS

A variety of regional recreational facilities and opportunities are available to residents of Bedford Township. Table 7 provides the name of the major regional parks and recreational facilities in southeast Michigan. These parks generally are large facilities with a large service area and with opportunities for camping, swimming, boating, hiking, golf, and other activities which are generally beyond the ability of a local community to provide.

There are several regional level facilities in Monroe County, including Sterling State Park, Erie State Game Area, Petersburg State Game Area, as well as other State game areas, boat launch sites, historic sites and other areas of interest. The State-owned facilities provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, and hiking — opportunities which would be difficult or impossible for the Township to provide.

The Monroe County Parks provide large areas for active sports, picnicking, special events, exercise and play. Vienna Park, located in the eastern part of Bedford Township, consists of 57 acres with restrooms, parking, ball diamonds, picnic sites, play equipment, and open space.

The Toledo Metroparks and City of Toledo parks also provide a wide variety of regional recreational opportunities for Bedford residents.



Table 7. Regional Parks

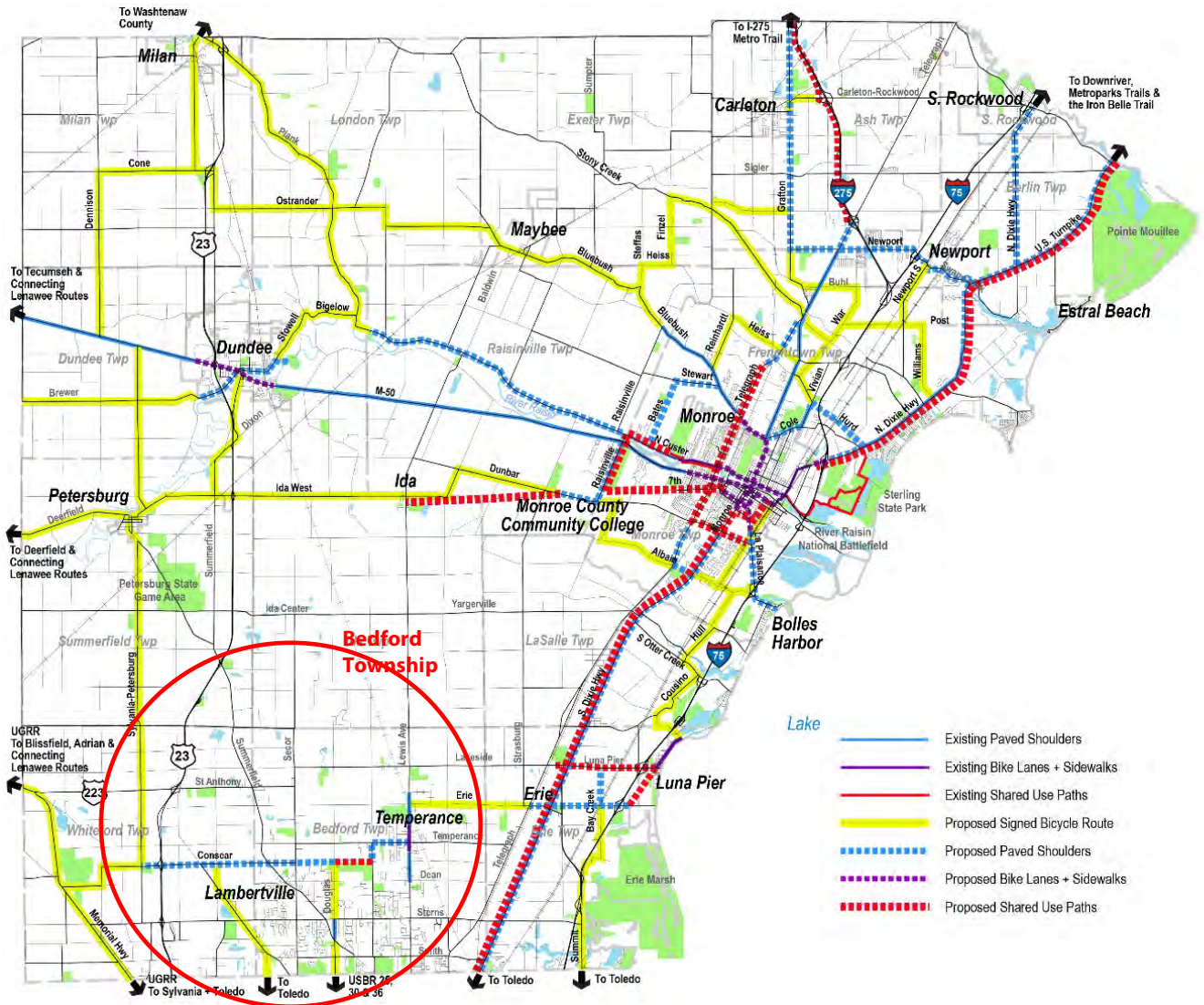
Park	Location	Acres
Michigan State Parks & State Game Areas		
Crystal Water State Game Area	London Township	650
Erie State Game Area	Erie Township	1,000+
Petersburg State Game Area	Summerfield Township	935
Pointe Mouillee State Game Area	Berlin Township	1,000+
Sterling State Park	Frenchtown Township and City of Monroe	1,001
Cambridge State Historic Park	Lenawee County	183
Lake Hudson Recreation Area	Lenawee County	2,650
W.J. Hayes State Park	Washtenaw, Lenawee, Jackson Counties	654
HCMA Metroparks		
Lake Erie	Gibraltar	1,571
Toledo Metropolitan Parks		
Bend View	Lucas County	50
Farnsworth	Lucas County	65
Oak Openings	Lucas County	3,700
Pearson	Lucas County	320
Providence	Lucas County	300
Secor	Lucas County	500
Side Cut	Lucas County	210
Swan Creek	Lucas County	412
Wildwood Preserve	Lucas County	460
Toledo-Lucas County Recreational Facilities		
Lucas County Recreational Center	Lucas County	88
Toledo Zoological Park	Toledo, Ohio	33
Walbridge Park	City of Toledo	72
Ottawa Park	City of Toledo	312
Nona France Whitehouse	Lucas County	200
Ohio State Parks		
Maumee Bay State Park	Lucas County	1,200
Monroe County Parks		
Waterloo Park	Monroe Township	9
Heck Park	Frenchtown Township	15
Nike Park	Frenchtown Township	80
Vienna Park	Bedford Township	57
West County Park	Dundee Township	57

NON-MOTORIZED PLANS FOR THE REGION

The Monroe County Trail and Bicycle Plan focuses on a countywide network to connect to other, regional corridors or systems. Considering national, state, and regional existing and planned systems traversing Monroe County along with the County’s important regional destinations together and within the context of the current and proposed initiatives taking place in Monroe County, the following key countywide connections and segments can be distinguished.

1. The River Raisin Heritage Trail continued extension known as the Monroe Loop Trail along N. Custer Road in Frenchtown Township circling back to the City of Monroe south of the River Raisin by way of Raisinville Road and South Seventh Street;
2. The Sterling State Park levee stabilization and trail repair;
3. The Cornerstone bicycle route following rural roadways connecting the County’s villages and small towns which goes through Bedford Township; and
4. North Dixie Highway closing the north-south regional gap to the Downriver Linked Greenways in Wayne County and to the statewide Michigan Iron-Belle Trail.

Figure 16. Monroe County Trail and Bicycle Network



LOCAL PARKS IN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Bedford Parks

Bedford Township operates six community parks: Carr’s Grove, Parmelee, Samaria, White, Lewis Ansted, and Wheeler Preserve. The community parks have been developed to offer residents a wide range of recreational opportunities including play areas, picnic areas, and active sports. The parks range in size from 5 to 48 acres and are fairly well-distributed throughout the Township, with three parks in the northeast quarter and three in the southwest quarter (see Figure 17).

Bedford Township also owns 15 neighborhood parks and tot-lots. These facilities are, for the most part, undeveloped, dedicated green space; although a few (Bicentennial, Colonial, and Silas & Julia Smith) contain some play equipment and other facilities. These parks, which range in size from 0.1 to 8.7 acres, are intended mainly to serve the need of nearby residents or preserve open space.

The remaining recreational facilities within the Township are not directly under the jurisdiction of Bedford Township; however, they help meet some of the community’s recreational needs.

Monroe County Parks

Vienna Park is a Monroe County Park within Bedford Township. It is fairly large (57 acres) and offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, including walking, picnicking, play grounds, field sports, and disc golf.

Bedford Public Schools

The service area of the Bedford Public Schools closely approximates the boundaries of Bedford Township. The district contains a High School and Middle School on adjacent grounds and three elementary schools located throughout the Township and including Monroe Road Elementary, serving the northwest area of the Township, Jackman Road Elementary, serving the southeast area, and Douglas Road Elementary, serving the remainder of the Township. The elementary schools all have outdoor play areas, which are available for the use of residents outside of school hours. Volunteers helped installed a unique “pirate ship” inclusive playground at Douglas Road Elementary which earned a PlayCore’s Inclusion National Demonstration Site award. Bedford High School has a full range of facilities which are also available to the public and used for community education programs and activities. In addition, the Bedford Schools own the Indian Creek property which includes soccer fields and a walk path and a large natural wooded area which is an important site for hiking and nature study.

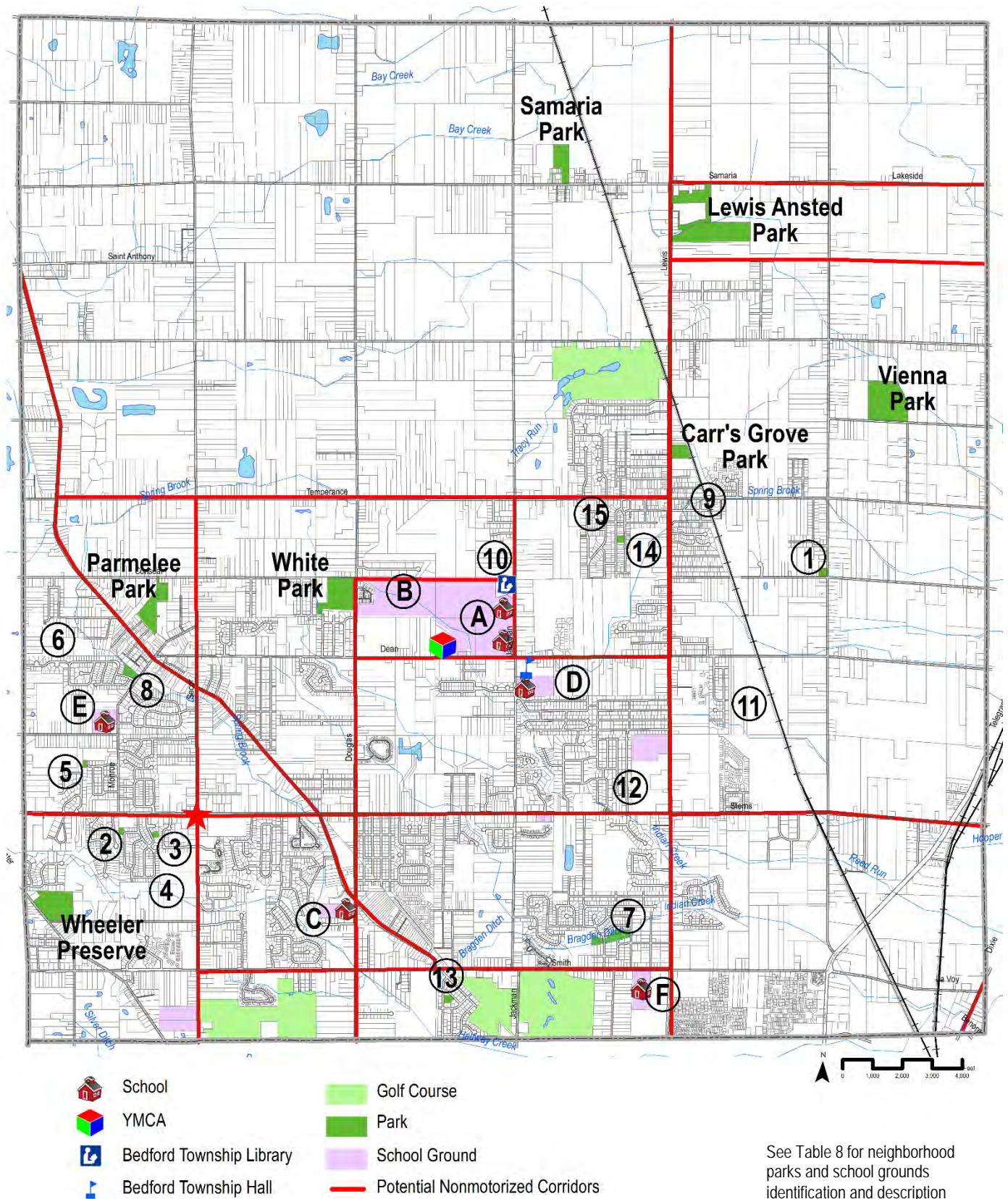
Subdivision and Mobile Home Community Parks

Several of the residential subdivisions in the Township, as well as the mobile home parks, provide play areas and open space. These sites are generally 1 to 2 acres in size and, for the most part, are small spaces which do little to serve the recreational needs of the local residents or the larger community.

Private Parks and Recreation Facilities

Private recreational facilities include large golf courses, riding stables, and campgrounds. There is also a private swim club and a bowling alley in the Township. The Francis Family YMCA, built in collaboration with the Public Schools and the community, helps to meet the indoor recreational needs of residents. In addition, Bedford includes New Bedford Academy, a public charter school located on Secor Road in Lambertville and State Line Christian School, a private school located on Lewis Avenue in Temperance.

Figure 17. Parks and Community Facilities



See Table 8 for neighborhood parks and school grounds identification and description



Carr's Grove Park



Parmelee Park





Samaria Park



White Park





Lewis Ansted Park



Wheeler Preserve

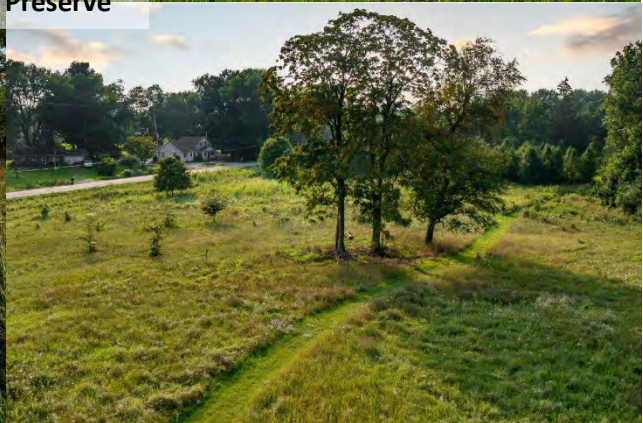


Table 8. Local Parks

Parks	Recreation Facilities	Acreage	Map Key
Bedford Community Parks			
Carr's Grove Park	Parking Lots, Play Structures (2: 5-12 yr. olds, 2-5 yr. olds), Tire Swing, Alligator bouncer, Benches, Ball Diamond, Picnic Tables, Picnic Shelter, Concrete Elephant Sculpture, Permanent Grills, Large brick grill, Basketball Court, Tennis Courts, Water Fountain, Gazebo, Community Center with Restrooms and Storage Building.	5.3	
Parmelee Park	Parking Lot, Play Structures (2: 5-12 yr. olds, 2-5 yr. olds), Play Equipment (<i>Small Slide, Large Jungle Gym Slide, Hippo Ride (swing), Monkey Bars, Tire Swing, Swing Set, See Saw</i>), Walking Trail (3/4 mile), Basketball Court, Picnic Tables, Skate Park, Ball Diamond w/ Lights, Concession Building, Shelter, Grills, Concrete Lion Sculpture, 18-hole Disc Golf Course, Benches, Drinking Fountain.	8.8	
Samaria Park	Parking Lot, Play Structures (2: 5-12 yr. olds, 2-5 yr. olds), Ball Diamond w/ Backstop, Basketball Court, Gazebo, Drinking Fountain, Horseshoes, Community Building w/restrooms & kitchen facilities (rental), Permanent Grills, Benches, Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables, Concrete Dinosaur Sculpture.	13.2	
White Park	Parking Lots, Play Structures (5-12 yr. olds & 2-5 yr. olds), Swings, Tire Swing, Grills, Lighted Ball Diamonds, Batting Cages, Concession Stand w/ Scoreboard, Bleachers, Picnic Tables, Benches, Restrooms, Drinking Fountains, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Pavilions, Walking Path (gravel, 8/10 mile), Pickleball Courts, Concrete Gorilla Sculpture, Alligator bouncer.	28.1	
Lewis Ansted Park	Parking Lot, Compacted Limestone Walking Trail (1 mile), Benches, Native Prairie Restoration, and Monarch Butterfly Garden.	48.0	
Wheeler Preserve	Parking Lot, Compacted Limestone Walking Trail and Grass Trails, Native Prairie Restoration.	22.0	
Bedford Neighborhood Parks			
Bicentennial Park	Gazebo, Foot Bridge	1.0	1
Colonial (Cranbrook)	Basketball Court, Merry-Go-Round, Swing Sets, Tot Swings, Picnic Tables, Dome Climber, Play Structure (2-5 yrs. olds), Horseshoe.	0.9	2
Colonial (Middlebury)	Dedicated Green Space	1.3	3
Colonial (Ridgedale)	Dedicated Green Space	1.2	4
Colonial (Wellsley)	Dedicated Green Space	1.2	5
Cottonwood	Dedicated Green Space	0.3	6
Hooverdale - Windingbrook	Dedicated Green Space with Wetland and Flood Plain.	8.7	7
Jamie Park (Kimberly Oaks)	Dedicated Green Space	4.8	8
McClanathan St.	New acquisition	0.1	9
Shenandoah Hills	Dedicated Green Space	0.5	10
Silas and Julia Smith Park	Picnic Tables, Benches, Swing Set, Dome Climber, Grills, ½ Basketball Court, Play Structure (2-5 yrs. olds), merry-go-round,	2.1	11

Parks	Recreation Facilities	Acreege	Map Key
	Horseshoe courts.		
Tanglewood	Dedicated Green Space	0.8	14
Woodstream Acres	Dedicated Green Space	0.8	15
Monroe County Park			
Vienna Park	Baseball Diamonds (5), Play Structure (2:5-12 yr. olds, 2-5 yr. olds), Swing Set (1), Shelter Areas (5), Basketball Court, Picnic Tables (24), Disc Golf Course (18 hole), Bleaches (5), bike Rack, Horseshoe Areas (2), Grills (13), Nature Area, Soccer Fields (6).	57	
Bedford Public Schools			
Bedford Senior/Junior High	<p>Outdoor: Girls Softball Diamond, Track (paved), Practice Walls for Tennis, Basketball Hoops, Baseball Diamond w/ backstop, Bleachers & Scoreboards, Football Fields, Community Stadium w/track, bleachers & lights, Soccer Stadium w/bleachers & lights, Tennis Courts w/ bleachers & lights, soccer fields, Community Education soccer fields, Nature trails, Outdoor Learning Center with pond.</p> <p>Indoor (Sr.): Competitive Gymnasium w/ bleachers, Basketball Courts (1 main court or 2 cross courts for basketball or volleyball), Climbing Ropes, batting Cage; Instructional gymnasium w/portable bleachers, Game Courts (3 basketball or 3 volleyball); All Sports Locker Rooms, Locker Room/Wrestling Room, Varsity Football Locker room, Auditorium, Inside Baseball, Boys and Girls P.E. Locker Rooms (1 each), Weight Room.</p> <p>Indoor (Jr.): Basketball Court (1 main court or 2 cross courts for basketball or volleyball), Wrestling Room, Girls and Boys P.E. Locker Rooms, Climbing Ropes, Varsity Sports Locker Room.</p>	152.9	A
Indian Creek Former Park Area	Parking Lot, Bleachers, Soccer Fields, Cross Country Trails, Ball Diamonds, Picnic Tables, Foot Bridges, Pavilion (15x25), Signboard, Grills, Small Play Structure, Swings, Walking Path (gravel, 1.2 miles)	22.8	B
Douglas Road Elementary	Softball Diamond, Multi-Purpose Room, Locker Rooms, All-inclusive playstructure, Mountain Climber, Horizontal Ladder, 7 Foot Slide, Swings, Swing Set, "Pirate Ship" Inclusive Playstructure, Fitness Court, Basketball Court, Gymnasium & Basketball Court, Bunker Hill Climber, Saddle Mates, 6 Foot Slide, 8 Foot Slide, Swing Sets, Climber w/ slide, 10 station fitness path.	11.5	C
Jackman Road Elementary	Softball Diamonds, Gym, Concrete Pipes, Balance Beam, Catwalk Climber, Swing Set, Climb-Over, Basketball Hoops (parking lot), Jungle Gym, Slide, Level Balance Beams, Swings, Kiddy Swing Set, Horizontal Ladder.	20.1	D
Monroe Road Elementary	Tire swings, Swing set, 3-station climbing set, Jungle Gym, Balancing apparatus, Picnic tables, Basketball court, Climbing wall, Lower grade playground: Funnel ball Stations, Swing set, Jungle Gym, Balance beam, Teeter totter, Monkey bar,	12.6	E

Parks	Recreation Facilities	Acreege	Map Key
	Basketball baskets, Height gauge, Indoor gymnasium (1 main court or 2 cross courts for basketball or volleyball), Climbing net, Climbing rope.		
Smith Road Elementary (Leased, no longer operating as a school)	Softball Diamonds, Nature Walk, Sea Serpent Climber, Eagle's Cliff Climber, Slides, Climbing Pole, Basketball Hoops, Indoor Gymnasium w/Basketball Court, Monkey Bars, Turning Bars, Storm Sewer Pipes.	17.7	F
Subdivision & Manufactured Home Parks			
Bridgeway		2.6	
Canterbury Forest		0.9	
Crosscreeks (Indian Creek Common Area)		14.6	
Crosscreeks (Ryan Common Area)		1.7	
Green Hills Community Park		13.4	
Inverness		0.7	
Lambert Estates		1.2	
Northtowne Meadows		1.6	
Valleybrook Park		2.8	
Wildhaven		3.2	
Private Parks & Recreation Facilities			
Bedford Hills Golf Course		132.2	
Giant Oak Golf Course		141.2	
Maplewood Golf Course		133.5	
Tamaron Country Club		57.6	
Brookwood Swim Club		5.3	
Douglas Meadows Stables		20.6	
Fox Meadows Riding Academy		11.2	
Hunter's Run Riding Stables		49.6	
Forestview Lanes	Sand Volleyball Courts (5)	9.3	
YMCA		9.2	

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND GRANT ASSISTED PROJECTS

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing access to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the MDNR Guidelines was used to evaluate the accessibility of the Township community parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 as follows:

1. None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines,
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines, and
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Each of the developed parks and properties was evaluated using the ranking system noted above. The specific elements that were evaluated include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, the activity areas themselves and support facilities such as restrooms and surfacing. Table 9 presents the results of this evaluation.

Table 9. Accessibility Assessment

Parks	Rating	
Carr's Grove Park	3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines While there are barrier-free, signed parking spots and accessible routes to the playground and shelters, there are no accessible routes to the ballfield, tennis court, or basketball court.
Parmelee Park	2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines While there are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route to the playground, no accessible routes are provided to the other activity areas.
Samaria Park	2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines While there are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route to the play areas, there are no accessible routes to the shelter, ballfield, or basketball court.
White Park	2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines There are barrier-free, signed parking spots and accessible routes to some of the park activity areas. Accessible routes are lacking to the basketball courts and the tennis/pickleball courts.
Indian Creek Park	2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines There are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route provided at the west end of the park. Some of the narrow bridges are planned to be removed and/or replaced with updated and wider pedestrian bridges.
Lewis-Ansted Park	4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines The park was recently developed and meets accessibility guidelines.
Wheeler Preserve	2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines There are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route provided at the west end of the park

Bedford Township has been awarded several MDNR grants since 1973. Grant funding from the state has been instrumental in acquiring and developing recreation facilities on park properties. Table 10 presents a description of all MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities. Post-Completion Forms have been filled for each grant project and submitted as required.

Table 10. Grant History

Parks	Date + Grant #	Type of Grant	Amount	Project Features	Condition
Samaria	1973 26-00424	LWCF Acquisition	\$9,000.00	10.75 acres of land	Park has been developed and is currently fully operational.
White Park	1985 26-01382	LWCF Development	\$17,915.81	Two tennis courts	Tennis courts are used and being maintained in good condition.
Carr's Grove Community Center	1989 BF89-528	BF Development	\$79,425.00	Renovate community center utilizing energy-efficient and barrier-free design to bring facility into compliance with current mechanical, electrical and plumbing codes	The community center has been well-maintained with needed repairs since this grant was awarded in 1989.
White Park	2001 26-01573	LWCF Development	\$59,000.00	Playground improvements including accessible surface, gate, path and sign	Fully accessible play area installed and fully usable, as well as gate, pathway and signage.
Lewis- Ansted Park	2012 26-01721	LWCF Development	\$56,500.00	Trail development and native prairie plantings	Park trails and native plantings are well used/liked and in good condition.

BF: Recreation Bond Fund

LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund



NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A critical component in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs and desires of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. Needs and preferences provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives that lead to an action plan. To assess needs and desires, consideration was given to current recreation trends and input from community stakeholders, public officials, staff and residents of Bedford Township.

PARK ACREAGE COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends a minimum amount of park land to adequately serve a given population. The NRPA guidelines provide minimum park land standards that are applicable nationwide for park planning purposes. While the NRPA standards are useful benchmarks addressing minimum park acreage, a parks and recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

According to the NRPA, parks are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood, community and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of community residents. Their service area are based on walking distances as shown on the right. In Bedford, all Township parks may be considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the suggested amount of close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks serve a broader area. For Bedford Township residents, regional parks include the county and state-owned recreation facilities described in the preceding pages of this section. According to the NRPA standards, the suggested amount of regional park land is 15 to 20 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Table 11 presents a comparison of the NRPA suggested park land standards based on Bedford's 2020 population (31,813). According to the 2020 population, the Township currently does not meet the minimum standards for *close-to-home* park land. However, when considering the school grounds, the amount of park land does meet the minimum standards. Moreover, when adding in the private parks and recreation facilities as well as the county parks, it is clear that there are a lot of recreational opportunities available to Bedford residents within a reasonable driving distance.

Figure 18 and 19 illustrate the service areas associated with the neighborhood and community parks within the Township. The Township is generally well-served by the community parks with the exception of the northwest corner and the south portion. Neighborhood parks are more scattered. Many neighborhoods could benefit from additional dedicated park land within walking distance to their residents. This would particularly be true for those areas of the Township with higher population numbers such as the general area bounded by Dean, Lewis, Smith, and Secor Roads.

NRPA Close-to-home Park Land Classification:

Mini-Park: Addresses limited recreational needs; serves an area less than ¼ mile distance.

Neighborhood Park: Is the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood; focus is on informal active and passive recreation; serves an area ¼ to ½ mile distance and is uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.

Community Park: Serves a broader purpose than neighborhood parks; focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs and preserving unique landscapes and open spaces; usually serves two or more neighborhoods at ½ to 3-mile distance.

Table 11. Comparison to Suggested Park Land Acreage Standards

Type of Parks	NRPA Standard Acres/1,000 Population	NRPA Standard Applied	Existing
Close-to-Home Park Land	6.25 - 10.5 Acres	199 - 234 Acres	152 Acres
Regional Parks (County Parks)	15 - 20 Acres	478 - 637 Acres	218 Acres
Schools			237 Acres
Subdivision & Manufactured Home Park Open Spaces			43 Acres
Private Parks & Recreation Facilities			570 Acres

Figure 18. Neighborhood Park Service Area

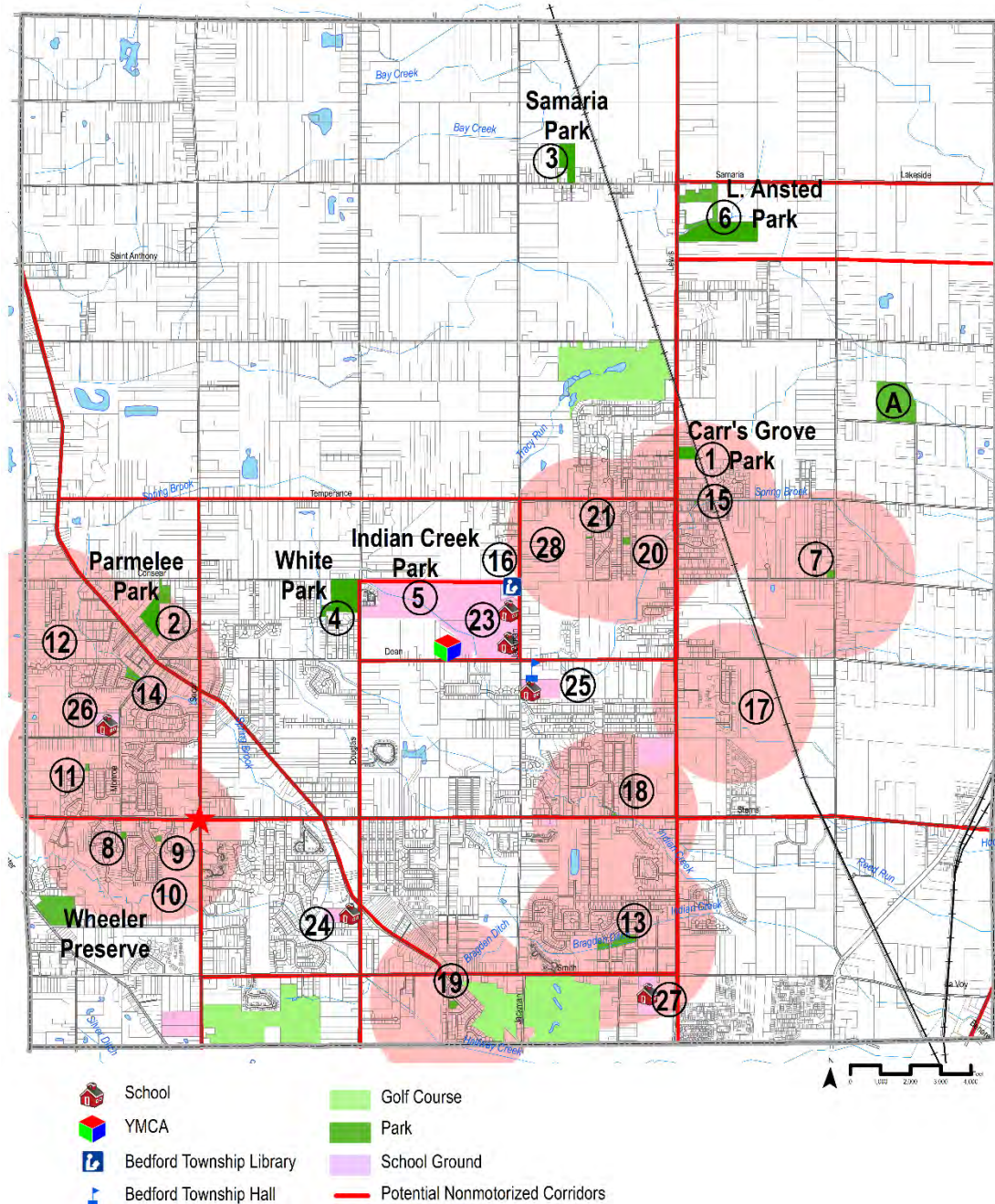
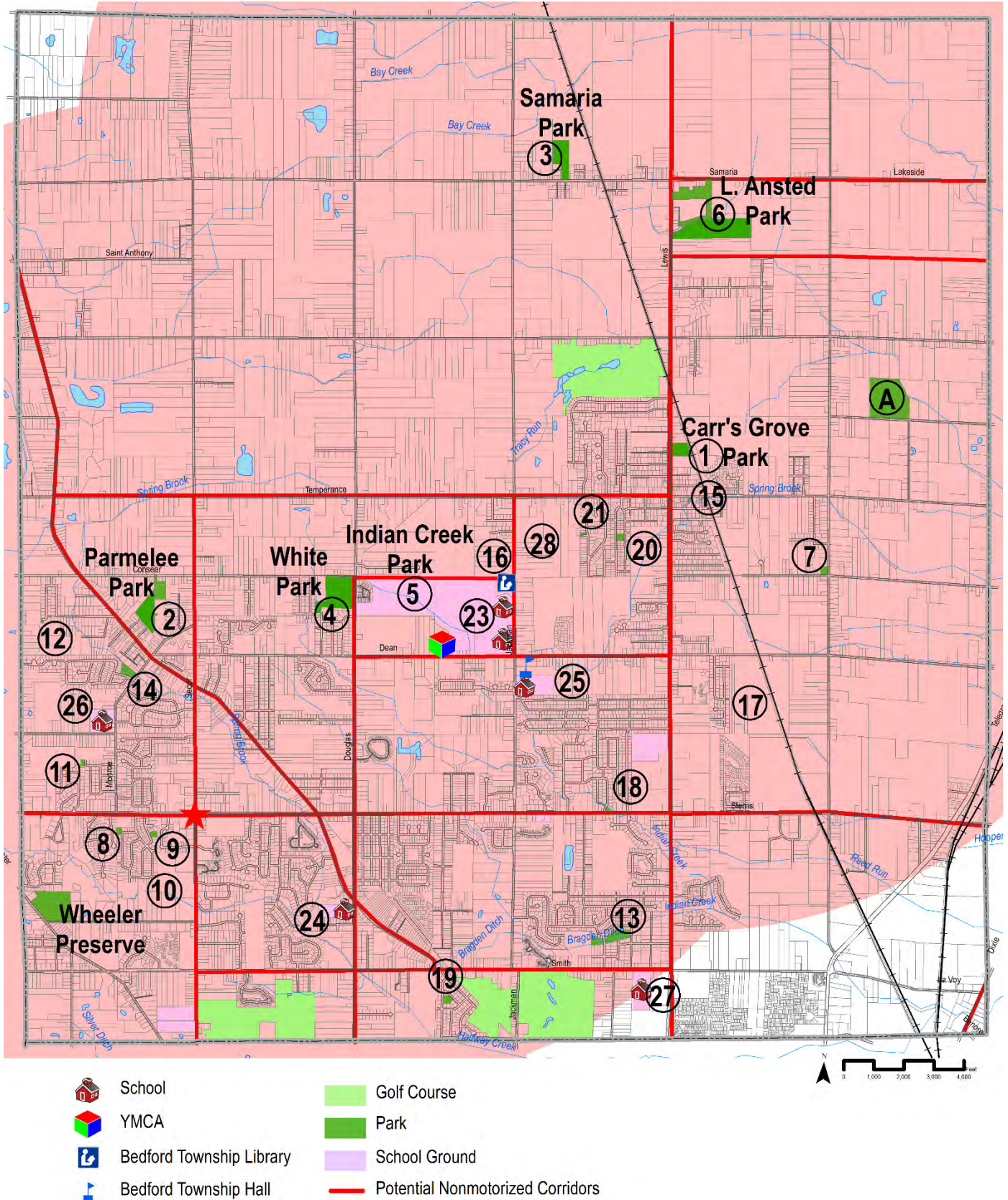


Figure 19. Community Park Service Area



NATIONAL AND STATE RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends on a national level and in Michigan provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and therefore may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The Outdoor Foundation regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. According to the Outdoor Foundation, nearly 53% of Americans (160.7 million) ages six and older participated in outdoor recreation in 2020. This was an increase of 7.1 million from 2019 and the largest jump on record, undoubtedly driven by the COVID pandemic impacts. Table 12 lists the top five outdoor activities in 2020 compared with 2015.

Table 12. National Sports Participation, 2020

Activity	2015 Participation Percent	2015 Participation Number	2020 Participation Percent	2020 Participation Number
1. Running, Jogging & Trail Running	18%	51.5 million	21.0%	63.8 million
2. Hiking	13%	37.2 million	19.0%	57.8 million
3. Freshwater, Saltwater & Fly Fishing	16%	45.7 million	18.0%	54.7 million
4. Road Biking, Mountain Biking & BMX	15%	43.1 million	17.3%	52.7 million
5. Car, Backyard & RV Camping	14%	40.0 million	15.8%	47.9 million

Source: *Outdoor Participation Report, 2021, the Outdoor Foundation.*

According to a telephone survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the top outdoor recreation activities for Michigan residents are listed in Table 13. For this survey, direct questions were asked about total days of participation within the last year, or 2017, for 34 specific activities. This, in combination with the statewide participation rate, allowed for the estimation of total participant days.

Table 13. Top Outdoor Recreation Activities by Percent Participation in Michigan, 2017

Activity	Total Participant Days	Participation Rate
Relaxing outdoors	436,642,901	75%
Walking outdoors, including dog walking	576,132,624	74%
Visiting parks or playgrounds	150,420,905	67%
Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure	200,974,504	64%
Visiting nature centers or historic sites	36,465,987	56%
Swimming outdoors	99,130,632	54%
Picnicking	58,330,039	53%
Fishing	77,266,345	41%
Biking of any kind (road or off road)	N/A	40%
Team or individual sports outdoors	84,751,341	37%
Wildlife viewing and/or photography (including birding)	108,373,278	36%
Hiking/backpacking	48,025,953	34%
Jogging/running	137,149,463	34%
Canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, or wind surfing	26,960,187	32%
Road biking	68,469,091	31%

Source: *Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2018-2022.*

Monitoring parks and recreation trends and how people are spending time outdoors provide an indication of the preferences and potential future direction of parks and recreation services and outdoor activities. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of Bedford Township can be summarized as follows:

- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors.
- There is a trend towards establishing community-wide non-motorized transportation systems to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable community. Bedford Township is recognizing the importance of providing trails and non-motorized opportunities to residents.
- Bedford Township contains several activity areas, which include parks, schools, libraries, Township Hall, shopping areas, and residential neighborhoods. Connections to these areas are desirable to maximize the community's recreation potential.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To develop a master plan that reflects the recreation preferences, needs and values of Bedford Township residents, the planning process included community outreach. Public input was received through a residents' survey and public meetings taking place at the Park Commission bi-monthly meetings.

During the period of November 2022 through January 2023, Bedford Township residents were invited to provide ideas and suggestions for the Township's parks and recreation system through an online survey available from the Township's website. The survey was advertised in the Township newsletter, through flyers, at community events and in the Monroe Evening News. The online questionnaire was designed to solicit feedback on a broad spectrum of issues for the community. More than 350 surveys and comments were received and compiled. Key findings from the surveys are outlined below. A complete tally of the responses gathered is attached in the appendix of this report.

Community Park Visitation and Preference

The top parks in terms of visitation and preference are:

1. White Park;
2. Carr's Grove Park;
3. Parmelee Park; and
4. Lewis Ansted Park.

New Parks Facilities and Recreation Amenity Preference

In general, respondents top five choices for preferred recreation amenities in order of importance are:

1. Walking/bicycling paths or trails;
2. Playground structures;
3. Splash Pad;
4. Ball fields; and
5. Picnic areas and Pavilions.

Respondents preferred top three park facilities/types are:

1. Bicycle trails and walking paths;
2. Nature preserves with nature areas and hiking trails; and
3. Neighborhood parks with playgrounds and benches.

Community Park Improvements

The top priorities for possible park improvements are:

1. Maintain/renovate existing parks;
2. Develop more pathways throughout the Township to connect parks and community facilities;
3. Develop more paths and trails in the parks; and
4. Develop new facilities at existing parks.

Community Park Suggested Improvements

A summary of suggestions for park improvements are presented in Table 14. The improvements were noted from the survey and subsequently prioritized by the Park Commission at a meeting which took place on February 13, 2023. The starred items represent voted priorities.

Table 14. Park Improvement Suggestions

Suggested Park Improvements	Vote
Carr's Grove Park	
• Add walking trail/path around the park	
• Improve portable toilets or add permanent restrooms	*
• Add a splash pad	
• Improve tennis courts and basketball court	*
• Add pickleball courts	*
• Update playground equipment, add inclusive play equipment	*
• Improve/pave parking lot	
• Add new benches and picnic tables, especially by playground area+	
• Update picnic shelter and/or add a new one	
• Improve ball field	*
• Increase park clean-up/maintenance	*
• Enclose playground area for safety	
• Add an off-leash dog area	
Parmelee Park	
• Improve general park maintenance and safety	*
• Repair and update skate park area	*
• Add walking/bike trails	
• Improve ballfield	
• Update play equipment	
• Update Frisbee golf	*
• Add trash cans in Frisbee golf area and provide mapped course	*
• Add splash pad	
• Improve portable toilets and/or permanent bathrooms	*
• Add pickleball courts	*
Samaria Park	
• Improve drainage and expand parking area	*
• Improve/update play equipment, add inclusive equipment	*
• Plant additional shade trees by playground equipment	
• Add a paved walking trail	
• Add trails in wooded area	
• Improve portable toilets and/or permanent bathrooms	*

Suggested Park Improvements	Vote
• Improve ballfield	*
• Trim and maintain wooded area	
• Refurbish safety fall area by play equipment	
• Add a splash pad	
• Add an off-leash dog area	
White Park	
• Add and improve pickleball courts	*
• Upgrade ball fields (homerun fences, infield, dugouts, more bleacher seatings)	*
• Improve/resurface walking paths (add crosswalk to Indian Creek)	*
• Pave and expand parking	
• Update/replace playground equipment	*
• Improve portable toilet and/or add permanent restrooms	*
• Add benches and shelter	
• Improve basketball courts	
• Add a splash pad	
• Add an off-leash dog area	
• Add shade trees throughout park and around playground area	*
• Better general upkeep (need for dog waste bag dispensers, additional trash cans, mowing)	*
Ansted	
• Expand parking area	
• Add more trails in the wooded areas	*
• Add more benches along pathways	*
• Improve existing pathways to make them accessible	
• Plant prairie grasses and wildflowers in the middle areas	*
• Add viewing platform	*
• Consider adding a pond/water feature	*
• Add an off-leash dog area	*
• General upkeep (add drinking water fountain, dog waste bag dispensers, trash cans, resting stations)	*
Wheeler Preserve	
• Continue to maintain and expand trails	*
• Continue the eradication of invasive plant species	*
• Add native plantings	*
• Add interpretive signs, information on wildlife & birds	
• Add bat/owl houses	*
• Add small shelter/picnic area	*
• Increase awareness of park	
• Allow dogs on leash	

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were formulated to provide direction and a long-term vision for the Bedford Township parks system. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed by the public, Township officials, and staff as well as to address the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources of the area. In addition, they consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

While the goals for Bedford Township parks and recreation express intent and purpose, the objectives that follow are more specific and address the manner in which the goals may be achieved.

GOAL 1. PARK MAINTENANCE GOAL

Maintain and renovate existing facilities to provide clean, safe, attractive and functional park environments.

Objectives:

- A. Ensure park facilities and equipment are clean;
- B. Replace/upgrade aging park equipment as needed;
- C. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- D. Remove barriers to universal access;
- E. Refurbish athletic fields as needed;
- F. Refurbish parking and trail pavement surfaces;
- G. Plant trees and shrubs to create shade and supplement wooded areas;
- H. Maintain park maintenance equipment and keep storage areas in good condition; and
- I. Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.

GOAL 2. PARK DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Develop park facilities that respond to residents' recreational needs and are financially sustainable.

Objectives:

- A. Expand recreation opportunities in the parks to meet Township residents' changing recreational needs with new facilities such as pickleball courts, inclusive playground, new athletic fields, additional trails, and other amenities;
- B. Develop support facilities as needed such as picnic shelters, playgrounds, restrooms, benches drinking fountains, and signage;
- C. Consider park land acquisition and donation that:
 - are adjacent to existing parks,
 - provide linkages and pathway opportunities,
 - are of a sufficient size to provide a variety of active and passive recreation,

- are easily accessible to most Township residents,
- have historic significance or appeal, and
- offer unique natural areas and provide wildlife areas.

GOAL 3. NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM GOAL

Develop and maintain a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system.

Objectives:

- A. Work with the Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission to develop a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system;
- B. Continue to coordinate with the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Panel, the Monroe County Road Commission, adjacent communities, and other stakeholders for non-motorized connectivity; and
- C. Continue to require developers to dedicate and construct walkways or pathways in new developments in conjunction with the site plan review process and with the Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees.

GOAL 4. ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONAL GOAL

Provide for sustainable parks and recreation services with fiscally sound administrative and operational strategies.

Objectives:

- A. Increase maintenance equipment as needed to support additional services and seek dedicated park maintenance personnel;
- B. Develop a maintenance plan and schedule for each park to include routine and preventive maintenance tasks, scheduled improvements, and emergency repairs;
- C. Nurture existing partnerships with public and private recreation providers to support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
- D. Increase public awareness of Bedford Township parks and recreation services through additional communication and education;
- E. Seek a new millage for park maintenance and improvement;
- F. Establish a “Friends of the Parks” group which could be active in providing additional support for park project and funding; and
- G. Continue to aggressively pursue grants for park land and trail acquisition and development.

ACTION PROGRAM

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of desired improvements which can be considered as long-term projects to be accomplished for each park or activity. It also provides a reasonable capital improvement schedule focusing on projects to be accomplished within the next five years. This outlines a list of recommendations that are desired, important, or necessary to be accomplished in a shorter time frame.

DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS

The following outlines the desired improvements which represent the long-term preferred vision for each park or activity. The improvements are grouped by park or activity and address the goals and objectives. Illustrations showing the suggested park improvements are also included.

1. Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities (all parks)

These activities include replacing or repairing old equipment and facilities which are in a state of disrepair, are outdated or dangerous. They also include improving the appearance of the Township parks through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All upgrades must meet safety and accessibility standards. Proposed activities include:

- Repair and improve park signs;
- Remove or replace outdated play equipment;
- Maintain safety surfaces under play structures to regulated depth and fall zone;
- Refurbish athletic field surfaces as needed;
- Refurbish parking areas, walkways, and court game pavement surfaces as needed;
- Repair, replace or add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, and pet waste dispensers as needed;
- Maintain buildings, structures, and picnic shelters in good condition with roof repair, exterior painting, and other upgrades;
- Manage existing vegetation with removal of dead trees and supplement with new tree/shrub plantings; and
- Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.



2. Maintain and improve Carr's Grove Park

Because of the high number of park visitors, its prime location within walking distance from Downtown Temperance, and its high visibility from Lewis Road, Carr's Grove Park is a high priority for future park improvements. Suggested actions to maintain and improve the park consistent with the adopted park Master Plan include:

- Continue to repair/replace outdated play equipment;
- Enclose the playground with additional upgraded fences and landscaping;
- Improve the south parking area and develop a walkway around the park's perimeter connected to the Temperance sidewalk system;
- Improve or replace the tennis courts for new pickleball courts and a basketball court;
- Upgrade the ball field;
- Add a new "event" shelter and permanent restroom building.

Figure 20. Carr's Grove Park Master Plan



CARR'S GROVE PARK MASTER PLAN

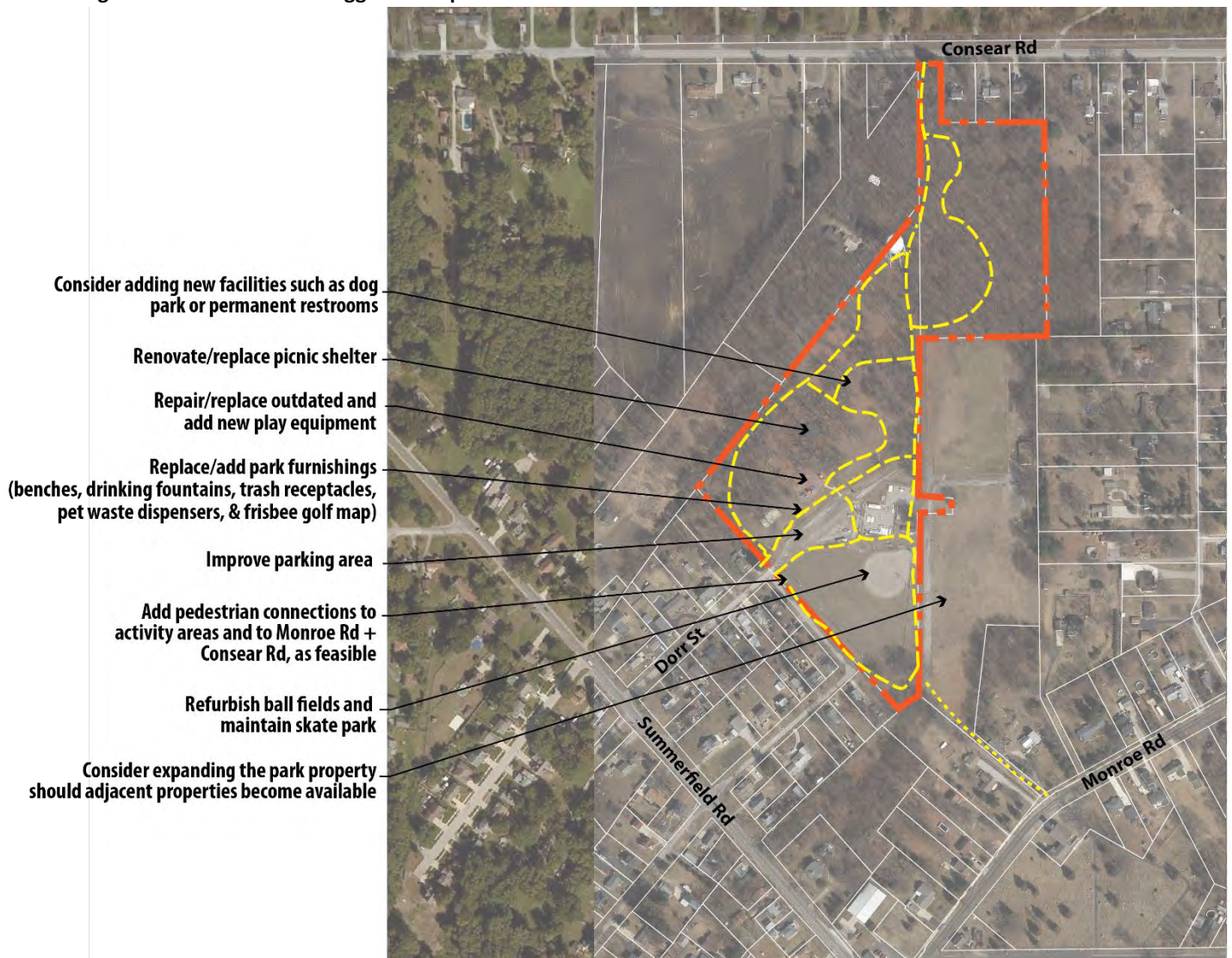
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3. Maintain and improve Parmelee Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Parmelee Park include:

- Improve parking area with asphalt surfacing and pavement markings;
- Add pedestrian walkways around the property linking the park activity areas and connected to the Monroe Street sidewalk and a possible new pedestrian/bicycle entrance from Consear Road;
- Repair or upgrade outdated and add new play equipment;
- Refurbish athletic fields;
- Replace or add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and a frisbee golf map;
- Renovate or replace existing picnic shelter;
- Consider adding new facilities such as a dog park and permanent restrooms; and
- Consider expanding the park should adjacent properties become available.

Figure 21 Parmelee Park Suggested Improvements

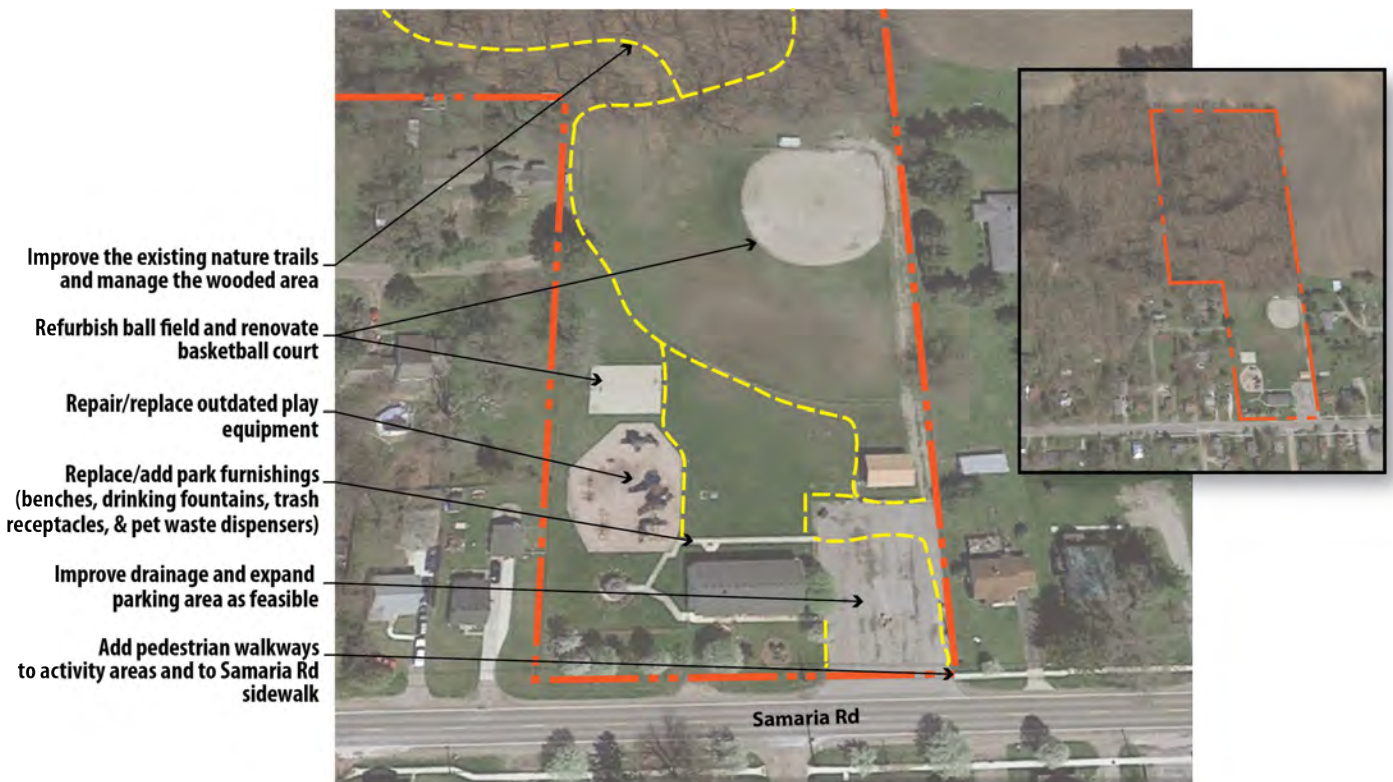


4. Maintain and improve Samaria Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Samaria Park include:

- Improve drainage and expand parking area as feasible;
- Repair, remove or replace outdated play equipment;
- Refurbish ball field;
- Replace or add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, and pet waste dispensers;
- Add a pedestrian walkways to the Samaria Road sidewalk and within the park to connect the activity areas; and
- Improve the existing nature trails in the wooded area and maintain/manage trees.

Figure 22. Samaria Park Suggested Improvements

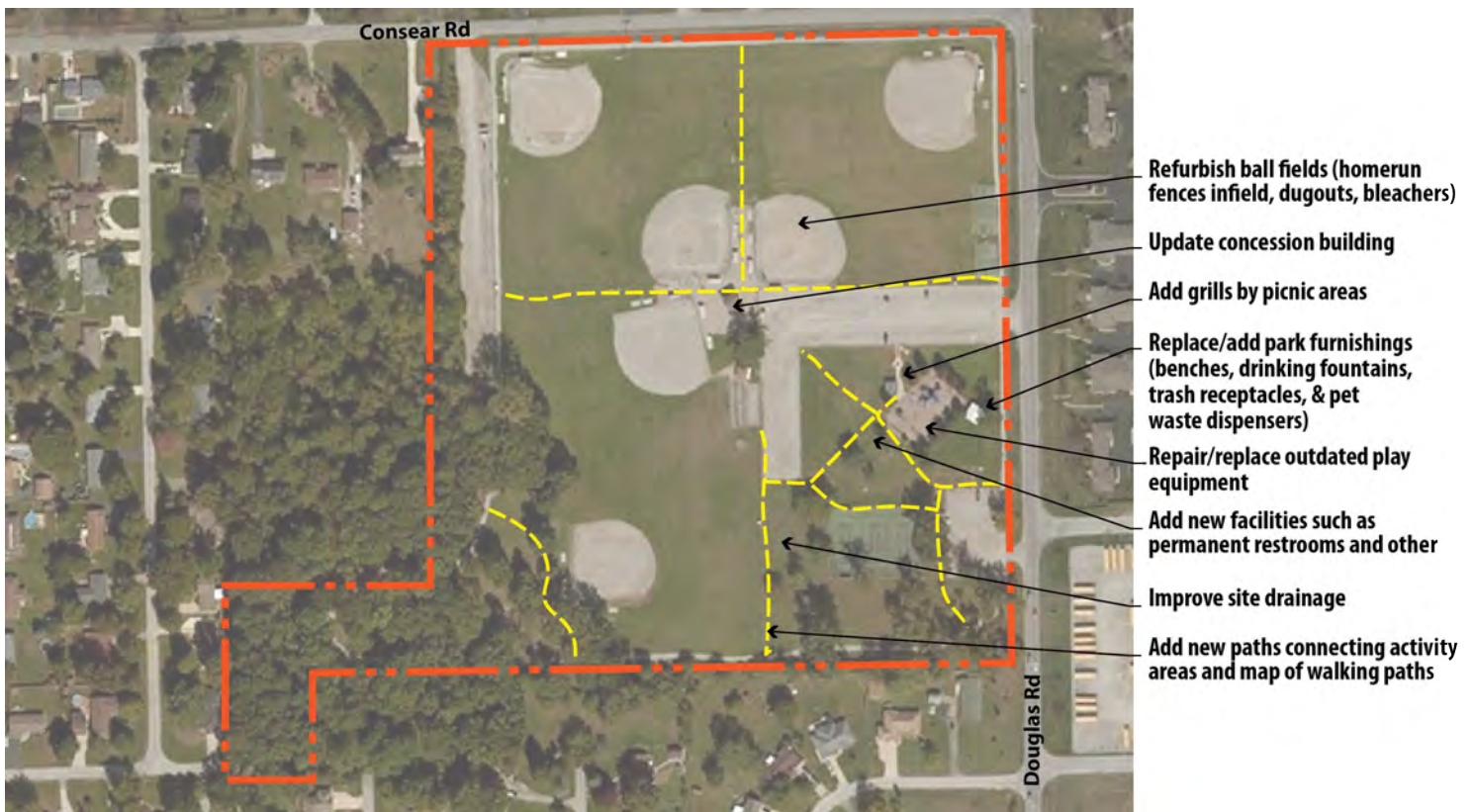


5. Maintain and improve White Park

White Park is centrally located in the Township and is tied to the Library and the Bedford Schools properties across Douglas Road through the Indian Creek walkways and athletic fields. They are part of the community's central activity node and should be a high priority for future park improvements. Suggested actions to maintain and improve White Park include:

- Pave parking area, add walkways to connect the park activity areas, and improve general drainage;
- Repair or replace play equipment to incorporate an inclusive playground;
- Continue to upgrade ball fields (homerun fences, infield, dugouts, bleacher seating, concession building);
- Add pickleball courts;
- Upgrade or add picnic shelters;
- Replace or add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers;
- Add a map with the area's walkways and pathways; and
- Consider adding new facilities such as permanent restrooms and other amenities.

Figure 23. White Park Suggested Improvements

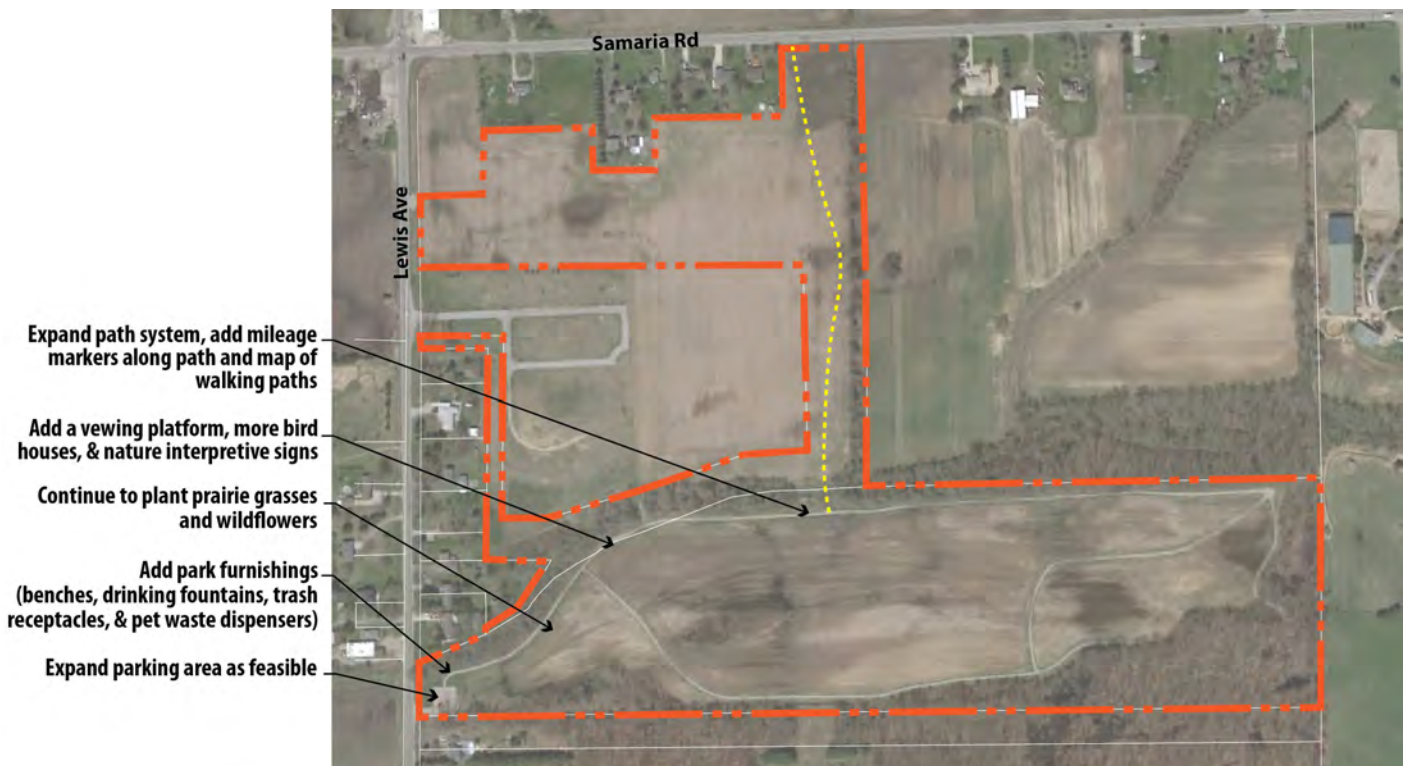


6. Maintain and improve Lewis Ansted Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Lewis Ansted Park include:

- Expand and develop more pathways with mile markers;
- Expand parking area as feasible;
- Add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers;
- Continue to plant prairie grasses and wildflowers; and
- Add a viewing platform, more bird houses, and nature interpretive signs.

Figure 24. Lewis Ansted Park Suggested Improvements

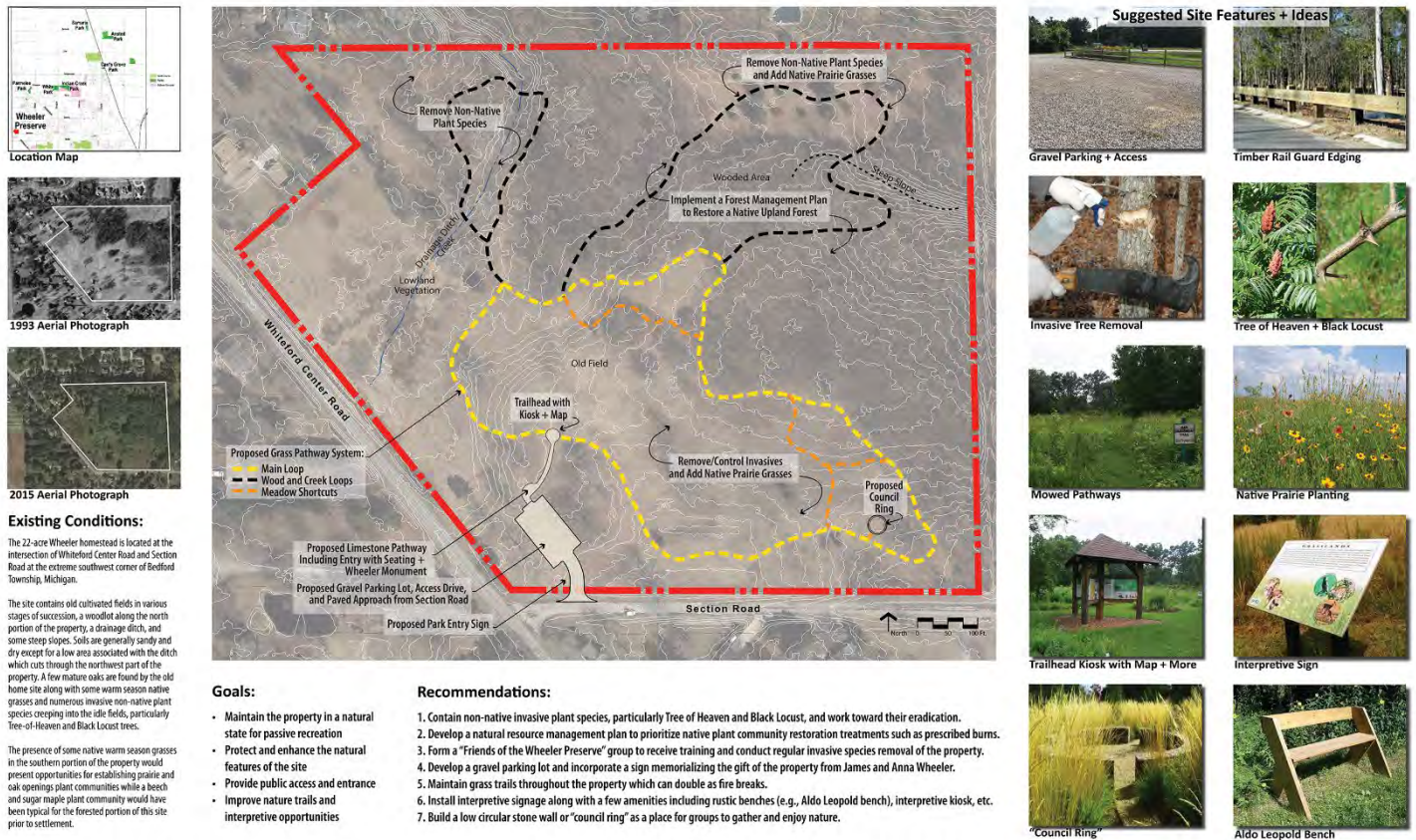


7. Maintain and improve Wheeler Preserve

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Wheeler Preserve include:

- Continue to maintain and expand trails;
- Continue to eradicate invasive species;
- Add native plantings including prairie grasses and wildflowers; and
- Add a viewing platform and more bird houses including nature interpretive signs.

Figure 25. Wheeler Preserve Master Plan



WHEELER PRESERVE MASTER PLAN

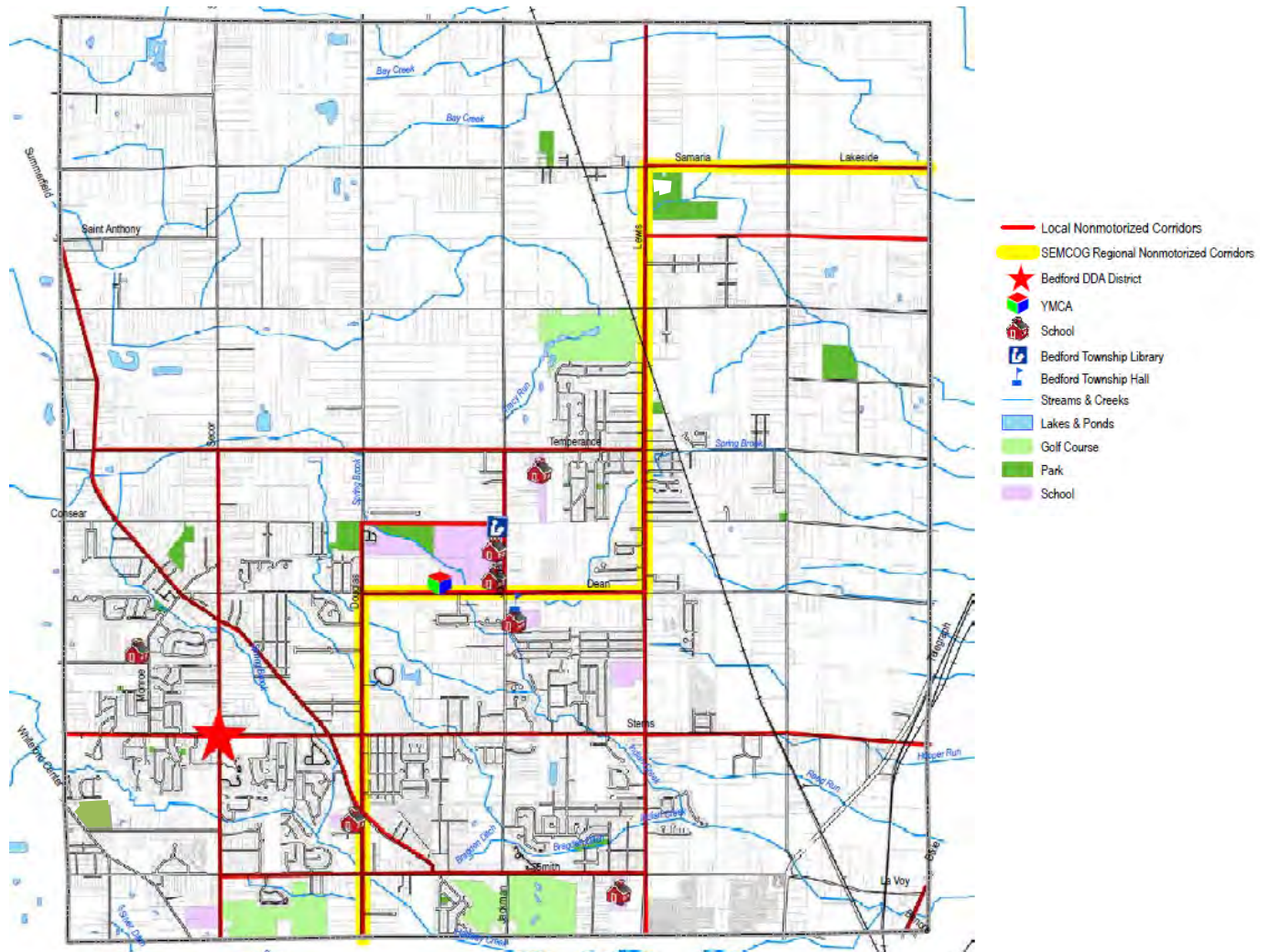
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8. Promote the development of a Township-wide system of connected pathways

There is a strong desire for walking and biking paths in Bedford Township. A Township-wide system could connect parks, community facilities, schools, neighborhoods, and other destinations. Suggested actions to develop this system include:

- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to develop a Township-wide plan in cooperation with the Monroe County Road Commission, Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Panel, SEMCOG, and adjacent communities;
- Complete the “Promoting Active Communities” (PAC) assessment from the Michigan Fitness Foundation (activecommunitytool.org) to generate ideas, interest, and support for non-motorized connections in the Township;
- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to encourage developers to dedicate and construct pathways in new developments and along section road frontages;
- Provide access points along the path system with parking area and site amenities such as map, benches, bike racks, mile markers and directional signs; and
- Develop a marketing strategy for the path system to attract support and sponsors including the development of a pathway brochure and a walking club.

Figure 26. Bedford Township Non-Motorized Transportation Concept Plan



9. Continue to assess opportunities for future park land acquisition

Consider acquisition and dedication of new park land as follows:

- Land that preserves natural features which would provide a setting for passive activities;
- Land that is easily accessible from most existing and future Township residents;
- Land that provides linkages; and
- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to ensure park land needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land appropriate for community park land and pathways.

10. Provide for the efficient administration of parks

A means of increasing revenues where possible should be continually explored to support the desired capital improvement projects and to maintain the existing and future park facilities to a high quality standard. Suggested actions include:

- Add staff and maintenance equipment as needed;
- Increase public awareness of the Bedford Township Community Parks and Parks Commission;
- Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers that support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
- Coordinate public-private partnerships with area businesses to benefit recreation opportunities for Township residents;
- Continue to aggressively pursue state and federal grants for park land and pathway acquisition and development;
- Build a *Friends of Bedford Township Parks* group to provide support for park project and funding; and
- Explore and submit proposals to private foundations for park land and pathway acquisition and development.



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides a limited amount of money for parks and recreation. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in conjunction with SEMCOG funds the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A minimum 20% local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis. Activities, which may apply to Bedford Township, include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles including new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; and
- Provision of safety and educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development. The Recreation Passport grant also offers some state funding to local units of government. The MDNR also currently offer funding through the Spart Grants program.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource-based preservation and recreation. Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request was \$15,000 and the maximum was \$300,000 in 2022. Applications are typically due April 1.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, which distributes funds to the MDNR for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has recently been on trail way systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests were \$30,000 and maximum grant requests were \$500,000 in 2022. The match percentage is 50% of the total project cost. Applications are typically due on April 1.

The Recreation Passport grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests were \$7,500 and maximum requests were \$150,000 in 2022. The local match obligation is 25% of the total project cost. Applications are usually due on April 1 as well.

Currently, the MDNR is offering funding made possible through the *Building Michigan Together Plan* through the Michigan Spark Grants program with round 2 and 3 still open in 2023. The program supports projects that provide safe, accessible, public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure, and make it easier for people to enjoy both indoor and outdoor recreation.

Other funding conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Forest Resources Division (Community Forestry Grants). Municipalities may use Community Forestry grants for projects that address urban forestry needs such as tree inventories, management plans, tree planting, educational workshops, training materials, and Arbor Day activities. Grant requests may be up to \$20,000 depending on the project type and applications are usually due in September.

Apply for Other Grant Funding

There is also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of pathways, walk/bike ways, or pathway-related facilities such as PeopleForBikes. PeopleForBikes is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people riding bikes more often and to make riding better for everyone. The program funds projects in three categories: facility, education and capacity building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking and safe routes to school. Applications were due on October 31 in 2022.

Consumers Energy also offers tree planting grants for up to \$3,000 to local municipalities in its coverage area.

Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the Township will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage could be considered in the future for general or specific projects such as park development, pathway development, or maintenance.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

Bedford Township should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should continue to be pursued aggressively to raise funding for parkland acquisition and development.

APPENDIX

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The planning process for the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan included community input into the plan which was received through an online survey and public meetings. The survey took place from November 2022 through January 2023 and 350 responses were received. Township residents were invited to provide opinions and ideas for the Township Community Park's future development. The survey was advertised through a flyer and postings at both Township Hall and on the Township's website, as well as a formal notice published in the Monroe Evening News. The online questionnaire was designed to solicit feedback on a broad spectrum of issues for the community parks. A complete tally of the responses as entered follows.

1. How many times have you or a member of your household visited our community parks in the past year? Refer to the map on next page for the park location.				
	Never	5 times or less	6 to 10 times	Over 10 times
Carr's Grove Park	33	67	44	197
Parmelee Park	85	119	43	89
Samaria Park	146	118	32	40
White Park	9	37	34	265
Lewis Ansted Park	130	92	33	82
Wheeler Preserve	238	74	9	9
Other (please specify)				
Indian Creek				
Indian Creek Park 10+ times				
Indian Creek Park has a great trail system and so much potential. Could be a gem if more effort/focus/investment was made to improve it.				
Always go to Douglas Rd elementary				
Indian creek				
Indian creek several times				
Indian Creek Park Over 10 times				
there was no time frame...so my lifetime of being here?? when I had grandkids-White was to go to ballgames-Parmelee always had a bad rap and was founded to be true. are you talking when i was attending comm ed activities or back when Parmelee was the site of the homecoming festival put on by civic club...Samaria was always better for "little kids"				
Stoneco				
Thank you for what you have already done at the existing parks. They are beautiful!				
Tanglewood				
Well I can't even pull it up on gps so I'm not sure. If it's newer you guys should get on that.				
Vienna Park				
We have visit the park in Centennial Village often.				
Indian Creek Park				
Indian creek lots of times				
Vienna is a great park, as well as Stoneco				
I can't count how many times. Love our parks				
Indian creek				
Indian Creek Park is the park we visit the most				

Indian creek park 10+
Douglas Road Elementary
My husband & I attend the park in our Centennial Village neighborhood often!
Indian Creek
Parmelee Park
Indian Creek
Indian Creek, Vienna Park
Indian creek
Indian Creek
Whiteford stoneco
Indian acres

2. How would you rank the parks? Please mark each of the parks on a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 is your most favorite and 6, your least favorite.

	1-Most Favorite	2	3	4	5	6- Least Favorite
Carr's Grove Park	83	78	74	39	14	18
Parmelee Park	16	26	67	67	46	58
Samaria Park	8	23	49	74	40	49
White Park	178	88	38	13	6	6
Lewis Ansted Park	49	56	42	40	46	34
Wheeler Preserve	7	20	30	29	45	103

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr's Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?

Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Scouts, graduations	Hall	Cleanliness
Event		
Children playing	The kids love the climbing features	
Kids playing on the equipment	The wide variety of things the kids can play on	Better basketball court
Event	Pavilion	
Playground		
Family reunions at the hall, Temperance Days		
Kids play	Playground.	
Baseball	Location	Improve the field playing surface, add a fence
take grandkids for playground activity		
Children play	All equipment	
Grandkids	Nice equipment	
		Add pickleball
Letting kids play	Play area for kids /hall rental	Splash pad, walking trail tennis courts

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr’s Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?

Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Play time		
Kids	Shaded trees and quality playground	Bathrooms, splash pad, more inclusive playground features
Sunshine		
Family picnics	Kids playground is awesome	
Summer camp		
Kids to burn off energy	Play area	
Playground	Playground	Keep equipment updated- it is currently but in the future
Take the grandkids to the playground.	Different kinds of playground equipment	Walking path. Splash pad
Family party	community building and playground equipment	
Kids to play	Play structures	Fencing all around play area, especially near the road
Take grandkids	Playground equipment	
Playground		Always has a lot of bees
Playing with grandkids	Swings and climbing	
Playground, ball diamond, community center	Playground	Walking trail around perimeter
Kids play	Play equipment	
Kids playground		Rest rooms
Birthday Party		Keeping up on the equipment and making sure its safe. No broken plastic or pieces that could cause harm.
Kids to play	Slides	Upkeep
Stop to rest during walks	Shade and benches	
Party		
Playing with grandkids	Hard to pick	
Kids	Playground	Nothing
Grandkids playground		
Jogging, ki		
Using ball diamond to practice	Playground	Add pickle ball courts
Ice cream and ply		
Kids playground	Little kid section	
Let the kids play	Shade	Walking or bike path
Play!	Play sets	
playground	playground	
Use playground.	Playground.	Baseball field
		Playground/basketball
To play Pickleball and take grandchildren to equipment	Pickleball court	
Play with Grandchildren	Playground	Ball diamond improvement/maintenance

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr's Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Kids playground	Kids playground	Dog park
Playground, tennis courts	Play ground	Tennis courts are terrible and unsafe for actual play. I'd like a path for rollerblading
Took our grandson there many times to play and explore when he was little. Had family parties in the hall.	The big tree house with all types of things to climb on and slides.	Can't think of any
grandkids, parties	clean, easy entrance	walking trail
Walking		
Play equipment	Play Equipment	Walking path around the perimeter of the park
Playground		
use of community center, with grandchildren-hosted TAC even each September	prob. the most used.....and the all inclusive here would not be a bad idea either as comm ed does use the parks	..enlarge the community center...get rid of ball park- create a green, general use space for picnics etc.
Playing with my kids.	The play areas	
grandkids to the playground	the playground equipment	
Playground		
Location	Shade, most toddler friendly	Walkway around the playscape for strollers ,Landscaping and shelter
Walk	Playground	Fix baseball field
Playground		
Playground and Shelter house	Playground	Updated equipment
Family get together, playground	Play ground	Add a big walking loop/trail
Kids playgrounds, basketball		Tennis courts need big improvement
Grandchildren can play	Playground equipment	
ball games, playground, running on trails	playgrounds when I visit with my grandchildren, trails when I run, nature	
Walk my dogs, neighbor lunch	The available shelter house	
Playground / basketball		
Walk dog	Close to home	NA is good for kids
My Kids	Benches to watch the kids	Better benches to watch the kids
Playground	Playground	
Playground	Swings and basketball court	Tennis courts/pickle ball courts
Activities for Bedford Ed. at the Community Building or events in the Pavilion.	Although we didn't use it, the playground is nice. Benches allow us to sit and people watch.	
Playground and basketball	Playground	Bring back the tennis courts and keep up the diamond
Playground, use of tables under the pavilion	Playground equipment and shade	The tables under the pavilion are in dire need of replacement. The paint chips terribly and gets all over clothing and items.
Playground for my daughter	Very nice clean playground	
Playground with kids	Slides	

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr's Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
		Create connecting bike paths or bike lanes around town
Walking	Nature	
Enjoy facility	Location	
Kids playground	The tall play structures	Working water fountain
Walk		Walking trail
I love hiking the trails	Trails that go through woods or prairies	The natural world is spectacular. In future, would you please avoid trails by high tension wires, busy roads, etc.?
seldom visit. seems more for designed children's play area		
Pickleball, watch ball games or take grandchildren to play and walk	Pickleball	Walking trails need brush trimmed back
Never been there		
Took the kids and later grandkids to playground		
playground and picknicking	playground equipment	
Pickleball	Pickleball courts	More pickleball and improved pickleball courts
Activity	Playground	
Took grandchildren to play ground		Fix the tennis courts or put in pickle ball courts
Grandchildren at play		
let the grandkids play	shade	
Playground, birthday party, close to my aunts house	Playground	
Play equipment	Climbing tower/slides	Parking
Playground	Swings	None
Playground	Playground	
Playground		
playground; community meetings/parties	slides	
Family Gathering and playground	Playground	Covered picnic table area closer to the playground
Play date	Age appropriate playground at that time	
The hall, community events	Location	
Playground		Bathrooms
Location and Quaint	Playground and benches	
Ate lunch in the summer at the picnic tables	covered area for picnic tables	
Playground	The climber	Routine maintenance to the equipment there
Two kids	Multiple slides and swings ranging in sizes so very small and bigger kids can play and still have fun	Stop swings from squeaking loudly and add RC track for RC cars

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr’s Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?

Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Playground		Nicer close sitting area with picnic tables to be close by while watching kids
Play structure		
Playground	Playground	
Kids to play	The fish ladder	Shorter monkey bars that 6/7 year olds can get on by them self
Play equipment		
Playing basketball and letting the kids play on the outdoor gym set.		
Children play	Benches & seating	More covered areas
Playground, baseball practice	Playground	It looks old and tired
Playground		Update shelter house for rentals
Playground		
Playground		
Playground	Clean, well working equipment	
Playground	Playground	
Kids like the playground	Playground	
Grandkids	Climbing equipment	
Playground	Wooded areas w paths	More adventurous playground equipment
Children’s play	We love the playground and swingset	Parking lot is terrible
Birthday/grad party	Hall	
Play with the kids at the playground.	Playgroube	Nothing more to do besides the playground and my kids are now older. Make a walking trail or more fitness opportunities.
Playground	Playground area	Update playground equipment
playtime	Climbing pieces	Splash pads
Playground	Playground equipment	Michigan residents only
Lots of reason	Kids area	Bike paths
Kids	Playset	Please finish the fence on Lewis road to many small kids running around
Family time	Playground	A trail
Walking trails	Nature	
Playground	Play equipment and close parking and benches	Restrooms
Playground, basketball game	Playground	Basketball courts, tennis courts
sporting practices, playground, birthday parties	Building rental	Bathrooms, more garbage cans, more plastic bags for dog poo, pack the gravel on walking paths
Child to play	Slides	
Play	Playground	Clean up
Party	Playground	
Playing for fun. Very close to my house		Fully fenced in kids area so little ones can't go near the road

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr’s Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?

Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Children to play		
Walk		
PICKLEBALL		
grandkids to play	Things for the kids to do	Splash pad for the kids
Playground	The jungle gym	Updated playground equipment/modernize a little bit
Closet to home that is the nicest	Enclosed playground & shade	I hate the tall slide that has no enclosure at the top. It is a huge hazard/risk.
Playground	Playground	Newer picnic tables
Playground	Playground	Update softball field
playground equipment	playground	
Kids playing	Playground	Parking lot need help
Large playground	Tree house	
Play ground when kids were small		Walking trail?
Just stopped	Playground	
Reunion	Play ground	
School functions, kids, and family parties	Playground	Cheaper price on outdoor pavilion
Basketball courts		
Family fun	Great playground	Additional play equipment for older kids
Baseball	Baseball field	Fix the baseball field. It needs grading and stone badly. It also needs bases.
Visit with kids	Shade	Walking paths
Not congested, location	Wooded surroundings, not congested with people, quiet	
Playground	Play structure	
The children’s play area	They have a smaller area for younger kids and a larger area for bigger kids	
Playground	Playground	Splash pad for kids
Kids	Play ground	
Kids play	Play equipment	Grease the swings so they don't squeak horrendously. Add a splash pad
Walking	Stone pathway	Better restrooms----no porta potties
Play with my kids	Equiptment	
Kids; family reunion	Mix of sports/playground equipment	More structures or play spaces for toddlers
Playing with my kids	Climbing items	Picnic tables close to the play area would be great
Kids to play	Slides	Finish fencing, make walking trail, Flip the log over to turn into a slide like the other side
Pickle ball		
Taking grandkids to a Playground area	Playground	
for the older kids to play	basketball court	improve the ball diamond- maybe have a softball field

3. What were the primary reasons you visited Carr’s Grove Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Playground	Tire swing	
Toddler	Toddler play set and swing	Not a fan of the small fence my child being a runner makes me really nervous at this park because it is not well Enclosed.
Playground	Play area	Update equipment and have more seating around the play equipment
Variety of playground and activities for kids, basketball courts, shady area for kids to play	The variety	
Kids playing	Playground	
Meeting, class and programs	Clean and easily accessible	Outside Bathroom facilities
Play ground	Play ground	Tear down the unusable tennis courts and replace with 6+ pickleball courts
Playground	Playground	Pickelball courts
Relaxation	Playground/Rec Room	Pickleball Courts
Walk		
Park	Park	Flip tennis courts to pickleball courts
Playground	Play area	Baseball field
Playground & community center	Playground	Updated community center.
Softball practice or playground		
Playground	Tall slides	
Playground		
Leisure	Great play structures	Updated playground
To utilize the baseball diamond	Play ground	Clean up baseball Diamond, new benches/dugouts
Sports/Family	Playground	Courts
Playing with children	The play structure and slides	A walking path or bike trail
Playground and ball field	Both the playground and ball field	Ball field is in brutal shape with weeds especially
Playground	Playground	Improvement to ball field
Playground, softball field	Playground	Fix the tennis courts and field
Family party, someone rented the pavilion	Easy parking and pavilion is nice	N/A
Recreation, cheer, softball	Playground	Additional ball field, monkey bars
Baseball practice	Playground	More planned activities
Kids to play on playground	Swings and play gym	Splash pad
Playground	Cleanliness	None
Children’s playground	somewhat fenced in	completely fence in, especially along the road
For son to play in equipment	Big structure	Slide is unstable and unsafe!
play equipment		
Shower		
Community days	Kids love the play structure, tennis	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
kids playing	playground	
		Aquatic park with splash pad, slides, lazy river
Take kids and now grandkids for a little play time		Bathrooms
Playground	Playground	
Playground	Climbing equipment/slides	The swing area needs better attention. The grooves worn in by feet are not filled in enough and it makes it impossible to push a child on the swings.
Playground	Shaded playground, big, kids love it	Better benches around the perimeter that dont sink into the ground
Playground		
Shelter house /playground	Playground is nice	
	proximity to my home and covered area for a picnic	
Playground and picnic	Playground and tables	Walking or biking trail
Playground	Themed playground	Splash pad!
Kids playground	kid areas	
Children	The playground	More things for bigger kids so they are north bothering the younger kids
Tennis		
Playground	Twisty slide, Rockwall, teetertotters	Fixing of the xylophone chime, restroom, broken stepper on toddler set.
Playground	Lily pads	Swing where baby and parent can face each other, improve zipline as kids cant reach itr
Playground	Playground	
Playground	Playground	
Taking grandchild	None	None
Playground		Restroom close to playground
Playground	Playground, safe and clean	Walking path
Events	Clean	
taking grandkids to play	equipment	
Playground		
My children	Playgrounds	Splash pad
Walk		
Playground		
outdoor space	Layout	
Playground	See saw tire thing	Fix the tires
Events	Nice hall	
Recreation, Bathroom Break	Unlocked, multiple portable toilet facilities	Multiple bathrooms year round
Playground		

4. What were the primary reasons you visited Parmelee Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Frisbee golf	Golf playground	Cleanliness, security
Skate park with kids		
Children playing	Climbing features/ the park mostly to themselves	
Meet with friend	Picnic tables	
Homecomings, rest stop when biking.		Parking area
Football game	Skatepark	
Panty Raid	Privacy	Improve the field playing surface
eat lunch in parking lot		no suggestions-dont use
Family gathering	Na	Na
A football game	None	Total revamp. Very scary park
Play time		Needs cleaned up
		Splash pad ans Inclusive playground features
Sunshine		
Dog walking	Fenced in	
Cheerleading	Cheerleading practice	
Skatepark, playground	Skatepark	Keep up the ramps
Take the grandkids	Playground equipment	They could use a bigger variety of playground equipment. Also a walking path.
Baseball game, football game, children playing on the equipment	Playground equipment	This park seems to be the forgotten park. This is the center of Lambertville, yet seems to get the least attention to updates and improvements.
Skate park	Skate park	
Playground	Shade	
Skate park, disc golf	Disc golf	Playground equipment
Softball		Lighting
Football Game		Parking Lot
Kid to play	Skatepark	Upkeep
Disc golf	Disc golf and skateboard ramps	Better markings for the disc golf course
Kids	Playground for kids	Clean up more, empty garbage
Kid using playground		
Baseball games		
Watch softball game		
Playing	Playground and skate park	
its awesome	skate park	keep the skate park
Play!		
Playground	Playground	Baseball field
Practice	Disc golf	Ball field

4. What were the primary reasons you visited Parmelee Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
walk	Watch kids at the skate park	
Play ground, skate park	Nothing	This entire park felt neglected.
Went there one time for a child's birthday party	We didn't get out and about at the park that day but it looked nice and had things for the kids to do	None
ball games, festival events	easy access	
Sports		
Play equipment	Play equipment	Walking path
attend comm. ed programs	if you put the all inclusive in here, it would change the character of the "people" who use	get rid of entirely the skatepark.....the liability and upkeep is too much put in another ball field instead or a full basketball court set up.
Play ground visit with friends	Skate park	
Kids gym, dog run	Gym	Dog poop station
Football game	Skateboard park	Walking trail
Skate park	Skate park	Fix broken skate park
Playground, softball fields	Playground	Improved playground
Skateboarding	Skatepark	For love of god replace this park or let the locals build a new diy skatepark in its place. As someone who skated there before there even was a skatepark it's so sad to see how neglected this place has become
Disc Golf	Disc Golf	
disc golf	don't go to this park often	
Baseball Diamond/ playground / disc golf / skate park / basketball		
Walk dog	Open area woods	Walking path
Scenery	Quiet	Drive and parking
Disc Golf	Disc golf course	Skate park
Never visited		
Softball practice	Disc golf course is fantastic	Softball Diamond needs much better upkeep. Really bad
Practice a ball field, skate park	Skate park	Improved maintenance of the softball field, adding softball fields if possible, restrooms with flush toilets and running water
Disc golf course and skatepark	Disc golf	Skate park needs a make over really bad and a pump track
		Create connecting bike paths or bike lanes around town
Graduation party	Covered pavilion	More covered picnic tables
Ball games		Bike path
Walking/Hiking	the paths and the woods	longer trails
disc golf and skateboarding	disk golf course	please clear leaves and pick up fallen branches
Football game		
Walking		
Ball games, kids to skate board.	Skateboard park	
skateboarding with kids and	open but shaded areas	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
disk golf		
Disc golf	Disc golf	
Disc golf		Additional trash barrels placed in woods
Great Skate Park	Skate Park	
My son loves Skate park		Clean it up. Lots of trash. Too many kids there smoking.
Skatepark and playground	Skatepark	Build a pump track
Bike ramp	Bike ramp	Too isolated
Skate park		
NA	NA	NA
Checking out new park to us	Don't remember	Remember seeing shady characters and suspicious activity the day we were there
To play and kids football games	The football field, the skatepark, the playground	Take better care of it
Baseball		
Disc golf	disc golf	
Did not visit		
Playground.		Mosquitoes get too bad here but like all the trees
Playground	Play structure	
Kids to play		Shorter monkey bars that 6/7 year olds can get on by them self
Paying basketball, walking the dog.	Quiet	
Wanted to walk		It's too private (safety issue)
Don't visit		Has a reputation for not being safe
Playground	Shade and never crowded	
Playground		Restroom
Skateboard		
Friends had grad party	Don't recall	Needs more trees, more adventurous playground equipment
Children's play	Wide open large space, not many visitors	Would love some walking trails or something
Baseball/football	Baseball/football field	Update the fields
Sporting events at the field. Disc golf. Walking around in the trail	Disc golf.	Just keep the current things there in good working order.
Playground	Playground area	Update playground equipment
Football playtime	Climbing toys	
Many		Bike baths
Car show, playground, skate park	Car show grounds	Playground needs updated, walking park? Repair skate park and make for bikes too
Game	Skate park	Road
Skatepark	Scenery	Build a new park it's very dangerous with nails sticking out everywhere I cut my leg open on a rusty nail
Carnival	Wooded area - beautiful	Playground
Football, skatepark, birthday parties, playground	Skatepark	Keep the skatepark nice and innovative. It's a unique feature

4. What were the primary reasons you visited Parmelee Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Party	Large fields	Groomed trail in perimeter
Ball game		
Cheerleading sign up		Better playground
Skateboard	Skatepark	More ramps for skatepark
Playground	Skate park	Need skate park overhaul
Playground & disc golf	Disc golf	More security - lots of punk kids
Skate park	Playground	New skate park
Skate park when kids were little		
Football		
Football game		Poorly taken care of
Play!	Playground	It seems to be the most “forgotten” called five times last year about a tree that fell down didn’t get taken care of for extremely long time
Youth sports, skate park		
Never been		
Play with kids	Shade	More things to do
Bike ramps	Bike ramps/disc golf	Maintain bike ramps
Never visit		
		Splash pad
Kids	Playground	Disc golf crowd seems kind of rowdy so I avoid this one
Playground	Similar to Samaria park	
Was there for a birthday party		Graffiti and language was out of control
Football and disc golf	Play area	
Basketball court, disc golf, playground, we used to use the skate park	Variety of activities	Disc golf would be more enjoyable without poison ivy
Softball, skate park		Up keep on ball field add ball fields
Disc golf	Disc golf	
Walk		
Softball/cheer	Concessions	Rest room!!!!
Softball		Parking
Softball	Fields	
Football/cheer	Parking	Upgrade concession /favikity
Softball practice and cheer practice		
Playground		
Softball game	Nearby playground	Field maintenance
Softball		
Sports	Ball fields	Updated ball fields
To utilize the baseball diamond	Frisbee golf	Add some batting cages, To add a functioning bathroom instead of port-o-pots, fix fencing to baseball diamond, add another baseball diamond, dugouts
Softball	Softball field	Updates/take care of the field

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Sports		Shelter house
Never went		Bike trail
Softball games/practice	Close to home	Field maintenance and more trash cans and bathrooms
Ball field and skatepark	Ball field	
football	none	field condition (football and baseball fields unkept) no organized parking areas, dusty gravel
Softball practice	Ball field	Improvement to ball field and add bathrooms
Skate park and playground	Skatepark	Fix/update the skate park
Never been there, not sure of location or offerings		
Softball	N/a	N/a
Football	Football	Walking path
Family picnic	Covered picnic tables	Build up the playground, splash pad or water park
Ballgame	N/A	Better parking lot
		advertise more that it exists
Car show, skate park	Skate park	
Baseball practice		
Playground	Playground	Paved walkways
Disc golf, skate park		
Live next door	Huge open space	Clean up playground regularly, re-open skate park and baseball
kids playing	playground	
		better security
Grew up down the street. Was there almost every day as a kid then for softball games later on		Bathrooms
Sports sign ups		
Playground	Climbing equipment/slides	The swing area needs better attention. The grooves worn in by feet are not filled in enough and it makes it impossible to push a child on the swings.
Skate park	Skate park, disc golf	
Frisbee golf/playground	Frisbee golf	Keeping growing/improving frisbee golf area
Disc golf, skating, playground	Not as busy as other playgrounds	
Disk golf		Upgrade playground
Playground	Newer playground compared to surrounding parks	Everytime I come here I find it strange there's fewer children at this location compared to others. It's tucked away, but maybe a better sign off Summerfield, plus the sign is on the other side
Playground		
Football games, Lady Mules softball		
Festival	None	None
Playground		
Disc golf	Disc golf	Walking trail

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Kids playing		
playground equipment		
Kids	Nothing	Needs new equipment
Walks, games		Security cameras, dog run, walking trails
See what condition skate park was in/ new vandalism	Fresh paint & not broken boards on park	Remove skate park & replace with pickleball court / RC track with tower
Skatepark		Cleanliness, security

5. What were the primary reasons you visited Samaria Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Graduation,	Hall	
Party		
4h meetings and children playing	The event space is very nice	More parking
Play date with school		
Several parties in the hall		
Kids play	Playground	
Softball	Isolated feel	Improve the drainage
never visited		
Na		
Walk	Quiet	
Gramdkids	Nice Equipment	
Graduation party and playing with kids	Play ground	Tennis courts, Gaga Ball, remote control car park
		Splash pad and Inclusive playground features
Open area		
Didn't visit		
Quiet	Play area	
Sports practice		
Take the grandkids.	Playground equipment	Walking path, splash pad
Party in community room	party	
Play date		Splash pad for kids
Picnic	Always have it to ourselves	
Grad party	Community center	
Playground	Small	Restrooms, Trees, benches and handicap equipment
4H Meeting		Wishful thinking that the parking lot could be expanded.
To play	Fenced in area	Add something new
Party		
Baseball	Baseball field	Improve the playground
Playing		A couple more benches near equipment

5. What were the primary reasons you visited Samaria Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Play and a party in the room		
walked the trail	trail	
Did not know about this park until this survey. I will have to visit soon.		
Kids playground	Kids playground	Dog park
Never go		
Never been there		
party, play ground	clean,	
Visit Little Free Library	Very clean and well maintained	?
when kids were smaller.....the playground was better suited for them..	would be the best for an all inclusive site.....	too much sun, toys get hot--A HISTORICAL site
Walk		
Playground	Playground	Bathrooms
Playground	Playground	Improved playground
Playground/ family get together	Wooded trail	More trails
playground	I don't really go there often, but I like that it is a nice place which is not too crowded	
Playground	Completed fenced in	
Time to reflect		
Hall	Baseball diamond	Playground equipment
Never visited		
Softball a long time ago	N/A	N/A
Playground	Playground	N/A
Just passing time		
Create connecting bike paths or bike lanes around town		
Meeting		
Playground and trail	Trail	Restore trail to its longer length, restore tree labels on trail, install bird and duck boxes on trees
seldom visit. farthest from my home		
Watch softball games		Parking is a problem
Never visited		
Playground and helped with cleanup.		
samaria days		
	Playground	
community events		parking improvements
NA	NA	NA
Never been		
Quiet and location	Playground, location, not over crowded	Decorate for the holidays at the Samaria Centef

5. What were the primary reasons you visited Samaria Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Playground	The climbers	Maintenance; shade added to playground
Did not visit		
	House to rent	
Kids to play	Closest to our house	Shorter monkey bars that 6/7 year olds can get on by them self
Letting kids play on gym		
Playground	Playground	
Playground	Clean, nice equipment, Never crowded	
Never been		
Grew up next to	The woods, which are not maintained anymore	Increase the path in the woods, more adventurous playground equipment
I haven't visited here		
N/a		
Never been to this park.		
Playtime		
Playground and baseball	Usually not busy, decently maintained	Fireman pole
Many		Bike paths
Kids		
	Clean, not crowded	
Summer basketball practice	Field	
N/A		
Ball field		
None		
Children to play		
Baby showers, party's, place for kids to run and play	Hall	
Preschool meet up	Playground	
Playground	Jungle gym	Updated equipment
Playground	Location	Update fields
Party		
Kids	Playground	
Wedding	Gazebo	
Graduation parties	Rental facilities	
Party	Play ground	
Party	Facilities/party rooms near	
Sports	Small size	Add items
Location, wooded area, quiet	Not congested with people	Keep playground clean and updated on paint
Playground	Play structure	Add more climbers
Never visit		
Kids; event in the hall	Quiet area	None
Playground	Playing lava monster - my kids answer	The step is steep and some little kids struggle with it.

5. What were the primary reasons you visited Samaria Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Party		
Play area and pavilion	Pavilion	The whole park needs updated with new equipment, seating and shade
Playground		More variety of activities
Meeting	Shelter facility	Parking
Looking for a place to walk		
Walk		
Softball	Softball field	
Softball		
Practice	Facility	More parking
Softball practice		
Playground	Less popular and fenced in	
Softball		
To utilize baseball diamond		fix up baseball diamond, new fencing, backstop, drainage for baseball field, dugouts, storage for field equipment, new bleachers new playground equipment
Sports		
Never went		Bike trail
Softball games and practices	Ball field	Improvement to ball field and add bathrooms
Softball and playground	Tire swing	Parking
Never been there, not sure of location or offerings		
Softball, recreation	Dinosaur	More playground equipment
Baseball	Baseball field	Walking path
Never been	Never been	Unsure
Playground	Playground	Slightly bigger playground would be nice
		advertise more that it exists
Birthday party		
Graduation party		
Na	Na	Na
Shelter house/playground	Playground	None
Playground		Something for shade!
Preschool trip		
Family pucnic		
Playground	Quiet	I don't know
Samaria days	None	None
Playground	Clean	Walking trail
Baby shower	Clean	
	playground equipment	
Never been		Bigger
Outdoor space	Layout	
To go to the bathroom	Portapotty	Clean the portapotty
Events	Hall	Shade

5. What were the primary reasons you visited Samaria Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Pictures on the green dinosaur	Weird alligator ride wasn't loose/ broken, handicapped swing was fixed	Something to fill the dead space between the parking lot and playground walk. New fountain for drinking and maybe a new gazebo in a better location with a swing in it.
Playground		

6. What were the primary reasons you visited White Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking		
Walking, baseball	Trail	Cleanliness
Playground. Ball games. Walking. Tennis	All	Parking
Children playing/3b	Walking trail/ climbing feature	
Kids sports		
Kids playground	My son loves all the slides	More infant swings
Play ground and dog walks		
Biking		
Kids play	Playground	
Baseball	Bathrooms	Improve the diamonds
dog walking	kids play equipment is best in the community	
Walk	Path	
Walk	Nature	Walking surface
Walking	The atmosphere the woods	The driveway to the park
Grandkids	Nice Equipment	
Pockleball	Pickleball	
Watching baseball, playing in park, walking, tennis courts , in past remote control track	Walking trail, play area	Splash pad, Gaga ball
Reunion and play times	All the equipment	
		Splash pad and Inclusive playground features
Sunshine		
Walking	Nice path	
Walking trail, sports, playground	Walking trails, playground	Maybe pave the walking trail so it could be used by wheelchairs or rollerblades
Take the grandkids to the playground. I also enjoy walking here.	Playground equipment and walking paths.	Splash Pad
Baseball game	Feels very busy, seems there are too many things going on in such a small area (park)	

6. What were the primary reasons you visited White Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Kids play/ walk	Play structures	Improved bench seating
Take grandkids	Playground equipment	Several pieces of equipment was broke
Baseball and playground		
Walking	Walking path	More pickleball courts
Walking, playground	Walking path	
Ball	Walking track	
Baseball Games; General visits to play at the park	Lots of different options	Upkeep on the equipment. Have gone several times and found broken equipment that has become dangerous to children. Post signs stating where these things can be reported
Kids to play	Walking trail also	Add something new
Baseball and playground	My 2 yr old grandson can play	More pavilions and places to sit. People are always having parties and that leaves nowhere for the rest of us to sit and watch our kids play. Also fix the parking lot.
Walking trail	Large area	Less gravel/dust
Walking	Trail	Pave the trails
Walks	Trail	
3B Baseball	3B Baseball	Make the inner fields better with Homerun fences, give 3B board a longer contract so they can actually make it better!
Baseball games	Location, walking trails	Upgrade restrooms
Baseball games and walking paths	Walking paths	Restroom facilities
Walk on trail	Trail	
Walking & pickle ball	Pickle ball courts	
Playing		
illicit activity		
Walking and kids to play	Walking path and kids play area	Bike path
Walk		
walking trails, soccer game	walking trails	
Exercise	Nice wide paths	None
Dog walk		More garbage cans
Baseball	Baseball field	Baseball fields
Running/youth dports	Trails	Paved trail/ Ball fields, softball fields
Play pickleball	Pickleball court	Make more permanent Pickleball courts
Walking trails	Shelters are nice	Pave the trails. I couldn't walk on uneven surface after my knee replacement.
Walk the dog	Trails	Dog park
Walking dog	Gravel paths, trees	

6. What were the primary reasons you visited White Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking, playground	I love the trail	Would like path for rollerblading
Walking!! Had many family birthday party's there for the kids.	Lots of things for the kids to play on. Best thing for me is I enjoy walking and I cross over between White and Indian Creek.	Maybe a fenced in area for a dog park. I see a lot of dog walkers at White and Indian Creek. I also recently have adopted a dog.
ball games		paved walking trails,
Waking	Trauls	A blacktop path for those with wheelchairs or hip issues
Walking	Trails	
Walking paths	Walking paths	Painted crossing to go over to Indian Creek Park. Pave walking path.
Walking		Driveway
watch ball games	walking path	not the place for an all inclusive playgroun as it sits on a hill??? duh?? get rid of basketball court.-cover over parking lot with dust control.
Hiking, tennis court		
Playground ball fields walk	Playground	Fix up toys
Playing after soccer	The big climbing area	
walking. the trail and grandkids play on playground equip.	the playground	the walking trails are not as well. maintained as Ansted
Playground and or walk/ run	Trails & playground	Paint gorilla
Gym		
		New benches, more swings
Walk	Trails	Safe way to cross Douglas rd from white park to Indian creek
Playground	Playground and trail	
Playground, baseball	Playground	More shade at the Playground, improved equipment
Walking/hiking	Wooded trails	Skatepark?
Walk	Walking tpath	
Kids playground, basketball, walking		Basketball courts have been moved and improved, parking is an issue for baseball games
Playground, pickle ball and walking	Walking trail	
Tennis court	Tennis court	Parking
playground	the playground is nice and offers a lot for the kids	
Walk dogs	Surrounding path	Pave the path
Walking	That it is Connected to Indian creek park	Fix drive by bus garage and improve the crossing @ Douglas and consear between the park. Less no parking signs more pedestrian crossing
Baseball/ playground / pickle ball / basketball		
Walk dog	Walking path	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walk,run	Enjoy nature, and the walking, running path	
Kids	Toddler area	
Playground and walking path	Playground	
Sports	Sports	
Baseball diamonds/basketball	New basketball courts and pickle ball	Upgrade playground equipment and fields
To walk	The walking area	
Softball games	Parking	Outside diamonds are embarrassing. Some of the worst we've played on in a 25 mile radius
Playground, walking path, use of ball fields for softball	Playground equipment and walking path	Remove the gravel from the walking path and put down a soft, track-like substrate or even asphalt. Addition of dedicated softball fields would be amazing. Removal of gravel on all ball fields-they need some major updates, including improved dugouts, seating, and field material-the gravel is so undesirable for playing. More restrooms with running water/flush toilets. The playground equipment could use some updates and replacement or lubricant on the swings as they are very loud.
Playground, walking, pickle ball, tennis	Pickle ball courts	More tennis and pickle ball courts
		Create connecting bike paths or bike lanes around town
Sports		
Playground	Walking trail, pickle ball courts, playground	Taller playground equipment
Walk	Trail	
Ball games		
Walking/Hiking	the length of the trail, the woods, the connection to Indian Creek Park and the trails behind the library.	
walk and run	trail around park and across road from Indian Creek Park	clear fallen trees from trail in Indian Creek Park after wind storms
Pickleball and walking	Pickleball	
Walking trails, picnic		
Pickleball and running	Pickleball	Courts need to be improved and more of them
Ballgames. Perimeter walk	Ball games	
pickleball and kids baseball	all facilities are in pretty good shape	repair the pickleball courts and add more corts
Pickleball		
		Needs pickleball courts
Pickleball	Everything	Resurfacing is needed badly and more courts.
Playing pickleball and walking	Pickleball courts and walking through the wooded area of park	The pickleball courts need to be replaced. Tax paying citizens should not have to fix the courts every year so they can play on them safely. Also, the walking paths should be improved so people with handicaps can use them also
Walking	Walking paths	

6. What were the primary reasons you visited White Park, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Grandchildren at play		
Exercise		Continued maintenance of restrooms/gravel path
Walking, tennis, basketball, baseball games	Everything.	
Play Equipment	Swings	None
Walk/ playground		None
Walking path and soccer fields	Walking path	Bicycle pump track
Trail and playground		
playing tennis; walking; spectator at sports events	tennis courts	courts have enlarging cracks which mar the playing surface/ one net held up with duct tape
Walking dogs	Nice paths, we'll drained	Garbage cans placed at path entrances in parking lots
Walking path and play ground	Walking path	More trash cans and dog bag locations. There seems to be a lot of dog poo
Play dates and baseball games	Able to watch my child play while visiting with friends	Improve field #6 for baseball
To play, baseball fields, to run/walk	The walking trail and baseball fields	
Baseball	Walking paths	Improve baseball fields
Location	Playground, tennis courts, trail all in one spot	Parking gets congested when baseball games are going on
Walking dogs, riding bicycle	Trails that go through woods	Trail needs to be higher in the back as it's under water in the spring and wet weather
Two kids	Something for everyone to do even the older kids	Bring back the RC car track would love a park to have areas to run RC cars
Pickleball	Nice pickleball courts and friendly players	Wind block screening on the fences
Pickle ball		Resurface courts
Pickleball		Resurface courts/add new courts
Pickleball	Pickleball	Update courts
Playground and walking trail		More shade trees around playground
Walking	The path that then can go to Indian creek	
Baseball pickleball	Pickleball	Dirt baseball fields
Kids to play		Shorter monkey bars that 6/7 year olds can get on by them self And fix the broken play equipment
Running	The path	
Basketball, jogging and family get-together		
Baseball and walking		
Walking the dog & children at play	The many options (play, exercise, picnic,etc)	More garbage cans around the walking paths & more shelters
Playground, walking, tennis, baseball	all of it	Baseball diamonds are rough
Walk/ run	Everything!	Nothing!
Playground	Lots to do	
Playground		
Kids playground/ walking trail	Trail	Paved trail, more playground equipment

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking		
Playground	Playground	
Playground	All of it	More adventurous playground equipment
Children's play/exercise	Playground and love the trails for walking	Updated equipment/parking lot
Tennis court, running path, playground	Tennis court	Need more courts - 2 of the 3 are now pickle ball courts, so there is only one tennis court
Baseball, pickleball, walking path, batting cage	Baseball	Updated field- there should be AT LEAST one baseball and softball field with clay
Walking, running, and biking around the trail. Tennis	Nice trail around the place.	Keep things looking nice that we already there.
Playground/ baseball/ walking	Playground	Update walking trails/ playground equipment
Baseball		More shade trees
Baseball playtime	Climbing toys	Splash pad
Baseball, playground, walking	Walking path	Pave or tar and chip the dusty parking lots, more ball diamonds, repair bleachers, update pavilions
Kids	Big play area	More stuff for kids to do
Family time	Playground and trail	Trail stops
Baseball, running, playground	Running trail - I love it	No loose dogs, dog owners pick up dog poop! So rude of them!!
Walking, sporting events, playground	Walking path	Bathrooms, more garbage cans, more plastic bags for dog poop, pack the gravel on walking paths
Child to play	Slides	Broken steps with caution tape
Walking	Paths	
Play	Playground/ basketball courts	
Exercise and dog walking	Groomed trails	Leash enforcement
Playing during siblings baseball practice		
Walking alone	Safe walking by myself due to trails being visible to cars, etc-suggest putting a few benches for the elderly to take breaks.	Keep trail maintained better with gravel
Kids to play, baseball games	Cleanliness	Splash pad
Baseball or events		
Playground	Jungle gym	Updated equipment
I like the playground equipment	The playground equipment is more safe than Carr park.	Better seating, more enclosure/controlled from children running away.
Walking	Long walking trail	Keep grass cut
Walking	Location	Pave walking and fix courts
Kids birthday party	Playground/shelter houses	It would be nice if the playground area was fenced in
Exercise & playground equipment	Walking trail	
Parties and baseball	Baseball and pavilion	More shade
Kids to play	Playground Equipment	Need better parent supervision although I know that is not necessarily something the parks can control.
Walk my dog	Cross over to Indian Creek	Parking lot
Community leagues		Parking and diamonds were in bad shape

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Baseball	Fields	
Play!	The pavilion	I paid \$50 for the outdoor pavilion. But the trash and surrounding areas were well kept.
	Walking path	
Walking exercise	Paths and wooded landscaping	Add more gravel and general maintenance to the walking paths
	Trails in woods	
Running on trails, tennis courts	Easy access, convenient	Need more parking and paved parking and trails; need to control flooding , need signs reminding dog owners to keep dogs on a leash
Playground/walking trails at Indian Creek park	Indian creek trails	Trail markers in the wooded area
Location	A lot of playground equipment	More seating for parents/caretakers. White Park tends to get really congested with people
Kids and sports	Sunshine	Updates
Playground	Walking path and play structure	Maintenance
Playground	Playground	Splash pad for kids
Kids	Play ground	
Kids play		
Walking		No porta potties
Kids	Variety of playground equipment	Splash pad?
Exercise	The walking trail	Add more pickle ball courts
To play with kids	Play scape	Splash pad
Pickle ball and playground		Decent courts but it would be nice to have more than 2 permanent courts.
Baseball games, playground, walking trails	Playground for grandkids	Paved parking
Playground	Pickle ball and swirly slide	
Base ball		
Pickleball with the Bedford pickleball group	The people I have met.	The courts need to be completely tore out and redone.
Running, walks and play area	Trails and play area	
Pickle ball	Pickle ball	More pickle ball at all parks
My hubby and I play pickleball at White Park 3 times a week! We love pickleball & our Bedford group of pickleball friends that we have made by playing!	Pickleball courts for sure!! But we also love the playground for our grandkids as well as the walking path for our dog Sophie!	More pickleball courts!! & improvements to the current pickleball courts!
Playground, basketball, walking path	Playground good for bigger kids too	
Softball, playground		Upgrade fields for girls softball
Recreation	Courts	Better tennis/Pickleball courts
Pickleball, walking and enjoying the park atmosphere	Pickleball courts	A complete resurfacing of existing pickleball courts and/or side by side court with the existing court with at least 6 more courts. I believe this will bring people from other areas who may want to spend a lunch in our

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
		neighborhood restaurants.
Pickleball and playground	Pickleball courts	
To play pickleball	Walking trails	Paved walking areas would be nice instead of stone
Pickleball	Pickleball	Pickleball courts
Pickleball	Pickleball courts	Courts could use a resurfacing
Pickleball	Accessibility	Additional permanent nets
Pickleball	Pickleball	Improve the court surface
Pickleball	Place for exercise and socializing	New courts wit cover. Flush toilets.
Pickleball/softball	Pickleball	Flip tennis/pickleball courts with better company
Softball/baseball		
Softball		Fields need improved
Playarea/softball	Playset	Softball fields
Sports	Walking area	Parking
Playground, walking, softball and baseball practice and games		
exercise, walking, pickleball	trail and pickleball	
Playground		
Softball, baseball games	Nearby playground	Outlying fields 1,2, 6 and across to the area behind bus garage in DESPERATE need of maintenance
Softball		
Sports	Ball fields	Update ball fields
To utilize baseball fields, playground, walking trails	Playground	Add some batting cages, Fix baseball fields on outer edge of park, build bathroom facilities instead of port-o-pots
Baseball		
Softball	Softball fields	Take care of/update fields
		Bathrooms
Playing with children, sporting events	Baseball field	Paved Parking
Softball games/practice	Many fields and playground	
Ball field and playground	Both things:)	
baseball, playground	close to home	grass and especially ball fields are unkept, bleachers falling apart, dusty/pothole parking is a nightmare not enough spaces, no black top walking trail, current gravel trail floods
Softball games and practices, running track, and playground	Ball fields	Improvement to ball fields and playground equipment that is broken
Softball, playground, running path, pickle ball	Playground, pickle ball	Field improvements for softball, pave path
Walking trail and baseball games	Walking path	The back corner always flooded the path, maybe work on that section of the trail
Softball, recreation	Playground	Additional softball fields
Walk and baseball and soccer	Walking path	Crosswalk from White Park to Indian Creek
Family picnic	Playground	Build up walking trail so no flooding, water park or

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
		splash pad
Playground	Playground	None
		advertise more that it exists
Play, walk or pickle ball	All	Light on courts to play in evening hours, splash pad
Walking, snowshoe, play equipment	Trail, play equipment	Better play equipment
Baseball games		
Biking, Walking, playground, sport events	Trail	Paved trail
Dog waking/running	Seclusion and beauty in Indian Creek woods	Better trail Signage in woods
Walking, playing with grandkids	Playground, walking trails	
Walking		
Walking, playground exercise	Playground walking path	Clean up Walking trail, keep the path graded, the western part gets underwater at times
		better accessibility for handicapped people -- old and young. paved walking trail.
With kids or for baseball		
Running		
Sports/recreation	Tennis courts	
Playground, walking trail	Playground and shelter, walking trail	
Basketball		
Trails/ playground	Trails	None
no reason	lots for kids to do	
Playground, picnic and walk	Playground and walking trail	
Sports, walking, pickleball, playground	Pickleball. We love that there's stuff for kids and adults	Pave the walking path. We have no paved bike/skating paths in Bedford. We need one, anywhere.
Walking	Trails	Add workout equipment
Take grandkids	Pickleball courts	The concrete basketball cts- too bright. Sun reflects and is blinding
Nephews baseball games		Stands for crowd to sit during games and area for dogs
Kids	Playground	More seating
Tennis/walking		
Playground, walking trail	Cubby under toddler set, twisty slide,	Bring back the balance beam, restroom at playground, more swings in play area less squeaky, pebble bridge missing 2 parts, climbing links on side of green triple slide are coming apart
Playground, running	Slides	Zip line that kids can sit on
Playground	Playground	
3B baseball, Lady Mules softball	Diamonds, playgrounds	
Baseball games	None	None
Playground	Walking path	Restroom closer to playground

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walk	Quit trail	Longer walking trail
Kids playing on equipment	Clean and newer	
walking trail		
Playground		
Kids	Playground	Bigger playground
Walk		
Play basketball	Tables under the pavillion	Less water on the basketball court
Walks	Trail	Dog run
Play Pokemon GO with kids	Found a basketball in the grass near the courts, but so much water on them so we didn't play.	PLEASE please please redo the basketball courts. It's going to cost les to redo it and do it right than keep putting band aids on a low quality 50k drainage nightmare. Think beyond the 5 years of this plan please.
Baseball game	Walking trail	Paving walking trail for ease of use by strollers wheelchairs

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking		
Walking	Trail	Pond, sledding Hill
Walking the dog	The natural landscape	Better markings for entrance
Dog walking	How peaceful it is	None
Dog walks		
		Sell it or excavate a fishing pond and use the soil for a sledding hill.
Walking	Nice walking path	
dog walking	trails	
Walk	Path	Branches cut back
Walking	The butterfly attraction	N/a
Walking	Walking	No bike allowed signs
Walking	Nice kept trail,	Keep this one nature unless there is more acerage
		Playground
Sunshine		
Walking	Peaceful and dedicated to walkers. No playground.	
Walking	Quiet	
Walking trail	Walking trail	Another path
Walking	A beautiful place to walk	Swings for the kids
Walking paths	quite area with the longest wooded walking path.	Maybe keep the pathway opening cleaned from brush. Seems to have a lot of tics when walking it. We have found tics on us every time we walk there.

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walk	Trails	
Walking path, butterfly garden	Walking path	Water fountain
Walking	Trail through woods	Playground equipment
Exerise	Secluded	
Pictures take.		
Walking		
Walking	Trail	
Walking	Walking trail	None
Walking		
Walk on trail	Trail	
Walking	Nature preserve for butterflies	
Walk		
walking trail	walking trails	
Exercise	Wooded environment	Longer paths
Have no information on the park		
Walking trails		
Walk the dog	Trails	Dog park
Walking dog	Prairie	
Walking	Only thing to do there is walk	Path for roller blading
Love the natural landscaping, it's a nice place to walk. Plus my husband will go to this park to walk.	All the plants and flowers.	None
waling		
Wslking	Trails	A blacktop widened section for those with hip issues or wheelchair
Walking	The seclusion & natural areas	
Walking	Natural setting	
Walking	Nature	Parking lot! And more stone on trails
peace quiet.....environment and enjoyment	least enjoyable all the large piles of dog crap all over.....and anywhere you walk	BAN DOGS!!!!
Hiking		More trails
walking	the trails, multiple places to rest and reflect in the serene surroundings	
Walking path	Secluded nature	None. We enjoy walking here
Hiking/walking	Wooded trails	More trees, pond/water feature
walk	Walking Path	
Walking	Scenery	
Walking	Trail, natural setting	
running on the trail	how it has a section of trail that goes back in the woods	none.
Walking	Nice path	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Pictures		
Walk	Scenery	NA
Taking my dog for walks	Nice trail, and I love the wooded areas.	More frequent garbage cans
Trail hike	Trail	More wildflowers/butterfly areas
To walk	The walking area	Bathroom Building vs. Porta John
Walking trail	Walking trail	It is nice
Walking	Walking path	N/A
Photography	Long grasses	
		Create connecting bike paths or bike lanes around town
Walking	Nature	None
Enjoy the serenity and walk	Nature great path	More bird houses
Walk	Trails	Water fountain at park entrance
Walk	Natural unspoiled	
Walking/Hiking	the woods and beautiful prairie	if I could wave a wand, I would remove the high tension wires. Additional trail through the woods
walk and run	trail and natural grasses and flowers	none
Walking trails	The fine pebble gravel walkway (non asphalt), nature	shade trees where the trails are.
Nice long walks	Scenic long walks.	
walking	peacefull	
Wanted to check it out. Walked around the park	The flowers and grasses	There needs to be trees planted. Add some areas to sit and res. Try to attract birds
Walking and birding	Walking path	Install blue bird houses
Walking dogs	Well drained paths, natural setting	
Walking Path	Walking path and wild flowers.	Trash cans located along the walk the litter is bad.
Never		
To walk	Wooded area and quiet	
Walking with friends	walking trails and nature	
Went for walk	Nature	
Wslk	Nice path	
Walk	Being able to walk in a safe place	
Run		
Walking the dog	Quiet and natural.	
Walking the dog	Serenity of wildlife preserve	More garbage cans along path
Walking trails	Trails	None
Walking trail	Peaceful nature trail	Paved trail, water feature
Walking with friends	All of it	
Haven't gone yet	Long trails	More land
Exercise	Love the trail and that it is more "naturey" to look at while	Wish there was more to do there or more/other trails, maybe small playground

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
	walking/running	
Walking path	Walking path	
N/a		
Walk, run on trail.	Keeping the trail all natural growth.	Hopefully those who come here respect it and keep it naturap.
Walking	Walking path	Playground
Walks	Nature	Paved path!! Rocks suck
Walking trail - gorgeous	Walking trail, wildflowers, gorgeous fields	Stay on top of trail up keep
N/A	Plan to visit soon	
Walking	Path in woods and open areas	
Walking	Butterfly garden	More benches around the walking path for elderly
Exercise and dog walking	Groomed trail	Platform for stretching or viewing
Walking with family	Love the huge variety of flowers and the names that say what they are, love going through the woods	It would be nice to have nights at the parks with bands playing music, use them as a place for the community to come together.
Walking	Nature	
Walking	The paths	In the future I hope they can add more trails
Walking	Nature	Nature viewer area
Pictures	Quiet	
Walk my dog	The natural preserve	
Walking	Path through woods	More paths
Morning walks and birdwatching	The natural look of the park. Gravel trails.	Add a crossover trail across the middle.
Walking	Nature	Nothing
Location	Wooded area, quiet	
Nature walk	Pathway	
Walk/ run	Nature is all around	Trails could be a little more up keep less mud
Never visit		
Walking trails	walking	
Walk; run	Peaceful	None
Walking trails		
walking	nature	
Walking	Love the wood section of the path	
Never		
Walks and runs	Trails	
Walking path	The walking path with all the vegetation and wildlife	Perhaps a playground
Walking		
Walk	Nature	
Meeting, walking	Natural	Bathroom facilities
Walking	Fresh air, and meeting people	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walk		
Walking	Walking trail	Parking
walk dog	trail	
Pictures		Playground
Walking trail		
Never went		
Never been there		
Walk, family photos	Nice path	Lighting
Walking path	Walking path marked nicely and the scenery is beautiful	Parking can be crowded sometimes
Recreation	Walking path	N/a
Walking path	Native plants, meadow, woods	Water feature and more bird houses, more visible sign at street
Walking the dogs	Nice paths	More parking
Walking path	Peaceful	DO NOT BUILD A PLAYGROUND HERE advertise more that it exists
Hiking	Nature	Make a longer continuous trail
Running	Seclusion, beauty, wildlife	
Walking		
Walking the dog	Trail was nice	Directional markers, mow the grass, clean up the park I've heard cars get broken into here. Fishing lake, sledding hill
Running	Dirt trail thru woods	More dirt trails
Walking	Nature path	More to do
Walking	Trails in the woods	More wooded trails if possible
Trails	Trails	Wildlife viewing areas
Walking trail	The scenery	
Walking	Trails	Add workout equipment
Walking my dog	Leaves changing	Trash can midway along the trail
Walking	Butterfly garden	
Runs, walk	Wooded area	
Never visited	None	None
Walking path	Shaded part of path in woods	Restrooms
N/A		
None		
never been		
		Needs to be more known
Walk		
Best walking trail around		no dogs, people do not clean up what is otherwise a beautiful park
Walking the dog	Walking through the wooden trails	We'd eat around your park benches to keep the ticks down mow behind the benches too
Walks	Natural setting	More benches or little shelter with picnic table like

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
		Whiteford just did at Stone Co. Park
Use the portable toilet.	The toilet	Better parking mapped out, possibly bumpers to guide other where to part.
Walking	Prairie	Bird watching platform

8. What were the primary reasons you visited Wheeler Preserve, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking		Trails
It was new	Walking in woods	
Never visited unsure of location		
Walking	Natural	Keep up the eradication of invasives.
never visited		
Na		
Walking	Natural setting,	Bat houses or owl houses
		Inclusive playground features
Trail		
Didn't visit		
Never visited		
Walking	Nice area	Difficult to find the path
Walking path	Wooded walking path	Path needs improving and maybe longer if possible.
N/A		
Did not know it existed		More advertisement
		I need to ck this park out
Never Been		
Never here		
Walking		
Never been		
Have no information on the park		
Walk	Trail	
Did not know about this park until this survey. I will have to visit soon.		
Never been		
Never been there		
family drive		

8. What were the primary reasons you visited Wheeler Preserve, what did you most enjoy during your visit and are there improvements you might suggest?		
Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Walking	That it is a preserve	
Walking	Natural setting	
need to try and do this now that it is improved but so far out		
Hiking		More trails
Walk	Love new paths	
Walk		Allow pets
Na	Na	Na
Haven't found it yet	Would be finding it	Make sure it's more easily found on common gps apps
Walking	Natural setting	
Just went to see it.	the way it is preserved as just natural - nature	none.
Walking		
Never heard of it		
Check it out		
To walk, and enjoy nature.	Peace and quiet, and nature	
Curiosity	Quiet	
To be outside and enjoy nature	Nature	None
Trails	Trails	Continued trail growth
Never visited		
N/A	N/A	N/A
Have not visited		
Walking/photography	Quiet and very natural	
Close to home, can ride bike to.	100% nature preserve. Solitude.	Resident wildlife & birding info.
Walking	Nature	Clean up the paths a bit
Walk in beauty	Nature and no dogs	Clear path a bit more
Never been	Never been	Never been
nature walk	natural terrain	
Walking/Hiking	the lovely terrain, the woods	I need to return - I've only been there once, before trails were put in.
walk	nature trail	none
Walking trails, 1st time there.	Ducking in and out of wooded area, nature preserve	The fine pebble gravel walkway (non asphalt), additional paths
Enjoyed the new park, nice walks		
walking	peacefull	
Birding	Birding	

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Exercise		Continued mowing of grass path in summer months
walking	unspoiled atmosphere	maybe another map post further into the park
NA	NA	NA
Never		
Walking	Nature	
Did not visit		
Walking	Oath	
Baseball		
Have not visited		
Walk		
Walking		
Haven't visited yet but on list for birding		
Never been	Don't know, never been	More adventurous playground equipment
Haven't been		
N/a		
Never been to this park.		
Just to check it out	Natural park, walking	More paths, these may have been added since our visit
No		
Haven't yet but definitely plan on it	Looks gorgeous - love the relatively undisturbed wooded aesthetic	
Walking	Parking lot and long walking path	More signs on walking path
Na		
Never visited- I usually have my dog		Allow dogs and market better on social media, not sure what's there
Walking	Trails	
Have no idea where this is		
Never been don't know where it's at		
Walks	Walks	Signs!
Walking	Trees	
Walking and birding	Natural look and feel to the park	Maybe a gravel walking trail
N/a	N/a	N/a
Never visit		
Never been		
Walking	Wildflowers	Add more flowers
Never knew about this park		
		Don't even know where this is

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Reason for Visit	Most Enjoyable Feature	Suggested Improvements
Hiking	The vegetation and wildlife	Perhaps a playground, more trails
To explore the park and enjoy it's natural beauty.	Unspoiled, with grassy natural trails and native plant based plants, shrubs and trees.	Continue to improve its natural beauty with natural trails and more native plantings.
Walking	Great place to relax	
	Walking through the woods	Clearing better walkways
Walk		
N/A		Playground
Never went		
Never been there		
Never been there but would like to visit.		
Family photos	N/a	N/a
I am not familiar with this park		Better advertising for this park
Never been	Never been	Unsure
walking	Peaceful	None
		advertise more that it exists
Walking		
Running	Natural trails	More trails
N/a	N/a	N/a
Na	Na	Na
Trails	Trails	Keep going with trail improvements
Walk	The nature aspect	Longer trails
Never been		
Family hike		Sledding hill
Never visited	None	None
N/A		
None		
never been		
Walking	The nature	Nothing
Didn't visit....need to walk with dog		Allow dog on leash, small shelter with table like Whiteford just did at Stone Co. Park
See if there's a the person who lives under the tree	Finding lots of bags from Goodwill, shoes, and a camping chair.	Pave the trails with concrete or asphalt. Something that will look great, be durable, and will not need to be maintained. Then it could be used as a cycling park.
Walking trail	Woods, bluebird trail	Extend woodland trail

9. Please indicate to what extent each of the following recreation facilities/amenities are important to you. Mark each of the following amenities on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not important at all and 5 is extremely important

	1-Not Important at all	2-Slightly important	3- Somewhat important	4- Very important	5- Extremely important	
Walking/Bicycling Paths or Trails	9	22	38	76	199	275
Playground Structures	28	30	48	87	148	235
Splash Pad	81	32	62	59	100	159
Ball Fields	70	46	84	64	75	139
Picnic Areas and Pavilions	37	56	119	81	46	127
Dog Park	96	49	75	49	66	115
Pickleball Courts	100	53	95	44	46	90
Basketball Courts	81	66	105	53	29	82
Disk Golf Course	112	63	95	38	26	64
Tennis Courts	104	65	104	39	23	62
BMX bike Facilities	162	51	61	28	30	58
Skateboarding Park	143	62	72	31	25	56

Your Suggestions (please specify)

Skedding hill, pond for fishing, more garbage cans these parks get filthy
We need a paved rollerblading path! We love our parks.
Improve the features people use the most, fields and courts
really NEED a place we can go and let the dogs run freely
Calisthenics area, Outdoor Senior fitness playground area. Splash pad
Build an inclusive playground so all children are able to play together. Build playgrounds that have life and let children use their imagination.
Pavilion, grill, fireplace or pits. Lighting, rest rooms, camping?
Bedford needs a dog park!
Would love to have a splash pad in the area
A splash pad would be wonderful. Improved soccer fields.
Replace/Repair what we have before adding additional items. Most playground equipment is over 15 years old.
Fitness obstacle course
A dog park and splash pad in this area would be an amazing addition for the community.
We would love a splash pad!!! Love the one in Oregon ohio at the Ball field would even be perfect!
Community pool, volleyball courts, football field, rock climbing, zip line, tough mudder course.
The township is long overdue for a dog park. Residents have been asking for one for years.
Dog park and safe biking paths would be wonderful for families in Bedford.
A sledding hill and a splash pad would be awesome!
Bedford area dog park with an area for large and small dogs
Build more pickleball courts. Fastest growing sport in country. Not enough courts available. Tennis courts are vacant and people can use courts at school
Please build a dog park in the area.
I think the parks need activities available for both young and old. I have used the playgrounds when my kids were younger but they are now transitioning to the ages where skate parks or bmx trails suit their ages. I think a splash pad would be nice but also feel the liability of that and expense could be put to things that a number of age groups can use. Splash pads are geared more towards younger children and would cost tenfolds more than updating multiple activities
Some of the above doesn't pertain to me and I'm also a senior. I understand others would be interested. Designated areas would be good for these activities.
Parking is an issue at Ansted. It gets crowded after supper

Bike/Walking path from Lambertville to Temperance
Need to include the county park in your listings and the pocket parks....get rid of all toys on the pocket parks to decrease up keep and liability....place them into the other parks (sell to churches) that is another point to be brought up the collaborative with using church properties and the school needs to pay you to use the parks.....or at least bear some of the responsibility for upkeep etc. develop a park program.....
Keep up the parks!
I would love to see updated playground equipment for my family to enjoy. A splash pad would be fun, but I am worried that it would require to much up keep and the money would be better spent updating playgrounds. I would love to see more natural playgrounds and playgrounds (like Olander park in Sylvania!)
Build a new concrete skatepark preferably at white park or some where more centrally located. Tear down the old and let ppl build a diy park in its place
The current trails do not really accommodate bikes. I am not sure any of our parks are big enough to have bike trails, but if one trail was paved it would be nice (also for those with strollers). However, I would hate to see you do this at Ansted or Wheeler as they are nicer if they stay closer to natural.
Bike trails
To make sure the smaller parks are maintained. As I mentioned above , we visit the Park in Centennial Village. The grass is only mowed 1-2x per year and we have to call because the grass is up the the kids knees. As of today (11/29) the leaves are thick and not picked-up with broken branches in them. This may not seem like a big issue, but kids love to play in the snow in there and it is tricky with mountains of leaves and branches everywhere.
The diamonds need upkeep. We have the worst facilities in the area. Much smaller communities have better and you can tell they take pride in maintenance
Please, please, please consider adding SOFTBALL fields. Our young softball players deserve and need a dedicated space they can practice and play and be proud to call their home field. Fields that have a quality infield mix and not gravel. Fencing around the fields and well-maintained grass. Covered dugouts and ample bleachers/seating. Restrooms with flush toilets and running water.
Please build a pump track!
Create bike paths or bike lanes please! I am 65, and bike riding is a critical component to my physical health. And it is extremely dangerous to attempt riding on any of Bedford's primary roads. Another wish list item for me would be to construct an outdoor hockey rink, like in Toledo's Ottawa Park. There is incredible demand for inline hockey (aka roller hockey) in the SE Michigan/NW Ohio region. Just check out the number of teams in the Greater Toledo Inline Hockey League.... www.gtihl.com .
I don't know if this is part of the recreation budget, but it would be nice to see bike lanes along many of the roads. I love to ride my bicycle, but am quite hesitant to ride on Bedford roads.
Maintaining skate park will keep young people from skateboarding in places that they are not welcome. Disk golf course is used often and would be more so if better maintained.
More walking trails. More picnic areas in a more park vista, not dominated by sporting facilities.
add more pickleball courts
Pickleball is so good for all ages. It's good to keep the community healthy, mind and body.
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US but Carr park has unused tennis courts that could be converted to Pickleball courts and White park pickleball courts need to be resurfaced and more added. There are many times that we have gone to play pickleball and there are no courts available.
I think we have the start of nice parks but much more needs to be added to the parks to make them enjoyable and useful for more residents. I would like to see members of the parks board visit other communities to see what they have done and what we might be able to add. I have been to many communities in Michigan with much better community parks
Bedford needs a BMX pump track
Build up, bigger, better BMX and Skate Parks
BMX pump track!
Build a pump track
Pump track would be amazing
Bike park please
Bmx pump track would be awesome for our community. It will give people of all ages somewhere to ride safely. Bedford has quite a few families who race bmx and trail ride. Reggies is the biggest national known team in our area in the bmx

sport. A pump track can be used from kids as young as 18 mos to adult. Definitely would be a huge asset to our community
an outdoor place to ice skate - children and adults have to go to Sylvania to skate at all, and that is indoors. Toledo's ice rink is less and less available. Many children here love ice hockey and just recreational skating.
Please keep Anstead Park natural and just as it is. It's a wonderful park to enjoy nature and it's sights and sounds.
I personally would love to see a splash pad go in at one of the parks!!!
More wildflowers and atmosphere. Better bleachers at all ball fields
Bike and skateboard parks need supervision
Bicycle paths and more sidewalks
Our city REALLY needs a dog park. Residents do not want to drive to Toledo. We already have beautiful properties here. I think that would be an excellent addition for our city. I believe people don't visit Wheeler very often because of its strict dog rules
We would love a splash pad!!
Would love to see Bedford have a winter tubing hill and a waterslide/ splash pad.
Why isn't Indian Creek Park included here?
I would love more biking walking trails to exercise on. My kids would probably love a water park or splash pad
Clay fields
Anything new would be great!
We need bike trails connecting our parks!
So many let their dogs run off leash at our parks. I wish this was patrolled better. We have heard of several biting incidences.
1 Please fix the fence at car park just finish it up front..... 2 please put a big splash pad for the kids to do something in the summer possible at white park being it's huge ?
Highlight the extreme importance of dog owners keeping their dogs on a leash and cleaning up their poop.
Leash rules must be enforced
I absolutely love the idea of a dog park somewhere here in Bedford and also a splash pad for our kids and residents everybody loves playing on a splash pad
Bedford needs a splash pad
A splash pad would be nice, I would not mind even having to pay to access it
Bathrooms!!!
Build a pump track, or look at the new cliffs bike park in Cleveland and copy that
I have many suggestions! First if you are insisting on paying for the building or pavilion rentals online service fees should be waived. Along with rentals, going the day before and making sure park is well kept would be wonderful. I don't necessarily mind paying 50 dollars but I would like to have the trash emptied before hand. Also Parmelee is my favorite park, I normally go three to four times a week FOR the playground but it seems to be forgotten.
We need more walking paths throughout the community. Smaller communities such as Tecumseh and Adrian have much better trail systems.
Need more upkeep to the current parks!!
Need leash signs, paved trails, parking lot improvements, and flood control
I love forested walking areas. Wooded trails are tops for parks!
Fix the baseball fields.
We could use a splash pad and a dog park in our community
A splash pad for the children is definitely needed in this area. Perhaps at 2 of the park locations.
Bike trails or sidewalk to get to at least one park with out the need for loading up a car with bikes. There's no safe way to ride bikes in this community from neighborhoods.
A dog park at one of the parks and splash pad would be good
Splash pad for the kids!!!! Nature center!!! Bathrooms not porta potties
Would like to see more bike paths in the township.
Just remembered, I love the shorter basketball hoops at Douglas Rd Elementary, maybe add these somewhere?
would love to see a splash pad in Bedford

I don't have a dog but I know plenty of people in the community that would love having a dog park.
I feel it would be a great investment to totally redo the courts for pickleball at White Park in Bedford township. There is a tremendous amount of support in the community who participate and play on those courts. Not to mention the sport itself is growing at leaps and bounds. My hope is that the recreational parks and recs can find the money to redo the courts. Thank you for all you do.
Improvements made to current Pickleball courts for sure! Also, it would be great to have new pickleball courts too! Walking & biking trails would only enhance our community and our property values! I would also enjoy better maintenance of our Centennial village neighborhood park.
Pickleball is mainstream sport these days. It would be great to see us be proactive with the family type sport.
Improve Pickleball courts
Restrooms!
Would like more ball fields dedicated to softball where the fields were actually maintained.
I'd love to see a splash pad added to one of our area parks. I'd keep skateboard and bmx parks in a separate location as I feel like they may attract an older crowd than those that would be utilizing the playground and/or splash pad.
We have the worst softball fields around. They need tons of work.
Would love to see the baseball/softball fields at Indian Creek built up with better drainage, fencing all around each field, dugouts, storage for field equipment, build a bathroom facility instead of port-o-potties, maybe some batting cages
Michael McDonald
Growth in girls area softball teams is resulting in a need for softball fields. Current baseball diamonds are in poor shape, as well as several not even useable for softball - e.g. inside diamonds at White Park have elevated pitching mounds for baseball which are unsafe/not usable for softball teams
Pond for fishing and ice skating Sled hill Walking path at all parks More handicap accessible features
A public pool and splash pad would be sweet like the one in Juniper Hills Park in Frankfort, KY
more advertisement that these parks exist. my family only found out Carr Park exists by searching for any playground in the area on Google Maps
Please put in a splash pad in Bedford!!!
Create a dog park, safe secure area,
I'd love walking paths at all the parks
We would love to have some paved trails in Bedford because most strollers dont work on gravel
Sledding hill
Bring back the Rc Csr track, it a was a crap decision to remove it for parking, and a waste of tax dollars.
We need a bike trail for kids and adults in this area!! There is no where local that I know of where it's okay to ride bikes.
My kids have mostly outgrown splash pads but I still rank them high because when they were little I hated traveling so far. Bike path is good for all ages so that's my highest now. Crazy how Bedford has not one paved path for biking.
We need a sledding hill somewhere!
Walking trails
Mowing around the bench is not just in front of them would be nice so when you said you don't have bugs up your butt
People at dog parks help police each other so a dog park really shouldn't be that scary to build. Charge a membership maybe that will keep people out that don't want to help take care of it. You have 3B with the ballparks at White Park maybe there are some dog associations or 4-H groups that would help with the dog park.

10. Which type of facilities or park would you be most likely to visit? Choose one only.		
	Response %	Response #
Bicycle trails and walking paths	72.49%	253
Nature preserves with nature areas and hiking trails	64.76%	226
Neighborhood parks with playgrounds and benches	51.58%	180
Parks with athletic fields and courts	40.11%	140
Indoor community center with gymnasium and fitness classrooms	27.22%	95
Dog park	14.90%	52
Other (please specify)		
Fishing pond.		
Senior fitness playground		
Quiet space		
Splash pad		
All the above		
Splash pad		
Splash Pad		
Splash pad		
Athletic complex		
Sledding hill		
Pickleball courts		
bike trails will get abused --so must be kept separate from walking and it should not be the responsibility for parks to provide playgrounds for dogs...bad enough they take use of school property to toilet their dogs and then kids play on that during the week--get rid of pocket parks----do the big parks and make them great!!! fancy grass not needed tand		
Splash pad		
Skatepark		
Disc Golf		
Splash pad		
Pump track		
Disk golf		
Peaceful picnic areas. Anpark where one could throw a blanket in the grass and spend the day enjoying the day.		
BMX pump track		
BMX Skate Facilities		
Skateparks and pump tracks		
Park with a bmx pump track		
Bicycle pump track		
ice rink		
Splash pad		
Pickleball courts		
Splash pad		
Winter tubing hill		
Splash pad park		
Splash pad/community pool		
Splashpad or multi recreation activities		
Splash pad		
Splash pad		
Splash pad		
Parks with pickleball courts		

Pickle ball
Park with Pickleball courts only! Lol!
Healthy family gathering at the pickleball courts
More Pickleball courts
Splash pad
BMX track
Pond
Water park or splash pad
Pool and splash pad would be awesome
Splash pad
Splash pads
RC CAR TRACK
We don't keep up the parks we have with fields so shy add more? (Indian creek)
Don't visit any of the parks, no need to. They are becoming to crowded to enjoy.
Splash pad
R/C track and maybe a moat or pond for ducks. None of our parks have a real, established watershed outside of the creek at Anstead.

11. How would you rank the following possible improvements to the overall Bedford Township parks system? Please mark each of the suggested improvements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is least priority and 5 is top priority

	1-Least Priority	2-Low Priority	3- Medium Priority	4-High Priority	5-Top Priority	
Maintain/renovate existing parks	5	7	53	122	149	271
Develop more pathways throughout Township to connect parks	16	27	54	74	164	238
Develop more paths and trails in the parks	13	21	80	95	123	218
Develop new facilities at existing parks	18	30	89	116	85	201
Acquire new parkland/open space	68	66	85	45	64	109
Continue to develop/improve L. Ansted Park	56	65	102	51	40	91
Redevelop Carr’s Grove Park	59	76	112	37	36	73
Continue to develop/improve Wheeler Preserve	79	71	91	41	23	64

Your Suggestion

Sledding hill, ponds
Work to connect subdivisions with paved bike paths and connect to Toledo system.
Get rid of the weeds and improve the grassy areas, new playing surfaces on fields/courts
Parks connected
Build an inclusive playground so all children are able to play together. Build playgrounds that have life and let children use their imagination.
Splash pad
Use what we have and make them bigger and better.
Have a second inclusive playground possibly at Carr Park
Build more pickleball courts
A way to ride bikes safely throughout the township, connecting the parks
Love the idea of connecting parks. That would be ideal for all ages!
community pool or water pads
Bike trails!
paths.....need to be off road type and would help with connectivity as long as they are developed properly
Trails and paths linking neighborhoods.
I believe the parks we have are adequate. And I would love to see playgrounds improved
We desperately need a big water feature whether around one of the already existing creeks or by putting in a large pond somewhere with a deck/bridge etc.
I like the idea of developing more paths and trails to connect parks and community facilities. I have never been to Wheeler Preserve and will be checking that out soon. I watched how Anstead Park was developed and if it's similar, I think it would be of value to prioritize this. I would like to see everything developed before acquiring more land.
I wish we had a bike trail besides just a lane on Lewis Avenue
Community pool / splashpad
Make smaller neighborhood park a priority. Why invest in new /expansion projects if you have parks that aren't being kept up as now. Focusing on getting the small parks on regular maintenance.
Maintain those we have before expansion
Build a pump track
CONNECTED BIKE PATHS THAT YOU CAN RIDE FOR DISTANCE!!!!!!
Bike paths

Pickleball courts at carr park, more pickleball courts at white park
I understood that there were limitations to development of the Wheeler preserve. I have not been there but if it could be anything like Wildwood in Toledo
Additional dog park space may be needed to discourage pet owners from avoiding leash use at regular parks
BMX and Skate Parks
Build a pump track
Bmx pump track
use space at existing parks for temporary ice rinks in winter, but large enough to accomodate larger groups
Each park does not have to offer all features. Keep Anstead natural, please!
Bike trails would be amazing as the roads are increasingly more dangerous for bikers.
As a site for new pickleball courts
Just take a look at Perrysburg or Sylvania parks
Splash pads
Winter tubing hill
Still waiting for bike trails
Tournaments should be happening in Bedford for baseball with updated fields
Could close a few parks and make a bigger one with a splash pad or even do as lower Huron metro park
Build a skatepark at white park
Would like to see more paved paths for walking/biking
If we acquire a new parkland with open space it would be a great place for like a splash pad or something like that I don't feel like we need any more playgrounds in the area. we could concentrate on the playgrounds that we have and continue to develop those, unless there is not enough space.
Splash Pad
Once again, adding splash pads to the park for the children in this area is a top priority, especially with the heat we have in the area.
Add a splash pad
Have Metroparks like Toledo
I think bike paths are big ideas that seem cool, like let's connect the whole system! But how much are they actually used? Biking seems kind of rare. More walkers and fewer runners.
Put new pickleball courts and at White Park
Connecting parks with bike trails, awesome
Bike paths and flush toilets
Softball fields/restrooms/concession stands and
pickleball at Carr Park
Redevelop Samaria and Parmelee Parks,
Softball diamonds needed for growing community program
Before adding new, the current parks and fields need significant quality improvements
Need better facilities for youth fastpitch softball
we have enough parks to maintain
Don't buy anything more you have enough to maintain now.
Please just maintain what we've already paid for previously. Spend your budget on replacing outdated/ broken/ sun bleached items with either the same, or different components. Miracle offers a wide range of products these parks could utilize which would refresh older established park elements.

12. Would you support a millage for the operation, maintenance and development of Bedford Township's parks?		
	Response %	Response #
Yes	81.92%	281
No	4.96%	17
No Opinion	13.12%	45

13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
Get school kids more involved with volunteer hours to clean parks
A paved path for recreation
A website for scheduling field time
Senior friendly walking surface
A safe bike path
More pick all courts and bike paths
Native bee houses
All inclusive play areas
Build an inclusive playground so all children are able to play together. Build playgrounds that have life and let children use their imagination. Also.....SPLASH PADS !!!!
A splash pad
A Park Board member (or a hired park board assistant) should be available for phone calls. I rented a hall and had questions, but couldn't talk to anyone. I left a message and didn't hear back for a few days. Very frustrating.
Upkeep of playground equipment (playground at white park currently has exposed metal on steps) and upkeep of athletic fields to encourage the communities ability to allow children to participate in youth sports
Need bike path system
White Park could be a crown jewel for baseball. However the fields are getting rough, the walking paths are overgrown with weeds and it needs updating.
Add some kids zip lines.
Splash pad!
Bike paths throughout the township. More pickle ball courts. Fix the road to Indian Creek
Forming athletic leagues that people who are out of high school such as college age/young adult and other adults could participate in get to know other people and create bonds and bring people together and have a strong community.
Give 3B board a real contract 5 years plus
Biking and hiking and connecting trails most interest me. More visually appealing walking/hiking areas with some tree cover. Not just boring round or oval paths.
Cameras in parking lots
More walking/biking in downtown Lambertville or Temperance. Continue to build on downtown area as a place for families to gather— more than grocery shop or eat and go home. Entertainment, events... similar to Franklin, TN.
Baseball fields at all parks need leveling and lip removed from infields
Build more pickleball courts
Expand Community Sports
Trail maps
Budgets are tight. I hope you can maintain what we have until prices go down
Bike trails
Investment in clean, modern parks will reap benefits in better health and well-being of citizens as well as increased property values. A paved hiking/biking path from White Park over to the Library would be a great

13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

place to start. A second phase linking the businesses in Lambertville and then the businesses in Temperance would be on par with other Toledo suburbs. Once citizens see how nice the first phase is, they will get on board for the second.

stay away from trendy issues..being a park board member requires hands on and time, if ya can't do that-don't get on board. develop a friends of the park and try to get sponsors for each park---some scouting groups could help.....GET RID OF POCKET PARKS & if you can't, them develop a mission statement or a set of bylaws that takes them out of your budget & control.....

I feel that based on the size of township you all have done a great job to provide so many different options. The parks are all beautiful and each has its place. I love living in a little town that gives so much emphasis on green space

Enough porta potties

Bathroom facilities at all parks. Port a potty's are not sufficient

I have seen that the parks and playgrounds have not been maintained well. I would like to see updated and more natural playgrounds (like at Olander Park). A accessible playground for disabled would also be nice to see (like the new playground in Perrysburg at the Fort Meigs Y). A neighborhood playground in Tanglewood would be a fun addition.

Make more enjoyable public area so much of the nicer feature water views etc are on private property or business land and is either not developed or used or not able to be enjoyed or draw ppl to the area

Long bike trails would be great. I was hit by a car on my bike on Lewis Ave. while riding in the bike lane. Distracted drivers makes it dangerous to ride on Bedford Streets.

Two items: I do not think we should spend \$ on a dog park. And please leave Wheeler as a nature preserve - do not develop it. (I believe the conditions when it was purchased were to keep it as a nature preserve!)

A dog park.

Side walks all over Bedford

I liked the idea of bike path or connecting new paths to existing ones.

Simply put, our ball fields are inadequate compared to our contemporaries. Let's take pride in the presentation of our parks and safety of our kids

Please consider the suggestions to add softball fields to our parks. We travel to many comparable communities and their softball fields/athletic complexes are leaps and bounds better than ours. They are clean, thoughtfully designed, and most importantly, high-quality. The weedy, gravelly baseball fields our softball players have to use are deplorable. Please consider softball fields a top priority. Additionally, I would love more walking and biking paths. I feel they would get a lot of use and would be a wonderful feature of our community,

Pump track and more bike parks and skateparks

Keep Ansted and wheeler quiet nature preserves.

Thank you for creating this survey to better understand the desires of the community.

possible citizen volunteers for work in parks

We need some nice ball fields that the kids could have tournaments at. We go to smaller communities with great facilities for sports.

We do not have enough parks solely for walking, hiking and aesthetically pleasing picnicking. Usually travel out of bedford to find those places.

To really do something Pickleball is so popular and healthy Improve white park, make more courts Give Carr park pickleball courts

Thanks for doing this survey.

Continued maintenance of White/Indian creek parks during the winter months such as placement of trash barrels along gravel path and portable restrooms. Additional signage reminding park goers to keep pets on leashes and clean up after pets is very much needed.

We need a pump BMX Skate Park in Bedford

13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
BMX pump track!
Build a pump track
Bicycle pump track
Finding more ways to encourage safe, routine walking and bicycling
Splash Pads at the parks.
Adding an RC track
I do not live in Bedford but I visit White park often to play pickleball. We frequent restaurants often while there.
Build more Pickleball courts
No
Parks provide outdoor "education" and free play for families with and without children. The parks have been one of my favorite parts of raising my family here. Even with grown, adult children, I still consistently use of parks.
Biking trails, winter tubing park
Put in bike trails, as I was told years ago they were part of the master plan
Sledding Hill
Need off road bike paths
I would love a system of walking or biking paths that connect all over the area. It would also be amazing to have a bike path or waterpark. Perhaps something like a waterpark could bring more traffic to downtown Temperance.
Splash pads
No
A sledding hill or ice skating rink
New park at white park not a pre fab a real park that is enjoyable.
Paved paths for walking/biking
More community events at the parks, music night. Keep trails in good condition and keep up the great work with plants and flowers at Ansted.
Splash pad
Build a pump track, or look at the new cliffs bike park in Cleveland and copy that
Development of more trails to connect our community with neighboring communities would be great!!!
Na
Toledo has excellent parks. There is no need to develop more parks here.
Parking. For the non sports families it's sometimes hard to enjoy a park when games are going on, limited parking. Typically those parks have the better equipment.
Splash pad for kids
A biking trail would be nice
Restrooms in buildings
Pickleball courts at White Park need to be totally redone
I know it's probably impossible, but a park area in every neighborhood would be amazing!
More fields for girls softball.
Love the parks here, connecting bike paths, and Pickleball courts
I play Pickleball regularly at White park. The courts are in poor condition and need to be improved. Additional courts are also needed.
Really need to improve Pickleball courts
The fields. My daughters are both on softball teams and our parks are the very worst ones. Half of the time the porta potty isn't even open to go to the bathroom.
More softball fields

13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?
why no dogs at Wheeler Preserve?
By developing your parks and adding more athletic fields (ie. softball fields) would allow more neighboring teams and communities to come into our township and see what Bedford has to offer...brings more business to our local restaurants and stores.
I would support a millage if I saw more community engagement/financial support in improving our parks.
More ball fields for the growth of teams and ball teams.
Overall, the park system is a disappointment. We have spent a lot of time at White Park with our children's sports and it would be nice to have something to be proud of. We often visit Sylvania parks because they are better kept, have black topped walking/biking trails and parking lots. We would like to have something like that in our own community.
Many community members parents coach's are putting time and money to maintenance fields which are sub part at best. The softball community is growing with wonderful coaches who need to have a place for games. Fields are minimal and monopolize by other programs. The young community members are our future invest in the space for them to grow as individuals, teammates and athletes.
We need new or drastically improved softball fields. It's sad when we have to schedule most of our tournaments/games at parks outside of our community, and often out of state, due to lack of properly cared for fields and/or field availability.
Adding a water park or splash pad
Splash Pad at one of the parks, possibly White Park or Carr Park
Handicapped playground that is inclusive for children AND adults with different abilities. We have to go to Toledo Metro parks. They also have swings that a parent & toddler can swing together. Sensory playground would be awesome along with a splash pad. Bedford needs to keep up with our neighboring communities or be innovative & cutting edge with the improvements being made. Bedford is not bike friendly at all and it is not walking friendly. It is so dangerous to walk on main roads - you really can't. Sidewalks & bike trails connecting our parks etc.
Township is sitting on millions, use that before millage. Taxes are high as it is.
Maintain park in Centennial Village, very neglected
Community walking path interconnections all parks
Splash pad
This survey could've been structured so much better. So many missed opportunities. What in the world is wheeler preserve? Will this feedback matter 1%?
Make sure your judgments and choices are based on unbiased opinion and not what you or your friends would like to see in a park. Have more public events at parks rather than on streets or in parking lots.
Use the money you have in your yearly budget to fix the existing problems that are currently plaguing the parks now. If parts are ordered and it takes a while to get them, that's fine. If it take a while to install them, that's also fine. We as residents worked on installing the playgrounds... maybe we need a good old fashioned barn raising-park building day. Please improve the current system and infrastructure of the park system before you begin building new things in the parks and buying land for extra parks when we have obvious needs at the current ones.

14. How old are you?		
	Response %	Response #
Under 25	2.31%	8
25 to 34	10.98%	38
35 to 44	31.21%	108
45 to 54	20.52%	71
55 to 64	16.76%	58
65 and over	18.21%	63

15. Including yourself, how many adults 18 and over live in your household?		
	Response %	Response #
1	8.77%	30
2	73.10%	250
3	11.70%	40
4	5.26%	18
5	0.88%	3
6	0.00%	0
7	0.29%	1
8	0.00%	0
9 or more	0.00%	0

16. Including yourself, how many children under 18 live in your household?		
	Response %	Response #
0	43.53%	148
1	13.53%	46
2	23.82%	81
3	15.00%	51
4	2.65%	9
5 or more	1.47%	5

17. What type of housing do you reside in?		
	Response %	Response #
House	96.52%	333
Apartment	0.58%	2
Condominium	2.61%	9
Manufactured Home	0.29%	1

18. In what zip code area do you live?	
	Response #
43611	1
43612	2
43623	1
48131	1
48133	2

48140	3
48144	94
48157	1
48161	1
48166	1
48177	1
48182	221
48183	1
49192	1
49267	4
49270	1