



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Department of Public Services

851 South Eton-Conference Room

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

6:30 PM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the minutes of: Tuesday, January 9, 2018(regular meeting)**
- IV. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
 - 1. Approve Resolution of Adoption of City of Birmingham 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - 2. 2017 Annual Golf Report
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
- VI. Unfinished Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- IX. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 6, 2018(DPS)**

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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2018

Therese Longe, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Therese Longe, John Meehan, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Kaplan

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Cheryl Couretas, Cindy Rose and John Rusche

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht the minutes of the Tuesday, December 5, 2017 regular meeting be approved.

Yeas – 7 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-1 Ross Kaplan

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Nominations of 2017 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Bill Wiebrecht nominated John Meehan as Chairperson; John accepted the nomination.

Yeas – 7 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-1 Ross Kaplan

Bill Wiebrecht nominated Therese Longe as Vice-Chairperson; Therese accepted the nomination.

Yeas – 7 Therese Longe, John Meehan, Eleanor Noble, Ryan Ross,
Art Stevens, Lilly Stotland and Bill Wiebrecht

Nays – 0

Absent-1 Ross Kaplan

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1 Long Range Planning Session, Saturday, January 27, 2018, 151 Martin Street, City Municipal Building, starting at 8:30 am

Lauren stated the Department of Public Services will be approximately 9:00 am.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Comments Received on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Set a Public Hearing – Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Lauren stated the public 30-day comment period ended on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and comments will be forwarded to McKenna for further discussion.

Lauren stated the City Commission has set the public hearing for Monday, February 12, 2018 for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 Proposed Capital Projects -2018-2019 Budget

Lauren stated as keeping with normal procedures the Department of Public Services submits proposed budget requests for the upcoming fiscal years to the City Manager. Lauren stated she will meet with the City Manager during the month of February to review all budget requests.

Lauren stated the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) items for budget years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 will be available for review at a future Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Last year the proposed CIP items for 2017-2018 budget were included in your April Parks Board agenda.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4 Birmingham Museum Board Joint Workshop with the Parks and Recreation Board and the Historic District Commission

Lauren stated on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 there will be a joint workshop with the Parks and Recreation Board and the Historic District Commission to hear comments on the 2018 Birmingham Museum Conceptual Landscape Master Plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lilly stated the proposed City of Birmingham logos are available on the City website for individuals to vote for.

Bill Wiebrecht asked if there are any new updates on Manor Park.

Carrie stated the Department of Public Services is still maintaining the pathway and there have been no new updates.

Lauren stated that Barnum Arch Landscape Enhancement (BALE) proposal that was previously before the Parks and Recreation Board will be presented at the City Commission on January 22, 2018; that is for the Barnum Park Archway Landscape Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Cindy Rose stated that the City Commission approved the art piece for Barnum Park.

John stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at DPS.

Chairperson Meehan adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm

Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: January 29, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approval

The City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been reviewed and revised over the last eight months in order to be updated and submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Communities are required to develop a recreation plan to establish eligibility to apply for recreation and resource conservation grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). This update is the fourth Recreation Master Plan for the City of Birmingham. The City began developing such documents beginning in 2000.

A Master Plan is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, development needs, services and implementation. This assists the City to remain proactive in determining the community's future priorities and how to accomplish them. The plan ideally forms the road map for the decisions made over the next five years regarding the provision of park and recreation lands and other open space for the community.

Most importantly, the planning process allows the community to determine not only current, but also future community needs. The citizen input process is the most critical element is making these determinations.

The Parks and Recreation Board members over the past several months have been diligently working on updating the 2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan assists communities in the following ways. Assists in identifying recreation needs and priorities, assists in providing focus to improve facilities and programs, qualifies the City for recreation grants and serves as a guide in the day-to-day operations as well as during the annual budget process. There are several parts to the five year plan.

The Master Plan contents include a community description, planning/public input process, administrative structure, recreation inventory, a capital improvement schedule and an action plan. A Public Open House is required and was conducted on October 3, 2017 at a Parks and Recreation Board meeting. At the November 14, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting another opportunity for public input and discussion about the update to the Master Plan occurred. A "draft" copy of the updated Parks Master Plan was also part of the agenda packet. The entire plan was made available for a 30 day public review on December 4, 2017 in advance of the Public Hearing which will be held before the City Commission on February 12, 2018.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the proposed 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Along with this is a transmittal memorandum from Sarah Traxler, McKenna detailing the plan revisions for you since the public review period. Also, attached is a Resolution for the Parks and Recreation Board to consider adopting during the February 6, 2018 Board meeting.

If the City Commission has any other additions or changes to the plan prior to its adoption, those items will be added prior to final assembly of the document. A copy of the adopted plan will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

Suggested Resolution: To approve the Resolution of Adoption of the City of Birmingham 5 Year 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Memorandum

To: Parks and Recreation Board
City of Birmingham, Michigan

From: Sarah Traxler, AICP, Vice President
Deanna Dupuy, Assistant Planner

Date: February 1, 2018

Subject: **2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Summary of Changes in Response to Public Comment and Final Review of Draft**

BACKGROUND

As prescribed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) the draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was made available to residents and stakeholders during a 30-day, well-publicized public review and comment period. The comment period ended on January 3, 2018. McKenna and the City of Birmingham staff have received various comments, which are included in Appendix B of the updated plan. Each comment was reviewed by the project team and were incorporated into the revised draft as necessary.

During that time, the Master Plan Sub-Committee and project team were performing final reviews of the draft plan for accuracy,

PLAN REVISIONS

The following represent our synthesis of the plan response to the comments received:


- **Birmingham Museum (formerly Birmingham Historical Museum & Park).** The Museum Director, Leslie Pielack, provided specific feedback regarding language representing the Museum. Minor language changes were made on the following pages: 15, 23, and 35.
- **Revised Parks and Recreation Bond Language.** City Finance Director Mark Gerber reviewed the Administrative Structure and Funding section of the draft plan for Parks and Recreation Bond accuracy and language suggestions. After feedback from Mr. Gerber, McKenna updated the third paragraph on page 21 to better represent the current state of the Parks and Recreation Bond.
- **Clarification of Kenning Park Master Plan Implementation.** After feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board, page 22 was updated to clarify that certain elements of the Kenning Park Master Plan are currently being implemented.
- **Accessibility Assessments.** The accessibility assessment scores (1-5) for each City park in the Parks, Recreation and Trails Inventory Section (pages 31-41).

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- **Golf Courses.** Golf Operations Clubhouse Manager Jacky Brito provided specific feedback regarding the language representing Lincoln Hills Golf Course and Springdale Park and Golf Course. Specifically, the descriptions of the properties on pages 38 and 40 were updated.
 - **Addition of Chemical Reduction Objective for Goal #6.** A resident stakeholder expressed concern that the term “reduce chemical exposure” was removed from Goal #6 (when compared to the 2012 plan), which addresses Sustainable Maintenance Practices. A ninth objective was added on page 80 to specifically call out the need for the City to minimize chemical usage to the extent practicable.
 - **Accessible Playground Replacement – Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.** During a brief overview of 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the January 27, 2018 City Commission - Long Range Planning Session, Commissioner Bordman shared feedback about the need to clarify that all playground enhancements identified in the Capital Improvement Plan would meet or exceed ADA accessibility standards. The Capital Improvement Plan from pages 84 to 88 was modified to be explicitly clear that all planned playground enhancements (whether full replacement or partial replacement) will be inclusive and accessible – at minimum, per the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
 - **Potential Funding Sources – Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.** Also during the Long Range Planning Session with City Commission, inconsistencies in the presentation of potential funding sources for projects were pointed out; we revised the language to be consistent and accurate per current knowledge of funding sources for each project.

NEXT STEPS

During your board meeting on February 6th, the Parks and Recreation Board may consider adopting the attached Resolution of Recommendation (for approval). On Monday, February 12th, the City Commission will hold the required Public Hearing and consider adoption of the plan by Resolution.

We look forward to discussing the updated plan with the Parks and Recreation Board. We welcome any questions or comments at any time. Thank you.



RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION

2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

For the City of Birmingham

Oakland County, Michigan

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham began the process of developing a parks and recreation master plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Birmingham were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan; and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held on February 12, 2018 in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has developed the plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation within the City of Birmingham.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board does hereby recommend adoption of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the City Commission.

Yeas: Nays: Absent:

I, J. Cherilynn Mynsberge, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 6th day of February, 2018.



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DRAFT · FEBRUARY 1, 2018

2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan

City of Birmingham, Michigan

DRAFT · February 1, 2018

Adopted by the City of Birmingham City Commission on

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Acknowledgements

Thank you.

The participation and cooperation of community leaders, residents and members of civic organizations in the preparation of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is greatly appreciated and we thank everyone who participated in its development. The content in this Plan reflects the on-going collaboration between City residents, stakeholders, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the City Commission.

In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of:

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01

Introduction

Welcome

Welcome to the City of Birmingham's 2018 - 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan reflects a vision for the City of Birmingham's parks and recreation facilities: their operations, maintenance, and enhancements for the next several years. It serves as a roadmap for future recreation facilities and programs by considering existing parks and programs in and around the City and the anticipated demand for additional or improved recreation facilities.

This Plan also forms the basis for potential recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other agencies and foundations. The City of Birmingham's Plan was prepared in accordance with MDNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

Most importantly, this Plan will act as City of Birmingham's playbook for community building as it relates to parks and recreation over the next five or more years.



Tradition of Excellence

During the last five-year planning process, the City of Birmingham continued its tradition of parks and recreation excellence. Specifically, the City made considerable strides in institutionalizing outstanding design and recreation provision; as well as achieving the goals and objectives identified in the previous plan.

The City continually strives to provide parks and recreation facilities that are of the highest quality, preserve open space, and are accessible to all residents. The Department of Public Services installed electrical outlets and water fountains at numerous parks. In addition, the department completed open space maintenance at three of the City's parks. As stewards of open space, the department completed on-going reforestation in all its parks which included significant reforestation efforts at Manor Park and Quarton Lake with funds awarded to the City through Releaf Michigan and DTE Grants in 2015 and 2016.

Furthermore, the City is committed to providing opportunities that promote and encourage active lifestyles. The City prioritized the maintenance of tennis courts and softball/baseball fields, two of the City's most popular recreation activities, at five of its parks. In addition, the City is currently in the process of extending the Booth Park trail system to connect runners and walkers to Maple Avenue. Accessible walking paths and running trails were also incorporated into the specific park master plans developed during the past five years.

The City further solidified its commitment to world-class design by completing its renovations to Shain Park in 2010. The park, which was identified during this planning process as the most visited park facility, is located in the heart of Birmingham's downtown and features a plaza fountain with granite décor, a band shell, modern children's play area, granite paved streets, lawn space, and performance stage. The City also completed the implementation of Phase 2 of the Barnum Park master plan which included improvements to the play area, landscaping, installation of pergolas, and seating.

Another significant effort the City completed in the past five years was the development of three park master plans. Between 2014 and 2016 the City, through a process of resident engagement and collaborative design, completed master/concept plans for Adams Park, Kenning Park, and Poppleton Park.

Planning Process

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was prepared with technical assistance from McKenna, a planning and design consulting firm, and with the active involvement of the City's administration and the City of Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Sub-Committee.

Citizen input and action, through an online survey, public meetings, and a public hearing, played a critical role in the development of the plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those who use Birmingham's Parks and Recreation facilities.

Following several discussions held by the Parks and Recreation Board Master Plan Sub-Committee and a draft review by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Commission, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was submitted to Birmingham City Commission for adoption. Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public. Notices were posted beforehand, and where required, advertised in the newspaper, as provided by the Open Meetings Act. The planning process kicked off in July of 2017 and concluded with the adoption of the Plan in February of 2018.





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Community Setting

Community Description

A welcoming community, Birmingham maintains its small town feel while offering the recreational and cultural advantages of an urban area. Birmingham's thriving pedestrian- friendly downtown includes restaurants, movie theaters, art and antique galleries, retailers, and serves as a center for real estate, accounting, finance, insurance, legal, and other services.

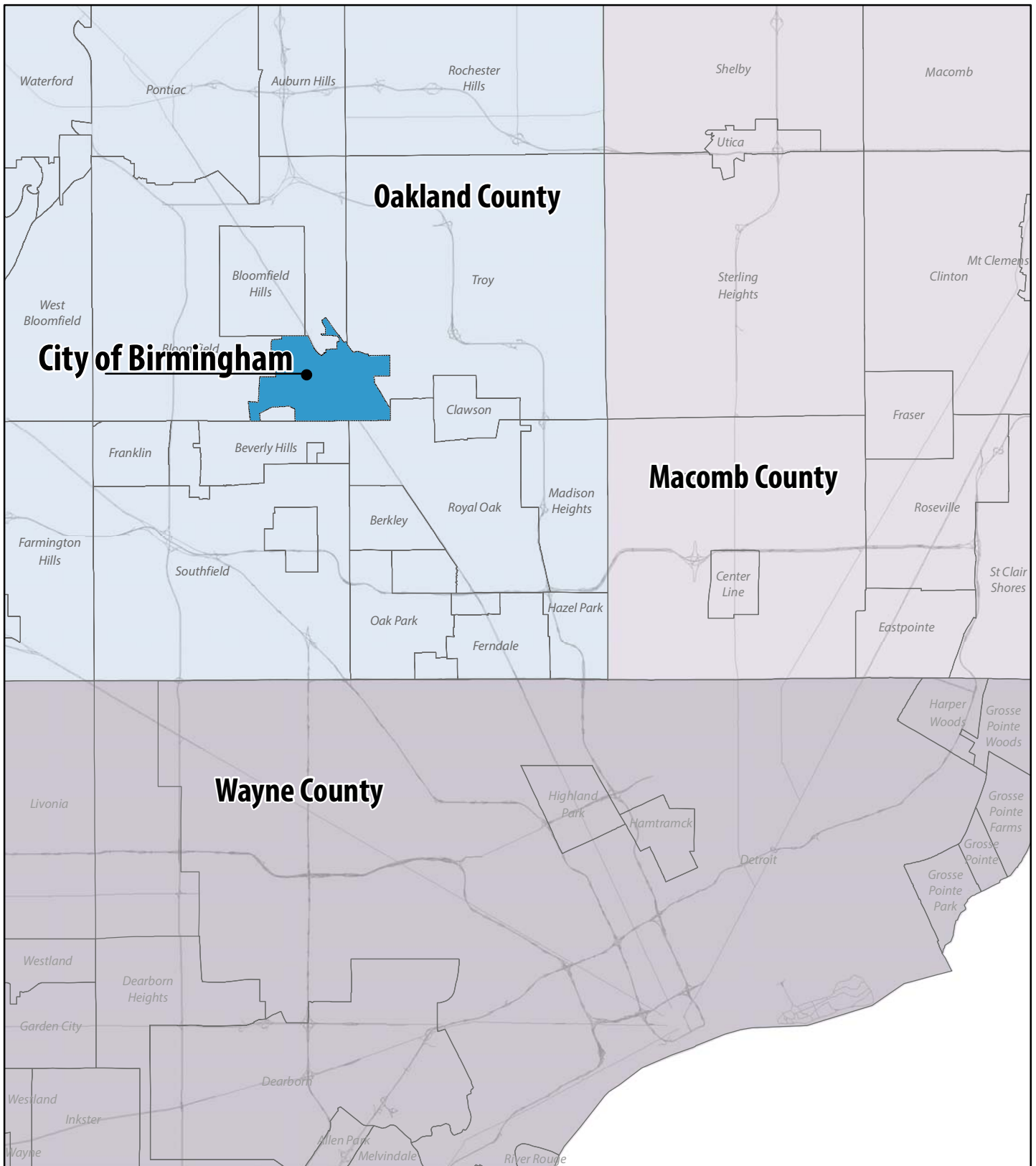
The Community Setting is a picture of the various physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the City of Birmingham. This information provides valuable insight into determining future parks and recreation facility development, maintenance, and programming needs for the community.



Regional Setting

The City of Birmingham is located in southeast Oakland County, Michigan and is bordered by five communities, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Beverly Hills, Royal Oak, and Troy. Birmingham incorporated as a city in 1933 and its history dates before 1819. Throughout its past, Birmingham has enjoyed a substantial level of citizen involvement which has contributed to the high quality of life in the community.

Birmingham covers 4.8 square miles and is centrally located between the Cities of Detroit and Pontiac. Woodward Avenue serves as a major artery through two miles of the city, running in a southeast to northwest direction from 14 Mile Road to Big Beaver Road (16 Mile). The city is accessible within Metropolitan Detroit via three major routes: US-24 located approximately 1-¾ miles to the west, I-696 four miles to the south, and I-75 approximately four miles east.



Map 1 Regional Location

City of Birmingham, Michigan

October 30, 2017

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Miles

Data Source: SEMCOG



Demographic Characteristics

The City of Birmingham's current demographic situation and trends provide understanding to the types of recreation facilities and amenities that are needed. The figures used in this Plan come from the US Census Bureau's 2011/15 ACS 5-year data, which uses statistical sampling over a 5-year period to describe the average characteristics over the period of collection. Information for smaller geographic regions generally have a higher margin of error in statistical sampling, yet the ACS is considered very reliable and is a dataset that we believe can provide the most accurate portrayal of the changing population in the City and surrounding communities. Comparison data also comes from the US Decennial Census.

DEMOGRAPHIC TAKEAWAYS

The City of Birmingham's population will shape the park and recreation needs for the next five years. The City's driving demographic trends include:

- **There was an increase in the population that is under the age of five and aged 5-9 from 2010 to 2015.** Youth are the largest users of parks facilities and are likely to participate in organized sports and recreation programming.
- **The City of Birmingham's average household size continues to increase.** This shows that the City remains a popular community for families with children. The parks facilities are likely one of the reasons people choose to raise their families in the City.
- **Nearly 6% of the City's population has a disability.** Trails, playscapes, and other amenities must be accessible to this population.
- **The City's median income and percent of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher is larger than the surrounding area.** Residents will expect high quality parks and recreation service and programs that provide an educational benefit.

Source: 2010 Census and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

POPULATION

Trends in the number of people residing in a community are an important indicator for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities have different parks and recreational needs than communities with stable or declining populations.

According to the 2011-2015 ACS estimates, the City of Birmingham's population is 20,489 which is a slight increase in population, approximately 1.9 percent between the 2010 and 2015 period. The City of Birmingham's population growth in the past five years indicates that Birmingham continues to be a desired community and that its residents are aging in place.

HOUSEHOLDS

This section analyzes the composition and characteristics of households in the City of Birmingham. Household growth has a different impact on demand for recreational services than population growth. If the population is growing faster than the number of households, this would suggest that more children are being born to existing households. If households are growing faster than population, this typically suggests that more singles or couples are moving into the community.

The number of households in the City has decreased by 2.3 percent since 2010. However, the number of married-couple family households with and without children under 18 increased by 5.9 percent and 4.7 percent respectively. The increase in married-couple family households and the increase in total population indicates that existing residents are choosing to start their families, either by marriage or with children, in the community. The age data below further indicates that the slight population increase is due to the rise of children under 18 years.

Structure, 2010-2015

Age Group	2010 Population	2015 Population	Percent Change
Under 18 Years	4,939	5,201	5.3%
Under 5 years	1,291	1,346	4.3%
5-9 years	1,462	1,641	12.2%
10-17 years	2,186	2,214	1.3%
18-65 years	12,401	12,443	0.3%
65 years and over	2,763	2,845	3.0%
Total Population	20,103	20,489	1.9%

Source: 2010 Census and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes have been shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population.

Contrary to national trends, Birmingham's household size increased from 2.2 to 2.3. The 3.5 percent increase in household size for Birmingham shows that the City is a popular community for families with children and two-person households. This reaffirms the trends seen in the previous section where there was an increase in number of married-family households with children under 18 and an overall increase in population.

DISABILITY

The type of disability and number of residents impacted will shape the design and accommodations made for them on the City Parks and Recreation Plan. The US Census Bureau reports that approximately 5.9 percent of the City of Birmingham residents have a disability of some sort, with the most impacted populations being the 65 and over subgroups. The most prevalent disabilities within the population are ambulatory and hearing difficulties, followed by independent living difficulties. Ambulatory difficulties encompass serious difficulties with walking or stairs, issues that limit physical activity, leading to steeper decline in health. Giving consideration to these difficulties in planning for parks and recreation activities could result in positive health outcomes for a population that already experiences great difficulty on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties, or by installing audible and visually assisted cross walks that are conscious of those who may be visually or hearing impaired.



Economic Characteristics

Birmingham residents are highly educated with 77.2 percent of the community holding a bachelor's degree or higher. The City of Birmingham is also an affluent community with a median household income of \$108,137, which is 38 percent higher than Oakland County's median household income of \$67,465.

Birmingham's highly educated population will impact the City's parks and recreation needs. This population may have high expectations for involvement in programming and quality of recreation facilities. Birmingham's educated population may also be interested in interpretative nature and cultural programming.

Furthermore, as incomes rise within a community, individuals and families may begin to take a market approach to recreation, meaning that affluent residents may be willing to pay for private or nonprofit recreation options if the provider offers a service that addresses their unique recreation needs. This trend indicates that as a City's median household income rises, public recreation facilities will face more competition from private and non-profit providers. For example, residents may choose to belong to a private golf club because of differences in operation and access to other recreation amenities. As the City of Birmingham plans future facility and programming investments, there should be an emphasis on value, the provision of multiple recreation options, and public/private partnerships.

Birmingham has a wide variety of housing styles and sizes with consistently rising property values. There are few remaining sites on which to build new homes, so developers and homeowners renovate, enlarge, raze and/or rebuild on existing property. The 2011-2015 ACS estimates the median house value of a Birmingham resident's home as \$410,700. Many Birmingham neighborhoods have active neighborhood associations which work to boost the sense of pride neighbors take in owning and caring for their homes as well as preserving the character of neighborhood parks.

There are a large number of historic homes and buildings which are reviewed by the city's Historic District Commission (HDC). The HDC and the Birmingham City Commission give yearly Historic Preservation Awards to residential and commercial property owners and merchants recognizing their efforts in preservation and maintenance of historic properties. Many Birmingham Parks, such as Booth, Shain Park, and the Birmingham Museum reflect the historic character of the City.



Physical Characteristics

The City of Birmingham is a historic and developed community with very little vacant land. The existing land use patterns within the City show residential and transitional uses radiating from the downtown core. The City's downtown which is anchored at the intersection of Old Woodward Avenue and Maple Avenue, is a lively and walkable district. Woodward Avenue and Maple Avenue split the City into neighborhood quadrants. Each neighborhood consists largely of single family homes with a small variety of parks, institutional uses, and multifamily residences. Homes in northeast, northwest, and southwest quadrants are typically located on larger lots. Homes in southeast quadrant including the emerging Rail District are generally are on smaller lots and are sited closer to new mixed use residential, creative industry, and commercial.



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Administrative Structure and Funding

Management and planning for the City of Birmingham's parks, recreation facilities and limited programming is primarily completed by two groups: The City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Public Act 156 of 1917 entitled Local Government; operate System of Public Recreation is an act authorizing Cities, Villages, Counties, Townships, and School Districts to operate systems of public recreation playgrounds.

Administration

The City Charter of the City of Birmingham was first adopted in 1933, providing for a City Manager, Commission form and division of legislative and administrative functions. The Charter provides that all powers are vested in the Commission, consisting of seven members, all elected at large on a non-partisan basis. Commissioners serve staggered terms of four years and elect from their own members each year a Mayor who is a voting member of Commission. A Mayor Pro-Tem is also elected to serve in the absence of the Mayor.

The City Manager oversees the administrative functions of the City, including the operations of all City Departments and Department Directors are all appointed by the City Manager, while the City Clerk is appointed by the Commissioners and then reports to the City Manager.

The City Commission is responsible for establishing policies to guide the overall operation and development of Birmingham and making all decisions concerning land acquisition and purchase of major recreation facilities based on recommendations received from staff. The budget for recreation facilities and programs is adopted annually by the City Commission, as part of the total annual budget after appropriate public hearings. The City Commission is advised by a number of public Board and Commissions, whose members are appointed by the City Commission.

As part of each budgeting process, the City Commission holds a goal-setting session with administrative staff and a facilitator. During the 2016 process, the following five primary goals were deemed essential to implementing the Commission's vision for the community:

1. Provide sound leadership and responsible governance to maintain financial stability.
2. Be innovative and responsive in how services are provided to the community.
3. Support the vitality of both the residential and business communities that depend upon each other for success.
4. Cultivate a safe, healthy, and dynamic City.
5. Continue to be proactive with infrastructure maintenance programs and reinvestment in cost-effective improvements to roads, sewers, water mains, parking, parks and public facilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEES

The Parks and Recreation Board was established in 1963 by ordinance. It is charged with the duties detailed in Chapter 78 of the City Code entitled Parks and Recreation. The ordinance states that the Parks and Recreation Board shall consist of seven members, who are electors in the city and appointed by City Commission with each member serving a three-year term. The Board serves solely in an advisory capacity and may not assume any legislative or administrative authority.

The Parks and Recreation Board objectives and duties include:

- Serve as a forum for the consideration of policy matters related to the operation of a park and recreation program.
- Advise the public with regard to the policies established by the City Commission relating to the park and recreation program.
- Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Commission in regard to all matters affecting parks and recreation which are referred to it by the City Commission.
- Recommend to the City Commission a recreation program, fee schedules, and the adoption of long range program for the development of park areas and facilities.
- Recommend to the City Commission hours of operation and allocation of facility use.

In addition to the seven-member Parks and Recreation Board, there are several Department of Public Services (DPS)/City of Birmingham administered committees and Parks and Recreation Board sub-committees. The Parks and Recreation Board appoints Board liaisons to specific DPS/City committees and assemble Board sub-committees as necessary. The DPS/City committees and Board sub-committees give citizens the opportunity provide information about the operations, maintenance, and improvement of parks and recreation facilities.

The City also has a four-member Martha Baldwin Park Board to provide input on the design and maintenance of Martha Baldwin Park. In addition, there is a Birmingham Museum Board, which is an advisory board that participates in strategic planning and policy recommendations for the museum and grounds. The site consists of two historic buildings on nearly four acres and is adjacent to the Rouge River.

DPS / CITY COMMITTEES

- In the Park (Admin. Staff, Birmingham School District, etc.)
- Ice Arena (1 Parks and Recreation Board Liaison)

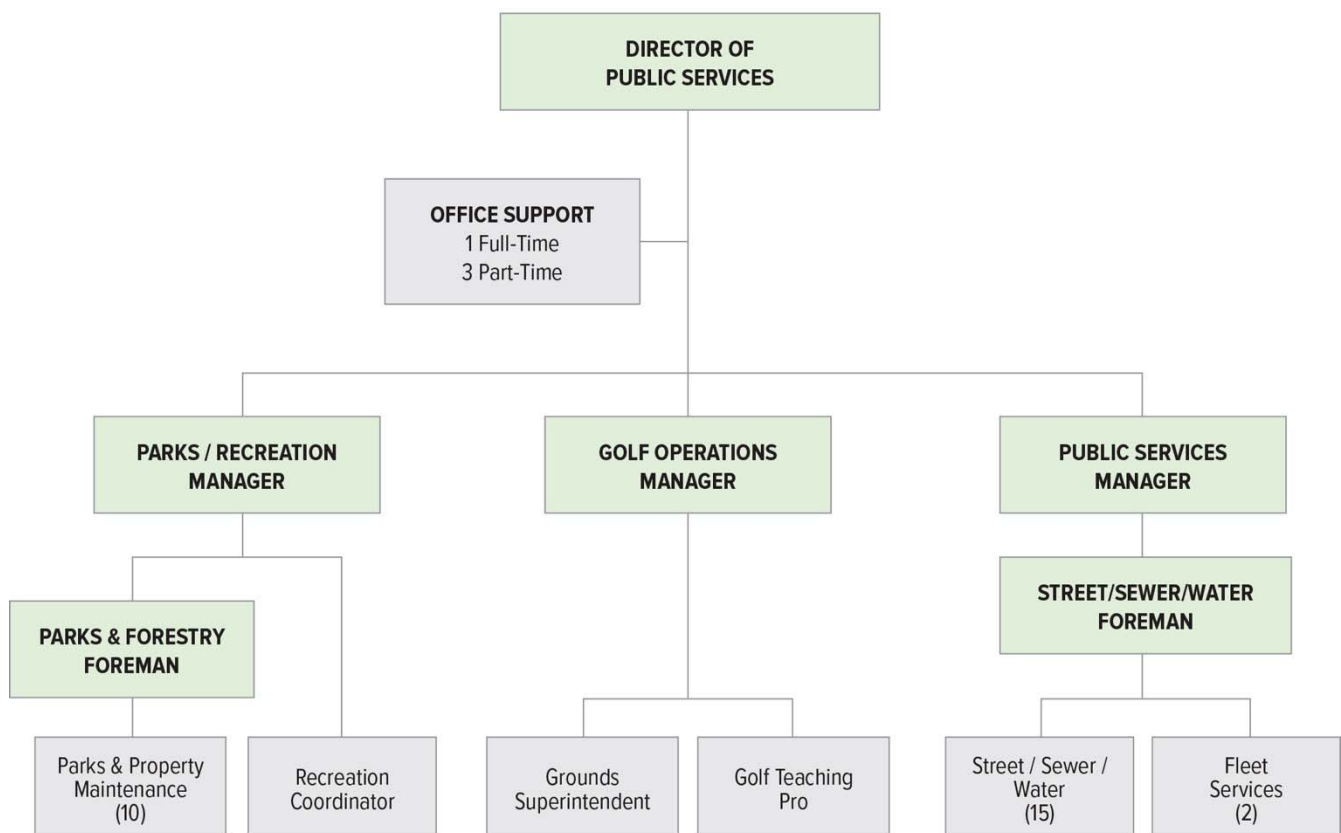
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

- NEXT
- Crowdfunding Sub-Committee
- Golf Sub-Committee
- Ice Arena Committee
- Master Plan Committee
- Trail Sub-Committee
- Kenning Park Field Sub-Committee
- Poppleton Park Sub-Committee

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES (DPS)

The DPS oversees the operation of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, two popular nine-hole golf courses, maintenance of more than 230 acres of park land and two miles of trails along the Rouge River. DPS is also responsible for forestry items such as the removal, transplanting and/or maintenance of 25,000 street and park trees. Other responsibilities include: Placement of holiday decorations, maintenance of public horticulture gardens, and providing logistic support for the summer “In the Park” concert program. In addition, this department is responsible for park improvements, park signage, support for special events, maintenance of the Greenwood Cemetery, various contractual services such as forestry services, park mowing, invasive vegetation removal, commercial/residential sidewalk snow removal and residential noxious weed enforcement. Figure 1 shows the administrative organization of the Department of Public Works.

Services Organizational Chart



Parks and Recreation Funding and Grant History

The estimated Department of Public Services operating budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$3,200,1600. The various funds below describe the actual, adopted, and planned budget information for revenues and expenditures during the fiscal years between 2015/16 to 2018/19 (Table 2 and Table 3). Community Activities, Parks and Recreation Property/Programs, and the Ice Arena are funded by the general fund account. The two golf courses listed below are enterprise funds.

Primary funding for the maintenance and programming of Birmingham's recreation facilities comes almost entirely from sub-accounts of the City's general fund. Alternative funding sources and revenues include bonds, passes and registration fees, and donations from individuals / private organizations. Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will at times, contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the City.

Table 2: Recreation Revenue (Fiscal Year 2015-2019)

Division Detail	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Approved	2018-2019 Planned
Parks and Recreation	114,046	113,500	117,000	117,000
Community Activities	18,097	18,800	19,790	20,880
Ice Sports arena	512,045	518,400	499,900	500,900
*Lincoln Hills Golf Course	737,604	666,230	694,790	706,330
*Springdale Golf Course	446,731	504,770	522,020	503,050
Total:	1,828,523	1,821,700	1,853,500	1,848,160

* Enterprise Fund

Source: City of Birmingham Adopted 2017-2018 Budget, 2017

Table 3: Recreation Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2015-2019)

Division Detail	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Approved	2018-2019 Planned
Parks and Recreation	863,326	1,054,358	1,047,630	1,002,650
Community Activities	273,436	299,544	271,220	278,860
Ice Sports arena	592,835	681,184	672,110	667,750
*Lincoln Hills Golf Course	538,086	566,750	687,180	686,350
*Springdale Golf Course	439,680	504,770	522,020	500,120
Total:	2,707,363	3,106,606	3,200,160	3,135,730

* Enterprise Fund

Source: City of Birmingham Adopted 2017-2018 Budget, 2017



Parks and Recreation

This activity provides for park maintenance and recreation programming of park facilities, excluding the golf courses. Maintenance is provided for over 230 acres of parks and public properties, including passive-recreation areas along the Rouge Trail, in Manor Park and at similar locations.

Recreation facilities maintained under this activity include: 16 asphalt-surfaced tennis courts; five Little League baseball diamonds; one baseball diamond and three softball diamonds; a developed picnic area and shelter at Springdale Park; 22 park areas of various sizes and stages of development; a six-acre nature preserve at Manor Park; several miles of river trails; the 14-acre Quarton Lake; the winter-sports area at Lincoln Hills; a skate park located at Kenning Park; and a .85-acre dog park located at the Lincoln Hills Golf Course, which opened in November of 2010.

This activity provides funds for the maintenance of approximately 13,000 trees in City parks and on other City properties (excluding trees within the street rights-of-way, which are maintained under another fund). Tree and stump removal, tree trimming and tree planting in City parks are also included in this activity. The department utilizes both staff and outside contractors for services such as forestry, lawn care and property maintenance.



Community Activities

This line item includes expenditures incurred by the Department of Public Services in connection with the Village Fair; art shows in Shain Park and in the Central Business District (CBD) sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center and Common Ground; placement of United States flags in the CBD on seven occasions during the year; the winter holiday-decoration program; and preparatory and clean-up work involved in other civic and Chamber of Commerce and Principal Shopping District activities, including: the "Cruise Event", "Winter Market" and "Day on the Town." Of particular note and pride is that the department decorates over 340 trees with LED lights as part of the Holiday Lighting program. Approximately 220 United States flags are placed on the streets in the CBD on the occasions listed below. Flags may be placed on the streets during other commemorations as directed by the City.

- Commission Government Day (Monday of Celebration Birmingham Week)
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Fourth of July
- Citizenship Day of Constitution Week
- Veterans Day
- 9/11 Day

ICE SPORTS ARENA

The City of Birmingham operates and maintains this facility, open from mid-August until late-May. The schedule includes a variety of activities that include: instructional skating program to teach both figure skating and hockey elements; youth and adult hockey; home ice to the Birmingham United High School hockey teams for all home games and open skating and club activities such as the Birmingham Figure Skating Club and Birmingham Hockey Association. In addition, the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena provides skate rentals, skate sharpening and a full-service concession stand.

The budget assumes a continuation of ice use of the arena for a 35-week period, which includes an annual ice show. In addition, Parks and Recreation operation is housed year-round in the facility office. During the summer of 2016, the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena hosted three Mom to Mom Sales and will again host Mom to Mom Sales during the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 fiscal years. In the past, off-season summer activities have included dog shows, garage sales, pickle ball and roller blading. The City continues to explore opportunities to offer rentals during the summer months (June 1st – July 31st) including ways of partnering with other community groups to best utilize the Arena facility. In addition, the Arena hosts various events and hockey tournaments.

LINCOLN HILLS GOLF COURSE

Lincoln Hills, located at 2666 West Fourteen Mile Road, is one of two municipal golf courses owned by the City of Birmingham. With its unique elevation changes, tree-lined fairways and alternative tee boxes, it makes for a very challenging round of golf. The golf course total yardage is just over 3,000 yards and plays to a par 35.

Lincoln Hills, a Jerry Matthews design, opened in 1964 and offers a clubhouse overlooking the course that was recently renovated in 2010. City staff operates the clubhouse and maintains the golf course and grounds. The operation is overseen by the Golf Operations Manager. The clubhouse staff is comprised of seasonal staff that provide a variety of services, including tee-time reservations, collecting green fees, renting golf cars, selling food and beverage items, and running club and outside golf tournaments. The maintenance staff, which includes full-time and seasonal employees, maintains the golf courses.





SPRINGDALE GOLF COURSE

Springdale, a Jerry Matthews design, dates back to the 1920's and it is the older of the two nine-hole golf courses. The golf course and Springdale Park encompass approximately 55 acres.

Since 2001, Springdale has gone through many changes, including the remodeling of the golf course (2001) which included: adding or rebuilding 26 sand bunkers; different teeing locations on each hole; three new putting greens; a pond; and additional mounding around the golf course. A stream bank restoration project was also completed in 2001. This helped to prevent erosion along the banks of the Rouge River. In the fall of 2006, a new pump house and pump station were installed to improve the irrigation system.

City staff operates the clubhouse and maintains the golf course. The operation is overseen by the Golf Operations Manager. The clubhouse staff is comprised of seasonal staff that provide a variety of services, including tee-time reservations, collecting green fees, renting golf cars, selling food and beverage items, and running club and outside tournaments. The maintenance staff, which includes full-time and seasonal employees, maintains the golf courses.

In 2016, the golf course added new sand to all bunkers with an addition of a new forward tee on #3. The parking lot is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2017 along with new tee signs and irrigation upgrades.

Parks and Recreation Bonds

In November 2001, City voters authorized the City of Birmingham to issue general-obligation unlimited tax bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. The bonds could be sold in one or more issues. The proceeds from the bond sales were used to implement the Recreation 2000-2005 Master Plan. The Master Plan outlined the City's long-range goals for the acquisition and/or enhancement of parkland and recreational facilities. The first bond issue in the amount of \$15.7 million was sold in December 2002. A second bond issue in the amount of \$4 million was sold in June 2008.

Completed park improvement projects using the bond funding include the purchase of the Barnum building and land; the dredging and recreational improvements at Quarton Lake; Quarton Dam and Spillway improvements; construction of a skate park; purchase of the Dewey and Roeper properties; various site improvements at the Birmingham Museum; and improvements at Booth Park and Barnum Park. Improvements at Shain Park are also complete. Park bond funds in the amount of \$3 million were used for these improvements.

In 2006, the City issued refunding bonds totaling \$7,940,000 to refinance \$8.3M of the 2002 recreation bond series. In 2016, the City issued refunding bonds totaling \$14,375,000 to refinance the remaining 2006 refunding bonds, most of the remaining 2008 recreation bond series, and the remaining 2004 sewer improvement refunding bonds. Out of the \$14,375,000 in refunding bonds, \$10,360,000 was related to refinancing the 2006 and 2008 recreation bond series. The 2016 refunding bonds are serial bonds due in varying annual installments through October 2028. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 2%-5%. The remaining 2008 recreation bonds mature on October 2018 with an interest rate of 3.6%. Property taxes generated from a debt levy are used to pay the annual debt service costs of these bonds.

Grant History

When preparing a Recreation Plan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that information be provided concerning grants that have been received in the past for acquisition or development of recreation facilities. As of December 2017, the City of Birmingham has not received any grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) nor the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The City of Birmingham has received grants from other sources not associated with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Related Initiatives

There are several related planning initiatives that are significant in terms of their relevance to the provision of recreation within the City of Birmingham. Each initiative is described in further detail in Table 4:

Table 4: City of Birmingham Planning Initiatives

City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Initiatives		
INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Poppleton Park Concept Plan (2016)	In 2016, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.	The Department of Public Services is in the process of requesting funding, applying for grants, and soliciting donations for the implementation of the Concept Plan.
Adams Park Concept Plan (2016)	The Adams Park Concept Plan presents proposed phasing and development plans for renovations to the park. The Adams Park Concept Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board in August 2016 and received by the City Commission in October 2016.	The Department of Public Services is in the process of requesting funding, applying for grants, and soliciting donations for the implementation of the Concept Plan.
Kenning Park Concept Plan (2014)	In 2014, the City prepared a concept plan which included ball field expansion and improvements. The Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and approved by the City Commission.	The Department of Public Services is currently in the process of seeking partnerships to assist in the implementation of selected elements of the concept plan.
Booth Park Phase III Concept Plan (2007)	In 2007, residents and business owners throughout the community participated in the development of a Booth Park Concept Plan which identified three improvement phases.	DPS has already implemented Phase I and Phase II of the Booth Park Concept Plan. In the next five years, the City anticipates implementing Phase III of the plan which includes the development of the entrance plaza.
Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan (2012)	The Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan was developed in 2012. The Concept Plan calls for the construction of four shade structures and various landscape improvements.	Landscape improvements and the installation of two of the proposed four shade structures were completed in 2013. In the next five years, the City anticipates the installation of the final elements of the Barnum Park Phase II Concept Plan.
The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan (2006)	The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan identifies specific goals, trail improvements, concerns and desires for the River Rouge Trail Corridor as expressed by residents, City Commission, and Parks and Recreation Board.	The Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan has served as a guide map for the development of the trail system in Birmingham. The DPS is actively implementing trail connections and improvements identified in this plan.

**The City and Parks and Recreation Board are exploring partnership opportunities with Birmingham Little League to assist in the implementation of the Kenning Park Concept Plan. Birmingham Little League has proposed modifying the Kenning Park Concept Plan by removing one of the three proposed ball fields.*

Other City of Birmingham Initiatives

INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Birmingham Museum Historical Landscape Master Plan (expected 2018)	The Birmingham Museum Historical Landscape Master Plan will build off the museum's overall 2017-2020 Strategic Plan to integrate the museum's mission and priorities, with particular emphasis on the preservation and interpretation of historic elements in the landscape.	The Birmingham Museum is an important element in the Parks system. Recommendations developed in the Master Plan can present opportunities for partnership between Museum Leadership and the Department of Public Services.
Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (2017-2018)	The City of Birmingham is in the process of developing a citywide multi-modal transportation plan. The plan will be used by the City to improve and expand opportunities for pedestrians, bicycles and transit users to respond to the growing demand for alternative forms of travel and to promote safe and comfortable transportation options.	The Multi-Modal Transportation Plan will plan for safe walking, biking, and transit connections to City of Birmingham Parks. The desire for better multi-modal connections was one of the most frequently heard needs from the public engagement process of the Parks and Recreation Plan.
Eton Road Corridor Plan (2013)	This plan addresses development along the Eton Road Corridor. It specifically encourages a mixed used corridor with a mix of commercial, service, light industrial, and residential uses.	The Eton Road Corridor Plan calls for the development of a linear park along the CN Railroad corridor. The linear park could significantly improve park access in the rail district.
Activating Urban Space: A Strategy for Alleys and Passages (2012)	This study identifies alleys and passages in and around Downtown Birmingham, and seeks to provide a framework to classify alleys and passages into different categories based on their existing uses and to outline options to capitalize on opportunities for aesthetic improvement and activation of these spaces.	The recommendations in this plan encourage the enhancement of the urban realm by improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and better engagement opportunities within alleys. Improved multi-modal access is important to park system and the space created in alleys offer the opportunity for innovative recreation partnerships between DPS, the Planning Department, and the Birmingham Shopping District.
Triangle District Urban Design Plan (2007)	This plan sets forth a new vision for the Triangle District as a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood of homes, shops, restaurants, offices and public plazas and identifies guidelines, and recommendations to achieve this vision.	The plan identifies opportunities for integrating public plazas and opens space as part of any redevelopment within the district. These public plazas and open spaces will complement the parks system.
Wayfinding & Signage Design Program (2004)	This plan is designed to establish a vision and long-range set of general guidelines for the community's current and future signage needs. The document serves as a blueprint for addressing the signage system as it relates to way-finding around the City and identification of points of interest.	Wayfinding and signage are important elements of the park system. Wayfinding to parks increase residents' knowledge of the system and signage within the parks improves the enjoyment of amenities provided.
Downtown Birmingham 2016: Master Plan (1996)	The Downtown Birmingham 2016 master plan a strategic document for the development of Birmingham for over 20 years. The plan made recommendations establishing the development of a City with a downtown instead of the conventional suburban design. Some topics discussed include: streetscaping, traffic circulation, and overlay zones.	The plan included ten park improvements; a civic square expansion; a traffic-calming boulevard; and specified an entirely new streetscape plan including lighting, benches, and paving. The recommendations in the plan has helped Birmingham develop as economically successful community and as one of the most walkable cities in Southeast Michigan.

Regional Initiatives

INITIATIVE	SUMMARY	PARKS AND RECREATION IMPLICATION
Oakland County Trails Master Plan (2003)	The Oakland County Trails Master Plan has been developed to provide a framework for creating a connected system of greenways and trails throughout Oakland County.	The non-motorized system serves a diverse range of users within the City, providing safe and well-maintained linkages to important natural, cultural and civic destinations and other points of interest.
The Rouge Green Corridor (2007)	The effort is a partnership between Oakland County, Southfield, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), Oakland County Office of the Drain Commissioner, Friends of the Rouge, the Oakland Land Conservancy, and concerned citizens. The partnership has worked on several projects including the Rouge Green Corridor Identity Project, the Urban Habitat Conservation and Stewardship Project, a Self-Guided Tour, Management Plans, Branding Package, etc.	The Rouge is a critical part of the Parks system in Birmingham. Improvements to The Rouge Green Corridor improves City of Birmingham residents' enjoyment and access to one of the region's significant natural features.



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Parks, Recreation, and Trails Inventory

Opportunities for recreation are available year-round in Birmingham. Twenty-six parks with over 230 acres cover more than 10% of the city's total acreage, and the school district also provides recreational facilities. Residents can play baseball, softball, and tennis, and enjoy playgrounds and picnic facilities. Two nine-hole municipal golf courses offer golf and golf lessons. The Birmingham Racquet Club features indoor courts and a waiting area. Those who enjoy winter sports can sled and cross-country ski at Birmingham's Lincoln Hills golf course. Indoor ice skating is available at the Ice Sports Arena which provides for open skating, lessons and ice hockey group and an outside temporary ice arena at Barnum Park is available to use based on the climate.

Birmingham's parks and recreational services extend beyond its residents. The City's exceptional facilities are host to a variety of private organizations and residents of neighboring communities who rely on the recreational facilities for their programming needs. Similarly, Birmingham's parks and programmed events, such as In- The-Park concert series, have become regional destinations.



City Parks and Facilities

Developing a complete inventory of recreation facilities, programs, and events is an essential component of a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what facilities, programs, and events are available to the City of Birmingham residents will assist decision-making in the future.

The following inventory and the adjoining Parks and Recreation Inventory Map details the amenities currently available at each of the 26 public facilities and the facility's respective location.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a national, non-profit service organization dedicated to advancing parks, recreation and environmental efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. NRPA works closely with national, state and local recreation and park agencies, corporations and citizens' groups in carrying out its objectives. As part of its activities, NRPA has created a hierarchy of park types which recognizes open space services at differing levels based on a number of characteristics including community need, park function, park location, and community size. NRPA provides a number of criteria that help communities establish a similar hierarchy for their communities, all of which are suggested but not required to be followed without modification by each community.

The City of Birmingham is 4.8 square miles large, about 3,072 acres. Of the total acreage within the City, parks, recreation, and school facilities make up 315 acres

(10.3%), with the City owning and managing only 231 (7.5%) of those acres. While the parks and recreation system in the City of Birmingham is comprehensive, the percentage of acreage owned and maintained as a park by the City is less than half of the amount that many larger cities or more suburban communities have. Therefore, the application of the categories established by NRPA (Mini, Neighborhood, Community, and Regional) have been modified to best reflect the character and use of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Birmingham.

Specifically, the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services considers the following when inventorying and classifying the parks within the its system:

- **The range of park sizes within the City.** Birmingham has parks and recreation facilities that range from 0.2 acres to 57.13 acres. However, 11 of the City's 26 parks are less than 4 acres large and, with the exception of the golf courses, only three of the remaining parks are larger than ten acres: Quarton Lake, Kenning Park, and Poppleton Park. Due to the lack of variety in park size, specifically the City's dearth of parks larger than ten acres, the City considers park size in conjunction with a variety of factors when establishing its hierarchy of park types.
- **The relationship of the parks to one another and their location within the City.** While there may not be many large parks, the City considers the park system and each parks' location when establishing park type. For example, Booth Park and Shain Park are not large in acreage but are located near each other and in the City's downtown. Due to the parks' proximity to each other and downtown, as well as their accessibility from other neighborhoods, the spaces are able to serve a larger area.
- **Site Characteristics.** Often the City considers the specific a property's characteristics when determining the park type, including if the site has areas for passive and/or active recreation, if the site is accessible from nearby neighborhoods, and/or if the site provides a specialized activity or experience.
- **The surrounding communities.** The City of Birmingham also considers residents' access to parks and recreation facilities in nearby communities. This includes activities that augment the existing system, such as swimming, camping, hiking, dog play etc.
- **Other available spaces.** The City of Birmingham has one of the best downtown's in southeast Michigan and serves as a gathering space with plazas and areas for walking. While the downtown may not be a park, it often functions as a third place for community members.

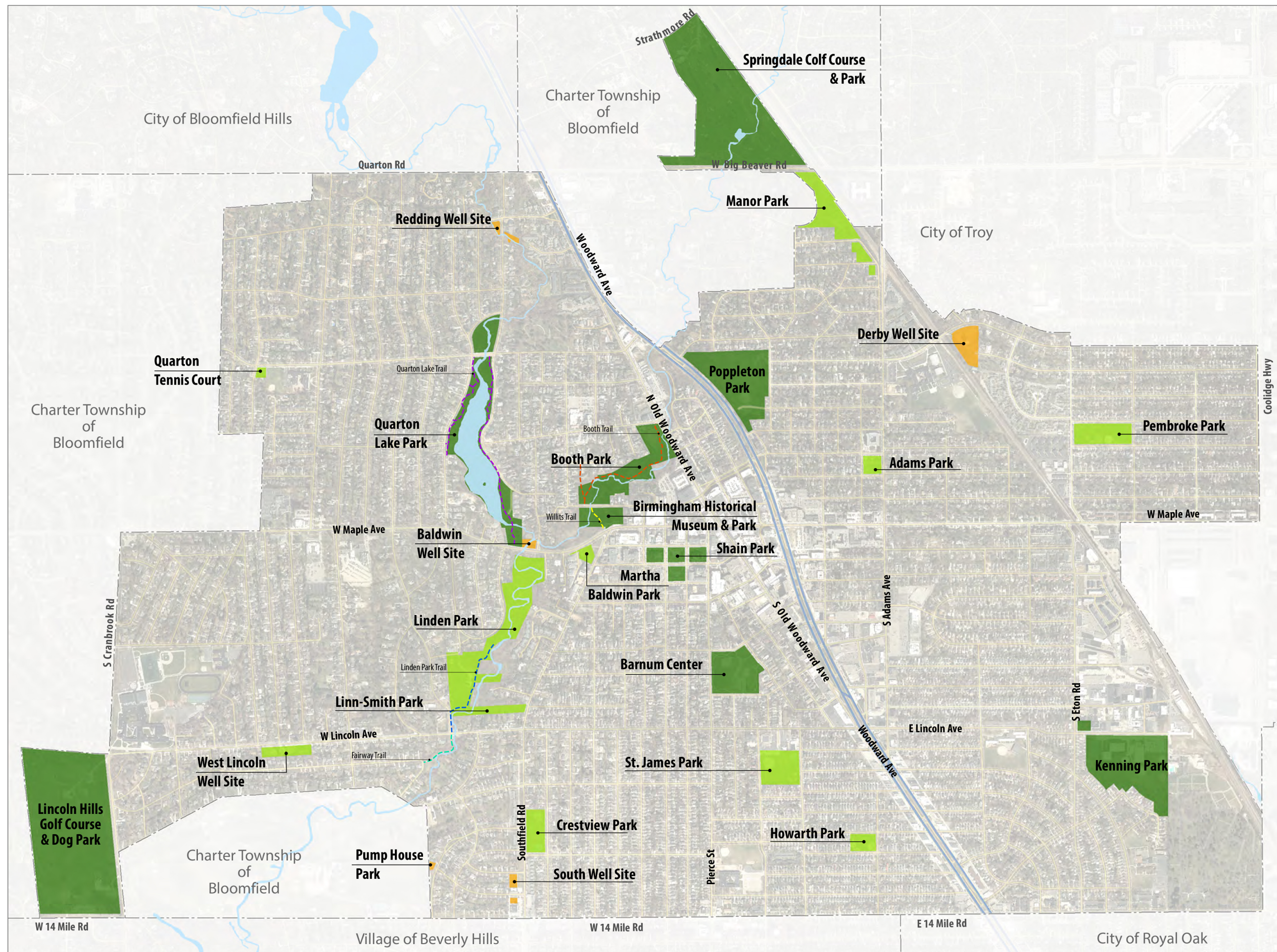
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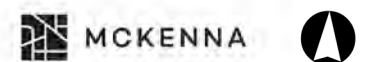
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- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Waterbodies
- Municipal Boundary



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Data Source: Oakland County GIS, 2016
Aerial Data, SEMCOG, 2015

Mini Parks

Mini parks are categorized as small, specialized parks that usually serve the needs of residents in the immediate neighborhood. These parks usually serve a limited population or specific demographic group. For detailed information about accessibility rankings, see page 51.

Baldwin Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0.55	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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Baldwin Well Site is located at the corner of Baldwin and West Maple. No amenities are located at this site.

Derby Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 3.57	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The Derby Well Site, located on the northeast side of the city adjacent to the railroad along Derby Road, contains no recreational amenities



Pump House Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0.2	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The Pump House Park is located in the southwest portion of the city at Wakefield and Norfolk. There is some small play equipment located at this site.

Redding Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0.38	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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Redding Well Site is located at the corner of Lakeside Drive and Redding in the northwest portion of the city. No amenities are located at this site

South Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0..64	CLASSIFICATION Mini Park
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The South Well Site, which is broken into two small vacant parcels, is located at Southfield and Southlawn in the southwestern portion of the city.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities such as field games, court games, playgrounds, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally serve residents within one-half mile.

Adams Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 1.45	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Adams Park is located directly adjacent to Roeper School. In 2006, the City of Birmingham acquired the park property adjacent to the Roeper School. As part of the purchase agreement, the city is responsible for the maintenance, lawn care and snow removal; and the property must be used as a public park so long as the school is operated adjacent to the park. In addition, Roeper will utilize the park during the school year for activities currently undertaken by the school on the grounds. Amenities include a soccer field, open space, and a play area.

In 2016, the Adams Parks Concept Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.

Crestview Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 3.58	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Crestview Park is located near the southern border of Birmingham, north of Southlawn between Southfield and Shipman Roads. Crestview Park contains open space for soccer, two tennis courts, and playground equipment including swings, climbers and a play structure. There are also benches, waste receptacles, and a drinking fountain within the park.

Howarth Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 1.98	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Howarth Park is located at the intersection of Cummings and Emmons Roads in the southern portion of the city. The park consists of open space, a baseball field, drinking fountain, benches, signage, ADA accessible path to access the park, and play equipment with a woodchip surfacing. The play equipment includes swings, a climber and a play structure. In 2005, the Birmingham Rotary Club was recognized by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association with a community service award for their donation and improvements to Howarth Park. Improvements included a park bench, drinking fountain, and planting of new trees.

Linden Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 7.37	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Linden Park is accessed at the intersection of Linden and Brandon, north of Lincoln Road. The park is nestled between residential properties and the Rouge River. The park is predominately open space with a play structure and woodchip surfacing near Brandon Street. A storm-water treatment control station with a gravel access road is also located on the east side of the park, adjacent to the Rouge River. There is access to a Rouge River woodchip trail along the Rouge River via Hawthorne Road. Future expansion of the Rouge trail will connect the play structure and provide trail access from Brandon and Shirley.

Linn Smith Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 3	ACREAGE 2.04	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Linn-Smith Park is a small, linear shaped park on the east side of the Rouge River. The park consists entirely of open space and is located between the Rouge River and Southfield Road. An entry plaza along Southfield Road and a boardwalk located near the proposed bridge will connect Linn-Smith Park with Linden Park with the trail system.

Manor Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 3	ACREAGE 8.47	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Manor Park is an undeveloped nature preserve used for passive recreation. The parkland is located off Adams Road in the northern portion of the city, south of Big Beaver Road and adjacent to the Canadian National Railroad. The park is open during daylight hours and contains a variety of hardwood, ornamental and coniferous trees. The park is bordered by a split rail fence along Shepardsbush with a gravel off-street parking area. Manor Park has a short chipped trail.

Martha Baldwin Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0.99	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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The Martha Baldwin Park is located on the west side of Southfield Road at the intersection of Southfield and Maple Roads. The park consists of open space, mature trees, and a water garden. There is a bench and steps leading into the park from Maple.

The park is named after Martha Baldwin who donated the land to the City in 1913. Martha Baldwin, a native of Birmingham, teacher, and elected official significantly contributed to the development of the City. A four-member board ensures that the wishes and memory Martha Baldwin are preserved at her namesake park.

Pembroke Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 5.3	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Pembroke Park comprises one block on the east side of Birmingham between Eton, Edenborough, Windemere and Buckingham. The park includes open space and several pieces of playground equipment including swings, slides, climbers, sandboxes, play-structures and rockers installed over a woodchip base. The park also contains a Little League baseball field, picnic tables, two tennis courts, a soccer area, a hard surface basketball area, drinking fountain, and signage.



Quarton Tennis Court	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 0.43	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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Quarton Tennis Courts are located at the corner of Oak at Glenhurst. The site includes two tennis courts, one trash receptacle and one drinking fountain.

St. James Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 5.98	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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St. James Park is located in the southern portion of the city, south of Lincoln and directly south of the Birmingham YMCA. St. James Park contains open space which is used for a soccer area during the summer months. The park also has the city's only regulation-size baseball diamond in addition to two tennis courts, and several pieces of ADA- compliant play equipment installed over a woodchip surface. Also, the park contains a hard surface basketball area, benches and trash containers located in the proximity of the play equipment.

The City of Birmingham has discussed partnership opportunities as it relates to St. James Park, specifically with the YMCA.



W. Lincoln Well Site	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 3	ACREAGE 2.24	CLASSIFICATION Neighborhood Park
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The Lincoln Well Site is located on the south side of Lincoln Road at Westchester Way. The park contains open space, two tennis courts and play equipment including swings, slides, sandbox and rockers.

Community Parks

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from the community. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. Community parks generally serve residents within a three-mile radius. Community parks also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community.

Birmingham Museum (Formerly Birmingham Historical Museum & Park)	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 3	ACREAGE 2.83	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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The Birmingham Museum is located in the City's Mill Pond Historic District at the corner of Maple and Southfield Roads in downtown Birmingham. In 1969, voters approved a bond to purchase the historic 1928 Allen House and surrounding land adjacent to the Rouge River. Shortly thereafter, the 1822 John West Hunter House was donated to the city and relocated to the property next to the Allen House. In 2001, the Birmingham Museum (formerly Birmingham Historical Museum & Park) was established at the site to preserve and interpret Birmingham's unique story. The museum is operated by the City with a seven-member Museum Board functioning in an advisory role. Partial funding is provided by an endowment. The park and historic buildings are maintained by the city. The Birmingham Museum recently updated its overall strategic plan for 2017-2020, and is in the process of updating its historic landscape master plan for 2018 with an emphasis on preserving and interpreting the historic elements of the landscape.

Barnum Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 9.0	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Barnum Park is located at Pierce and Frank and includes such features as a play structure, softball, soccer fields, a crushed stone walking path, garden sanctuary, tree-lined promenade and an outdoor ice rink.

Design work and improvements were completed in 2012. These features are the sanctuary, heart of the park, play area and overall landscape improvements. The improvements were primarily funded using donation dollars. In 2013, the City completed landscape improvements which included the installation of two of the planned four shade structures.



Booth Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 3.93	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<div> <div> <p>Booth Park is located at the southwest intersection of Old Woodward and Harmon, north of the Rouge River branch. Its features include an expansive playscape, a labyrinth and tunnel, turf hill/amphitheater, during the winter months an area for sledding, rain garden, stabilized stream banks, native plantings, a trail connecting to the Rouge River Trail, and open green space.</p> <p>The award-winning park was originally the site of the turn-of-the-century inter-urban railway system. It was later purchased by the Booth family and then donated to the City by the Cranbrook Foundation. It is now a beautiful recreational area attracting hundreds of visitors from all over southeast Michigan.</p> <p>In 2007, residents and business owners throughout the community raised more than \$170,000 in private donations and also participated heavily in the planning of the park. In the span of just one week, the playscape structures were built thanks to the helping hands of hundreds of community residents.</p> </div> <div>    </div> </div>			

Kenning Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 21.71	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Kenning Park is located in the southeast portion of the city adjacent to Lincoln Road. The site is the primary recreation complex in the community and is home to the Ice Sports Arena. Outdoor facilities at Kenning Park include three Little League baseball diamonds and one softball diamond, four tennis courts, open space and playground equipment with an ADA accessible path leading from the parking area to the playground.



In 2004, a skate park was installed on the east side of the arena. The city has also negotiated a long-term lease for the Racquet Club at Kenning Park. The contractor provides two tennis bubbles which cover six courts during the winter months. These bubbles meet the demand for year-round tennis opportunities for area residents. Inside the racquet club are locker rooms, a pro shop, and children's nursery. Adult and junior lessons, tennis leagues, club mixers, and court time for individual play are part of the 32-week indoor season.

Birmingham residents pay a reduced membership fee.

In 2014, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission. This plan included a partnership with the Birmingham Little League, who offered to partner in making significant improvements to the ball fields. The City and the Parks and Recreation Board continue to discuss bringing some elements of the Master Plan to fruition.



Ice Sports Arena	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 21.71	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>The Birmingham Ice Sports Arena is located on the Kenning Park property in the southeast portion of the city. The indoor arena contains a regulation sized ice rink with bleacher seating for 920 spectators. A smaller, studio arena is used for lessons and skate parties within the complex. The arena has a contracted pro shop and is open for use August through May.</p>			
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 3	ACREAGE 57.13	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>The nine-hole municipal Lincoln Hills Golf Course is located in the southwest portion of the city off 14 Mile Road.</p> <p>Some of the amenities offered are: power golf cart and pull-cart rentals; lessons; rental clubs; and merchandise, food and beverage for purchase. A membership is available to Birmingham residents, Birmingham property owners, Birmingham businesses, and non-residents. Non-members may play during April and October. Lincoln Hills is also made available for winter activities including sledding and cross-country skiing.</p> <p>In fall 2010, an off-leash dog area was established at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The city has installed fencing, signage, waste receptacles, and a dog waste bag dispenser for the designated dog park area. Resident and non-residents access the dog park through a key fob.</p> <p>In fall 2010, an off-leash dog area was re-established at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The city has installed fencing, signage, waste receptacles, and a dog waste bag dispenser for the designated dog park area. Residents and community members access the dog park through a key fob.</p>			
			

Poppleton Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 17.21	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
<p>Poppleton Park comprises a significant piece of property in the northern portion of the city, east of Woodward Avenue. The park is accessed from Oxford and Rivenoak Roads, both of which are residential streets. The north end of Poppleton Park contains several pieces of play equipment including swings, climbers, sandboxes, and playscapes. There are also benches and trash containers in this area as well as considerable open space. Poppleton Park also contains a softball field with an athletic mix infield, grassy outfield, warning track, homerun fence and bleachers. A paved parking lot is located at the end of Rivenoak Road. A drinking fountain is located between the parking lot and baseball field. The park also has two tennis courts.</p> <p>In 2016, the City prepared a concept plan which was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board and received by the City Commission.</p>			
<p>Quarton Lake, located on the city's west side, is fed by the Rouge River. The Quarton Lake Park surrounds the lake almost entirely and provides passive recreation areas for the public. In 2005, the park and lake underwent restoration which included: dredging of sediment, removal of invasive species, shoreline stabilization, creation of a fish habitat, and an assessment of the tributary stream corridor. Lake restoration activities were coordinated with improvements to the adjacent park. Park improvements included the clean-up and beautification of the historic park grounds and the extension of several pathways and parking areas to improve accessibility. Further improvements also included creating several viewing areas, installing a footbridge over the water just below the dam, adding a new fishing pier, and improving the pathway system.</p>			
Quarton Lake	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 57.13	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
			

Shain Park	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 2.26	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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Shain Park (located on Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham) is often considered the heart of the City. The 2010 renovations include a plaza fountain with granite décor, a band shell, a new children's play area, paved Merrill Street, the relocation of the Marshall Fredericks statue, installation of a performance stage area with open lawn space for large audiences, and a reconstructed parking lot.



Springdale Park and Golf Course	ACCESSIBILITY RANKING 4	ACREAGE 45.03	CLASSIFICATION Community Park
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The Springdale Park and Golf Course, the older of the City's two golf courses, was designed by Jerry Matthews and built in the 1920s. The course is characterized as challenging and picturesque with its location along the Rouge River in the northeast corner of the City. A Par 34 with total yardage of 2,700 from the back tees will challenge weekly golfers looking to brush up on their short game and provide fun for players of all levels.

The par for men and women is 34, and the course yardage from the blue tees is 2,732 yards and 2,196 from the red tees. The clubhouse offers power carts, pull carts, food and beverage for purchase, and league play.

A membership is available to Birmingham residents, Birmingham property owners, Birmingham businesses, and non-residents.

In addition to the golf course, the site also offers Springdale Park which is a popular venue for all types of parties, family events and "get together." The park portion of the property is located at the north end of the property. There is a paved drive and parking area, large pavilion with tables and benches, ADA compliant playground equipment with woodchip surfacing, grills, a drinking fountain, and open space. Park-goers have access to the clubhouse restrooms while using the park facilities. The pavilion is available for group rentals.



Table 6: Recreation Inventory

	Acres	Accessibility Assessment	Electrical Outlets	Parking	Restrooms	Benches	Bike Racks	Trash Receptacles	Dog Park	Football Field	Skate Park	Little League Diamonds	Softball Diamond	Regulation diamond	Soccer Area	Walking Path	Tennis Courts	Ice Skating	Open Space	Play Areas	Basketball Hoop	Volleyball Court	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Grills	9-Hole Golf Course	Drinking Fountain	Sledding	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Meeting Space	Ice Rink	Gymnasium	Swimming Pool				
PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES																																						
Pump House Park	0.2	4				x		x											x	x																		
Redding Well Site	0.38	4																	x																			
Baldwin Well Site	0.55	4																	x																			
South Well Site	0.64	4																	x																			
Derby Well Site	3.67	4																	x					1														
Quarton Tennis Court	0.43	4				x		x									2										1											
Martha Baldwin Park	0.99	4				x		x											x																			
Adams Park	1.45	4				x		x							x				x	x	1																	
Howarth Park	1.98	4				x		x				1							x	x				3			2											
Linn-Smith Park	2.04	3																	x																			
West Lincoln Well Site	2.24	3		x		x		x									2		x	x				2			1											
Crestview Park	3.58	4				x		x							x		2			x				3			1											
Pembroke Park	5.3	4				x	1	x				1			x		2		x	x	x			4			2											
St. James Park	5.98	4		x		x	1	x						1	x		2		x	x	x			3			2											
Linden Park	7.37	4				x		x								x			x	x																		
Manor Park	8.47	3				x		x								x			x																			
Shain Park	2.26	4	x	x		x	x	x											x	x				x			2											
Birmingham Museum	2.83	3	x	x	x	x		x											x																			
Booth Park	3.93	4	x			x		x								x			x	x				3			1	x										
Barnum Park	9	4		x		x		x					1		x	x		x	x	x				8			2											
Poppleton Park	17.21	4		x		x		x					1				2		x	x				3			1											
Kenning Park	21.71	4		x		x		x			x	3	1		x		4		x	x				3			3											
Quarton Lake	27.03	4		x		x	4	x								x			x												x							
Springdale Park and Golf Course	45.03	4	x	x	x	x		x											x	x			x	x	x	x	1											
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	57.13	3		x	x			x	x														x	x	x	x		x		x		x						
Ice Sports Arena	na			x	x	x		x										x													x	x						
TOTAL ACREAGE	231.4																																					
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES																																						
Quarton School	6.85		x	x	x							2			x					x	4										x		x					
Pierce School	10.9		x	x	x							x	x		x					x	2										x		x					
Derby Middle School	21.44		x	x	x									x	2						3										x		x	x				
Seaholm High School	44.54		x	x	x					x				2	x		7		x			2									x		x	x				
Midvale Center	n/a		x	x	x															x											x		x					
TOTAL ACREAGE	83.73																																					
PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES																																						
Roeper School	1.52		x	x	x	x		x		x																					x							
Holy Name Catholic School	3.52		x	x		x		x																							x							
Eton Academy	4.43		x	x		x		x											x												x							
Our Shepherd Lutheran	9.17		x	x	x	x		x											x	x	2										x							
TOTAL ACREAGE	19.14																																					
PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES																																						
Community House	0.85		x	x		x																									x							
YMCA	1.52		x	x		x																											x	x				
Forest Hills Swim Club	1.65		x	x		x																												x				
Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center	3.43		x	x		x																																
Birmingham Racquet Club	na																6																					
TOTAL ACREAGE	7.5																																					
TOTAL ACREAGE (ALL ABOVE)	451.94																																					

Mini Park
Neighborhood Park
Community Park

School Facilities

The City of Birmingham maintains a working relationship with the Birmingham Public School District. As is detailed in the next chapter, the school district provides much of the recreation programming through the Community Education Program. The city and schools maintain communication for use of city and school facilities with an informal policy for scheduling.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

A total of five public school properties were inventoried for available recreation facilities. While school facilities are not accessible at all times and are not maintained or upgraded by the City of Birmingham, they do play an important role in the provision of recreation opportunities and facilities to residents.

Derby Middle School:

Derby Middle School is located in the northeast portion of the city between Adams Road and the Canadian National Railroad. The school is located on a large piece of property which includes a practice football field, two soccer fields, a regulation-size baseball field and a football field with goal posts. The school site also has three basketball hoops and a partial asphalt path leading past the baseball field near the railroad tracks. The school also has an indoor pool.

Midvale Center:

The Midvale Center is located adjacent to the Seaholm High School property along Midvale Street. The center includes the Birmingham Area Senior Group (NEXT) and the BPS Early Childhood Center. There are swings, a play structure, tot lot structure and baseball field on the west side of the Center.

Pierce Elementary School:

Pierce School is located near the southern border of the city, east of Pierce Road. The site contains two basketball hoops, a baseball field, two soccer field, and play equipment including swings, three play structures, climbers, etc.

Quarton Elementary School:

The Quarton Elementary School is located near the western border of the city, off Oak Street. The school property includes a practice soccer field, baseball fields, four basketball hoops, and play equipment including swings, climbers and two play structures. On a city-owned parcel adjacent to the school sits two tennis courts, a bench, trash receptacle and a drinking fountain.

Seaholm High School:

Birmingham Seaholm High School is located on the western edge of the city, north of Lincoln Road. The high school property includes seven tennis courts and a football/soccer stadium with lights, a press box, scoreboard and bleachers, a baseball and softball field with bleachers as well as open areas for practice fields. The high school has an indoor pool, outdoor track and a climbing high rope course. The property is also the location of the Birmingham Community Education Department.





PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

There are four private schools within the city boundaries including:

Eton Academy:

Eton Academy is located in the southeast portion of the city, adjacent to Melton Road, south of Kenning Park. The Academy has one soccer field, benches and a small open area with swings and a playscape.

Holy Name Catholic School:

Holy Name Catholic School is located north of Harmon Street, west of Old Woodward Avenue. The school has a small playscape.

Our Shepherd Lutheran:

Our Shepherd Lutheran School is located in the southeast portion of the city, south of Lincoln Street. The property includes a practice softball diamond, a soccer field, indoor gym, open space and play equipment.

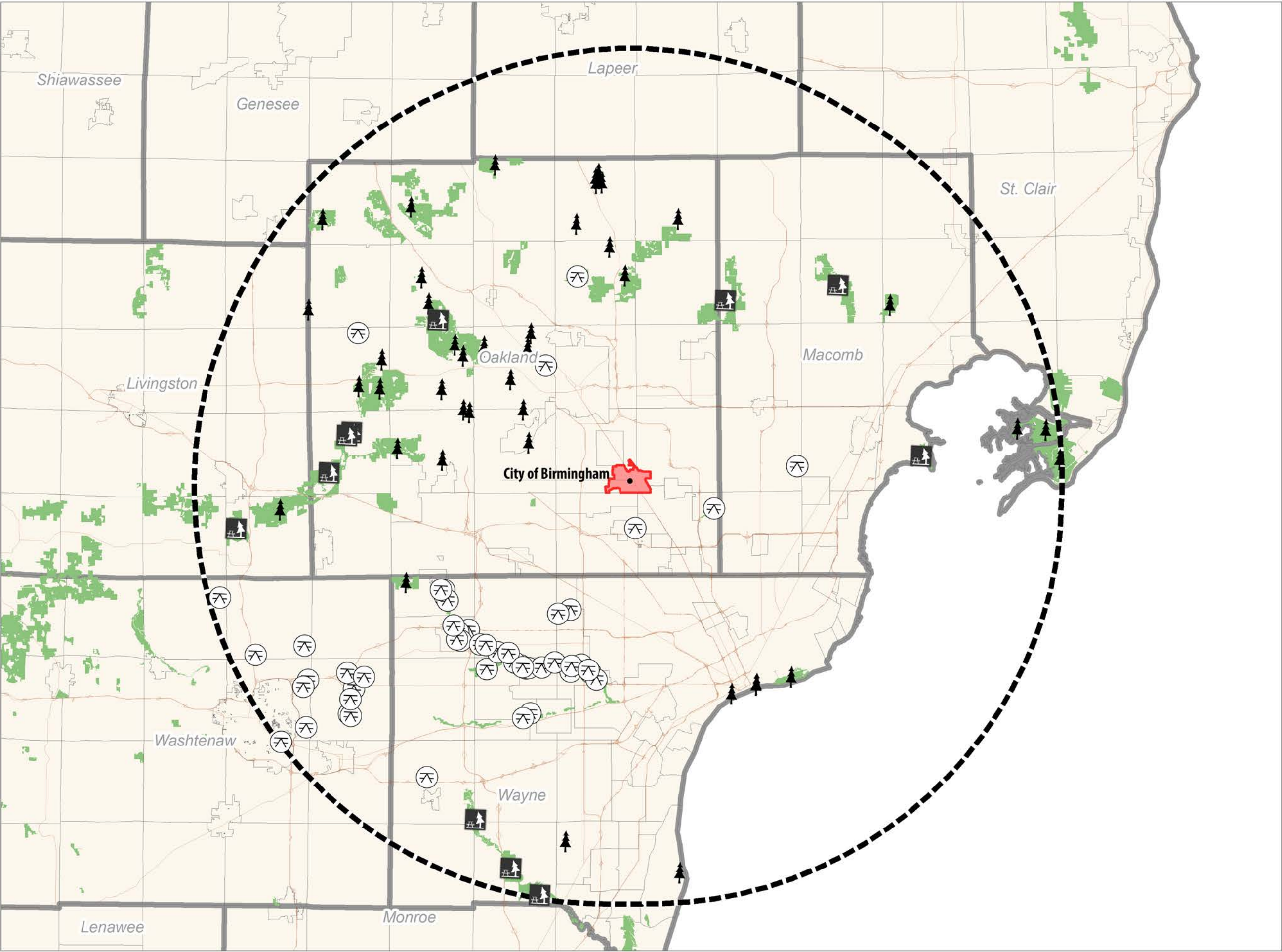
Roeper School:

Roeper School is located in the northeast portion of the city, north of Maple Road. The school is adjacent to Adams Park. The property includes a soccer field, basketball courts, open space, and a play area.



Regional Parks and Facilities

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball field or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the City of Birmingham, they provide active and passive recreational opportunities to the residents of the community. Regional facilities are provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Oakland County Parks System. The regional parks located within close proximity (30 miles) of the City are shown on Map 3- Regional Parks and Facilities. While the following describes the nearly 6,000 acres of natural landscapes and outdoor recreation provided through the Oakland County Parks System.



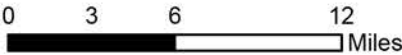
Map 3
Regional Parks and Facilities
Birmingham . Michigan

October 30, 2017

LEGEND

Regional Parks

- Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority
- State Park
- County Parks
- 30 mile radius



Data Source: SEMCOG, 2017

Addison Oaks:

Addison Oaks is a scenic 1,139-acre park in northeast Oakland County with two lakes and spring-fed ponds.

Catalpa Oaks:

Catalpa Oaks' nearly 24 acres of open space is nestled in Southfield, just west of Greenfield Road. The park currently features six soccer fields, a baseball diamond and softball field. Fields are reserved by permit.

Glen Oaks:

The Glen Oaks Golf Course features an 18-hole, Par 70 course with challenging Par 3 holes crossing streams, with rolling terrain. The 122-acre course includes a 1920's English-style stone clubhouse designated as a Michigan Historical Building serves as a beautiful setting for banquets, weddings and golf outings (food service provided by Oak Management). There's also a formal garden ideal for outdoor weddings.

Groveland Oaks:

Groveland Oaks County Park is a summer family favorite, with picnicking, swimming and family camping on 362 acres near Holly.

Highland Oaks:

Highland Oaks offers 302 acres of picturesque rolling hills, wetlands and old pastures. Located within the headwaters of the Shiawassee River, Highland Oaks preserves sensitive habitat while providing recreational experiences in a natural setting.

Independence Oaks:

Enjoy year-round recreation in this naturally-maintained 1,285-acre park near Clarkston.

Lyon Oaks:

Lyon Oaks in Wixom preserves 800 acres of environmentally sensitive wetlands within a 1,041-acre park. The park features a 13-acre, fenced dog park.

Orion Oaks:

Orion Oaks County Park preserves more than 916 acres of environmentally-sensitive green space.

Red Oaks:

At this 163-acre park built on the Red Run Drain, golfers, dog lovers and sports enthusiasts will find clean, safe facilities and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

Rose Oaks:

Rose Oaks Park preserves 640 acres of gently rolling open meadows and wooded uplands, including approximately 200 acres of valuable wetlands and frontage on several glacial lakes within the site.





Springfield Oaks:

Springfield Oaks County Park's 332 acres is home to the annual Oakland County Fair, the historic Ellis Barn, the Springfield Oaks Golf Course and a Community Service Garden.

Waterford Oaks:

Waterford Oaks is a 185-acre park near Pontiac, headquarters of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

White Lake Oaks:

White Lake Oaks is a scenic 18-hole, par 70 course. The 197-acre course is a well-manicured, player-friendly layout with front nine open and back nine tight, featuring wetlands and woodlands. The new clubhouse features a pro shop, club room, garden patio, and banquet facilities for groups up to 200.

Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of the City of Birmingham's parks and recreation facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in the Inventory Tables starting on page 31.

- Level 1.** *The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.*
- Level 2.** *The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.*
- Level 3.** *The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may be completely barrier-free.*
- Level 4.** *The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways area paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas area easily accessible.*
- Level 5.** *The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.*

INCLUSIVE PLAY

For children with and without disabilities, the community playground can facilitate a positive environment for physical activity and inclusion.

The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), signed into law in 2010, detail enforceable standards for physical accessibility. However, these standards do not include elements designed for children with Down syndrome, sensory disorders, and visual and hearing impairments.

New attention has been focused on inclusive playgrounds and universal design that can serve a diverse population, including children with physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory disabilities.

The following elements are considered essential activities for inclusive play:

- Sensory play
- Music
- Swinging
- Spinning
- Sliding
- Socialization/imaginative
- Safety, comfort and access

Sources: United States Access Board, Landscape Structures;
InclusivePlaygrounds.org





INTERACTIVE PLAY – SPLASH PADS

Splash pads or spray parks have made a big splash as a common replacement for aging swimming pools or alternative aquatic amenity, particularly because they still provide the community with aquatic experiences without the high operating costs of traditional pools. Spray parks do not require high levels of staffing, require only minimal maintenance and offer a low-cost alternative to a swimming pool. They typically appeal to kids 2–12 year olds and can be a stand-alone facility in a community park or incorporated inside a family aquatic center.

- Splash pads tend to serve as a regional amenity, with some cities reporting over 10,000 visitors at parks from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Cities can choose to charge an admission fee for residents and/or nonresidents to control crowds and ensure enough revenue to fund maintenance and staffing.
- The location of a splash pad is important. Cities should analyze several potential locations for visibility, parking capacity, screening from neighbors and accessibility for the public.

Source: National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Aquatic Trends, 2016



Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities which are not owned or operated by the City of Birmingham or the Public School District were also inventoried due to their relevance in the provision of recreational opportunities to Birmingham residents.

Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center: The Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center is located in the southwest portion of the city, west of Cranbrook Road, adjacent to the Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The non-profit Art Center offers over 500 high-quality art classes and workshops annually for students of all ages and abilities. The Center also holds a children's art camp, changing exhibitions and competitions, works of fine art for purchase or rental and a student pottery sale. The annual Birmingham Fine Arts Festival is held each year in May. A Gallery Shop is located in the Center, providing an opportunity to purchase high quality fine works of art by regional and national artists.

First United Methodist Church: The Christian Life Center, located on Maple, west of Southfield. The center offers a wide range of physical, social and spiritual enrichment activities that can be integrated through recreation, education and fellowship and serves all ages.

Park, is a private swim club in Birmingham that is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Community House: On January 5, 1921, a small group of women officially committed themselves to the concept that "a house big enough for dances, mass raise funds to establish such a center. In April 1923, they rented a small house on the corner of Bates and Maple, officially establishing the first Community House.

When the community recognized the need for a larger establishment, a campaign was initiated and on April 28, 1930, The Community House on Bates Street opened to the public. The original structure covered the area from Townsend Street on the south to the middle of the block, where the center chimney is now, on the north. The rest of the building (from the center chimney to Merrill Street) was added in October 1990.

In its more than 90 years of existence, and in spite of overwhelming changes in our society, The Community House has stayed true to its mission of building a strong community. People of all ages and interests continue to be served by the many and varied programs and services offered by The Community House.

Birmingham Family YMCA: The Birmingham YMCA is located adjacent to Lincoln Road, west of Woodward and directly north of St. James Park. The YMCA offers classes, programs and activities for all ages, that are detailed in the 'programs' portion of this chapter. The YMCA has gymnasiums, swimming pools, weight rooms, exercise rooms and a variety of individual meeting rooms.

Programming

An understanding of the programs and events which are currently offered by the City of Birmingham as well as programs offered by other entities within the city will help identify programming needs and avoid the duplication of services.

Birmingham Next (formerly Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center): Birmingham Next is a non-profit tax-exempt organization providing services to persons 55 and older in the Birmingham School District and surrounding communities. The Senior Center is located within the Midvale Center with membership costs varying. Next offers such services as activities and travel programs, meal programs, medical equipment for loan, housing information, support groups, transportation and information and referrals. Next publishes a newsletter highlighting activities, classes, information and opportunities such as new tax laws, holiday parties, computer classes, aerobics, golf and bowling leagues, card games and support groups.

City of Birmingham Golf Courses: The Junior Golf Program is available for children between the ages of 7 and 14 during the summer school break. The program teaches golf fundamentals and offers golf on the Course. Adult golf leagues are a staple at both golf courses during the week.

City of Birmingham Ice Sports Arena: Programs offered through the City of Birmingham at the Ice Sports Arena include skating lessons for beginners to freestyle, an annual ice show, group parties, parents and tots skating and hockey, and adult hockey. Open skating is available on various days and times.

City of Birmingham In-the-Park Summer Concerts: “In-the-Park” concerts are offered Wednesday evenings in Shain Park from mid-June to mid-August. The event highlights a wide variety of musical talents from the surrounding areas.

YMCA: The YMCA offers many programs and activities for all ages. Membership fees vary. Some of the classes and activities offered include:

- Babysitting
- In-line hockey
- Open swim
- Senior activities
- Weight training
- Yoga
- Dance
- Fitness screening
- Kickboxing
- Parties and events
- Soccer
- Wellness classes
- Day camps
- Gymnastics
- Massage therapy
- Preschool programs
- Swim lessons
- Wrestling

Volunteer Organizations/Leagues/Associations/Public/Private Partnerships: In addition to the above listed recreational programs, many other clubs and groups offer social, competitive, and child-oriented recreational activities. Many of these groups are volunteer organizations requiring payment of annual or monthly dues to support activities.

These groups serve an integral role in recreation planning because they offer programs for residents that are not offered by the City of Birmingham. The following groups are active in Birmingham and utilize city properties and facilities:



- Birmingham Baseball Little League
- Birmingham Beverly Hills Church Softball League
- Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Club
- Birmingham Figure Skating Club
- Birmingham Friends and Relatives Conservatory
- Birmingham Girls Softball League
- Birmingham Hockey Association
- Birmingham Racquet Club
- Birmingham United Soccer
- Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association
- Holy Name Hurricane Club – Holy Name School

Special Events: Additional special events held in Birmingham throughout the year include:

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| • Art Birmingham | • Memorial Day Ceremony |
| • Birmingham Winter Market | • Night on The Town |
| • Celebrate Birmingham
Hometown Parade | • Our Town Art Exhibition
and Sale |
| • Dash for Destiny | • Pumpkin Patch |
| • Day on the Town | • Summer in the City |
| • Farmer's Market | • Veteran's Day Ceremony |
| • Fine Art Festival | • Village Fair |
| • Halloween Parade | • Woodward Dream Cruise |
| • Holiday Tree Lighting | |

Public Schools Community Education: The Birmingham Public Schools offer many classes and organized activities throughout the year, some of which include:

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| • Aerobics and Pilates | • Home, garden and pet
classes |
| • Baseball camp | • Languages |
| • Beading classes | • Martial Arts/Self Defense |
| • Boating | • Music |
| • Culinary arts and
entertaining classes | • Safety/first aid and CPR
classes |
| • Dance | • Skating |
| • Digital photography | • Swim lessons |
| • Fencing | • Tennis |
| | • Yoga |



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Basis for Action Plan

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community. The needs serve as a basis for the development of the Action Plan. This task is accomplished using a compilation of several methods, including information gathered during the public input process and surveys, comparing the City to national recreation guidelines for the size of the community, and consultation with the Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board.



Planning and Public Input

Working together with the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and Parks and Recreation Board Subcommittee, McKenna coordinated and conducted various outreach events throughout the planning process for robust and open community input. Participants at such events included residents, specific parks and recreation stakeholders, and community organizations' representatives. In total, there were four methods used as part of this program that have resulted in meaningful public engagement:

1. **Farmers Market "Field Day"** – On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team and McKenna conducted public engagement during the Harvest Festival Farmers Market. Teams were on-site from 9:00AM until 2:00PM to facilitate quick, fun engagement exercises with visitors to the market. In total, the McKenna team estimated engaging over 450 individuals during the five-hour engagement period. Participants included young families and older individuals.

Input collected from the field day highlight family-friendly ideas such as the development of a splash pad, park design improvements for supervising multiple children, the incorporation of rubber surface materials, and universally accessible playgrounds. In addition, residents contributed ideas for capital development-focused facilities improvements like improved parking, an outdoor pool, and restrooms.

2. **Online and Hard Copy Surveys** – McKenna launched online and hard copy surveys related to the City’s overall parks and recreation program, and the Ice Sports Arena and Golf Courses specifically. Links to the surveys were made available at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update website and on social media. Hard copy surveys were located at strategic locations throughout the City including City Hall and the Library. The surveys were made available for 45 days. At the end of the survey period, the City received the following number of survey responses:

- 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey: 417 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Golf Courses Survey: 324 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Ice Arena Survey: 260 responses

Most of the completed surveys were from residents between the ages of 35-49 and 50-64, 38% and 37% of all responses respectively. Individuals aged 65 and better made up 15% of all responses and just 10% of the responses were from individuals 18-34 years old. No responses were received from individuals 17 and younger.

Individuals in Quadrants B and D were equally represented, each accounting for 34% of the total survey responses. Quadrant A and Quadrant C also were equally represented accounting for 17% and 16% of all survey responses.

Generally, residents were familiar with the facilities and programs offered by Birmingham Parks and Recreation (88%). While most reported using parks for exercise, fitness, and casual sports (87%) followed by children’s play and cultural events (45% each).



PUBLIC RESTROOMS DESIGN AND SITING

Throughout the public engagement process, many residents expressed a desire for restrooms and portable toilets to be sited at neighborhood and community parks. With the increased importance of parks and recreation facilities over the next twenty years, many government agencies are recognizing the benefits of investing in bathrooms that serve users of outdoor athletics and recreation facilities. However, there are specific design and maintenance considerations that should go into the development of a restroom or portable toilet location.

- Achieving exterior restroom design that matches local community architecture creates a local feel to park restrooms. New restrooms that architecturally match the neighborhood blend in to create a community acceptance.
- Portable toilets can also be screened from view to improve the aesthetics of a neighborhood park. In Santa Cruz, California, many portable toilets are screened with trellises that grow attractive vines or the enclosure is framed with a poster or public art.
- The cost of restroom maintenance can be reduced by building with longer-lasting, stronger components. In addition, many parks and recreation providers utilize security cameras to supervise facilities when facilities are locked and staff are off the clock. Security cameras are a relatively low-cost way to keep vandalism down.

Overall the survey sought to gauge to what degree residents value the parks and recreation system, if the current parks and recreation facilities meet the needs of residents, and what should be the Department's future priorities.

Overwhelmingly, participants recognized that parks and recreation programs are important to their quality of life, regardless if they use the programs on a regular basis (99% of all respondents). Respondents largely rated the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, availability of public spaces, and overall existing outdoor facilities to be excellent or good (over 80%). Similarly, over 60% of residents reported that the existing parkland, playgrounds, community and special events, and golf courses meet the needs of the community. However, over 50% of respondents reported that the existing walking and biking trails fall short of the needs of the community and over 30% agreed that the available WIFI connections, environmental/nature education programs, and aquatic programs also fall short of the needs of the community.

When asked what new or enhanced opportunities residents would like to see within the City, nearly 47% of all respondents choose hiking/walking trails, followed by restrooms (44%), adult fitness and wellness (36%), community gardens (33%), and bicycling (32%). These responses were very similar to the open-ended questions that asked what residents felt are the top three recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years. The word cloud below shows the most frequently used phrases for respondents' number one priorities.

What do you feel is the top recreation priority for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

Fitness Splash Pad Community Ice Arena Access Road
 Green Space Play Bike Paths Open Space Existing
 Programs Walking Natural Park Safe Trails Senior
 Playgrounds Bicycle Facilities Traffic Restrooms
 Golf Courses Center Maintain Current Swimming Pool

*This word cloud is a visual representation of the most frequently used answers to the above survey question.
 The larger the word the more often it was used.*

The Ice Sports Arena and Golf Course Surveys sought to understand specific users' experience with each facility. Respondents' experiences with the golf courses were positive. Nearly 93% of all respondents reported satisfaction with the City of Birmingham Golf Course with 56% of all respondents living in Birmingham. Half of respondents felt that the City should prioritize the golf course the same as other parks within the city. Improvements suggestions included: improved general maintenance, speed of play and the greens, and improved bunkers/sand traps.

Respondents to the Ice Sports Arena were split 58% residents, 42% nonresidents. Satisfaction with the facility was mixed; 47% of respondents reported satisfaction with 59% of survey respondents believing that the City of Birmingham should prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena more than other parks. 42% of respondents are willing to pay between zero and ten percent more in fees for improvements. While, 38% of respondents would be willing to pay more than 10% in increased fees for improvements. The word cloud below shows the most commonly provided suggestions for improvement to the Ice Sports Arena, with larger locker rooms being mentioned approximately 100 times.

What do you think [about the Ice Arena] could be improved?

Open during Summer Instead Pro Shop Food Stands Lighting
 Year Round Locker Rooms are Tiny Bigger Locker Rooms
 Off-ice Training Larger Locker Rooms Temperature
 Hockey Seating Ice Snack Bar Locker Room Size
 Own Locker Room High School Heaters Space Crowded
 Bathrooms Install Lobby Visiting Offer

This word cloud is a visual representation of the most frequently used answers to the above survey question. The larger the word the more often it was used.

3. **Roundtable Discussions** – On September 21, 22, and 26, 2017, McKenna conducted Roundtable Discussions with a number of stakeholders. The Roundtable Discussions ensured that representatives from specific stakeholder groups were able to provide feedback about their organization’s perceived parks and recreation needs.

City Leadership and Boards and Commission Liaisons stressed the importance of coordination in planning activities, especially with the development of the non-motorized transportation system and in efforts to acquire land for a linear park in the triangle district. The Birmingham Public Schools recognized both the schools and the parks limited capacity to provide space for organized sports league. Representatives from various leagues, associations, and nonprofits expressed a strong interest in developing partnerships with the department to improve their operations. The neighborhood associations shared their commitment to their respective neighborhoods and a desire for the parks to remain a special place within their communities.

- City Leadership, Boards & Commissions Liaisons
- Coordination
- Birmingham Public Schools
- Capacity
- Leagues, Associations, Nonprofits
- Partnership
- Neighborhood Associations
- Commitment

4. **Open House and Presentation** – On October 3, 2017, McKenna hosted an Open House before the start of the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. Using the exercises from the Farmers Market “Field Day” and open-ended comment cards, the team collected additional public input. During the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, McKenna made a presentation on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Planning Process and accepted public comment. An estimated thirty to forty residents participated in the Open House and attended the following presentation. The participants generally were older couples and individuals.

The input received at the Open House reflected the needs of the specific residents that were present the Open House. Common themes that emerged were multimodal connections, the desire for natural resource/open space preservation and management, and capital improvements.

MAJOR THEMES FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the public engagement process people were generally positive about the parks and recreation facilities in Birmingham. However, several community values emerged throughout the process that can be used to prioritize improvements to the system. These include:

Natural Area Stewardship: Throughout the engagement efforts, many comments were made about the desires to preserve and maintain natural areas and open spaces within the City. When asked what the City of Birmingham's priorities for the next ten years should be over 14% of respondents mentioned the need to preserve and manage open space.

Inclusive Community: The City of Birmingham was able to engage many types of residents throughout the planning process and what emerged was a desire for the parks and recreation system to accommodate the variety of users in the City, ranging from young children to seniors. Improvements that were suggested in order to keep parks inclusive of the City's diverse community included restrooms at park facilities, barrier-free playgrounds and pathways, community programs and festivals, dog parks, and the development of a community center. Furthermore, many residents expressed concern that individuals in the Triangle and Rail Districts do not have easy access to the parks system.

Health and Fitness: Over three fourths of survey respondents reported that they use the parks system for fitness and casual sports. Over 20% of survey respondents believed that health and fitness related improvements should be a priority. They believe there is a need for improved or enhanced walking and running trails, adult and youth fitness classes, and improved organized sports facilities and programs like pickleball and lap swim.

Connectivity: Many residents largest concern about the park system was not the parks themselves but the system of connectivity that gets residents from their homes or from local business to parks. Over 20% of survey respondents and many more at the Field Day and Open House mentioned a need for improved bicycle paths, sidewalks, and parking (both bicycle and automobile).

Customer Service: A large number of residents expressed satisfaction with the parks and recreation system in Birmingham. Nearly 15% believed that the City's priority for the next ten years should be maintaining, updating, and advertising the existing system.

Park Land Analysis and Service Areas

Approximately 315 acres of parks and facilities exist within Birmingham, with 231 acres owned by the City and managed by the Department of Public Services. The Birmingham Public Schools own the remaining 84 acres.

As required by the MDNR, the Birmingham park land and facilities were compared to the minimum guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983, 1995). Although the NRPA's updated guidelines were set more than 13 years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities.

Caution must be exercised in the interpretation of these results given that these guidelines were set over a decade ago and may not represent current popular activities and trends. Each community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences and demands, are encouraged to establish its needs and requirements so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. Recreation needs are often better documented through public input rather than relying only on the national guidelines. The NRPA guidelines and the MDNR standards were considered in the development of the Action Plan but not weighted heavily. The information gathered during the many methods of public input directed the Action Plan directly.

Table 6 and the following discussion compares the amount of park land as it relates to the conditions of the City and the MDNR standards based on the 2015 ACS population estimate of 20,489. Park classifications used by the MDNR are defined as follows and described in further detail in Table 6.

Mini/Neighborhood Park. Mini/Neighborhood parks serve an area up to a one-half mile distance and are typically less than 10 acres in size. Birmingham has five mini-parks, 11 neighborhood parks and four school facilities that provide more than the recommended acreage for mini/neighborhood parks.

- **Community Park.** Community parks typically serve an area within one-half to three miles and are between 30 to 50 acres in size. However, since the City of Birmingham is only 4.4 square miles many of the City's community parks are smaller than the guidelines, but serve a community-wide function. The City owns 186 acres of community park land, thus exceeding the recommended 402 acres by 222. In addition to the City-owned land, Seaholm High School contributes 45 acres of land since it is categorized as a community park.
- **School Park.** School properties can fulfill the requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use. For the purposes of this inventory all childhood centers and elementary and middle school facilities were classified as neighborhood parks, and Seaholm High School was considered a community park.
- **Regional Park.** Regional facilities offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities which help in meeting the need for local park land and help balance the deficiencies in facilities. Birmingham does not have a regional park within its borders. However, it should be noted that a number of regional parks are within a short distance from the City despite not being within its borders.

- According to the above guidelines, the City of Birmingham exhibits a surplus in all of the park land categories. Overall, the City is providing an exceptional amount of park land for its residents given the constraint of its municipal boundaries and relatively dense land use.

Table 6: Birmingham Public Park Land Acreage Analysis

Park Classification	NRPA Guideline Minimum Acres/1,000 Residents ¹	Recommended Acreage for Birmingham ²	Public City Park	Public School Park ³	City Total	Surplus (Deficiency)
Mini Parks	0.25-0.5	5.1-10.2	5.44		5.44	-4.76
Neighborhood Parks	1.0-2.0	20.5-41.0	39.83	39.19	79.02	+38.02
Community Parks	5.0-8.0	102.4-163.9	186.1	44.54	230.67	+66.77
Total	-	128.1-215.1	231.4	83.73	315.13	+100.03

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

² Based on 2011-2015 American Community Survey Population Estimates, 20,489

³ All early childhood centers and elementary schools classified as neighborhood parks, and all middle and high schools classified as community parks.

Although it is important to consider the overall amount of park land in the City, it is also essential to consider the type of parks, their location, and their disbursement throughout the City. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to closely consider where the residents in the City live and if the residents are within walking distance to a park, recreation, or school facility. The distance of 0.25 miles is often used as an established standard of how far people would be willing to walk to a park or recreation facility.

The parks and school facilities walkability areas are shown on MAP 4 and MAP 5. For the purposes of measuring the walkability area in the City, a radius of one-fourth mile from each park was used.

There are few service gaps within the City in regard to City owned recreation facilities within one fourth mile. The primary areas without nearby City owned facilities are the southeast part of the City, the area west of Linden Park between Maple and Midvale Street, and the southwestern edge of the City.

When the school facilities are added to the walkability analysis, service gaps decrease. Specifically, Seaholm High School has the potential to serve the residents west of Linden Park. However, the area west of Woodward and south of Adams park still has limited access to a park.

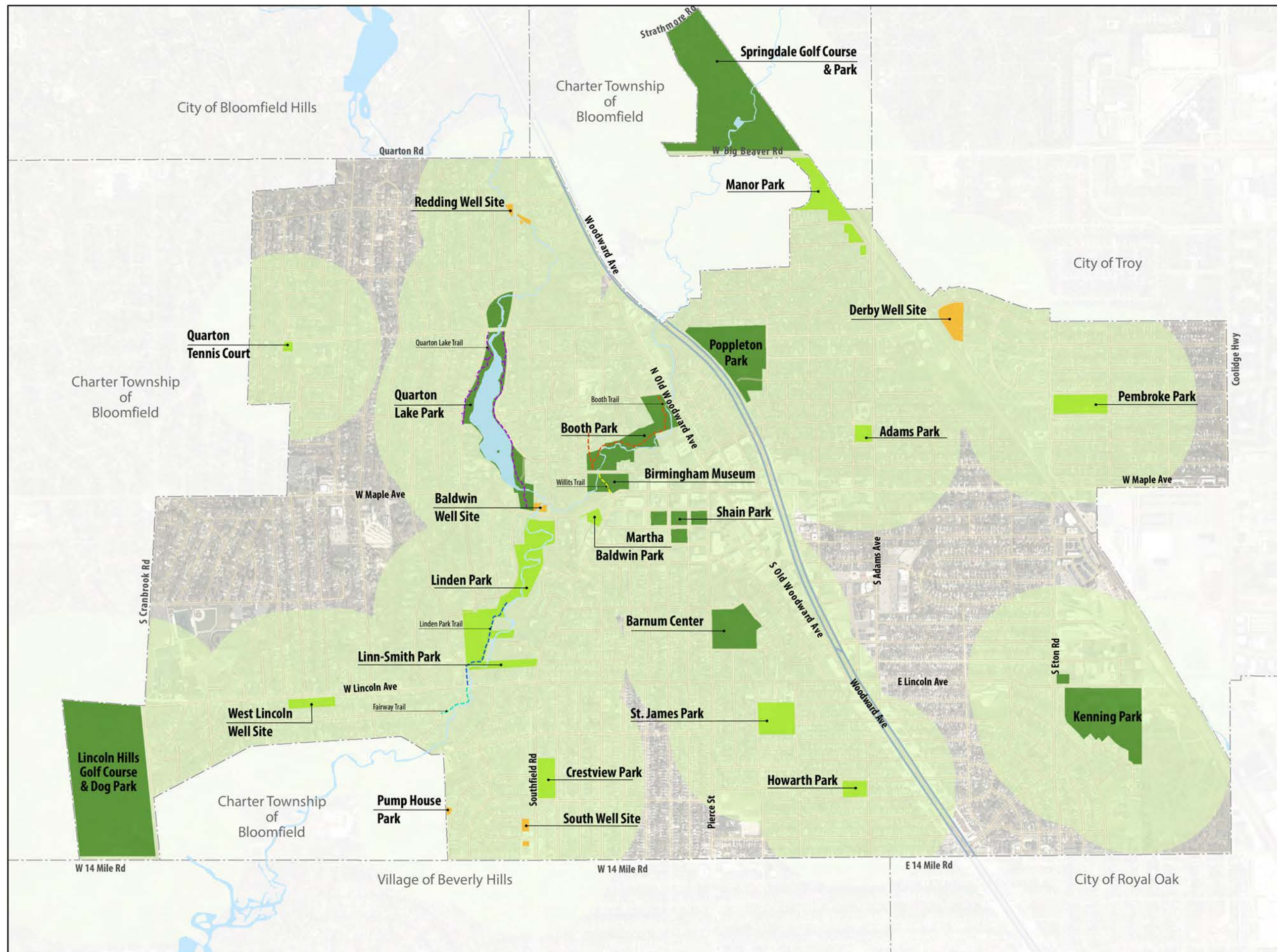
Map 4 Walkability City Owned Parks

Birmingham . Michigan

October 30, 2017

LEGEND

- Walkability Buffer- 1/4 mile
- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Waterbodies
- Municipal Boundary



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Data Source: Oakland County GIS, 2016
Aerial Data, SEMCOG, 2015

Map 5 Walkability City Owned Parks and School Facilities Birmingham . Michigan

October 30, 2017

LEGEND

Walkability Buffer- 1/4 mile

School Facilities

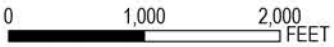
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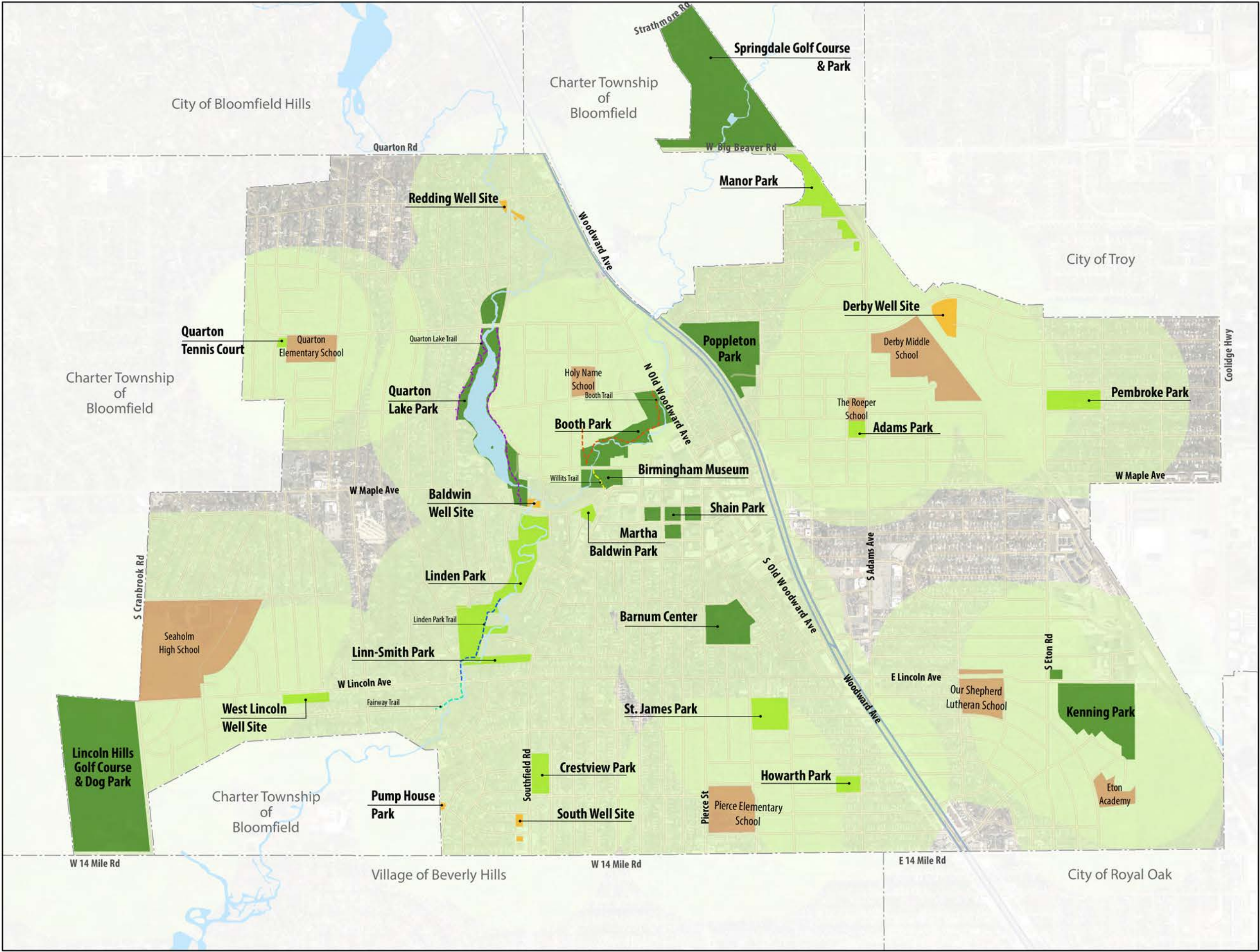
Community Parks

Waterbodies

Municipal Boundary



Data Source: Oakland County GIS, 2016
Aerial Data, SEMCOG, 2015



Facilities Analysis

In addition to park land, existing facilities were compared against the recommended guidelines set by the NRPA and the MDNR to determine if they are adequate to meet the needs of residents based on national averages. The analysis takes into account a variety of factors including specific needs and existing conditions in Birmingham, information obtained during the public input opportunities, programming needs, site conditions, as well as national averages. Table 7 indicates the recommended guideline and facilities, the number of facilities in the Township, and the surplus or deficiency of facilities. The comments below the table provide further prospective and assist in identifying key issues related to specific facilities.

Table 7: Facilities Analysis

Park Classification		NRPA Guideline ¹	Recommended Facilities ²	Public Birmingham Facilities	Public School Facilities	Total Facilities	Surplus (Deficiency)
Archery Range		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Baseball / Softball		1/5,000	4	9	7	16	+12
Basketball		1/5,000	4	3	9	12	+8
Football		1/20,000	1	0	1	1	0
Golf Driving Range		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Golf Course (9-Hole)		1/25,000	1	2	0	2	+1
Golf Course (18-Hole)		1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Rink	Indoor	1/100,000	0	1	0	1	+1
	outdoor	depends on climate	depends on climate	1	0	1	N/A
Playground		1/3,000	7	10	3	13	+6
Running Track		1/20,000	1	0	1	1	0
Soccer		1/10,000	2	5	5	10	+8
Swimming Pool		1/20,000	1	0	2	2	+2
Tennis		1/2,000	10	6	7	11	+1
Trails		1 system per region	1	1 system	0	1 system	0
Volleyball		1/5,000	4	0	2	2	-2

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

² Based on 2011-2015 American Community Survey Population Estimates, 20,489

A number of the facilities included in Table 7 are owned by Birmingham Public Schools. Though, schools provide limited hours and access to the general public, they complement the existing parks and recreation system within the City of Birmingham. Representatives from the Birmingham School District affirmed the idea that the parks and schools work together to provide residents a recreation system. Management of recreation facilities should be done in coordination to ensure that, despite the geographic constraints of providing parks and recreation facilities in a fully developed city, residents have access to their desired amenities.



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Action Plan

By using the comprehensive planning process of trend identification, roundtable discusses, surveys, and public meetings, the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services has effectively established a framework for the Action Plan. The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancement of the Birmingham parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.

A complementary component of the Action Plan is the Capital Improvement Plan. Action strategies that may require significant capital investment from the community have been organized into a five-year plan. The specific projects have been prioritized in the Capital Improvement Plan in order to better manage the Department of Public Services budget and equally distribute the projects over a five-year cycle. The timing of these projects may be influenced, moved, or eliminated depending upon economic conditions, available funding, and/or grant awards. However, the spirit and intent of the project priorities are well defined in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The Action Plan is organized into four sections:

- Vision, Mission, and Community Values
- Department of Public Services Goals and Strategies
- System Wide Recommendations
- Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mission, and Community Values

To provide a guideline for decision making, the Parks and Recreation Board has developed a mission statement and list of identified community values. Together, these will guide the development of the goals and strategies for the departments future projects, and other efforts.

MISSION

The following Mission presents how the City of Birmingham Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board will achieve the Vision:

“The Mission of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is to help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desires and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles.”

COMMUNITY VALUES

The community values that were brought forward during the community input process of the planning process included:

- **Natural Area Stewardship:** We value the efficient and effective management of our assets and stewardship of our parks and open space, to sustain them for future generations.
- **Inclusive Community:** We value creating, enhancing, expanding and promoting opportunities for all members of our community to participate in the enjoyment of parks and recreation services.
- **Health and Fitness:** We value the health and well-being of our residents and the benefits that parks, recreation, and open space offer.
- **Connectivity:** We value an interconnected parks and facilities network that provides access to the parks system across the City of Birmingham.
- **Customer Service:** We value our current parks and recreation system and take pride in managing and maintaining world class parks and facilities.



Goals and Objectives

To provide a guideline for decision making, the Department of Public Services and the Parks and Recreation Board developed a list of goals and objectives based on the previous 2012-2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the results of analysis and public input. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for Birmingham.

As recommended in the Action Plan, these goals and objectives should be reviewed annually by the Parks and Recreation Board and modified as necessary.

GOAL #1: FOSTER AN INCLUSIVE AND UNIQUE COMMUNITY.

Birmingham is enriched by strong volunteer efforts, including the youth sports league administration, boards, commissions and planning and historical preservation efforts. Numerous special events are held throughout the year, such as festivals, art fairs, farmer's market and organizations. Working together to create a strong sense of an inclusive community, it is only made stronger by the partnerships, trust and collaboration of the stakeholders and elected officials.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue working with local organizations, clubs and institutions to provide a wealth and variety of organized activities and programs within the community. This includes:
 - a. Senior Walking Clubs.
 - b. "Theatrical" programming that involves schools, library, residents and the Community House.
 - c. Seasonal, including winter activities.
 - d. Art and cultural programs.
 - e. Teen and youth programming during the summer and utilizing extended hours.
2. Celebrate the community by participation in festivals, community functions and events
3. Support and encourage new developments to include areas for active and passive recreation.
4. Provide volunteer opportunities in program delivery and improvement projects.

GOAL #2: *PROVIDE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL AND HIGH QUALITY, THAT RESPECT HISTORY, OFFER A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES, BOTH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE, ARE WELL MAINTAINED AND THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.*

Quality and beauty are important to residents and it is expected that community assets are protected and valued. This is true for existing parks and recreation through continued maintenance and the improvement for both existing and new green spaces, facilities and recreational areas.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Analyze and improve universal accessibility.
2. Maintain and improve designated wetlands, Rouge River Corridor and open space.
3. Incorporate art/sculptures into park design.
4. Encourage central entry areas for sitting and gathering in park design.
5. Maintain and update park equipment and facilities as needed, such as playground equipment, ball fields, open space areas including natural landscaping.
6. Continue implementation of standardized park design for all City of Birmingham Parks including signage, installation of trees, tree transplanting, improved landscaping, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles.

GOAL #3: TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF HEALTHY RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVE LIFESTYLES AND MOBILITY.

Birmingham has an active resident base that includes runners, cyclists, soccer players, walkers, skaters, hockey players, golfers, etc. The health of the aging population will need to be maintained through private and public efforts.

OBJECTIVES

1. Increase non-motorized transportation connections between parks, historical sites, community facilities and shopping districts that allow residents to cycle, walk and run.
2. Develop and promote programming that encourages active lifestyles for all ages.
3. Work with Oakland County to develop pathway connections with surrounding communities that include Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Twp., Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy with the existing Rouge River Corridor.
4. Promote the establishment of the Rouge River Corridor along the Rouge River to encourage the preservation, enhancement and an increase community understanding of this important watershed.
5. Develop a wayfinding program for the trail / greenway network that directs users of the non-motorized paths to City parks and other destinations.

GOAL #4: *PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND FACILITY OPPORTUNITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.*

Residents have indicated that recreation outlets and activities are important to their quality of life. Providing well balanced activity choices, including passive and active opportunities, along with flexible structure is essential.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Monitor the use of athletic fields and facilities to determine additional needs.
2. Create opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components, individual sporting pursuits, training/self-improvement courses.
3. Provide additional environmental-oriented programs and use parks as outdoor classrooms and art theater.
4. Coordinate with the Arts Board regarding public art at parks. Coordinate location, lights to illuminate, sprinkler locations, etc.

GOAL #5: TO USE EXISTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY AND TO DEMONSTRATE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO COORDINATE AND PARTNER WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO ENSURE THE AVAILABLE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE, QUALITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

Parks and recreation services, along with all government services, must evaluate and provide cost effective opportunities for residents.

OBJECTIVES

1. Explore opportunities with private partnerships and Oakland County Parks to jointly provide desired services and facilities, while minimizing duplication and competition between the agencies.
2. Coordinate efforts with Oakland County for opportunities to preserve open space and provide public access along the Rouge River Corridor.
3. Recruit civic and business organizations for assistance with park improvement projects.
4. Partner for grants & outside funding.
5. Foster, promote and encourage cooperative relationship with public and private entities.
6. Promote a system for people to approach the City with ideas to collaborate for park improvements.
7. Increase opportunities for donation, sponsorships and fundraising efforts.
8. Review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years to maintain a current assessment and ensure grant funding eligibility.

GOAL #6: *TO BECOME A LEADER IN SUSTAINABLE, INNOVATIVE MAINTENANCE PRACTICES TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES, DEMONSTRATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND REDUCE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS TO ALL RESIDENTS, WHILE MAINTAIN PUBLIC USE, ACCESS AND ENJOYMENT.*

OBJECTIVES:

1. Continue to implement 'best practices' and safer alternatives in cultivating healthy lawn care in City properties and parks such as heat and hot water weed control techniques and low-maintenance landscape designs. Expand existing practice techniques to include applications such as adding beneficial insects to control destructive pests, and various natural and synthetic mulch materials.
2. Continue to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices and develop an IPM policy based on current IPM practices for park maintenance activities.
3. Research programming with area school districts to decrease and possibly eliminate spraying at properties surrounding public schools.
4. Develop an interpretive signage program in parks to expand educational opportunities about environmental protection.
5. Create demonstration projects within parks to showcase native Michigan plants and promote appreciation for natural landscape techniques.
6. Develop and implement standards and timeline for achieving sustainable lawn care maintenance practices for parks and recreation facilities.
7. Implement a pilot "Pesticide Free Park" program at a City Park.
8. Develop maintenance Design Guidelines for future capital and park improvements that encourages low maintenance alternatives.
9. Reduce and minimize usage of chemicals in all parks to lessen the potential for adverse health effects to the extent that is practicable.

GOAL #7: *OPERATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER SO AS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE.*

OBJECTIVES:

1. Expand web-based marketing efforts to inform residents of programs and events.
2. Review Parks and Recreation Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities with Parks and Recreation Board.

System Wide Recommendations

In addition to capital investments into the parks and recreation system, the Department of Public Services must also focus on maintenance of the park system.

The following items describe system wide suggestions that should be coordinated each year.

- **Barrier Free Accessibility:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has established guidelines to provide barrier free accessibility at public facilities. It is important to provide access to the City of Birmingham facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents can enjoy the facilities. As parks and facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access.
- **Park Design Improvements:** As the park system evolves and each park undergoes its own degree of improvements, it is important to clearly mark park entrances and visually unify the parks so residents are aware that facilities they use are part of Birmingham's park system. This can be accomplished by a uniform set of design themes that symbolize Birmingham parks and are used in the design of lighting, benches, signs, waste receptacles, bike racks, and other amenities. Tree transplanting and improvements is a community focus for all public areas.
- **Non-Motorized Connectivity:** The City of Birmingham has been committed to the development of non-motorized systems locally as well as regionally. This was substantiated with the City Commission's 2011 support of Complete Streets principals for the City of Birmingham. The Department, in cooperation with Oakland County and surrounding communities, and other supporting agencies, should continue to seek opportunities for planning, land acquisition, access easements, and non-motorized trail development to assist this effort within the community.
- **Natural Resource Inventory:** As opportunities become available the Department should analyze any critical natural areas in the community through inventories and appropriate studies. This information is critical to prioritizing resources for the acquisition, protection, and management of park natural areas.
- **Recreation Programming:** The City of Birmingham Department of Public Services is only one of several sources of recreation programming for community residents. YMCA, volunteer youth sports organizations, private businesses, and other groups offer leagues, services and programs. To complement these other resources, the Department should partner with these programs when appropriate.
- **Staffing:** The Department of Public Services needs to annually monitor staffing levels and office facility needs as needed for efficient administration, operation, programming and maintenance of the parks and recreation system.

- **Park Promotion:** The Department of Public Services should use creative promotional approaches to increase awareness of the features available at the various parks. Promotional ideas could include: park maps and park events. Increased awareness of the parks will increase appreciation and support for the park system and could also generate a spirit of volunteerism with maintenance, development and fundraising projects.
- **Fund Raising:** Develop new and creative ways to raise funds for park improvements, such as events, service projects and local fund raising. Continue and expand the popular recognition program for donations of benches, trees and other amenities.
- **Public Involvement:** The Department of Public Services should continue to solicit residents' suggestions on planning, use, and improvement of parks and programming. This can be accomplished with public meetings, surveys, or through resident feedback solicited at special events.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

This section summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve primarily staff time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require primarily investment.

The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan incorporates the top priority for capital improvement in the next five years. Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are strictly preliminary.

Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements and engineering plans are developed. If funding levels are lower than required to implement the plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

Table 8: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The following capital improvements are conceptual and subject to change based on annual prioritization; actual funding sources are largely undetermined during conceptual planning, thus, potential funding sources will be investigated and sought as projects move from the conceptual phase to design / funding phase.

ACTION	Completed (2012-2017)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Potential Funding Source(s) ¹
General Park Enhancements								
Continue general landscape maintenance and beautification		X	X	X	X	X	\$45,000	Donations / General Fund
General baseball/softball field maintenance		X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	ASA Grant / General Fund
General tennis court maintenance		X	X	X	X	X	\$60,000	General Fund
Installation of bike racks		X	X				\$20,000	General Fund
Installation of drinking fountains		X	X	X	X	X	\$50,000	Donations / General Fund
Land acquisition opportunities							TBD	Donations / General Fund
Open space maintenance (i.e., seeding, drainage and grading at various parks)		X	X	X	X	X	\$50,000	Donations / General Fund
Inclusive/Accessible Playground Enhancements ²			X		X		\$100,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Reforestation of public property		X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Site furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, tables)		X	X	X	X	X	\$80,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Installation of electric outlets			X				TBD	Donations / General Fund
Installation of park shelters (location TBD)			X				\$20,000	Donations / General Fund
Update park signage (new logo and supplemental signs)	■							
Park Enhancements to Explore (Locations TBD)								
Pickle ball court development							TBD	TBD
Installation of splash pad							TBD	TBD
Platform tennis court development							TBD	TBD
Installation of wi-fi and mobile device charging stations							TBD	TBD
Adams Park								
Implement Adams Park Master Plan ²			X	X			\$582,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants Public-Private Partnership
Develop Adams Park Master Plan	■							

■ Completed 2012 – 2017

X Planned for 2018 – 2022

■ Explore and potentially implement 2018 – 2022

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² Inclusive / accessible playground enhancements will meet or exceed ADA accessibility standards

ACTION	Completed (2012-2017)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Potential Funding Source(s) ¹
Barnum Park								
Install two new pergolas		X					\$30,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Softball field maintenance	■							
Installation of new tables and chairs	■							
Installation of two pergolas	■							
Soccer / open play field enhancements	■							
Booth Park								
Evaluate bridge trail access							TBD	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Reevaluate Phase 3 entrance plaza							TBD	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Installation of porous paving	■							
Trail system improvements	■							
Crestview Park								
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²					X		\$200,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Soccer / open play field enhancements	■							
Fairway Park								
Bank stabilization	■							
Howarth Park								
Baseball field improvements			X				\$20,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Kenning Park								
Phased implementation of Kenning Park Master Plan (partial) ²		X	X	X			\$1,200,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants / Public-Private Partnership
Parking lot and pedestrian-scale lighting			X				\$90,000	General Fund / Grants
Develop Kenning Park Master Plan	■							Capital Improvement Fund / Donations / General Fund
Softball/baseball field maintenance	■							
Tennis court crack repair/paint	■							
Parking lot re-construction	■							
Linden Park								
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²					X		\$75,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Trail extension from Linden Park trail to Maple Road	■							

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Manor Park								
Reforestation	■							
Martha Baldwin Park								
Improve native plant garden/monarch waystation		X					\$12,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Potential location for artwork							TBD	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Pembroke Park								
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²				X			\$200,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Portable restroom screening		X					\$10,000	General Fund
Baseball field maintenance	■							
Soccer / open play field enhancements	■							
New drinking fountain	■							
Poppleton Park								
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²		X	X				\$650,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Softball field improvements			X				\$25,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Softball field improvements	■							
Analyze parking (expansion)	■							
Crown baseball diamonds	■							
Quarton Lake								
Reforestation		X	X	X	X	X		Donations / General Fund / Grants
Rouge River Trail Corridor								
Removal of debris and riverbank stabilization		X	X	X	X	X	\$30,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Trail system improvements		X	X				\$50,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Selected master plan improvements				X	X	X	\$500,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Shain Park								
Play/musical equipment			X				\$15,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Springdale Park								
Shelter site furnishing		X	X				\$40,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²				X			\$200,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants

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St. James Park								
Soccer / open play field enhancements				X			\$15,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Inclusive/accessible playground enhancements ²						X	\$200,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Baseball field maintenance	■							
Soccer / open play field improvements	■							
Investigate private / public partnerships	■							
Tennis court crack repair	■							
Ice Arena								
Explore interior building improvements (underway)		X	X	X	X		TBD	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Building/facility assessment		X	X				TBD	General Fund
Replace rink refrigeration system - rink floor and piping and mechanical room (main / studio rinks)			X	X			\$1,900,000	Donations / General Fund / Grants
Study locker room/conference room expansion		X	X				TBD	General Fund / Public-Private Partnership
Lincoln Hills Golf Course								
Add cart paths							TBD	Grants / Golf Course Fund
Redesign #1 tee							TBD	Grants / Golf Course Fund
Practice putting green expansion							TBD	Grants / Golf Course Fund
Maintenance building expansion							TBD	Grants / Golf Course Fund
Parking lot lights improvements							TBD	Grants / Golf Course Fund

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ACTION	Completed (2012-2017)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Total Over Five Years	Potential Funding Source(s)
Springdale Golf Course								
Add cart paths							TBD	Golf Course Fund
Replace irrigation system			X	X			\$525,000	Golf Course Fund
New bathroom on course		X	X				\$15,000	Grants / Golf Course Fund
Maintenance building expansion					X	X	TBD	Golf Course Fund
Renovate bank #5 and #6		X	X				TBD	Golf Course Fund
New bunker #2		X	X				TBD	Golf Course Fund
Chip seal parking lot			X	X			\$30,000	Golf Course Fund
Add parking lot lights		X	X	X			TBD	Grants
Patio renovations				X			TBD	Donations / Golf Course Fund
New dining room furniture			X	X			TBD	Donations / Golf Course Fund

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Appendix

1. List of MDNR Grants Status
2. Affidavit of Publication for 30-Day Comment Period and City Commission
3. Resolution of Plan Adoption by Parks and Recreation Board on February 6, 2018
4. Minutes from February 12, 2018 City Commission Meeting
5. Resolution of Plan Adoption by City Commission on February 12, 2018
6. Letters of Submission to Oakland County, SEMCOG
7. MDNR Plan Certification Checklist
8. Plans Accepted by Birmingham City Commission (2012-2016)
 - a. Poppleton Park Concept Plan, 2016
 - b. Adams Park Concept Plan, 2016
 - c. Kenning Park Concept Plan, 2014

Deanna Dupuy

From: Carlock, Merrie (DNR) <CarlockM@michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Deanna Dupuy
Subject: Birmingham

Deanna:

I am the Grant Coordinator for Oakland County. I cannot find any past grants for the City of Birmingham. Unless you hear otherwise from me, assume they have not had any.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Merrie M. Carlock, LLA
Grant Coordinator / Grants Management
Region One – Upper Peninsula
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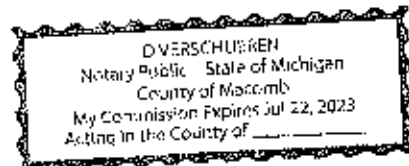
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Bingham Farms establishes its regularly scheduled meetings for calendar year 2018. Said meetings will take place on the fourth Monday of each month, except for May and December whereby the meetings will be held on May 21 and Dec. 18, 2018. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Bingham Farms Council Chambers located at 24255 Thirteen Mile Road Ste. 190, Bingham Farms, Michigan.

Kathryn P. Hagaman
Clerk

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

ORDINANCE NO. 2253

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM ORDAINS: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 126, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2259

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM ORDAINS: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 126, ZONING, APPENDIX C, EXHIBIT 1, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

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Andrew M. Harris, Mayor
J. Cherlynn Mynsberge, City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD SUMMARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Meeting at Township Hall

November 13, 2017

1. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board:

- Marcia Robovitsky, 7449 Deep Run
- Ronald Fenwick, 2536 Whiteleigh
- Karen Fenwick, 2536 Whiteleigh

2. Approve Board Minutes of October 23, 2017

APPROVED

3. PUBLIC HEARING – Special Land Use/Site Plan Proposal for Rebel Boxing,

6565 Telegraph Rd.

APPROVED

The following people addressed the Board:

- Marcia Robovitsky, 7449 Deep Run

4. PUBLIC HEARING – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

APPROVED

The following people addressed the Board:

- Marcia Robovitsky, 7449 Deep Run

5. Introduction of Draft Water Asset Management Plan

INTRODUCED

6. Consider Approval of the Goddard Court Sanitary Sewer Payback Agreement

APPROVED

7. Introduction of Ordinance 648, Minor in Possession (MIP) Amendment

INTRODUCED

8. Consider Approval of Consent Judgment for 3355 Franklin Rd. &

7273 Wing Lake Rd.

APPROVED

9. Approve Payroll and Vouchers for 11/13/2017

APPROVED

November 27, 2017

1. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Board:

- Marcia Robovitsky, 7449 Deep Run

2. Approve Board Minutes of November 13, 2017

APPROVED

3. Consider Approval of Bloomfield Township Water Asset Management Plan

APPROVED

4. Consider Approval of the Resolution to Amend the Assessment for SAD 416

APPROVED

5. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 648, Minor in Possession (MIP) Amendment

ADOPTED

6. Introduction of the 2018 – 2019 Preliminary Budget

INTRODUCED

7. Consider Approval of the 2018 Budget for the 48th District Court

APPROVED

8. Approve Payroll and Vouchers for 11/27/2017

APPROVED

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CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Meeting of December 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in the City Commission Room, 45 East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-2822, Phone (248) 644-1520, Fax (248) 644-4813.

The board will consider the following requests:

- 2060 West Valley – Request for a side-yard setback variance to construct a new home.
- 273 Lakewood Drive – Request for a setback variance for installation of mechanical equipment.
- 130 E. Long Lake Road – Request for a use variance.

Complete copies of the proposal can be reviewed at City Hall during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 28, 2017

Published: December 3, 2017

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR ITS PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

30 Day Public Review Period:

Monday, December 4, 2017 – Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Notice is given to any and all interested parties that the draft 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning on Monday, December 4, 2017 at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Birmingham Municipal Building, 151 Martin St.
- Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton St.
- Birmingham Ice Arena, 2300 E. Lincoln St.
- Birmingham Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St.

The draft plan is also available for review on the following website: bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan.

The City of Birmingham is preparing this five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing by mail to Birmingham Department of Public Services, located at 851 S. Eton St., Birmingham, MI during regular business hours.

Please contact the City of Birmingham's Department of Public Services at (248) 530-1700 with questions or comments or for alternate accommodations.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 648

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OFFENSES, ARTICLE VIII OFFENSES RELATED TO UNDERAGE PERSONS, DIVISION 4 – ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, SEC. 22-370, PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE POSSESSING OR CONSUMING ALCOHOL, OR HAVING ANY BODILY ALCOHOL CONTENT

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1

Sec. 22-370. - Persons under 21 years of age possessing or consuming alcohol, or having any bodily alcohol content.

(a) A person under 21 years of age shall not purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor, consume or attempt to consume alcoholic liquor, possess or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor, or have any bodily alcohol content, except as provided in this section. A person under 21 years of age who violates this subsection is responsible for a municipal civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by the following fines and sanctions:

(1) For the first violation of subsection (a), the person under 21 years of age is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$100.00. The court may order a person under 21 years of age who commits a first violation to participate in substance use disorder services, to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e) of this section. A person under 21 years of age may be found responsible or admit responsibility only once under this subparagraph, under a similar ordinance for another community, or under the corresponding state law provision found in MCL 436.1703, as amended;

(2) If a violation of subsection (a) occurs after one prior judgment, the person under 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subparagraph is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days if the court finds that the person under 21 years of age violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of \$200.00, or both. Further, under this subparagraph, the court may order the person under 21 years of age having one prior judgment to participate in substance use disorder services, to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e) of this section; and

(3) If a violation of subsection (a) occurs after two or more prior judgments, the person under 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subsection is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, if the court finds that the person under 21 years of age violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of \$500.00, or both. Further, under this subsection, the court may order the person under 21 years of age having two or more prior judgments to participate in substance use disorder services, to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e) of this section.

Section 2. Repealer.

Section 3. Severability.

Section 4. Savings.

Section 5. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

A complete copy of Ordinance 648 is on file in the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township, MI.

Janet Roncelli, MMC

Township Clerk

Published: December 3, 2017

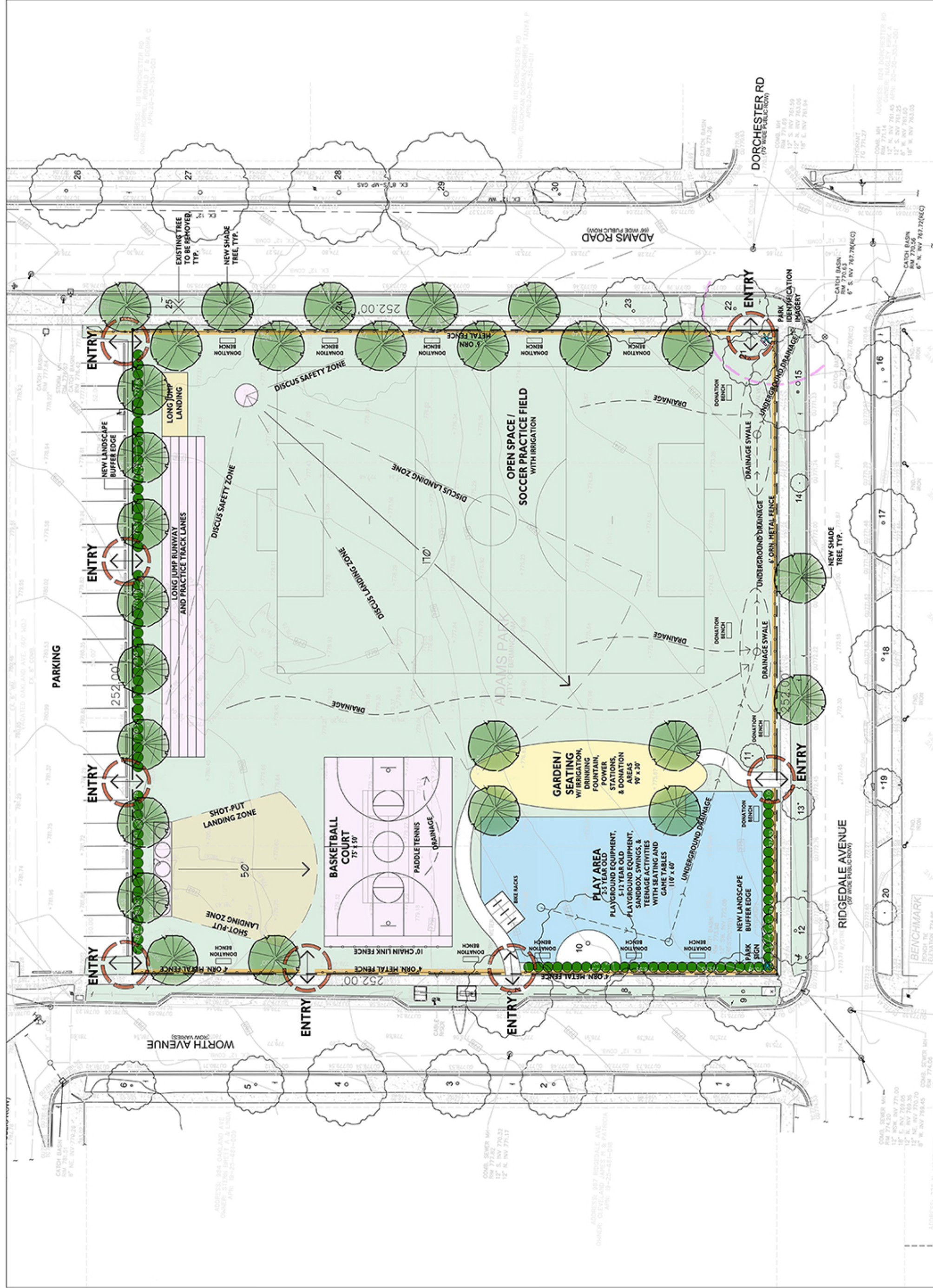
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Appendix B - Public Engagement Results

1. Summary of Facilitated Engagement
 - a. Public Engagement Report
 - b. Communications Program for Public Engagement
 - c. Stakeholder Roundtable Discussions Schedule
 - d. "Big Idea" Public Engagement Results
 - e. Distributed Surveys and Survey Results
2. Individual Responses Received During Planning Process

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Community Outreach + Engagement Process

October 2017

Working together with the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team, McKenna coordinated and conducted various outreach events throughout the planning process for robust and open community input. Participants at such events included residents, specific parks and recreation stakeholders, and community organizations' representatives. Additional information on the publicity program is provided in Attachment 1. In total, there were four methods used as part of this program that have resulted in meaningful public engagement:

1. **Farmers Market "Field Day"** – On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the City of Birmingham parks and recreation team and McKenna conducted public engagement during the Harvest Festival Farmers Market. Teams were on-site from 9:00AM until 2:00PM to facilitate quick, fun engagement exercises with visitors to the market.
2. **Online and Hard Copy Surveys** – McKenna launched online and hard copy surveys related to the City's overall parks and recreation program, and the Ice Arena and Golf Courses specifically. Links to the surveys were made available at the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Website and on social media. Hard copy surveys were located at strategic locations throughout the City including City Hall and the Library. Survey responses were collected for 45 days.
3. **Roundtable Discussions** – On September 21, 22, and 26, 2017, McKenna conducted Roundtable Discussions with a number of stakeholders (see attached program).
4. **Open House and Public Meeting** – On October 3, 2017, McKenna hosted an Open House before the start of the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. Using the exercises from the Farmers Market "Field Day" and open-ended comment cards, the team collected additional public input. During the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, McKenna made a presentation on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Planning Process and accepted public comment.

FIELD DAY EXERCISES

At the Farmers Market Field Day, residents, stakeholders and community members participated in a variety of quick and fun engagement exercises. In total, the McKenna team estimated engaging over 450 individuals during the five-hour engagement period. Participants were varied which included young families and older individuals. The following summarize the exercises and identifies common themes:

What's Your Big Idea?

Participants shared their "Parks and Recreation Big Idea" on post-it notes. The post-it notes were placed on a large display board where residents were able to read and dialogue with the facilitators regarding ideas that had already been placed on the board.

Input collected from the field day highlight family-friendly ideas such as the development of a splash pad, park design improvements for supervising multiple children, the incorporation of rubber surface materials, and universally accessible playgrounds. In addition, residents contributed ideas for capital development-focused facilities improvements like improved parking, an outdoor pool, and restrooms.

The table below shows most frequently shared Big Ideas from the Farmers Market Field Day. See Attachment 3 for a list of all shared Big Ideas, and note that there may be ideas that are not technically under the purview of the parks and recreation function, but that were considered complimentary by participants (ex. of year-round farmers market building).

"WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?" FIELD DAY RESULTS

	COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
	Splash pad	12
	Swimming pool (outdoor)	3
	Restroom facilities	3
	Year-round farmers market building	2
	Better parking for the market—parking structure	2
	More trails	2
	Dog park with swimming hole/beach	2
	Increase playground safety surfacing in parks	2

Resource Mapping

Residents placed sticker icons depicting recreational resources (i.e. community gardens, bicycle paths, pedestrian connections, tennis courts, etc.) on display-sized maps at the locations they felt the resources were most needed.

During the Field Day, the locations with the highest amount of mapped resources were Poppleton Park and Shain Park. The resources that were most frequently placed on the map were restrooms and playgrounds.

The table below shows which parks were identified as needing additional resources from the Farmers Market Field Day. See Attachment 4 for a list of all mapped resources.

RESOURCE MAPPING RESULTS

PARK	RESOURCES MAPPED
Kenning Park	Playground (3)
Linden Park	Restrooms Seating Playground
Manor Park	Dog Park
Pembroke Park	Dog Park Restrooms
Poppleton Park	Dog Park Seating WIFI Access Restroom Community Garden Crosswalks Write In: "Pine Trees" (2) Write In: "Tree Screening for noise."
Quarton Lake Trail	Playgrounds (2) WIFI Access
Shain Park	Community Garden WIFI Access Fitness Trash/Recycle Receptacle
St. James Park	Playground
West Lincoln Well Site	Playgrounds (2) Seating

Sentence Starters

Attendees were given a white board with a sentence starter, and asked to complete the sentence. With permission of the individual, staff took a photo to collect qualitative information on what residents' value about Birmingham parks.

"A perfect day at the park involves: lots of happy kids!"



ONLINE AND HARD COPY SURVEYS

An important component of the public engagement program for the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the online and "hard copy" survey (see attachment 6). In addition to the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey, the team has also generated Ice Arena and Golf Course specific surveys. The surveys were designed to take less than 10 minutes for respondents to complete, and were straightforward and simply worded.

At the end of the survey period, the City received the following number of survey responses:

- 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey: 417 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Golf Courses Survey: 324 responses
- 2018 Parks and Recreation Ice Arena Survey: 260 responses

Most of the completed surveys were from residents between the ages of 35-49 and 50-64, 38% and 37% of all responses respectively. Individuals aged 65 and better made up 15% of all responses and just 10% of the responses were from individuals 18-34 years old. No responses were received from individuals 17 and younger.

Individuals in Quadrants B (north of Maple, east of Woodward) and D (south of Maple, west of Woodward) were equally represented, each accounting for 34% of the total survey responses. Quadrant

A (north of Maple, west of Woodward) and Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward) were also represented accounting for 17% and 16% of all survey responses.

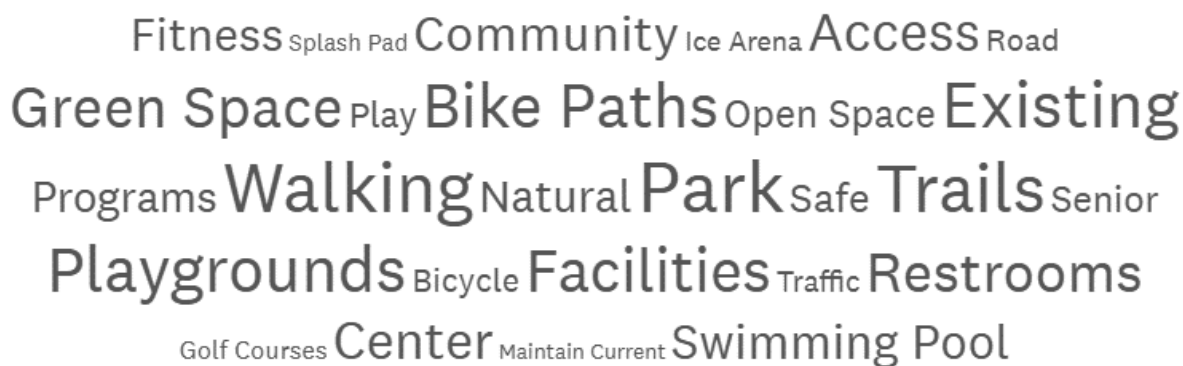
Generally, residents were familiar with the facilities and programs offered by Birmingham Parks and Recreation (88%). While most reported using parks for exercise, fitness, and casual sports (87%) followed by children's play and cultural events (45% each).

Overall the survey sought to gauge to what degree residents value the parks and recreation system, if the current parks and recreation facilities meet the needs of residents, and what should be the Department's future priorities.

Overwhelmingly, participants recognized the importance of parks and recreation programs to their quality of life, regardless of if they use the programs on a regular basis (99% of all respondents). Respondents largely rated the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, availability of public spaces, and overall existing outdoor facilities to be excellent or good (over 80%). Similarly, over 60% of residents reported that the existing parkland, playgrounds, community and special events, and golf courses meet the needs of the community. However, over 50% of respondents reported that the existing walking and biking trails fall short of the needs of the community and over 30% agreed that the available WIFI connections, environmental/nature education programs, and aquatic programs also fall short of the needs of the community.

When asked what new or enhanced opportunities residents would like to see within the City, nearly 47% of all respondents choose hiking/walking trails, followed by restrooms (44%), adult fitness and wellness (36%), community gardens (33%), and bicycling (32%). These responses were similar to the open-ended questions that asked what residents felt are the top three recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years. The word cloud below shows the most frequently used phrases for respondents' number one priorities.

RESPONSES: WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE TOP THREE (3) RECREATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR BIRMINGHAM IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

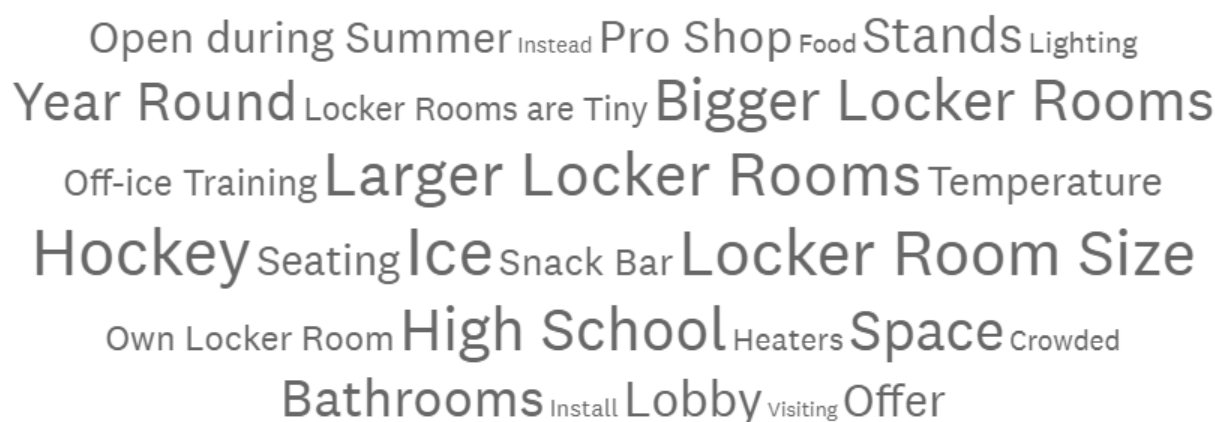


The Ice Sports Arena and Golf Course Surveys sought to understand specific users experience with each facility. Respondents experiences with the golf courses were positive. Nearly 93% of all respondents reported satisfaction with the City of Birmingham Golf Course with 56% of all respondents living in

Birmingham. Half of respondents felt that the City should prioritize the golf course the same as other parks within the city. Improvements suggestions included: improved general maintenance, speed of play and the greens, and improved bunkers/sand traps.

Respondents to the Ice Sports Arena were split 58% residents, 42% nonresidents. Satisfaction with the facility was mixed; 47% of respondents reported satisfaction with 59% of survey respondents believing that the City of Birmingham should prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena more than other parks. 42% of respondents are willing to pay between zero and ten percent more in fees for improvements. While, 38% of respondents would be willing to pay more than 10% in increased fees for improvements. The word cloud below shows the most commonly provided suggestions for improvement to the Ice Sports Arena, with larger locker rooms being mentioned approximately 100 times.

RESPONSES: WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE IMPROVED? (ICE SPORTS ARENA)



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

McKenna organized and facilitated, with the support of the City, six Roundtable Discussions over three days. The Roundtable Discussions ensured that representatives from specific stakeholder groups were able to provide feedback about their organization's perceived parks and recreation needs. The following are major themes that emerged from each roundtable discussion:

Department Heads and Boards and Commissions Liaisons

- Coordination with other city planning and development efforts, such as the Multimodal Plan, Eton Road Plan, Triangle Plan, Bates Street Extension, Activating Urban Public Space (Alleys and Passages Plan)
- Birmingham's parks should function as a system with each park as a connection to something significant within the City
- If planned and designed correctly, restrooms at certain parks may be an option

Greenwood Cemetery Advisory/Library Director/Museum Director

- The Birmingham Museum is an important park asset and collaboration between leadership is an important component of securing funding for major system improvements, such as trail connections and access to the Rouge
- The Birmingham Museum is about to undertake a Master Planning process

- The Greenwood Cemetery is currently in the process of starting a Master Plan Process
- The Greenwood Cemetery offers a historic and beautiful greenspace for quiet respite

Birmingham Shopping District

- There is potential for additional private-public partnerships at downtown parks, especially during special events (Dream Cruise)
- Create a connection across Woodward Avenue. Consider aspirational designs like the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway in Boston to connect neighborhoods with linear public space (over roadway?)
- Shop owners believe that additional programming at public spaces may bring people into stores

Birmingham Public Schools (BPS)

- Both the public schools and the parks find it difficult to meet the demands of larger sports associations because of limited amounts of property
- The BPS partnership with NEXT (Senior Group) has been very successful- Parks and Recreation may consider expanding on their partnership

Leagues, Associations, and Nonprofit Providers

- Providers appreciate the quality of Birmingham's parks
- Recreation providers are willing to partner with the City to improve facilities for their programs (e.g., baseball at Kenning Park, tennis/platform tennis at Kenning Park, bathrooms or storage at St. James Park)

Neighborhood Associations

- Many residents appreciate the parks- they function as a 3rd space for residents and their families
- There are some drainage problems that should be addressed, especially the water collection area on or near Adams Park
- There are significant concerns about non-motorized transportation throughout the City, difficulty crossing Woodward seen as a barrier between east and west sides
- Residents would like to see park and multimodal connections prioritized in the City's budgeting process

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

During the Open House, residents, stakeholders and community members participated in a the same quick and fun engagement exercises that were available at the Farmers Market Field Day. An estimated thirty to forty residents participated in the Open House and attended the following presentation. The participants generally were older couples and individuals. The following summarize the exercises and identifies common themes:

What's Your Big Idea?

Similar to the field day exercise, participants were prompted to share their "Big Idea" for Birmingham Parks and Recreation. The Big Ideas received at the Open House reflected the needs of the specific residents that were present the Open House. Common themes that emerged

were multimodal connections, the desire for natural resource management, and capital improvements.

The table below highlights some of “The Big Ideas” that emerged by theme from the Open House (see Attachment 3 for a list of all shared Big Ideas).

“WHAT’S YOUR BIG IDEA?” FIELD DAY RESULTS

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIONS	NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Better bike connections between parks	Utilize grey water for landscaping	Add shade structures at Barnum Park
Add paved walkways for those unsteady on their feet, use walkers, or for children	Locate solar panels at parks/open space	Add outdoor museum or historical playground at Birmingham Museum
Improve and enforce crosswalks near parks	Native plants and community gardens	Bridge over the Rouge to connect Lynn Smith Park and Linden Park
Traffic calming near parks	Provide interpretive signage that educates park users about native plants, birds, and insects	Restrooms or porta johns near tennis courts and specific holes at Lincoln Hills Golf Course

Resource Mapping

Using the same maps and icons from the Field Day exercise, participants were prompted to identify and map resources that they felt were needed throughout the Birmingham parks system. Participants favored passive improvements to the parks like trash/recycle receptacles, walking and biking paths, drinking fountains, and accessibility improvements. Resources were mapped most frequently at Adams Park and Poppleton Park. For a complete list of the resources mapped see attachment 4.

Open Ended Comments

Participants were asked to provide additional input through open-ended comment cards. In total, ten comment cards were submitted by the end of Open House and Presentation. Many of the comments submitted expressed the desire to preserve the green space at Kenning Park and Poppleton Park. Comments suggesting the addition of pickleball courts and a bridge to connect Linn Smith Park and Linden Park were also provided. The full list of comments is available in attachment 65

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BIRMINGHAM,
MICHIGAN *Parks & Recreation*

Communications Program for Public Engagement

September, 2017

Engagement Methods 1 & 2: Birmingham Field Day & Open House

The public meetings will provide the planning team the opportunity to engage the residents face-to-face. During the Field Day and Open House, residents will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities to provoke thoughtful feedback.

The Field Day and Open House will be staffed by McKenna, but publicity support will be provided by the City of Birmingham. Below is the publicity program to ensure meaningful resident attendance during the events.

EVENTS

1. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

- a. The Birmingham Field Day event will be held on September 17 from 9am to 2pm at the Birmingham Farmers Market located at 521 Brookside Avenue. The weekly Farmers Market features over 70 vendors and serves as a popular shopping and community event.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

- a. The Open House will be held on October 3 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm during one of the Parks and Recreation Board regular monthly meetings.

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND MARKETING METHODS

1. CITY WEBSITE

- a. Invite information about the Public Meetings should be advertised on the city website's homepage, on the project webpage, and on the City Calendar.

2. POSTER ADVERTISING

- a. Graphic Flyers, supplied by McKenna, should be posted at City Hall, the Library, the Ice Arena, both Golf Courses, the Baldwin House, the All Seasons Senior Housing

Community, the shopping districts bulletin board locations, and all other sites the City deems appropriate. The flyers will advertise the Field Day, Open House and all other public engagement opportunities.

3. CABLE TV

- a. The City can provide information on the Cable TV station, directing viewers to the City's home page event invite.
- b. *Sample language: "Attention residents! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department at the Farmers Market on Sunday, September 17 from 9am to 2pm to discuss the future of Birmingham parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*
- c. *Sample language: "You are invited to a Public Open House! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department for an Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City's project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details."*

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. City Administration should announce the Field Day and Open during all public meetings or interactions with groups of residents.

5. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. The City can provide a link to the event invite on Social Media sites such as, Facebook and Twitter, and send periodic reminders.
- b. *Sample language: "Attention residents! Join the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department at the Farmers Market on Sunday, September 17 from 9am to 2pm to discuss the future of Birmingham parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*
- c. *Sample language: "You are invited to attend the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City's project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details."*

6. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- a. A short description of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning Process, an invitation to the Open House, and a link to the survey (see below) will be included in the quarterly newsletter mailed all residents.
- b. *City-Approved Language: Our Parks and Recreation Plan, last updated in 2012, is an important resource that Birmingham’s elected and appointed officials and City Administration use to strategically guide the development, maintenance, and programming of our City parks. The Parks and Recreation Board is currently preparing an updated plan to be adopted in 2018, and is seeking your input to help guide the future of Birmingham’s parks and recreation choices.*
Join us for a project-specific Open House and presentation by our consultants, McKenna Associates, on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with the Parks and Recreation Board meeting / presentation beginning at 6:30pm; both events will take place at the City of Birmingham Public Services Building (851 S Eton St.). Please visit the City’s project website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for more details.
The City is also gathering resident feedback through an online and hard copy survey. Your input is needed before October 15th! The survey is available online OR visit City Hall, the Birmingham Ice Arena, or the Baldwin Public Library to pick up a hard copy. Please call the Parks and Recreation Manager, Carrie Laird, at (248)530-1714 with questions, to request additional information, or to provide input.
Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation planning.

Engagement Method 3: Survey

An important component of the public engagement program for the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the online and “hard copy” survey (attached). The survey has been designed to take less than 10 minutes for respondents to complete, and is straightforward and simply worded. We have established a goal of receiving at least 300 responses to the survey.

Below is vital information for the survey and how it will best be administered by the City of Birmingham, with support by McKenna.

METHODS FOR ACCESSING SURVEY

1. ONLINE

- a. The survey is being conducted on the survey website called Survey Monkey, and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey>
- b. The link can be copied and pasted into emails, onto handouts, or any other means of publicity, and will work by following the link or typing the address into a web browser (i.e. Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, etc.).

2. HARD COPY

- a. Survey Monkey provides for creating PDF versions of the online survey, which can be printed and distributed in hard copy format. This is considered a best practice and

crucial element to the survey process, since not all constituents are able to easily navigate the internet, nor do they all have access.

- b. The hard copy surveys must be gathered and returned to McKenna to be inputted into the online format because Survey Monkey generates automatic reports concerning results.

SURVEY DATES

- 1. SURVEY OPEN: SEPTEMBER 01, 2017
- 2. SURVEY CLOSED: OCTOBER 15, 2017

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND DISTRIBUTION METHODS

1. CITY WEBSITE

- a. The survey should be linked on the home page of the City's website; this will be the primary access to the survey for all online respondents.

2. PUBLIC PICK UP LOCATIONS

- a. The attached PDF of the survey should be printed and put on display in City Hall, the Library, the Ice Arena, both Golf Courses, The Baldwin House, and All Seasons Senior Housing with a person designated to collect filled out surveys and put into an envelope or folder for McKenna to pick up once the survey is complete.

3. NIXLE (IF CITY USES THIS OR SIMILAR MUNICIPAL SERVICE)

- a. The City can provide a link on Nixle to the website on the home page; should include close date for the survey, and send periodic reminders.
- b. Sample language: *"Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham's parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/ParksRecPlan> for a link to the survey OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*

4. CABLE TV

- a. The City can provide information on the Cable TV station, directing viewers to the City's home page link to the survey, or to pick up a copy at City Hall or the Library.
- b. Sample language: *"Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham's parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. Please visit the City's website at <http://www.bhamgov.org/> for a link to the survey OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming."*

5. EMAIL TO COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

- a. City Administration should distribute the link to the survey to members of all Boards and Commissions for whom you have an email address. If the City has email addresses or contact information for neighborhood groups / block clubs, you could also distribute the link to those community groups.

- b. Sample language: *Dear Council, Board or Commission member, or neighborhood representative, for the City of Birmingham-*

The City is in the process of updating our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and are putting in a sincere effort to gather as many responses to an online and hard copy survey as possible. Thus, we write to you asking you to 1) take the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey> or fill out a hard copy of the survey at City Hall AND 2) forward this email to 10 of your City of Birmingham friends and neighbors, requesting that they too take the survey. The deadline is October 15th, 2017 – please contact Carrie Laird, claird@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1700 with any questions. Thank you so much for your support, interest and passion for our great City of Birmingham!”

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. City Administration should announce the survey during all public meetings or interactions with groups of residents.

7. NEWS ARTICLE

- a. City Administration may wish to contact the local reporter for the newspaper, and share that the City is performing a survey. McKenna can help support these efforts if desired by the City.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. City Administration can provide a link on Social Media sites such as, Facebook and Twitter, and should include close date for the survey, and send periodic reminders.
- b. Sample language: “Attention residents! Your input is needed before October 15th to guide the future of Birmingham’s parks and recreation, from park maintenance to recreational programming. To take the survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BhamParksRecSurvey> OR visit City Hall or the Library to pick up a hard copy. Thank you for your interest in the future of our parks and recreation programming.”
- c. City Administration may also post on Social Media image content generated at the field day (pictures of residents, activity outputs) with similar language.

9. QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- a. A short description of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning Process, an invitation to the Open House, and a link to the survey will be included in the quarterly newsletter mailed all residents.
- b. Sample Language: *See above.*

Engagement Method 4: Roundtable Discussions

McKenna will organize and facilitate, with the support of the City, four or five Roundtable Discussions over two days. The Roundtable Discussions will ensure that representatives from specific interest groups can provide feedback about their organization’s parks and recreation needs. In addition, these roundtable discussions are a critical means of engaging the stakeholder groups who may not be easily

involved in large event public participation methods, such as residents with disabilities, the elderly, youth, and/or lower-income groups.

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

1. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES, AND PUBLIC GROUPS
2. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
3. LEAGUES, ASSOCIATIONS, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
4. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

POTENTIAL PUBLICITY AND MARKETING METHODS

1. INVITATION

- a. Representatives from each stakeholder group will be emailed an invitation requesting their presence at the roundtable discussion.

- b. *Invitations for each Roundtable Discussion attached.*
Sample Language: Presently, the City of Birmingham, as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), is undertaking its Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. The effort includes significant participation by Birmingham residents, stakeholders and specific interest groups representing the diverse needs of parks and recreation users.

Boards, commissions, City departments and other public agencies play a vital role in the development, maintenance, and programming of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Birmingham. We want to hear your experiences, challenges, and opinions regarding the recreation programs, services, and facilities that Birmingham offers. Please consider attending the below roundtable discussion session:

Thursday, September 21, 2017

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Birmingham Municipal Building- Conference Room

151 Martin St.

Birmingham, MI 48009

Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by [insert date] to Carrie Laird, Birmingham Parks and Recreation Manager, by responding to this email. Please call Carrie at (248) 530-1642 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT GROUPS

1. THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WHICH GUIDES PREPARATION OF PLANS, VALUES OUTREACH TO SPECIFIC GROUPS, AS FOLLOW:

- a. **Seniors** – Hard copies of the survey will be distributed to two retirement communities; the Baldwin House and All Seasons. In addition, the survey link will be shared with NEXT, Birmingham’s senior group. Representatives from senior groups will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Groups Roundtable Discussion.

- b. **Persons with Disabilities** – The survey link will be shared with FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation, a nonprofit organization that provides arts and recreation programs to persons with disabilities. Representative from organizations that provide recreational programming and advocacy for persons with disabilities will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Groups Roundtable Discussion.
- c. **Youth** – The survey link will be shared with the Birmingham Youth Assistance Organization and with the Birmingham Public Schools’ administration. Representatives from both organizations will be invited to attend the Specific Interest Group and Public Groups Roundtable Discussions respectively. In addition, representatives from the various youth sports leagues will be invited to attend the Leagues, Associations, and Private Recreation Providers Roundtable Discussion.

Please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP at straxler@mcka.com or Laura Haw, AICP at lhaw@mcka.com with any questions, or if we can be of further assistance. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Roundtable Discussions Schedule

September 13, 2017

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – Birmingham Municipal Building (Conference Room)	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Department Heads (Community Development, Planning, Engineering, Police, Fire)
2:00 - 2:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board (City Clerk) / Library Director / Museum Director
3:00 - 3:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Birmingham Shopping District Director
4:00 - 4:15 pm	<i>Transition</i>
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Birmingham Community Education / Public Schools Representatives
Friday, September 22, 2017 – Birmingham Department Public Services Building (Conference Room)	
8:30 - 10:00 am	Leagues and Associations / Public Private Recreation Providers
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Transition</i>
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Specific Interest Groups
12:00 - 12:30 pm	<i>Transition</i>
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Neighborhood Associations
2:00 pm	<i>Wrap Up</i>

Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Public Groups

Birmingham Community Education
Birmingham Shopping District Board
Birmingham Public Schools
Birmingham Triangle District Corridor Improvement Authority
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
City of Birmingham Department Heads
Design Review Board
Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board
Historic District Commission
Historic District Study Committee
Library Board
Martha Baldwin Park Board
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Museum Board
Public Arts Board
Public Space Activation Subcommittee

Leagues and Associations/Public Private Recreation Providers

Birmingham Baseball Little League
Birmingham Beverly Hills Church Softball League
Birmingham Figure Skating Club
Birmingham Girls Softball League
Birmingham Hockey Association
Birmingham Racquet Club
Birmingham United Soccer
Birmingham YMCA
Birmingham-Bloomfield Soccer Club
Eton Academy
First United Methodist Church
Forest Hills Swim Club
Holy Name Hurricane Club - Holy Name School
Our Shepherd Lutheran
Roeper School
The Community House

Specific Interest Groups

All Seasons of Birmingham (Senior Housing)
Baldwin House (Senior Housing)
Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF)
Birmingham Youth Assistance Organization
NEXT

Neighborhood Associations

Birmingham Estates Homeowners Association

Birmingham Farms Neighborhood Association

Birmingham Villas Association

Buckingham Village Condo Association

Central Birmingham Residents

Cinderilla Patch

Coryell Park Association

Crestview Subdivision Association

Hazel/Chestnut/Forest Association

Hidden Ravines Association

Highland View Association

Howarth Park Neighborhood Association

Little San Francisco Neighborhood Association

Maple Village Condo Association

Mill Pond Association

Pembrook Manor Association

Pierce / St. James Association

Pleasant Street Neighborhood Association

Quarton Lake

Sheffield Homeowners

South Poppleton Association

Torry Community

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“Big Idea” Public Engagement Results

FIELD DAY RESULTS

September 17, 2017 Farmers Market booth

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Splash pad	12
Swimming pool (outdoor)	3
Restroom Facilities	3
Year round farmers market building	2
Better parking for the market—parking structure	2
More trails	2
Dog park with swimming hole/beach	2
Increase rubber surface in the parks	2
Dog park off Eaton & Lincoln	
Surf pool	
Bouncing pillow pad	
Retrofit swing sets so all ages are side by side	
Place slides in the shade	
Walking bridge on Woodward	
Pickle Ball court	
Play equipment for ADA and handicap children	
Bicycle lanes	
Focus on World Class Design	
Beautify Adams Park	
Place Adams Park in the budget	
Mini library (little boxes)	
Community Garden corner of Maple/Woodward	

Tire swing	
Signs at trails (point to) Wayfinding	
Need Band Shell in Shain Park	
Sight lines better at Booth Park	
Move trees & Booth Park for clear line of sight	
Statues like Holland Michigan	
Do not change parking in Poppleton Park	
Allocate funding for parks	
Continue programming public spaces for continued interaction	
A natural playground	
Safety when bringing multiple children	
Webcam at the dog park	
People love their dogs, dogs love parks	
“Make sure that you pick up at least 10 pieces of trash every time you go to a park” – kid wrote	

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

October 3, 2017- Open House

COMMENT	TIMES MENTIONED
Bike connection between parks	1
2 more shade structures in Barnum Park	2
Leave the Rouse River in as natural state as possible	1
Greywater to water plants in parks using City Hall greywater	1
Public solar and wind projects, Royal Oak example perhaps?	1
Green Energy-using solar/wind to light our own parks	1
Chimneys for chimney swifts	1
Use open land for geothermal heating	1
Outdoor museum area at museum	1
Historical games/playground at museum	1
More room for creatures	1
Bridge over Rouge/Lynn Smith and Linden Park	2
Native gardens and grass areas in Barnum to support insects and birds	1
Plant more trees, plants and wild flowers	2
Enforce crosswalks	2
Dig our own wells to water grass & flowers	1

Bathroom at #5 Springdale	2
Raingarden-Rain barrels where appropriate-set the standard	1
Community Garden somewhere in this town	1
More walking trails	1
Use parks to educate-use charts, placecards, insect ID, etc. "see if you can find _____ kind of tree, etc.	1
Adams Park- implement plan asap	1
Splash pad/fountain in Barnum or any park	1
Leave Kenning Park as quiet as it is	1
More walkways for those who are unsteady on their feet or use walkers	1
Keep Wi-Fi outlets out of the Park system. Let us have some spots where we can have peace and quiet.	1
Radar speed signs on M-1 near Oak Crossings	1
There is nothing wrong with simplicity	1
Porta Johns for tennis courts	1
Change #9 @ Springdale to #5	1

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“Resource Mapping” Public Engagement Results

Icon key:



FIELD DAY RESULTS

September 17, 2017 Farmers Market booth

PARK NAME	RECOMMENDED RESOURCES
Adams Park	Playground (3) Seating Walking Paths Community Garden
Birmingham Museum	---
Baldwin Well Site	Write In: "Maple Rd. bridge for pedestrians." Trash / Recycle Receptacle
Barnum Park	Restrooms (3) Dog Park (4) Community Garden Write In: "More shade over playground." Write In: "Pickle Ball court."
Booth Park	Restrooms (2) Security Improvements Dog Park (2)
Booth Trail	Fitness Community Garden Trash / Recycle Receptacle Write In: "Signage for route for Maple/Willeets."
Crestview Park	Drinking Fountain
Derby Well Site	---
Howarth Park	---
Ice Sports Arena	---
Kenning Park	Playground (3)
Kenning Park Skate Park	---
Lincoln Hills Dog Park	---
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	---
Linden Park	Restrooms Seating Playground
Linn-Smith Park	---
Manor Park	Dog Park
Martha Bladwin Park	---
Pembroke Park	Dog Park

	Restrooms
Poppleton Park	Dog Park Seating WIFI Access Restroom Community Garden Crosswalks Write In: "Pine Trees" (2) Write In: "Tree Screening for noise."
Pump House Park	---
Quarton Lake Park	---
Quarton Tennis Court	---
Quarton Lake Trail	Playgrounds (2) WIFI access
Redding Well Site	---
Shain Park	Community Garden WIFI Access Fitness Trash / Recycle Receptacle
South Well Site	---
Springdale Golf Course	---
Springdale Park	---
St. James Park	Playground
West Lincoln Well Site	Playgrounds (2) Seating

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

October 3, 2017- Open House

<p><u>Linden Park & Trail</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Linn-Smith Park</u> Bridge</p> <p><u>Martha Baldwin Park</u> Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Howarth Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle</p> <p><u>Kenning Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>St. James Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Barnum Center</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Lighting</p> <p><u>Adams Park</u> Walking Paths Community Garden Playground Repairs</p>	<p><u>Pembroke Park</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Derby Well Site</u> Trash/Recycle Receptacle Walking Paths</p> <p><u>Manor Park</u> Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Poppleton Park</u> Community Garden Walking Paths Drinking Fountain Restrooms Accessibility Improvements Biking Paths</p> <p><u>Quarton Lake Park</u> Trash/ Recycle Receptacle</p> <p><u>Crestview Park</u> Trash/ Recycle Receptacle</p>
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BIRMINGHAM,
MICHIGAN *Parks & Recreation*

“Open Ended Comments” Public Engagement Results

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- I would very much like to see Poppleton Park remain completely green. It is perhaps the only undeveloped green space, and I'd like to see it remain green, as is, for all to enjoy as is. More trees would be wonderful.
- Keep Kenning Park Green – Open spaces, trees, and well maintained. Kids love to run and play without structured interference to navigate.
- Leave space for kids to run and imagine whatever they want the park to be – Green is good!! Heavy traffic is not. A park should be free of too much structure.
- Kenning Park – Preserve open space at Kenning Park – leave baseball where it is – maybe reconfigure if anything....but don't move diamonds or take any trees down.
- Kenning Park – Cheltenham and Haynes – quiet neighborhood, having a track would cause congestion in parking on the street.
- Birmingham needs pickle-ball courts, this is a very popular sport and it is a shame that we have to go outside the community to play. Look at Royal Oak Parks and Recreation there are many places to play.

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey



Why have you been asked to take a survey about parks and recreation in Birmingham?

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We respectfully request Birmingham residents' input about your experiences and opinions regarding the programs, services, and facilities that Birmingham offers. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation.

The following anonymous survey will take roughly 10 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP, NCI (McKenna Associates) at straxler@mcka.com.

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* 1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. As a resident, what facilities do you most frequently visit? (please select all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenning Park Skate Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarton Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birmingham Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Hills Dog Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarton Tennis Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baldwin Well Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Hills Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Redding Well Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barnum Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Linden Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Shain Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booth Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Linn-Smith Park | <input type="checkbox"/> South Well Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crestview Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Springdale Golf Course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derby Well Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Martha Baldwin Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Springdale Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howarth Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pembroke Park | <input type="checkbox"/> St. James Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Sports Arena | <input type="checkbox"/> Poppleton Park | <input type="checkbox"/> West Lincoln Well Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenning Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Pump House Park | |

3. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

- ☐ Members of my household use Parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Although members of my household do not use Parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.

4. In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports
- ☐ Organized Team Sports
- ☐ Cultural Events
- ☐ Classes / Enrichment Programs
- ☐ Children's Play
- ☐ Nature Study / Gardening

5. Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Birmingham:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Overall existing outdoor facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall indoor facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of bike facilities and paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I use private facilities and programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration for programs is too difficult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are too high | <input type="checkbox"/> Program times are not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program or facility not offered | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities do not have the right equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor customer service by staff | <input type="checkbox"/> None / no opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security is insufficient | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know the location of parks and facilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of programs is poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of parking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

7. Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.

	Exceed the Need	Meet the Need	Fall Short of the Need	Undecided/No Opinion
Park Land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Arena (indoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf Courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performing Arts Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking or Biking Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WIFI Connections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community special events and festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth and adult sports programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family programs and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen and after school programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aquatic programs for all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs for people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wellness and fitness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental/nature education programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-cultural programs and offerings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Fitness and Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park (off leash) | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult / senior swim | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Fitness and Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking / Walking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard / Bike park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At-risk Programs for Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Arena | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Jazzercise / Zumba | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events / Festivals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling – Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts / Self Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Education Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resource Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural / Historical Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Fitness / Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for People with disabilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

#1 Priority

#2 Priority

#3 Priority

Answering the following questions will help us match future parks, programming, and events to specific groups within Birmingham.

10. What is your age?

- ☐ 17 or younger
- ☐ 18-34
- ☐ 35 – 49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☐ 65 or better

11. Do you live in the City of Birmingham?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Which quadrant do you live in?

- ☐ Quadrant A (north of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant B (north of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)
- ☐ Quadrant D (south of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)

13. Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

14. Please provide your email address if you would like to receive more information about the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process:

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Ice Arena Survey



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We specifically request input about your experiences and opinions regarding the Birmingham Ice Arena. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation. The following anonymous survey will take roughly 5 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Sarah Traxler, AICP, NCI (McKenna Associates) at straxler@mcka.com.

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* 1. Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Ice Arena?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. What do you think could be improved?

3. How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena?

☐ More than other park improvements

☐ Less than other park improvements

☐ The same as other park improvements

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

4. Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements? (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

☐ 0-10 percent more

☐ 10-20 percent more

☐ 20-30 percent more

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

5. Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

☐ Yes

☐ No

City of Birmingham, MI Parks & Recreation Master Plan Golf Course Survey



Why have you been asked to take a survey about parks and recreation in Birmingham?

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We specifically request input about your experiences and opinions regarding Birmingham Golf Courses. Your participation is crucial to helping Birmingham make the best choices in parks and recreation. The following anonymous survey will take roughly 5 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Thank you for your participation!

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* 1. Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Golf Courses?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. What do you think could be improved?

3. How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to its Golf Courses?

☐ More than other park improvements

☐ Less than other park improvements

☐ The same as other park improvements

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

4. Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements? (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

☐ 0-10 percent more

☐ 10-20 percent more

☐ 20-30 percent more

☐ Undecided / No Opinion

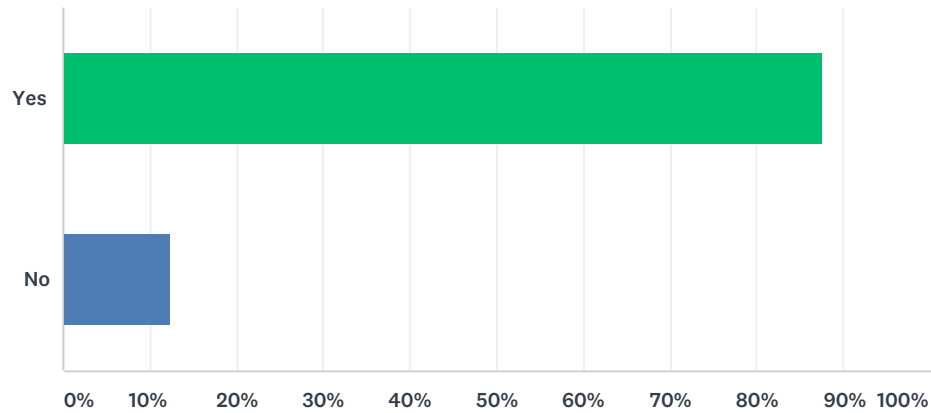
5. Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q1 Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Birmingham Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

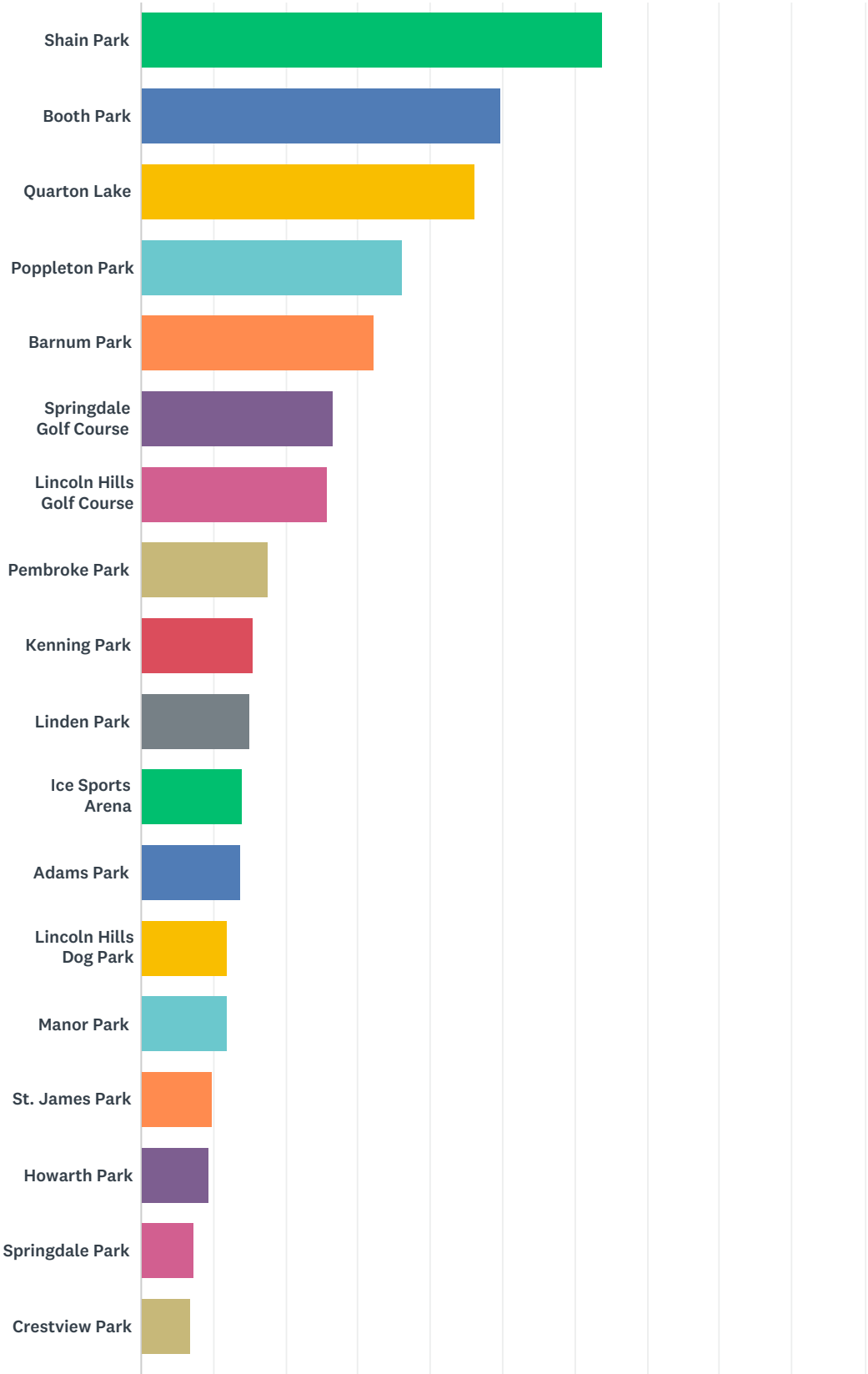
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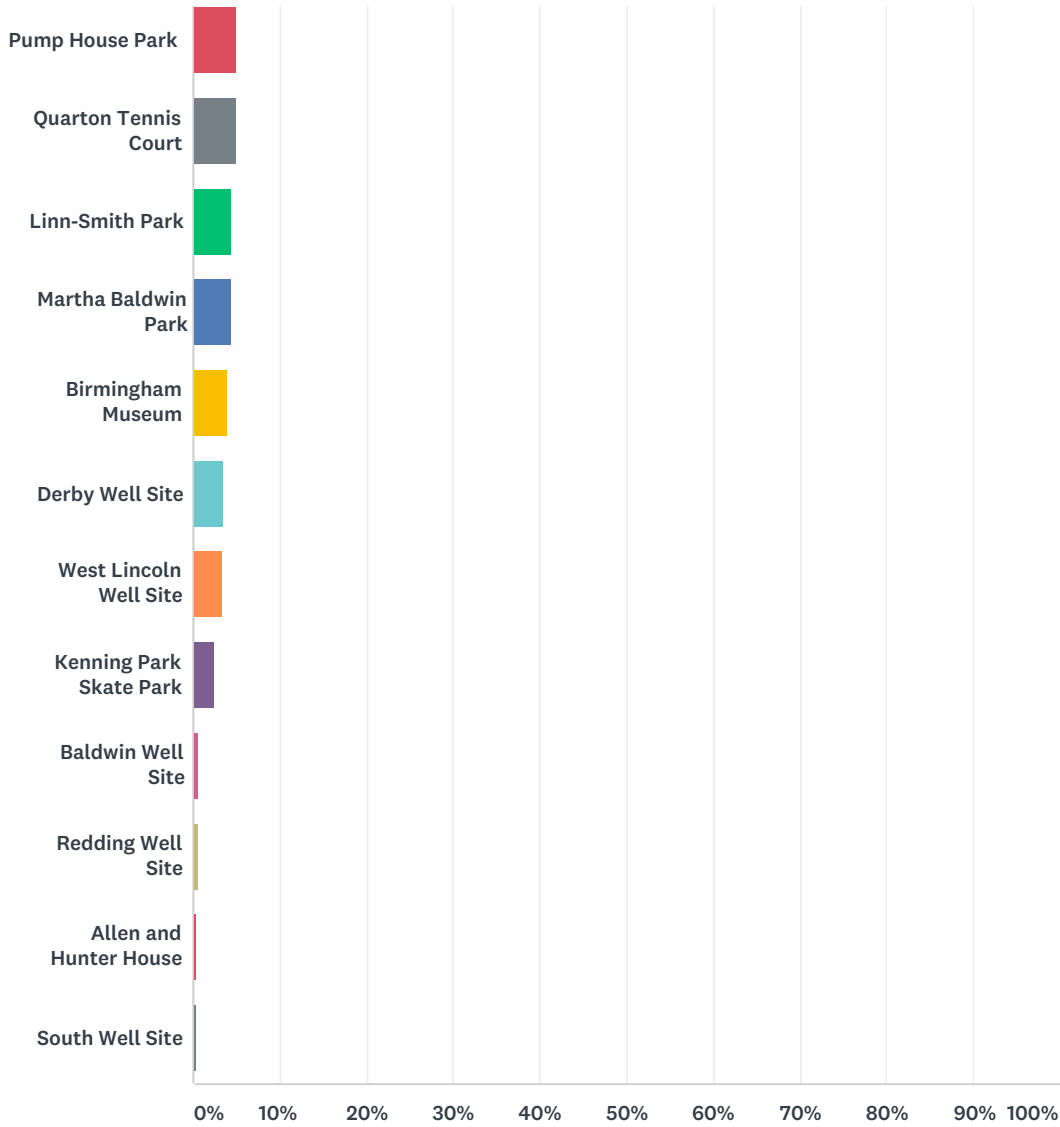
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.56%	366
No	12.44%	52
TOTAL		418

Q2 As a resident, what facilities do you most frequently visit? (please select all that apply)

Answered: 411 Skipped: 6



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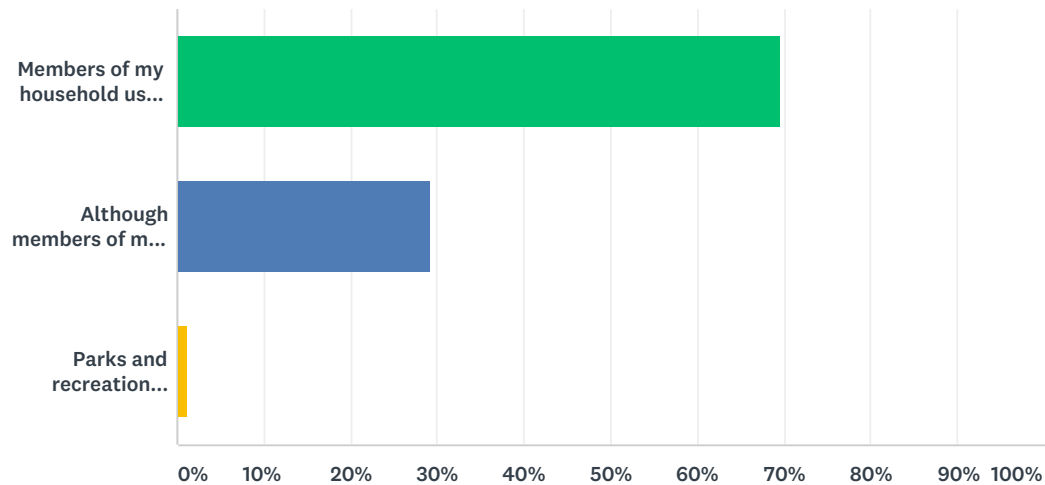
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Shain Park	63.75%	262
Booth Park	49.88%	205
Quarton Lake	46.23%	190
Poppleton Park	36.25%	149
Barnum Park	32.12%	132
Springdale Golf Course	26.52%	109
Lincoln Hills Golf Course	25.79%	106
Pembroke Park	17.52%	72
Kenning Park	15.57%	64
Linden Park	15.09%	62
Ice Sports Arena	14.11%	58
Adams Park	13.87%	57

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Lincoln Hills Dog Park	11.92%	49
Manor Park	11.92%	49
St. James Park	9.73%	40
Howarth Park	9.49%	39
Springdale Park	7.30%	30
Crestview Park	6.81%	28
Pump House Park	5.11%	21
Quarton Tennis Court	5.11%	21
Linn-Smith Park	4.38%	18
Martha Baldwin Park	4.38%	18
Birmingham Museum	3.89%	16
Derby Well Site	3.65%	15
West Lincoln Well Site	3.41%	14
Kenning Park Skate Park	2.43%	10
Baldwin Well Site	0.73%	3
Redding Well Site	0.73%	3
Allen and Hunter House	0.49%	2
South Well Site	0.49%	2
Total Respondents: 411		

Q3 Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

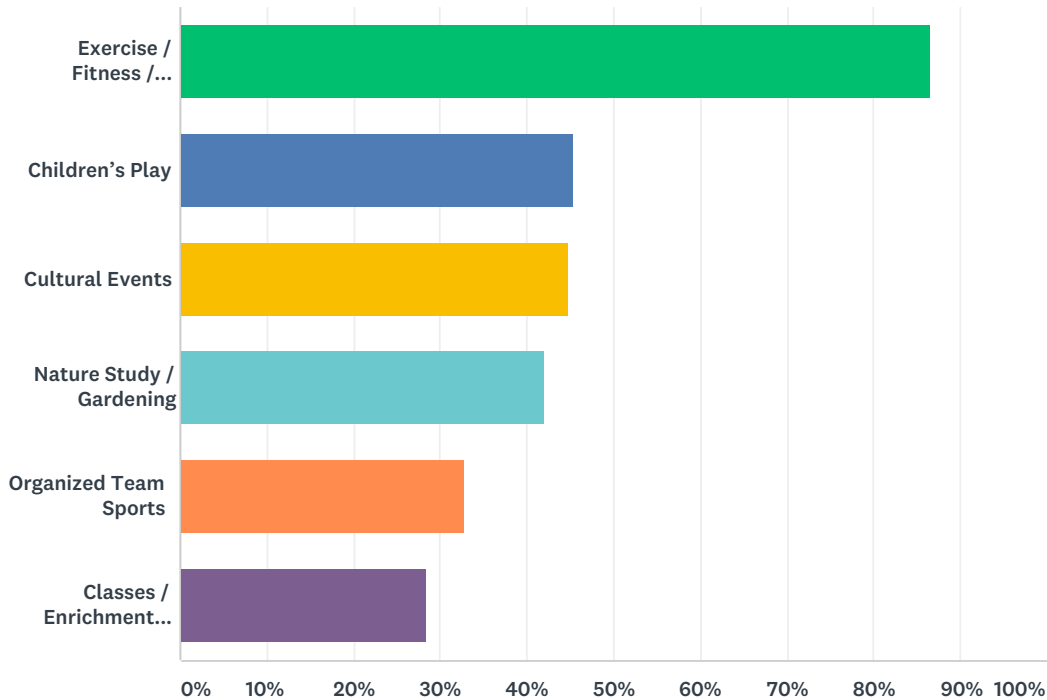
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Members of my household use Parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	69.57%	288
Although members of my household do not use Parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	29.23%	121
Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.	1.21%	5
TOTAL		414

Q4 In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

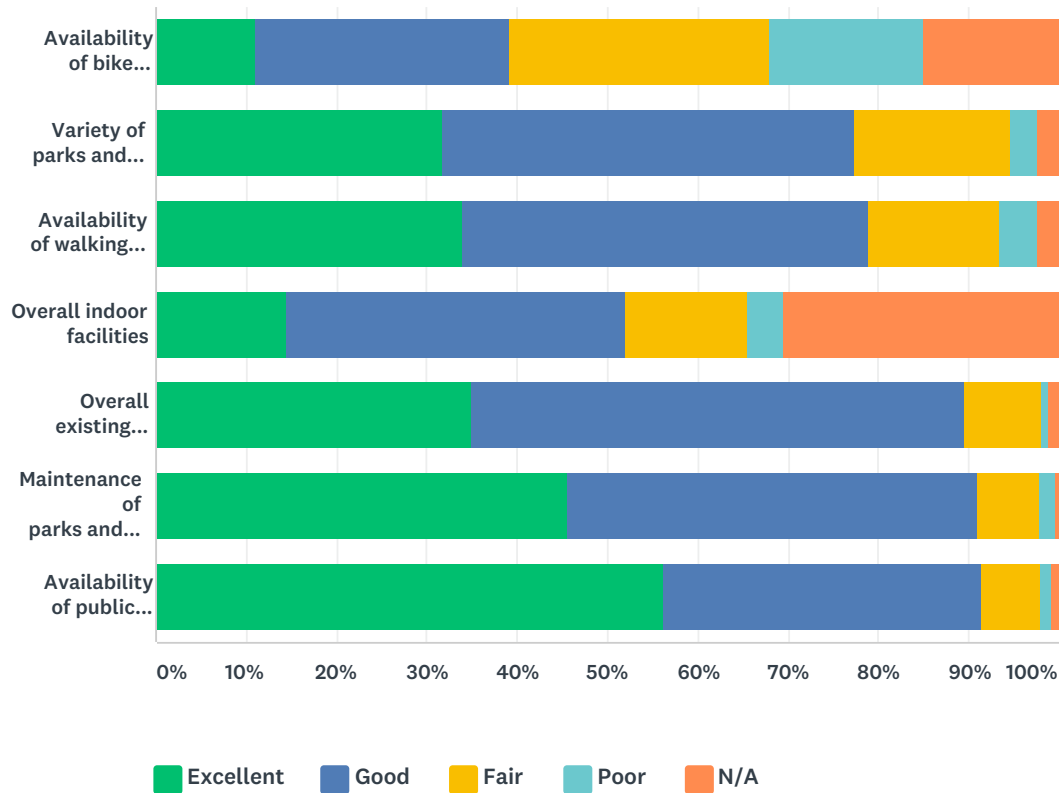
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports	86.62%	356
Children's Play	45.50%	187
Cultural Events	44.77%	184
Nature Study / Gardening	42.09%	173
Organized Team Sports	32.85%	135
Classes / Enrichment Programs	28.47%	117
Total Respondents: 411		

Q5 Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Birmingham:

Answered: 414 Skipped: 3

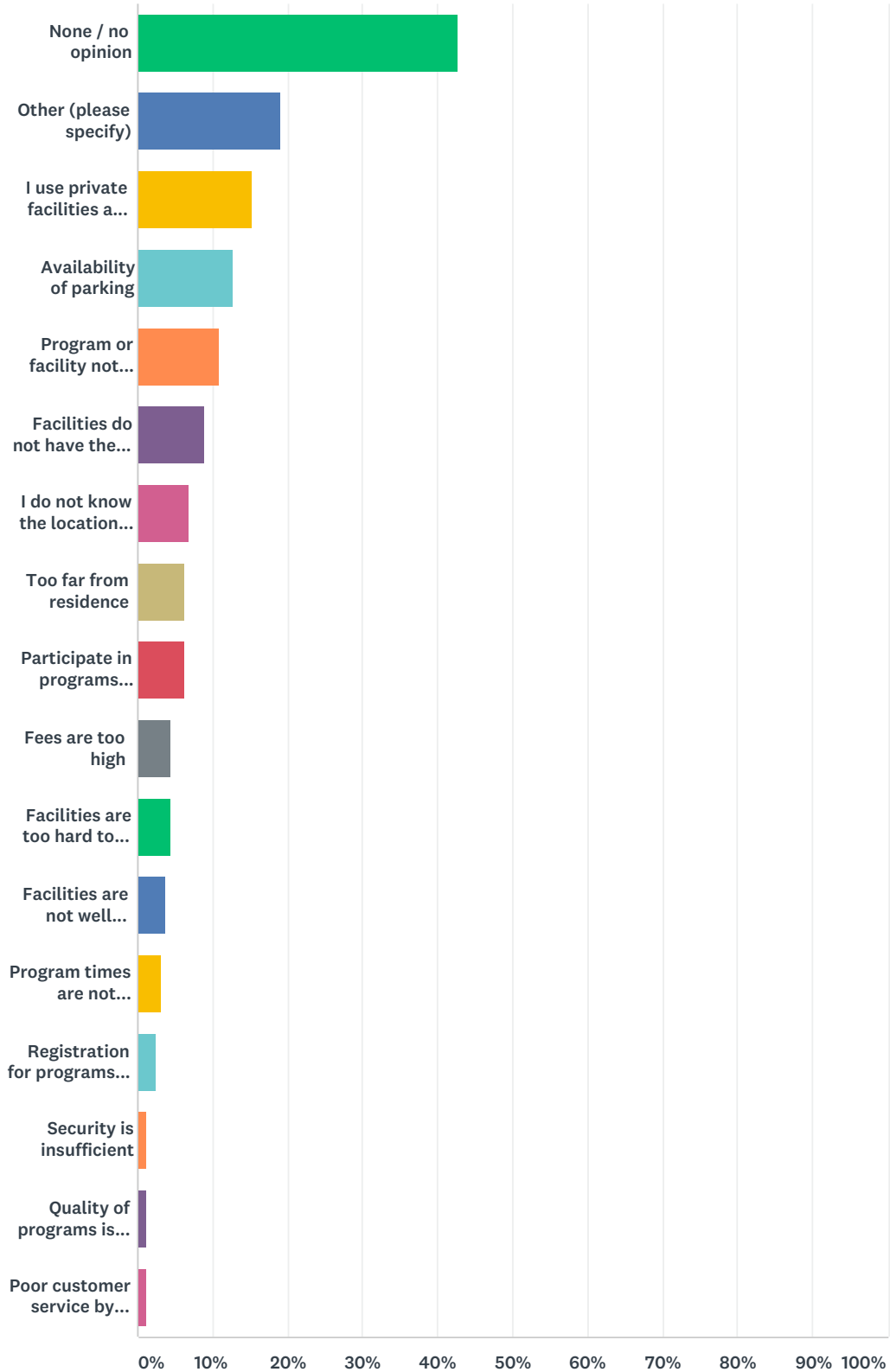


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A	TOTAL
Availability of bike facilities and paths	11.00% 45	28.12% 115	28.85% 118	16.87% 69	15.16% 62	409
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	31.70% 129	45.70% 186	17.20% 70	2.95% 12	2.46% 10	407
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	33.90% 140	45.04% 186	14.53% 60	4.12% 17	2.42% 10	413
Overall indoor facilities	14.43% 58	37.56% 151	13.43% 54	3.98% 16	30.60% 123	402
Overall existing outdoor facilities	35.02% 145	54.59% 226	8.45% 35	0.72% 3	1.21% 5	414
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	45.52% 188	45.52% 188	6.78% 28	1.69% 7	0.48% 2	413
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	56.17% 232	35.11% 145	6.78% 28	1.21% 5	0.73% 3	413

Q6 If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 260

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None / no opinion	42.68%	67
Other (please specify)	19.11%	30
I use private facilities and programs	15.29%	24

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Availability of parking	12.74%	20
Program or facility not offered	10.83%	17
Facilities do not have the right equipment	8.92%	14
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	7.01%	11
Too far from residence	6.37%	10
Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations	6.37%	10
Fees are too high	4.46%	7
Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access	4.46%	7
Facilities are not well maintained	3.82%	6
Program times are not convenient	3.18%	5
Registration for programs is too difficult	2.55%	4
Security is insufficient	1.27%	2
Quality of programs is poor	1.27%	2
Poor customer service by staff	1.27%	2
Total Respondents: 157		

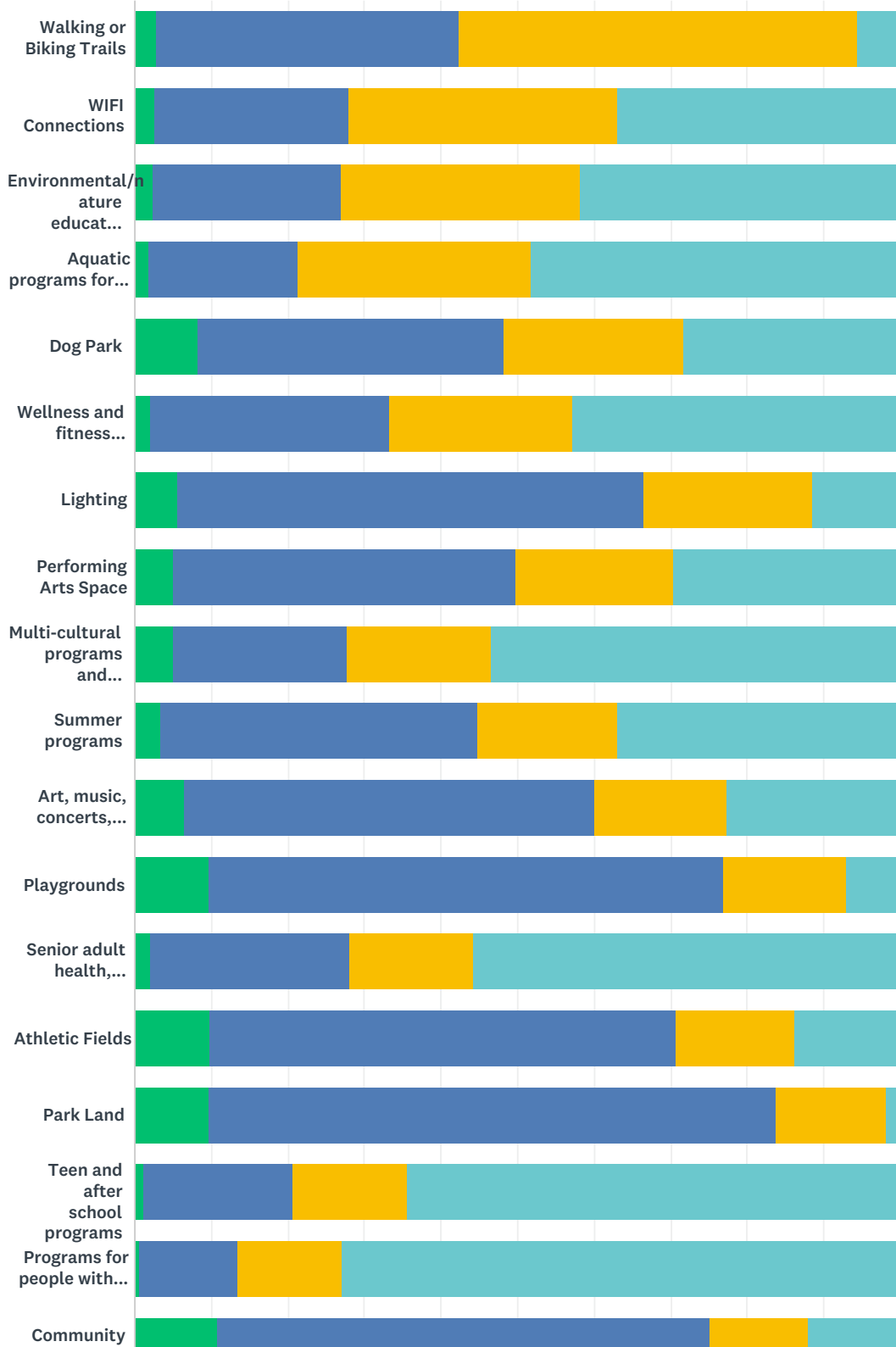
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We need to keep an eye on security, since we draw in so many out of towners (strangers).	10/19/2017 11:48 AM
2	Facilities are inconsistent, poorly connected = hard to access.	10/19/2017 11:30 AM
3	Occasionally, homeless sleeping on Barnum bench.	10/15/2017 3:12 PM
4	There is a huge void in activities for active seniors! We need outdoor pickleball courts, shuffleboard, bocce courts, etc. most times that I observe our smaller parks, no one is there. Seniors would be there! West Lincoln Rd park has the space for pickle ball, bocce, etc. I have never seen anyone using Linden Park either. Thanks for taking my comments. I sincerely hope you can address these issues for our oldest citizens!	10/14/2017 6:37 PM
5	I work full time and many of the classes are offered at night when I don't feel like attending. During the warmer months I like bicycle after work and I feel that there needs to be more attention to bike paths in and around Birmingham. Currently, I try to avoid any main roads and ride in residential areas or along 14 mile road on the sidewalk. However, there are many areas without sidewalks and I have no choice but to ride in the street. The cars don't slow down or try to share the road to me. I feel it is dangerous, but often have no choice but to ride in the street.	10/14/2017 7:52 AM
6	Those in the triangle district and rail district need a park to service them directly rather than having to cross major road to get to park	10/14/2017 7:08 AM
7	poor quality of facilities in our local park vs. other parks in city	10/12/2017 8:44 PM
8	some pet owners are not cleaning up after their dogs and the park does not have a running trail	10/12/2017 7:15 PM
9	the homeless/beggars around town.	10/12/2017 8:46 AM
10	Trails could be better maintained.	10/12/2017 7:05 AM
11	Benchmark top cities of our size	10/11/2017 7:08 PM
12	I would love to have a quality sand volleyball court in the city.	10/11/2017 3:35 PM
13	Mainly baseball....diamonds not maintained/no restrooms	10/11/2017 8:57 AM
14	I am not aware of the programs/offerings at the parks.	10/11/2017 8:14 AM
15	Other things going on	10/11/2017 7:35 AM

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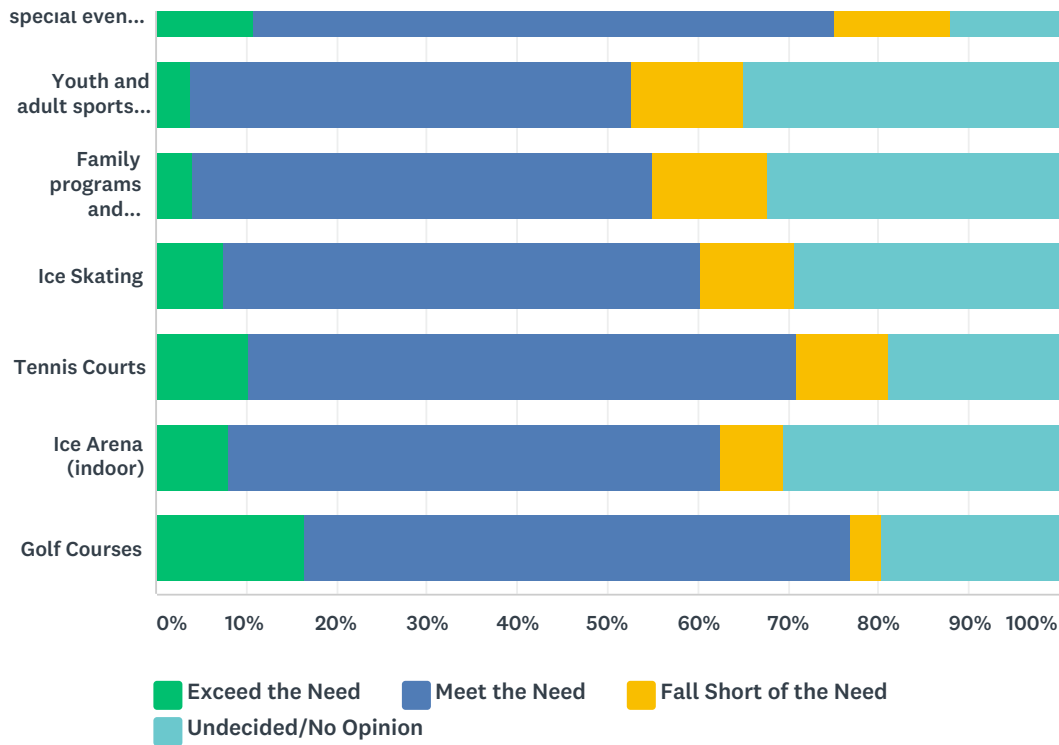
16	Outdoor or indoor pool would be great for the children and adults	10/10/2017 4:34 PM
17	Lack of Public restrooms	10/5/2017 12:22 PM
18	Poppleton Park has limited parking and it seems there is a lot of empty space that is not used but maintained by the city.	10/4/2017 4:18 PM
19	do not live in Birmingham/ use free services and FEE for dog park	10/2/2017 4:09 PM
20	Microwave masts in park; muddy sodden paths; suspect individuals; not enough daytime dance classes across the city; more ecologically diverse parks would be nice. More community building programmes are needed.	9/27/2017 3:51 PM
21	too busy	9/27/2017 2:57 PM
22	Lack of parking at Quarton Lake & handicap access / Can't see the Lake from many benches!	9/25/2017 6:02 PM
23	Please plant more large deciduous shade trees! Bradford pears and evergreens are not suitable replacements for shade trees that have died/been removed.	9/24/2017 8:30 PM
24	New to the area and I'm not familiar with what is available and locations.	9/24/2017 12:16 PM
25	none of the above	9/21/2017 4:18 PM
26	My schedule is odd; what is convenient for the majority doesn't work for me so I can't really say that the times are "inconvenient"	9/20/2017 6:06 PM
27	Quiet tranquil greenspace is hard to come by.	9/20/2017 7:15 AM
28	Adams Park needs updated equipment, seating, landscaping	9/18/2017 7:32 PM
29	I live near Adams Park and there is a huge need for up dates and better play equipment, benches, tables, removing most of the ch	9/18/2017 7:29 PM
30	There needs to be a pedestrian bridge over Maple Rd. connecting the trails.	9/18/2017 6:14 PM

Q7 Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.

Answered: 356 Skipped: 61



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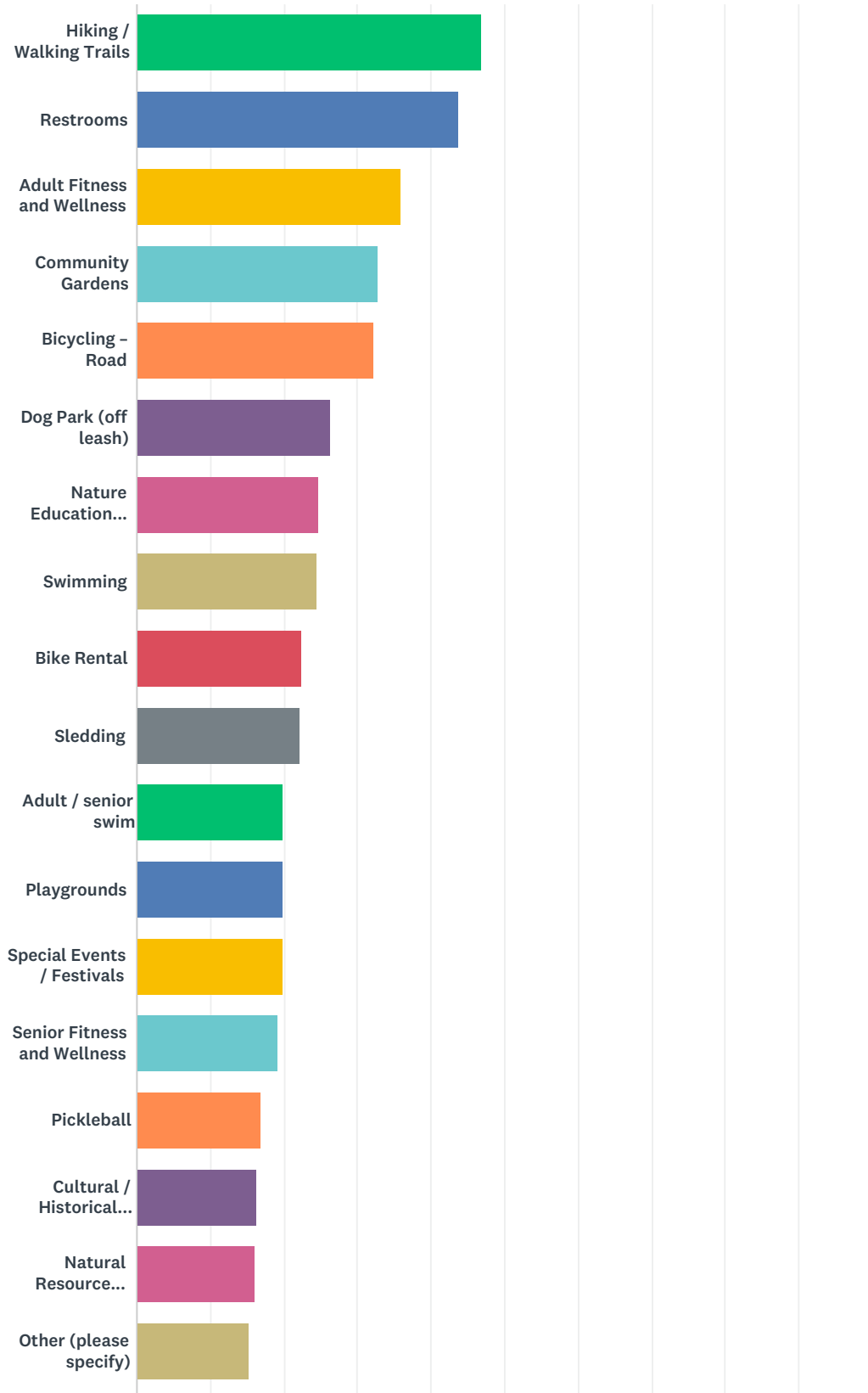
	EXCEED THE NEED	MEET THE NEED	FALL SHORT OF THE NEED	UNDECIDED/NO OPINION	TOTAL
Walking or Biking Trails	2.91% 10	39.53% 136	52.03% 179	5.52% 19	344
WIFI Connections	2.70% 9	25.23% 84	35.14% 117	36.94% 123	333
Environmental/nature education programs	2.39% 8	24.48% 82	31.34% 105	41.79% 140	335
Aquatic programs for all ages	1.81% 6	19.58% 65	30.42% 101	48.19% 160	332
Dog Park	8.19% 28	40.06% 137	23.39% 80	28.36% 97	342
Wellness and fitness programs	2.10% 7	31.14% 104	23.95% 80	42.81% 143	334
Lighting	5.71% 19	60.66% 202	22.22% 74	11.41% 38	333
Performing Arts Space	5.11% 17	44.74% 149	20.42% 68	29.73% 99	333
Multi-cultural programs and offerings	5.11% 17	22.52% 75	18.92% 63	53.45% 178	333
Summer programs	3.32% 11	41.39% 137	18.43% 61	36.86% 122	331
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance	6.51% 22	53.55% 181	17.16% 58	22.78% 77	338
Playgrounds	9.57% 33	67.25% 232	16.23% 56	6.96% 24	345
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	2.08% 7	26.11% 88	16.02% 54	55.79% 188	337

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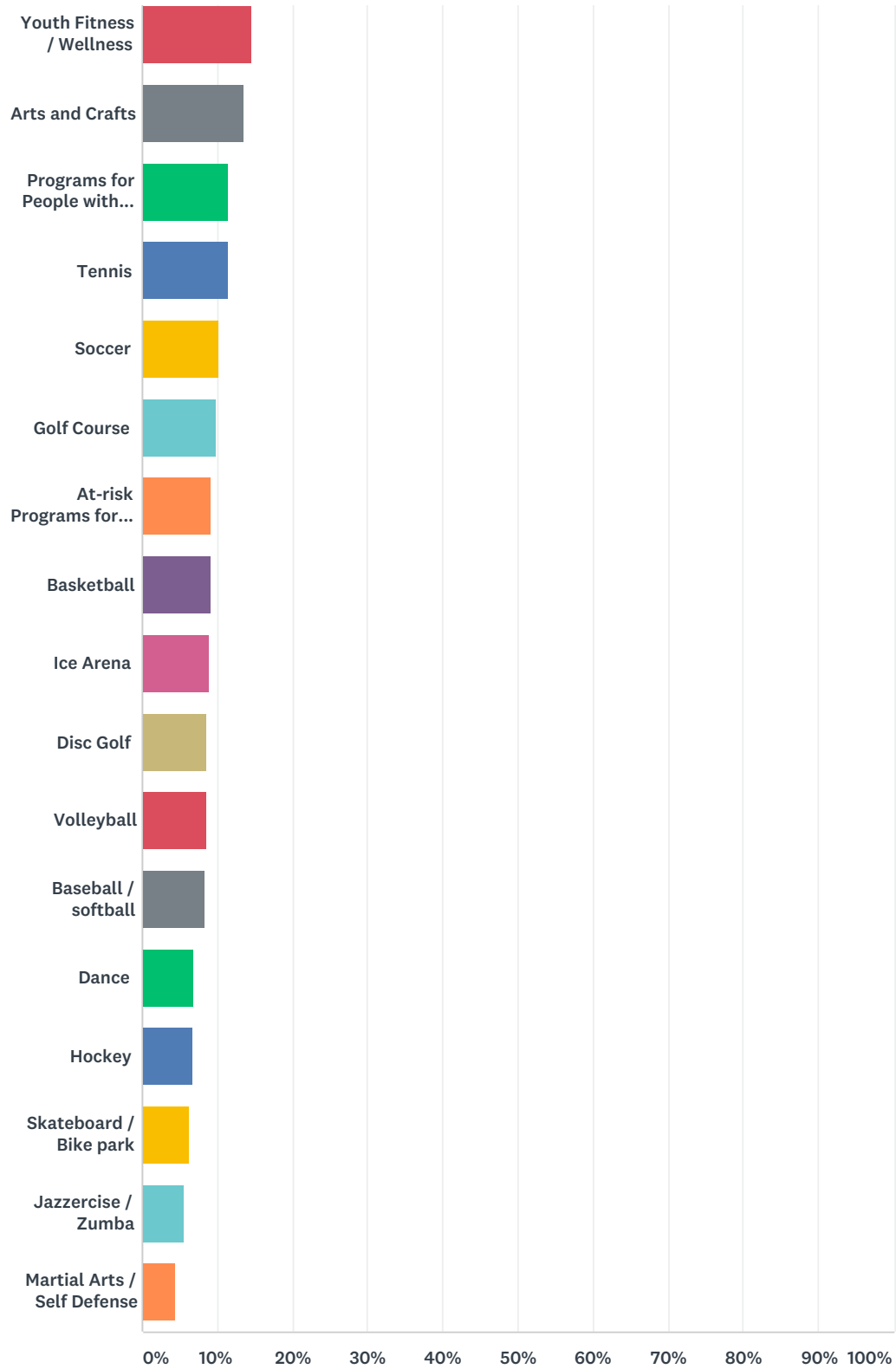
Athletic Fields	9.88% 33	60.78% 203	15.57% 52	13.77% 46	334
Park Land	9.71% 33	74.12% 252	14.41% 49	1.76% 6	340
Teen and after school programs	1.20% 4	19.58% 65	14.76% 49	64.46% 214	332
Programs for people with disabilities	0.61% 2	12.77% 42	13.68% 45	72.95% 240	329
Community special events and festivals	10.88% 37	64.12% 218	12.94% 44	12.06% 41	340
Youth and adult sports programs	3.88% 13	48.66% 163	12.54% 42	34.93% 117	335
Family programs and activities	3.93% 13	51.06% 169	12.69% 42	32.33% 107	331
Ice Skating	7.42% 25	52.82% 178	10.39% 35	29.38% 99	337
Tennis Courts	10.29% 35	60.59% 206	10.29% 35	18.82% 64	340
Ice Arena (indoor)	7.99% 27	54.44% 184	7.10% 24	30.47% 103	338
Golf Courses	16.37% 56	60.53% 207	3.51% 12	19.59% 67	342

Q8 What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 348 Skipped: 69



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking / Walking Trails	46.84%	163
Restrooms	43.68%	152
Adult Fitness and Wellness	35.92%	125

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Community Gardens	32.76%	114
Bicycling – Road	32.18%	112
Dog Park (off leash)	26.44%	92
Nature Education Programs	24.71%	86
Swimming	24.43%	85
Bike Rental	22.41%	78
Sledding	22.13%	77
Adult / senior swim	19.83%	69
Playgrounds	19.83%	69
Special Events / Festivals	19.83%	69
Senior Fitness and Wellness	19.25%	67
Pickleball	16.95%	59
Cultural / Historical Programs	16.38%	57
Natural Resource Management	16.09%	56
Other (please specify)	15.23%	53
Youth Fitness / Wellness	14.66%	51
Arts and Crafts	13.51%	47
Programs for People with disabilities	11.49%	40
Tennis	11.49%	40
Soccer	10.34%	36
Golf Course	9.77%	34
At-risk Programs for Youth	9.20%	32
Basketball	9.20%	32
Ice Arena	8.91%	31
Disc Golf	8.62%	30
Volleyball	8.62%	30
Baseball / softball	8.33%	29
Dance	6.90%	24
Hockey	6.61%	23
Skateboard / Bike park	6.32%	22
Jazzercise / Zumba	5.75%	20
Martial Arts / Self Defense	4.31%	15
Total Respondents: 348		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	non paved running trails	10/16/2017 12:02 PM

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2	Safe crossing between ravine and waterfall on Maple for pedestrians	10/15/2017 10:59 PM
3	we need bike paths	10/15/2017 2:15 PM
4	Community health center	10/14/2017 7:55 PM
5	Bocce, shuffleboard	10/14/2017 6:40 PM
6	Community center	10/14/2017 5:06 PM
7	Our population is aging. It would be great to offer a fitness center at your senior center. The city of Troy has an indoor fitness center/weight room where people can go to work out. The cost is affordable and cheaper than many of the private facilities	10/14/2017 7:59 AM
8	Pickle ball	10/13/2017 8:57 PM
9	None	10/13/2017 5:02 PM
10	More equality of facilities throughout system not just in downtown or wealthier neighborhoods. Also too many private clubs on city property	10/12/2017 8:49 PM
11	Need more acreage for dog park, Kenning baseball is SHAMEFUL compared to other municipalities with MUCH lower taxes!!!	10/12/2017 9:59 AM
12	We really just need more wooded trails for walking/biking.. hard to do given real estate, but having a 3 mile route in the woods would be great. Sand volleyball courts too.	10/12/2017 8:24 AM
13	Add outdoor/lighted	10/11/2017 3:36 PM
14	Need more trees and also better maintenance	10/11/2017 10:28 AM
15	Dining, picnic tables and grills, Royal Oak has them...	10/11/2017 10:09 AM
16	Plays in the park, collection of art in one area	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
17	Of course, we want it all!	10/11/2017 9:02 AM
18	Parks safely connected (waterfall/maple and Lynn/Linden)	10/11/2017 8:58 AM
19	it would be so nice to have a rec center like Troy, with pool etc	10/11/2017 8:51 AM
20	unpaved trails if anything... do NOT add trails to large greenspace areas of parks	10/11/2017 8:02 AM
21	splash pad for kids / waterpark	10/11/2017 8:01 AM
22	Indoor walking	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
23	Natural Playgrounds instead of plastic playscapes	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
24	none-WE do not want any improvements at Kenning Park as it is our perfect nature site	10/11/2017 7:27 AM
25	Splash pad	10/10/2017 10:13 PM
26	Swimming pool indoor or outdoor	10/10/2017 4:36 PM
27	Green spaces are the best use of parkland. Well treed parks are nice. ADA / Special needs compliant playground equipment. Parks are parks and do not need to be overbuilt... places to go and enjoy quiet or a walk / run are nice.	10/5/2017 6:44 PM
28	Enhanced walking and biking trails linking parks and schools.	10/4/2017 10:12 PM
29	More events with fun things to do such as bounce house and food kids love pizza maybe do a giant pizza night for all Birmingham families show a sense of community everyone loves pizza the best in bringihsm js jets and kids love games games and pizza	10/4/2017 8:55 PM
30	None at this time.	10/4/2017 4:22 PM
31	Platform Tennis	10/4/2017 3:36 PM
32	need to have morning hours EVERY DAY/ esp. first thing	10/2/2017 4:10 PM
33	More open spaces; larger parks!	9/28/2017 1:52 PM
34	Yoga; local markets; fetes; mindfulness classes; more daytime dance classes for seniors; community building education programs; enhanced awareness of ecology; less litter - maybe litter clearing to build community and ecological awareness; less concrete and tarmac, more greenery introduced into urban areas; let people know they can make a difference; peace gardens	9/27/2017 4:21 PM

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35	Splash pad	9/27/2017 9:06 AM
36	Enhancement to the LH Dog Park	9/26/2017 8:01 PM
37	Swing dance in the park like in Brighton	9/26/2017 7:47 AM
38	A focus on environmental sustainability, i.e. low-impact development, green infrastructure, renewable sources of energy, etc.	9/25/2017 3:39 PM
39	Park-side concession/cafe (Shain Park) & Wi-Fi	9/22/2017 1:56 PM
40	Expand Manor Park nature preserve	9/21/2017 4:05 PM
41	OPEN GREEN SPACES	9/21/2017 3:27 PM
42	Bigger space for dog park	9/20/2017 7:54 PM
43	Water features for the kids to play in during hot summer days.	9/20/2017 4:18 PM
44	UNDEVELOPED greenspaces	9/20/2017 7:28 AM
45	water park	9/18/2017 9:49 PM
46	The Senior Next center is okay but falls far short of amenities compared to Bloomfield Twp. or Rochester's Senior Centers.	9/18/2017 6:24 PM
47	More undeveloped parks	9/17/2017 12:18 PM
48	It would be great to have a splash pad for the little ones	9/16/2017 3:18 PM
49	Bicycle - trail/off road	9/15/2017 10:16 PM
50	Handicap accessible equipment and access	9/15/2017 4:44 PM
51	Ultimate Frisbee	9/15/2017 2:21 PM
52	The addition of a splashpad for children would be great. Lots of other communities have these.	9/15/2017 12:40 PM
53	Splash pad	9/15/2017 11:27 AM

Q9 What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Birmingham in the next 10 years?

Answered: 267 Skipped: 150

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
#1 Priority	100.00%	267
#2 Priority	89.14%	238
#3 Priority	72.28%	193

#	#1 PRIORITY	DATE
1	connectivity Biking	10/19/2017 12:16 PM
2	connectivity Bike paths/trails	10/19/2017 12:08 PM
3	inclusive community Another dog park, too many people letting dogs run off leash at other parks.	10/19/2017 11:58 AM
4	inclusive community Maintaining a safe environment.	10/19/2017 11:50 AM
5	connectivity natural area Real trails	10/19/2017 11:45 AM
6	health and fitness Golfing	10/19/2017 11:18 AM
7	connectivity natural area Non-paved running trails	10/16/2017 12:02 PM
8	inclusive community Senior activities and facility geared to aging in place	10/15/2017 10:59 PM
9	connectivity Bike paths	10/15/2017 2:15 PM
10	natural area Not to disrupt our community more than we already have	10/14/2017 7:55 PM
11	inclusive community Picnic pavilion where there is space (similar to Beverly Hills Park) would be amazing in Kenning!	10/14/2017 6:56 PM
12	inclusive community Community center	10/14/2017 5:06 PM
13	health and fitness Tennis courts	10/14/2017 3:19 PM
14	connectivity health and fitness walking trails	10/14/2017 2:30 PM
15	connectivity natural area trails	10/14/2017 11:51 AM
16	connectivity health and fitness Additional walking trails	10/14/2017 10:11 AM
17	inclusive community Park land management for families with kids that make your tax base	10/14/2017 8:15 AM
18	connectivity health and fitness Continue to use bicycling as a form of exercise	10/14/2017 7:59 AM
19	inclusive community As Birmingham is expanding with you families, we need more access to parks in certain areas, particularly the triangle and rail districts. There is no truly accessible park within walking distance of these areas that provides the services necessary	10/14/2017 7:12 AM
20	health and fitness Golf	10/13/2017 8:57 PM
21	Stop creating so much traffic.	10/13/2017 5:02 PM
22	natural area more open space	10/12/2017 8:49 PM
23	natural area Freeze any development of green space	10/12/2017 7:36 PM
24	health and fitness fitness/running trails	10/12/2017 7:18 PM
25	inclusive community restrooms at facilities	10/12/2017 1:22 PM
26	natural area upkeep and general maintenance	10/12/2017 12:44 PM
27	natural area protect/exand open nature areas; don't develop wooded areas.	10/12/2017 12:19 PM

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28	health and fitness dedicated soccer field with fixed goals	10/12/2017 12:17 PM
29	connectivity Bike paths and better pedestrian street crossings	10/12/2017 12:12 PM
30	health and fitness Upgrade baseball, families are going elsewhere for youth to train, play	10/12/2017 9:59 AM
31	connectivity health and fitness walking paths	10/12/2017 9:06 AM
32	natural area Keep up the parks/lake	10/12/2017 8:48 AM
33	natural area More wooded space	10/12/2017 8:24 AM
34	connectivity Bike paths	10/12/2017 8:00 AM
35	connectivity natural area Park Maintenance general and walking trails	10/12/2017 7:12 AM
36	connectivity Walk and bike paths	10/12/2017 7:11 AM
37	health and fitness inclusive community Swimming	10/11/2017 9:38 PM
38	health and fitness Golf Course Maintenance	10/11/2017 8:43 PM
39	connectivity More walking trails	10/11/2017 8:11 PM
40	connectivity bicycling	10/11/2017 7:58 PM
41	health and fitness Pickleball	10/11/2017 7:42 PM
42	connectivity Bike lanes/trails	10/11/2017 7:35 PM
43	inclusive community Facilities & Programs for young families	10/11/2017 7:18 PM
44	connectivity inclusive community Walkable community in the rail district that is safe for pedestrians	10/11/2017 7:06 PM
45	inclusive community Usability	10/11/2017 5:46 PM
46	inclusive community events or festivals or fairs	10/11/2017 4:20 PM
47	connectivity Improve parking at Linden Park so more people can enjoy it	10/11/2017 3:36 PM
48	natural area Increase amount of parks	10/11/2017 3:33 PM
49	Gazebo in Barnum Park	10/11/2017 3:13 PM
50	maintenance Maintain existing facilities	10/11/2017 3:07 PM
51	connectivity PARKING!!!!!!!!	10/11/2017 2:38 PM
52	connectivity Road Cycling	10/11/2017 2:15 PM
53	health and fitness Adult fitness--Like Bloomfield Twp	10/11/2017 1:42 PM
54	inclusive community More playgrounds and splash pads for kids	10/11/2017 1:11 PM
55	health and fitness Better athletic fields	10/11/2017 12:51 PM
56	health and fitness Golf Courses	10/11/2017 12:48 PM
57	connectivity Bike-ride share	10/11/2017 12:31 PM
58	connectivity create bicycle trails/roads	10/11/2017 12:27 PM
59	maintenance Maintaining and improving existing parks (playground equipment, benches, etc.)	10/11/2017 12:21 PM
60	natural area Use land properly	10/11/2017 12:17 PM
61	health and fitness inclusive community Senior fitness and wellness	10/11/2017 12:09 PM
62	inclusive community maintenance Updated playground equipment	10/11/2017 11:54 AM
63	inclusive community Larger (more spacious) dog park	10/11/2017 11:16 AM
64	inclusive community Public pool for residents ONLY.	10/11/2017 10:55 AM
65	health and fitness Renovate Ice Arena	10/11/2017 10:30 AM
66	natural area Leave trees when renovating parks	10/11/2017 10:28 AM
67	maintenance Maintain current park	10/11/2017 10:28 AM

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68	connectivity hiking and walking trails	10/11/2017 10:15 AM
69	inclusive community Provide dining/picnic/grilling at some parks	10/11/2017 10:09 AM
70	maintenance Make sure we have lots of parks-I really love our parks	10/11/2017 9:44 AM
71	connectivity Improve cycling options - trails and/or road routes in and around town	10/11/2017 9:43 AM
72	inclusive community Make Booth Park safer - Large park with too many exits, it's hard to watch young children	10/11/2017 9:40 AM
73	maintenance Maintain parks/playgrounds	10/11/2017 9:35 AM
74	maintenance neighborhood park improvements	10/11/2017 9:29 AM
75	maintenance Upgrades to existing	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
76	connectivity Repair/maintain walking/biking trails including neighborhood sidewalks	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
77	maintenance maintain existing parks	10/11/2017 9:24 AM
78	connectivity Hiking/Walking-Making the city walkable/bikeable with increased traffic	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
79	inclusive community Community special events for the Family	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
80	maintenance Maintenance of existing programs/facilities	10/11/2017 9:12 AM
81	natural area Keeping green space green!	10/11/2017 9:11 AM
82	connectivity Bike paths	10/11/2017 9:08 AM
83	inclusive community more dog parks	10/11/2017 9:08 AM
84	inclusive community maintenance Improve parks/baseball fields/need restrooms & lighting/concessions	10/11/2017 9:02 AM
85	connectivity Parks safely connected: bridge over Maple at waterfall, bridge bet Lynn and Linden parks	10/11/2017 8:58 AM
86	maintenance maintain current offerings/facilities	10/11/2017 8:53 AM
87	inclusive community Recreational Center with outdoor pool	10/11/2017 8:51 AM
88	inclusive community Restrooms	10/11/2017 8:46 AM
89	inclusive community Ensuring highest level of ADA Compliance	10/11/2017 8:43 AM
90	maintenance Maintenance of park equipment for children	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
91	inclusive community Activities for 60+ age group	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
92	natural area community gardens	10/11/2017 8:37 AM
93	maintenance Maintenance of existing facilities	10/11/2017 8:34 AM
94	inclusive community Children's play	10/11/2017 8:32 AM
95	natural area Preserving nature!	10/11/2017 8:25 AM
96	maintenance Improve maintenance and enhance golf courses	10/11/2017 8:19 AM
97	health and fitness Community pool	10/11/2017 8:10 AM
98	health and fitness Swimming pool/water area	10/11/2017 8:08 AM
99	connectivity health and fitness natural area Introducing more biking paths and exploration opportunities.	10/11/2017 8:03 AM
100	inclusive community Splash Pad	10/11/2017 8:01 AM
101	health and fitness inclusive community Outdoor Swimming pool	10/11/2017 7:52 AM
102	inclusive community More offerings for seniors	10/11/2017 7:45 AM
103	connectivity Easier walking access to parks (and businesses) across Woodward. Pedestrian bridge, tunnel, slower traffic, longer crossing times...	10/11/2017 7:44 AM
104	connectivity Add bridge from Linn smith park to linden park	10/11/2017 7:43 AM

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105	health and fitness	Kids Health	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
106	health and fitness	Indoor walking	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
107	maintenance	maintain the current space	10/11/2017 7:38 AM
108	inclusive community	Events/Festivals	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
109	natural area	Natural Playgrounds instead of plastic playscapes	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
110	natural area	keep parks in their natural state	10/11/2017 7:27 AM
111	connectivity	More bike lanes that connect to each other	10/10/2017 10:13 PM
112	inclusive community	Dog park on the other side of Southfield	10/10/2017 9:36 PM
113	health and fitness	Offering health/fitness programs	10/10/2017 5:40 PM
114	health and fitness	Swimming pool	10/10/2017 4:36 PM
115	health and fitness	Ice Arena improvement	10/9/2017 8:25 AM
116		Poppleton	10/8/2017 10:25 PM
117	natural area	Maintaing as much green space as possible	10/6/2017 9:10 AM
118	inclusive community	Special needs playground equipment	10/6/2017 7:15 AM
119	maintenance	Kenning Park improvements	10/6/2017 6:54 AM
120	inclusive community	Children's play areas	10/6/2017 1:01 AM
121	maintenance	Parks	10/5/2017 9:06 PM
122	inclusive community	ADA compliance	10/5/2017 6:44 PM
123	connectivity	Cycling - road	10/5/2017 12:35 PM
124	natural area	Maintain the existing green spaces & not reduce them with organised sports specific developments (no more baseball diamonds or football fields that have limited seasonal use)	10/5/2017 12:26 PM
125	connectivity	health and fitness	natural area
		additional walking trails (I'm happy to donate)	10/5/2017 9:55 AM
126	health and fitness	Walking paths in Poppleton Park	10/5/2017 9:42 AM
127	connectivity	More bike paths	10/5/2017 9:23 AM
128	maintenance	Adams Park - implementation of plan	10/5/2017 9:22 AM
129	inclusive community	Bathrooms	10/5/2017 8:47 AM
130	inclusive community	Updated community center/YMCA	10/4/2017 11:10 PM
131	maintenance	Maintaining and enhancing some parks that need some light improvements (lights, doggie bag centers, water stations, better maintenance)	10/4/2017 10:12 PM
132	inclusive community	More events for families	10/4/2017 8:55 PM
133	health and fitness	Kenning park walking path	10/4/2017 8:49 PM
134	health and fitness	Walking paths	10/4/2017 8:44 PM
135	inclusive community	more dog options	10/4/2017 3:39 PM
136	health and fitness	Youth exercise and programing	10/4/2017 3:36 PM
137	health and fitness	Golf courses	10/4/2017 3:34 PM
138	health and fitness	Walking	10/4/2017 3:31 PM
139	health and fitness	exercise	10/4/2017 12:36 PM
140	maintenance	Repair and maintenance of existing assets.	10/4/2017 11:07 AM
141	natural area	leave kenning park quiet and peaceful	10/4/2017 7:07 AM
142	inclusive community	cultural/historical programs	10/3/2017 11:31 AM
143	inclusive community	Universally accessible playgrounds	10/3/2017 10:39 AM

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144	inclusive community Improve playgrounds west of Southfield Road	10/2/2017 9:18 PM
145	health and fitness inclusive community fitness opportunities for adults/seniors	10/2/2017 9:00 PM
146	maintenance Improve use of Poppleton Park	10/2/2017 8:29 PM
147	inclusive community More Free Programming	10/2/2017 6:44 PM
148	natural area Shaded areas at parks	10/2/2017 3:53 PM
149	inclusive community Summer rec programs for young children	10/2/2017 3:50 PM
150	maintenance Parks	10/2/2017 3:49 PM
151	inclusive community Restrooms at parks	10/2/2017 3:39 PM
152	maintenance Maintaining and improving existing parks	10/2/2017 3:37 PM
153	maintenance Investing in existing park infrastructure (maintenance and capital expenditure) to ensure their outstanding appearance	10/2/2017 3:37 PM
154	inclusive community Recreational Rentals	10/2/2017 11:56 AM
155	health and fitness Swimming pool for adults, open every season with extended hours	10/2/2017 10:08 AM
156	maintenance I think generally more trees should be planted	10/2/2017 9:55 AM
157	inclusive community Fun creative mixed use areas like Campus Martius Park	9/30/2017 6:37 AM
158	health and fitness pickleball courts and program	9/29/2017 1:53 PM
159	maintenance Maintaining existing areas	9/29/2017 10:43 AM
160	maintenance Continue excellent maintenance of parks	9/29/2017 6:30 AM
161	inclusive community Senior services - workouts & fitness	9/28/2017 3:45 PM
162	inclusive community Swimming an outdoor pool with minimum fees	9/28/2017 3:20 PM
163	natural area Increase open space	9/28/2017 1:52 PM
164	inclusive community Safer/ More light/	9/28/2017 1:29 PM
165	inclusive community Expand to cater the growing population	9/28/2017 2:59 AM
166	connectivity health and fitness Bicycle paths	9/27/2017 10:53 PM
167	dogs on leads only	9/27/2017 4:28 PM
168	natural area Greater ecological focus, not cosmetic changes	9/27/2017 4:21 PM
169	health and fitness Fitness and Health for all	9/27/2017 4:11 PM
170	connectivity inclusive community Addressing mobility and access for aging population	9/27/2017 2:49 PM
171	inclusive community Upgrading existing parks and facilities, including becoming barrier free	9/27/2017 9:06 AM
172	Expand facilities	9/26/2017 3:44 PM
173	connectivity Safe bike access to all facilities	9/26/2017 2:18 PM
174	inclusive community Accessibility	9/26/2017 12:39 PM
175	inclusive community Better lighting around parks	9/26/2017 9:53 AM
176	connectivity Bike paths	9/26/2017 7:47 AM
177	inclusive community promote public art in parks	9/25/2017 6:12 PM
178	inclusive community Expand the Dog Park!	9/25/2017 3:48 PM
179	connectivity health and fitness Biking	9/25/2017 3:39 PM
180	maintenance Maintenance of existing facilities.	9/25/2017 1:53 PM
181	connectivity Connected walking and biking trails	9/25/2017 1:28 PM
182	natural area keep green spaces green	9/24/2017 8:18 PM
183	natural area Providing facilities which allow people to reconnect with nature	9/24/2017 2:03 PM

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184	maintenance	Maintaining the existing parks - they are wonderful and I'd like them to stay that way	9/24/2017 1:46 PM
185	inclusive community	Safety	9/24/2017 12:52 PM
186	maintenance	Advertising what is already available.	9/24/2017 12:21 PM
187	natural area	Maintain parks for quiet liesure	9/24/2017 8:13 AM
188	connectivity	Maintain walkability; enhance connection between neighborhoods east of Woodward to the downtown.	9/23/2017 12:28 PM
189	inclusive community	Park restrooms	9/22/2017 1:56 PM
190		define the purpose to Adams park and create it	9/22/2017 12:13 PM
191	connectivity	sidewalks in all neighborhoods	9/22/2017 9:40 AM
192	inclusive community	Upgrading playgrounds	9/21/2017 8:04 PM
193	inclusive community	Inclusive disability activities	9/21/2017 7:59 PM
194	health and fitness natural area	Hiking trails along the rouge	9/21/2017 7:40 PM
195	inclusive community	create paths accessible to our diverse population	9/21/2017 4:25 PM
196	maintenance	Keep local charm	9/21/2017 4:19 PM
197	natural area	Conserve natural beauty and restrict development of parkland	9/21/2017 4:05 PM
198	inclusive community	Bathroom facilities at parks	9/21/2017 3:54 PM
199	natural area	Reduce all the hard surfacing going into new parks	9/21/2017 3:27 PM
200	connectivity	More and better bicycle lanes	9/21/2017 3:15 PM
201		Better development of Poppleton	9/21/2017 3:12 PM
202	connectivity	Car-free walking paths	9/21/2017 2:46 PM
203	inclusive community	Public Swimming Pool (like troy or Southfield)	9/21/2017 1:04 PM
204		Re-design Kenning park to include more walking trails and more usable park space. This would include more sidewalks to and from as well as an additional Entrance from Hanley Court access point.	9/21/2017 11:19 AM
205	inclusive community	Senior utilization	9/21/2017 9:38 AM
206	health and fitness	Walking/biking paths around perimeter of parks	9/21/2017 8:57 AM
207	connectivity	Make biking safer for bikers and pedestrians	9/21/2017 7:46 AM
208	health and fitness	Adult Fitness and Wellness	9/21/2017 7:04 AM
209	connectivity	safe connecting bike paths	9/20/2017 9:16 PM
210	inclusive community	Safe and clean spaces	9/20/2017 7:54 PM
211	health and fitness	Improvements to ice arena - larger locker rooms, updated bathrooms	9/20/2017 7:32 PM
212	inclusive community	Larger dog park	9/20/2017 7:09 PM
213	inclusive community	Restrooms	9/20/2017 4:18 PM
214	maintenance	Promotion of facilities & programs	9/20/2017 3:12 PM
215		Aquatic Center	9/20/2017 3:12 PM
216	inclusive community	Dog Park	9/20/2017 3:01 PM
217	health and fitness	Bike trails/paths	9/20/2017 8:37 AM
218	natural area	Park preservation	9/20/2017 8:06 AM
219	inclusive community	Larger dog park	9/20/2017 7:49 AM
220	maintenance	What we have is fine	9/20/2017 7:28 AM
221	inclusive community	Restrooms at the Parks	9/19/2017 2:36 PM
222	health and fitness	Fitness center	9/19/2017 11:14 AM

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223	health and fitness Biking trails	9/18/2017 9:49 PM
224	Adams Park needs updates and separation from Roeper	9/18/2017 7:39 PM
225	connectivity biking paths and trails - OFF OF CITY STREETS	9/18/2017 7:20 PM
226	health and fitness inclusive community First Class Senior Center	9/18/2017 6:24 PM
227	Upgradumg existing parks (Adams Park)	9/18/2017 3:00 PM
228	natural area Keep open space open	9/17/2017 7:50 PM
229	connectivity Unfortunately more parking	9/17/2017 12:18 PM
230	Upgrade Adams Park	9/17/2017 9:31 AM
231	natural area Maintain green spaces	9/17/2017 7:32 AM
232	inclusive community Useful playgrounds in parks - whoever has chosen equipment in the past has missed the mark - too trendy	9/17/2017 6:36 AM
233	connectivity Mobility (non-car)	9/16/2017 7:29 PM
234	health and fitness Develop walking paths	9/16/2017 4:52 PM
235	inclusive community maintenance Maintain or improve play structures at park	9/16/2017 1:36 PM
236	inclusive community Get more off leash dog parks. I'm tired and frustrated by the number of people who continue to let their dogs off leash in all parks.	9/16/2017 11:20 AM
237	connectivity health and fitness Walkable spaces	9/16/2017 9:37 AM
238	health and fitness inclusive community No dogs/safety on running trails	9/16/2017 8:31 AM
239	connectivity Better biking: better designated bike trails/roads w less traffic	9/16/2017 6:38 AM
240	connectivity Connect parks with safe bike path	9/15/2017 10:16 PM
241	natural area Maintain open unplanned green space for flexible use	9/15/2017 5:22 PM
242	health and fitness Pickleball	9/15/2017 4:44 PM
243	inclusive community Universally accessible playgrounds	9/15/2017 4:29 PM
244	Upgrade Playground equipment in Parks/Poppleton	9/15/2017 4:18 PM
245	inclusive community public restrooms	9/15/2017 4:14 PM
246	natural area Green space	9/15/2017 4:03 PM
247	Adams Park needs attention!	9/15/2017 3:44 PM
248	natural area open green space	9/15/2017 3:27 PM
249	connectivity historic walking tours of downtown and neighborhoods	9/15/2017 3:24 PM
250	maintenance maintain playgrounds and adjacent grounds	9/15/2017 3:04 PM
251	improvement of neighborhood parks	9/15/2017 2:50 PM
252	Making better us of poppleton park	9/15/2017 2:37 PM
253	maintenance Neighborhood parks play structures	9/15/2017 2:21 PM
254	Improvements in nightlife. Nightclubs, music venues	9/15/2017 1:55 PM
255	provide EV charging spots at parking	9/15/2017 12:45 PM
256	Splash pad / private park	9/15/2017 12:40 PM
257	inclusive community Splash pad	9/15/2017 11:27 AM
258	inclusive community All playgrounds need to be CPSI inspected. For example the Shain park slide is super unsafe.	9/15/2017 11:25 AM
259	connectivity health and fitness More bike paths	9/15/2017 11:22 AM
260	Ice rink - summer	9/15/2017 11:18 AM
261	connectivity Bicycle infrastructure	9/15/2017 9:44 AM

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262	inclusive community Restrooms	9/15/2017 9:04 AM
263	Bike Rental	9/14/2017 9:04 PM
264	connectivity Walking - Sometimes it appears drivers are not considerate	9/14/2017 8:29 PM
265	inclusive community Put rubber down on playgrounds instead of wood chips.	9/14/2017 3:38 PM
266	health and fitness More walking trails	9/14/2017 3:18 PM
267	Rec Center	9/14/2017 3:11 PM
#	#2 PRIORITY	DATE
1	Hiking/Walking	10/19/2017 12:16 PM
2	Hiking/Walking trails	10/19/2017 12:08 PM
3	Mimic Beverly Park (pavillion, restrooms, sledding hills etc.)	10/19/2017 11:58 AM
4	Upgrading the ice arena, the actual ice skating area is pretty much one dingy color. Perhaps same colorful pennants hung up and some Detroit hockey history on the walls in that area.	10/19/2017 11:50 AM
5	Real bike paths	10/19/2017 11:45 AM
6	Hiking Trails	10/19/2017 11:18 AM
7	Adult Swim	10/16/2017 12:02 PM
8	Nature/garden centers, staffed with wood chip paths	10/15/2017 10:59 PM
9	parking	10/15/2017 2:15 PM
10	Stop building so close to the road especially Eton	10/14/2017 7:55 PM
11	Public bathrooms at parks!!	10/14/2017 6:56 PM
12	Maintaining current level/quality	10/14/2017 5:06 PM
13	Golf courses	10/14/2017 3:19 PM
14	biking	10/14/2017 2:30 PM
15	swim	10/14/2017 11:51 AM
16	off-leash dog park	10/14/2017 10:11 AM
17	Safe, fun outdoor play	10/14/2017 8:15 AM
18	Continue to use walking as a form of exercise	10/14/2017 7:59 AM
19	Children play areas	10/13/2017 8:57 PM
20	Keep neighborhood parks for residents.	10/13/2017 5:02 PM
21	fewer full time ball diamonds	10/12/2017 8:49 PM
22	Add irrigation to parks outside of the downtown	10/12/2017 7:36 PM
23	dog park	10/12/2017 7:18 PM
24	More walking/running paths	10/12/2017 1:22 PM
25	maintain current size of parks	10/12/2017 12:44 PM
26	expand outdoor nature walking areas	10/12/2017 12:19 PM
27	bathrooms at park facilities	10/12/2017 12:17 PM
28	More law enforcement presence throughout the city	10/12/2017 12:12 PM
29	bike paths	10/12/2017 9:06 AM
30	avoid too many new homes being built	10/12/2017 8:48 AM
31	Sand volleyball courts	10/12/2017 8:24 AM
32	Pickleball	10/12/2017 8:00 AM
33	Additional Areas Focused around kids and youth	10/12/2017 7:12 AM

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34	Culture	10/12/2017 7:11 AM
35	Senior rec facilities	10/11/2017 9:38 PM
36	Park Maintenance	10/11/2017 8:43 PM
37	More biking lanes especially on Maple	10/11/2017 8:11 PM
38	Basketball	10/11/2017 7:42 PM
39	Senior programs	10/11/2017 7:35 PM
40	Facilities & Programs for adults and seniors	10/11/2017 7:18 PM
41	Preserve sanctuary of neighborhoods by rerouting traffic in rail district	10/11/2017 7:06 PM
42	Diversity of events	10/11/2017 5:46 PM
43	winter activities	10/11/2017 4:20 PM
44	Partnership with two high schools to make use of pools free and at more conveneint times	10/11/2017 3:36 PM
45	Bike paths	10/11/2017 3:33 PM
46	Community nature conservancy activities	10/11/2017 3:13 PM
47	Make sure current offerings are meeting resident preferences	10/11/2017 3:07 PM
48	Walking/ Hiking trails	10/11/2017 2:38 PM
49	Pickleball	10/11/2017 2:15 PM
50	Golf	10/11/2017 1:42 PM
51	Performing arts	10/11/2017 1:11 PM
52	Better play grounds	10/11/2017 12:51 PM
53	Bicycling lanes	10/11/2017 12:48 PM
54	More diverse programs for persons with disabilities	10/11/2017 12:31 PM
55	improve public transportation	10/11/2017 12:27 PM
56	Maintain the quality	10/11/2017 12:17 PM
57	Hiking /walking trails	10/11/2017 12:09 PM
58	Walking/biking trails around parks	10/11/2017 11:54 AM
59	Splashpad	10/11/2017 11:16 AM
60	Better grass for all parks	10/11/2017 10:55 AM
61	Recreational opportunities for seniors	10/11/2017 10:30 AM
62	Better maintenance	10/11/2017 10:28 AM
63	Improve walking and fitness in parks	10/11/2017 10:28 AM
64	wifi availability	10/11/2017 10:15 AM
65	continue landscape and art-scape improvements	10/11/2017 10:09 AM
66	programs for all levels of fitness for adults and youth	10/11/2017 9:44 AM
67	Gazebo in Pembroke? This has been discussed in the Pembroke Manor Neighborhood over recent years.	10/11/2017 9:43 AM
68	Keep ice arena open all year	10/11/2017 9:40 AM
69	Shade at parks	10/11/2017 9:35 AM
70	walking/running trails	10/11/2017 9:29 AM
71	Safety	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
72	Update community playground facilities	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
73	dog parks - off leash	10/11/2017 9:24 AM

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74	Biking--Making the city walkable/bikeable with increased traffic	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
75	More frequent Artistic displays (even if temporary exhibits)	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
76	Open Swims	10/11/2017 9:08 AM
77	walking track/walking trails	10/11/2017 9:02 AM
78	More bike lanes and paths (Lincoln is a disgrace)	10/11/2017 8:58 AM
79	Bike paths	10/11/2017 8:51 AM
80	Flat Open Space for Soccer	10/11/2017 8:46 AM
81	Finding ways for aging population to connect with kid-centric parks	10/11/2017 8:43 AM
82	Biking and walking trails	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
83	Having seating available in parks	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
84	bathrooms	10/11/2017 8:37 AM
85	Improvements to existing facilities	10/11/2017 8:34 AM
86	Walking paths	10/11/2017 8:32 AM
87	Preserving land	10/11/2017 8:25 AM
88	Add a dog park -ideally relook at Springdale	10/11/2017 8:19 AM
89	Community programs	10/11/2017 8:08 AM
90	Outdoor ice for public skate in winter.	10/11/2017 8:03 AM
91	better roads in the neighborhoods	10/11/2017 8:01 AM
92	Continue bike trail expansion	10/11/2017 7:45 AM
93	See priority 1	10/11/2017 7:44 AM
94	Add real restrooms to parks	10/11/2017 7:43 AM
95	Education	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
96	expand the on road biking! make it safer!	10/11/2017 7:38 AM
97	Walking Streets closed to cars in town	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
98	Bike path - too many cyclists clogging roads	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
99	Splash pad for the kids	10/10/2017 10:13 PM
100	Community gardens	10/10/2017 9:36 PM
101	Building walking paths	10/10/2017 5:40 PM
102	Poppleton Park update	10/9/2017 8:25 AM
103	Don't over complicate our parks by trying to be all to all and creating unnecessary park improvements	10/6/2017 9:10 AM
104	Updated play equipment such as new equipment at Stoney creek metro park	10/6/2017 7:15 AM
105	Athletic field improvements: grading/drainage	10/6/2017 6:54 AM
106	Hiking/Biking trails	10/6/2017 1:01 AM
107	Nature Trails	10/5/2017 9:06 PM
108	Focus on green spaces and trees, we can bring our own equipment. Don't need more parking.	10/5/2017 6:44 PM
109	Trails	10/5/2017 12:35 PM
110	Add more easily accessible discreetly located public restrooms in several of the parks	10/5/2017 12:26 PM
111	off-leash dog park	10/5/2017 9:55 AM
112	Better baseball fields at Kenning Park	10/5/2017 9:42 AM
113	Better bike awareness	10/5/2017 9:23 AM

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114	Improvement of play structures including handicap	10/5/2017 9:22 AM
115	Community Pool	10/4/2017 11:10 PM
116	Walking and biking connections of parks and schools. Could be hugely improved and be a model.	10/4/2017 10:12 PM
117	Basketball!!!!!!!!!!!!	10/4/2017 8:55 PM
118	Better trails	10/4/2017 8:49 PM
119	Lighting	10/4/2017 8:44 PM
120	parks should be open all the time	10/4/2017 3:39 PM
121	walking/biking trails	10/4/2017 3:36 PM
122	at risk programs for youth	10/4/2017 3:34 PM
123	Biking	10/4/2017 3:31 PM
124	senior center	10/4/2017 12:36 PM
125	Expand the planting of a variety of native tree species.	10/4/2017 11:07 AM
126	hiking trails and opportunities to be outdoors	10/3/2017 11:31 AM
127	Senior fitness	10/3/2017 10:39 AM
128	Add pickleball / paddle ball court to provide winter activity	10/2/2017 9:18 PM
129	inclusive facilities/playgrounds	10/2/2017 9:00 PM
130	Lower Fees	10/2/2017 6:44 PM
131	More playground equipment at parks	10/2/2017 3:53 PM
132	Keep the golf courses on track (they improved over the past several years and want to keep up the good work)	10/2/2017 3:50 PM
133	Festivals	10/2/2017 3:49 PM
134	Drastically increasing sports programs (youth and adult)	10/2/2017 3:37 PM
135	Redo soccer fields	10/2/2017 3:37 PM
136	Alternative transportation	10/2/2017 11:56 AM
137	Biking paths	10/2/2017 10:08 AM
138	More green space created	10/2/2017 9:55 AM
139	Community gym and pool	9/30/2017 6:37 AM
140	safe bike trails (not Lincoln)	9/29/2017 1:53 PM
141	Emphasis on classes & programs emphasizing health and well-being	9/29/2017 10:43 AM
142	Bike rentals	9/28/2017 3:45 PM
143	Walking trails	9/28/2017 3:20 PM
144	Provide more walking trails	9/28/2017 1:52 PM
145	Newer up to date play structures / diverse	9/28/2017 1:29 PM
146	Offer good value services	9/28/2017 2:59 AM
147	more flower beds	9/27/2017 4:28 PM
148	More community building education and activities	9/27/2017 4:21 PM
149	Safe bicycle paths	9/27/2017 4:11 PM
150	Reduction of chemicals in parks to enhance health	9/27/2017 2:49 PM
151	Foster a sense of community through the parks and activities	9/27/2017 9:06 AM
152	Walking paths within tyher larger parks	9/26/2017 2:18 PM
153	Marketing	9/26/2017 12:39 PM

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154	more hiking/walking trails	9/26/2017 9:53 AM
155	More outdoor music	9/26/2017 7:47 AM
156	promote reading & literacy events, like author talks in parks	9/25/2017 6:12 PM
157	More trails to ride bikes	9/25/2017 3:48 PM
158	Hiking	9/25/2017 3:39 PM
159	Publicize what we have to residents.	9/25/2017 1:53 PM
160	Expand dog parks	9/25/2017 1:28 PM
161	crosswalk on maple, from quarton lake path across Maple	9/24/2017 8:18 PM
162	Provide facilities that allow people to remain fit, year round	9/24/2017 2:03 PM
163	Golf Courses - also great and I'd like to see them stay that way	9/24/2017 1:46 PM
164	Letting people know the location not just by name but address	9/24/2017 12:21 PM
165	Play areas for children and young adults	9/24/2017 8:13 AM
166	Develop Poppleton Park to take advantage of its potential while minimizing adverse impact on neighborhood.	9/23/2017 12:28 PM
167	Completion of trail systems	9/22/2017 1:56 PM
168	improve use of Barnum park, programs for children?	9/22/2017 12:13 PM
169	better lighting	9/22/2017 9:40 AM
170	Enhanced bike paths	9/21/2017 8:04 PM
171	Bathrooms at all parks	9/21/2017 7:59 PM
172	more picnic tables	9/21/2017 4:25 PM
173	Pool	9/21/2017 4:19 PM
174	More trees.	9/21/2017 4:05 PM
175	Walking/biking trails (extension)	9/21/2017 3:54 PM
176	Maintain diversity of parks, including open spaces for community uses	9/21/2017 3:27 PM
177	Upgrade athletic aspects of parks	9/21/2017 3:15 PM
178	Car-free biking paths	9/21/2017 2:46 PM
179	Better bike lanes, or bike lanes at all really.	9/21/2017 1:04 PM
180	Protected Bike lanes on Eton from Maple to preferrably 14 Mile but at least to Lincoln. Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety is very concerning right now.	9/21/2017 11:19 AM
181	bicycling	9/21/2017 9:38 AM
182	Informative signs about history of park or species in the park	9/21/2017 8:57 AM
183	Expand maker space at library or elsewhere	9/21/2017 7:46 AM
184	Community Gardens	9/21/2017 7:04 AM
185	more variety of things to do at the parks, i.e. basketball courts, volleyball areas, ice rinks, sledding hills, disc golf, nature area, trails, covered picnic areas, etc.	9/20/2017 9:16 PM
186	Events to bring people to area	9/20/2017 7:54 PM
187	Better soccer fields	9/20/2017 7:32 PM
188	More safe walking and biking trails	9/20/2017 7:09 PM
189	Make Shain Park more kid friendly	9/20/2017 4:18 PM
190	Maintain greenspace	9/20/2017 3:12 PM
191	Bike trails	9/20/2017 3:12 PM
192	Additional bike parking	9/20/2017 8:37 AM

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193	Program diversity	9/20/2017 8:06 AM
194	Bike Park	9/20/2017 7:49 AM
195	Walking trails at the parks	9/19/2017 2:36 PM
196	Water Park	9/18/2017 9:49 PM
197	Lights for tennis courts	9/18/2017 7:39 PM
198	more outside sport courts for pickle ball, tennis	9/18/2017 7:20 PM
199	Pedestrian bridge over Maple Rd. connecting the trails	9/18/2017 6:24 PM
200	Fitness programs all ages	9/18/2017 3:00 PM
201	No more parking	9/17/2017 7:50 PM
202	Stop bringing in businesses that need parking	9/17/2017 12:18 PM
203	Invest in aging population programs. This is a significant number of tax payers	9/17/2017 7:32 AM
204	Ensuring plenty of grass and trees - especially mature trees. Shain Park is a cold cement unwelcoming place with little facility for child play	9/17/2017 6:36 AM
205	Biking path on Woodward median	9/16/2017 7:29 PM
206	Indoor fitness opportunities during the Winter	9/16/2017 4:52 PM
207	Maintain sidewalks/walkability	9/16/2017 1:36 PM
208	More multi-use fields. Convert some baseball diamonds to soccer/football/lacrosse/field hockey fields with "track" like rings around them.	9/16/2017 11:20 AM
209	Bike safe paths through the city	9/16/2017 9:37 AM
210	More native plantings	9/16/2017 8:31 AM
211	Better walkability, especially downtown.	9/16/2017 6:38 AM
212	Bike lanes	9/15/2017 10:16 PM
213	Update playground equipment	9/15/2017 5:22 PM
214	Handicap play and exercise equipment and access to these (sidewalks)	9/15/2017 4:44 PM
215	Programming: all ages activities	9/15/2017 4:29 PM
216	Bike lanes t/o city - bike rental	9/15/2017 4:18 PM
217	dog park for small dogs	9/15/2017 4:14 PM
218	Nature trails	9/15/2017 4:03 PM
219	Safe cross walk East of Woodward from Poppelton Park into town	9/15/2017 3:44 PM
220	walkability, including existing sidewalks	9/15/2017 3:27 PM
221	safe bike paths connecting neighborhoods and downtown	9/15/2017 3:24 PM
222	offer variety of programs across age groups and abilities	9/15/2017 3:04 PM
223	Addition of a city owned fitness center	9/15/2017 2:50 PM
224	Bike paths	9/15/2017 2:37 PM
225	Bicycle paths/lanes	9/15/2017 2:21 PM
226	More summer events	9/15/2017 1:55 PM
227	Upgraded playground areas	9/15/2017 12:40 PM
228	Workout trail	9/15/2017 11:27 AM
229	Lighting at all parks	9/15/2017 11:25 AM
230	More dog friendly parks	9/15/2017 11:22 AM
231	Swimming - not so far away, hate going to Groves	9/15/2017 11:18 AM

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232	Aquatic facilities	9/15/2017 9:44 AM
233	Fitness	9/15/2017 9:04 AM
234	Maintenance of nature trails	9/14/2017 9:04 PM
235	Large Field Use - Softball, baseball, soccer, football, etc....	9/14/2017 8:29 PM
236	Extend the hiking trail along rouge river	9/14/2017 3:38 PM
237	Better music at summer concert series at Shain park	9/14/2017 3:18 PM
238	Swim Center	9/14/2017 3:11 PM
#	#3 PRIORITY	DATE
1	Restrooms	10/19/2017 12:08 PM
2	Lit tennis courts at a couple parks	10/19/2017 11:58 AM
3	more access to indoor swimming for all	10/16/2017 12:02 PM
4	Community art center for walk in ceramics, painting, art for all ages	10/15/2017 10:59 PM
5	Stop the horrible curb configurations as on Lincoln, make the already congested road even worse	10/14/2017 7:55 PM
6	Try to avoid over developing the land; keep some natural beauty and simplicity	10/14/2017 6:56 PM
7	Ice arena	10/14/2017 3:19 PM
8	soccer	10/14/2017 2:30 PM
9	open space	10/14/2017 11:51 AM
10	bicycling issues - road space & driver awareness	10/14/2017 10:11 AM
11	Community youth sporting leagues	10/14/2017 8:15 AM
12	Become more involved in community programs when I retire	10/14/2017 7:59 AM
13	Sports tennis Pickle ball	10/13/2017 8:57 PM
14	soccer fields with goals not just open space	10/12/2017 8:49 PM
15	Continue to plant trees	10/12/2017 7:36 PM
16	community gardens	10/12/2017 7:18 PM
17	Lighting to make everything safe.	10/12/2017 1:22 PM
18	maintain current parking at parks	10/12/2017 12:44 PM
19	confine development	10/12/2017 12:19 PM
20	More tennis courts and winter activities	10/12/2017 12:12 PM
21	upgrade/ expand or add dog park	10/12/2017 9:06 AM
22	bikelanes/sidewalks throughout. walking paths to somerset mall	10/12/2017 8:48 AM
23	More wooded space along Rouge...	10/12/2017 8:24 AM
24	Parking	10/12/2017 8:00 AM
25	Better Playgrounds for kids	10/12/2017 7:12 AM
26	Golf	10/12/2017 7:11 AM
27	walking/hiking paths	10/11/2017 9:38 PM
28	Biking and Walking opportunities	10/11/2017 8:43 PM
29	Better and ornate lighting to improve evening walking	10/11/2017 8:11 PM
30	Tennis	10/11/2017 7:42 PM
31	Walking trails	10/11/2017 7:35 PM
32	Walking and bike trails	10/11/2017 7:18 PM
33	Green barriers between developed parks and homes	10/11/2017 7:06 PM

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34	summer activities	10/11/2017 4:20 PM
35	Add outdoor/lighted/heated elevated paddle ball courts	10/11/2017 3:36 PM
36	Interactive water feature	10/11/2017 3:13 PM
37	Promote walkable/bikeable options	10/11/2017 3:07 PM
38	Concerts	10/11/2017 2:38 PM
39	Do NOT want to se football, baseball, soccer fields or basketball courts	10/11/2017 2:15 PM
40	Biking	10/11/2017 1:42 PM
41	Athletic facilities	10/11/2017 1:11 PM
42	Bike paths	10/11/2017 12:51 PM
43	More public safety and security at parks/trails	10/11/2017 12:31 PM
44	improve/resolve Amtrak issue	10/11/2017 12:27 PM
45	Don't over invest	10/11/2017 12:17 PM
46	Special events/festivals	10/11/2017 12:09 PM
47	Restrooms at parks	10/11/2017 11:54 AM
48	Better use of the Eton park areas	10/11/2017 10:55 AM
49	Complete Kenning Park Master Plan	10/11/2017 10:30 AM
50	Determine what to do with underused park space...do we need it?	10/11/2017 10:28 AM
51	bike trails	10/11/2017 10:15 AM
52	offer more activities to socialize, at more locations	10/11/2017 10:09 AM
53	programs for people with disabilities	10/11/2017 9:44 AM
54	Offer nature education programs to get kids outside	10/11/2017 9:40 AM
55	Larger dog park/off leash. Current one is too small	10/11/2017 9:35 AM
56	community sponsored fitness-in-the-park type events	10/11/2017 9:29 AM
57	Aging populations	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
58	Reassess/revamp community events to ensure community participation and appropriateness for both young and established families	10/11/2017 9:25 AM
59	bathrooms	10/11/2017 9:24 AM
60	Nature management-keep the city green	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
61	Off-season sporting at the Golf Courses	10/11/2017 9:15 AM
62	Golf Course	10/11/2017 9:08 AM
63	More trees in parks/more activities in parks	10/11/2017 9:02 AM
64	More walking trails/sidewalks	10/11/2017 8:58 AM
65	Updated Tennis Courts	10/11/2017 8:46 AM
66	Soliciting volunteers to enhance parks	10/11/2017 8:43 AM
67	n/a	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
68	More lighting in parks	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
69	hiking/walking trails	10/11/2017 8:37 AM
70	Additional programs offered	10/11/2017 8:34 AM
71	Adult wellness/exercise	10/11/2017 8:32 AM
72	Continuing Birmingham's activities	10/11/2017 8:25 AM
73	Maintain enhance summer park entertainment	10/11/2017 8:19 AM

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74	Adult playgrounds (exercise areas like Pitt PA)	10/11/2017 8:08 AM
75	Creating more random pick-up games for the community to meet new people.	10/11/2017 8:03 AM
76	Better adult swim offerings	10/11/2017 7:45 AM
77	See priority 2	10/11/2017 7:44 AM
78	Improve golf courses	10/11/2017 7:43 AM
79	General Prepared Readiness	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
80	Sidewalks where there aren't any (14 mile etc)	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
81	Community Gardens - Organic vegetable gardening	10/11/2017 7:35 AM
82	Composting	10/10/2017 9:36 PM
83	Improving golf courses	10/10/2017 5:40 PM
84	Additional off-road bike trails	10/9/2017 8:25 AM
85	Family fun map of all Birmingham parks...always being asked where the parks are by new families.	10/6/2017 7:15 AM
86	Cooperation/coordination with Birmingham Public Schools	10/6/2017 6:54 AM
87	Sports	10/6/2017 1:01 AM
88	Playgrounds	10/5/2017 9:06 PM
89	Ice arena could use better coordination with local schools / sports teams.	10/5/2017 6:44 PM
90	restrooms	10/5/2017 12:35 PM
91	Make existing team sports facilities in the schools more available for public use in non school use hours - running tracks, football / lacrosse fields, baseball diamonds etc.	10/5/2017 12:26 PM
92	bicycle - both road & rental availability	10/5/2017 9:55 AM
93	Bathrooms	10/5/2017 9:42 AM
94	More nature education and awareness	10/5/2017 9:23 AM
95	Improved facilities at large parks while maintaining open space.	10/5/2017 9:22 AM
96	Safer walking paths / crosswalks along Woodward	10/4/2017 11:10 PM
97	Preserve green spaces, enhance what is there, obtain more if possible. There are some vacant lots sitting in key parts of Birmingham that are eye sores that could be turned into park/ nature focused - 2 at Woodward and Maple and one at Woodward and Oakland	10/4/2017 10:12 PM
98	Indoor flowed and aquarium	10/4/2017 8:55 PM
99	More Trees	10/4/2017 8:44 PM
100	scheduled maintenance adhered to	10/4/2017 3:39 PM
101	maintaining current quality	10/4/2017 3:36 PM
102	natural resource management	10/4/2017 3:34 PM
103	greenspace	10/4/2017 12:36 PM
104	Promote use of golf courses by non-residents. I want to see people on the courses at all times.	10/4/2017 11:07 AM
105	outdoor concerts with wide appeal -- classical, jazz for instance	10/3/2017 11:31 AM
106	Improved playground equipment	10/3/2017 10:39 AM
107	Improve signage along Rouge River trail	10/2/2017 9:18 PM
108	Cooperation with local library	10/2/2017 6:44 PM
109	More nature trails	10/2/2017 3:53 PM
110	Change a tennis court or 2 into a community garden	10/2/2017 3:50 PM
111	Community	10/2/2017 3:49 PM
112	Safety via technology	10/2/2017 3:37 PM

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113	Porta loos for tennis courts	10/2/2017 3:37 PM
114	Communicate events or offerings	10/2/2017 11:56 AM
115	Shaded sitting	9/30/2017 6:37 AM
116	Areas & programs that are senior-friendly & young family-friendly	9/29/2017 10:43 AM
117	Bike routes	9/28/2017 3:20 PM
118	Dog park for small dogs	9/28/2017 1:52 PM
119	Bike trails	9/28/2017 1:29 PM
120	Get more people to participate regularly	9/28/2017 2:59 AM
121	well maintained paths	9/27/2017 4:28 PM
122	dancing for seniors	9/27/2017 4:21 PM
123	Family centered fun	9/27/2017 4:11 PM
124	Technology advancements, interpretive designs, solar lighting	9/27/2017 2:49 PM
125	Offer winter programs	9/27/2017 9:06 AM
126	Sustainability	9/26/2017 12:39 PM
127	bike rentals	9/26/2017 9:53 AM
128	Flowers around the city like in Charlevoix	9/26/2017 7:47 AM
129	promote music in parks including dance, exercise & music talks	9/25/2017 6:12 PM
130	Youth Volleyball, Basketball and Soccer	9/25/2017 3:48 PM
131	Community gardening	9/25/2017 3:39 PM
132	(see #1)	9/25/2017 1:53 PM
133	Teen/adult rec sports teams, especially soccer	9/25/2017 1:28 PM
134	making birmingham area more bike-rider friendly	9/24/2017 8:18 PM
135	Providing access to all	9/24/2017 2:03 PM
136	Bicycle lanes and Dog Park	9/24/2017 1:46 PM
137	sports venues	9/24/2017 8:13 AM
138	Improve appearance and maintenance of "forgotten" green spaces such as Adams Park.	9/23/2017 12:28 PM
139	Designated bike lanes	9/22/2017 1:56 PM
140	maintain existing facilities	9/22/2017 12:13 PM
141	Public swimming/recreation facility	9/21/2017 8:04 PM
142	restrooms for parks	9/21/2017 4:25 PM
143	Improve ice arena	9/21/2017 4:19 PM
144	Lobby to end Dream Cruise	9/21/2017 4:05 PM
145	Multicultural events	9/21/2017 3:54 PM
146	Do not over program parks for youth sports. Kids who don't pay \$3,000 a year for soccer deserve so space too	9/21/2017 3:27 PM
147	Swimming programs	9/21/2017 3:15 PM
148	Cross walk and stop sign enforcement by police	9/21/2017 2:46 PM
149	Adding restroom facilities (and maybe food vending) to some of the larger parks	9/21/2017 1:04 PM
150	Walk-Through or bridge connecting the residences to the businesses on the other side of the RR tracks. If we can increase the foot traffic, I think the Vehicle traffic could reduce somewhat.	9/21/2017 11:19 AM
151	Playgrounds	9/21/2017 9:38 AM

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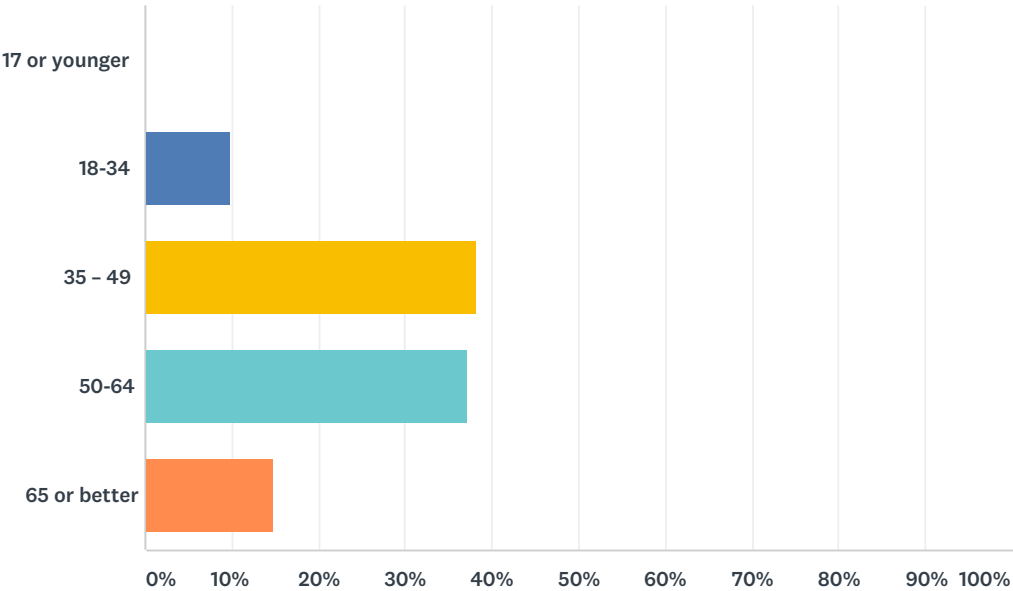
152	Updates of existing equipment and buildings	9/21/2017 8:57 AM
153	Expanded dog parks	9/21/2017 7:04 AM
154	restroom buildings at the parks	9/20/2017 9:16 PM
155	Community sports/activities	9/20/2017 7:54 PM
156	Bathrooms at parks	9/20/2017 7:32 PM
157	Lighting	9/20/2017 4:18 PM
158	?	9/20/2017 3:12 PM
159	Swimming	9/20/2017 7:49 AM
160	Programs for youth	9/19/2017 2:36 PM
161	walking paths	9/18/2017 7:39 PM
162	community grdns w/walking paths & benches w/rotating art displays	9/18/2017 7:20 PM
163	River viewing/sitting areas along the River Rouge trails	9/18/2017 6:24 PM
164	More green, less development	9/17/2017 7:50 PM
165	You can't ride bikes thru town, to much traffic!!!	9/17/2017 12:18 PM
166	Pit was very disappointing that the city was never able to providing a health club at the Barum location like Troy did.	9/17/2017 7:32 AM
167	Maintaining neighborhood feel to the parks and offer more opportunities to gather for quality exercise and fitness programs	9/17/2017 6:36 AM
168	Safe Woodward crossing	9/16/2017 7:29 PM
169	Outdoor Winter sports	9/16/2017 4:52 PM
170	Add more children's outdoor programs	9/16/2017 1:36 PM
171	More community gardens, with so many people living on small lots it is difficult to have a garden. Our children need to understand where food comes from and be encouraged to eat more healthy food.	9/16/2017 11:20 AM
172	Community gardens	9/16/2017 8:31 AM
173	Better traffic control, less blockades of side streets	9/16/2017 6:38 AM
174	Pocket parks for specific activities - eg volleyball, basketbal, community gardens	9/15/2017 4:44 PM
175	Walking paths inside parks, i e, Poppleton, Pembroke, etc.	9/15/2017 4:29 PM
176	Community Garden	9/15/2017 4:18 PM
177	Sidewalk availability	9/15/2017 4:03 PM
178	bike lanes	9/15/2017 3:27 PM
179	natural walking paths	9/15/2017 3:24 PM
180	don't overdevelop the parks that cost a lot of money	9/15/2017 3:04 PM
181	Continuing Birmingham's excellent festivals and programs.	9/15/2017 2:50 PM
182	Cross walk at Woodward	9/15/2017 2:37 PM
183	Hiking walking paths	9/15/2017 2:21 PM
184	Bike rentals	9/15/2017 1:55 PM
185	Updated play equipment	9/15/2017 11:27 AM
186	Picnic tables near playgrounds	9/15/2017 11:25 AM
187	Updated restrooms at parks	9/15/2017 11:22 AM
188	Trails and paths	9/15/2017 9:44 AM
189	Nature education trails	9/14/2017 9:04 PM

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190	Golf	9/14/2017 8:29 PM
191	Allow kayak rental in Quarten lake	9/14/2017 3:38 PM
192	Bring back the fireworks	9/14/2017 3:18 PM
193	Cultural Center	9/14/2017 3:11 PM

Q10 What is your age?

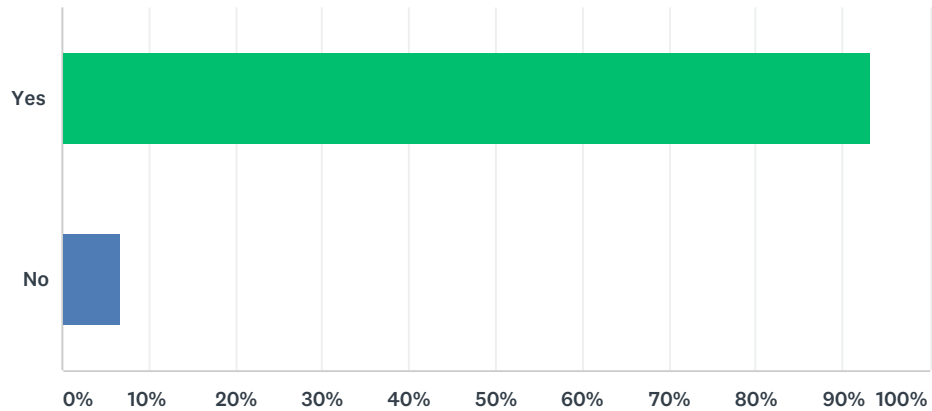
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18-34	9.78%	35
35 – 49	38.27%	137
50-64	37.15%	133
65 or better	14.80%	53
TOTAL		358

Q11 Do you live in the City of Birmingham?

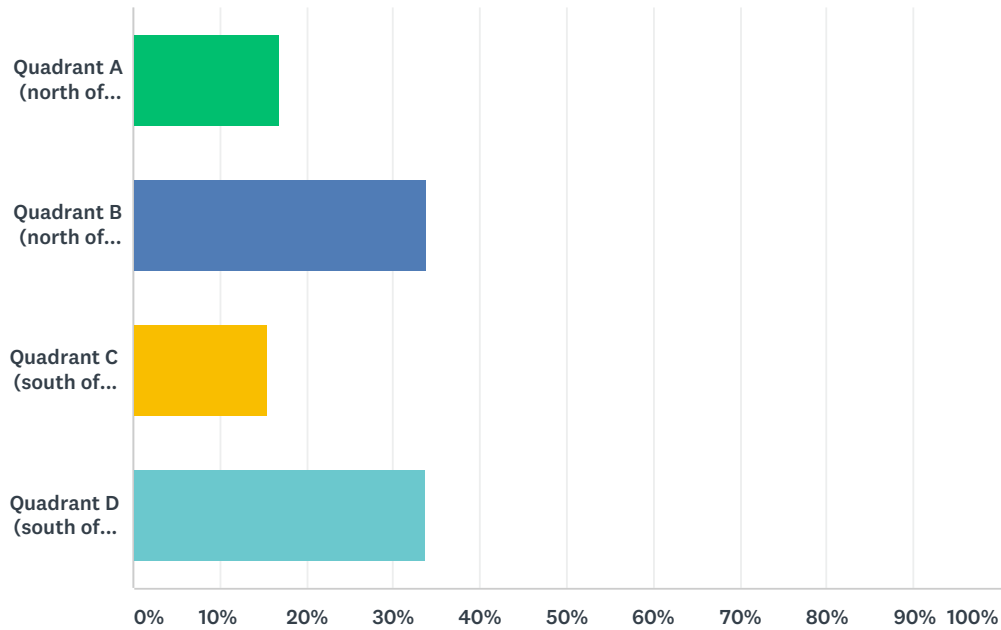
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		93.26%	332
No		6.74%	24
TOTAL			356

Q12 Which quadrant do you live in?

Answered: 342 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Quadrant A (north of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)	16.96%	58
Quadrant B (north of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)	33.92%	116
Quadrant C (south of Maple, east of Woodward Ave.)	15.50%	53
Quadrant D (south of Maple, west of Woodward Ave.)	33.63%	115
TOTAL		342

Q13 Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

Answered: 104 Skipped: 313

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm 90 yrs old and live alone.	10/19/2017 12:05 PM
2	My main concern is for visibly enhanced playgrounds. Booth Park is not. Children can easily get out of sight of their parents. Also please no public restrooms or underground parking, also for safety reasons.	10/19/2017 11:52 AM
3	Stop allowing green space to be lost ie: along the Rouge River and Old Woodward!	10/19/2017 11:25 AM
4	Landscapes should focus on natural materials and not focus on paving and hardscaping which is human unfriendly. Provide seating for resting. Water for drinking. I love how the city provides toys at the local parks. How about some senior walking groups, tennis groups. Ways to foster community in non competitive ways. Cross generational projects would be wonderful too so everyone benefits from each other's strengths.p, such as open air painting classes, tai chi in parks, etc.	10/15/2017 11:06 PM
5	Eton road is a mess, too much fast traffic, noise, huge trucks	10/15/2017 2:16 PM
6	Kenning park does not need to lose anymore parking spaces. The senior center has already become an eye sore for us in the neighborhood. Do not touch the parking, do not add that fourth ball park, and no PARKING on residential streets to service that park!!!!!!	10/14/2017 7:58 PM
7	Overall I like the plan for Kenning Park, especially bathrooms and a pavilion!! I am not sure we need that many baseball diamonds or a road to them. One of the things parents enjoy most about Kenning is that is is tucked back away from the street, different to the other nearby parks. That allows us to let our children be kids and RUN free, within reason, without helicoptering over them.	10/14/2017 7:01 PM
8	Tennis courts vary in quality. Nets are often not properly maintained and kept at adequate height. Wind screens should be added. Golf courses should spend more money on maintenance and upgrades to the courses themselves.	10/14/2017 3:20 PM
9	Kenning Park Master Plan should be revisited. Many of the nearby residents are concerned with the relocation of any baseball diamonds that would require removal of mature trees & introduce cars to park along the residential streets to the park's south. Kenning Park should be diversified in use & have adequate an amount of open space for soccer & other sports besides baseball. Four baseball diamonds at Kenning Park is excessive. All Birmingham parks that have recreational space should also be checked for the recreational areas to drain well & be safe from dips or areas where sprained ankles could occur running across. The portion of land at the northeast corner of S.Eton & Lincoln should be considered to be re-purposed as an urban Park and gateway for the Rail District.	10/14/2017 2:48 PM
10	A main reason I live in bham- public space & parks & walking trails. As the density increases, we need to continue to make sure we provide adequate space. My personal favorite are the walking trails & would be delighted if we could somehow expand - & I'd be happy to donate to support such efforts - best part of Bham is that we have both city & nature	10/14/2017 10:14 AM
11	In general, I feel that the parks in Birmingham are under utilized. Other than just maintenance, I don't think much more needs to be done. We have great parks in our city and I hardly see people using these services. Poppleton park is huge and empty. People in these neighborhoods can afford to have all of their equipment in their homes or in their backyard. instead of focusing on the parks, It's time to focus on the areas outside the parks: walking trails, bike trails.	10/14/2017 8:03 AM
12	Build park in triangle district	10/14/2017 7:13 AM
13	Kenning park is once again being under attack. It is so close to homes and should be kept for the neighborhood. Keep the big trees and 4 ball diamonds are enough. We don't want extra people parking on side streets. And no walking paths. We want to keep our streets safe and quiet.	10/13/2017 5:10 PM

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14	Too few parks in Quadrant C above Only one park in that area Kenning we need more parks that we can walk to other areas have multiple parks and we have only one IT NEED TO BE A PRIORITY and not as a city wide destination but as a neighborhood destination USE the private club for more parking and let the members relocate to other tennis clubs	10/12/2017 8:52 PM
15	Some of the parks need more shade, even if that means bringing in artificial shade such as awnings or umbrellas. For instance we love Barnum park but there needs to be more shade in the playground area. There is no place to go and get out of the sun. In the summer time we avoid this park because it is simply too hot and there is no shade. I would also like to see some parks offer permanent bathroom facilities. I understand this might not be feasible in all parks but some of the bigger parks with higher usage it would be nice to have that option. Perhaps also maybe one or two parks with a pavilion or other covered areas that could be rented (like Beverly park in Beverly Hills).	10/12/2017 10:42 AM
16	Maintenance of Parks should include spraying for weeds and insects (Mosquitos).	10/12/2017 7:15 AM
17	We have 50% less children than we had 40 years ago and 100% more formal park space....most of which is underutilized (baseball, football, tennis). I would like to see aesthetic improvements to existing park space rather than expansion of equipment and facilities.	10/11/2017 8:50 PM
18	Improve Barnum Park to draw the level of activity at Booth Park	10/11/2017 3:16 PM
19	The medians on Woodward Ave. Need attention. They are a hodge/podge of shrubs and flowers. We need to do a better job in this area. Hanging baskets etc. Always look great !!!!!	10/11/2017 2:45 PM
20	Adams Park needs extensive improvement!!	10/11/2017 1:47 PM
21	Please develop Adams park. There are so many young babies and children in the area. A splash pad would be perfect	10/11/2017 1:13 PM
22	Speeding on Eton and Lincoln	10/11/2017 12:50 PM
23	As far as the existing trails, they should all be connected.	10/11/2017 12:30 PM
24	Adams Park is in need of additional investment to improve the equipment, fencing, trees and grass.	10/11/2017 12:22 PM
25	Parks are the pride of the city but all of our tax dollars don't need to be utilized to entertain surrounding communities	10/11/2017 12:18 PM
26	Need more parking in the retail space area of Rail District, near Cole and Eton. The dancing schools take up most of parking spaces.	10/11/2017 12:12 PM
27	Adams Park has been discussed the last 16 years I have lived here. When will the improvements be made?	10/11/2017 11:58 AM
28	We should take note from the Grosse Pointe Farms and their community park. We need a nice swimming pool, splash pad and summer play area.	10/11/2017 10:57 AM
29	I love our parks. I have lived in Birmingham my whole life and appreciate all of our parks, particularly Manor and Poppleton. I do miss some of the greenspace that was part of Shain Park since that was changed several years ago, but it is still pretty and I enjoy the fountain and tables in the summer. I like that we have lots of benches there as well.	10/11/2017 9:51 AM
30	So many parents comment about Booth Park, and we are concerned that it's a hard park to watch your kids play without being a helicopter mom/dad.	10/11/2017 9:42 AM
31	I believe the number one key to keeping Birmingham a viable, attractive city going forward is to keep it walkable/bikeable. Traffic continues to increase, and for me personally it has become tough to cross Maple on foot, and even Oak can be a challenge when it is busy.	10/11/2017 9:17 AM
32	A community garden along with a children's garden might be beneficial to the community	10/11/2017 9:16 AM
33	Overall you are doing a great job with the Parks. As "power user", I could leave a long list of successes, great job! However, my main critique, or missed opportunity, has to do with connectivity: It is dangerous to cross from the riverwalk to Quarton Lake waterfall, and impossible to cross from Linden to Linn Park (thus never used). And with bikes, well the lack of bike lanes is appalling, there's no other word for it. Painting bike symbols on Lincoln, for example, is an insult when the cars blithely run you off the road every chance they get.	10/11/2017 9:16 AM
34	Remove and replace the statue of naked lady in Shain Park. Replace with a more family friendly statue. Would like to see more bistro-style tables in our parks. Add activities in the parks, i.e., shuffle board, disc golf, croquet.	10/11/2017 9:06 AM

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35	Birmingham has a great park system, that is one of the things that attracted us to move here. It would be great if we had some tennis courts with lights though :-)	10/11/2017 8:51 AM
36	Sidewalks are not maintained in the winter. Lack of sidewalk Snow removal by the city makes walking to town impossible. They frequently pile snow at corners so we can't cross the street.	10/11/2017 8:42 AM
37	I have always been a big proponent of a all year swimming pool for the community. 2-3 golf courses but not one all year pool / water program.	10/11/2017 8:10 AM
38	Dont overcluter parks, dont ruin green space of parks.	10/11/2017 8:03 AM
39	please get the bikers in a bike lane and have them obey the traffic laws! someone will get killed! Also please watch the use of drones in the parks!!!	10/11/2017 7:39 AM
40	Live in Beverly Hills yet pay Birmingham taxes. Required to pay a premium for Birmingham activities	10/11/2017 7:36 AM
41	Please add lighting to Linden Park. It is a great park but when it gets dark early, it is not able to be enjoyed because of no lighting.	10/11/2017 7:36 AM
42	Do NOT populate our parks with baseball diamonds and increase public parking in our streets with non-birmingham residents. We appreciate and enjoy the natural state of our Parks.	10/11/2017 7:29 AM
43	My 2 top priorities are the Ice Arena and Poppleton Park. I completed the Ice Arena survey and left my comments there, so here I will offer comments about Poppleton Park ("the park"). I am in favor of updating the play structures and bathroom facilities at the park, and opposed to adding parking, pavilions, and walking paths. The existing play equipment is old, unsightly, and does not meet the needs of the kids that use it. I suggest a play structure similar to the one at Booth Park. I believe you could get a group of volunteers from the neighborhood to support the construction, if needed. Additionally, simple swings, baby swings, and bench swings would be well-used. There is no need for permanent restroom facilities at the park, but a porta-potty platform with a 3-sided wall would be much more attractive. There should be 2: one near, but apart, from the play area, and one near the baseball field and tennis courts. The platform should be big enough for a handicapped-size porta-potty, ideally with a diaper changing station inside. Of course, these would have to be checked frequently for proper sanitation. Last winter, I was actively opposed to adding parking at the park and attended the meeting on the matter. I was glad to see the commission support the vast neighborhood majority to oppose this idea. I still firmly believe that there is sufficient parking that causes very few problems on the neighboring streets. Adding parking will jeopardize the local feel of the park and invite cars and loitering, which would ultimately cause damage to the park, the neighborhood, and local house values. Permanent picnic pavilions are not needed. The structure at Springdale is perfect, has access to sufficient parking, and is not utilized at capacity. The open green space is a beautiful, calming buffer from Woodward and should be preserved. Additional walking paths are not needed inside the park. There are plenty of sidewalks available and the maintenance of interior paths would be costly and cumbersome. Thanks for providing the opportunity to add my opinions.	10/9/2017 8:56 AM
44	I live in Poppleton Park. I'm hoping that new play equipment is enstalled. I think it should all be a "Birmingham Green" and not a mix of pink, teal and other miss matched structures. I'm also against paving a wide trail around the perimeter of the park. It would look like a race track. I would prefer a natural looking path like the one at Qarton Lake.	10/8/2017 10:32 PM
45	You left Rouge Trail off the list of park facilities.	10/6/2017 6:55 AM
46	Our parks need to stay parks. We don't need parking lots to replace our parks.	10/5/2017 9:09 PM
47	There are specialized facilities everywhere for every type of activity. I have lived here my entire life and have watched the parks try to transform into all sorts of facilities. In my opinion, our residents are best served by nice, quiet, well maintained parks that might support walking paths but the don't need to be turned into entertainment venues.	10/5/2017 6:48 PM
48	1 of my favorite parts of Birmingham living - the walking/running trails. I would love to extend the trails & would be pleased to donate to the extension of the existing trails. Also, with as many parks as we have - there should be an unleashed dog park that's more like Riverside Park in New York	10/5/2017 9:58 AM
49	I believe the neighbors of Poppleton Park do NOT want that park used any more than it currently is. They want it to be their own, quiet park. I believe it is vastly underused, and much could be done. I'd settle for walking paths.	10/5/2017 9:44 AM
50	I would love to see a better use for Adams Park - more playground/recreational use than just green space.	10/5/2017 9:24 AM

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51	I am pleased Birmingham continues to place a priority on parks within the city.	10/5/2017 9:24 AM
52	Very good park system. Continue to improve and upgrade them. Some need a little more love. It is important for a life of a city, usually a under appreciated asset when it actually is critical.	10/4/2017 10:16 PM
53	Love the proposed Kenning Park renovations	10/4/2017 8:45 PM
54	I think the Rec. Department does a great job	10/4/2017 3:37 PM
55	Don't feel compelled to make changes to the P&R system. It's excellent as it is now. The Public Services staff and the P&R Board are doing very good work, and should be encouraged to continue doing so. Resist the temptation to over-develop parks. Barnum Park is a fine property located close to downtown. Most of the huge \$10 million cost, however, was just to acquire the property to preserve it as green space. It's usage was already restricted by deed to be green space, so this massive outlay did not expand the City's parkland at all.	10/4/2017 11:23 AM
56	please leave kenning park as is - it is a park, do not cut down trees - a walking path would not keep the neighborhoods quiet, walking the grass is perfectly fine	10/4/2017 7:09 AM
57	Sidewalks that abruptly stop are an issue in quadrant D. This is especially an issue to younger children who cannot ride their bicycles in the street and, all of a sudden, reach a dead end sidewalk.	10/2/2017 9:21 PM
58	Poppleton Park is under used. Area homeowners hold it hostage	10/2/2017 8:31 PM
59	I appreciate the ability to purchase an "out of town" dog park pass as my husband and I live in an apartment at 14 Mile and Telegraph. However, the dog park is closed on Wed. mornings until noon. As 70 year old dog owners, walking the dog on that day is often dangerous as the weather conditions change. Could you PLEASE ASK for early morning hours on EVERY DAY? (currently not available on Wed. am until noon). Thank you.	10/2/2017 4:13 PM
60	This was addressed, but I want to reinforce it.....maintenance needs to be consistently better. There is no point in having a 5 year plan if the parks look shabby.	10/2/2017 3:40 PM
61	Family with two young kids, we feel the city could do a lot better at offering more youth sports programs (soccer, tee-ball, etc) with more athletic fields AS WELL AS more adult sports programs, namely adult softball and volleyball leagues.	10/2/2017 3:39 PM
62	additional garbage cans and recycling cans at parks, especially those with sports fields. Leave the trails along the Rouge natural - don't fix them up. Convert Quarton school tennis courts to pickleball. Also, find an indoor space for pickleball-not the inadequate facilities of NEXT. Seems like surrounding communities have much better facilities for seniors then Birmingham does.	9/29/2017 1:57 PM
63	I wish there was a way to prevent dog owners that do not pay for the dog park usage to be denied access. People hit the emergency button with a stick and gain access before and after hours as well as those that don't even belong to the dog park.	9/28/2017 7:42 PM
64	Dog park is over run with big dogs; small dogs feel threatened. Just spent 2 weeks in the U.K. and was reminded of how massive their parks and public gardens are! We could learn from them.	9/28/2017 1:54 PM
65	some questions dont relate to birmingham city question 12 ???	9/27/2017 4:34 PM
66	Look into the Blue Zones project www.bluezones.com and consider ways in which these principles can be adopted and considered as plans evolve.	9/27/2017 2:50 PM
67	The playground at Poppleton Park desperately needs to be updated but the last plan which called for lots of parking on Woodward was unacceptable. Also, a splash pad would be a great addition to Barnum or another park since Birmingham does not have a community pool.	9/27/2017 9:07 AM
68	I've been an avid Lincoln Hills Dog Park Member for the past two year doing my best to go twice a day if feasible. I enjoy it and know that my dog likes it there to however I believe there's an opportunity to make it a great experience for all involved. The park does it justice, but I feel there needs to be further consideration regarding for the space. For example, it would be fantastic to provide a permanent dog agility equipment to foster engagement. Also, if you haven't stood there at 7AM in the dead of winter, it would be beneficial to provide lighting for safety purposes as well as some time of concrete structure to avoid the wind sheers that happen on top of the hill.	9/26/2017 8:12 PM
69	Safe pedestrian access across Woodward ave. at Oak must be considered.	9/26/2017 2:20 PM

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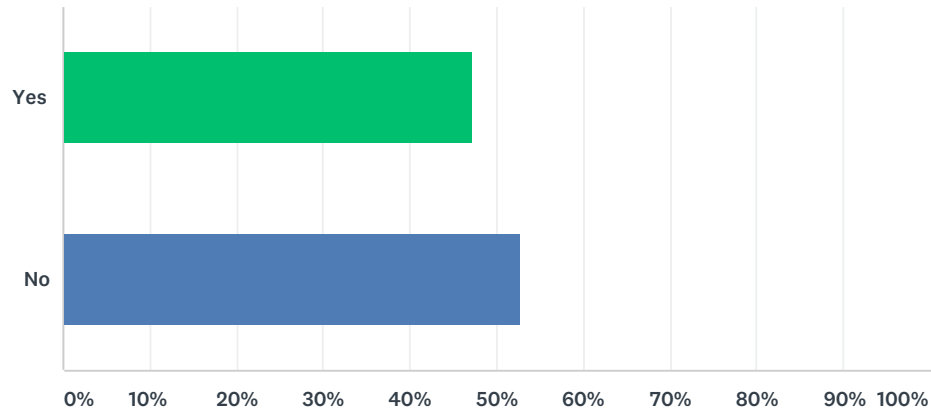
70	Partnering with the schools, library, bbac, museum, NEXT , Community House, etc is vital. Avoiding duplicity or calendar conflicts is an important consideration , cost and time wise. Collaboration is key to successful communities. Aligning with metro area calendar events makes great cents/sense!	9/25/2017 6:24 PM
71	We love the dog park but it would be great if it were a bigger enclosed area	9/25/2017 3:49 PM
72	It is important to maintain the variety of different types of park space that we offer. It is important to not over-develop Birmingham. I think it's critical to maintain existing green spaces and keep them green.	9/24/2017 8:21 PM
73	I feel our park and rec are pretty great and I'd like to see them stay that way.	9/24/2017 1:47 PM
74	The Museum Park has been forgotten. It should be developed as an outdoor historic museum including walking exhibits and a game/play area.	9/24/2017 8:16 AM
75	A bit off topic but would love to see less noise and traffic impacting residential neighborhoods during the month of August/run-up to Dream Cruise (the actual day). The weekend of the event is fun; the entire month of August is wearying.	9/23/2017 12:31 PM
76	Gravel paths in Barnum park make the area hard to maintain and leave it looking sloppy; would be great to get those paths cemented over. Real restrooms in the major parks would be great too.	9/22/2017 2:01 PM
77	Would love to see a public athletic/swim facility similar to Troy recreation center. Improve playground at Poppleton Park. Improve playground at Shain Park not enough play equipment and need more shade.	9/21/2017 8:08 PM
78	Don't pave poppleton with walking trails like Barnum. Keep it green, not cement	9/21/2017 7:42 PM
79	Please provide access to cross Woodward at Oak ASAP to utilize facilities on BOTH sides. Unacceptable as is.	9/21/2017 6:06 PM
80	Communicate and LISTEN to taxpayers	9/21/2017 4:20 PM
81	The City of Birmihgham should consider annexing that portion of Bloomfield Township that is adjacent to Manor Park, buying out the developer, GMS Holding Company, which is currently trying to develop home sites on this property, and is suing Bloomfield Township in Federal Court for not allowing their proposed lot split. The property could then be used to extend the nature preserve which would be a much more desirable use of the land from the standpoint of residents, the public, and wildlife.	9/21/2017 4:12 PM
82	I like the new parks, but they feel urban and use too much hard surface and intertwining sidewalks. Remember that Birmingham's roots are as a farm community. Let keep some open green spaces. Plus, the world does not need more soccer and baseball fields. Youth sports is ridiculously out of hand with the scheduling requirements. We can and should have some unscheduled open spaces. And I have five kids!	9/21/2017 3:30 PM
83	Poppleton Park does not need direct access from Woodward.	9/21/2017 2:48 PM
84	Safety on Eton is huge right now. Other than that, I'd like to have more walking trails connected within the neighborhood so that I could walk more with my family without worrying about crossing Eton.	9/21/2017 11:21 AM
85	The parks closer to downtown have become less kid friendly. Not nearly the amount of play structures are available to meet needs of many kids. We absolutely need restrooms. And why don't have to leave Bham to go to a park with a simple water feature for kids to cool down in?	9/20/2017 4:20 PM
86	Parks do not have to be playgrounds! We need more trees - not fewer. Untangle parks from recreation. Just let nature BE.	9/20/2017 7:34 AM
87	Safety of the playground for kids, too many dogs are on the playground without a leash and dog excrement are in the playground area too (St James Park). Owners ignore the sign " no dogs in the playground". What about a small fence or wall to show the playground area, a sign playground cleaning on dog owners expense,....	9/18/2017 10:05 PM
88	PLEASE make Adams Park a priority. There is a need for updates and it is overrun with students during the day so it's difficult for neighbors to enjoy the park,	9/18/2017 7:50 PM
89	Casual biking in and through town would be great utilizing alleys, cut-thrus between bldings, down quiet sidestreets and connecting the park system. TOO DANGEROUS ON THE BUSY ROADS! DISTRACTED DRIVERS ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION.	9/18/2017 7:23 PM
90	Need to address Adams park	9/17/2017 9:32 AM

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91	It is okay to leave some park land undeveloped	9/16/2017 4:53 PM
92	We need more open (natural) spaces like Poppleton Park and move to a bike friendly city.	9/15/2017 10:18 PM
93	Public art in all parks.	9/15/2017 4:45 PM
94	Parks and Rec A+ Maintenance. Pickle ball courts a great idea. Bring back a 2nd Dog Park off leash. NEXT/Senior (new) center needed. Keep Popp Park "underutilized" .	9/15/2017 4:23 PM
95	Was very disappointed that Poppelton Park and Adams Park near Roeper School in Poppelton that were suppose to be improved and updated never occurred. Adams Park in particular is probably the worst Park in the city and really needs attention.	9/15/2017 3:49 PM
96	Birmingham parks should be focused on Birmingham residents and neighborhood parks should focus on serving the needs of the local neighborhood.	9/15/2017 2:23 PM
97	Birmingham is a great city to live in but I feel it's missing out on nightlife like near by cities like Royal oak, Ferndale. There are no late night music venues or anything for young 25 to 35 age group. City should let new businesses like nightclubs to open up to attract more people.	9/15/2017 1:58 PM
98	It will be nice to trickle charge my car while parked and I'm at a Birmingham park area	9/15/2017 12:46 PM
99	The addition of a private park for birmingham residents would be great. Similar to Grosse Pointe where you have park passes. There we could have a splash pad for children, pools, etc.	9/15/2017 12:42 PM
100	Please install a safer slide at Shain Park. Several times, I've seen kids nearly fall out the step sides (luckily parents have caught). Please have either a staff member get CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspector - National Recreation and Park Association) or hire a contractor that is CPSI certified. We LOVE the parks in Birmingham, but as our child grows, we see more and more the need for these spaces to be inspected and maintained in a safe manner. Thanks	9/15/2017 11:27 AM
101	Please meet with residents before making future decisions.	9/15/2017 11:23 AM
102	I work in the City of Birmingham and would like to see more recreational opportunities in the City.	9/15/2017 9:46 AM
103	My kids are older now, but young children's play area always seem to be inadequate and cramped. Just look at how the kids are shoved in a section of Shain Park.	9/14/2017 8:32 PM
104	Would love if we had Huntington Woods style Rec center, can't we replace one of the golf courses?	9/14/2017 3:12 PM

Q1 Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Ice Arena?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		47.31%	123
No		52.69%	137
TOTAL			260

Q2 What do you think could be improved?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 47

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Interior	10/19/2017 9:50 AM
2	Nothing	10/19/2017 9:49 AM
3	The Ice Arena is a gen, and deserving of high priority.	10/18/2017 9:52 AM
4	The actual skating area could be brightened up.	10/18/2017 9:51 AM
5	Concessions stand, activities, ticket desk, open during summer	10/18/2017 9:50 AM
6	1. Second full size ice surface is needed for hockey. 2. Larger lockerrooms 3. Better hvac in rink. 4. Larger proshop that is open during business hours and with variety of equipment for both hockey and figure skating. 5. Allow credit card purchases in proshop and concessions stand. 6. Parking lot needs to be expanded. Spaces are too small and driving lane is too small.	10/16/2017 12:26 PM
7	Add an espresso machine and additional coffee options. Offer real cream.	10/15/2017 9:17 PM
8	Hours of free skate	10/15/2017 2:12 PM
9	updated decor, better lighting, install city-mandated lighting/benches etc. like on the rest of Lincoln. Stop reducing the tax rate and use the money to fund the various dormant park projects instead of trying to have good optics of small tax breaks - better services and facilities - we have fallen behind	10/15/2017 10:47 AM
10	Locker rooms are too small. Walkways are too narrow going into the locker rooms. There is always dangerous ice outside the ice rink	10/14/2017 8:02 PM
11	Lobby, there needs to be a game room again!	10/14/2017 8:00 PM
12	Locker rooms	10/14/2017 7:11 PM
13	Locker room facilities are poor, lack of good adult league options, ice sheet itself isn't regulation NHL size.	10/14/2017 3:22 PM
14	Building front facade (exterior). Possibly new landscaping	10/14/2017 2:52 PM
15	small locker rooms are always cramped. rink should be open year round.	10/13/2017 11:27 AM
16	Bigger Locker Rooms, Pro Shop that is open all the time.	10/13/2017 10:54 AM
17	The city could use another sheet of ice (200x85) which it will be able to fill from Sept through May with Birmingham teams (my son and daughter are both involved). Keep one sheet open in the summer and rent out for camps, private hockey and figure skating.	10/13/2017 8:08 AM
18	Larger locker rooms	10/13/2017 4:03 AM
19	The locker room space is very tight. Trying to get several mini mite 6-7 year olds in and out,using the conference rooms and lobby as overflow "locker room" changing areas is quite congested and confusing. The vending stand could also use updating and a better selection of foods and beverages.	10/12/2017 9:08 PM
20	Locker room bathrooms need some renovation.	10/12/2017 6:50 PM
21	Updated locker rooms; another ice surface; open year-round	10/12/2017 2:30 PM
22	Locker Room Space/More stands for fans	10/12/2017 1:29 PM
23	Larger locker rooms are needed. In addition the locker rooms and restrooms need to be updated to modern day standards.	10/12/2017 1:19 PM
24	Bigger locker rooms Another ice pad	10/12/2017 12:32 PM
25	Locker rooms and fix the glass on the door.	10/12/2017 12:25 PM
26	LOCKER ROOM SPACE, LOCKER ROOM SPACE, LOCKER ROOM SPACE	10/12/2017 12:11 PM
27	Seating areas and bathrooms	10/12/2017 7:29 AM

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28	Dressing rooms	10/12/2017 7:04 AM
29	top quality ice surface and wider access doors	10/11/2017 4:16 PM
30	Locker rooms are small and not capable of handle a hockey team of 14-16 kids adequately.	10/11/2017 2:13 PM
31	Sitting area	10/11/2017 12:54 PM
32	Entry way and off-ice/recreation facilities.	10/11/2017 12:09 PM
33	Many thought the temperature was too cold during the Adult Skate.	10/11/2017 11:34 AM
34	I would love to take an adult figure skating class.	10/11/2017 11:17 AM
35	Locker rooms, waiting area, snack bar.	10/11/2017 11:13 AM
36	2 full sheets of ice	10/11/2017 10:59 AM
37	Major remodel.	10/11/2017 10:57 AM
38	n/a	10/11/2017 10:53 AM
39	N/a	10/11/2017 9:57 AM
40	Stay open in the summer	10/11/2017 9:19 AM
41	More activities for the public, open ice, etc.	10/11/2017 9:18 AM
42	Seating area for people watching activities in main rink.	10/11/2017 8:12 AM
43	The facility is very old and tired. Doesn't reflect what Birmingham has to offer.	10/11/2017 7:29 AM
44	Locker rooms and they need an off-ice training area.	10/11/2017 12:26 AM
45	Use of building during off ice time could be used to host special events, mom2mom sales, etc.	10/10/2017 4:32 PM
46	As a parent of a former Birmingham Unified, I can't express more strongly how nice new locker rooms would be for our players. I am thrilled that the team has home ice now, rather than having to hurry to drive to Troy right after school. BU had a great team last year, and I would've loved to see the Birmingham community support us more!	10/10/2017 3:00 PM
47	Address constant ice build up outside the rink boards. Upgrade concessions system to accept credit/debit cards.	10/10/2017 1:24 PM
48	A net up to protect ALL of the spectators!	10/9/2017 4:40 PM
49	Locker room size	10/9/2017 3:21 PM
50	Bigger locker rooms and none curfew arena	10/8/2017 10:06 AM
51	Locker room size, rink could be colder	10/7/2017 4:25 PM
52	Locker room sizes and number of locker rooms. More ice time (another rink)	10/7/2017 11:25 AM
53	We've been skating in Birmingham for 7 years, but for the first time the ice is not in good shape. But now, when the figure skaters use the ice after a high school hockey practice the ice is rough. The resurface job on those days is not sufficient. Your ice has always been fabulous for figure skaters, I am disappointed that that has not been the case this year. And, it is my understanding that hockey will begin practicing every day prior to the club ice for figure skating. This could be a real problem for our skaters. I would hope that more time can be dedicated to the resurface so that our skaters can learn in proper conditions. Thank you.	10/6/2017 12:18 PM
54	Various updates to outdated site furnishings and rooms	10/5/2017 12:38 PM

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55	Overall, the rink is beautifully maintained, modern, and clean. The staff is very professional and friendly. The only issue is the size of the locker rooms. We have 2 sons that have played for the Birmingham Unified Hockey team and we are very happy that the team can now hold all of its practices and games at our home arena. However, with 20 "big boys" on each team (JV and Varsity), there just isn't enough room in the existing locker rooms for them to dress, especially for games. I fully support adding a new locker room in the existing, little used storage space. This would be an asset to the City as well, as it creates a more valuable venue for visiting teams for tournaments. Plus, you have a very active partnership with the BU Booster Board who will help offset actual costs to the City. This is a very unique opportunity to add value to a City asset with little cost to the taxpayers! I also play on an independent women's hockey team and I can tell you that it is very difficult to find open ice for many teams. With the closing of the Berkley Ice Arena, there is an opportunity to add another sheet of ice (as has been discussed for years!). A cost study would probably show that another sheet would likely be fully booked as soon as it came available. It would also create more available time for open skate and open hockey for all the residents. There are not many open hours for the general public right now. I think this should be prioritized over other park improvements because it will actually generate revenue for the City, as well as becoming more of a gem for the City and Parks Department. The Ice Arena will only become more visible in the coming years with the continued development of the Rail District. Thanks for considering my opinions.	10/5/2017 6:49 AM
56	Locker rooms need to be improved	10/4/2017 6:05 PM
57	open summers	10/4/2017 3:41 PM
58	hockey locker rooms	10/4/2017 3:41 PM
59	Locker rooms are awful. Our kids deserve better, particularly as th BU hockey team has risen in stature and prestige and is attracting more attention to our community. We can do better!	10/4/2017 6:49 AM
60	Locker rooms are tiny, the lobby is brutal, take out the half ice rink and make it a conditioning room or expand it to a 2nd sheet of full ice. Really the rink could double its size if it went up. A 2nd floor and make it like Orchard Lake. Also New lights and a new scoreboard	10/3/2017 8:38 PM
61	Locker Room conditions are small, cramped and outdated. BU Hockey brings such pride to the area and the arena.	10/3/2017 1:22 PM
62	Mostly I'm satisfied, just think the locker room sizes are tool small and hinder the facility from being on par with the best rinks in our area.	10/3/2017 11:26 AM
63	Locker rooms are too small, rink is dirty.	10/3/2017 8:28 AM
64	The locker rooms.	10/3/2017 6:01 AM
65	Better bathrooms and lockers, special room for mothers of infants, lockers for families, places/hooks for ladies' purses in the restrooms.	10/2/2017 10:53 PM
66	Everything	10/2/2017 9:23 PM
67	We need a larger locker room For the BU hockey team	10/2/2017 8:45 PM
68	The locker rooms	10/2/2017 8:22 PM
69	Locker Room Size, especially for the Birmingham Unified Hockey Team	10/2/2017 7:46 PM
70	There should be a locker room for the Birmingham High School Team.	10/2/2017 7:02 PM
71	Locker rooms and lobby.	10/2/2017 6:59 PM
72	Add an additional sheet of ice	10/2/2017 5:28 PM
73	I think a locker room for the Birmingham Unified Hockey would be a great contribution to the program and will improve the future of hockey for the Ice Arena.	10/2/2017 5:28 PM
74	Locker Rooms need to be updated. Improve the size for older kids and adults. The ice is usually in good shape.	10/2/2017 5:24 PM
75	Inadequate locker room size. Ice quality needs improvements. Would be beneficial to have our High School hockey teams have a quality local ice rink to support them.	10/2/2017 4:28 PM
76	the high school team needs a big lovker room with everyones own spot in it	10/2/2017 4:15 PM

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77	-Dedicated locker room for BU hockey team -Larger locker rooms -Pro shop open during normal business hours...there aren't too many places that sharpen skates -Bring back the arcade! I grew up playing hockey at Birmingham and played for the Birmingham Rangers travel team and 3 years on BU's varsity hockey team. I love the rink, and think it should be BU's home barn! Much love!	10/2/2017 3:32 PM
78	Locker rooms are too small, benches too low, and could use general update. It's also super obnoxious to have to walk around the support beams with a hockey bag when going to your locker room.	10/2/2017 3:31 PM
79	The locker rooms need to be much larger for hockey teams. There should also be a separate locker room for the BU varsity team. For safety reasons, you should consider moving the Zamboni garage to the far end of the rink.	10/2/2017 2:36 PM
80	Larger locker room for BU high school hockey.	10/2/2017 2:11 PM
81	I have been to just about every rink in Michigan. Birmingham probably has the best sheet of ice, but the locker rooms are small and outdated. The BU hockey program has really helped my kids build team spirit, and the program brings pride to the area. But the locker rooms are sadly inadequate.	10/2/2017 2:00 PM
82	The High school locker is too small for the team	10/2/2017 1:48 PM
83	The entire facility. It is an embarrassment that an affluent city like Birmingham has such an outdated rink.	10/2/2017 1:31 PM
84	Locker room for the local public high schools hockey team (BU program)	10/2/2017 1:26 PM
85	The locker rooms need to be larger. I also think there is an opportunity to add a 2nd sheet of ice, which would be nice. I'd also like to see a priority on repairs, there is a broken piece of glass that's not been replaced in some time. I would think 1 - 2 weeks would be long enough to replace a piece of glass.	10/2/2017 1:14 PM
86	Locker Rooms are too small and No space behind benches and wall to walk.	10/2/2017 1:03 PM
87	Size of the locker rooms	10/2/2017 12:53 PM
88	Locker room size for highschool team	10/2/2017 12:52 PM
89	Restrooms, snack bar, game room	10/2/2017 12:27 PM
90	Locker rooms are way too small for hockey teams. Not enough room to walk between the bench & the locker room. Have an established store inside the arena (hockey supplies, ice skating supplies, skate sharpening, etc).	10/2/2017 11:21 AM
91	Bigger locker rooms!	10/2/2017 11:14 AM
92	There isn't any location for our hockey players Blrmingham Unified Hockey players to change. It's inappropriate for them to change in a conference room.	10/2/2017 11:05 AM
93	locker rooms need to be improved; the high school hockey team for Birmingham needs its own locker room	10/2/2017 10:47 AM
94	Add a Birmingham Unified hockey licker room.	10/2/2017 10:45 AM
95	It would be great for the Birmingham Unified team to get their own locker room. As a former player, the locker room is our second home and I believe the team and staff would take great pride in maintaining the facilities.	10/2/2017 10:43 AM
96	Locker rooms need to be updated and larger, better ice, needs to look like what we would want for BIRMINGHAM standards.	10/2/2017 10:35 AM
97	Bigger locker rooms. More ice available for hockey.	10/2/2017 10:33 AM
98	The locker rooms are far too small. The locker rooms should be renovated to provide high school hockey teams the space and facilities they need to be competitive on the ice. Each room should fit a full team and include shelves and storage under the benches.	10/2/2017 10:30 AM
99	Love the rink it provides a great sense of community. Wish the locker rooms were bigger and that we had 2 sheets of ice	10/2/2017 10:15 AM
100	Locker Rooms (too small) and Lobby(dingy)	10/2/2017 10:11 AM

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101	The rink itself is OK but there are many changes that should/could be made - 1) Ideally, there should be a full second rink, not the small useless side ice 2) The locker rooms are entirely too small. It is hard to have 15 kids in there, let alone 15 teenagers or adults. 3) The school programs should have dedicated space there - locker rooms and other facilities	10/2/2017 10:01 AM
102	Locker rooms and lobby	10/2/2017 9:57 AM
103	Locker room size. Improvements to concessions area.	10/2/2017 9:53 AM
104	Locker rooms too small, especially for older kids like BU Kings hockey players. Need to have a skilled, full time, skate shop for sharpening.	10/2/2017 9:47 AM
105	Birmingham Unified needs a locker room	10/2/2017 9:46 AM
106	The locker rooms are way too small, the bathroom & shower area also way too small. The lighting is not good.	10/2/2017 9:44 AM
107	For hockey fans, the arena is OUTSTANDING. I think it could be improved for the hockey players. The locker rooms are too small. It would be great to see those expanded. Off-ice work out facility would be awesome, too.	10/2/2017 9:42 AM
108	Locker rooms are very very small. The high school team has to dress in the conference room in the lobby and teams with older players require two locker rooms.	10/2/2017 9:31 AM
109	locker rooms	10/2/2017 9:17 AM
110	Bigger locker rooms	10/2/2017 9:12 AM
111	The locker room sizes are very small.	10/2/2017 9:05 AM
112	Nothing	10/2/2017 8:58 AM
113	Locker rooms need to be updated.	10/2/2017 8:58 AM
114	Locker rooms are tiny and difficult to utilize for injury evaluation and/or injury care	10/2/2017 8:55 AM
115	The locker rooms are way too small for a hockey team.	10/2/2017 8:52 AM
116	Locker rooms are too small; hallway behind benches/locker room too small. Studio rink, while nice, should be considered to expand into another full sheet of ice. Proper pro shop should be built.	10/2/2017 8:51 AM
117	The locker rooms	10/2/2017 8:36 AM
118	The locker rooms.	10/2/2017 8:35 AM
119	Need more room in the walkway to the locker rooms. The metal posts / structures make it very difficult to get through with hockey bags in tow.	10/2/2017 8:29 AM
120	Locker room size	10/2/2017 8:27 AM
121	Locker rooms are too small. It would be great to add a second surface, possibly add on and make the small rink a full size sheet.	10/2/2017 8:26 AM
122	Seating and especially the locker rooms. My sons have played there both for BU and travel teams.	10/2/2017 8:21 AM
123	size of the locker rooms	10/2/2017 8:19 AM
124	Locker room size	10/2/2017 8:19 AM
125	Locker rooms and seating in stands.	10/2/2017 8:18 AM
126	Bigger lockerooms, better accommodations for our Highschool hockey team. I was a member of the first Birmingham high school team over 20 years ago and have seen no improvements over the years to our facilities.	10/2/2017 8:16 AM
127	Larger locker rooms	10/2/2017 8:16 AM
128	A second rink and a pro shop is needed.	10/2/2017 8:14 AM
129	The building. ESPECIALLY locker rooms.	10/2/2017 8:13 AM
130	Locker rooms need to be updated and expanded. Also should have another full sheet of ice.	10/2/2017 8:13 AM
131	I would recommend better food and nicer amenities	10/2/2017 8:13 AM

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132	The player locker rooms are too small and need to be bigger. Birmingham has some of the best ice, boards, glass, etc. But the locker rooms are way too small. Also, I am a referee. I cannot believe Birmingham does not have a locker room for officials. It is kind of weird getting dressed/undressed basically down to nothing, or even showering while an ice arena employee is eating chicken fingers in the same room.	10/2/2017 8:11 AM
133	1) Bathrooms and locker rooms. Both the bathrooms, and locker rooms, should have mothers' rest areas where they can nurse. Stalls should have hooks for purses. There should be changing stations. 2) There should be more, and accessible, lockers to put your stuff away. 3) Arena should install full netting to prevent stray-pucks hitting spectators, I have seen a couple of incidents that could have been tragic. 4) You should include a small dance studio space so moms/siblings can take Zumba or other dance class. 5) You should offer free city Wi-Fi so kids can do their homework at the rink 6) The Rink is a *GREAT* resource for our community and the staff there do a *GREAT* job. 7) As part of the re-launch, B'ham/BU should offer no-cost/low-cost hockey lessons to underprivilege youth from Oakland County. We are blessed with so much, we need to give back. The Varsity BU Players could run these clinics and it could be their community service. 7. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input to the planning process. 8. Increased rates ... of what? BU hockey fees? Open skate fees? Lessons?	10/2/2017 8:11 AM
134	The locker rooms maybe fit 10 full sized men.	10/2/2017 8:07 AM
135	Larger lockerrooms, cleaner showers	10/2/2017 8:06 AM
136	The locker room size is pitiful and could only be suitable for mini-mites. The worst part is that I have played at this rink my whole life and now I am on BU Varsity and the rink feels like a sauna when you skate on it. The heaters are on and it makes you sweat even if you arnt skating. This is something we can all deal with but when the heaters are turned on it makes the ice soft and terrible to skate on. This is why beofre every game we have to tell staff to turn the heaters off. Which makes us wonder why not always have them off when they are affecting ice the way It does.	10/2/2017 8:05 AM
137	New locker room and lower temperature in Arena	10/2/2017 8:05 AM
138	The locker rooms are far to small to host travel teams, high school teams, etc.	10/2/2017 8:05 AM
139	A locker room for Birmingham Unified	10/2/2017 8:03 AM
140	Locker rooms size	9/29/2017 10:16 AM
141	Locker rooms made larger, improved waiting area, full size second rink	9/29/2017 5:21 AM
142	Locker Rooms Second sheet of ice (enlarge studio to full sheet)	9/28/2017 2:02 PM
143	Bigger locker rooms would be nice. Also, the walk way behind the benches is very narrow when carrying a hockey bag.	9/28/2017 12:23 PM
144	Heating system, it is often hot in the arena. Locker rooms need to be bigger.	9/28/2017 11:49 AM
145	1. HVAC always blowing hot air on ice 2. Locker rooms missing multiple clothes pegs	9/28/2017 11:47 AM
146	More convenient access to locker rooms.	9/28/2017 11:16 AM
147	During ice hockey games the temperature is way too hot the passageway behind the benches into the locker room or a safety hazard where the steel girders can be run into inadvertently causing major injury we need a water bottle holder place on the benches behind the boards the locker rooms are too small the glass at the north and seems to shatter with high frequency	9/28/2017 10:55 AM
148	The locker rooms could be larger.	9/28/2017 10:53 AM
149	Larger locker rooms	9/28/2017 10:50 AM
150	Stay open year round	9/28/2017 10:29 AM
151	The space between the boards and the locker room wall is not enough to allow passage in and out of the locker room corridor. The locker rooms themselves are way too small.	9/28/2017 10:21 AM
152	Ice is ok, locker rooms are too small, always too warm in rink, showers need update.	9/28/2017 10:20 AM
153	Repair glass at north end of large rink. Need larger locker rooms.	9/28/2017 10:01 AM
154	Larger locker rooms Another full sheet of ice More clearance for pedestrian traffic to and from the locker rooms (Vertical Structural Beams)	9/28/2017 9:48 AM
155	The locker rooms are quite small and worn down.	9/28/2017 8:32 AM

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156	n/a	9/28/2017 8:26 AM
157	Larger locker rooms, improved pro-shop, replace broken rink glass, off-ice training room	9/28/2017 8:02 AM
158	The locker rooms could use some upgrading	9/28/2017 6:20 AM
159	It is too cramped on the locker room side of the ice. The walkway to the locker rooms is far too narrow for dozens of kids carrying or wearing hockey gear to get to the locker rooms, and then the locker rooms are too small for a whole squad to dress.	9/27/2017 11:57 PM
160	locker rooms are vey small and need to be updated. the ice conditions seem to deteriorate very fast during an hour skate.	9/27/2017 7:22 PM
161	The locker rooms get so crowded at times that it is impossible to find a spot to change.	9/27/2017 7:05 PM
162	The metal floor at the base of the bleachers is very noisy (kids are constantly running back and forth on it) - different floor material? More space/privacy in locker rooms.	9/27/2017 5:27 PM
163	Larger locker rooms	9/27/2017 4:55 PM
164	Lockers rooms should be larger	9/27/2017 4:36 PM
165	While the rink is clean and well kept, I think the locker rooms are way too small. A real mirror in the bathroom seems like an easy upgrade. With the level of hockey and figure skating interest in the area, the city would be smart to look into adding a second full sheet of ice if they are doing any major improvements. Unlike outdoor parks, the rink could get revenue from the addition of another sheet of ice.	9/27/2017 4:24 PM
166	Ideally, we would have a full second sheet of ice, but at the least it should update the common areas and amenities now common at other suburban rinks.	9/27/2017 4:18 PM
167	Size of locker rooms, better ventilation in these rooms.	9/27/2017 4:15 PM
168	Walkway btwn rink and locker rooms	9/27/2017 4:11 PM
169	Screen for locker assignments and schedule of events (digital)	9/27/2017 4:09 PM
170	Larger locker rooms, pro shop	9/27/2017 4:02 PM
171	The space between the rink and the dressing room wall. Tight to pass thru.	9/27/2017 3:53 PM
172	Locker rooms...cleaned up and enlarged. There is not enough room to fit one hockey team.	9/27/2017 3:52 PM
173	Locker Rooms	9/27/2017 3:51 PM
174	Locker room/bathroom updates, improved snack shop offerings	9/27/2017 3:48 PM
175	Locker Room; Visiting Facilities (television, arcade, etc.)	9/27/2017 3:48 PM
176	It needs a face lift	9/27/2017 3:45 PM
177	Larger locker rooms with improvement in privacy for bathrooms and shower area. Perhaps female only changing facility.	9/27/2017 3:39 PM
178	Locker room size, pro shop	9/27/2017 3:34 PM
179	Walkway between ice & lockers way too narrow	9/27/2017 3:32 PM
180	Skate sharpening and better restaurant	9/27/2017 3:30 PM
181	Lockers rooms are so small	9/27/2017 3:22 PM
182	Locker rooms	9/27/2017 3:21 PM
183	locker rooms and common area where snack bar and tables are located	9/27/2017 3:20 PM
184	The rink is very old. Ice is great but the lockers are way too small. We have a huge hockey program that has out grown the facilities.	9/27/2017 3:10 PM
185	Build another rink, leverage areas currently not being used for a pro/skate shop. Facilities are clean and neat, but can be so much more for the community.	9/27/2017 1:48 PM
186	More and bigger locker rooms	9/27/2017 1:42 PM
187	We just use the arena for Open Skate and we enjoy the time that we spend there.	9/27/2017 9:08 AM
188	Heaters in the spectator section of the rink.	9/27/2017 8:47 AM

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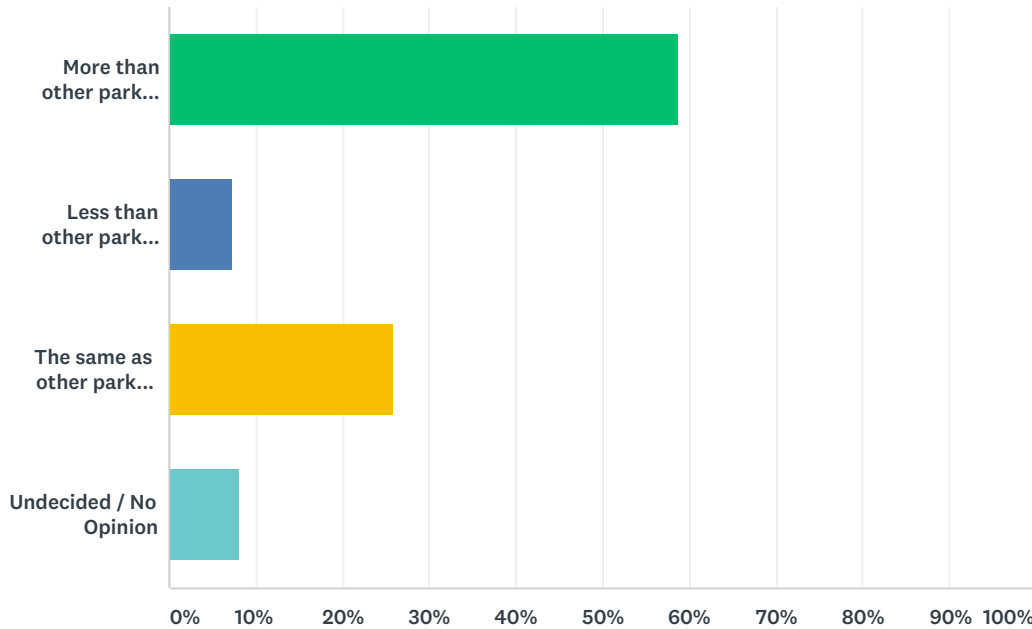
189	Larger locker rooms	9/27/2017 7:33 AM
190	Locker rooms need to be larger	9/27/2017 7:00 AM
191	Locker rooms are too small	9/27/2017 5:53 AM
192	The locker rooms are a bit small and crowded. It would be nice to have another rink.	9/27/2017 4:53 AM
193	Locker room size or adding additional locker rooms under the stands or in place of unused stands.	9/26/2017 9:19 PM
194	Disclaimer: We are not responsible for any financial loss, data loss, downgrade in search engine rankings, missed customers, undeliverable email or any other damages that you may suffer upon the expiration of www.surveymonkey.com . For more information please refer to section 17.c.1a of our User Agreement. This is your final notice to renew www.surveymonkey.com : https://domainwebup.com/?n=www.surveymonkey.com&r=c In the event that www.surveymonkey.com expires, we reserve the right to offer your listing to competing businesses in the same niche and region after 3 business days on an auction basis. This is the final communication that we are required to send out regarding the expiration of www.surveymonkey.com Secure Online Payment: https://domainwebup.com/?n=www.surveymonkey.com&r=c All services will be automatically restored on www.surveymonkey.com if payment is received in full before expiration. Thank you for your cooperation.	9/26/2017 4:17 PM
195	Year round rentals and usage for events, like other communities do.	9/25/2017 5:57 PM
196	Need to add another sheet	9/24/2017 7:50 PM
197	I'd like to see it open all year.	9/23/2017 7:46 AM
198	Need to up-date the mechanical system. Should construct another full size sheet of ice, there need to be 2 full rinks. The building needs a full renovation, its old and tired. Birmingham is not competitive with other cities around us, our venue is old and antiquated. The arena needs to be open year round!!! Almost all support goes to hockey, the figure skaters are not supported. Birmingham needs to SUPPORT GIRLS SPORTS not just boys hockey!!!!!!!!!!!!	9/21/2017 8:33 PM
199	All year round ice rink. This would allow for skating and hockey camps throughout the summer. Updated restrooms with actual mirrors. Healthier food in the concession stand.	9/21/2017 8:09 PM
200	Overall the Birmingham rink is sub-par to most every rink in the tri-county area. Only one full sheet of ice, many times the quality of the ice is poor due to inadequate cooling, the rink closes during the summer causing skaters to seek other clubs. Our figure skating club loses members regularly due to these things. I am also concerned by the city's bias toward supporting hockey over figure skating in this rink. If we had an improved facility we would be able to grow this girls sport significantly--and shouldn't a city as progressive and affluent as Birmingham be nurturing girls sports as much as they do boys sports?	9/21/2017 8:08 PM
201	Adult skate on weekends Over 40 adult hockey league Give priority to Birmingham residents	9/21/2017 7:36 PM
202	The quality of the ice has been poor this season (I realize it is early and they are working on fixes) and the price of figure skating ice compared to surrounding rinks is very high.	9/21/2017 12:39 PM
203	Ice year round	9/21/2017 12:30 PM
204	Ice condition, size of locker rooms, addition of a second full-sized sheet of ice	9/21/2017 12:01 PM
205	(1)The City has is in need of a master plan / strategy for ice programs (hockey, LTS, FS, Ice show). Each unit has its own goals which sometimes conflict. On occasion conflicts of interests are evident and seemingly encouraged. Independent contractors should have additional oversight by City as they are operating on City's behalf. (2) Most local arenas have a min of 2 rinks and are available year round. Many have 3-4. Lack of capacity is causing the City to be uncompetitive w other rinks, and results in prioritizing ice times towards higher revenue sports. As a result, natural selection towards male dominated sports (ie hockey) is being promoted by the City. 3. Ice arena is seemingly outdated. Failing facilities and equipment causing unsafe ice conditions and limited offerings. No ice in the summer encourages Birmingham community to seek availability elsewhere for year round solutions. Arena is losing skaters.	9/21/2017 11:30 AM
206	Lockers rooms are way too small.	9/20/2017 7:22 PM
207	Overall safety conditions and optimal temperature to reduce condensation and eliminate water/puddles just outside the rink. I understand the weather has been unusually warm, but perhaps better planning/anticipation can be done to avoid delay in ice time, which has happened twice in the last two weeks.	9/19/2017 9:04 PM

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208	Year round ice	9/19/2017 4:14 PM
209	Better ice conditions, an additional rink id needed	9/19/2017 12:35 PM
210	Quality of ice conditions. Consider expanding ice arena to include another full sheet of ice instead of the studio rink. More ice time is needed to accommodate the demands of hockey teams/tournaments and figure skating.	9/19/2017 11:02 AM
211	The ice arena has had alot of "back room" issues over the past few years. I am not familiar with the terminology however I know the systems are not functioning properly. This puts a great deal of stress on the staff at the rink who work hard to keep things running. The whole system should be examined for maintenance.	9/19/2017 10:18 AM
212	Should be open during summer. It's embarrassing that it isn't.	9/15/2017 11:15 AM
213	Do not use.	9/14/2017 3:13 PM

Q3 How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to the Ice Arena?

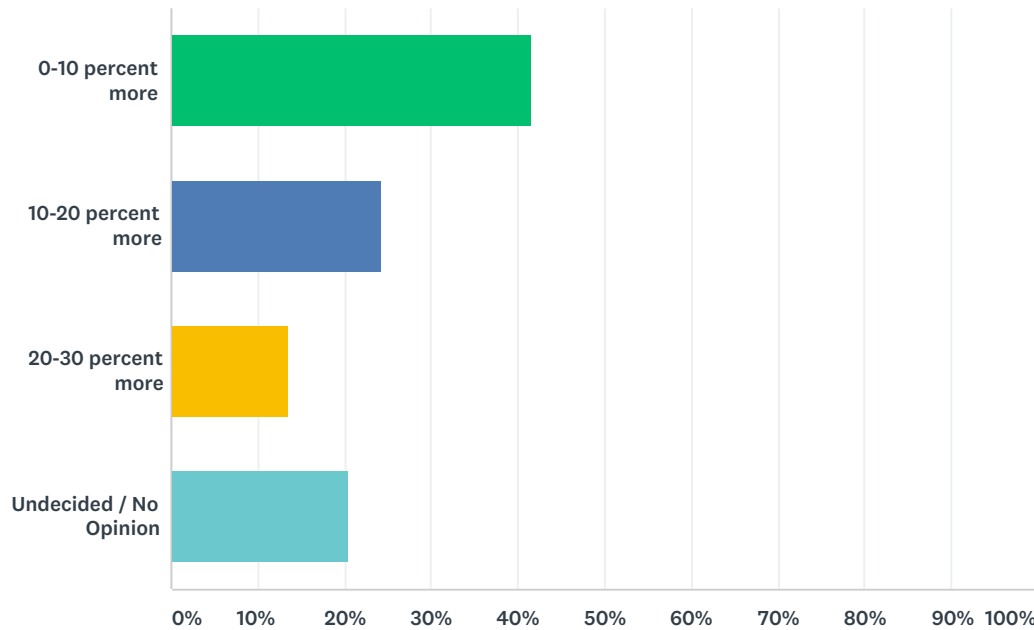
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than other park improvements	58.69%	152
Less than other park improvements	7.34%	19
The same as other park improvements	25.87%	67
Undecided / No Opinion	8.11%	21
TOTAL		259

Q4 Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements?
 (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

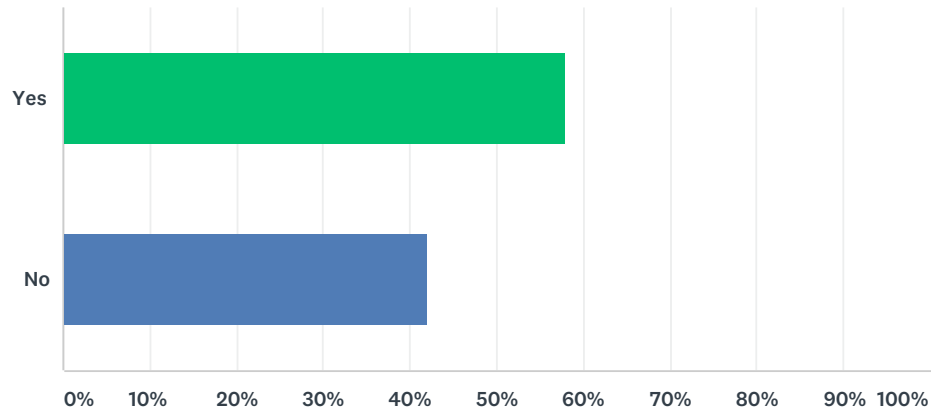
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10 percent more	41.70%	108
10-20 percent more	24.32%	63
20-30 percent more	13.51%	35
Undecided / No Opinion	20.46%	53
TOTAL		259

Q5 Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

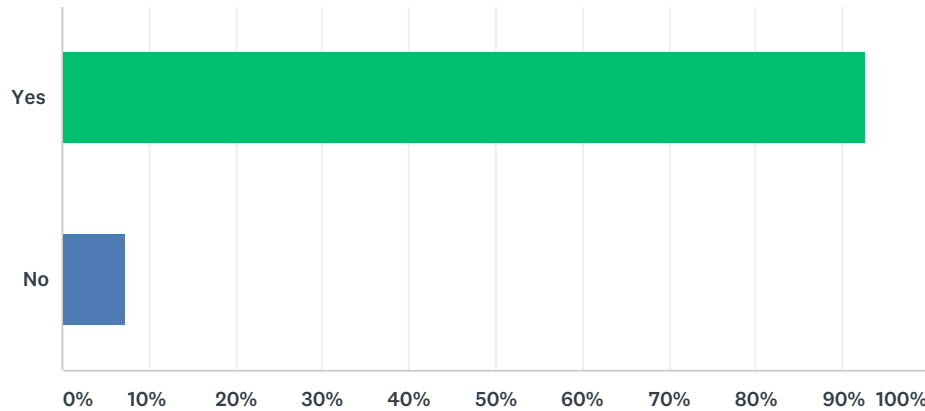
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		57.92%	150
No		42.08%	109
TOTAL			259

Q1 Are you satisfied with the conditions at the City of Birmingham Golf Courses?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.59%	300
No	7.41%	24
TOTAL		324

Q2 What do you think could be improved?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 124

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Looks great. Maybe increase practice area.	10/18/2017 9:40 AM
2	Lincoln Hills could use hole makeovers as each Springdale hole is unique - scenery, character. Lincoln Hills is just back and forth.	10/15/2017 3:08 PM
3	Better grade of sand in the bunkers	10/14/2017 3:37 PM
4	Bunkers, greens, tee boxes, general course maintenance.	10/14/2017 3:21 PM
5	I don't regard these as 'improvements' so much as restoring basic requirements: ball washers at tee boxes where missing(e.g. LH 5), restore benches at no 1 tees, restore rangering to police bottleneck play and non-golfer groups.	10/14/2017 6:26 AM
6	Sand traps softer sand	10/13/2017 9:00 PM
7	At Lincoln Hills, improve the path leading down to the tee box.	10/13/2017 9:39 AM
8	Not sure. Courses are excellent right now.	10/12/2017 12:30 PM
9	remove dead and dying trees	10/12/2017 11:04 AM
10	Greens (Lincoln Hills) should be tested by MSU to evaluate substrate condition. Root structure appears stunted which requires more water to maintain grass health. Par 3 holes should ALL have divot repair sand available on the tee box....ALL the time. When you improve conditions, play increases and lowers the need to raise prices.	10/11/2017 8:36 PM
11	Would be nice if we had an 18 hole course!	10/11/2017 5:48 PM
12	extend springdale while weather is decent-50 degrees.	10/11/2017 5:45 PM
13	better cutting and edging so the courses look polished	10/11/2017 4:22 PM
14	one or two benches at each tee	10/11/2017 3:41 PM
15	Staff members need to be more cognizant of golfers' behavior. Courses are too overcrowded.	10/11/2017 12:34 PM
16	Maybe have a roving refreshment/food cart	10/11/2017 12:33 PM
17	Supervision of young golfers regarding pace of play.	10/11/2017 11:55 AM
18	Plant a few more trees.	10/11/2017 11:40 AM
19	Clubhouse area and better maintenance of course.	10/11/2017 11:14 AM
20	Upgrades to the golf courses and better management.	10/11/2017 10:58 AM
21	The municipal golf courses are beautiful and should offer equal benefits to the tax payers of Birmingham who subsidize them. Currently golf courses mainly benefit the select few who enjoy golf, while relegation the rest of us to smaller unkempt parks. Tax payers should be granted equal access / opportunity to this land for recreation. The dog park in Lincoln is sad and would serve more people if improved. The broader community of runners hikers dog owners would love access to the land during defined days / times. Read: https://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/22570 listen to: https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/06/22/opinion/tax-inequality-malcolm-gladwell.html	10/11/2017 10:57 AM
22	A ranger that monitors peoples play speeds.	10/11/2017 10:52 AM
23	Tee times are too close together	10/11/2017 10:29 AM
24	Shorter rough which would speed play. Courses are in good shape though.	10/11/2017 10:20 AM
25	More affordable prices	10/11/2017 9:55 AM
26	I'm not certain on the budget, but I believe it is key that the golf courses are self sustaining or contribute to the rest of the recreation system.	10/11/2017 9:20 AM

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27	At times general maintenance (traps, greens, fairways) could be better - maybe rake bunkers at end of day so prior to open only need to care for greens (we are an early morning group). Birmingham public golf courses are a jewel!	10/11/2017 9:07 AM
28	Move bench on 7 Lincoln Hills closer to back tees. Greater encouragement for faster play and divot fixing on greens. Get Oakland Hills North course back.	10/11/2017 8:28 AM
29	Turn #9 at Springdale back into a par 5	10/11/2017 8:11 AM
30	Unsure	10/10/2017 5:41 PM
31	#7 Lincoln Hills- 3 each in bad place, greater emphasis on: 1) avoiding slow play 2)fixing divots/course maintenance	10/9/2017 1:20 PM
32	Ready golf instruction, new ball washers and change water, some benches, invest in roller for greens	10/9/2017 1:19 PM
33	Springdale was in the worst condition i have seen in 25 years...sand traps were horrible / rarely ranked, had exposed erosion, standing water & hard pan. I assume greens were not watered adequately all season - approach shots would actually bounce high in the air, yet you needed a sledge hammer to move a putt 20'. green surfaces were not uniform - bumpy & scruffy. Sometimes the pin placement was 6' from the edge of green. I must say that the clubhouse staff at Springdale are outstanding - always cheerful & helpful. The problem is course maintenance. My guess is very little thought, time & money was spent on Springdale this season. Very VERY dissapointing since this is an awesome little 9 hole course - short but challeging with a nice mix of risk / reward. Seems as though the course has gone downhill since non-residents have gained access - people just are not respecting the tee boxes and greens - every week i found myself repairing no less than 4 or 5 ball marks ON EVERY GREEN. Pathetic.	10/7/2017 7:23 PM
34	You can always improve the golf course conditions, but that would require more workers. The people you have to keep the courses in good condition are very good and I am reasonably satisfied with the condition of the courses.	10/6/2017 3:41 PM
35	The greens because they have lots of ball marks.	10/6/2017 10:50 AM
36	Springdale is the lesser of the 2. Slower greens and worse grass move me away from Springdale and draw me towards Lincoln Hills.	10/6/2017 10:20 AM
37	Seems the courses could use more watering	10/6/2017 8:59 AM
38	Jackie does a great job! add a drinking fountain	10/4/2017 3:59 PM
39	tee condition, program to direct players to repair ball devits on grees	10/4/2017 3:59 PM
40	rail on #1 hole	10/4/2017 3:58 PM
41	sand traps	10/4/2017 3:57 PM
42	faster greens	10/4/2017 3:57 PM
43	the cart path on the first tee is too steep. Change it to wrap around more so that it is less steep	10/4/2017 3:56 PM
44	better sand- no leaves	10/4/2017 3:55 PM
45	sometimes the bunkers need work	10/4/2017 3:54 PM
46	Tee's on the Par 3's	10/4/2017 3:53 PM
47	plant more trees on the course	10/4/2017 3:53 PM
48	things are great	10/4/2017 3:53 PM
49	new sand in bunkers	10/4/2017 3:52 PM
50	bunkers	10/4/2017 3:52 PM
51	longer course	10/4/2017 3:51 PM
52	more bunkers	10/4/2017 3:51 PM
53	kitchen - fix kart pth #1 and #9	10/4/2017 3:49 PM
54	Better putting area	10/4/2017 3:48 PM
55	better dusting green, fix cart path on Lincoln Hills	10/4/2017 3:48 PM

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56	rangers, more water to drink, reduced fee for school district residents	10/4/2017 3:47 PM
57	1) Pace of play 2) faster greens	10/4/2017 3:46 PM
58	range cart	10/4/2017 3:44 PM
59	bigger practice area	10/4/2017 3:44 PM
60	people could replace pivots	10/4/2017 3:43 PM
61	There needs to be a portable bathroom at Lincoln. I see too many guys taking care of their business on the 6th and 7th holes. You do not want them to run into the clubhouse after the 4th and the 8th is too far. Also, the greens receive alot of play, including the kids programs which are great. More time could be spent each evening to fix the ball marks on the greens.	10/3/2017 7:44 PM
62	Better maintenance	10/3/2017 10:18 AM
63	There should be a ranger on the course....sometimes the young players don't understand/know the rules of golf.	10/3/2017 5:35 AM
64	With a few well placed signs and ropes, you can prevent carts from driving too close to some of the greens. In particular at Lincoln Hills, to the right of the 4th and 6th greens there is so much cart traffic that the playing conditions suffer greatly.	10/2/2017 8:36 PM
65	Spend more money elsewhere	10/2/2017 6:39 PM
66	Add a small number of fairway and greenside sand traps, especially at Lincoln Hills. An additional nice and classy touch would be to cut a "walking path" from the teeing areas to the fairways. Would take little additional effort/cost to do so. Makes it easier to walk on the shorted grass than on long rough length grass.	10/2/2017 3:06 PM
67	Taps should be better maintained and better sand used.	10/2/2017 1:39 PM
68	Online tee time bookings.	10/2/2017 9:59 AM
69	fairways can be spotty, traps at lincoln hills usually not good	10/2/2017 9:50 AM
70	Drainage	10/1/2017 9:48 PM
71	The condition of the grounds at both courses were very good this year. The highest priority for me, even if it isn't an improvement, is maintaining the quality of greens and fairways.	10/1/2017 5:11 PM
72	More park benches closer to women's tee boxes; repair of bench at tee box #7 at Lincoln Hls. Permanent bathroom on the Springdale course not a Porta-jon;	9/30/2017 11:03 AM
73	Quality of sand in traps	9/29/2017 2:56 PM
74	Ranger activity for slow golfers	9/28/2017 3:11 PM
75	Workers need to be trained on stopping machines when golfers are hitting.	9/28/2017 9:19 AM
76	The greens at Lincoln Hills this year were not in as good a condition as previous years. Play also can become very slow at both courses.	9/28/2017 8:48 AM
77	Better course maintenance.	9/27/2017 9:15 PM
78	Water fountain in club house	9/27/2017 7:07 PM
79	Lincoln Hills was beautiful. The gals/guys were so helpful & polite. Enjoyed golf this year. I look forward to next year.	9/27/2017 4:19 PM
80	Remove the weeds, cat tails , and scrubby bushes around the pond in front of the fourth tee and third fairway at Springdale. Replace it with a rock border like the pond in front of the first green.	9/27/2017 3:03 PM
81	- Tee boxes at Lincoln Hills could be in better shape (grass is thin, to long and divots should be filled) - Putting green at Lincoln Hills should be rebuilt so it is flatter. Lincoln Hills with the chipping green, hitting mats and an improved putting green could be a great practice area if this was fixed	9/27/2017 2:36 PM
82	Restroom needed on the course at Springdale. Porta jon is unacceptable. Thank you !!!	9/27/2017 2:12 PM
83	Overall aesthetics, amenities	9/27/2017 1:55 PM
84	Tee boxes and watering system(leaks)	9/27/2017 1:55 PM
85	A bathroom at Springdale on the course and update the bathroom at Lincoln Hills on the course	9/27/2017 1:51 PM
86	Pace of play	9/27/2017 1:09 PM

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87	Bunkers are washed out with flooding water and reinforced with wood planks (Springdale). Better quality sand in bunkers. Hole / tee markers need to be updated and more visible	9/27/2017 12:59 PM
88	Need ranger to speed up play.	9/27/2017 12:52 PM
89	I think the course are fine as they are.	9/27/2017 11:35 AM
90	Green should have better speed	9/27/2017 10:48 AM
91	replace missing ball washers on all holes	9/27/2017 10:13 AM
92	Porta Potty at Springdale could be better maintained. More emphasis on patrons maintaining the course--replace divots, repair ball marks, etc.	9/27/2017 9:40 AM
93	Jacki does great job in running Lincoln Hills.	9/27/2017 9:23 AM
94	All is fine with me.	9/27/2017 9:11 AM
95	Lincoln Hills-repave cart paths on #1-#9 Improve food selections	9/27/2017 8:46 AM
96	The courses could be lengthened but are otherwise great. I would love to see the Bham parks and rec membership extended to everyone in the school district instead of the city proper. My daughter plays for Seaholm but we live in a Troy mailing address, so she has to pay for the membership to practice there off season.	9/27/2017 8:38 AM
97	Education for golfers on how to fix ball marks and divots	9/27/2017 8:31 AM
98	Wish the greens were just a little faster.	9/27/2017 8:18 AM
99	tee boxes are sloped in a few places and should be flat.	9/27/2017 8:11 AM
100	The steep decline on the golf cart path to Hole #1 at Lincoln Hills needs to be redone. My wife cannot get down it with her cart and has almost fallen on it several times.	9/27/2017 7:15 AM
101	Continue the GREAT JOB!	9/27/2017 3:49 AM
102	one additional port-potty at Springdale	9/27/2017 3:05 AM
103	Water drainage at Springdale and Lincoln Hills. A roving ranger to keep people moving, at both courses.	9/27/2017 12:36 AM
104	More refreshments to enjoy after play	9/26/2017 11:17 PM
105	Down hill paths: number one-Lincoln, number three Springdale	9/26/2017 10:03 PM
106	Better sand in the buckers	9/26/2017 9:34 PM
107	Better course conditions	9/26/2017 9:16 PM
108	Speed of greens	9/26/2017 9:08 PM
109	I enjoy the courses and employees as they are.	9/26/2017 8:29 PM
110	The sand traps lack sand!	9/26/2017 8:26 PM
111	Pace of play. The courses have no one to monitor play.	9/26/2017 8:13 PM
112	Sand traps need better sand and more maintenance. Greens need to be faster.	9/26/2017 7:53 PM
113	Have a ranger driving around to check time of play so that people don't play around and slow up the players behind them.	9/26/2017 7:38 PM
114	Drainage for Lincoln hills, better sand for bunkers maybe add a few bunkers for more challenging courses. Plant more trees for to replace the aging trees on the courses.	9/26/2017 7:33 PM
115	Updated golf cart. More golf cart path in places where greens are close to the next tee box.	9/26/2017 7:25 PM
116	Greens. Need campaign to remind folks to fix ball marks (and replace divots) and generally take care of these two wonderful courses	9/26/2017 7:25 PM
117	Greens are too slow	9/26/2017 7:02 PM
118	Sand traps	9/26/2017 6:45 PM
119	Tee boxes on the par 3's. Condition of the sand traps. More rakes surrounding the traps. Most have only one or two rakes. Thorough is allowed to grow too high. Other then that, very nice conditions at the two courses.	9/26/2017 6:29 PM

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120	Not much. Since Jackie has been here there had been a very noticeable difference. The employees are polite and friendly. The food is very good. The Caesar salad w/ chicken is the best. Our family always has a pleasant time when we're at either course. Thank you so much!	9/26/2017 6:26 PM
121	More bathrooms	9/26/2017 6:24 PM
122	Price	9/26/2017 6:02 PM
123	It would be nice to have special hours for golfers that are not as skilled in the game.	9/26/2017 5:58 PM
124	Quality of tees, greens and traps	9/26/2017 5:47 PM
125	Tee boxes	9/26/2017 5:24 PM
126	The courses are in nice shape. Keep doing what you are doing.	9/26/2017 5:03 PM
127	Love the courses but please finish filling bunkers with new sand and cut the rough shorter as many have a problem finding there golf balls and slows play. Courses are well managed though pricing is great so keep up the good work.	9/26/2017 5:02 PM
128	nothing---just fine as is	9/26/2017 4:50 PM
129	Satisfied, but not satisfied with the condition of the greens. Could be much better, and the course needs to be (groomed?) BEFORE the first golfers of the morning.	9/26/2017 4:48 PM
130	Lowering the cost to play for residents	9/26/2017 4:48 PM
131	Greens and technology of making t times online.	9/26/2017 4:42 PM
132	only use Lincoln hills. really like the course and how it's maintained. I've only been to Springdale once. Would recommend shifting resources to lincoln hills and getting rid of flood prone springdale.	9/26/2017 4:39 PM
133	The dog park is a distraction and an inconvenience and takes up valuable and limited space and should be eliminated. The sand traps have been improved but can use more sand.	9/26/2017 4:30 PM
134	Tee times	9/26/2017 4:27 PM
135	Improve the sand traps and plant some new trees as the old are dying from disease etc, but do not close the courses to do the work other than for a day or short time. The golf season is short enough and they are the only ones in the Birmingham/BL Hills area that are basically public and not a private country club. The people that play at them are totally committed to them and treasure their existence.	9/26/2017 4:16 PM
136	Much has improved this year. Would hate to see improvements increase the price to play.	9/26/2017 4:07 PM
137	A walking bridge over creek behind Ladies #5 tee. Would speed up play and access to water barrel, at Lincoln Hills.	9/26/2017 4:04 PM
138	More food and drink options so my group doesn't have to go elsewhere for a good lunch. Lusher fairways, better overall grooming	9/26/2017 3:55 PM
139	The rough and fairway grass could be shorter.	9/26/2017 3:54 PM
140	Courses are in very good condition.	9/26/2017 3:53 PM
141	Clear cut tee times to avoid bunching on hole 1,2&3 of Springdale.	9/26/2017 3:53 PM
142	Not much	9/26/2017 3:53 PM
143	Condition of greens	9/26/2017 3:50 PM
144	Rolling of the greens and cross-cutting of greens to promote deeper roots. Replacement of cart paths that are in serious condition.	9/26/2017 3:50 PM
145	Perhaps rangers at busy times to discourage slow play	9/26/2017 3:27 PM
146	Overcrowding....	9/26/2017 3:26 PM
147	great value for the price	9/26/2017 3:24 PM
148	Greens could be faster and more consistent. Sand could be improved	9/26/2017 3:21 PM
149	Course conditions overall should be improved. Sand in bunkers is pretty much gravel, and there's a lot of areas that need better irrigation	9/26/2017 3:15 PM
150	have a ranger on the course to have the slow players pick up the pace or regulate the faster players to play through.	9/26/2017 3:11 PM

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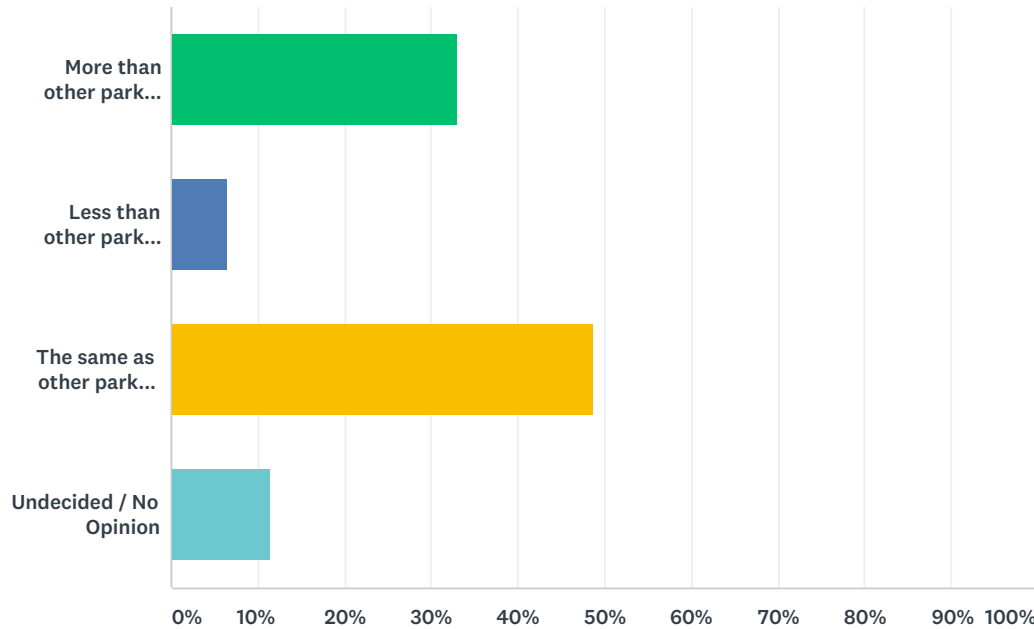
151	I think they do a pretty good job of everything.	9/26/2017 3:07 PM
152	Springdale needs a real set of bathrooms midway thru the course. No porta-John!	9/26/2017 3:01 PM
153	The courses are in good shape, but I would like the amount of tee times available for parents/kids on Sundays expanded.	9/26/2017 3:01 PM
154	Patch the cart path pot holes. People that want more should join Birmingham CC.	9/26/2017 3:00 PM
155	the cart path on the first hole at Lincoln Hills. It's too steep and is dangerous. it should wind in front of the first tee at less of an angle. A simple solution, long overdue.	9/26/2017 2:59 PM
156	At "L.H." You really should put warning signs at the 2 tee boxes stating "drop off: That's a danger if there is a misstep at #5 fairway: rope off the areas at he bottom of hill where the 2 drain openings are. You mean someone hasn't driven over that and dipped over? This wouldn't cost much to do but might do a lot for injury prevention!	9/26/2017 2:57 PM
157	Water drainage	9/26/2017 2:57 PM
158	Lincoln Hills: mowing grass closer to the tee would speed play & make it more enjoyable for the many short hitters	9/26/2017 2:56 PM
159	Springdale hole 4 should tee off from the top of the hill as before.	9/26/2017 2:54 PM
160	Change alignment of some holes. Hole 3 is too tight and has little risk/reward tradeoffs. Hole 9 is long for a par 4. Holes 2, 6 & 8 are too short.	9/26/2017 2:54 PM
161	Golfer education about ball Mark repair.#8327th	9/26/2017 2:52 PM
162	Pace of play sometimes.	9/26/2017 2:51 PM
163	Fairways not always in the best shape. Overall, pretty good condition.	9/26/2017 2:45 PM
164	At Lincoln Hills Hole #1, the steep asphalt pathway is dangerous and should be reformed into a longer zig-zag path down the hill. I use the #9 path to get down the hill.	9/26/2017 2:43 PM
165	drainage and the bunkers could use better sand...and better hot dogs at both courses;)))	9/26/2017 2:36 PM
166	Better quality sand in the bunkers.	9/26/2017 2:35 PM
167	Tee Boxes need to be lengthend to allow unused tee areas to repair. Bunkers need to be raked and new sand. Greens could be a bit faster	9/26/2017 2:35 PM
168	A one or two yard intermediate cut of rough framing fairways. Greens could be faster and more consistent. Better leaf pickup in the fall.	9/26/2017 2:32 PM
169	Greens are very slow and outrageously overpriced	9/26/2017 2:31 PM
170	I thing the conditions are fine for a municipal course. An upgrade in general condition would be great, and I would pay up per response 4. I believe non residents should pay an added premium.	9/26/2017 2:26 PM
171	Greens could be in better shape. Cut rough more often, very long.	9/26/2017 2:25 PM
172	Generally satisfied however all the tee boxes are poorly maintained most especially the par threes and also the tee boxes have too much grade change for drainage. They could be more level. Lastly I would turn the lowland area on the ninth hole to a Heather's area or let natural grassses grow there. Mowing it makes no sense. It's a swamp and you don't need people walking around trying to get to a ball. I would make it long grasses and an out of bounds area.	9/26/2017 2:25 PM
173	I play Springdale and they ran out of carts 2 or so times. Other then that I enjoy it.	9/26/2017 2:24 PM
174	If you need to raise ther rates to do it, nothing needs to be improved.	9/26/2017 2:23 PM
175	Repair and maintenance of the Tees.	9/26/2017 2:20 PM
176	The Greens could be made a little more challenging. Also. more bunkers	9/26/2017 2:18 PM
177	Emphasize proper use of golf carts around the greens. Stay off the fringe. Replace divots.	9/26/2017 2:18 PM
178	At Lincoln Hills Hole #1, the steep asphalt pathway is dangerous and should be reformed into a longer zig-zag path down the hill. My wife uses the #9 path to get down the hill.	9/26/2017 2:18 PM
179	More staff on occasion at Springdale	9/26/2017 2:17 PM
180	I am pleased with everything	9/26/2017 2:16 PM
181	Better sand traps	9/26/2017 2:12 PM

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182	tee maintenance could be better	9/26/2017 2:10 PM
183	all good	9/26/2017 2:07 PM
184	I am happy with the golf courses	9/26/2017 2:06 PM
185	Friendlier staff	9/26/2017 2:03 PM
186	Kids program is great at Lincoln but better supervision of kids is needed when they are done	9/26/2017 2:01 PM
187	Speed up the greens a little.	9/26/2017 2:01 PM
188	I have only played Lincoln Hills and while it's in decent shape - I just expect a little more from the Birmingham golf course.	9/26/2017 1:58 PM
189	Question the need for 2 courses when there are many private courses nearby. Please share online how many rounds of golf played this season , day & evening at each.	9/25/2017 5:55 PM
190	Attention to detail such as weeding beds in and around the clubhouse and near tee boxes. Otherwise, great efforts by all!	9/25/2017 4:26 PM
191	Drainage at Lincoln Hills Paved Paths at Lincoln Hills Chipping area at Springdale Toilet facilities at #5 Springdale	9/24/2017 8:02 AM
192	While they are in nice shape, I would love to see them become pristine courses, even if that means an increased greens fee. There are very few excellent public courses in the area, so this could be an opportunity for the city.	9/22/2017 9:37 AM
193	Lincoln hills not that well kept. Awkward course	9/21/2017 7:43 PM
194	GPS on the golf carts.	9/21/2017 6:07 PM
195	2 golf courses is ridiculous. Change one to an aquatic center or nature preserve.	9/21/2017 1:07 PM
196	upgrade sand in bunkers	9/20/2017 7:25 PM
197	Overall conditioning is good. Occasionally, you let the rough get pretty long. Given that most of us are not PGA professionals, that slows down play and makes it pretty difficult for us weekend golfers.	9/19/2017 10:21 AM
198	Paving road to Springdale golf course	9/14/2017 9:30 PM
199	More friendly reminders, maybe fun signs, around the course regarding course etiquette. For example, yelling "four", fixing ball marks and divots.	9/14/2017 8:20 PM
200	Would be nice to have a Rec Center / Swim vs. two golf courses	9/14/2017 3:13 PM

Q3 How should the City of Birmingham prioritize improvements to its Golf Courses?

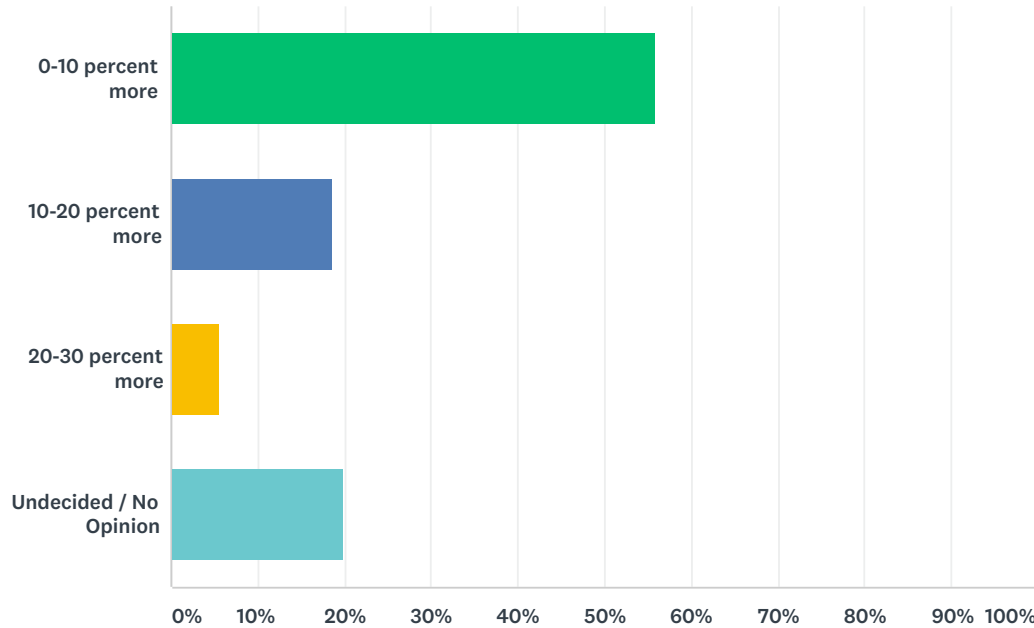
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than other park improvements	33.13%	106
Less than other park improvements	6.56%	21
The same as other park improvements	48.75%	156
Undecided / No Opinion	11.56%	37
TOTAL		320

Q4 Would you be willing to pay increased rates for these improvements?
 (NOTE: This will not translate into direct increases in fees. The City is gaging users' level of interest to determine if improvements are appropriate).

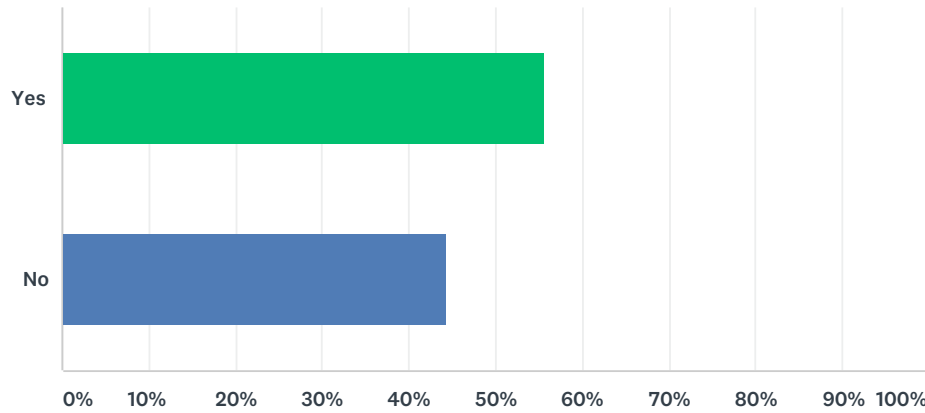
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10 percent more	55.76%	179
10-20 percent more	18.69%	60
20-30 percent more	5.61%	18
Undecided / No Opinion	19.94%	64
TOTAL		321

Q5 Do you currently live in the City of Birmingham?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		55.56%	180
No		44.44%	144
TOTAL			324

October 12, 2017

Dear Ms. Wood and Ms. Laird,

I want to thank you for taking the time to update the Birmingham Park Master Plan. As a Birmingham resident and someone who works in the Parks and Recreation industry, I can appreciate the amount of time and effort that has gone into gathering information and formulating this long-range plan. There are two main features that I regularly brag about to family and co-workers, Birmingham's beautiful parks and the walkability of the Community. Both features, make it the perfect location for raising a family. I look forward to our trips to the parks, walks in the evening and all of the activities that our kids will ultimately participate in.

Our three most frequented parks are Kenning Park, Booth Park and Shain Park; each for different reasons. Kenning Park is only two blocks from our home and is awesome for little kids! We love going for an evening walk and stopping by the playground. There are usually only a couple games going on and it is usually pretty low-key; which is ideal for small children. Booth Park has a wonderful walking path and we enjoy the unique playground and the story time area. I really like that natural wildflower plots are scattered throughout; they are lovely and also supportive of wildlife. Shain Park is an icon of downtown and a good break from the shops. All of these spaces are well maintained and a true testament of a dedicated staff.

As to be expected, the Master Plan will ultimately result in updates to the parks. My hope is that some of our favorite features will not be lost in the updates. We greatly appreciate the quiet and natural features of Kenning Park. I understand the interest in adding walking paths, as it likely makes it more ADA accessible, bike and stroller friendly. However, I would be sad to see money invested in relocating courts and fields to accommodate parking. Would it not be easier to just put a parking lot in the space northeast of Lincoln/Eton? Also, pavilions may not be necessary in a highly shaded area; maybe just add more seating in the play space. We appreciate the opportunity to consider alternatives to the proposed reduction in passive recreation.

Over the past few years, we have been focusing on growing our family. I regret not having gotten more involved with the Parks and Recreation Committee, and do apologize for that. A regular part of my daytime work is updating plans and soliciting citizen input, so your project and hard work does not go without recognition. Should you have questions or need additional support, do let me know.

Sincerely,

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Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Garden Park

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a proposed community garden and conservatory greenhouse intended for both public and private use, with the proposed location for the park, to be situated in the City Of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. This informational overview is presented by the Research & Planning Committee for the proposed Conservatory Gardens. The committee is Chaired by Dusty Loomis, an expert in Nonprofit Organizational Management, and Social Entrepreneurship, in Southeast Michigan. Loomis is a Certified Herbal Information Specialist by the American Botanical Council, and brings over a decade of experience developing, and instructing, natural history and educational programs for children, adults, and seniors.

This information is provided as an overview of the proposed park, to inform of the benefits and strategic considerations related to its development, and to create relationships with the City Of Birmingham (and other stakeholders), to discuss the importance of natural history education, and experiential opportunities, in Southeast Michigan.

This information is provided by the request of Carrie Laird, Parks & Recreation Department for the City Of Birmingham, Michigan. Please contact Dusty Loomis with questions and media inquiries, at (248) 632-7572.

About The Botanical Gardens



The proposed Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is described as a stately, dual-winged, victorian greenhouse centered around a central palm-dome and visitor center, leading to an indoor event hall and classroom spaces. The indoor gardens contain a wide variety of tropical plants located in the West wing, with seasonal flowers showcased in the East wing, both enhanced by aquatic botanical display ponds. An outdoor seasonal vegetable garden is dedicated for members and educational programs. With more than a mile of winding walking trails cutting through various showcase gardens such as the Butterfly, Sculpture and Wildflower gardens, visitors enjoy both exciting indoor and outdoor experiences in natural history and conservation.

The multi-acre park features a spacious outdoor event pavilion and patio, perfect for hosting weddings, corporate events, and other private gatherings.

**Proposed logo example.*

The Gardens are a beautiful, serene, and magical destination where residents in Southeast Michigan, and from around the world, are invited to enjoy colorful plant and flower species while learning about botanical conservation. As visitors explore the many attractions offered by the park, posted placards, and other interactive elements, make learning fun. It's never been easier to provide a truly unforgettable natural history education to visitors of all ages and stages of life. Welcome to The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, ***the Jewel of Oakland County.***

Mission & Vision Statement

Mission Statement: Our mission is to foster understanding and appreciation for natural history in order to ensure the future preservation of the natural world.

Our Vision: We envision a world where the love for nature, and the importance of biological preservation, create a brighter future for all of mankind.



Conservatory & Grounds Map

The proposed Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is located in the historic suburban community of Birmingham, Michigan, situated just north of metropolitan Detroit, along the Woodward Ave. corridor. The park features exciting indoor and outdoor attractions, and includes the following primary points of interest:



**artist concept rendering*

1. Front Gardens, Walkways
2. Outdoor LilyPonds, Indoor Visitor Center & Palm Dome
3. Seasonal-Wing Greenhouse
4. Tropical-Wing Greenhouse and Free Flight Aviary
5. Special Event Hall, Restrooms, Event Office & Staging Kitchen
6. Classroom 1, Classroom 2, Restroom and Offices
7. Outdoor Event Patio & Pavilion
8. Koi Pond (with bridge)
9. Butterfly Garden (with paths)
10. Community Teaching & Seasonal Vegetable Garden (members & students only)
11. Sculpture Garden & Fountain (with paths)
12. Wildflower Garden (with paths)
13. Event Greens & Commons
14. Seasonal Flower Garden (flower sales)
15. Maintenance Shed

Parking Lot 1, 2

Nonprofit Organization Structure

The public park is owned and operated by the Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Gardens Foundation, a federally recognized nonprofit organization, and is operated through a strategic partnership with the City Of Birmingham, and the State Of Michigan, Parks Department.

Management Team

The garden park is managed by a world-class team of experts and botanical professionals, including a top level management team, botanical and greenhouse experts, community leaders in natural history, and an esteemed Board Of Directors, and various committees and governing bodies.

Nonprofit Board Of Directors

Board Members are presented, and selected, through a partnership between the Parks Department, and other state or municipal stakeholders, and the Conservatory leadership. The Board is comprised of various experts, including legal advisors, botanists, municipal, state and local partners.

Key Partnerships

The Birmingham Conservatory partners with other notable area attractions such as the Detroit Zoological Society, and the Belle Isle Conservatory, to play a leading role in providing a wide variety of natural history opportunities to residents, communities, and families, in Southeastern, Michigan.

Revenue Sources

In addition to strategic fundraising initiatives, the park is supported by additional revenue streams, including ticket sales (\$3 children, \$5 adults), venue and pavilion rental, membership dues, classes, seasonal flower sales, food-truck concessions, gift shop sales, and other revenue streams.

Mobile Device Friendly

The attraction is a modern-day facility, and offers many opportunities for visitors (especially younger guests), to engage with interactive learning, and educational content, through mobile devices.



Classes & Educational Opportunities

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is a leader in natural history education. A foundational goal of the gardens is to provide access, and hands-on natural history experiences, to children, adults and seniors visitors. That's why educational classes and events are key to the services we provide in the community.

Children's Classes	Young Adult Classes	Adult & Senior Classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- After School Program- Wild Arts Nature Camp- Vegetable Garden Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adult Coloring Class- Nature Photography Studio- Biological Illustration Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biological Illustration Course- Nature Photography Studio- Seniors Hand Crafting Group



Student Engagement Opportunities

The Conservatory serves as a prime location where students can truly become engaged in learning. A wide variety of programs are offered specifically for students, ranging from kindergarten to college.

Classes are offered to school groups, nonprofit and private organizations, and families seeking natural history education. Educational, guided group tours are available.

Senior Citizen Enrichment



The Conservatory believes in the importance of physical activity, and social interaction, later in life. That's why a variety of engaging programs are offered specifically for the community's senior population, such as the senior Speedwalkers Club, the Active Seniors Volunteer Corp, and the Botanical Council Of Excellence, a leadership group run by the Conservatory's senior citizen members.

Volunteer Team

The Birmingham Conservatory offers many fun and exciting ways for volunteers as young as 16 to get involved, anytime of year. With a wide variety of opportunities, it's easy to lend a hand, while enjoying all of the beauty nature has to offer. Volunteer opportunities include: Grounds Beautification Crew, Botanical Council Volunteer, Visitor Services & Tour Guide, seasonal openings, and more.

Conservatory Membership

The Birmingham Conservatory offers an exciting membership program for families, organizations, students, and individuals. Birmingham (and Oakland County), residents enjoy membership discounts and other attractive perks.

Employment Opportunities

The park is staffed by both paid employees and volunteer team members, and offers many exciting paid employment positions, year-round. The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is an equal opportunity employer, promoting workplace diversity, generational diversity in the workplace, and equal opportunity for minority and disabled applicants. Employee training (including team building workshops), is provided free of cost.



Private Event Hosting

The Conservatory features a popular indoor event space, outdoor pavilion with spacious patio, and dedicated greens, perfect for your next event. The space may be reserved (with a standard rental fee), for weddings, corporate events, nonprofit fundraisers, and private family or holiday occasions.

Special Events & Networking Socials

The park hosts an events calendar offering unique, and engaging, special events throughout the year, including indoor and outdoor activities, to keep the whole family entertained, and the community engaged.

Seasonal & Festive Displays

Visitors to the park will discover a colorful and beautiful array of year-round, seasonal displays, such as annual flower exhibits, Fairy and miniature garden installations, Holiday lights, seasonal flower sales, and other festive decor.

Gift Shop & Concessions

Good food, beautiful spaces, and fun places! Visitors to the Conservatory will find a variety of delightful snacks, meals and beverages available from the snack and juice bar, Key Lime pie station, ice cream stand, and a variety of metro Detroit's finest food truck vendors (vegetarian, Gluten free, and ethnic foods available). Concession sales are an important part of the park's annual revenue.

Green Certified Building

The proposed Conservatory is a LEED certified green building, employing the best sustainable design principles and practices, including on-site recycling, waste reduction systems, green roofing, and other sustainable design features. The Conservatory is handicapped accessible, and places a priority on being made accessible to all.

Nonprofit Fundraising Strategy

Operated as a nonprofit park, the Conservatory places a priority on year-round fundraising, and relies on a variety of funding sources, including, public donations, endowments, corporate sponsorships, grants, membership dues, special events, and more.

Marketing & Promotional Strategy

The Conservatory has established a multi-media marketing approach which includes a website, robust social media and online content, webinars and educational resources, press releases, news and magazine articles and other featured content.

Capital Fund

The Birmingham Conservatory and Botanical Gardens Foundation has established a Capital Funds strategy. Please request further details about how we can work together to bring this natural history attraction to Oakland County, Michigan.

The Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Garden Park



**proposed logo example*

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Rail District Sculpture Park @ Northeast Corner of Lincoln & Eton

Sunday, June 25, 2017 6:48 PM

To : lwood@bhamgov.org>

Cc ; Jvalentine@bhamgov.org

Hi Lauren,

I had an idea for creating an industrial type Rail District sculpture park at the northeast corner of Lincoln & Eton. As you know this parcel is owned by the City and is presently designated as park land for Kenning Park. The Kenning Park master plan indicates this area for possible future tennis courts. In my opinion this land should be considered to be re-purposed from active recreation park to passive art for the Rail District's gateway. There are some artists in Pontiac (on Woodward & Turk) that have installations of several metal sculptures made from recycled steel components for a concept example of what I am proposing. I would like this idea to be brought before the Parks & Rec Board for discussion & consideration if possible. Thank you.

Larry Bertollini



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151 Martin Street
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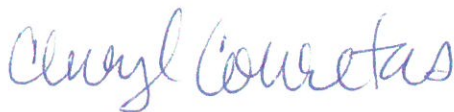
Dear Commissioners,

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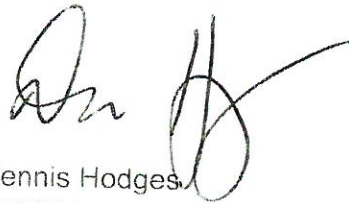
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The association is committed to working in a coordinated fashion with the city, The Roeper School, and other affected neighborhood associations to bring this matter to a successful conclusion. We respectfully request that the commissioners put this item at the top of the agenda.

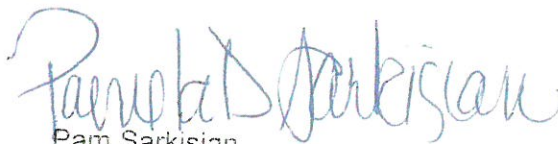
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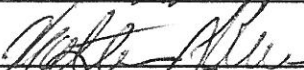
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Fwd: Let's Plan

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 2:01 PM

Master Plan comment file, please

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From: **Lauren Wood** <lwood@bhamgov.org>
Date: Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Re: Let's Plan
To: Anne and Peter Bray <annebray@ameritech.net>

Hi Anne,

Thanks as always for your input and the time you take to participate with community projects.

This email will be shared with McKenna as part of the ongoing public input for the development of the 5 year master plan.

Thanks again,
Lauren

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On Sun, Dec 3, 2017 at 1:10 PM, Anne and Peter Bray <annebray@ameritech.net> wrote:

Hi Lauren

Much work went into the new Master Plan. I was disappointed to miss the roundtables, but our Neighborhood president chooses not to share information with the neighborhood, so please would you send me a notice when anything relevant comes up? Thank you.

I would like to see some movement on Adams Park, which has been hanging about for long enough. I would also like to see the development of more natural areas within the Parks with the intention of attempting to educate the public of the harm that is done by using chemicals there are alternatives to lawn grass that are more environmentally friendly. Monarch Way Stations could be a part of this. As far as the Rouge trail is concerned - less is definitely more - as we always need to remember that the floodplain belongs to the river. I would also like to see the Yellow Flag Iris removed from Quarton Lake as it is now spreading downstream and can now be

found in Linden Park.... and possibly further downstream. I think we all need to learn more about plant succession instead of trying to keep the same plants in the same places all the time and recognize that growing conditions are constantly changing. Anne



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Birmingham Park Master Plan

1 message

Jeanette Aiello <jeanetterenee12@gmail.com>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 8:33 AM

Good morning,

I am a resident of Birmingham near Kenning Park and also work in the field of Parks and Recreation in another community. I applaud the City on pursuing the Park Master Plan process as it is very extensive, but pays off when pursuing grants and other building opportunities.

I was pleased to hear the Parks & Rec advisory commission revisiting some components of Kenning Park that were in the 2014 plan. I think that reconfiguring the field layout does make it safer for participants and spectators. I was also happy to hear that there is no intention at this time to relocate the tennis courts, as that would be a costly and unnecessary project when a parking lot could be placed in the currently open lot of northeast Eton/Lincoln.

I have two recommendations for the Master Plan that should benefit the City:

1. Include the revised Kenning Park map that includes the new configuration. If the City already has dedicated funding and plans to move the fields in the near future, then that should be reflected in the plan. When pursuing grants, the funding source will want to see that there is a clear plan that was adopted following public input.
2. Hire or contract a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) to inspect all of your playground sites at least twice per year. For the safety of children and to protect the City from liability, this is an inexpensive and practical way to ensure the pieces are safe. For example, the aluminum slide in Shain Park with limited down posts on the steps is very unsafe and I've seen multiple kids fall through (luckily being caught before hitting the ground). <http://www.nrpa.org/certification/CPSI/>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Master Plan process and seeking public input. If you would like any additional feedback, do let me know.

Sincerely,

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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Fwd: PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS - 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 1:23 PM

To: "Folk, Connie" <cfolk@bhamgov.org>, "Laird, Carrie" <Claird@bhamgov.org>

For public comment file of the 2018 Master Plan.

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From: **John Rusche** <jprusche@aol.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 1:01 PM

Subject: PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS - 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

To: lwood@bhamgov.org

Hi Lauren,

Here are a few comments and questions, some personal and some from neighbors. Page numbers refer to the draft plan dated November 30, 2017.

Plan pg. 17, PDF pg. 25 – Table 2 shows revenues, table 3 shows expenditures. There are “deficits” every year covered by the City’s general fund. So that the two tables balance would it be helpful to add a revenue line to table 2 as follows:

- City general funds 2015-2016 actual (\$878,840)
- City general funds 2016-2017 budget (\$1,284,906)
- City general funds 2017-2018 approved (\$1,346,660)
- City general funds 2018-2019 planned (\$1,287,570)

Plan pg. 21, PDF pg. 29 – Parks and Recreation Bonds.

It is very important that this be clear so that if in the future Birmingham residents are asked to vote for another bond issue they feel comfortable that the money was well used. This section should clearly state the dates and amounts of the bond issues and what the money was used for. It should be written in lay person language. One example, second paragraph “Park bond funds in the amount of \$3 million were used for these improvements.” Unclear. What improvements? The third paragraph is especially unclear.

Plan pg. 22, PDF pg. 30 – Kenning Park Concept Plan (2014) states “the Department of Public Services is currently in the process of seeking partnerships to assist in the implementation of the concept plan.” But during the Little League

discussion at the December 5, 2017 P&R Board Meeting it seemed clear that there is no intention to move baseball diamond #1 to the “swampy” southeast corner of the park and add a soccer field. Before being incorporated into the 2018 P&R Master Plan shouldn't the concept plan be revised to reflect current thinking?

Plan pg. 32, PDF pg. 40 – Adams Park. Shouldn't there be a more aggressive plan to fund the concept plan?

PDF pg. 95 – Poppleton Park Concept. There is a note stating: “Preserve as many existing trees as possible. (Keep view zones clear.) Infill with additional ornamental trees.” This is left over from when the 88-space parking lot was contemplated and rejected by the City Commission.

PDF pg. 103 – Kenning Park Concept. See note above for page 22.

PDF pg. 217 – Birmingham Conservatory & Botanical Garden Park. Where would this be placed? Who would fund it?

PDF pgs. 226-236 – Neighbor opposition to Kenning Park plan to relocate baseball diamonds and create a track circling the park.



PDF pgs. 237-244 – Adams Park neighbors' displeasure over lack of movements after 11 years, signed by about 88 people.

General -- Are Birmingham Parks, and other landscaping, bee and butterfly-friendly?

Best regards,

12/15/2017

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Kenning Park

Jennifer Wheeler <jennybwheeler@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 9:05 AM

To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Cc: claird@bhamgov.org, Jvalentine@bhamgov.org, Joellen Haines <jhaines@bhamgov.org>

Good morning,

I would like to begin by saying I am so excited Kenning Park to receive updates, my boys and I use it often.

One of the things I love about the master plan are restrooms! They would be such a helpful addition for everyone. I have personally noticed a need when there with young children, expecting mothers and grandparents. Most of us have to sheepishly go into the tennis club and ask if they mind, while either finding someone to watch the other children or bring everyone into the tennis club.

The next idea I love is the pavilion; it would be nice to have a covered picnic area, especially with the weather in Michigan as variable as it is. I understand that some residents view this as a threat to increase traffic, parking issues or crowding at the park... therefore could the pavilion be on the smaller side? For example, the pavilions at Springdale and Beverly Hills Parks are wonderful, but maybe a scaled down version of them? It would be amazing to be able to use for neighborhood play dates and for school friends to meet up over the summer, I'm smiling just thinking about it!!

From the design, I could not see details for the playground equipment plans. As someone who uses Kenning Park often, as well as many other parks in the area, the absolute main wish would be visibility!! There is nothing scarier to a parent than not being able to see your child, even for a moment. I do like in the plan that the playground seems to be condensed to the same area, not too spread out and away from the street (probably my favorite thing about Kenning Park overall). I also would love a park that will hold children's attention as they grow. Beverly Hills achieves this with two play structures, one for older ages and one for younger. Booth also does a good job of this with their creative playground, however it's visibility can be an issue.

I truly feel a good amount of the budget should be put into the playground, the heart of the park. The next items on my wish list would be restrooms, a pavilion, green space and a mini library. I would hate for the playground equipment to be lackluster because too much of the budget went to moving the tennis courts across the street. If there are any plans for the playground I would love to see them.

Thank you for your commitment to our beautiful community,

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Poppleton Park

Brad Coulter <bradcoulter@gmail.com>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 5:38 PM

One main complaint that residents made loud and clear at the last Commission meeting regarding the Poppleton Park concept plan was the eight foot wide sidewalks being put throughout the park. Poppleton Park is a beautiful green space that will be ruined if all the proposed walking paths are put in. I've seen this "modern" look in many parks and its defeats the purpose of having green space. Why do we need to pave everything? What happened to being green and natural? This Poppleton concept is anything but green and should not be approved.

Brad Coulter
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Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Poppleton Park1 message

Kathleen McInerney <kathleenmcinerney@comcast.net>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Thu, Dec 28, 2017 at 2:27 PM

Dear Planners,

I live in Poppleton Park. We have owned our home at 129 Abbey Rd. for over 23 years. We love our neighborhood.

I have a few items I would like considered for the Master Plan:

Matching play sets that are Birmingham Green/ not PINK!

I'm hoping the walking path will not be paved like a road all around the park. It should be natural, stone based.

Do not run the walking path so close to the homes property line along Wimbledon. There should be a green scape buffer between the path and the residents property.

Add lantern lighting, same as in Birmingham and have the lights turn off at 12:00 midnight.

Thank you for being so diligent in accepting our comments. I know it will be very beautiful one day.

Sincerely,
Kathleen McInerney

Sent from my iPhone



Connie Folk <cfolk@bhamgov.org>

2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

'Patty Blair' via ParksRecPlan <ParksRecPlan@bhamgov.org>

Sun, Dec 31, 2017 at 2:05 PM

Reply-To: Patty Blair <blairdppe@yahoo.com>

To: "parksrecplan@bhamgov.org" <parksrecplan@bhamgov.org>

Hello - To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing today to express our opinion regarding the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan; specifically, the improvements, modifications and estimated budget requirements to Poppleton Park.

Notable - and in favor of:

Installation of a new 2-5 year old accessible play area and a new universal ADA access play are.
Installation of a new sunning berm area.

Improved/Updated/New:

Installation of benches, 1 - drinking fountain, new deciduous shade trees, preservation of all existing trees, new trees around ball field outfield, ball field improvements and improved field drainage (assuring the least invasive plan to natural setting now) in the multi-level play area.

Of concern and in question:

1. Port-A-Potty location with it's proximity to neighbors homes on Oxford St. We are aware that it needs to be accessible for servicing. How about locating it west of the sunning berm in the "triangle", behind the north side of the ball outfield? The proposed walkway/path would accommodate a truck for servicing & maintenance.
2. The need for a 30' ft. square picnic shelter. 30' ft. square is big. Anything smaller would be adequate for strollers, existing park picnic tables, coverage from intense summer sun. Will there be tables & benches? Will Poppleton Park be an additional site for group reservation party use such as Springdale Park?
3. We are not in favor of the proposed 8' ft. wide walkway system. While we see the positive side for a walkway around the children's play area for easier stroller and wheelchair use, we question the proposed 8' ft. width (and the tentative materials: concrete vs. gravel (such as Quarton Lake Park) Is it really needed around the perimeter of the ball field? The Quarton Lake path maintenance appears to be minimal now. We have observed gravel erosion & weeds, metal edging is failing. Thinking ahead during inclement weather: will the City maintain with snow plowing brush maintenance such as our sidewalks?

We concur with our Wembleton St. neighbors that the East/West walkway is a bad idea. It's directly behind their south facing backyards. Consider also the proposed Abbey St. access to the park with limited parking options & potential blocking of the two driveways there.

4. Finally, pg. 86 spreadsheet. Estimates for budget review in 2018-2019 cost/expense over 5 years is \$650,000.00 for Poppleton Park. Clarification for this figure, please.

Your review and consideration for changes to the proposed Poppleton Park concept plan is appreciated. Let's improve, upgrade and leave out the excess for this very special green space in

Birmingham.

Sincerely,

Patty & Dick Blair
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Poppleton Park

1 message

Eleni Currie <lenicurrie@gmail.com>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Fri, Dec 29, 2017 at 2:19 PM

Having spent a good deal of time trying to see the differences in the past park plan and this current plan - I still have concerns.

1. The pathway around the park is not making any good use of space nor activities- did some research on INTERACTIVE parks and if there is this type of pathway at least make it interactive with the kids - not just a racetrack like look.

There could be pods at interesting turns with an activity for kids.

2. Bee or butterfly pods as well in the garden areas.

3. A water feature - splash park as you continue to describe the park as a community park.

4. Updating the equipment is great - climbing wall and interact play is essential.

5. The porta potty so close to homes and not near the baseball diamond.

6. Was a LOCAL architect used? They would have a much better idea of the community.

7. This plan seems near identical to last year's plan that was heavily argued about at multiple meetings. This is a great community and if you truly want this to be a community park make it state of the art with features to help children develop and learn and get exercise plus the pods could be used as field trips for the schools - community gardening for them etc.

Thank you

Eleni O'Leary

Resident

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Poppleton Park

1 message

Donal O'Leary <doleary703@gmail.com>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Mon, Jan 1, 2018 at 8:16 PM

Please keep Poppleton Park green! The proposed walking path looks like an ugly racetrack that I predict would see very little use. Very few of the survey responders want this, many more are against. As an avid walker in the neighborhood, I would never use this path as it would be boring and much of it would be too close to noisy and smelly Woodward Ave. All the sidewalks in the neighborhood have been updated with ramps at all corners and it is a wonderful neighborhood to amble about. This is not a nature park like Manor, it is a green space. Let's not waste out tax dollars on the path or pavilion. Neither are wanted or needed by the majority of our community.

Donal O'Leary

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Parks & Recreation draft Master Plan

1 message

dave and kathleen <kddevereaux@wowway.com>
To: parksrecplan@bhamgov.org

Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 10:39 AM

Hello,

I have a comment about the plan for Poppleton Park, at page 99 of the draft plan. I am opposed to any additional pavement in the park. The Poppleton residents made our preferences clear, I thought, when the last concept plan was presented before the Parks and Rec Board and before the City Commission. It seems, however, that many of the objectionable features of that plan were imported into this new plan, even though the residents opposed them. The features in question include the 8 foot walkways, and the 30 foot square picnic enclosure. I also do not see the point of an additional play area particularly if improvements are going to be made to the existing play area.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Devereaux

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Subject: Master Plan language

From: **Heather Carmona** <htcarmona@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Mon, Jan 8, 2018 at 1:46 PM

Subject: Master Plan language

To: Lauren Wood <lwood@bhamgov.org>

Hi Lauren,

I hope your new year is off to a great start.

I have a questions. I've been reviewing the updated Master plan draft. In Goal #6, I noticed the words "reduce chemical exposure' were removed from the revised Goal. I'm curious if this was intentional or an oversight in redrafting? As it reads now, the goal doesn't make sense and does not support objectives 3 and 7.(eg. reduce adverse health effects *from what then?* I'm not sure how you can potentially eliminate spraying and achieve a pesticide free park without the gradual reduction of some chemicals).

I'm planning to attend the public hearing on 2/5, but wanted to ask you first before I share my thoughts publicly.

Thanks!

Heather

Heather Carmona

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: January 29, 2018

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: 2017 Annual Golf Report

Attached is the Annual Golf Report – 2017 Review – 2018 Prospectus. This annual report is a compilation of the results of the 2017 golf season. It also includes an update on the upcoming 2018 marketing strategies. There is no change proposed from the 2017 golf course fees and rates or with the rates for the passes and packages.

The Golf Sub-Committee met with Bryan Grill, Jacky Brito and me on December 11, 2017 to review the 2017 season, discuss the upcoming 2018 season preview, capital projects completed during 2017 and upcoming projects, as well as membership and marketing promotional ideas.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

To accept the Annual Golf Report – 2017 Review – 2018 Prospectus and recommend it be forwarded to the City Commission.



2017

Annual Golf Report

Department of Public Services

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ANNUAL GOLF REPORT

2017 Review

We had another successful year with overall great golfing conditions. We continue to create a quality service culture that promotes a friendly and enjoyable experience for members, guests and the community. We believe our clubs have become an integral part of many of our members' lives and as a result, the vast majority of our members retain their memberships each year. Keeping our members satisfied with their club experience, they will remain loyal and frequent users of the courses.

The season opened at Lincoln Hills on April 1st and Springdale followed on April 15th. Springdale was a bit saturated and we require better conditions before opening for our members, but we seem to be consistent to past years.



Our “**Early Sign-Up**” bonus was again well received for the third consecutive year which is held during the last two weeks of March at Lincoln Hills. We had sold 384 memberships and we redeemed 304 complimentary rounds from this promotion. Below is the breakdown of the membership types and we look forward to implementing this program in 2018.

Residents	207
NR Single	96
NR Dual	53
NR Family	11
Business	15
Unlimited	2

Did You Know? Our upcoming “Early Sign-Up” Bonus will be held at Lincoln Hills from 10am – 6pm

Mon – Fri March 19th – 23rd

Mon – Fri March 26th – 30th

Memberships

We are pleased to show that we have been maintaining a healthy capacity over the past six years as shown in the chart below. Our objective each season is to attract and retain members while increasing member usage which are the biggest drivers of our revenue growth.

Membership	CY 2012		CY 2013		CY 2014		CY 2015		CY 2016		CY 2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Resident	1,843	71%	2,007	73%	1,733	70%	2,090	71%	1,874	68%	1,898	68%
Other Memberships												
Business	101	4%	99	4%	102	4%	109	4%	109	4%	92	3%
Non-Resident - Single	398	15%	401	15%	406	16%	475	16%	465	17%	502	18%
Non-Resident - Dual	186	7%	185	7%	175	7%	194	7%	209	8%	220	8%
Non-Resident - Family	60	2%	65	2%	77	3%	78	3%	85	3%	85	3%
Total	745		750		760		856		868		899	
Total Memberships	2,588	100%	2,757	100%	2,493	100%	2,946	100%	2,742	100%	2,797	100%

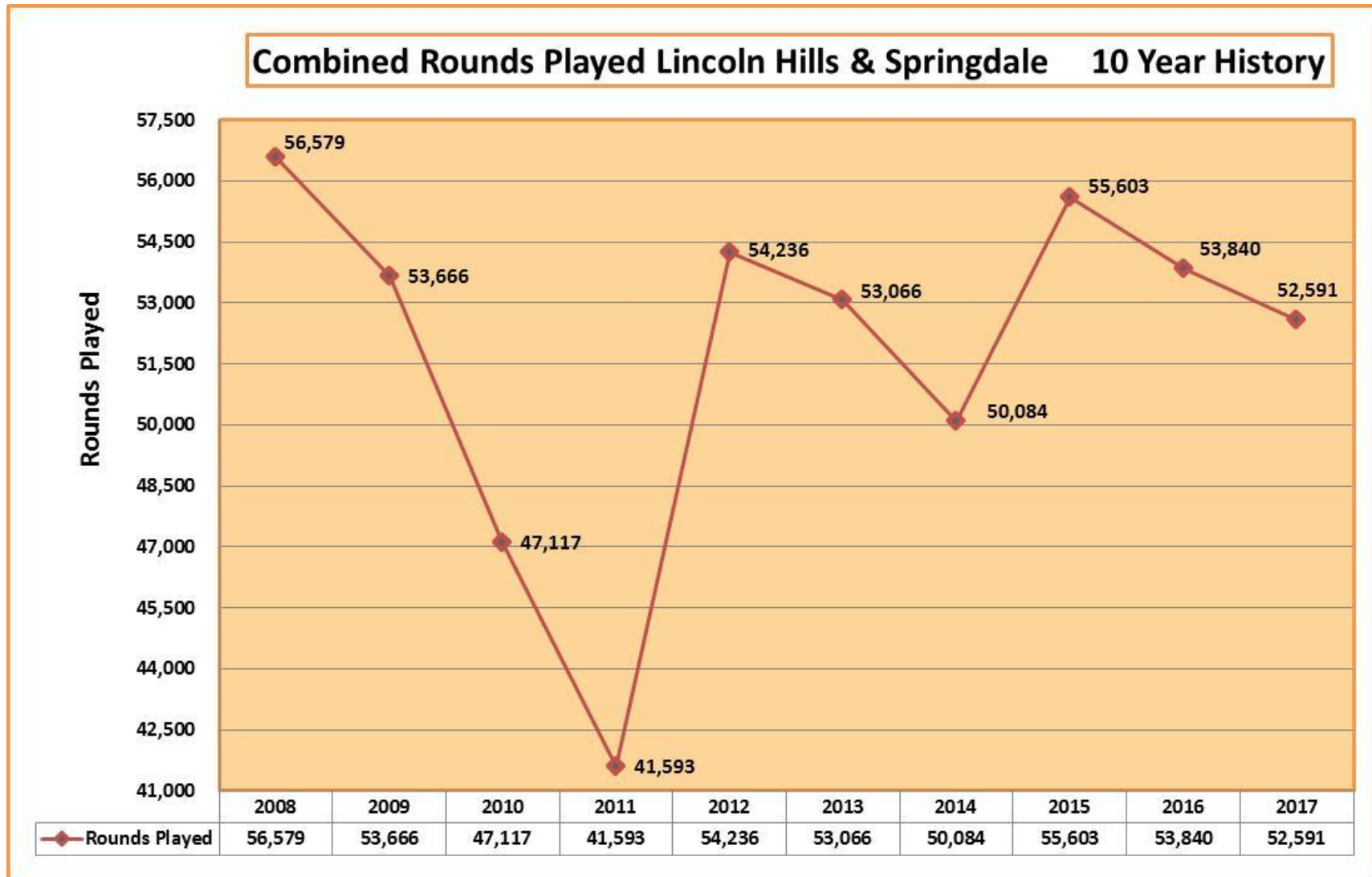
We introduced a new promotion in April called “Just a Drive Away.” The tool we utilized was a direct mailer to our surrounding communities outside of Birmingham. Households were invited to play and have lunch during this month for a special price and if they wanted to join they would receive a \$25 discount off their respected Non Resident Membership. There was one stipulation and that they were “First Time” members to be eligible for this program. There were 78 participants and we are excited to report that we added twenty-three (23) new members from this promotion, a return of 29%. We look forward to implenting this again.



We also introduced two new Club Events for our members to enjoy. The first was held in June – “**Nine, Dine, Laugh**” that hosted a 2-hour comedy show after dinner. The second was held in August – “**Nine, Dine, Sing**” and our members and guests enjoyed a 2-hour interactive dueling piano show. We received many compliments and these will be added to our Calendar of Events in 2018.

Rounds

We finished our season with a combined total of 52,591 rounds which is a decrease of 1,249, or 2% compared to last season. We did experience our “rainy” days in the months of May and August, and November was very cold.



Lincoln Hills

By looking at this table, there were a few categories that had changed our player matrix compared to 2016.

The significant changes were:

Resident Adult

Increase by 65%

Resident Senior

Decrease by 33%

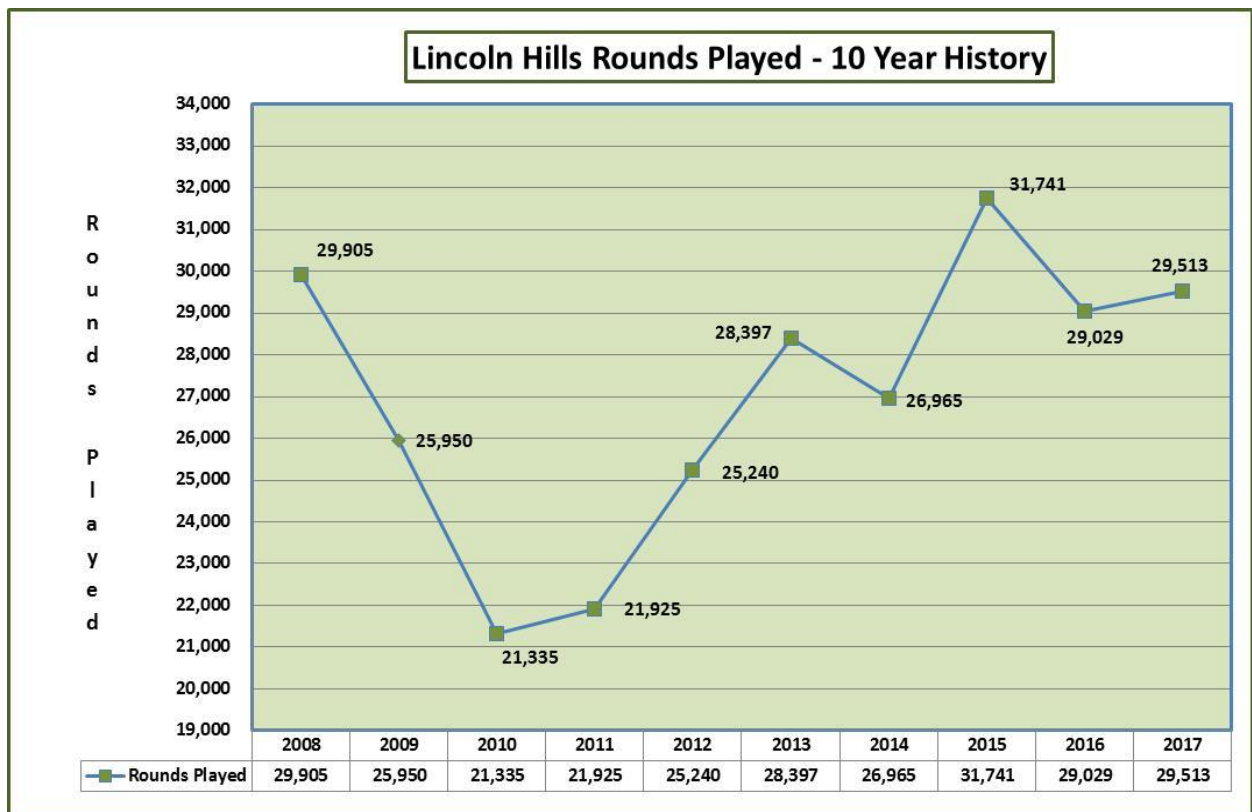
Non-Resident Adult

Increase by 49%;

Non-Resident Senior

Increase by 32%.

LINCOLN HILLS	Customer Type Analysis					
	2015	%	2016	%	2017	%
Resident Adult	2,496	7.86%	1,244	4.29%	2,062	6.99%
Resident Sr	3,858	12.15%	4,057	13.98%	2,682	9.09%
Resident Jr	908	2.86%	714	2.46%	512	1.73%
Non-Resident Adult	1,057	3.33%	1,065	3.67%	1,596	5.41%
Non-Resident Sr	4,753	14.97%	4,137	14.25%	5,479	18.56%
Non-Resident Jr	483	1.52%	837	2.88%	398	1.35%
Guests	6,807	21.45%	5,997	20.66%	5,838	19.78%
Leagues	4,696	14.79%	4,815	16.59%	4,937	16.73%
Jr Golf Program	2,248	7.08%	2,392	8.24%	2,360	8.00%
Twilight	1,926	6.07%	1,868	6.43%	1,799	6.10%
High School	722	2.27%	641	2.21%	565	1.91%
Outings	469	1.48%	463	1.59%	439	1.49%
Business	589	1.86%	455	1.57%	422	1.43%
Unlimited Pass	258	0.81%	228	0.79%	207	0.70%
City	80	0.25%	114	0.39%	159	0.54%
Other	391	1.23%	2	0.01%	58	0.20%
TOTAL	31,741	100%	29,029	100%	29,513	100%



Springdale

Our player matrix seems to fluctuate each year by shown in this table. A few of the customer types that changed compared to last year are the following:

Resident Senior
Decrease by 9%

Non-Resident Adult
Decrease by 35%

Guests
Decrease by 11%

Twilight
Decrease by 26%

SPRINGDALE	Customer Type Analysis					
	2015	%	2016	%	2017	%
Resident Adult	2,119	8.88%	2,321	9.35%	2,176	9.43%
Resident Sr	3,162	13.25%	3,428	13.82%	3,102	13.44%
Resident Jr	780	3.27%	453	1.83%	359	1.56%
Non-Resident Adult	635	2.66%	695	2.80%	450	1.95%
Non-Resident Sr	4,510	18.90%	4,987	20.10%	4,812	20.85%
Non-Resident Jr	153	0.64%	319	1.29%	141	0.61%
Guests	4,302	18.03%	5,082	20.48%	4,473	19.38%
Leagues	4,306	18.05%	4,196	16.91%	4,338	18.80%
Twilight	2,009	8.42%	1,914	7.71%	1,404	6.08%
High School	495	2.07%	288	1.16%	683	2.96%
Business	479	2.01%	430	1.73%	373	1.62%
Unlimited Pass	166	0.70%	227	0.91%	361	1.56%
Outings	344	1.44%	407	1.64%	319	1.38%
City	62	0.26%	59	0.24%	67	0.29%
Other	340	1.42%	5	0.02%	20	0.09%
TOTALS	23,862	100%	24,811	100%	23,078	100%



Food and Beverage

We achieved revenues of \$85,791 which was just a slim increase than last year (\$82,650) by \$3,321, or 4%. Our staff made the difference this season, and I would like to thank each one for their hard work in creating these delicious entrees.

As seen in this table, we prepared 627 entrees which is 352 additional compared to last year, or 128%. The increases came from the “Just a Drive Away” promotion, and the additional entrees served to our members and guests throughout the season. This department is slowly growing and it is a great amenity for our customers and our focus will remain to increase revenues each season.

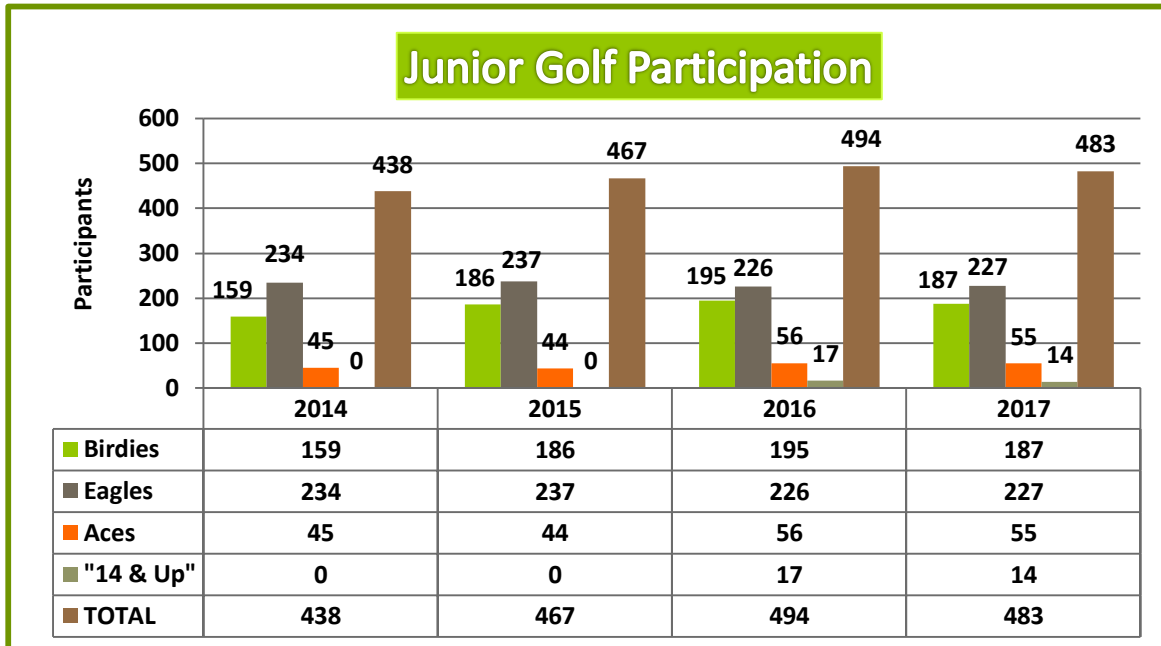
Entrees	2016	2017
BLT	16	47
Burgers	87	226
Chicken	9	20
Club	21	83
Grilled Cheese	58	110
Ham & Cheese	33	43
Salads	25	41
Turkey Burger	5	5
Turkey & Cheese	21	52
Total Entrees	275	627



Did You Know? Everyone is welcome to have Lunch with us and enjoy great food and beautiful ambiance at either course.

Junior Golf

Junior golfers are such an essential part of the golf industry. They are important for the future of the game and they also represent the future of our club. We have a number of avenues available to help junior players develop their skills, etiquette and self-discipline through our extensive junior golf program.



We had another successful year with revenues of \$87,357 with a total of 483 participants that produced a net profit of \$51,201. There was an increase in labor due to the need of additional rangers to monitor the juniors during their weekly round of golf. These rangers play an integral part of assisting the juniors and keeping them safe while on the course.

Junior Golf 2014 - 2017				
	Revenues	Expenses		Net Operating
Year		Payroll	Supplies	Profit \$
2014	90,142	32,643	1,408	\$56,091
2015	86,140	34,290	3,423	\$48,427
2016	89,392	31,435	1,280	\$56,677
2017	87,357	34,953	1,203	\$51,201



The PGA Junior League consisted of 24 players in which we fielded two teams this season. Our competitors this year included Sanctuary Lake, Pine Trace, Cherry Creek, Springdale GC and Lincoln Hills GC. The children really enjoyed the fun competition arena and the parents loved watching and supporting the teams.

Projects

The strong financial position that we have been building up on from the past years has enabled the courses to move forward with a number of projects.

1. Renovated Practice Area at Both Courses

We installed new netting, poles and mats and it has been well received by the members and their guests.

2. Purchased an Adaptive Golf Cart for Handicap Golfers

A member had approached us regarding the American Disability Act and we are proud to be compliant and able to serve all golfers who are handicapped. This cart is stored at Springdale but may be used at either course with a 24-hour notice.



3. Renovated Bunkers at Lincoln Hills

All bunkers were excavated and replaced with new sand prior to season opening.

4. New Tee Signs at Lincoln Hills

We will be installing new tee signs prior to the season opening and plan to install them at Springdale next season.

5. Adding Cart Path at Lincoln Hills

The teeing area on #9 has been worn out and needs to be repaired. We will be extending the cart path up to the back of this tee.

6. Bridge Renovations at Springdale

The bridges are in need of repair due to age, wear, and safety for our members. There are four bridges that will be renovated prior to opening in 2018.

7. Golf Cart Fleet

We have upgraded our fleet to a newer version of EZ-Go carts that will include windshields, per the request of the membership. Our combined fleet now consists of 52 total carts due to the demand from league and regular play. Springdale now has 24 carts and Lincoln Hills remains at 28 carts.

8. New Membership Cards

In 2018, we will have the capacity to add photos to our membership cards as done in the past.

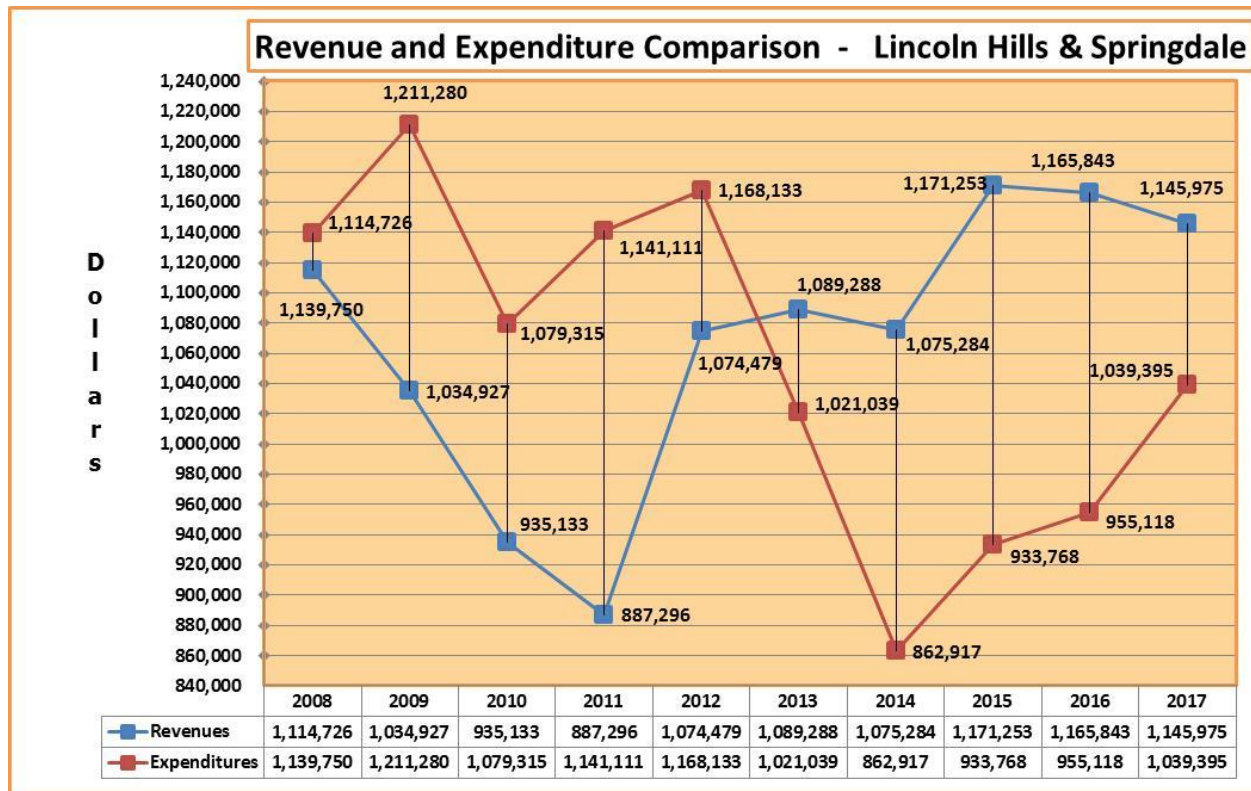
Did You Know? We used 12,540,465 gallons of water to irrigate Lincoln Hills this past season and 5,484,000 for Springdale.

Why such a difference? Lincoln Hills has a “wall-to-wall” irrigation system while Springdale has a “single-row” system which is limited.

Financials

Combined Courses

We are pleased to report that we had a **Net Operating Profit of \$106,580** which is much lower than last year by \$104,145, or 49%. However, one main factor is Lincoln Hills will be contributing \$100,000 to the General Fund on an annual basis to repay the bond for the construction of the clubhouse in 2010. The payments began on July 1, 2017 and this report reflects a total payment of \$50,000. Overall, we endured additional expenses through labor and enhancements to the courses in 2017.



CALENDAR YEAR 7-YEAR ANALYSIS (2011 - 2017)

COMBINED COURSES	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
REVENUES	1,735,742	1,284,479	1,372,934	1,075,284	1,171,253	1,165,843	1,145,975
IMPRELIS FUNDS			192,046				
G.F. CONTRIBUTION (G.F. CONT.)	848,446	210,000	91,600				
NET REVENUES OF G.F. CONT.	887,296	1,074,479	1,089,288	1,075,284	1,171,253	1,165,843	1,145,975
EXPENDITURES							
ADMINISTRATIVE	33,194	32,860	35,097	37,250	38,423	36,257	35,230
MAINTENANCE	556,524	535,625	445,849	295,154	343,681	335,011	351,526
CLUBHOUSE	423,697	474,536	445,159	429,995	441,111	473,835	494,733
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,013,415	1,043,021	926,105	762,399	823,215	845,103	881,489
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS) Before Dep	(126,119)	31,458	163,183	312,885	348,038	320,740	264,486
DEPRECIATION (DEP.)	107,693	115,112	107,404	100,518	110,553	110,014	107,906
G.F. CONTRIBUTION (G.F. CONT.)	20,003	10,000					50,000
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS)	(253,815)	(93,655)	55,779	212,367	237,485	210,725	106,580

Lincoln Hills

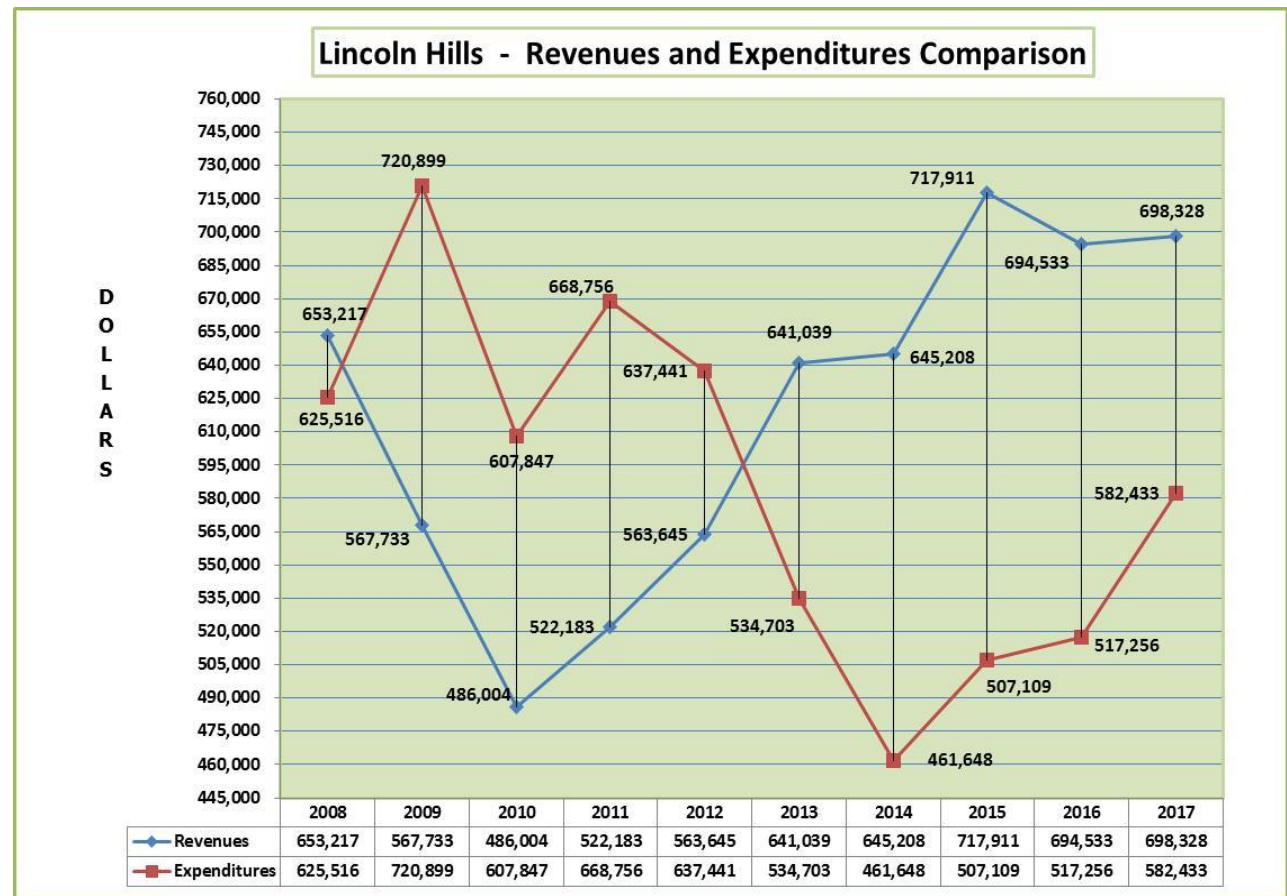
Lincoln Hills' revenues were overall similar to last year's with a total of \$698,328 which is a small increase of \$3,795. The significant differences are listed below.

Revenues for Lincoln Hills

- Weekday Green Fees were down by **\$9,727**, or **-4%**
- Weekend Green Fees were up by \$11,939, or 11%
- Interest Income was down by **\$13,290**, or **-76%**

Expenses for Lincoln Hills

- Maintenance
 - New Nets - \$4,900 and New Poles - \$1,900,
 - New Sand - \$3,400
 - Chemical Increase - \$5,800
 - Repair Fuel Tanks -\$1,700
- Clubhouse
 - Contribution to General Fund - \$50,000
 - Marketing & Advertising \$5,472



CALENDAR YEAR 7-YEAR ANALYSIS (2011 - 2017)

LINCOLN HILLS G.C.	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
REVENUES	1,370,629	773,645	829,695	645,208	717,911	694,533	698,328
IMPRELIS FUNDS			122,986				
G.F. CONTRIBUTION	848,446	210,000	65,670				
NET REVENUES OF G.F. CONT.	522,183	563,645	641,039	645,208	717,911	694,533	698,328
EXPENDITURES	586,736	573,685	481,400	408,831	446,476	459,098	475,304
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS) Before Dep	(64,554)	(10,040)	159,640	236,377	271,436	235,435	223,024
DEPRECIATION	62,017	53,756	57,893	52,817	60,634	58,207	57,130
CONTRIBUTION TO G.F.	20,003	10,000					50,000
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS)	(146,574)	(73,796)	101,747	183,560	210,802	177,228	115,895

Springdale

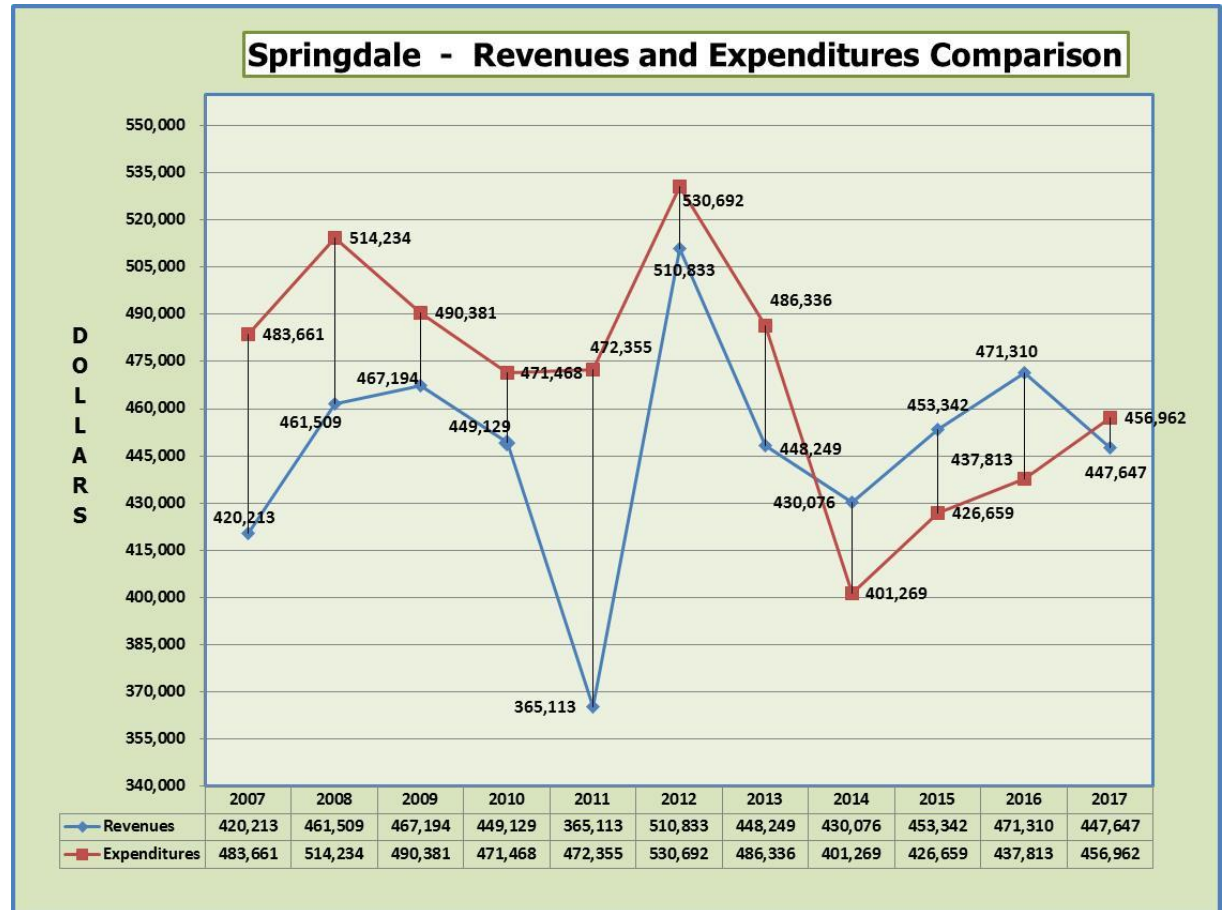
Springdale had an Operating Profit of \$41,463 but after depreciation we ended with a **Net Operating Loss of -\$9,314**. Performance included a combination of less revenues generated combined with additional expenses as noted below.

Revenues for Springdale

- Weekday Green Fees were down by **\$11,918, or -6%**
- Weekend Green Fees were down by **\$3,086, or -3%**
- Golf Cart Rental Fees were down by **\$6,462, or -7%**

Expenses for Springdale

- Clubhouse
 - DPS Personnel Assistance with Projects - \$4,000
 - Labor for Junior Ranger Booked at SD - \$4,100
 - Increase in Wages & Personnel by \$4,900
 - Increase in Hourly Rate and Employee Benefits - \$5,035



CALENDAR YEAR 7-YEAR ANALYSIS (2011 - 2017)

SPRINGDALE G.C.	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
REVENUES	365,113	510,833	543,239	430,076	453,342	471,310	447,647
IMPRELIS FUNDS			69,060				
G.F. CONTRIBUTION			25,930				
REVENUES NET OF CONTRIBUTIONS	365,113	510,833	448,249	430,076	453,342	471,310	447,647
EXPENDITURES	426,679	469,336	444,705	353,568	376,739	386,006	406,184
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS) Before Dep	(61,565)	41,498	3,544	76,508	76,603	85,304	41,463
DEPRECIATION	45,676	61,357	49,511	47,701	49,919	51,807	50,776
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS)	(107,241)	(19,859)	(45,968)	28,807	26,683	33,497	(9,314)

Operations Statement 2015 – 2017

	2015			2016			2017		
REVENUES:	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL
WEEKDAY GREENS FEES	207,924	186,016	393,940	202,117	184,596	386,714	192,391	172,679	365,069
WEEKEND GREENS FEES	116,219	84,132	200,351	105,267	92,520	197,787	117,206	89,434	206,640
FOOD & BEVERAGE	49,979	34,535	84,514	48,268	34,381	82,650	51,298	34,673	85,971
MERCHANDISE	18,727	7,669	26,395	14,963	7,836	22,798	14,794	8,201	22,995
PULL CART RENTAL	4,823	4,817	9,639	5,118	5,262	10,380	5,215	5,280	10,495
GOLF CART RENTAL	96,111	74,204	170,314	90,863	82,728	173,591	93,171	76,266	169,438
GAM HANDICAP	1,232	452	1,684	1,766	641	2,407	1,937	671	2,608
CLASSES	95,130	0	95,130	89,252	140	89,392	87,357	0	87,357
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS	6,800	4,120	10,920	7,660	3,350	11,010	6,600	2,480	9,080
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS	89,709	40,059	129,768	96,400	35,850	132,250	106,350	33,255	139,605
UNLIMITED GOLF PASS	4,050	1,000	5,050	3,600	-11	3,589	3,020	1,300	4,320
PACKAGE CLUB PASSES	580	145	725	0	0	0	334	0	334
TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES	5,129	5,221	10,350	4,797	5,386	10,183	5,082	4,146	9,228
INTEREST INCOME	11,937	0	11,937	17,392	0	17,392	6,222	0	6,222
LEASE INCOME	8,093	9,600	17,693	6,727	18,600	25,327	6,929	19,200	26,129
CELL TOWER ACCESS FEE	999	998	1,997	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	415	337	752	308	0	308	449	62	511
CASH OVERAGE/(SHORTAGE)	54	38	93	35	31	66	27	1	-26
GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	717,911	453,342	1,171,253	694,533	471,310	1,165,843	698,328	447,647	1,145,975

	2015			2016			2017		
EXPENSES:	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATIVE									
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE	18,510	18,510	37,020	17,425	17,425	34,850	16,905	16,905	33,810
AUDIT	702	702	1,403	703	704	1,407	710	710	1,420
SUB-TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	19,212	19,212	38,423	18,128	18,129	36,257	17,615	17,615	35,230

	2015			2016			2017		
MAINTENANCE	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL
SALARIES AND WAGES	89,259	75,166	164,425	73,967	67,031	140,999	68,588	57,198	125,787
OVERTIME PAY	(3,157)	(2,158)	(5,315)	0	159	159	3,581	409	3,990
LONGEVITY	(600)	(600)	(1,199)	24	24	48	24	24	48
FICA	6,505	5,503	12,008	5,613	5,096	10,709	5,530	4,360	9,891
HOSPITALIZATION	3,508	3,519	7,027	4,665	4,640	9,304	5,739	5,286	11,025
LIFE	183	184	367	181	180	361	186	183	369
RETIREE HEALTH CARE	(977)	(852)	(1,828)	1,622	1,577	3,200	2,345	2,347	4,692
DENTAL/OPTICAL	672	674	1,346	653	650	1,302	669	657	1,326
DISABILITY INSURANCE	279	280	559	281	280	561	294	289	583
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	858	731	1,589	726	656	1,383	674	547	1,222
SICK TIME PAY OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	(971)	(954)	(1,925)	1,519	1,419	2,938	2,774	2,846	5,620
HRA BENEFIT	10	10	20	10	10	20	10	10	20
HSA CONTRIBUTION/ RETIRE EMPR	2,162	2,148	4,310	3,635	3,626	7,261	3,851	3,780	7,631
OPERATING SUPPLIES	38,170	38,840	77,011	36,437	33,790	70,227	52,470	39,891	92,361
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	5,707	11,150	16,857	5,226	5,134	10,360	3,939	5,730	9,670
TELEPHONE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELECTRICITY	10,410	2,978	13,388	10,578	3,226	13,804	10,437	3,199	13,636
GAS	935	1,532	2,467	1,211	1,327	2,538	1,046	1,457	2,503
WATER	182	0	182	203	0	203	330	0	330
TRAINING	593	593	1,187	188	241	428	422	357	779
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	60	60	119	0	47	47	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	24,018	22,078	46,096	29,999	29,160	59,159	29,999	30,042	60,041
BUILDINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	2,495	2,495	4,990	0	5,990	5,990	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTED EXP - CAP OUTLAY	0	0	0	0	(5,990)	(5,990)	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL MAINTENANCE	180,303	163,378	343,681	176,738	158,274	335,011	192,911	158,615	351,526

CLUBHOUSE:	2015			2016			2017		
	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL	LINC. HILLS	SPRINGDALE	TOTAL
SALARIES AND WAGES	123,961	88,016	211,977	116,926	83,832	200,758	120,901	96,068	216,969
OVERTIME	1,885	(782)	1,103	3,828	704	4,531	420	577	996
LONGEVITY	(221)	(221)	(442)	35	35	70	35	35	70
FICA	9,608	6,656	16,263	9,221	6,450	15,671	9,230	7,344	16,573
HOSPITALIZATION	11,150	11,026	22,176	12,243	12,603	24,846	15,637	18,150	33,787
LIFE	23	22	45	21	21	42	24	21	45
RETIREE HEALTH CARE	252	165	416	1,870	1,847	3,717	2,418	2,404	4,822
DENTAL/OPTICAL	66	59	126	55	53	108	747	735	1,482
DISABILITY	28	24	52	23	22	45	328	323	651
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	1,217	840	2,057	1,180	829	2,010	1,154	909	2,063
SICK TIME PAYOUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	(712)	(700)	(1,412)	1,758	1,637	3,394	3,174	3,162	6,336
HRA BENEFIT	20	20	40	20	20	40	20	20	40
HSA CONTRIBUTION/ RETIRE EMPR	53	20	72	7,852	7,851	15,703	4,255	4,196	8,451
OPERATING SUPPLIES	10,030	9,600	19,630	14,610	13,056	27,665	16,673	13,598	30,271
CONCESSIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FOOD & BEVERAGE	18,225	12,537	30,762	15,230	12,256	27,486	16,028	11,948	27,976
BEER & WINE PURCHASES	6,562	5,759	12,321	6,338	7,259	13,596	6,274	7,582	13,856
INSTRUCTORS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,082	9,171	19,253	18,482	10,372	28,854	13,804	11,629	25,432
TELEPHONE	952	1,198	2,150	1,168	1,146	2,314	1,136	1,239	2,376
MERCHANDISE	12,733	6,197	18,931	14,119	7,777	21,895	7,649	5,311	12,960
CONTRACTUAL ALARM	1,674	747	2,421	1,743	946	2,688	3,128	946	4,073
ELECTRICITY	0	4,563	4,563	0	5,081	5,081	0	4,519	4,519
GAS	282	1,632	1,915	299	1,314	1,613	245	1,614	1,859
WATER	3,982	2,323	6,305	1,933	2,322	4,256	1,925	1,699	3,624
LIQOUR LICENSE	1,253	1,253	2,505	1,253	1,253	2,505	1,253	1,253	2,505
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,629	1,128	2,756	1,390	1,315	2,705	2,452	1,469	3,921
MARKETING & ADVERTISING	2,051	3,387	5,438	176	176	351	5,647	1,864	7,512
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEPRECIATION	60,634	49,919	110,553	58,207	51,807	110,014	57,130	50,776	107,906
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	16,268	15,603	31,871	17,855	14,821	32,676	15,923	17,044	32,967
TRAINING	0	0	0	699	699	1,399	135	135	270
LIABILITY INSURANCE	13,909	13,909	27,817	13,909	13,909	27,817	14,162	14,162	28,324
CONTRIBUTED EXP. - CAP. OUTLAY	0	(15,846)	(15,846)	(8,201)	0	(8,201)	0	0	0
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	2,106	0	2,106	0	0	0
FURNITURE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BUILDINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	0	15,846	15,846	6,095	0	6,095	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
SUB-TOTAL CLUBHOUSE	307,594	244,070	551,664	322,439	261,410	583,850	371,908	280,731	652,639
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	507,109	426,659	933,768	517,305	437,813	955,118	582,434	456,961	1,039,395
TOTAL REVENUES	717,911	453,342	1,171,253	694,533	471,310	1,165,843	698,328	447,647	1,145,975
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	210,802	26,683	237,485	177,228	33,497	210,725	115,894	(9,314)	106,580

2018 Prospectus

Our emphasis in the year 2018 is to continue to maintain our vision to maintain a level of fiscal management that promotes the highest level of service, presentation and playing conditions to our members and guests while providing the City with positive net income and our employees with a positive work environment. Our goals for 2018 have been defined with specific objectives and are listed below:

- **Goal: Continue to Focus on Customer Service Skills**
 - In the Spring, we will be conducting a 2-Hour Customer Service seminar for all personnel
 - Provide ongoing training to all new staff members throughout the season
 - Offer monthly staff awards for those who go above and beyond
- **Goal: Continue to Manage the Experience of our Members and Guests**
 - Change the starting of tee times to 8-minute intervals at Springdale
 - Train staff regarding the pace of play for the enjoyment of the golfers
 - Train staff to utilize our time matrix which shows where groups should be “time wise” related to the how many holes they have been completed
 - In addition to the “End of the Season” survey, we will add survey opportunities after they play to gain feedback throughout the season
- **Goal: Continue to Improve the Course Conditions**
 - Provide our patrons with consistent greens and playing conditions
 - Improve our bunkers to provide for more consistency and playability
 - Continue to replace irrigation heads to improved coverage and better water management
 - Add additional cart paths where areas have experienced “wear & tear”
 - Renovate bridges at Springdale
- **Goal: Increase Memberships**
 - Work with the BSD to increase Business Memberships, small outings, and usage of the facilities
 - Repeat the “Drive Away” promotion to surround communities in early Spring
 - Invite past members to come back and visit the courses
 - Advertise in Birmingham Hour Magazine
 - “Bring a Guest” day in April
 - Maintain a robust social media presence

➤ **Increase Green Fees**

- Focus on player development with emphasis on targeting women and younger adults through complimentary clinics and “hassle-free” tee times
- Offer Get Golf Ready (GGR) programs to local businesses and schools to introduce a “game for a lifetime”
- Introduce a “Beginner” League to these participants that graduated from the GGR classes
- Introduce a new Parent/Child league to be played June through August
- Add monthly Scrambles for the enjoyment by
- Market our membership to have the opportunity to host small golf events for their family and friends
- Solicit local businesses to give them an opportunity to host a golf event for “Team Building” and/or client Appreciation
- Work with local Hotels for those guests in town to play one or both of the beautiful courses as they visit Birmingham
- Continue to E-blast our membership database with all of our upcoming events and new promotions
- Offer promotions during the “slow periods” with golf and lunch packages

We are excited for the 2018 season approaching and are looking forward to achieving the above goals with a dedicated staff to serve our members and their guests.