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Community Recreation Plan 2024-2028



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Introduction

This plan, entitled *City of Rockford, Community Recreation Plan 2024-2028* replaces the previous plan entitled, *Community Recreation Plan 2019-2023, City of Rockford*.

The plan was developed through the guidance of a City of Rockford Planning Commission with assistance of the consulting firm of PM Blough Inc. Final adoption of the plan was by the City of Rockford City Council

The development of this plan has included an extensive process that incorporated several significant planning efforts and opportunities for public participation and comment which are detailed within the plan. These included a public electronic survey with over two hundred and twenty-five participants, a 30-day public review and comment period on the final draft, and a public hearing on the final draft at a City Council meeting. In addition, public participation, and comment from the recently adopted 2023 City of Rockford Master Plan was considered.

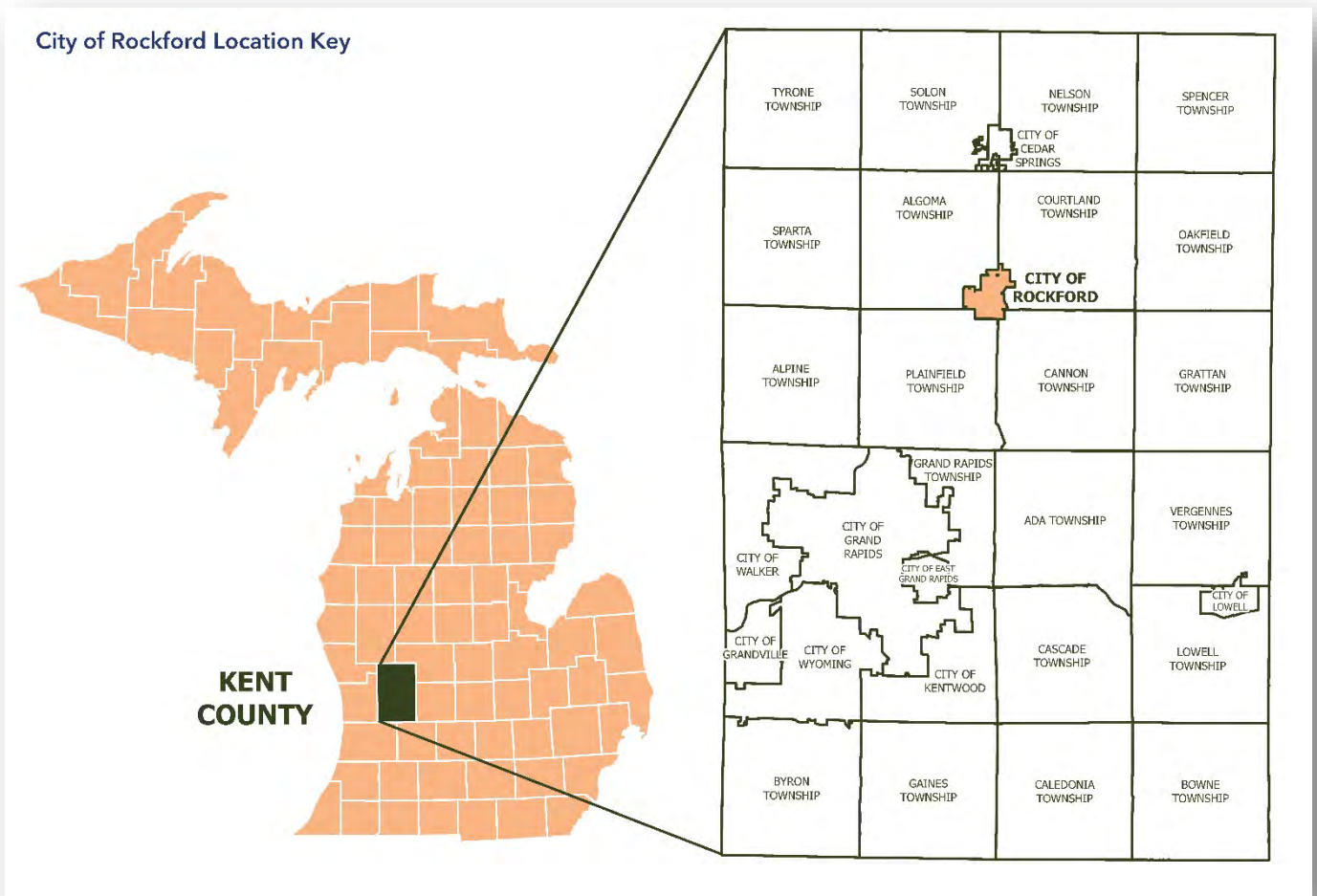
The plan includes a brief description of the community, a description of the administrative structure that supports the public parks, a recreation inventory, and the documentation of the planning process. A key section in this plan is the Goals and Objectives Section which provides written goals for providing recreational opportunities to the residents. The Action Program Section follows the Goals and Objectives with a listing of proposed projects and programs which will improve and expand recreational opportunities. The final adopted plan will serve to provide an overall vision and direction for the improvement and development of parks and recreation facilities, as well as provide eligibility for several Department of Natural Resources grants.

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Community Description

The Community Description provides background information regarding the City of Rockford and the regional area. The City of Rockford is located in Kent County, approximately 10 miles north of downtown Grand Rapids. The settlement of the City of Rockford began in 1843 with the construction of a dam and sawmills by William Hunter and Smith Lapham. The settlement became known as Laphamville. In 1865 the town was re-platted as the Village of Rockford. Today the community is vibrant as both a town with local employment as well as servicing as a bedroom community to the larger Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area. The map below indicates the location of the City of Rockford and regional area.

City of Rockford Regional Location Map

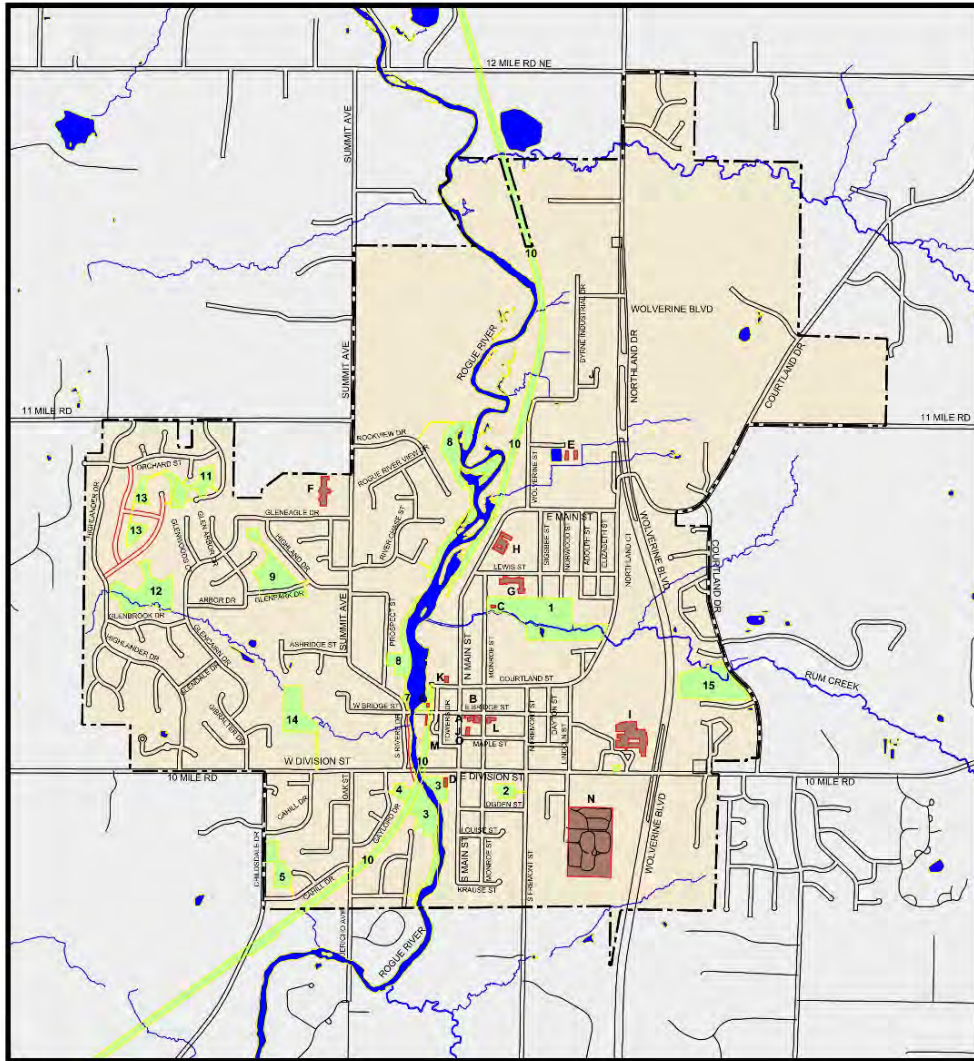


Location map sourced from 2023 City of Rockford Master Plan

Rockford City Limits

The City Limits incorporate approximately 3.2 square miles of area. The City is bounded by Algoma Township on the west and north, Plainfield Township to the south, Cannon Township to the southeast, and Courtland Township to the east.

City of Rockford Map with Parks and Public Facilities is located on the next page



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PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:

1. MEMORIAL PARK
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3. RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK
4. PICKETT PARK
5. CONSERVATION AREA
6. GARDEN CLUB PARK
7. PEPLER PARK
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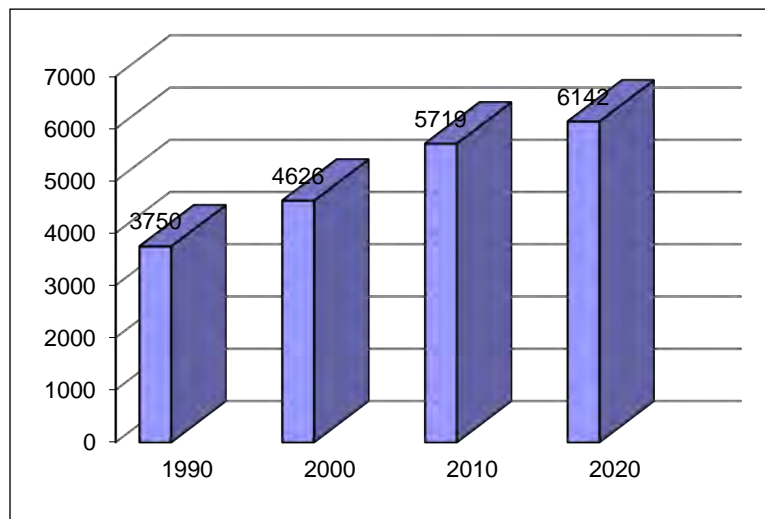
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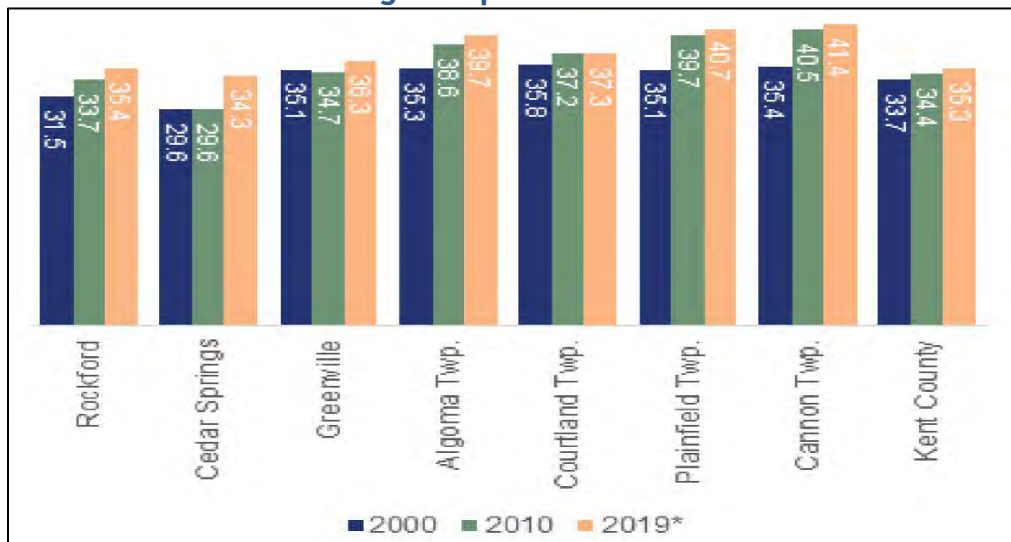
Population Data

Based on the 2020 U.S. Census, the total population of the City of Rockford was 6,142 persons. This represented 7.4% in growth from the 2010 U.S. Census. Residential construction in the city limits is expected to continue for the next several years. With the increase of residences, it is expected that the population within the City will also continue to increase. The City's median age provides a helpful indicator of its population age distribution. Rockford has a relatively young median age of 35.4 years, and this has been similar to the median age of Kent County. The City's median age is also lower than all surrounding townships. It is typical for the City to contain a younger population than the townships, as it offers an urban core for convenient schools, goods and services, along with a wider variety of housing options that appeal to a diverse range of families with children and young adults.

Total U.S. Census Data Population for 1990-2020 for City of Rockford



Median Age Comparison for 2000-2020



The Townships surrounding the City of Rockford were also experiencing considerable growth from the 1990 to the 2020 U.S. Census. A comparison of these Townships and The City of Rockford is shown below.

Comparison of Population Growth of Surrounding Communities

Governmental Unit	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Dif (2010-20)
City of Rockford	3,750	4,626	5,710	6,142	7.4%
Courtland Township	3,950	5,817	7,678	9,005	17.3%
Cannon Township	7,928	12,075	13,336	17,379	30.3%
Algoma Township	5,496	7,596	9,932	12,055	21.4%
Plainfield Township	24,946	30,195	30,952	33,535	8.3%

Older Adult Housing

The City of Rockford is primarily a family community of middle-income residents without any apparent ethnic or racially based neighborhoods within the community. Senior housing is concentrated within the community at Rogue Valley Towers senior apartment building located in the downtown area adjacent to the shopping district, Richardson-Sowerby Park, Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park and Rogue River Trails, and the Dam Area. A second facility is Bishop Hills located at 11 Mile Rd. and Courtland Streets. Subsidized apartment housing for low-income residents is at three locations: Richter Place, Hill View Apartments, and Harvest Hills.

Disability Status of Non-Institutionalized Population

Although the 2020 U.S. Census did not quantify population numbers for disabilities within the City of Rockford, it did indicate that 8.6% of school aged children have a disability. Additionally, national census data cites that 13.0% of the overall population is indicated as having a disability. This information regarding disability status provides background information useful in reviewing accessibility needs within the parks and community.

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Administrative Structure

The Administrative Structure Section includes information describing the administrative structure of the City of Rockford that supports the operation of parks and recreation within the City.

City Council-City Manager Form of Government

The City of Rockford has a City Council with five council members elected at-large to four-year terms of office and is led by the mayor who is elected from the City Council membership by the City Council members. The City Council selects and retains the City Manager to oversee the implementation of the City's budgets, policies, and programs, through the administration of City staff members.

Planning Commission Involvement

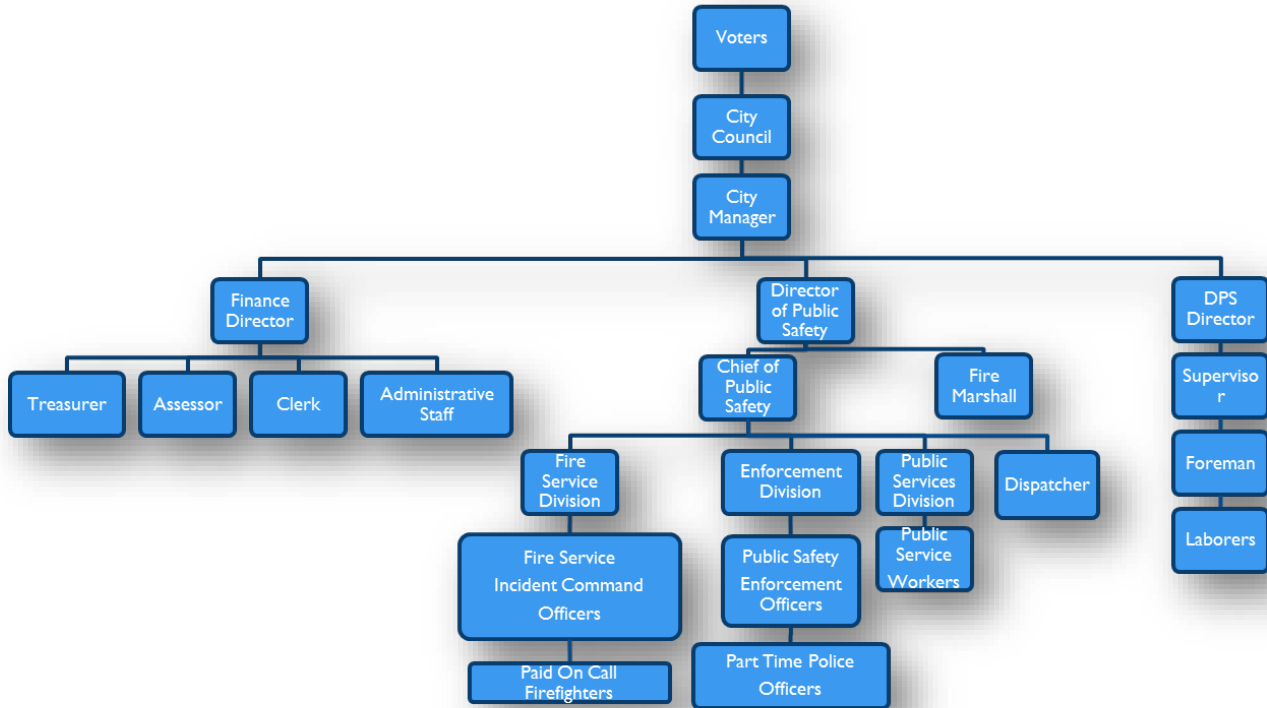
The Planning Commission oversaw the development of this Community Recreation Plan. Through this process, the nine-member Planning Commission met to review the existing parks and prioritize the future needs and desires for park development within the community. The Planning Commission supported the draft plan and recommended adoption of the plan by the City Council.

City and Staff Organization and Chart

The City Manager administers the staff and day-to-day operations for the City. Staff directly related to the operations and maintenance of the parks are fourteen full and permanent part-time persons within the Department of Public Services.

An organization chart of the City staff appears on the next page.

City of Rockford Organization Chart



Financial Support for Parks

Funding for the City of Rockford parks is primarily through the General Funds of the City. Secondary funding is provided through community donations and grants. For the fiscal year 2023-2024 the General Fund budget is \$5.3 million. Within the General Fund, \$341,575 is appropriated for the care and maintenance of the City’s parks. An additional \$73,200 is budgeted for the Farmers Market, Community Cabin and other downtown gathering spaces. Currently, there is \$578,000 in public and private funding is budgeted for upcoming capital expenditures.

Park Maintenance and Security

The maintenance and operation of the park facilities is the responsibility of the Department of Public Services. Security for the parks is provided by the Rockford Police Department.

Recreation Programming

The City of Rockford does not have a recreation division nor a recreation director. Recreation programming is provided by a variety of other sources that can be reviewed in the Recreation Inventory Section of this plan. Primary programming is provided by the Rockford Public Schools.

Park Policies and Rules

Within the City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance, the City Manager is given the general supervision of all the City parks. Subject to the approval by the City Council, the City Manager has the power to make and enforce rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety, sanitation, protection of trees and other property and the preservation of the natural beauty in all of the City parks.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The City does not have a citizen-based Parks and Recreation Committee, Commission, nor Advisory Board, but involves citizens in recreation and planning of parks as each park is developed or public input is needed.

Role of Volunteers and Organizations

The City has partnerships with three clubs that have contributed to park improvements and recreation programming. The Lion's, Rotary and Garden Clubs all have a history of assisting in the funding of park projects in varying amounts and participating in volunteer projects.

The Rockford Area Community Endowment (RACE) is another local organization that will partner with the City on capital projects. These donations are usually for \$5,000 or less.

Relationship with School Districts and Other Public Agencies Involved in Recreation

The Rockford Public School District has their own dedicated parks millage that provides for capital improvements of their numerous athletic fields which include an extensive list of community sports and programs. The district often works hand in hand with the City to coordinate and schedule these activities.

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Recreation Inventory and Resources

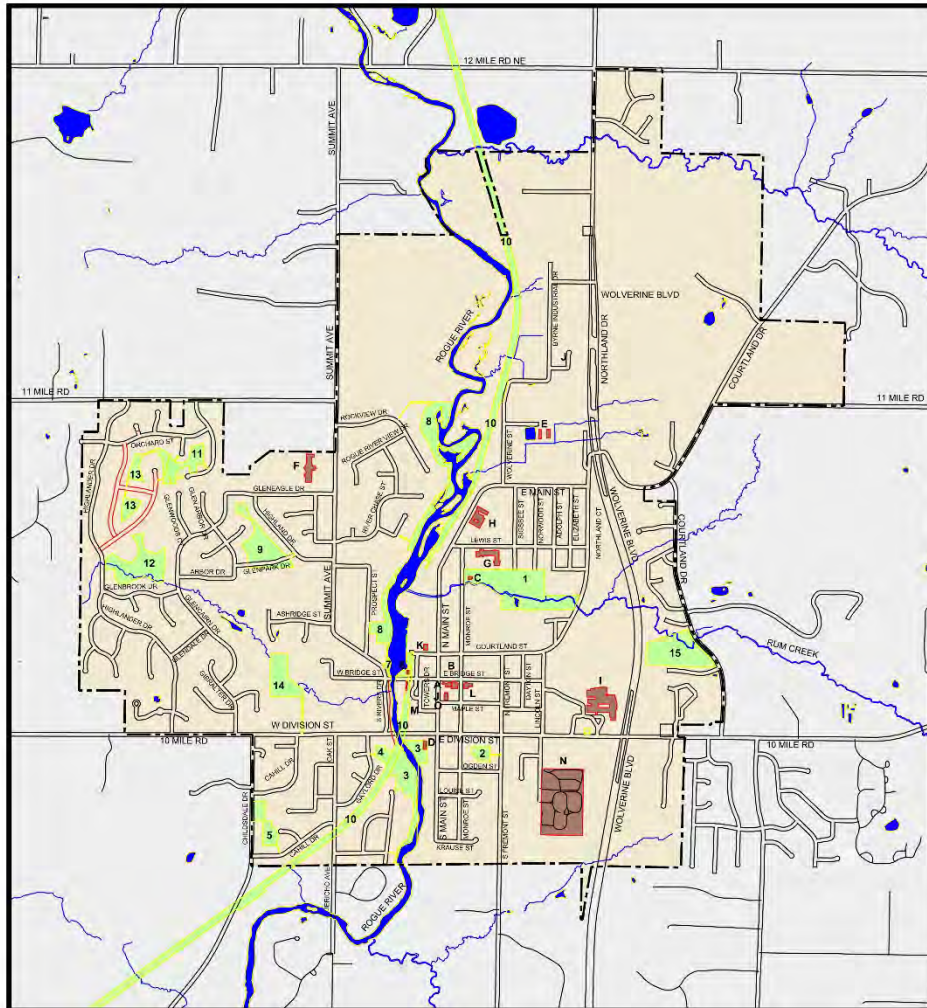
City of Rockford Parks

The City of Rockford currently has twelve public parks totaling over 64 acres scattered throughout the City. Below is a Park Facilities Chart providing an inventory of recreational opportunities. A map with park and school locations follows on the next page. Written descriptions with aerial photos of each of the parks is also provided in this section.

Park Facilities Chart (See Next Page)

City of Rockford Park Facilities Chart		Picnic	Fishing	Water Access	Natural Areas	Pathway	White Pine Trail Access	Play Equipment	Basketball	Lawn Play	Restrooms	Parking	Developed
Cahill Conservation Area		Table	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Street	No
Dam Area/ Peppler		Table	Rogue River	Rogue River	No	Pathway	Yes	No	No	No	Downtown	City Lot	Yes
Garden Club Park		Table	Rogue River	Rogue River	No	Pathway	Yes	No	No	No	Downtown	City Lot	Yes
Glen Park		Table	No	No	Natural Area	No	No	Play Area	No	Lawn	No	Street	Yes
Heritage Parks		Table	No	No	Natural Area	Pathway	No	Play Area	BB Court	No	Yes	Street	Yes
Memorial Park		Table	Rum Creek	Rum Creek	Natural Area	Pathway	No	Play Area	BB Court	Lawn	Lodge	In Park	Yes
Pickett Park		Table	No	No	No	Pathway	Yes	Play Area	No	Lawn	No	In Park	Yes
Peppler Park		Table	No	Rogue River	No	Pathway	Yes	No	No	No	No	City Lot	Yes
Richardson-Sowerby		Shelter	Rogue River	Rogue River	Natural Area	Pathway	Yes	Play Area	No	Lawn	Yes	City Lot	Yes
Riverfront Walkway		Shelter	Rogue River	Rogue River	Natural Area	Pathway	Yes	No	No	No	Downtown	City Lot	Yes
Rotary Park		Table	No	No	No	No	No	Play Area	BB Court	Lawn	Portable	In Park	Yes
Rogue River Nature Trail		Table	Rogue River	Rogue River	Natural Area	Pathway	Yes	No	No	No	No	Street	No

City of Rockford Map with Park and School Locations



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Cahill Conservation Area

Cahill Conservation Area is an approximately 6-acre green space located in the Cahill residential neighborhood. The park is currently undeveloped and covered in natural vegetation. Access to the Conservation Area is from Cahill Drive and Clayton Court. Parking is available along the adjacent streets.

Cahill Conservation Area-An Open Green Space



Glen Park

Glen Park is an eight-acre park located in the northwest section of the City. The neighborhood park has an access walkway, play equipment, picnic tables and benches. Parking is located along Glen Park Drive and Highland Drive.

Glen Park



Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail

Heritage Parkland is a newer six-acre park located in the northwest region of the City within the Heritage Park neighborhood. The park was created as part of the initial subdivision development. Facilities include a play area, restroom building, ½ basketball court, a paved pathway and natural areas.

Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail



Heritage Park

Heritage Park is an 8.3-acre park that is an undeveloped natural area. Access to the park is available from Highlander Drive NE within the Heritage neighborhood. The park provides green space and passive recreation within the growing community.

Heritage Park



Victory Park

Victory Park is a 4.5 acre undeveloped natural area. Access to the park is available from Victory Drive and Elstar Drive within the Heritage Park Neighborhood. The park provides green space and passive recreation within the growing community.

Victory Park



Downtown Waterfront Parks: Including Peppler Park, Garden Club Park, Overlook Park, Portions of the Rogue River Trail and Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

The Downtown Waterfront Parks are jointly 5 acres which include the walkway across the dam which sits between Peppler Park to the Dam Area Park, Garden Club Park, the Rogue River Trail and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. A walkway crosses the dam and provides a unique view up and down the Rogue River as well as the water flowing over the dam. The walkway also provides a unique connection between the western neighborhoods and the downtown.

Overlook Park is a small park located on the east side of the Rogue River and dam. This area provides the parking lot for the dam area, picnic tables, as well as a boardwalk overlooking the water. The boardwalk is used for river and dam viewing as well as by people fishing.

Just north of Overlook Park is Garden Club Park. The Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is constructed on the old railroad right of way through Garden Club Park. Garden Club Park provides additional public river frontage above the dam, walkways, picnic areas and seating, as well as a new bandshell with stage for summer concerts and performances. Also located within Garden Club Park is the Michael F. Young Memorial.

On the west side of the river is Peppler Park. Peppler Park is a ½ acre park located on the banks of the river and comprised of a terraced walkway and seating areas. A connecting walkway provides access from the neighborhood to Garden Club Park, as well as public access to the river. Peppler Park is also the home of the Rockford Area Community Endowment Recognition Plaza.

Directly north of Peppler Park is the Rogue River Nature Trail that is approximately 4.5 acres in size and extends as a linear park northward along the Rogue River. The trail has accessible pavement surfaces and boardwalks as well as fishing and wildlife observation platforms.

An extension of the Rogue River Nature Trail was completed in 2019. This section extends south from East Bridge Street toward 10 Mile Road on the west bank. It includes a boardwalk, river access and viewing decks, as well as fishing opportunities. Refer to the aerial image on the next page of these areas.

Downtown Waterfront Parks



Peppler Park is located on the left or west side of the Rogue River and Garden Club Park is located on the right, or east side of the river. Overlook Park walkway connects the parks on both sides of the river. The Rogue River Nature Trail extends north and south from Pepple Park on the west or left side of the dam. The Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park can be seen on the right side of the dam and Garden Club Park.

Memorial Park

Located on thirteen acres of land, Memorial Park is located in the northeast region of the City. The park has a paved pathway along Rum Creek that connects Northland Drive with N. Monroe Street. The pathway provides access to a quiet natural area that was otherwise not accessible to the general public.

Facilities within the more active areas of the park include a large green space used for open play, picnic tables, benches, and parking lot. A soccer field used and maintained by the school district is located on the east end of the park. The baseball diamond is no longer in use.

The Community Cabin located within the park is available for public events and rentals. The Community Cabin includes public restrooms, kitchen facilities, audio visual equipment, tables and chairs.

Adjacent to the park is Parkside Elementary School with a play area and basketball courts. The park and school facilities blend together as a large recreational facility.

Memorial Park



Pickett Park

Pickett Park is a 1.2-acre neighborhood park located on Gaylord Drive with play equipment, an open green play space, picnic tables, benches and a parking lot. The park also has a walkway that provides access from the neighborhood and parking lot to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park and Richardson-Sowerby Park.

Pickett Park

Adjacent to Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park and Richardson Sowerby Park



Richardson-Sowerby Park

Richardson Sowerby Park is located south of the main downtown and riverfront area. The park encompasses nearly 8 acres and is located on both the east and west sides of the Rogue River which is connected by a pedestrian bridge. The park is also located adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

The east side of the park is accessible from a public downtown parking lot with a walkway under the Division Street (10 Mile) Bridge. Additional access is via a pedestrian walk from Division St. and from the pedestrian bridge via the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. The east side facility has a large picnic pavilion, play area, restroom building, picnic tables, and benches. (A second pedestrian bridge was removed in 2023 due to structural concerns that more directly linked the two park areas. Replacement of the bridge structure is hoped for in the near future when funding can be secured).

The west side of the park is linear along the Rogue River extending southward to the City Limits behind the residential homes. The Rogue River Nature Trail provides a paved pathway with docks for fishing and wildlife observation for public access to the Rogue River and a dog park. Access to the park is from the adjacent Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, from Longview Drive, and from Pickett Park.

An aerial photo of the park is located on the next page. The photo includes the recently removed pedestrian bridge.

East and West Sides of Richardson-Sowerby



Rotary Park

Rotary Park is a small two acre park located within a central neighborhood area of the City. The park has a play area, basketball court, picnic tables, benches, an open green play space with soccer goal, and parking. In 2007 an adjacent lot located on Fremont Street was purchased to expand the park and provide for greater access and visibility from Fremont Street. This area is currently an open green space.

Rotary Park



Conservation Area

An undeveloped 6.5 acres of natural area that has been acquired and identified as a conservation area. Public access to the park is from Division Street.

Conservation Area



Accessibility Assessments

The *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Management Division requires the completion of an Accessibility Assessment. This assessment was completed in each park during the individual park tours and the results are included in this plan section.

Appendix D. Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks, within the guideline's booklet, provides the following written comments regarding parks and accessibility.

"Recreational areas, facilities, and programs play an important role in the life of the community; therefore, it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these areas and any programs provided. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, and these laws apply to parks and other recreation lands and programs controlled and operated by local units of government. The DNR has a strong commitment to barrier free recreational opportunities in our Department-managed programs and facilities. This commitment extends to those communities that receive recreation grants.

Under the state Utilization of Public Facilities by the Physically Limited Act (Public Act 1 of 1966, as amended) all facilities, including improved areas used for recreation, must meet the barrier free design requirements contained in the state construction code. Under this act, the administration and enforcement related to barrier free design requirements are vested in the local or state government agency responsible for issuing a building permit. If the project does not require a building permit, administration and enforcement of barrier free design requirements are vested in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Any request for an exception to the barrier free design requirements of the state construction code must be submitted to the Barrier Free Design Board, with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (517-241-9328). The Barrier Free Design board has the responsibility to receive, review, and process requests for exceptions to barrier free design specifications; require appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted; and receive, process, and make recommendations for barrier free design rules.

The Department of Justice published revised regulations for Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 "ADA" in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. These regulations adopted revised, enforceable accessibility standards called 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, "2010 Standards" or "Standards". The 2010 Standards set minimum requirements both scoping and technical- for newly designed and construed or altered state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. The Federal standards have precedence over State codes.

Because the state construction code does not apply to many recreation facilities, it is essential that you also be aware of and understands the existing federal guidelines covering these types of facilities. In July 2004, the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (known as the Access Board) issued updated guidelines, entitled the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), for new or altered facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) or the Architectural barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480). These

guidelines should eventually be adopted as enforceable standards. Until that occurs, the existing ADAAG standards must be followed when the two conflict.

ADA Accessibility Review of Each Park

The MDNR further suggests within its Guidelines that the Recreation Inventory includes that each facility be compared to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and at a minimum given a ranking from 1-5 with the following rankings:

1=None of the facilities meet the Accessibility Guidelines.

2=Some facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

3=Most facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

4=The entire park meets Accessibility Guidelines

5=The entire park was developed using principles of Universal Design

A tour of each park was completed regarding ADA accessibility. Parks that have been recently constructed are more accessible than older park improvements. All new park projects are being designed to meet or exceed the U.S. Government Americans with Disabilities Act standards for recreational facilities with an emphasis on Universal Accessibility. A summary of each park is given below.

Cahill Conservation Area

Cahill Conservation Area is currently undeveloped. If at some point the park is developed, the new facilities will be constructed to meet or exceed the current ADA standards. Rating: 1=None of the facilities meet the Accessibility Guidelines.

Dam Area, Pepler Park and Garden Club Park

This area includes all of the recreational lands on both the west side and east side of the dam as well as the walkway which crosses the dam. Facilities include accessible walks, fishing areas, benches, picnic tables, and parking. Most of these areas have been renovated and upgraded to meet ADA design standards. The Garden Club Park has not been renovated and still requires renovation to improve accessibility for picnic tables, benches, and the performance stage. Garden Club Park is the area planned to receive renovations in the future to further improve the overall dam and riverfront areas. Rating: 3=Most facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

Glen Park

Glen Park is located within a residential neighborhood. Facilities include a walkway and playground. Both the walkway and the playground area are accessible. An informal pathway created over the years by residents in the wooded area is not accessible. If facilities are added, these will also be constructed to meet the current standards. Rating: 3=Most facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail

Heritage Park was developed by the residential developer and deeded to the City. The facilities include an accessible restroom building, play area, paved pathway and a ½ court basketball court. The picnic tables are not accessible and require access pathways and concrete surfaces. The entrance pathway also appears to be steeper than 5% and requires a study as to the need of a handrail or other route. Rating: 2=Some facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

Memorial Park

Memorial Park is a historical park within the City. Facilities include an accessible riverfront and wetland walkway, picnic tables, and benches. The Community Cabin rental lodge includes accessible restrooms accessed from the outdoors for park visitors as well as accessible restrooms and facilities within the Lodge. The open sports fields remain open green space. The adjacent playground at the elementary school includes new accessible playground equipment and accessible unitary surfacing. Rating: 3=Most facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

Pickett Park

Pickett Park was developed since the Americans with Disabilities Act and was constructed as an ADA accessible park. The park has accessible parking, walkway with a connection to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, playground, benches and picnic tables. Rating: 4=The entire park meets Accessibility Guidelines

Richardson-Sowerby Park

Richardson-Sowerby Park is located on both sides of the Rogue River just south of downtown and adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. The east side of the river has accessible restrooms, walkways, and playground. The park is in need of more accessible picnic tables and benches. The riverbank is entirely mowed lawn. Accessible access to the picnic tables, benches, and closer access to the river is desirable. The dog park area on the west side of the river could also be more accessible. The west side of the river has an accessible riverfront pathway with accessible fishing and wildlife viewing decks. The dog park is located on an old softball diamond that is retrofitted and is not fully accessible. Rating: 3=Most facilities meet Accessibility Guidelines

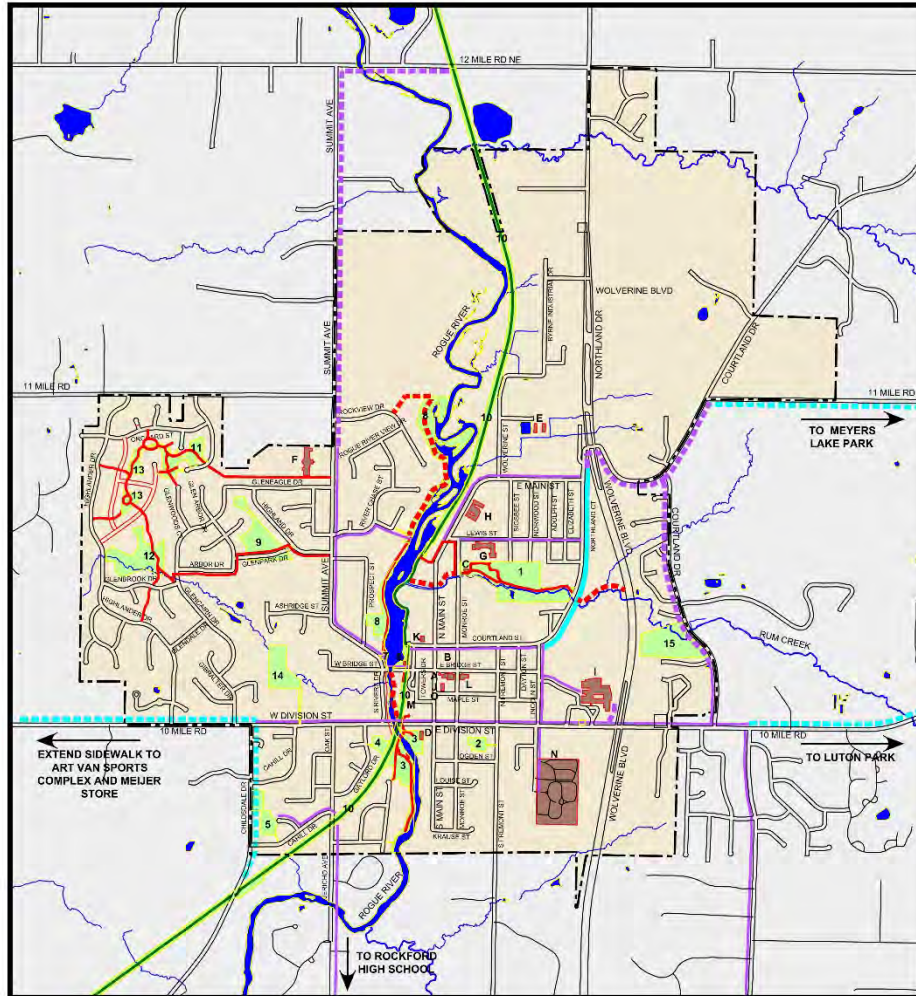
Rotary Park

Rotary Park is located within the adjacent residential neighborhood. Facilities include an accessible parking area, walkways, playground equipment, basketball court, picnic tables and benches. There is also an open green space. Rating: 4=The entire park meets Accessibility Guidelines.

Rogue River Nature Trail

The Rogue River Nature Trail through a MNRTF grant developed an accessible walkway with fishing and wildlife viewing decks. Rating: 4=The entire park meets Accessibility Guidelines.

City of Rockford Trails & Linkages Map



April 2, 2019

CITY OF ROCKFORD Trails and Linkages



PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:

1. MEMORIAL PARK
2. ROTARY PARK
3. RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK
4. PICKETT PARK
5. CONSERVATION AREA
6. GARDEN CLUB PARK
7. PEPLER PARK
8. ROGUE RIVER NATURE TRAIL
9. GLEN PARK
10. FRED MEJER WHITE PINE TRAIL STATE PARK/
NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
11. HERITAGE PARKLAND AND NATURE TRAIL
12. HERITAGE PARKLAND
13. VICTORY PARK
14. CONSERVATION AREA
15. UNIMPROVED CITY LAND

LEGEND:

- PUBLIC PARK
- STATE PARK TRAIL
- EXISTING TRAIL
- EXISTING BIKE LANE
- EXISTING SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED TRAIL
- PROPOSED BIKE TRAIL
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK

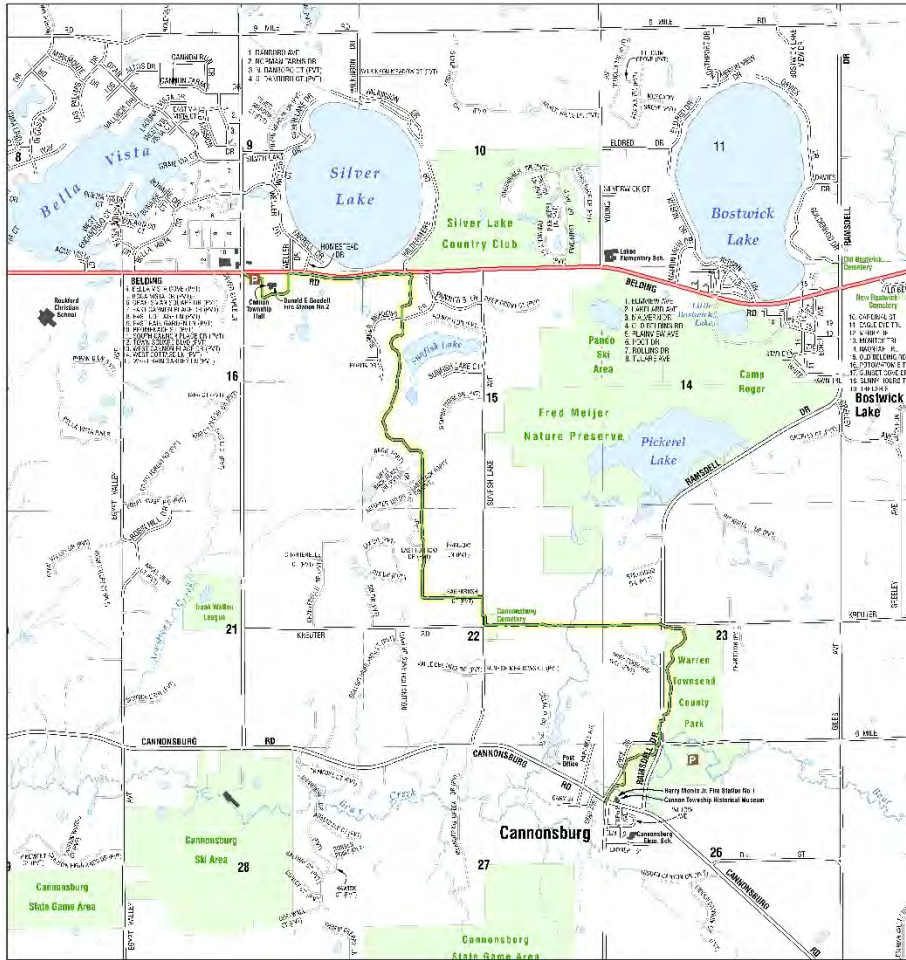
PUBLIC FACILITIES:

- A. ROCKFORD CITY HALL
- B. CITY OF ROCKFORD PAVILION
PUBLIC RESTROOMS
- C. COMMUNITY CABIN
- D. RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK PAVILION
PUBLIC RESTROOMS
- E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
- F. VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- G. PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- H. RPS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- I. NORTH ROCKFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
- J. ROCKFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- K. US POST OFFICE
- L. KRAUSE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
- M. ROCKFORD FARM MARKET
- N. ROCKFORD CEMETERY
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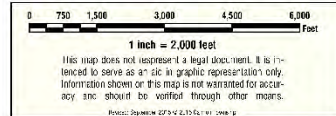
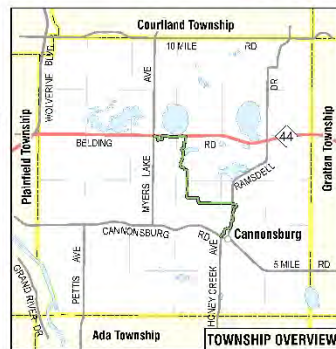
Cannon Township - Cannon Trail



MAP OF THE CANNON TRAIL CANNON TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MAP LEGEND

- Cannon Trail
- Trail Heads
- Roads & Streets**
- Highway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Private
- Major Buildings
- Municipal Boundaries
- Section Lines
- Lakes & Ponds
- Rivers & Streams
- Parks, Cemeteries, Etc.



- ### Cannon Township Trail Rules
1. No motorized vehicles.
 2. No horses.
 3. No alcoholic beverages.
 4. Pets must be on a six-foot leash.
 5. No littering.
 6. No hunting.
 7. No climbing retaining walls.
 8. No vehicles or other items can be placed in the path right-of-way.
 9. Stay within five feet of the paved trail.
 10. Use at your own risk.
- ### Rules of Etiquette
1. Obey all posted trail use rules.
 2. Use this trail in a safe and responsible manner.
 3. Keep to the right except when passing.
 4. Pass slower traffic on the left, yield to oncoming traffic when passing.
 5. Give a clear warning signal when passing; i.e. call out "Passing on your left."
 6. Travel at a reasonable speed.
 7. Clean up after your pet.
 8. Get off the paved portion of the trail when you stop for any reason.
 9. No campfires or camping allowed on trail right-of-way.
 10. Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Approved by the Cannon Township Board, November 12, 2007.*

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park Map



The 8-mile section from Sand Lake to Howard City was paved in the fall of 2022.

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

Established in 1995, the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is the longest linear state park in Michigan. "The Great White Pine" stretches 93 miles from Comstock Park (near Grand Rapids) along the former Michigan Northern section of the Penn Central Railroad to Cadillac through 31 cities, villages and townships.

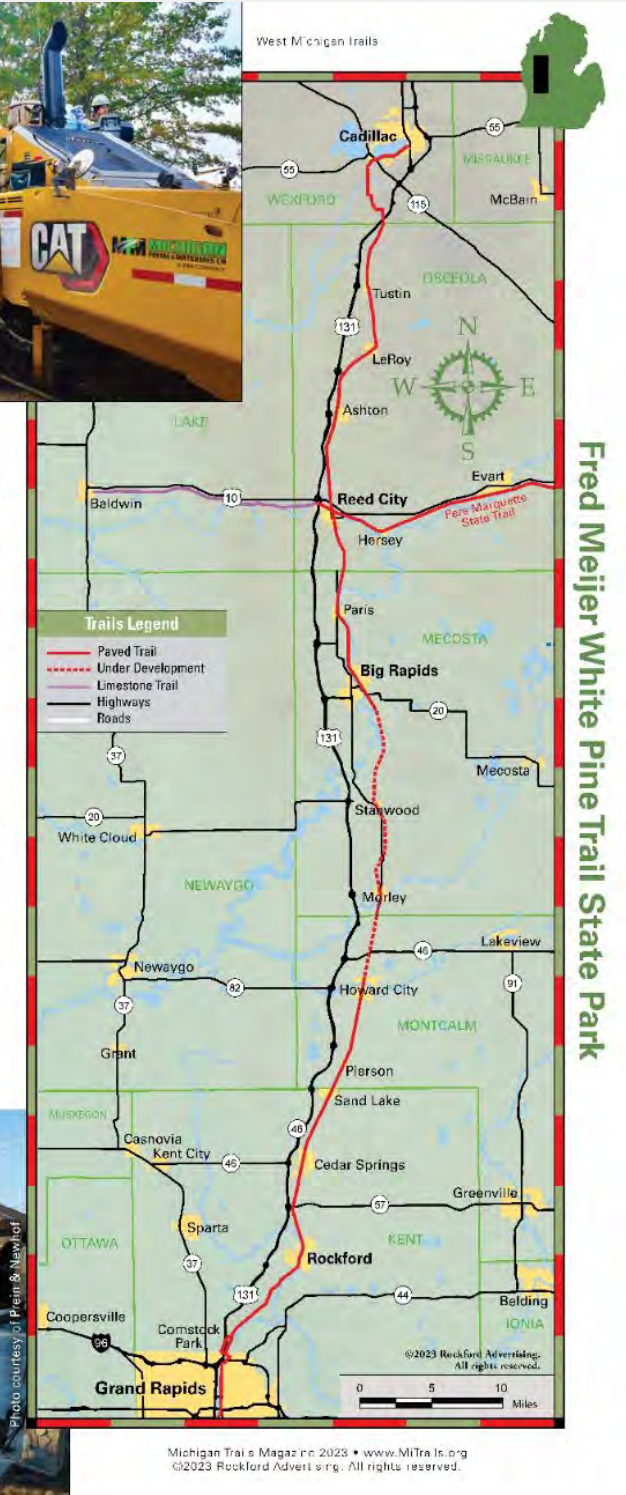
This will be an exciting year for everyone who loves the White Pine Trail. After decades of fundraising and planning, the ultimate dream of a fully developed trail is finally coming true. In the fall of 2022, the 8-mile section from Sand Lake to Howard City was completed. According to the crew, the second layer of asphalt contains a special rubber additive that will allow it to remain in good condition for a many years to come. During the summer of 2023 construction will begin on the remaining 22 miles of undeveloped trail from Howard City to Big Rapids. It should be completed by November and will also be surfaced with rubberized asphalt. We will keep an eye on construction and post updates on our Michigan Trails Facebook page.

When you head north on the White Pine Trail, you'll discover a quiet, scenic corridor that takes you through several trailside parks, quaint villages, farms, meadows, wetlands, shady tunnels of trees, wide expanses of unspoiled nature and, as advertised, towering stands of mature white pine forest.

The entire length of trail runs parallel to US-131, providing easy access along its route. And because it was built on an abandoned railroad, the grade is fairly flat and well suited for people of all physical abilities. Each section of trail has its own natural features and unique personality. In the following pages we will introduce you to each section of this magnificent trail.

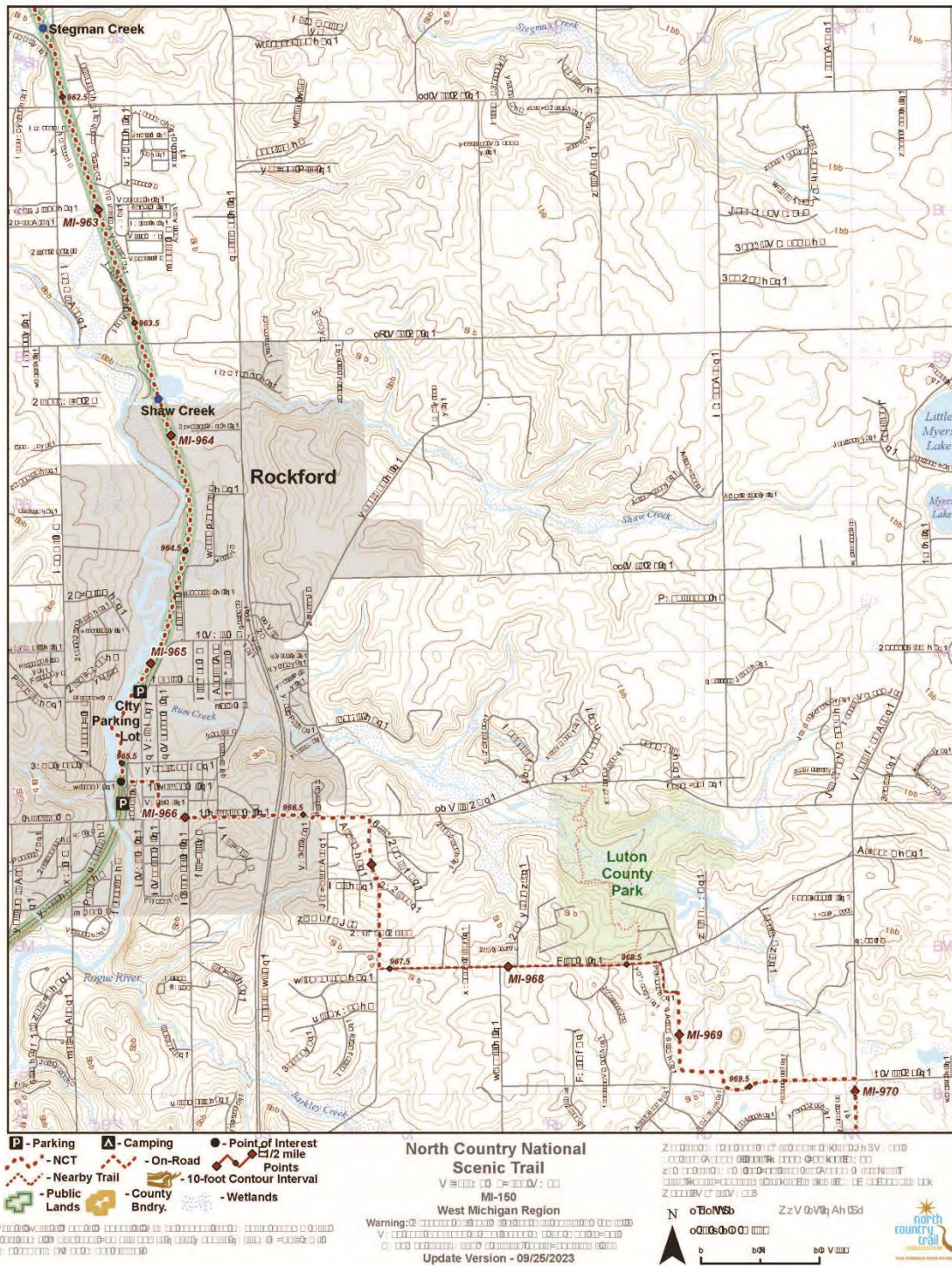


A new trailhead was completed in October 2022 at the northern end of the trail in downtown Cadillac.



Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

North County National Scenic Trail Map for the Rockford Area.



Rockford Public School Facilities

The City of Rockford is entirely within the larger Rockford Public Schools System. The School District is very large and extends into several surrounding Townships and incorporates a total of 87 square miles. The school facilities located within the City of Rockford City Limits include the following and are shown on the City of Rockford Park and School Location Map which is located at the beginning of the Recreation Inventory Section.

Within City Limits:

North Rockford Middle School

Located on the eastern edge of the City, facilities available for recreation include a swimming pool, gym, multipurpose room, eight tennis courts, four sand volleyball courts, lighted track, and a football/soccer field.

Parkside Elementary School

Parkside is located immediately adjacent to Memorial Park. Facilities available for recreational use include a large creative playground, basketball courts, gym and multipurpose room.

River Valley Academy

River Valley Academy provides alternative education opportunities for students in grades nine through twelve. Facilities available for recreation include one ball diamond, soccer field, playground, gym, and multipurpose room.

Valley View Elementary School

Located in the northwest area of the City on thirteen acres of land, the school has a multi-purpose room, gym, and a large playground.

Outside of the City Limits:

Belmont Elementary School

Located in Plainfield Township. This school has an outdoor hard surface court, a playground, two t-ball fields and an indoor gym.

Crestwood Elementary School

Located in Courtland Township south of Rockford. This school has a multi-purpose play field and a playground in addition to a gym

Cannonsburg Elementary School

Located in Cannon Township. This school has a playground and a multipurpose paved court surface and a multipurpose sports field. It also has a gym.

Lakes Elementary School

This school is located East of Rockford. The facilities include a playground, two baseball diamonds, a fitness course, paved court surface and a gym.

Meadow Ridge Elementary School

Located in Courtland Township, southeast of Rockford. This facility has a playground and an open lawn area.

Roguewood Elementary School

Located south of the city limits, this school has a playground, a paved multipurpose court, one full size soccer field and one small size soccer field.

East Rockford Middle School

This school has nine multi age baseball diamonds, a football field with surrounding track, eight tennis courts, full sized soccer field and four youth soccer fields. It also has a gym and an indoor pool.

Rockford High School

This school is also located south of the City. Facilities include two baseball diamonds, two softball diamonds, eight tennis courts, one full sized soccer field and two medium sized soccer fields. It also has a football field with surrounding track and practice fields. The indoor facilities include a swimming pool and two gyms.

Rockford Freshmen Center

Located adjacent to the High School, this facility has a baseball field, softball field, three small practice fields of various sizes, and a gym.

Other Regional Public Recreation Sites and Facilities

The City of Rockford is located in the northern region of the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area within Kent County. Other nearby recreational opportunities include the following:

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, State of Michigan

The Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is part of the statewide trail system under operation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The trail connects from the City of Cadillac into Comstock Park on the north side of Grand Rapids, with approximately 90 miles of trail. The trail passes through the central core of the City of Rockford.

Canonsburg State Game Area, State of Michigan

Natural area for public use and hunting.

Rogue River State Game Area, State of Michigan

Natural area for public use and hunting.

Luton Park, Kent County

Over nine miles of interconnected trails for mountain biking, hiking, trail running, cross country skiing and snow shoeing with access to Rum Creek.

Merrill Trail, Plainfield Township

Six miles of interconnected trails for mountain biking with designated routes.

Pickeral Lake County Park, Kent County

Lake access including fishing, boardwalks, nature trails and natural areas.

Rogue River County Park, Kent County

River Access with fishing, picnicking, play area, and ball diamond.

Lamoreaux County Park, Kent County

Natural area with hiking and cross-country skiing

Myers Lake Park, Courtland Twp.

Playground, swimming, fishing, picnic area

Townsend Park, Cannon Twp.

Picnicking, playground, and fishing.

Wabasis Park, Oakfield Twp.

Picnicking, playground, fishing, swimming, and camping

Camp Lake, Algoma Township

Public access and fishing

Lime Lake, Solon Township

Public access and fishing

Big Pine Island Lake, Grattan Twp.

Public access and fishing

Meijer Sports Complex, 10 Mile Road

12 ball fields and support facilities

West Michigan Archery Center, 10 Mile Road

Archery Range and Tournament facility

McCarthy Lake, Grattan Twp.

Public access and fishing

Big Muskrat Lake, Grattan Twp.

Public access and fishing

Rockford Public Schools Community Education

The Rockford Public Schools District also provides numerous enrichment programs and classes through the Rockford Community Services funded through a special school millage and class fees. The types of classes change regularly to meet the interests of the community. Programs are offered for all ages including pre-school, school age, adults and seniors. Examples of programs are fitness, first aid, various arts and crafts, computer classes, cooking classes, after school enrichment classes, and senior trips and tours.

Other Special Events

Mitchell's Run is sponsored by a grass roots non-profit organization that raises money for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.

Start of Summer, Harvest Festival, and the Santa Parade are sponsored by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.

Other Recreation Programs Offered by Non-Profit Organizations

Rockford Little League

The Rockford Little League provides youth baseball and softball leagues.

Soccer, Basketball, and Volleyball

Athletic leagues for boys and girls within the community for soccer, basketball, and volleyball are provided through volunteers and through Community Education of the Rockford Public Schools.

Rocket Football/78'ers

Rocket Football provides youth football leagues within the community.

Rockford Hockey Association

A non-profit association that provides youth ice hockey leagues.

Riptide Swimming Club

Riptide Swimming Club provides youth swim teams in the Rockford area.

SCOR Soccer

The Soccer Club of Rockford provides youth soccer leagues.

Rockford Boys Lacrosse Club

Instruction and play for youths up to eighth grade

Rockford Girls Lacrosse Club

Instruction and play for youths up to eighth grade

MDNR Recreation Grant Inventory

The City of Rockford has received numerous grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources over the last several years. These grants have added many successful facilities for the residents to enjoy. The City of Rockford does not have any open grant projects at the writing of this plan. Completed Post-Completion Self Certification Report PR1944 sheets are located in Appendix A.

A summary of the Projects is given below:

Project No.: 26-01104H1 (1980)

Project Title: Richardson Park

Grant Amount: \$35,020.67

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: 1981

Current Use: Richardson Park is an active park used daily by residents and is adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. Additional facilities have been added to the park since the completion of the grant.

Project No.: TF903 (1984)

Project Title: Rogue River Frontage

Grant Amount: \$20,000.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Land Purchase

Current Use: The river frontage is part of the public park properties and is actively used by residents throughout the year.

Project No.: 26-01459 (1986)

Project Title: Rockford Peppler Park

Grant Amount: \$15,143.92

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Boardwalk and walkways, picnic tables and benches.

Current Use: Peppler Park is located on the west side of the river at the dam. The park is used for shore fishing from a boardwalk, picnicking, and viewing of the dam and river. In 2007 additional improvements were made to the park which increased ADA accessibility, additional seating, gardens and recreational use.

Project No. BF89-067 (1989)

Project Title: Richardson-Sowerby Park

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Constructed: Public restrooms, fitness trail, and walkways

Current Use: The park is located on the Rogue River and provides public access to the river including picnic areas, a restroom building, and a playground. The park is maintained and used throughout the year.

Project No: 26-01508 (1992)

Project Title: Dam Island Improvements

Grant Amount:\$28,099.66

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Walkways, railings and seating to connect both sides of the river bank across the dam.

Current Use: The dam remains the focus of downtown Rockford. The dam island connects the east and west sides of the river over the dam. This area is used by people viewing the river and dam as well as people fishing. Additional improvements to both the east and west parklands have also been made after the completion of the grant.

Project No.: TF97-098 (1997)

Project Title: Rogue River Overlook & Fishing Improvements

Grant Amount:\$92,554.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Improvements to the east bank of the Rogue River at the dam including fishing access, picnic area, tables, and parking.

Current Status: The east side of the dam is used daily by residents and visitors. The park connects to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, the dam and the other riverfront pathways.

Project No: CM00-127 (2000)

Project Title: Rum Creek Nature/Fitness Trail Development

Grant Amount:\$95,200.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed:Pathway, boardwalk, bridge, picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain.

Current Use: The Rum Creek Trail is located within Memorial Park. The park is actively used for youth leagues and by the adjacent elementary school. Additional improvements to the park have included the renovation of the Community Cabin to include accessible restrooms for park visitors as well as a rental lodge.

Project No.: TF03-095 (2003)

Project Title: Rogue River Trail Network

Grant Amount:\$118,200.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Pathway, fishing decks and site amenities

Current Use: Riverside pathway along the Rogue River within Richardson-Sowerby Park including fishing docks. The pathway also links to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, Pickett Park, and the downtown.

Project No.: TF06-069 (2006)

Project Title: Rogue River Trail Network Extension-Peppler Park

Grant Amount: \$222,700.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Boardwalk pathway along the west side of the Rogue River including wildlife and fishing observation decks.

Current Use: The pathway is open to the public.

Project No.: TF10-059 (2010)

Project Title: Rogue River Nature Trail Development

Grant Amount: \$86,500.00

Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Continuation of the nature trail and boardwalk with connection to the northwest neighborhoods, Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park and the Downtown.

Current Use: The pathway is open to the public.

Project No.: TF16-0118 (2017)

Project Title: Rogue River Nature Trail Development

Grant Amount: \$240,000.00

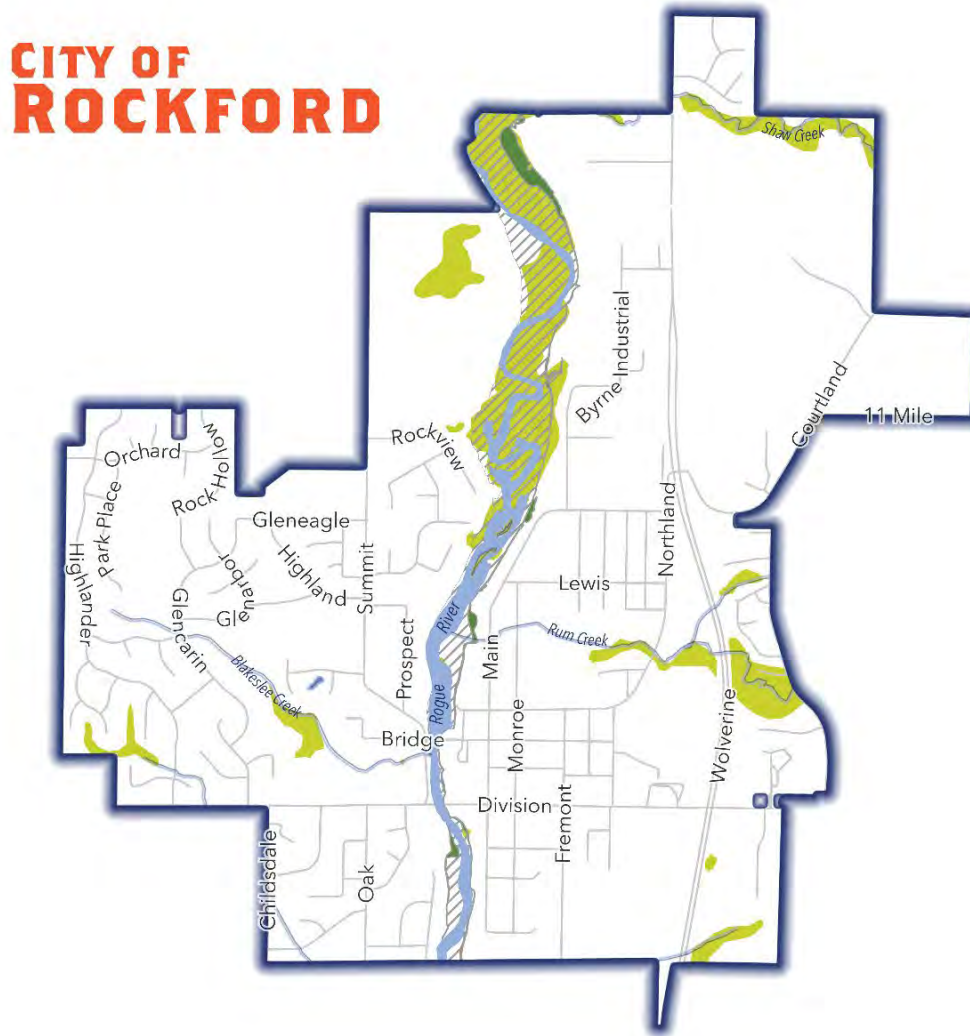
Status: Completed and Closed Out

Constructed: Approximately 600 feet of boardwalk, two fishing platforms, some lighting around the parking area, picnic tables, recycle bin, and signage will be constructed.

Current Use: Casual Park Use

Natural Resource Inventory

The Natural Resource Inventory Section provides data and information regarding wetlands, surface waters, floodplains and soils. These resources are noted in the following series of maps. These maps were sourced from the 2023 City of Rockford Master Plan.

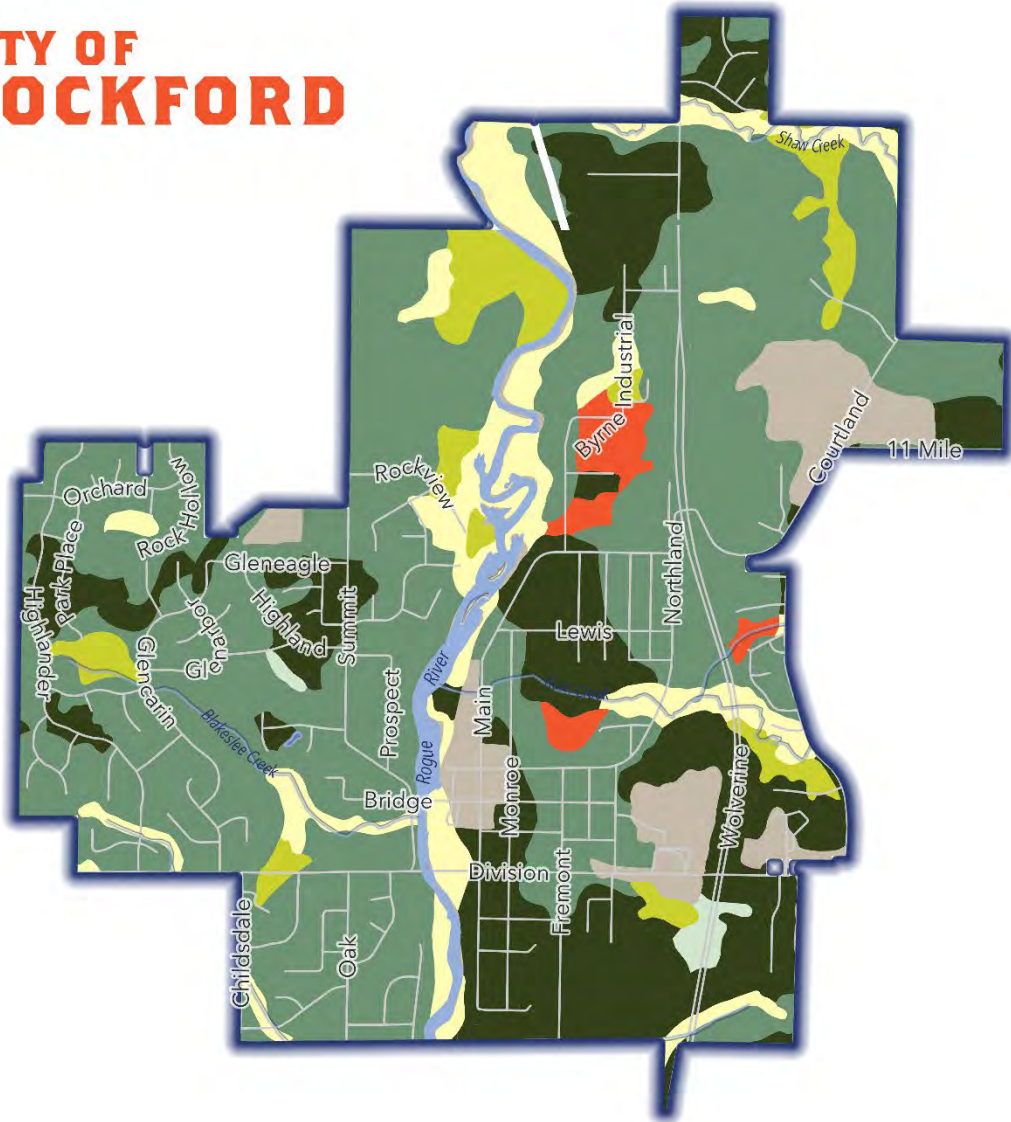


MAP 4. WETLANDS, RIVERS, AND FLOODPLAINS

- Wetlands
- Rivers
- 100-year Floodplain
- 500-year Floodplain



CITY OF ROCKFORD



MAP 3. SOIL DRAINAGE

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Most well drained |  Somewhat poorly drained |
|  Well drained |  Very poorly drained |
|  Moderately well drained |  No data |
|  Poorly drained | |



Planning Process

The Planning Process includes a description of the process completed in the development of the plan. This information includes the key steps in the process, public input into the plan, prioritization of recreational needs, public review of the adoption, formal adoption of the plan, and distribution of the plan to concerned agencies.

Key Persons Involved in the Process

Key persons included in the planning process were City staff, the City of Rockford Planning Commission, the public, and the City of Rockford City Council. The involvement of each of these groups is given in more detail in the information below.

City of Rockford Planning Commission

The Planning Commission led the process for updating the Community Recreation Plan from initial discussions through recommendation of the plan for adoption by the City Council.

Tour of Existing and Potential Parks Properties and Review of Facilities

A tour was conducted by staff and the planning consultant of each of the park properties and a review was completed of the existing facilities including natural resources, an inventory of facilities, current conditions, ideas for possible future facilities, and a review of Americans with Disabilities (ADA) criteria for universal accessibility within the parks. Also, undeveloped properties desirable for future recreational use were evaluated for potential acquisition.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Universal Accessibility Review

During the individual park tours, each park was reviewed for providing better accessibility to all of the parks. This information was reviewed concerning the MDNR review standards for Community Recreation Plans, as well as a more specific listing of facility upgrades for each park to increase accessibility. The findings of this review are included in the individual park descriptions included in the Recreation Inventory of the plan.

Planning Commission Planning Process

The Planning Commission met several times during the planning process to review the public comments received and oversee the development of the plan document. These meetings were during Regular Planning Commission meetings.

Development of Goals and Objectives and Action Program

Goals and Objectives were developed and incorporated into the document. The Action Program was developed through input from the Planning Commission

Development of Plan Draft

A draft plan was completed for review by the city staff, Planning Commission, City council, and the public. The plan was made available to the public for review for 30 days with the final draft being made available for the Public Hearing and final adoption by the City Council.

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Public Input Process

Electronic Public Survey

An electronic public survey was conducted using a Survey Monkey format. The survey was made available to the public via the City's Facebook site, City's website, and other public announcements. The survey was open for comment from October 17, 2023 through December 1, 2023. A total of 228 responses were received to the survey, of which 84% were from City residents and 16% were from non-residents. The complete results of the survey are included in Appendix B.

City of Rockford Planning Commission Review and Recommendation of Draft for Public Review and City Council Adoption.

On December 21, 2023 the City of Rockford Planning Commission met at its regular meeting to review the final draft of the plan. Concluding the discussion and review, a resolution of support was passed, recommending adoption by the City Council.

Thirty Day Public Review Period

The draft plan document was advertised for public comment from December 7, 2023, through January 8, 2024 with the plan available for review and comment at the Rockford City Hall, the Rockford Public Library and on the City's website. The public notice appears for the Review Period and Public Hearing in the following pages.

City Council Adoption

A Public Hearing was held at the January 8, 2024, City of Rockford City Council meeting prior to the Resolution adopting the plan. Minutes of the 30-Day Public Comment Hearing, and City Council meeting, including the adoption of the plan, and the Adoption Resolution are included in the supporting documents section.

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Goals and Objectives Section

The Goals and Objectives Section of the plan provides an overriding vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community. These goals are based on public input for current and future recreational opportunities. Each Goal is further defined by the Objectives that follow. The Action Program section of this plan determines proposed projects and programs that aid in meeting these Goals and Objectives.

Goal Number 1:

To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.

Objectives:

- a. To provide facilities and open park lands that provide recreational opportunities for all ages.
- b. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy nature preserves parks, facilities, and programs.

Goal Number 2:

To provide recreational facilities and programs for persons of all mental and physical abilities.

Objectives:

- a. To renovate existing facilities and develop new facilities that meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents. A further objective is to expand facilities to meet Universal Design Standards of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as projects and funding allow.
- b. To renovate existing facilities and develop new facilities that integrate accessible accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and do not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3:

As residential growth continues within the City, the outdoor areas owned by the City continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The City will continue to provide diversified outdoor experiences for the residents.

Objectives:

- a. The City will continue to protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas including woodlots, natural vegetation, and river frontage.
- b. The City will carefully consider before the purchase, or receiving of gifts, of additional park lands as deemed appropriate to continue to expand recreational lands for the use of City residents.

Goal Number 4:

To continue to provide, as much as possible, maximum use of the parks and facilities by residents.

Objectives:

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide for general public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b. To minimally charge, as required, for special events and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for general public use.

Goal Number 5:

To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway System within the City for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.

Objectives:

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages.
- b. To whenever possible link the system of pathways and trails to other planned county, state, regional, and surrounding community's non-motorized systems, including the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.
- c. To maintain a master plan for pathway and sidewalk development which includes both the City system and regional proposed pathways linking parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas.
- d. To evaluate on-street bikeways as connectors to meet the growing needs of non-motorized vehicles and to utilize the existing parks and trail access points to leverage economic growth and quality of life within the community.

Goal Number 6:

To actively manage and maintain the City’s park land to maximize appropriate use and appearance of park property.

Goal Number 7:

To support, as appropriate, non-profit organizations and citizens who choose to provide recreational facilities and programming for the residents.

Objectives:

- a. To support a balance of programming for all ages within the community.
- b. To support programming to address social concerns such as senior and preschool populations, after school programs, and community health.
- c. To continue to support programs and special events which are jointly supported by public schools, non-profits, and civic organizations.
- d. To encourage recreational and cultural events, history, arts, and music within the community, which also support economic development within the community.
- e. To encourage and support park facility development within the parks by citizens and community non-profit organizations.

Goal Number 8:

To effectively provide financial resources for the development and maintenance of the park facilities.

Objectives:

- a. To provide funding for capital development projects which allow the renovation of existing facilities and the development of new facilities that meet changing recreational needs and desires.
- b. To collect user fees as appropriate to off-set the overall cost of use to the public facilities.
- c. To actively seek grants and other outside funding sources to support existing and new programs and facilities.

Goal Number 9:

To seek opportunities for collaboration with surrounding governmental agencies to provide recreational facilities and programs which are most appropriate for serving the regional area.

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Action Program

The Action Program Section provides a written description of the overall vision for the future development of park lands within the City of Rockford. The Planning Commission participated in the development of the Action.

Land Acquisition

Several pieces of property have been designated as key pieces for the development of the park system within the City of Rockford. Some of these desired lands have been included in previous plans and remain a priority. At this time these pieces of property are not available for sale but will be considered as they become available.

Residential Property North Side of Pickett Park

The residential property with a house and yard, located on the north side of Pickett Park between the park and 10 Mile Road/West Division Street, will be a strong asset to the park. The property will provide additional riverfront property for the City, space for additional park amenities, and room for additional parking. Since the park opened in the 1990's the park has grown in popularity in providing not only a neighborhood park, but also direct access to Richardson-Sowerby Park, the Rogue River Nature Trail, and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. The acquisition of the property will more than double the existing park. The property owner is aware of the City's interest in the property.

Property Between Rogue River and Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park

West of the North Industrial Park is an undeveloped natural wooded parcel with wetlands. The west side of the property has substantial frontage on the Rogue River and the east side of the property is adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park. The acquisition will also provide a substantial addition to the publicly owned Rogue River frontage and natural areas within the City limits.

Squire Property

The Squire Property is located adjacent to the City on the south side of 12 Mile Road, west of Northland Drive. The property is adjacent to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, has natural areas and a pond, and will provide a route for the construction of a pedestrian connector between Shaw Estates and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park.

Rotary Park Additional Entrance

Acquisition of a piece of land or an easement on another side of the park, other than Fremont St., will provide a second public access into the park and easier access for residents living west of the park.

Action Program Chart

All of the project ideas collected throughout the planning process were reviewed and discussed. Based on the discussions, actions within several of the City's parks were identified. These proposed actions and their respective parks are noted in the Action Program Chart below.

Action Program Chart

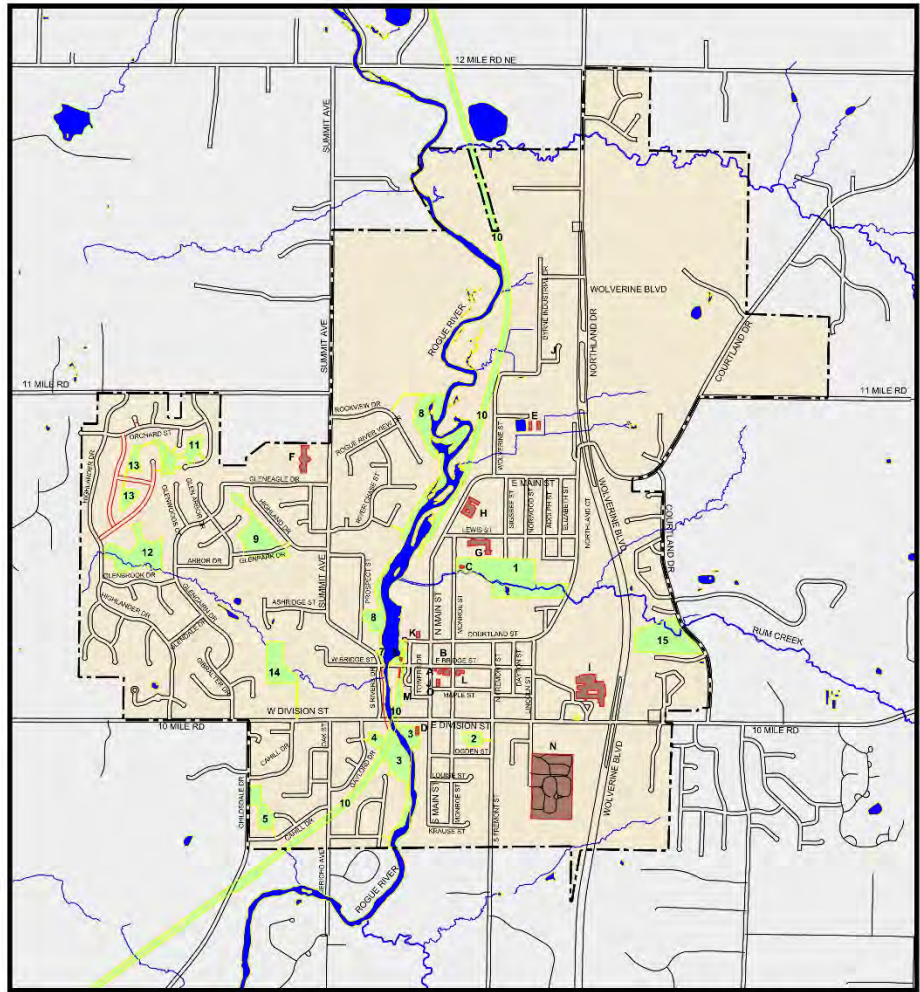
City of Rockford

December 21, 2023

Park Name	Proposed Action	Project Description
Downtown Rockford	Public Restroom	Expand existing restroom to include a family restroom or construct a public restroom closer to Garden Club Park. Utilities are currently not available within Garden Club Park to support a restroom.
Garden Club Park	Riverfront Area	Redevelop the existing parking area to provide for a new artificial ice skating rink, garden plaza, fireplace, and expansion of Trail connections. New ADA Accessible parking spaces will be constructed along Bridge St.
Memorial Park	New Greenspace	Removal of existing baseball field and establishment of large open greenspace lawn.
Memorial Park	Trail and Park Revitalization	Revitalization of the existing Rum Creek Trail, bridge improvements, new trail loop around pond, picnic tables, benches, and exercise stations.
Memorial Park	Restroom, Gazebo, and Pickleball Courts	New park restroom building, gazebo shelter, four pickleball courts, expansion of trail system, and tree canopy
Memorial Park	Skate Park	Skate Park and additional trail linkages
Memorial Park	Outdoor Learning Area	Outdoor learning area, stage, and native meadows.
Krause Memorial Library Park	New Connector Park	Linear park connection between the Library and City Hall. Pathway connections from City Hall parking to the Library with seating areas and outdoor gathering/learning space.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Rogue River Bridge Replacement	Replacement of the bridge over the Rogue River that connected the east and west sides park.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Additional Security Cameras	Additional security cameras to reduce vandalism through better camera coverage and reliability.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Pedestrian Access Improvements	Replace the existing sidewalk access to 10 Mile Rd. with an ADA accessible pathway as the existing pathway is significantly steep and is in need of replacement.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Environmental Improvements	Riverbank restoration and erosion protection and tree plantings.

Richardson-Sowerby Park	Splash Park	Potential location for a community Splash Park based on land available and existing utilities.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Fishing, River and Wildlife Viewing Access	Fishing deck or patio to expand ADA accessible fishing, water, and wildlife observation.
Richardson-Sowerby Park	Dog Park Improvements	Dog agility course added to existing dog park.
Heritage Park	Pathway Improvements	Additional pathways, wayfinding signage, and park identification signage.
Pickett Park	Park Improvements	Picnic tables, drinking fountain, and tree plantings to improve the park and trailhead.
Future Pathway Extensions	Rum Creek	From Memorial Park to the White Pine Trail. Open and restore Rum Creek to above ground.
Future Pathway Extensions	North Bridge Connection	Construction of a north pedestrian connection over the Rogue River.
Future Pathway Extensions	Meijer Sports Area Connection	Connection between downtown Rockford to the Meijer sports area and parks. Connections through the City traveling east and west (Merril Park to Luton Park).
Downtown Riverfront Area	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Installation of a canoe & kayak launch south of the dam. Potential improved kayak launch, (fully accessible), north and/or south of the dam.

Park Location Map for Referencing Action Program Projects



April 2, 2019

CITY OF ROCKFORD



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PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:

1. MEMORIAL PARK
2. ROTARY PARK
3. RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK
4. PICKETT PARK
5. CONSERVATION AREA
6. GARDEN CLUB PARK
7. PEPLER PARK
8. ROGUE RIVER NATURE TRAIL
9. GLEN PARK
10. FRED MEIJER WHITE PINE TRAIL STATE PARK/
NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
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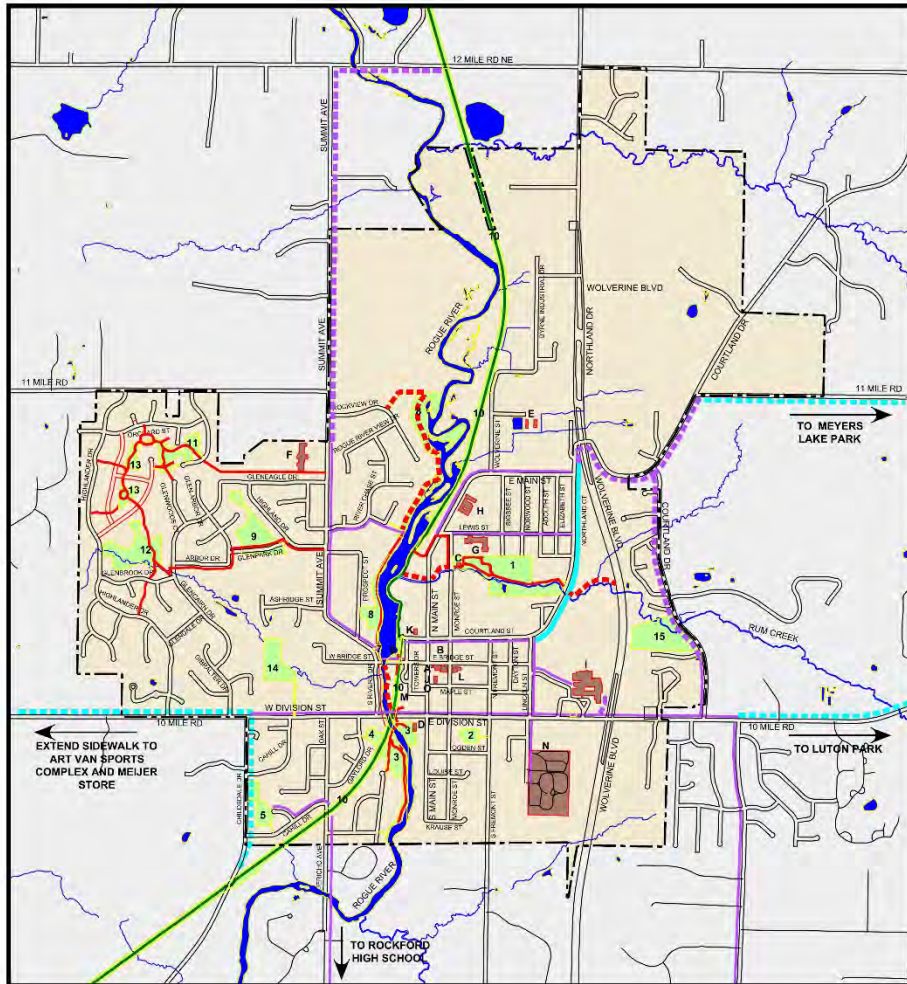
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- E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
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Trails and Linages Map for Referencing Action Program



April 2, 2019

CITY OF ROCKFORD Trails and Linkages



PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:

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LEGEND:

- PUBLIC PARK
- STATE PARK TRAIL
- EXISTING TRAIL
- EXISTING BIKE LANE
- EXISTING SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED TRAIL
- PROPOSED BIKE TRAIL
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK

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Supporting Documentation

Planning Commission Resolution of Support

CITY OF ROCKFORD PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Rasmussen, and supported by Commissioner LeBlanc:

WHEREAS, the City of Rockford Planning Commission began the process of updating the Community Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Rockford were provided opportunities to provide input into the planning process through responding to a public survey, and discussions that took place during the Planning Commission review; and

WHEREAS, this plan has been placed out for thirty-days of public comment and a final public hearing will be held before the Rockford City Council prior to formal Adoption of the plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Commission for the City of Rockford hereby recommends the City's Five (5) Year Parks and Recreation Plan be approved by the Rockford City Council during their January 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Rasmussen, Miner, Scales, LeBlanc, Dalman, and Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Mester and Harwood

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine M. Bedford, hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Rockford, Michigan, at a Regular meeting held the 21st day of December 2023.


Christine M. Bedford, City Clerk

Public Notice for Thirty Day Public Comments Period & Public Hearing

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROCKFORD
Kent County, Michigan**

**FIVE-YEAR COMMUNICATION
RECREATION PLAN 2023-2028
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockford Five Year Community Recreation Plan for the years 2024-2028 is available for public review and comment from November 30, 2023 to January 2, 2024. The plan can be viewed on the City's website at www.rockford.mi.us and at Rockford City Hall at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 7 S. Monroe Street, Rockford, Michigan. Comments can be submitted in writing or via email to the City Clerk at bedford@rockford.mi.us or at the Public Hearing.

On January 8, 2024, the Rockford City Council, at 7:00 pm, at their Regular Meeting, will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the plan. Following the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider the City of Rockford Community Recreation Plan, 2024-2028 for adoption.

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disability Act, should contact the City Clerk at 616-866-1537 or the Michigan Relay Center TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Dated: November 30, 2023
Christine Bedford
City Clerk

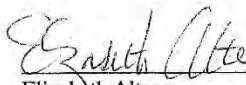
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Elizabeth Altena, being duly sworn, as the Notary Public and in the employ of Rockford Squire Newspaper, a Kent County newspaper printed and circulated in said county weekly. The attached is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date:

Date: 11/29/2023
This affidavit references invoice number 34402

Subscribed to and sworn before me
This 29 day of November, 2023.


Elizabeth Altena, Notary Public

Kent County, Michigan
My Commission Expires 02/14/2026

State of Michigan County of Kent
I certify this to be complete, exact and true copy of the original document.
Elizabeth Altena, Notary Public.
My Commission Expires 2/14/2026.

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

A regular meeting of the Rockford City Council was held Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341.

- I. **Meeting called to order.** The meeting of the Rockford City Council was called to order by Mayor Konkle at approximately 6:00 pm.
- II. **Roll Call.** Present: Mayor Terry Konkle, Mayor Pro-tem Tammy Bergstrom, and Council Members Cheryl Scales, Dale Dalman, and Charles Baker.
- III. **City Manager's Report.** City Manager Beard thanked Council for moving the time of the meeting and welcomed Megan to the meeting. Discussion took place regarding a goals and objectives meeting in February and the date was set for February 5th.
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda.** On a motion by Council Member Dalman, with support by Council Member Scales, and carried by all, Council approved the agenda as submitted.
- V. **Public Comments and Presentations**
 - A. **To receive a report from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.** Executive Director Megan Dean thanked everyone for their help with the Discover Rockford event and stated everything went very well. The next event is the Chocolate Stroll. City Manager Beard explained that there are some events that do not need Council's approval, such as the Chocolate Stroll, because no City streets, etc., are being used. Therefore, in partnership with the Chamber, we created a new, Notice of Event Form in order to keep staff informed.
 - B. **Public Comments.** There were no Public Comments.
- VI. **Mayoral Appointments and Proclamations.** There were no Mayoral Appointments or Proclamations.
- VII. **Consent Agenda.** On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, with support by Council Member Dalman, and carried by all, the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: A) the December 11, 2023, Special and Regular meeting minutes; B) the bills and transfers for December 2023, and excuse Council Member Baker's absence from the December 11, 2023 Work Session Council meeting.
- VIII. **Old Business.** There was no Old Business.
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Consideration of Resolution 24-1 setting a Public Hearing for the Hotel Rose LLC Project Brownfield Plan Amendment.** On a motion by

Council Member Baker, with support by Council Member Scales, and carried by all, Council adopted Resolution 24-1 setting a Public Hearing for the Hotel Rose LLC Project Brownfield Plan Amendment.

- B. Consideration of approving a Public Access Easement with the United States Postal Service.** On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, and carried by all, Council approved a Public Access Easement with the United States Postal Service.
- C. Consideration of Ordinance 24-1 amending the Animal Control Ordinance.** On a motion by Council Member Baker, with support by Council Member Dalman, and carried by all, Council approved Ordinance 24-1 amending the Animal Control Ordinance.
- D. Consideration of awarding a contract for Hightower Tank Painting Project.** On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom, and carried by all, Council awarded a contract to LC United in the amount of \$143,00 for the Hightower Tank Painting Project.
- E. Consideration of awarding a contract for Hightower Water Tower Project, Construction and Post-Construction.** On a motion by Council Member Dalman, with support by Mayor Konkle, and carried by all, Council approved a contract with Dixon Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$14,100.
- F. Consideration of Resolution 24-3 amending the Rates, Fees, and Charges.** Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 24-3. Motion failed. Discussion took place and Council agreed to increase the fee to \$150. On a motion by Council Member Dalman, with support by Council Member Scales, and carried by all, Council adopted Resolution 24-3 amending the Rates, Fees, and Charges for the Stormwater Permit and charging \$150 as a permit fee.

X. Board and Commission Activities

- A. Planning Commission.** The Commission met December 21st to review the Five-Year Recreation Plan and recommend adoption by Council. A steering committee of the Planning Commission is also reviewing the zoning ordinance and will meet again in February.
- B. Downtown Development Authority.** The DDA and the Brownfield met this morning with respect to the hotel project.
- C. Board of Zoning Appeals.** The BZA did not meet but we have received a variance for a front yard setback.

- C. **Economic Development Corporation.** The EDC had a productive meeting in December and spent some time revising Northland Drive by the motel.
- D. **Rockford area Community Endowment.** RACE did not meet in December.
- E. **Sustainability Committee.** SusCom met with Council to discuss future plans for the committee and the City. The next foam and e-waste collection is January 20th.
- F. **Historical Society/Museum Update.** Mayor Konkle stated that Chief Tennant was their speaker and afterwards some of the attendees mentioned that they feel more secure; the Christmas decorations will be coming down in about a week; they were selling 50 grab bags of baseball cards and only have a few left; and at the February meeting, Mayor Konkle will be speaking on Rockford history and including historical post cards.
- G. **CAG.** Mayor Pro-tem Bergstrom stated, CAG did not meet in December and there will be more testing by the WWW headquarters. The next meeting is at Plainfield Township on the 18th.

XI. **Miscellaneous Items.** There were no Miscellaneous Items.

XII. **Council Member Comments**

Council Member Baker stated, today is Jack Charles Baker's 8th Birthday.

Council Member Dalman stated, January 15th is MLK day and City Manager Mark Washington, from the City of Grand Rapids, will be speaking at the cabin and the event begins at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Konkle thanked Council for agreeing to meet earlier.

XIII. **Public Hearing and Associated Resolution**

A. **Consideration of holding a Public Hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.** On a motion by Mayor Pro-tem Berstrom, with support by Council Member Dalman, and carried by all, the Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm.

Pam Blough, of PM Blough, provided an update on the final plan.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Council Member Dalman, with support by Council Member Scales, and carried by all, Council closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 pm.

B. Consideration of Resolution 24-2 adopting the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. On a motion by Council Member Scales, with support by Council Member Baker, and carried by all, Council approved Resolution 24-2 adopting the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

XIV. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Christine Bedford, City Clerk

City Council Resolution of Plan Adoption

CITY OF ROCKFORD RESOLUTION 24-2

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIVE (5) YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Scales, and supported by Council Member Baker:

WHEREAS, grant programs such as Land and Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund have been established to grant funding to encourage the development of parks and recreation in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, these funding agencies have promulgated guidelines for administration and implementation of these grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockford may desire to submit a Grant Application for funding various park improvement projects in the future and these funding agencies require that municipalities update a Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five (5) years in order to be eligible for these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Rockford Planning Commission provided citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the City's proposed Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rockford Parks and Recreation Master Plan effective 2024-2029, be adopted.

AYES: Council Member Konkle, Bergstrom, Scales, Dalman and Baker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

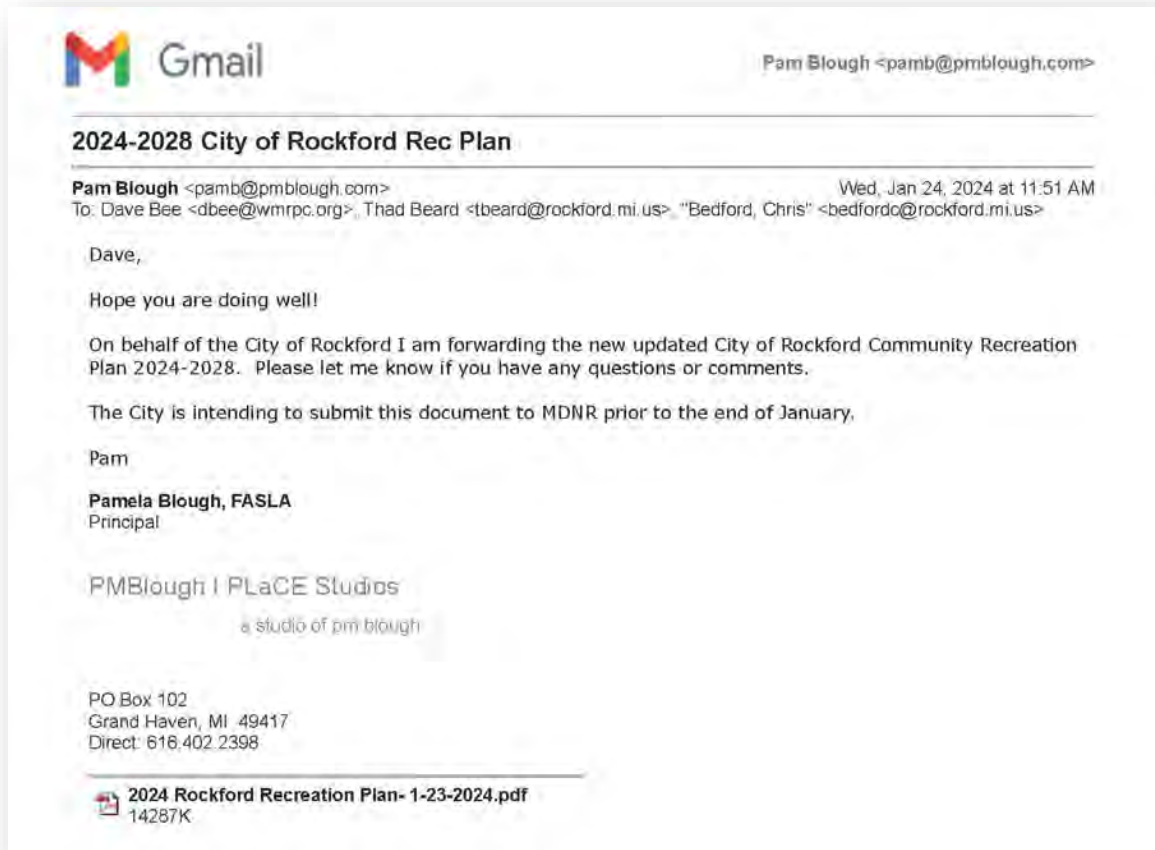
I, Christine M. Bedford, hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held the 8th day of January 2024.


Christine Bedford, City Clerk

Transmittal to West Michigan Planning Commission



Transmittal to Kent County Parks



Rockford Parks and Recreation Public Survey Results

2023 City of Rockford Parks and Recreation Survey

**Results Collected October 17, 2023 through
December 4, 2023**

**Survey Developed and Administered by
P.M. Blough, Inc.**

Parks and Recreation Public Survey

As part of the development of the new Community Recreation Plan for the years 2024-2028, a public survey was conducted by P.M. Blough, Inc. to receive input in the planning process. The survey was opened on October 17, 2023 and collected through December 4, 2023 with the results of the survey presented within this report.

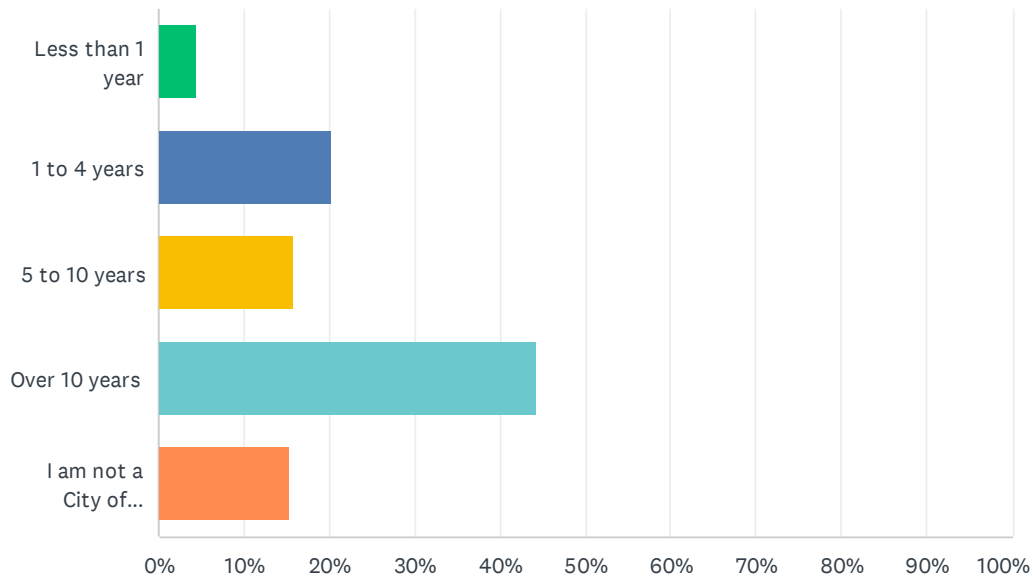
The survey responses include the responses of 228 individuals ranging in age from under 18 years to over 75 years.

The survey was administered through an electronic Survey Monkey format. The City advertised the survey via email, social media, flyers, and the City's website.

A summary of the responses received, as well as the comments from the open-ended questions are included in the attached report.

Q1 How many years have you been a resident of the City of Rockford?

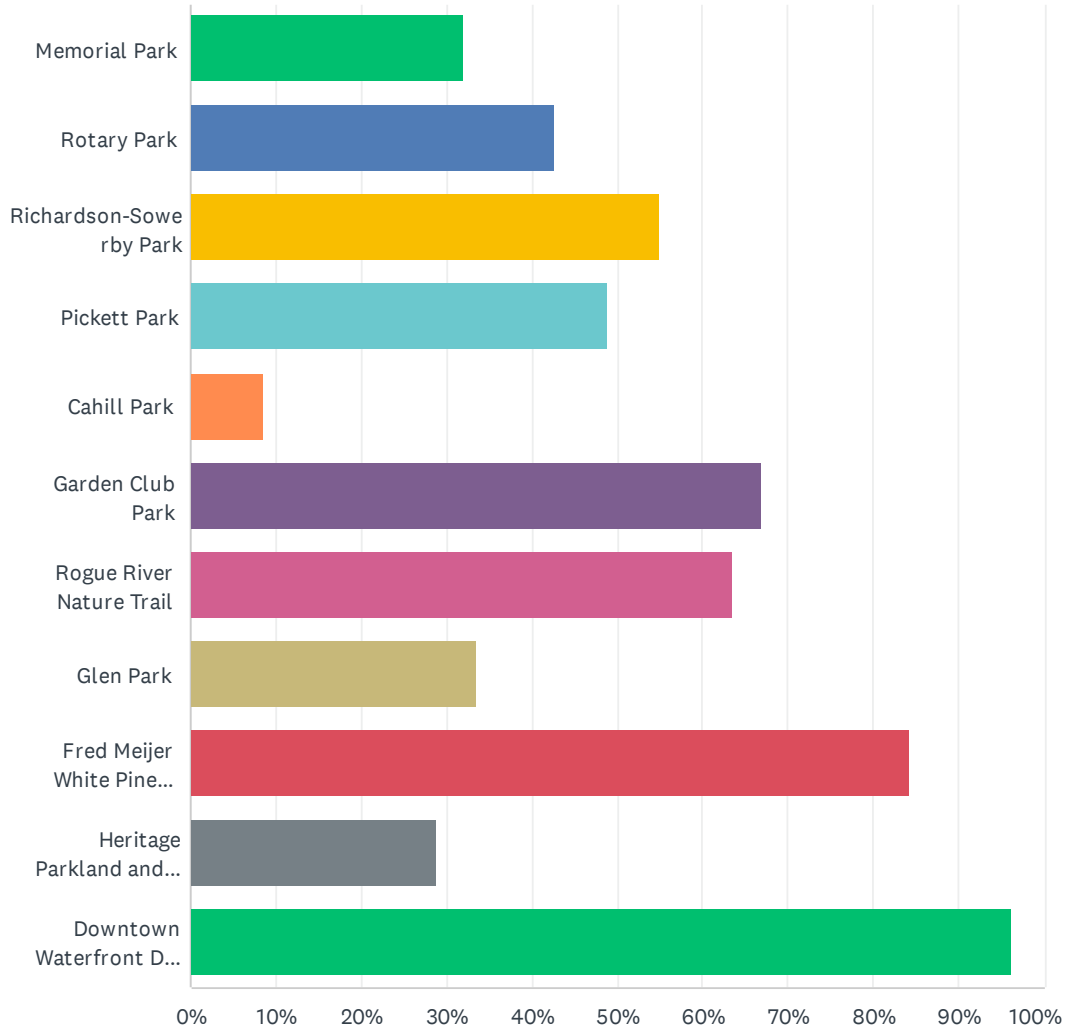
Answered: 228 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	4.39%	10
1 to 4 years	20.18%	46
5 to 10 years	15.79%	36
Over 10 years	44.30%	101
I am not a City of Rockford resident	15.35%	35
TOTAL		228

Q2 Which parks or facilities have you visited during the last year? (select all that you have visited)

Answered: 209 Skipped: 19



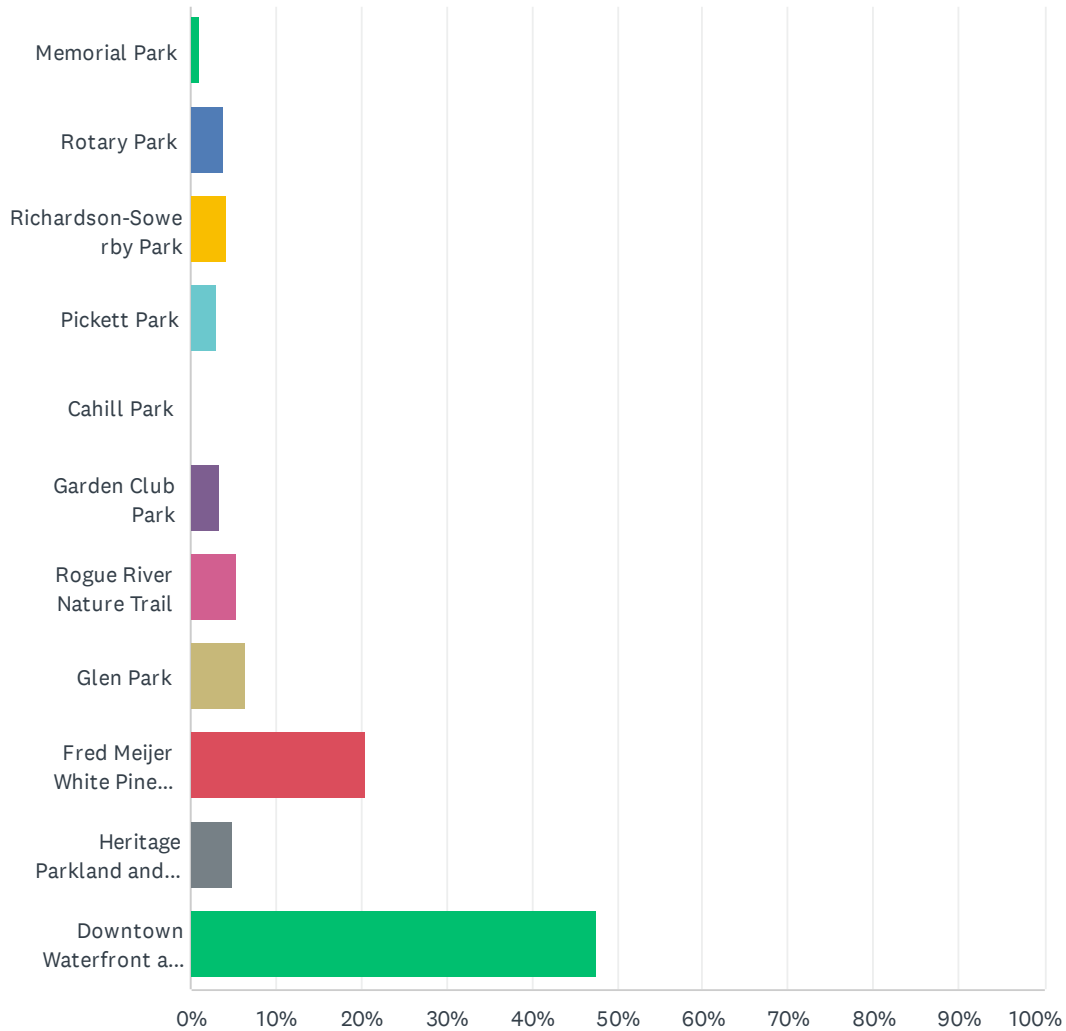
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Memorial Park	32.06%	67
Rotary Park	42.58%	89
Richardson-Sowerby Park	55.02%	115
Pickett Park	48.80%	102
Cahill Park	8.61%	18
Garden Club Park	66.99%	140
Rogue River Nature Trail	63.64%	133
Glen Park	33.49%	70
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park	84.21%	176
Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail	28.71%	60
Downtown Waterfront Dam Area	96.17%	201
Total Respondents: 209		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dog Park	11/2/2023 8:41 PM
2	Dog park	10/18/2023 6:00 AM
3	Luton	10/17/2023 10:12 PM
4	Peppler Park	10/17/2023 8:32 PM
5	Parkside park	10/17/2023 8:13 PM

Q3 Which park or facility did you visit the MOST during the last year? (select ONLY one)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 22



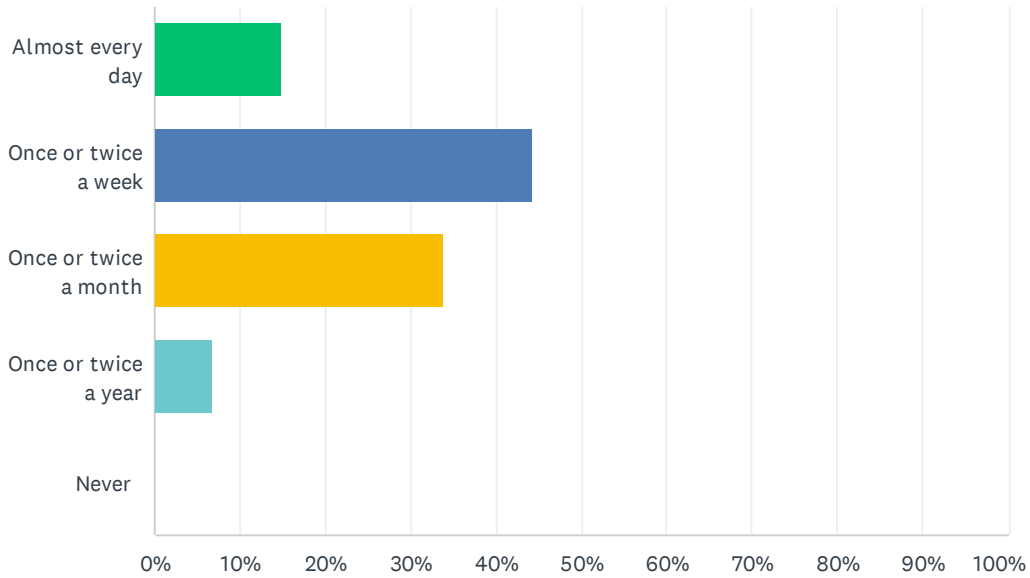
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Memorial Park	0.97%	2
Rotary Park	3.88%	8
Richardson-Sowerby Park	4.37%	9
Pickett Park	2.91%	6
Cahill Park	0.00%	0
Garden Club Park	3.40%	7
Rogue River Nature Trail	5.34%	11
Glen Park	6.31%	13
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail Sate Park	20.39%	42
Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail	4.85%	10
Downtown Waterfront and Dam	47.57%	98
TOTAL		206

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q4 How often would you say you visit a City park?

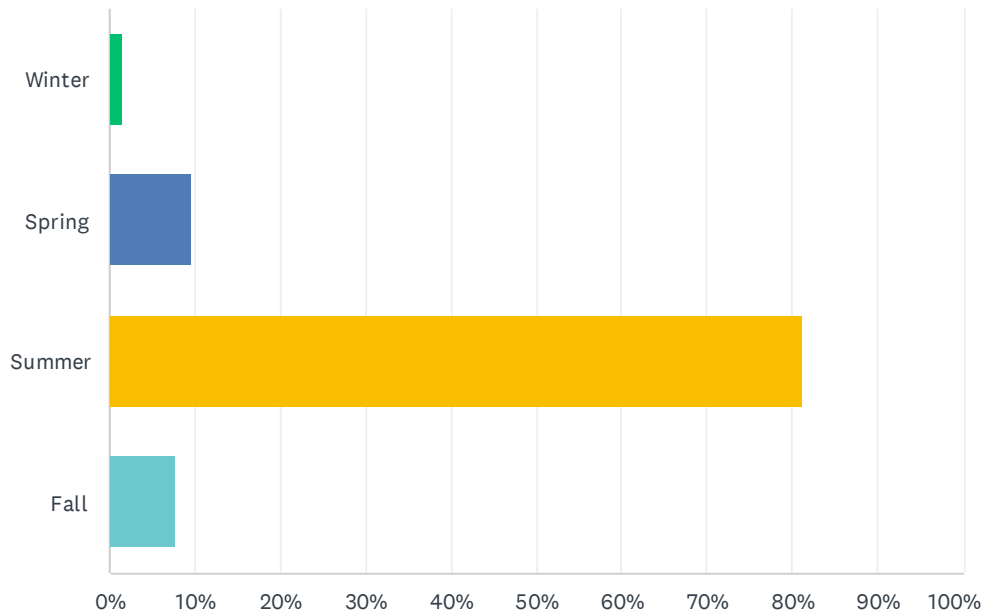
Answered: 207 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Almost every day	14.98%	31
Once or twice a week	44.44%	92
Once or twice a month	33.82%	70
Once or twice a year	6.76%	14
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		207

Q5 During which season of the year did you visit the parks most?

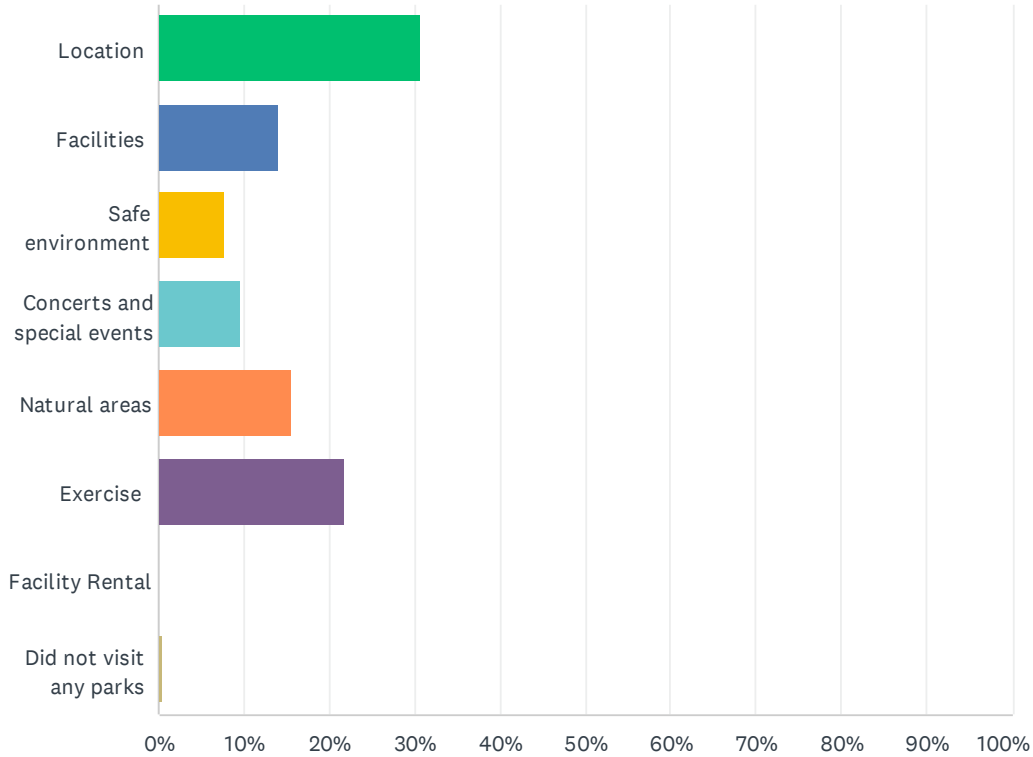
Answered: 207 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Winter	1.45% 3
Spring	9.66% 20
Summer	81.16% 168
Fall	7.73% 16
TOTAL	207

Q6 Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision to visit a park in the last year?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Location	30.81%	61
Facilities	14.14%	28
Safe environment	7.58%	15
Concerts and special events	9.60%	19
Natural areas	15.66%	31
Exercise	21.72%	43
Facility Rental	0.00%	0
Did not visit any parks	0.51%	1
TOTAL		198

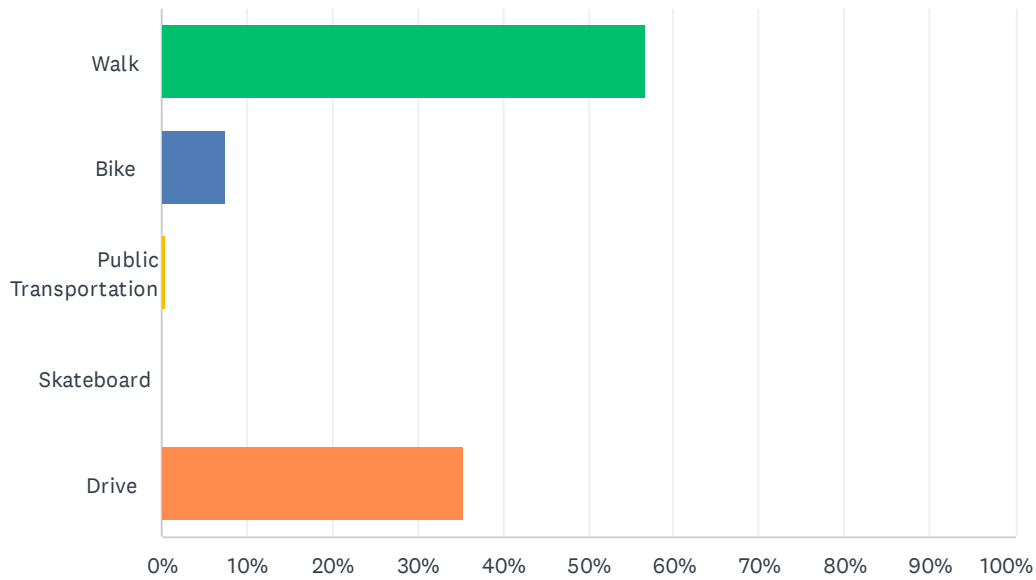
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Letting the toddler run around and play!	11/8/2023 9:30 PM
2	To take my daycare to play.	11/2/2023 2:52 PM
3	Took my children to play	11/2/2023 12:06 PM

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4	For child	10/30/2023 4:42 PM
5	Experience nature while walking my dog.	10/29/2023 12:45 PM
6	Across the street from my house	10/26/2023 6:15 PM
7	Dog park	10/26/2023 3:20 PM
8	Playfround	10/26/2023 10:31 AM
9	Please add Pickleball courts!	10/22/2023 8:09 PM
10	Enjoy ourdoors, kid friendly	10/21/2023 6:43 PM
11	Family Accessibility	10/20/2023 5:37 PM
12	We daily visit parks outside of Rockford to play pickleball. We walk the nature trail because it is connected to our neighborhood. Would like some cross country skiiing paths also to use during winter months.	10/20/2023 10:24 AM
13	If it is good for kids.	10/18/2023 1:40 AM
14	Mostly for the playgrounds	10/17/2023 10:20 PM
15	Too busy.	10/17/2023 3:30 PM

Q7 What mode of transportation do you most often use to travel to a park?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	56.65%	115
Bike	7.39%	15
Public Transportation	0.49%	1
Skateboard	0.00%	0
Drive	35.47%	72
TOTAL		203

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q8 What is your favorite recreational activity in a City Park?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 79

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Walking and the playground for the kids.	11/8/2023 9:30 PM
2	Biking	11/8/2023 2:05 PM
3	Walking	11/8/2023 10:31 AM
4	Walking	11/8/2023 7:15 AM
5	Nature watching, our kids playing	11/7/2023 11:35 PM
6	Playground for the kids	11/7/2023 8:52 PM
7	Walking and enjoying nature.	11/7/2023 8:21 PM
8	Walking around	11/7/2023 8:08 PM
9	Playground	11/7/2023 6:09 PM
10	Playground	11/7/2023 3:59 PM
11	Play area	11/7/2023 3:42 PM
12	Enjoying nature	11/7/2023 3:15 PM
13	Walking/Running	11/5/2023 4:20 PM
14	Walking or bike riding	11/5/2023 2:02 PM
15	Walking, dancing, biking, kayaking	11/5/2023 8:17 AM
16	Sightseeing	11/4/2023 8:05 AM
17	Running or biking the white pine	11/3/2023 5:38 PM
18	Bike	11/3/2023 12:52 PM
19	Walking	11/3/2023 12:05 PM
20	Biking or hiking	11/3/2023 11:47 AM
21	Walks and playgrounds with kids	11/3/2023 8:10 AM
22	Biking to the park and visiting play grounds	11/2/2023 9:42 PM
23	Watching nature	11/2/2023 8:42 PM
24	Playground equipment for children	11/2/2023 3:17 PM
25	The walk.	11/2/2023 2:52 PM
26	Playground equipment with kids and working out	11/2/2023 12:19 PM
27	Swings	11/2/2023 12:06 PM
28	Playgrounds and bike riding	11/2/2023 11:21 AM
29	Walking and biking	11/2/2023 9:34 AM
30	Swings and slides for my kids!	11/2/2023 8:52 AM
31	Going for walks and concerts.	11/2/2023 8:37 AM
32	Walking	11/2/2023 8:21 AM
33	Playground for children and nature walk along river	11/2/2023 8:05 AM

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34	I enjoy when a park is geared toward all ages (I don't have to worry about my 2 yr old falling off a ledge) and inclusive. My 5 yr old niece has a disability and is in a wheelchair. It would be fun to be able to include her more in our park trips.	11/2/2023 8:02 AM
35	Events	11/1/2023 6:49 PM
36	Dog walking	11/1/2023 9:35 AM
37	walking	11/1/2023 1:12 AM
38	Walking. Using the playgrounds with grandchildren	10/31/2023 4:21 PM
39	Walking around	10/31/2023 12:31 PM
40	Swings and Slides for my kids	10/31/2023 11:49 AM
41	playground	10/31/2023 9:28 AM
42	Bringing my son outdoors and walking my dogs	10/31/2023 5:51 AM
43	Tire swings!!	10/31/2023 5:36 AM
44	We love the start of summer festival!	10/31/2023 12:49 AM
45	Play with my children.	10/30/2023 10:29 PM
46	Playground	10/30/2023 9:26 PM
47	walking	10/30/2023 7:14 PM
48	The playground	10/30/2023 4:58 PM
49	Letting my child burn off some energy	10/30/2023 4:42 PM
50	White pine trail	10/30/2023 4:24 PM
51	Running	10/30/2023 4:14 PM
52	Kids love swinging. We love the trails for running and cycling.	10/30/2023 4:09 PM
53	nature	10/30/2023 3:33 PM
54	Walking the dog and watching our kids play	10/30/2023 3:29 PM
55	Natural sightings!	10/30/2023 9:59 AM
56	Walking my dog, watching nature.	10/29/2023 12:45 PM
57	Playground	10/28/2023 5:14 PM
58	Eating ice cream by the dam, walking around and enjoying nature	10/27/2023 10:01 PM
59	Walking and playgrounds for the kids	10/27/2023 1:46 PM
60	Hike	10/27/2023 10:54 AM
61	Walking	10/27/2023 10:07 AM
62	Kayaking to the dam	10/27/2023 8:39 AM
63	Walking	10/26/2023 6:15 PM
64	Walking	10/26/2023 3:33 PM
65	Dog park	10/26/2023 3:20 PM
66	Children's playground.	10/26/2023 2:15 PM
67	Start of summer activities	10/26/2023 1:12 PM
68	Playground	10/26/2023 1:02 PM
69	Playgrounds for my kids and a scenic outlook for me.	10/26/2023 12:54 PM
70	Walking	10/26/2023 12:13 PM

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71	In our city parks? Playground spaces	10/26/2023 12:12 PM
72	It depends on the park. I let my daughter play, I look at nature, I walk and I bike.	10/26/2023 11:22 AM
73	Walking dogs	10/26/2023 11:08 AM
74	Walking	10/26/2023 10:57 AM
75	Walking and ridding my bike	10/26/2023 10:55 AM
76	Getting a RORA drink and sitting by the dam when the weather is nice. We also love live music in the park by the dam.	10/26/2023 10:35 AM
77	Just playing	10/26/2023 10:31 AM
78	walking	10/26/2023 10:24 AM
79	Playground	10/25/2023 3:14 PM
80	Letting kids play on the structures	10/25/2023 3:05 PM
81	I enjoy wandering around and looking at nature and buildings	10/23/2023 4:05 PM
82	Walking. Looking at plants	10/23/2023 1:06 AM
83	Pickleball!	10/22/2023 8:09 PM
84	The Rockford dog park	10/22/2023 3:41 PM
85	Playground	10/21/2023 6:43 PM
86	Walking paths	10/21/2023 9:44 AM
87	Biking	10/21/2023 8:52 AM
88	Playgrounds	10/20/2023 9:15 PM
89	One by the dam	10/20/2023 4:11 PM
90	Walking with my dog	10/20/2023 2:56 PM
91	Playgrounds	10/20/2023 2:43 PM
92	Running on the white pine trail.	10/20/2023 1:36 PM
93	Walking/running	10/20/2023 1:22 PM
94	Pickleball	10/20/2023 1:14 PM
95	Walk	10/20/2023 12:02 PM
96	Walking on trails	10/20/2023 11:59 AM
97	Shopping	10/20/2023 10:44 AM
98	Bike, walk	10/20/2023 10:24 AM
99	Rollerblade. Enjoy concerts.	10/20/2023 10:18 AM
100	The playgrounds	10/20/2023 9:44 AM
101	Observing nature and relaxing	10/19/2023 10:08 AM
102	Sitting At Park Benches At the Dam, Not those Picnic Tables Please remove Watching Water Flow And Swans and other Water Creatures	10/19/2023 9:36 AM
103	Praise in the Park	10/19/2023 7:22 AM
104	Running	10/18/2023 10:50 PM
105	Concerts	10/18/2023 9:56 PM
106	Walking trails	10/18/2023 9:13 PM
107	Walking	10/18/2023 6:49 PM

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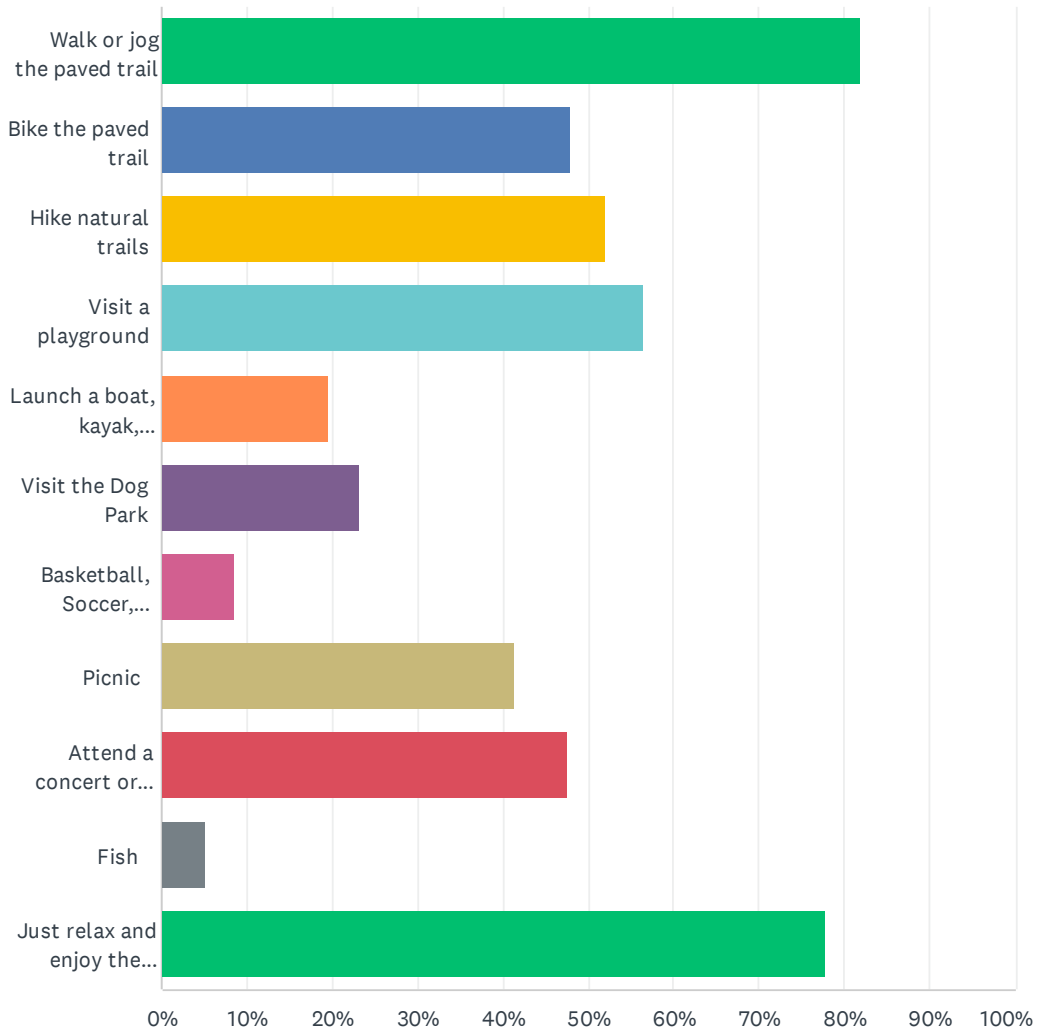
108	Walk	10/18/2023 5:21 PM
109	Sitting	10/18/2023 5:50 AM
110	Going for a walk and then letting the kids play in a playground.	10/18/2023 1:40 AM
111	Play equipment	10/18/2023 1:08 AM
112	Family-time & exercise	10/17/2023 10:53 PM
113	Walk especially at Rum Creek Trail, but visited the Dam park more	10/17/2023 10:48 PM
114	Playground for my child	10/17/2023 10:20 PM
115	Cycling, walking	10/17/2023 10:17 PM
116	Hiking and nature viewing	10/17/2023 10:13 PM
117	Walking to the park with family to enjoy being outside. Grand kids love the dam and watching the wildlife.	10/17/2023 9:40 PM
118	Walking and people watching.	10/17/2023 9:01 PM
119	Walk, bike	10/17/2023 8:54 PM
120	Bike	10/17/2023 8:52 PM
121	Walking on the nature trail.	10/17/2023 8:51 PM
122	Music, Movies, Events, Games	10/17/2023 8:35 PM
123	Walking	10/17/2023 8:19 PM
124	Outdoor chairs and benches	10/17/2023 8:15 PM
125	Playgrounds!	10/17/2023 8:08 PM
126	Tuesday night Blues on the River	10/17/2023 7:35 PM
127	Jungle gym	10/17/2023 7:23 PM
128	Walking	10/17/2023 7:03 PM
129	Running	10/17/2023 6:46 PM
130	Walking	10/17/2023 6:39 PM
131	Playscapes	10/17/2023 5:49 PM
132	Walking	10/17/2023 4:53 PM
133	Walking	10/17/2023 4:41 PM
134	Playing with my young kids (playground, walks, etc)	10/17/2023 4:26 PM
135	Playgrounds, nature walks	10/17/2023 4:22 PM
136	Walking, biking and picnics	10/17/2023 4:10 PM
137	walking/playground	10/17/2023 4:08 PM
138	Concert	10/17/2023 4:05 PM
139	Relaxing	10/17/2023 3:54 PM
140	Family visit.	10/17/2023 3:54 PM
141	Bike or picnic	10/17/2023 3:34 PM
142	Watching fisherman.	10/17/2023 3:30 PM
143	Walking the trails	10/17/2023 3:22 PM
144	Walking	10/17/2023 3:18 PM
145	RORA drinks & walking the dogs	10/17/2023 3:17 PM

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146	Biking	10/17/2023 3:13 PM
147	Kids playground equipment	10/17/2023 3:13 PM
148	Walking	10/17/2023 3:12 PM
149	Walking the trail	10/17/2023 3:04 PM

Q9 What do you do when you visit a park? Check all that apply

Answered: 198 Skipped: 30



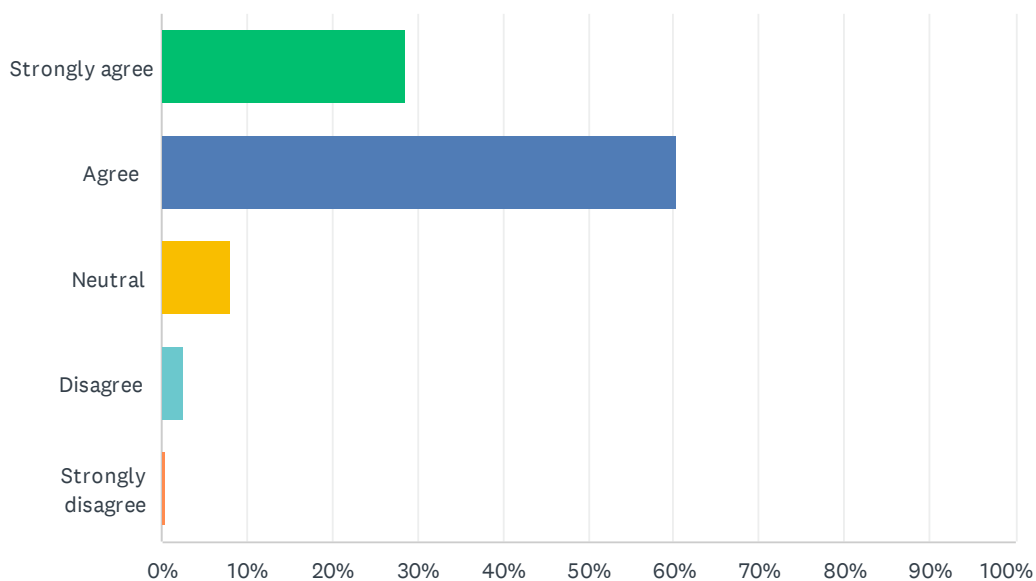
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk or jog the paved trail	81.82%	162
Bike the paved trail	47.98%	95
Hike natural trails	52.02%	103
Visit a playground	56.57%	112
Launch a boat, kayak, paddleboard or canoe	19.70%	39
Visit the Dog Park	23.23%	46
Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball	8.59%	17
Picnic	41.41%	82
Attend a concert or special event	47.47%	94
Fish	5.05%	10
Just relax and enjoy the outdoors	77.78%	154
Total Respondents: 198		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walking my dog and being in nature.	10/29/2023 12:46 PM
2	Rollerblade the paved trail (if it is not too messed up)	10/20/2023 10:19 AM
3	Remove invasive plants	10/19/2023 10:09 AM
4	Would like to play tennis and/or pickleball :)	10/18/2023 1:41 AM
5	Look for a seat under the shade. Chat with a friend.	10/17/2023 8:37 PM
6	Sit at the dam on the Adirondack chairs	10/17/2023 8:16 PM

Q10 The park facilities are clean:

Answered: 199 Skipped: 29

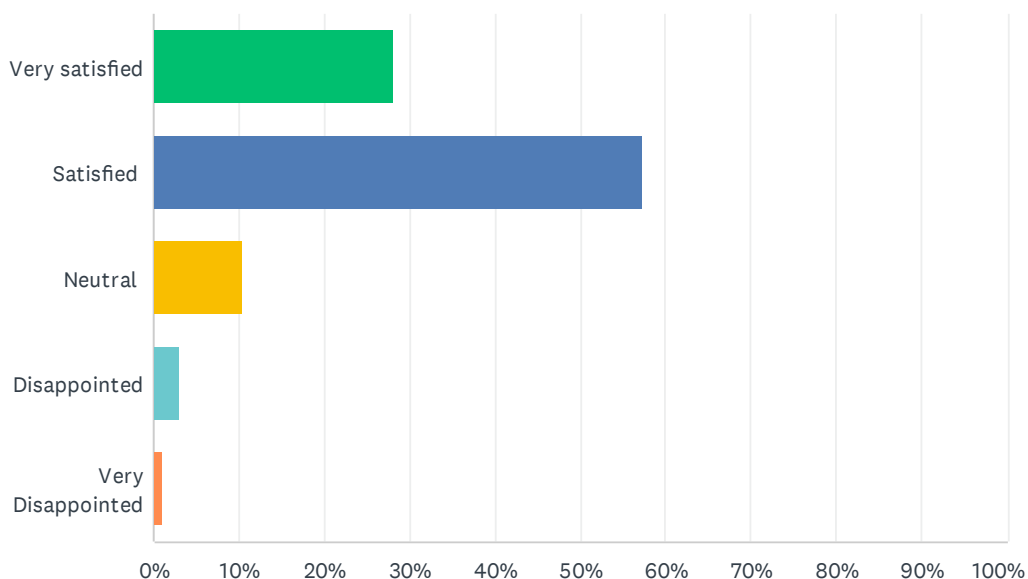


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	28.64%	57
Agree	60.30%	120
Neutral	8.04%	16
Disagree	2.51%	5
Strongly disagree	0.50%	1
TOTAL		199

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Glen Park is extremely over grown. The sidewalk is not maintained well in the winter. City garbage cans overflow.	11/5/2023 4:23 PM
2	Garbage cans are often overflowing during busy times	11/5/2023 8:18 AM
3	Except for Glen Park. Unless it has changed recently, that park was disgusting with dirt, mold, etc	10/28/2023 5:15 PM
4	Trash pick up during concerts needs to be improved	10/26/2023 10:25 AM
5	The White Pine Trail could use more trashcans	10/22/2023 3:42 PM
6	tables at the dam are not clean	10/19/2023 9:38 AM
7	Except when styrofoam over flows out side of Dam Dogs	10/18/2023 10:00 PM
8	The fishermen leave trash, line, fish hooks, and fish guts all around the dam.	10/17/2023 9:51 PM
9	The goose poop along the river is disgusting in the summer.	10/17/2023 9:02 PM
10	Playground equipment could be cleaner	10/17/2023 3:14 PM

Q11 What is your overall impression of the parks you visit?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	28.14%	56
Satisfied	57.29%	114
Neutral	10.55%	21
Disappointed	3.02%	6
Very Disappointed	1.01%	2
TOTAL		199

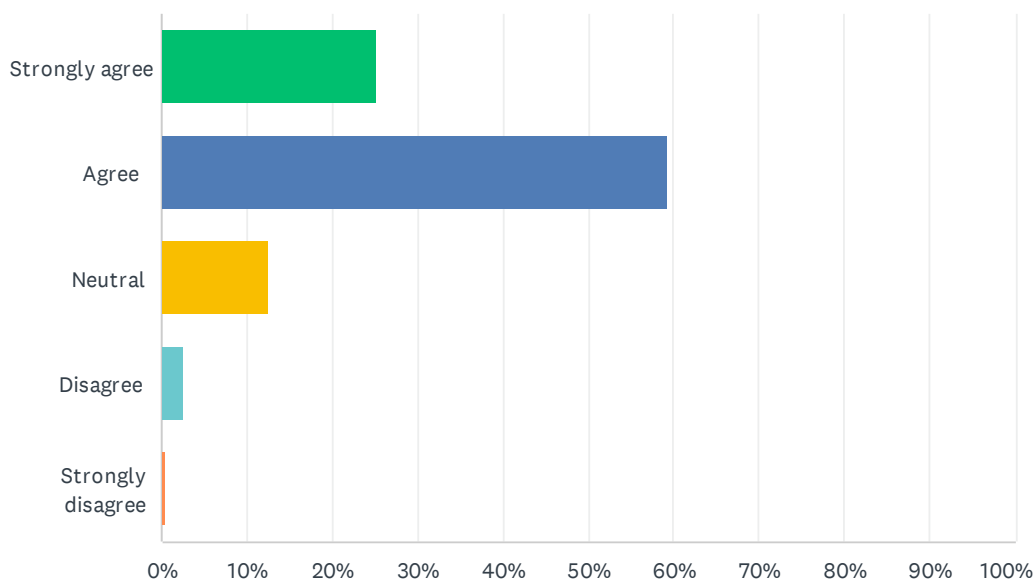
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	I wish the Millage would have passed to put money towards fixing the playgrounds. Rockford's playgrounds are in need of some attention.	11/7/2023 6:10 PM
2	I wish the dam area had a playground closer to it.	11/7/2023 3:43 PM
3	Garden club park has seen better days. Lawn is full of weeds or bare areas, overflowing garbage	11/5/2023 8:20 AM
4	Clean but haven't been updated in a while	11/3/2023 3:58 PM
5	The Richardson-Sowerby park is closest to us. I would hope for some improvements on this park also. If Grants work for some why not this one?	11/2/2023 3:03 PM
6	Some could use some updating	11/2/2023 9:34 AM
7	I have two littles so currently rubber floors are a huge win at parks. Woodchips soften a fall but are incredibly messy and not the cleanest. It's nice when kids can run around and you don't have to worry.	11/2/2023 8:06 AM
8	Would love to see some upgrades	10/31/2023 11:50 AM

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9	I wish there was a little more shade during the summer month in some parks	10/31/2023 5:53 AM
10	Pickett part is feeling old and usually has weeds coming up in the wood chips	10/30/2023 4:15 PM
11	Need a bathroom at Rotary Park. Also, why is the drinking fountain turned off year round?	10/26/2023 2:16 PM
12	Wish one of them had a splash pad for younger kids. There is definitely room!	10/26/2023 1:13 PM
13	NEEDS SPECIAL NEEDS BATHROOM	10/25/2023 3:15 PM
14	All playgrounds need to be updated, they are broken or rusted.	10/21/2023 6:44 PM
15	Compared to other towns we visit, the parks here lack in good playgrounds which is why we don't go as often as we used to before we moved	10/20/2023 1:16 PM
16	Lots of paths, but not a lot of nice sports facilities and the public rec programs are poorly ran.	10/20/2023 10:26 AM
17	Wish the playground equipment was nicer and the chips came up higher	10/17/2023 10:22 PM
18	Both Richard Sowerby and Pickett Park need major updates with more fun playground equipment, accessibility for all kids, and just updates! I would love to see swings where mom and child/baby could swing together face to face, a merry go round, teeter totter, etc. There are so many awesome parks out there and bummed that the ones right off White Pine Trail downtown are lacking, majorly.	10/17/2023 9:21 PM
19	Could use more natural seating and shade.	10/17/2023 8:38 PM
20	Nice but dated	10/17/2023 5:50 PM
21	Parks are well maintained and easy to access. Would really like to have more amenities for families as well as more bike racks	10/17/2023 4:12 PM

Q12 The park facilities are well maintained:

Answered: 199 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	25.13%	50
Agree	59.30%	118
Neutral	12.56%	25
Disagree	2.51%	5
Strongly disagree	0.50%	1
TOTAL		199

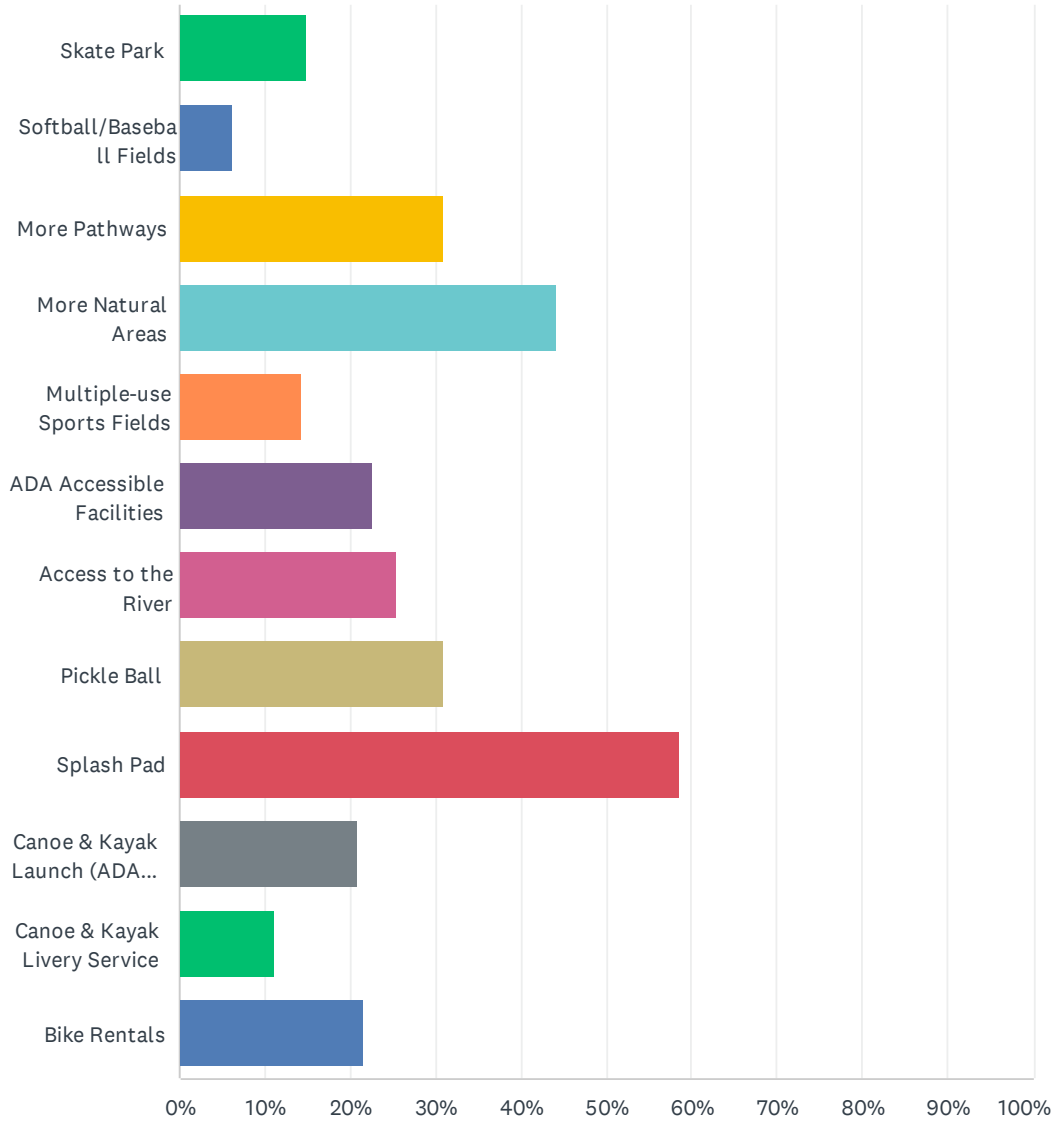
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	The playground next to the river down from the dog area is a little outdated (I don't recall the name)	11/7/2023 11:37 PM
2	Playgrounds could use some work especially Pickett Park	10/31/2023 4:22 PM
3	Nature trail could use some attention	10/26/2023 11:24 AM
4	The connector sidewalk from main/10 mile to Richard sowerby park needs to be updated. It's not level and the railing housed a wasp nest for weeks before it was addressed.	10/26/2023 10:58 AM
5	Parks are nice, but equipment needs updated	10/21/2023 6:44 PM
6	Signage should be updated (PFAS) and should be able to be read	10/20/2023 4:18 PM
7	Heritage park has broken equipment that can't be used. Appreciate the paved trails.	10/20/2023 10:26 AM
8	The paved areas need better maintenance. Cracks and heaves are dangerous for rollerblading.	10/20/2023 10:20 AM
9	Heritage Park is heavily used by the surrounding neighborhoods and hasn't had new bark laid in the last 2 years. The landscaping lining is showing in many places	10/20/2023 9:45 AM

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10	Trash containers are full Most Of the time, Rockford should remove the Rora and not permit open alcohol to roam Rockford , The Pandemic is well over now. and any events Rockford has who likes to go to them when sometimes the person or persons reek of alcohol and your children are with you	10/19/2023 9:46 AM
11	Rum Creek trail needs boardwalk repairs	10/17/2023 10:49 PM
12	The city may want to put more trash cans at the dam.	10/17/2023 9:54 PM
13	Could make updates, power wash playground equipment	10/17/2023 3:15 PM

Q13 What type of facilities or improvements would you like to see added to the City of Rockford parks? (Select all that you are interested in)

Answered: 181 Skipped: 47



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Skate Park	14.92%	27
Softball/Baseball Fields	6.08%	11
More Pathways	30.94%	56
More Natural Areas	44.20%	80
Multiple-use Sports Fields	14.36%	26
ADA Accessible Facilities	22.65%	41
Access to the River	25.41%	46
Pickle Ball	30.94%	56
Splash Pad	58.56%	106
Canoe & Kayak Launch (ADA Accessible)	20.99%	38
Canoe & Kayak Livery Service	11.05%	20
Bike Rentals	21.55%	39
Total Respondents: 181		

#	DREAM BIG IDEAS (SPECIFY BELOW)	DATE
1	Maybe a park more geared towards toddler aged kids	11/7/2023 11:40 PM
2	A public outdoor pool with a water slide. And low admission rates but limited guests at a time.	11/7/2023 8:55 PM
3	Happy to see a splash pad on here!!	11/7/2023 6:11 PM
4	Natural playground with a ninja type course	11/7/2023 4:01 PM
5	Beautiful play place like Grand Haven has near the water along the river	11/7/2023 3:44 PM
6	Need a City pool!!! Not a splash pad, but an actual pool with facilities. Look up Hastings, NE to see the pool area they have. Something like that would be nice to have in area.	11/7/2023 3:41 PM
7	A kayak locker to store kayaks. Kayak rental kiosk.	11/5/2023 8:25 AM
8	Any of the ideas above are dream big ideas, but must only be executed if they can be done without increasing taxes. If not, respectfully maintain what we have please.	11/3/2023 5:41 PM
9	Splash pad, big open area for kids to run around, play catch	11/2/2023 9:35 AM
10	Ice skating rink	11/2/2023 8:39 AM
11	If we're dreaming big! We moved to Rockford from Spring Lake, MI and what I miss most about Spring Lake was the gorgeous walking/bike path that went on for miles and was tucked in the woods, behind houses, and lead to their little downtown. We loved to walk down for events and contribute to local businesses. (A priority many millennials share). We bought with walkability in mind in Rockford, but even being an easy .4 miles outside of downtown, the walk is difficult because sidewalks aren't in the best condition and are directly next to 10 mile, with no kind of grass barrier. We have two small children and getting a double stroller on that sidewalk with the amount of unsafe drivers out there is frightening. I'd LOVE a bike path tucked into the woods between 10 mile and the highlands neighborhoods that allowed for safe and beautiful walkability to downtown for the ever developing area. Obviously this is a big ask, but if we're dreaming big that's what I'd choose! Also, the nature behind our house is so beautiful! A walking path to enjoy would be lovely. But all in all you're doing a wonderful job! We chose Rockford for the events, downtown fun, good schools, and safety. Love that you're continuously working to make things better. Thank you for all you do!	11/2/2023 8:32 AM
12	Parking ramp in the lot south of hush puppy. A hotel.	11/2/2023 8:18 AM

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13	Please add a splash pad or community pool facilities!	11/2/2023 8:07 AM
14	OPEN THE DAM PARKING LOT BACK UP. DO NOT PUT A SPLASH PAD THERE. PARKING DOWNTOWN IS BAD ENOUGH ALREADY.	11/1/2023 1:19 AM
15	Splash pad or community pool	10/31/2023 11:51 AM
16	Use the greenspace by the shoe depot as a splash pad. charge non residents.	10/31/2023 9:36 AM
17	A play area with some cover to allow play even in inclement weather.	10/31/2023 5:39 AM
18	Skate park, splash pad, music venue on WWW green space. (Hotel should be held off until that space is available) ? Does PFAS come through concrete?	10/30/2023 11:23 PM
19	Splash pad would be at the top of the list!	10/30/2023 9:27 PM
20	Splash pad/Ice rink	10/30/2023 4:55 PM
21	Covered playground for colder and wet days, a splash pad would be amazing too! We go pretty far to visit a good splash pad	10/30/2023 4:46 PM
22	Pickle ball!	10/30/2023 4:10 PM
23	Keep up what we have/all are good just keep them up!	10/30/2023 10:06 AM
24	1) build a park near Shaw Estates, there is no park up near there. 2) Extend the boardwalk in Rogue River Nature trail up to its most northerly extend. 3) Build a footbridge across the Rogue River linking Rogue River Nature trail to the White Pine Trail so people could do a loop starting in the south at the Dam and crossing the river again on a footbridge somewhere in the north.	10/29/2023 12:52 PM
25	Skating rink, community pool, food truck events	10/27/2023 10:03 PM
26	Outdoor workout machines, cross country ski trails, easy mountain biking trails	10/27/2023 10:56 AM
27	Playground at the dog park!	10/26/2023 3:21 PM
28	A easement to Rotary park from Ogden Street or Monroe Street. Gender neutral bathrooms. Also, a Bathroom at Rotary park. Splash pad.	10/26/2023 2:22 PM
29	Community pool that isnt a 500\$ membership like some of the neighborhoods, but one that people can pay for daily use.	10/26/2023 1:14 PM
30	Like the best splash pad in the county	10/26/2023 12:15 PM
31	Ice skating	10/26/2023 12:14 PM
32	Ice rink	10/26/2023 10:49 AM
33	Bring back the firepits	10/26/2023 10:37 AM
34	toilet facility closer to garden park when there are concerts. A permanent facility located at garden park?	10/26/2023 10:28 AM
35	Bathrooms open all year round so kids can play in the winter	10/25/2023 3:06 PM
36	A bridge crossing the River around where 11 mile road would be would help connect neighborhoods to the trail. Also more sidewalks along summit on both sides would be nice	10/23/2023 4:08 PM
37	Signage to walk bikes on white pine trail in downtown area. Some ppl are dangerous riders. More plants in containers. Empty buildings filled with something other than pizza and hot dog shops. Hotel. Better library. Brueggers bagels.	10/23/2023 1:13 AM
38	Due to the rising popularity of Pickleball, and the proposed plan for an ice rink, I believe building pickle ball courts that could be converted to an ice rink in the winter would be a great multi-purpose facility.	10/22/2023 3:45 PM
39	Updated playgrounds with multiple age group appropriate	10/21/2023 6:46 PM
40	A splash pad would be awesome! Maybe an accessible playground or one with the sort of spongy flooring? Like Imagination Station in Grand Haven.	10/20/2023 9:16 PM
41	I'm not sure. They are beautiful enough.	10/20/2023 4:19 PM

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42	More playground with fun challenging obstacles for kids. Reference glen lake school playground project.	10/20/2023 3:10 PM
43	The playgrounds in Rockford are truly pathetic and need such a massive upgrade. My dream big is just having a playground or two that captures a kid's attention for more than 10 minutes. A natural playground would be amazing too (nature based).	10/20/2023 2:45 PM
44	Connect white pine to all schools, parks, down to Meijer, over to east Rockford, etc. would be awesome.	10/20/2023 1:39 PM
45	Recycling and composting I would like areas to donate clothing/shoes to go to Kent connect in a city park. I would like to see more information posted for new residents like myself that share where camping, trails, boat launches etc are located. I don't this information is as easily shared or located as it could be.	10/20/2023 12:05 PM
46	WE NEED A SPLASH PAD	10/20/2023 11:45 AM
47	Multi use sports facility open to public (not school property).	10/20/2023 10:27 AM
48	A trail for rollerblading that is SMOOTH and at least 3 miles long without any need for stopping/pausing.	10/20/2023 10:21 AM
49	Splash pad please! It's the only thing we are currently missing with no future plans for that I've heard	10/20/2023 9:46 AM
50	Dark Sky park	10/19/2023 10:11 AM
51	Dog splash pad	10/18/2023 9:24 PM
52	The dream big ideas have me very worried for Rockford City residents taxes. Second highest taxes in the entire state. My dream big idea would be more reasonable taxes so we are not excluding certain economic classes from owning homes in the City of Rockford.	10/18/2023 9:16 PM
53	Access to the city in a safe way from Shaw Estates. We have to drive or risk our lives by walking or riding a bike.	10/18/2023 6:51 PM
54	Fish ladder	10/18/2023 5:23 PM
55	Our parks are great. Just maintain what we have. No reason to have huge improvements just to increase the taxes of Rockford residents. Tax people who drive from all over kent county to visit downtown Rockford with parking costs or something.	10/18/2023 6:40 AM
56	Baseball batting cages and a mini golf course.	10/18/2023 5:55 AM
57	Better maintained playground equipment and bug control	10/18/2023 1:09 AM
58	New playground equipment	10/17/2023 10:23 PM
59	ADA access to the west side of the dam area. Right now there are only steps or the grassy hill.	10/17/2023 9:59 PM
60	Would LOVE A splash pad downtown!!! Also big improvements need to be made for both Richard Sowerby and Pickett Park. They are very old and outdated. They need a refresh with more fun playground equipment and accessibility for all kids!	10/17/2023 9:23 PM
61	Activities for all ages, and all abilities, with easy access. Seasonal activity in the green space, like weekly hot air baloon rides (fee, pre-registration, and weather dependant), ice skating, weekly movies. A weekly RAM into Fun, one week food trucks, week two carnival games, week three cook off or bake off, week four game show, week five inflatables, and so on...	10/17/2023 8:53 PM
62	Year round farmer market covered with a Christmas market, preserve open views of river with large green area park with picnic area. Cross country ski trail loop	10/17/2023 8:21 PM
63	Amphitheater at the old wolverine site!!!	10/17/2023 8:10 PM
64	I would like to see the field next to the shoe store iced over in the winter to form an outdoor community ice skating rink.	10/17/2023 7:06 PM
65	Tennis courts	10/17/2023 4:29 PM
66	More family destination attractions other successful small towns have - carousel, ice rink,	10/17/2023 4:19 PM

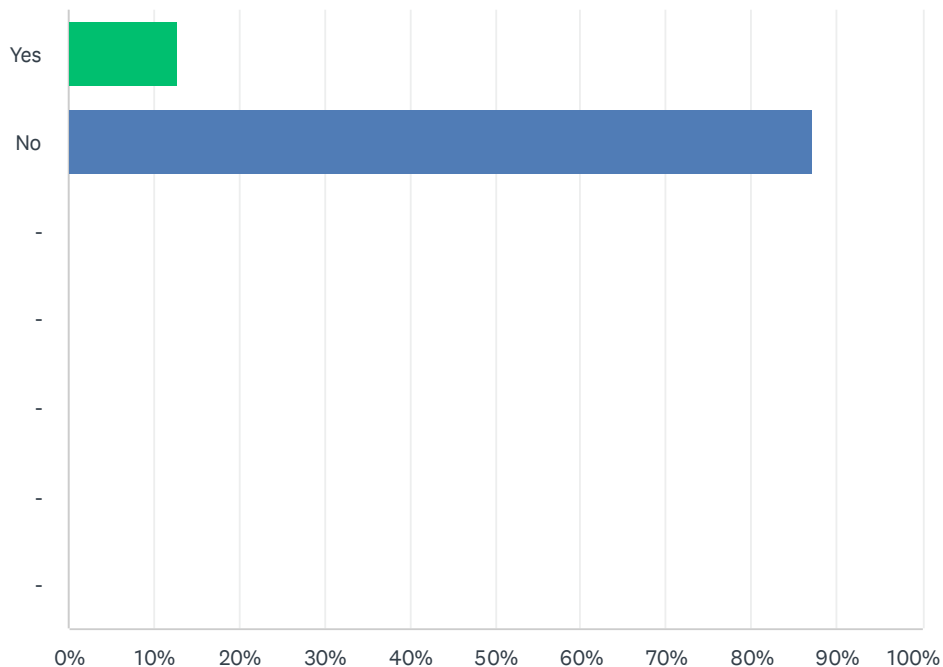
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splash pad, park closer to the dam area, accessible kayak launch, additional dog park on east side of town, stand alone swinging benches near river

67	Splash Pad!	10/17/2023 4:09 PM
68	Hammock areas, more trees and fun picnic areas, an updated modern playground all near downtown river, smoother biking trails	10/17/2023 3:39 PM
69	Make Rockford a golf-cart community. By creating golf cart paths/parking spaces it would reduce gas use and the amount of cars in the downtown area.	10/17/2023 3:37 PM
70	Park additions are not equitable to all residents. City services should come first.	10/17/2023 3:31 PM
71	Seating areas, firepits, bathrooms, festive decorations	10/17/2023 3:19 PM
72	Splash pad for sure	10/17/2023 3:15 PM
73	Kids need the splash pad!!!	10/17/2023 3:13 PM
74	Parking deck!!!	10/17/2023 3:06 PM

Q14 It is a goal to strive to make each park as barrier-free/ADA accessible as possible for the convenience and enjoyment of visitors with disabilities. Do you have a household member with a disability?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.82%	25
No	87.18%	170
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
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Total Respondents: 195		

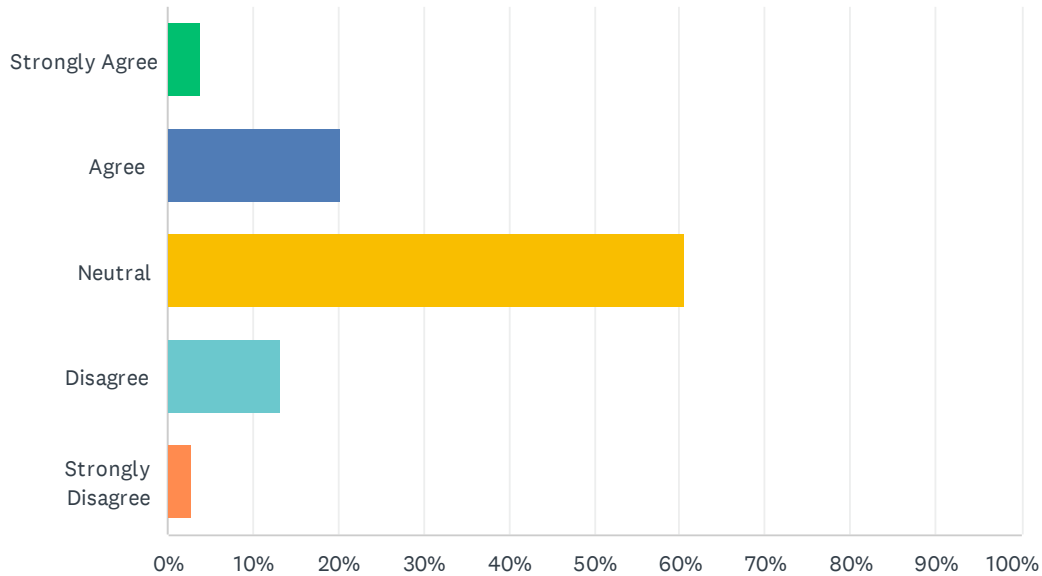
#	IF YES, PLEASE HELP US BY SPECIFYING THE DISABILITY	DATE
1	Cognitive and physically disabled	11/7/2023 6:58 PM
2	Wheelchairs, walkers. Mobility issues.	11/5/2023 8:25 AM
3	Rett syndrome for our 5 yr old daughter	11/2/2023 9:43 PM
4	Rett Syndrome	11/2/2023 8:53 AM
5	Not a household member, but my niece is also in Rockford and she has Rett syndrome. Shes	11/2/2023 8:32 AM

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	confined to a wheel chair and can't use her hands but loves wheelchair swings ❤️	
6	Cerebral Palsy- he can walk independently but sometimes needs to hold railing. Uneven surfaces are good exercise but only as long as what he would fall in provides enough bounce.	10/30/2023 4:46 PM
7	All of us are growing older Please make that your main consideration.... Thank you!	10/30/2023 10:06 AM
8	Muscular dystrophy and in a power wheelchair	10/26/2023 6:16 PM
9	Difficult walking may become wheelchair bound.	10/26/2023 2:22 PM
10	Elderly, uses walker and wheelchair	10/26/2023 12:14 PM
11	My mother in law who frequently visits uses a wheelchair.	10/26/2023 11:24 AM
12	In a wheelchair, cannot walk or stand independently	10/25/2023 3:16 PM
13	uses a wheelchair or walker	10/19/2023 9:48 AM
14	JRA	10/18/2023 9:24 PM
15	Autism	10/18/2023 5:55 AM
16	Cognitive impairment has troubled walking long distances has leg pain	10/17/2023 8:21 PM
17	Walking is difficult due to chronic back pain a	10/17/2023 4:09 PM
18	Limited walking distance.	10/17/2023 3:57 PM
19	Autism	10/17/2023 3:15 PM
20	One person is in a wheelchair and another person has motor disabilities	10/17/2023 3:14 PM

Q15 The current level of ADA accessibility is acceptable:

Answered: 183 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	3.83% 7
Agree	20.22% 37
Neutral	60.66% 111
Disagree	13.11% 24
Strongly Disagree	2.73% 5
Total Respondents: 183	

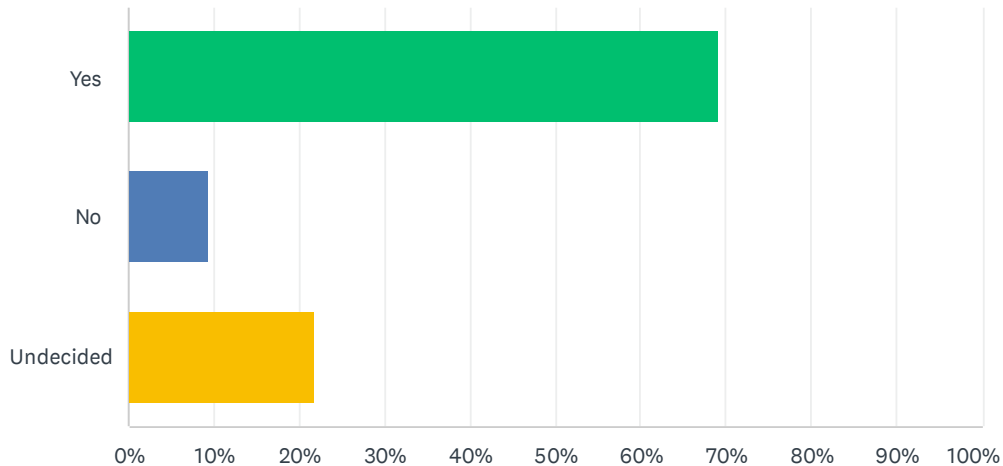
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not educated enough in this regard to make a selection	11/7/2023 3:16 PM
2	We need more handicapped parking spaces and a family bathroom	11/5/2023 8:25 AM
3	Nothing is wheelchair accessible	11/2/2023 8:32 AM
4	Most parks aren't chair, scooter or Walker friendly	10/30/2023 4:46 PM
5	Neutral, I don't have a family member with a physical disability so am not qualified to answer this.	10/29/2023 12:52 PM
6	The west side of the dam is not accessible from the sidewalk on Spring st. without crossing the bridge and approaching from the east. No strollers, wheelchairs etc should try it. Please prohibit bicycles from the dam. The confined space it too congested for those.	10/20/2023 3:00 PM
7	More areas to sit are helpful- covered picnic tables for some shade or benches and areas for a wheelchair and stroller.	10/20/2023 12:05 PM
8	Don't know	10/19/2023 10:11 AM
9	We often use a stroller everywhere we go. I do wish the dam was easier to access from some	10/17/2023 10:23 PM

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	areas, but it is at least accessible	
10	More handicap parking needed and ramp to barrier access to stores	10/17/2023 8:21 PM
11	If you make it accessible provide accessible parking spaced throughout rockford. There's more 15 minute parking for restaurant pick ups than there is accessible parking	10/17/2023 4:09 PM
12	The public bathroom doors are very challenging to open by individuals with any type of disability or varied method of movement.	10/17/2023 3:06 PM

Q16 Do you believe it would improve the overall trail system if the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park were to connect to other trails and/or become part of a regional trail?

Answered: 194 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	69.07% 134
No	9.28% 18
Undecided	21.65% 42
TOTAL	194

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I live In Algoma township and would love to see trail connections	11/2/2023 12:36 PM
2	Within northerly city limits build a footbridge to the Rogue River Trail. Outside the city (I know outside your preview, build a connector trail to Merrell trails.	10/29/2023 12:56 PM
3	Concerned about over population and crowding. Maybe make the trail wider through downtown Rockford area.	10/27/2023 10:59 AM
4	Please connect to Cannon Trails	10/26/2023 12:16 PM
5	I don't know what this is	10/26/2023 11:26 AM
6	Yes because it would make the trail system even bigger but the question is cost and upkeep.	10/17/2023 10:12 PM
7	Connect with Cannon, Merell.	10/17/2023 8:56 PM
8	Already big enough.	10/17/2023 3:33 PM

Q17 The City of Rockford continues to focus on connecting neighborhoods to parks, the downtown, Trails, and schools. What future linkages do you feel are most important?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 150

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None I can think of once Jericho is done.	11/8/2023 2:06 PM
2	Parking and disabled parking to increase access	11/8/2023 10:35 AM
3	Linkage to schools	11/8/2023 7:19 AM
4	Trails to downtown	11/7/2023 11:42 PM
5	10mile sidewalk to Rockford Meijer (even though it's out of city limits) Love a bike to Meijer option	11/7/2023 8:57 PM
6	Connecting the Highlands with walking/biking trails. Making a safe bike route to Luton Park from downtown Rockford. I would like to see Rockford become a designated bike friendly city.	11/7/2023 8:27 PM
7	White pine trail to the Cannon trail	11/7/2023 8:10 PM
8	ldk	11/7/2023 6:58 PM
9	11 mile and 12 mile to the trail area. So many bikes in the road that could cause accidents on the hills	11/7/2023 3:46 PM
10	I like when trails are not connected to neighborhoods	11/7/2023 3:17 PM
11	Build a footbridge over the river near 11 Mile	11/5/2023 2:05 PM
12	It would be nice if there was a safe walking access to rotary park from the south side of town.	11/5/2023 8:27 AM
13	If funds permit (without raising taxes), a foot/bike crossing from the boardwalk over to the area by the shoe store. If not, the current layout that allows crossing over the damn and Bridge Street will suffice.	11/3/2023 5:43 PM
14	White Pine Trail connected to Merrell Trail. There is already a path that up behind Third Nature brewing but it is blocked by a gate that says No Trespassing. A dirt path would be fine since it would lead to Merrell.	11/3/2023 1:00 PM
15	Wolverine/Kroes intersection down to the schools! Would make it safer for residents in those neighborhoods off Kroes to get to a trail! And down Fremont into downtown, linking to the Meijer trail! Fremont is SO unsafe for bikers and walkers!!	11/3/2023 12:08 PM
16	Connecting to downtown from highlands along Blakeslee creek	11/2/2023 9:45 PM
17	Sidewalks to white pine trail, especially on childsdale . Feels unsafe or walk next to the road when cars go by so fast	11/2/2023 3:19 PM
18	If your focus is connecting neighborhoods to parks, why remove the bridge from Richardson-Sowerby park?	11/2/2023 3:13 PM
19	Connections to the white pine and near other townships	11/2/2023 12:36 PM
20	Connecting to the Cannon Township trail	11/2/2023 11:23 AM
21	Highlands to downtown. Also 10 mile along Blakeslee creek	11/2/2023 9:08 AM
22	I just wrote about this in length in the dream big section, haha! But we live right on 10 mile, close to downtown, and really don't feel comfortable walking the sidewalk on 10 mile. It's not in the best condition and has no barrier to the very busy road. I'd live a trail tucked between 10 mile and the highlands neighborhood that allowed us to walk downtown safely and to be beautifully surrounded by nature while doing so. ❤️	11/2/2023 8:35 AM

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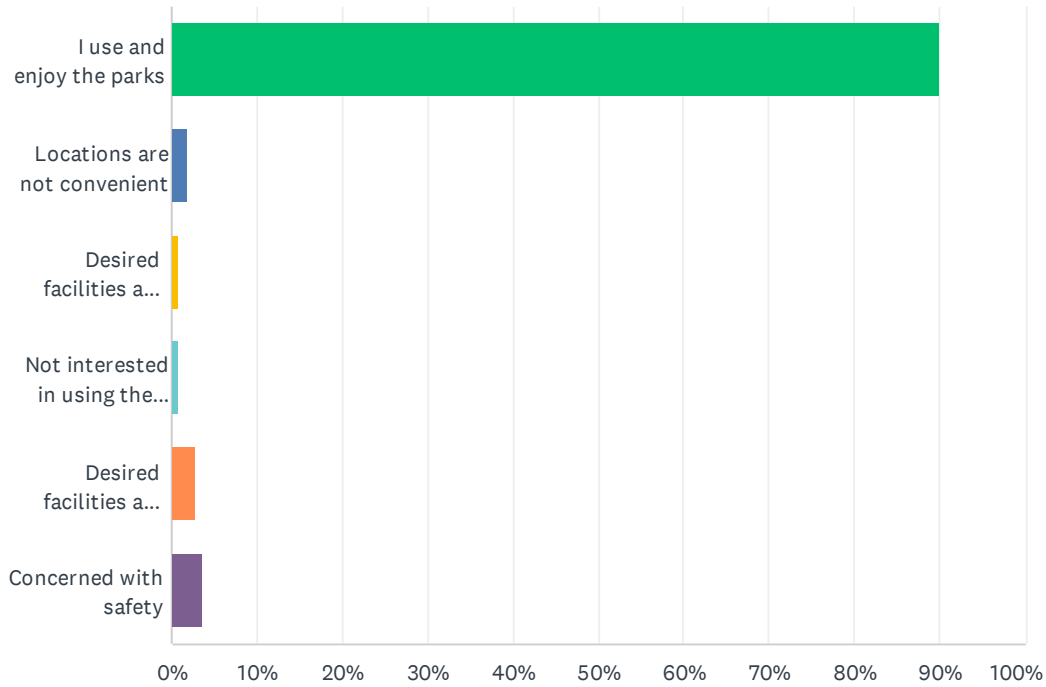
23	I would love to have a path from lower Highlands to downtown. We like to bike to town and the side walk on 10 mile is not great with kids/ bike trailers.	10/31/2023 11:54 AM
24	the heritage park neighborhood needs a bigger playground! There are way too many houses and neighboring residents who use it	10/31/2023 9:37 AM
25	Keeping parks in neighborhoods	10/31/2023 12:51 AM
26	I don't and I don't feel we need more parks. Every neighborhood has an elementary school available with a playground and accessible. When I take a drive or ride my bike, the neighborhood parks aren't being used. But schools playgrounds and the city parks downtown are.	10/30/2023 11:23 PM
27	linking the schools	10/30/2023 7:17 PM
28	Access to downtown	10/30/2023 6:14 PM
29	Pully system across the River by the boardwalk!	10/30/2023 4:48 PM
30	I realize part of these are outside Rockford's jurisdiction, but a bike lane to Luton Park from Downtown or at least Family Fare. Connecting new elementary school to trail system. Figuring out how to beautify/use the old tannery site.	10/30/2023 3:51 PM
31	unsure	10/30/2023 3:35 PM
32	All you have is good Keep up what you have Thank you	10/30/2023 10:07 AM
33	The Shaw Estates area needs a park, purchase land along the creek there to build a park for residents.	10/29/2023 12:56 PM
34	If the North country trail is to connect it should go through Luton park not on residential streets.	10/27/2023 8:41 AM
35	An easement to access Rotary park from Ogden Street or Monroe Street.	10/26/2023 2:25 PM
36	Sidewalk improvement all the way down summit on both sides	10/26/2023 11:26 AM
37	10-mile Meijer to downtown. I've seen lots of pedestrians walking along 10 mile rd, it is very dangerous!	10/26/2023 11:26 AM
38	I like connecting to the white pine trail	10/26/2023 10:58 AM
39	Add sidewalks to both sides of Summit.	10/26/2023 10:37 AM
40	I don't have an opinion on this	10/26/2023 10:32 AM
41	Kid/Young Family Friendly	10/25/2023 3:07 PM
42	Better sidewalks and connecting paths on the west side of downtown would be nice. Also, narrower roads will make it feel safer to walk due to slower vehicle speeds	10/23/2023 4:11 PM
43	Heritage park trail to white pine	10/22/2023 9:30 PM
44	Finishing the path to the high school	10/22/2023 3:48 PM
45	10 mile sidewalk safety to downtown. It doesn't feel safe without a barrier between the sidewalk and the road. There is no separation between the sidewalk and the road.	10/21/2023 10:57 AM
46	Not sure	10/20/2023 9:17 PM
47	White pines trail to Cannon trail	10/20/2023 1:24 PM
48	Take care of the parks and equipment you already have instead of adding more stuff.	10/20/2023 12:16 PM
49	Trails and safe sidewalks/ cross walks with flashing lights for cars to pay attention would help connect to downtown, areas of commerce	10/20/2023 12:06 PM
50	Biking 10Mile road safely over 131- currently barely any shoulder.	10/20/2023 12:05 PM
51	Connecting to other trails	10/20/2023 10:46 AM
52	Heritage park trail to downtown	10/20/2023 10:28 AM
53	Connections to downtown/white pine trail	10/20/2023 9:47 AM

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54	A safe and direct way to bike from Luton to Merrell Trail	10/19/2023 10:12 AM
55	Rockford should employ a police officer for just policing the trails.	10/19/2023 9:51 AM
56	Paths connecting grocery locations (family fare & Meijer) to Downtown and to apartment complexes. Safe Luton park connector to downtown.	10/18/2023 10:10 PM
57	Shaw Estates to White Pine or along Northland with a trail.	10/18/2023 6:52 PM
58	Seems pretty connected to me.	10/18/2023 6:42 AM
59	Restrooms.	10/18/2023 5:56 AM
60	I wish Merrell and Luton connected to downtown- not using the car lanes on the roads. Bikers on 10 mile make me nervous because it is so busy.	10/18/2023 1:45 AM
61	Neighborhoods to schools (making sure kids can safely walk or bike)	10/17/2023 10:57 PM
62	Safe roads for road cycling whether through wider shoulders or dedicated bike lane.	10/17/2023 10:15 PM
63	I am concerned about adding anything that costs to maintain as the city residents already voted no. A small city population pays for the parks and trails that many non-residents use.	10/17/2023 10:12 PM
64	Other regional trail systems	10/17/2023 9:41 PM
65	High School to downtown. Then the new Elementary. Transit, electric scooters, bikes, anything that makes it easier and accessible for one and all to make it from their area safely to any park or downtown area safely. Installing HAWK beacons in high traffic crosswalk areas, would alert drivers to stop for pedestrians which could allow those that needs a few extra moments to cross the peace of mind needed to cross safely, because of age, disability, kids, etc. A safe cross from NRMS across 10 mile. A full red, safe cross from NRMS across Wolverine. Especially at River and Bridge.	10/17/2023 9:23 PM
66	Algoma township!	10/17/2023 9:09 PM
67	Better sidewalks. On 10 mile you must cross the busy road to access a sidewalk in some areas. It makes it less safe to walk to the downtown area.	10/17/2023 8:56 PM
68	North summit area to north main st ... build a bridge connecting main/Lewis to other side of river at nature trail to connect east and west neighborhoods and kids without having to go down and around the busy downtown area.	10/17/2023 8:24 PM
69	10 mile up to Merrill park and ball fields	10/17/2023 8:22 PM
70	10mike road to Meijer	10/17/2023 6:41 PM
71	Shaw Estes neighborhood and 12 mile access to trails	10/17/2023 5:52 PM
72	Don't know	10/17/2023 4:55 PM
73	Rotary park, an additional access point would be nice	10/17/2023 4:11 PM
74	NA	10/17/2023 3:33 PM
75	A path over West Division Street to connect the boardwalk to the dog park section of the trail	10/17/2023 3:20 PM
76	My neighborhood is well connected and we love it	10/17/2023 3:15 PM
77	Third Nature	10/17/2023 3:13 PM
78	Large paved trail connecting the RPS complex on Kroes to downtown would be great. The roads leading to the high school complex are extremely unsafe for walking/biking.	10/17/2023 3:08 PM

Q18 If you DO NOT use any of the parks, which of the following is the PRIMARY reason impacting your decision?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 119

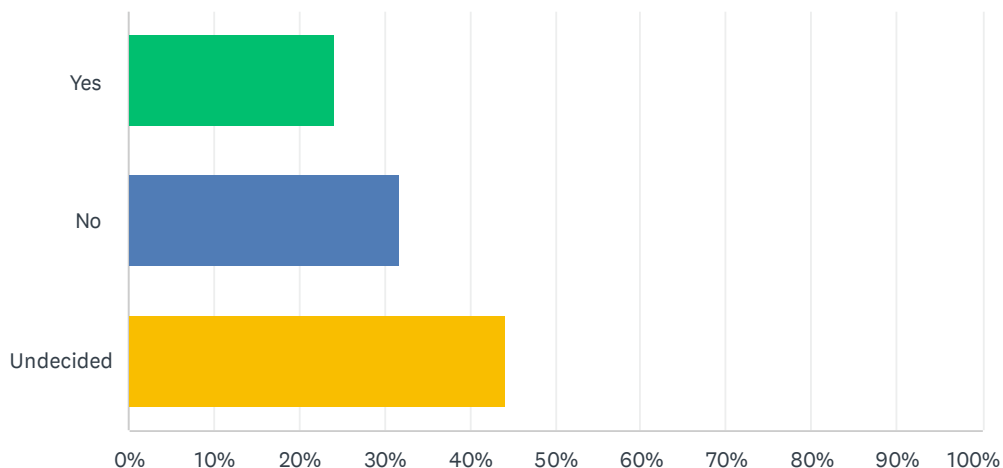


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I use and enjoy the parks	89.91%	98
Locations are not convenient	1.83%	2
Desired facilities are not ADA Accessible	0.92%	1
Not interested in using the parks	0.92%	1
Desired facilities are not available	2.75%	3
Concerned with safety	3.67%	4
TOTAL		109

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The park closest to us at Parkside is often not available when we want to use it.	11/8/2023 9:33 PM
2	Even though Rotary park is close to us on S main, it's a ways to walk with small children to Fremont to enter. It seems as soon as we get there a little one needs to go potty. Nope not convenient with no restroom!	11/2/2023 3:13 PM
3	We use them less than other places we've lived because the playgrounds are so poor.	10/20/2023 2:46 PM
4	May be ada accessible but the accessible parking is too far to walk	10/17/2023 4:10 PM
5	Too many people and too busy. How many visitors are from Rockford and have their taxes going towards these parks.	10/17/2023 3:33 PM

Q19 Is there a need to acquire additional public green space and recreation areas? (In the comment box below, please share how you would utilize the additional green space)

Answered: 179 Skipped: 49



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	24.02% 43
No	31.84% 57
Undecided	44.13% 79
TOTAL	179

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Keep green spaces natural to observe wildlife	11/8/2023 7:23 AM
2	I don't think we need more parks, but we could make better use of what we have already. I am sorry to lose the foot bridge from Richardson Sowerby across the river.	11/7/2023 8:30 PM
3	The ones we have aren't maintained. Definitely do not need more until the ones we have are well cared for.	11/5/2023 4:27 PM
4	ROCKORD needs these things: 1. More parking! 2. A place for teens! A skate park would be IDEAL and welcomed!! 3. Pickle ball!! It is HUGE! We need it!	11/3/2023 12:09 PM
5	Pollinator gardens, protect natural streams, early childhood nature classes	11/2/2023 8:44 PM
6	Maybe after all existing parks brought up to date.	11/2/2023 3:14 PM
7	City pool. It's crazy GR has several public pools but Rockford doesn't have one! Not a membership pool- just pay \$2 and let the kids swim. It would so greatly improve our community.	11/2/2023 9:37 AM
8	Rockford owns an undeveloped area of land right next to my home. I'd love to see that turned into something fun!	11/2/2023 8:36 AM
9	Area for kids and growing families (splash pad, child safe activities)	11/1/2023 6:51 PM
10	I would like to see less planned areas and more natural spaces.	10/31/2023 4:25 PM

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11	sports fields (soccer)	10/31/2023 9:37 AM
12	Play with my son, walk my dogs, kick a soccer ball around, play dates	10/31/2023 5:57 AM
13	There needs to be more for middle school kids. A skate park; a really one should be located out in the open with a splash pad, pickle ball etc. With adults and families around and being in the open should deter the trouble makers.	10/30/2023 11:14 PM
14	Can always use more green space. It's a fine line between continuing to build housing developments, encouraging a thriving downtown and providing enough recreation and green space. We love the Rogue River Trail boardwalks and extending them would be nice, but I imagine that would require paying for easements through private residence/property.	10/30/2023 3:59 PM
15	Keep up what we have Thank you!	10/30/2023 10:08 AM
16	Near Shaw Estates purchase land along creek and build paths for people to enjoy nature. By the way I don't live near there but think it is equitable that they have a park they can walk to.	10/29/2023 12:58 PM
17	Include restroom services, areas for tree hammocks Maybe areas for food/cocktails/ fire pit's	10/27/2023 11:04 AM
18	It is not how I would use it - we need to preserve wild spaces as habitat for other living things. There is too much overdevelopment in the Rockford area which is hard to see because we moved here for the quiet and the access to natural areas.	10/27/2023 8:43 AM
19	Play ground at the dog park	10/26/2023 3:22 PM
20	Splash pads, skatepark, kayak livery, wooded areas to hike in paths.	10/26/2023 2:27 PM
21	Community events, movie nights, etc	10/26/2023 1:15 PM
22	More space to spread out and enjoy. Splashpad or an area kids can run	10/25/2023 3:18 PM
23	I think the current amount is good but can be redeveloped in a way that makes it more inviting and community focused	10/23/2023 4:12 PM
24	A multi-use pickleball and skating rink near the downtown could provide a year-round draw. Including at least one tennis court would also be nice.	10/22/2023 3:55 PM
25	No update the ones we have and add splash pad	10/21/2023 6:49 PM
26	I guess it never hurts to have more green space	10/20/2023 9:17 PM
27	I don't feel like space is lacking, just facilities.	10/20/2023 10:28 AM
28	Rockford has a LOT...a whole lot... of parks already.	10/20/2023 10:21 AM
29	I would love love love to have a splash pad and public courts (pickle ball, tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball/multiuse) and parking.	10/18/2023 1:51 AM
30	We have a lot of parks and maintenance is hard due to limited funds	10/17/2023 10:52 PM
31	I believe as grand rapids metro and rockford grow it is important to prioritize green spaces before development takes up to much space. Development is great as long as it has the community and its function in mind.	10/17/2023 10:17 PM
32	I said no but I will say yes if the areas are kept as natural areas.	10/17/2023 10:15 PM
33	Farmer market and picnic area	10/17/2023 8:24 PM
34	Circuit training equipment for public use	10/17/2023 4:45 PM
35	Utilization of the large green space on the riverfront if possible. Splash pad, carousel, skate park, etc	10/17/2023 4:22 PM
36	Additional greenspace is crucial to a sustainable city. I would utilize any new space.	10/17/2023 4:14 PM
37	What is the city doing with the land on west division that they purchased years ago? Why buy more when you haven't made use of what you have?	10/17/2023 3:35 PM
38	Only to add sports fields. We have a sports minded community and the need is great - also an opportunity to increase funds through field rental by organizations	10/17/2023 3:09 PM

Q20 If yes, do you know of a particular area where land should be purchased?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 199

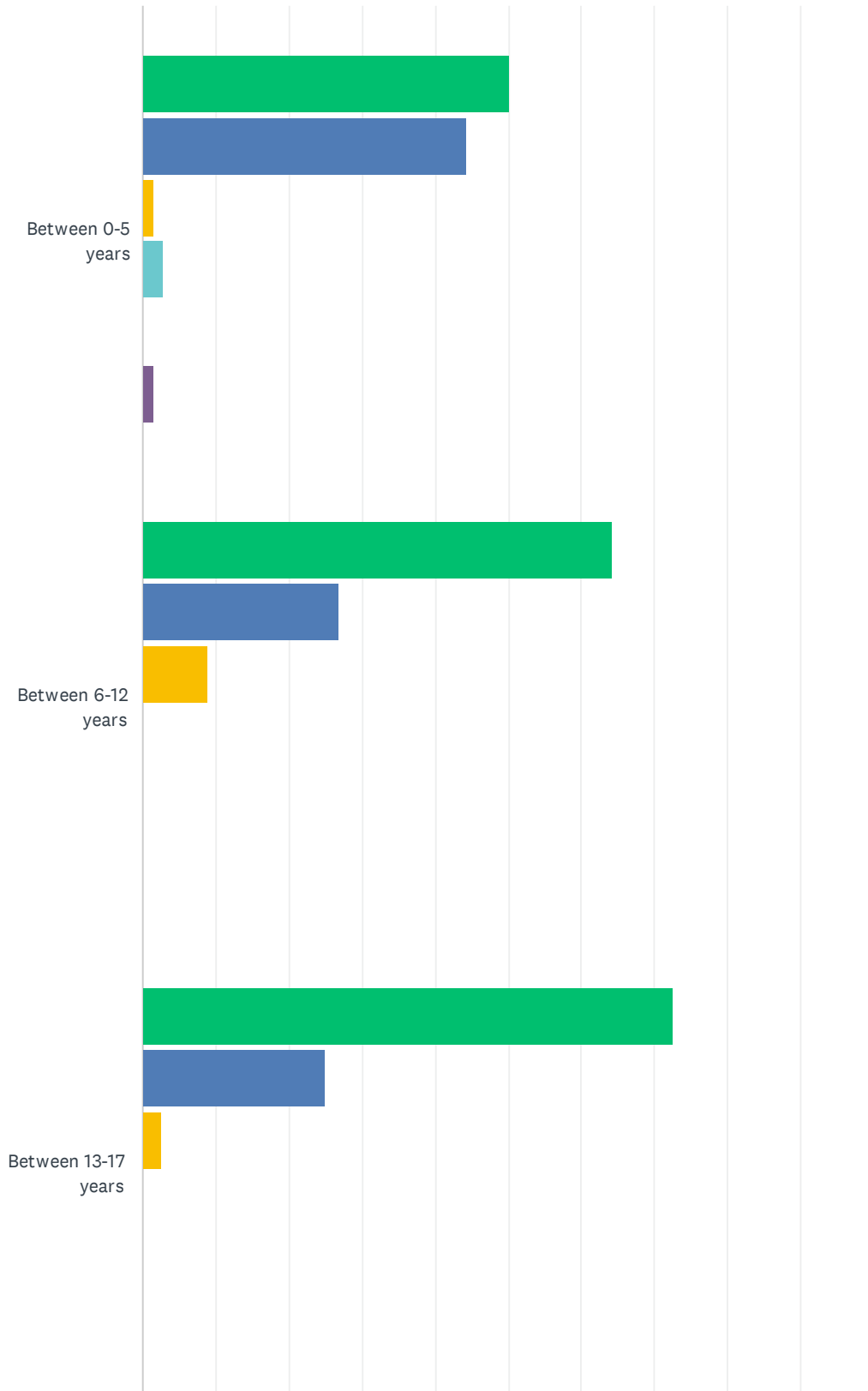
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	11/7/2023 8:30 PM
2	Green space next to wolverine/river.	11/2/2023 9:37 AM
3	WE NEED TO STOP CLEARING AND DEVELOPING LAND FOR RECREATION AND TAKE CARE OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY WE HAVE LEFT AROUND THE TOWN.	11/1/2023 1:25 AM
4	The green space between the farmers market and Wolverine seems like it should be put to use for the community.	10/31/2023 5:52 AM
5	For the above; part of the WWW land. Otherwise - there is not much in the downtown. Seems Pickle ball could be at the sports complex. Splash pad at sowerby or rotary.	10/30/2023 11:14 PM
6	Maybe a few lil spots along tge white pine trail where you could stop and enjoy a picnic	10/30/2023 4:27 PM
7	Tannery site? Industrial sites along the White Pine Trail?	10/30/2023 3:59 PM
8	Shaw Estates neighborhood along the creek.	10/29/2023 12:58 PM
9	South of Downtown, from the dog park toward Third Nature. North of downtown towards 12 mile along the river.	10/27/2023 11:04 AM
10	I do not	10/27/2023 8:43 AM
11	Easement to Rotary park. Would need homeowner to approve it.	10/26/2023 2:27 PM
12	Green space	10/25/2023 3:18 PM
13	a kids park off northland drive	10/25/2023 3:07 PM
14	The WWW downtown is the obvious choice. There are also a couple parcels at the southern edge of the city limits, between Krause and Sedona Valley drive, that could be a good addition. Trail extensions down Fremont st and across the river from Richardson-Sowerby would make obvious choices to reach this area.	10/22/2023 3:55 PM
15	No	10/21/2023 6:49 PM
16	No	10/20/2023 9:17 PM
17	No	10/20/2023 10:47 AM
18	not at this time but certainly not to remove any parking areas, Rockford has A Serious Problem with Parking spaces, ,Rockford has several business open and they employ atleast 2 people others employ more and where do they park hence fourth in parking spaces, and any visitors that come to rockford say where do you park, and home owners on side streets are not happy with them parking in front of their homes or blocking their drives, known fact,	10/19/2023 10:01 AM
19	Na	10/18/2023 5:56 AM
20	The obvious answer is Wolverine's green space- are there other options? Wolverine st/Industrial drive area?	10/18/2023 1:51 AM
21	We should not purchase more land	10/17/2023 10:52 PM
22	I do not other than the land north of Rockview but that will be purchased eventually most likely and developed into a subdivision.	10/17/2023 10:15 PM
23	World Wolverine wide green space, farm land off eleventh mile road and summit	10/17/2023 8:24 PM
24	Wolverine site!!!!	10/17/2023 8:11 PM

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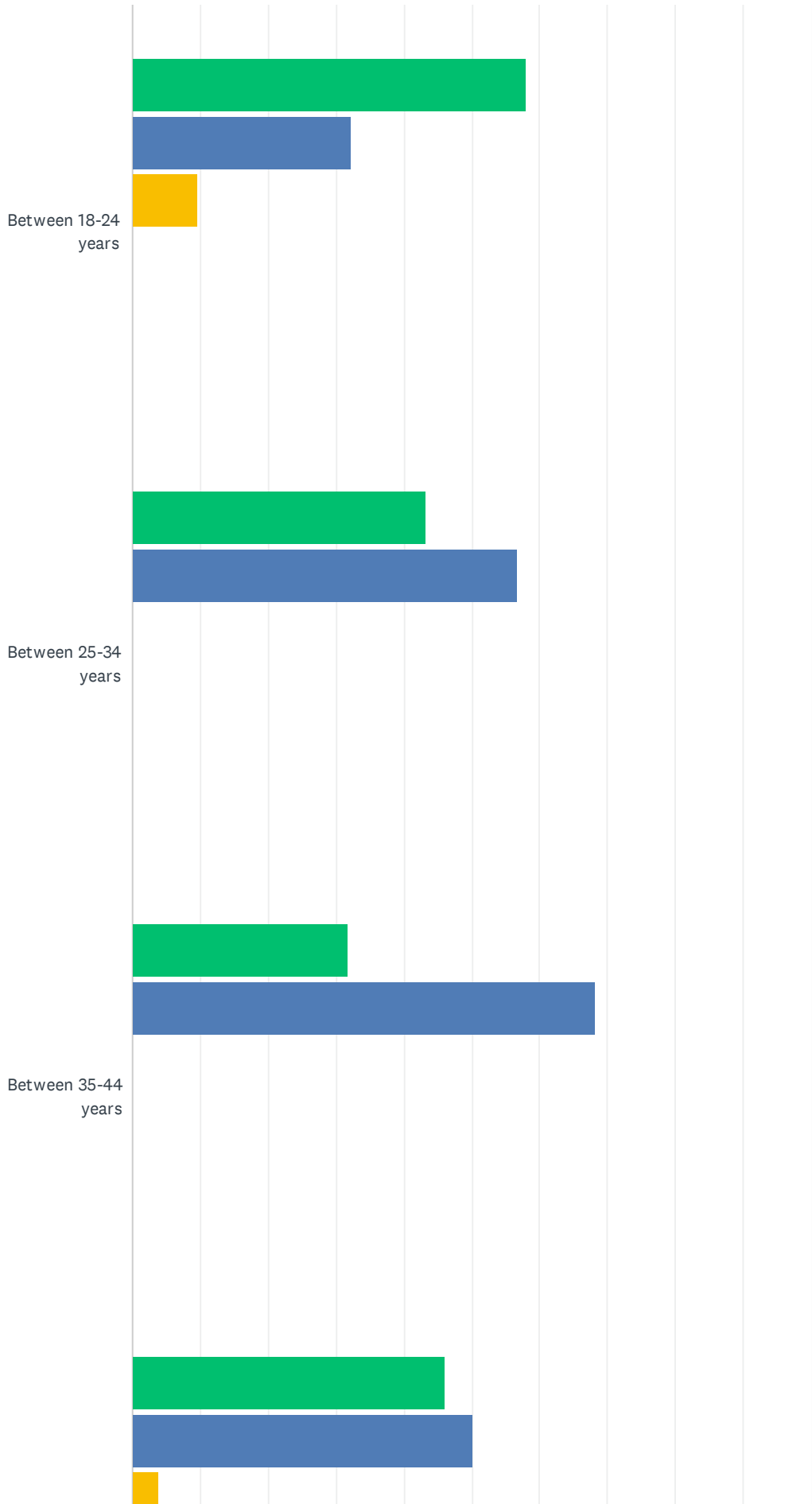
25	No	10/17/2023 4:45 PM
26	North of the middle school would be a great location for an additional park	10/17/2023 4:14 PM
27	Green space is just south of Wolverine shoe store and could be used for larger concerts, monthly movie nights during summer, etc.	10/17/2023 4:12 PM
28	NA	10/17/2023 3:35 PM
29	property opposite Glen Park on other side of Glen Park rd. currently being excavated. would be perfect for natural area, trails, bigger playground, etc.	10/17/2023 3:20 PM

Q21 How many persons are in your household within the following age groups?

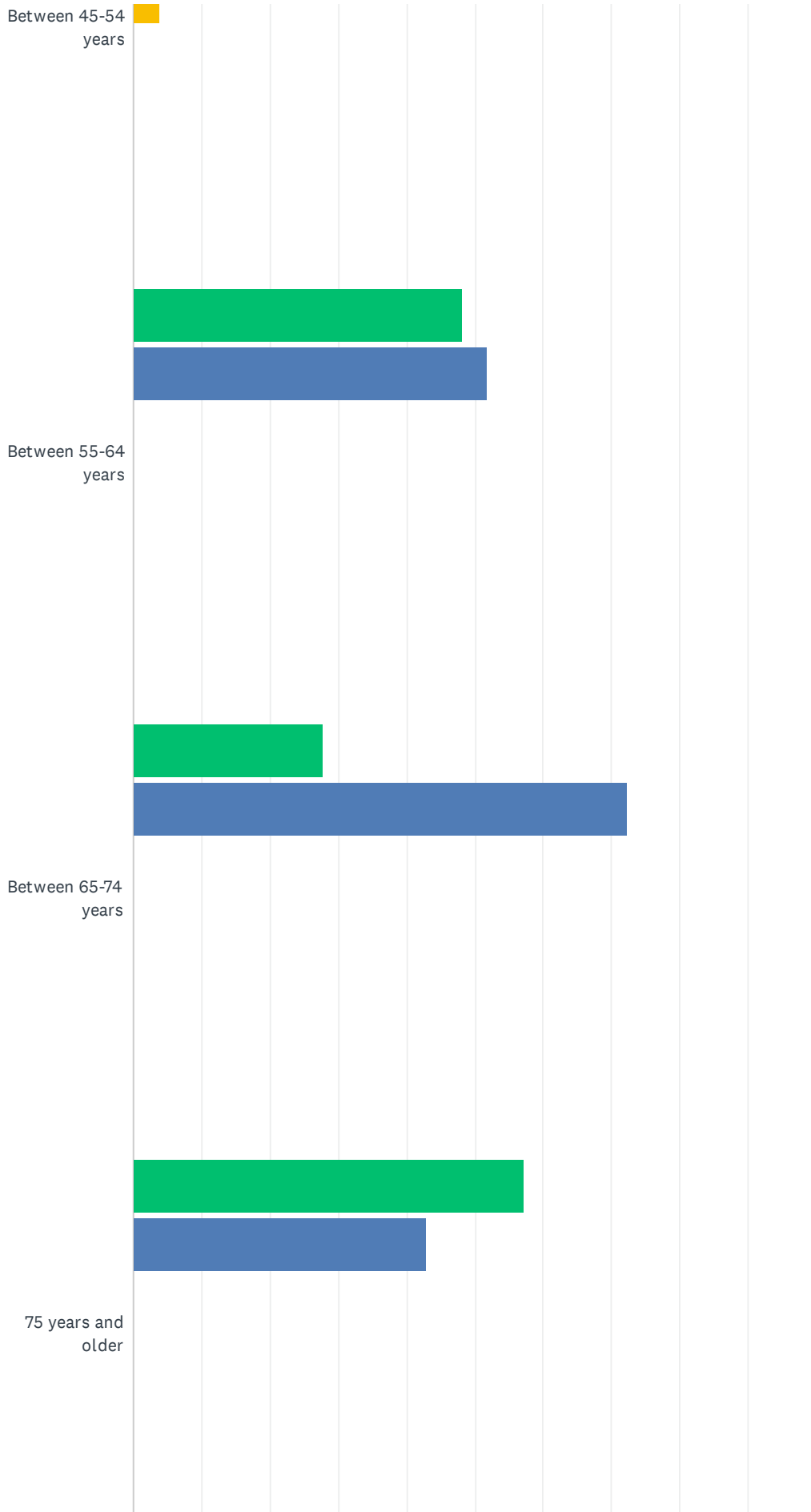
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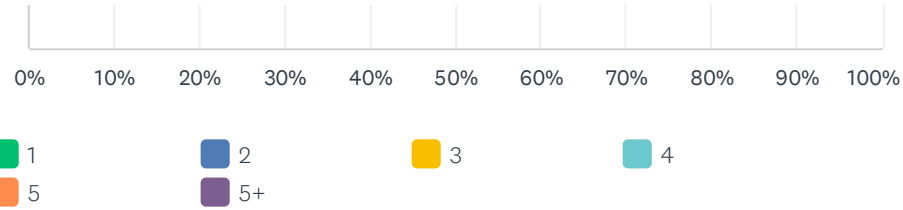
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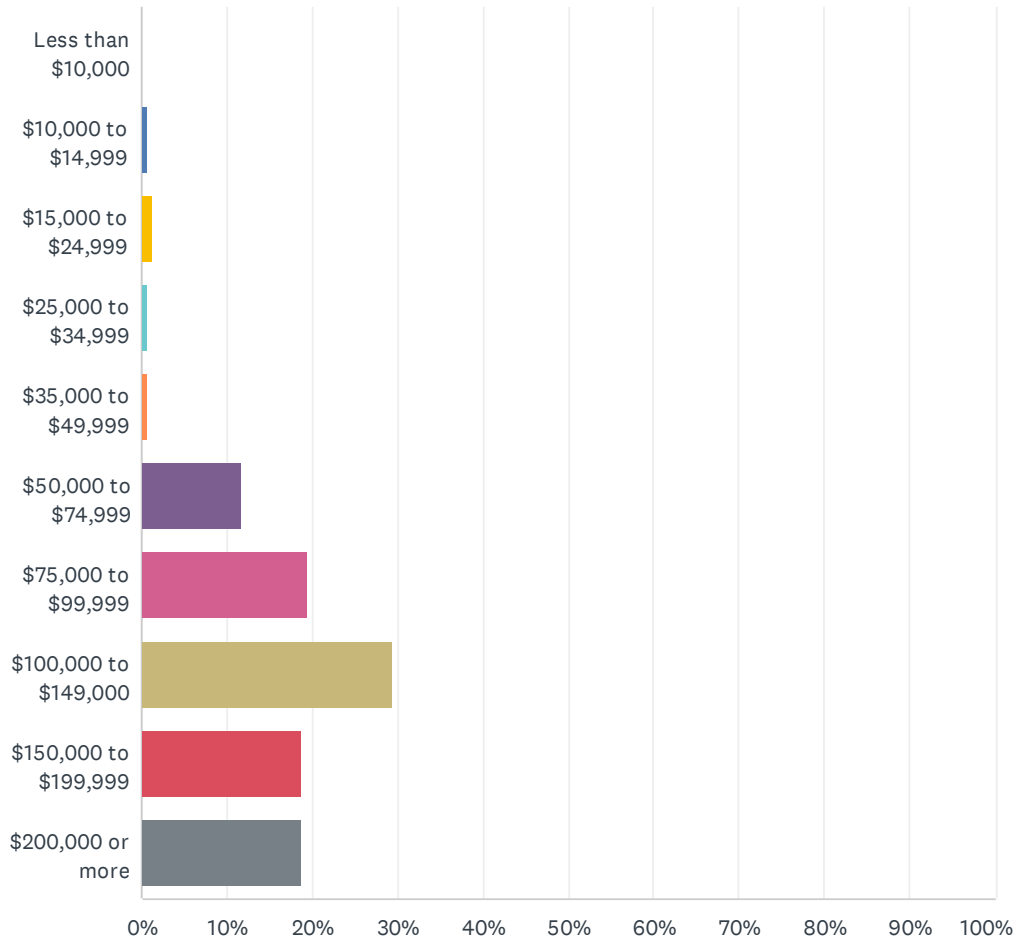
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	1	2	3	4	5	5+	TOTAL
Between 0-5 years	50.00% 35	44.29% 31	1.43% 1	2.86% 2	0.00% 0	1.43% 1	70
Between 6-12 years	64.18% 43	26.87% 18	8.96% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	67
Between 13-17 years	72.50% 29	25.00% 10	2.50% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	40
Between 18-24 years	58.06% 18	32.26% 10	9.68% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	31
Between 25-34 years	43.18% 19	56.82% 25	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	44
Between 35-44 years	31.76% 27	68.24% 58	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	85
Between 45-54 years	46.15% 24	50.00% 26	3.85% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	52
Between 55-64 years	48.15% 13	51.85% 14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	27
Between 65-74 years	27.78% 5	72.22% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18
75 years and older	57.14% 4	42.86% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7

Q22 What is your household income?

Answered: 170 Skipped: 58

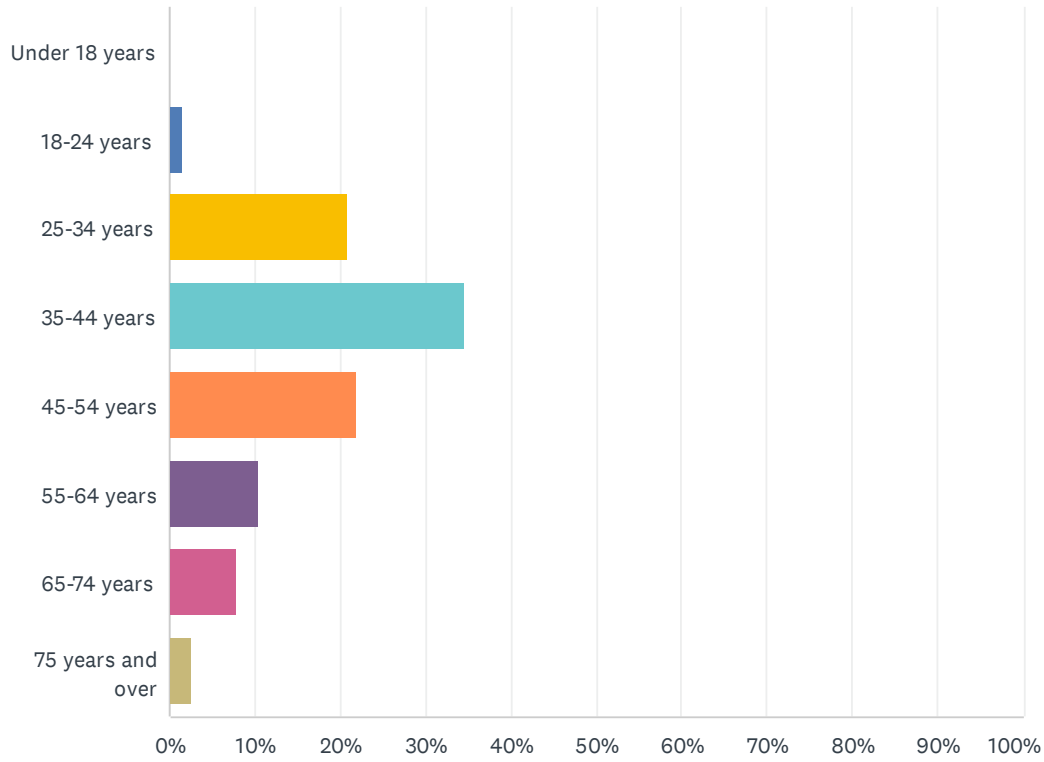


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$10,000	0.00%	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	0.59%	1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1.18%	2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	0.59%	1
\$35,000 to \$49,999	0.59%	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	11.76%	20
\$75,000 to \$99,999	19.41%	33
\$100,000 to \$149,000	29.41%	50
\$150,000 to \$199,999	18.82%	32
\$200,000 or more	18.82%	32
Total Respondents: 170		

Q23 What is your age?

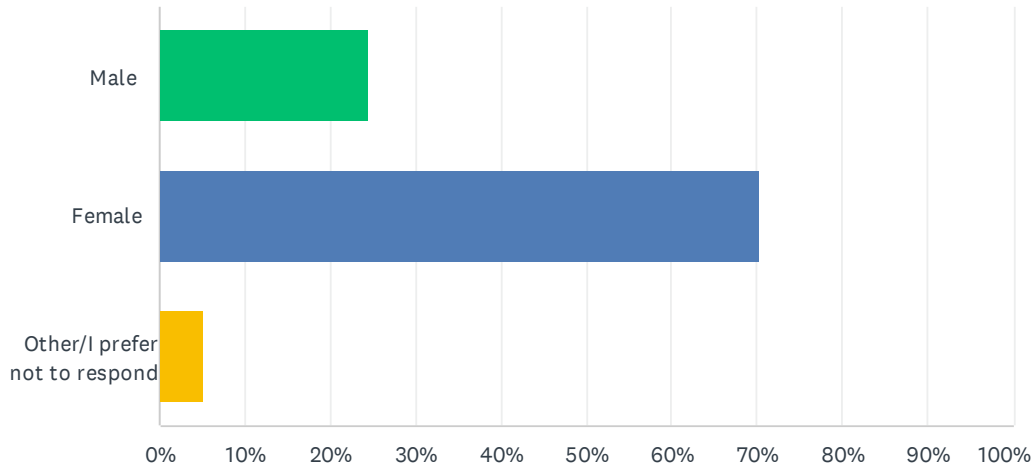
Answered: 191 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18 years	0.00%	0
18-24 years	1.57%	3
25-34 years	20.94%	40
35-44 years	34.55%	66
45-54 years	21.99%	42
55-64 years	10.47%	20
65-74 years	7.85%	15
75 years and over	2.62%	5
TOTAL		191

Q24 What is your gender?

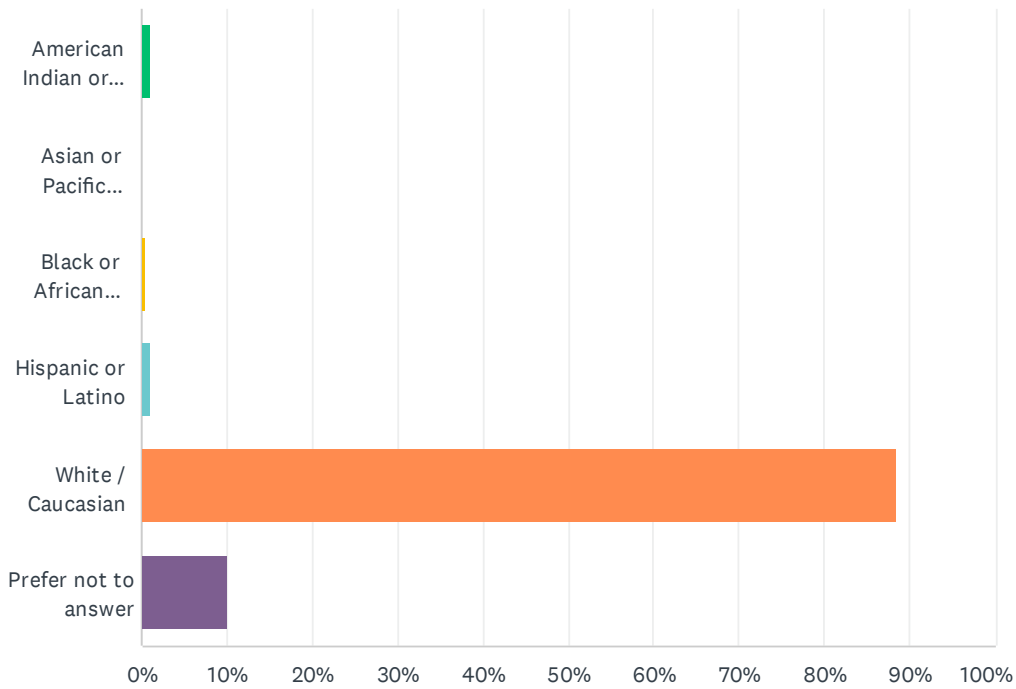
Answered: 192 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	24.48%	47
Female	70.31%	135
Other/I prefer not to respond	5.21%	10
TOTAL		192

Q25 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

Answered: 190 Skipped: 38



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.05% 2
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.00% 0
Black or African American	0.53% 1
Hispanic or Latino	1.05% 2
White / Caucasian	88.42% 168
Prefer not to answer	10.00% 19
Total Respondents: 190	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q26 Do you have any additional comments that you would like to offer?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 164

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It would be nice if there were more restrooms added to some of the parks.	11/8/2023 9:35 PM
2	KEEP MORE GREEN SPACE!	11/8/2023 7:26 AM
3	The park by the river/dog area is a little secluded which makes me feel a bit vulnerable if I were there alone with my kids.	11/7/2023 11:44 PM
4	Thankful and Blessed to live in Rockford. Amazing place to raise my 3 boys!	11/7/2023 8:59 PM
5	A well maintained park should be welcoming for birds, fish, and other wildlife, not just for humans. We must control invasive species in our parks to enhance enjoyment for all.	11/7/2023 8:33 PM
6	City maintenance and services have declined over the last 6-8 years.	11/5/2023 4:31 PM
7	It's disappointing that the city stopped mowing the hill in Heritage Park (Specifically behind Legacy Ct and surrounding the large common space). It's an ugly, unkept eye sore for the neighborhood and hinders use of that space for the kids (running the hill, sledding, etc). Additionally, it's becoming a dumping ground for branches and other natural debris. The poison ivy is spreading and is dangerous for the kids. I hope the city reconsiders resuming maintenance and making that space safe and usable again.	11/5/2023 2:11 PM
8	Some of the city council is involved with Praise in the Park. It would be nice if we started the series with a Native American drumming circle. Let's branch out.	11/5/2023 8:31 AM
9	Our current parks are sufficient. Building long term plans for improvement is fine, but should not be executed unless it can be done within current taxation levels.	11/3/2023 5:47 PM
10	Rockford needs a skate park in the open lot across from Rocky's. The plan a few years ago to put in the open area by the community cabin would have worked but I think having it in a less secluded spot would help alleviate vandalism problems.	11/3/2023 1:07 PM
11	Love Rockford, but it needs to concentrate on making it a space for all ages and interests! Shopping and going to restaurants/bars is fine, but not all-encompassing!	11/3/2023 12:12 PM
12	I'd love to see a bike path connecting to downtown with less hills and guarded from highland	11/2/2023 9:47 PM
13	Please don't develop the Cahill park. We live on Cahill and do not wish to see further traffic there.	11/2/2023 3:21 PM
14	Public pool! Splash pad! More concerts downtown!	11/2/2023 9:37 AM
15	Thanks for making this such a great community! I love going downtown and would only like to see more connectivity with biking trails. Both from highlands to downtown and to 131 and Meijer and all the spots just west.	11/2/2023 9:11 AM
16	Ice skating rink could draw people downtown, bolstering local business during the slower winter months.	11/2/2023 8:42 AM
17	Thanks for all you do!	11/2/2023 8:37 AM
18	Some parks are rarely used. Get rid of those and improve existing areas.	11/2/2023 8:24 AM
19	WE DO NOT NEED A POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ROCKFORD. THAT ACCUMULATIVE TAXPAYER MONEY COULD BE REINVESTED BETTER INTO THE COMMUNITY	11/1/2023 1:32 AM
20	I hope the invasive grass along the White Pine Trail between the 10-mile bridge and downtown can be eradicated.	10/31/2023 4:28 PM
21	No, thank you for all you do. We love visiting parks to get our family outside and active.	10/31/2023 11:56 AM
22	Thank you for finding funding to maintain the current parks - we use them and expect a city	10/30/2023 5:02 PM

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	with such high taxes to at least be able to have safety as a priority for our young children.	
23	If you'd like any input from a parent/kid with a disability please reach out 989-305-5588	10/30/2023 4:50 PM
24	The city and the staff do an outstanding job with the tax dollars they take in..... keep up the high standards that Michael Young set in motion!! And please help us to continue to be a trendsetter... ❤️	10/30/2023 4:31 PM
25	You guys do a great job and we love living here!	10/30/2023 4:11 PM
26	We love the parks and trails. Glad to see the downtown dam parking lot won't re-open to parking, but will get an upgrade in the spring. Keep up the great work!	10/30/2023 4:01 PM
27	Thank you for keeping up what we have ! Area around Lincoln needs tending to Bldg is in need of repair... thanks!	10/30/2023 10:11 AM
28	If you are going to ask for another millage then make it a straight vote for parks millage and don't incorporate road fixes and other stuff.	10/29/2023 1:00 PM
29	please find a way to communicate the results somewhere people will see them	10/27/2023 8:44 AM
30	I would love to see Rotary park improved.	10/26/2023 2:29 PM
31	Ive filled these surveys out before and have seem so many people wanting the same thing but it never happens. (Ie. Splash pad) also dissapointed in how the town looked for summer celebration the past two years such as construction not being done, then pavilion being an eye sore, road construction not a priority. Just such poor sloppy planning.	10/26/2023 1:17 PM
32	I live in the Heritage Park neighborhood. There will be green spaces between the housing developments that I would love to see maintained as natural spaces for wildlife and beauty.	10/26/2023 11:29 AM
33	Love living by Rockford. Trail is amazing and dam area is also awesome m	10/26/2023 10:59 AM
34	Parking still a major reason for not coming to downtown area. Senior citizen and having to walk a long distance to park is a negative issue	10/26/2023 10:32 AM
35	I love Rockford	10/25/2023 3:19 PM
36	Slower vehicles speeds on roadways help to make it feel safe to walk. Summit rd is very wide and this makes drivers feel like it is okay to speed. Consider narrowing the road to 10/11 foot lanes with better crosswalks to encourage more walking	10/23/2023 4:15 PM
37	I find Rockford rather unfriendly. I think it would be wonderful to promote greeting your neighbors on the trail, downtown etc.	10/23/2023 1:18 AM
38	It would be nice to extend some footpath lights along the trails south of town. Also, fisherman along the river often use the surrounding bushes to relieve themselves. Extending the hours and season for the Picket Park restrooms would be greatly appreciated.	10/22/2023 3:58 PM
39	There should be signage on the trail from Oak St to down town reminding bikers to slow down and share the trail with pedestrians. The bikers get quite aggressive even though they are close to downtown and foot traffic is busier. I hate to break it to them but the trail is for everyone, not just people pretending to be in Tour de Rockford.	10/20/2023 7:42 PM
40	Please get the bicycles off of the dam. It is too congested for that in a limited space.	10/20/2023 3:01 PM
41	Why is income and ethnicity a question for parks and recreation? Rockford makes cuts on everything and wants us to pay more and more taxes but wants to buy more land for parks? Please invest in things for majority or residents instead of mostly for children.	10/20/2023 12:22 PM
42	Whomever maintains the downtown flower pots does an incredible job! Downtown is beautiful. I think the playgrounds need some updating. We desperately need a splash pad or a safe place to play outside in the summer. We were so bummed that downtown got rid of the giant fire pit in the winter. Really hoping that comes back in the future. Gas fire pits are incredibly unhealthy, I know that was discussed as an option to reduce the campfire smell. Overall I wish Rockford were more walkable with more sidewalks that connect to neighborhoods. I'm sure there's more I don't know about as a recent transplant, so more shareable info on trails and parks etc would be helpful. Thanks!	10/20/2023 12:12 PM
43	No	10/20/2023 10:48 AM

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44	The parks are one of our favorite features of living in this area	10/20/2023 9:48 AM
45	quit raising property taxes and make parking available for more and please for gosh sakes no more restaurants/bars	10/19/2023 10:07 AM
46	Sustainable initiatives are very important to our family. We should utilize hydro power at the Dam. Additional safety measures at the main cross walk by dam would be nice. The stage should have a backstage for performers similar to the one in Sparta.	10/18/2023 10:18 PM
47	Tax hikes and increases are a huge concern.	10/18/2023 9:18 PM
48	Just would like to reiterate what I mentioned earlier. The city just voted on a millage about parks and now there's a survey to see what improvements people want. But there were hardly any options in this survey to say we are completely happy with what we have.	10/18/2023 6:45 AM
49	Start cleaning up the neighborhoods !	10/18/2023 5:57 AM
50	I hope my answers are not thrown out because I am not a city resident anymore- I do still live in the Rockford school district. A lot of people outside of the city limits still bring business to the city.	10/18/2023 1:53 AM
51	Make the playgrounds nicer. It'd be great if we had updated equipment. It'd also be nice if the wood chips were an adequate depth for the height of the playground equipment.	10/17/2023 10:25 PM
52	Please offer an area for teens to hang out. There are play parks for young kids. What do the middle and high school kids have? How about a large scale teenage type park.	10/17/2023 9:27 PM
53	Pool might be nice.	10/17/2023 8:57 PM
54	Really want a covered year round farmer market with the Christmas market would be such a great asset to our town	10/17/2023 8:26 PM
55	Build a giant splash pad/amphitheater on the Wolverine site. Who cares about pfas just encase it in cement! I love this town!	10/17/2023 8:12 PM
56	Only that I would like to see an outdoor ice rink during the winter months.	10/17/2023 7:09 PM
57	Sidewalk going down the hill along Division to Sowerby park need to be replaced.	10/17/2023 4:36 PM
58	Please consider the "dream big" ideas mentioned to attract families to our city and make Rockford even more fun for the families already here. Rockford has potential beyond what it's already built. Look to other destination cities for fun ideas!	10/17/2023 4:24 PM
59	What happened to the 5 year plan for park behind Parkside. What happened to the condos and city working in the pond behind Parkside to be an ice skating rink? It's all talk and nothing happens.	10/17/2023 4:14 PM
60	Miss the fire pits, would be nice to include those again	10/17/2023 3:42 PM
61	Restore/ improve city provided services to residents instead of spending more on parks that you have already said you don't have money to maintain!	10/17/2023 3:38 PM
62	Please leave Heritage Parkland how it is. We live on the open field for the past 19 years and still do not want equipment on it. We cannot have fences in our HOA and the entrance to the park is in a cul de sac with no exit for through traffic. Use your future ideas and money in a different park please!!!!	10/17/2023 3:30 PM
63	Keep moving forward to make our parks stand out - So many other cities are innovative and doing big things. We need to be the ones setting those standards, not just falling in line with updates.	10/17/2023 3:21 PM
64	I appreciate the amenities that the parks have to offer and look forward to more improvements	10/17/2023 3:17 PM

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01104H1

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Neighborhood Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Playground Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Rockford, Thad Beard, City Manager, 7 South Monroe Street, 616-866-1537, Rockford, MI 49341, tbeard@rockfrod.mi.us

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [x]Yes []No

All facilities have been renovated from the initial developments.

Pedestrian bridge removed due to structural concerns.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [x]No

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

Yes, the play area has been replaced with a new walkway, new playground equipment and wood mulch safety surfacing.

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x]Yes []No

The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [x]No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
The park receives weekly maintenance throughout the summer and weekly
maintenance during fall, winter, and spring.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
The park is open year round from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Large empty rectangular box for providing comments.

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

Thad Beard

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Grantee Authorized Signature

Date 1-24-2024

Christine Bedford

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Witness Signature

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01459

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Boardwalk, walkways, picnic tables and benches

PROJECT SCOPE: West side of Dam-boardwalk, walkways, picnic tables and benches

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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [x] No

Facilities include boardwalk with fishing access, ramped walkway, picnic
tables and benches, and walk connectoins.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation
buildings.) [] Yes [x] No

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

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x] Yes [] No
The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [x] No

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The park receives daily & weekly maintenance throughout the summer and weekly maintenance during fall, winter, and spring.

GENERAL

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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
The park is open year round from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01508 (1992)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Dam Island Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Walkway and Seating on Top of Dam

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If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [x] No

Facilities include walkway on top of dam with benches and dam viewing that also
allows fishing.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation
buildings.) [] Yes [x] No

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

The benches and railings have been replaced from the original installations.

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x] Yes [] No

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-067

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Richardson-Sowerby Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Restroom and Picnic Facilities

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Additional play area has been added to the park.

Pedestrian bridge removed due to structural concerns.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [X]No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X]Yes []No

The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford. The City has renovated the restroom building and picnic pavilion.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [X]No

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GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

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(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-127 (2000) PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Rum Creek Trail Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Pathway, Boardwalk, Bridge, Picnic Tables, Benches, Drinking Fountain

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Grant facilities include creekside pathway, bridge, picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain. Other site facilities include parking, restroom, and play field.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford. The pathway asphalt cracks have been repaired.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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GENERAL

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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF03-095 (2003)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Trail Network

PROJECT SCOPE: Pathway and Fishing Docks

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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Grant facilities include riverfront pathway, fishing docks, and benches. Other facilities include a dog park and connections to the Rogue River Nature Trail.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

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

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford.

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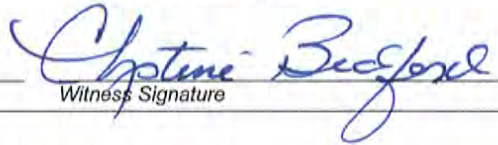
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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF06-069 (2006)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Trail Network Extension

PROJECT SCOPE: Boardwalk Pathway and Fishing

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Facilities include a riverfront pathway with boardwalk and fishing platforms.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

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

SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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GENERAL

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10-059

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Nature Trail and Boardwalk Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Continuation of nature trail and boardwalk

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Facilities include riverside trail and boardwalk with benches.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

The facilities are maintained by the City of Rockford.

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GENERAL

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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF16-0118 (2017)

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Nature Trail Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Boardwalk, fishing platforms, furnishings

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF97-098 (1997)

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Overlook/Fishing

PROJECT SCOPE: Improvements to East Side of Dam

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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Boardwalk, walkways, steps, fishing access to river, and picnic tables. Parking is also available on the east side of the dam at this site. A canoe portage site is as well.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

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

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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

PROJECT NUMBER: TF903 (1984)

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Rogue River Frontage

PROJECT SCOPE: Rogue River Frontage Acquisition

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